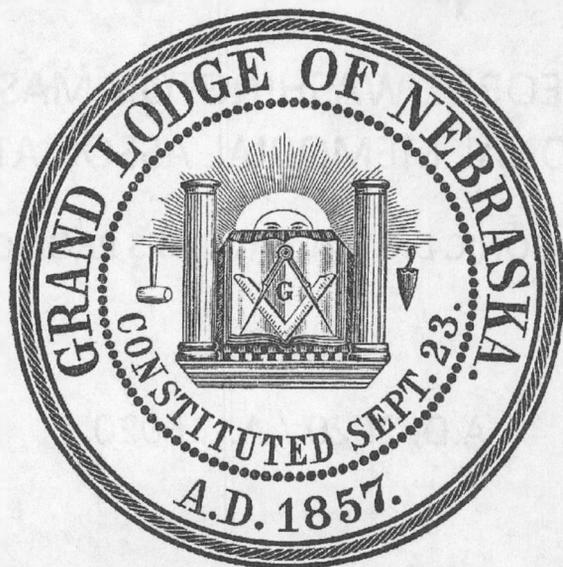


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IN EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS HELD JANUARY 13TH
AND MAY 9TH, 1899,

AND AT THE
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
OF NEBRASKA,

IN EMERGENT COMMUNICATION HELD AT FREEMASONS HALL,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 1899.

The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, met in emergent communication Friday, January 13th, 1899.

There were present —

M. W. FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....	Deputy Grand Master.
M. W. SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON, *17.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	Grand Secretary.
Bro. THOMAS J. MACKEY, 3.....	as Grand Chaplain.
W. WILLIAMSON S. SUMMERS.....	Grand Orator.
W. NATHANIEL M. AYERS.....	Grand Marshal.
M. W. JOHN B. DINSMORE, 49.....	as Grand Senior Deacon.
M. W. JAMES P. A. BLACK, 76.....	as Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. JACOB KING.....	Grand Tiler.

Past Grand Masters Daniel H. Wheeler, Robert W. Furnas, Harry P. Deuel, Martin Dunham, George H. Thummel, George W. Lininger, Charles K. Coutant, John J. Mercer, Samuel P. Davidson, James P. A. Black, John A. Ehrhardt, Charles J. Phelps, John B. Dinsmore; and by invitation, Bro. John J. Monell, Deputy for Nebraska, and Representative of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, Anc. Acc. Scottish Rite, together with representatives from a constitutional number of chartered lodges.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the Grand Master stated that this communication was held for the purpose of attending the funeral of M. W. Robert C. Jordan, the

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first Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, it being his wish that his burial should be by Ashlar Lodge, No. 33, and the Grand Lodge, and that M.·W.·. George H. Thummel should conduct the service. The Grand Master surrendered the gavel to M.·W.·. George H. Thummel, 33, representing Ashlar Lodge, who thereafter presided, in accordance with the last wishes of Brother Jordan.

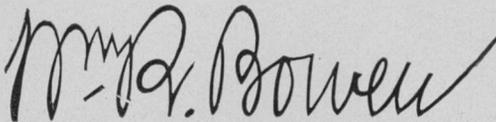
Grand Lodge now entered Capitol Lodge, No. 3, acting for and in the stead of Ashlar Lodge, No. 33, the Master giving place to M.·W.·. George H. Thummel. Many brethren of Nebraska lodges were present at this meeting.

After a time the brethren, under the direction of M.·W.·. John J. Mercer as Marshal, and escorted by Mount Calvary Commandery, 1, proceeded to Trinity Cathedral. After services there the body of Brother Jordan was conveyed by his brethren to Prospect Hill cemetery, and was interred with the full ceremonies of our fraternity, in lot four hundred and forty-six (446).

Returning to Freemason's Hall, the Grand Lodge was closed.



Grand Master.



Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
OF NEBRASKA,

IN EMERGENT COMMUNICATION HELD AT FREEMASONS HALL,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA, MAY 9TH, 1899.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, with the following officers and members present :

M.:W.: FRANK H. YOUNG.....Grand Master.
R.:W.: WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.: ALBERT W. CRITES.....Grand Senior Warden.
R.:W.: FRANCIS E. WHITE.....Grand Junior Warden.
R.:W.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....Grand Treasurer.
Bro.: WILLIAM S. HELLER, *1.....as Grand Secretary.
V.:W.: CHARLES H. GILMORE.....Grand Chaplain.
M.:W.: JAMES A. TULLEYS.....Grand Custodian.
M.:W.: GEORGE W. LININGER, 3.....as Grand Marshal.
M.:W.: GEORGE H. THUMMEL, 33.....as Grand Senior Deacon.
M.:W.: ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46.....as Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.: JACOB KING.....Grand Tiler.

Past Grand Masters Samuel W Hayes, 55; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; Harry P. Deuel, 11; John J. Mercer, 4; Edwin F. Warren, 2; Charles J. Phelps, 34; Robert W. Furnas, 4; John B. Dinsmore, 49; James R. Cain, 9; Manoah B. Reese, 59; James P. A. Black, 76; George H. Thummel, 33; Charles K. Countant, 11; Martin Dunham, 3; James A. Tulleys, 53; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Rolland H. Oakley, 19; Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; Francis E. White, 6; Michael Dowling, 119; William W. Keysor, 25; James L. McDonald, 164; Elias H. Clarke, 10; Albert W. Crites, 158; Lucius D. Richards, 15; Charles H. Morrison, 2.

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The Grand Master announced that the emergency communication had been called for the purpose of attending the funeral of R.:W.:William R. Bowen, late Grand Secretary, and that in accordance with the written request of Brother Bowen the ceremonies would be conducted by Capitol Lodge, No. 3, wherein our late brother held his membership. It being stated that Capitol Lodge, No. 3, was in session and open in form, the Grand Lodge entered the hall and was received with due honors. Brother Deegan, the Master of Capitol Lodge, welcomed the Grand Lodge, and escorted the Grand Master to the East. Thereupon the Grand Lodge repaired to the east room of the Masonic Temple, where the remains of our late Grand Secretary were lying in state, with a guard of honor from Mount Calvary Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar.

After a brief ceremony in the lodge-room, eulogies were pronounced by the following brethren :

Deputy Grand Master William W. Keysor, Past Grand Masters Robert W. Furnas, Charles J. Phelps, Samuel P. Davidson, Manoah B. Reese, James P. A. Black, and Daniel H. Wheeler, each one expressing the sorrow that was felt by the throng of brethren who had gathered there to pay a deserving tribute of respect to a brother who merited every encomium that was pronounced on him. For eulogies in full, see report of committee on Foreign Correspondence, page 5783.

At the conclusion of the remarks a Grand procession was formed, Mount Calvary Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, acting as escort ; and with bowed heads and hearts overflowing with sorrow, all that remained of our departed brother was conveyed to Prospect Hill cemetery, and with the full ceremonies of Ancient Craft Masonry, his body was consigned to the grave with the wish in all our hearts that lightly would

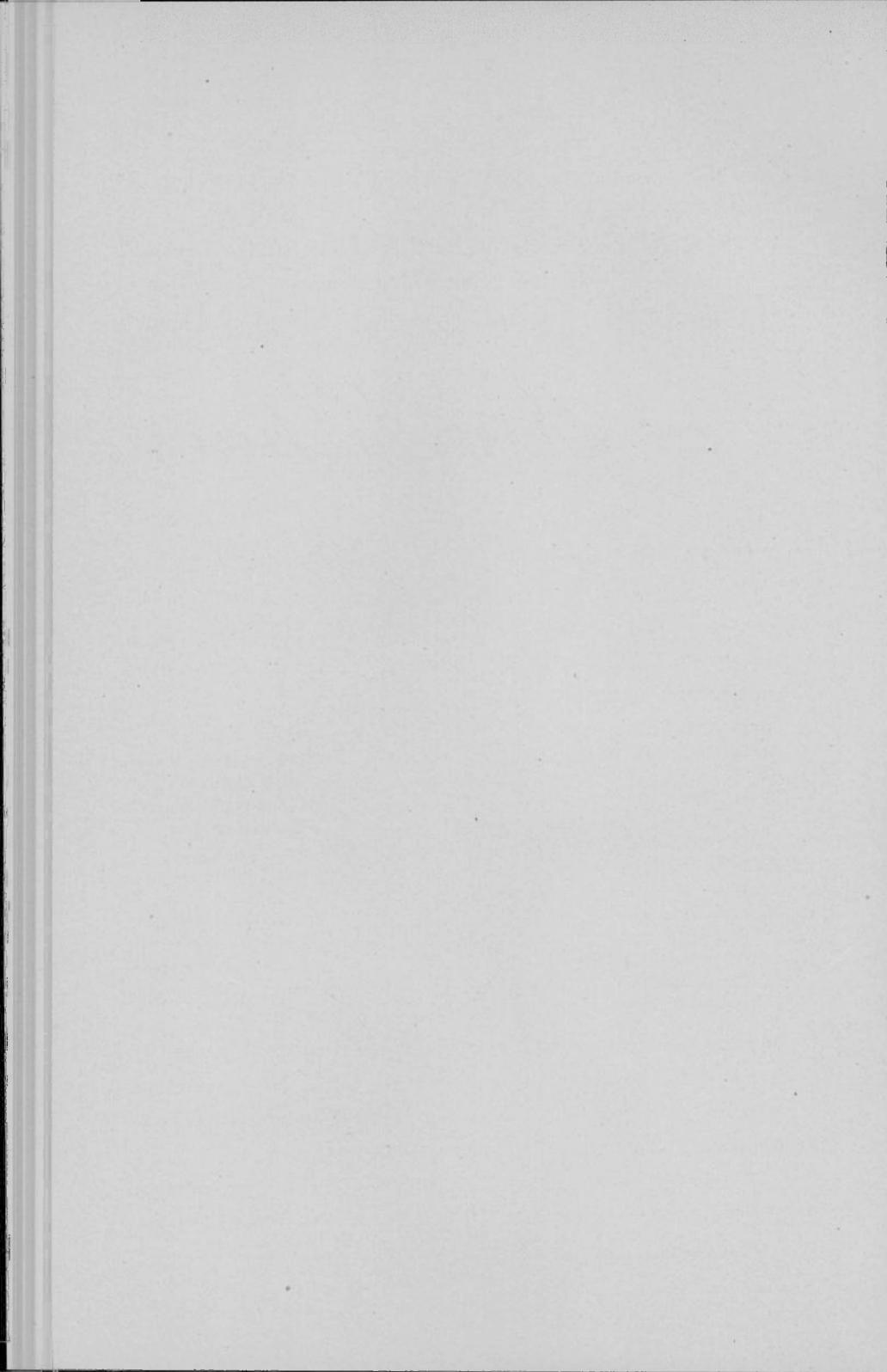
rest the ashes on his body, and bright be the dawn of his awakening.

The Grand Lodge returned to Freemasons Hall, was closed in ample form, and the Grand Marshal made due proclamation thereof.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frank A. Young". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

Grand Master.

WILLIAM S. HELLER,
Acting Grand Secretary.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,
OF NEBRASKA,
AT ITS
FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
HELD AT LINCOLN, JUNE 7, 8, AND 9, 1899.

THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska convened and assembled in Representative Hall, Lincoln, on Wednesday, June 7, A. L. 5899, A. D. 1899, at three o'clock in the afternoon, there being present—

M. W. FRANK H. YOUNG	Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM W. KEYSOR	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. ALBERT W. CRITES	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. CHRISTIAN HARTMAN	Grand Treasurer.
M. W. BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER, (P. G. M.) *89, <i>as</i>	Grand Secretary.
V. W. CHARLES H. GILMORE	Grand Chaplain,
W. WILLIAMSON S. SUMMERS	Grand Orator.
M. W. JAMES A. TULLEYS, (P. G. M.)	Grand Custodian.
W. NATHANIEL M. AYERS	Grand Marshal.
W. FRANK E. BULLARD	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. DAVID M. McELHINNEY	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. JACOB KING	Grand Tiler.

and Representatives from two hundred and thirteen of the two hundred and twenty-nine chartered lodges of the jurisdiction.

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

It was ascertained by roll-call that a constitutional number of lodges was represented. The Grand Master declared the

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

Bro.: Slaughter, 89, was appointed Grand Secretary *pro tem.*

The Grand Master ordered that all Freemasons, duly clothed and vouched for, be admitted to seats in the galleries during the sessions of this communication, unless objected to by members of Grand Lodge.

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

The Grand Master next delivered his

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

I submit herewith a report of my official acts for the year now closing, a year in which I have been at home but forty-six working days, and have traveled in your service 19,000 miles.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

I have received notice of the death of the following distinguished Freemasons from other jurisdictions:

June 10, 1898, M.: W.: John Patterson Fitzgerald, Past Grand Master of Virginia.

August 22, 1898, M.: W.: William A. McLean, Past Grand Master of Florida.

September 19, 1898, M.: W.: Henry Clay Tompkins, Past Grand Master of Alabama.

October 1, 1898, R.: W.: Francis L. Childs, Past Deputy Grand Master of Colorado.

October 4, 1898, M.: W.: Orin Harrison Henry, Past Grand Master of Colorado.

October 19, 1898, M.: W.: John Moses Price, Past Grand Master of Kansas.

October 20, 1898, M.: W.: Henry J. Stewart, Past Grand Master of Florida.

October 25, 1898, R.: W.: Thomas J. Wilder, Past Grand Secretary of Dakota.

November 10, 1898, M.: W.: John R. Purdie, Past Grand Master of Virginia.

March 6, 1899, M.: W.: George Edward Wyman, Past Grand Master of Colorado.

March 12, 1899, M.: W.: Charles C. Kiefer, Past Grand Master of Ohio.

March 13, 1899, M.: W.: James A. Van Hoose, Past Grand Master of Arkansas.

April 12, 1899, M.: W.: Lewis Johnstone, Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia.

April 14, 1899, M.: W.: George M. Stroud, Past Grand Master of Oregon.

In our own jurisdiction we have indeed felt the chastening rod of an all-wise Providence. Among the many faithful brethren lost to the various

lodges, there departed from us on Monday, January 9th, our venerable brother Robert C. Jordan, first Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, who had devoted his life to the service of the craft, and by whose counsel and assistance many of our brethren were brought to light, and advanced through the mystic rites of our fraternity. I shall always remember with pleasure and gratitude the interest that he displayed in my Masonic life, from qualifying me to preside in the East, to conferring the Orders of the Temple and the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite from fourth to thirty-third. He has indeed been a Masonic father to many of us, and in his death we have all, from the Grand Master who presides in the East to the humblest Entered Apprentice, lost a kind and affectionate friend. At his death I called an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge to go with me to his grave, where he was interred with the usual ceremonies of the craft.

And now, my brethren, I come to the saddest event of my Masonic life. Our friend, our brother, and our guide, William R. Bowen, has departed to render to our Father who is in Heaven an account of his stewardship on earth. I firmly believe that at that solemn time he will be found to have merited, and will fully receive, that kind indulgence for his frailties, and pardoning grace for his errors, which has been promised us by that infinite source of all wisdom, truth, and mercy.

From a personal acquaintance of forty years, and a fraternal intimacy of half that period, I can truthfully say that Bro. Bowen was as conscientious and sincere in the performance of his duties to his family, his brethren, and his religion, as any man I ever knew. Had he not been so scrupulously exact and painstaking in all the details of his service for his brethren, he would not have worn himself out so quickly. He fell a martyr to his zeal in the discharge of his duty as he saw it, and the ancient craft has lost a most devoted Freemason.

He died at his residence, on Saturday, May 6th, 1899. Immediately on hearing of his death I went to Omaha, and on Tuesday, May 9th, opened an emergent Grand Lodge, which accompanied his remains to the grave, where the solemn ceremonies of our order were performed by Capitol Lodge, No. 3, of which he was a member, with Mount Calvary Commandery, No. 1, as a guard of honor. I at once took charge of the office of Grand Secretary, and have performed the duties of that office since. To those who knew him it is needless to say that his office was left in the most exact order—every paper properly disposed of; every penny duly accounted for. May we all stand the test of the overseer's square as well as he.

At our last annual communication a committee was appointed to submit, at this time, some plan to perpetuate the memory of our first Grand Master. I would recommend that similar action be now taken to commemorate the services of our late Grand Secretary.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted the following dispensations, in each case collecting the required fee:

June 21, 1898, to Alliance Lodge, No. 183, to attend services on St. John's Day.

July 9, 1898, to Incense Lodge, No. 182, to occupy the town hall.

July 11, 1898, to Magnolia Lodge, No. 220, to install its Master.

July 11, 1898, to Upright Lodge, No. 137, to install officers.

July 11, 1898, to Zion Lodge, No. 234, to install officers.

July 16, 1898, to Steele City Lodge, No. 107, to install officers.

July 30, 1898, to Samaritan Lodge, No. 158, to install its Senior Warden and Tiler.

August 8, 1898, to Upright Lodge, No. 137, to install its Secretary and Junior Deacon.

August 12, 1898, to Pawnee Lodge, No. 23, to install its Senior Warden.

September 14, 1898, to Naphthali Lodge, No. 206, to elect and install a Junior Warden.

September 22, 1898, to Canopy Lodge, No. 209, to elect and install the Junior Warden.

December 6, 1898, to Garfield Lodge, No. 95, to install a Treasurer and Senior Deacon.

December 12, 1898, to Juniata Lodge, No. 42, to confer all of the degrees without regard to time.

December 13, 1898, to Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, to raise a Fellow Craft without regard to time.

December 16, 1898, to Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, to reinstate a brother at a special meeting.

March 30, 1899, to Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons' degrees without regard to time.

May 29, 1899, to Covert Lodge, No. 11, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons' degrees without regard to time.

June 2, 1899, to Emmet Crawford Lodge, No. 148, to confer all of the degrees without regard to time.

June 6, 1899, to Star Lodge, No. 227, to elect officers at a special meeting.

I have declined in all cases, some twenty, to grant dispensation for the purpose of electing and installing officers without payment of the usual fee, believing it to be the prerogative of the Grand Lodge to determine the purpose and amount of all ordinary expenditures of its funds. In several instances the failure to install appears not to have been the fault of the lodges or of the officers, and I recommend that each case be investigated by a proper committee for suitable recommendation to the Grand Lodge. I transmit the correspondence in each case.

DECISIONS.

I report the following decisions made during the year. I have reported some fifty-eight others to the committee on Jurisprudence, not deeming them of sufficient importance to be printed in our proceedings:

1. That a member of a lodge can be installed into office notwithstanding he is in arrears for dues.

2. Installation at other than the regular time, except by dispensation, is void.

3. The Grand Master can not grant dispensation to confer degrees upon a candidate who has not resided in the jurisdiction of the lodge for one year.

4. That a lodge could not be permitted to bury a suspended Mason.

5. As the Grand Lodge of Kansas and the Grand Lodge of Missouri do not claim perpetual jurisdiction over a candidate, a Nebraska lodge may

act on the petition of a rejected candidate from either of these jurisdictions, without waiver of jurisdiction.

6. A petition may be received and acted upon before the petitioner is twenty-one years old.

7. Funeral services may be held over the remains of a brother who is to be cremated.

8. An installed officer can not be demitted.

9. A brother continues to hold an office into which he has been installed until his successor has been installed, even though he is elected and installed into another office.

10. A vote demitting a brother, when announced by the Master, can not be reconsidered.

11. A Freemason in good standing, living in any jurisdiction, may petition, and, if elected, join a Nebraska lodge.

12. The Master, or, in the absence of the Master, the ranking Warden, may at any time invite any competent brother to preside over the lodge; but in this case the brother presiding only acts as a proxy of the officer who called him to the East, and should that officer retire from the lodge-room or be superseded by the entrance of a ranking officer, the presiding brother's authority would at once cease.

13. A profane may act as a pall-bearer at a Masonic funeral; but in that case the pall-bearers should not be permitted in the procession between the Tiler and the Master, as the lodge on such occasions consists of all who are between these two officers, and should be at all times duly tiled.

14. The installing officer should afford every brother opportunity for objection before he installs any officer of the lodge, and should the ground for objection be deemed sufficient he will be justified in refusing to install such officer; in such case the matter should be reported to the Grand Master for his action. Any brother in good standing has the right to lodge an objection directly with the Grand Master for his consideration and decision.

15. I think it is un-Masonic for any one to use the emblems of Freemasonry on business cards for any business purpose. However, I know of no law in our jurisdiction prohibiting it, although other Grand Jurisdictions have enacted such laws.

16. Lodges need not include adult children who are self-supporting, nor widows who are in good financial circumstances, in the lodge report of widows and orphans.

17. In the absence of any regulation, I held that a brother is entitled to hold his certificate of exemption from Grand Lodge dues. The lodge should, however, first make a record of it before delivering it to him.

18. In a Masonic trial wherein a brother has pleaded guilty and consequently no testimony has been taken, the Master should, at the request of any of the members, allow sufficient testimony to be taken to enable the lodge to vote intelligently on the grade of punishment.

In case of decision No. 3, the two classes most affected by this decision of the Grand Lodge are principals of schools and clergymen. I can see no good reason for the prohibition, and would recommend the repeal of the

resolution that prohibits the Grand Master from granting a dispensation in meritorious cases.

At our last annual communication I was authorized to have erected a steel deck for our library. As the erection of this deck would have cost about \$200, and disfigured the excellent fire-proof library which was so generously given by our Omaha brethren, and as they proposed to double their gift and place us under renewed obligations to them by donating the use of the fire-proof vault underneath our library, which will double our present fire-proof capacity, I accepted their offer and did not authorize the erection of the steel deck. This offer was made and accepted last December, and possession was to have been given January 1st, but owing to a legal entanglement they will not be able to get the present tenant out until September 1st, this year, when we are promised possession.

DEDICATION.

On July 6th I visited Blazing Star Lodge, No. 200, at Burwell, and dedicated their new hall.

LODGE CONSTITUTED.

On July 12th, in company with our Grand Junior Warden, Francis E. White, and our Grand Custodian, James A. Tulleys, I constituted Orion Lodge, No. 242, at Ravenna.

CORNER-STONE.

On August 27th, with the assistance of Bros.: Albert W. Crites, Grand Senior Warden, Francis E. White, Grand Junior Warden, James A. Tulleys, Grand Custodian, and over seventy brethren from Emmet Crawford, Mason City, Merna, and Parian Lodges, I opened a special communication of the Grand Lodge, in the hall of Emmet Crawford Lodge, at Broken Bow, and at the request of the proper authorities laid the corner-stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church at that place, with the ancient ceremonies of the craft.

After the Grand Lodge was closed, the brethren repaired to the public park and gratefully enjoyed the refreshments which the kind care of the ladies prepared for them.

OFFICIAL BOND.

Soon after the close of our last Grand Lodge, after due consultation and investigation, I requested our Grand Treasurer to include in the bond which he is required to give by our law, an agreement to keep the funds of the Grand Lodge in the name of "Christian Hartman, Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska," thus insuring the prompt identification and immediate availability of our money in case anything befell our Grand Treasurer. This he declined to do, and I then, on August 20th, 1898, approved his official bond given in the usual form.

I would recommend the amendment of the law so as to require the funds of the Grand Lodge to be kept and designated as such; and that the bond required of the Treasurer should be given with reference to such provision.

I also recommend that all subordinate lodges be requested to make similar provision for the keeping of their funds.

BY-LAWS.

I have approved the by-laws, or amendments to the by-laws, of the following lodges:

Lincoln Lodge, No. 19; Bancroft Lodge, No. 145; Clay Center Lodge, No. 139; McCook Lodge, No. 135; Mount Zion Lodge, No. 161; Orion Lodge, No. 242; Western Star Lodge, No. 2; Crescent Lodge, No. 143; Wahoo Lodge, No. 59; Lancaster Lodge, No. 54; Hastings Lodge, No. 50; Shelton Lodge, No. 99; Nebraska Lodge, No. 1; York Lodge, No. 56; Steele City Lodge, No. 107; Elwood Lodge, No. 167.

I refused to approve an amendment to the by-laws of Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, which allowed the lodge, upon due notice and by a two-thirds vote, to levy an assessment, not to exceed \$1.00 on each member, for the purposes of relief.

SEALS.

December 19th I approved a change in the seal of George Armstrong Lodge, No. 241.

January 6th I approved the proposed seal of Fraternity Lodge, No. 235.

LIQUOR SELLING.

Complaint was made to me from Trowel Lodge, No. 71, Unity Lodge, No. 163, and Faith Lodge, No. 171, that a member of each of said lodges was engaged in selling liquors. In all of these cases the offending parties had been previously suspended for a similar offense. I, at once, took these cases up, visiting Unity Lodge and Trowel Lodge in person, and the offending brethren have been duly expelled in each case.

RELIEF.

I received a letter from Hayward Lodge, No. 226, Half Moon Bay, California, stating that Bro.: Wilson F. Wadsworth, late a member of our Hooper Lodge, was lying at the village of Pescadero, some eighteen miles distant, dangerously sick and entirely destitute. With him were his wife and three young children. I at once corresponded with Hooper Lodge and was informed by them that they were doing all in their power to assist the brother. The matter was promptly taken up by the standing committee on Relief, and on their recommendation \$25.00 was sent Hooper Lodge to assist them in their worthy case. All papers are herewith submitted.

I have received an appeal from the widow of our late Bro.: Albert E. Fry, formerly a member of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, asking assistance in getting her husband's remains brought back to Nebraska. As her case seems a pitiful one, I recommend that all correspondence be referred to the committee on Relief for their consideration.

I have received a request from Mason City Lodge, No. 170, to assist the family of their late Bro.: George H. Snell, which, upon the recommendation of the standing committee on Relief, I present herewith for reference to the appropriate committee.

SERVICES AT TOMB OF BROTHER GEORGE WASHINGTON.

I have received and herewith submit program and circular letter from a committee of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, suggesting a contribution from our Grand Lodge to assist in defraying the expenses of the proposed commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Bro.: George Washington.

GRAND LODGE OF PERU

I have received communications from the Grand Lodge of Peru, under date of May 6th, 1898, and May 31st, 1898, and also from the Grand Master of Peru, under date of June 24th, 1898, announcing the restoration of the Bible to its proper place in their lodge-rooms.

GRIEVANCES.

I submit herewith—

Appeal of the Master of Springfield Lodge, No. 112, from the action of said lodge in the case of Bro.: John D. Quinley.

Appeal of the Master of Canopy Lodge, No. 209, from the action of said lodge in the case of Bro.: Jacob Ritter.

Appeal of Bro.: Allen C. Kirby, Secretary of Amethyst Lodge, No. 190, from the action of said lodge in the case of Bro.: Milton S. Chappell.

CLANDESTINE LODGES.

I have received two circulars from the Grand Master of Ohio, warning the craft against clandestine lodges in their jurisdiction, which I herewith submit.

I am in receipt of a circular letter from the Grand Master of Washington; also pamphlet and letter from Grand Master of New York, and resolution and special report on same, from the Grand Lodge of Maine, in relation to so-called negro lodges, which I herewith submit.

A SUPREME TRIBUNAL.

I have received a circular letter from the Grand Master of Wyoming referring to the present controversy between the Grand Lodge of Washington and its fellows and suggesting the creation of a supreme tribunal. I submit the same herewith.

REINSTATEMENTS.

On recommendation of our Grand Secretary I reinstated Bro.: James W. Dickey, who was suspended for N.: P.: D.: in Plumb Lodge, No. 186, extinct, and ordered a demit issued him. I submit correspondence.

On the recommendation of the brethren of Phillipsburg Lodge, No. 184, Kansas, I reinstated Bro.: Henry P. Mann and ordered a demit issued to him. I submit all correspondence.

INVASION OF JURISDICTION.

February 27th I received a complaint from the Grand Master of Kansas that our Superior Lodge, No. 121, had invaded the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kansas by receiving petitions and conferring the degrees upon two candidates who were living in Kansas within the jurisdiction of their Formosa Lodge. I at once investigated the complaint, and, finding that our Superior Lodge was clearly in the wrong, on February 27th I ordered Superior Lodge to refund the fees to Formosa Lodge, through my office. Not hearing from them after a reasonable time, I wrote them on April 7th, calling their attention to my order, when I was informed by the Master that they had concluded to appeal from my decision to the Grand Lodge. Believing this to be a wilful disobedience, not only of the law, but of my order as Grand Master, I at once visited Superior, first ordering the Master to

convene the lodge; but as the hall could not be secured for a meeting on the night of my arrival I took the matter up with the brethren individually, and becoming satisfied that their disobedience was the result of gross ignorance and bad counsel on the part of a few of the brethren, and being assured by old members of the order, in whom I reposed great confidence, that the money would be forthcoming at their next meeting, I let the matter rest; and on May 29th I received a draft for \$60.00, the amount received from candidates less the fees due this Grand Lodge.

There may have been some excuse for our Superior Lodge in originally accepting the petitions of the brethren who resided in Kansas, as they claimed to have understood that an agreement had been reached between the Grand Jurisdictions of Kansas and Nebraska whereby territorial jurisdiction was the same as though no state line existed; but when the matter was fully explained to them, and the law quoted covering the case, their refusal to comply with the law, and trying to appeal from the decision of your Grand Master, certainly does not come within the spirit of Freemasonry. All the correspondence in the case and the funds received are herewith submitted, and I recommend that the entire matter be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

April 7th I received a complaint from Alliance Lodge, No. 183, complaining of the invasion of their territory by Hay Springs Lodge, No. 177. I at once requested full and complete information from Hay Springs Lodge, which they have furnished, and I herewith submit the same for your consideration

LEBANON LODGE, NO. 58.

Early in March my attention was officially called to the fact that there was discord in Lebanon Lodge, No. 58. In company with our Grand Secretary I visited Columbus on March 8th, having previously ordered all resident members summoned. After a careful investigation and consultation, finding that work in the lodge had been prevented for the last eight years, by reason of a factional fight within the Masonic bodies at that place, with no prospects of its abatement, I decided that it would be for the best interests of Freemasonry to arrest the charter of the lodge, which I accordingly did on April 26th, placing the furniture and all effects in the care of Bro. J. Cambden Garlow, of Columbus, as the agent of the Grand Lodge.

GUIDE ROCK LODGE, NO. 128.

After considerable correspondence and two visits to Guide Rock Lodge, the brethren at this place, at an earnest, enthusiastic meeting, were unanimous in their decision to resume labor, and, as an evidence of their sincerity, at their last meeting, with no previous understanding, they raised over one hundred dollars in cash, thus paying off all indebtedness and leaving them sufficient cash on hand to pay all expenses for the coming year, including next year's Grand Lodge dues.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed the following Representatives near fellow Grand Lodges: November 26th, 1898, Thomas M. Puleston, near the Grand Lodge of Florida.

April 19th, 1899, Francis A. Johnson, near the Grand Lodge of Georgia
 April 19th, 1899, Isaac J. Thurman, near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.
 April 19th, 1899, James McCahon, near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

ELECTIONS.

In view of the confusion that arises from our present law regulating the elections in our lodges, I recommend that lodges be requested to hold their elections at their last regular meeting in May, and install in the month of June, after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

As the Orphans Educational Fund has grown, under the skillful management of the Trustees, from \$19,700, in 1891, to \$30,800, in 1898, I deemed the present an opportune time to take steps towards availing ourselves of the benefits of its income, and, therefore, as a preliminary step, I requested the chairman of the committee on Accounts to duly investigate and make report on all the securities held by this fund, as to their present value, condition of taxes, insurance, etc., and I would recommend that a standing committee be appointed whose terms of office shall expire in alternate years, and whose duty it shall be to investigate all claims for assistance, and properly expend not to exceed 80 per cent of the net increase of this fund in any one year, for educational purposes.

And now, my brethren, after a continuous Grand Lodge service of twenty annual sessions, encouraged and promoted by your ever-increasing kindness and good will, I have reached the summit of my ambition.

I can not express to you in words my grateful appreciation of your favors, nor can I estimate the value to myself of my Masonic associations and lessons. I have grown up with Freemasonry from boyhood, and hope, with the blessings of Divine Providence, to continue in accordance with its teachings, and in association with its members, until death's final summons. Until that time, I shall cherish for you all, my liveliest friendship, and look forward with ever-increasing fondness to our future meetings.

Fraternally,

FRANK H. YOUNG,

Grand Master.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report:

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 15, 1898,	To balance on hand.....	\$7,713 68
20,	“ cash from Grand Secretary.....	85 00
29,	“ “ “ “ “	25 60
July 14,	“ “ “ “ “	30 00
21,	“ “ “ “ “	10 00
Aug. 2,	“ “ “ “ “	10 00
22,	“ “ “ “ “	10 00
29,	“ “ “ “ “	35 00

Sept. 16, 1899,	To cash from Grand Secretary	\$10 00
27,	" " " " "	10 00
Dec. 8,	" " " " "	10 00
23,	" " " " "	47 92
Jan. 19, 1899	" " " " "	3 00
19,	" " " " "	4 75
21,	" " " " "	3 00
26,	" " " " "	2 50
Feb. 24,	" " " " "	3 00
25,	" " " " "	67 22
Mar. 6,	" " " " "	25 00
9,	" " " " "	50
22,	" " " " "	24 75
24,	" " " " "	146 35
27,	" " " " "	146 75
28,	" " " " "	196 85
29,	" " " " "	214 02
31,	" " " " "	739 87
Apr. 3,	" " " " "	1,617 81
4,	" " " " "	956 42
5,	" " " " "	2,236 93
5,	" " " " "	989 70
7,	" " " " "	2,555 60
7,	" " " " "	725 38
10,	" " " " "	553 73
11,	" " " " "	329 78
12,	" " " " "	219 81
12,	" " " " "	24 00
18,	" " " " "	113 62
21,	" " " " "	123 50
21,	Order No. 1632, transferred from Relief Fund	17 25
28,	To cash from Grand Secretary	63 55
May 1,	" " " " "	24 25
5,	" " " " "	15 00
19,	" " " " "	45 00
		\$20,186 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
May 26, 1898,	By 1531,	Rogers & Smith Company.....	\$4 50
30,	" 1533,	Rutherford & Jensen.....	52 40
June 10,	" 1535,	W. S. Brooks.....	6 29
10,	" 1536,	Rees Printing Co.....	184 96
10,	" 1537,	Megeath Stationery Co.....	30 90
10,	" 1538,	American Dist. Telegraph Co..	19 57
17,	" 1539,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
17,	" 1540,	The Grand Secretary.....	100 00
24,	" 1541,	The Grand Treasurer.....	4,110 10
24,	" 1542,	The Grand Treasurer.....	27 50
24,	" 1543,	State Journal Company.....	12 00
24,	" 1544,	Rees Printing Co.....	4 75
24,	" 1545,	Rees Printing Co.....	80 25
24,	" 1546,	Frank H. Young.....	8 00

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
June 24, 1899,	By 1547,	Daniel H. Wheeler.....	\$4 00
24,	" 1548,	Frank H. Young.....	19 90
24,	" 1549,	Walter W. Wells.....	8 56
24,	" 1550,	William S. Heller.....	5 00
24,	" 1551,	Rogers & Smith Co.....	99 00
24,	" 1552,	William R. Bell.....	4 00
24,	" 1554,	John J. Mercer.....	100 00
30,	" 1555,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
30,	" 1556,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
30,	" 1557,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
July 7,	" 1558,	Elmo B. Roper.....	14 64
9,	" 1559,	The Grand Custodian.....	74 00
21,	" 1561,	Francis E. White, Treasurer...	200 00
30,	" 1565,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
30,	" 1566,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
30,	" 1567,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
Aug. 25,	" 1569,	Francis E. White, Treasurer...	125 00
31,	" 1570,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
31,	" 1571,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
31,	" 1572,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
Sept. 1,	" 1577,	Rogers & Smith Company.....	126 75
19,	" 1580,	The Grand Master.....	200 00
30,	" 1581,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
30,	" 1582,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
30,	" 1583,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
Oct. 20,	" 1584,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
31,	" 1585,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
31,	" 1586,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
31,	" 1587,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
Nov. 2,	" 1588,	Nebraska Telephone Co.....	15 00
30,	" 1590,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
30,	" 1591,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
30,	" 1592,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
Dec. 1, 1899,	By 1593,	Rogers & Smith Company.....	\$2 00
5,	" 1594,	E. A. Armstrong Mfg. Co.....	64 66
8,	" 1595,	Francis E. White, Treasurer...	45 56
31,	" 1601,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
31,	" 1602,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
31,	" 1603,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
31,	" 1604,	The Grand Sec'y, for his janitor,	60 00
Jan. 12, 1899,	" 1605,	Maynard S. Merrill & Co.....	57 60
26,	" 1607,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
31,	" 1608,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
31,	" 1609,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
31,	" 1610,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
Feb. 9,	" 1611,	Harney Street Stables.....	73 50
9,	" 1612,	W. T. Bourke.....	2 00
9,	" 1613,	The Grand Master.....	2 25
13,	" 1614,	E. A. Armstrong Mfg. Co.....	64 66
28,	" 1615,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
28,	" 1616,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
28,	" 1617,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00

	DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
Mar.	8, 1899,	By 1618,	Rees Printing Co.....	\$96 60
	31,	" 1619,	The Relief Fund.....	589 44
	31,	" 1620,	The Grand Custodian.....	100 00
	31,	" 1621,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
	31,	" 1622,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
	31,	" 1623,	The Grand Sec'y, for his clerk..	60 00
Apr.	17,	" 1629,	Rees Printing Co.....	545 01
	17,	" 1630,	Rees Printing Co.....	79 00
	17,	" 1631,	Rees Printing Co.....	82 25
	19,	" 1633,	Masonic Temple Craft.....	200 00
	19,	" 1634,	Masonic Temple Craft.....	30 00
	19,	" 1635,	Christian Hartman.....	50 00
	19,	" 1636,	Albert U. Wyman.....	5 00
	19,	" 1637,	Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund, for his clerk.....	60 00
	19,	" 1638,	Nebraska Telephone Co.....	15 00
	19,	" 1639,	Jefferson S. Conover.....	10 00
	25,	" 1640,	The Grand Secretary.....	85 80
	29,	" 1641,	William R. Bowen.....	150 00
	29,	" 1642,	James A. Tulleys.....	100 00
	29,	" 1643,	Megeath Stationery Co.....	27 39
May	14,	" 1644,	American Dist. Telegraph Co..	3 23
	14,	" 1645,	Smith-Premier Typewriter Co..	90 00
	14,	" 1646,	S. B. Stewart.....	15 00
	14,	" 1647,	A. B. Hubermann.....	1 00
	14,	" 1648,	Joseph P. Deegan, Master.....	41 50
	18,	" 1649,	Western Union Tel. Co.....	4 99
	22,	" 1650,	B. D. Caldwell.....	17 00
	24,	" 1651,	Joseph P. Deegan.....	8 00
				\$11,815 51
Balance in General Fund.....				\$8,370 58

RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.

June 15, 1898,	To	balance on hand.....	Φ~48 90	
29,	"	cash from Grand Secretary.....	1 08	
July 11,	"	" " " ".....	25 00	
22,	"	" " " ".....	39 90	
30,	"	" " " ".....	100 00	
Nov. 1,	"	" " " ".....	107 42	
2,	"	" " " ".....	5 25	
Dec. 29,	"	" " " ".....	91 21	
29,	"	" " " ".....	72 38	
Feb. 1, 1899,	"	" " " ".....	36 65	
23,	"	" " " ".....	50 00	
Mar. 8,	"	" " " ".....	47 21	
Apr. 5,	"	" " " ".....	10	
12,	"	" " " ".....	20 25	
May 3,		Warrant No. 1619, transferring amount from General Fund.....	589 44	
5,		To cash from Grand Secretary.....	20 70	
				\$1,955 49

RELIEF FUND.
DISBURSEMENTS.

