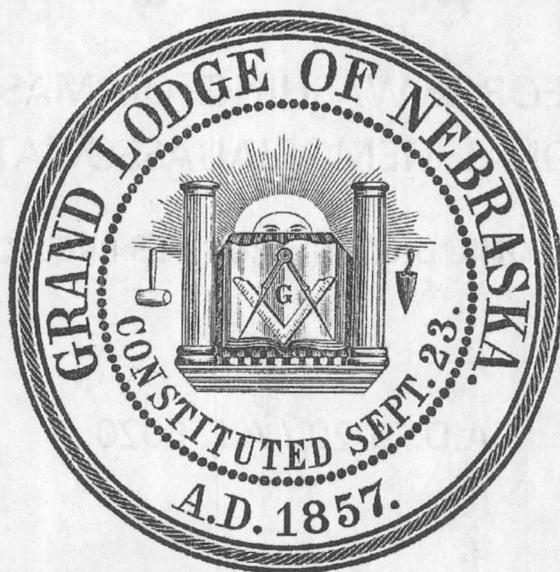


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GRAND LODGE
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OF THE
STATE OF NEBRASKA,

IN SPECIAL COMMUNICATION HELD IN OMAHA,
MARCH 7th, 1907.

AND AT THE

FIFTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
HELD IN OMAHA, JUNE 4th, 5th, AND 6th, 1907.

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IN SPECIAL COMMUNICATION, HELD AT FREEMASONS HALL,
OMAHA.

A special communication of the M.:W.:, the Grand Lodge, A.:F.: & A.:M.: of Nebraska, was held at Freemasons Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, beginning at two o'clock, P. M., March 7th, 1907, there being present:

M.:W.:GEORGE W. LININGER, 3, proxy for the Grand Master,
R.:W.:ORNAN J. KING.....Deputy Grand Master,
R.:W.:WILLIAM A. DEBORD.....Grand Senior Warden,
R.:W.:MICHAEL DOWLING.....Grand Junior Warden,
M.:W.:JOHN B. DINSMORE.....Grand Treasurer,
R.:W.:FRANCIS E. WHITE.....Grand Secretary,
V.:W.:JAMES H. SALSURY, 197,.....*as* Grand Chaplain,
W.:GEORGE S. POWELL, 1.....*as* Grand Marshal,
W.:HENRY GIBBONS.....Grand Senior Deacon,
W.:OSCAR R. ALLEN, 1.....*as* Grand Junior Deacon,
BRO.:JACOB KING.....Grand Tyler,

Past Grand Masters Dunham, Thummel, France, Mercer, Slaughter, Ehrhardt, Phelps, and Bullard; also Past Deputy Grand Master Henry Brown.

Brothers Best, Bradley, Chrisman, Goss, James, Rodefer, Westerfield, Wilcox, of Nebraska Lodge No. 1; Bischof, Bloomingdale, Butt, Clendenin, Forbes, McCallum, Reed, Wilson, of Western Star Lodge No. 2; Adams, Baker, Bedwell, Christman, Cole, Davis, Fradenburg, Glover, Haller, Hoerner, Hodder, Harclay, Miller, Pinto, Pratt, Pray, Rhoades, Rhyn, Roat, Robertson, Schwalenburg, Simpson, Thompson, Tichnor, Wells, Wilde, Wise, of Capitol Lodge No. 3; Haase, of Omadi Lodge No. 5; Archer, Cummins, Dovey, Petersen, Pitz, Ramge, Thomas, White, of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6; Beales, Ireland, McCandlish, Trussler, Williams, of Solomon Lodge No. 10;

Akin, Anderson, Bennett, Brownlee, Carson, Dalzell, Haney, Mount, Palmer, Stein, Williams, Willis, of Covert Lodge No. 11; Chatelain, Majors, of Peru Lodge No. 14; Scott, of Fremont Lodge No. 15; Robertson, of Lincoln Lodge No. 19; Carter, Hester, Higley, Ireland, Kelly, Larson, Stewart, Utterback, White, of Washington Lodge No. 21; Andreen, Brunner, Dyball, Forgan, Kinnard, Lavidge, Lynn, Muxen, Otto, Petersen, Shields, Wood, of St. Johns Lodge No. 25; Kees, of Beatrice Lodge No. 26; Clark, Crue, Jeep, Latta, Langford, Parmelee, Ward, Winther, of Tekamah Lodge No. 31; Terry, of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32; McLeod, of Acacia Lodge No. 34; Thorpe, of Papillion Lodge No. 39; Loomis, of Fairmont Lodge No. 48; King, Stanbro, of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57; Hamilton, Sturdevant, of Wahoo Lodge No. 59; Yost, of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75; Foster, of Nelson Lodge No. 77; Holmquist, Friedl, Moseman, of Oakland Lodge No. 91; Gallagher, of Utica Lodge No. 96; Barnes, Colbert, Leonard, of Euclid Lodge No. 97; Graves, Hopper, Johnson, Wilkins, Young, of Waterloo Lodge No. 102; Stevens, of Table Rock Lodge No. 108; Fowler, Kirkpatrick, Koehler, Parkes, Whisler, of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110; Sherwood, Walrath, Wahlin, of North Bend Lodge No. 119; Caplinger, Cherry, Hammond, Mettlen, of Wayne Lodge No. 120; Milbourn, of Minden Lodge No. 127; Chapman, of Tuscan Lodge No. 130; Doolittle, of Trestle Board Lodge No. 162; Carter, Kerr, of Gladstone Lodge No. 176; Erion, MacAdam, Talbot, Wilcox, Wyman, of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184; McHirron, Sloan, Stanfield, of Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203; Ball, Robertson, of Naphthali Lodge No. 206; Atchison, Brown, Current, Gonzales, Smith, of Canopy Lodge No. 209; Gray, Jr. of Bloomfield Lodge No. 218; Caplinger, Davis, Frost, Haase, of Magnolia Lodge No. 220; Rasmussen, of Landmark Lodge No. 222; Wilson, of Comet Lodge No. 229; Barclay, Cashman, Cameron, Hafner, Lecrone, Leach, Schafer, VanDeusen, Vestal, of John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232; Boyd, McMonies, Shumway, of Pilot Lodge No. 240; Blackstone, Ireland, Minier, of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241; Adams, of Nehawka Lodge No. 246; Artus, Davis, Morgan, Roat, Smith, of Bassett Lodge No. 254; Johnson, of Anselmo Lodge No. 258. Brothers Ferguson of Monmouth Lodge No. 37, Monmouth, Illinois, Hill and Hickman, of Jerusalem Lodge No. 253, of Hamburg, Iowa; Van Eaton, Jr., and Hume, of Nishnobotney Lodge No. 153, of Sidney, Iowa; Frank L. Loveland, of Vinton Lodge No. 62, of Vinton, Iowa, and Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Lodge of Iowa; and George J. Charpiot, W. M. of Oriental Lodge No. 87, of Denver, Colorado, were also present.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form; a quorum was found to be present, and the acting Grand Master declared the M. W. the Grand Lodge open in due form for the transaction of business, and the Grand Marshal made due proclamation thereof.

The authority of Grand Master Zuingle M. Baird, for Past Grand Master George W. Lininger to open and preside at the special communication, was read by the Grand Secretary. A telegram was received from M. W. Zuingle M. Baird, explaining his absence, and extending his fraternal greetings. Regrets were received from Past Grand Masters

Evans and Burnham, also a letter full of fraternal sentiment from Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes, who has the distinguished honor of being the oldest Freemason in the Grand Jurisdiction. On motion of Past Grand Master Dinsmore, the Grand Secretary was directed to send the good wishes of the Grand Lodge to Brother Hayes, and to express the hope that prosperity and happiness may abide with him always.

The acting Grand Master appointed Past Grand Masters Phelps, Bullard, and Mercer, as the Committee on Credentials, and their report shows the officers, members, and brethren present, as recorded above.

The acting Grand Master stated that the special communication had been called for the purpose of receiving from the Grand Jurisdiction of South Dakota, the travelling silver trowel that had been sent out by Justice Lodge No. 853, of New York City, New York, to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection throughout the world. It was announced that the delegation from Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with the travelling silver trowel, was in waiting, whereupon the acting Grand Master instructed the R. W. Deputy Grand Master to retire with the W. Grand Marshal, and conduct the distinguished visitors to the floor of the Grand Lodge. In due time the following delegation was introduced to the Grand Lodge, and was received with the honors of Masonry: George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of South Dakota; Benjamin F. Ives, Grand Lecturer, Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of South Dakota; Amos E. Ayres, W. M., Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Hosmer H. Keith, S. W., Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Edward A. Winans, J. W., Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Lawrence D. Manchester, S. D., Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Marshall R. Brown, J. D., Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Charles A. Christopherson, P. M. of Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Brothers Joseph W. Jones, George A. Ludlow, Edward S. Knowles, George W. Fox, James B. Veitch, Herman F. Leibsle, Lad Bukovsky, Eugene Salnger, Charles R. Beattie, of Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and James Ayers, P. M. of Cambridge Lodge No. 49, of Cambridge, Illinois.

W. Brother Amos E. Ayers in an eloquent address presented the trowel to the acting Grand Master, George W. Lininger, who received it and delivered an interesting address, saying in part that he had travelled over many foreign countries where the trowel was going, and giving an opinion as to the manner in which it would be received in many of the jurisdictions. He closed his remarks by wishing the trowel Godspeed on its journey, and regretted that he was unable to accompany it.

Short addresses were made by Grand Secretary Pettigrew, Grand Lecturer Ives, Brothers Keith and Jones of South Dakota, Past Grand Masters Phelps, Dinsmore, and France of Nebraska, V. W. Frank L. Loveland, Past Grand Prelate of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and W. George J. Charpiot, W. M. of Oriental Lodge No. 87 of Denver, Colorado.

At three-forty-five, P. M., no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

ZUINGLE M. BAIRD,

Attest:

Grand Master.


Francis Ell White

Grand Secretary.

After the Grand Lodge closed, most of the brethren who had been in attendance visited the Lininger Art Gallery, where they were received and entertained by Past Grand Master George W. Lininger, in a hospitable manner. The Art Gallery and his magnificent home, with the treasures of art, and valuable and interesting curios gathered from all parts of the world, were open for the reception of the brethren. Dainty refreshments were served. Nearly two hours were passed in a very sociable and pleasant manner, and the brethren left the reception regretting that all too soon they were expected to be the guests of Capitol Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., at a dinner to be served at half after five o'clock P. M., in the banquet hall of Freemasons Hall.

The menu at the dinner referred to was all that could be desired, the officers and members of Capitol Lodge No. 3 doing everything possible to have their guests feel that not only were they welcome, but that they were indeed a part of the great brotherhood of Freemasonry. Hospitality and abundance were in evidence on every hand, and again the brethren realized that too soon had come the hour for beginning labor in the lodge room.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
OF NEBRASKA,
AT THE
FIFTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
HELD IN OMAHA, JUNE 4th, 5th, AND 6th, 1907.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in annual communication in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, on Tuesday, June 4th, A. L. 5907, A. D. 1907, at ten o'clock in the morning, there being present:

M. W. ZUINGLE M. BAIRD.....	Grand Master,
R. W. ORNAN J. KING.....	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. WILLIAM A. DEBORD.....	Grand Senior Warden,
R. W. MICHAEL DOWLING.....	Grand Junior Warden,
M. W. JOHN B. DINSMORE.....	Grand Treasurer,
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	Grand Secretary,
Bro. EDWIN H. JENKS, 3.....	as Grand Chaplain,
.....	Grand Orator,
M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Grand Custodian,
W. HARRY A. CHENEY.....	Grand Marshal,
W. HENRY GIBBONS.....	Grand Senior Deacon,
W. JAMES R. CAIN, JR.....	Grand Junior Deacon,
Bro. JACOB KING.....	Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and nine of the two hundred and thirty-four chartered lodges in the jurisdiction.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, as required by the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, after which the first stanza of "America" was sung by the Grand Lodge, standing.

The roll of lodges being called, and a constitutional number found to be represented, the Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the fiftieth annual communication open for the transaction of such business as might properly be brought before it, and due proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal.

It was ordered that all Freemasons properly clothed and vouched for be admitted to seats in the gallery during the session, unless objected to by members of the Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Zuingle M. Baird, Grand Master, then delivered his address, as follows:

ADDRESS.

Brethren:

It has pleased the great and all wise God to permit the Craft to again assemble together, and I welcome each of you to the fiftieth annual communication of this Grand Body. The general condition of Masonry throughout the state is all that could be desired, with perhaps a slight disposition on the part of some lodges to consider quantity as being more desirable than quality, and if I have one special message to transmit to the Fraternity it is to see that no unworthy candidate is admitted within the sacred precincts of our lodges. The returns as compiled by the committee show an increase of membership over any previous year, 565, the Grand Treasurer's report presents the largest cash balance on hand ever reported to the Grand Lodge; and as we are nearing the days of our Golden Anniversary, I bring you the glad tidings that peace and harmony, generally speaking, prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

It is now time for me to give an account of my stewardship, and I submit my year's labors for your information, consideration, and I hope, approval.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

On July 3rd, I received notice that Right Worshipful Brother Lewis A. Kent, Past Grand Senior Warden, had passed away. Accompanied by the Grand Custodian, who was called upon to conduct the Masonic funeral services, I went to Minden, the home of our deceased brother, and assisted in paying the last sad tribute of respect to the memory of our esteemed and beloved brother, where, beneath balmy skies, under a summer's setting sun, amid the tears of mourning friends and bereaved relatives, we laid him peacefully away.

The returns of the lodges show that two hundred and seven of our Craftsmen have passed through the valley of the shadow into the realities of the Mason's faith, immortality beyond the grave. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will pay a more extended and proper tribute to the memory of these beloved brethren, also to the memory of the fraternal dead of other jurisdictions.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have recommended the following named brothers as representatives of other Grand Lodges, near our own:

- June 11th, 1906, Brother George D. Bennett, 19, Alberta, Canada.
- August 22d, 1906, Brother Charles E. Galligher, 251, Arizona.
- January 27th, 1907, R. W. William A. DeBord, 3, New York.

COMMISSIONS.

I have issued commissions to the following named brethren to represent this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges:

- November 16th, Brother Joseph H. Edwards, Alabama.
- December 1st, Brother Albert Jampolis, Illinois.
- February 23rd, Brother Frank W. Richey, Michigan.
- April 15th, Brother Frederick W. Harcourt, Canada.
- April 15th, Brother George H. Burnham, Rhode Island.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

June 15th, I extended the dispensation issued by Grand Master Hope-well to Orient Lodge No. 13, at Rulo, Nebraska, until such time as the charter could be printed, as ordered by this Grand Body at its last communication.

April 20th, I granted a special dispensation to St. Johns Lodge No. 25, under section 154, to receive and read at a special meeting, charges against a brother for unmasonic conduct.

February 6th, 1907, I received word from the Master of Utica Lodge No. 96, that their hall, with all paraphernalia, was burned and that their charter was destroyed. I at once issued a dispensation permitting them to continue work until the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and granted permission for them to move into the hall occupied by the I. O. O. F. Lodge.

I have granted special dispensations as follows, receiving the fee of \$10.00 in each instance, which has been turned over to the Grand Secretary:

- June 11th, Stella Lodge No. 105, to elect a Secretary.
- July 30th, Granite Lodge No. 189, to install a Treasurer.
- July 30th, Merna Lodge No. 171, to install officers.
- August 20th, Upright Lodge No. 137, to elect a Master and install officers.
- September 8th, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, to install a Senior Warden.
- November 19th, Level Lodge No. 196, to install a Junior Warden.
- May 30th, Hope Lodge No. 29, to elect officers.

The following special dispensations were issued to lodges to confer degrees without regard to time. In each case I required a strict compliance with the law as to balloting and proficiency:

- September 29th, to Fairbury Lodge No. 35, to confer the Master Mason's Degree.
- October 24th, to Charity Lodge No. 53, to confer the Master Mason's Degree.

December 10th, to St. Johns Lodge No. 25, to confer the Fellowcraft and Master Mason's Degrees.

April 1st, to Lincoln Lodge No. 19, to confer the Fellowcraft and Master Mason's Degrees.

April 6th, to Composite Lodge No. 81, to confer the Master Mason's Degree.

April 12th, to Beatrice Lodge No. 26, to confer the Master Mason's Degree.

May 8th, to Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 125, to confer the Master Mason's Degree.

May 9th, to Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, to confer the Master Mason's Degree.

May 19th, to Lincoln Lodge No. 19, to confer the Master Mason's Degree.

I refused to grant a dispensation for a lodge U. D. at Exeter, Nebraska, because I thought the number of Masons too few, the territory too small, the church opposition too strong, and on account of the inability of the officers to comply with Article XII., Paragraph 2, of the Constitution, in the matter of proficiency.

I refused to order an examination to eight brethren who petitioned for a dispensation for a lodge U. D. at Trumbull, Nebraska. The brethren by letter manifested not a little disappointment at being refused, but I explained to them that I was opposed to granting a dispensation when there were barely enough on the petition to open a lodge, and also when they had not complied with Paragraph 4, Article XII., of the Constitution.

I refused to order an examination for a lodge U. D. at Shickley for the same reasons.

ENDEAVOR LODGE U. D., INDIANOLA.

June 28th. By reference to page 237, proceedings of 1906, Grand Master Hopewell's address, it will be observed that the granting of a dispensation for a lodge U. D. at Indianola, although commended by him, was left for me to determine. All of the preliminary steps I found to be regular and in accordance with Masonic form and usage, but in correspondence with the Grand Custodian, whose opportunities make him familiar with many of the conditions connected with this particular case, he earnestly urged me not to grant the dispensation until I made a personal investigation of present conditions. This particular case having been transmitted to me by my three predecessors, Brothers Bullard, Burnham, and Hopewell, and being of much notoriety, I deemed it my duty and for the best interests of Masonry to investigate the whole situation in a most careful manner. At my request the Grand Custodian accompanied me. The petitioners having been notified of my intended visitation were nearly all present. I interviewed each one personally relative to their past troubles, present conditions, and future prospects. Summing up the whole matter I find that all present resident Master Masons formerly

members of Indianola Lodge No. 123 had signed the petition except six, one of whom had since moved away, three were ineligible, one declined to sign the petition, and possibly two were not invited. In addition to the old members, several new members have moved into the jurisdiction since the charter was arrested by Grand Master Bullard on March 1st, 1904. I find the room safe and suitable. The jurisdiction should maintain a good lodge. Indianola, No. 123 at one time ranked among the best of our lodges. I could not discover any disturbing element among the present petitioners, although there were some things that might have been more favorable; but direct orders were given to the Master and Secretary that they were to forward me a certified transcript of every meeting held, and positive assurance was given that if the least sign of discord was manifested on the part of any one, I would at once take up the dispensation. (By the way, the present Master and Secretary were in no way connected with the former troubles which caused No. 123 to lose its charter, they not being members of said lodge at that time.) With the above understanding, in compliance with Article X., of the Constitution, I issued my dispensation for a lodge U. D. at the town of Indianola, County of Red Willow, State of Nebraska, under the name of Endeavor Lodge U. D., to the following named petitioners: Fremont C. Smith, Master, Charles M. Goben, Senior Warden, and Henry Crabtree, Junior Warden, and Brothers Frank Fritsch, William H. Smith, William A. McCool, Samuel R. Smith, John Broomfield, Samuel W. Gossard, Christen Jensen, Ahira Z. Jones, Anders P. Anderson, Henry Winans, Enoch A. Sexson, Bradley B. Duckworth, John W. Welborn, William P. Elmer, Frank B. Hardesty, and Lewis B. Elmer.

MITCHELL LODGE U. D.

On July 5th, I issued a dispensation for a lodge U. D. at Mitchell, Scotts Bluff County, to the following named brethren: Charles H. Blackburn, Master, Joseph L. Sandford, Senior Warden, Edward Scriven, Junior Warden, and Brothers John Powers, Robert G. Walsh, John A. Burton, Ernest D. Smith, John A. Johnson, Wilbur W. Peters, Martin Bristol, William A. Springer, Henry M. Springer, Walter C. Reed, Perry Braziel, Willard L. Gorton, Henry W. Haig, James O. Baker, Milton Byal, John M. Tobias, Charles McComsey, and John E. Field.

OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS.

By reference to page 240, proceedings of 1906, you will observe that it fell to my lot to become the unfortunate heir to look after a certain number of weak lodges transmitted to me by my predecessor, the conditions of the lodges referred to having been formally reported to Grand Master Hopewell during his term of office, by the Grand Custodian. At the earliest possible moment I took up each case submitted, directing the Grand Custodian to accompany me and assist in getting all of the facts and existing conditions, which has necessarily involved considerable time and expense. I fraternally submit my findings and action in each individual case.

On July 18th, 1906, accompanied by the Grand Custodian, I visited Level Lodge No. 196, Stockville, Nebraska, and after a rigid investigation of past as well as present conditions, found the Grand Custodian's report to Grand Master Hopewell under date of October 16th, 1905, fully confirmed. In fact the conditions were even worse than reported, and had it not been that there was a change for the better in some respects, with brighter prospects for the future, and the positive assurance from some of the officers and members, that all irregularities would be adjusted and the law be strictly observed and obeyed in the future, I would have been fully justified in arresting the charter of this lodge for its flagrant violations of Masonic law and the abuse of the privileges bestowed upon it by the Grand Lodge, in betraying its confidence. To tolerate such flagrant violations of the principles and laws of Masonry is to condone the offense and virtually become accessory to the same. Positive instructions were given to forward to me a certified transcript of the records of each meeting held, that I might be fully informed as to whether they were sincere in their promises and were strictly observing and enforcing the law in every respect.

On July 21st, accompanied by the Grand Custodian, I visited Compass and Square Lodge No. 212, Sunner. You will observe from page 239, proceedings of 1906, Grand Master Hopewell's address, that certain grievances had been reported, and under his order an investigation made and official action taken thereon. Page 306, proceedings of 1906, shows that it was resolved by this Grand Lodge that further official action be taken by preferring formal charges against the offending brothers. I found that your orders were not being complied with, the brothers were seemingly at a loss how to proceed, and I directed the Grand Custodian to render them such assistance as would enable them to proceed in accordance with the law in complying with your orders. Since that time the Grand Custodian informed me that my order has been strictly obeyed, a formal trial had, and the offender found guilty and indefinitely suspended. The conditions of No. 212 in the past have been very unfavorable; the present is anything but encouraging, and the future will have to be determined. We left them with words of encouragement and the assurance that the Grand Lodge is always ready to help the weak in all their laudable undertakings.

On July 7th, 1906, I received a formal complaint against Crystal Lodge No. 191, Scotia, charging them with violating Sections 98 and 99, of Chapter XIII., code of 1906. On July 23rd, 1906, I requested the Grand Custodian to accompany me and assist in investigating the formal complaint filed with me, as well as past and present conditions of said lodge. We found the complaint to be based upon facts, with ample proof substantiating the charge. We also found many other irregularities and gross violations of law, viz: Disobedience of an official order of a Grand Master under date of March 14th, 1902; violation of Section 71, Chapter X., in removing from a lodge room approved by the Grand Lodge into a room wholly unsuitable and unsafe, not having been formally examined or approved by the Grand Lodge as provided for in Section 71, referred to

above; also a reported violation of Section 124 of Chapter XVI., of the code.

After careful consideration, and consultation with some of the brethren relative to past as well as present conditions, I deemed it for the best interest and protection of the principles and the good name of Masonry to arrest the charter of Crystal Lodge No. 191, which I did, shipping the effects of said lodge to the Grand Secretary. It is my understanding there will be a committee present from said lodge who desire to be heard in the matter. All papers and correspondence are submitted for your information and action.

On July 23d, accompanied by the Grand Custodian, I officially visited Livingstone Lodge No. 66, Firth, it being one of the lodges referred to me by my predecessor. After a careful review of the Grand Custodian's formal report to Grand Master Hopewell, under date of April 20th, 1906, covering a period of five years, and personal consultation with what few brothers I could meet, I found the following facts based upon records and returns of said lodge: Violation of Sections 47, 54, and 60, Chapter VIII.; Section 86, Chapter XI., Section 93, Chapter XII., Section 148, Chapter XXI.; no election, nor installation in 1901; no election nor installation and were not represented in Grand Lodge in 1902; was not represented in Grand Lodge in 1904; no election nor installation and was not represented in Grand Lodge in 1905, nor 1906. There was but one official act for your Grand Master in this particular, to take up the charter, which I did, shipping what few effects there were to the Grand Secretary.

On July 26th, accompanied by the Grand Custodian, I officially visited Elk Creek Lodge No. 90, Elk Creek, it also being transmitted as one of the weak lodges reported to my predecessor by the Grand Custodian under date of April 19th, 1906. The condition of No. 90 for the last six years has been such that no formal school of instruction could be held by the Grand Custodian, and for that reason the actual conditions were not fully known until my official visit; without entering into detail as to past conditions, the same are embodied in the Grand Custodian's formal report to Grand Master Hopewell, which is hereby submitted for your information and further action. Suffice it to say that I found that No. 90 has no regular charter at present, the original having been lost at least ten or twelve years ago. Notwithstanding this, they have never reported the loss of said charter, but have continued to transact business and work without any lawful authority from this Grand Lodge. This being such a flagrant violation of Masonic law, I officially suspended any and all operations of said Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 until the annual communication of this Grand Lodge, for such further action as it in its wisdom may determine. However, I wish to state that this lodge had a printed copy of its original charter in the lodge room.

On July 26th, 1906, accompanied by the Grand Custodian, I officially visited Humboldt Lodge No. 40, Humboldt, Grand Master Hopewell having referred to it as one of the weak lodges reported to him by the Grand Custodian under date of January 21st, 1906. This formal report is hereby submitted for your information. After congregating as many of the

resident members as possible, with a positive assurance by those present of improved conditions, and with instructions to send me the transcripts of the records of all regular and special meetings held, I informed them that I would put them under probation for six months without taking any official action in their particular case, assuring them that it was the earnest desire of the Grand Lodge to strengthen and support any and all those lodges, though weak, who would put forth an effort to help themselves. I am pleased to inform you that from certified transcripts of the records of their meetings and correspondence from our Grand Junior Deacon, Brother James R. Cain, Jr., our official visitation is bringing about good results, and present conditions and future prospects of No. 40 are very favorable indeed.

All papers, reports, and correspondence relating to the above named lodges are herewith submitted for your information.

OTHER VISITATIONS.

July 24th in compliance with a special invitation, I visited Friend Lodge No. 73, and met a goodly number of the Craft. I spent a pleasant evening in social converse. I found a nicely furnished lodge room, neat and tidy, with nothing to condemn, and much to compliment. We smoked the pipe of peace, broke bread, and ate salt together, and departed in the "wee hours."

July 26th, I visited Stella Lodge No. 105, Stella, the home of our Brother James R. Cain, Jr., Grand Junior Deacon. This beloved brother's zeal and interest for Masonry are manifested in the happy condition in the lodge over which he has presided for years. While in the city we were guests in his home, where we enjoyed the hospitality of his charming wife and the little Cains. While there we also had the pleasure of meeting our beloved and esteemed Brother James R. Cain, Sr., Past Grand Master.

In addition to the lodges visited of which I have made special mention, I made thirty-eight visits where I thought a call from the Grand Master would do more good than correspondence. Some visits were of a social nature, some were official, and some only to talk with the officer and members in regard to present conditions and future prospects; but in each case I tried in my humble way to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection. While my visits were more expensive than postage stamps, yet in almost every case I feel that much good was accomplished.

June 27th, while on my way to visit lodges that had been assigned to me by my predecessor in the south and west parts of the state, I, upon invitation visited Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, and witnessed the ceremonies of installation by the Grand Custodian; and again on May 28th, accompanied by the R.:W.:Deputy Grand Master, we witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason's Degree, and I had the extreme pleasure of conferring the degree upon Charles K. Gibbons, the son of our Grand Senior Deacon. Both of these meetings were largely attended, and in each case the grand honors due Grand Lodge officers were given. The usual banquet was served on the plan known so well in No. 46. This seems to

be the true home of Masons, and a visit to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 will inspire one with love for the Fraternity, as it is taught by that noble, large-hearted brother, Roy S. Shahan, Master.

GRIEVANCES.

About January 1st, 1907, I received a communication from Most Worshipful Brother John P. Bell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, inclosing a letter from the secretary of El Paso Lodge No. 130, claiming a balance due them from St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha, for money expended in taking care of a brother, a member of St. Johns Lodge No. 25. I at once called the attention of St. Johns Lodge No. 25 to this claim, and the Master of St. Johns informed me that all bills had been paid so far as they had been presented to them, and that on June 15th, 1906, the secretary of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, under order of said lodge, had written the brethren at El Paso, stating that no further expenditure must be made in the case. St. Johns Lodge No. 25 furnished me a copy of all correspondence, including the letter written on June 15th, 1906. April 26th I wrote Most Worshipful Brother John P. Bell, Bellview, Texas, stating what I had found, furnished him a copy of the letter referred to above, and informed him that I could not understand where El Paso Lodge No. 130 could have any further claim against St. Johns Lodge No. 25. However, there are other important points in this case, under our present law, to which I wish to call the attention of the committee and this Grand Body, and I submit all correspondence and copies of letters, and would further ask that the Master and Secretary of St. Johns Lodge No. 25 be called before the committee for a full and complete explanation of their position.

Upon receipt of the Grand Custodian's report of a school held in Gauge Lodge No. 208, Arcadia, November 17th, 1906, in which he informed me conditions were such that it was advisable for the Grand Master to visit said lodge at his earliest convenience, so as to enable him to fully understand past as well as present conditions which tend to impair the good name of Freemasonry. I officially visited Gauge Lodge No. 208, December 15th, 1906, and found the following facts, viz: Flagrant and persistent violations of Section 147—paragraphs *a*, *b*, and *c* of Section 148, of the code; a lack of harmony, with apathy and indifference in attending the meetings of the lodge; non-proficiency and inability of the present officers to confer the degrees as required by our Constitution. These conditions extend back to and previous to April 7th, 1903, at which time the Grand Custodian reported a like condition of affairs to Grand Master Ayers, who took up the matter by correspondence with a certain member complained of. After congregating the brethren, consulting with them, and giving all an opportunity to express their views, and securing a promise of reformation from the brother complained of, I held the matter of further official action in abeyance until future developments would indicate the proper course to pursue. I have kept in touch with some of the brethren by correspondence. For some time I had hopes that

conditions would improve, but from recent correspondence I am of the opinion that my hopes were futile. I am not clear as to what course to pursue and regret very much that I must leave this particular matter unfinished, and for such action as you in your wisdom may see proper to direct, with the suggestion that a watchful eye be constantly kept on this particular matter, for to tolerate the past and present condition will be to some extent condoning the offense, as well as endangering and impairing the good name and intent of Freemasonry.

Early in June, after the closing of the Grand Lodge, I received a formal complaint against Gilead Lodge No. 233, Butte. The Grand Custodian informed me that No. 233 was on the list for a school during the year. I turned the charges over to him with instructions to investigate said complaint at the time of holding his school and report his findings to me with such suggestions as the case might warrant. All papers are herewith submitted for your information.

On July 20th, 1906, a complaint was filed with me against Alexandria Lodge No. 74, Alexandria, by Hubbell Lodge No. 92, Hubbell, charging No. 74 with violations of Section 110, of the code. I at once directed that the original petition and certified transcripts of the records in the case mentioned be forwarded to me. I found many irregularities on both sides of the question involved, after summing up all the correspondence. I then visited Alexandria Lodge No. 74 on December 15th, and after a thorough investigation found the charge of No. 92 based upon facts, and that No. 74 was more guilty of negligence in the matter than any intent to knowingly or wilfully violate the law, however pleading guilty to the charge. Accepting their plea, I officially directed them to turn over all fees received from the petitioner, except that part due the Grand Lodge, to Hubbell Lodge No. 92 in compliance with Section 87, of the code; also to apologize to No. 92 for unlawfully conferring the degrees on rejected material of No. 92, without their knowledge or consent, which order was strictly complied with. All papers are herewith submitted for your information.

On August 27th, 1906, I received a communication, through the office of the Grand Secretary, indicating that certain members of Justice Lodge No. 180, Benkelman, were violating Section 148, Chapter XXI, paragraph *d*, of the code. I immediately placed the whole matter in the hands of the Grand Custodian, directing him to carefully investigate the reliability of the report and if founded on fact to take such further action as the case might demand, which order was obeyed. He reported his findings to me, that the report was true, and formal charges were preferred against the offending brethren, a fair trial was had, resulting in conviction and expulsion. There was no appeal.

Having received an official complaint from Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, charging the Senior Warden of said lodge with violating Section 147 and 148, paragraph *a*, of the code, he being a member of the Grand Lodge, I deemed it my duty to personally visit said lodge immediately and take such steps as would fully establish the report to be founded on facts or vindicate the brother. With this end in view I visited said lodge on

November 10th, 1906, and congregated the lodge; the defendent was present, plead guilty to the offense, and in meekness and humility expressed contrition and sorrow for wrong-doing, and promised reformation. The offense being one of "Malmum-in-se" and of such notoriety affecting and disgracing the good name of Masonry, I suspended the brother from the office of Senior Warden of said lodge, returning his jewel to the Worshipful Master, and informed the said brother that I would take the matter of further official action in his case under advisement. Many of the brethren present, some of them prominent as Past Grand Officers in other bodies of Masonry, earnestly and sincerely pleaded for leniency in behalf of the offending brother.

All correspondence is herewith submitted for your information and further action.

On July 26th accompanied by the Grand Custodian, I officially visited Highland Lodge No. 194, Cortland, to investigate certain correspondence from its late secretary, transnitted through the office of the Grand Secretary under date of June 19th, 1906. The statement submitted in the correspondence referred to would indicate that No. 194 was another weak lodge that needed the attention of the Grand Lodge. After investigating the records, returns, and books of said lodge I found very unfavorable conditions existing; among the many were cancelling dates for Grand Custodian's school, not enough interest to warrant the holding of same, failure to comply with Section 60, of the code, in the matter of installation; a lack of interest, weak in membership, lack of harmony, and a limited jurisdiction, having conferred only one degree within the last three years. At the request of the few brothers present, I concluded to give the brethren a fair opportunity to demonstrate if they were able to better conditions and maintain a lodge that would be a credit to the Grand Lodge. I suggest that the Grand Lodge keep a watchful eye and a guiding hand over No. 194 in the future.

On July 27th, 1906, accompanied by the Grand Custodian, I visited Orient Lodge No. 13, Rulo, in order to ascertain the real conditions of this lodge, reported to be small in membership, a very limited jurisdiction, and as to the propriety of the Grand Lodge issuing a new charter, the original having been destroyed by fire in 1906. I submit my findings, viz: Membership, fourteen; location in extreme south-east corner of the state; no jurisdiction on the east, on the south, a half mile; on the north-west, five and a half miles; with small population and some church opposition. I found several zealous brethren anxious to have their lodge continued, they having gone to considerable expense in refurnishing a safe and suitable room, with all new paraphernalia and proper accessories for the purpose of conferring the degrees in a suitable manner. As the Grand Lodge had already ordered the issuance of a duly certified copy of the original charter without fee, I do not consider it to be the prerogative of a Grand Master to set aside an official order of the Grand Lodge. With this explanation I leave the entire matter to you.

By reference to pages 238 and 307, proceedings of 1906, it will be observed that certain conditions and matters were pending in No. 23 that

were ordered to be adjusted by the Grand Lodge. On July 27th, 1906, accompanied by the Grand Custodian who was familiar with all the conditions, I officially visited Pawnee City, called the brethren together, reviewed all the conditions both past and present, with an earnest desire to make no mistake in judgment and to adjust this unfortunate matter in such a manner as to fully protect the interests of Masonry and restore harmony again in the lodge. On August 16th, 1906, I requested all the Past Grand Masters, members of the Committee on Jurisprudence, to meet me in Omaha for consultation and advice. Acting upon their wisdom and experience so kindly tendered, I appointed a special committee of three Past Grand Masters, consisting of M.:W.: Brothers Edward K. Valentine, John B. Dinsmore, and Melville R. Hopewell to adjust all matters pending in the case reported by M.:W.: Melville R. Hopewell. I am pleased to inform you that, through the earnest and ardent labors of the chairman of this committee, M.:W.: Brother Edward K. Valentine, all matters have been satisfactorily adjusted, harmony restored, the law vindicated, and all is well. All papers are submitted for your information and approval.

On June 30th, 1906, accompanied by the Grand Custodian, I officially visited St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul, to investigate conditions relative to a formal complaint filed with me, tending to indicate that Section 148 of Chapter XXI., under paragraph *g*, was being violated. The lodge was congregated in the evening, a large attendance was present, conditions past and present were freely discussed by those who were in a position to know, and to reason from cause to effect. I fraternally admonished them in a most kindly manner to unite and all pull together on the same cable of unity, with instructions to send me certified transcripts of the records of their meetings, since which time, I am informed, all is well.

On July 2d, 1906, accompanied by the Grand Custodian, I officially visited Elm Creek Lodge No. 133, Elm Creek, to investigate conditions based upon a report of Grand Master Burnham, page 22, proceedings of 1905, indicating that Section 148 of Chapter XXI., paragraph *g*, was being violated, resulting in destroying the peace and harmony of the lodge, as well as reflecting upon the principles and good name of Masonry in that part of the jurisdiction. The lodge was congregated, records reviewed, and conditions freely and fully discussed. After summing up the situation the future of No. 133 seemed to be doubtful. At the request of several of the brethren, the suggestion of the Grand Custodian, and with an earnest desire to save the lodge, I concluded to give them a fair trial and hold further official action in abeyance until such time as conditions would prove whether there was enough of Masonic leaven in No. 133 to leaven the whole loaf, directing them to keep me fully informed by transmitting me certified transcripts of the records of their meetings. This order has been complied with, and shows that the clouds have dispersed, and conditions improved, leading us to believe that No. 133 will be all right in the future.

DECISIONS.

Official questions involving interpretation and application of the law have been answered by citations to the paragraph and section of our 1906 code; of all such I make no official report, but there have been several queries propounded that I have officially decided that I do not understand to be covered by our present law.

1. If a Mason suspended indefinitely makes application for reinstatement, can his demit be granted upon application made in the same letter or petition in which he asks to be reinstated? Answer, No.

2. A brother refusing to pass an examination as is required by Section 66, is subject to charges, but a lodge cannot refuse under our law to grant a demit because a brother has not passed said examination, unless he has refused to pass said examination, and charges have been preferred.