DATE.	WARRANT NO.	NAME.	
June 24, 1898,	By 1553,	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.....	\$22 20
July 14,	" 1560,	Emmet Crawford Lodge, No. 148,	15 00
21,	" 1562,	Bloomfield Lodge, No. 218.....	20 00
21,	" 1563,	Osceola Lodge, No. 65.....	13 00
21,	" 1564,	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.....	352 86
Aug. 9,	" 1568,	Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46.....	25 00
Sept. 1, 1899,	" 1573,	Emmet Crawford Lodge, No. 148,	15 00
1,	" 1574,	Bloomfield Lodge, No. 218.....	20 00
1,	" 1575,	Osceola Lodge, No. 65.....	13 00
1,	" 1576,	Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46.....	25 00
5,	" 1578,	Scribner Lodge, No. 132.....	50 00
9,	" 1579,	Hooper Lodge, No. 72.....	25 00
Nov. 19,	" 1589,	Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46.....	25 00
Dec. 22,	" 1596,	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.....	22 20
22,	" 1597,	Emmet Crawford Lodge, No. 148,	15 00
22,	" 1598,	Bloomfield Lodge, No. 218.....	20 00
22,	" 1599,	Osceola Lodge, No. 65.....	12 00
22,	" 1600,	Scribner Lodge, No. 132.....	25 00
Jan. 17,	" 1606,	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.....	352 86
Mar. 31,	" 1624,	Emmet Crawford Lodge, No. 148,	15 00
31, 1899,	By 1625,	Bloomfield Lodge, No. 218.....	\$20 00
31,	" 1626,	Osceola Lodge, No. 65.....	12 00
31,	" 1627,	Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46.....	25 00
31,	" 1628,	Scribner Lodge, No. 132.....	25 00
Apr. 19,	" 1632,	Transfer to General Fund.....	17 25
			\$1,182 37
Balance in Relief Fund.....			\$773 12
Balance in Masonic Home Fund.....			\$3,000 00

Please find herewith my check, No. 1899, on the Merchants National Bank of Omaha, in favor of this Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., certified to by said bank, for \$12,143.70, being the amount in my hands belonging to the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

CHRISTIAN HARTMAN,
Grand Treasurer.

The following report of the Grand Secretary was presented by Grand Master Frank H. Young:

To the Grand Lodge:

The annual returns for the year ending March 31, 1899, with the accompanying funds, have been received from each and every one of our existing lodges.

In addition to the documents which have been placed with our standing committees, I submit the financial books and statements of the office, with

I submit a statement of bills receivable in the Relief Fund:

<i>Date of Note.</i>	<i>Payor.</i>	<i>Balance of Principal.</i>	<i>Interest.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Dec. 5, 1894	Gauge Lodge, No. 208.....	\$100 00	\$26 15	\$126 15
Dec. 14, 1894	Bancroft Lodge, No. 145.....	82 00	25 00	107 00
Dec. 31, 1894	Melrose Lodge, No. 80.....	500 00	71 25	571 25
Jan. 1, 1895	Palisade Lodge, No. 216.....	177 21	71 30	248 51
Jan. 12, 1895	Mason City Lodge, No. 170.....	1 00	3 50	4 50
Jan. 17, 1895	Indianola Lodge, No. 123.....	200 00	52 00	252 00
Feb. 20, 1895	Robert Burns Lodge, No. 173.....	500 00	127 00	627 00
Feb. 20, 1895	Mason City Lodge, No. 170.....	191 00	131 20	322 20
Feb. 21, 1895	Zeredatha Lodge, No. 160.....	340 25	116 90	457 15
Mar. 6, 1895	Saint Paul Lodge, No. 82.....	78 00	116 00	194 00
Mar. 6, 1895	Beaver City Lodge, No. 93.....	306 02	104 43	410 45
Mar. 12, 1895	Crystal Lodge, No. 191.....	279 30	94 15	373 45
July 26, 1895	Garfield Lodge, No. 95.....	155 24	39 76	195 00
July 30, 1895	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	386 16	99 00	485 16
Jan. 31, 1896	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	386 16	84 90	471 06
July 31, 1896	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	382 46	71 24	453 70
Jan. 30, 1897	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	382 46	57 84	440 30
May 1, 1897	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	676 66	90 47	767 13
July 31, 1897	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	378 86	44 05	422 91
Jan. 31, 1898	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	378 86	30 83	409 69
July 31, 1898	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	375 06	17 41	392 47
Jan. 31, 1899	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	375 06	6 56	381 62
	Totals.....	\$6,631 76	\$1,480 94	\$8,112 70

With reference to my last year's report of promissory notes of our Relief Fund, I report the following payments since last Grand Lodge:

June 29, 1898.	Cable	Lodge, No. 225.	paid in full.....	\$1 08
July 11,	Palisade,	" " 216 ..	.....	25 00
22,	Beaver City	" " 93 ..	.....	39 90
30,	Saint Paul	" " 82 ..	.....	100 00
Nov. 1,	Boaz	" " 185 ..	.....	107 42
Dec. 29,	Curtis	" " 168 ..	.....	50 00
29,	"	" " " paid in full.....	.....	22 38
29,	Cambridge	" " 150 ..	.....	29 01
29,	"	" " " paid in full.....	.....	62 20
Jan. 30, 1899.	Boaz	" " 185 ..	.....	36 65
Feb. 22,	Saint Paul	" " 82 ..	.....	50 00
Mar. 6,	Boaz	" " 185, paid in full.....	.....	47 21
April 5,	Keystone	" " 62, paid in full.....	.....	10
May 4,	Crystal	" " 191 ..	.....	20 70

The following additional notes have been received:

July 31, 1898.	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	\$375 06
Jan. 31, 1899.	Lewis A. Kent and wife.....	375 06

I submit the following continuation of last year's list (page 5589-90) of Nebraska Freemasons who have been placed on the retired list:

<i>Crt. No.</i>	<i>NAME AND LODGE.</i>	<i>BORN.</i>	<i>1°</i>	<i>2°</i>	<i>3°</i>
71	Henry C. Craig, 125.....	May 28, '28..	Sept. 3, '61..	Oct. 15, '61..	Nov. 12, '61.
72	Joel J. Pennington, 54.....	Apr. 22, '33..	Jul. 14, '54..	Aug. 11, '54.	Sept. 18, '54.
73	Calvin B. Bacheider, 98.....	Jul. 23, '26..	Nov. 14, '59.	Nov. 28, '59.	Dec. 17, '59.
74	Gaylord D. Streeter, 37.....	Jun. 22, '33..	Sept. 13, '63.	Nov. 1, '65.	Dec. 5, '65.
75	De Witt C. Perrigo, 125.....	Dec. 13, '23..	—, '60.	—, '60.	—, '60.

Crt. No.	NAME AND LODGE.	BORN.	1°	2°	3°
76	Alexander S. Ritchie, 51.....	Feb. 28, '29	Oct. 25, '48	Oct. 25, '48	Oct. 25, '48.
77	George Osterhout, 51.....	May 5, '28	Jan. 4, '58	Nov. 17, '59	Feb. 2, '60.
78	Philip H. Hiatt, 119.....	Aug. 9, '33	May 12, '56	June 9, '56	June 13, '56.
79	James O. Carter, 19.....	Aug. 7, '32	Feb. 27, '55	Sept. 21, '58	Sept. 21, '58.
80	Jonathan Reitz, 19.....	Oct. 29, '24	Apr. 1, '63	May 1, '63	May 30, '63.
81	John S. McClary, 55.....	Feb. 17, '33	May 3, '55	Nov. 1, '55	Mar. 13, '56.
82	Heman B. Burgess, 6.....	Apr. 24, '33	Apr. 10, '62	May 1, '62	May 9, '62.
83	William Wetencamp, 6.....	Dec. 29, '33	Feb. 10, '68	Mar. 23, '68	Feb. 8, '69.
84	Lloyd D. Bennett, 6.....	Feb. 11, '32	Oct. 16, '62	Oct. 18, '62	Oct. 20, '62.
85	Ellis Snuffin, 104.....	May 5, '24	Feb. 4, '56	Feb. 7, '57	Feb. 24, '57.
86	Henry Earnhart, 104.....	Dec. 7, '22	Sept. 16, '58	Oct. 21, '58	Nov. 13, '58.

I would recommend that the Grand Lodge year be changed back from March 31st to April 30th.

I would recommend that the Grand Lodge adopt a "Grand Lodge Registry" to take the place of annual returns, thus saving the necessity of lodge Secretaries reporting their membership every year. By the adoption of this system the lodges need only report the changes made in their membership during the current year, and the ultimate expense to the Grand Lodge for blank returns will be reduced.

I would recommend that authority be given the Grand Secretary, with the approval of the Grand Master, to sell such old lodge furniture, etc., as has accumulated in our Grand Lodge archives, and is practically worthless to us.

I would ask the Grand Lodge whether or not it is their wish to have detailed statements of warrants published with the proceedings. It now takes five pages of our proceedings where a dozen lines would contain all necessary information.

I would recommend the appointment of a committee to consider the desirability and possibility of furnishing our own monitors, that they may agree with our work.

Inasmuch as Bro. Bowen had, before his death, gotten all in readiness for the printing of volumes 5 and 6 of our proceedings, and the indexes already stereotyped, I would earnestly recommend that an appropriation be made for this purpose before the material be misplaced or lost.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK H. YOUNG,
Grand Master.

P. G. M. Tulleys presented the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

I submit herewith, briefly, a report of work done during the past year.

I have held forty-two lodges of instruction, and have visited six lodges singly.

I assisted the Grand Master in constituting the lodge at Ravenna.

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

The amount of work done is not quite up to the mark of last year, which

is accounted for by the fact that I lost about three weeks from work on account of sickness in my family.

Nearly all the lodges of instruction were held in the smaller towns, as for the past three years.

I find the lodges generally prosperous, and have met with only two during the year that had no work and none in prospect.

The records generally are well kept, but very few of the compendiums are up to date. I find it difficult to get the Secretaries to give this the attention it should have, but there are a few that have their compendiums complete.

The lodges are manifesting commendable interest in the work of the jurisdiction, and there is a gratifying progress toward uniformity.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. TULLEYS,

Grand Custodian.

The following report of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund was presented:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

OMAHA, May 29th, 1899.

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

The amount of the fund at this date is.....	\$32,711 51
Consisting of securities as per list	\$32,337 61
Cash.....	373 90
The amount of the fund at last annual statement was. .	<u>30,802 40</u>
Gain during the year.....	\$1,909 11
Being about 6½ per cent realized.	

HASTINGS PROPERTY.

As shown by the last report the cost to the fund at that date was.....

.....	\$883 04
On July 29, 1898, there were paid taxes amounting to.....	16 32
Leaving the present cost of the lot.....	<u>\$899 36</u>

This does not appear in the assets as shown, therefore any amount hereafter realized by a sale will be an addition to the fund.

Appended are statements showing the receipts of 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*

Dr.

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

RECEIPTS — ITEMIZED.

	BORROWER.	PRINCIPAL.	INTEREST.
No. 3,	Hilbert.....	\$200 00	\$15 25
8,	Polsley.....		40 00
9,	Voss.....		80 00
10,	Grentmann.....		21 35
11,	Lindner.....		25 20
15,	Peterson.....		80 00
17,	Rooney.....		80 00
19,	Ginn.....	450 00	35 50
28,	Rooney.....		40 00
29,	Romano.....		100 00
32,	Haman.....		64 14
34,	Grady.....		90 00
35,	Ord Village Bonds.....		224 00
37,	Stejskal.....		36 00
38,	Swanson.....		36 00
39,	Northern Light Lodge, No. 41, Stanton.....		121 30
41,	Griffin.....		30 00
42,	Anchor Lodge, No. 142, N. Loup..		36 00
43,	Frear.....		30 00
44,	Cole.....		56 10
45,	Christensen.....		70 00
48,	Neisendorfer.....		10 00
49,	School Dist. No. 49, Valley Co.....	83 00	33 65
51,	School Dist. No. 246, Custer Co.....		21 00
53,	So. Omaha Judgment Warrant....	458 40	50 40
55,	Tagger.....	85 00	7 50
56,	Rawls.....	800 00	51 97
57,	Buehler.....		30 00
58,	Moore.....		21 00
59,	So. Omaha Judgement Warrant...	166 65	17 18
61,	Warren.....		88 75
62,	Warren.....		30 00
63,	Zohner.....	75 00	49 50
64,	Bates.....		56 00
65,	Rich.....		20 00
66,	Dehm.....		48 00
67,	Jester.....	250 00	38 40
68,	Long.....		2 80
70,	Goodrich.....	50 00	
		<u>\$2,618 05</u>	<u>\$1,886 99</u>

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$96 74
To receipts on principal, above.....	2,618 05
To receipts on interest, above.....	1,886 99
To receipts on Addleman note.....	5 00
To interest Omaha Loan & Trust Co. Savings Bank, on balances.....	60 07
	<u>\$4,666 85</u>

CREDIT.

By purchase, loan No. 68, Long.....	\$600 00	.....
“ “ 69, Link.....	1,250 00	\$4 38
“ “ 70, Goodrich.....	200 00	.....
“ “ 71, Svenson.....	150 00	.....
“ “ 72, Helman.....	800 00	7 15
“ “ 73, Skalka.....	600 00	8 80
“ “ 74, Bowman.....	650 00	6 30
Total principal.....	\$4,250 00	
Total interest.....		\$26 63
By taxes paid on Hastings lot.....		16 32
By balance on hand.....		373 90
		<u>\$4,666 85</u>

SCHEDULE OF LOANS ON HAND.

No. of Loan.	NAME OF BORROWER.	AMOUNT.	Rate of Interest.	Interest Paid to—
1	Hendrickson. (E. Wakely, guarantor) ..	\$2,500 00	7 per cent	Jan. 1, 1897.
7	Luellen.....	900 00	8 "	Oct. 1, 1897.
8	Polsley.....	500 00	8 "	March 19, 1899.
9	Voss.....	1,000 00	8 "	June 1, 1899.
10	Grentmann.....	300 00	7 "	April 1, 1899.
11	Lindner.....	350 00	7 "	Oct. 1, 1898.
15	Peterson.....	1,000 00	8 "	May 1, 1899.
17	Rooney.....	1,000 00	8 "	Dec. 1, 1898.
28	Rooney.....	500 00	8 "	Feb. 1, 1899.
29	Romano et al.....	1,071 04	7 "	March 1, 1899.
30	Hobbie.....	300 00	8 "	March 1, 1897.
31	Hobbie.....	500 00	8 "	March 1, 1897.
32	Haman.....	800 00	8 "	March 1, 1899.
34	Grady.....	750 00	8 "	May 1, 1899.
35	Ord Village Bonds.....	3,200 00	7 "	Jan. 1, 1899.
37	Stejskal.....	600 00	6 "	Dec. 1, 1898.
38	Swanson.....	600 00	6 "	Jan. 1, 1899.
39	Northern Light Lodge, No. 41, Stanton.	1,000 00	8 "	Feb. 27, 1899.
41	Griffin.....	500 00	6 "	June 1, 1899.
42	Anchor Lodge, No. 142, N. Loup.....	300 00	8 "	June 27, 1899.
43	Frear.....	300 00	10 "	April 1, 1899.
44	Cole.....	800 00	7 "	March 15, 1899.
45	Christensen.....	1,000 00	7 "	April 15, 1899.
48	Neisendorfer.....	100 00	10 "	June 8, 1899.
49	School Dist. No. 49, Valley County.....	187 03	7 "	April 1, 1899.
50	Swobe.....	659 57	10 "	Feb. 20, 1897.
51	School Dist. No. 246, Custer County.....	300 00	7 "	Sept. 1, 1898.
55	Tagger.....	185 00	10 "	Nov. 1, 1898.
57	Buehler.....	500 00	8 "	Dec. 1, 1898.
58	Moore.....	350 00	8 "	Dec. 1, 1898.
60	Francis.....	900 00	8 "	Feb. 1, 1898.
61	Warren.....	1,500 00	6 "	Jan. 6, 1899.
62	Warren.....	500 00	6 "	Jan. 20, 1899.
63	Zohner.....	525 00	8 "	Feb. 17, 1899.
64	Bates.....	800 00	7 "	April 1, 1899.

SCHEDULE OF LOANS ON HAND. — CONCLUDED.

No. of Loan.	NAME OF BORROWER.	AMOUNT.	Rate of Interest.	Interest Paid to —
65	Rich	500 00	8 per cent.	Aug. 1, 1898.
66	Dehm	800 00	6 "	April 1, 1899.
67	Jester	600 00	7 "	Jan. 1, 1899.
68	Long	600 00	6 "	Jan. 1, 1899.
69	Link	1,250 00	6 "	Jan. 18, 1899.
70	Goodrich	150 00	8 "	Feb. 3, 1899.
71	Svenson	150 00	8 "	Feb. 28, 1899.
72	Helman	800 00	7 "	March 30, 1899.
73	Skalka	600 00	6 "	March 1, 1899.
74	Bowman	650 00	6 "	April 1, 1899.
	Total	\$32,337 61		

Bro. Mercer, 4, submitted the following report:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee on Returns submit the following report of the work done by the craft in this jurisdiction during the Masonic year ending March 30, 1899:

Number initiated.....	574	
" passed.....	499	
" raised.....		518
" admitted.....		207
" reinstated.....		136
gained otherwise.....		25
Total gross increase.....		886
Number demitted.....	268	
" deceased.....	132	
" suspended.....	268	
" expelled.....	3	
" lost otherwise.....	42	
Total decrease.....		713
Net gain during the year.....		173
Number of Master Masons April 30, 1898.....		11,775
" " " March 30, 1899.....		11,948
Membership dues for the year.....	\$11,645 00	
Fees for the year.....	2,870 00	
Total due Grand Lodge.....		\$14,515 00
Less due lodges, rebate credit for 1898.....		2,450 23
Net amount available for use of Grand Lodge.....		\$12,064 77
Rebates recommended to be allowed.....		\$2,836 61

Returns and funds have been received from all lodges except No. 128.

Two hundred and seven lodges, having forwarded returns and funds prior to April 6, are entitled to the maximum rebate, in accordance with Sec. 104, Par. 14, of our law for general accuracy and prompt transmittal of funds with returns in duplicate. Returns and funds have been received

from twenty-one lodges between April 7 and 30 and these lodges are entitled to proportionate amount of rebate as set forth in the accompanying table of rebates due the lodges, marked Exhibit "A."

The total amount of rebates allowed by your committee, as shown by the table, is \$2,836.61, which we recommend be placed to the credit of the respective lodges.

Sec. 101 of our law requires each chartered lodge to insure its property against loss by fire, and make report to this Grand Lodge. We find that 139 lodges have complied with this requirement, but many of them fail to give name of insurance company or date of expiration of policy. Fifty-seven lodges report that they carry no insurance, and thirty-two fail to report.

Two hundred and fourteen lodges certify to mileage, while fourteen lodges make no report. The majority of the lodges certifying to mileage report the number of miles to Omaha instead of to Lincoln.

One hundred and ninety-six lodges make report of widows and orphans, but with a few exceptions the reports in this particular are incomplete or unsatisfactory, and do not comply fully with the requirements of our law, Sec. 104, Par. 18. Thirty-two lodges make no report whatever under this requirement.

The returns in general show some improvement over those of past years, but some still leave much to be desired in the way of neatness and accuracy, many returns showing omissions caused by neglect or carelessness on the part of the Secretary. Secretaries should carefully read and follow instructions, and if same is done it will leave no cause for annoyance or complaint, and insure to their lodge the maximum rebate allowed by our law.

Lodge No. 128 transmitted returns too late to be included in this report. This lodge has, for several years past, been inactive and in poor condition financially. Your committee has made investigation and learns that with some relief and encouragement the present members will be able to revive and maintain the lodge. Your committee therefore recommends that the Grand Secretary be instructed to balance the account of Lodge No. 128 with this Grand Lodge, in order that the members may not be obliged to surrender their charter.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN J. MERCER,

Chairman.

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	173	\$43 25	12	25	21	\$5 25	26	25	181	\$45 25
2	25	138	34 50	13	25	24	6 00	27	25	46	11 50
3	25	307	76 75	14	25	46	11 50	29	25	28	6 50
4	25	35	8 75	15	25	193	48 25	30	25	29	7 25
5	25	58	14 50	17	25	68	17 00	31	25	75	18 75
6	25	118	29 00	19	25	283	70 75	32	25	125	31 25
9	25	96	24 00	21	25	78	19 50	33	25	160	40 00
10	25	38	9 50	23	25	89	22 25	34	4	63	2 52
11	25	304	76 00	25	25	327	81 75	35	25	93	23 25

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.	
36	25	65	\$16 25	107	25	18	\$4 50	176	16	38	\$6 08	
37	25	77	19 25	108	3	28	84	177	25	21	5 25	
38	21	69	14 49	109	25	40	10 00	178	25	16	4 00	
39	24	30	7 20	110	25	35	8 75	179	25	37	9 25	
40	25	38	9 50	111	20	35	7 00	180	25	29	7 25	
41	25	39	9 75	112	25	42	10 50	181	25	48	12 00	
42	25	45	11 25	113	25	41	10 25	182	25	23	5 75	
43	25	73	18 25	114	24	52	12 48	183	25	65	16 25	
44	25	49	12 25	115	25	23	5 75	184	25	110	27 50	
45	25	19	4 75	116	25	32	8 00	185	25	45	11 25	
46	25	141	35 25	117	25	30	7 50	186	.....	32	.....
48	25	43	10 75	118	25	22	5 50	187	.....	35	8 75
49	25	50	12 50	119	25	44	11 00	188	25	54	13 50	
50	25	153	38 25	120	25	65	16 25	189	25	52	13 00	
51	25	75	18 75	121	25	53	13 25	190	20	18	3 60	
52	25	50	12 50	122	25	16	4 00	191	21	80	6 30	
53	25	57	14 25	123	25	47	11 75	192	25	71	17 75	
54	25	147	36 75	124	25	54	13 50	193	25	30	7 50	
55	25	93	23 25	125	16	47	7 52	194	25	34	8 50	
56	25	191	47 75	126	25	52	13 00	195	25	43	10 75	
57	25	45	11 25	127	25	43	10 75	196	25	30	7 50	
58	25	72	18 00	128	.....	22	.....	197	25	42	7 25
59	25	66	16 50	129	25	50	12 50	198	25	29	10 50	
60	25	34	8 50	130	25	32	8 00	199	25	18	4 50	
61	14	71	9 94	132	25	34	8 50	200	25	46	11 50	
62	25	32	8 00	133	25	27	6 75	201	25	44	11 00	
63	25	11	2 75	134	25	47	11 75	202	25	51	12 75	
64	23	59	13 57	135	25	88	22 00	203	25	38	9 50	
65	25	62	15 50	136	25	41	10 25	204	25	32	8 00	
66	25	22	5 50	137	25	38	9 50	205	25	23	5 75	
67	25	72	18 00	138	25	41	10 25	206	25	38	9 50	
68	25	101	25 25	139	25	38	9 50	207	25	29	7 25	
70	25	32	8 00	140	25	34	8 50	208	15	36	5 40	
71	25	66	16 50	141	25	12	3 00	209	25	28	7 00	
72	25	41	10 25	142	25	27	6 75	210	25	32	8 00	
73	25	38	9 50	143	25	31	7 75	211	25	44	11 00	
74	25	19	4 75	144	25	35	8 75	212	25	25	6 25	
75	25	52	13 00	145	25	40	10 00	213	25	29	7 25	
76	25	35	8 75	146	25	47	11 75	214	25	25	6 25	
77	25	46	11 50	147	25	27	6 75	215	25	39	9 75	
78	25	57	14 25	148	25	81	20 25	216	25	25	6 25	
79	25	89	22 25	149	25	22	5 50	217	25	31	7 75	
81	5	27	1 35	150	25	34	8 50	218	25	39	9 75	
82	25	91	22 75	151	25	22	5 50	219	25	28	7 00	
83	25	34	8 50	152	25	46	11 50	220	25	47	11 75	
84	25	60	15 00	153	25	21	5 25	221	25	21	5 25	
85	25	47	11 75	154	23	32	7 36	222	25	30	7 50	
86	25	32	8 00	155	25	40	10 00	223	25	27	6 75	
87	21	37	7 77	156	5	18	9 00	224	25	24	6 00	
88	25	30	7 50	157	25	25	6 25	225	25	21	5 25	
89	25	55	13 75	158	24	66	15 84	226	25	25	6 25	
90	25	36	9 00	159	10	52	5 20	227	25	47	11 75	
91	25	33	8 25	160	25	26	6 50	228	25	21	5 25	
92	25	34	8 50	161	25	30	7 50	229	25	21	5 25	
93	25	56	14 00	162	25	49	12 25	230	25	23	5 75	
94	25	23	5 75	163	25	48	12 00	231	25	28	7 00	
95	21	40	8 40	164	25	33	8 25	232	25	28	7 00	
96	25	31	7 75	165	25	45	11 25	233	25	29	7 25	
97	25	34	8 50	166	25	32	8 00	234	25	14	3 50	
98	25	24	6 00	167	25	51	12 75	235	25	19	4 75	
99	25	36	9 00	168	25	27	6 75	236	25	16	4 00	
100	25	40	10 00	169	25	48	12 00	237	25	14	3 50	
101	25	48	12 00	170	25	38	9 50	238	25	21	5 25	
102	25	44	11 00	171	23	45	10 35	239	25	21	5 25	
103	25	55	13 75	172	25	31	7 75	240	25	25	6 25	
104	25	71	17 75	173	25	24	6 00	241	25	19	4 75	
105	25	44	11 00	174	25	39	9 75					
106	25	38	9 50	175	25	31	7 75					
											\$2836	61

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.												
		No. May 1, 1888.	Gain.		Loss.			No. on Rolls March 31, 1889.	No. May 1, 1888.	Gain.		Loss.			No. on Rolls March 31, 1889.						
			By Initiation.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.			By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.	By Passing.	By Other Causes.		Total.	By Raising.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total Loss.
Nebraska	1	13	14	27	13	12	15	4	12	16	10	10	6								
Western Star	2	10	1	11	1	1	10	1	1	2	1	1	1								
Capitol	3	33	9	42	7	1	34	7	7	14	2	7	7								
Nemaha Valley	4	9	3	12	2	2	10	2	2	2	2	2	2								
Omadi	5	6	1	8	2	2	6	9	2	11	2	2	8								
Plattsmouth	6	20	1	21	1	1	20	3	1	4	1	4	4								
Falls City	9	18	1	19			19	3		3			3								
Solomon	10	5	1	6	1	1	5	1	1	1		1	1								
Covert	11	43	12	55	8		47	11	8	22	7	7	15								
Nebaska City	12	4		4			4	2		2			2								
Orient	13	10		10			10	1		1			1								
Peru	14	2		2			2	2		2			2								
Fremont	15	6	7	13	6		7	3	6	9	6		6								
Tecumseh	17	13	7	20	6		14	4	5	9	4		4								
Lincoln	19	23	13	36	10		26	6	10	15	8		8								
Washington	21	5	1	6			6	4	1	5	3		3								
Pawnee	23	7	8	15	6		9	3	6	9	4		5								
St. Johns	25	49	16	65	12		53	10	12	22	15		15								
Beatrice	26	33	3	36	5		31	7	5	12	5		5								
Jordan	27	6	2	8	2		6	2	2	4			4								
Hope	29	7	1	8	3		5	3	3	6	4		4								
Blue River	30	5	2	7	2		5	2	2	1			1								
Tekamah	31	7	6	13	6		7	1	6	7	7		7								
Platte Valley	32	14	2	16	6	1	10	2	6	8	3		5								
Ashlar	33	22	4	26	4		22	7	4	11	5		5								
Acacia	34	11		11			11	6		6			6								
Fairbury	35	13	10	23	7		16	3	7	10	3		3								
Lone Tree	36	4	3	7	1		6	1	1	1			1								
Crete	37	7	6	13	3		10	8	3	11	3		3								
Oliver	38	15	1	14	2		12	2	2	2	1		1								
Papillon	39	8	1	9	2		7	3	2	5	2		2								
Humboldt	40	7	1	8	1		7	3	1	4			4								
Northern Light	41	4	5	9	3		6	3	3	6	4		4								
Junata	42	14	3	17	4		13	4	4	4	3		3								
Hebron	43	8		8			8	1		1			1								
Harvard	44	4	3	7	3		4	1	3	4	3		3								
Palmyra	45	1		1			1														
Rob. Morris	46	13	4	17	4		13	1	4	5	3		3								
Fairmont	48	11	1	12	1		11	2	1	3	1		1								
Evening Star	49	6		6			6														
Hastings	50	13	2	15	2		13	6	2	8	1		1								
Fidelity	51	16	10	26	6	1	19	8	6	15	10		10								
Hiram	52	8	4	12	4		8	1	4	5	4		4								
Charity	53	8	1	9	3		6	2	3	5	3		3								
Lancaster	54	23	13	36	8	1	28	4	8	12	8		8								
Mosaic	55	6	2	8	2	1	5	3	3	1	1		1								
York	56	12	1	13	2		11	1	2	3	2		2								
Mt. Moriah	57	10	7	17	8		9	2	8	10	7		7								
Lebanon	58	10		10			10	1		1			1								
Wahoo	59	8	1	9	1		8	1	1	2	1		1								
Metrose	60	14		14			14	2		2	1		1								
Thistle	61	5		5			5														
Keystone	62	6	2	8	2		6	2	2	2	2		2								
Riverton	63	5		5			5	2		2			2								
Blue Valley	64	2	2	4	2		2	1	2	3	1		1								
Oseola	65	9	3	12	2		10	1	2	3	2		2								
Livingstone	66	0		0			0														
Edgar	67	7		7			7	2		2			2								
Aurora	68	13	2	15	4		11	4	4	8	5		5								

NEBRASKA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1899.

SUP. MASTER MASONS.				MASTER MASONS.				GRAND LODGE DEPR. FEES, ETC.					
No. May 1, 1898.	Gain.	Loss.	Total.	No. May 1, 1898.	Gain.	Loss.	Total.	Amounts Due Lodges March 20, 1899.	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge March 20, 1899.	Dues on Master Masons.	Fees on Initiation.	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge March 31, 1899.	No. of Lodge.
35			35	33	173	10	3	\$44.75	\$11.70	\$173.00	\$70.00	\$200.95	1
26			26	29	138	1	4.1	33.25	3.08	138.00	5.00	108.75	2
96			96	97	307	7	1	72.00	7.80	307.00	45.00	280.80	3
19			19	15	35	2	3	8.75	60	35.00	15.00	41.85	4
18			18	18	18	2	2	12.25	52	18.00	5.00	60.00	5
32			32	11	90	2	94	28.00	1.20	16.00	8.00	79.00	6
11			11	11	11	2	2	21.75	2.00	75.00	5.00	63.25	6
1			1	1	1	1	1	8.75	7.80	38.00	5.00	41.50	10
110			110	14	78	3	3.1	7.00	304.00	60.00	11.50	109.50	10
112			112	10	51	2	2.1	9.25	21.00	51.00	5.00	48.25	11
12			12	7	46	1	6	11.00	2.00	42.00	2.00	28.00	12
30			30	37	141	1	1	47.50	1.95	135.00	35.00	181.75	15
33			33	37	152	3	3	17.00	1.25	60.00	55.00	87.25	17
305			305	103	7	8	7	10.00	30.00	288.00	65.00	274.70	17
21			21	21	31	3	3	22.00	2.00	89.00	40.00	114.80	21
94			94	95	327	15	3	83.75	40.40	327.00	80.00	343.65	25
32			32	36	68	2	2	43.00	7.10	181.00	15.00	159.90	26
32			32	21	26	4	3	5.00	44.00	44.00	43.10	43.10	29
8			8	10	29	1	2	7.75	2.00	29.00	10.00	31.25	30
14			14	17	77	7	2	17.00	2.00	75.00	5.00	89.50	30
14			14	34	125	3	1	31.75	19.60	125.00	10.00	129.85	32
34			34	33	3	2	6	37.00	50	160.00	50.00	143.75	32
34			34	33	62	1	1	13.75	63.00	63.00	44.25	33	
29			29	27	1	1	1	26.25	6.75	65.00	50.00	132.50	36
27			27	27	65	1	1	67.00	63.00	65.00	15.00	88.40	36
27			27	31	71	3	1	18.00	4.25	73.00	73.00	82.50	37
14			14	14	29	2	1	6.67	30.00	30.00	29.25	38	
16			16	18	1	1	1	10.00	3.00	38.00	5.00	33.00	40
16			16	18	1	1	1	9.50	3.90	30.00	25.00	38.40	41
28			28	28	40	3	2	41.50	30.00	45.00	15.00	48.50	42
28			28	24	72	7	7	21.25	50	73.00	15.00	82.50	42
28			28	23	6	2	1	11.00	49.00	49.00	15.00	63.50	44
3			3	3	10	1	1	4.75	10	10.00	10.00	14.25	45
41			41	42	1	1	1	27.25	2.10	41.00	30.00	50.35	48
31			31	31	43	1	1	10.50	1.70	43.00	6.00	39.50	48
23			23	24	1	1	1	14.75	50.00	50.00	35.25	49	
34			34	37	4	1	3	38.75	50	353.00	10.00	124.75	50
19			19	28	2	2	2	12.50	18.50	50.00	30.00	117.50	51
40			40	40	60	3	4	12.75	2.30	50.00	5.00	43.25	52
40			40	44	4	4	4	18.75	6.00	65.00	17.00	61.75	53
59			59	59	147	8	1	45.50	10.00	147.00	65.00	176.00	54
28			28	28	1	1	1	25.00	1.00	85.00	10.00	74.70	55
41			41	41	1	1	1	18.00	1.00	19.00	17.00	19.00	56
10			10	11	35	1	1	13.40	34.00	71.00	30.10	66.60	60
13			13	14	2	2	2	10.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	14.41	61
29			29	26	2	2	2	11.50	30.00	26.00	26.00	34.25	62
8			8	8	8	8	8	13.00	1.10	50.00	10.00	57.90	63
16			16	16	1	1	1	5.25	2.75	22.00	15.00	71.75	65
13			13	13	22	1	1	16.75	10.50	22.00	10.00	5.25	65
16			16	16	101	5	5	10.50	2.75	101.00	10.00	88.50	67

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.								FELLOW CRAFTS.							
		GAIN.		LOSS.				No. on Rolls March 31, 1899.	GAIN.		LOSS.				No. on Rolls March 31, 1899.		
		No. May 1, 1898.	By Initiation. Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing. Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.		Total Loss.	No. May 1, 1898.	By Passing. By Other Causes.	Total.	By Raising. Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.		By Other Causes.	Total Loss.
Sterling.....	70	19	2	14	2		2	12	3	2		4	3			3	1
Trowel.....	71	19		19				10	3			3	1			1	1
Hooper.....	72	3		3				1	1			1					
Friend.....	73	3	3	6	1			1	1			2					
Alexandria.....	74	2		2	1			1	1			1					
Frank Welch.....	75	8	6	13	7		7	6	3	7		10	6			5	5
Joppa.....	76	3		3				3	1			1				1	1
Nelson.....	77	4		4				3	1			1				1	1
Albion.....	78	1		1				2	3			3				2	2
Geneva.....	79	5	3	8	2		2	7	2			5	3			2	2
Composite.....	81	4		4				4	3			3					
Saint Paul.....	82	7	1	8	5		5	3	5			8	7			7	1
Corinthian.....	83	7		7	1		1	6	2			2				2	2
Fairfield.....	84	6	4	10	4	1		5	4			4	3			2	1
Tyre.....	85	10		10	1		1	9	2	1		3				3	3
Doniphan.....	86	3		3				3	2			2				2	2
Ionic.....	87	9	2	11	2		2	9	1	2		3	1			1	2
Star.....	88	2		2				2	2			2				2	2
Cedar River.....	89	9		9	1	1		2	1	1		2	1			1	1
Elk Creek.....	90	1		1				1	7								
Oakland.....	91	1	2	3	1		1	2	1	1		2	2			2	
Hubbell.....	92	1		1				1	2								
Beaver City.....	93	9	4	13	5		5	8	4	5		9	8		1	6	2
Bennet.....	94	2	1	3	1		1	2	1	1		2	1			1	1
Garfield.....	95	4	3	7	3		3	4	3	3		6	5			5	1
Utica.....	96	2	1	3	1		1	2	1	1		2	1			1	1
Euclid.....	97	8	3	11	3		3	8	2	3		5	3			3	2
Republican.....	98	5	1	6	1		1	5	2	1		3	2			2	1
Shelton.....	99	10	3	13	2		2	11	2	2		4	2			2	
Creighton.....	100	3	1	4				4	2			2				2	2
Ponca.....	101	9	7	16	6		1	7	9	3		6	9			4	2
Waterloo.....	102	4	3	7	2		2	5	3	2		5	2			2	3
Ord.....	103	5	4	9	2		2	7	3	2		5	3			3	2
Wymore.....	104	6	2	8	2		2	6	2	2		4	1			1	3
Stella.....	105	6	4	10	2		2	8	2			2	1			1	1
Porter.....	106	3	3	6	2		2	4	1	2		3	2			2	
Steele City.....	107	2	1	3				3	1			1					
Table Rock.....	108	1		1				1	1			1				1	1
Arapahoe.....	109	6	6	10	4		4	6	1	4		5	2			2	3
Pomegranate.....	110	3	5	8	2		2	6	3	2	1	6	3			3	3
De Witt.....	111	5	2	7	2		2	5	4	2		6	1			1	5
Springfield.....	112	6	1	7	3		3	4	3	3		6	5			5	0
Globe.....	113	7		7				7	2			2	1			1	1
Wisner.....	114	7	8	15	7		7	8	7			7	7			7	
Brainard.....	115	1	3	4	4		4		4			4	2			2	2
Harlan.....	116	6		6	11		11	2	4	2		6	3			3	3
Hardy.....	117	5	5	10	6		6	4	1	2		7	5			5	0
Doric.....	118	3		3				3	3			3				3	1
North Bend.....	119	2		2	3		3	4	1	3		4	4			4	1
Wayne.....	120	9	1	10	1		1	9	4	1		5	2			2	3
Superior.....	121	4	4	8	3		3	5	2	3		5	2	1		3	2
Jasper.....	122	1		1				1	1			1					
Indianola.....	123	3		3				3									
Auburn.....	124	1	2	3	1		1	2	1	1		2	1			1	1
Mount Nebo.....	125	9	6	15	4	1		5	10	2	4	6	5			5	1
Stromsburg.....	126	2	2	4	3		3	1	3	3		3	2			2	1
Minden.....	127	6	1	7	1		1	6	3	1		4	1			1	3
Guide Rock.....	128	5		5				5	1			1					
Blue Hill.....	129	1	2	3	2		1	3	1	2		3	2			2	1
Tuscan.....	130	3		3	2		2	1	1	2		3	2			2	1
Scribner.....	132	2		2				2	2			2	1			1	1
Elm Creek.....	133	2	3	5	2		2	3	1	2		3	1			1	2
Solar.....	134	3		3				3	1			1				1	1

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

NAME OF LODGE.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.						PIELOW CHARTS.					
	No. of Lodge.			Loss.			Gain.			Loss.		
	No. May 1, 5898.	By Initiation.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.	Total.	By Raising.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	By Other Causes.
McCook.....	135	1	10	3	7	1	2	3	3	2	1	1
Long Pine.....	136	4	11	2	5	2	2	3	3	2	2	3
Upright.....	137	3	7	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Clay Centre.....	138	1	3	2	3	1	1	3	3	2	2	2
Western.....	139	1	3	2	2	1	1	3	3	2	2	2
Summit.....	140	2	6	8	6	2	6	6	6	6	6	6
Anchor.....	141	5	6	6	6	1	1	6	6	6	6	6
Wessex.....	142	6	6	6	6	3	3	6	6	6	6	6
Kenshaw.....	143	6	6	7	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
Kenshaw.....	144	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Bancroft.....	145	9	4	13	4	9	4	9	4	5	5	1
Jacobs.....	146	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Shoam.....	147	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Emmae Crawford.....	148	9	1	10	1	10	3	3	3	3	3	3
Sweden.....	149	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cambridge.....	150	3	1	4	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Square.....	151	7	3	10	1	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Parallel.....	152	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Evergreen.....	153	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Illy.....	154	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Harrington.....	155	6	3	9	1	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Pythagoras.....	156	3	5	8	2	6	2	2	2	2	2	2
Valley.....	157	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Samatium.....	158	3	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ogden.....	159	8	1	9	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
Zenadaha.....	160	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mount Zion.....	161	2	1	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Tyreside Board.....	162	4	3	7	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Unity.....	163	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Arkibson.....	164	3	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Barneston.....	165	5	1	6	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mystic The.....	166	4	2	6	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
Elwood.....	167	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Curds.....	168	5	2	7	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Army.....	169	4	6	10	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Mason Chy.....	170	2	3	5	1	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
Meru.....	171	5	2	7	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	2
Geratun.....	172	8	3	11	2	9	2	2	2	2	2	2
Robert Burns.....	173	6	3	9	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	3
Culbertson.....	174	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Temple.....	175	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Glaustone.....	176	5	1	6	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Hay Springs.....	177	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Hesperia.....	178	6	2	8	8	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Prudence.....	179	6	2	8	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Justice.....	180	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Faith.....	181	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Incense.....	182	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Alliance.....	183	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Bee Hive.....	184	8	5	13	4	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Boaz.....	185	3	2	5	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Plumb.....	186	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Israel.....	187	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Meredian.....	188	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Granite.....	189	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Annabeth.....	190	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cyr'sal.....	191	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Minne kadusa.....	192	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sigler.....	193	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
HIGHLAND.....	194	4	2	6	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5

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GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

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NEBRASKA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1899.

No. of Lodge.	WINTER MASON, *				GRAND LODGE DIERS, FEES, ETC.				
	RISP. MASTER MASON, S.		JANITOR MASON, S.		Amounts Due Lodges March 30, 1899.	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge March 20, 1899.	Dues on Master Masons.	Fees on Initiation.	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge March 31, 1899.
	Gain.	Loss.	Gain.	Loss.					
25	No. May 1, 1898.								
	By Suspension.		By Raising.						
	By Other Causes.		By Admission.						
	Total.		Reinstatement.						
	By Death.		By Other Causes.						
	By Expulsion.		Total.						
	Total Loss.		No. on Rolls						
	No. on Rolls		March 31, 1899.						
	No. May 1, 1898.								
	By Suspension.		By Demission.						
	By Other Causes.		By Death.						
	Total.		By Suspension.						
	By Death.		By Expulsion.						
	By Expulsion.		By Other Causes.						
	Total Loss.		Total Loss.						
	No. on Rolls		No. on Rolls						
	March 31, 1899.		March 31, 1899.						
	Amounts Due Lodges March 30, 1899.								
	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge March 20, 1899.								
	Dues on Master Masons.								
	Fees on Initiation.								
	Amts. Due Gr. Lodge March 31, 1899.								
	No. of Lodge.								

Bro.: Strawn, 1, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom has been referred the Doings of Grand Officers has examined the address of the M. W. Grand Master, and the reports of the other officers, and respectfully reports that the several parts thereof be referred as follows:

1. That portion referring to the fraternal dead, to a special committee of five, to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master.

2. Those parts which relate to the special dispensations, to the additions to the names on the retired list, to the granting of authority to sell old furniture, relating to seals, to the steel deck in the library vault, to the action taken in regard to Guide Rock Lodge, No. 128, to the appointment of Representatives, with reference to the Orphans Educational Fund, and that with reference to furnishing our own monitors, together with the Grand Custodian's report, be approved.

3. Those portions which relate to the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, to the clandestine lodges, to the formation of a supreme tribunal, to change in the times of holding elections, to making a change in the Grand Lodge year, to the substitution of a Grand Lodge register for returns, to liquor selling, to the deposit of money of the order and the condition of the bonds of Treasurers, and to Superior Lodge, No. 121, to the committee on Jurisprudence.

4. Those portions which relate to the Grand Treasurer's report and the financial parts of the Grand Secretary's report, and to the publication of a detailed statement of warrants, to the committee on Accounts.

5. Relating to the by-laws of chartered lodges, to the committee on By-Laws.

6. So much as relates to dispensations for new lodges, to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

7. That which relates to the Grand Lodge of Peru, to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

8. Those parts which relate to Springfield Lodge, No. 112; Canopy Lodge, No. 209; Amethyst Lodge, No. 190; Beaver City Lodge, No. 93; Alliance Lodge, No. 183; Lebanon Lodge, No. 58; and to the reinstatement of certain brethren, to the committee on Grievances.

9. That part which relates to relief, to the committee on Relief.

10. Those portions which relate to the proposed memorial services at the tomb of George Washington; to the printing of volumes V and VI of the proceedings of this Grand Body; and the indexes thereto as already stereotyped; to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bro.: Wheeler, 1, submitted a report as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; on motion, it was referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bro.: Gibbons, 46, submitted a report of the committee on Credentials; the report as finally adopted was as follows:

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

Your committee on Credentials reports that all the Nebraska chartered lodges are represented except Nos. 30, 66, 82, 92, 94, 122, 127, 145, 166, 178, 196, 208, and 222. Also the following Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers:

GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W.: FRANK H. YOUNG.....Grand Master.
- R. W.: WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W.: ALBERT W. CRITES.....Grand Senior Warden.
- R. W.: FRANCIS E. WHITE.....Grand Junior Warden.
- R. W.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....Grand Treasurer.
- M. W.: BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER, (P.: G.: M.:) *89, as Grand Secretary.
- V. W.: CHARLES H. GILMORE.....Grand Chaplain.
- W.: WILLIAMSON S. SUMMERS.....Grand Orator.
- M. W.: JAMES A. TULLEYS, (P.: G.: M.:).....Grand Custodian.
- W.: NATHANIEL M. AYERS.....Grand Marshal.
- W.: FRANK E. BULLARD.....Grand Senior Deacon.
- W.: DAVID M. McELHINNEY.....Grand Junior Deacon.
- BRO.: JACOB KING.....Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters M. W.: Bros.: Daniel H. Wheeler, Robert W. Furnas, Harry P. Deuel, Martin Dunham, George H. Thummel, George W. Linsinger, Edward K. Valentine, Rolland H. Oakley, James A. Tulleys, James R. Cain, Samuel W. Hayes, Manoah B. Reese, Charles K. Coutant, George B. France, John J. Mercer, Robert E. French, Bradner D. Slaughter, Samuel P. Davidson, James P. A. Black, John A. Ehrhardt, Henry H. Wilson, Charles J. Phelps, and John B. Dinsmore.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Nebraska, No. 1	Winfield S. Strawn..	William S. Heller ...	Oscar R. Allen.
Western Star, " 2	Henry Bourlier.....	Detrich W. Schminke	George M. Murdock.
Capitol, " 3	*John H. Butler.....	*William Cleburne....	John H. Chapman.
Nemaha Valley " 4	Abraham L. Lawrence..	.....	.....
Omadi, " 5	Robert E. Evans.....	.....	Martin Lockwood.
Plattsmouth, " 6	Henry J. Helps.....	.....	.....
Falls City, " 9	*David W. Sowles.....	Frank C. Wiser.....	*David W. Sowles.
Solomon, " 10	*Edwin N. Grenell....	*Edwin N. Grenell....	*Edwin N. Grenell.
Covert, " 11	Edwin R. Perfect....	James W. Maynard....	.....
Nebraska City, " 12	John W. Willman....	.....	.....
Orient, " 13	Evan Kulp.....	.....	.....
Peru, " 14	*Henry F. Holtz.....	.....	.....
Fremont, " 15	John C. Cleland.....	*John C. Cleland.....	*Julius Beckmun.
Tecumseh, " 17	Samuel P. Davidson..	*John S. Harman.....	.....
Lincoln, " 19	Frank M. Tyrrell....	Edwin J. Hearn.....	*Newell A. Bacon.
Washington, " 21	*William H. H. Davis..	.....	William K. Fowler.

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Pawnee,	No. 23	.....	.....	Edgar L. Vance.
Saint Johns,	" 25	George T. Nicholson.	John N. Neely.....	Charles S. Lobingier.
Beatrice,	" 26	Leonidas A. Scroggs.	.....	Samuel A. Gilliland.
Jordan,	" 27	Ludwig Rosenthal.	.....	.....
Hope,	" 29	James A. Titus.	.....	.....
Tekamah,	" 31	Frank E. Ward.....	*James R. Sutherland.	*Melville R. Hopewell.
Platte Valley,	" 32	Samuel H. Donehower.	.....	.....
Ashlar,	" 33	*Samuel Hexter.....	.....	*George P. Dean.
Acacia,	" 34	Walter W. Wells.....	*George H. Wells.....	James A. Grimison.
Fairbury,	" 35	Lewis E. Shelley.....	*John Gallatly.....	.....
Lone Tree,	" 36	.....	*John E. Babbitt.....	.....
Crete,	" 37	Seward L. Mains.....	Elisha F. Johnson.....	*Abraham A. Cressman.
Oliver,	" 38	*John McLain.....	.....	George E. Spear.
Papillion,	" 39	Malcolm P. Brown.....	.....	.....
Humboldt,	" 40	.....	Leroy S. Hackett.....	.....
Northern Light,	41	Robert Y. Appleby.....	*Arthur W. Forbes.....	George A. Eberly.
Junlata,	42	William G. Saddler.....	*Will Brookley.....	*Enos J. Hanchett.
Hebron,	43	*Clarence C. Fowler.....	*James Dinsmore.....	Elmo B. Roper.
Harvard,	44	Ezra Brown.....	.....	Jesse F. Eller.
Palmyra,	45	*John O. Moore.....	.....	.....
Rob Morris,	46	William F. Crossley.....	Byron N. Loverin.....	Gilbert E. Haase.
Fairmont,	48	Alva W. Loomis.....	.....	.....
Evening Star,	49	*John H. Tower.....	.....	.....
Hastings,	50	John J. Buchanan.....	.....	John F. Beardsley.
Fidelity,	51	William F. Downing.....	Glenn A. Becker.....	.....
Hiram,	52	Mark B. Turner.....	.....	.....
Charity,	53	D. Madison Finch.....	.....	.....
Lancaster,	54	Addison S. Tibbets.....	Anthony Beauchwaite.....	William Baird.
Mosaic,	55	William H. Rish.....	*Silas G. Dean.....	.....
York,	56	Henry S. Harrison.....	Almon J. Ryan.....	D. Webster Baker.
Mount Moriah,	57	James R. Alexander.....	Jaspar K. Griffith.....	.....
Wahoo,	59	*Charles Perky.....	.....	Charles L. Melonz.
Melrose,	60	Webster Josselyn.....	.....	.....
Thistle,	61	Theodore L. Warrington.....	.....	.....
Keystone,	62	*Andrew P. Peterson.....	.....	.....
Riverton,	63	.....	Eugene Hunter.....	.....
Blue Valley,	64	Thomas J. Taylor.....	.....	*William H. Mann.
Osceola,	65	Richard R. Genge.....	.....	.....
Edgar,	67	Edward S. Bottom.....	.....	.....
Aurora,	68	*Henry B. Hart.....	.....	*Edgar D. Preston.
Sterling,	70	Francis O. Dort.....	E. Ross Hitchcock.....	.....
Trowel,	71	Fred E. Gieseker.....	*Nial L. Brainard.....	*Nelson D. Jackson.
Hooper,	72	*Ferry Denslow.....	*Ed Euhling.....	.....
Friend,	73	Frederick C. Hinman.....	.....	.....
Alexandria,	74	*George H. Danforth.....	.....	.....
Frank Welch,	75	Charles C. Callahan.....	.....	.....
Joppa,	76	*James P. A. Black.....	*James P. A. Black.....	*James P. A. Black.
Nelson,	77	Franklin J. Patchin.....	Henry E. Goodrich.....	.....
Albion,	78	*Paul A. Krause.....	.....	.....
Geneva,	79	Mark Butler.....	William S. Brawn.....	Austin C. Shakelford
Composite,	81	*Lucius A. Warren.....	.....	.....
Corinthian,	83	.....	William Park.....	*Cyrus E. Hunter.
Fairfield,	84	James E. Broderick.....	.....	.....
Tyre,	85	.....	John M. Falwell.....	.....
Doniphan,	86	Charles F. Raymer.....	.....	.....
Ionic,	87	David M. Cunningham.....	.....	.....
Star,	88	Thomas R. Ashley.....	.....	.....
Cedar River,	89	.....	Simeon E. Huse.....	.....
Elk Creek,	90	Thomas P. Rogers.....	J. Frank Sneathen.....	*William H. Phelan.
Oakland,	91	.....	William W. Hopkins.....	.....
Beaver City,	93	John T. McClure.....	.....	*Levi H. Corbin.
Garfield,	95	Job J. King.....	.....	.....
Utica,	96	Fred G. Limback.....	.....	.....
Euclid,	97	Julian A. Pollard.....	John T. McKay.....	.....
Republican,	98	Clarence A. Luce.....	.....	.....
Shelton,	99	Walter S. Allison.....	.....	*Spencer E. Phelan.
Creighton,	100	*William L. Turner.....	.....	.....
Ponca,	101	*Alfred E. Barnes.....	.....	.....
Waterloo,	102	*George Johnson.....	.....	.....
Ord,	103	Thomas L. Hall.....	.....	.....
Wymore,	104	*Jacob B. Liminger.....	.....	.....
Stella,	105	*William R. Wyatt.....	.....	.....

* Proxv.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Porter, No. 106	Joseph S. Pedler.....		
Steele City, " 107	*John R. Zweifel.....		John R. Zweifel.
Table Rock, " 108	Caleb R. Judkins.....		
Arapahoe, " 109	John F. Edwards.....		
Pomegranate, " 110	Omer D. Harford.....		
DeWitt, " 111	Leroy J. Cross.....		
Springfield, " 112	James B. Nicholson.....	James W. Crever.....	
Globe, " 113	Peter Rupendall.....	Willis E. Reed.....	
Wisner, " 114	*Jasper L. Rewley.....		Jasper L. Rewley.
Brainard, " 115	John T. McKnight.....		
Harlan, " 116	James Pepperl.....		
Hardy, " 117	James H. Fair.....		
Doric, " 118	J. Frank Longanecker.....		
North Bend, " 119	Michael Dowling.....	*Phillip H. Hielt.....	Clarence H. Walrath.
Wayne, " 120	J. Murray Cherry.....		
Superior, " 121	*William H. Dean.....	William H. Dean.....	
Indianola, " 123	Arthur C. Crabtree.....		
Auburn, " 124	*William Watson, jr.....	William Watson, jr.....	
Mount Nebo, " 125	*William J. Irwin.....		William J. Irwin.
Stromsburg, " 126	Owen W. Barnes.....	Hamilton R. Hardy.....	
Guide Rock, " 128	*Charles W. Corwin.....		
Blue Hill, " 129	*Robert A. Simpson.....	Lewis Waterbury.....	Jotham K. Martin.
Tuscan, " 130	*Dwane L. Sylvester.....		
Scribner, " 132	.....	Edward C. Burns.....	
Elm Creek, " 133	Charles A. Willis.....		
Solar, " 134	*Mads M. Kokjer.....	Mads M. Kokjer.....	
McCook, " 135	Clarence B. Gray.....		
Long Pine, " 136	John S. Davisson.....		
Upright, " 137	William C. M. Shinn.....	Philip Opp.....	
Rawalt, " 138	Neal A. Pettygrove.....		
Clay Centre, " 139	Jacob H. Eller.....		
Western, " 140	Thomas J. Chidester.....		
Summit, " 141	Charles C. Stone.....		
Anchor, " 142	Nathaniel K. Redlon.....		
Crescent, " 143	*Charles W. Balson.....		
Kenesaw, " 144	*Henry E. Norton.....		
Jachin, " 146	*Elias W. Beghtol.....	*Elias W. Beghtol.....	*Elias W. Beghtol.
Siloam, " 147	James A. Rice.....		
Em't Crawford, " 148	James R. Dean.....	Gaylord H. Thorp.....	Augustin R. Humphrey.
Jewel, " 149	Levi H. Mumau.....		
Cambridge, " 150	Ephriam R. Bee.....		
Square, " 151	.....	William T. Craven.....	
Parallel, " 152	Hurley E. Bowhay.....		
Evergreen, " 153	*Charles Gates.....		
Lily, " 154	John O. Walker.....	George W. Bearnese.....	William Rundberg.
Hartington, " 155	Wilson S. Weston.....		*Zwingle M. Baird.
Pythagoras, " 156	*Jacob L. Roll.....		
Valley, " 157	*Charles W. McComb.....		
Samaritan, " 158	John G. Dunn.....		
Ogalalla, " 159	Cornellus S. Horton.....		
Zeredatha, " 160	Walter C. Parker.....		
Mount Zion, " 161	Charles Krumbach.....		
Trestle Board, " 162	Benjamin H. Bailey.....		
Unity, " 163	William E. Hand.....		
Atkinson, " 164	Vernon W. McDonald.....		
Barneston, " 165	Seth S. Ratliff.....		
Elwood, " 167	Burton L. Chambers.....		
Curtis, " 168	Charles B. Compton.....		
Amity, " 169	William N. Ford.....		
Mason City, " 170	Hiram C. Chase.....		*Judson C. Porter.
Merna, " 171	John J. Stanford.....	Frank Jacquot.....	
Grafton, " 172	William A. Combs.....		
Robert Burns, " 173	*Walter S. Ratcliff.....		Walter S. Ratcliff.
Cuibertson, " 174	Wiley S. Cornutt.....		
Temple, " 175	Ausmer C. Tilton.....	Andrew M. Tilton.....	Samuel H. Martin.
Gladstone, " 176	*Clark J. Stevens.....	*James H. Chapman.....	
Hay Springs, " 177	*William B. McQueen.....		
Prudence, " 179	*Edward H. Prudden.....		
Justice, " 180	Carey L. Will.....		
Faith, " 181	.....	William H. Fanning.....	
Incese, " 182	*George W. Phelps.....		
Alliance, " 183	Frank M. Knight.....		

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONCLUDED.

LODGE.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Bee Hive, No. 184	Charles W. Miller	Burton E. Wilcox	
Boaz, " 185	Soren Simonson		
Israel, " 187	Robert L. Downing	Claude B. Coleman	
Meridian, " 188	Samuel E. Rutledge		
Granite, " 189	Charles M. Beck	*Charles M. Beck	James H. Davis.
Amethyst, " 190	Charles M. Fisher		George W. Fitzsimmons
Crystal, " 191			
Minnekadusa, " 192	*William W. Thompson		
Signet, " 193		Charles E. Beaty	
Highland, " 194	*Luther C. Kurtz		
Arcana, " 195	Samuel S. Joice		
Morning Star, " 197	Robert S. Hirsch		
Purity, " 198	Fred A. Hoffmeister		
Gavel, " 199	Clarence A. Capron		
Blazing Star, " 200	Herbert L. Davis		
Scotts Bluff, " 201	Peter McFarlane		
Golden Sheaf, " 202	*James L. Stewart		
Roman Eagle, " 203	John King	John Forrest	
Plainview, " 204	*Harrison Harmon		
Golden Fleece, " 205	Frederick Sudman		
Naphthali, " 206		Thomas Nelson	
Parion, " 207	Henry H. Andrews		*Frank L. Haycock
Canopy, " 209	John C. Current	*William D. Bernier	*Samuel A. Morrison.
East Lincoln, " 210	George E. Bedell	*Frank C. Richards	
Cement, " 211	Samuel McMurray		
Comp. & Square, " 212	James K. Smith		
Square & Comp, " 213	*Erie W. Northrop		
Plumbline, " 214	James W. McKibben		
Occidental, " 215	Jesse Gidley		
Palisade, " 216	Charles J. Wilcox		
Wauwata, " 217	William S. Fisher		
Bloomfield, " 218	James B. Lucas		
Relief, " 219	George A. Gray		
Magnolia, " 220	*Frank Coye		
Woodlake, " 221	David Hanna	*David Hanna	*David Hanna.
Eminence, " 223	John W. Farrand	John W. Hobbs	
Silver Cord, " 224	Hollins S. Rising		
Cable, " 225	John Finch		Howard E. Blowers.
Grace, " 226	*Francis A. Googins		
North Star, " 227	Ray O. Castle	*Harlan E. Don Carlos	Clark W. Beecher.
Bartley, " 228	*Andrew L. Cochran		
Comet, " 229	*Russell D. Bush	*Charles A. Brown	*George A. Stumper.
Delta, " 230	Walter G. Gaines		Henry C. Kiestler.
Mt. Hermon, " 231	Enos M. Shaw		
John S. Bowen, " 232	John W. Lecrone		
Gilead, " 233	Robert Ford		John F. Mason.
Zion, " 234			
Fraternity, " 235	*Frank S. Benker		
Golden Rule, " 236	Lyman G. Wright	Charles A. Coffin	
Cubit, " 237	William Whalen		*John S. Young.
Ithmar, " 238	*John Beal		
Friendship, " 239		William H. H. Baird	
Pilot, " 240	*Lemuel C. Coffin		
George Armstrong, " 241	John Driscoll		
Orion, " 242	William H. Bartz		John B. Wyatt.

*Proxy.

Your committee also reports the presence of Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska from the following Grand Lodges: Arkansas, Samuel W. Hayes, 55; California, David M. McElHinnay, 50; Colorado, Charles J. Phelps, 34; Connecticut, Samuel P. Davidson, 17; District of Columbia, Bradner D. Slaughter, 89; England, George W. Lininger, 3; 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; Michigan,

Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; Missouri, George B. France, 56; New Brunswick, John J. Mercer, 4; New Jersey, James R. Cain, 9; New York, Edward K. Valentine, 7; North Carolina, Robert W. Furnas, 4; North Dakota, John A. Ehrhardt, 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; West Virginia, Frank E. Bullard, 32; Wyoming, Rolland H. Oakley, 19.

On motion of P.: G.: M.: Ehrhardt the committee on Credentials was directed to place the name of Bro.: Jacob F. Roll, Master elect of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 156, on the roll as representative from said lodge. A motion by P.: G.: M.: Wheeler to indefinitely postpone the motion did not prevail.

Bro.: Phelps, 34, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's annual address which refers to communication from the Grand Lodge of Peru, fraternally reports that it has had the same under consideration, and submits the following: In 1897, Grand Master Dam, of Peru, tainted with the spirit of infidelity—so deplorably prevalent in all the Latin-American countries, where it has been said four-fifths of the inhabitants can neither read nor write, and where a large portion of the educated one-fifth are infidels, and where the Holy Bible is nowhere an open book except in Masonic Lodges—in violation of that landmark that requires the revealed word of God to be placed upon the altar, issued an edict abolishing the Bible from the altar throughout his Grand Jurisdiction. When official knowledge reached this country of the action of the Grand Master of Peru, the Grand Master of New York, acting promptly and first in the matter, issued an edict casting off all Masonic relations and recognition of Freemasonry in Peru. The action of the Grand Master of New York was followed by similar action on the part of other Grand Masters and Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Peru, at its subsequent communication, repudiated the action of its Grand Master Dam, and elected a new Grand Master, who promptly issued an edict restoring the Bible to its proper place in all the lodges; and your committee is of the opinion that no action is necessary other than to commend, as we do, our zealous brethren in Peru for their prompt action in maintaining the landmark involved.

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

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 8, 5899.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed time, under direction of M.:W.: Frank H. Young.

Bro.: Evans, 5, submitted the following reports, which were adopted :

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

We, your committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the reinstatement of Bros.: Dickey and Mann, the complaint of Alliance Lodge, No. 183, the appeal of Bro.: Kirby, the appeal of Bro.: Nicholson, the appeal of John C. Currant, and the matter of Lebanon Lodge, No. 58, report as follows :

We recommend that in relation to the reinstatement of Bros.: James W. Dickey and Henry P. Mann, the Grand Master's action be approved.

In regard to the complaint made by Alliance Lodge, No. 183, against Hay Springs Lodge, No. 177, by reason of the invasion of the territory of the former by the latter, we find in favor of Alliance Lodge, No. 83, and recommend that Hay Springs Lodge be ordered to pay, immediately, to Alliance Lodge, No. 183, the fees for the initiation, passing, and raising, of Bros.: Lewis J. Stiehl, Edward J. Schill, and Lee J. Schill, less \$15.00, the Grand Lodge fees.

In reference to the appeal of Bro.: Allen C. Kirby from the action of Amethyst Lodge, No. 190, in the case of Bro.: Milton S. Chappel, we recommend that the appeal be dismissed. We are of the opinion that the condition in Amethyst Lodge, No. 190, should be investigated, and recommend that the matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master for such action as an investigation shall show to be necessary.

In reference to the appeal of Bro.: James B. Nicholson from the action of Springfield Lodge, No. 112, in the case of Bro.: John D. Quinley, we would recommend that the appeal be sustained and that the sentence be the suspension of John D. Quinley from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for the term of one year from date.

In reference to the appeal of Bro.: John C. Currant from the action of Canopy Lodge, No. 209, in case of Bro.: Jacob Ritter, we would recommend that said appeal be sustained and the sentence changed to expulsion.

In reference to the matter of Lebanon Lodge, No. 58, we recommend that the same be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

Bro.: Furnas, 4, made the following report, which was adopted :

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

Your committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge to devise and report a plan by which the memory of Robert Carrell Jordan, our now lamented first Grand Master of this jurisdiction, might be in some

appropriate manner fittingly perpetuated among the craft, has given the matter thought and attention, and hereby submits a report for the careful consideration of this Grand Body.

Your committee has agreed on a bronze medal of the best grade of that metal known. We deem a fine bronze medal preferable to either gold or silver, the same being of "more ancient and honorable" character, and therefore more appropriate for the existing occasion.

The quality of bronze, size, and style of medal, is the same as that used in commemoration of the late Bro.: Albert Pike. The design is a bust of Bro.: Jordan on one side, with his name and date of birth in circle. On the reverse side, the beautiful and impressive Masonic emblem, "A virgin weeping over a broken column," etc., with the words in the outer circle, "A tribute from the Freemasons of Nebraska," with the date of his death.

One thousand of such medals can be had with pin and purple ribbon hanger to each, the same as the Pike medal, for the sum of \$435.00, 43½ cents each. The same medal without the pin and ribbon hanger, for the sum of \$307.00—being a small fraction over 30 cents each. The committee recommend the \$435.00 purchase.

The plan of your committee is to sell these medals to the fraternity, at the sum of \$1.00 each, which is cheaper than such medals are usually sold. The margin between cost and selling price to be paid to the widow of Bro.: Jordan.

As is well known, the committee has no funds at its command by which these medals can be purchased from the manufacturer. It therefore appeals to this Grand Lodge to advance the sum required, to be reimbursed from first sales made. We feel this is the proper thing, under the circumstances, for this Grand Lodge to do.

Your committee submits this report with full confidence that it will meet with that fraternal approval, response, and indorsement, which has ever characterized the brethren of this jurisdiction, and which is so pre-eminently, and appropriately called for in this instance.

Your committee feels that it is not called upon to narrate in this report the many Masonic virtues, work, and devotion to the order in this state, we all so much revere. Bro.: Jordan's impress is on every branch of the Masonic order. Since coming to Nebraska, his whole life, substantially, has been devoted to the upbuilding of Freemasonry. He was the prime mover in the organization of this Grand Lodge, and was honored as its first Grand Master. His work and memory are fresh in the recollection of all conversant with the introduction and history of the craft in the state, and should be perpetuated in the memory of those who, perhaps, know less of him in his latter days.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge, held in the city of his home, it will be remembered by those present that he was in such feeble health as to require the assistance of two brethren to aid in support of a physical condition failing to respond to a last effort to visit the body over which he first presided. This incident more particularly prompted the raising of this committee and the provision of this report, to hold him in grateful remembrance. He has since been called to the "Grand Lodge above." "His work on earth is finished," and our obligations to do him honor should be increased.

Let us trust that the Freemasons of this jurisdiction, through their medium, this Grand Lodge, will find it consistent with both duty and inclination to exemplify in this practical manner a true and living spirit of the order, and for this the committee will ever pray.

To the end that the intent of this report may be executed, your committee offers for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of \$435.00 of the funds of this Grand Lodge be placed at the disposal of this committee with which to purchase one thousand bronze medals, as indicated and provided in this report.

Resolved, That when the medals shall be completed and delivered to the committee, they be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, who shall, by circular, announce to subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction their price and the object of this transaction.

Resolved, That when a sufficient number of these medals are sold, the first proceeds shall be used to reimburse this Grand Lodge for the sum advanced, and the remainder paid the widow of Bro.: Robert C. Jordan.

On motion of Bro.: Crites, 158, Bro.: Robert W. Furnas, 4, was appointed a select committee to circulate a written pledge upon the floor of this Grand Lodge, and elsewhere, for signatures binding the subscribers to take and pay for a specific number of the medals commemorative of Bro.: Robert C. Jordan.

On motion of Bro.: Black, 76, a rising vote was taken of members who pledged themselves to take one or more of the proposed memorial medals of Bro.: Robert C. Jordan, and it was directed that each member so pledging himself should pass to the Grand Secretary his name, postoffice address, number of his lodge, and the number of medals for which he subscribed.

The Grand Master announced the following committee:

On Fraternal Dead—Bros.: Frank E. Bullard, 32; William Cleburne, 3; Albert W. Crites, 158; Walter W. Wells, 34; and George W. Lininger, 3.

The following standing committees having been appointed by the Grand Master, under circular issued May 22, were now called and vacancies therein filled:

On Visiting Brethren—Bros.: Frank M. Tyrrell, 19; Addison S. Tibbetts, 54; George E. Bedell, 210; George T. Nicholson, 25; and George H. Hecht, 204.

On Credentials—Bros.: Henry Gibbons, 46; Vernon W. McDonald, 164; James M. Kennedy, 125; Henry H. Andrews, 207; and Seward L. Mains, 37.

On Accounts—Bros.: Julius Beckman, 15; Webster Jeslyn, 60; Harry E. O'Neill, 148; Frank H. Knight, 183; and Francis O. Dort, 70.

On Charters and Dispensations—Bros.: James Dinsmore, 43; Robert L. Downing, 187; Clarence A. Luce, 98; Joseph S. Pedler, 106; and James B. Nicholson, jr., 112.

On By-Laws of Chartered Lodges—Bros.: Walter W. Wells, 34; Samuel H. Donelower, 32; D. Madison Finch, 53; Clarence B. Gray, 135; and John H. Fowler, 49.

On Ways and Means—Bros.: David M. McElHinney, 50; Michael Dowling, 119; Jacob H. Aller, 139; Thomas L. Hall, 103; and Theodore L. Warrington, 61.

On Relief—Bros.: Melville R. Hopewell, 31; George H. Wells, 34; Omer L. Cox, 194; John T. McClure, 93; and Royal Woods, 178.

On Grievances—Bros.: Robert E. Evans, 5; Robert E. French, 46; Samuel E. Rutledge, 188; John H. Harman, 17; and Peter McFarlane, 201.

On Unfinished Business—Bros.: Henry J. Helps, 6; Wilson S. Weston, 155; John King, 203; and James W. McKibbin, 214.

On Pay-Roll—Bros.: James H. Fair, 117; William E. Hatch, 76; John H. Chapman, 33; Alfred M. Olson, 25; and George A. Gray, 219.

On Returns—Bros.: John J. Mercer, 4; John C. Current, 209; Robert S. Hirsch, 197; Frederick Sudman, 205; and Jesse Gidley, 215.

On Jurisprudence—The Past Grand Masters present, with the Junior as chairman.

On Foreign Correspondence—Bros.: Charles J. Phelps, 34, and Samuel P. Davidson, 17.

On Codification of the Law—Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; Frank G. Simons, 38; and Robert E. Evans, 5.

On Doings of Grand Officers—Bros.: Winfield S. Strawn, 1; Clarence A. Capron, 199; James K. Smith, 212; Charles J. Wilcox, 216; and George H. Hecht, 204.

Bro.: Wheeler, 1, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund be required to furnish bond in such form as the Grand Master may direct, from some approved guarantee company, in the sum of \$5,000, or such additional sum as the Grand Master may direct, to be paid for from the funds belonging to such fund; said bond to be approved by the Grand Master and to be filed with the Grand Secretary.

Bro.: John B. Dinsmore, 49, submitted the report of the committee on Jurisprudence, upon which action was postponed until after refreshment.

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

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 8, 5899.

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment at the appointed hour, Grand Master Frank H. Young presiding.

Bro.: Walter C. Parker, 160, submitted the following, which was referred to the committee on Relief:

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

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 160, now comes and asks that the Grand Lodge release said Zeredatha Lodge, No. 160, from the payment of a portion of their note, loaned to aid destitute brothers of said lodge. They ask the amount of \$200 be credited on said note by reason of failure, as further explained to committee on Relief.

Bro.: John B. Dinsmore, 49, for the committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which was adopted, except that portion relating to decision No. 12, which, on motion of Bro.: Davidson, 17, was recommitted to the committee on Jurisprudence; and (*d*) that portion relating to the changing of the law so as to require the funds of the Grand Lodge to be kept and designated as such, which, on motion of Brother Strawn, was not concurred in. A motion to refer back to the committee on Jurisprudence that portion of the report (*e*) relating to keeping the money of subordinate lodges separate and distinct funds in the hands of their Treasurers, did not prevail:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the several matters hereinafter mentioned, fraternally report as follows:

(*a*) We have had under consideration so much of the address of the M.: W.: Grand Master as refers to his official decisions, and report—

1. We recommend that decisions Nos. 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, and 18, be approved.

2. We recommend that decision No. 2 be modified by striking out the word "void" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "irregular," and by adding thereto the words, "And any Master of a lodge permitting the same is subject to Masonic discipline."

3. We recommend that decision No. 5 be approved, and that the following words be added thereto: "Because a Nebraska lodge may receive and act upon the petition of a rejected candidate from any jurisdiction in which by lapse of time a waiver exists."

4. We recommend that decision No. 6 be modified by striking out the word "may" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "can not."

5. We recommend that decision No. 9 be not approved.

6. We recommend that decision No. 15 be approved, and we further recommend the following amendment to our present law, to wit: "It is un-Masonic for any one to use the emblems of Freemasonry on business cards for any business purposes."

(b) Your committee further reports that it has had under consideration the report of the Grand Master as to his action in accepting for this Grand Lodge the use of additional fire-proof-vault room tendered by the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha, and recommend that the action of the Grand Master be approved.

(c) Your committee further reports that they have considered the action of the Grand Master concerning the official bond of the Grand Treasurer, and find that the official bond as given by the Grand Treasurer was in strict conformity with the present law and the previous direction of the Grand Lodge. But your committee recommend that the Grand Treasurer be required to give bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars and the Grand Secretary in the sum of six thousand dollars, each in some reputable guaranty bond company, to be approved by the Grand Master, and that the expense of such bonds be paid by this Grand Lodge.

(d) Your committee further recommends that the recommendation of the Grand Master as to the amendment of the law so as to require the funds of the Grand Lodge to be kept and designated as such, be not concurred in.

(e) Your committee further recommends that the recommendation of the Grand Master requesting subordinate lodges to make provision for keeping of lodge moneys as separate and distinct funds in the hands of their Treasurers be not concurred in.

(f) We recommend that the action of the Grand Master in the matter of members of Trowel Lodge, No. 71, Unity Lodge, No. 163, and Faith Lodge, No. 171, for selling liquors, be approved.

(g) We have considered so much of the M.:W.: Grand Master's address as refers to communication from the M.:W.: Grand Master of Ohio relating to certain clandestine lodges reported to be in existence within the jurisdiction of Ohio, and recommend that the reported list of such clandestine lodges be printed in our Grand Lodge proceedings, and that where any applicant for visitation from the jurisdiction of Ohio shall present himself, he shall be required to give the name and number of his lodge, and if hailing from any of the said clandestine lodges, he shall be refused admission, and the members of this jurisdiction are prohibited from holding Masonic intercourse with such clandestine Mason.

(h) And we further recommend that the Grand Master forward with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge an order to the Master of each subordinate lodge, directing that such proceedings (tables and tabulated statements omitted) be read in open lodge at the first regular meeting of said lodges after the receipt of said proceedings, and that the Master and Secretary of each lodge be required to certify annually, under seal of the lodge, the com-

pliance with the provision of paragraph 3, section 200, page 57, of our law, specifying the date or dates of such compliance.

(i) We have considered that portion of the Grand Master's annual address, submitting the circular from the Grand Lodge of Washington, the pamphlet and letter from the Grand Lodge of New York, and the special report from the Grand Lodge of Maine, in relation to the so-called negro lodges, and fraternally report that by the action of this Grand Lodge, found in our proceedings of 1877, this Grand Lodge has put itself upon record as against the recognition of clandestine lodges and Masons such as are referred to; that the report on correspondence to this Grand Lodge for the then current year fully sets forth all the material facts of the history of clandestine negro lodges, and the action of the several Grand Masters and Grand Lodges which has been had in reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington. We recommend that the action of this Grand Lodge in 1877 be reaffirmed, and that we earnestly urge upon the attention of the Grand Lodge of Washington its duty to rescind its action had at its communication in 1898.

(j) We have had under consideration that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address with reference to the letter of the Grand Master of Wyoming, referring to the controversy between the Grand Lodge of Washington and its fellows, and suggesting the creation of a supreme tribunal, and fraternally report that we disapprove the suggestion of the formation of a supreme tribunal in the United States as impractical, un-American, and un-Masonic, from an American standpoint.

(k) In the matter of the invasion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kansas by our Superior Lodge, No. 121, your committee recommend that the action of the Grand Master be affirmed; that the \$60 now in the hands of the Grand Master be transmitted to the Grand Master of Kansas, and that if the Grand Lodge fees for the initiation of these brethren have been transmitted by our Superior Lodge, No. 121, to the Grand Lodge, such fees be returned to our Superior Lodge, No. 121, with the recommendation that they be returned by said lodge to the brethren from whom they were collected.