3. Dealing on the board of trade, or trading on the board of trade, is gambling, and a bad example for a Master of a lodge to set before the brethren.

4. One who is not initiated within one year after his election must present a new petition. Having complied with the provisions of Section 86, as to the initiation fee, and the original fees not having been returned to the applicant, no new initiation fee should be required.

5. An applicant for the degrees of Masonry who has lost the third and fourth fingers of the right hand is not eligible.

6. I have confirmed the former decisions of this Grand Lodge that the Webb Monitor is the adopted work of this jurisdiction, and none other or any parts thereof shall be used in the work of this jurisdiction.

7. An elected petitioner for the degrees of Masonry declines to submit to the regular mode of preparation. Later a brother of the lodge to which he petitions objects to his initiation. Should the fees be returned? We have two sections of law covering this query and when put as one question, they are in conflict, viz: When a petitioner refuses to be prepared the fees should not be returned. When a petitioner is objected to, the fees should be returned. In this case all the petitioner knows is that he refused to be prepared. Therefore my ruling is that the fees should be retained, according to the law. If afterwards he decides to present himself for preparation, and the objection is not withdrawn, the fees should be returned, complying with our law also.

I suggest that our law be amended at this session in regard to retaining fees where applicants do not receive the degrees. I am opposed to receiving something for nothing.

Several cheap looking diplomas were submitted to me during the year with the query, "Shall the signature of the Grand Secretary and the seal of the Grand Lodge be placed thereon?" My answer was, No. The Grand Lodge has adopted a form of diploma and that is the one that should be used.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS.

I have approved by-laws and amendments thereto as follows:
 June 15th, Friend Lodge No. 73, amendment to by-laws; July 12th, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, code of by-laws; July 30th, Bennet Lodge No. 94, code of by-laws; August 10th, Crete Lodge No. 37, two amendments to by-laws; August 10th, Lincoln Lodge No. 19, amendment to by-laws; August 10th, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, amendment to by-laws; October 22d, Solomon Lodge No. 10, code of by-laws; November 16th, Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, amendment to by-laws; December 10th, Grafton Lodge No. 172, amendment to by-laws; December 10th, Cement Lodge No. 211, amendment to by-laws; April 17th, Wausa Lodge No. 251, code of by-laws; April 26th, Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 125, amendment to by-laws; May 14th, North Star Lodge No. 227, amendment to by-laws; May 18th, Cambridge Lodge No. 150, code of by-laws; May 31st, Porter Lodge No. 106, amendment to by-laws; June 3d, Grace Lodge No. 226, amendment to by-laws.

SEALS APPROVED.

I have approved designs for seals as follows:
 January 19th, Wood Lake Lodge No. 221.
 February 20th, Highland Lodge No. 194.
 March 18th, Cement Lodge No. 211
 March 30th, Orient Lodge No. 13.
 March 30th, Washington Lodge No. 21.
 April 12th, Tyre Lodge No. 85.
 May 8th, Humboldt Lodge No. 40.
 May 11th, Porter Lodge No. 106.

NEW HALLS.

On December 10th, I issued a permit to the brethren of Bancroft Lodge No. 145 to move into their new hall.

On January 10th, I issued a permit to the brethren of Bennet Lodge No. 94 to occupy a new hall.

On March 23d, I issued a permit for Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 to move into a new hall.

On April 26th, I granted permission to Alliance Lodge No. 183 to move into their new hall.

GRAND LODGE CEREMONIES.

At the request of the proper authorities in every case, made through the local lodges to the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, I have laid corner-stones as follows:

On July 16th the corner-stone of the new court-house of Kearney County, at Minden, where I was assisted by all the Grand Lodge officers excepting the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Orator, and the Grand Marshal, whose places were ably filled by Brother Arthur F. Newell as Grand Chaplain; Brother Charles H. Sloan as Grand Orator; and Most Worshipful

Brother Robert E. French as Grand Marshal. Our Most Worshipful Brother Robert E. French had gone to Minden the day previous and arranged every detail so that each part of the program was carried out without a break. The weather was perfect. A large number of citizens, some of them coming for many miles, enjoyed the hospitality of the people of Minden, which was boundless and freely tendered.

On July 18th at 10:30 A. M. we arrived at Beaver City. All of the Grand Lodge officers accompanied me from Minden, excepting Most Worshipful Brother Robert E. French, who preceded us the evening before, and again had everything in readiness to carry out the beautiful program which had been arranged by the Beaver City brethren. The citizens generally had entered into the spirit of the occasion; here also many came from a distance and joined with the brethren of Beaver City Lodge No. 93 to make it a day of interest to all who witnessed the ceremonies. The weather also seemed interested and it bade fair to be an ideal day; but about 1:30 P. M. it became more interested in the welfare of the citizens of Furnas County generally, than in the ceremonies of laying corner-stones, and rain fell in abundance and continued more and more, and not being satisfied with that, an additional supply descended. The brethren assembled in the Masonic hall about 2 o'clock, (excepting our good Brother French, who was enjoying the downpour from a basement window of the new school house) and listened to poems and short talks until about 5 P. M. when it ceased raining. The streets had been transformed into rivers, but navigation was impossible, and walking was difficult. No procession was formed. The brethren were taken to the school grounds in conveyances provided by the local lodge, and at 6 P. M., with a clear blue sky in the west, and the sky at all other points overcast with clouds, the corner-stone of the High School building of Beaver City was successfully laid with the full ceremonies of our Fraternity.

October 19th, assisted by Most Worshipful Brother John A. Ehrhardt as D. G. M., Most Worshipful Brother Robert E. Evans as G. S. W., Brother Anson A. Welch as G. J. W., V. W. Frank M. Druliner, Grand Chaplain, Worshipful Brother Harry A. Cheney, Grand Marshal, and a good attendance of brethren from Winside, Randolph, Wausa, Bloomfield, and other points, I laid the corner-stone of the Wayne Normal School at Wayne, Nebraska. Most Worshipful Brother John A. Ehrhardt preceded me the day before and arranged the preliminaries, which indeed aided in carrying out the program arranged by the Wayne brethren. After the ceremonies all partook of the hospitalities of President James M. Pile in his beautiful home. The occasion will long be remembered by all.

October 30th, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Marshal, the Grand Custodian, Past Grand Masters John A. Ehrhardt, Robert E. Evans, Charles E. Burnham, and a large number of visiting brethren from surrounding towns, I successfully laid the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple at Genoa. It was a gala day for the citizens of Genoa and a happy event for the Grand Lodge officers, and during the day they were escorted in

small parties by the citizens through the Indian schools located but a few blocks east of that city.

November 11th, I, accompanied by Grand Senior Warden William A. De Bord, Grand Marshal Harry A. Cheney, P.:G.:M.: John A. Ehrhardt, Jerusalem Commandery No. 24, K.:T.:, at Bloomfield ready to act as an escort, a large number of brethren from surrounding towns, and a splendid assemblage of people, went to Creighton for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of their new school building. Immediately upon my arrival I was met by a delegation who asked that for the sake of harmony in the community, I grant permission to have the letters A.:F.: and A.:M.: crased from the stone before we proceeded with the ceremonies of laying it, or to lay the stone with the side engraved inside the wall, and that they would afterwards have it engraved leaving the "Grand Lodge of Masons" off. I immediately informed them that we were there by invitation to lay a corner-stone agreeable to the ancient ceremonies and customs of the Fraternity, and since an objection had been raised by one of the authorities that had previously concurred in the invitation, the ceremonies as far as the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was concerned would not take place. The balance of the day was enjoyed by the visitors in looking over the beautiful city of Creighton. In the evening we sat down to a heavily laden board with good things to eat prepared by the ladies, and the corner-stone which was to have been laid was brought to the lodge room, and in the presence of all was placed in the northeast corner.

November 1st, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, Most Worshipful Frank H. Young as Grand Junior Warden, the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Custodian, the Grand Secretary, and escorted by Shiloh Commandery No. 25, K.:T.:, and a large number of visitors, I dedicated the new Masonic Temple at Broken Bow, which, by the way, is a large and commodious building, conveniently arranged for all bodies, costing \$5,000.00, and is favorably located in the business portion of the city. After the ceremonies, Most Worshipful Brother Robert E. French entertained the brothers and their ladies with his stereopticon and poems. I also wish to especially mention the splendid sentiments expressed in short talks by Most Worshipful Brother Frank H. Young, Right Worshipful Brother Francis E. White, and Rev. William H. Xanders, as Grand Orator.

December 18th, assisted by R.:W.: Ornan J. King, D.:G.:M.:, Roy S. Shahan as G.:S.:W.:, R.:W.: Michael Dowling, G.:J.:W.:, M.: W.: John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, R.:W.: Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, W.: Harry Cheney, Grand Marshal, W.: Henry Gibbons, G.:S.:D.:, W.: James R. Cain, Jr., G.:J.:D.:, V.:W.: Frank M. Druliner, Grand Chaplain, a large number of Past Grand Masters and Masons from every lodge for miles around, and many from Omaha and Lincoln, with Mount Hebron Commandery No. 12, K.:T.:, acting as an escort, I successfully laid the corner-stone of the Kearney Military Academy at Kearney. M.:W.: Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, assisted by the officers of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 and the trustees of the school, worked for several days previous to this date, making arrangements which were

perfect in every detail. The regimental band from Fort Crook, accompanied by forty voices, furnished the music. After the ceremonies, Brother William J. Bryan addressed the thousands of people assembled, in one of those brilliant and able efforts for which he is credited in every section of the globe.

Through the kindness of the officers and members of the lodges, photographs have been furnished me of the above ceremonies, which are present for your inspection.

BONDS.

I wish to call the attention of this Grand Body to our present law of furnishing bonds for our Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund. Shortly after I was installed into office the forms of the guaranty company bonds were submitted to me. I read them over carefully, and they not meeting with my approval, I submitted the forms to two competent attorneys, who had been judges on the bench, were Masons and Past Grand Masters, and they pronounced them, using their language, "Very much of a fake." After considerable correspondence and an extra effort on my part, assisted by several Grand Lodge officers, we succeeded, as we thought, in getting an improvement over the original ones. I approved them, at the same time feeling that they were not what they should be; our law requires a guaranty company bond and this was the best that could be done, similar bonds had been approved by my predecessors, and I did not wish to be the first to disapprove the form of guaranty bonds. In my opinion a form of bond should be prepared that would bind the company in case of loss, and compel them to furnish this Grand Body what we pay for. Our courts lay down a form for these bond companies and they comply with the request, and I can see no good reason why they should not be required to furnish us a good form, when we furnish an "A No. 1" risk, and pay the fees.

KENT INSURANCE.

On July 10th, 1903, I appointed R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, M. W. John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, and R. W. William A. De Bord, Grand Senior Warden, a special committee to look after and adjust the insurance policy of our deceased brother, Lewis A. Kent, and to settle with the widow. I have the pleasure to report to this Grand Body that the principal and interest due this Grand Lodge, amounting to \$981.79, General Fund, and \$12,757.46, Relief Fund, has all been paid into the treasury of this Grand Lodge.

RELIEF.

I believe in extending relief to all who are worthy, but it should be done upon a fair and equitable basis. At present we have three committees looking after the needy, viz: The Committee on Orphans Educational Fund, the Trustees of the Masonic Home, and the Committee on

Relief. Each of these committees works to the same end, under different methods, and without any fixed plan. In my opinion one or two of these committees should be dispensed with, the work of the Relief Committee systematized, and all applications for relief should be made on blanks properly prepared. The blanks should show the financial condition of the applicant, the financial condition of the near relatives; the reasons, if any, why they do not contribute to the support of the applicant; the amount the local lodge has in the past and is willing in the future to contribute towards the applicant's support; the amount paid out annually for other charitable purposes; the annual dues of the local lodge and its financial condition; and such other information as would help the committee in determining if relief should be granted and how much.

About January 7th I received a letter from the Worshipful Master of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, calling attention to the needs of the widow of a deceased brother. I at once wrote the Master and made inquiry if the widow would entertain the proposition of going to the Masonic Home, explaining that she could be better cared for there and that everything possible would be done for her comfort. On February 7th I received word from the Master of Pomegranate Lodge informing me that he had investigated and believed it would be impossible for her to go to the Home, owing to the fact that she had previously met with an accident which rendered her almost helpless. I at once forwarded all correspondence to the Committee on Relief and asked them to report. The committee was apparently unable to agree on the amount that should be given her, and our law not laying down a rule to go by, and having but little information before me as to what could or would be done by the lodge or relatives, I investigated as best I could, and after consulting with some of the Grand Lodge officers I ordered the Grand Secretary to draw in favor of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, an order conforming to the majority report of the committee (\$8.00 per month) for the relief of the widow until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

I also, under the head of relief, hand you correspondence from Alexandria Lodge No. 74, wherein they ask for relief for the widow of a Master Mason. I referred the papers to the Relief Committee and again I found them unable to agree, and as but very little is known of the financial condition of the family and the justness of the claim, I refer all papers and correspondence to you, hoping that some plan for relief may be agreed upon at this session.

JORDAN MEDAL.

On October 4th, 1901, during a session of schools held by Brother French, Grand Custodian, at Tekamah, at which school Grand Master Robert E. Evans was present, one of the pleasing events of the occasion was the presentation of a Jordan Medal to Brother Isaac Gibson, an honored member of Tekamah Lodge No. 31, and the oldest Mason in Nebraska. On April 22d, 1904, the aged brother passed away, and his son returned the medal to the Grand Lodge with the request that it be presented to the oldest Mason in the jurisdiction. See page 746, proceed-

ings of 1904. On July 15th, 1905, Grand Master Burnham in compliance with the orders of the Grand Lodge, presented the medal to M. W. Brother Robert W. Furnas, Past Grand Master, as the oldest Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction. After the demise of Brother Furnas on June 1st, 1905, this medal was returned to the Grand Lodge the second time, to be transmitted to the oldest living Mason. After a proper investigation it was found that Rev. Charles P. Hackney, an esteemed member of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland, was entitled to the honor of wearing this medal. This veteran Mason was born August 11th, 1814; was made a Mason April 23d, 1846, and called from labor to refreshment November 26th, 1906. The medal was returned to the Grand Lodge for the third time. After investigation it was found that our Most Worshipful Brother Samuel W. Hayes, Past Grand Master, was entitled to the honor of wearing the now distinguished badge. Conditions being such that I could not confer the honor on our esteemed and beloved brother, I issued my official proxy to M. W. Brother Charles E. Burnham, Past Grand Master, January 12th, 1907, to formally present this medal to Brother Hayes, which order was faithfully complied with on February 13th, 1907. I herewith submit his official report of this happy event:

M. W. and Dear Brother:

I have the honor to report that upon the evening of February 13, 1907, as your representative, I presented to our worthy brother Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes, the Jordan Medal, which became the accepted designative badge of the oldest Mason in Nebraska.

The occasion was made a gala day for the members of Mosaic Lodge No. 55, their families and visiting Masons. Our worthy Grand Custodian Brother French was present and added much to the entertainment. Brother Hayes' response to the presentation speech was grand, and gave ample evidence that he retains all his faculties and led us to the hope that he will be spared for many years yet to come.

Yours fraternally,
CHAS. E. BURNHAM.

Would it not be well to have a medal of the same design made from more precious metal than the one now in use, to be handed down to the oldest living Mason to perpetuate this beautiful custom? For this purpose I recommend a special committee of three.

EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

I can find no stronger or better language in which to express my opinion on this question than that used by my predecessor in his address last year, and I sincerely hope that this Grand Body will change the law at this session. Grand Master Hopewell said:

"In my opinion the law as originally presented did not contemplate exempting brethren who are amply able to contribute to the support of the Grand Lodge, or of the lodge in which they hold membership, but to relieve only those who are unable to pay, or those to whom it would mean a hardship to pay their annual dues. Many of the lodges and brethren

are beginning to look upon exemptions as a roll of honor, and the list is growing a little larger each year. One lodge with a membership of a little over one hundred and fifty has thirty-nine members on the list of those exempt from the payment of Grand Lodge dues. The proportion of the expenses which these brethren should bear has to be paid by the others. Many of them are not as able to bear it as some of those who are exempt. Again, a brother who is exempt from the payment of dues too often soon ceases to take any interest in the affairs of the lodge. I know of no good reason why a brother who is able to pay his dues should be exempt. Masonry is worth the small sum charged as annual dues, and it is worth it each and every year, regardless of a brother's age or the number of years he has been a member. Think of the injustice of exempting a brother who is abundantly able to pay, and suspending one who feels that it is a hardship for him to pay not only his own proportion of the expenses of his lodge, but that of his well-to-do brother, also.

In my judgment there should be only one reason for exempting members from the payment of dues, and that is their inability to pay them. I recommend that the law be changed so as to exempt from payment only when the lodge of which they are members will certify that they are unable to pay or that it would be a hardship for them to do so."

COMPENDIUM.

Out of the forty-three lodges whose conditions have been officially reported to me by the Grand Custodian, I find that not one has its compendium complete in the three parts, as is shown by his supplementary report, which I ask that he read to this Grand Lodge. Section 78 of our Grand Lodge law provides that every member of a lodge must sign its by-laws. Part 3 of the compendium provides for the signatures of all members of the lodge to its by-laws. I am in a position to know that a very large per cent. of the Masons in Nebraska have never signed by-laws, as is required by Section 78. I recommend that some action be taken by this Grand Lodge whereby the provisions of the law referred to will be strictly obeyed.

PROFICIENCY.

Section 66 of our law requires proficiency in the Master Mason's Degree, but you will note that no penalty is attached for failure to comply with the law. I think lodges should go as far in this matter as to require members to comply with the law, and in case of their neglect to do so, charges should be preferred. After due trial and conviction, reprimand by the Master should be the penalty inflicted. In other words, I am in favor of obtaining compliance with a law of this nature by moral suasion rather than by punishment.

PRINTED CIRCULARS.

I wish to call the attention of this Grand Body to a publication called "The Omaha Masonic Messenger," published under the auspices of St. Johns Lodge No. 25. The objectionable feature, as it appears to me, is under the special heading, "Petitions Received and Referred." I called

their attention to this, and I now wish to present it to this Grand Body remembering that it is the identical subject matter which prompted the publication. I have no doubt but that the motives which prompted the publication were born of a desire to promote the interests of the Institution of which we are all so proud. To me the publication seems objectionable, but I ask that the brethren of No. 25 have an opportunity to be heard in support of the Messenger. I submit for your discussion two copies of the publication and all correspondence.

CLANDESTINE MASONS.

Your attention is fraternally called to that portion of Grand Master Burnham's address on page 20, proceedings 1905, under the head of "Clandestine." The same was laid over for final action until last year by recommendation. The Committee on Unfinished Business last year overlooked the matter and failed to present the same for final action. This matter is one of vital importance in protecting our lodges against frauds and imposters. I recommend that this subject matter be referred to a special committee of three Past Grand Masters to report at this communication.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

The attention of the Grand Lodge is especially called to the Nebraska Masonic Home. Sixty-nine out of a total of one hundred and seventy-nine shares are owned by the Grand Lodge. An assessment of fifty cents is levied annually on the members who are liable for dues, and this sum is the chief source of revenue for maintaining the Home. All of the Masonic Grand Bodies in the state have contributed to the cause; lodges, chapters of Royal Arch Masons, chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, councils, commanderies, and individuals have also been liberal in the way of paying for stock and furnishing rooms. The physicians residing at Plattsmouth render the necessary medical services without charge. The Board of Trustees does an immense amount of work in managing the affairs of the Home, paying out of their own funds their necessary personal expenses. No officer of the Home receives any compensation either directly or indirectly.

The report of the officers shows that the present management is doing all that is possible to make the residents comfortable, happy, and contented. The Home belongs to the Freemasons of this Grand Jurisdiction, each one of them being equally interested therein. If there is any one thing of which we should be proud, it is the establishing and maintaining a place where those who have struggled against adverse conditions, who in their declining years find themselves without the necessary means to care for themselves, where the sick, the infirm, and the aged may go without any thought of tomorrow, or as to who will provide for their wants.

To contribute to the deserving of our members and their immediate families should be considered a blessed privilege, and a great source of gratification to know that for so small a payment from each member

the aged brother, the widow, and the orphan are receiving the consideration at our hands that we have all promised in the most solemn manner to give them.

No request for aid for this true exponent of Masonic charity should be ignored, but should be carefully considered, and such contribution given as will help the trustees to maintain the Home on a basis commensurate with the dignity of this Grand Body. Let us keep close watch over it, remaining always in constant touch with it, retaining an abiding interest in it, loyally supporting it, taking pride in it, feeling and knowing that every penny contributed to it is doing something to make life's burdens a little easier for others to bear, and remembering that "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

THE MASONIC TROWEL.

I regret very much that owing to sickness in my family, it was impossible for me to be present at the reception of the famous Masonic Silver Trowel, held in Omaha, March 7th. M. W. Brother George W. Lininger presided, and I am informed made an eloquent and impressive address of welcome, fitting to the occasion, for which our good brother is noted. I am informed it was a meeting long to be remembered by all. May the trowel continue on its journey of spreading the cement of brotherly love throughout the world.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I learned through the official report of Most Worshipful Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, that the charter of Tyre Lodge No. 85 was not signed by the Grand Senior Warden. On April 6th I ordered the Master of said lodge to ascertain at an early date when this signature could be obtained and fix a date when the charter could be sent for signature by registered mail or express. At this writing I have received no reply from No. 85 and therefore am not informed as to what has been done.

I wish to call the attention of the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction to the fact that the Grand Secretary has prepared a form of by-laws, which conforms in every particular to our Grand Lodge laws, and the same has been approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence. If those who contemplate amending or adopting a new code of by-laws would follow this copy, which can be obtained from the Grand Secretary, much time and labor would be saved for the lodge, for the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Master, when they are sent in for approval.

I hope this Grand Body will again consider the question of returns, and go into the subject fully. It is true that the returns are all in again this year, but the rebate clause is not responsible for it, neither were all of them prompt. It took three letters from the Grand Secretary, two from the Grand Custodian, and two from me; and finally on May 2nd the last arrived, after the Committee on Returns had waited almost two weeks to balance the books. In my opinion the twenty-five cents rebate should be discontinued as no good can come from it, and a reasonable penalty should be added for not complying with Section 81 of our law.

I do not find anything in our law that relates to the class of business that should be considered at either regular or special meetings. In my judgment these matters should be clearly defined so that lodges would be restricted to the transaction of certain business at special meetings.

Paragraph 2 of Article XII. of our constitution requires a certificate from the Grand Custodian, setting forth that the three principal officers are competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry in a suitable and impressive manner, before dispensations can be issued for lodges U. D. ; but to my knowledge there are a number of chartered lodges within this jurisdiction that are unable to comply with said paragraph. Why should not a chartered lodge be required to conform to the law of proficiency as well as lodges U. D. , or have their charters suspended and held in abeyance until such time as they can and will prove themselves proficient?

IRREGULARITIES.

Section 42 of our law is plain, but I have had more queries on the point of quorum than on any other one point of law. I beg the pardon of this Grand Lodge for incumbering the records and for interpreting the law in this report, but I wish to emphatically state that it is unlawful for a Master to open his lodge for the transaction of business with a less number than eight Master Masons, members of his own lodge, present. Read your law and save the Grand Master's time for other important duties.

Section 107 of our law is plain, but there seems to be doubt in the minds of some Masters as to what constitutes a lunar month. The best definition I have at hand, and which I have quoted several times this year, and will repeat here, is: A lunar month is the time in which the moon makes one complete revolution of the earth, or appears to return to precisely the same point at which it started. This may be from change to change, from full moon to full moon, or in an indefinite number of other ways. The time of revolution is given us as properly twenty-nine days, twelve hours, forty-four minutes, and three seconds.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Inasmuch as the railroad fare has been reduced in this state from three cents to two cents per mile, I hope that unanimous consent will be given by this Grand Lodge to the amendment of Section 5, Chapter I., of our law, by inserting in the fifth line of said section, the words "four cents per mile" instead of "six cents per mile" for each mile travelled, going to the Grand Lodge.

As the report shows that about \$13,000.00 has been added to the Relief Fund since our last session, and when our present law was enacted we could not foresee that we would have so large an amount of money on hand at one time for which we would have no immediate use, and since no provisions were made for loaning it out, I suggest that our law be so amended that a portion of our Relief Fund can be earning a little interest for the Grand Lodge.

It seems to be the practice of many lodges to store away in some

bank vault their charter, and hang the printed copy on the walls of their lodge room. Our law intends that the original charter must be present at all regular and special meetings.

To the subordinate lodges let me suggest: Don't be in too much of a hurry to pass the honors around. Just because some brother has been started at the door or in the south is no reason why, regardless of qualifications, he should be advanced to the Master's chair. I could cite you several cases in this state where there was once a good lodge and a good Master, where now we have a weak lodge, all because the present Master, or the one who preceded him, has not endeavored to do the work, post himself on the law, or is lacking in ability to preside. Keep your present Master, if he is a good one, until you are sure that the man who is eligible is better or just as good.

CONCLUSION.

Before laying down the gavel of authority, I wish to thank the Craft throughout the state for their prompt response to almost every call. The Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge officers have rendered me valuable assistance. I especially wish to thank our Grand Secretary who has watched every detail, and our Grand Custodian who has been my help and support on every occasion. I have made mistakes, I know, but they have been made in an effort to do my Masonic duty and spread the cement of harmony and brotherly love.

ZUINGLE M. BAIRD,
Grand Master.

An application for relief for the lodge at Kingston, Jamaica, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Relief. The report of Brother Alpha Morgan, representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, was read and ordered placed on file. Letters from M. W. Nathaniel M. Ayers, P. G. M., regretting his absence, and Brother Charles H. Sloan, explaining his inability to attend the session, were read and ordered placed on file.

The address of the Grand Master, together with the following reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian, and Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, were referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

GENERAL FUND.

On hand as per last report.	\$19,222. 41
Received from the Grand Secretary.	26,307. 98
Total.	<u>\$45,530. 39</u>
Paid orders Nos. 2568 to 2686 inclusive.	<u>\$23,900. 83</u>
Balance on hand.	\$21,629. 56

RELIEF FUND.

On hand as per last report.	\$2,073. 80
Received from the Grand Secretary.	14,422. 00
Total.	<u>\$16,495. 80</u>
Paid orders Nos. 2482 to 2499 and 2700 to 2720 inclusive.	<u>\$1,103. 00</u>
Balance on hand.	\$15,392. 80

RECAPITULATION.

General Fund on hand.	\$21,629. 56
Relief Fund on hand.	15,392. 80
Total.	<u>\$37,022. 36</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. DINSMORE,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

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

I submit herewith my report for the year ending June 3d, 1907.

Petitions for charters, with books and papers of the lodges under dispensation at Spencer, Springview, Indianola, and Mitchell, have been delivered to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Appeals from lodges Nos. 52 and 184, charges against the master of a lodge, all correspondence, and statement of indebtedness of Freemasons formerly belonging to lodges now extinct, were on May 10th last forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances.

ERRORS IN CHARTERS AND SEALS.

The errors in the dates of charters, except Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, have been corrected. Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, not having sent in its charter, no change could be made thereon. All lodges have complied with the order of the Grand Lodge and have had their seals made to conform to the law. I can report that each lodge in the jurisdiction has a seal, the design of which is separate and distinct from the others, and that all of the seals have been approved by the Grand Master.

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

All notes held by the Grand Lodge against Brother Lewis A. Kent have been paid, and the proceeds thereof have been transmitted to the Grand Treasurer.

RETURNS FROM LODGES.

Returns from each chartered lodge in the jurisdiction, except Nos. 66, 90, and 191, (whose charters were arrested by the Grand Master,) have been received, and the accounts between the lodges and the Grand Lodge have been settled. All of the accounts for the year ending March 31st, 1907, have been closed.

CARD REGISTRY.

Much information is necessary before the card register can be completed. The situation remains about the same as last year, except that from all but four lodges I have received information sufficient to enable me to nearly complete the record showing the membership, while thirty-nine have not replied concerning the changes of membership in the jurisdiction. If the secretaries showed any disposition to furnish information when it is asked for, much improvement could be made in the system, but as a rule replies are so tardy, and in some cases requests are so completely ignored, that I have hesitated about asking for more than was absolutely necessary to complete last year's returns.

GRAND LODGE, GENERAL FUND, CASH DEBIT.

June 6th, 1906, amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer	\$19,222.41
Received from Livingstone Lodge No. 66.....	20.69
Received from Elk Creek Lodge No. 90.....	67.89
Received from Crystal Lodge No. 191.....	239.59
Bills Receivable, notes Lewis A. Kent.....	917.60
Interest on notes, Lewis A. Kent.....	64.19
Sale of addressograph.....	30.00
Clerk hire, Grand Secretary's office.....	16.00
Received from mileage returned by the Grand Junior Warden	2.00
Received from special dispensations issued by the Grand Master.....	170.00
Received from dispensation fees for new lodges.....	100.00
Received from supplies sold to lodges.....	654.89
Fees on 1,090 initiations, less 4 not paid by Crystal Lodge No. 191.....	5,430.00
Paid on note, Indianola Lodge No. 123, extinct, by Endeavor, U. D.....	25.00
Penalty from Hay Spring Lodge No. 177.....	3.45
Everpaid by Ionic Lodge No. 87.....	10.00
Dues on 15,028 members, less rebate credit, \$3,554.57; exemp- tions, \$347.50; not paid by Livingstone Lodge No. 66, \$16.25, Elk Creek Lodge No. 90, \$28.25, and Crystal Lodge No. 191, \$38.75.....	18,556.68
	<hr/> \$45,530.39

GRAND LODGE CASH ACCOUNT, CREDIT.

Pay-roll, 1907.	\$3,578.44
Janitor.	60.00
Stationery.	50.00
Fee for a lodge at Lynch, returned.	25.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.	100.00
Committee on Returns.	100.00
Stenographer, session 1906.	10.00
Salary of the Grand Tyler.	50.00
Dispensation fees returned to lodges Nos. 2, 147, 207, and 210.	40.00
Assistants to the Grand Treasurer, session 1906.	10.00
Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund, 1905-6.	100.00
Costs for tax case.	43.70
Transferred to the Orphans Educational Fund.	2,000.00
Premiums on Grand Officers' bonds.	45.00
Furniture, fixtures, and repairs on furniture, Grand Secretary's office.	228.36
Printing and binding Volume 8.	614.75
Incidental expenses of the Grand Secretary.	53.05
Blanks.	115.90
Printing proceedings, advance copies, and reports of Grand Officers.	788.05
Fee for dispensation for a lodge at Exeter, returned.	25.00
Supplies.	527.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.	1,072.00
Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, salary 1906-7.	1,800.00
Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, salary 1906-7.	1,200.00
Expense of the Grand Master.	300.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage.	256.77
Expressage on Volume 8.	93.23
Expense of the Grand Custodian.	500.00
Grand Master's clerk hire.	550.00
Livingstone Lodge No. 66.	9.77
Elk Creek Lodge No. 90.	40.66
Crystal Lodge No. 191.	92.66
Transferred from the General Fund to the Relief Fund.	1,664.54
For the Nebraska Masonic Home.	7,375.00
Telephone for the Grand Lodge.	30.00
Binding proceedings for the Grand Lodge library.	38.75
Ionic Lodge No. 87, overpaid on fees and dues; returned.	10.00
Rent, light, and heat.	250.00
Grand Treasurer's salary for 1906-7.	50.00
Grand Treasurer's expense.	3.20
May 20th, 1907, balance in the Grand Treasury.	21,629.56
	<u>\$45,530.39</u>

GRAND LODGE RELIEF FUND, CASH.

May 20th, 1906, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.	\$ 2,073.80	
Aug. 16th, 1906, bills receivable, notes Lewis A. Kent and wife.	10,826.57	
Aug. 16th, 1906, interest on notes Lewis A. Kent and wife.	1,930.89	
May 10th, 1907, transferred from the General Fund.	1,664.54	
George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, for Mrs. Mary Gray.		\$120.00
Parian Lodge No. 207, for Mrs. James A. Pike.		60.00
Parian Lodge No. 207, for Mrs. James Dickson.		60.00
Rawalt Lodge No. 138, for William T. Lindsay.		120.00
Rawalt Lodge No. 138, additional for William T. Lindsay.		15.00
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, for Baltzar Mowan.		120.00
Crete Lodge No. 37, for Elbert H. Cochran.		120.00
Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, for Charles P. Hackney.		150.00
Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, for Mrs. Charles P. Hackney.		48.00
Edgar Lodge No. 67, for Mrs. Granville Bunn.		80.00
Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166, for Mrs. Adelia Russell.		90.00
Bennett Lodge No. 94, for Job Hiatt.		60.00
Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, for Arthur N. Doane.		60.00
May 20th, 1907, balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.		15,392.80
	\$16,495.80	\$16,495.80

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand as per last report.	\$4,163.45	
Purchased during the year.	531.10	
Sold during the year.		\$654.89
Charged to Profit and Loss, bound volumes, etc.		3,144.87
Amount on hand March 31st, 1907, as per invoice.		825.84
Purchased since March 31st, 1907, to date.		68.95
	\$4,694.55	\$4,694.55

An inventory of supplies on hand March 31st, was taken, and the bound volumes and all other items that have no commercial value were charged to Profit and Loss.

INVENTORY, MAY 20TH, 1907.

69 shares stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.	6,900.00
Supplies on hand for sale and issue.	894.79

Cash in the General Fund	21,629.56	
Cash in the Relief Fund	15,392.80	
Grand Lodge officers' jewels.	227.50	
Grand Lodge office furniture	500.00	
Grand Lodge library furniture	1,664.64	
Jordan Medal Fund.		\$33.15
Livingstone Lodge No. 66.	5.33	
Elk Creek Lodge No. 90.	1.02	
Crystal Lodge No. 191.		88.18
Fees for dispensations for three new lodges.		75.00
Grand Lodge library	952.48	
Net amount of assets of the Grand Lodge		47,971.79
	\$48,168.12	\$48,168.12

All of the above items are worth the sums at which they are listed, except the items of Grand Lodge jewels, and Grand Lodge library furniture. I know of no indebtedness against the Grand Lodge, except as shown above.

TRIAL BALANCE, GRAND LODGE, A.F.F. & A.M., MAY 20TH, 1907.

New lodge at Scotts Bluff.		\$25.00
New lodge at Silver Creek.		25.00
New lodge at Franklin.		25.00
Crystal Lodge No. 191.		88.18
Livingstone Lodge No. 66.	\$5.33	
Elk Creek Lodge No. 90.	1.02	
Grand Lodge jewels.	227.50	
Grand Lodge office furniture.	500.00	
Grand Lodge library furniture.	1,664.64	
Grand Lodge library	952.48	
Relief Fund, cash.	15,392.80	
General Fund, cash.	21,629.56	
Supplies.	894.79	
69 shares stock, Nebraska Masonic Home.	6,900.00	
Inventory.		47,971.79
Jordan Medal Fund.		33.15
	\$48,168.12	\$48,168.12

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

On January 23d, 1907, a pamphlet was issued and sent to all lodges in the jurisdiction, showing the history of the Home and its financial condition to January 1st, 1907. The following taken from the book shows the cost of maintaining the Home for the year 1906:

For postage.	\$ 7.75
" fuel and light.	730.63
" maintenance: groceries, meat, etc.	2,372.95
" salaries and labor.	1,049.25

For general expense.	56.10
“ clothing for residents.	113.56
“ medical supplies and nurse.	284.57
	<u>\$4,614.81</u>

During the year 1906 thirty-one persons were cared for a portion of the time. Of these, one has died, one was sent away, and three being there only temporarily have also left the Home. The cost for each resident for a full year is within a small fraction of \$189.97. At the last annual convocation the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska, appropriated \$1,000.00 for ten additional shares of stock, and the Grand Commandery K. T. of Nebraska, at its annual conclave appropriated \$525.00 to purchase a cottage and a half block of ground for the Home. Five shares of stock were issued by the Board, in payment thereof. The total number of shares issued is 179, of which the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., owns 69, the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., 35, the Grand Commandery, K. T., 15, the Grand Council, R. & S. M., 7, the Scottish Rite Bodies, 5, George W. Lininger, 5, Tangier Temple, Mystic Shrine, 2, the remaining 41 shares being in the hands of individuals and Masonic Bodies, no one of which owns more than one share.

The cost from January 1st, 1907, to May 1st, was:

For maintenance.	\$ 927.52
“ printing.	104.50
“ postage.	10.00
“ insurance, premiums on official bonds.	18.50
“ fuel and light.	354.52
“ salaries and labor.	430.15
“ expense.	14.75
“ clothing.	41.74
“ funeral expenses.	49.00
“ medical supplies.	182.94
“ furnishing.	338.10
“ betterments.	31.35
	<u>\$2,503.07</u>

The employees are a matron, a nurse, a cook, a laundress, two girls for general work, and a furnace man. Additional help is employed as wanted.

There are in the Home eleven women, fifteen men, two boys, and one girl; total number of residents, 29.

Cash on hand May 16th, 1907, \$1,428.86. Of this sum \$775.00 is held in trust, leaving \$653.86 available on the date named. To this has been added \$7,375.00 from the Grand Lodge, making total cash on hand May 20th, 1907, \$8,028.86.