(l) Referring to so much of the address of the Grand Master as refers to the time of election and installation of officers in subordinate lodges, your committee recommends the following amendments to our by-laws:

1st. Amend paragraph 1, section 100, page 28, by striking out the words, "At the regular meeting preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge," and inserting in lieu thereof, "At the last regular meeting in May of each year."

2d. Amend paragraph 2, section 100, page 28, by striking out all after the word "installed" in the first line thereof, and insert in lieu thereof, "During the month of June, and after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge."

We recommend that so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as pertains to the adoption of a "Grand Lodge Register," to take the place of annual returns, be referred to the committee on Returns.

We further recommend that no action be taken on so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as recommends the changing of the close of the fiscal year from March 31st to April 30th.

We fraternally recommend that the action of the Grand Master in arresting the charter of Lebanon Lodge, No. 58, be approved.

We further recommend that the Grand Master for the ensuing year, together with the following brothers—Charles K. Coutant, 11, James R. Cain, 9, John A. Ehrhardt, 41, and Robert W. Furnas, 4—be appointed a special committee to visit and thoroughly investigate the trouble and dissensions which apparently exist among the craft at Columbus, and upon the conclusion of said investigation, the Grand Master shall take such action as the committee may conclude would be for the best interest of the craft, either by returning the charter or permanently retiring said charter; or by granting a dispensation for a new lodge; or any other action. If the charter shall be permanently suspended, then the Grand Secretary, by direction of the Grand Master, shall issue Grand Lodge demits to all members of said lodge who are clear upon the books of the lodge; all property and assets to be turned over to the Grand Master for the future disposal of the Grand Lodge.

During the session the following queries were submitted to the committee on Jurisprudence and answered:

By Bro. Evans, 5: A profane living within the jurisdiction of Ionic Lodge, No. 87 petitioned for the degrees. The petition took the ordinary course, and was acted upon favorably by No. 87. Within the year immediately following the action of the lodge he failed to apply for the E. A. degree, and changed his residence to the jurisdiction of Omadi Lodge, No. 5, and now seeks to have the degree conferred upon him. Should there be a waiver of jurisdiction by Lodge No. 87? What course should be pursued by the applicant and the lodges, all parties desiring to aid the applicant? *Answer:* The applicant has applied to and been elected to secure the degree in No. 87, and thereby becomes the material of No. 87. If now he wishes to become a member of No. 5 he must petition No. 5, and No. 5 must ask No. 87 to waive jurisdiction.

By Bro. Evans, 5: Is it lawful for a Master of a subordinate lodge in Nebraska meeting in Iowa a brother, a member of another subordinate lodge of this state, to acquire by examination a knowledge of the fact that he is a Mason? *Answer:* No, not to the extent that said information can be used for avouchment.

By Bro. Tilton:

_____, KANSAS, December 5th, 1896.
To Whom it may Concern: This is to certify that Bro. _____, who has received the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees through _____ Lodge, No. _____, has been granted the privilege of receiving the remaining degree in any lawfully constituted lodge of Masons.
 _____, W. M.,
 _____, Secretary.

Is the foregoing a waiver of jurisdiction? *Answer:* Yes.

By Bro. Wells, 34: Pending the decision of the committee on Jurisprudence with reference to the matter of Lebanon Lodge, No. 58, what action, if any, shall Acacia Lodge, No. 34, take in regard to the petition now pending before it requesting recommendation for a dispensation to form a new lodge at Columbus, Nebraska, said Acacia Lodge being the one nearest and so required by the laws of this jurisdiction to so recommend? *Answer:* Take no action.

By Bro. Redlon, 142: Some time in 1897 our lodge initiated Edwin E. Haskins. Before he was passed he moved to Jewell, Iowa, and our lodge asked Republic Lodge, No. 468, at Jewell, Iowa, to confer the second degree on Entered Apprentice Haskins and report to our lodge. On April 10th, 1898, said Republic Lodge passed Bro. Haskins, and on April 30th, 1898, raised him to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and September 30th, 1898, they reported their doings to our lodge. In April, 1899, said Haskins asked our Lodge for a demit. Is he our material? *Answer:* Yes.

Referring to the amendment to decision No. 12 of the M. W. Grand Master, we would recommend the adoption of said amendment, so that the decision will read:

The Master, or, in the absence of the Master, the ranking Warden, may at any time invite any competent brother to preside over the lodge, but in this case the brother

so presiding only acts as a proxy of the officer who called him to the East, and should he be superseded by the entrance of a ranking officer, the presiding brother's authority would at once cease.

The following lodges are reported by the Grand Master of Ohio as being *irregular, clandestine, and un-Masonic*:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Location</i>
Alert	Cleveland.	Lincoln	Toledo.
Alliance	Alliance.	Lincoln	Cleveland.
Alpha	Cleveland.	Linton	Cincinnati.
Animan	Newark.	Massillon	Massillon.
Bismarck	Cincinnati.	Mt. Tabor	Chillicothe.
Brighton	Cincinnati.	New England	Worthington.
Columbia	Columbus.	Olentangy	Columbus.
Columbia	Cleveland.	Painesville	Painesville.
Cuyahoga	Cleveland.	Progress	Cleveland.
Dumah	Springfield.	Salem	New Salem.
Eureka	Cincinnati.	Scioto Valley	Portsmouth.
Franklin	Columbus.	Surprise	Olmstead Falls.
Gem City	Dayton.	Summit	Akron.
Globe	Toledo.	Victor	Cleveland.
Hiram	Canton.	Vinton	Galloway.
Independence	Youngstown.	Washington	Cincinnati.
Lessing	Toledo.	West Mansfield	West Mansfield.

There are additional lodges, the names of which are unknown, at Toledo, Springfield, and New Moorefield, Clark county.

Unanimous consent was asked for and granted, to—

Amend Par. 1, Sec. 100, page 28, by striking out the words, "At the regular meeting preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge," and inserting in lieu thereof, "At the last regular meeting in May of each year."

The vote being unanimous, the proposed amendment was adopted.

Unanimous consent was asked for to consider an amendment to the by-laws, as follows:

Amend Par. 2, Sec. 100, page 28, by striking out all after the word "installed" in the first line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof, "During the month of June, and after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge."

Objection being made, no action was taken.

The following requests were submitted to the committee on Relief:

By Bro. French, 46: Continuation of relief to Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, for the family of Harmony Conger, late a member of Plumb Lodge, No. 186, (extinct.)

By Bro. Jacob L. Roll, 156: Remission of the Grand Lodge dues of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 168.

By Bro. Burns, 132: Continued relief to Mrs. Nason, widow of Jesse A. Nason, late a member of Scribner Lodge, No. 132.

By Bro.: Henry H. Andrews, Master of Parian Lodge, No. 207: Relief for the family of Bro.: James A. Pike, a retired member thereof.

Bro.: Burns, 132, asked for the return of \$10.00, paid by Scribner Lodge, No. 132, for special dispensation to elect officers, said lodge having failed to note the change of time made at the last session of the Grand Lodge. Referred to committee on Ways and Means.

Bro.: King, 95, submitted a request for credit of \$10.00 paid by Garfield Lodge, No. 95, for special dispensation to install the Treasurer and Senior Deacon, said amount to be applied on their note to the Grand Lodge.

Bro.: Walter W. Wells, 34, for the committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges, presented the following report :

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to his official acts concerning the by-laws or amendments thereto of chartered lodges, begs leave to recommend that the entire action of approval be sustained.

We further recommend that the refusal to approve an amendment to the by-laws of Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, be not concurred in, and that the amendment as proposed be approved.

Bro.: Strawn moved as a substitute for the report of the committee on By-Laws as to Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, that the decision of the Grand Master be and is hereby approved.

The motion to substitute did not prevail. A motion to adopt the report as presented by the committee was agreed to.

A certified check of the Grand Treasurer for twelve thousand one hundred and forty three dollars and seventy cents (\$12,143.70) was turned over to the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master.

The following requests were referred to the committee on Relief :

By Bro.: Wm. Deles Denier, Canopy Lodge, No. 209, for

return of ten dollars (\$10.00) paid for special dispensation to elect and install the Junior Warden.

By Bro.: Gaylord H. Thorp, 148, for relief of Mary F. Russell.

Past Grand Master James P. A. Black offered the following amendment to the law, signed by six members; unanimous consent for consideration being refused, it lies over one year :

Amend section 111, page 53, "Work," by adding as Par. 9, the following: Every Mason hereinafter raised to the degree of Master Mason shall become proficient therein as required in the former degrees and give proof thereof by examination in open lodge; which fact shall be entered of record. And until such proof is given no such Master Mason shall be allowed to vote or hold office in such lodge or to demit therefrom.

Bro.: Warrington, 61, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported the following, which was adopted :

We, your committee on Ways and Means, recommend the following appropriations, or as much thereof as may be necessary, the expenditures to be made under the direction of the Grand Master :

Postage, telegrams, telephones, express.....	\$300 00
Stationery.....	50 00
Blanks.....	250 00
Incidentals.....	100 00
Pay-roll, as much as necessary.	
Expenses of session of 1899.....	125 00
Chairman of committee on Returns.....	100 00
Grand Master's expense.....	300 00
" " clerk hire.....	500 00
" Treasurer's salary.....	50 00
" Secretary's salary.....	1,800 00
" " clerk hire.....	600 00
" Custodian's salary.....	1,200 00
" " expense.....	500 00
Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund salary.....	5 00
" " " " clerk.....	60 00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100 00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1899.....	650 00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue to lodges.....	500 00
Library, purchasing, binding, etc.....	100 00
Filing cases.....	50 00
Set of working-envelopes.....	30 00
Printing charters for three lodges.....	30 00
Masonic Collectors Association.....	5 00
Grand Lodge office rent.....	200 00
" " " heat and light.....	50 00

Grand Lodge office janitor.....	\$60 00
“ “ “ telephone.....	30 00
Relief: Kent insurance.....	750 00
Printing and binding Vols. V and VI.....	1,000 00
Assistant Tiler services, 1899.....	4 00

We further recommend that a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Lila S. Bowen, widow of our late Grand Secretary, for the sum of \$150, being the unexpended part of the salary due the late Grand Secretary.

In regard to that part of the Grand Master's address relating to commemoration services at the tomb of George Washington, we recommend that no appropriation be made thereto.

We further recommend that the appropriations heretofore made for incidental expenses of the Grand Secretary's office be increased from \$100 to \$150, the aforesaid increase being necessary in order to clean and repair the vault.

We further recommend that the following sums be remitted to the lodges that paid the same: Upright Lodge, No. 137, \$10; Pawnee Lodge, No. 23, \$10; Magnolia Lodge, No. 220, \$10; Steele City Lodge, No. 107, \$10; Samaritan Lodge, No. 150, \$10; Canopy Lodge, No. 209, \$10; Zion Lodge, No. 234, \$10; Scribner Lodge, No. 132, \$10; North Star Lodge, No. 227, \$10; and that \$10 be credited on the note due from Garfield Lodge, No. 95; the foregoing items being for special dispensations issued by the Grand Master.

Later in the session the committee recommended appropriation of \$350, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of purchasing the necessary supplies for putting into use the register-card system, as recommended in the address of the Grand Master.

Bro.. Beckman, 15, for the committee on Accounts, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your committee on Accounts has examined the vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and his report as published, and finds his report correct.

His balance on hand at date of last report—

In General Fund.....	\$7,713 68
In Relief Fund.....	748 90
In Masonic Home Fund.....	3,000 00
Total.....	<u>\$11,462 58</u>

His receipts during the year were in General Fund.....	12,472 41
In Relief Fund.....	1,206 59
Total.....	<u>\$25,141 58</u>

He has disbursed account General Fund.....	\$11,815 51
“ “ “ “ Relief Fund.....	1,182 37
Total.....	<u>\$12,997 88</u>

Balance on hand.....	<u>\$12,143 70</u>
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—for which amount he has handed me his certified check.

On motion of Bro.. Bullard, 32, the compensation of Bro.. King, 30, for services as Tiler at this session was fixed at \$25, and the committee on Pay-Roll was instructed to include this amount in their report.

On motion of Past Grand Master Dinsmore, the Grand Master was instructed to telegraph fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge A..F.. & A..M.. of Iowa, now in session at Mason City.

The Grand Lodge now made choice of the following-named office-bearers, other business being transacted between the balloting :

BRO.: WILLIAM W. KEYSOR, 25	Grand Master.
BRO.: ALBERT W. CRITES, 158	Deputy Grand Master.
BRO.: ROBERT E. EVANS, 5	Grand Senior Warden.
BRO.: NATHANIEL M. AYERS, 93	Grand Junior Warden.
BRO.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, 11	Grand Treasurer.
BRO.: FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6	Grand Secretary.

Later in the communication appointment was made of—

BRO.: JOHN F. POUCHER, 222	Grand Chaplain.
BRO.: WALTER W. WELLS, 34	Grand Orator.
BRO.: JAMES A. TULLEYS, 53	Grand Custodian.
BRO.: FRANK E. BULLARD, 32	Grand Marshal.
BRO.: DAVID M. McELHINNEY, 50	Grand Senior Deacon.
BRO.: JAMES DINSMORE, 43	Grand Junior Deacon.
BRO.: JACOB KING, 3	Grand Tiler.

Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; and Daniel H. Wheeler, 1, committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bros.: Frank H. Young, 207; Frank G. Simmons, 38; and Charles S. Lobingier, 25, committee on Codification of the Law.

Bro.. Weston, 155, submitted the following report; on motion, consideration was postponed until after election of officers:

To the M..W.. Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Unfinished Business reports with reference to the reports of committee on Jurisprudence on decisions 1 and 2 of our Past Grand Master Dinsmore, that in our opinion the minority report of said committee should be adopted, and we so recommend.

Bro.. James Dinsmore, 43, for the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations, to which was referred the petitions for charters and accompanying papers and records of Sincerity Lodge, U. D. C., located at Battle Creek, and of Oak Lodge, U. D. C., located at Oak, would recommend that a charter be issued to said Oak Lodge, under the name of Tyrian Lodge, No. 243; and that a charter be issued to said Sincerity Lodge, under the name of Sincerity Lodge, No. 244; and that the proposed by-laws of each of said lodges be approved as amended by your committee, and that each of said lodges file copy of said by-laws with the Grand Secretary within sixty days from this date.

Your committee further recommends that said Sincerity Lodge be required to file with the Grand Secretary a certificate of the Grand Secretary giving them jurisdiction of William Bates, a Fellow Craft Mason of "Battle Creek Lodge, U. D. C., extinct," raised by said Sincerity Lodge to the Master Masons degree.

Bro. Strawn, 1, invited the Grand Lodge to meet in Omaha in 1900. It was moved that the invitation be accepted. Bro. Pedler, Representative of 106, invited the Grand Lodge to meet in Grand Island, and moved as an amendment, that the next session of the Grand Lodge be held in Grand Island. The amendment did not prevail, the motion to accept the invitation of Bro. Strawn being agreed to.

On motion of Bro. Bullard, 32, and as amended, all lodges that have failed to elect officers in conformity with the change in our law, were permitted to do so, during the present month, without payment of the \$10 for dispensation.

Bro. Strawn, 1, called for a report from the committee on Jurisprudence on the resolution offered by him at the annual communication in June, 1898, on the subject of relief, (see page 5644,) but the committee was unable to report, and the matter was referred to it for report at the next annual communication.

Grand Lodge was now called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY — EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 8th, 5899.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at eight o'clock p. m., M. W. Frank H. Young presiding.

Bro. Williamson S. Summers, 26, Grand Orator, now delivered his oration:

Intellect is the human, sentiment the divine, element in man's nature. Thought raised to the eminence of emotion grows dizzy, then confused. From the emotional nature, as from a bell, the golden tongue of inspiration sends forth its clearest sounds. From it come all impulses, all longings, all aspirations. When the divine element is evoked, the human motor, intellect, is brought to bear upon it. At times it is almost obscured. Then is the spiritual held in bondage to the mortal; then does the pendulum of divinity tick unseen by men, in the dial of eternity; then there is an age of skepticism.

Man may be all feeling as well as all intellect. In the ceaseless cycles of the ages, he occasionally becomes the incarnation of an emotion. Then the emanations from his imagination are to him real; they become the dread picturings of an awful actuality. Then he is driven hither and thither by the servant of fanaticism, superstition. Here, then, is an overweening age of faith. Thus it has ever been — there the opinions of yesterday; here the convictions of today.

The pioneers in the realm of thought have always been followed by the curses of factions. The pilots who have led the human family along the channels of investigation, up to the source of fact, have found their reward in the selfishness of the multitude.

Do you ask, Is it possible? Can this be true? Turn to the world's greatest civilizers. What do you find? Poetry was born in Homer; philosophy was born in Socrates; Christianity was born in Christ. Occasionally God lets loose a thinker with a mind broad enough to startle the world for a time. Then humanity stands as a critic, society begins to speculate, the individual attempts an analysis. The products of genius are held up to the light of investigation. Every investigator assumes originality. He studies nature's pages through an eye-glass stained by his own peculiar moods. Is it any wonder we seldom see the pure-white light of truth? Men could not agree, and old Homer wandered from land to land, homeless, forsaken, alone; chanting the beautiful melodies of undying verse until death touched his tired heart. Men could not agree, and the father of philosophy, the "Sage of Athens," the immortal Socrates, lofty in spirit, mighty in intellect, was compelled to drink the fatal hemlock. Men could not agree, and the lowly Nazarene planted in every breast the flowers of hope; took hold of the world and held it until he marked it with his gentle "Follow me"; enacted the law of love in the Statute Book of God; prayed for frail humanity; saw the gloomy Golgotha; died on the cruel cross.

This tendency was born of unrest; it came from the throbbing pulse of activity centuries ago. It may be said, however, the trend has been up-

ward; the head and the heart have both been touched; the idea of cruelty has fallen as the mind of man has risen. Longing for liberty gave birth to progress. Today progress forces itself upon us as the very verity of existence. We do not stop to think of our origin; we live in the present; we deal with the questions of action. If man *were* born in paradise, it means nothing; if he *were* rocked in the swaying branches of the primeval wilderness, it is of no consequence. The means of his advancement are important; they are developed along the lines of spiritual and intellectual inquiry. Two ideas are essential, faith in God and knowledge of Nature and her laws. The world in its onward struggle has many times been baffled and thrown back on empty longings. It has refused to employ these two elements in their harmonious relations.

The thought of the ages has frequently been run out into promontories. By advancing single ideas to their uttermost nations have failed to develop a civilization that did not have too small a base, consequently that did not fall under a load of investigation and discovery. Egypt, with its lifeless obelisks, its useless pyramids; the magnificent yet more distant Orient; the glory of kingdoms, Babylon; the resplendent land of art; the empire of law; all unite their voices from the pulseless bosom of the past in confirmation of this fatal error.

At one time the religious sentiment of a people was expanded. It was made the supreme directive principle of government and law. Again, by reason of forced substitutions for neglected factors, superstition abounds.

An enduring civilization was thwarted on the one hand by an abnormal and perverted spirituality; another, by the exclusion of the spiritual, went to pieces under the power of a military despotism.

Succeeding such a state of things, it is not strange the people, finding their vitiated religion unsatisfying, finding God would not obey the commands of men, rushed, with reckless contempt for the spiritual, to the opposite extreme, proclaiming their trust in nothing above the material, yet aware they needed something more; denying the existence of a God, yet with forebodings, fearing there may be one.

At one time the church was the most tenable factor of civilization. Again it was lost in material formalism and metaphysics. At one time it was possessed of vital spirituality; again it was dependent upon animal passions and cold intellectuality. At one time there was intellectual revolt; reason was outraged. Again there was spiritual lamentation, faith was ignored. Yesterday many of the world's thinking minds were arrayed in opposition under the banners of religion and rationalism. Today they are throwing off the burdens of exacting observances; discarding vain subtleties of thought; moving forward to a broader, a higher plane—the utilitarian.

Science is the exponent of intellect; religion, of spirit in activity. They are separate in their missions, yet they seek the same end and must be harmonious. When either reaches the extreme where it rejects the other, it becomes a superstition. Science looks essentially to material nature and her laws; religion looks to the ethical relations of men. The one represents as valid an attribute of man as the other. Neither alone is sufficient for

the progress of humanity. Civilization is not all science, nor all religion. Society is not all intellect, nor all soul; it is not all spiritual, nor all material: it is both; it requires the everlasting concord of heart and brain, of church and school.

Let us exult, then, in a logic which binds nature under the dominion of intelligence. It tells the story of widening interests, of industrious manhood. Go to Niagara, look at its awful plunge; look at the rainbow in its spray; you are appalled at the one, entranced at the other. Look again! See the great suspension-bridge; you do not wonder less. Old ocean thunders omnipotence in its billows; a whisper flashes through its awful depths; it is captive. Heaven's stars bring in their beams a message from the infinite; it bids us praise and hope. The telescope searches the eternal spaces with undimmed vision; it makes no feeble answer.

Yet we must exult not the less in the religious sentiment which knows God with intuitional certainty and trusts him forever — the sentiment which, when finite minds are silent before the impenetrable, takes the pinions of faith and wings its way into the realms of goodness; the sentiment which feels and knows something of a force that is, and will ever be the great mystery of the universe.

Again the questions come, "Are you certain?" "Can you demonstrate?" Demonstration can not emphasize certainty. It will be conceded that many propositions are replete with the truth. We know infinity compasses finiteness. Space encircles a universe of suns and widens into boundlessness; time loses itself in eternity; wisdom, power, goodness, love, are culminant in the longings of the soul. The discernible fact of an all continuous, all permeating presence is unexceptional; it is confronted at the first bound of primitive thought, and gathers magnitude and definiteness with expanding knowledge. The nature and essence of an infinite presence is disclosed in the slow unfolding of the ages. To measure the measureless, to fathom the unfathomable, is the incessant activity of the mind; immensity is its arena, eternity is its heritage.

If there is sublimity in the expanse of creation, mind must reveal it. If there is glory in the beam of excellence unalloyed, mind must reflect it.

Whither tends the impulsive flow of modern thought? It is energetic, restless, untiring. The masters of the world's thinking are busy everywhere — in art, in philosophy, in religion, in science. They enter the chambers of buried cities. They walk without a tremor among the marble depositories of the dead. They go down into the deep. They pluck from hidden casements the treasures of scientific certainty. They have solicitude for fact, not theory; reverence for truth, not creed. They seize upon inherent beliefs, rather than the faithless insignia that streams from ensigns. The inquiry is for first principles, first causes, the eternal beams and rafters upon which society rests. The advanced thought of today looks into the human heart, holds sacred converse with the longings, the convictions, the passions within. It spans the interlacing centuries, the yesterdays of history, and asks what was in the unbroken stillness of the past. Yes, more: it turns to what will be, and seeks to penetrate the veil of the Beyond.

If reason is a spark divine, if sincerity is not mockery, the course of

modern thought leads to sublimer truths. It is the boon of today's thinking to demonstrate that no fact is trifling, that truths never clash. If the age is faithful to its mission—if it restores intellect to its intended dignity—the eternities will brighten its imperishable splendor.

We can not disassociate omniscience from a being of exhaustless sensibilities. The God with feeling has knowledge; and were it possible in conception to sunder this unity, the best promptings of the heart can not cherish reverence for passion surging in ignorance. Unbounded intelligence is coincident with the thought of infinite perfection. If we predict disaster as the goal of scientific thought, we embrace one of two opinions: either mind is powerless to hold ideas of nature and God, or a knowledge of universal fact is a calamity to the soul's peace. Fidelity to truth, as far as it is known, is the condition to human happiness; therefore either position is contrary to every experience and intuition of mankind.

The capacity for intelligence—reason, in a word—is humanity's endowment. Bestial instinct discovers heroism and paternal fortitude. Intellect alone lights up the face of man. It places him above the brute. It enables him to look into wisdom's countenance with undimmed vision. Reason is God-given; it is man-exalting. Conscience smites the man who is false to reason. Faith is salutary in the degree that it is intelligent. Intelligence is the basis of belief, the incentive to morality. When hostile passions throbbed in the first tremulous soul religion was born; a fact was recognized, science saw the break of day. Religious science will be the crowning product of the human race.

Yes, religious science! Beside the reality of its demonstrations, how pale are the picturings of superstition's fancy. Superstition populates the sea and the air with monsters; prostrates intellect heartless before the throne of furies inexorable. Intelligent faith lifts the soiled immortelle, discloses friendly forms in wind, wave, and nature's thunderings. Superstition flies before the wrath of an avengeful Juno. Faith was born on Calvary. Credulity rears a pyramid, or stretches to the skies spires of granite masonry. Intelligence erects an altar in the precincts of the human heart and offers heaven love's holiest incense. Credulity fortifies itself with theologies; knowledge exults in truth's simplicities. Intelligence is not a substitute for morality or spirituality. It enhances both; it determines the limits of both.

The most exalted energy of mind is subjective. The fruitage of every science and art is spiritual. Wherever genius places its touch, there a spirit springs from stone or plays on canvas. The subtle traces of feeling, the deep springs of emotion, the conditions of moral blissfulness, are real and knowable. Demonstrated truth of whatever nature is the legacy that is handed down to succeeding generations.

Lift the pall that enshrouds the disfigured ages that are no more; study oblivion's solitude, where old empires sit in sullenness and gloom, in mute memory of delusive ideas too minute for all mankind; see and feel the powers that beat the pulse of civilizations hoary in their remoteness; and what survives? The intelligible facts of art, nature, humanity, divinity, liberty, fraternity.

Gone are the fashionings of pagan idolatry. Buried the potentates who

jested with men's rights and lives, and in ambition's disappointing recompense have sought a name. Gone the opulence of the Orient. Voiceless the oracle of Delphi. Jupiter no longer bolts his thundershafts. Shattered is the Arch, the boasted glory of the Seven Hills. In blank forgetfulness is the cringing crowd that swelled the conqueror's train.

Delusions are fleeting things; ideas that endure are thoughts that are forever true. Demosthenes championed liberty; in liberty Demosthenes lives. Athenian genius fathomed the depth of spiritualized beauty; drew lines of its symmetry; and Athens is immortal. Italy's fame is in principles of eternal justice and the beautiful verse of the pearl-diver in literature, the homeless, forsaken Dante.

O mind! image of the Omnipotent. Truth is thy nourishment, integrity thy guide. In the din of musketry and blade, in the face of pillory and stake, thou hast sustained thy simplest intuitions. From the peak of Mt. Sinai, from the paths of Gethsemane, from the studio of genius struggling for light and liberty, have come the revelations that bless mankind. To the completeness of thine unspeakable end no fact is trivial; all is component of the unbounded fraternity of truth; all is coöperant to the moru when thou shalt rend the band of circumstance and look on knowledge.

The history of the world is not found in the pedigree of kings. The story of a nation is not recorded in great names. Washington is not the father of his country; he is the child of an idea. History is not written in events; it is written in ideas. It is not written in biography; it is written in faiths and feelings. Force is always unfolded before forms are changed. Great facts are the children of great convictions. At the root of all historic innovations there lies a thought. Institutions change when civilization becomes charged with a new idea. Today humanity is pregnant with the spirit of fraternity.

Men are living in the present, for the future. They are living for that culture that comes not from books but from men. Mind leads mind. Association makes character. The market place has made more men than the garret. The touchstone of friendly intercourse is beneficial in its effects. The new civilization is the fruit of brotherly love. Aspirations are kindled among men. Action ripens in the air of society. The nineteenth century has no philosophy equal to "Where two or three are assembled, there will I be in their midst." This is the tendency of today. Men are coming together. Brotherhood is the corner-stone on which the twentieth century will stand. The world of strife and hate has melted away. Standing in the evening of the most wonderful of all the ages with one foot on the threshold of a new century, the living present drinks from the fountain of love. Hate was king; hate is king no more. We have struggled along for thousands of years, but we are in the road at last. Every invention, every discovery, every triumph of peace, every victory of war, rolls another stone away from the sepulcher of love. Every railroad that crosses the land, every ship that plows the sea, every wire that burns the air, tends to draw men closer together. Every genius in the grotto, every soul that lifts its voice in prayer, every spirit at the fountain, pronounces in favor of brotherly love. Do not ask for perfection. You can not expect it yet. All the cen-

turies are crowded into this one; no wonder there is chaos. The ends of the world have come together; of course there is confusion. Science and religion stand face to face; they do not understand each other now. All the philosophies are spread out before us—we do not know which is the best. All the creeds have been forced upon us—hence our skepticism. All the nations have come together. Party strife and feud of faction have circled the world with a horrid din. The very continents are so close together you can almost hear the crash of their granite shores. But the uproar will soon cease. Then we will recognize the divinity of man, the brotherhood of men.

Let the spirit of Masonry set the keystone in the great arch of the new civilization.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered to Bro.: Summers, 26, for his brilliant address, and he was requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Bro.: Fair, 117, submitted the pay-roll amounting to \$3,645; on motion, the report was adopted.

Past Grand Master Dinsmore, 49, submitted the following amendment to the by-laws, signed by fifteen members:

Amend paragraph 2, section 100, page 28, of the law, to read as follows: "The officers shall be installed during the month of June, and after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge."

Unanimous consent being granted for immediate consideration, the amendment was adopted

Bro.: Hopewell, 31, for the committee on Relief, reported on the several matters referred to them as follows:

Recommending payment of five dollars per month, payable quarterly, to Parian Lodge, No. 207, for the relief of Bro.: James A. Pike, a retired member thereof.

Continuance of eight dollars per month, payable quarterly, to Scribner Lodge, No. 132, for the benefit of the family of Bro.: Jesse A. Nason, late a member of said lodge.

Continuance of five dollars per month, payable quarterly, to Emmet Crawford Lodge, No. 148, for the relief of the widow of Bro.: Edwin F. Russell, late a member of said Emmet Crawford Lodge.

Payment of ten dollars per month, payable quarterly, to Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, for the relief of the family of Harmony Conger, late a member of Plumb Lodge, No. 186, so long as their necessities remain the same as at present.

Continuance of ten dollars per month, payable quarterly, to Bloomfield Lodge, No. 218, for the relief of Bro.: Arthur N. Doane, a member of said lodge.

That the application of Zerodatha Lodge, No. 160, for a release by the

Grand Lodge from the payment of a portion of its note of \$500.00 owing to the Grand Lodge be not granted, but that the matter be again presented when said Zerodatha Lodge, No. 160, has paid the balance of its note in full.

That the application for the relief of the family of Bro.: George H. Snell be not granted, the showing made not being sufficient to warrant the granting of assistance.

That the application of Jacob L. Roll, on behalf of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 156, for remission of its Grand Lodge dues for 1899, be not granted.

That the application for relief presented in the address of the Grand Master from the widow of Bro.: Albert E. Fry, formerly a member of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, be not granted.

That the application of Canopy Lodge, No. 209, for the return of ten dollars paid for a special dispensation to elect and install the Junior Warden, be not granted.

That the application for the relief of Bro.: Wilson F. Wadsworth, a former member of Hooper Lodge, No. 72, be referred to the standing committee on Relief of the Grand Lodge for investigation as to the present necessities of the brother, and such relief as the committee deems proper.

The report was adopted.

Bro.: Wheeler, 1, moved that the action of the Grand Lodge in approving the report of the committee on Ways and Means, recommending a return of the \$10.00 paid by Canopy Lodge, No. 209, be reconsidered. The motion did not prevail.

Bro.: Almon J. Ryan, 56, offered the following resolution; not having the necessary number of signers required by the law, no action was taken thereon:

Resolved, That we amend paragraph twelve (12), section one hundred and four (104), of the by-laws found in the Law of Freemasonry of Nebraska, edition of 1895, on page thirty-eight (38) thereof, by striking out the words "one dollar" in the 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 are now.

Resolved, That we amend paragraph ten (10), of section ten (10), of the by-laws, in the fourth line of page eighteen (18), of the Law of Freemasonry, edition of 1895, by striking out the word "eighteen" and inserting "twelve" in lieu thereof.

Bro.: Strawn, 1, submitted the following amendment to the by-laws, signed by seven members; unanimous consent for its consideration being refused, it lies over for one year:

Resolved, That the second sentence of subdivision I of by-law No. 110, relating to subordinate lodges, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Past Grand Master Reese, 59, asked, and it was granted, that the committee consisting of Bros. Reese, 59; Davidson, 17; Ehrhardt, 41; appointed at the last session, (see page 5636,) be continued one year.

On motion of Grand Master Young, the salary for services as Grand Secretary to date was ordered paid to Mrs. Lila S. Bowen.

Grand Lodge was now called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock a. m., June 9, 5899.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 5899.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at nine o'clock a. m., M. W. Frank H. Young presiding; Past Grand Master John J. Mercer, 4, as Senior Warden; Past Grand Master Robert E. French, 46, as Junior Warden; other officers as on the preceding day.

Past Grand Master Furnas, 4, presented the following; asked and was granted unanimous consent for immediate consideration:

Resolved, That John Stevenson Bowen, youngest child of our late lamented Grand Secretary, William R. Bowen, be and is hereby adopted as "the child of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Nebraska;" and that we pledge ourselves to exercise paternal care for his future practical education and welfare, from available means of the "Orphans Educational Fund" of this jurisdiction.

A motion to adopt the resolution was carried.

Past Grand Master Davidson, 17, submitted the following report:

Whereas, The various declarations of this Grand Lodge upon the subject of liquor selling have been explicit and definite, and we do not desire to recede from the positions this Grand Body has always taken upon that subject, but we deem it unnecessary to say more than has been said on the subject; therefore, be it

Resolved. That we simply reiterate the former declarations of this Grand Body on the subject of intemperance and liquor selling.

Second. That the further consideration of both reports of the committee on Jurisprudence made at its session of 1898, relating to this subject, be indefinitely postponed.

Third. That this action shall not be interpreted as an approval or disapproval of the two decisions of the Grand Master then under consideration, and they are hereby withdrawn.

A motion to adopt the report was not agreed to.

The following majority and minority reports of the committee on Jurisprudence found on page 5639, proceedings of 1898, were brought before the Grand Lodge for consideration; after discussion, the majority report, as presented by Past Grand Master Phelps, 34, was adopted:

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the several decisions of the Grand Master, would report upon decisions Nos. 1 and 2, that we have carefully considered the same, and are of the opinion that the views of this Grand Lodge on the liquor question, in all its phases, have been too often announced to require any further pronouncement on the subject. We think this Grand Lodge has clearly stated its position, and that the two decisions under consideration go further than Masonic law or principle demand. We therefore recommend that decisions Nos. 1 and 2 be not sustained.

CHARLES J. PHELPS,
For the Committee.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge:

The undersigned members of the committee on Jurisprudence would respectfully present that they are unable to agree to the other report of the committee upon decisions numbered 1 and 2 made by the Grand Master, and therefore beg leave to report that in their opinion the said decisions of the Grand Master should be approved, and we so recommend. These decisions are the only logical ones that could have been made, consistent with the former utterances of this Grand Lodge.

DANIEL H. WHEELER.
ROBERT W. FURNAS.
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON.
GEORGE B. FRANCE.
MANOAH B. REESE.
JOHN J. MERCER.
JAMES A. TULLEYS.
HENRY H. WILSON.

Past Grand Master Davidson, 17, submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Master in declining to have a steel deck placed in the fire-proof vault which has been used by the Grand Lodge, by reason of kindness of the Masonic fraternity of Omaha in tendering its said use; and his acceptance of the additional vault-room tendered by them, be cordially and fraternally approved and confirmed.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge highly appreciate the truly Masonic spirit which has influenced the brethren of Omaha to offer, for the use of this Grand Body, the additional vault-room referred to by the Grand Master in his address, as well as for the use of vault-room heretofore used through their kindness; and we hereby tender to the Masonic fraternity of Omaha our warmest and most cordial thanks for their magnanimous and beneficent kindness above mentioned.

Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, 41, moved, and it was carried, that a warrant be drawn in favor of Bro.: Jacob H. Culver, 30, for six dollars and eighty cents (\$6.80) mileage and per diem as proxy for the Master of Blue River Lodge, No. 30. Also that a warrant be drawn in favor of Bro.: John H. McMullen, for four dollars (\$4.00) services as assistant Tiler.

On motion of Bro.: Finch, 225, the Grand Secretary was directed to place the name of Bro.: Byrne E. Robinson upon the charter of Cable Lodge, No. 225, as a charter member, providing upon investigation the facts are found as represented.

The following resolution, offered by Bro.: Simmons, 38, was unanimously carried :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge highly appreciates the untiring zeal and fidelity with which the office of Grand Master has been filled during the past year by our M.:W.: Bro.: Frank H. Young, and hereby extends to him our sincere thanks, with assurances of our continual fraternal esteem.

Grand Master Young, 207, offered the following, which was unanimously agreed to :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the brethren of the city of Lincoln for their fraternal hospitality extended to the members during the present session.

Bro.: Frank E. Bullard, 32, asked and was granted time in which to make the report of the committee on Fraternal Dead. Following is the report as made:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

One of the most illustrious Masons the craft has ever known, said, in his lifetime, that "The length of a man's life is not measured by the number of hours during which he breathes, but by his actions, and their value, wherewith he fills those otherwise empty hours."

Again he said, "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world, remains, and is immortal."

And so it is that not until the earthly life is ended, can we determine readily what is mortal and what immortal. Today our brother lives, and, though our brother, yet our lives are sometimes in conflict; our interests clash, and in the heat and passion of our lower natures we lose sight of all save that which is earthly, and overlook that which is heavenly in his spirit and character. Tomorrow the grim reaper, bearing the remorseless scythe of time, cuts the brittle thread, and with that stroke the mortal part is swept away, and the immortal illuminated and glorified. Yesterday, our selfishness, and what we imagined to be his, were in opposition; today it is given us to see his motives, and to realize that his work was largely for others and the world.

Our brethren of Virginia, Alabama, Florida, Kansas, Colorado, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, and Nova Scotia, have been called upon to part, for a while, with those who had been wise Master Builders, and to whom, no doubt, they owe much for their devotion and sacrifice of self; and because we too have been recently called upon to mourn the loss, first of our foundation builder, and then, so soon, the one who for so many years had been building thereon in such a manner that all the world of Masonry admired, we can the more readily sympathize, and mingle our tears with theirs.

Our brethren are dead, we say. But what is death? Is it not the release from care, and sorrow, and disappointment? the end of ignorance, and prejudice, and passion? No; our brethren are not dead; but if we have been taught aright, they have but just begun to live, to know, to feel, and to rejoice in the surpassing beauty of the Celestial Lodge. Oh, the glory of the life to come! Freed from the weakness of the body and the imperfection of the spirit, as we believe it to be with the brethren gone before us, so let us pray that it may, in God's good time, be with us.

The report of the expert accountant on the Orphans Educational Fund was presented.

Past Grand Master Furnas, 4, moved that the report be referred to the incoming and outgoing Grand Masters and Grand Secretary, with power to act for the protection of the Fund. Adopted.

The following preamble and resolution by Past Grand Master Coutant, 11, was adopted:

Whereas, Heretofore there has been organized by this Grand Lodge and by associations of Masons under this jurisdiction, and with the sympathy,

sanction, and support, of the Grand Lodge, funds for educational and charitable purposes. One of said funds, the Orphans Educational Fund, has now reached and passed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, after which it was intended to devote the proceeds, or part thereof, to be used for the purpose intended by its founders; therefore,

Resolved, That a select committee consisting of the M.:W.: Grand Master, M.:W.: Bros.: Mercer, 4; Lininger, 3; Young, 207; and W.: Bro.: Hopewell, 17, be appointed to inquire into the condition of all funds intended for charitable and educational purposes, and to report to the next Grand Lodge such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the disbursement and expenditure of the income derived from the same.

Past Grand Master Lininger, 3, assisted by M.:W.: Bro.: Davidson, 17, now installed the newly chosen office bearers, except the Grand Chaplain and Grand Orator, and due proclamation was made thereof.

M.:W.: Bro.: Phelps, 34, offered the following resolution, which, by a rising vote, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to M.:W.: George W. Lininger, Past Grand Master, for the impressive manner in which he has installed our Grand Officers; making use of apt quotations, with comment and remarks, eloquent and instructive, evidencing the preservation of that earnest zeal which has for many years marked his membership in our fraternity.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro.: Phelps, 34, and ordered printed with the proceedings.

No further business appearing, the Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska closed, and the Grand Marshal so proclaimed. The lodge of Master Masons was closed in ample form at High Twelve.

WILLIAM W. KEYSOR,

Grand Master.

Francis Ell White

Grand Secretary.



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Memory of

Robert Carrell Jordan,

OUR FIRST GRAND MASTER, 1857-8-9.



Born January 18, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825.

Died January 9, A. D. 1899, A. L. 5899.





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William Roberts Bowen,

GRAND SECRETARY, 1872-1899.



Born September 4, A. D. 1836, A. : L. : 5836.

Died May 6, A. D. 1899, A : L. : 5899.



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WILLARD E. WELLS.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.....June 28, 1898
SAMUEL HINDMAN.....	Nebraska,	" 1.....Oct. 27, 1898
WELLS H. SKINNER.....	Western Star,	" 2.....Sept. 21, 1898
EVANDER W. BARNUM.....	Western Star,	" 2.....Dec. 26, 1898
JAMES R. BOYCE.....	Capitol,	" 3.....Apr. 23, 1898
JOHN R. PORTER.....	Capitol,	" 3.....Aug. 17, 1898
JOHN DALY.....	Capitol,	" 3.....Aug. 23, 1898
JOSEPH SHAW.....	Capitol,	" 3.....Sept. 5, 1898
CHAMPION S. CHASE.....	Capitol,	" 3.....Nov. 3, 1898
ALFRED R. DUFRENE.....	Capitol,	" 3.....Dec. 10, 1898
FRANCIS M. ELLIS.....	Capitol,	" 3.....Jan. 10, 1899
JOHN W. GWIN.....	Capitol,	" 3.....Mar. 11, 1899
FRANCIS B. GILMORE.....	Capitol,	" 3.....Mar. 28, 1899
SAMUEL T. POTTER.....	Capitol,	" 3.....Mar. 30, 1899
HENRY D. SNYDER.....	Nemaha Valley,	" 4.....Oct. 8, 1898
PHILIP SEIDENSTRICKER.....	Plattsmouth,	" 6.....May 21, 1898
WILLIAM S. PURDY.....	Plattsmouth,	" 6.....Sept. 13, 1898
PETER M. HALSEY.....	Falls City,	" 9.....Feb. 8, 1899
GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG.....	Covert,	" 11.....Mar. 14, 1899
ADOLPH MEYER.....	Covert,	" 11.....Mar. 16, 1899
CHARLES A. ROEHRIG.....	Covert,	" 11.....Mar. 17, 1899
HERMAN M. MEARS.....	Peru,	" 14.....Oct. 16, 1898
HENRY E. PEERY.....	Peru,	" 14.....Dec. 19, 1898
ROBERT KITTLE.....	Fremont,	" 15.....Nov. —, 1898
BENJAMIN F. PERKINS.....	Tecumseh,	" 17.....May 3, 1898
ROBERT W. MCKEE.....	Tecumseh,	" 17.....May 4, 1898
STEWART MCCONIGA.....	Lincoln,	" 19.....July 4, 1898
AMOS H. MENDENHALL.....	Lincoln,	" 19.....July 10, 1898
MATHEW R. BEMAN.....	Lincoln,	" 19.....Sept. 6, 1898
GEORGE SCOTT.....	Lincoln,	" 19.....Sept. 8, 1898
EARL A. COOLEY.....	Lincoln,	" 19.....Dec. 28, 1898
ROLLA O. PHILLIPS.....	Lincoln,	" 19.....Jan. 9, 1899
CHARLES H. GREEN.....	Lincoln,	" 19.....Jan. 21, 1899
HENRY H. COLEMAN.....	Lincoln,	" 19.....Jan. 28, 1899
HOMER J. WALSH.....	Lincoln,	" 19.....Mar. 7, 1899
OSCAR F. SPENCER.....	Lincoln,	" 19.....Mar. 16, 1899
SAMUEL E. LOW.....	Lincoln,	" 19.....Mar. 28, 1899
BENJAMIN W. RYAN.....	Washington,	" 21.....May 13, 1898
WILLIAM A. BRADLEY.....	Washington,	" 21.....Aug. 31, 1899
FRED TAYLOR.....	St. Johns,	" 25.....Dec. 19, 1898
JULIUS G. MILLER.....	Beatrice,	" 26.....Oct. 20, 1898
JAMES T. ARMSTRONG.....	Beatrice,	" 26.....Jan. 14, 1899
DAVID GUDTNER.....	Beatrice,	" 26.....Mar. 9, 1899

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JOHN T. WELCH	Blue River,	No. 30....July 7, 1898
GASCENDI STUMP.....	Blue River,	" 30....Dec. 12, 1898
ADELBERT B. BONNER.....	Platte Valley,	" 32....Jan. 9, 1899
LOYAL B. STEVENS.....	Platte Valley,	" 32....Jan. 9, 1899
JAMES B. FERGUSON.....	Ashlar,	" 33....May 24, 1898
PHILO H. SHAMBERGER.....	Fairbury,	" 35....Dec. 30, 1898
CHARLES W. LEMASTER.....	Lone Tree,	" 36....Aug. 27, 1898
GEORGE F. REED.....	Lone Tree,	" 36....Oct. 24, 1898
LUTHER H. NORRIS.....	Crete,	" 37....Feb. 2, 1899
EDWARD C. BIGGS.....	Oliver,	" 38....Mar. 8, 1899
JOHN R. J. APPLEBY.....	Northern Light	" 41....Jan. 20, 1899
JAMES K. WHITEMAN.....	Harvard,	" 44....July 22, 1898
HORACE J. MACK.....	Rob Morris,	" 46....July 13, 1898
CHARLES AYER.....	Rob Morris,	" 46....Sept. 11, 1898
HANS P. LOFT.....	Rob Morris,	" 46....Oct. 2, 1898
CARY A. BORDERS.....	Rob Morris,	" 46....Jan. 18, 1899
FRED C. MATTESON.....	Evening Star,	" 49....July 16, 1898
WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN.....	Hastings,	" 50....Dec. 17, 1898
CLARK S. BENNETT.....	Charity,	" 53....June 22, 1898
GEORGE W. KNIGHT.....	Charity,	" 53....Sept. 20, 1898
JOHN McMANIGAL.....	Lancaster,	" 54....July 12, 1898
RUSH D. DANIEL.....	Mosaic,	" 55....Oct. 25, 1898
ELON GRANGER.....	York,	" 56....Dec. 25, 1898
JONATHAN T. GHREIST.....	Mt. Moriah,	" 57....Oct. 6, 1898
JULIUS RASMUSSEN.....	Lebanon,	" 58....June 1, 1898
JOHN D. BREWER.....	Lebanon,	" 58....June 24, 1898
MADISON W. STUCKEY.....	Thistle,	" 61....June 28, 1898
GEORGE LITTLE, SR.....	Thistle,	" 61....Dec. 28, 1898
ROBERT B. PIERCE.....	Thistle,	" 61....Jan. 10, 1899
JAMES W. ALLEN.....	Keystone,	" 62....Feb. 18, 1899
BENJAMIN B. HILLS.....	Osceola,	" 65....June 18, 1898
RUFUS ELMER.....	Osceola,	" 65....Jan. 10, 1899
JOSEPH X. HUFFINGTON.....	Aurora,	" 68....May 24, 1898
GEORGE W. GRIMES.....	Sterling,	" 70....May 10, 1898
JAMES H. STEVENSON.....	Trowel,	" 71....July 30, 1898
GEORGE W. HEIST.....	Frank Weld	" 75....Nov. 27, 1898
JOHN HUTCHINSON.....	Joppa,	" 76....Nov. 28, 1898
DANIEL MINER.....	Nelson,	" 77....July 27, 1897
THEODORE R. YOUNG.....	Albion,	" 78....Oct. 16, 1898
SAMUEL FOX.....	Albion,	" 78....Jan. 7, 1899
WILSON S. JOLLY.....	Albion,	" 78....Mar. 16, 1899
LEONIDAS STEPHENSON.....	Geneva,	" 79....Dec. 5, 1898
LYMANN PORTER.....	Fairfield,	" 84....Dec. 2, 1898

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JAMES M. FARLEY.....	Fairfield,	No. 84.... Feb. 28, 1899
WILLIAM CHENNOWETH.....	Hubbell,	" 92....
THOMAS J. MAYO.....	Beaver City,	" 93.... July 2, 1898
WILLIAM J. WATKINS.....	Creighton,	" 100.... Aug. 16, 1898
GEORGE E. CHENEY.....	Creighton,	" 100.... Sept. 15, 1898
HENRY E. CHARLES.....	Creighton,	" 100.... Oct. 29, 1898
WILLIAM A. WILSON.....	Porter,	" 106.... May 5, 1898
CHARLES GAREY.....	Arapahoe,	" 109.... Jan. 23, 1899
THOMAS H. AKERS.....	Superior,	" 121.... July 7, 1898
DAVID CAMPBELL.....	Auburn,	" 124.... Aug. 6, 1898
WILLIAM E. NICHOLL.....	Stromsburg,	" 126.... Feb. 27, 1899
HARVEY WAYMIRE.....	Western,	" 140.... Feb. 27, 1899
DANIEL BENSON.....	Anchor,	" 142.... Feb. 2, 1899
ANDREW H. RUNYON.....	Siloam,	" 147.... Nov. 15, 1898
JOSEPH W. SALISBURY.....	Emmet Crawford,	" 148.... Mar. 3, 1899
HENRY J. WALSWORTH.....	Cambridge,	" 150.... June 4, 1898
CHARLES W. KNIGHTS.....	Cambridge,	" 150.... Feb. 15, 1899
JAMES D. WATSON.....	Pythagoras,	" 156.... Mar. 15, 1899
WILLIAM E. MILLER.....	Samaritan	" 158.... Dec. 12, 1898
JAMES W. MCSAY.....	Ogalalla,	" 159....
WILLIAM J. PEMBERTON.....	Zeredatha,	" 160.... Nov. 30, 1898
SIRREL L. BURLINGAME.....	Mt. Zion,	" 161.... Jan. 15, 1899
SILAS H. BUNN.....	Trestle Board	" 162.... Dec. 26, 1898
ROBERT BLACKBURN.....	Atkinson,	" 164.... June 20, 1898
CHARLES E. BUTLER.....	Atkinson,	" 164.... Dec. 15, 1898
JACOB F. CUMMINGS.....	Amity,	" 169.... Jan. 10, 1899
EUGENE THOMAS.....	Mason City,	" 170.... Jan. 25, 1899
DAVID M. ROLLAND.....	Prudence,	" 179.... May 22, 1898
WILLIAM. R. STUMP.....	Faith,	" 181.... July 16, 1898
JOHN T. ENSLOW.....	Incense,	" 182.... Jan. 26, 1899
JOHN T. KARR.....	Meridian,	" 188.... Jan. 4, 1899
JAMES C. MORRISON.....	Arcana,	" 195.... Nov. 6, 1898
EDWARD THORNTON.....	Scotts Bluffs,	" 201.... Dec. 19, 1898
GEORGE H. TURPIN.....	Roman Eagle,	" 203.... Sept. 30, 1898
JACOB KIEFER.....	Golden Fleece,	" 205.... July —, 1898
DAVID U. BLACK.....	Occidental,	" 215.... Sept. 16, 1898
WILLIAM W. FISHER.....	Wauneta,	" 217.... May 10, 1898
WILLIAM MERTEN.....	Magnolia,	" 220.... Nov. 7, 1898
JOHN J. FALLON.....	Grace,	" 226.... Jan. 4, 1899
JOHN W. SHRODE.....	Delta,	" 230.... Jan. 29, 1899
EDWARD OSMON.....	Delta,	" 230.... Feb. 28, 1899
THOMAS V. BRAITHWAITE.....	Gilead,	" 233.... Sept. 24, 1898
EDWIN LOCKE.....	Golden Rule,	" 236.... Nov. 16, 1898

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Robert C. Jordan.....	1857-58-59	Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City.....	1882
*George Armstrong.....	1860-61-62	Samuel W. Hayes, Norfolk.....	1883
Daniel H. Wheeler, Omaha.....	1863-64	John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 97 Bell avenue.....	1884
Robert W. Furnas, Brownville.....	1865-66	Manoah B. Reese, Lincoln.....	1885
*Orsamus H. Irish.....	1867-68	Charles K. Coutant, Omaha.....	1886
Harry P. Deuel, Omaha, 1902 Dodge street.....	1869-70	Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C.....	1887
William E. Hill, Los Angeles, Cal.....	1871-72	George B. France, York.....	1888
Martin Dunham, Omaha.....	1873	John J. Mercer, Omaha.....	1889
*Frank Welch.....	1874	Robert E. French, Kearney.....	1890
*Alfred G. Hastings.....	1875	Bradner D. Slaughter, Lincoln.....	1891
George H. Thummel, Grand Island.....	1876	Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh.....	1892
George W. Lininger, Omaha, 1801 Daven- port street.....	1877	James P. A. Black, Bloomington.....	1893
Edward K. Valentine, West Point.....	1878	John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton.....	1894
Rolland H. Oakley, Lincoln.....	1879	Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln.....	1895
James A. Tulleys, Red Cloud.....	1880	Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.....	1896
James R. Cain, Falls City.....	1881	John B. Dinsmore, Sutton.....	1897
		Frank H. Young, Broken Bow.....	1898

* Deceased.

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

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama.....	Palmer J. Pillans.....	Belknap.....	June 6, 1892.
Arizona.....	Alonzo Bailey.....	Globe.....	June 6, 1892.
Canada.....	William Roaf.....	Toronto.....	July 12, 1899.
Colorado.....	Calvin E. Reed.....	Denver, 1320 Gaylord St.....	Oct. 8, 1897.
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.
Florida.....	Thomas M. Puleston.....	Monticello.....	Nov. 26, 1898.
Georgia.....	Francis A. Johnson.....	Rome.....	Apr. 19, 1899.
Idaho.....	William Hull.....	Montpelier.....	Nov. 24, 1898.
Indian Territory	David C. Blossom.....	Atoka.....	June 6, 1892.
Iowa.....	Richard J. Crouch.....	Dewitt.....	Mar. 18, 1892.
Ireland.....	John Gordon.....	Dublin.....	June 28, 1899.
Kansas.....	Charles E. Cory.....	Fort Scott.....	Nov. 17, 1893.
Kentucky.....	Lorenzo D. Croninger.....	Covington.....	Feb. 20, 1892.
Louisiana.....	George H. Pabst.....	New Orleans.....	Nov. 2, 1897.
Maine.....	Edward P. Burnham.....	Saco.....	Apr. 4, 1892.
Manitoba.....	Richard Dennis Foley.....	Manitou.....	Nov. 13, 1890.
Maryland.....	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore, Brown's Wharf.....	Mar. 25, 1893.
Minnesota.....	Jeremiah E. Finch.....	Hastings.....	June 6, 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.....	Rnton.....	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.....	Jas. W. Robbins.....	Philadelphia, Merion P. O.....	Apr. 4, 1892.
Quebec.....	William M. Le Mesurier.....	Montreal.....	Oct. 31, 1899.
South Carolina..	Augustine T. Smythe.....	Charleston.....	Feb. 20, 1892.
Tennessee.....	Isaac J. Thurman.....	McWinnville.....	Apr. 19, 1899.
Utah.....	Abbot R. Haywood.....	Ogden.....	Feb. 20, 1892.
Vermont.....	William Brinsmaid.....	Burlington.....	June 6, 1892.
Virginia.....	Etheldred L. Turner.....	Emporia.....	Apr. 4, 1892.
West Virginia..	James McCahon.....	Wheeling.....	Apr. 19, 1899.
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	Thornton B. Myers, 51.....	David City	Nov. 24, 1896.
Arizona	Lewis A. Kent, 127.....	Minden	Jan. 4, 1891.
Arkansas	Samuel W. Hayes, 55.....	Norfolk	Mar. 6, 1878.
Brit. Columbia	William Adair, 5.....	Dakota City.....	May 12, 1874.
California	David M. McElhinney, 50.....	Hastings	Nov. 17, 1890.
Canada	James Gilbert, 3.....	Omaha	June 2, 1890.
Colorado	Charles J. Phelps, 34.....	Schuyler	Oct. 8, 1890.
Connecticut.....	Samuel P. Davidson, 17.....	Tecumseh.....	Oct. 10, 1889
Delaware.....	Joseph L. Edwards, 23.....	Pawnee City.....	Feb. 17, 1894.
Dist. Columbia.....	Bradner D. Slaughter, 89.....	Lincoln	Oct. 22, 1890.
England.....	George W. Lininger, 3.....	Omaha	June 23, 1883.
Florida.....	Julius Beckman, 15.....	Fremont	Sept. 27, 1899.
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.....			
Ireland.....	William Cleburne, 3.....	Omaha	Dec. 7, 1890.
Kansas.....	James P. A. Black, 76.....	Bloomington.....	Nov. 21, 1893.
Kentucky.....			
Louisiana.....	Albert W. Crites, 158.....	Chadron.....	Nov. 6, 1890.
Maine.....	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25.....	Omaha	Oct. 15, 1890.
Manitoba.....	*Job J. King.....	O'Neill.....	
Maryland.....	*Henry Gibbins, 46.....	Kearney.....	
Michigan.....	Daniel H. Wheeler, 1.....	Omaha	June 10, 1891.
Minnesota.....	William W. Keyser, 25.....	Omaha	Sept. 4, 1899.
Mississippi.....	John M. Burks, 19.....	Lincoln	Dec. 31, 1899.
Missouri.....	George B. France, 56.....	York	June 25, 1888.
Montana.....	*John J. Mercer, 4.....	Omaha	
Nevada.....	John B. Dinsmore, 49.....	Sutton.....	Sept. 6, 1899.
New Brunswick	*Addison S. Tibbets, 54.....	Lincoln	
New Hampshire.....	Frank W. Hayes, 15.....	Fremont	Feb. 8, 1870.
New Jersey.....	James R. Cain, 9.....	Falls City.....	Sept. 24, 1878.
New Mexico.....	Henry E. Palmer, 6.....	Omaha	Apr. 25, 1870.
New York.....	Edward K. Valentine, 27.....	West Point.....	Feb. 11, 1899.
North Carolina.....	*Melville R. Hopewell, 31.....	Tekamah.....	Sept. 27, 1899.
North Dakota.....	John A. Ehrhardt, 41.....	Stanton.....	Aug. 1, 1890.
Nova Scotia.....	Henry H. Wilson, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 26, 1892.
Ohio.....	Robt. W. Furnas, 4.....	Brownville.....	Sept. 10, 1869.
Oregon.....	Henry Brown, 3.....	Omaha	Dec. 23, 1869.
P. Edward 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.....	Lincoln	Mar. 30, 1885.
Tennessee.....	Francis E. White, 6.....	Plattsmouth.....	June 29, 1888.
Texas.....	Martin Dunham, 3.....	Omaha	Feb. 22, 1876.
Utah.....	Robert E. French, 46.....	Kearney.....	May 4, 1888.
Vermont.....	*Frank H. Young, 207.....	Broken Bow.....	
Virginia.....	*John S. Davison, 136.....	Long Pine.....	
Washington.....	Charles A. Holmes, 17.....	Tecumseh.....	Feb. 15, 1877.
West Virginia.....	*Frank M. Knight, 183.....	Alliance.....	
Wisconsin.....	Robert E. Evans, 5.....	Dakota City.....	Sept. 13, 1890.
Wyoming.....	Rolland H. Oakley, 19.....	Lincoln	Mar. 7, 1877.

* Recommended for appointment; commission not yet received.

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

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	H. Clay Armstrong	Montgomery.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Br. Columbia	Walter J. Quinlan	Victoria.
California	George Johnson	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada	John J. Mason	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmelee	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benjamin F. Bartram	Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia	William R. Singleton	Masonic Temple, Washington.
England	Edward Letchworth	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	William A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Theophilus W. Randall	Boise City.
Illinois	Joseph H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Henry E. Flavelle, Dep'y	Dublin.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	William G. Scott	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medalry	5 Howard St., Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	510 Pine St., St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	1608 Capital Av., Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	120 Prince William St., St. John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	Masonic Hall, New York.
New So. Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sidney
New Zealand	William Ronaldson	Christ Church.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	William Ross	Halifax.
Ohio	Jacob H. Bromwell	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Pr. Edward Isl.	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau.
So. Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Houston.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington.
Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Charleston.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	William L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Acacia, 34.
 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, 195.
 Ark and Anchor, 131. (ext.)
 Armada, U. D., (extinct.)
 Ashland, 18, (extinct.)
 Ashlar, 33.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.
 Baneroff, 145.
 Bannack City, U. D., (ext.)
 Barnston, 165.
 Bartley, 228.
 Battle Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver, U. D., (173.)
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Valley, U. D., (230.)
 Bell Creek, U. D., (241.)
 Benkleman, U. D., (180.)
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Bennett, 94.
 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., (ext.)
 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., (230.)
 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.
 De Witt, 144.
 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.
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 Gladstone, 176.
 Globe, 113.
 Golden Fleece, 205.
 Golden Rule, 236.
 Golden Sheaf, 202.
 Grace, 226.
 Grafton, 172.
 Grant, U. D., (34.)
 Grant, U. D., (186.)
 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.
 LaFayette, 24, (extinct.)
 Lancaster, 54.
 Landmark, 222.
 Lebanon, 58.
 Leigh, U. D., (193.)
 Level, 196.
 Liberty, U. D., (152.)
 Lily, 154.
 Lincoln, 19.
 Livingstone, 66.
 Lone Tree, 36.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Loup Fork, U. D., (8, ext.)
 Mackey, U. D., (241.)
 Macey, 22, (extinct.)
 Magic City, U. D., (184.)
 Magnolia, 220.
 Mason City, 170.
 McCook, 135.

- 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.

 Naphthali, 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.
 Ohioa, U. D., (182.)
 Oliver, 38.
 Omadi, 5.
 Ord, 103.
 Orient, 13.
 Orion, 242.
 Oriona, 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.
 Plattsburgh, 6.
 Plumb, 186., (extinct.)

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

 Rawalt, 138.
 Relief, 219.
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 Reynolds, U. D., (160.)
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 Riverton, 63.
 Robert Burns, 173.
 Rob Morris, 46.
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 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred.)
 Roman Eagle, 203.

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 Salem, 47, (extinct.)
 Saline, U. D., (73.)
 Saline, U. D., (118.)
 Saline, U. D., (161.)
 Samaritan, 158.
 Scotia, U. D., (191.)
 Scotts Bluff, 201.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seward, U. D., (38.)
 Shelby, U. D., (161.)
 Shelton, 99.
 Schickley, U. D., (178.)
 Signet, 193.
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 Star, 88.
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 Stella, 105.
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 Stockville, U. D., (196.)
 Stromsburg, 126.

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 Table Rock, 108.
 Talmage, U. D., (162.)
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
 Temple, U. D., (5.), (ext.)
 Temple, 175.
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 Tobias, U. D., (142.)
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 Valentine, U. D., (113.)
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 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.
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 Wymore, 104.
 Wyoming, 28, (transferred.)

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 Zeredatha, U. D., (98.)
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 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, (Tilden P. O.)
 Burwell, 200.
 Butte, 233.
 Callaway, 207.
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 Ceresco, 229.
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 Clarks, 134.
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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 and Third 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 23, 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 23, 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.

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LODGE.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	CREATED.	CHARTERED.	
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 ○	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 ○	Dec. 16, 72	June 18, 73
Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 20, 73	June 18, 73
Juniata,	" 42	Juniata	Adams	Monday on or before ○	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 ○	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 ○	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 ○	Jan. 19, 74	June 26, 74
Hiram,	" 52	Arlington	Washington	Saturday on or before ○	Feb. 26, 74	June 26, 74
Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud	Webster	Friday on or before ○	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	Last Friday	Oct. 1, 74	June 23, 75
Mount Moriah,	" 57	Syracuse	Otoe	Thursday on or before ○	Nov. 7, 74	June 23, 75
Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus	Platte	Second Wednesday	Dec. 7, 74	June 23, 75
50 Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	Jan. 20, 75	June 23, 75
Melrose,	" 60	Orleans	Harlan	Saturday on or before ○	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 ○	Jan. 1, 76	June 21, 76
Riverton,	" 63	Riverton	Franklin	Thursday on or before ○	Dec. 22, 75	June 21, 76
55 Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber	Saline	Tuesday on or before ○ *	Oct. 6, 76	June 20, 77
Osceola,	" 65	Osceola	Polk	Saturday on or before ○	Nov. 23, 76	June 20, 77

*And two weeks thereafter.

	Livingstone,	No. 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 ○	Mar. 19, 78 . . .	June 25, 79
	Friend,	" 73	Friend	Saline	Wednesday on or before ○	May 4, 78	June 25, 79
	Alexandria,	" 74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Monday . . .	Dec. 23, 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 ○	Mar. 29, 79 . . .	June 25, 79
	Nelson,	" 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	Saturday on or before ○	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 ○*	Nov. 24, 79 . . .	June 23, 80
70	Composite,	" 81	Rising City	Butler	Tuesday on or before ○	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 ○	April 23, 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 ○	Jan. 7, 81	June 22, 81
	Ionic,	" 87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before ○	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 ○	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 ○	May 3, 82	June 19, 83
	Bennett,	" 94	Bennett	Lancaster	Tuesday on or before ○	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 ○	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 ○	July 27, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
	Shelton,	" 99	Shelton	Buffalo	Friday on or before ○	July 28, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
	Creighton,	" 100	Creighton	Knox	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 19, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
90	Ponca,	" 101	Ponca	Dixon	Friday on or before ○	Sept. 1, 82	June 19, 83
	Waterloo,	" 102	Waterloo	Douglas	Tuesday on or before ○	Sept. 7, 82	June 19, 83

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LODGE.		TOWN.	COUNTY.	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.	CREATED.	CHARTERED.
	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 Wednesday on or before ○ ..	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

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	Elm Greek,	No. 133	Elm Greek....	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
	Clay Centre,	" 139	Clay Centre	Clay	First and third Saturday	Dec. 6, 84	June 24, 85
	Western,	" 140	Western	Saline	Wednesday on or before ○ *	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	Monday on or before ○	Jan. 24, 85	June 24, 85
	Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw	Adams	Friday on or before ○	Jan. 28, 85	June 24, 85
	Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft	Cuming	Second and fourth Wednesday	Feb. 25, 85	June 24, 84
	Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Mar. 31, 85	June 17, 86
135	Siloam,	" 147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or after ○	Apr. 30, 85	June 17, 86
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow	Custer	Saturday on or before ○	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 ○	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 ○	Nov. 20, 85	June 17, 86
	Evergreen,	" 153	Pierce	Pierce	Tuesday on or before ○ *	Nov. 27, 85	June 17, 86
	Lily,	" 154	Davenport	Thayer	Friday on or before ○	Nov. 28, 85	June 17, 86
	Hartington,	" 155	Hartington	Cedar	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 26, 86	June 17, 86
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing	Holt	Saturday on or before ○	Oct. 24, 86	June 16, 87
145	Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Saturday on or after ○	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 ○	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 before ○	Aug. 25, 86	June 16, 87
150	Trestle Board,	" 162	Brook	Nemaha	Saturday on or before ○	Oct. 9, 86	June 16, 87
	Unity,	" 163	Greenwood	Cass	Friday on or before ○	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 ○	Aug. 20, 86	June 21, 88
	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Burnett	Madison	Thursday on or before ○	Feb. 18, 87	June 21, 88
155	Elwood,	" 167	Elwood	Gosper	Saturday on or before ○	June 21, 87	June 21, 88

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Curtis,	No. 168	Curtis.....	Frontier....	First and third Monday.....	June 21, 87....	June 21, 88
Amity,	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan....	Saturday on or before ○.....	July 29, 86....	June 21, 88
Mason City,	" 170	Mason City....	Custer.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Aug. 1, 87....	June 21, 88
Merna,	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	Saturday on or after ○.....	Aug. 2, 87....	June 21, 88
160 Grafton,	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore....	Wednesday on or before ○*....	Oct. 18, 87....	June 21, 88
Robert Burns,	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock...	First and third Saturday.....	Nov. 15, 87....	June 21, 88
Culbeatson,	" 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 ○.....	Feb. 18, 88....	June 21, 88
165 Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs..	Sheridan....	Monday on or before ○.....	Feb. 20, 88....	June 21, 88
Hesperia,	" 178	Shickley.....	Fillmore....	Friday on or before ○.....	Jan. 11, 88....	June 20, 89
Prudence,	" 179	Beaver Cross'g.	Seward.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Aug. 24, 88....	June 20, 89
Justice,	" 180	Benkelman....	Dundy.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Oct. 8, 88....	June 20, 89
Faith,	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	Dec. 13, 88....	June 20, 89
170 Incense,	" 182	Ohiowa.....	Fillmore....	Friday on or before ○.....	Dec. 21, 88....	June 20, 89
Alliance,	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte...	Thursday on or before ○.....	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 ○....	Jan. 24, 89....	June 20, 89
Israel,	" 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before ○.....	Feb. 2, 89....	June 20, 89
175 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 ○.....	Aug. 7, 89....	June 20, 90
Miunekadusa,	" 192	Valentine....	Cherry.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	Aug. 15, 89....	June 20, 90
180 Signet,	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	Friday on or before ○.....	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 ○.....	Nov. 1, 89....	June 20, 90
Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham.....	York.....	Friday on or before ○.....	Dec. 16, 89....	June 20, 90

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185	Purity,	No. 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	Friday on or before ○	Dec. 24, 89	June 20, 90
	Gavel,	" 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	Tuesday on or before ○	July 20, 89	June 18, 91
	Blazing Star,	" 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	Thursday on or after ○	Aug. 5, 90	June 18, 91
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.	First Saturday.....	Aug. 8, 90	June 18, 91
	Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	Monday on or before ○	Aug. 29, 90	June 18, 91
190	Roman Eagle,	" 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
	Naphthali,	" 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	Second and fourth Tuesday	Dec. 31, 90	June 18, 91
	Parian,	" 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	Thursday on or before ○	Jan. 31, 91	June 18, 91
195	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 Monday.....	Nov. 5, 91	June 16, 92
	Cement,	" 211	Wood River.....	Hall.....	Thursday on or after ○	Nov. 27, 91	June 16, 92
	Compass and Square,	" 212	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	Tuesday on or before ○	Dec. 12, 91	June 16, 92
200	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
	Wauneta,	" 217	Wauneta.....	Chase.....	First and third Thursday	Dec. 7, 92	June 15, 93
205	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
	Landmark,	" 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	Tuesday on or before ○	Mar. 1, 93	June 21, 94
210	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
	North Star,	" 227	University Place	Lancaster.....	First Wednesday.....	July 28, 94	June 13, 95
215	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 Harmon,	" 231	Cook.....	Johnson.....	Wednesday on or before ○	Dec. 19, 94	June 13, 95
	John S. Bowen,	" 232	Kennard.....	Washington.....	Thursday on or before ○	Feb. 6, 95	June 13, 95

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LODGE.		TOWN.	COUNTY.	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.	CREATED.	CHARTERED.
220 Gilead,	No. 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.....	Wednesday on or before ○...	Aug. 2, 95....	June 10, 96
Golden Rule,	" 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	Thursday on or before ○...	Aug. 3, 95....	June 10, 96
Cubit,	" 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before ○...	Aug. 9, 95....	June 10, 96
225 Ithmar,	" 238	Crab Orchard.	Johnson.....	Monday on or before ○.....	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
Orion,	" 242	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	Second and fourth Friday...	Mar. 31, 97....	June 16, 98
320 Tyrian,	" 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls.....	First and third Wednesday...	Aug. 24, 1898..	June 8, 99
Sincerity,	" 244	Battle Creek..	Madison.....	Second and fourth Friday...	Feb. 18, 1899..	June 8, 99

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LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.
Nebraska,	No. 1	William S. Heller.....	George A. Day.....	Fred J. Sackett.....	William C. McLean.
Western Star,	" 2	Detrich W. Schminke.	George M. Murdock...	J. Austin Haggard...	Milton R. Thorp.
Capitol,	" 3	Charles A. Dunham...	John H. Chapman...	Charles E. Bedwell...	John Bamford.
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Charles H. Gilmore....	D. Callie McIninch....	Wilber Roy.....	S. Ott McIninch.
5 Omadi,	" 5	Melford A. Schmied...	Frank S. Macomber...	Frank F. Haase.....	Henry J. Hapeman.
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Henry J. Helps.....	Adam Kurtz.....	Michael Archer.....	Joseph F. Lake.
Falls City,	" 9	Frank C. Wiser.....	Edwin S. Jones.....	C. Frank Reavis.....	Amos E. Gantt.
Solomon,	" 10	Elias H. Clark.....	Thomas A. Reed.....	Anton Michelsen.....	Carl H. L. Feldhusen.
Covert,	" 11	James W. Maynard...	J. Elmer Anderson...	Luther B. Hoyt.....	Eben K. Long.
10 Nebraska City,	" 12	*John M. Willman.....	*William F. N. Houser...	*William Brower.....	*William C. Willman.
Orient,	" 13	Evan Kulp.....	William F. Gingrich...	Dudley Van Valkenburg..	George D. Kirk.
Peru,	" 14	Joseph A. Hays.....	Joseph S. Robinson...	George R. McMellen...	Daniel C. Cole.
Fremont,	" 15	Matthew A. Priestley.	Josiah M. Shivley.....	James T. Bender.....	Guy M. Hinman.
Tecumseh,	" 17	George D. Bennett....	Edward W. Coles.....	Milton P. Harts.....	James A. McPherrin.
15 Lincoln,	" 19	Edgar J. Hearn.....	Alexander E. Porter...	Morris W. Folsom.....	James W. Frow.
Washington,	" 21	Will H. H. Davis.....	William K. Fowler.....	Robert M. Carter.....	Frederick W. Arndt.
Pawnee,	" 23	John M. Bever.....	James N. Steveus....	Daniel R. Liming.....	George E. Becker.
Saint Johns,	" 25	John N. Neely.....	Charles S. Lobingier..	Clyde J. Backus.....	Samuel D. Cadwell.
Beatrice,	" 26	Samuel A. Gilliland...	Oliver P. Liston.....	John L. Anderson.....	Harry W. Kelsey.
20 Jordan,	" 27	Alexander M. Rose....	Charles F. Mack.....	Charles F. Nitz.....	Frederick A. C. Leffert.
Hope,	" 29	Wright Hasterman...	Benjamin T. Skeen....	Alfred B. Kenton.....	Alonzo L. P. Thompson.
Blue River,	" 30	John A. Cocklin.....	Franklin E. Stump....	Henry C. Atwood.....	George W. Brandon.
Tekamah,	" 31	Frank E. Ward.....	Charles E. Hopewell...	Frank J. Hayes.....	Emmett I. Ellis.
Platte Valley,	" 32	John Sorenson.....	George A. Beecher....	John C. Orr.....	Frank E. Bullard.
25 Ashlar,	" 33	Samuel Hexter.....	Thomas C. Clark.....	William B. Gowen.....	Oscar Wells.
Acacia,	" 34	Walter W. Wells.....	William Munger.....	Dominick Dunkle.....	Vachel W. Sutherland.
Fairbury,	" 35	Lewis E. Shelley.....	Edward L. Cline.....	Charles A. Gregory....	George A. White.

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LODGE.		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.
Lone Tree	No. 36	Newton R. Persinger..	John Foulkes.....	George A. Clark.....	George D. Bockes.
Crete,	" 37	Seward L. Mains.....	Melville H. Fleming..	Nimrod W. Norris....	C. William Kunzmann.
30 Olver,	" 38	John McLain.....	George Spear.....	Harvey M. Miller.....	Smith D. Atkins.
Papillion,	" 39	Fred D. Rhode.....	Charles W. Moore.....	John G. Smiley.....	George A. Ireland.
Humboldt,	" 40	Leroy S. Hackett....	Charles E. Nims.....	Howard S. Norton....	Edgar S. Norton.
Northern Light,	" 41	George A. Eberly.....	Henry F. Stephen....	Edgar H. Gerecke....	William T. McFarland.
Juniata,	" 42	William G. Saddler...	Guy N. McGonigal...	William E. Cadwalader	Will Brookley.
35 Hebron,	" 43	James Dinsmore.....	Elmo B. Roper.....	Julius E. Thomas.....	Clarence C. Fowler.
Harvard,	" 44	Jesse F. Eller.....	Samuel P. Arnot.....	Nathan H. Lewis.....	Griffith J. Thomas.
Palmyra,	" 45	* <i>Dwight Wait</i>	* <i>William P. Severs</i>	* <i>Alexander McIntyre</i> ..	* <i>Charles A. Sweet.</i>
Rob Morris,	" 46	Byron N. Loverin....	Gilbert E. Haase.....	Phillip T. Lambert....	Robert E. French.
Fairmont,	" 48	Andrus F. Ashley....	Thomas Green.....	Joseph W. Talmadge..	Joseph Burns.
40 Evening Star,	" 49	Edwin H. Burnham...	Albert W. Clark.....	George Honey.....	William J. Legg
Hastings,	" 50	John F. Beardsley...	William H. Marshall..	.....	David M. McElhinney
Fidelity,	" 51	William F. Downing..	Glenn A. Becker.....	George L. Krahl.....	Melvin E. Bauer.
Hiram,	" 52	Benjamin F. Mitchell.	William H. Baker.....	August Koerner.....	Amasa F. Tyson, <i>pro tem.</i>
Charity,	" 53	D. Madison Finch....	Robert M. Cochrane..	John S. Dyer.....	Algernon Galusha.
45 Lancaster,	" 54	Anthony Branthwaite.	William Baird.....	Frank D. McClusky...	John S. Bishop.
Mosaic,	" 55	William H. Rish.....	John B. Maylard....	Benjamin F. Barshinger	Daniel J. Koeningstein.
York,	" 56	Almon J. Ryan.....	D. Webster Baker.....	Samuel E. Cain.....	George R. Reed.
Mount Moriah,	" 57	James R. Alexander..	Jasper K. Griffith....	John A. Webber.....	Ernst W. Risser.
Lebanon,	" 58	* <i>Camden J. Garlow</i> ...	* <i>Gustavus A. Schroeder.</i>	* <i>Frederick W. Herrick</i> ..	* <i>Gus G. Becher.</i>
50 Wahoo,	" 59	Charles Perky.....	Fred R. Clark.....	James A. Leiter.....	Mason L. Ellsworth.
Melrose,	" 60	Webster Josselyn....	Alex. H. Gonser.....	Frank Lamson.....	William H. Banwell.
Thistle,	" 61	Benjamin F. Krier....	Walter H. Andrews..	Frank H. Adams.....	Benjamin E. Powell.
Keystone,	" 62	Andrew P. Peterson..	Benjamin J. Fulton..	James O. Baker.....	Commodore P. Spurgeon.
Riverton,	" 63	Eugene Hunter.....	Albert B. Stevens....	Hugh Crilly.....	John D. Fulton.
55 Blue Valley,	" 64	Thomas J. Taylor....	Edward W. Miskell..	Henry Binger.....	Charles J. Stiastny.
Oseola,	" 65	Richard R. Genge....	Lee K. McGaw.....	Paul Cunningham....	Thomas H. Saunders.
Livingstone,	" 66	* <i>Edgar D. Champion</i> ..	* <i>Albert R. Ton Vell</i>	* <i>Joseph A. Burcham</i> ...	* <i>Charles F. Collins.</i>
Edgar,	" 67	Joseph C. Gardner...	Ralph C. Saxton.....	Harry E. Hall.....	John J. Walley.