Continuation of the list of Nebraska Freemasons who have been placed on the retired list:

Crt. No.	NAME AND LODGE	BORN	1°	2°	3°
395	Jacob S. Shackleton, 64.	Jan. 18,'35	Sep. 21,'70	Oct. 19,'70	Dec. 7,'70
396	Joseph J. Lichty, 54.	Sep. 13,'40	Feb. 21,'69	Jan. 21,'71	Feb. 21,'71
397	Clemens Bortis, 50.	Mar. 25,'37	Apr. 5,'65	May 22,'65	July 8,'65
398	George W. Lininger, 3.	Dec. 14,'34	Oct. 2,'56	Dec. 4,'56	Jan. 15,'57
399	Thomas L. McNeill, 19.	May 31,'28	May 13,'71	June 13,'71	July 11,'71
400	Gilbert L. Laws, 19.	Mar. 11,'38	Dec. 2,'65	Jan. 4,'66	Jan. 25,'66
401	William Pettit, 128.	Sep. 22,'40	Feb. 10,'70	Mar. 21,'70	June 7,'70
402	John D. King, 120.	Nov. 17,'39	July 19,'75	Dec. 14,'75	Dec. 30,'75
403	Josiah Locke, 65.	Apr. 5,'41	Mar. 13,'65	Mar. 13,'65	Mar. 16,'65
404	Horace A. Scott, 65.	Jan. 4,'41	Mar. 2,'68	Apr. 8,'68	Apr. 20,'68
405	William H. Crites, 36.	Mar. 6,'41	Mar. 21,'65	May 23,'65	June 23,'65
406	William Kinkade, 96.	Dec. 31,'39	Jan. 22,'70	Feb. 26,'70	May 14,'70
407	Henry B. Hart, 68.	Aug. 14,'32	Nov. 6,'76	Nov. 20,'76	Dec. 4,'76
408	George C. Bassett, 3.	Apr. 29,'39	Jan. 25,'68	Mar. 23,'68	May 12,'68
409	George W. McKee, 57.	June 10,'37	May 4,'76	June 1,'76	Aug. 31,'76
410	John C. Hager, 51.	Mar. 16,'37	Feb. 8,'65	Feb. 22,'65	Mar. 8,'65
411	Milton A. Mills, 65.	Sep. 19,'41	Feb. 17,'74	Mar. 19,'74	Apr. 7,'74
412	Madison Rodgers, 79.	Aug. 19,'41	Feb. 9,'65	Feb. 9,'65	Feb. 14,'65
413	William J. Conklyn, 65.	Dec. 31,'41	Nov. 5,'70	Dec. 2,'70	Dec. 16,'70
414	Origen Frost, 6.	Oct. 18,'40	Oct. 14,'67	Nov. 25,'67	Dec. 2,'67
415	Levi M. Hupert, 54.	Nov. 3,'41	Jan. 14,'65	Feb. 28,'65	Mar. 28,'65
416	Henry P. Makeley, 33.	Sep. 3,'38	Oct. 10,'70	Nov. 10,'70	Nov. 25,'70
417	Leonard J. Hanchett, 33.	Oct. 11,'40	Apr. 7,'71	May 14,'71	June 11,'71
418	Leavitt J. Rollin, 33.	Nov. 29,'37	Jan. 16,'71	Feb. 9,'71	June 9,'71
419	William M. Totten, 202.	Sep. 6,'34	Aug. 16,'64	*	Dec. 12,'64
420	Albert B. Chamberlain, 110.	Dec. 4,'41	Dec. 2,'70	Jan. 6,'71	Feb. 27,'71
421	William H. Marshall, 50.	Feb. 21,'40	Jan. 14,'70	Jan. 25,'70	Feb. 8,'70
422	Orvill C. Harris, 36.	Oct. 1,'40	Oct. 29,'69	Dec. 22,'69	Apr. 20,'70
423	Francis M. Hirst, 36.	Jan. 1,'39	July 11,'64	Apr. 9,'66	July 23,'66
424	William F. Sinsel, 36.	Dec. 13,'41	June 17,'65	July 15,'65	Aug. 19,'65
425	John Klotz, 232.	Sep. 9,'34	Feb. 15,'76	Mar. 28,'76	Apr. 29,'76
427	George W. Uebel, 138.	Jan. 15,'40	Dec. 11,'65	Feb. 19,'66	Sep. 3,'66
428	George O. Yeiser, 53.	Dec. 4,'25	*	*	*
429	James M. Parker, 232.	Aug. 27,'25	Mar. 7,'48	June 20,'48	Dec. 9,'52
430	Benjamin B. Mozee, 79.	Mar. 6,'39	Aug. 5,'65	Sept. 2,'65	Sept. 30,'65
431	Solomon W. Stilgebouer, 185.	Aug. 11,'40	June 26,'66	Nov. 7,'66	Dec. 27,'66
432	Charles Puelz, 185.	Apr. 10,'30	Mar. 12,'70	Apr. 9,'70	May 14,'70

*No data.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Grand Secretary

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

Cheerfully complying with the requirements of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, I fraternally submit my seventh annual report as your Grand Custodian, trusting that my labors will meet with your approval.

Although the work has been arduous, strenuous, and persistent, yet having been blest with good health I have promptly met all my dates

except one. The associations with the brethren have been so pleasant and fraternal that they have made the burdens lighter and the pathway brighter. I also find that experience and acquaintance have much to do in making the schools harmonious, and of practical good.

Regular schools have been held in the following places during the year:—Elm Creek, Elwood, Holbrook, Beaver City, Danbury, Wilcox, Juniata, Giltner, Wood River, Shelton, Phillips, Arcadia, Chapman, Clarks, St. Edward, Cedar Rapids, Red Cloud, Superior, Reynolds, Alexandria, Central City, Edgar, Bradshaw, Gresham, Fremont, Schuyler, Hooper, Waterloo, Laurel, Lyons, Decatur, Emerson, Broken Bow, Hickman, Blue Springs, Adams, Cook, Ft. Calhoun, Kennard, Niobrara, and Butte, total forty-three, of three days each, two hundred and seventy sessions. Twenty-five of the above lodges have a membership of less than fifty, eighteen have a membership of fifty or more; total attendance three thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, total number of lodges represented, eighty.

By order of the Grand Master no schools were held from December 15th to January 5th. Conditions during the holidays will not warrant them.

OFFICIAL SCHOOLS CANCELED.

By order of the Grand Master, and at their own request, owing to unfavorable conditions, the following schools were cancelled: at Ohioa, Ulysses, Plainview, O'Neil, Ewing, Atkinson, Havelock, Craig, and Lincoln. Where lodges receive official notice of a school, if conditions are such that they cannot obtain the use of the hall for not less than two nights and three days, or the attendance of the officers and members will not be such as to warrant the Grand Lodge in expending the time and money, they should notify the Grand Master immediately, and not wait until the last moment, for in so doing it prevents making other dates. I have established the rule of not making any official dates until first ascertaining if all the conditions are favorable and if the end will justify the means.

OFFICIAL EXAMINATIONS FOR LODGES U. D.:

On June 21st, by order of the Grand Master and in compliance with Article XII., Paragraph 2, Constitution, I made a formal examination for a lodge U. D. at the town of Mitchell, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska. I found the proposed officers proficient and well qualified to confer the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in a solemn and impressive manner; the lodge room safe and suitable, an ample number of petitioners, favorable environment and jurisdiction. I most cheerfully issued my official certificate formally recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On June 28th, at the request of the Grand Master I accompanied him to Indianola, Red Willow County, and confirmed an examination made for a lodge U. D. at said place, March 13th, 1906, under direction of Grand Master Hopewell. Owing to the many complications connected with this petition I urged the Grand Master not to be governed or influenced by my formal certificate until he had made a most rigid and careful

investigation in person, which he did, before issuing his dispensation, confirming my former report.

On September 24th, 1906, by order of the Grand Master and at the request of a constitutional number of petitioners, I visited Exeter, Fillmore County, Nebraska, for the purpose of making a formal examination for a lodge U. D. By reason of the proposed officers not being able to comply with the constitutional requirement of Paragraph 2, Article XII., a too limited jurisdiction and unfavorable environment, I declined to issue my formal certificate recommending said petitioners. I can give other reasons, but I think the above are sufficient.

The expense of making the above examinations, transportation and hotel, is always paid by the petitioners. There is no expense charged for the time employed.

GRAND LODGE CEREMONIALS.

As has been the custom since I have been your Grand Custodian, and by order of the Grand Master, I took charge of and perfected all the preliminary arrangements, and was present at, and assisted in, the formal ceremonies of laying corner-stones of public buildings at Minden, Beaver City, Genoa, and Kearney. The expense incurred in performing these duties were paid as follows:—Transportation, out of Grand Custodian's appropriation; hotel, by the lodges where the ceremonies were conducted.

By order of the Grand Master I also took charge of, and perfected all the preliminary arrangements for the dedication of Freemasons Hall, at Broken Bow, and was present at, and assisted in, this beautiful ceremony.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

Acting under an official commission of M. W. Zuingle M. Baird, Grand Master, under date of August 10th, 1906, as his representative, I visited the following lodges: St. Paul, Gibbon, Shelton, Sumner, and Wood River, and carefully investigated past and present conditions, making a formal report of my findings in each case to the Grand Master.

At the request of the Grand Master I accompanied him and assisted in making official investigations of the following lodges: St. Paul, Elm Creek, Stockville, Sumner, Scotia, Friend, Firth, Elk Creek, Humboldt, Stella, Cortland, Rulo, and Pawnee City. Stella and Friend were purely fraternal visitations. The other eleven places were for the purpose of investigation, based upon unfavorable reports of violations of law, and inharmonious conditions seriously affecting the good name of Masonry, and destroying its usefulness in the immediate vicinity. Of the above mentioned places the Grand Master's report will fully cover our findings in each particular case.

By order of the Grand Master under date of July 30th, 1906, I visited Firth and Elk Creek and took in charge all the books and properties of said lodges, and shipped the same to the Grand Secretary at Omaha.

FUNERALS.

During the past year I have conducted Masonic funeral services at Minden, Utica, and Kearney. I have had to decline requests from Ashland, Phillips, Grand Island, and McCook, by reason of other official engagements which could not be cancelled. I sincerely regret that I cannot comply with these requests, made sometimes by loved brethren whom I have known and labored with for many years. The Grand Lodge ought to settle this question and not leave the responsibility with the Grand Master or the Grand Custodian. May I ask you to do so, and relieve me of any further responsibility in the matter?

FINALE.

I have strictly complied with Chapter II. Section 8, law of the Grand Lodge, in every particular, in all my official acts involving the expenditure of Grand Lodge funds. In every instance it has been done by the order and approval of the Grand Master. I have continued the rule adopted and approved by each of the seven Grand Masters I have served under, since my appointment as Grand Custodian,—that of submitting a written report of each school held, embodying a full statement of all matters connected with each visitation, with a financial statement of expense account, with cash balance on hand, not less than once each week, and generally twice a week. Being the only subordinate officer of the Grand Lodge whose official acts are under the immediate direction and control of the Grand Master (see Section 8, Chapter II., Law), it must of necessity make the official relations of Grand Master and Grand Custodian very closely allied, involving a voluminous correspondence. Experience and acquaintance naturally brings the Grand Custodian in personal contact with the members of the Craft in their homes and in their lodges, therefore that he may be in harmonious touch with those that he labors with, he should never be required to take any official action on any subject matter involving any violations of law or the adjustment of estrangement between brethren. He should not be placed in a position to give any opinion or take any issues whatever. He is supposed to be a teacher, not a judge or juror; I prefer to be a peacemaker rather than a prosecutor; to teach rote of words is mechanical and may be done from a tenacious memory, requiring neither intellect nor wisdom. To teach Masonry and the broad underlying principles on which it is founded must come from the heart to reach the heart, and be demonstrated in daily deeds as well as words (requirements which your present Grand Custodian has failed to attain and may never attain). In Grand Master Baird I have found a careful, conscientious officer,—one who has the courage to stand by his convictions,—one who has never permitted time nor distance to interfere with his duty, faithful to every trust reposed, firm in every principle of right,—a genius in his fellowship with his brethren. It has been a happy privilege and a sincere pleasure to serve under his wise administration. The Grand Lodge may well be proud of such a noble man and loyal Mason.

Finally, my brethren, let us not forget that Masonry is founded upon

principles that have stood the test of time. It stands today the peer of any order or institution, and its future is as firmly established as the Rock of Ages. Let us not forget that Masons, though good and true men, are governed by ancient charges and laws, whose tenets are truth; whose cardinal virtue is justice. Standing upon these undying principles, gazing with an undimmed eye of faith and hope into that perfect realm beyond the Shadow, where the broad mantle of charity (Divine Love) will cover many of our faults and foibles, let us all pull together on the same cable of unity,—bound together by the strong ties of brotherly love, not wait for the future Bye and Bye, but make it Sweet Now and Now.

THE SWEET NOW AND NOW.

In the sweet bye and bye is an old sweet tune,
 The sweet now and now is just as sweet a boon,
 The kind acts of today that relieve the sad sigh,
 Are the sweet now and now of the sweet bye and bye.

Oh, why should we sigh to know each other there
 While we do try to know each other here?
 Many hearts are aching, many a broken tie,
 Soothe and heal them now—wait not for 'bye and bye.

Misfortune clouds the path of many a poor man,
 Make it sweet now and now, is the Brotherhood plan,
 Inspire him with Hope, lift his eyes from the sod,
 Teach him undying Faith, in the Fatherhood of God.

Why not make this fleeting life like a summer dream,
 As we glide calmly down its flowing stream?
 Plucking from its shady banks with a pleasing eye,
 Sweet flowers now and now as well as bye and bye.

Wait not for the morrow, do goodly deeds today;
 Dispel the rifts of sorrow with a loving ray.
 God is ever with us, oh feel his presence nigh;
 He makes sweet now and now and sweet bye and bye.

Truly and fraternally yours,
 ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

Amount of appropriation for expenses.	\$600.00
Amount unexpended May 10th, 1906.	83.48
Total amount expended to May 1st, 1907.	\$558.14
May 1st, 1907, amount unexpended	125.34
	\$683.48
May 1st 1907, amount in Grand Custodian's hands . . .	\$ 25.34

It is hereby certified that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and the above amount, \$558.14, was

actually expended in the discharge of my duties as Grand Custodian, under the order of the Grand Master. I have used no free transportation, and have received no mileage or per diem as a Past Grand Master. All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Custodian of the Work.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS
EDUCATIONAL FUND.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, MAY 15TH, 1907.

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

The following report for the year ending at close of business this date is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund:

Securities on hand as per last report.		\$39,148.46	
Purchased since:			
1906	June 23, Sackett, No. 140	\$1,300.00	
	June 26, Hart, No. 141	1,500.00	
	June 26, Hart, No. 142.	1,500.00	
	July 2, Rapp, No. 143.	500.00	
	Aug. 7, Groat, No. 144.	2,000.00	
	Aug. 15, Matthews, No. 145.	1,000.00	
	Sept. 1, Barrett, No. 146	1,500.00	
	Dec. 29, Archibold, No. 147.	2,000.00	
1907	Jan. 26, Hume, No. 148.	500.00	
	Mar. 9, Anderson, No. 149.	2,500.00	
	Mar. 25, Sklenar, No. 150.	1,000.00	
	Mar. 25, Sklenar, No. 151.	1,500.00	
	April 20, McGraw, No. 152.	1,000.00	17,800.00
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			\$56,948.46
Received on account of securities since last report:			
1906	July 10, Newman, No. 132.	\$600.00	
	Aug. 14, Thiele, No. 139.	40.00	
	Sept. 4, Romano, No. 106.	80.00	
	Sept. 8, School Dist. 246, No. 51.	300.00	
	Oct. 9, Mauk, No. 133.	500.00	
	Nov. 23, Thiele, No. 139.	80.00	
	Dec. 4, Goodrich, No. 101.	100.00	
	Dec. 17, Colson, No. 116.	100.00	
1907	Jan. 9, Robinson, No. 97.	1,800.00	
	Jan. 19, Witmas, No. 135.	500.00	
	Feb. 1, Goodrich, No. 101.	100.00	
	Feb. 4, Ord Village, No. 35.	800.00	
	Feb. 19, Thiele, No. 139.	60.00	
	Mar. 1, Northern Light Lodge No. 41	50.00	
	Mar. 1, Romano, No. 106	20.00	

1907 Mar. 4, Bundy, No. 121	500.00	
April 2, Larson, No. 114.....	400.00	
April 2, Sklenar, No. 105.....	1,000.00	
May 4, Hogeboom, No. 100.....	400.00	
May 13, Warren, No. 62	38.46	7,468.46
Securities on hand.....		\$49,480.00

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

NO.	BORROWER	AMOUNT	RATE	INT. PAID TO
9,	Voss.....	\$1,000.00	6 per cent	Dec. 1, 1906
39,	Northern Light Lodge.....	600.00	6 " "	Feb. 27, 1907
44,	Cole.....	800.00	6 " "	Mar. 15, 1907
62,	Warren.....	100.00	6 " "	Apr. 20, 1907
101,	Goodrich.....	100.00	6 " "	Feb. 1, 1907
106,	Romano.....	150.00	6 " "	Mar. 1, 1907
110,	Westerfield.....	1,500.00	5 " "	Jan. 20, 1907
111,	Bacon.....	2,000.00	5½ " "	Mar. 1, 1907
112,	Kelley.....	1,500.00	5½ " "	Apr. 1, 1907
113,	Richardson.....	1,100.00	5½ " "	Apr. 1, 1907
114,	Larson.....	750.00	8 " "	Apr. 1, 1907
116,	Colson.....	300.00	6 " "	Dec. 1, 1907
118,	Tekamah Lodge No. 31....	300.00	6 " "	Feb. 17, 1907
120,	Bilby.....	2,400.00	5 " "	Aug. 1, 1906
121,	Bundy.....	500.00	6 " "	Mar. 1, 1907
122,	Hopewell.....	1,100.00	5½ " "	Jan. 12, 1907
123,	Kelley.....	1,000.00	5½ " "	Feb. 18, 1907
124,	Jenson.....	2,000.00	5½ " "	Mar. 1, 1907
125,	Thomas.....	2,000.00	5½ " "	Mar. 16, 1907
126,	Kelley.....	1,000.00	5½ " "	Mar. 29, 1905
128,	Thomas.....	2,000.00	5½ " "	Mar. 22, 1907
129,	Van Antwerp.....	1,000.00	8 " "	Mar. 1, 1907
131,	Latta.....	1,300.00	5½ " "	July 15, 1906
133,	Mauk.....	500.00	8 " "	Jan. 2, 1907
134,	Hansen.....	1,200.00	5 " "	Aug. 1, 1906
135,	Witmas.....	500.00	9 " "	Jan. 8, 1907
136,	Brown.....	600.00	8 " "	Jan. 25, 1907
137,	Waldecker.....	900.00	5½ " "	Feb. 1, 1907
138,	Jensen.....	2,500.00	5 " "	Feb. 20, 1907
139,	Thiele.....	980.00	6 " "	Feb. 15, 1907
140,	Sackett.....	1,300.00	5 " "	Int. not due.
141,	Hart.....	1,500.00	5 " "	Int. not due.
142,	Hart.....	1,500.00	5 " "	Int. not due.
143,	Rapp.....	500.00	8 " "	Int. not due.
144,	Groat.....	2,000.00	7 " "	Int. not due.
145,	Matthews.....	1,000.00	5 " "	Int. not due.
146,	Barrett.....	1,500.00	5 " "	Mar. 1, 1907
147,	Archibald.....	2,000.00	6 " "	Int. not due.

148, Hume	500.00	5½	"	"	Int not due.
149, Anderson	2,500.00	7½	"	"	Int. not due.
150, Sklenar	1,000.00	5	"	"	Int. not due.
151, Sklenar	1,500.00	5	"	"	Int. not due.
152, McGraw	1,000.00	7	"	"	Int. not due.
Total	\$49,480.00				

CASH.

Cash on hand last report					\$8,637.32
Received on account securities paid	\$7,468.46				
For interest	2,295.50				
For rent 609 No. 32d Street	10.00				
Warrant 2598 Grand Lodge Fund.	2,000.00				
Sale 609 No. 32d Street	700.00				\$12,473.96
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					\$21,111.28

DISBURSEMENTS.

For securities purchased	\$17,800.00				
" interest on securities purchased	2.75				
" warrant No. 1, for educational purposes	772.98				
" expenses and taxes	177.97				\$18,753.70
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Cash on hand to balance					2,357.58
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					\$21,111.28

In addition to the above there is still unsold the lot at Hastings which we have been endeavoring to sell.

Fraternally submitted,
CHAS. K. COUTANT,
Treasurer.

Brother Dowling, 119, presented the following report of the Committee on Returns, and on motion that part relating to changes in the law was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the remainder of the report was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

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

Your Committee on Returns fraternally reports that we have carefully examined the returns from the several lodges in the jurisdiction, and present herewith the tables of statistics, etc., for the year ending March 31st, 1907. We have given the work the most careful attention, endeavoring to eliminate, as nearly as possible, all of the errors in former returns.

In compiling the card register some names of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, suspended members, and members in good standing, were found on the former returns of lodges, with nothing to indicate why they

had been omitted from later returns. Notices of these errors were sent to the secretaries of the several lodges, asking them to explain why they had been left off these returns. Where explanations were made, the register was changed accordingly; where no answer was made to the communications of the Grand Secretary and no explanations given on the subject, all of the names were entered on this year's returns by your committee, as we did not believe that secretaries of lodges or the committee had any authority to arbitrarily leave the names off the returns unless there was something to show that the brethren referred to had lost membership in their lodges. So far as it has been possible to do so with the information at hand, the card register has been completed, and the returns for the current year have been made in every instance to agree with the register as compiled by the Grand Secretary. Many secretaries have ignored all requests for information.

After careful consideration your committee suggests that the law in regard to rebate credit be repealed, and that Section 81 be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 81.—GRAND LODGE DUES.—Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 5th day of April, for each initiation the sum of \$5.00; for each member, except those exempt from the payment of dues as provided for in Section 84, the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25), fifty cents of which shall be paid for the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Returns in duplicate and the amount due the Grand Lodge may be sent in at any time between March 31st, and April 5th, and the Committee on Returns shall add as a penalty one cent per day for each member on the rolls to all lodges that neglect to send in their returns and pay their dues to the Grand Lodge by the 10th day of April. Unaffiliated brethren formerly belonging to lodges now extinct shall pay the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) as annual Grand Lodge dues. Such dues when paid shall be used for the purpose of helping to maintain the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Also add as part of Section 38, Chapter VI., the following:

Lodges under dispensation failing to return their dispensations, statements of work, records, papers, etc., and the amounts due the Grand Lodge, on or before May 5th, shall pay as a penalty for such neglect \$5.00 per day for each day after the date named.

If the above amendments are enacted into law, they do not change the amount of fees or dues to be paid by the several lodges. They simply do away with a large amount of unnecessary bookkeeping, and will simplify the returns so that secretaries can readily understand them; and when the returns are promptly sent in, as is done by a large majority of the lodges, will make no change in the fees and dues. They make a larger penalty for lodges that wilfully neglect to send in their returns promptly, and practically leave the same incentive as under the rebate system, but in a much simplified form.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS									
		GAIN		LOSS						No. on Rolls March 31, 1907	GAIN		LOSS				No. on Rolls March 31, 1907		
		No. March 31, 1906	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes		Total Loss	No. March 31, 1906	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising		Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss
Nebraska.....	1	31	24	55	20				20	35	10	20	30	21	1			22	8
Western Star.....	2	19	8	27	9				9	18	3	9	12	8				8	4
Capitol.....	3	42	23	65	19	2			21	44	19	21	40	22	2			24	16
Nemaha Valley.....	4	6		6	1				1	5	1	1	2	2				2	
Omadi.....	5	14	3	17	3				3	14	7	3	10	4				4	6
Plattsmouth.....	6	19	3	22	3				3	19	4	3	7	4				4	3
Falls City.....	9	17	3	20	3				3	17	5	3	8	3				3	5
Solomon.....	10	6	1	7						7	1		1					1	
Covert.....	11	59	38	98	33				33	65	20	33	53	35				35	18
Orient.....	13	8	2	10		1			1	9									
Peru.....	14	1	7	3	11	4			4	7	1	4	5	1				1	4
Fremont.....	15	8	10	18	8				8	10	1	8	9	7				7	2
Tecumseh.....	17	14	6	3	23	5			5	18	6	5	13	4		1		5	8
Lincoln.....	19	37	28	65	24	1			25	40	11	24	36	30				30	6
Washington.....	21	7	7	14	8				8	6	2	8	11	6				6	5
Pawnee.....	23	10	2	1	13	2	1		3	10	6	2	8	4				4	4
St. Johns.....	25	73	35	108	29				29	79	15	29	44	34				34	10
Beatrice.....	26	28	11	39	10				10	29	11	10	21	7				7	14
Jordan.....	27	10	9	19	7				7	12	3	7	10	4				4	6
Hope.....	29	4	4	8						8	3		3	1				1	2
Blue River.....	30	5	3	8	4	2			6	2	1	4	5	3				3	2
Tekamah.....	31	7	1	1	9	3			3	6	1	3	4	3				3	1
Plate Valley.....	32	14	11	25	8				8	17	6	8	14	4				4	10
Ashlar.....	33	23	8	31	9	1	2		12	19	7	9	16	7				7	9
Acacia.....	34	11	3	2	16	1			1	15	5	1	6						6
Fairbury.....	35	16	15	1	32	11			11	21	4	11	16	12				12	4
Lone Tree.....	36	5	4		9	4			4	5	4		4	2				2	2
Crete.....	37	9	1		10					10	5		5						5
Oliver.....	38	14	3		17	2			2	15	1	2	3	3				3	
Papillion.....	39	5	1		6	1			1	5	3	1	4	1				1	3
Humboldt.....	40	6	2		8	1			1	7	2	1	3	1				1	2
Northern Light.....	41	4	3		7	3	1		4	3	2	3	5	2				2	3
Juniata.....	42	11			11					11	2		2	1				1	1
Hebron.....	43	11	4		15	3	1		4	11	1	3	4	2				2	2
Harvard.....	44	5	2		7	1	1		2	5	1	1	2	1				1	1
Rob Morris.....	46	12	10	11	33	9			9	24	5	9	14	12				12	2
Fairmont.....	48	14	6		20	6			6	14	2	6	8	7				7	1
Evening Star.....	49	7	2		9	2			2	7	1	2	3	2				2	1
Hastings.....	50	17	11		28	8	1		9	19	5	9	14	10				10	4
Fidelity.....	51	17	7		24	7			7	17	3	7	10	6				6	4

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OF NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1907.

	SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS																	
	GAIN		LOSS		GAIN				LOSS													
No. March 31, 1906	By Suspension	Other Causes	Total	Reinstatement	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907	No. Mar. 31, 1906	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907	No. of Lodge
35	1	35	35	1	1	2	3	291	265	21	5	1	1	291	2	3	3	1	5	286	1	
32	10	43	43	1	1	1	2	160	151	8	1	1	1	160	1	4	10	1	15	145	2	
91	1	91	91	1	1	1	3	448	417	24	6	1	1	448	6	9	1	1	16	432	3	
14	1	17	17	1	1	1	3	87	29	2	2	1	1	87	1	1	1	1	3	36	4	
17	1	18	18	1	1	1	3	122	83	4	1	1	1	122	1	1	1	1	3	84	5	
26	2	26	26	1	1	1	3	102	116	4	1	1	1	102	4	3	3	1	7	115	6	
20	2	20	20	1	1	1	3	45	94	3	4	1	1	45	5	2	2	1	7	97	9	
2	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	138	45	3	4	1	1	138	1	1	1	1	4	44	10	
125	14	139	139	1	1	1	3	419	378	35	5	1	1	419	4	9	14	2	27	392	11	
8	1	8	8	1	1	1	3	15	14	1	1	1	1	15	2	2	2	1	2	18	13	
12	3	16	16	2	2	2	6	56	54	1	1	1	1	56	1	2	3	1	4	52	14	
42	3	42	42	2	2	2	6	252	233	7	9	2	1	252	2	2	3	1	4	248	15	
28	3	31	31	1	1	1	3	101	93	4	3	1	1	101	1	1	1	1	4	100	17	
90	4	94	94	2	2	2	6	449	409	30	8	2	2	449	4	4	4	1	13	436	19	
15	1	15	15	1	1	1	3	99	90	6	3	1	1	99	3	3	3	1	4	95	21	
28	2	28	28	2	2	2	6	113	106	4	1	2	2	113	4	2	2	1	6	107	23	
123	1	123	123	4	4	4	12	525	475	34	11	4	1	525	4	3	3	1	7	518	25	
67	1	68	68	1	1	1	3	170	157	7	4	1	1	170	4	1	1	1	6	154	26	
18	1	18	18	1	1	1	3	40	36	4	1	1	1	40	2	2	2	1	4	36	27	
22	2	22	22	2	2	2	6	36	33	1	1	1	1	36	1	1	1	1	1	35	29	
34	7	41	41	1	1	1	3	63	61	1	1	1	1	63	2	2	2	1	2	61	34	
22	6	28	28	1	1	1	3	160	144	12	1	1	2	160	1	2	6	1	9	151	35	
30	5	35	35	1	1	1	3	92	89	2	1	1	1	92	1	1	5	1	6	86	36	
27	3	30	30	1	1	1	3	79	78	1	1	1	1	79	5	1	3	1	9	70	37	
25	1	25	25	1	1	1	3	109	104	3	1	1	1	109	3	3	1	1	3	106	38	
16	1	16	16	1	1	1	3	47	45	1	1	1	1	47	1	1	1	1	2	45	39	
18	1	18	18	1	1	1	3	31	27	1	3	1	1	31	1	1	1	1	3	31	40	
19	1	20	20	1	1	1	3	47	20	2	1	1	1	47	2	1	1	1	3	44	41	
24	1	24	24	1	1	1	3	46	44	1	1	1	1	46	1	1	1	1	3	45	42	
30	3	33	33	3	3	3	9	95	89	2	1	3	3	95	3	1	3	3	7	88	43	
13	1	14	14	1	1	1	3	52	49	1	1	1	1	52	2	1	1	1	3	49	44	
36	2	38	38	1	1	1	3	178	157	12	19	1	1	178	2	4	1	1	6	172	46	
27	1	27	27	1	1	1	3	64	56	7	1	1	1	64	1	1	1	1	1	63	48	
24	1	24	24	1	1	1	3	51	49	2	1	1	1	51	1	1	1	1	1	50	49	
31	2	31	31	2	2	2	6	217	201	10	4	2	2	217	3	3	3	1	6	211	50	
27	2	29	29	1	1	1	3	125	110	6	8	1	1	125	5	3	2	1	10	115	51	

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NAME OF LODGE	ENTERED APPRENTICES										FELLOW CRAFTS									
	No. of Lodge	GAIN				LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907	GAIN				LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907	
		No. March 31, 1906		Total	By Passing	Adv. Elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss		No. Mar. 31, 1906		Total	By Raising	Adv. Elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss		
		By Initiation	Other Causes								By Passing	Other Causes								
Hiram	52	8	1	9	2			2	7	2	2	4	3			3	1			
Charity	53	9	6	16	7		1	8	8		7	7	6	1		7				
Lancaster	54	41	12	53	10			10	43	10	10	20	10			10	10			
Mosaic	55	8	17	25	16			16	9	1	16	17	13			13	4			
York	56	12	3	15	4			4	11	1	4	5	2			2	3			
Mt. Moriah	57	10	6	16	7			7	9	3	7	10	8			8	2			
Lebanon	58	13	7	20	6			6	14	2	6	8	6			6	2			
Wahoo	59	10	3	14	8			8	6	3	8	11	7			7	4			
Melrose	60	16	14	30	11			11	19	2	11	13	10			10	3			
Thistle	61	8	5	13	3			3	10	1	3	4	4			4				
Keystone	62	7	8	15	8			8	7		8	8	8			8				
Riverton	63	6	17	23	18			18	5	1	18	19	15			15	4			
Blue Valley	64	4	1	6	3			3	3	1	3	4	1			1	3			
Osceola	65	10	9	19	4			4	15	4	4	8	5			5	3			
Livingstone	66	2		2					2											
Edgar	67	6	6	12	4			4	8	1	4	5	2			2	3			
Aurora	68	9	6	15	6			6	9	6	6	12	4			4	3			
Sterling	70	11	6	17	4		1	5	12	3	4	7	4			4	3			
Trowel	71	17	2	19	1			1	18	4	1	5					5			
Hooper	72	6	3	9	1			1	8		1	1	1			1				
Friend	73	5	1	6					6	1		1					1			
Alexandria	74	2	8	10	6			6	4		6	6	5			5	1			
Frank Welch	75	7	7	14	6			6	8	5	6	11	5			5	6			
Joppa	76	7		7					7	3		3	1			1	2			
Nelson	77	7	4	11	3			3	8	1	3	4	2			2	2			
Albion	78	6	3	10	1			1	9	2	1	3	1			1	2			
Geneva	79	10	6	16	10			10	6	5	10	15	10			10	5			
Composite	81	4	4	8	4		1	5	3	2	4	6	4			4	2			
St. Paul	82	6	14	20	10			10	10	2	10	12	9			9	3			
Corinthian	83	5		5					5	2		2					2			
Fairfield	84	7	4	13	3			3	10		3	3	3			3				
Tyre	85	10	1	12	2		1	3	9	3	2	5	1			1	4			
Doniphan	86	3		3					3	2		2					2			
Ionic	87	10	3	13	4		1	5	8	3	4	7	5			5	2			
Star	88	4	5	9	4			4	5		4	4	4			4				
Cedar River	89	9	4	13	5		1	6	7	4	5	9	5			5	4			
Elk Creek	90	3		3					3	1		1				1				
Oakland	91	2		2					2	1		1	1			1				
Hubbell	92	3	8	11	7			7	4	1	7	8	7			7	1			
Beaver City	93	11	9	20	8			8	12	2	8	10	9			9	1			

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SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS											
No. Mar. 31, 1907	GAIN		Total	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907	No. Mar. 31, 1906	GAIN			LOSS				Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907	No. of I
	By Suspension	Other Causes				By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension				By Expulsion	Other Causes
23	2	25	25	25	55	3	3	3	4	1	2	1	8	50	52
31	3	34	34	30	82	7	2	3	94	3	3	3	9	85	53
52	1	52	52	51	327	10	10	1	348	5	2	2	10	338	54
35	1	36	36	34	88	13	3	1	105	1	3	1	5	106	55
29	1	30	30	29	242	2	4	1	249	6	4	1	11	238	56
10	1	11	11	10	52	8	1	1	62	4	1	1	5	57	57
7	1	7	7	7	100	6	1	1	107	1	1	1	2	105	58
21	1	22	22	21	81	7	7	1	88	1	1	1	2	87	59
17	1	17	17	17	40	10	2	1	52	1	1	1	1	51	60
20	1	20	20	19	76	4	4	1	81	1	2	1	3	78	61
9	1	10	10	9	49	8	1	1	58	2	1	1	2	56	62
11	1	11	11	11	20	15	1	1	37	2	2	1	2	35	63
17	1	18	18	18	52	1	1	1	54	1	1	1	2	54	64
7	1	7	7	6	65	5	1	1	71	3	1	1	3	68	65
7	1	7	7	6	13	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	3	14	66
12	1	12	12	12	78	2	1	1	81	2	1	1	4	77	67
21	2	28	28	27	107	4	4	1	112	1	3	7	11	101	68
7	1	7	7	7	38	4	1	1	43	1	1	2	2	41	70
19	1	19	19	19	71	1	1	1	71	1	1	1	1	71	71
9	1	9	9	9	54	1	1	1	55	1	1	1	1	54	72
19	1	20	20	20	50	1	1	1	51	1	1	1	3	48	73
14	2	19	19	17	27	5	5	1	32	1	1	2	3	29	74
4	5	19	19	12	71	5	1	2	79	3	2	5	10	66	75
9	4	13	13	12	60	1	1	1	62	1	1	4	5	57	76
16	1	16	16	15	53	2	1	1	56	1	1	1	1	55	77
14	1	14	14	12	52	1	4	2	59	2	3	3	5	54	78
36	1	37	37	32	98	10	8	4	121	5	1	1	7	114	79
37	1	38	38	37	116	9	9	1	129	4	2	1	7	122	82
8	3	11	11	10	34	2	2	1	37	3	3	3	6	31	83
7	2	7	7	7	68	3	2	2	73	2	1	1	3	70	84
18	2	20	20	20	43	1	2	2	46	4	2	2	6	40	85
19	1	19	19	18	34	1	1	1	35	1	1	1	4	33	86
11	1	11	11	10	61	5	5	1	67	3	3	1	4	63	87
6	1	6	6	6	42	4	4	1	46	1	1	1	1	45	88
14	4	18	18	18	74	5	2	1	82	1	1	4	6	76	89
10	1	10	10	10	23	1	1	1	23	1	1	1	2	21	90
3	1	3	3	3	57	1	1	1	57	1	1	1	1	57	91
8	1	8	8	7	44	7	3	1	44	2	1	1	3	41	92
16	1	16	16	16	87	9	8	1	104	1	1	1	2	102	93

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS							
		GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907
		By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss		By Passing	Other Causes		By Raising	Adv. elsewhere By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	
Bennet	94	6	1	7	3	1	4	3	7	4	1	12	11	1	11	1	
Garfield	95	5	1	6	1	1	1	5	1	1	2	2	5	1	6	2	
Utica	96	6	1	7	6	3	3	3	2	3	5	7	5	1	6	1	
Euclid	97	7	6	13	5	1	6	7	1	5	6	6	5	1	6	1	
Republican	98	9	3	12	3	1	3	9	2	3	5	2	2	1	3	3	
Shelton	99	10	2	12	1	1	1	11	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	
Creighton	100	6	7	13	4	1	4	9	3	4	7	5	2	7	3	3	
Ponca	101	6	4	10	3	1	3	7	2	3	5	2	2	2	2	2	
Waterloo	102	7	6	14	6	1	6	8	1	6	7	4	1	4	3	3	
Ord	103	9	3	12	4	1	4	8	2	4	6	2	2	2	4	4	
Wymore	104	10	6	16	3	1	3	13	6	3	9	4	1	4	5	5	
Stella	105	5	2	7	2	1	3	4	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	
Porter	106	4	1	5	6	1	1	5	3	1	4	1	1	1	3	3	
Table Rock	108	3	1	4	3	1	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	
Pomegranate	110	4	4	8	6	1	6	2	2	6	8	5	1	5	3	3	
De Witt	111	8	3	11	1	1	1	10	3	1	4	1	1	1	3	3	
Springfield	112	6	8	14	4	1	4	10	1	4	5	3	1	3	2	2	
Globe	113	12	2	14	4	1	4	10	3	4	7	4	1	4	3	3	
Wisner	114	8	5	13	4	1	4	9	1	4	5	4	1	5	1	1	
Harlan	116	9	1	10	3	1	4	6	2	3	5	3	1	3	2	2	
Hardy	117	4	2	6	3	1	3	4	3	3	3	3	1	3	1	1	
Doric	118	3	1	4	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
North Bend	119	4	1	5	1	1	1	4	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	
Wayne	120	12	3	15	3	1	3	12	3	3	6	4	1	4	2	2	
Superior	121	4	6	10	7	1	7	3	2	7	9	6	1	6	3	3	
Auburn	124	3	11	14	10	1	10	4	10	10	10	7	1	7	3	3	
Mt. Nebo	125	8	8	16	7	1	8	9	6	8	14	7	1	8	6	6	
Stromsburg	126	7	2	9	7	1	7	2	7	7	7	7	1	7	1	1	
Minden	127	5	5	10	5	1	5	6	3	5	8	5	1	5	3	3	
Guide Rock	128	4	1	5	1	1	1	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	
Blue Hill	129	1	3	4	3	1	3	1	2	3	6	4	1	4	2	2	
Tuscan	130	2	3	5	4	1	4	1	1	4	5	4	1	4	1	1	
Scribner	132	3	1	4	3	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Elm Creek	133	6	2	8	4	1	4	4	1	4	5	2	1	2	3	3	
Solar	134	7	4	11	5	1	5	6	5	5	5	4	1	4	1	1	
McCook	135	10	3	13	5	1	5	9	3	5	8	4	1	4	4	4	
Long Pine	136	9	3	12	1	1	1	11	4	1	5	3	1	3	2	2	
Upright	137	6	1	7	2	1	2	5	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	
Rawalt	138	3	1	4	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Clay Centre	139	3	1	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	