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		Aurora,	No. 68	Charles G. Skinner....	Delevan Bates.....	Amos D. Travis.....	D. Newton Conner.
60	Sterling,	"	70	Francis O. Dort.....	James W. Turner.....	Thompson M. Patton..	Thomas P. Renshaw.
	Trowel,	"	71	Frederick E. Geiseiker,	Julius E. Wilder.....	Martin M. Abrams....	William Wolfe.
	Hooper,	"	72	Jerry Denslow.....	Charles C. Cushman..	Edward Uehling.....	William M. Sanders.
	Friend,	"	73	Frederick C. Hinman..	Alexander McParlane.	Orville G. Ellsworth..	Charles M. Sanders.
	Alexandria,	"	74	George H. Danforth...	David A. Sherwood...	Charles S. Bright.....	William L. Whitney.
65	Frank Welch,	"	75	Charles C. Callahan...	Henry E. Gapen.....	J. Caesar Neubauer...	Leslie Neubauer.
	Joppa,	"	76	Daniel H. Hallock.....	James P. A. Black....	James B. Sumner, sr..	James E. Kelly.
	Nelson,	"	77	Henry E. Goodrich....	William M. Porter....	Roderick D. Sutherland	Edwin H. Dowland.
	Albion,	"	78	Paul A. Krause.....	Frank Roberts.....	Fredrick M. Weitzel..	William Weitzel.
	Geneva,	"	79	Mark Butler.....	William G. C. Wooster	Austin C. Shackelford.	William T. Harris.
70	Composite,	"	81	Lucius A. Warren.....	James E. Wilson.....	Richard T. Wilson....	Andrew F. Bauer.
	Saint Paul,	"	82	George E. Bartholomew..	James A. Wilhelmssen.	Judsen E. Bartlett...	Fred W. Rineker.
	Corinthian,	"	83	William Park.....	David C. Leamer.....	Nils H. Hansen.....	William M. Wheeler.
	Fairfield,	"	84	Joseph E. Spatz.....	Andrew D. Peugh....	Solon J. Hayes.....	Charles H. Epperson.
	Tyre,	"	85	John M. Folwell.....	William H. Wilson....	James H. Casbeer....	John Ault.
75	Doniphan,	"	86	Clarence M. Lowry....	George C. Humphrey..	David C. Gideon.....	Isaac T. Ward.
	Ionic,	"	87	Robert H. Harris.....	Bertolette Y. High...	Charles A. Nippel....	David M. Cunningham.
	Star,	"	88	Henry G. Langley.....	John B. Walker.....	Thomas A. Loveland..	Robert G. Langley.
	Cedar River,	"	89	Simcon E. Huse.....	Albert Thompson....	William H. Davis.....	Davis W. Randolph.
	Elk Creek,	"	90	Thomas B. Rogers....	J. Frank Snethen....	William H. Phelan....	John W. Youngmann.
80	Oakland,	"	91	Charles K. Cull.....	William W. Hopkins..	Charles J. Swanson...	Victor L. Fried.
	Hubbell,	"	92	Samuel A. Lockwood..	Samuel Patton.....	Richard F. Hallenbeck.	Harvey Ford.
	Beaver City,	"	93	John T. McClure.....	William J. Lutton....	Albert M. Keyes.....	John T. Sunny.
	Bennett,	"	94	Harry Hounor.....	Matison Willan.....	Thomas J. Dickson....	Adheld E. Otto.
	Garfield,	"	95	James C. Harnish....	Robert R. Dickson....	Albert B. Newell....	Merritt Martin.
85	Utica,	"	96	Daniel J. Harttram...	Samuel Runyon.....	William Hammock....	Calvin E. Phinney.
	Euclid,	"	97	John T. McKay.....	James M. Brooks.....	Morris D. Pollard....	Hiram Peck.
	Republican,	"	98	Clarence A. Luce.....	James Muir.....	John McPherson.....	Nelson J. Ludi.
	Shelton,	"	99	Henry H. Stedman....	John J. Light.....	James B. Hodge.....	Charles P. Miller.
	Creighton,	"	100	Nathaniel L. Raymond	Charles Emmick.....	John K. Brown.....	William L. Turner.
90	Ponca,	"	101	Robert H. Pomeroy...	Gustave Franz.....	Riley P. Armstrong...	Marion I. Mellon.
	Waterloo,	"	102	George Johnson.....	Charles Witte.....	Bryan B. Hopper.....	John A. Nelson.
	Ord,	"	103	Labon F. Rector.....	W. James Milford....	James A. Waters.....	Everett M. Williams.
	Wymore,	"	104	Edgar S. Child.....	Hector Murray.....	John G. Hilder.....	Cyrus O. Wertz.
	Stella,	"	105	Wesley F. Kesler.....	James R. Caim, jr....	William H. Hogrefe...	Samuel P. Hinds.

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LODGE.		MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	
95	Porter,	No. 106	Lauritz Hansen.....	William D. Clifton...	Thomas Inks.....	Joseph S. Pedler.
	Steele City,	" 107	John W. Hicks.....	William S. Hall.....	James W. Peters.....	Charles L. Fowler.
	Table Rock,	" 108	Samuel G. Wright....	Peter Stevens.....	Charles J. Wood.....	James Tillotson.
	Arapahoe,	" 109	John W. Evans.....	Jerome G. Pace.....	Elijah Manning.....	Rolando J. Finch.
	Pomegranate,	" 110	Omer D. Harford....	Henry H. Cone.....	John A. Reece.....	George L. Scott.
100	DeWitt,	" 111	Harry Millie.....	Charles H. Culdice...	John Badman.....	John W. Hartman.
	Springfield,	" 112	James B. Nicholson, jr.	Frederick E. Beal....	John E. Liming.....	Thomas D. Roberts.
	Globe,	" 113	Peter Rubendall.....	Willis E. Reed.....	Christopher Schayland.	Richard A. Maloney.
	Wisner,	" 114	Lincoln Riley.....	Jasper L. Rewey.....	Milton R. Snodgrass...	Sylvanus Lant.
	Brainard,	" 115	John T. McKnight....	Byron Atkinson.....	John F. Russel.....	Arthur L. Land.
105	Harlan,	" 116	James Pepperl.....	Ashton C. Shallenberger	George F. Miller.....	Clinton M. Fletcher.
	Hardy,	" 117	James H. Fair.....	John M. Silver.....	Thomas H. Powell....	John A. Wood.
	Doric,	" 118	J. Frank Longanecker.	James W. Scherzer....	Albert B. Kenyon....	William Freidell.
	North Bend,	" 119	Michael Dowling....	James H. Johnson....	Clarence H. Walrath..	John B. Foot.
	Wayne,	" 120	Fremont L. Neely....	Frank A. Dearborn....	Gilbert E. French....	Alvin T. Witter.
110	Superior,	" 121	William H. Dean.....	Frank E. Browning...	Frank A. Humiston...	Marcellus L. Pierce.
	Jasper,	" 122	*Ira N. Pickett.....	*Thomas R. Callon....	*John Beator.....	*Arthur B. Templeton.
	Indianola,	" 123	Arthur C. Crabtree...	Amos H. Reynolds....	Charles B. Hoag.....	William O. Bond.
	Auburn,	" 124	William Watson, jr...	William B. Fisher....	John C. Bousfield....	Thomas W. Eustice.
	Mount Nebo,	" 125	William J. Irwin.....	Alfred Watts.....	Frank D. Goodwin....	Cyrus Greek.
115	Stromsburg,	" 126	Owen W. Barnes.....	Henry Vogel.....	John L. Johnson....	James D. Edwards.
	Minden,	" 127	Hans P. Anderson....	James E. Jones.....	Frank M. Saunders....	Andrew Jensen.
	Guide Rock,	" 128	Ira A. Pace.....	Earnest S. Strickland..	Edwin E. Burr.....	Edward M. Parker.
	Blue Hill,	" 129	Lewis Waterbury....	Jotham K. Martin....	Walter C. Falkerson..	Robert A. Simpson.
	Tuscan,	" 130	Simon C. Beede.....	Dwane L. Sylvester...	William Kunzman....	Amasa S. Chapman.
120	Scribner,	" 132	Alexander Ross.....	Edward C. Burns.....	James M. Beaver.....	George Foster.
	Elm Creek,	" 133	Chas. A. Willis.....	August Pierson.....	Henry Jordan.....	Geo. G. Case.
	Solar,	" 134	Mads M. Kokjer.....	Hiram M. Dexter.....	John T. McLean.....	William R. Morse.
	McCook,	" 135	Hugh W. Cole.....	Marion O. McClure....	George Willetts, jr...	George S. Bishop.
	Long Pine,	" 136	John S. Davisson....	Lewis E. Smith.....	George W. Dickson....	Thomas S. Heck.
125	Upright,	" 137	John A. Kinsey.....	David J. Reynish....	Harvey Sisco.....	James N. Butcher.

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	Rawalt,	No. 138	Neal A. Pettygrove . . .	William B. Kiser	Stewart W. Lee	J. Harvey Sherwood.
	Clay Centre,	" 139	Jacob H. Eller	George A. Allen	John Hager	Charles C. Blanchard.
	Western,	" 140	Peter Waldorf	Charles W. Edwards . .	C. William McMaster .	Harry P. Stevens.
	Summit,	" 141	*Charles C. Stone	*David D. Adams	*William J. Hoback . . .	*Gustave Nombalais.
130	Anchor,	" 142	Nathaniel K. Redlon . .	Alza M. Stewart	*W. Herman Rood	Eaton S. Sears.
	Crescent,	" 143	Frank D. Burgess	*William H. Ward	Frank C. Compton	William A. Gibson.
	Kenesaw,	" 144	*John G. Hayzlett	*F. Emil Rydberg	*Elbert J. Latta	*Samuel H. Smith.
	Bancroft,	" 145	William S. Collett	Wallace W. Sinclair . .	Nels Hjelm	*William H. Statia.
	Jachin,	" 146	Isaac E. Austin	Daniel J. Fink	Lemuel D. Vanderhoof .	Elias W. Beghtol.
135	Siloam,	" 147	James A. Rice	William Krotter	Mads Johnson	Robt. E. Chittick.
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	James R. Dean	Augustin R. Humphrey .	Melvin K. Hagadorn . .	Harvard Lomax.
	Jewel,	" 149	Levi H. Mumau	George S. Gillespie . . .	*Sidney G. Empey	Richard G. Drysdale.
	Cambridge,	" 150	George A. Remington . .	*William P. Bennett . . .	Washington Enlow	George W. McKean.
	Square,	" 151	William T. Craven	William J. Collier	Levi Pike	William Bays.
140	Parallel,	" 152	Harley E. Bowhay	Charles D. Mathews . . .	William E. Cunningham .	Henry L. Yother.
	Evergreen,	" 153	William A. Spencer	Woods Cones	Lyford R. Craig	William B. Chilvers.
	Lily,	" 154	J. Oliver Walker	*George W. Bearnese . . .	William Rudburg	Henry Ritzen.
	Hartington.	" 155	Zwengel M. Baird	Robert G. Mason	John L. Lynde	Fred. M. Kimball, acting.
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Jacob L. Roll	J. Newton Trommershauser	David C. Horton	Samuel W. Green.
145	Valley,	" 157	Wendell P. Pierce	Henry O. Dixon	Harvey H. Corbett	Jachob H. Artz.
	Samaritan,	" 158	Benjamin F. Pitman . . .	Charles E. Foster	Ernest M. Slattery	Byron L. Scovel.
	Ogalalla,	" 159	Malcolm MacLean	Axel Nelson	Jens Sillosen	Edwin M. Searle, jr.
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Alvin Porter	James K. Perry	Winfield S. Willoughby .	Thomas J. Kirk.
	Mount Zion,	" 161	Conrad Thelen	Henry Burritt	Thomas Martin	Francis M. Leibbee.
150	Trestle Board,	" 162	Frank H. Quante	Herman A. Hauptman . .	Henry B. Villars	Almon C. DePue.
	Unity,	" 163	William E. Hand	Benjamin F. Laughlin . .	Samuel Stradley	Robert A. Miller.
	Atkinson,	" 164	Vernon W. McDonald . . .	John J. Stilson	Jesse E. Brook	Jacob Hahn.
	Barnston,	" 165	Seth S. Ratliff	William Wymore	Fred J. Woods	Julius Vogel.
	Mystic Tie,	" 166	C. Edwin Burnham	Anthony J. Dunlevy . . .	Thomas T. McDonald . . .	John F. Newhall
155	Elwood,	" 167	Burton L. Chambers	Charles A. Yeoman	William Mahar	Albert W. Searl.
	Curtis,	" 168	Charles B. Compton	Byron Andrews	Arthur M. Johnson	Willett W. Keith.
	Mason City,	" 169	Joseph Bell	David Dullaghan	Henry F. Wasmund, jr. . .	Joseph T. Evans.
	Merna,	" 170	*Hiram C. Chase, jr	*Robert B. Walker	*Alonzo E. Robertson . . .	*Hugh L. McAllister.
	Grafton,	" 171	John J. Stanford	Frank Jacquot	Frank Edwards	Ernest M. Coleman.
	Robert Burns,	" 172	William B. Miller	Orin H. Parsons	Jacob T. Shroyer	Xerses C. Cole.
		" 173	William R. Ratcliff	Harry L. Jones	Walter S. Ratcliff	Samuel W. Bell.

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	Napthali,	No. 206	Thomas Nelson.....	J. Smith Diller.....	Adelbert Stotts.....	Benjamin F. Lightner.
	Parian,	" 207	Henry H. Andrews....	Jacob D. Troyer.....	George B. Mair.....	Mark P. Miller.
195	Gauge,	" 208	James W. Landers....	Joseph W. Monteith...	James Austin.....	Charles L. Cooper.
	Canopy,	" 209	Henry William Vick...	Sandie A. Morison...	William Deles Dernier	David L. Cartmell.
	East Lincoln,	" 210	Fred W. VanWie.....	Henry P. Kauffman...	James D. Jones.....	John W. Kaufman.
	Cement,	" 211	Joseph P. Riddile....	Frank E. Slusser.....	William W. Mitchell..	Charles E. Towne.
	Compass & Square,	" 212	Marcus E. Bush.....	John L. Smith.....	Peter W. Felker.....	Joseph Ormond.
200	Square & Compass,	" 213	Frank D. Brown.....	James W. Wylie.....	Ernest Close.....	Erie W. Northrop.
	Plumblin,	" 214	Charles L. Bates.....	Horace B. Alexander..	James B. Coffman....	John E. Killen.
	Occidental,	" 215	Ernest F. Peck.....	Frank B. Knapp.....	Andrew E. Stewart....	John H. McPrang.
	Palisade,	" 216	Charles J. Wilcox....	Ira M. Potter.....	Silas K. Glen.....	Archibald W. Koontz.
	Wauneta,	" 217	William S. Fisher....	Austin C. Pence.....	Clarence E. Schutz...	William M. Pence.
205	Bloomfield,	" 218	Abram L. Jones.....	Louis G. Crosby.....	Charles E. Gallagher.	Ephraim Lauver.
	Relief,	" 219	George A. Gray.....	Elisha B. Achley.....	Frank H. Peck.....	Frank L. Hicks.
	Magnolia,	" 220	Frank Coye.....	Adelbert A. Davis.....	John L. Davis.....	George H. Haase.
	Wood Lake,	" 221	*Abel Bailey.....	*Andrew L. Johnson....	*Alfred Morris.....	*Charles O. Murphy.
	Landmark,	" 222	John H. Chambers....	George M. Lydick.....	Nelson Jackson.....	Herbert H. Herzog.
210	Eminence,	" 223	John W. Farrand....	John Hobbs.....	B. Frank McDaniels..	Orlando A. Cook.
	Silver Cord,	" 224	Walter H. Williams...	Wiley W. Parsons.....	George Savage.....	Edgar B. Smith.
	Cable,	" 225	John Finch.....	Richard E. Allen.....	Howard E. Blowers...	Glencarn C. Blowers.
	Grace,	" 226	Captain E. Marstellar.	Winfield S. Marr.....	Henry A. Cox.....	Francis A. Gogins.
	North Star,	" 227	*Ray O. Castle.....	*Dennis C. Berry.....	*Clark W. Beecher.....	*John J. Adams.
215	Bartley,	" 228	William F. Miller....	John E. Hathorn.....	Harrey P. Hodgkin...	Andrew L. Cochran.
	Comet,	" 229	Russell D. Bush.....	Charles A. Brown.....	George A. Sawyer.....	Hugh Leal.
	Delta,	" 230	Walter G. Gaines.....	Alfred Powell.....	James M. Nickerson..	James S. Kennedy
	Mount Hermon,	" 231	Enos M. Shaw.....	Oscar F. Harlan.....	John G. Burress.....	Charles R. Lehrack.
	John S. Bowen,	" 232	William H. Pruner....	August F. Schafer....	Eugene M. Cook.....	Charles M. Weed.
220	Gilead,	" 233	William D. Spicknall..	Ezra S. Bell.....	Don A. Sinclair.....	Samuel C. Sample.
	Zion,	" 234	John Mason.....	James H. Monahan....	James Forbes.....	Thomas McCawley.
	Fraternity,	" 235	Allan B. Cherry.....	Jerry P. Marvin.....	Frank S. Benser.....	Jacob H. Prescott.
	Golden Rule,	" 236	Charles A. Coffin....	William J. Armour....	John F. Pomeroy.....	James T. Rose.....
	Cubit,	" 237	William Whalen.....	Allen H. Hostetter...	Albert L. Loper.....	Fernando E. Kruse.
225	Ithmar,	" 238	Isaac H. Rathbun....	John Beal.....	Frederick Kohn.....	Morris F. Laughlin.
	Friendship,	" 239	William Ricks.....	Anson K. Holmes.....	Luther S. Cahow.....	Ezra I. Gallogly, acting.
	Pilot,	" 240	Lemuel C. Coffin....	Frederick A. Durrie..	Melvin J. Metcalf....	Charles A. Darling.
	George Armstrong,	" 241	John Driscoll.....	George A. Blackstone.	Levi D. Phipps.....	George O. Remy.

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Orion,	No. 242	William H. Bartz.....	Charles F. Bukey.....	John B. Wyatt.....	Edward Cronau.
230 Tyrian,	" 243	Addison C. Maynard..	Frank M. Smith.....	Joseph Carson.....	Vincent P. Britts.
Sincerity,	" 244	Henry E. Funk.....	Howard Miller.....	Danford Taylor.....	Luther B. Baker.....

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Upon the request of our Grand Master, M. W. Frank H. Young, to write a report on correspondence for the current year, and admonished to restrict the same in volume to thirty pages, the writer undertook the task, with permission to make it on the topical plan. Our regret is that the limit set does not admit of quoting as much as ought to appear from the proceedings of our sister Grand Jurisdictions, and little more was attempted than to present some of the more important subjects engaging the attention of the Masonic world, recounting, as well as the writer's ability permits, the principal points involved.

After our work was, as we thought, completed, the death of our Grand Secretary startled the entire membership of our loved order in this jurisdiction. Truly it may be said of him: "His work was not finished, but his column is broken, and his brethren mourn." The sad news, spread by means of the electric wire, reaches, as we engage in his funeral obsequies, the leaders of Masonic thought and labor throughout, at least, the English-speaking Masonic world, and finds everywhere men who personally or through his published work knew, admired, and loved, Bro. William R. Bowen. Their hearts, we know, pulsate in sorrow and sympathy with ours in the great bereavement that has come to his family, his personal friends, his neighbors, and the great fraternity among whom he was so justly held a leader.

As a member of the guild of Masonic correspondents for so many years, it is deemed proper that this report should contain a reference to something of his life and labors among us, and with this thought we place our poor effort as a tribute at the opening of our brief review.

Bro. William R. Bowen was born at Coatsville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, September 4th, 1836. He came to Omaha May 1st, 1857. He married Lila Storrs, December 15th, 1868, who, with their two sons and four daughters, survives him. He was made a Mason in Capitol Lodge, No. 3, of Omaha, February 27th, 1864; exalted in Omaha Chapter, No. 1, February 4th, 1865; admitted to the Sacred Vault at Omaha, July 1st, 1867; dubbed and created a Knight of Malta, and of the Temple, in Mount Calvary Commandery, of Omaha, January 15th, 1870; he received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, fourth to thirty-second, July 1st, 1867, and was crowned Inspector-General and active member of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, May 7th, 1874.

He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska June 19th, 1872; Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters November 13th, 1873; Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery on November 13th, 1873; Grand Recorder of the Order of High Priesthood on

the day of its organisation, December 15th, 1886; Secretary of the Masonic Veterans' Association January 23d, 1888, all of which offices he held until the time of his death.

An example of his faithful discharge of his duties in all these Masonic bodies is found in the work he did for ancient craft Masonry.

The full name and the principal Masonic events in the life of each one of the more than twelve thousand Freemasons in Nebraska members in our lodges at the time of his death, and all of those who had been numbered among us from the organisation of our first lodge and who have passed on, have been diligently gathered and faithfully recorded in the volumes of the records kept, corrected, indexed, and edited. To obtain the data necessary to so perfect the record, after he conceived the plan, he conducted the most painstaking research, devoting his time and abilities thereto, and in the reprint editing anew the preceding volumes of our proceedings, inserting the necessary corrections, so that now probably Nebraska Freemasons possess a more exact and complete record and written history than any one of the older Grand Jurisdictions in the Masonic world. This proud position we owe to the zealous labors of our deceased Grand Secretary.

He died on Saturday, the 6th day of May, 1899, at his residence, in Omaha. On Monday, the 8th, religious services for his family were held at the house, conducted by the rector of St. Barnabas church, Omaha, of which he and his family had been members for many years. From his late home on Monday afternoon his remains were conveyed, escorted by a detachment of Mount Calvary Commandery, to Masonic Temple, where they remained under a guard of Sir Knights until the final funeral services, on Tuesday, the 9th. At midnight, Washington time, on Monday, the beautiful funeral ceremonies of the Knights of Kadosh were held, in the large lodge-room in the temple, where, on Tuesday afternoon, his lodge, Capitol No. 3, W. Bro.: Joseph P. Degan presiding, convened. An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in another lodge-room at the temple, as was also Mount Calvary Commandery, which escorted the Grand Lodge to the main room. M.:W.: Grand Master Frank H. Young and his Grand Lodge were received by the Master of Capitol Lodge and escorted to the East. The services were conducted by the Master of Capitol Lodge. After the brief lodge-room services, tributes to the memory of the dead were paid by the following brethren:

Remarks of R.:W.: William W. Keysor, Deputy Grand Master, Omaha:

“Worshipful Master and Brothers: It is but a few minutes since I was informed that I would be expected to say a word here today, and I have had no opportunity to collect my thoughts

“It has been a number of years, perhaps twelve or fourteen, since I first became personally acquainted with our brother. When I first met him, I must say that I was not very strongly attracted towards him, because I did not know him; but as I became better and better acquainted with Bro.: Bowen, and learned to understand him and appreciate his noble and sterling qualities, I became more strongly attached to him, and I am sorry today that I have had no occasion to be with Bro.: Bowen in any other than Masonic relations. I did not attend the same church that he did; I never had the pleasure of meeting him in his family; and so about all I can say

of him today is what I have learned of him in our Masonic meetings and in my private meetings with him in his office.

Bro.: Bowen was indeed one of the most methodical men I ever knew. Everything was done conscientiously and promptly, and I doubt not that when the affairs of his office shall be examined, everything, even to the crossing of the last letter, will be found done. But I think one of the most pleasant features of Bro.: Bowen's character to me was that when I became acquainted with him we fell into the habit of talking upon literary and political topics. I remember how one day, with a considerable cordiality and enthusiasm, he told me that he had bought a new book called 'The Puritans.' He had been reading some of the principal events in the history of our country—not as they came to us from England, but from other foreign countries, particularly Holland. He called my attention to many things that I did not know, and gladly loaned me his book. I read it, and from that time on we frequently talked, when we had the opportunity aside from fraternal matters, about those matters. And I found to my delight, but not to my surprise, that Bro.: Bowen was as exact in his learning as he was in his office; that he was thinking, not only of the drudgery and the details of the office which he held, but that he was also reading and thinking upon those questions which interest us all as public citizens, and especially as Masonic brothers of a great republic. And today I say to you, my brothers, I do not know why we are here under such circumstances. Our brother has been taken away from us in a way that we can not understand. I believe that his death is in accordance with the great laws and the great designs of our Divine Architect, but what those designs are, that he should remove a brother in such a way, I do not understand; but I feel they are all-wise and they are all-just, and that our brother in his going is simply answering one method of the call of our Divine Master to come to Him when our work is finished."

By Past Grand Master Robert W. Furnas:

"There are times when language is feeble—powerless; there are occasions when words are mute mediums through which we would give utterance to feelings crushed. This is such a time. This is such an occasion. I fain would give expression to emotions; but silence only responds.

"Let me say but briefly, however, that I came this day over a hundred miles to join my brethren in paying the last sad tributes of respect to our 'departed brother'—to my personal friend.

"It was mine to have been intimately and continuously acquainted and associated with Bro.: William R. Bowen for a third of a century. I first made his acquaintance in the army, thirty-seven years ago. He was a subordinate officer in the Second Nebraska Cavalry, which I had the honor to command as its colonel, during the war of the Rebellion. In that capacity he was, as he has ever been, a cordial, cultivated, and exceedingly well-informed gentleman; a loyal man; a faithful and efficient official; exact in business transactions; honest, capable, and perfect, in all his work.

"Since then until his death I have been closely connected with him in various walks of life: with him in social relations; with him in fraternal duties; with him in efforts for the advancement and welfare of his adopted territory and state. In all the lines of life-work he has been the same indefatigable helpful laborer for the betterment of his fellow men

"Truly 'a good man has fallen.' We, his surviving friends, can but meekly bow in humble submission to the will of Him 'who moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform.' In Divine words: 'The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh. Blessed be the name of the Lord.'"

Remarks of M.: W.: Charles J. Phelps, Past Grand Master of Nebraska:

"*Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brothers:* I count it an honor, and one of my most cherished experiences, that I was permitted to know

our late brother in his home. It was very nearly the ideal home of a Freemason and a Christian.

"Once in my home he said to Mrs. Phelps that he wished he possessed the means to make Mrs. Bowen 'the lady bountiful.' This expression of his was an index of his generous nature, so apparent to his many personal friends, to whom his life was an open book of many virtues and sincere aspirations.

"Our brother fell the victim of an act for which he was in no wise morally or mentally responsible. Impaired physical health had destroyed the normal exercise of his mental faculties. In physical and mental health he had possessed a hopeful spirit and tender solicitude for his family. For wife and children he toiled; to sustain and provide for them, he planned. But, alas, as the early frost nips the tenderest flower in the garden, so the blight of an unbalanced mind destroyed the former hope, and its place was filled with forebodings of disaster to his loved ones.

"The encroachments of his malady were not made in a day, a month, or a year. They stealthily gained possession, overshadowing the former bright intellect, until finally, brooding over the ordinary ills which come to nearly all, he magnified each impediment in the path of his life, slight though it was, into an insurmountable mountain of difficulty. In fact, no really difficult obstacle confronted him. All of his forebodings of impending disaster were the result of the blight of abnormal mental conditions. These culminating, the storm broke, and in the breakers his barque of this mortal life was overwhelmed in the dark sea of what we call death.

"In his former mental vigor he maintained a steadfast faith in God and hope of immortal life, which he clung to through all his later and sorrowful days. It is alike the Mason's anchor and the Christian's solace—the imperishable part within can never, never, never die."

Remarks of M. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Past Grand Master of Nebraska:

"*Worshipful Master and Brethren:* I first met with the Grand Lodge either in 1874 or 1875. I do not have a very clear recollection of Bro. Bowen at the first meeting of the Grand Lodge. Being a young member of the order, I did not have very much to do with the business of the body. But it was in 1877 or 1878 that I became well acquainted with Bro. Bowen; and as I have thought of his earnestness and persistency in maintaining the standard that he had set, not only for the publications of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, but for the conduct of its business; and as I have watched his course from that time until now; and as I look into my own heart and try to analyze the feeling with which I was impressed when receiving that telegram last Sunday morning—all these things crowding upon my thought and mind today, I am astounded and overwhelmed.

"It has been said, since I have been in this building, by a brother who is now present, that he had had some experience in realising what a letter bearing the signature of William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, would mean in a distant state of this country; and then, after reflection, the remark was made that that or a similar letter bearing the same signature would be a letter of introduction that would be accepted anywhere throughout the Masonic world; and I realise today that that is actually true. No man—certainly no man in the state of Nebraska—is known more widely, or was known more widely, than our beloved brother.

"There is another thought that comes to me, and it seems that it ought to have expression. I said to my beloved brother sitting at my left—Bro. Lininger—'Do you know, or have you known, anything of the reason that has produced this awful result?' He said, just as every other brother has said with whom I have talked, that Bro. Bowen was really worn out. He was overworked; his physical nature had given out. And that is true. But the thought that comes to me, my brethren, is this: You are all proud,

and justly so, of the position among the Grand Lodges of the United States—yea, even of the world—that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has reached; and you are all proud of the character of the publications of its proceedings, because they take rank with the best. And it is largely if not almost wholly due to the persistent labor of Bro.: Bowen in the use of that peculiar faculty that he possessed to such a marked degree.

“And now, brethren, the thought I want to express, because it has been welling up in my heart ever since, is this: It is true that our brother has worn himself out in the last twenty-five or twenty-six years, but in whose interest? Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and of the Masonic fraternity of Nebraska, Bro.: Bowen wore himself out in your service; and today, if there is a loving tribute that I can pay to his memory, I want to pay it, because it is due.

“My brother who preceded me said that he had some acquaintance with Bro.: Bowen in his family. I had but a glimpse. I remember Mrs. Bowen and the children simply from one visit that it was my privilege to pay them at their mountain summer home in Colorado some four or possibly six years ago. But I have seen Bro.: Bowen himself nearly every year since 1878, in these halls and in the other places where the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Commandery, have been meeting, and I do willingly, yet sorrowfully, too, as I stand in the hall of this great shadow along with you, pay the tribute that is so justly due to his memory from me.

“It is said in the Greek play, which you doubtless remember, the heroine asks the dying hero if they shall really meet again; and he says: ‘I have asked that dreadful question of the rivers, that flow on forever; of the hills, that look eternal; of the stars, in whose expanse my exalted soul has walked in glory; but they are all dumb. But as I look into thy loving face and see the love mantling through its beauty, I know we shall meet again. There is a life hereafter.’

“And as I think of Bro.: Bowen and the loving care that he has taken of the Masonic fraternity in Nebraska, his earnest efforts in its behalf, and as I have listened to his loving counsel, I know,—I know,—we shall meet again.”

Remarks by M.: W.: Manoah B. Reese, Past Grand Master of Nebraska:

“*Worshipful Master and Brethren:* It is impossible for me to express my feelings at this time. Language fails me. I fall far short of expressing the things which I desire. These occasions are occasions of education; they are occasions for observation; they are occasions which uncover and call forth the great good heart of humanity.

“For twenty-five or twenty-six years—more than a quarter of a century—we have associated with this brother. Upon twenty six annual occasions we have met with him in these halls, and for the first time in a quarter of a century that chair is vacant. It is now covered with the emblem of mourning. The voice of our brother is hushed in death. His instructions are gone. His advice to his younger and less-informed brothers has ceased. But we still stand in his presence. He lives! He yet lives!

“It may be that no sufficient monument could be erected to tell others and remind us of what he has done. He has erected that monument himself. The brethren have collected together a very small portion of the evidence of his labors, and it is placed upon the table before us—a living monument; a monument showing more than a quarter of a century’s hard work; a monument which shall be seen, and read, and heard, generations and generations to come. The institution in which he has erected that monument is one which will never die—one which will survive as long as time shall last. With the spread of that institution the name of Bro.: Bowen will continue. Wherever and whenever Masonry in Nebraska is studied, there his handiwork will appear. The student of the history of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction will always be reminded of his faithfulness, his fortitude, and his courage. The precision which characterises his labors on the printed page is but an index of what his inner and real life

was. His work will be read by those who follow after. As time speeds on, and his works are consulted, the value of his labors to Masonry will be better known and better understood. He will be affectionately remembered as long as one of his personal associates and colabors remains upon earth. His character will be recognised, and, I trust, will be modeled and patterned after by those who may follow. Earnest, exact, at times somewhat stern, but generally right, he followed his convictions. He adhered to that which he believed to be right, and no unworthy motive could induce him to deviate from the true line.

"At one time, as you all know, it became necessary for me to form something of a close relationship with him in connection with our order. At one time, in a conversation with him, I saw a picture of his character. It became necessary that a Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of England should be appointed. The Grand Master made a selection, as was his duty. Bro.: Bowen notified the Grand Secretary of that Grand Jurisdiction, and in return received a communication from that Grand Secretary that His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, had not been consulted on that matter, and, of course, the nomination could not be made without his consent. Our brother knew, and to know was to do. The Grand Secretary of that ancient Grand Lodge was informed that it was the prerogative and duty of the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction to say to His Royal Highness, 'Here is our man; accept him or not, as you please.' Citations were given, and later the apology came.

"Brethren, you heard the remark of Bro.: Phelps a few moments ago. What I said at the beginning I might repeat. Let us benefit by our observations and our experiences. Those of us who were acquainted with our dear brother knew his character, his faith, and what he was. When that summons, which sent a shock to the very heart, came to us, we then realised—but, alas, too late—that that strong vigorous mind had broken; that there was a failure somewhere. We had not realised what had been going on. We did not know how much he had been overworked, how that nervous system had been undermined and destroyed. Upon inquiry the same old story is told—too much work imposed; dragged down.

"In thinking over this subject the question has arisen in my mind: If there is no opportunity here for the application of the great principle of brotherly love, of Masonic charity? Is this not a suitable occasion for a personal review, each of himself? Do we extend to all that degree of charity which duty and Masonic obligation demand? Had that instrument of death been turned against another by our brother, instead of himself, the 'Spaniard' of American social life would have been ready and willing to turn against him and tear him limb from limb.

"Do we learn anything? Do we not realise that this mental frame of ours is liable to fail while the physical may go on? Let us think, let us look, let us see if we can not remember this, and draw the lesson of more extended charity to downtrodden and overworked humanity.

"My relations with our deceased brother were the most cordial and, at times, the most intimate. I have associated with him and he with me. I have felt, as I have expressed, that for myself and for my family there was no place to us apparently more dear than within the family circle and presence of our brother. I think in the last interview I had with that mother and those daughters, after a close social life for perhaps half a dozen or ten years, I made the remark that there was no place on earth we felt any more at home than with that family. We know them, from the infant to the mother. The shock which we felt, the agony which came over us for this devoted family, when we heard the sad news, I can not describe. But we believe—as it has been said here before, we *know*—that we shall meet again. But a few years at most is the division between us. The mind may be unhinged, the reason may be dethroned. When that occurs, so far as the

individual is concerned, life is at an end. It matters not from that time on how the sequel may come.

"Let us hope that we may so live, that we may so exercise charity toward our fellow men, and love to our God, that we may all greet our deceased brother before the great white throne."

Remarks of M. W. James P. A. Black, Past Grand Master of Nebraska:

"*Worshipful Master and Brethren*: It would be difficult for me to add much to the remarks of my distinguished brethren in memory of our deceased brother. Those of you who knew him best loved him most. But I do desire to say, coming as I do from a remote portion of the state, that while you here in the city of Omaha loved Bro.: Bowen, meeting him day after day, and week after week, we all, as Masons, loved him for his work. Not even in the smallest lodge within the confines of the state of Nebraska but every brother knew of Bro.: Bowen and his excellent work. The individual members of every lodge know what Bro.: Bowen has done. Every member of every subordinate lodge for the last twenty-five years has known that he had a friend, an adviser, and a counselor, in Bro.: Bowen.

"When I go out over the prairies of Western Nebraska and meet with the brethren in those little village lodges, no name is mentioned so frequently and so lovingly as the name of Bro.: Bowen. I have gone into those little lodges time after time, and place after place, and heard some inquiry made relative to some point in Masonic law, or with reference to some question in the procedure; some member desired to know how something should be done, or where this or that should be found; and what was the universal response? "If you do not know, write to Bro.: Bowen; he will look it up for you, or tell you where you can find it." And today 12,000 Masons over the state of Nebraska mourn his loss as deeply and as fully as you who are assembled here to do honor to his memory. It was my good fortune, in the first year of my Masonic life, to meet Bro.: Bowen. It has been my extraordinary good fortune to meet him very frequently; and while I have never mingled with him in social or religious life, but have known him only by and through Masonry, and in this Masonic world, yet Bro.: Bowen has done me many favors. The Past Grand Masters who have been addressing you here today each and all know that we owe a debt of gratitude to Bro.: Bowen more than to any other Mason in the state of Nebraska; especially we younger men, and upon whom was conferred the honor, and imposed the duty, of conducting the affairs pertaining to the office of Grand Master of this state, have known that our labors would have been almost fruitless were it not that in every case where advice was needed we knew to whom to apply for law, precedents, and facts.

"And as my brother who has just preceded me has spoken of the monument to his memory, which stands today upon his desk before you, I remember many conversations with Bro.: Bowen concerning his labors, which are contained in these volumes; how he spent weeks, and months, and years, in going back into the hidden past, gathering the fragments of the early history of Masonry in the state of Nebraska, and collecting them in the form in which you see them today; so that they stand, as Bro.: Reese has said, a monument, the most noble monument that could be erected to his memory. This work was the pride of his life. Well and nobly has it been performed. And as his life has been to us a daily example for earnest, noble, endeavor, so may his memory awake within us the resolution to live with greater earnestness a true Masonic life, so that we each may feel and know that when the last summons shall come, calling us to the celestial lodge above, not one of us shall miss meeting our brother in the eternal beyond, where there is no more sorrow, no more dying, but endless peace, and joy, and love."

Remarks of M. W. Daniel H. Wheeler, Past Grand Master of Nebraska:

"*Worshipful Master and Brethren*: It was my privilege to know Masonically Bro.: Bowen from the date of his election as Grand Secretary, in 1872,

until the almost present time. I knew him intimately, as did almost every Representative of the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction who attended the Grand Lodge.