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SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS							MASTER MASONS													
No. March 31, 5906	GAIN		Total	LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 5907	No. Mar. 31, 5906	GAIN				Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls, March 31, 5907	No. of Lodges
	By Suspension	Other Causes		Reinstatement	By Death	Other Causes			Total Loss	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement		Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
10			10	2		2	8	42	11		2	55	2				2	53	94	
27	1		28				28	43			1	44		1			1	43	95	
6	2		8	2		2	6	39	5	1		45	1	3	2		6	39	96	
14	1		15				15	38	5	1		44		1	1		2	42	97	
5	1		6	1		1	5	34	2	1	1	38		1	1		2	36	98	
12	1		13		1	1	12	49	1			50	3	1	1		5	45	99	
14	2		16	2		2	14	73	5	3	2	83	2	2	2		7	76	100	
13			13				13	58	2	2		62	2	2			4	58	101	
24			24	1		1	23	47	4		1	52	3	3			6	46	102	
32			32	2	3	5	27	63	2	1	2	68	2	1			3	65	103	
30			30	1	1	2	28	93	4	1	1	99	2				2	97	104	
14			14	1		1	13	54	1		1	56	3	1			4	52	105	
9			9				9	50	1			51	1				1	50	106	
9			9	1		1	8	32	1			33						33	108	
14			14				14	80	5	1		86	3	1			4	82	110	
21			21				21	49	1			50	1				1	49	111	
11	5		16				16	70	3			73		1	5		6	67	112	
12			12	1		1	11	55	4	1	1	61	3	1			4	57	113	
18			18	1		1	17	50	4		1	55	1	1			2	53	114	
16	1		17				17	66	3	2		71	1	1	1		3	68	116	
3	3		6				6	46	3	2		51	5	2	3		10	41	117	
14			14	1		1	13	19			1	20	1				1	19	118	
5			5		1	1	4	83	1	2		86	4				4	82	119	
14	2		16				16	67	4	1		72	1		2		3	69	120	
11			11				11	70	6	6		82	5	1			6	76	121	
12			12				12	73	7	2		82		2			2	80	124	
9			9	1		1	8	69	8		1	78	2				2	76	125	
3			3				3	54	7	1		62	2				2	60	126	
14	2		16	1		1	15	41	5	1	1	48		1	2	1	4	44	127	
6	2		8				8	30				30	1		2		3	27	128	
8	21		29				29	58	4			62	2		21		23	39	129	
9	1		10		1	1	9	34	4			38	3		1		4	34	130	
2			2				2	36				36	2	1			3	33	132	
4			4				4	34	2	1		37	4				4	33	133	
6			6				6	56	4			60						60	134	
31	3		34	2		2	32	108	4	3	2	117	5	3	3		11	106	135	
7			7				7	40	3	1		44	2				2	42	136	
5			5	1		1	4	41	2		1	44	3				3	41	137	
16	1		17	1	2	3	14	62	1		1	64	1				1	63	138	
10			10				10	41	2	1		44	1	1			2	42	139	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS												
		No. March 31, 1896	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1897	No. Mar. 31, 1896	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1897		
			By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. Elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes			Total Loss	By Passing		Other Causes	By Raising	Adv. Elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss
Western.....	140	1	1	2	1			1	1		1	1			1			1			
Crescent.....	143	2	16	18	8			8	10	4	8	12	7		7			7	5		
Kenesaw.....	144	5	4	9	2			2	7	2	2	5	3		3			3	2		
Bancroft.....	145	12	3	15	2			2	13	3	2	5	4		4			4	1		
Jachin.....	146	14	5	19	4			4	15	4	4	8	4		4			4	4		
Siloam.....	147	5		5					5												
Emmet Crawford.....	148	11	6	17	6			6	11	3	6	9	4		4			4	5		
Jewel.....	149									2		2	1		1			1	1		
Cambridge.....	150	2	4	6	2			2	4	2	2	4	3		3			3	1		
Square.....	151	11	3	14	4	1		5	9	2	4	6	4		4			4	2		
Parallel.....	152	12	3	15	5			5	10	5	5	10	6		6			6	4		
Evergreen.....	153	2	2	4	1			1	3	3	1	4							4		
Lily.....	154	1	1	2	1			1	1	3	1	4	4		4			4			
Hartington.....	155	9	1	11	3			3	8	2	3	5	5		5			5			
Pythagoras.....	156	8		8					8	4		4	2		2			2	2		
Valley.....	157	7	2	9	1			1	8	1	1	2	2		2			2			
Samaritan.....	158	7	7	16	11			11	5	5	11	16	13		13			13	3		
Ogallala.....	159	2	6	8	2			2	6	3	2	5	3		3			3	2		
Zeredatha.....	160	1	2	3	2			2	1	1	2	3	3		3			3			
Mt. Zion.....	161	2	4	6	2			2	4		2	2	2		2			2			
Trestle Board.....	162	7	4	11	8			8	3		8	8	8		8			8			
Unity.....	163	3	3	6	4			4	2		4	4	4		4			4			
Atkinson.....	164	3		3					3	1		1							1		
Barneston.....	165	5	2	7	1			1	6		1	1	1		1			1			
Mystic Tie.....	166	8	2	10	2			2	8	3	2	5	1		1			1	4		
Elwood.....	167	3	4	7	1			1	6	3	1	4	1		1			1	3		
Curtis.....	168	3		3					3												
Amity.....	169	5	2	7	2			2	5	2	2	4	2		2			2	2		
Mason City.....	170	4	2	6	3			3	3	4	3	7	3		3			3	4		
Merna.....	171	7	6	13	3			3	10	2	3	5						5			
Grafton.....	172	9	6	15	7			7	8	3	7	10	7		7			7	3		
Robert Burns.....	173	8	2	10	2	1		3	7	1	2	3						3	3		
Culbertson.....	174	3	1	4	1			1	3	2	1	3						3			
Temple.....	175	1	3	4	2			2	2	3	2	5	2		2			2	3		
Gladstone.....	176	5	4	9	5			5	4	1	5	6	3		3			3	3		
Hay Springs.....	177	4	3	7	2			2	5	1	2	3	1		1			1	1		
Prudence.....	179	3	4	7	4			4	3	4	4	8	8		8			8			
Justice.....	180	3	5	8	2	1		3	5		2	2	2		2			2			
Faith.....	181	9	10	19	7			7	12	1	7	8	6		6			6	2		
Incense.....	182	3	2	5					5	1		1	1		1			1			

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SUSPENDED MASTER MASON				MASTER MASON			
No. Mar. 31, 1906	GAIN		Total	Reinstatement	LOSS		Total Loss
	By Suspension	Other Causes			By Death	Other Causes	
10	9	10	2	2	8	8	56140
9	13	9	1	1	8	8	37143
13	18	13	1	1	13	2	32144
18	1	19	1	1	18	1	43145
20	7	27	1	1	27	7	75146
7	2	7	1	1	7	2	34147
12	6	14	1	1	12	2	97148
8	1	14	1	1	8	3	27149
7	1	7	1	1	7	6	27149
12	1	12	1	1	12	1	35150
16	1	16	2	2	16	2	44151
7	1	7	1	1	7	4	45152
4	1	4	1	1	4	4	40153
8	1	8	1	1	8	2	27154
15	1	15	1	1	15	4	66155
10	1	10	1	1	10	1	37156
15	1	15	1	1	15	4	80158
10	1	10	1	1	10	4	54159
11	1	12	1	1	11	1	28160
4	2	6	1	1	4	2	35161
5	1	6	2	2	5	1	68162
14	1	14	2	2	14	3	37163
7	1	7	1	1	7	1	24164
10	1	11	1	1	10	5	42165
9	1	9	1	1	9	1	25166
13	1	14	2	2	13	6	55167
18	1	19	1	1	18	1	32168
13	1	13	1	1	13	1	45169
9	1	9	1	1	9	1	47170
12	1	12	1	1	12	2	54171
9	1	9	2	2	9	1	37172
12	1	12	1	1	12	1	26173
4	1	4	1	1	4	1	37174
17	1	17	1	1	17	1	31175
10	1	11	1	1	10	1	48176
5	1	5	1	1	5	2	28177
12	1	12	1	1	12	1	55179
4	1	4	1	1	4	2	42180
21	1	21	1	1	21	4	72181
10	1	10	1	1	10	2	29182
No. Mar. 31, 1906		No. Mar. 31, 1906		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907		No. of Lodge	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS							No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907					
		GAIN			LOSS				GAIN			LOSS									
		No. March 31, 1906	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907	No. March 31, 1906	By Passing	Other Causes	Total		By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss
Alliance	183	21	7	28	6	1	7	21	9	6	15	9	7	9	7	9	7	9	6		
Bee Hive	184	12	11	23	7	7	7	16	2	7	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7		
Boaz	185	3	2	5	2	2	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	2		
Israel	187	1	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	3		
Meridian	188	4	7	11	3	3	3	8	2	3	5	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	2		
Granite	189	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	1	5	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	4		
Amethyst	190	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	2		
Crystal	191	8	4	12	2	2	2	10	1	2	3	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	1		
Minnekadusa	192	10	5	15	3	3	3	12	4	3	7	5	3	8	5	3	5	2	2		
Signet	193	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Highland	194	2	3	5	3	3	3	2	2	3	5	2	3	5	2	3	2	3	3		
Arcana	195	3	2	5	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Level	196	2	12	14	8	8	8	6	3	8	11	9	8	17	9	8	9	2	2		
Morning Star	197	3	3	6	2	2	2	4	1	2	3	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	1		
Purity	198	9	9	18	9	9	9	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
Gavel	199	2	4	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	4	3	7	4	3	4	2	2		
Blazing Star	200	1	8	9	7	7	7	2	1	7	8	5	7	12	5	7	5	3	3		
Scotts Bluff	201	7	5	12	3	3	3	9	1	3	4	4	3	7	4	3	4	4	4		
Golden Sheaf	202	7	13	20	11	11	11	9	3	11	14	11	11	22	11	11	11	3	3		
Roman Eagle	203	11	10	21	10	10	10	12	2	10	12	9	10	21	9	10	9	3	3		
Plainview	204	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	4	2	6	1	2	3	2	3	1	1	1		
Golden Fleece	205	2	2	4	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	1		
Napthali	206	4	1	5	1	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	4	1	2	1	2	2		
Parian	207	6	7	13	7	7	7	6	1	7	8	8	7	15	8	7	8	1	1		
Gauge	208	8	8	16	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	16	8	8	8	8	8		
Canopy	209	4	6	10	5	5	5	5	4	5	9	6	5	11	6	5	6	3	3		
East Lincoln	210	7	17	24	15	15	16	8	3	15	18	16	15	33	16	15	16	2	2		
Cement	211	2	1	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	1	1	1		
Compass and Square	212	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	2	5	7	5	5	12	5	5	5	2	2		
Square and Compass	213	4	2	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	5	2	3	2	1	1		
Plumblin	214	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	1		
Occidental	215	2	3	5	4	4	4	1	4	4	4	3	4	7	3	4	3	1	1		
Palisade	216	6	3	9	3	3	3	6	1	3	7	3	3	10	3	3	3	1	1		
Wauneta	217	1	5	6	3	3	3	3	1	3	4	2	3	6	2	3	2	2	2		
Bloomfield	218	11	2	13	4	4	4	9	1	4	5	5	4	14	5	4	5	1	1		
Relief	219	1	2	3	2	2	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	1		
Magnolia	220	3	2	5	3	3	3	5	3	3	5	3	3	8	3	3	3	1	1		
Wood Lake	221	2	3	5	5	5	5	5	1	5	6	3	5	11	3	5	3	3	3		
Landmark	222	1	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	12	8	6	18	8	6	8	4	4		
Eminence	223	2	5	7	4	4	4	3	2	4	6	4	4	10	4	4	4	2	2		

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No. March 31, 1906	SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS			MASTER MASONS							No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907				
	GAIN			GAIN				LOSS							
	By Suspension	Other Causes	Total	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907
12	2	12	14	9	2	2	132	7	3	3	2	10	12	121	
14	2	16	18	7	2	178	2	2	1	2	5	10	169		
3	5	3	11	1	1	48	81	3	1	5	8	3	47		
5	5	10	15	3	2	67	1	1	1	1	2	11	80		
11	11	11	22	2	1	48	1	1	1	1	2	19	62		
19	19	19	38	1	1	25	1	1	1	1	2	4	46		
4	4	4	8	1	1	48	1	1	1	1	2	19	24		
9	9	9	18	2	3	37	5	5	5	5	1	4	32		
23	23	23	46	2	5	74	5	5	5	5	1	9	63		
5	5	6	11	1	1	40	5	5	5	5	1	6	38		
17	17	17	34	2	2	24	1	1	1	1	2	15	20		
10	10	11	21	2	2	48	5	5	5	5	1	9	44		
6	6	6	12	2	2	41	4	4	4	4	1	2	32		
7	7	7	14	2	2	40	2	2	2	2	1	7	38		
6	6	6	12	2	2	45	2	2	2	2	1	7	45		
1	1	1	2	1	1	24	2	2	2	2	1	7	20		
8	8	8	16	5	5	76	2	2	2	2	1	3	70		
11	11	11	22	2	2	65	5	5	5	5	11	10	76		
7	7	7	14	1	1	88	1	1	1	1	1	8	50		
13	13	13	26	2	2	65	2	2	2	2	2	17	76		
2	2	2	4	1	1	47	2	2	2	2	3	4	38		
5	5	5	10	2	2	42	1	1	1	1	3	5	39		
3	3	3	6	1	1	49	2	2	2	2	3	4	45		
3	3	3	6	1	1	52	2	2	2	2	1	4	40		
15	15	15	30	2	2	39	2	2	2	2	1	14	36		
2	2	2	4	1	1	85	1	1	1	1	1	2	78		
7	7	7	14	1	1	129	1	1	1	1	2	7	112		
2	2	2	4	1	1	64	5	5	5	5	2	4	63		
11	11	11	22	1	1	19	1	1	1	1	2	11	17		
9	9	9	18	2	2	32	1	1	1	1	2	10	28		
4	4	4	8	2	2	34	1	1	1	1	1	4	32		
4	4	4	8	3	3	61	1	1	1	1	2	4	58		
10	10	10	20	3	3	29	2	2	2	2	3	10	26		
10	10	10	20	3	3	33	3	3	3	3	3	10	31		
5	5	5	10	5	5	87	5	5	5	5	1	5	81		
1	1	1	2	2	2	39	3	3	3	3	1	1	37		
1	1	1	2	2	2	74	6	6	6	6	2	1	72		
6	6	6	12	3	3	29	3	3	3	3	1	5	26		
1	1	1	2	1	1	37	1	1	1	1	1	2	29		
3	3	3	6	4	4	51	2	2	2	2	2	3	47		

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS										
		GAIN			LOSS					No. on Rolls, March 31, 1907	GAIN			LOSS						
		No. March 31, 1906	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. Elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes		Total Loss	No. Mar. 31, 1906	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising	Adv. Elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss
Silver Cord	224	2	4	6	4			4	2	4	4	4	3	4	3			3	1	
Cable	225	1	2	3	2			2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2			2		
Grace	226	2	5	7	4			4	3	2	4	6	3	6	3			3	3	
North Star	227	9	8	17	5			5	12	1	5	6	4	6	4			4	2	
Bartley	228	7	2	9	6			6	3		6	6	4	6	4			4	2	
Comet	229	3	5	8	4			4	4	3	4	7	5	5			5	2		
Delta	230	4	4	8	2			2	6	2	2	4	3	4	3			3	1	
Mt. Hermon	231	1	2	3					3	4		4	2	2			2	2		
John S. Bowen	232	2	1	3	1			1	2		1	1	1	1			1			
Gilead	233	14	2	16	2			2	14	2	2	4	1	4	1			3	1	
Zion	234	5	2	7	3			3	4	3	3	6	4	4			4	2		
Fraternity	235	6		6		1	1	2	4											
Golden Rule	236	7	3	10	5			5	5		5	5	4	4			4	1		
Cubit	237	1	2	3	2			2	1	1	2	3	3	3			3			
Friendship	239	1	5	6	5			5	1		5	5	4	4			4	1		
Pilot	240	9	5	14	4			4	10	1	4	5	4	4			4	1		
George Armstrong	241		3	3	3			3		1	3	4	3	3			3	1		
Tyrian	243	5	3	8	3			3	5		3	3	3	3			3			
Sincerity	244	3	1	4					4	1		1	1	1			1			
Hampton	245	4		4					4	1		1						1		
Nehawka	246	1		1					1											
Corner-stone	247	6	3	9	2			2	7		2	2	2	2			2			
Laurel	248	4	4	8	2	1		3	5	1	3	4	2	4			2	2		
Gothenburg	249	1	1	2	1			1	1		1	1		1			1			
George Washington	250	4	4	8	4			4	4		4	4	3	4			3	1		
Wausa	251	2	4	6	2			2	4	2	2	4	3	4			3	1		
Hildreth	252	2	1	3	2			2	1	2	2	4	4	4			4			
Beemer	253	6	2	8	3			3	5	3	3	6	4	4			4	2		
Bassett	254	3		3					3	3		3	3	3			3			
Bradshaw	255	1	4	5	3			3	2		3	3	3	3			3			
Hickman	256		9	9	7			7	2		7	7	5	5			5	2		
Holbrook	257	5	5	10	6			6	4	1	6	7	4	4			4	3		
Anselmo	258	6	14	20	8			8	12	8	8	16	10	10			10	6		
Bee	259									2		2	1	1			2			
Extinct Lodges	69			69	1	2		3	66	15		15						15		
Springview, U. D.	5	1		6	5			5	1		5	5	5	5			5			
Ornan, U. D.	4	3		7	4			4	3		4	4	4	4			4			
Endeavor, U. D.		8		8	6			6	2		6	6	5	5			5	1		
Mitchell, U. D.		5		5	3			3	2		3	3	3	3			3			
Grand Totals		1804	1090	4629	4096	16	14	8100	1938	568	972	9154	970	8	1	2	981	568		

Number of chartered lodges.	234
Number of lodges under dispensation.	4
Total.	238
Number initiated during the year.	1,090
Number passed during the year.	972
Number raised during the year.	976
Number affiliated during the year.	308
Number reinstated during the year.	122
Number gained by other causes during the year.	22
Total gross increase.	1,428
Number demitted during the year.	428
Number deceased during the year.	207
Number suspended during the year.	214
Number expelled during the year.	7
Number lost by other causes.	7
Total loss.	863
Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1907.	565
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1906.	15,163
Total number of Master Masons on the rolls, March 31st, 1907.	15,728
FEES, DUES, AND OTHER ITEMS.	
Fees on 1,090 initiated during the year, at \$5.00 each.	\$5,450.00
Dues on 15,163 members, less 135 members of extinct lodges, 13 members of Livingstone Lodge No. 66, 23 members of Elk Creek Lodge No. 90, and 32 members of Crystal Lodge No. 191.	\$22,440.00
Due the Grand Lodge for supplies.	654.89
Total.	\$28,544.89
Due lodges for rebate credit and exemption.	\$3,883.82
Due Nebraska Masonic Home.	7,375.00
Net amount due the Grand Lodge.	\$17,286.07

LODGES REPORTING NO INSURANCE.

Nos. 60, 62, 63, 65, 74, 77, 81, 83, 84, 86, 90, 108, 117, 118, 121, 125, 128, 137, 138, 149, 153, 154, 161, 166, 168, 169, 171, 174, 177, 181, 182, 185, 190, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 203, 204, 212, 215, 216, 221, 225, 228, 230, 233, 237, 239, 240, 244, 249, 251, 252, 254, 255, 258, 259.

LODGES NOT REPORTING MILEAGE.

Nos. 29, 46, 60, 62, 77, 86, 153, 177, 209, 252.

LODGES NOT REPORTING ON TIME.

Nos. 29, 65, 71, 98, 106, 108, 128, 145, 149, 160, 171, 177, 181, 196, 200, 222, 224, 227, 228, 229, 230, 236, 258.

MICHAEL DOWLING,
Chairman.

At 12:15 P. M. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 4th, 1907.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the morning session.

The roll of committees appointed by the Grand Master in a circular dated May 1st, was called, and after filling the vacancies, the following proceeded to consider the business assigned to them:

Codification of the Law.—Bros.: William A. DeBord, 3; Lorenzo D. Woodruff, 19.

Foreign Correspondence.—Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; Frederick W. Kenny, 21.

Relief.—Bros.: Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Albert W. Crites, 158.

Fraternal Dead.—Bros.: Edwin F. Warren, 2; R. Cooper Bailey, 94; Alpha Morgan, 148; Elmer W. Brown, 19.

Grievances.—Bros.: Roderick D. Sutherland, 77; James G. Thompson, 116; Charles C. Richards, 43; John T. Price, 62.

Doings of Grand Officers.—Bros.: Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; George L. Bosse, 251; Fred W. Barnhart, 155; Luke H. Cheney, 196; George L. Richards, 133.

Accounts.—Bros.: William L. Pickett, 6; George J. Boucher, 5; Thomas M. Davis, 93; J. Edward C. Fisher, 26.

Charters and Dispensations.—Bros.: Leander H. Jewett, 148; Edgar H. Grist, 17; Andrew H. Viele, 55; George H. Miller, 33.

Credentials.—Bros.: Charles M. Keefer, 19; Frank L. Haycock, 207; Charles C. St. Clair, 146; Cassius B. Manuel, 82.

Ways and Means.—Bros.: Roy S. Shahan, 46; William Whalen, 231; James G. Mines, 120.

Grand Lodge Office.—Bros.: George H. Thummel, 33; Cyrus E. Hunter, 83.

Returns.—Bros.: Michael Dowling, 119; Er. C. McClure, 183; John Sugden, 67; Frank S. Colwell, 23; James W. McKibben, 214.

Pay-Roll.—Bros.: Frank E. Ward, 31; Charles A. Barnes, 224; J. LeRoy Marshall, 237; John J. Tooley, 258; Albert M. Keyes, 257.

Visiting Brethren.—Bros.: Charley L. Porter, 11; Everett R. Woods, 25; Frank W. Slabaugh, 184.

Unfinished Business.—Bros.: Joseph S. Pedler, 106; Hugh L. McGinitie, 71; McLeod W. Chappell, 127; William H. Nickles, 234; Stephen C. Houghton, 245.

Jurisprudence.—All Past Grand Masters present, with the junior as chairman.

The following report was presented by Past Grand Master Wneeler, and on motion was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers fraternally reports, and recommends that the following matters be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

All decisions made, and all special dispensations issued by the Grand Master; his approval of codes of by-laws and amendments to by-laws of lodges; the matter of bonds for Grand Officers; the matter of exemption from the payment of the Grand Lodge dues; that part of the Grand Master's address relating to the compendium, to proficiency, to printed circulars, to relief, to clandestine Masons, to business to be transacted at regular and special meetings, to the "Omaha Messenger" published by St. Johns Lodge No. 25; his recommendation regarding rebate credit; irregularities; his recommendation regarding reducing the mileage; to amending the law so that a portion of the Relief Fund may be invested and earn interest; that portion of the Grand Secretary's report relating to the error in the date of the charter of Tecumseh Lodge No. 17; that portion relating to card register; also that portion of the Grand Custodian's report relating to conducting funerals.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations are referred the petitions for charters for Springview Lodge U. D., Ornan Lodge U. D., Endeavor Lodge U. D., and Mitchell Lodge U. D.; also the fact of the loss by fire of the charter of Utica Lodge No. 96.

To the Committee on Accounts is referred the report of the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, the report of the Grand Treasurer, and the financial report of the Grand Secretary.

To the Committee on Grievances, those portions of the Grand Master's address relating to St. Johns Lodge No. 25 vs. El Paso Lodge No. 130, Texas; Gauge Lodge No. 208; Gilead Lodge No. 233; Alexandria Lodge No. 74; Justice Lodge No. 180; Rob Morris Lodge No. 46; Highland Lodge No. 194; Orient Lodge No. 13; Pawnee Lodge No. 23; St. Paul Lodge No. 82; Elm Creek Lodge No. 133; Livingstone Lodge No. 66; Elk Creek Lodge No. 90; Crystal Lodge No. 191; and all other matters relating to grievances.

To a special committee of three Past Grand Masters is referred the subject of the Jordan medal, mentioned in the Grand Master's address. All matters referring to the Nebraska Masonic Home are referred to Past Grand Masters Slaughter, France, and Wilson, the special committee appointed at the last annual communication.

All other matters not specifically referred to in this report, are hereby approved.

The Grand Master appointed as the Committee on the Jordan Medal, Past Grand Masters Wilson, Evans, and Black, and

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as the Committee on Documentary Evidence, Past Masters Burnham, Ehrhardt, and Wilson.

Brother Pedler, 106, presented the following report of Committee on Unfinished Business, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business, having carefully examined the printed proceedings for 1906, finds that a report is due from the committee appointed last year to arrange for the appropriate commemoration of the semi-centennial of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

An amendment to the law (see page 316, proceedings of 1906) was offered last year, and some action should be taken thereon at this session.

The question of changing the law in regard to exemption from the payment of Grand Lodge dues, as recommended by Grand Master Hope-well one year ago, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but no report on the subject was made to the Grand Lodge by the committee.

We also find that the recommendation of Grand Master Burnham (page 20, proceedings of 1905) recommending that some provision be made to prevent the intrusion of clandestine Masons, was overlooked at the last session of the Grand Lodge, and we recommend that some action be taken thereon at this time.

All other matters have been properly disposed of.

Brother DeBord, 3, for the Committee on Codification of the Law, read the following report, which was considered section by section, and adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Codification of the Law, report for your consideration the following:

Amend Section 17 so as to read when amended as follows:

Section 17.—GRIEVANCES.—The Committee on Grievances shall examine and report upon all matters of appeals and grievance brought before the Grand Lodge. Their report shall consist solely of a recommendation. No fact involved in the controversy shall be reported or stated in the record. A brief abstract or memorandum thereof in each case may be made, but the same shall not be published, recorded, nor used except for reference.

Amend Section 58 so as to read when amended as follows:

Section 58.—RECORD OF REJECTIONS, ETC.—The secretary shall keep a record of the names of all persons rejected, suspended, and

xpelled, and shall report the same at the time to the Grand Secretary who shall forthwith note them in his office. Such report shall state the name, year of birth, residence, and occupation of each person rejected, suspended, or expelled.

Amend by adding Section 69-a, as follows:

Section 69-a.—MEMBERSHIP TERMINATED.—Membership in a lodge may be terminated by suspension, expulsion, demission, or death and in no other way.

Amend by adding Section 69-b, as follows:

Section 29-b.—ENTERED APPRENTICES.—An Entered Apprentice may attend his lodge only when open as a lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons. He may not attend a funeral lodge nor join in any Masonic procession.

Amend by adding as Section 69-c, as follows:

Section 29-c.—FELLOWCRAFTS.—A Fellowcraft may attend his lodge only when open as a lodge of Fellowcraft or Entered Apprentice Masons. He may not attend a funeral lodge nor join in any Masonic procession.

Amend by adding Section 75-a, as follows:

Section 75-a.—PROFANES.—No ceremony of any degree can be suspended to permit a profane to come into the lodge, or to sing in the presence or hearing of the lodge, or in any manner to assist in the ceremonies.

Amend Section 82 by inserting after the words "Grand Lodge dues," the following:

"Upon applying for a demit, a member must pay Grand Lodge dues to the end of the current Masonic year."

Amend Section 86 by adding thereto after the words, "Mode of preparation," the following:

"When fees have been paid for any of the degrees, and the candidate has been ready to receive them but dies without receiving them, the fees shall be refunded to his estate."

Amend Section 87 by adding thereto the following:

"Should a lodge in some other Grand Jurisdiction demand its regular fee for conferring a degree for a Nebraska lodge, the fee should be paid as a matter of comity."

Amend Section 102 by adding thereto the following:

"After such waiver is voted and the lodge in whose favor such waiver is given has received the petition, the waiver cannot be recalled."

Amend Section 105 by adding thereto the following:

"A petitioner must be twenty-one years old at the time of signing his petition."

Amend Section 123 by adding after the words "an objection," found in the second line thereof, the word "communicated."

And by adding after the words "should be recorded," the following:

"In all such cases of objection the lodge holds jurisdiction over the candidate the same as though he had been rejected by ballot."

Amend Section 125 by striking out the word "made" in the first line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "communicated."

Amend Section 133 so as to read when amended as follows:

A lodge cannot consider a petition for affiliation unless accompanied by a demit or its equivalent. A certificate, authorized by the law of a Grand Jurisdiction, which does not issue a demit until a brother has been elected to membership in another lodge, may form the basis of a petition for affiliation, but the petitioner does not become a member until he is elected, and presents his demit or its equivalent.

Amend Section 142 so as to read when amended as follows:

A lodge may issue a duplicate demit, being fully satisfied that the original is lost or destroyed, and has not been used for affiliation elsewhere. The duplicate must state that an original has been previously issued. Before any lodge receives a member upon a duplicate demit, it must be fully satisfied that the original demit is destroyed or lost, and has not been used for affiliation elsewhere.

Amend Section 179 so as to read when amended as follows:

No person not a Mason may be a witness in a Masonic trial, except he be of sound mind and of such religious belief as to feel the obligations of an oath, and before testifying an oath shall be administered to him by some competent legal officer.

Unanimous consent being asked for and granted to consider an amendment to Section 216, Brother DeBord, 3, presented the following, which was adopted:

Amend Section 216 by adding thereto the following:

"Should charges be lodged with the Grand Master against any non-affiliated brother, or against a brother who was last a member of an extinct lodge, or against a member of a lodge whose charter is under suspension, the Grand Master may by warrant to that effect empower such commission to try such brother, and upon testimony taken and reported by such commission, the Grand Lodge may pass judgment, and fix the punishment of the offender."

On motion of Brother McGinitie, 71, the Grand Secretary was instructed to have printed new copies of the law, and distribute the same.

Brother Bailey, 94, presented the following report, the Grand Lodge standing during the reading, and adopting the report by a rising vote:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

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

We stand today with uncovered heads, and hearts fused in the bond of sympathy, as we recall the ravages of the "pale horse and his rider" among our number during the past year.

Time and again, to the number of two hundred and seven times during the year, the different lodges of our state have been called upon to place emblems of mourning upon the furniture of the lodge rooms, thereby faintly indicating the gloom and sorrow prevailing in the hearts of the Craft, as they witness the vacant chairs, and note the eloquent silence of our beloved dead.

Our losses at home are not less easily borne as we remember that other Grand Jurisdictions have also been called upon to report "absent" when beloved names have been called.

Yet we grieve not as those without hope. "The Lion of the Tribe of Judah" shall prevail, and those friends from near and from far, who have passed over the great divide and entered upon the larger life and more noble service in the temple above, will again greet us when we also are called from labor to refreshment and respond to the summons of our Grand and Exalted Master above, who is at once our Supreme Ruler and the common Father of us all.

To the bereaved relatives and Craftsmen, we offer our unfeigned sympathy, and an assurance of our continued watchfulness of their conditions and needs.

Our Grand Secretary has received notice of the death of distinguished brethren of foreign jurisdictions, among whom are the names of the following Past Grand Masters:

FREDERICK S. STEVENS.	Connecticut.
GEORGE K. KIMBALL.	Colorado.
GEORGE S. HALLMARK.	Florida.
NORVELLE R. CARTER.	Florida.
THOMAS E. DEWEY.	Kansas.
JOHN GUTHRIE.	Kansas.
HENRY CHAMBERLAIN.	Michigan.
CHARLES F. R. BELLOWS.	Michigan.
CHARLES GRISWOLD.	Minnesota.
BRADLEY T. KIMBROUGH.	Mississippi.
PHINEAS M. SAVERY.	Mississippi.
FRANK H. ROBINSON.	New York.
CHARLES A. WOODWARD.	Ohio.
EDWARD L. FREEMAN.	Rhode Island.
JAMES L. SLOAN.	Tennessee.
WILLIAM H. UPTON.	Washington.
GEORGE DAVIS.	West Virginia.

Also of the following Grand Masters:

HENRY H. MATTHEWS.	Alabama.
CHARLES L. STEVENS.	Michigan.

Also of the following brethren who held subordinate offices:

- MILES W. GRAVES, Grand Treasurer Connecticut.
- ERASTUS E. STONE, Grand Senior Warden Michigan.
- ALLAN MCDOWELL, Grand Lecturer Missouri.
- ALBERT S. WAIT, Past District Deputy Grand Master..New Hampshire.

While this roll of distinguished names is not as long as the one of last year, it serves to forcibly remind us that the ranks of those who, in the past, have been honored by being elevated to exalted positions of honor and trust, are being reduced day by day, while the list of those who were called away in the midst of their active labors is mournfully large. They have passed to their reward; they rest from their labors.

If rest be sweet at close of day
 For tired hands and weary feet;
 How good at last to rest for aye,
 If rest be sweet.

These oft recurring events will lose their effect upon us if they fail to impress us with the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life. Of ourselves, we are not strong enough to face the arch enemy, Death, but our trust is in God, our faith is well founded, and day by day as we press along the pilgrim way, we are assured that the kindly eye of our Master sees us, and His hand is ever extended in helpfulness to us; and when the designs on the trestleboard of our life have been embodied and crystallized in our characters, then may we all meet where—

Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
 Are feared and felt no more.

We recommend that the names of our beloved dead who now "rest from their labors," be embodied in the proceedings of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Brother Pickett, 6, presented the following report of the Committee on Accounts, and moved its adoption, which was carried:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

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

We, your Committee on Accounts, beg leave to report as follows:

We have checked the receipts, disbursements, and securities of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, and find their accounts correct, and with each the following amounts :

In the hands of the Grand Treasurer in the General Fund.....	\$21,629.56
In the hands of the Grand Treasurer in the Relief Fund.....	15,392.80
Total.....	<u>\$37,022.36</u>

In the hands of the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund:

Securities on hand.	\$49,480.00
Cash on hand.	2,357.58
Total securities and cash.	\$51,837.58

These securities seem to be in fine condition, all interests are paid up to date and in advance, except one very small item which is absolutely good; and the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund is entitled to great praise and credit for the businesslike and conservative manner in which he handles these sacred funds.

We find the Grand Secretary's books thoroughly systematized, brief, concise, and covering all items of receipts and disbursements in a very comprehensive manner. We note that the Grand Secretary has made an important change in the manner of rendering his report, omitting from the same the amount of appropriations made the previous year, also that he has made an inventory of the assets of the Grand Lodge, charging off all bound volumes and other items that have no commercial value. We favor the method taken by the Grand Secretary in the matters referred to, and recommend that the system be continued, showing the sources from which money was received and for what it was disbursed. We also observe that the inventory shows the amount of \$500.00 in furniture, etc. We would recommend that this item be charged off the books entirely, as the Grand Lodge would be none the poorer to charge it off, and none the richer to carry the item on the books. We would recommend that the item known as the Jordan Medal Fund, of \$33.15, be transferred to the General Fund, and the account closed.

All well conducted business houses in these days have adding machines to expedite the work, save labor, and obtain results in a brief time. It would lighten the labor of the Grand Secretary's office, as well as other offices, and aid those who serve on this committee in the future, in the short time they have to arrive at correct results in the addition of the multitude of items. We recommend the purchase of a good machine, as it will serve for years.

We thank the various officers whose books and accounts we have checked, for their kindly assistance and aid.

Brother Keefer, 19, presented the following report of the Committee on Credentials, and it was adopted, subject to changes during the session:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports the presence of the following officers and members:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M.:W.: Zuingle M. Baird.	Grand Master.
R.:W.: Ornan J. King.	Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.: William A. DeBord.	Grand Senior Warden.
R.:W.: Michael Dowling.	Grand Junior Warden.
M.:W.: John B. Dinsmore.	Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.: Francis E. White	Grand Secretary.
.....	Grand Chaplain.
.....	Grand Orator.
M.:W.: Robert E. French.	Grand Custodian.
W.: Harry A. Cheney.	Grand Marshal.
W.: Henry Gibbons	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.: James R. Cain, Jr.	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.: Jacob King	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters: M.:W.: Daniel H. Wheeler, Harry P. Deuel, Martin Dunham, George H. Thummel, George W. Lininger, Edwin F. Warren, Samuel W. Hayes, 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, John B. Dinsmore, Frank H. Young, Albert W. Crites, Robert E. Evans, Frank E. Bullard, Charles E. Burnham, Melville R. Hopewell.
 Past Deputy Grand Master: R.:W.: Henry Brown.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska.	No. 1	* <i>William S. Heller.</i>	Bernard J. Drummond.	Edward L. Bradley.
Western Star.	" 2			
Capitol.	" 3		La Forrest L. Pratt.	Joseph B. Fradenburg.
Nemaha Valley.	" 4	Abraham L. Lawrence.		
Omadi.	" 5	George J. Boucher		
Plattsmouth.	" 6	William L. Pickett		
Falls City.	" 9		Ralph P. Roberts	
Solomon.	" 10	Oliver M. Ireland	Wallace R. Williams.	
Covert.	" 11	Charley L. Porter.	George F. West.	
Orient.	" 13			
Peru.	" 14	John W. Blankenship.		
Fremont.	" 15		Seth F. Stiles.	
Tecumseh.	" 17	* <i>Edgar H. Grist</i>	* <i>Arthur C. Sullivan.</i>	* <i>Arthur C. Sullivan.</i>
Lincoln.	" 19	Charles M. Keefer.	Howard J. Whitmore.	Elmer W. Brown.
Washington.	" 21	George C. Marshall.	Charles T. Farnham.	
Pawnee.	" 23			
Saint Johns.	" 25	Everett R. Wood.	Matthew E. Muxen.	
Beatrice.	" 26	John Ed. C. Fisher	Charles H. Campbell.	
Jordan.	" 27			
Hope.	" 29			
Blue River.	" 30	* <i>Davison F. Todd</i>		
Tekamah.	" 31	Frank E. Ward.		
Platte Valley.	" 32	John G. McIlvain.		* <i>George A. Beecher.</i>
Ashlar.	" 33	George H. Miller.		
Acacia.	" 34	Donald D. McLeod.		
Fairbury.	" 35			
Lone Tree.	" 36		* <i>Percy N. Gardner</i>	Albert B. May.
Crete.	" 37		George L. Meissner.	
Oliver.	" 38	Orrin D. Wicks.	Frank H. Newton	
Papillion.	" 39	* <i>Newel R. Wilcox.</i>		
Humboldt.	" 40			
Northern Light.	" 41	Edward B. Baer		
Juniata.	" 42	Enos J. Hanchett.	* <i>William G. Sadler.</i>	William E. Cadwallader
Hebron.	" 43	Charles L. Richards.		
Harvard.	" 44	* <i>Jerome G. Pace.</i>		
Rob Morris.	" 46	Roy S. Shahan.		
Fairmont.	" 48	Melvin E. Miller.		
Evening Star.	" 49	Homer W. Gray.		
Hastings.	" 50	Willis A. Reynolds.		
Fidelity.	" 51	* <i>William S. McCoy.</i>	William S. McCoy.	
Hiram.	" 52		Anson B. Newkirk.	
Charity.	" 53	* <i>Lewis H. Blackledge.</i>		
Lancaster.	" 54	* <i>Robert O. Wolf.</i>	Robert O. Wolf.	
Mosaic.	" 55	Andrew H. Viele.		
York.	" 56	George R. Reed.	Homer R. Hatfield.	
Mount Moriah.	" 57	James R. Alexander.	Dennison P. West.	
Lebanon.	" 58	* <i>James E. North.</i>	George A. Scott.	* <i>Carroll D. Evans.</i>
Wahoo.	" 59			
Melrose.	" 60	* <i>John A. Stewart.</i>		
Thistle.	" 61	* <i>Samuel C. Mullin.</i>		
Keystone.	" 62	John T. Price		Emmett C. Arnett.
Riverton.	" 63	Willis P. Fulton.		

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE	No.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Blue Valley	64	*Joseph H. Grimm		
Osceola	65	Josiah D. Hartman	Lawrence M. Shaw	
Livingstone	66			
Edgar	67	John Sugden		
Aurora	68	Amos D. Travis		
Sterling	70	Fred Catchpole		
Trowel	71	Hugh L. McGinitie		
Hooper	72			
Friend	73	*James C. Newcomb		
Alexandria	74	William C. Beers		
Frank Welch	75	Herman Schroeder		
Joppa	76	William F. Humphreys		
Nelson	77	Roderick D. Sutherland		
Albion	78		Frank A. Doten	
Geneva	79	Charles P. Weston		
Composite	81			
Saint Paul	82	Cassius B. Manuel		*Edgar A. Wight
Corinthian	83	Cyrus E. Hunter		
Fairfield	84		George P. Whitham	
Tyre	85	Alfred R. Morris		
Doniphan	86	*Albert B. Smith		
Ionic	87	*William M. McClintock	*Solomon Draper	
Star	88	Larimo D. Lambert		William I. Langle
Cedar River	89	William F. Prowett		
Elk Creek	90	William A. Davis		
Oakland	91	August C. Holmquist	Charles P. Lang	*Arthur B. Peden
Hubbell	92	Samuel Patten		
Beaver City	93	Thomas M. Davis		
Bennet	94	*William Nelson		*R. Cooper Bailey
Garfield	95	Oscar O. Snyder	Lloyd D. Gillespie	
Utica	96	*Thomas L. Davies		
Euclid	97	*Philemon S. Barnes		
Republican	98	George H. Woolman		
Shelton	99		Pliny H. Graves	
Creighton	100	John K. Brown	Willis W. Brown	
Ponca	101	*James E. Myers	James E. Myers	
Waterloo	102	Charles E. Wilkins		*Fred Bull
Ord	103	Truman A. Waters	Charles C. Shepard	
Wymore	104	Conrad E. Beinart		
Stella	105	James R. Cain, Jr.	*Asa W. Montgomery	
Porter	106	Joseph S. Pedler		
Table Rock	108			
Pomegranate	110	Frederick A. Koehler		
DeWitt	111	*Thomas U. Whiffin	Thomas U. Whiffin	
Springfield	112			
Globe	113	*Christopher Schavland		
Wisner	114	Oscar R. Thompson		
Harlan	116	James G. Thompson		
Hardy	117	Oscar D. Althouse		
Doric	118	William Freidell		
North Bend	119	Fred A. Howe	Burlingame Walker	
Wayne	120	James G. Mines		

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REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Superior	No. 121	John W. Mitchell	* <i>Marcellus L. Pierce</i>	
Auburn	" 124		James M. Armstrong	
Mount Nebo	" 125	* <i>Frank W. Wake</i>	Frank W. Wake	
Stromsburg	" 126	Hamilton R. Hardy		
Minden	" 127	McLeod W. Chappell	James H. Cardwell	
Guide Rock	" 128	Ralph W. McCallum		
Blue Hill	" 129	Robert A. Simpson		
Tuscan	" 130	Herbert A. Fair		
Scribner	" 132	John F. Drenguis		
Elm Creek	" 133	George L. Richards		
Solar	" 134		Charles H. Fox	John W. Blair
McCook	" 135		Charles L. Fahnestock	
Long Pine	" 136	Lewis E. Smith		
Upright	" 137	* <i>Jacob F. Holderman</i>		
Rawalt	" 138	Robert D. Sands		
Clay Centre	" 139	* <i>Newton W. Johnson</i>	Newton W. Johnson	
Western	" 140	* <i>Charles E. Rhynolds</i>		
Crescent	" 143	* <i>Frederick M. Tully</i>		Frederick M. Tully
Kenesaw	" 144	* <i>Isaiah D. Evans</i>		
Bancroft	" 145	J. Herman Russman		
Jachin	" 146	Charles C. St. Clair	Eugene W. Reed	* <i>Eben E. Brown</i>
Siloam	" 147	* <i>Mads Johnson</i>		* <i>Levi C. Richard</i>
Emmet Crawford	" 148	Leander H. Jewett	* <i>Alpha Morgan</i>	
Jewel	" 149	* <i>Courtney W. Nunemaker</i>		
Cambridge	" 150	Ernest B. Perry		
Square	" 151	* <i>John H. Parker</i>		
Parallel	" 152	Harley E. Bowhay		
Evergreen	" 153	Walter G. Hiron		
Lily	" 154			
Hartington	" 155	Fred W. Barnhart		
Pythagoras	" 156			
Valley	" 157			
Samaritan	" 158	George H. Willis		
Ogallala	" 159	James K. Allen		
Zeredatha	" 160			
Mount Zion	" 161	* <i>Henry Humiston</i>		
Trestle Board	" 162	Addison C. Maynard	Herman F. Wildberger	* <i>Benjamin H. Bailey</i>
Unity	" 163	William E. Hand		
Atkinson	" 164	* <i>Alexander Searl</i>		
Barneston	" 165	Seth S. Ratliff		John A. Anderson
Mystic Tie	" 166	Thomas K. Hanson	John D. Askwith	
Elwood	" 167	* <i>Burton L. Chambers</i>		
Curtis	" 168	* <i>Charles B. Compton</i>		
Amity	" 169	* <i>Joseph E. West</i>	Joseph E. West	
Mason City	" 170	Guy F. Frasier		
Merna	" 171	Francis Jacquot		
Grafton	" 172	Jacob T. Shroyer		
Robert Burns	" 173	Charles A. Besack		
Culbertson	" 174			
Temple	" 175			Ausmer C. Tilton
Gladstone	" 176	John W. Scott		William Burdett
Hay Springs	" 177	Lewis J. Stiehl		

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Prudence.....	No. 179	* <i>John H. Ritchie.</i>		
Justice.....	" 180			
Faith.....	" 181			
Incense.....	" 182	Samuel J. Spelde.		
Alliance.....	" 183	Er. C. McCluer		
Bee Hive.....	" 184	Frank W. Slabaugh.		* <i>Claude L. Talbot.</i>
Boaz.....	" 185	* <i>Chauncey S. Messner</i>	Chauncey S. Messner.	
Israel.....	" 187	Charles E. Northway.		
Meridian.....	" 188	Edgar C. Stanley.		
Granite.....	" 189	Charles A. Putnam.		
Amethyst.....	" 190	Allan C. Kirby.	* <i>Hugh L. McClay</i>	
Crystal.....	" 191			
Minnekadusa.....	" 192			
Signet.....	" 193	Henry C. Hooker.		
Highland.....	" 194	John A. Johnston.	John F. Bunte.	
Arcana.....	" 195	Dwight H. Griswold.		
Level.....	" 196	Luke H. Cheney.		
Morning Star.....	" 197	William Davidson.		
Purity.....	" 198	Albert C. Clayburg.		
Gavel.....	" 199	* <i>George W. Bailey.</i>	George W. Bailey.	
Blazing Star.....	" 200	* <i>William W. Hemmett</i>	William W. Hemmett	
Scotts Bluff.....	" 201	Henry M. Thornton.		
Golden Sheaf.....	" 202	* <i>Clarence B. Willey.</i>		
Roman Eagle.....	" 203	* <i>John G. Gannon.</i>		
Plainview.....	" 204	A. George Cole.		
Golden Fleece.....	" 205	* <i>Frederick Sudman.</i>		
Napthali.....	" 206	Adelbert D. Stotts.	* <i>Thomas Nelson.</i>	
Parian.....	" 207	Frank L. Haycock.		
Gauge.....	" 208	Walter Sorensen.		* <i>Charles L. Cooper.</i>
Canopy.....	" 209	* <i>William Atchison.</i>	William P. Current.	Diederick Smith.
East Lincoln.....	" 210		Rollin H. George.	
Cement.....	" 211	* <i>Ira C. Williams.</i>		
Compass & Square.....	" 212	* <i>John Hothem.</i>	John Hothem.	
Square & Compass.....	" 213	* <i>Erie W. Northrop.</i>		
Plumbline.....	" 214	James W. McKibbin.		James B. Coffman.
Occidental.....	" 215	William F. Bockemuehl.		
Palisade.....	" 216	Charles J. Wilcox.		
Wauneta.....	" 217	Austin C. Pence		
Bloomfield.....	" 218	Bertolette Y. High.		
Relief.....	" 219	Frank H. Peck.		
Magnolia.....	" 220		John L. Davis.	
Wood Lake.....	" 221			
Landmark.....	" 222	Charles R. Gray.		
Eminence.....	" 223		Alfred V. Cunningham.	
Silver Cord.....	" 224	Charles A. Barnes.		
Cable.....	" 225	* <i>John Finch.</i>		
Grace.....	" 226	Cleon W. Acken.	Stewart E. Carskadon.	Charles W. Lamborn.
North Star.....	" 227		Lewis F. England.	
Bartley.....	" 228	John E. Hathorn.		
Comet.....	" 229	* <i>John W. Clark.</i>	John W. Clark.	
Delta.....	" 230	Elmer W. McFarland.	Winfield F. Flory.	
Mount Hermon.....	" 231	William Whalen.		

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
John S. Bowen. No. 232			Henry C. Cashman.
Gilead. " 233		Donald A. Sinclair.	John L. Antrim.
Zion. " 234	William H. Nickles.		
Fraternity. " 235	*George S. Farran.	George S. Farran.	
Golden Rule. " 236	William F. Filley.		
Cubit. " 237	J. Leroy Marshall.		
Friendship. " 239	John P. Lau.		
Pilot. " 240	Thomas Hanson.	George E. Lundburg.	
George Armstrong " 241	Charles B. Clark.		
Tyrian. " 243		*Ernst Meyer.	
Sincerity. " 244	*Frank E. Martin.		
Hampton. " 245	Stephen C. Houghton.		Edwin H. Cramer.
Nehawka. " 246			
Corner-stone. " 247	*Preserved J. Canon.		Preserved J. Canon.
Laurel. " 248	*Edwin L. Dimick.		
Gothenburg. " 249	Edwin J. Spaulding.		
George Washingt'n " 250			
Wausa. " 251	George L. Bosse.		
Hildreth. " 252	George M. Myers.		
Beemer. " 253	James J. Fenelon.		
Bassett. " 254	*Fred N. Morgan.		
Bradshaw. " 255	Emile C. Roggy.		
Hickman. " 256	Joseph M. Swiggart.		
Holbrook. " 257	Albert M. Keyes.	Albert W. Schroeder.	
Anselmo. " 258	John J. Tooley.		
Bee. " 259	Albert Terwilliger.	Arthur Soss.	

*Proxy.

Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges: Alabama, Alpha Morgan, 148; Arkansas, Samuel W. Hayes, 55; Colorado, Charles J. Phelps, 34; Connecticut, Samuel P. Davidson, 17; Delaware, Carroll D. Evans, 58; District of Columbia, Bradner D. Slaughter, 89; Egypt and England, George W. Lininger, 3; Georgia, Edwin F. Warren, 2; Illinois, George H. Thummel, 33; Indiana, Harry P. Deuel, 11; Kansas, James P. A. Black, 50; Louisiana, Robert E. Evans, 5; Maine, Thomas K. Sudborough, 25; Maryland, Henry Gibbons, 46; Michigan, Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; Minnesota, George A. Beecher, 32; Missouri, George B. France, 56; Montana, John J. Mercer, 3; Nevada, John B. Dinsmore, 49; New York, William A. DeBord, 3; New Zealand, Frank E. Ward, 31; North Carolina, Melville R. Hopewell, 31; North Dakota, John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Nova Scotia, Henry H. Wilson, 19; Oklahoma, Zuingle M. Baird, 155; Oregon, Henry Brown, 3; Prince Edward Island, Charles E. Burnham, 166; Quebec, James Tyler, 19; Rhode Island, Michael Dowling, 119; South Carolina, Frank E. Bullard, 32; Tennessee, Francis E. White, 6; Texas, Martin Dunham, 3; Utah, Robert E. French, 46; Vermont, Frank H. Young, 207; Victoria, John S. Bishop, 54; Washington, Charles K. Coutant, 11; Western Australia, Ornan J. King, 54; Wisconsin, Albert W. Crites, 158.

At 6 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 8 o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 4th, 1907.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 o'clock P. M., with officers and members as at the afternoon session. Deputy Grand Master King was called to preside, while Past Grand Master Burnham presented a partial report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the various matters being taken up section by section, and approved. The report as completed by the committee and adopted by the Grand Lodge is found on page 522.

Past Grand Master Young, for the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund, read the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on the Orphans Educational Fund fraternally reports the following expenditures for the year ending June 1st, 1907:

Mrs. Valentine, Pawnee Lodge No. 23.	\$50. 00
Mrs. Clemenson, St. Johns Lodge No. 25.	100. 00
Mrs. Morrison, Papillion Lodge No. 39.	50. 00
Mrs. Holden, Edgar Lodge No. 67.	200. 00
Mrs. Harvey, Siloam Lodge No. 147.	225. 00
Mrs. Russell, Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148.	90. 00
Mrs. King, Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148.	125. 00
Mrs. Wendell, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162.	200. 00
Ralph Springer, Hesperia Lodge No. 178, (extinct)	42. 71
Mrs. Longstreth, Israel Lodge No. 187.	100. 00
Mrs. Herrington, Bassett Lodge No. 254.	85. 00
Mrs. Gray, George Armstrong Lodge No. 241.	100. 00
Total.	\$1,367. 71

Past Grand Master Wilson presented the report of the Committee on the Semi-Centennial Celebration, and moved its adoption. As adopted, the report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on the Celebration of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the organization of this Grand Lodge, begs to report as follows:

We recommend that the Grand Lodge be convened in extraordinary session on September 23d and 24th, 1907, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its founding.

We recommend the following general plan for the celebration, to wit:

First, on the evening of Monday, September 23d, there should be held a session at the Masonic Temple, Omaha, at which formal addresses should be delivered on the purposes of the Fraternity, and the history of Masonry in Nebraska.

Second, that in the forenoon of Tuesday, September 24th, there should be a street parade, and a session, at which several short addresses should be delivered.

Third, that we accept the invitation of our venerable Brother Lininger to attend a reception at his home on the afternoon of Tuesday.

Fourth, that Tuesday evening be devoted to a banquet, with responses to toasts, given in the Auditorium.

Fifth, that invitations be extended to all Master Masons of Nebraska, and that all lodges be urged to send representatives to participate in this celebration, at the expense of the lodges they represent.

Sixth, that invitations be sent to the officers of other Grand Lodges and to eminent Masons of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Seventh, that the sum of \$3,500.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated out of the General Fund, to defray the expenses of the celebration.

Eighth, that a committee of fifteen be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to carry this plan into effect.

Past Grand Master Crites made some reference to the special committee on Grand Lodge ceremonials, and Past Grand Master Davidson of the committee reported that he had completed the part assigned to him, and that funeral ceremonies had been presented to the Grand Lodge, recommended for use in the jurisdiction, and had been published. No further ceremonial was presented for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Dunham moved that the election of officers be made a special order for two o'clock Wednesday, and after discussion, it was so ordered.

At 9:30 o'clock P. M. the Grand Lodge called off, to meet again at 9 o'clock A. M., Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 5th, 1907.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9 o'clock A. M., with officers and members as at the preceding session, except that Brother Bailey, 94, was in the station of the Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Brother Cheney, 100, the Committee on Pay-roll was instructed to make the per diem for three days' attendance.

Brother DeBord, 3, asked for unanimous consent to amend the law changing the term "lunar month" to "four weeks" wherever it appears. Consent being granted, the law was changed accordingly.

The following telegram was sent to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, now in session:

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska, in fiftieth annual communication assembled, sends fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, with the hope that peace and happiness may abide with the Craft forever.

The following was received in reply.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, in sixty-fourth annual communication assembled, reciprocates your fraternal greetings and congratulates the Grand Lodge of Nebraska upon the celebration of their semi-centennial anniversary.

Brother Shahan, 46, offered the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

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

Your Committee on Ways and Means respectfully recommends the following appropriations for 1907 and 1908:

Pay-Roll (the necessary amount).....	\$3,756.86
Chairman, Committee on Returns.....	100.00
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100.00
Grand Master's expense, or the necessary amount thereof.....	300.00
Grand Master's clerk hire, or the necessary amount thereof....	600.00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	1,800.00

Grand Secretary's clerk hire.	1,200.00
Grand Treasurer's salary.	50.00
Grand Custodian's salary.	1,200.00
Grand Custodian's expense.	600.00
Grand Lodge office, rent.	200.00
Grand Lodge office, heat and light.	50.00
Grand Lodge office, janitor.	75.00
Grand Lodge office, telephone.	40.00
Grand Secretary's surety bond.	15.00
Grand Treasurer's surety bond.	30.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage.	300.00
Stationery.	60.00
Incidentals.	50.00
Blanks.	200.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.	700.00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1907.	900.00
Library, purchasing and binding.	50.00
Printing parchment charters.	60.00
Grand Tyler.	50.00
Grand Treasurer's assistants at Grand Lodge, \$5.00 each.	10.00
Stenographer for session.	10.00
Celebration of semi-centennial.	3,500.00
Balance due Grand Master Baird, expenses 1906-7.	76.75
Commission, Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund.	178.00
Adding machine, as per resolution adopted.	400.00
Refund to Merna Lodge No. 171, dispensation to install officers.	10.00
Expenses of Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, attending semi-centennial celebration committee meeting.	15.30
Expenses of Past Grand Master Wilson, attending semi-centennial celebration committee meeting.	7.30
Printing 1,000 copies of the law.	
Total.	\$16,694 21

Pending reports of committees, a general discussion was held on subjects of interest to the Fraternity. Brother Raymond V. Cole, Past Master of Capitol Lodge No. 3, gave an instructive talk on relief to traveling Freemasons.

Past Grand Master Burnham, for the committee, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend the approval of the report of the M. W. Grand Master, entitled Dispensations Granted.

2. Referring to that portion of the report of the M.:W.: Grand Master under the caption of Grievances, referring to the matter between El Paso Lodge of El Paso, Texas, and St. Johns Lodge No. 25, of Omaha, we recommend that the action of St. Johns Lodge No. 25 be approved.

3. We recommend the approval of decisions numbered one (1), two(2), and four (4).

4. We disapprove of decision No. 3, as formulated, and would substitute the following:

“Dealings on a board of trade, providing the transactions are bona fide purchases or sales, and where the intention of the parties is to deliver the actual commodities, are legitimate. But when the parties have no intention of delivering the commodities, but speculate upon the future price, and intend to settle the difference by the market quotations, it constitutes gambling, and is a Masonic offense.”

5. Referring to decision numbered six (6), we recommend the approval thereof, so far as it relates to the Webb Monitor being the adopted work of this jurisdiction, and recommend that the following words be stricken out of said decision, to wit: “And none other or any parts thereof shall be used in the work of this jurisdiction.”

6. We recommend that decisions numbered five (5) and seven (7) be not approved.

7. We recommend that the action of the M.:W.: Grand Master in relation to by-laws and amendments be approved.

8. Referring to that part of the report of the Committee on Returns referring to the amendment to the law, your committee asks unanimous consent of this Grand Body to consider an amendment to Section 81, and to repeal Sections 84 and 85 of the Law of Freemasonry, relating to Grand Lodge dues, rebate credits, and exemption from the payment of Grand Lodge dues.

9. Referring to that portion of the report of the M.:W.: Grand Master, relating to bonds of Grand Officers, your committee reports as follows:

Regarding the matter of the form, conditions, and essential requirements of the various bonds provided by our law to be given by the various officers of this Grand Body, we respectfully report that we have had the entire matter under consideration. In our judgment several of the bonds already in force are not sufficient in form and substance to afford this Grand Body the security for which said bonds are given. We have prepared and herewith submit a general form of a bond which may be used for any or all of said officers in complying with the requirements of our law in giving bonds. We recommend that this form of bond be adopted and adhered to by the officers of this Grand Body in giving the security contemplated by our law, and in case the indemnity guaranty companies refuse to give bonds of this form, then a personal bond may be accepted by the proper authority:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That
 as principal, andare held and
 firmly bound unto THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND
 ACCEPTED MASONS of NEBRASKA, in the sum of
Dollars to the payment of which sum well
 and truly to be made, we bind ourselves jointly and severally, and our
 heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns firmly by these
 presents.

Signed and sealed thisday of, 190..

The condition of the above obligation is such that, whereas.....

.....has been chosen to the position of
of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Ac-
 cepted Masons of Nebraska for a period of one year and until his successor
 is elected and qualified. And, whereas, said Grand Lodge of Ancient
 Free and Accepted Masons, by its proper officers has applied to said
to become surety upon this bond:—

Now, therefore, if the saidshall from
 and after the.....day of..... 190.., to the
day of190.., and until his suc-
 cessor shall become elected and qualified, exercise all reasonable dili-
 gence and care in the keeping, preservation, and lawful disposal of all
 moneys, books, papers, securities, and other property of said.....
 which may come into his hands by virtue of his said office, and shall at
 the termination of his said office or if sooner required by said
 deliver them to his successors, or other persons authorized to receive
 the same, and shall pay over to his said successor, or other person author-
 ized to receive the same when so required by said, or its
 duly authorized officers or agents, all moneys that may have come into
 his hands by virtue of his said office; and if he shall faithfully discharge
 all the duties, now or hereafter required of him in said position by the
 Constitution and Laws and Regulations of said.....then
 this obligation to be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect.

Dated this.....day of..... 190..

10. In that part of the report of the M. W. Grand Master referring to printed circulars, we recommend that the printed circular be amended as follows: (1) Strike out the word "Masonic" from title. (2) Strike out the words "This paper is strictly for your private information, when read destroy." (3) Strike out the heading "Petitions received and referred." (4) Discontinue all advertising features.

11. Referring to that part of the report of the M. W. Grand Master relating to clandestine Masons, we approve of the recommendation that the matter be referred to a special committee of three Past Grand Masters to report at this communication.

12. In the matter of the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, we recommend that the sum of \$12,757.46 received from the Kent Insurance Fund, be transferred to the Nebraska Masonic Home Fund, for building purposes, and that stock for the same be issued to this Grand Lodge.

13. Referring to that part of the report of the Grand Secretary relating to charters and seals, we recommend that Tecumseh Lodge No. 17 be permitted to retain its charter, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to furnish to said lodge the record data as to the formation and chartering of said lodge, and permit the lodge to attach the same to its present charter without endorsement on the original instrument.

After the reading of Section 4 of the report of the committee, Past Grand Master Warren presented the following, which was adopted:

“Transactions commonly known as ‘bucket shop deals’ are unqualifiedly condemned as gambling, and will subject one guilty thereof to Masonic discipline.”

After the reading of Section 12 of the report of the committee, Past Grand Master Slaughter presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) be and is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of assisting in the erection of another building at the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and that stock be issued therefor.

Unanimous consent was asked for and granted to consider the amendments to the law, repealing Sections 84 and 85. After the amendments had been read, Brother Grimm, 64, objected to the consideration of the amendments offered. Past Grand Master Evans raised the point of order that unanimous consent had previously been granted, and could not now be withdrawn. Deputy Grand Master King, who was presiding, decided the point of order well taken, whereupon Sections 84 and 85 were repealed.

Unanimous consent being asked for and granted to amend Section 81, it was amended to read as follows:

Sec. 81.—GRAND LODGE DUES.—Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 5th day of April, for each initiation the sum of \$5.00; and for each member, except those exempt from the payment of dues as provided for in Section 84, the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25), fifty cents of which shall be paid for the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Returns in duplicate and the amount due the Grand Lodge may be sent in at any time between March 31st and April 5th, and the Committee on Returns shall add as a penalty one cent per day for each member on the rolls, to all lodges that neglect

to send in their returns and pay their dues to the Grand Lodge by the 10th day of April. Unaffiliated brethren formerly belonging to lodges now extinct shall pay the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) as annual Grand Lodge dues. Such dues when paid shall be used for the purpose of helping to maintain the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Past Grand Master Crites moved, and it was carried, that the repeal of Section 84 should not affect brethren to whom certificates exempting them from the payment of Grand Lodge dues had already been issued.

A query from Hastings Lodge No. 50, relating to a new election, the Senior Warden-elect having removed from the jurisdiction, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which, after due consideration, reported, and the Grand Lodge approved, that a new election could not be held except upon dispensation from the Grand Master, the usual fee to be paid.

The Committee on Jurisprudence offered the following amendments to the law:

Repeal Sections 16 and 31 and amend Sections 27-A, 27-B, 27-C, 28, 29, 30 and 31, so as to read, when amended, as follows:

27—THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME ENDOWMENT FUND.

The fund heretofore called the Orphans Educational Fund, together with its accretions, shall be known as the Nebraska Masonic Home Endowment Fund.

The principal of said fund shall be maintained at not less than \$50,000.00. Seventy-five per cent. of earnings, estimated and based on that of the preceding year, (not necessary to maintain said principal sum of \$50,000.00), shall annually be turned over to the Nebraska Masonic Home and may be used for the education of orphans and the support of Nebraska Master Masons and the wives, orphans and widows of Master Masons of Nebraska, and in betterments for the Nebraska Masonic Home.

28—This fund shall remain the property of the Grand Lodge, but shall be under the management and control of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home. The Grand Lodge may, and from time to time shall provide rules and regulations for the investment and safe keeping of said fund.

29—Said endowment fund may, under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, be loaned out upon real estate first mortgages in sums not to exceed \$2,500.00, nor forty per cent. of the appraised value of the real estate mortgaged, or in the purchase of such mortgage securities, or approved public securities. All unloaned money may be deposited in solvent banks on interest until required for the purpose of making loans. The applicant for a real estate loan shall furnish

a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security, and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition, and character of the improvements upon said land, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run, and the rate of interest offered. The board shall cause an appraisal of said land to be made by two reputable appraisers, which shall show in items the fair market value of the land and the improvements thereon. The applicant shall pay for said abstract and appraisal and all recording fees. If the security offered is deemed satisfactory, the loan may be completed and the securities therefor recorded and held by the treasurer of said board. As additional security, the borrower may be required to procure and maintain at his own cost sufficient solvent insurance upon the tenements upon said land and keep the policies thereof assigned and delivered to said Board of Trustees. No loan shall be made either directly or indirectly to any member of said Board of Trustees.

30—The Treasurer of the Nebraska Masonic Home shall by virtue of his office be treasurer of said Endowment Fund, and shall give a bond in such amount, not less than \$5,000.00, and in such form as the Grand Master may direct, which bond may be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the cost thereof paid out of the earnings of said fund. All moneys and notes and securities belonging to said Endowment Fund shall be taken, deposited, and held in the name "Treasurer, Nebraska Masonic Home Endowment Fund."

30-A—REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD.—The treasurer of the said Board of Trustees shall, at least ten days before the annual grand communication, file with the Grand Secretary a full, detailed, and itemized statement of the moneys received and paid out by him, the dates and sources of such receipt, the dates and objects of such payments, the securities in his custody, upon what lands, and what amounts, if any, are due and unpaid, and from whom owing. Said report shall be printed and referred in the same manner as the reports of the several Grand Officers.

31—NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.—The Grand Master and in his absence from the meetings, the Deputy Grand Master, or in his absence, the ranking Grand Warden present, shall represent the Grand Lodge at any meetings of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Past Grand Master Crites moved that these amendments be transmitted to the subordinate lodges for their action, prior to the next communication of the Grand Lodge, such action to be taken and certified back to the Grand Lodge, and the motion was carried.

After some discussion, Brother DeBord, 3, moved to reconsider the resolution offered by Past Grand Master Crites; the motion prevailed.

Past Grand Master Ehrhardt moved and the Grand Lodge agreed that further consideration of the question be postponed until the afternoon session, to be taken up immediately after the Grand Lodge convened.

At 12 o'clock M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 5th, 1907.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the preceding session.

The resolution offered by Past Grand Master Crites was again considered, and after a full discussion by Past Grand Masters Crites, Phelps, Bullard, Evans, Grand Secretary White, and Brother Evans, 144, was declared lost, and the amendments lie over until the next annual communication.

The hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Slabaugh, 184, Barnhart, 155, Smith, 136, Davis, 220, and Montgomery, 105, as tellers. Choice was made of the following:

BRO. ORNAN J. KING, 54	Grand Master.
BRO. WILLIAM A. DEBORD, 3	Deputy Grand Master.
BRO. MICHAEL DOWLING, 119	Grand Senior Warden.
BRO. HARRY A. CHENEY, 100	Grand Junior Warden.
BRO. JOHN B. DINSMORE, 49	Grand Treasurer.
BRO. FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6	Grand Secretary.

Later in the communication appointment was made of:

BRO. GEORGE A. BEECHER, 32	Grand Chaplain.
BRO. ROSCOE POUND, 54	Grand Orator.
BRO. ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46	Grand Custodian.
BRO. HENRY GIBBONS, 46	Grand Marshal.
BRO. JAMES R. CAIN, JR., 105	Grand Senior Deacon.
BRO. ALPHA MORGAN, 148	Grand Junior Deacon.
BRO. JACOB KING, 3	Grand Tyler.

Bros. William A. DeBord, 3; Lorenzo D. Woodruff, 19; George A. Day, 1; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Bros. Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; Lewis H. Blackledge, 53; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bros. Frank L. Bullard, 32; George A. Beecher, 32; Manoah B. Reese, 19; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Bros.: Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Frank H. Young, 207; Roderick D. Sutherland; 77; Committee on Relief.

Bros.: Frank H. Young, 207, (term expires June, 1908); Melville R. Hopewell, 31, (term expires June, 1909); Charles K. Coutant, 11, (term expires June, 1910); Trustees of Orphans Educational Fund.

Brothers Charles E. Burnham, 166; Albert W. Crites, 158; Melville R. Hopewell, 31; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; James P. A. Black, 50; Robert E. Evans, 5; Zuingle M. Baird, 155; John B. Dinsmore, 49; Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; Frank E. Bullard, 32; Charles K. Coutant, 11; Francis E. White, 6; William A. DeBord, 3; William R. Bennett, 11; Committee on Semi-Centennial Celebration.

Past Grand Master Wilson reported as follows for the committee to which was referred the matter of a gold Jordan medal, to be worn by the oldest Mason in Nebraska:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee on the Jordan Medal begs to report as follows:

We recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a Jordan medal in the same form as that now in use, but made of gold.

The following resolution was offered by Past Grand Master Burnham, and on motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That during the pendency of the repeal and amendments to the law providing for the investment, control, and disbursement of the income of the endowment fund, known as the Orphans Educational Fund, the full control of said fund be left with the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, as agents of this Grand Lodge, and shall pay such sums as the Grand Master and Grand Secretary shall direct.

Past Grand Master Burnham, for the special committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address concerning clandestine Masons, do hereby recommend that after August 1st, 1907, no lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive a visitor from any lodge outside of this jurisdiction unless a Master Mason, known as such in the lodge, shall vouch for the visitor as a Master Mason in good standing, or until the visitor, after strict examination, shall prove himself to be a Mason in good standing; and no such visitor shall be examined until he produces to the Worshipful Master of the lodge, or to the committee of examination appointed by him, a certificate under

the seal of his lodge bearing date not to exceed twelve months prior to the examination, showing that he is a member of said lodge in good standing, which certificate shall also be fortified by a certificate under the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction whence the visitor comes, that the lodge giving the certificate is a regular lodge working under the jurisdiction of a regular Grand Lodge, recognized by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

And we further recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized not to authenticate any diploma other than of the form heretofore adopted by this Grand Lodge, and in the possession of all subordinate lodges.

Brother Sutherland, 77, offered the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was considered and adopted section by section, and as a whole. At that part relating to suspension for non-payment of dues, the Grand Master stated that if any of the brethren were present, they would be given opportunity to state their reasons why the penalty should not be imposed; none appeared. The report as adopted is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

To the M. W. . ., the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Grievances begs leave to submit the following report:

In the matter of the suspension of certain members of extinct lodges, we desire to report that due notice was given each of the members referred to, in accordance with the law; some brethren have paid their dues and taken demits, and the others have failed to appear or respond.

In regard to the application of William D. Pruitt, 109, for a demit, we recommend that upon proper application he be given a demit and six months to pay his dues. The same recommendation is made relative to Enoch A. Sexson, 123. As to the application of Jacob W. Ramel, 47, we recommend the issuance of a demit without payment of dues. The same recommendation is made regarding the application of Charles Dunlap, 109. In the matter of the application of John W. Cormack, 109, we recommend the issuance of a demit and that one year be given in which to pay dues. Relative to the application of John E. Miller, 186, we recommend the issuance of a demit without payment of dues. We recommend that a demit be issued to William N. Reed, 69, without payment of dues. We recommend that a demit be granted to Frank M. Young, 20, upon payment of his dues. We recommend that Chatfield H. Butler, 122, upon proper application, be demitted without payment of dues.

We recommend that the brethren, members of extinct lodges, named on the list, herewith submitted, with the exception of those specifically named herein, be indefinitely suspended.

In the matter of a member of Crystal Lodge No. 191, we approve the correspondence of the Grand Secretary as correctly setting forth the law governing this matter. With reference to the correspondence from an expelled member of Elwood Lodge No. 167, we refer the brother to his local lodge, the same being the proper place to renew his application for reinstatement.

In the matter of the appeal of certain Past Masters of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, relative to insufficient and inadequate sentence upon a member of the lodge, we sustain their appeal, as we find that the brother pleaded guilty to the specifications filed against him, and we recommend that his punishment be expulsion.

In the matter of Elk Creek Lodge No. 90, we recommend a ratification of the action of the Grand Master in suspending the lodge upon finding that they were working without a charter; and we further recommend the issuance of a certified or duplicate copy of the charter upon payment of the proper fee therefor.

In the matter of Orient Lodge No. 13, we recommend that its charter be printed upon payment of the fee.

In the matter of Highland Lodge No. 194 we approve the action of the Grand Master, and our present information is that peace and harmony prevail at this time.

In the matter of the question between Grace Lodge No. 226, and Minden Lodge No. 127, we recommend that Grace Lodge No. 226 request Minden Lodge No. 127 to waive jurisdiction over the petitioner in question, and that Minden Lodge No. 127 grant the waiver in favor of Grace Lodge No. 226.

With reference to Utica Lodge No. 96, we are informed that all differences have been settled and that peace and harmony now prevail.

In the matter of accusations against the master of a lodge as to having dealt on the board of trade, we approve the Grand Master's instructions and the action taken by him in this matter; and the matter having been amicably adjusted, peace and harmony prevailing, we recommend that it be dropped.

With reference to Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, we approve the action of the Grand Master in taking up the jewel of the Senior Warden, and the matter having since been adjusted we make no recommendation.

In the matter of Humboldt Lodge No. 40, we have carefully looked over the reports on file, and find that said lodge has been very lax in sending in its reports, in attendance, and in interest manifested in the Fraternity; but the lodge having been visited by our Grand Master since the reports now on file were made, upon his recommendation and suggestion we recommend that said lodge report to the Grand Master, and that he take such action relative to it as in his judgment may seem best.

In the matter of Elm Creek Lodge No. 133, we approve the visitation and action taken by the Grand Master, and recommend that said lodge continue to make reports of their proceedings to the Grand Master, and that he take such action relative to the same as he may deem just.

Your committee has investigated carefully the report of the Grand

Master as to his visitation and action in taking up the charter of Livingstone Lodge No. 66. We approve the action of the Grand Master, and recommend that the charter be retained and the further working of this lodge suspended.

In the matter of the complaint filed against Alexandria Lodge No. 74, by Hubbell Lodge No. 92, your committee approves the course taken by the Grand Master in settling this complaint and recommends that his action be endorsed by the Grand Lodge, the lodges since having settled the matter agreeably between themselves.

In the matter of the charges preferred against a brother of Pawnee Lodge No. 23, we heartily endorse the action of the committee appointed by the Grand Master, and are pleased to report that all matters growing out of the complaint have been amicably settled and adjusted. We recommend that no further action be taken by the Grand Master.