"Always courteous, always obliging, always obstinate, always persistent, always loving, always brotherly. You may say there is some inconsistency in what I say, and yet these were his characteristics. When his work overwhelmed him he continued to work. And what can any of us say that we would have done under similar circumstances? So much has been said of his work—so much is known of the eminent brother by every person in this hall—that I will not burden your time, or consume it with further remarks, but will close with this quotation:

"We wait! but day by day our steps are nearing
The silent river he so lately crossed;
And we shall go to him, to find him waiting
Upon the other shore: he is not lost.

"Not there as here, shall loving hearts be severed;
Not there as here, shall fall the pearly tear.
Life, friends, and home, sweet home beyond the river;
Dear friend, loved brother, we will meet thee there."

Aside from the family of our deceased brother and the members of our fraternity, there were present, by invitation, many of the personal friends of the deceased. There was evidenced in all that was said and done a degree of Christian charity and fraternal sympathy seldom witnessed, and, above all, most comforting to the widow and family. The memory of that afternoon will hallow the lives of many there present, and should be sacredly observed by every brother present. The procession to the grave was a truly Masonic one, escorted by Mount Calvary Commandery, the lodge in charge, six active pall-bearers selected from the members of his lodge, with a large number of Past Grand Masters as honorary pall-bearers, and a concourse of relatives and friends. The interment was on the brow of Prospect Hill cemetery. Floral tributes in large numbers were contributed, and in the quiet hush of the closing hours of a beautiful spring day, amid expanding leaves and opening flowers, the earth carpeted with the fresh green of returning summer, the mortal remains of Bro.: Bowen were consigned to the bosom of our Mother Earth.

LANDMARKS AND CONSTITUTIONS.

While it is generally true that in this country the civil official derives all his authority as such from the constitution of the state or nation, and that he, as an officer, is the creature of the constitution, it does not by any means follow that in Masonic law the Grand Master is dependent alone for his authority upon the Grand Lodge constitution. The office itself, and its authority derived from the ancient landmarks, which no Grand Lodge can alter or change, do not depend upon a constitution. The sovereignty over the craft was, in 1717, by the Grand Masters largely resigned to the keeping of the Grand Lodges, but upon conditions fixed by a solemn agreement which is today as binding as a landmark, that the ancient landmarks should not be altered nor changed, and that there should be no innovation

made in the body of Masonry. Every Grand Lodge constitution recognises, and every body of Masons recognised as such, explicitly acknowledges the binding force of these provisions. In compliance with these principles of jurisprudence, every regularly made Mason and member of its institutions owes primary obligation to the Grand Master, and no lodge can for a moment exist except under obedience to the authority of a Grand Master.

In Nebraska, in 1857, three lodges existed — one under the jurisdiction of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Illinois, one under the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and the third under the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Iowa. These lodges, desiring to erect a Grand Lodge, their Masters and Wardens by agreement met at Omaha, opened a lodge, elected a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, who were installed by the Grand Master of Illinois, together with appointive officers named by the installed Grand Master after his installation. The Grand Lodge, the record says, was then declared regularly organised, and its officers installed in due form. The Grand Master and his officers being duly installed, and the erection of a new Grand Lodge effected, a committee was appointed to report a constitution, by-laws, and rules and regulations. These proceedings were had in strict compliance with Masonic polity as contemplated in the Grand-Lodge system. It marks a distinct difference from the American system of civil constitutional government. It in a very pronounced manner demonstrates the fact that the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska are in no sense creatures of the constitution which was created by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. Nearly all of the older Grand Lodges, and a large majority of all the Masonic jurists and writers, recognise the difference between the two systems. Some, having declared themselves upon the question, reasoning from the civil law, without investigation and consideration, seemingly in pride of their announced opinion, endeavor to maintain the erroneous view.

Of the force of prerogatives, M. W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond says: "It is a rule established by the wisdom of the experience of centuries, that the exercise of a privilege or power *under claim of right* from time immemorial, is conclusive evidence of the validity of the claim. This is especially true of Masonic law. The long-established usages of the craft (and that includes all usages relating to the craft) is law, or so conclusive evidence of the law that it can not be gainsaid." And in speaking of a particular prerogative, not necessary to mention in this discussion, he adds, "This right has never been challenged till within the present generation of Masons, and then, as a rule, only by those who do not believe in the sovereignty of Grand Lodges, but hold to a Masonic system of government on the plan of that of the United States. To this may be added the general concurrence of Masonic writers and Masonic officers down to within a very recent period. This of itself is quite conclusive evidence of the existence of the prerogative."

We have shown how, in conformity with Masonic custom, precedent, and polity, Nebraska's Grand Lodge constitution was created by the legislation of the Grand Lodge, and it is to be observed that such constitution can only be amended by action of the Grand Lodge after submitting proposed amend-

ments to the subordinate lodges, and the approval of a majority of the latter. This provision is clearly within the sovereign authority of the Grand Lodge originally, and undoubtedly such provision is binding and effective as governing in all cases, at least as to those things which may be affected by legislation, always excepting what would be destructive of the ancient landmarks, or making innovations in the body of Masonry.

Other regulations governing legislation for the craft are quite properly committed to the Grand Lodge in annual or quarterly communication. To transgress the constitutional provision for amendments to the constitution by the Grand Lodge would manifestly be contrary to all constitutional law and all the rules of construction applied either in civil or Masonic jurisprudence. The dogma that Masonry is a law unto itself, well founded and generally recognised as true, probably is at least in practice restricted to the ancient landmarks and regulations, but in regulations proper for legislation common-law construction is permissible. These views seem fully supported in the proceedings which have come to the hands of your committee.

JURISDICTION OVER REJECTED CANDIDATES, AND THE MAINE PLAN.

In Nebraska a lodge, under the law of our Grand Lodge, has perpetual jurisdiction over a rejected candidate, and no other lodge in the state, or in any other Grand Jurisdiction having the same law, can or will receive him without a waiver from the lodge which originally rejected him. This rule pertains in many, but not in all, Grand Jurisdictions. Many complain of this rule as a harsh one, working undoubtedly a hardship in many a deserving case. It is urged that though a man be rejected for sufficient cause, yet years after he may become, perhaps in another state as far away as California is from Maine, most desirable material for the work of our fraternity, yet a stubborn and unrelenting member of the far-away lodge may prevent a good man from entering our ranks.

In some jurisdictions a candidate's petition need only show that he has not been rejected by any other lodge within a limited time.

The Maine plan, as it is called, is a proposition to adopt generally, and in each Grand Jurisdiction, a rule making five years the term, after which a rejected candidate may be received without a waiver by the lodge which formerly rejected him.

Grand Lodges and reviewers are discussing this proposition pro and con with all the usual enthusiasm of the adherents and opponents of an important governmental measure.

California's rule only requires the lapse of one year to authorise the disregarding of the former rejection; but Maine has maintained the plan of perpetual jurisdiction until the change to the five-year proposition, and now urges all other Grand Lodges to the adoption of the plan for uniformity's sake. California declined to make the change, adopting the report of its committee, which concluded with the remark that their regulation is well

adapted to their local conditions and has proved satisfactory; therefore, they see no reason why it should be changed.

To which Bro.: Drummond replies, saying: "We very greatly regret that the committee did not view the matter from a higher Masonic standpoint than the one indicated in the concluding sentence. There is a vast diversity in the law of the different jurisdictions, which has already produced discord and threatens serious difficulty in the future;" and he further says:

The danger of discord is imminent. To avert this, attempts have been made to secure uniformity of law, very general if not universal. Each jurisdiction is asked to yield something. While Maine had found that perpetual jurisdiction was "well adapted to our local position and had proved satisfactory," she modified her law, and is ready to modify it still further to secure uniformity. It is true she will not go so far as to endanger Masonry by opening the doors too readily, but she has gone a great way; and is not California willing to sacrifice, if need be, something for the good of the institution at large, or must she decide the question according to her own interests, without caring how it may affect others? We hope our California brethren will reconsider this matter, and view from the standpoint of the common good rather than from that of their particular interest.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

Physical qualifications afford a subject over which a seemingly never-ending controversy goes on. Nearly all, however, restrict their arguments to a proper construction, in view of the changes which time has wrought, of the language of the old charge, recognised as a landmark, providing that a candidate must be "a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art of serving his Master's Lord."

Those who present the extreme view contend that the perfect-youth requirement is based upon a former law requiring the same condition for a candidate to the priestly office. How much there is of basis for this claim, the average Mason, including the writer, we fear, is not well advised. It is urged with great persistency by those who take this view that almost absolute physical perfection must exist to entitle the candidate to be made a Mason.

The ancient charge, existing under operative Masonry, was doubtless enforced because of the necessity of physical ability to perform the duties of an operative craftsman. Others, who, still recognising the ancient charge as binding, contend for a more liberal construction in the present speculative system, argue that only such physical conditions in the candidate are necessary as are required to enable him to conform to the positions, forms and ceremonies required by the ritual, a view held by our own Grand Lodge. And further, under this latter view, it is held that the ancient charge only applies to the making of a Mason, and that if an entered apprentice becomes maimed, he, being a brother, is entitled to the further light of succeeding degrees. Some there are who contend that the rule of physical perfection applies not only to the first, but to every succeeding degree.

And there are some who seem quite ready to disregard landmarks, and argue that, as "it is the internal and not the external qualifications that fit one for Masonry," therefore, the old charge should be in this our day, entirely disregarded, forgetting that the integrity and permanence of our

institution are believed to rest upon the maintaining of those landmarks which distinguish our society from all other human organisations.

M.: W.: Lawrence N. Greenleaf, in his review for Colorado, says :

One of the questions most constantly recurring, and upon which the widest divergence of opinion exists, is that of physical qualifications. While the "perfect-youth" theory is treated seriously by some, it is made the butt of ridicule by others. As intimated by us in a passing reference to the subject under the head of "Manitoba," where the views of Bro.: W. J. Hughan are quoted, we believe it essential to inquire into the symbolical significance of the requirement, and to ascertain whether it is not based on the old Jewish law of perfection, and, as such, has come down to us with other similar requirements as a part of our esotery. If so, it is pertinent to inquire whether it can be changed or modified to suit modern ideas of progression or sentiment. It is a singular fact that in one form or another this rule of physical perfection occurs in all the copies of the old charges. It was plainly set forth in article IV of the old charges collected by order of Grand Master Montague and published in 1722, and approved by the Grand Lodge of England. Bro.: Hughan in his letter intimates that the law has been ignored since the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, in 1717. It will not be contended that the fraternity was an operative society in 1722, when the above charge was approved by the Grand Lodge of England; on the contrary, it was as nearly of a speculative character as it is today. The burden of proof, therefore, rests with those who contend that the physical requirement belonged to the operative craft, and that it has no place in speculative Masonry.

R.: W.: Bro.: Hughan, the great English Masonic historian, has this to say :

I have not traced any reference to physical qualification in the reports of our board of General Purposes to the Grand Lodge of England, but I know the question was considered privately by them, so to speak, twice or more, in 1860. It was decided by the board that one who had lost his left foot was not unsuitable for initiation, as it was the moral and mental qualities that made fit and proper persons for initiation.

In 1875 the then Grand Secretary wrote: "That the Board of General Purposes feel that it is impossible to lay down a hard and fast rule as to the initiation of a candidate not perfect in his body, as required in article IV of the ancient charges." I am directed to say that the general rule in this country is to consider a candidate eligible for election who, although not perfect in his limbs, is sufficiently so to comply with and go through the various ceremonies required in the different degrees. Each case of this description must be defined on its own merits by the members of the lodge, to whom the candidate is personally known, subject to the approval of the Master of the lodge, who is personally responsible that the candidate was in condition to comply with the above-named requirements.

In 1877 it was also ruled "that having a cork leg did not render a member unfit to take the third degree."

The fact is that ever since the first Grand Lodge of England (and of the world) was formed, in 1717, any ordinary defect of a physical character has been no bar to initiation, because the rule as to physical completion or perfection was a prerequisite of the operative period, never has been a regulation in our book of constitution, 1723 to 1784, and from the "Union" Laws of 1815 to now.

The "Atholl" or "Ancient" Grand Lodge rather leaned to the physical rule, and hence the later provincial Grand Lodges of the United States of America and so of Canada (from which the Grand Lodge originated) followed the same custom.

RELIEF—THE WISCONSIN PLAN.

This plan is based upon the proposition that it is the duty of every lodge to take care of its own members in distress, wherever they may be. In case of its inability to do so, the duty devolves upon the Grand Lodge from which

it holds its charter, it being understood that in no case is the lodge furnishing relief and asking reimbursement to go beyond actual necessities without express authority from the reimbursing body.

This plan contemplates the relief of a distressed worthy brother wherever he may be; if far from home, the lodge affording the relief shall be reimbursed by the distressed brother's lodge, or the Grand Lodge from which his lodge holds its charter. The plan is enthusiastically embraced by some Grand Lodges and committees on Correspondence, California among them, Its Grand Lodge adopting a report of its committee on Jurisprudence, from which we extract—

We accept the statement that each individual should be always ready to help those that need help, according to his ability; but we do not at all accept or agree with the statement that lodges were never intended to be dispensers of charity and so, of course, ought not, as lodges, to have any care about the sick and needy.

In the thirteenth of the "Old Regulations" of 1721, we read:

At the said quarterly communication all matters that concern the fraternity in general, or particular lodges, or single brethren, are quietly, sedately, and maturely, to be discoursed of and transacted. * * * They shall also consider of the most prudent and effective methods of collecting and disposing of what money shall be given to or lodged with them in charity, towards the needs only of any true brother fallen into poverty and decay, but of none else; but every particular lodge shall dispose of their own charity for poor brethren according to their own by-laws, until it be agreed by all the lodges (in a new regulation) to carry in the charity collected by them to the Grand Lodge at the quarterly or annual communication, in order to make a common stock of it for the more handsome relief of poor brethren.

This looks to us as though the four London lodges that then composed the Grand Lodge of England had meant to express the idea that not only the constituent lodges, but, as well, the Grand Lodge, had a duty to perform towards "true brethren fallen into poverty and decay"; that a lodge could dispense charity more efficiently than its individual members; and that the Grand Lodge could dispense it more efficiently than its constituents—that is, that every lodge should have a fund for the relief of those in need, and it could, through a proper committee, much more readily and certainly than its individual members, determine the necessities of the applicant and the character and extent of the relief that ought to be given.

It is true that the duty of a lodge to care for its own members, when they need care, is not expressly declared in the ancient charges or the old regulations, but seems to have been so patent and so recognised as to need no expression in words, and we think it follows as a necessary corollary from what is said.

In 1883, on this same subject, our committee said:

The duty of the lodge is to its members and to their families, without regard to their place of residence; and the fact that one of its members, or the widow of a deceased member, has removed to some place beyond its territorial jurisdiction, does not absolve the lodge from the performance of this well-known and necessary duty.

If a member of a lodge in California should visit Florida or England and be taken sick and die, we should expect the lodge in whose jurisdiction he might happen to be, would, if he needed assistance and his condition was known, give such assistance as he might reasonably require in sickness, and bury him decently, and we should expect that this lodge here would properly repay the amount so expended, and that if it were unable to do so, this Grand Lodge would come to its aid and make the payment. It has never yet failed to recognise such an obligation, and, we trust, never will.

But this view is not concurred in by all, and in some instances we find a proposition something like the following put forward: That organised Masonry is not effected for the purpose of extending such relief; that the obligation to relieve the distressed is purely an individual obligation, to be discharged without the hope of reimbursement. And it is urged that the plan would enable a lodge in another jurisdiction to incur financial obligations with altogether too liberal a hand, and beyond the ability of the pay-

ing lodge to respond to. Masonic bodies in Great Britain accumulate great charity funds and dispense relief with great care to the indigent brother, the widow, and the orphan. In many of our own Grand Jurisdictions Masonic Homes have been erected and maintained to the lasting credit of the fraternity.

A proposition embodied in the conclusion reached by the Masonic congress at Chicago in 1893 receives ready acceptance by many, and is as follows :

That worthy Masons are entitled to relief from brethren and lodges wheresoever they may be found in need of relief, and that the brethren of lodges granting such aid are not entitled to demand reimbursement from the lodges in which they hold their membership, but that when a member of one lodge is relieved by another, and the financial situation of his lodge is such as to permit, common courtesy and duty alike demand that it should reimburse a poorer lodge relieving its members. Written or printed appeals for aid which do not secure the indorsement of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction from which they emanate should be discountenanced.

CLANDESTINE NEGRO LODGES.

RECOGNISED IN VIOLATION OF FUNDAMENTAL MASONIC LAW BY THE GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON.

Don Quixote's zeal in his heroic endeavor to revive knight errantry was no less madness than that displayed by our Washington brother in his attempt to convince the Masonic world that American Negro Masonry should be recognised. The wonder is that his Grand Lodge should have consented to act the part of Sancho Panza in the play.

Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.— *Mackey*.

The term, "Masonry," however, applies only to legitimate bodies recognised as such by all regular Masons wheresoever dispersed. Men of the highest standing in the nations of the earth, wise and good men, rulers, statesmen, scholars, and philosophers, have wrought diligently in seeking to perfect the Masonic institution, erected upon principles of the soundest morality, and have determined upon rules for our government as Masons which square themselves with reason and justice. From these rules, making up for the most part our Masonic jurisprudence, we can not depart.

Again, "It is not in the powers of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry."

By consent of the Grand Masters, and upon the terms of a solemn agreement reserving to Grand Masters certain prerogatives, their sovereignty over the craft was resigned to Grand Lodge jurisdiction in 1717, when the present Grand Lodge system was adopted and the first Grand Lodge under that system was erected ; to which agreement and terms every Grand Lodge now existing in English-speaking countries has fully subscribed, and every regularly made Mason is solemnly obligated and bound. It is the province of each Grand Lodge to determine the legitimacy of every organisation claiming to be Masonic and existing within its borders, and no other Grand Lodge can lawfully recognise the members of any body as Masonic not recognised by the Grand Lodge within whose jurisdiction it exists. To disregard and

violate any one of the fundamental landmarks, agreements, and regulations, is to place any Mason or body of Masons, grand or subordinate, outside the pale of the Masonic institution, to be treated by every regular Masonic body and every individual member of the order as spurious and clandestine.

In view of the foregoing well-established principles of Masonic jurisprudence, what conclusion ought to be reached in considering the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington at its annual communication, held in June, 1898, with reference to the petition of two men who professed to be members of some negro lodge created in another state, tracing its origin to Prince Hall Lodge, of Boston, Mass? Adopting for the purpose of this review the statement of the origin of the negro lodges made in the record of the action of the Washington Grand Lodge, we have the following:

The origin of Masonry among the negroes of the United States was as follows:

On March 6, 1775, an army lodge warranted by the Grand Lodge of England, and attached to one of the regiments stationed under General Gage, in Boston, Mass., initiated Prince Hall and fourteen other colored men of Boston into the mysteries of Freemasonry. From that beginning, with small additions from foreign countries, sprang the Masonry among the negroes of America. These fifteen brethren were probably authorised by the lodge which made them, according to the custom of the day, to assemble as a lodge. At least they did so; but it does not appear that they did any "work" until after they were regularly warranted. They applied to the Grand Lodge of England for a warrant, March 2, 1784. It was issued to them as "African Lodge, No. 459," with Prince Hall as Master, September 29, 1784, but not received until May 2, 1787. The lodge was organised under the warrant four days later. It remained upon the English registry, occasionally contributing to the Grand Charity Fund, until, upon the amalgamation of the rival Grand Lodges of the "Moderns" and the "Ancients" into the present United Grand Lodge of England, in 1813, it and the other English lodges in the United States were erased.

Bro.: Prince Hall, a man of exceptional ability, worked zealously in the cause of Masonry, and from 1792 until his death, in 1807, exercised all the functions of a provincial Grand Master. In 1797 he issued a license to thirteen black men, who had been made Masons in England, to "assemble and work" as a lodge in Philadelphia. Another lodge was organised by his authority, at Providence, Rhode Island. In 1808 these three lodges joined in forming the "African Grand Lodge" of Boston.—now the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,"—and Masonry gradually spread over the land.

The second colored Grand Lodge, called the "First Independent African Grand Lodge of North America in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," was organised in 1815; and the third was the "Hiram Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania." These three Grand Bodies fully recognised each other in 1847, by joining in forming a National Grand Lodge (now virtually extinct); and as practically all the negro lodges in the United States are descended from one or the other of these, we need pursue the history no further.

In the proceedings of our own Grand Lodge, session 1877, upon the subject of negro lodges, to which reference is made, it will be found that our Grand Lodge subscribed to a most wise and salutary view in adopting the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge does not recognise the so-called African or colored Masonic organisations or membership as existing in this state or the United States of America.

Resolved, That regarding initiation, each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction must be governed by the landmarks of the fraternity and the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Resolved, That regarding admission to membership, subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction can not elect a brother who does not last hail from a lodge chartered by a Grand Lodge recognised by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Returning to March 6th, 1775, the time when Prince Hall and fourteen other negroes were made Masons in an army lodge attached to one of the regiments under General Gage, who was in command of an army quartered in Boston, menacing and attempting to overawe the liberty-loving colonists of Massachusetts. An unaccountable course of tyranny over its colonies, on the part of Great Britain, never since attempted by that government upon its English-speaking subjects, was in full swing at Boston. Immediately thereafter, and on April 19th, the Battle of Concord was fought, and on June 17th following the Battle of Bunker Hill occurred, when our Bro.: Major-General Warren, provincial Grand Master in Massachusetts, fell in the cause of Liberty.

And the Grand Lodge adopted the following :

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, Masonry is universal ; and, without doubt, neither race nor color are among the tests proper to be applied to determine the fitness of a candidate for the degrees of Masonry.

Resolved, That in view of recognised laws of the Masonic Institution, and of facts of history apparently well authenticated and worthy of full credence, this Grand Lodge does not see its way clear to deny or question the right of its constituent lodges, or of the members thereof, to recognise as brother Masons, negroes who have been initiated in Lodges which can trace their origin to Prince Hall Lodge, No. 459, organised under the warrant of our R. W. Bro.: Thomas Howard, Earl of Effingham, Acting Grand Master, under the authority of H. R. H. Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, etc., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in England, bearing date September 29, A. L. 5784, or to our R. W. Bro.: Prince Hall, Master of said lodge ; and, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of tracing such origin, the African Grand Lodge, of Boston, organised in 1808,—subsequently known as the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,—the first African Grand Lodge of North America in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, organised in 1815, and the Hiram Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, may justly be regarded as legitimate Masonic Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That while this Grand Lodge recognises no difference between brethren based upon race or color, yet it is not unmindful of the fact that the white and colored races in the United States have in many ways shown a preference to remain, in purely social matters, separate and apart. In view of this inclination of the two races,—Masonry being preeminently a social institution,—this Grand Lodge deems it to be the best interest of Masonry to declare that if regular Masons of African descent desire to establish, within the state of Washington, lodges confined wholly or chiefly to brethren of their race, and shall establish such lodges strictly in accordance with the landmarks of Masonry, and in accordance with Masonic law as heretofore interpreted by Masonic tribunals of their own race, and if such lodges shall, in due time, see fit, in like manner, to erect a Grand Lodge for the better administration of their affairs, this Grand Lodge, having more regard for the good of Masonry than for any mere technicality, will not regard the establishment of such lodges or Grand Lodge as an invasion of its jurisdiction, but as evincing a disposition to conform to its own ideas as to the best interests of the craft under peculiar circumstances ; and will ever extend to our colored brethren its sincere sympathy in every effort to promote the welfare of the craft or inculcate the pure principles of our art.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to acknowledge receipt of the communication from Gideon L. Bailey and Con A. Rideout, and forward to them a copy of the printed proceedings of this annual communication of the Grand Lodge, as a response to said communication.

The army lodge had no authority under its warrant to make Masons of citizens or any person not connected with the army, and Prince Hall and his associates were persons outside of its jurisdiction; nor had it the slightest authority to authorise said negroes to organise a lodge.

The charter granted by the Deputy Grand Master of England and received in 1787, was received by Prince Hall more than five years after the independence of this country had been acknowledged by Great Britain, and at a time when the Grand Lodge of England had no authority whatever to grant charters to lodges in this country. It was also ten years after the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had been organised. Moreover, it was never recognised by any regular lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts fully considered the claims of these negro lodges in 1869, 1870, and again in 1876, with every facility to investigate all the facts and circumstances involved, and in each instance came to the conclusion that all of the so-called negro lodges are clandestine. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts can not be justly charged with race prejudice, because in that Grand Jurisdiction descendants of Africa are made Masons in the regular lodges, and the fact appears that there was such an one, an officer of one of the subordinate lodges, sitting in Grand Lodge as a member thereof at the very time when the Grand Lodge was considering the claims of these clandestine negro lodges.

One would naturally conclude, under the circumstances, that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts would get at as correct a solution of the facts in the case as could be reached, and would ordinarily acquiesce in its action, especially as it was the one Masonic body which had original jurisdiction to determine the validity of organisations within its borders claiming to be Masonic.

These negro lodges are treated as clandestine by every Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction they are found. The negroes petitioning were not members of any lodge or pretended lodge of Masons located in the state of Washington, but of a lodge or lodges held to be clandestine by the Grand Lodge where located.

By a unanimous vote the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at its quarterly communication, December 14th, 1898, after again briefly reviewing the facts involved—

Resolved, That we [they] fraternally demand of the Grand Lodge of Washington a speedy reconsideration of its entire action upon the subject of "Negro Masonry in the United States."

This action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, we think, commands the consideration of all other Grand Lodges more than that of any other Grand Lodge, because of its original jurisdiction to determine the legitimacy of the original mother lodge of all this brood of clandestine bodies now for the first time recognised as regular Masonic organisations.

The Grand Master of Delaware, by edict, commanded, January 10th, 1899, that all Masonic communication between the Grand Lodge of Delaware, its subordinate lodges and members, and the Grand Lodge of Washington, its subordinate lodges and members, be suspended until the next annual communication of his Grand Lodge. By resolution of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, adopted at its annual communication, in January, 1899, its subordinate lodges are instructed not to admit to Masonic intercourse any

Mason who is a member of any lodge working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, on January 26th, 1899, unanimously adopted the following :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of Washington, by its recognition of irregular and clandestine Masons, has placed itself without the pale of regularity, in the assent it has volunteered in preparing the way for the formation of clandestine lodges, and a Grand Lodge within the occupancy of its own territorial jurisdiction, to the detriment of the Masonic fraternity and to the confusion of interests in other Masonic jurisdictions with which alliance has been of mutual accord; by assaillment of the principle of Grand Lodge sovereignty, in an association abhorrent to the craft of regular Free and Accepted Masons, by which it has itself derogated to the condition of clandestinity.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge reiterates the irregular and clandestine status affixed to certain men claiming to be Masons at the annual communication of 1871, in avowment of the preservation of legitimate Masonry and the purity of its source, essential to true craftsmen, hereby orders the severance of fraternal relations and intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington, its subordinates and the members thereof. This interdict to be of immediate force.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on December 27th, 1898, unanimously resolved to suspend fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington until that Grand Lodge shall withdraw its recognition of clandestine lodges in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Similar action has been taken by other Grand Lodges, among them New York, Kentucky, Arkansas, Louisiana, and South Carolina.

The negro lodges existing in 1827 issued a sort of declaration of independence, and the Grand Master of Kentucky in speaking of it, remarks: "And from that day to this they have enjoyed the freedom of the wild ass and rejoiced in the liberty of an unbridled and unrecognised existence—a freedom which the committee of Washington's Grand Lodge seem anxious to emulate, when in order to convince the outside world of the catholicity of their Masonry, they take unto their embrace the unctuous African, ignore the facts of history, and insult the intelligence and challenge the honesty of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in fact, the whole body of American Masonry, by denouncing the candid judgment of impartial men, acting under the sanction of Masonic obligation, as the unworthy result of race prejudice and cowardly prudence."

M. W. Bro. Drummond in his review says: "We regret, beyond the power of words to express, that, while the bonds of fraternity the world over have generally been drawing closer and closer, a disturbance of the harmony of the craft, causeless and wicked, has been created by the Grand Lodge of Washington. This disturbance, however, is not likely to divide the craft elsewhere, but is in danger of dividing the craft in that state from the regular Masons elsewhere throughout the world.

"The disturbance has been caused by the formal denial by that Grand Lodge of the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction and the recognition of lodges and Grand Lodges situate in the territory of other Grand Lodges, as lawful lodges and Grand Lodges, and the members of the obedience of those lodges and Grand Lodges as regular Masons, despite the decision of the recognised Grand Lodges in each case, that such lodges and

Grand Lodges are irregular and unlawful and the members of their obedience clandestine Masons, Masonic intercourse with whom is forbidden by the landmarks of Masonry.

"The mistake of the Grand Lodge of Washington is all the more remarkable, as it is the result of the antics of one man, not yet ten years a Mason, for whom the utmost that Masonic charity can say, is, that while he has scarcely a superficial knowledge of the principles, laws, and usages, of masonry, *he really thinks he knows them all*, and holds that the founders of Masonry in America and of our system of Grand Lodges, and their successors in the past, such as Moore, Mackey, Lewis, Mellen, Vaux, Fellows, and others, went to their graves not only in ignorance, but with false views of the laws and usages of Masonry, and especially those regulating the relations of Grand Lodges to the whole body of the craft and to each other. We doubt whether there can be found in history another so signal illustration of the truth, that 'A little learning is a dangerous thing.'"

The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington is so clearly in open defiance of its duty to those Grand Lodges in whose jurisdiction the negro lodges exist and have been by said Grand Lodges declared clandestine, that nothing remains but to suspend fraternal relations until the wrongful act is rescinded. No wonder that Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and New York, acted promptly. These states, from the earliest history of those spurious lodges, had the matter to deal with. Now, if a member of a lodge declared to be clandestine by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, where it exists, seeks fraternal admission to a lodge in Washington, he may be admitted under sanction of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The only plea available in excuse for the Grand Lodge of Washington's act, is that of ignorance—not of the facts, but of the fundamental principles, of Masonic jurisprudence; an ignorance inexcusable in those who presume to act as leaders in any Grand Lodge. Honored and trusted by their brethren, elevated to the highest offices in the gift of the craft, they betray their trust, in this case assuming to overthrow a principle of jurisprudence established by the unanimous consent of American Grand Lodges, including that of Washington itself.

When the just rebukes of sister Grand Jurisdictions began to overwhelm the perpetrators of this iniquity, the present Grand Master of Washington, under whose leadership the offensive action was taken, issued a sort of circular letter, sending it to various Grand Masters, in which he sought to deny what plainly and unmistakably appears upon the record, that his Grand Lodge had recognised the clandestine negro lodges.

Answering this letter, the Grand Master of New York says :

I note your statement on page 3 of your letter that when your Grand Lodge let loose upon your craft the doctrine that each lodge in the state of Washington may determine for itself whether that lodge will receive as a visitor claiming to have been made a Mason, for example in the state of New York, but not in a regular lodge holding charter from the Grand Lodge of which I am now the Grand Master, your Grand Lodge "merely expressed her adherence to what has been her practice throughout the whole of her existence, viz., to refrain from undertaking to bind the consciences of our [your] members upon a question which is essentially one of history." I respectfully dissent from the truth of your historical statement. It has not been the practice of the Grand

Lodge of Washington throughout her whole existence to refrain from binding the conscience of your members as to the clandestine character of one claiming to have been made a Mason within the state of New York in an alleged lodge holding a charter not issued by the Grand Lodge of New York. I call to witness section 676 of the code of the Grand Lodge of Washington, as adopted in 1863, and as remaining in force and effect until June, 1898, when, upon motion of the committee of which you were a distinguished actor, that section of your code was repealed, which, while it had life, prohibited every lodge in the state of Washington from holding intercourse with the members of Pythagoras Lodge, so called, in the state of New York, and with all others hailing from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. This "long-established policy" of the state of Washington, standing unquestioned for thirty-five years, not only directed and controlled the consciences and the actions of the craft in the state of Washington, but necessarily involved the recognition or the denial of the right, powers, and prerogatives, of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. How, then, can you say that in giving permission to the subordinate lodges in the state of Washington to receive as visitors negroes from the state of New York, whose only claim to Masonic recognition is derived from the initiation within the state of New York by a body of men not chartered by the Grand Lodge of New York, you "are not recognising Negro Grand Lodges?" Are you intending to say to your craft that they may receive negroes who have been initiated by a body of men not possessing any charter from any Grand Body, whether of competent or incompetent jurisdiction? Not so. You specifically direct your members to inquire of this negro coming from New York state whether his so-called lodge possesses a charter granted by a "negro Grand Lodge" which can trace its genealogy back to the African Grand Lodge of Boston, organised in 1808, or to one of two colored Grand Lodges organised in the state of Pennsylvania.

MEXICAN MASONRY.

The Grand Dieta Simbolica of Mexico has been recognised by the Grand Lodges of Texas, New York, Iowa, Kansas, California, and New Hampshire, and perhaps by others.

There is considerable controversy as to the origin of some of the Grand Lodges and lodges owing obedience to the Grand Dieta, but there no longer seems to be any doubt about certain practices that have been indulged by lodges in Mexico. First, and all important: in very many lodges the Bible has not been displayed on the altars, but in its stead, the book of constitutions. By a recent order of the Grand Dieta, however, lodges are now required to restore the Bible, which, together with the book of constitutions, is placed upon the altar, and resting on them the square and compasses. Again, women have been made Masons in the lodges and attend them with the same privileges as the men; and women lodges have been chartered as regular constituent lodges of the Grand Lodges constituting them; but this, recently, has been stopped, the charters to the women lodges revoked, and the lodges commanded not to admit women to their meetings.

Some objection to recognition is based upon the fact that the Grand Dieta is a Grand Lodge having jurisdiction over Grand Lodges; but this certainly is not sufficient. Such objection would apply to the Grand Lodge of England, which has dominion over provincial Grand Lodges.

M. W. Bro. Robbins, in his review for Illinois, 1898, strenuously objects to the recognition of the Grand Dieta, because of the manifest irregularities existing, past and present, and of the doubtful origin of the various Mexican Masonic bodies, and with great force argues to his conclusions.

What this writer wonders at is, why Bro. Robbins can not see that

the same reasoning would lead to a different conclusion than he seems to have arrived at in his discussion of the recognition of the negro lodges by the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The late M. : W. : Bro. : John Q. A. Fellows, in his last Grand Lodge review, that of 1897, discussed in an able and dispassionate manner the question of Mexican Masonry, and from it we gather his conclusions as to the origin of a large number of the lodges now owing obedience to the Grand Dieta. It is in substance as follows:

In 1860 Bro. : Charles Laffon of New Orleans, then a member of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, A. : A. : S. : R. : , went to Mexico to establish Masonry and a Supreme Council in that country. At that time, in his opinion, there was not a single lodge in existence in Mexico.

Bro. : Laffon made Masons, and created them 33ds, and established the Supreme Council, which in turn made Masons of profanes and constituted lodges which are now part of the constituents of the Grand Dieta, Bro. : Fellows regarded all members and lodges, so made and instituted, clandestine. He did not hold that Supreme Councils can not create lodges, but he did assert that no 33d degree Mason, as such, can make a Mason, nor can any Supreme Council create a lodge of profanes thus made Masons.

On the contrary, Bro. : Drummond, in reply, holds that if there were no lodges in Mexico, the country was open to any Masonic power to establish Masonry there; if, under the laws of a Supreme Council, one of its members is authorised, in such a country, to confer the degrees to establish Masonry there, his acts are valid; the proposition that a profane can be made a Mason only in a regular lodge has exceptions.

There are undoubtedly many regularly made Masons, and some legally constituted lodges in Mexico, and the brethren composing these certainly deserve the sympathy of all true Masons. That Masonry may so reform the organisations and practices there as to command, in the not distant future, a recognition by the Grand Lodges of the world, is desirable.

Practices that are intolerable have prevailed in many of their lodges; landmarks that can not be altered or changed have been violated and utterly disregarded. A reformation is certainly in progress, and wisdom would, perhaps, suggest a withholding of fraternal recognition until such time as a full conformity to ancient regulations is brought about and permanently established.

Again, while we have the controversy on our hands raised by the Grand Lodge of Washington's recognition of negro lodges, involving, perhaps, some of the principles at issue in the Mexican matter, and, if so, complicating our difficulties and calling for careful consideration rather than hasty action suggested by generous impulses, we ought, perhaps, as has been said, "make haste slowly."

PERU.

On June 13th, 1897, the then Grand Master of Peru, one Christian Dam, indulged in the open violation of a landmark of Masonry, and issued an edict wherein it was ordered: "That on all Masonic altars the Bible shall be removed and replaced by the constitution of the order of Freemasonry, and that in our [their] rituals the word Bible shall be struck out and the words 'The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Peru' put in its place."

This irreverent and presumptuous act of the Grand Master was well calculated to invite the rebuke of the entire Masonic fraternity, and it speedily appeared in various forms.

The Grand Master of New York, on the 24th day of December following, received notice of this action, and "before the sun went down on that day" issued an edict addressed to all the lodges in his Grand Jurisdiction, "announcing this Masonic suicide of the Grand Lodge of Peru, dismissing her Representative as such from the presence of the Grand Lodge of New York, recalling the commission theretofore issued to our [their] Representative near the Grand Lodge of Peru, and interdicting Masonic intercourse with all persons claiming allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Peru, unless and until the said edict of the said Christian Dam should be revoked."

In his report of his action to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master of New York, M. W. William A. Sutherland, says:

The waves of infidelity which broke upon the shores of Peru had already submerged the Grand Lodge of France, and it is for us to see that they do not lap the coast of our jurisdiction.

The hand that snatches at the Bible upon our altars is the hand of the assassin, plucking at the heart of the fraternity; and the action of the Grand Lodge of Peru should awaken us to alertness as sentinels on guard.

Many other Grand Masters issued edicts to the same effect.

The Grand Lodge of Peru, however, repudiated the action of its Grand Master Dam, and at a quarterly communication, held in May, 1898, defeated the Dam party and elected a new Grand Master, a true Mason, who, on assuming his office, issued a decree annulling the former one; basing his action on the grounds that the former one was issued in contravention of the rules, and laws of his Grand Lodge; that the Grand Lodge of Peru is a Masonic body of the York rite, limited by the immutable landmarks of Masonry; that the Dam edict destroyed a landmark, which, besides its immutability, is the basis of the rite.

The Grand Lodges whose action had been like that of New York, since this last edict have taken steps to promptly restore the former relations.

It is well known that in Latin countries in many instances Masonic lodges have sought to replace the Bible on the altar with some other book; that infidelity has been so prevalent as to make this possible; but when this has occurred the result has followed which must follow their infraction of the landmark governing—recognition of the lodge has been withdrawn by all regularly constituted Masonic lodges.

The condition of Christianity in Latin-American countries is attested by some recent events and utterances of which it is well to take note.

The late action of the Vatican in calling together the South American Bishops to study new methods of propaganda, it is said, is a confession on the part of his holiness, the Pope of Rome, to the world that the condition of his spiritual subjects in South America is unsatisfactory, and reform is needed.

The report of the son of the late General William T. Sherman, a priest in the Roman Catholic church, upon his recent tour of investigation through Porto Rico, contains the following:

Religion is dead on the island. Whether it can be revived as a living influence is highly problematical. There is little or no observance of the sanctity of Sunday.

The state of morality can be inferred from the fact that the number of illegitimate children exceeds that of the legitimate. Concubinage is said to be common, and is not sufficiently discountenanced either legally or socially. The eradication of this great evil presents one of the most difficult problems in Porto Rico.