Referring to Crystal Lodge No. 191, the committee has made very careful investigation, has heard members of said lodge, and after hearing all the evidence and carefully reviewing all matters before us, we find that the action of the Grand Master in taking up the charter of the lodge was fully warranted, and we approve the same. We find that there have been gross violations of Masonic law committed by this lodge for a number of years. But we recommend that further action in the matter be left to the incoming Grand Master; and that if in his judgment, after careful investigation, the charter should be returned, that he be empowered to do so; and that he may take such action in reference to said lodge as in his judgment seems to be for the best interests of the Fraternity.

In the matter of an appeal of a member of Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202, we find that the brother was charged with and tried on two specifications; that said lodge found him guilty as to specification No. 1, and that he was, under said specification, suspended for twelve months. Your committee has made a careful investigation of the matter and finds that specification No. 1 does not charge a Masonic offense; and that the evidence taken under same does not in our opinion disclose an offense known to Masonic law. We therefore recommend that the appeal be sustained, that the action of Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202 be reversed, and the brother reinstated in said lodge.

Your committee has considered the charges made by a brother of Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202 against the Master of said lodge, said charges being dated May 25th, 1907. While we do not think we have jurisdiction to consider these charges, no notice having been served upon the accused, we feel like censuring the brother who preferred the charges, and believe that the same were unworthy of a true and loyal Mason, and we recommend that said charges be dismissed.

Relative to the grievance of Ornan Lodge U. D. vs. Gilead Lodge No. 233, we recommend that the matters complained of by Ornan Lodge U. D. be referred to the incoming Grand Master to be adjusted according to Masonic law, we not having sufficient facts before us to adjust said grievance or pass upon the same.

Past Grand Master Warren offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, Two years ago by action of this Grand Lodge, an allowance of twenty-five dollars per month was granted to Brother Charles P. Hackney, then upwards of ninety years of age, for the support of himself and his aged wife, also over ninety years of age;

And Whereas, The said Brother Hackney is deceased, leaving his wife him surviving, and she is in indigent circumstances and deserving of assistance of this Grand Lodge;

It is therefore Ordered, That the sum of twenty dollars per month be and the same is hereby awarded to Mrs. Charles P. Hackney, the same to be paid to her during the term of her natural life through the Master of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, out of the Relief Fund of this Grand Lodge.

Brother Whiting, 54, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

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

Your Committee on Relief, having considered carefully the various matters referred to it, makes the following recommendations:

We recommend the payment of \$10.00 per month for the relief of Mrs. Mary Gray, the widow of Rev. Albert S. Gray, who was an honored member of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, at the time of his death.

We recommend the payment of \$80.00 to Edgar Lodge No. 67, for the relief of the aged widow of Brother Granville Bunn.

We recommend the payment of \$10.00 per month to Rawalt Lodge No. 138, for the relief of Brother William T. Lindsay.

We recommend the payment of \$5.00 per month to Bennet Lodge No. 94, for the relief of Brother Job Hiatt.

We recommend the payment of \$10.00 per month to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, for the relief of Brother Baltzar Mowan.

We recommend the payment of \$10.00 per month to the Masonic Board of Relief, of Omaha, for the relief of Brother Elbert H. Cochran of Crete Lodge No. 37, who resides in Omaha.

We recommend the payment of \$5.00 per month to Falls City Lodge No. 9, for the relief of Brother John J. Tucker.

We recommend the payment of \$50.00 to Alexandria Lodge No. 74, for the funeral expenses of Brother Thomas J. Cook, a member of Star Lodge No. 88.

We recommend the payment of \$375.00 to Brother Frank H. Young, Past Grand Master, this amount having been appropriated at the last communication.

We recommend the payment of \$5.00 per month to Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, for the relief of Brother Arthur N. Doane.

We recommend the payment of the following amounts to Brother Frank H. Young, P. G. M.:

For Mrs. Ida Holden.	\$ 50.00
For Mrs. Serena E. Harvey.	200.00
For Mrs. Mary Russell.	125.00
For Mrs. Lizzie Wendell.	50.00
For Mrs. Lillian Longstreth.	50.00
For Ollie and Ada Crosby.	50.00
Total.	\$525.00

The Committee on Relief having appropriated \$375.00 to Brother Frank H. Young, this amount having been expended by him for relief, the question was raised from what fund the additional amount expended should be taken. Past Grand Master Bullard moved that it be taken from the General Fund; Brother White, 6, moved to amend by taking it from the Relief Fund; Past Grand Master Ehrhardt moved to amend the amendment by paying it out of the Orphans Educational Fund. The amendment to the amendment was carried, also the motion as amended.

Brother Jewett, 148, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, the first part of which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations reports as follows:

We recommend that a charter be granted to each of the following lodges working under dispensation, and that their by-laws as submitted be approved:

Springview Lodge No. 260, formerly Springview Lodge U. D.:

Ornan Lodge No. 261, formerly Ornan Lodge U. D.:

Endeavor Lodge No. 262, formerly Endeavor Lodge U. D.:

We also recommend that a new charter be granted to Utica Lodge No. 96, at their expense, to take the place of the one destroyed by fire February 5th, 1907.

A majority of the committee reported in favor of granting a charter to Mitchell Lodge U. D., under the name and number of Mitchell Lodge No. 263, while a minority of the com-

mittee recommended that Mitchell Lodge be continued under dispensation, and that Brother Joseph L. Sanford be appointed Master in place of Brother Martin Bristol, who desired to be relieved. Brother Jewett moved that the minority report be adopted, and Brother Miller, 33, moved that the motion be amended by adopting the majority report. The amendment was adopted, also the motion as amended.

The following was presented by Past Grand Master Young:

Resolved, That the sum of seventeen hundred dollars be appropriated from the Orphans Educational Fund for the education and care of the orphans belonging to the families as named herein, said sum to be used during the ensuing Masonic year.

Mrs. Jennie Green, Solomon Lodge No. 10.	\$75.00
Mrs. Flora Valentine, Pawnee Lodge No. 23.	50 00
Mrs. Clemensen, St. Johns Lodge No. 25.	100.00
Mrs. Morrison, Papillion Lodge No. 39.	75.00
Mrs. McLain, Juniata Lodge No. 42.	125.00
Mrs. Holden, Edgar Lodge No. 67.	150.00
Mrs. Harvey, Siloam Lodge No. 147.	100.00
Mrs. Russell, Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148.	75.00
Mrs. King, Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148.	75.00
Mrs. Wendell, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162.	150.00
Mrs. Longstreth, Israel Lodge No. 187.	100.00
Mrs. Herrington, Bassett Lodge No. 254.	125.00
Mrs. Gray, George Armstrong Lodge No. 241.	100.00
Master Ralph Springer, Hesperia Lodge No. 178 (extinct).	50.00
Ollie and Ada Crosby, Highland Lodge No. 194.	150.00
Home.	200.00

Past Grand Master Crites moved that the resolution be amended, so as to provide that Brother Young expend the fund under the direction of the Grand Lodge, as during the previous year. The amendment carried, also the resolution, as amended.

Past Grand Master Davidson made a statement in regard to the question of taxation of Masonic property, saying that the matter had gone to the Supreme Court, and that a decision would be handed down soon.

Brother Barnes, 224, presented the report of the Committee on Pay-roll, showing a total of \$3,576.86 for mileage and per diem, and the report was adopted.

The request of Beaver City Lodge No. 93 for a dispensation

to elect officers, they having been prevented from doing so by reason of a quarantine, was granted without fee.

Past Grand Master Dinsmore offered the following resolution, which was carried:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to return to the secretaries of lodges, all remittances for supplies sent in during the Masonic year, and that all lodges be required to pay for supplies purchased during the Masonic year at the time of making the annual returns to the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Grand Secretary White, the consideration of the amendment to the law as found on page 316 of the proceedings of 1906 was indefinitely postponed.

Past Grand Master Phelps presented his report on foreign correspondence, which was ordered published with the proceedings.

At 6 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY — EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 5th, 1907.

At the appointed hour the Grand Lodge resumed labor, with officers and members as at the preceding session.

The question was raised as to issuing certificates for the exemption from the payment of Grand Lodge dues, and it was decided that no further certificates could be issued, as the law had been repealed.

As the conferring of the Past Master's degree had been set for the second evening, at 8:30 o'clock P. M. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock A. M., Thursday.

THIRD DAY — MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 6th, 1907.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, the officers and members being present as at the previous sessions.

P.:G.:M.:Phelps, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, moved that fraternal recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, as per his report found on page 285, proceedings of 1906, and the motion was carried.

The following report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office was presented by Past Grand Master Thummel, and on motion was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

To the M.:W.:Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office would most respectfully report that we find the office of the Grand Secretary with its equipment in a most satisfactory condition—so much so that nothing at the present time seems really needed to keep the same up to its high state of efficiency, and therefore we have no recommendations to make.

The attention of the Grand Lodge was called to the serious illness of Past Grand Master George W. Lininger. The Very Reverend George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain-elect, knelt at the altar and offered up a fervent prayer for the recovery of the best beloved and most highly honored Freemason in the grand jurisdiction of Nebraska. At the conclusion of the prayer, the response "So mote it be" by the brethren showed the great affection and loving remembrance in which the brother was held by the Fraternity.

The Grand Lodge Officers were then installed by Past Grand Master Coutant, assisted by Past Grand Master Baird, as Grand Marshal.

Past Grand Master Deuel, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, thanked M.:W.:Zuingle M. Baird for his most faithful services as Grand Master for the past year.

On motion of Past Grand Master Coutant, the Committee on Nebraska Masonic Home, consisting of Past Grand Masters Slaughter, France, and Wilson, was continued for one year.

On motion of Brother Cain, Jr., 105, the Grand Secretary was instructed to prepare a blank form to be used in all cases of application for relief.

Brother Cain, Jr., 105, offered the following amendment, which under the law lies over one year:

Amend Section 33, page 28, Law of Freemasonry, edition of 1906, by adding after the word "Relief," in the second line, the following: "No relief shall be granted by the committee until all the necessary information called for in the circular, ordered printed by the Grand Lodge, has been furnished. All questions relating to relief shall be referred to the Committee on Relief before being acted upon by the Grand Lodge." Strike out all after the word "relief" in the seventh line.

On motion of Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended to the lodges of Omaha and South Omaha, for their hospitality during the session.

At 11 o'clock A. M., June 6th, 1907, no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed.

ORNAN J. KING,
Grand Master.

Francis Ell White
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

OF NEBRASKA,

IN EMERGENT COMMUNICATION, HELD AT FREEMASONS
HALL, OMAHA.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, June 10th, 1907.

An emergent communication of the M.:W.:, the Grand Lodge, A.:F.:& A.:M.: of Nebraska, was convened in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, on the above named date, there being present:

M.:W.: ORNAN J. KING, Grand Master.
R.:W.: WILLIAM A. DEBORD, Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.: MICHAEL DOWLING, Grand Senior Warden.
M.:W.: JAMES P. A. BLACK, 50, as Grand Junior Warden.
M.:W.: JOHN B. DINSMORE, Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.: FRANCIS E. WHITE, Grand Secretary.
W.: FREDERICK W. SNOW, 11, as Grand Chaplain.
M.:W.: ROBERT E. FRENCH, Grand Custodian
W.: HENRY GIBBONS, Grand Marshal.
W.: WILLIAM T. BOURKE, 25 as Grand Senior Deacon.
W.: SAMUEL G. GLOVER, 52, as Grand Junior Deacon.
BRO.: THEODORE F. LEWIS, 3, as Grand Senior Steward.
BRO.: JOHN PRAY, 3, as Grand Junior Steward.
BRO.: JACOB KING, Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Masters Baird, Bullard, Cain, Coutant, Davidson, Deuel, Dunham, Evans, Hopewell, Mercer, Phelps, Thummel, Warren, and Young, and Masters, Past Masters, and brethren from several lodges, were also present.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, whereupon the Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open, and the Grand Marshal made due proclamation thereof.

The Grand Master stated that the emergent communication had been called for the purpose of laying to rest the remains of our well beloved brother, Past Grand Master George W. Lininger. Announcement was made that Capitol Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., was opened in ample form and ready to receive the M. W., the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. The Grand Marshal formed the procession, and preceded by the Deacons of Capitol Lodge No. 3, the M. W., the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska entered the lodge room and was received with the honors of Masonry. After the necessary preliminaries had been arranged, Grand Master King invited Past Grand Master George H. Thummel to the East, and requested him to conduct the Masonic services at the grave.

A grand procession was formed under direction of Brother John H. Chapman, Past Master of Capitol Lodge No. 3, as Marshal of the Day, in the following order:

Mount Calvary Commandery No. 1, K. T., of Omaha, as escort to Capitol Lodge No. 3, and the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

Capitol Lodge No. 3, as special escort to the Grand Lodge.
Members of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons.

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

The procession marched to the Lininger Art Gallery, where Brother Lininger's remains were lying in state, and where hundreds of sorrowing friends were waiting to drop their sympathetic tears upon the bier of him they had loved so well, and to many of whom his death had come as a personal bereavement.

The Very Reverend George A. Beecher, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, rendered the impressive burial service of the Episcopal Church, and at its conclusion the procession was again formed and proceeded to Forest Lawn Cemetery, where with the full ceremonial of the Fraternity, Past Grand Master Thummel, assisted by Past Grand Master Davidson, Grand Chaplain Beecher, and the brethren, laid to rest a Past Grand Master, who a thousandfold had repaid Freemasonry for the many, many honors it had conferred upon him, and one whose daily life had,

in the fullest measure, exemplified the noblest tenets of our profession, charity, brotherly love, relief, and truth, thereby furnishing inspiration to thousands of our Fraternity to "become not weary in well doing."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Grand Lodge returned to Freemasons Hall, where it was closed in ample form.

ORNAN J. KING,
Grand Master.

Francis Ell White
Grand Secretary.



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Memory of
George Washington Lininger,

GRAND MASTER JUNE 20TH, 1877, TO JUNE 19TH, 1878.



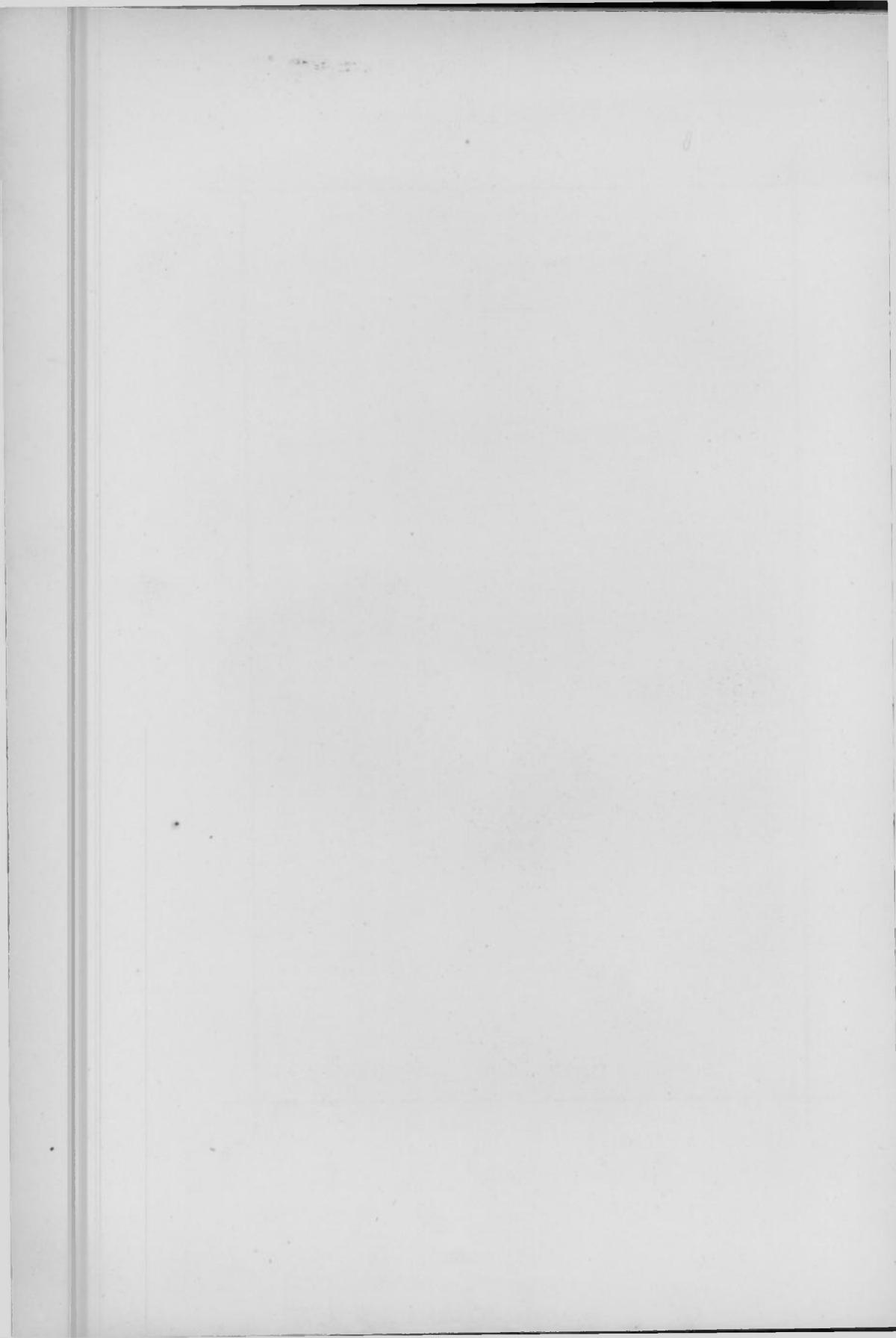
Born December 14th, A. D. 1834, A. L. 5834,

Died June 8th, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907.





George W. Linsinger



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NAME	LODGE	No.	DATE OF DEATH
FRANK CANNING	Nebraska,	1	April 27, 1906
JOHN A. NYE	Nebraska	"	1 June 1, 1906
HENRY W. SHRIVER	Nebraska,	"	1 Nov. 20, 1906
C. MARTIN STALMANN	Western Star,	"	2 May 21, 1906
LEWIS WESSEL	Western Star	"	2 May 30, 1906
THOMAS MILTON McCLIMANS	Western Star,	"	2 Dec. 24, 1906
ISAAC N. DRAKE	Western Star	"	2 Febr. 9, 1907
JAMES E. BOYD	Capitol,	"	3 April 30, 1906
JACOB F. CLINCHARD	Capitol,	"	3 May 1, 1906
JAMES H. PEABODY	Capitol,	"	3 Sept. 9, 1906
CHARLES B. HORTON	Capitol,	"	3 Oct. 20, 1906
LEANDER IRONS	Capitol,	"	3 Oct. 24, 1906
ORSON F. CARSON	Capitol,	"	3 Dec. 19, 1906
CHRISTOPHER MOORE	Capitol,	"	3 Dec. 30, 1906
WILLIAM W. DAVIS	Capitol,	"	3 Febr. 12, 1907
DAVID L. SIMPSON	Capitol,	"	3 Mar. 12, 1907
JAMES C. McKERNAN	Omadi,	"	5 Dec. 20, 1906
SAMUEL M. CHAPMAN	Plattsmouth,	"	6 Jan. 5, 1907
JOSEPH C. GILMORE	Plattsmouth,	"	6 Febr. 14, 1907
WILLIAM H. SCHILDKNECHT	Plattsmouth,	"	6 Febr. 21, 1907
GEORGE S. HINTON	Falls City,	"	9 July 9, 1906
ADOLPHUS D. MESSLER	Falls City,	"	9 Nov. 1 1906
ELIAS H. CLARK	Solomon,	"	10 April 4, 1906
JAMES S. GIBSON	Covert,	"	11 April 1, 1906
MEDLEY S. CONNELL	Covert,	"	11 April 22, 1906
ALEXANDER POLACK	Covert,	"	11 April 25, 1906
GEORGE PATERSON	Covert,	"	11 May 6, 1906
JOHN W. LYTLE	Covert,	"	11 June 3, 1906
EDWARD ROSEWATER	Covert,	"	11 Aug. 30, 1906
ARTHUR N. FERGUSON	Covert,	"	11 Oct. 26, 1906
WILLIAM ROPP	Covert,	"	11 Dec. 5 1906
JOSEPH H. BLAIR	Covert,	"	11 Jan. 3, 1907
GEORGE D. KIRK	Orient,	"	13 Aug. 10, 1906
JAMES W. HOSFORD	Orient,	"	13 Febr. 27, 1907
THOMAS W. MILLER	Fremont,	"	15 April 30, 1906
JOHN L. SCHURMAN	Fremont,	"	15 Oct. 30, 1906
JONATHAN REITZ	Lincoln,	"	19 April 13, 1906
JAMES W. BAILEY	Lincoln,	"	19 Aug. 25, 1906
JOSEPH S. BENNETT	Lincoln,	"	19 Sept. 11, 1906

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CHARLES W. PIERCE	Lincoln,	No. 19. Febr. 18, 1907
THOMAS C. HUNGATE	Washington,	" 21. Aug. 30, 1906
LUTHER M. NORTON	Washington,	" 21. Mar. 2, 1907
CHARLES E. MORTLOCK	Washington,	" 21. Mar. 4, 1907
JOHN W. BULLARD	Pawnee,	" 23. July 2, 1906
JOHN R. GOSSIN	Pawnee,	" 23. Nov. 14, 1906
J. LOUIS MEYER	St. Johns,	" 25. Aug. 12, 1906
JOSEPH H. STANDEVEN	St. Johns,	" 25. Sept. 5, 1906
JOHN H. KASTMAN	St. Johns,	" 25. Jan. 8, 1906
CHARLES M. HEMLER	Beatrice,	" 26. Mar. 8, 1907
FREDERICK A. C. LEFFERT	Jordan,	" 27. Sept. 15, 1906
DANIEL C. GIFFERT	Jordan,	" 27. Dec. 6, 1906
JOHN W. TAYLOR	Hope,	" 29. Febr. 13, 1907
FRANK W. BRYANT	Platte Valley,	" 32. May 8, 1906
DAVID DAY	Platte Valley,	" 32. Febr. 6, 1907
CLARK CASSELMAN	Ashlar,	" 33. May 27, 1906
ROBERT F. CONN	Ashlar,	" 33. July 24, 1906
CYRUS E. ROSSETER	Ashlar,	" 33. Oct. 1, 1906
ALLAN ELLSWORTH	Ashlar,	" 33. Jan. 23, 1907
DANIEL MORGAN	Ashlar,	" 33. Febr. 18, 1907
GILBERT E. TUCKER	Fairbury,	" 35. Jan. 16, 1907
WILLIAM P. CAMPBELL	Fairbury,	" 35. Mar. 20, 1907
JOSEPH KOPTZKY	Crete,	" 37. July 24, 1906
HARTMAN R. PLATT	Papillion,	" 39. Febr. 19, 1907
HIRAM CURTISS	Juniata,	" 42. Jan. 20, 1907
ASHBEL P. HAZARD	Hebron,	" 43. May 15, 1906
ALBERT CARPENTER	Rob Morris,	" 46. Aug. 31, 1906
JOSEPH B. LYNCH	Rob Morris,	" 46. Dec. 18, 1906
JOHN A. KUMMERLAND	Rob Morris,	" 46. Jan. 31, 1907
GEORGE M. HULL	Rob Morris,	" 46. Febr. 27, 1907
JAMES E. REED	Hastings,	" 50. April 4, 1906
CHARLEMAGNE FRANCIS	Hastings,	" 50. Oct. 28, 1906
PHILLIP H. TRAXLER	Hastings,	" 50. Jan. 1, 1907
IRVING W. HEWIT	Fidelity,	" 51. Aug. 19, 1906
SAMUEL A. CLARK	Fidelity,	" 51. Nov. 14, 1906
JOHN C. ROGERS	Fidelity,	" 51. Jan. 29, 1907
WILLIAM H. WHITNEY	Hiram,	" 52. Jan. 26, 1907
JAMES R. MERCER	Charity,	" 53. April 15, 1906
JOSEPH GARBER	Charity,	" 53. July 18, 1906

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HENRY A. HOWARD.....	Charity,	53	Mar. 3, 1907
BENJAMIN P. POWELL.....	Lancaster,	54	June 5, 1906
ELMER E. COLE.....	Lancaster,	54	July 6, 1906
FRANK S. MOORE.....	Lancaster,	54	Oct. 27, 1906
WILLIAM M. ROBERTSON.....	Mosaic,	55	Jan. 22, 1907
JAMES C. YOCUM.....	Mosaic,	55	Jan. 25, 1907
DANIEL J. KOENIGSTEIN.....	Mosaic,	55	Mar. 6, 1907
DAVID E. SEDGWICK.....	York,	56	May 17, 1906
JAMES S. CAYWOOD.....	York,	56	July 16, 1906
BENJAMIN CRABB.....	York,	56	Sept. 4, 1906
ISAIAH J. BRUNER.....	York,	56	Oct. 28, 1906
ELMER C. SMITH.....	Lebanon,	58	July 11, 1906
JOHN H. MacCOLL.....	Thistle,	61	April 30, 1906
ALFRED C. BANKS.....	Thistle,	61	Mar. 12, 1907
ANDREW ARNOLD.....	Riverton,	63	Dec. 23, 1906
ALFRED B. STEVENS.....	Riverton,	63	Jan. 2, 1907
JOHN R. HULL.....	Edgar,	67	Nov. 17, 1906
CYRUS E. GENOWAY.....	Aurora,	68	May 22, 1906
WILLIAM H. FALL.....	Aurora,	68	July 29, 1906
DAVID M. WHITE.....	Aurora,	68	Febr. 19, 1907
RICHARD DINE.....	Friend,	73	Jan. 7, 1907
J. CAESAR NEUBAUER.....	Frank Welch,	75	Aug. 1, 1906
JOHN A. CARLEY.....	Frank Welch,	75	Nov. 17, 1906
ISAAC BLACK.....	Joppa,	76	Oct. 21, 1906
LUTHER CLARK.....	Albion,	78	July 7, 1906
MEYER BECKER.....	Albion,	78	Febr. 24, 1907
HOMER D. WAGER.....	Albion,	78	Mar. 30, 1907
WILLIAM T. HARRIS.....	Geneva,	79	Jan. 22, 1907
AURELIUS ROBERTS.....	Composite,	81	June 5, 1906
LUCIUS A. WARREN.....	Composite,	81	Dec. 8, 1906
LEMUEL E. BILYEW.....	Saint Paul,	82	Aug. 12, 1906
COLLIN E. FORBES.....	Saint Paul,	82	Nov. 27, 1906
GEORGE A. TROBAUGH.....	Fairfield,	84	Oct. 10, 1906
MARTIN ENNIS.....	Doniphan,	86	June 27, 1906
JAMES MATEERE.....	Ionic,	87	April 8, 1906
THOMAS J. COOK.....	Star,	88	Jan. 27, 1907
THOMAS C. REID.....	Cedar River,	89	June 10, 1906
THOMAS McCLURE.....	Elk Creek,	90	Oct. 11, 1906
GEORGE S. MACKEY.....	Hubbell,	92	July 15, 1906

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CALVIN B. BACHELOR.....	Beaver City,	93	Sept. 30, 1906
BENNETT MARTIN.....	Garfield,	95	Mar. 14, 1907
GEORGE W. COLLAMORE.....	Utica,	96	June 24, 1906
WILLIAM T. BEVORD.....	Utica,	96	Nov. 5, 1906
LYMAN CALDER.....	Utica,	96	Febr. 22, 1907
JOSEPH GRAHAM.....	Euclid,	97	Mar. 10, 1907
CALEB D. HUME.....	Republican,	98	Aug. 24, 1906
CHARLES F. BRADY.....	Shelton,	99	Mar. 6, 1907
JAMES B. LUCAS.....	Creighton,	100	April 23, 1906
CLINTON H. LOZURE.....	Creighton,	100	Mar. 6, 1907
GUSTAVUS FRANZ.....	Ponca,	101	May 1906
WILLIAM HUSE, SR.....	Ponca,	101	Oct. 15, 1906
HENRY R. BASSLER.....	Waterloo,	102	Jan. 21, 1907
ISAAC TRUMAN.....	Waterloo,	102	Febr. 20, 1907
JOHN EMERICK.....	Waterloo,	102	Febr. 22, 1907
AARON V. BRADT.....	Ord,	103	June 20, 1906
HENRY C. SHRADER.....	Stella,	105	Jan. 13, 1907
CHARLES P. HACKNEY.....	Pomegranate,	110	Nov. 25, 1906
JOHN SNODGRASS.....	Springfield,	112	Oct. 3, 1906
VALENTINE CRUE.....	Globe,	113	July 5, 1906
GEORGE SCOTT.....	Wisner,	114	May 7, 1906
WALTER C. MURRAY.....	Harlan,	116	Sept. 4, 1906
GEORGE R. NUNAMAKER.....	Hardy,	117	Mar. 27, 1904
BURNET T. YEATES.....	Hardy,	117	Mar. 25, 1907
HENRY LEFEBER.....	Superior,	121	May 6, 1906
WILLIAM GEADE.....	Auburn,	124	Oct. 26, 1906
HENRY CULWELL.....	Auburn,	124	Mar. 1, 1907
LEWIS A. KENT.....	Minden,	127	July 1, 1906
JOHN GORDEN.....	Scribner,	132	May 9, 1906
CHARLES W. BRONSON.....	McCook,	135	June 26, 1906
GEORGE B. BERRY.....	McCook,	135	July 17, 1906
FRANK CARRUTH.....	McCook,	135	Dec. 16, 1906
CHARLES JESSUP.....	Clay Centre,	139	Mar. 5, 1907
JOHN L. BROWN.....	Western,	140	Febr. 4, 1907
TAYLOR FLICK.....	Emmet Crawford,	148	April 26, 1906
BENJAMIN F. MORROW.....	Emmet Crawford,	148	June 4, 1906
PETER DIERKS.....	Emmet Crawford,	148	Dec. 8, 1906
FRANKLIN ENLOW.....	Cambridge,	150	Dec. 7, 1906
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ANDREW ZIMMERMAN.	Golden Fleece,	205	Aug. 6, 1906
WILLIAM H. DILLER.	Napthali,	206	Sept. 5, 1906
GEORGE C. FERGUSON.	Napthali,	206	Febr. 1, 1907
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JAMES CRUICKSHANK.	Gauge,	208	June 24, 1906
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PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Robert C. Jordan.....	1857-58-59
*George Armstrong.....	1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler, Omaha, 559 South 26th Ave.....	1863-64
*Robert W. Furnas.....	1865-66
*Orsamus H. Irish.....	1867-68
Harry P. Deuel, Omaha, 1902 Dodge Street.....	1869-70
William E. Hill, 2220 East 4th Street, Los Angeles, California.....	1871-72
Martin Dunham, Omaha, 712 South 17th Street.....	1873
*Frank Welch.....	1874
*Alfred G. Hastings.....	1875
George H. Thummel, Omaha, Post Office Building.....	1876
*George W. Lininger.....	1877
Edward K. Valentine, Chicago, Illinois, 103 E. 51st St.....	1878
*Rolland H. Oakley.....	1879
*James A. Tulleys.....	1880
James R. Cain, Sr., Falls City.....	1881
Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City.....	1882
Samuel W. Hayes, Norfolk.....	1883
John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 97 Bell Avenue.....	1884
Manoah B. Reese, Lincoln.....	1885
Charles K. Coutant, Omaha, 1406 Farnam Street.....	1886
Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., Treasury Department.....	1887
George B. France, York.....	1888
John J. Mercer, Omaha, 2811 Hickory Street.....	1889
Robert E. French, Kearney.....	1890
Bradner D. Slaughter, Omaha, U. S. Army Headquarters.....	1891
Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh.....	1892
James P. A. Black, Hastings.....	1893
John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton.....	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln.....	1895
Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.....	1896
John B. Dinsmore, Sutton.....	1897
Frank H. Young, Broken Bow.....	1898
William W. Keysor, Kirkwood, Missouri.....	1899
Albert W. Crites, Chadron.....	1900
Robert E. Evans, Dakota City.....	1901
Nathaniel M Ayers, Oaks, Indian Territory.....	1902
Frank E. Bullard, North Platte.....	1903
Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk.....	1904
Melville R. Hopewell, Tekamah.....	1905
Zuingle M. Baird, Hartington.....	1906

*Deceased.

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama	Joseph H. Edwards	Wylam	Nov. 16, 1906
Arizona	Alonzo Bailey	Globe	June 6, 1892
British Columbia	Edward B. Paul	Victoria	Oct. 26, 1903
Canada	Frederick W. Harcourt	Toronto	April 15, 1907
Colorado	Edward F. Hufferd	Colorado Springs	Aug. 12, 1903
Connecticut	Reuben H. Tucker	Ansonia	Dec. 4, 1894
Cuba	Manuel S. Castellanos	Havana, Union de Reyes	Feb. 4, 1904
Delaware	Harry J. Guthrie	Wilmington	Oct. 17, 1904
Dist. Columbia	Frederick G. Alexander	Washington City, 945 R St., N. W.	Nov. 15, 1901
Egypt	Michael Bey Saleh	Cairo	April 3, 1905
Florida	Thomas M. Puleston	Monticello	Nov. 26, 1898
Georgia	William B. Haygood	Farmington	Oct. 3, 1905
Idaho	William Hull	Montpelier	Nov. 24, 1898
Illinois	Albert Jampolis	Chicago	Dec. 1, 1906
Indiana	Martin H. Rice	Indianapolis	Jan. 17, 1902
Indian Territory	David C. Blossom	Atoka	June 6, 1892
Ireland	John Gordon	Dublin	June 28, 1889
Kansas	Charles E. Cory	Fort Scott	Nov. 17, 1893
Louisiana	Adolph G. Ricks	New Orleans	Sept. 17, 1901
Maine	Edwin A. Porter	Pittsfield	Aug. 9, 1902
Manitoba	Richard Dennis Foley	Winnipeg, 232 Spence St.	Nov. 13, 1890
Maryland	John H. Miller	Baltimore	Mar. 25, 1893
Mexico, Valle de	Rufe C. March	Guadalajara, Jalisco	July 10, 1905
Michigan	Frank W. Richey	Dowagiac	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota	Alfred G. Pinkham	Owatonna	Apr. 7, 1906
Mississippi	James F. McCool	Kosciusko	Dec. 3, 1901
Missouri	Charles F. Vogel	St. Louis, 624 Chestnut St.	April 4, 1892
Montana	Henry M. Parchen	Helena	Mar. 18, 1892
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson	Mar. 18, 1892
New Hampshire	Alpheus W. Baker	Lebanon	April 4, 1892
New Jersey	Charles Bechtel	Trenton	Feb. 21, 1893
New South Wales	Frederick A. Banks	Glebe Point, Sydney	Aug. 25, 1905
New York	Thomas Hillson	New York, 129 Broad St.	June 29, 1905
New Zealand	Oliver Nicholson	Auckland	Feb. 14, 1903
Nova Scotia	Marston Guillod	Parrsborough	July 16, 1902
Ohio	Horace A. Irvin	Dayton	Jan. 8, 1903
Oklahoma	Jesse A. Dunn	Alva	Nov. 1, 1904
Oregon	Phil Metschan	Portland	May 22, 1893
Quebec	William M. Le Mesurier	Montreal	Oct. 31, 1889
Rhode Island	George H. Burnham	Providence	Apr. 15, 1907
South Carolina	Augustine T. Smythe	Charleston	Feb. 20, 1892
Tennessee	Isaac J. Thurman	McWinnville	April 19, 1899
Texas	James D. Grenshaw	San Antonio	Dec. 3, 1901
Utah	Abbot R. Haywood	Ogden	Feb. 20, 1892
Vermont	Edward C. Woodworth	Arlington	Aug. 9, 1907
Victoria	Francis W. W. Morton	Melbourne, Collins St.	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia	Sol Cutchins	Richmond	April 20, 1901
Washington	Archibald W. Frater	Seattle	April 13, 1900
West Australia	Thomas William Paisley	Bunbury	July 19, 1902
West Virginia	James McCahan	Wheeling	Apr. 19, 1899
Wisconsin	Frank E. Noyes	Marinette	Dec. 23, 1904

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GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama	Alpha Morgan, 148	Broken Bow	July 25, 1903
Alberta	George D. Bennett, 19	Lincoln	Aug. 15, 1906
Arizona	Charles E. Gallagher, 25	Wausa	Aug. 22, 1906
Arkansas	Samuel W. Hayes, 55	Norfolk	Mar. 6, 1878
Brit. Columbia	William Adair, 5	Dakota City	May 12, 1874
Canada	Williamson S. Summers, 26	Omaha	Dec. 23, 1901
Colorado	Charles J. Phelps, 34	Schuyler	Oct. 8, 1890
Connecticut	Samuel P. Davidson, 17	Tecumseh	Oct. 10, 1889
Cuba	Charles W. Kraft, 209	Nebraska City	Aug. 17, 1904
Delaware	Carroll D. Evans, 58	Columbus	Aug. 3, 1900
Dist. Columbia	Bradner D. Slaughter, 89	Omaha	Dec. 17, 1901
Egypt	*Harry A. Cheney, 100	Creighton	
England	*Frank E. Bullard, 32	North Platte	
Florida	Julius Beckman, 15	Fremont	Sept. 27, 1899
Georgia	Edwin F. Warren, 2	Nebraska City	Mar. 31, 1883
Idaho	Nelson D. Jackson, 71	Neligh	July 6, 1901
Illinois	George H. Thummel, 33	Omaha	Mar. 14, 1892
Indiana	Harry P. Deuel, 11	Omaha	Nov. 8, 1890
Indian Territory	*Thomas W. Moore, 210	Lincoln	
Ireland	William Cleburne, 3	Newport, Kentucky	Dec. 7, 1890
Kansas	James P. A. Black, 50	Hastings	Nov. 21, 1893
Louisiana	Robert E. Evans, 5	Dakota City	Aug. 9, 1904
Maine	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25	Omaha	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba	Elias W. Beghtol, 146	Holdrege	May 7, 1903
Maryland	Henry Gibbons, 46	Kearney	Oct. 3, 1899
Mexico, Valle de	George A. Day, 1	Omaha	July 1, 1905
Michigan	Daniel H. Wheeler, 1	Omaha	Jan. 1, 1903
Minnesota	George A. Beecher, 32	Omaha	Mar. 17, 1904
Mississippi	John M. Burks, 19	Lincoln	Dec. 31, 1869
Missouri	George B. France, 56	York	June 25, 1888
Montana	John J. Mercer, 3	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1899
Nevada	John B. Dinsmore, 49	Sutton	Sept. 6, 1899
New Brunswick	Addison S. Tibbets, 54	Lincoln	July 16, 1900
New Hampshire	Roscoe Pound, 54	Lincoln	Dec. 23, 1903
New Jersey	James R. Cain, Sr., 9	Falls City	Sept. 24, 1878
New South Wales	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78	Albion	July 26, 1905
New York	William A. DeBord, 3	Omaha	Jan. 31, 1907
New Zealand	Frank E. Ward, 31	Tekamah	July 22, 1905
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	George W. Little, 240	Lyons	June 23, 1905
Oklahoma	Zuingle M. Baird, 155	Hartington	Jan. 4, 1902
Oregon	Frank Brown, 3	Omaha	Dec. 23, 1869
P. Edward Isl'd.	Charles E. Burnham, 166	Norfolk	Oct. 21, 1902
Quebec	James Tyler, 19	Lincoln	July 26, 1901
Queensland	*Roy S. Shahan, 46	Kearney	
Rhode Island	Michael Dowling, 119	Omaha	July 30, 1903
South Carolina	*James R. Cain, Jr., 105	Stella	
South Dakota	Manoah B. Reese, 19	Lincoln	Mar. 30, 1885
Tennessee	Francis E. White, 6	Omaha	Mar. 12, 1900
Texas	Martin Dunham, 3	Omaha	Feb. 22, 1876
Utah	Robert E. French, 46	Kearney	May 4, 1888
Vermont	Frank H. Young, 207	Broken Bow	Oct. 21, 1899
Victoria	John S. Bishop, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 19, 1904
Virginia	John S. Davisson, 136	Long Pine	July 14, 1900
Washington	Charles K. Coutant, 11	Omaha	April 12, 1900
West Australia	Ornan J. King, 54	Lincoln	Sept. 26, 1904
West Virginia	Frank M. Knight, 183	Alliance	July 3, 1900
Wisconsin	Albert W. Crites, 158	Chadron	Aug. 3, 1904

*Recommended for appointment.

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

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	George Macdonald	Calgary.
Arizona	George J. Roskrug	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Robert E. Brett	Victoria.
California	George Johnson	2504 Washington St., San Francisco.
Canada	Hugh Murray	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Costa Rica	Diego Povedano	P. O. Box 220, San Jose.
Cuba	Carlos G. Charles Y. Hunter	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware	Benjamin F. Bartram	Wilmington.
District Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Masonic Temple, Washington.
England	Edward Letchworth	Freemasons Hall, London.
Egypt	Michael Bey Saleh	Rue Choudra, No. 17, Cairo.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	William A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Theophilus W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Camp Point.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Henry E. Flavelle, Deputy	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg.
Maryland	William M. Isaac	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Mexico	Felix M. Iglesias	Box 10, Mexico City.
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John R. Parson	510 Pine St., St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	1608 Capitol Ave., Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	Ritchie's Bldg., St. John.
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque. (Sidney.)
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Masonic Hall, 283 Castlereagh St.,
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Johnston St., Wellington.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio	Jacob H. Bromwell	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Guthrie.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Is.	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal.
Queensland	Charles H. Harley	231 Elizabeth St., Brisbane.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Scotland	David Reid	Freemasons Hall Edinburgh.
South Australia	James H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
South Carolina	Jacob T. Barron	Columbia.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Waco.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
Victoria	John Braid	Melbourne.
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia	Hiram R. Howard	Point Pleasant.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	William L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED	BECAME EXTINCT
Summit, No. 7*	Parkville, Colorado.		May 6, 1861	June 5, 1861	
Rocky Mountain, No. 8*	Gold Hill, Colorado.		May 21, 1861	June 5, 1861	
Peru, U. D.	Peru	Nemaha	June 13, 1861		June 23, 1863
Central City, U. D.	Colorado.		1860 or 61		
Decatur, No. 7.	Decatur.	Burt.		June 3 or 4, 1862	June 18, 1873
Bannack, City U. D.	Bannack City, Idaho.		April —, 1863 or		
Monitor, U. D.	United States Army		June 21, 1863		Prior to 1867
Columbus, No. 8.	Columbus.	Platte	July 30, 1863		June 25, 1868
Idaho, U. D.	Nevada City, Idaho.		Aug. 25, 1863	June 23 or 24, 1864	June 23, 1864
Nebraska City, No. 12.	Nebraska City.	Otoe	Nov. 17, 1863		Mar. 10, 1903
Eureka, No. 16.	Arago.	Richardson	Feb. 19, 1866	June 22, 1866	Dec. 23, 1875
Ashland, No. 18.	Ashland.	Jan. 27 or 29, 1868		June 24, 1868	
Rock Bluff, No. 20.	Rock Bluff.	Saunders.	Jan. — or	June 24, 1868	Aug. 17, 1881
Macy, No. 22.	Plattsmouth.	Cass.	Apr. 10, 1868		July 16, 1884
Lafayette, No. 24.	Lafayette Precinct (later Grant)	Cass.	July 15, 1867	June 24 or 25, 1868	Dec. 31, 1877
Wyoming, No. 28†	South Pass City, Wyoming	Nemaha	Feb. 10, 1869	Oct. 29, 1869	Mar. 27, 1877
Harmony, U. D.	Saint Deroin.	Nov. 29, 1869		Oct. 27 or 28, 1869	
Columbus, U. D.	Columbus.	Nov. 24, 1869		June 23, 1870	
Harmony, U. D.	Saint Deroin.	Nemaha	Nov. 26, 1870		1870
Palmyra, No. 45.	Saint Deroin.	Platte.	Jan. 3, 1871		May 12, 1871
Salem, No. 47.	Palmyra.	Nemaha	Jan. 3, 1871		June 19, 1873
Livingstone, No. 66.	Salem.	Otoe.	Jan. 9, 1872	June 26, 1874	Nov. 20, 1901
Fortitude, No. 69.	Firth.	Richardson.	Feb. 21, 1873	June 26, 1874	June 18, 1891
Waco, No. 80.	Ulysses.	Feb. 16, 1877		June 20, 1877	June 5, 1907
Steele City, No. 107.	Waco.	Lancaster.	Apr. 24, 1877	June 19, 1878	July 14, 1887
Arapahoe, No. 109.	Steele City.	York.	Mar. 20, 1880	June 23, 1880	Jan. 31, 1885
Brainard, No. 115.	Arapahoe.	Jefferson.	Jan. 23, 1883	June 19, 1883	Aug. 13, 1902
Jasper, No. 122.	Brainard.	Furnas.	Feb. 10, 1883	June 19, 1883	June 8, 1904
Indianola, No. 123.	Odell.	Butler.	July 11, 1883	June 24, 1884	Sept. 5, 1901
Ark & Anchor, No. 131.	Indianola.	Gage.	Nov. 26, 1883	June 24, 1884	Apr. 24, 1901
Summit, No. 141.	Ainsworth.	Red Willow.	Dec. 8, 1883	June 24, 1884	June 8, 1904
Anchor, No. 142.	Johnson.	Brown.	July 3, 1884	June 24, 1885	Sept. 26, 1890
Silver Creek, U. D.	North Loup.	Nemaha	Dec. 6, 1884	June 24, 1885	Feb. 5, 1901
Battle Creek, U. D.	Silver Creek.	Valley.	Dec. 18, 1884	June 24, 1885	June 5, 1901
Trenton, U. D.	Battle Creek.	Merrick.	Feb. 26, 1886		June 17, 1886
Bromfield, U. D.	Trenton.	Madison.	Aug. 23, 1886		June 21, 1888
Hesperia, No. 178.	Bromfield.	Hitchcock.	June 27, 1887		June 20, 1889
Palestine, U. D.	Shickley.	Hamilton.	July 1, 1887		June 20, 1890
Plumb, No. 186.	Beatrice.	Fillmore.	Jan. 11, 1888	June 20, 1889	Sept. 9, 1905
Adams, U. D.	Grant.	Gage.	July 9, 1888		June 20, 1889
Armada, U. D.	Adams.	Perkins.	Jan. 31, 1889	June 20, 1889	Nov. 15, 1897
Exeter, U. D.	Armada, Miller, and Sumner	Gage.	Jan. 18, 1890		June 20, 1890
Ithmar, No. 238.	Exeter.	Buffalo.	Aug. 26, 1890		June 10, 1896
Royal, U. D.	Crab Orchard.	Fillmore.	Feb. 21, 1894		Feb. 9, 1903
Orion, No. 242.	Savage.	Johnson.	Aug. 29, 1895	June 10, 1896	June 6, 1901
	Ravenna.	Antelope.	Nov. 13, 1900		June 6, 1901
		Buffalo.	Mar. 31, 1897	June 16, 1898	July 6, 1904

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	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	Wednesday 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 Mondays	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 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 Saturdays	Dec. 7, 67	Oct. 28, 69
Lincoln, " 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	May 4, 68	June 25, 68
15 Washington, " 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Feb. 24, 68	June 25, 68
Pawnee, " 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Jan. 4, 69	Oct. 28, 69
Saint Johns, " 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	May 28, 69	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice, " 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second and fourth Mondays	Mar. 23, 70	June 22, 70
Jordan, " 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Dec. 25, 69	June 23, 70
20 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 Wednesdays	Aug. 19, 69	June 23, 70
Platte Valley, " 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second Tuesday	Jan. 15, 70	June 23, 70
Ashlar, " 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Aug. 11, 70	June 22, 71
25 Acacia, " 34	Schuyler	Colfax	First Thursday	July 18, 70	June 19, 72
Fairbury, " 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	June 30, 71	June 19, 72

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Lone Tree, No. 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	First and third Saturdays.....	Aug. 9, 71...	June 19, 72
Crete, " 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	First Friday.....	Jan. 8, 72...	June 19, 72
Oliver, " 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
30 Papillion, " 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	First and third Saturdays.....	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
Hebron, " 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	First Thursday.....	Mar. 10, 73...	June 18, 73
35 Harvard, " 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Mar. 25, 73...	June 18, 73
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
Evening Star, " 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.....	Dec. 22, 73...	June 26, 74
Hastings, " 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Tuesday.....	Jan. 3, 74...	June 26, 74
40 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.....	First and third Fridays.....	Mar. 2, 74...	June 26, 74
Lancaster, " 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	Apr. 20, 74...	June 26, 74
Mosaic, " 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Oct. 1, 74...	June 23, 75
45 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
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
50 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.....	Saturday on or before ○.....	Dec. 22, 75...	June 21, 76
Blue Valley, " 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	Tuesday on or before ○*.....	Oct. 6, 76...	June 20, 77

*And two weeks thereafter.

	Osceola,	No.65	Osceola.	Polk.	Second and fourth Saturdays. . .	Nov. 23, 76. . .	June 20, 77
55	Edgar,	" 67	Edgar.	Clay.	Second and fourth Mondays. . .	Feb. 27, 77. . .	June 20, 77
	Aurora,	" 68	Aurora.	Hamilton.	First and third Tuesdays. . . .	Feb. 10, 76. . .	June 19, 78
	Sterling,	" 70	Sterling.	Johnson.	Tuesday on or before ○.	July 16, 77. . .	June 19, 78
	Trowel,	" 71	Neligh.	Antelope.	First and third Wednesdays. . .	Jan. 28, 78. . .	June 19, 78
	Hooper,	" 72	Hooper.	Dodge.	Saturday on or before ○.	Mar. 19, 78. . .	June 25, 79
60	Friend,	" 73	Friend.	Saline.	Thursday on or before.	May 4, 78. . .	June 25, 79
	Alexandria,	" 74	Alexandria.	Thayer.	Second and fourth Mondays. . .	Dec. 26, 78. . .	June 25, 79
	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.	Thursday on or before ○.	Mar. 15, 79. . .	June 23, 80
65	Albion,	" 78	Albion.	Boone.	First and third Saturdays. . . .	Aug. 1, 79. . .	June 23, 80
	Geneva,	" 79	Geneva.	Fillmore.	Friday on or before ○*.	Nov. 24, 79. . .	June 23, 80
	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 22, 80. . .	June 22, 81
70	Fairfield,	" 84	Fairfield.	Clay.	First and third Mondays.	Sept. 3, 80. . .	June 22, 81
	Tyre,	" 85	Blue Springs.	Gage.	Tuesday on or before ○.	Sept. 16, 80. . .	June 22, 81
	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
75	Cedar River,	" 89	Fullerton.	Nance.	First and Third Mondays.	Jan. 19, 82. . .	June 20, 82
	Elk Creek,	" 90	Elk Creek.	Johnson.	Wednesday on or before ○.	Feb. 11, 82. . .	June 20, 82
	Oakland,	" 91	Oakland.	Burt.	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Feb. 7, 82. . .	June 19, 83
	Hubbell,	" 92	Hubbell.	Thayer.	Second and fourth Saturdays. . .	April 29, 82. . .	June 19, 83
	Beaver City,	" 93	Beaver City.	Furnas.	Saturday on or before ○.	May 3, 82. . .	June 19, 83
80	Bennet,	" 94	Bennet.	Lancaster.	Tuesday on or before ○.	May 5, 82. . .	June 19, 83
	Garfield,	" 95	O'Neill,	Holt.	First and third Thursdays. . . .	June 28, 82. . .	June 19, 83
	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
85	Shelton,	" 99	Shelton.	Buffalo.	Friday on or before ○.	July 28, 82. . .	June 19, 83

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Creighton, No. 100	Creighton	Knox	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 19, 82	June 19, 83
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
Ord, " 103	Ord	Valley	Wednesday on or before ○	Sept. 14, 82	June 19, 83
90 Wymore, " 104	Wymore	Gage	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Nov. 10, 82	June 19, 83
Stella, " 105	Stella	Richardson	Wednesday on or before ○	Dec. 4, 82	June 19, 83
Porter, " 106	Loup City	Sherman	Tuesday on or before ○*	Dec. 9, 82	June 19, 83
Table Rock, " 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Jan. 24, 83	June 19, 83
Pomegranate, " 110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	Feb. 13, 83	June 19, 83
95 DeWitt, " 111	DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before ○	Feb. 28, 83	June 19, 83
Springfield, " 112	Springfield	Sarpy	Second and fourth Saturdays	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 Wednesdays	Feb. 12, 83	June 24, 84
Harlan, " 116	Alma	Harlan	Friday on or before ○*	July 12, 83	June 24, 84
100 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 Fridays	Sept. 26, 83	June 24, 84
Superior, " 121	Superior	Nuckolls	Wednesday on or before ○	Nov. 22, 83	June 24, 84
105 Auburn, " 124	Auburn	Nemaha	Monday on or before ○	Dec. 25, 83	June 24, 84
Mount Nebo, " 125	Genoa	Nance	Second and fourth Saturdays	Jan. 1, 84	June 24, 84
Stromsburg, " 126	Stromsburg	Polk	Saturday on or before ○	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	Thursday on or before ○	Jan. 28, 84	June 24, 84
140 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
Scribner, " 132	Scribner	Dodge	First Wednesday	July 9, 84	June 24, 85

*And two weeks thereafter.

	Elm Creek, No. 133	Elm Creek.	Buffalo.	First Tuesday.	Aug. 8, 84.	June 24, 85
	Solar, " 134	Clarks.	Merrick.	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 8, 84.	June 24, 85
115	McCook, " 135	McCook.	Red Willow.	First and third Tuesdays.	Oct. 6, 84.	June 24, 85
	Long Pine, " 136	Long Pine.	Brown.	First Saturday.	Oct. 6, 84.	June 24, 85
	Upright, " 137	Burchard.	Pawnee.	Wednesday on or before ○	Nov. 14, 84.	June 24, 85
	Rawalt, " 138	Oxford.	Furnas.	Saturday on or before ○	Nov. 15, 84.	June 24, 85
	Clay Centre, " 139	Clay Centre.	Clay.	First and third Saturdays.	Dec. 6, 84.	June 24, 85
120	Western, " 140	Western.	Saline.	Wednesday on or before ○*	Dec. 6, 84.	June 24, 85
	Crescent, " 143	Cedar Rapids.	Boone.	Saturday 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 Wednesdays	Feb. 25, 85.	June 24, 85
	Jachin, " 146	Holdrege.	Phelps.	Third Thursday	Mar. 31, 85.	June 17, 86
125	Siloam, " 147	Stuart.	Holt.	Friday on or after ○	April 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 Tuesdays.	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 Tuesdays.	Sept. 7, 85.	June 17, 86
130	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
135	Valley, " 157	Wilsonville.	Furnas.	Saturday on or before ○	Feb. 22, 86.	June 16, 87
	Samaritan, " 158	Chadron.	Dawes.	First and third Thursdays.	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 Thursdays.	Aug. 21, 86.	June 16, 87
	Mount Zion, " 161	Shelby.	Polk.	Monday on or before ○*	Aug. 25, 86.	June 16, 87
140	Trestle Board, " 162	Brock.	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 Wednesdays.	Aug. 19, 86.	June 21, 88
	Barneston, " 165	Barneston.	Gage.	Tuesday on or before ○*	Aug. 20, 86.	June 21, 88
	Mystic Tie, " 166	Tilden.	Madison.	Thursday on or before ○	Feb. 18, 87.	June 21, 88
145	Elwood, " 167	Elwood.	Gosper.	Saturday on or before ○	June 21, 87.	June 21, 88
	Curtis, " 168	Curtis.	Frontier.	First and third Mondays.	June 21, 87.	June 21, 88
	Amity, " 169	Rushville.	Sheridan.	Third Saturday.	July 29, 86.	June 21, 88

*And two weeks thereafter.

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	CREATED	CHARTERED
Mason City, No. 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
150 Grafton, " 172	Grafton.	Fillmore.	Wednesday on or before ○*	Oct. 18, 87 . . .	June 21, 88
Rob't Burns, " 173	Stratton.	Hitchcock.	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Nov. 15, 87 . . .	June 21, 88
Culbertson, " 174	Culbertson.	Hitchcock.	First and third Wednesdays	Nov. 16, 87 . . .	June 21, 88
Temple, " 175	Filley.	Gage.	First and third Saturdays.	Dec. 9, 87 . . .	June 21, 88
Gladstone, " 176	Ansley.	Custer.	Saturday after ○	Feb. 18, 88 . . .	June 21, 88
155 Hay Springs, " 177	Hay Springs.	Sheridan.	Monday on or before ○	Feb. 20, 88 . . .	June 21, 88
Prudence, " 179	Beaver Crossing	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.	Thursday on or before ○	Dec. 13, 88 . . .	June 20, 89
Incense, " 182	Ohioa.	Fillmore.	Friday on or before ○	Dec. 21, 88 . . .	June 20, 89
160 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
Meridian, " 188	Cozad.	Dawson	Third Saturday.	Feb. 4, 89 . . .	June 20, 89
165 Granite, " 189	Gibbon.	Buffalo.	First Thursday	Feb. 18, 89 . . .	June 20, 89
Amethyst, " 190	Gandy.	Logan.	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Aug. 5, 89 . . .	June 20, 90
Crystal, " 191	Scotia.	Greeley	Saturday on or before ○	Aug. 7, 89 . . .	June 20, 90
Minnekadusa, " 192	Valentine.	Cherry.	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 15, 89 . . .	June 20, 90
Signet, " 193	Leigh.	Colfax.	Friday on or before ○	Sept. 3, 89 . . .	June 20, 90
170 Highland, " 194	Cortland.	Gage.	First and third Mondays.	Sept. 21, 89 . . .	June 20, 90
Arcana, " 195	Gordon.	Sheridan.	First and third Mondays.	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
Purity, " 198	Imperial.	Chase.	Friday on or before.	Dec. 24, 89 . . .	June 20, 90
175 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 and third Saturdays.	Aug. 8, 90 . . .	June 18, 91

*And two weeks thereafter.

	Golden Sheaf, No.	202	Randolph.	Cedar.	Monday on or before○	Aug. 29, 90	June 18, 91
	Roman Eagle,	203	Pender.	Thurston.	Tuesday on or before○	Aug. 30, 90	June 18, 91
180	Plainview,	204	Plainview.	Pierce.	Tuesday on or before○*	Sept. 1, 90	June 18, 91
	Golden Fleece,	205	Chappell.	Deuel.	Thursday on or before○	Sept. 2, 90	June 18, 91
	Napthali,	206	Diller.	Jefferson.	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Dec. 31, 90	June 18, 91
	Parian,	207	Callaway.	Custer.	Thursday on or before○	Jan. 31, 91	June 18, 91
	Gauge,	208	Arcadia.	Valley.	Tuesday after○*	Aug. 24, 91	June 16, 92
185	Canopy,	209	Elmwood.	Cass.	Saturday on or before○	Sept. 4, 91	June 16, 92
	East Lincoln,	210	Lincoln.	Lancaster.	Second Thursday†	Nov. 5, 91	June 16, 92
	Cement,	211	Wood River.	Hall.	Thursday on or before○	Nov. 27, 91	June 16, 92
	Compass & Square,	212	Sumner.	Dawson.	Tuesday on or before○	Dec. 12, 91	June 16, 92
	Square & Compass,	213	Miller.	Buffalo.	Friday on or before○	Dec. 14, 91	June 16, 92
190	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 Thursdays.	Dec. 7, 92	June 15, 93
	Bloomfield	218	Bloomfield.	Knox.	Tuesday on or before○	Jan. 18, 93	June 15, 93
195	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
	Eminence,	223	Giltner.	Hamilton.	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Sept. 26, 93	June 21, 94
200	Silver Cord,	224	Ainsworth.	Brown.	Second Saturday.	Oct. 17, 93	June 21, 94
	Cable,	225	Arnold.	Custer.	First and third Saturdays.	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
	Bartley,	228	Bartley.	Red Willow.	Wednesday on or before○	Nov. 23, 94	June 13, 95
205	Comet,	229	Ceresco.	Saunders.	Thursday on or before○*	Dec. 5, 94	June 13, 95
	Delta,	230	Saint Edward.	Boone.	First and third Saturdays.	Dec. 11, 94	June 13, 95
	Mt. Hermon,	231	Cook.	Johnson.	Wednesday on or before○	Dec. 19, 94	June 13, 95
	John S. Bowen,	232	Kennard.	Washington.	Third Saturday.	Feb. 6, 95	June 13, 95
	Gilead,	233	Butte.	Boyd.	Second and fourth Mondays.	Nov. 22, 94	June 10, 96
210	Zion,	234	Hyannis.	Grant.	Wednesday on or before○	July 19, 95	June 10, 96

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	CREATED	CHARTERED
Fraternity, No. 235	Winside	Wayne	Wednesday on or before ○	Aug. 2, 95	June 10, 96
Golden Rule, " 236	Allen	Dixon	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 3, 95	June 10, 96
Cubit, " 237	Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before ○	Aug. 9, 95	June 10, 96
Friendship, " 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays	Oct. 7, 95	June 10, 96
215 Pilot, " 240	Lyons	Burt	Third Friday	Nov. 29, 95	June 10, 96
Geo. Armstrong, " 241	Craig	Burt	First and third Tuesdays	Aug. 1, 95	June 17, 97
Tyrian, " 243	Oak	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays	Aug. 24, 98	June 8, 99
Sincerity, " 244	Battle Creek	Madison	Second Tuesday	Feb. 18, 99	June 8, 99
Hampton, " 245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	July 13, 99	June 7, 00
220 Nehawka, " 246	Nehawka	Cass	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 2, 00	June 7, 00
Corner-stone, " 247	Osmond	Pierce	Friday on or before ○	Jan. 3, 00	June 7, 00
Laurel, " 248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Feb. 12, 00	June 7, 00
Gothenburg, " 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Wednesday on or before ○	June 20, 00	June 6, 01
Geo. Washington, " 250	Havelock	Lancaster	Second and fourth Thursdays	June 20, 00	June 6, 01
225 Wausa, " 251	Wausa	Knox	Wednesday on or before ○	Nov. 18, 00	June 6, 01
Hildreth, " 252	Hildreth	Franklin	Wednesday on or before ○*	July 2, 01	June 5, 02
Beemer, " 253	Beemer	Cuming	First and third Wednesdays	Jan. 1, 02	June 5, 02
Bassett, " 254	Bassett	Rock	Second and fourth Thursdays	Oct. 8, 02	June 4, 03
Bradshaw, " 255	Bradshaw	York	First and third Mondays	June 17, 03	June 9, 04
230 Hickman, " 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before ○	Dec. 7, 03	June 9, 04
Holbrook, " 257	Holbrook	Furnas	First and third Saturdays	Jan. 11, 04	June 9, 04
Anselmo, " 258	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before ○	Dec. 10, 04	June 7, 05
Bee, " 259	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before ○	Feb. 11, 05	June 7, 05
Springview, " 260	Springview	Keya Paha	Second and fourth Thursdays	Feb. 27, 06	June 5, 07
235 Ornan, " 261	Spencer	Boyd	First and third Mondays	Mar. 5, 06	June 5, 07
Endeavor, " 262	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before ○	June 28, 06	June 5, 07
Mitchell, " 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff		July 5, 06	June 5, 07

*And two weeks thereafter.

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WITH INSTALLED OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1908.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Nebraska,	No. 1	Albert W. Jefferis.	Walter B. Graham.	Ernest H. James.	William C. McLean.
Western Star,	" 2	Frank B. Eccleston.	Arthur A. Bischof.	John E. Bloomingdale.	Milton R. Thorp.
Capitol,	" 3	LaForest L. Pratt.	Joseph B. Fradenburg.	George R. Young.	John Bamfo d.
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Abraham L. Lawrence.	William Kauffman, Sr.	John B. Lewis	John A. Anderson.
5 Omadi,	" 5	John H. Ream.	Willie L. Ross.	Walter Cheney.	Mell A. Schmied.
Plattsmouth,	" 6	William L. Pickett.	Oliver C. Dovey.	Frank L. Cummins.	Michael Archer.
Falls City,	" 9	Ralph P. Roberts.	George H. Fallstead.	Samuel H. Bayne.	Amos E. Gantt.
Solomon,	" 10	Wallace R. Williams.	William Michaelson.	Otto Ireland.	Camille Saltzman.
Covert,	" 11	George F. West.	William R. Bennett.	James Cameron.	Frank W. Boyer.
10 Orient,	" 13	John G. Shepherd.	Dudley Van Valkenburg	Richard D. Larrabee.	Clement Davis.
Peru,	" 14	John W. Blankenship.	William D. Redmond.	J. Frank Heywood.	Julius C. Chatelain.
Fremont,	" 15	Julius Beckman.	Mathew A. Priestly.	John M. Archer.	John C. Cleland.
Tecumseh,	" 17	Edgar H. Grist.	Clarence R. Wright.	Frank L. Brundage.	Leo B. Heskett.
Lincoln,	" 19	Howard J. Whitmore.	Elmer W. Brown.	Walter S. Houseworth.	James W. Frow.
15 Washington,	" 21	Charles T. Farnham.	John P. White.	William Kelly.	Fred rick W. Arndt.
Pawnee,	" 23	Oscar E. Hall.	B. Chernocke Smith.	John J. Humphrey.	George E. Becker.
St. Johns,	" 25	Matthew E. Muxen.	Eddy G. Wilmoth.	August G. Pinkerton	Carl E. Herring.
Beatrice,	" 26	Charles W. Campbell	Marshal W. Roby.	John A. Kees.	William F. Gingrich.
Jordan,	" 27	James C. Elliott.	Peter Poellot.	Alonzo L. Krause.	William C. Smith.
23 Hope,	" 9	William W. Seid.	William W. Saunders.	William E. Seid	William F. Keeling.
Blue River,	" 30	Arthur H. Schultz.	Lee J. Hollingsworth	Davison F. Todd.	John A. Cocklin.
Tekamah,	" 31	Frank E. Ward.	Walter M. Hopewell.	Fred Wixer.	James M. Crowell.
Platte Valley,	" 32	John G. Mellvain.	Frank L. Mooney.	John F. Seibert.	Frank E. Bullard.
Ashlar,	" 33	William T. Alden.	Emil H. Viereg.	Oscar Kirschke.	Robert R. Watson.
25 Acacia	" 34	William D. Fletcher.	James A. Grimison.	James C. McKenzie.	William A. Rathsack.
Fairbury,	" 35	Percy Thornton.	Charles M. Hulburt	Frank A. Houston.	Royal E. Riley.
Lone Tree,	" 36	Albert B. May.	Joseph W. Vier gg.	Ralph Ray.	John B. Van Pelt.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY	
	Crete,	No. 37	George L. Meissner	Harry W. Gasser	Jesse O. Goodwin	Jared J. Atwater.
	Oliver,	" 38	Frank H. Newton	James M. Calder	Bert C. Emrick	Smith D. Atkins.
30	Papillion,	" 39	Robert B. Armstrong	George F. King	Charles F. Schaab	William E. Patterson.
	Humboldt,	" 40	Henry A. Scott	Bohuslav Fruhbauer	Rudolph Vertiska	J. Frank Snehen.
	Northern Light,	" 41	Edward B. Baer	John T. Shocker	Theodore H. Namur	William T. McFarland.
	Juniata,	" 42	Frank R. Hughes	Wm. E. Cadwallader	Lee Johnston	Andrew G. Smith.
	Hebron,	" 43	William L. Whitney	Oscar A. Otten	Edwin J. White	William B. Hughes.
35	Harvard,	" 44	Jerome G. Pace	Frederick A. Haseloh	Nathan H. Lewis	Griffith J. Thomas.
	Rob Morris,	" 46	Roy S. Shahan	Charles A. Robinson	William C. Lantz	James D. Hawthorne.
	Fairmont,	" 48	Melvin E. Millen	Samuel M. Dewey	Bryant D. Loomis	Joseph W. Talmage.
	Evening Star,	" 49	Peter F. Nuss	William F. Hoerger	James E. Marsh	Herma H. Schultz.
	Hastings,	" 50	Willis A. Reynolds	William R. Alexander	Curtis L. Walters	Robert R. Damerell.
40	Fidelity,	" 51	William S. McCoy	Roy W. Becker	John Harper	W. Minor Evans.
	Hiram,	" 52	Anson B. Newkirk	John H. Dorbecker	Henry S. Monke	Joseph C. Blackburn.
	Charity,	" 53	John C. Myers	Flavius J. Grice	Walter B. Saunders	Albert U. Kaley.
	Lancaster,	" 54	Robert O. Wolf	Robert R. Gray	Mark E. Vance	Harry Warner.
	Mosaic,	" 55	Andrew H. Viele	William R. Hoffman	Harrison L. Snyder	George H. Burton.
45	York,	" 56	Homer R. Hatfield	Ezra H. Smith	Joseph L. Browitt	Irvin A. Baker.
	Mt. Moriah,	" 57	Dennison P. West	Louis S. Fallers	Elbert M. West	William O. Stanbro.
	Labanon,	" 58	George A. Scott	J. Herman Johannus	Lauren W. Snow	James R. Meagher.
	Wahoo,	" 59	John D. Frahm	Denis A. Moyer	William I. Carlisle	Benjamin D. Rupp.
	Melrose,	" 60	George S. Austin	Charles W. Bloedorn	John A. Stewart	Harry T. Mitchell.
50	Thistle,	" 61	Frederic L. Temple	William G. Kugler	Andrew T. Whitten	Samuel C. Mullin.
	Keystone,	" 62	Emmett C. Arnett	George E. Dixon	William J. Carver	Dedrick Sorenson.
	Riverton,	" 63	John D. Fulton	Cornelius Marshall	Walter M. Moore	Edward T. Rasmussen.
	Blue Valley,	" 64	Porter F. Dodson	Charles Whipple	Benjamin V. Kohout	Jesse I. Moore.
	Osceola,	" 65	Josiah D. Hartman	Thomas Mills	Edward H. Sorenson	Frederick H. Ball.

55	Edgar,	No. 67	Charles M. Ferree.	Frank M. Ferree.	Thomas H. Hill.	John J. Walley.
	Aurora,	" 68	Amos D. Travis.	Richard L. Ahara	Amos T. Parris.	Delevan Bates.
	Sterling,	" 70	James W. Turner.	Warren A. White.	Lorin A. Catchpole.	E. Ross Hitchcock.
	Trowel,	" 71	Hugh L. McGinitie.	Willis W. Cole.	John W. Lamson.	David W. Beattie.
	Hooper,	" 72	Martin A. Uehling.	George W. Heine.	William J. Buchholz.	Charles H. Lyman.
60	Friend,	" 73	James C. Newcomb.	John M. Brown.	John C. Dewey.	Andros W. Hoyt.
	Alexandria,	" 74	Benjamin L. Terry.	Frank W. Hubbard.	Edwin A. Woltemath.	Guy Ross.
	Frank Welch,	" 75	Herman Schroeder.	Hugh M. Barnhart.	Fred Dresser.	Leslie Neubauer.
	Joppa,	" 76	Ray V. McGrew.	John W. Kirkbride.	Charles E. Moffett.	Richard W. Montgomery.
	Nelson,	" 77	John T. Dysart.	Thomas W. Cole.	James C. Lanham, Sr.	Jacob Ritterbush.
65	Albion,	" 78	Frank A. Doten.	Gilbert B. McGill.	Warren B. Martin.	Herbert L. Preston.
	Geneva,	" 79	Royal Woods.	Calvin S. Stover.	Barthold Koehler.	George H. Nelson.
	Composite,	" 81	Joseph H. Downing.	Luther J. Saylor.	Charles A. Strockey.	Clifford Munns.
	St. Paul,	" 82	Cassius B. Manuel.	Benjamin C. Clinton.	James J. Bisgard.	Frank E. Pope.
	Corinthian,	" 83	Cyrus E. Hunter.	Nels H. Hanson.	J. Oscar Peterson.	Frank L. Shoop.
70	Fairfield,	" 84	George P. Whitham.	John P. Jenkins.	David B. Massie.	Melvin D. Gates.
	Tyre,	" 85	Alfred R. Morris.	Joseph C. Brown.	Thomas L. Green.	John M. Falwell.
	Doniphan,	" 86	Henry E. Funk.	Samuel B. Marsh.	David C. Gideon.	Isaac T. Ward.
	Ionic,	" 87	William M. McClintock.	Charles A. Nippell.	Vaclav Vlasnik.	George L. Adams.
	Star,	" 88	William I. Langley.	Bennie Evans.	John G. Maryott.	Edgar A. Sears.
75	Cedar River,	" 89	Albert R. Miller.	J. Dudley Barnes.	Jacob D. Counts.	William S. P. Eyler.
	Elk Creek,	" 90	William A. Davis.	Isaac H. Bonham.	Robert E. Bicknell.	John Robison.
	Oakland,	" 91	Arthur B. Peden.	August C. Holmquist.	David L. Preston.	Victor L. Fried.
	Hubbell,	" 92	Samuel Patten.	Oscar D. Gooden.	James A. Miles.	John J. Irwin.
	Beaver City,	" 93	Thomas A. Boyd.	Berton F. Moore.	Edward Axtell.	Thomas F. Newton.
80	Bennet,	" 94	William Nelson.	Howard L. Eggleston.	Henry F. May.	Anther N. Fetterly.
	Garfield,	" 95	Lloyd G. Gillespie.	Ira Lapham.	Charles C. Millard.	James C. Harnish.
	Utica,	" 96	Gilbert G. Jones.	Elmer Nelson.	Hermine B. Robbins.	Robert C. Hunter.
	Euclid,	" 97	Henry T. Wilson.	Orestes V. Boone.	Fred E. Bricka.	Philemon S. Barnes.
	Republican,	" 98	George H. Woolman.	Wallace L. Washburn.	Oscar J. Vallicott.	Charles W. Whitney.
85	Shelton,	" 99	Henry H. Stedman.	Pliny H. Graves.	Herman Scheppers.	George C. Gumprecht.
	Creighton,	" 100	Jacob Demmer.	Willis W. Brown.	Orin A. H. Bruce.	Harry A. Cheney.
	Ponca,	" 101	James E. Myers.	Fred W. Bronn.	Glyndon A. Young.	Marion Irvin Mellon.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Waterloo,	No. 102	Charles E. Wilkins	George Johnson	Christian Bull	Robert E. Neitzel.
Ord,	" 103	Charles C. Sheppard	Edward D. Banister	William C. Boydston	Alvin Blessing.
93 Wymore,	" 104	Albert G. Smart	Linley T. Rogers	Oliver H. Perry	George O. Laffin.
Stella,	" 105	Asa W. Montgomery	John W. Curtis	Joseph B. F. Curtis	L. Edward Lyanna.
Porter,	" 106	James I. Depew	John W. Long	A. Stanley Main	Charles F. Beushausen.
Table Rock,	" 108	John R. Sutton	John N. Phillips	George D. Sutton	Charlie J. Wood.
Pomegranate	" 110	Charles F. Kirkpatrick	John A. Scott	Charles C. Whistler	Shelby A. Fowler.
95 DeWitt,	" 111	Thomas U. Whiffen	William S. Wiggins	Joseph E. Casey	John W. Hartman.
Springfield,	" 112	John C. Gieb	Thomas J. Wright	Willis B. Saling	James C. Miller.
Globe,	" 113	Christopher Schavland	William H. Field	Frank A. Peterson	Willard G. Jones.
Wisner,	" 114	Oscar R. Thompson	Frederick Balster	Sylvanus Lant	C. Henry Hoff.
Harlan,	" 116	James G. Thompson	Samuel M. Baker	Joshua A. Brown	Clinton M. Fletcher.
100 Hardy,	" 117	Oscar D. Althouse	Henry W. Gunnison	Charles E. Stone	James H. Fair.
Doric,	" 118	William Freidell	Samuel H. Weston	John G. Potter	J. Frank Longanecker.
North Bend	" 119	Burlingame Walker	George A. Millar	Leo B. McClaran	Charles B. Haverfield.
Wayne,	" 120	James G. Mines	Albert R. Davis	Horace W. Theabald	J. Murray Cherry.
Superior,	" 121	John W. Mitchell	Peter Johnsen	Louis H. Beck	Marcellus L. Pierce.
105 Auburn,	" 124	James M. Armstrong	Thomas E. McKnight	James C. McClay	Samuel D. Teare.
Mt. Nebo,	" 125	Frank W. Wake	Benjamin Person	John Elm	Hiram Lewis.
Stromsburg,	" 126	William V. Sharp	John Povey	Charles E. Burritt	James D. Edwards.
Minden,	" 127	James H. Cardwell	Fred L. Carico	Otto Ackermann	George F. Milbourn.
Guide Rock,	" 128	Earl B. Crary	Isaac B. Colvin	Edward M. Parker	John H. Crary.
110 Blue Hill,	" 129	Dean W. Fay	Jotham K. Martin	Andrew D. McNeer	Albert D. Ranney.
Tuscan,	" 130	Herbert A. Fair	Ernest E. Miller	William Kunzman	Amasa S. Chapman.
Scribner,	" 132	John E. Burns	Oscar C. Hopper	Edward C. Hoffmann	Robert L. Burns.
Elm Creek,	" 133	George L. Richards	Elwin C. Krewson	Edward F. Frates	Charles A. Willis.
Solar,	" 134	Charles H. Fox	Mads M. Kokjer	John W. Blair	William R. Morse.
115 McCook,	" 135	Charles L. Fahnestock	Clarence B. Gray	Burris H. Stewart	Alonzo Cone.