A Roman priest in Southern Brazil declared that in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, which is said to be six times the size of Virginia, the Latin mass was said on Sunday in no more than a dozen towns. The people on that day were accustomed to frequent the race-course for diversion. The offices of the Roman church were largely in abeyance. The people but rarely asked for or had Christian burial. The parish church, built by the government in monarchical times, was sinking into decay.

A Roman priest of American training, after five years' experience in the Argentine Republic, declared that the only vitality the Roman church possessed there was among women; neither the consciences nor character of men were touched.

The late Bishop of San Paulo, in central Brazil, said:

Brazil has no longer any faith. Religion is almost extinct here. There are only the externals of religion; grand *festas*, which end ordinarily in debaucheries of a low class, and a material idolatry of images.

The above quotations are taken from an address recently delivered by Bishop Kinsolving, of the American Protestant Episcopal church, in Washington, D. C., and he adds his own testimony, after a nine-years' experience in Latin lands. He says: "Taking Brazil as a representative Latin republic—one of the most populous; the vastest in territorial proportions; the dominant power in the southern half of this continent, with 18,000,000 of inhabitants,—illiteracy everywhere abounds. Four-fifths of the population can neither read nor write. Their moral condition is darker than that of Porto Rico. Of the one-fifth who are educated, but the smallest proportion adhere to the Roman form of Christianity. Statesmen, lawyers, physicians, army and naval officers, have, almost to a man, repudiated the historic Christ."

And he adds, what every Freemason should know, that "nowhere can be found the open Bible except in Masonic lodges."

And the Freemason, in all Anglo-Saxon countries, may justly claim that that Book, "The Book of the Law of Freemasonry" in every Christian land, the rule and guide of faith and practice, an open book on all our altars, teaching, as Freemasonry does, the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, of equality, and justice, has been a potent factor in

extending liberty in the government of the nations of the earth. The book divine and our institution -- they twain -- have blessed and are enlightening the sons and daughters of men, bestowing inestimable gifts upon humanity.

CUBA.

From a report of the committee on Jurisprudence presented by M. W. Bro. John C. Smith to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, we extract some very interesting facts in the history of Masonry in the island of Cuba.

The first lodge instituted in the island of Cuba, Le Temple des Vertus Theologales, No. 103, located in the city of Havana, was regularly chartered by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the year 1804. The membership of this lodge was largely composed of French residents who had migrated from the island of Hayti. About this same time another body of Frenchmen came from the island, bringing with them the charter of Concorde Lodge, a charter also issued by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and this lodge was established at Baracoa.

In 1806 a Provincial Grand Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and located at Baracoa, where Concorde Lodge was, but for what purpose other than to regulate their own domestic affairs does not appear. We also find that for a series of years there were a number of lodges scattered over the island, and which were regularly instituted and chartered by three of the Grand Lodges of the United States.

In 1818 the above-named lodges and none others formed La Gran Logia Espanola de Francemasons del Rito de York. During the reign of King Ferdinand VII, of Spain, and from 1823 to 1828, the Freemasons in Spain were persecuted, and by his captains-general those of Cuba were so brutally treated that to save their lives many had to publicly renounce Masonry and officially declare Grand Lodge dissolved. This did not, however, prevent a few of the lodges from meeting in secret in the mountain fastnesses of that isle, and there, in the deepest valleys and on mountain top, hold Masonic communion with the few true brethren there congregated. Hunted and persecuted as only the old inquisition of Spain could mercilessly do, these lodges died out until but two remained, and they only by change of name and the entire destruction of their old records. These two lodges were in the mountains near Santiago de Cuba, the easternmost end of the island. Late in the '50's, the persecution having nearly ceased by reason of there being so few to oppress and being so far from Havana, these two surviving lodges, calling themselves Fraternidad and Prudencia, were found holding their meetings in the city of Santiago de Cuba, where, in 1859, in order to enable these two lodges to organize a Grand Lodge in Cuba, the M. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina gave charter to San Andres Lodge, No. 93. December 5, 1859, these three lodges, Fraternidad, Prudencia, and San Andres, formed the Grand Lodge of Colon, in Santiago de Cuba.

The circumstances being favorable, many lodges were chartered throughout Cuba, particularly in the city of Havana and western end of the island; but by reason of difficulty in communicating with the Grand Lodge at Santiago de Cuba, August 1, 1876, the Gran Logia de la Cuba, for the western part of the island was organized. All the lodges in that part of the island did not join this new Grand Lodge, and finding it impossible to communicate with their Grand Lodge at Santiago de Cuba, these lodges united July 20, 1877, in the formation of a third Grand Lodge, called New Grand Lodge of Colon, with the Grand East in Havana.

The difficulties and dissensions which had caused this separation into three Grand Bodies having been in a measure removed, the two Grand Lodges in Havana came together and consolidated into one Grand Body under the name of the Grand Logia Unida de Colon e Isla de Cuba, and in 1893, this consolidated body was taken back into the mother Grand Lodge of Colon, at Santiago de Cuba, and the name of this Grand Body, which now governs the craft in Cuba, was changed to that it now bears, The Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, and by which name it desires to be recognised by the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

The Grand Lodge of Cuba is now fraternally recognised by nearly all the American Grand Lodges.

PATRIOTIC UTTERANCES.

It has been said that the most notable "Tea-Party" ever congregated in this country was that which occurred at Boston, at night, on December 16th, 1773, and that it was organised *impromptu* by the members of a lodge of Freemasons, and after lodge proceeded, disguised as Mohawk Indians, to a certain vessel then lying at the wharf. For a teapot, Boston Bay was made use of, and a cargo of the East India Company's Best was thoroughly mixed in the boiling waters. Tea-party talk, of course, resulted, and the incident constitutes one of the many stirring events which marked the exciting days preceding the opening of our American revolution.

Major-General Warren was the Grand Master of St. Andrews Provincial Grand Lodge, which became the first Sovereign Grand Lodge on this continent, when he was slain at Bunker Hill on June 17th, 1775.

In the Continental Congress whose members signed the Declaration of Independence nearly all were Freemasons. The leaders of the patriots throughout the colonies were for the most part prominent members of our fraternity, who had been taught at Masonic altars the principles of equality and justice.

The corner-stone of the national capitol was laid by our Bro.: George Washington acting as Master of a Masonic lodge, and the corner-stone of Bunker Hill Monument was laid by his companion-in-arms Bro.: LaFayette, acting as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Prominent statesmen throughout our history as a nation have been in a large majority members of the Masonic institution, moved and influenced by the pure principles of its precepts.

A war, therefore, for the extension of human liberty, such as that undertaken to free Cuba, finds naturally a patriotic support in our Grand Lodge assemblies. This sentiment finds expression in the annual addresses of Grand Masters, and we have read with great pleasure and satisfaction many stirring, patriotic passages in their deliverances since the sinking of the *Maine* on the 15th day of February, 1898.

From the annual address of M.: W.: William A. Sutherland, Grand Master of New York, we extract what to us seems of more than ordinary interest :

When, from the deeds of Spanish cruelty in Cuba, the smoke of conflict was rising to touch our flag, whisperings were heard of European encouragement to Spain. But our neighbor on the south, the Republic of Mexico, extended her hand of friendship to the United States, with most delicately expressed but nevertheless emphatic assurance that Spanish troops would not harass us from Mexican soil, nor Spanish men-of-war make of Mexican harbors a rendezvous. When the *Maine* was destroyed in Havana harbor, Mexico spoke ; and this Grand Lodge was selected as the medium through which the people of the United States should hear her voice.

The President of our sister republic is also the Grand Master of Masons in Mexico. On the 15th day of February last eighty-three (83) Freemasons were among the two hundred and sixty-six (266) American sailors who went down to their death with the battleship *Maine*.

Five days afterwards the President, and the Grand Master of Masons in Mexico, directed his Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to issue an edict com-

manding all Masonic Lodges within his jurisdiction to be draped in mourning on account of these our dead.

The Grand Master and President also directed the Grand Secretary to make known to the Grand Lodge of New York this extremely significant evidence of his most valuable friendship.

Accordingly the following communication, under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Mexico, was, by due course of mail, received by our Grand Secretary :

“LA GRAN DIETA SIMBOLICA, ETC.,

“ORIENT OF MEXICO, February 20th, 1898.

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York:

HON. BRO. EHLERS : The Gran Dieta Simbolica of Mexico shakes with most terrible sorrow over the frightful explosion of the United States battle-ship Maine in Cuban waters, and the terrible loss of the lives of so many American citizens, and has ordered all the lodges in the Republic of Mexico under its jurisdiction to drape their altars in testimony of sorrow for such a calamity, and has ordered me to communicate it to you, and to beg of you to transmit to the Grand Lodge of the state of New York the expression of our sincere sorrow at such a calamity which has happened to the citizens and Masons of the United States.

With best wishes and a fraternal embrace.

By order of the Grand Master.

ERMILO G. CANTON,
Grand Secretary.

In addition to this the representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near the Grand Lodge of Mexico transmitted to us his report not only of the action of the Grand Master of Mexico, but of the subsequent assembling of various lodges in that jurisdiction in a Lodge of Sorrow on the 22d day of February, accompanying his report with translations of several of the speeches delivered on that occasion by the orators of the local lodges. These speeches breathed not only the most tender sentiments of fraternal sympathy with the United States, but they voiced profound horror at the character of the deed done in Havana harbor, severest reprobation of all who had a hand therein, and the warmest regard for our flag and for our country.

Thus for the first time in the history of the world was the Masonic fraternity selected as the medium through which one nation should be made to feel the welcome handclasp of another, and the Grand Lodge of New York became, as it were, the cable by which the Republic of Mexico discovered to the United States that the pulsations of the one were responsive to the heartbeats of the other.

Following an impulse most natural, and in accord with what seemed to me my duty as a citizen as well as a Mason, I promptly laid copies of these communications before the President of the United States, our Bro. William McKinley, which were acknowledged with the assurance of his “deep appreciation and warmest thanks.”

THE LITERATURE OF FREEMASONRY.

The antiquity of Freemasonry is evidenced by the unmistakable identity of essential points in its ritual, its landmarks, and its modes of organisation and government, from a time anterior to that of the building of King Solomon's Temple down to the present day.

Our brother, Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of New York, in an address delivered to the Grand Chapter of New York, February 2d, 1898, in St. Peters church, Albany, N. Y., in speaking of the antiquity of Freemasonry, said : “True, the line of direct succession disappears in times of wars and conquests and great social upheavals, but whether you choose to call it, as a learned writer has called it, an illustration of the general doctrine of psychical identity, or something much nearer to what we call historical continuity, is not really material. The thing that is material is that the original *concept* survives, and appears and reappears in varying conditions all down the track of the centuries until this very hour.”

Authentic records of lodge proceedings were not preserved down to within something like three hundred years ago, and then only in exceptional cases. But since 1717, when the present system of Grand Lodge government of the craft was adopted, lodge records have become necessary. The compilation of the old constitutions, by Anderson, and their publication, seems to have inaugurated the latter-day literature of the order. And still there existed a dearth of really valuable publications, when, early in the present century, Doctor Oliver began his work, and during his lifetime contributed publications of rare value to the craft. His great work, "The Historical Landmarks of Freemasonry," is a veritable storehouse of valuable knowledge, and should be carefully read by every one desirous of gaining a clear conception of the philosophical character of the legends and traditions involved in the ritual of Freemasonry, as well as of many subjects connected with the authentic history and government of Masonic bodies. Mackey and Morris, among American writers, should be familiar authorities with every aspiring brother.

The reviewers, upon all current topics discussed in Masonic Grand Bodies, afford a means to enable those actively engaged in lodge government to act understandingly. Without more or less study of our literature one is unfit to hold the responsible position of Master of a lodge.

It has been observed by those intelligently engaged in carrying on the work that our members do not, as a general thing, read our literature. And many in our ranks elevated to positions of high authority in our lodges, Grand and subordinate, are, unfortunately, deplorably ignorant of anything like a thorough knowledge of what they are expected to teach. Valuable as the ritual is as a key to all the more beautiful lessons of the degrees, nevertheless a thorough knowledge of it is but the beginning of what a Freemason should learn and master.

It too often occurs that one who has mastered a knowledge of the "work" and made himself familiar with some of the simpler rules for the government of the lodge, and who has only a superficial knowledge of the art, really thinks he knows all about it. Members of our order, and our enemies, alike accept as true many mistaken views as to what Freemasonry is and what it teaches. It is a science, as we are told, "veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." Its better part is formed in the pure principles it teaches by its legends, traditions, and symbols. How, then, without diligent study, are we to see and know all the beauties of our cult?

The matter of the government of ourselves and our organisations is, though of less importance, of great moment. In this latter branch necessity compels some attention that things may go on somewhat smoothly; but far less attention is paid to this than should be given to it. Our rulers are too prone to jump at conclusions, not recognising the fact that Masonry is a law unto itself, but lazily turning to some analogy in the civil law rather than diligently searching for the true rule. The writer would urge the Freemasons of Nebraska, for whom this review is written principally, to a study of the text-books and histories, and a perusal of all the reviews obtainable. Without such reading, study, and perusal, certainly those chosen to positions of trust among us can but fail in instructing the newly initiated.

Most of those engaged in writing reports on correspondence and reviews of the proceedings of Grand Bodies, their wits sharpened by controversy and the criticisms of their brethren of the guild, are careful in the statements they make, and, thus prodded, they search the records and present the results of research and study. How easy it is to secure the advantages these productions afford. And what excuse can the Master of a lodge give for ignoring them and continuing to plod along in the dark? And then the aspirants for the honors of the chair, should they not improve their minds by the exploration of the rich field of Masonic lore, and stand ready to correct the frequent blunders of the lazy Master in his instructions, or, as in too many cases, an entire failure to instruct his brethren? Don't forget that the most important office of a Master is that of instructor, and that in many a case he does not fill the bill at all. See to it that none but the intelligent, the studious, and the faithful, are exalted to leadership, and Freemasonry will sustain that position it so justly deserves.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES J. PHELPS,
For the Committee.

APPENDIX

TO THE REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Daniel H. Wheeler, Past Grand Master, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, submitted a communication as such Representative setting forth briefly the important matters which were passed upon at the last communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. He quotes, as an important matter, their amended regulations governing the granting of demits, the principal features of which are:

First—A brother desiring to join another lodge, petitions such lodge, and if elected, upon obtaining a demit from his former lodge, and signing the by-laws of the lodge electing him, becomes a member of the latter lodge.

Second—Before a demit can be granted, a certificate of the lodge having elected the brother must be presented to the lodge granting the demit; but the brother must be one who is not at the time an office bearer, nor one against whom any charges are preferred, and he must be free of debt to his lodge.

Third—If a brother removes to another Grand Jurisdiction, he may be demitted without reference to the provisions of the amended by-law.

Again, for the purpose of forming a new lodge demits may be granted, but must be sent to the Grand Secretary to be attached by him to the petition for dispensation. Those holding demits more than a year old are made subject to all the disabilities of a suspended Mason.

Another important provision is as follows :

Any member of the lodge against whom charges are not pending, and whose dues and indebtedness to the lodge are paid, may withdraw from membership by presenting a written application therefor at a regular communication, stating his reasons therefor. The lodge shall, at the next regular communication, unless the request shall be withdrawn, grant the request of the brother by dropping his name from the rolls, and his membership shall thereby be terminated, and he shall not thereafter be considered or treated as a member of the Fraternity. A brother thus dropped from the rolls of a lodge shall be entitled to a certificate setting forth the fact and the reasons therefor, which certificate shall be issued by the Secretary of the lodge, under its seal. Such person may, at his request, be restored to membership in the same lodge which granted him the withdrawal certificate, at any regular meeting, by a secret ballot, which must be unanimous.

Bro.:Wheeler's paper also quotes in full Michigan's resolutions restoring fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Peru, that lodge having rebuked the action of its former Grand Master Dam for having banished the Bible from lodge altars, and restored the same.

Upon the subject of negro Masonry he copies the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Washington recognising clandestine negro Masonry, which we omit here because in our report on correspondence, printed before our Grand Lodge convened, they will be found fully set forth. But we copy the action of Michigan as contained in Bro.:Wheeler's paper, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

To Grand Lodge:

Your special committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington at its last communication, on the subject of negro Masonry, so-called, beg leave to report:

The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington on this question is one of great importance to the Grand Lodges of this country, far-reaching in its conclusions, and tends to unsettle the Masonic law governing Grand Lodges since 1872. To properly investigate this question and present it to Grand

Lodge for action requires far more time than your committee has at its command, as it does not believe in severing Masonic and fraternal relations with a sovereign Grand Body hastily and without due investigation. Your committee, therefore, in the most fraternal spirit of brotherly love, asks our sister Grand Lodge of Washington, at its annual communication, to review its action on this question, and, in the interest of harmony, repeal its action and spread the cement of brotherly love—that which will reunite the great sisterhood of Grand Lodges into one grand and complete whole among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention, or, rather, emulation, of who can best work and best agree.

Your committee, relying upon the kindness and forgiving disposition of this Grand Lodge, which is ever ready to cover mistakes and extend the loyal right hand of fellowship, requests that it have until the next annual communication to make its report, and in the earnest hope that ere that time the cause for a report will be done away with by the fraternal action of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

As a matter of special interest we also copy the following report, which was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge :

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to recognising the "Gran Dieta Simbolica de Los E. E. U. U. Mexicanos," beg leave to report that there are two Grand Lodges in Mexico, each striving for the supremacy, and bitterly opposed to each other; and besides this the condition of Masoury is seriously disturbed. Your committee not being in possession of sufficient facts to enable it to give Grand Lodge intelligent and reliable information upon which to act, asks for further time.

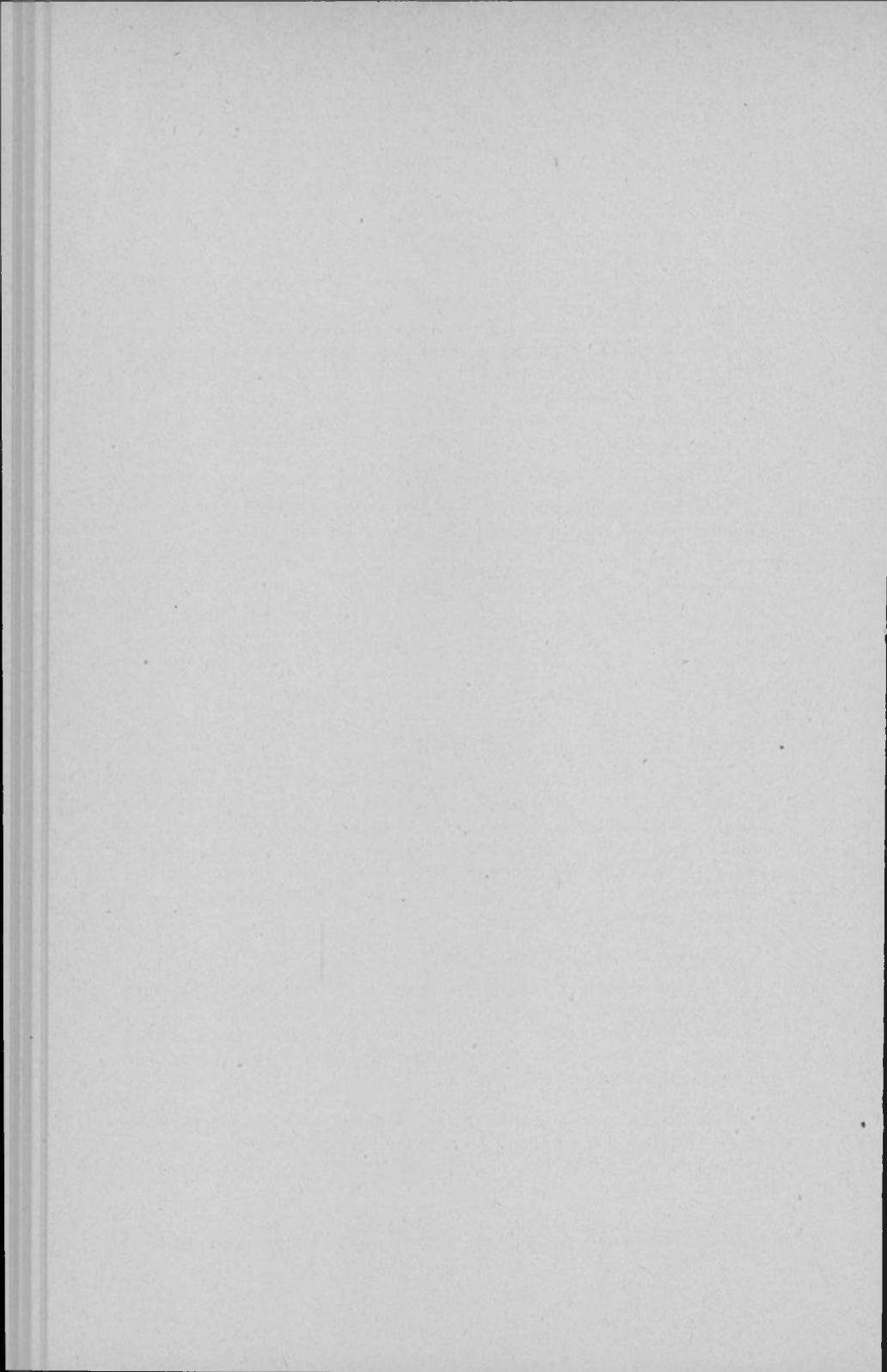
We feel under obligation to Bro. Wheeler for the following, copied from his instructive paper :

In Alabama the average cost per lodge for Grand Lodge expenses is \$15.06, which amounts to 49c per member; Arizona, \$31.97, per member 67c; Arkansas, \$21.90, per member 76c; British Columbia, \$65.79, per member \$1.17; Canada, \$50.80, per member 77c; California, \$94.31, per member \$1.34; Colorado, \$72.04, per member 89c; Connecticut, \$116.19, per member 74c; Delaware, \$63.16, per member 61c; District of Columbia, \$195.52, per member 95c; Florida, \$44.54, per member \$1.57; Georgia, \$58.06, per member \$1.31; Idaho, \$282.35, per member \$6.60; Illinois, \$41.67, per member 55c; Indiana, \$36.90, per member 60c; Indian Territory, \$47.00, per member \$1.20; Iowa, \$53.96, per member 93c; Kansas, \$28.68, per member 51c; Kentucky, \$35.32, per member 90c; Louisiana, \$253.40, per member \$6.19; Maine, \$71.20, per member 61c; Manitoba, \$41.46, per member 95c; Maryland, \$257.37, per member \$3.48; Massachusetts, \$155.78, per member 95c; Michigan, \$33.76, per member 33c; Minnesota, \$49.42, per member 65c; Mississippi, \$18.90, per member 56c; Missouri, \$52.43, per member 94c; Montana, \$90.07, per member \$1.41; Nebraska, \$68.30, per mem-

ber \$1.30; Nevada, \$61.72, per member \$1.47; New Hampshire, \$37.00, per member 31c; New Jersey, \$61.80, per member 62c; New Mexico, \$72.06, per member \$1.43; New York, \$103.96, per member 80c; North Carolina, \$20.80, per member 63c; North Dakota, \$52.45, per member 93c; Nova Scotia, \$95.42, per member \$1.74; Ohio, \$61.69, per member 72c; Oklahoma, \$36.57, per member 92c; Oregon, \$61.95, per member \$1.27; Pennsylvania, \$324.73, per member \$2.70; Quebec, \$41.12, per member 63c; Rhode Island, \$76.62, per member 54c; South Carolina, \$53.51, per member \$1.64; South Dakota, \$32.37, per member 67c; Tennessee, \$53.71, per member \$1.31; Texas, \$33.51, per member 73c; Utah, \$207.25, per member \$2.36; Vermont, 88.45, per member 91c; Virginia, \$47.86, per member 97c; Washington, \$47.73, per member \$1.03; West Virginia, \$36.27, per member 67c; Wisconsin, \$45.42, per member 55c; Wyoming, \$76.66, per member \$1.13.

And your committee feel that our Bro. Wheeler is to be commended for his zeal in making the office of Grand Representative one of importance and usefulness rather than what in too many instances it is, a useless name.

CHARLES J. PHELPS,
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON,
Committee.



ADDENDA
TO THE
LAW OF FREEMASONRY IN NEBRASKA.

BEING ALL AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY GRAND
LODGE, APPROVED DECISIONS OF THE GRAND MASTERS,
AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRU-
DENCE FROM 1895 TO DATE.*

RELATING TO GRAND LODGE.

Section 1. Grand Lodge meeting.

1. On the Wednesday on or immediately following the third day of June of each year, at such hour as the Grand Master may appoint, a Master Mason's Lodge shall be opened. So soon as a constitutional number of lodges is ascertained to be present the Grand Lodge of Nebraska shall be declared open for the dispatch of business, and the Grand Master shall then make such appointments as may be necessary to fill all vacancies in the standing committees. 1898-5637.

Section 2. Grand Lodge officers.

2. The Grand Secretary shall annually notify the Secretaries of the sums remaining due from or to each subordinate lodge on the 20th day of March, and on the 15th day of May of each year he shall close the account of each subordinate lodge preparatory to submitting same to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication. 1898-5623.

3. The Grand Wardens, in the absence of the Grand Master, he not being out of the state nor under any disability, are entitled to all the courtesies and honors due to grand officers, but have no rights or powers except as delegated by the Grand Master. 1898-5644.

*Section and paragraph refer to section and paragraph Law of Freemasonry, edition of 1895, that are amended. Notes at foot of each amendment, etc., refer to year and page of proceedings.

Section 4. Appropriations.

2. *Resolved*, That hereafter no money shall be drawn from any fund under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge except it be done by regular warrant signed by the proper officers—the usual custom of drawing money. 1898-5624.

Section 7. Orphans Educational Fund.

6. *Whereas*, Heretofore there has been organized by this Grand Lodge, and by associations of Masons under this jurisdiction, and with the sympathy, sanction, and support of the Grand Lodge, funds for educational and charitable purposes. One of said funds, the Orphans Educational Fund, has now reached and passed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, after which it was intended to devote the proceeds or part thereof to be used for the purpose intended by its founders; therefore,

Resolved, That a select committee consisting of the M.: W.: Grand Master, M.: W.: Bros.: Mercer, 4; Lininger, 3; Young, 207; and W.: Bro.: Hopewell, 31, be appointed to inquire into the condition of all funds intended for charitable and educational purposes, and to report to the next Grand Lodge such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the disbursement and expenditure of the income derived from the same. 1899-5753-4.

7. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund be required to furnish bond in such form as the Grand Master may direct, from some approved guaranty company, in the sum of \$5,000, or such additional sum as the Grand Master may direct, to be paid for from the funds belonging to such fund; said bond to be approved by the Grand Master, and to be filed with the Grand Secretary. 1899-5731.

8. *Resolved*, That John Stevenson Bowen, youngest child of our late lamented Grand Secretary, William R. Bowen, be and is hereby adopted as "the child of the Grand Lodge, A.: F.: & A.: M.:, of Nebraska"; and that we pledge ourselves to exercise paternal care for his future practical education and welfare from available means of the Orphans Educational Fund of this jurisdiction. 1899-5750.

Section 9. Miscellaneous.

1. *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. 1896-577.

2. *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. 1886-3417.

RELATING TO LODGES.

Section 100. Lodges.

1. A lodge shall consist of a Master, a Senior and a Junior Warden, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Senior Deacon, a Junior Deacon, a Tiler, and as many

members as are convenient. In a chartered lodge the first five officers above enumerated shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of votes, at the last regular meeting in May of each year; all other officers shall be appointed by the Master. 1899-5736.

2. The officers shall be installed during the month of June, and after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. 1899-5748.

16. A lodge can not be permitted to bury a suspended Mason. 1899-5694.

17. A member of a lodge can be installed into office notwithstanding he is in arrears for dues. 1899-5694.

18. An individual brother can not file objections against an officer elect being installed without preferring charges. Matters of this kind should always be referred to the Grand Master. 1896-571.

19. Installation at other than the regular time, except by dispensation, is irregular, and any Master of a lodge permitting the same is subject to Masonic discipline. 1899-5694, 5732.

20. The installing officer should afford every brother opportunity for objection before he installs any officer of the lodge, and should the ground for objection be deemed sufficient he will be justified in refusing to install such officer: in such case the matter should be reported to the Grand Master for his action. Any brother in good standing has the right to lodge an objection directly with the Grand Master for his consideration and decision. 1899-5695.

21. 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 can not be reconsidered. 1896-571.

22. The meeting of St. 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. 1896-511.

23. Notices of lodge meetings may be published in newspapers. 1896-512.

Section 102. Lodge officers.

16. The Master, or, in the absence of the Master, the ranking Warden, may at any time invite any competent brother to preside over the lodge; but in this case the brother so presiding only acts as a proxy of the officer who called him to the East, and should he be superseded by the entrance of a ranking officer, the presiding brother's authority would at once cease. 1899-5735.

17. Where charges are preferred against or objections made to a Master elect before his installation, the matter should be referred to the Grand Master for investigation and decision. 1896-572.

18. A brother having been installed by proxy as Junior Warden afterward reelected as Master, all of the acts of the lodge and of the brother while serving as Master are valid. 1893-80.

19. A brother who has all other qualifications, but has lost the forefinger and middle finger of his right hand, is eligible to the office of Master. 1896-572.

20. The Senior Warden of a lodge can not install its officers, unless he be a Past Master. 1894-135.

21. When a Warden is suspended for non-payment of dues, such suspension *ipso facto* vacates his office. 1896-512.

22. 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. 1893-63.

Section 103. Qualifications of petitioners.

5. An applicant for initiation who has lost his third finger on his right hand can be initiated. 1893-63.

6. 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. 1894-135.

7. A petition can not be received and acted upon before the petitioner is twenty-one years old. 1899-5695, 5732.

8. *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, we can see no reason why he can not. 1885-3254-5.

Section 104. Lodge fees, dues, and returns.

12. Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 30th day of April, the following Grand Lodge fees and dues, viz.: For each initiation, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00); for each member, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00); for each special dispensation to elect and install its officer or officers at a time other than that provided by law, the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00). Such fee shall accompany the petition requesting the dispensation, said petition to be under the seal of the lodge making the request. All Master Masons not under sentence of suspension who are members on the first day of the Masonic year, April 1st, and none others, shall be considered members liable for dues. 1898-5623.

13. The Masonic fiscal year of this jurisdiction shall begin on the first day of April, and end on the thirty-first day of March, and each chartered lodge shall make its annual return to the Grand Secretary within ten days thereafter; and all Grand Lodge dues and fees of chartered lodges shall be paid on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of April. 1898-5623.

14. On the recommendation of the committee on Returns each chartered lodge, for each Master Mason in good standing on its roll at the beginning of the year, shall be credited one cent for each day before May 1st both copies of its annual return, together with the appertaining funds, reach the Grand Secretary's office, provided that such credit shall in no case exceed twenty-five cents for each Master Mason in good standing at the beginning of the year. The committee on Returns shall not recommend

the above-stipulated credit unless the return be reasonably accurate and well made. 1898-5623.

18. Lodges need not include adult children who are self-supporting, nor widows who are in good financial circumstances, in the lodge report of widows and orphans. 1899-5695.

20. The law relating to exempting members from payment of dues requires that the applicant must have been an affiliated Mason for thirty years—not necessarily continuous. 1898-5622.

21. A brother is entitled to hold his certificate of exemption from Grand Lodge dues. The lodge, should, however, first make a record of it before delivering it to him. 1899-5695.

22. A lodge may retain a demitting brother's dues when paid in advance. 1894-136.

Section 105. New lodges.

20. Every meeting of a lodge while under dispensation is a regular meeting, if properly convened. 1888-552.

21. A Nebraska Freemason holding a demit over one year can be named in a dispensation creating a new lodge, and be selected to become a charter member thereof. 1894-135-177.

22. A vote recommending a new lodge may be taken in the same manner as if voting on other business before the lodge. 1894-135.

Section 106. Jurisdiction.

1. The Grand Master cannot grant dispensation to confer degrees upon a candidate who has not resided in the jurisdiction of the lodge for one year. 1899-5694.

4. Distance, for the purpose of settling questions of territorial jurisdiction, is to be measured in a straight line from the boundaries of the cities in which the lodges are located. 1896-513.

7. When several lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, a waiver of jurisdiction over one who resided therein, but has never petitioned any of them, to be effectual, must be granted by each of the several lodges. 1896-512.

8. *To Whom It May Concern:* This is to certify that Bro. _____, who has received the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees through _____ Lodge, No. _____, has been granted the privilege of receiving the remaining degree in any lawfully constituted lodge of Masons.

_____ W. M.

_____ Secretary.

The foregoing is a waiver of jurisdiction. 1899-5735.

14. 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 30th. 1893-81.

15. A profane living within the jurisdiction of Ionic Lodge, No. 87, petitioned for the degrees. The petition took the ordinary course, and was

acted upon favorably by No. 87. Within the year immediately following the action of the lodge he failed to apply for the E. A. degree, and changed his residence to the jurisdiction of Omadi Lodge, No. 5, and now seeks to have the degree conferred upon him. Should there be a waiver of jurisdiction by Lodge No. 87? What course should be pursued by the applicant and the lodges, all parties desiring to aid the applicant? *Answer*—The applicant has applied to and been elected to secure the degrees in No. 87, and thereby becomes the material of No. 87. If now he wishes to become a member of No. 5 he must petition No. 5, and No. 5 must ask No. 87 to waive jurisdiction. 1899-5735.

16. *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 to do so 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 shall notify lodges in this Jurisdiction along the border-line between the two states of the taking effect hereof. 1886-3411.

Section 107. Petitioners.

9. 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. 1894-135.

10. The petition of a candidate for initiation being refused consideration by the lodge, the applicant should not be reported as rejected. 1888-552.

11. A Freemason in good standing living in any jurisdiction may petition, and, if elected, join, a Nebraska lodge. 1899-5695.

12. As the Grand Lodge of Kansas and the Grand Lodge of Missouri do not claim perpetual jurisdiction over a candidate, a Nebraska lodge may act on the petition of a rejected candidate from either of these jurisdictions without a waiver of jurisdiction, because a Nebraska lodge may receive and act upon the petition of a rejected candidate from any jurisdiction in which by lapse of time a waiver exists. 1899-5694-5732.

Section 108. Balloting and objections.

8. *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, repass the ballot? *Answer*—Yes;

because it would be a radical injury to the candidate to be excluded on these conditions. 1885-3254.

10. An objection to an initiation or an advancement made to the Master, or to the lodge, holds good until removed. 1898-5631, 1897-746.

11. 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. 1893-78.

13. After a candidate has been elected, and before any degrees have been conferred, charges can not be preferred against him. The proper procedure is by objection to his receiving the degrees. 1894-135.

14. When an applicant has been rejected, and at the close of the lodge it is learned that a brother not a member of the lodge had voted on the application, a new ballot should be ordered, and notice given at the last regular meeting before the meeting at which the ballot is to be taken. 1898-5622.

Section 109. Lodge membership.

13. 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. 1893-63.

Section 110. Demits.

1. Petition for a demit should not be referred to a committee. 1895-354.

6. An installed officer can not be demitted. 1899-5695.

13. A vote demitting a brother, when announced by the Master, can not be reconsidered. 1899-5695.

Section 111. Work.

9. Committee on Jurisprudence report that Webb's Monitor has heretofore been adopted by this Grand Lodge and can see no good reason for any change. 1885-3311.

Section 112. Visitors.

4. A visiting brother may be admitted notwithstanding former objections, in the absence of any further objections. 1894-177.

5. Is it lawful for a Master of a subordinate lodge in Nebraska, meeting in Iowa a brother, a member of another subordinate lodge of this state, to acquire by examination a knowledge of the fact that he is a Mason? *Answer*—No, not to the extent that said information can be used for avouchment. 1899-5735.

9. *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. 1885-3255-3289.

Section 200. Miscellaneous.

11. A public ball should not be held in a hall dedicated to Masonic purposes. 1888-552.

16. 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. 1885-3290.

17. 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. 1891-324.

18. A lodge is at refreshment only during the short interim of the same meeting, except during trials or funerals. 1896-570.

19. A lodge is not at refreshment during the time intervening between one meeting and the next. 1896-570.

20. A lodge sending up by-laws for approval shall submit the same in duplicate, the Grand Secretary retaining one copy; a full copy of the section amended shall also be forwarded in duplicate. 1893-64.

21. Names of expelled Masons should not appear upon published rosters of any lodge under any heading. 1894-136.

22. Upon a 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. 1894-135.

23. 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, otherwise not without a dispensation from the Grand Master. 1894-136.

24. Masonic clothing should be worn only when the lodge is at work, and should not be worn in an informal procession to attend church. 1896-512.

Section 200. Miscellaneous.

25. The record of a regular meeting should show how the committees on the petitions for initiation report, whether favorable or unfavorable. 1896-571.

26. Funeral services may be held over the remains of a brother who is to be cremated. 1899-5695.

27. A profane may act as a pall-bearer at a Masonic funeral; but in that case the pall-bearers should not be permitted in the procession between the Tiler and the Master, as the lodge on such occasions consists of all who are between these two officers, and should be at all times duly tiled. 1899-5695.

28. I think it un-Masonic for any one to use the emblems of Freemasonry on business-cards for any business purpose. However, I know of no law in our jurisdiction prohibiting it, although other Grand Jurisdictions have enacted such laws. 1899-5695-5733.

29. Some time in 1897 our lodge initiated ——— Before he was passed he moved to Jewell, Iowa, and our lodge asked Republic Lodge, No. 468, at Jewell, Iowa, to confer the second degree on Entered Apprentice ——— and report to our lodge. On April 10, 1898, said Republic Lodge passed Brother ———, and on April 30, 1898, raised him to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and September 30, 1898, they reported their doings to our lodge. In April, 1899, said ——— asked our lodge for a demit. Is he our material? *Answer* — Yes. 1899-5735.

BY-LAWS RELATING TO DISCIPLINE.

Section 301. Masonic offenses.

10. 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. 1896-512.

11. A charge of perjury is sufficient to place a brother on trial. 1893-65-66.

Section 303. Reception of charges.

3. A receipt from a brother acknowledging the receipt of a registered letter which contained a notice, shall be considered sufficient proof of service. 1898-5644.

5. A notice to appear and show cause why a brother should not be suspended for non-payment of dues is not a summons such as is contemplated under the law. 1898-5570.

Section 304. Witness and testimony.

7. Where 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 charged 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, the same should be corroborated by other evidence. 1891-325.

18. In a Masonic trial wherein a brother has pleaded guilty, and consequently no testimony has been taken, the Master should, at the request of any of the members, allow sufficient testimony to be taken to enable the lodge to vote intelligently on the grade of punishment. 1899-5695.

Section 307. Suspension for non-payment of dues.

2. A brother being unable to pay his dues, wishing to be suspended, may ask in open lodge that this be done. 1898-5571.

A brother can not be suspended by verbally requesting the Secretary that he be immediately suspended for non-payment of dues. The request should come to the lodge in writing, signed by the brother desiring to be suspended. 1898-5571.

Section 309. Restorations and reinstatements.

1. Where a subordinate lodge finds a brother guilty and imposes a penalty of suspension for one year, and upon appeal to the Grand Lodge this sentence 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.

1896-513.