	Long Pine,	No. 136	Lewis E. Smith	Uriah Chester	Otto Berger	John S. Davisson.
	Upright,	" 137	Jacob F. Haldeman	William Hackenberg	Val Rauh	Thomas W. Milks.
	Rawalt,	" 138	James O. Tomlinson	William B. Kiser	George A. Ayer	Harry M. Pettygrove.
	Clay Centre,	" 139	Newton W. Johnson	Ambrose C. Epperson	John K. Gibson	Charles C. Blanchard.
120	Western,	" 140	Charles E. Rhynolds	Marsh J. Rhynolds	Albert Mead	Horace B. Wilkinson.
	Crescent,	" 143	Frederick M. Tully	Carson C. Goodrich	Julius Wolf	William A. Gibson.
	Kenesaw,	" 144	Elbert J. Latta	Harry N. Jones	Ezra E. Schultz	Harl H. Bronson.
	Bancroft,	" 145	J. Herman Russman	Edward Mack	G. Arthur Bailey	William Beckenhauer.
	Jachin,	" 146	Eugene W. Reed	Charles A. Gallaway	Charles A. Long	Eben E. Brown.
125	Siloam,	" 147	Mads Johnson	Fred L. Bar lay	Levi C. Reichard	Horace Shank.
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Leander H. Jewett	Joseph S. Molyneux	John S. Squires	Augustin R. Humphrey.
	Jewel,	" 149	Courtney W. Nunemaker	Henry Hein	Charles C. Pflug	Frank P. Steele.
	Cambridge,	" 150	William P. Bennett	Charles N. Barber	James W. Hammond	George W. McKean.
	Square,	" 151	William J. Collier	George W. Grever	Alva E. Helfinstine	William Bays.
130	Parallel,	" 152	Harley E. Bowhay	Nelson H. Olmsted	Guy W. Stahl	Henry L. Yother.
	Evergreen,	" 153	Walter G. Hiron	Louis P. Tonner	Emil H. Oelke	William B. Chilvers.
	Lily,	" 154	L. Clark Minard	Nelson B. Larson	Charles C. Snowdon	Henry Ritzen.
	Hartington,	" 155	Fred W. Barnhart	John Schwabland	Fred M. Kimball	Richard J. Richards.
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Andrew J. Davis	J. Newton Trommershausser	David G. Roll	Porterfield M. Conger.
135	Valley,	" 157	LaVern L. Brown	Harmon E. Cady	John L. Hoylman	Edward J. Hamilton.
	Samaritan,	" 158	George H. Willis	Duncan McMillan	Thomas B. Augustine	Edwin D. Crites.
	Ogalalla,	" 159	James K. Allen	Hugo Eymann	Warner W. Aldridge	Laurids Sillasen.
	Zeredatha,	" 160	John Patterson	James F. Gregory	Julius Adams	Thomas J. Kirk.
	Mt. Zion,	" 161	Henry Burrirt	William T. Mawhor	Edward L. Anderson	Fred Berger.
140	Trestle Board,	" 162	Addison C. Maynard	Herman F. Wildberger	Edwin C. Yont	Almon C. DePue.
	Unity,	" 163	William E. Hand	Edward E. Hartsook	Joseph E. Gavin	Cyrus F. Hall.
	Atkinson,	" 164	Charles E. Havens	Jesse E. Brook	Frank G. Reckner	Alexander Searl.
	Barneston,	" 165	Seth S. Ratliff	John A. Anderson	Arthur Goin	George H. Hauer.
	Mystic Tie,	" 166	John D. Askwith	Charles A. Smith	Charles H. Snider	John F. Newhall.
145	Elwood,	" 167	Charles T. Coate	Walter L. Tilden	George Burt	Hiram A. Willard.
	Curtis,	" 168	Charles B. Compton	Jacob Sherer	Thomas M. Dempsey	Willett W. Keith.
	Amity,	" 169	Joseph E. West	Ray Bell	Charles Plantz	William N. Ford.
	Mason City,	" 170	Guy F. Frasier	John C. Spencer	Charles D. Lamb	Henry L. Crosley.
	Merna,	" 171	Lansing J. Read	B. Frank Edwards	William W. Burton	Ernest M. Coleman.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY	
150	Grafton,	No. 172	William M. Smith.....	Peter W. Walters.....	Lesley A. Frederick...	Christian Garrett.
	Robert Burns,	" 173	Charles A. Besack.....	Isham R. Darnell.....	Columbus C. Vennurn..	Francis M. Pfrimmer.
	Culbertson,	" 174	George G. Eisenhart...	James Ferrier.....	John A. Kirk.....	Alexander H. Miller.
	Temple,	" 175	Joseph M. Linscott.....	Charles A. Burbank...	Ausmer C. Tilton.....	Horace M. Miller.
	Gladstone,	" 176	John W. Scott.....	William R. Young.....	William Burditt.....	James H. Kerr.
155	Hay Springs,	" 177	William W. Parsons.....	Charles E. Sage.....	Israel R. Bray.....	William R. Bowman.
	Prudence,	" 179	John H. Ritchie.....	Marion King.....	James Sorrensen.....	John A. Witter.
	Justice,	" 180	John G. Walthall.....	Daniel L. Ough.....	*Fred W. Miller.....	W. Bertram Wolfe.
	Faith,	" 181	J. Arnold Habegger.....	Justin E. Porter.....	J. Walter Moyer.....	Banks O. Daubert.
	Incense,	" 182	Samuel J. Spelde.....	Alexander W. Fitzsimons..	William R. Saunders.	Clayton E. Babcock.
160	Alliance,	" 183	James H. H. Hewett.....	Frank W. Irish.....	Eugene A. Hall.....	Leon H. Mosher.
	Bee Hive,	" 184	James A. Hall.....	William Kerr.....	Lloyd D. Erion.....	Vernon H. Mann.
	Boaz,	" 185	Chauncy S. Messner.....	William Sandon.....	Raymond B. Ryan.....	Clifford Naden.
	Israel,	" 187	Eli H. Bassett.....	Loyd C. Jackson.....	Anson B. Andrews.....	John W. Burge.
	Meridian,	" 188	Edgar C. Stanley.....	James A. Byrnes.....	Charles H. Sandquist..	John T. Buckley.
165	Granite,	" 189	Roy A. Davis.....	James G. Walker.....	S. Allan A. Walker.....	Ira A. Kirk.
	Amethyst,	" 190	Hugh L. McLeay.....	Jessiah Smee.....	Frank R. Hogeboom...	Henry A. Tunnell.
	Crystal,	" 191	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Minnekadusa,	" 192	John T. Keeley.....	William T. Kincaid...	Phylander H. Young...	George Elliott.
	Signet,	" 193	Henry C. Hooker.....	Joseph F. McKinley..	Glen P. Beaty.....	Herman P. Buhman.
170	Highland,	" 194	John F. Bunte.....	Jay E. Compton.....	Perry R. Burling.....	Albert B. McNickle.
	Arcana,	" 195	Dwight H. Griswold....	Rudy A. Swigert.....	Daniel E. Hill.....	Charles B. Selbig.
	Level,	" 196	Johnson W. Bliss.....	George J. Dold.....	Lyman H. Fitch.....	James G. Sawyer.
	Morning Star,	" 197	William Davidson.....	Frank O. Steffen.....	James E. Hart.....	Samuel A. Tobey.
	Purity,	" 198	John C. Hill.....	Clarence N. Cottrell..	Andrew J. Sroufe.....	Perlee W. Scott.
175	Gavel,	" 199	James H. Bryant.....	George W. Bailey.....	Herman L. Weimer.....	Theodore C. Becke.
	Blazing Star,	" 200	William W. Hemmett....	Fred W. Sawyer.....	William C. Johns.....	Allen Mitchell.
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Rollin B. Judson.....	Fred D. Wolt.....	Enos S. DeLaMatter...	Clarence W. Bonham.

*Elected, no report of installation.

	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202	Sidney O. Reese.	Benjamin F. Smith, Jr.	Emery L. Hammond.	Albert D. Townsend
	Roman Eagle,	" 203	John G. Gannon.	Eric Larsen	Edward L. Ralph.	Reid A. Thomas.
180	Plainview,	" 204	Archie G. Cole.	Lucian Barbour.	Frank C. Holbert.	Abel Buckingham.
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	John O'Niel.	William E. Roudebush	Henry G. Wiegand.	Guy C. Neumann.
	Napthali,	" 206	Adelbert D. Stotts.	Charles E. Waggoner.	*John L. Henrichs.	Ora J. Mayborn.
	Parian,	" 207	Harvey S. Mahan.	Silas G. Pay on.	John A. Gustus.	Henry H. Andrews.
	Gauge,	" 208	Harry S. Kinsey.	Warren D. Bennett.	Charles H. Downing.	David C. Bennett.
185	Canopy,	" 209	Dietrich Smith.	Aulden A. Turk.	John G. Stark.	Floyd L. Woolcott.
	East Lincoln,	" 210	Rollin H. George.	Melvin T. Harmer.	Benjamin Wood.	Thomas W. Moore.
	Cement,	" 211	George B. McGlasson.	Clifton C. C. Paulk	Arthur L. Wagoner.	William W. Mitchell.
	Compass and Square	" 212	John Hothem.	Marcus E. Bush.	Gustav Hald.	Oliver W. Millhouse.
	Square and Compass	" 213	Lewis P. Rose.	Leester W. Hall.	Elmer F. Wagner.	Erie W. Northrop.
190	Plumblin,	" 214	James W. McKibben.	John P. Babb.	James B. Coffman.	John E. Killen.
	Occidental,	" 215	William F. Bockemuehl.	Orson A. Scott.	*Harry F. Robertson.	John H. Mackprang.
	Palisade,	" 216	Myron J. Posson. . . . .	. . . . .	Solomon H. Blum.	Asher J. Blount.
	Wauneta,	" 217	Austin C. Pence.	Cash D. Fuller.	John M. Watson.	James W. Shrigley.
	Bloomfield,	" 218	Edward L. Caya.	Bower J. Hunt.	William C. Mitchell.	Joachim J. Barge.
195	Relief	" 219	George I. Parker.	George H. Peck.	Ford B. Barber.	George A. Gray.
	Magnolia,	" 220	Morris H. Evans.	A. Ira Davis.	Julius H. Bonderson.	George H. Haase.
	Wood Lake,	" 221	Joseph P. Kreycik.	Dav d Hanna.	Allen E. Benson.	Andrew L. Johnson.
	Landmark,	" 222	Allen J. Cameron.	George W. Hart.	George O. Yowel.	Floyd Van Valin.
	Eminence,	" 223	Charles C. Beery	Charles S. Fry.	Chester J. Thompson.	George H. Washburn.
200	Silver Cord,	" 224	Charles A. Barnes.	Charles F. Howe.	William M. Fly.	William H. Metcalfe.
	Cable,	" 225	John Finch.	Gage J. Hammond.	Hiram R. Black.	William C. Beltz.
	Grace,	" 226	Stewart E. Carskadon.	Charles W. Lamborn.	Bryant Howe	Ira M. Rhoades.
	North Star,	" 227	Lewis F. England.	Joseph W. Seabrooke.	Stephen S. Bishop.	John C. Pentzer.
	Bartley,	" 228	Foster G. Stilgebouer.	Edward E. Smith.	Hoye J. Arbogast.	Frank Purvis.
205	Comet,	" 229	Joseph W. Blodgett.	Charles A. Gould.	John Senseney.	Robert C. Knudsen.
	Delta,	" 230	Winfred F. Flory.	Judson C. Wilson.	Oley A. Brittel.	Edward C. Hall.
	Mt. Hermon,	" 231	William Whalen.	John H. Haworth	William F. Haworth.	Alfred Wirt.
	John S. Bowen,	" 232	Henry C. Cashman.	John Blaco.	Joseph C. Neal.	August F. Schafer.
	Gilead,	" 233	Donald A. Sinclair.	John L. Antrim.	Eugene E. Bushnall.	Robert Ford.
210	Zion,	" 234	William H. Nickles.	William H. Prettyman	Elmer E. Barr.	William M. Alden.
	Fraternity,	" 235	Walter Gaebler.	George S. Farran.	Jacob H. Prescott.	Gilbert E. French.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY	
	Golden Rule,	No. 236	William H. Pomeroy.....	Walter S. Hart.....	Orra L. Whitford.....	Vernon W. McDonald.
	Cubit,	" 237	J. LeRoy Marshall.....	George J. Steele.....	Edward C. Neel.....	Sidney A. Halton.
	Friendship,	" 239	John P. Laub.....	Henry Kortum.....	William H. Corcilus.	Adolph J. Frimann.
215	Plot,	" 240	George E. Lundburg.....	Charles McMonies....	Richard M. Hale.....	George W. Little.
	George Armstrong,	" 241	Jacob L. Friis.....	Thomas A. Minier....	Walter D. Romans....	John T. Davis.
	Tyrian,	" 243	William S. Price.....	Ernst Meyer.....	John F. Montgomery..	Vincent P. Britts.
	Sincerity,	" 244	Frank E. Martin.....	Charles T. Richardson	Kenyon I. Niles.....	Harry F. Reaves.
	Hampton,	" 245	Edwin H. Cramer.....	Hiram R. Greer.....	F. Herman Cox.....	Stephen C. Houghton.
220	Nehawka,	" 246	David D. Adams.....	Raymond C. Pollard..	James M. Palmer.....	Edwin A. Kirkpatrick.
	Corner-stone	" 247	Ernest W. Fischer.....	Jasper L. Dennis.....	Banks M. Smith.....	Ruel L. Senift.
	Laurel,	" 248	Claude C. Sackett.....	William E. G. Oxby....	Henry C. Peterson....	Joseph F. Guss.
	Gothenburg,	" 249	Edwin J. Spaulding....	Scott K. Beghtol.....	John H. Kelly.....	John J. Jennings.
	George Washington,	" 250	Oliver E. McCutchan....	Charlie A. Hughart....	Harry A. Bell.....	Frank B. Young.
225	Wausa,	" 251	George L. Bosse.....	James B. Parks.....	Theodore A. Anthony..	William Berridge.
	Hildreth,	" 252	George M. Myers.....	William E. Hadley....	Nels P. Johnson.....	Winfield S. Marr.
	Beemer,	" 253	Alfred C. Nellor.....	John Nellor.....	Harry A. Crosby.....	Edwin Albright.
	Bassett,	" 254	Mark J. Lipman.....	Pearl H. Davis.....	Harry E. Artus.....	Fred N. Morgan.
	Bradshaw,	" 255	Emile C. Roggy.....	George B. Steadman..	James M. Hamilton....	Chancy B. Palmer, Jr.
230	Hickman,	" 256	Joseph M. Swiggart....	Jonas H. Teegarden..	Claude L. Morrison....	Aaron J. Vail.
	Holbrook,	" 257	Albert W. Schroeder....	Harvey C. Bible.....	Charles G. Frazier....	Albert Phillipson.
	Anselmo,	" 258	John J. Tooley.....	Ira M. Foster.....	James R. Bolin.....	Chalmers G. Empfield.
	Bee,	" 259	Arthur Soss.....	James Kudrna.....	Whitwood J. Batchelder.	Jerome Greenawalt.
	Springview,	" 260	John W. McLeran.....	Lewis A. Wilson.....	Clarence A. Ripley....	John Scheie.
235	Ornan,	" 261	Charles H. Ware.....	George E. Armour....	James T. Wood.....	Charles W. Goodell.
	Endeavor,	" 262	Samuel R. Smith.....	Charles M. Goben.....	Fremont C. Smith.....	Charles H. Russell.
	Mitchell,	" 263	.....	.....	.....	.....

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Lodge:

Herewith we submit our report on correspondence. We have reviewed all of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions received before sending our manuscript to the printer. Statistics will be found in a table appended, and are so placed to be more convenient for reference than if mingled with the body of the report.

CHARLES J. PHELPS,
For the Committee.

ALABAMA, 1906.

December 4th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, the eighty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. E. Benjamin M. Jacobs, Deputy Grand Master, with all the living Grand Officers, and representatives from three hundred and sixty-eight of the four hundred and forty-five lodges, in attendance.

In his address the Deputy Grand Master, who had been the active head of the Order during nearly all of the year, owing to the sickness, first, and afterwards, the death of their Grand Master, M. W. Henry H. Matthews, who died June 6th, 1906, pays loving fraternal tribute to his memory, as also to the memory of their Senior Grand Deacon, R. W. Edward S. Gatchell, who died May 2d, 1906.

The Deputy Grand Master reports that the year has been one of unparalleled prosperity and of unprecedented growth to the Fraternity in that jurisdiction. He had granted dispensations for the organization of twenty-seven new lodges, and he had constituted twenty lodges chartered at the preceding annual communication. He had dedicated a new Masonic Temple at Birmingham, and a new Masonic Hall at Guntersville. He had granted a number of special dispensations for the usual purposes, including some to confer degrees out of time, and he reports the laying of a number of corner-stones.

When the startling announcement of the great earthquake and fire at San Francisco, April 18th, 1906, was made, the acting Grand Master, together with the heads of other Grand Masonic Bodies of Alabama, wired the subordinate bodies to hold special meetings and take up the subject of relief for San Francisco, and in an astonishingly short time \$3,883.88 was raised for that purpose.

He reports decisions from which we extract:

2. A subordinate Lodge, as such, has no communication with the outside world, and therefore should not give an official endorsement to a brother who is an applicant for a position under the Govern-

ment or a Corporation. This does not apply to the individual members of such Lodge, nor prevent them mentioning his Masonic standing.

6. The presence of either the Master or one of the Wardens is necessary, not only to open and close the Lodge, but also during its session, for the transaction of business and conferring of degrees.

12. Jurisdiction over residents of this State is exclusive, and no subordinate Lodge has the power to waive such jurisdiction in favor of a Lodge in a Sister Grand Jurisdiction.

13. A Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction cannot make Masons of profanes living in another Grand Jurisdiction, even though jurisdiction may be waived by a Lodge in such other Grand Jurisdiction.

14. Persons initiated, passed or raised in violation of the foregoing two edicts are irregularly made Masons, and must be "healed" before being entitled to the rights and privileges of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

He eloquently urges the duty of establishing a Masonic Home in Alabama, saying:

In almost every Grand Jurisdiction of our country, there is already established or in contemplation, a Masonic Widows and Orphans Home and why not in Alabama? We would only be performing a duty enjoined upon every Mason, a duty he owes to himself and to every Mason. It would not be dispensing charity, neither would it be the doling out of alms. The influence of Masonry has wrought much good the world over. It was a factor in the very foundation of our Republic. It has at all times upheld the law and aided in the administration of justice. It has kept pace with the rapid advancement of civilization and it has softened the horrors of war. It has promoted friendship and brotherly love, but the greatest and most glorious achievement of Alabama Masonry will be the establishment of a Widows and Orphans Home in this Grand Jurisdiction. It will stand as a perpetual monument to the generosity, benevolence and wisdom of our fraternity.

The Grand Lodge extended recognition to the new Grand Lodge of Alberta, but "for the present" denies recognition to the Grand Lodge "Valle de Mexico."

The other business of the Grand Lodge was routine and of local interest only.

Brother William Y. Titcomb presents another excellent report on correspondence, covering two hundred and sixty-nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-three Grand Lodges, with Alberta at the head. Nebraska, 1906, receives generous fraternal consideration. Commenting on one of our decisions involving an objection before ballot, and the erroneous action of the Master in allowing the petition to be withdrawn without a ballot, he says: "In Alabama, a petition received can be disposed of only by ballot," which is the law of Nebraska, as the writer understands it, and we construe the Nebraska decision as involved.

The writer confesses that he probably did not properly distinguish our brother's distinction between our good brothers in Mexico, "striving to make Mexican Masonry what it ought to be," and the Grand Body itself, and that, as explained, he was not inconsistent. He and Brother Kuykendall are arguing question, as to whether proposed amendments to the constitution should be submitted to the lodges, and are considering

the question of whether the Grand Lodge is the creature of the lodges, or the lodges the creatures of the Grand Lodge, and have wisely concluded that both propositions are true, for while the Grand Lodge does create lodges, the Grand Lodge in the first instance was created by lodges. But we think that in every Grand Lodge constitution that we have examined, it is declared that the Grand Lodge possesses *supreme* legislative *authority*, and that being true we never could understand the necessity for referring an amendment to the lodges. We are glad to find the latter view sustained in some Masonic jurisdictions.

We are glad to find our brother friendly to the Australasian Grand Lodges, in his commendation of the noble work of charity maintained in those provinces.

M. : W. : Benjamin M. Jacobs, Birmingham, is Grand Master.

R. : W. : George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, is Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA, 1906.

November 13th, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Phoenix, the twenty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. : W. : Edwin S. Miller, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from seventeen of the nineteen chartered lodges in attendance.

From the opening of the Grand Master's address we extract historical matter:

To our Silver anniversary I extend to you all a most cordial and fraternal greeting. On the 13th day of November, 1882, in the City of Tucson, was held the first Annual Communication of this M. W. Grand Body, attended by representatives from the five Chartered Lodges that then constituted the total number in our Territory. The membership of our Lodges at that time being 305.

Several members are present today who were in attendance at that meeting, some have moved from our jurisdiction while others have been cut down by the scythe of time and gathered to the Land where their fathers had gone before them. Among those who served as Grand officers of that first annual meeting, who have passed to the Great Beyond, are P. G. M. John Taber Alsap, W. James Albert Zabriskie, W. Thomas Jefferson Butler, W. and Rev. Charles J. Hendley, W. Josiah Pool and W. James McCandless Elliott. Their work was most ably and wisely done, the corner stone laid at that time was good work and true.

When we stop for one moment to consider how we today, find fault and think we are enduring a great hardship, if perchance on our way to attend our annual meetings, which in most cases only require a few hours ride, we are unable to secure a good comfortable bed to sleep in while en route, and then compare the long, dusty, uncomfortable and sleepless stage rides, beset with many dangers, that were taken by our pioneer brethren, who with fortitude faced peril and danger to be in attendance at those early meetings. It is difficult for us today who only read or hear of them, to realize.

He reported the granting of several special dispensations and laid before the Grand Lodge the plan of a card certificate disclosed in a correspondence with the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and recommended the consideration of the adoption of such a regulation to safeguard the

lodges against the admittance of imposters. But the Committee on Jurisprudence did not take kindly to the plan, remarking that:

The possession of a "Card Receipt" would not be a guarantee that the brother holding it was not suspended or expelled; nor would the Grand Secretary's certificate on the back be evidence that the charter of the lodge had not been arrested. The desire for these changes in old customs and methods, no doubt, arises because members see things used by other societies and, therefore, think that Masonry is not up with the "spirit of the times" unless She adopts each new-fangled invention. It may be that in this case the desire of a printer for new business is responsible. There is nothing in our constitution or by-laws to prevent a lodge from issuing a card or any other form of receipt it sees proper to use.

Our constitution provides for the issuance of a diploma by the Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, showing, that at the time of issuance, the brother named therein is a Master Mason in good standing. This is documentary evidence, and your committee does not believe that any Grand Lodge, or its constituent lodges, would reject it. To rule otherwise would be to say that one Grand Lodge could legislate for another, or that a member from Arizona would have to carry a variety of receipts suiting the whim or fancy of each Grand Lodge he might wish to visit.

There is no report on correspondence.

M.:W.:Herbert Brown, Tucson, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:George J. Roskrige, Tucson, is Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1905.

November 21st, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, the sixty-third regular communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Styles T. Rowe, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, a large number of permanent members, and a great many representatives from the chartered lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master's address declares, in the first place, that prosperity abounds throughout his beloved state and our great nation; that no Past Grand Officer has died in that jurisdiction during the year, but death has claimed 332 of their brethren, to the widows and orphans of whom he tenders deepest sympathy.

He reports the granting of dispensations for twenty-three new lodges, and a great number of special dispensations for the usual purposes, some of which were "to make Masons of men who had been mutilated or maimed," but, he says: "After a careful consideration of the subject, I have reached the conclusion that it would be for the good of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction for us to return to the Landmarks of the order, in reference to physical defects in candidates." Knowing that the landmarks exclude the "mutilated" it seems strange that he would hurry them through by special dispensation. The "consideration" and "conclusion" coming as an afterthought were really of no practical value. But he proceeds:

Masonry teaches Charity, but this Grand Jurisdiction cannot afford to become a hospital for the lame and the maimed of the whole world.

We are willing to shoulder more than our proportion of the burdens, imposed by the laws of Charity, if burdens at all, but we cannot take care of all the lame and the maimed, no difference how much we may desire to do so.

The presumption is, and I must say it is well founded, that every Grand Jurisdiction in the world will adhere strictly to the well established Landmarks of the order, and wherever and whenever any Grand Jurisdiction departs from the Landmarks, it must of necessity stand solitary and alone in the assumption of all the burdens attendant upon such departure.

When it came to decisions, he says he "was anxious to immortalize" himself "by rendering one or two Masonic opinions." Many questions were submitted, but Fay Hempstead's digest covered every point, and his ambition was nipped in the bud.

We are glad to find the prospect of a Masonic Home is so good. He says: "The establishment of a suitable Masonic Home for the education of the orphans of Master Masons, is the earnest desire of nearly every Mason in Arkansas. That this desire will be fully realized in the near future cannot longer be doubted." He had visited several lodges, how many he does not say. He pays tribute to the Order of the Eastern Star, and breaks forth in many a familiar phrase, extolling Masonry and urging his brethren to live up to its high standard.

The Grand Secretary had on his table many matters, such as are usually referred to in the annual address; these, together with the address, were sent to the committees. The Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother Fay Hempstead, in his annual report sets out quite fully the year's business.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence had before it the applications of several foreign Grand Bodies; two were favorably considered, namely, the Grand Lodge of Queensland and the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, and the Grand Lodge extended fraternal recognition.

R. W. Brother F. G. Lindsey, Grand Orator, delivered an address, full of good things, entertaining and instructive; setting forth in simple yet beautiful words and phrases the tenets and teachings of Masonry. We extract a single paragraph:

Freemasonry has now arrived at a period in its history when the prosperity of the order demands a deeper insight into its character and teachings. In this American country, in the past, Masons have contented themselves with the outward and material form of the institution, not knowing in what ideas the system had its origin and birth, and what truths were symbolized by its rites. The advanced intelligence and culture of the present age requires more than this. The questioning spirit of the times demands a reason for this and a reason for that.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. A. B. Grace, Pine Bluff, is Grand Master.

R. W. Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, is Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1906.

June 21st, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Victoria, the thirty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Thomas J. Armstrong, Grand Master, with most of the Grand Officers, a considerable number of permanent members, and representatives from the chartered lodges, in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master congratulates his brethren on the prosperous condition of Freemasonry in their Grand Jurisdiction, and expresses gratitude that death has not taken any of the officers or past officers of the Grand Lodge during the year.

He reports ten decisions, all good law, we think, but the Grand Lodge, at the instance of the committee to which they were referred, overruled the following one: The loss of the little and ring finger of the right hand does not bar a person from making application to a lodge.

We suppose the candidate got the degrees before the Grand Lodge was reached. If so he is in luck, but the poor fellow down in South Carolina was not as fortunate. He could not be made a Mason, because, forsooth, he was minus *one* little toe.

The Grand Master reports the granting of dispensations for two new lodges, and specials to a considerable number for the usual purposes, and he did a commendable service by officially visiting a goodly number of his lodges.

Because of the absence and disability of the three principal officers of a lodge, he authorized a Past Master, as his deputy, to preside over the lodge during such vacancy; a very proper, indeed, the only lawful way, to carry on the affairs of the lodge.

The District Deputy Grand Masters, eight in number, performed their respective duties in inspecting and instructing the lodges and made good reports.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was duly recognized. We note that this was done on the 21st day of June. We have looked forward in the volume under review, and see that Brother W. A. DeWolf-Smith says, under Nebraska, in his report on correspondence, about that day submitted, that Nebraska had not recognized Alberta, and we have a good one on him, for sixteen days before that and on the 5th day of June, 1906, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, adopting this written recommendation, fully recognized the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Two lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and one was continued under dispensation.

R.:W.:Brother W. A. DeWolf-Smith again presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and seventy-one pages and reviewing the proceedings of seventy Grand Lodges.

The review is very full and evinces an extended knowledge of Freemasonry, its organization and laws. Nebraska, 1905, receives fraternal and liberal consideration. He takes exception to our Grand Lodge's holding that a brother from Sweden could not be received into one of

our lodges, because formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Sweden by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska had not been extended, remarking:

We do not think this ruling is sound, either. The Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Sweden might not indulge in "fraternal relations," and yet a Brother from Sweden might be eligible to affiliate in Nebraska. The question of eligibility, we think, depends, not on the maintenance of fraternal relations, but on the recognition of the regularity of the Lodge from which the applicant hails.

His views seem reasonable. He does not think that a brother who has cast a black ball, by mistake, has a right to make it known. We do, for, when, as in the case referred to, only one appeared, a black cube, and there was no doubt in the case, the mistake should be corrected. Indeed, should not every mistake be corrected?

He still insists that this writer should definitely answer his query: 1st, Could Washington have done worse than to go to England, for authority, in the so-called Negro Masonry, embraced by the Grand Lodge of Washington. We say she could hardly have done worse, as to authority in the particular case involved, because it was the Grand Lodge of England that violated Masonic law by granting a charter to some seven negroes who claimed to have been made Masons in a military lodge, connected with an English army, occupying Boston in the days of our American Revolution, and seven civilians, whereas by Masonic law, such an army lodge could not make Masons, outside of its ranks. It was from this brood that all the negro lodges sprang. And the Washington resolutions referred to this particular origin, and every Grand Lodge, or nearly every one, in the United States, had declared such to be clandestine,—Massachusetts in particular, in whose jurisdiction the crime was committed, and the Grand Lodge of England repudiated the lodge, by subsequently striking it from her rolls.

2nd, "Is all Masonry derived from England?" We say that all Masonry does not come from England. All of its present organized forms do, but as we recollect our reading, Dr. Anderson compiled the ancient constitution, and charges, not only from the Ancient Craft in Great Britain, but "over seas," and his work was adopted by the old Grand Lodge of England soon after its organization and in 1723.

M.·W.·James Hargrave Schofield, Trail, is Grand Master.

V.·W.·Robert B. Brett, Victoria, is Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA, 1906.

October 9th, at Calvary Church, in the city of San Francisco, the fifty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Motley H. Flint, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from two hundred and forty chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master speaks of the bravery of their citizens in undertaking to build anew the places laid waste by earthquake and fire, "more solid and substantial than before." He pays

loving fraternal tribute to the memory of two Past Grand Masters who had died during the year, M. W. William Johnston, on November 14th, 1905, and M. W. Hiram N. Rucker, on December 13th, 1905. Their entire Grand Lodge records, and all papers connected with the Grand Secretary's office, were destroyed at the time of the earthquake and fire, hence many of the details of the year's work are lacking in the Grand Master's report. Notwithstanding the great calamity, the general condition of Masonry, he says, is most satisfactory in every respect; seven lodges have been constituted, nine have been instituted under dispensation, and one carried over. Special communications have been held to lay, in all, ten corner-stones, and to dedicate two new Masonic Temples, and a goodly number of special dispensations have been issued for the usual purposes.

He speaks of the work of their several boards of relief: that of Los Angeles received a bequest of \$45,196.99 for its ordinary work. He urges the importance of publishing rosters of membership, saying that, during their relief work following the disaster of earthquake and fire, hundreds of applications were made by Masons of that jurisdiction for relief, and they had no data to work upon except the proceedings of 1904, the last published that gave the list of members.

Grand Master Flint reports fully upon all the important matters pertaining to the Craft, but we pass on to his additional report on the relief of the sufferers by earthquake and fire. It is a wonderful work, and the account he gives must stir every Craftsman who reads it with gratitude that he belongs to a Fraternity that rises to the cry of distress as no other organization among men does. Over three hundred and fifty thousand dollars were received by him and the relief boards for the purpose of aiding the distress incident to the disaster of April 18th, 1906. He says: "Any person, be he Mason, Christian or pagan, was promptly supplied with needed food, milk and coffee. This same condition prevailed at every food station opened under charge of the Masonic Fraternity." In many other ways relief was afforded. The work of relief carried on at San Francisco and in Oakland, organized by Masons and carried out by willing members of our Fraternity, will ever be cherished in the memory of those participating in it, and the published account of it will be read with loving interest by all good men everywhere.

From every Grand Masonic jurisdiction in this country, came liberal sums of money; Pennsylvania sent \$20,933.25, New York \$41,407.50. From Canada, Ireland, Mexico, and far away South Australia, and from miscellaneous Masonic bodies the money poured in upon the Grand Master and his relief organizations. We extract:

As disastrous and sorrowful as was the calamity, it had its good effect in making all as one family and binding the tie of brotherly love and fraternity stronger. It knew no station in life, all, like the teachings of Masonry, were of an equality; they met upon the level and parted on the square—such a square as had never before dawned on men—not even Craftsmen who suffered, to realize the full meaning and intent of that teaching. Moreover, it brought an old and sacred Order to the front rank of respect and esteem. The profane opened their eyes in wonder-

ment, and their very looks indicated that Masonry amounted to something after all, unless how could they, who were members of it, succor those who had belittled and defiled it, and treat all as if of their own fold. The parable of the good Samaritan was brought home to them, as it never was before; and while our Craft needs no commendation, no thanks, nor testimonial, it is gratifying to know that its principles and teachings have found favor with many who heretofore have abhorred what they term "Secret Societies." Willingly day after day, with joyful mein, the little band of workers—the gleaners in the Lord's vineyard of help and assistance,—toiled without murmur, and it was only when it was found that storage for food became the question, that it was decided to limit the distribution to Masons and their families only. As previously stated, our good brethren of Oakland and Alameda County were supplying us with untold quantities of food of every description, even to thousands of loaves of bread, as well as appetizing boxes of cooked foods made up in a generous way, and tons of fruit. Not to be outdone, and feeling assured that a Masonic distributing station had been established (the telegraph lines up to this time being broken, and even mail facilities and telephone communication dis-established) our loyal and ever ready brethren of the beautiful southland—Los Angeles—and contiguous places—started food relief trains to this city, via Alameda county, which trains were supplemented by others from Fresno, Tulare, Sacramento, Marysville, Chico, Red Bluff, Redding and every portion of the state—thousands untouched by shake or fire—and in this way, food, carloads of clothing, bedding and other comforts and necessities were delivered to the station in this city as quickly as steamer and other modes of traffic could bring them. We, ourselves, Californians as we are, used to prodigious liberality, were even dazzled by the quantities of provender showered upon us. As grateful as were the poor profane who were receiving bounty at our hand, so much more grateful were we, and pen nor tongue cannot find words to say what we would have said, could we have reached any and all of God's thoughtful angels—those remembering our sad plight and with bounteous offerings caring for our then necessary and instant welfare. Our gratitude was silent, but our prayers for their every success in life made amends for what we did not publicly proclaim. Kindly and fraternal acts such as these do not a little to draw together in the bonds of peace, harmony and lasting friendship all of the human race, and is hastening the time when

"Man to man the world o'er
Shall brothers be for a'that."

Much of the volume of proceedings is taken up with the work of relief boards engaged in alleviating the distress.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer show that in the ordinary affairs of the Craft, great prosperity attends their labors. The receipts for the year amount to \$73,264.35, \$33,769.00 of which was for their Masonic Home, and the balance, \$39,495.35, was passed to the credit of the general fund.

The Grand Lodge held its annual communication because of the loss of its old quarters, by quake and fire, in a Christian Church, a most appropriate thing to do. Our Fraternity had, in that city, exemplified the great teaching of Christian charity and brotherly love, and the offering of a church for its annual meeting, was a graceful acknowledgment by the church of the services rendered to God's children in the time of their dire distress.

M.:W.:Brother William A. Davies submits the report on correspondence, covering sixty-four pages. He explains that he had not intended doing so, but owing to the Grand Master's request, finally consented. We regret that he regards it as his final report, for we have always read with great interest his reviews and regret that we cannot look forward to more of them.

M.:W.:Edward H. Hart, San Francisco, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:George Johnson, San Francisco, is Grand Secretary.

CANADA, 1906.

July 18th, in the city of Toronto, the fifty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:James H. Burritt, Grand Master, with a large number of officers, and representatives from three hundred and thirty-three of the three hundred and ninety chartered lodges, in attendance.

Unexampled prosperity, the Grand Master reports, and he believes that, through the zeal of their District Deputy Grand Masters, absolute uniformity in the authorized work prevails throughout the jurisdiction.

M.:W.:Brother R. T. Walkem, Past Grand Master, died March 23d, 1906, and to his memory loving fraternal tribute is paid.

Grand Master Burritt had sent a message of sympathy and, later, a thousand dollars to the California sufferers by earthquake and fire. In addition to the four lodges under dispensation, continued by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, he had instituted four new ones. He reports a large number of special dispensations and the laying of three corner-stones; five district lodges, well attended, had been held and he had officially visited a great many of his lodges. He speaks of the new Grand Lodge of Alberta, and of the presence of the Grand Master of Manitoba, at the installation of its officers, and significantly approves of the generous action of the latter as a "magnificent commentary upon the experience of some other Grand Lodges, when seeking recognition by other Grand Jurisdictions." We are glad to note this and infer from his words a hearty sympathy with the Grand Lodges in Australia. From his rulings we copy the following:

Learning that some Masters of lodges were in the habit of grouping their candidates for degrees, I was obliged to rule, by means of a circular to the lodges, as follows:

1. In the 1st degree, take them separately up to and inclusive of the charge in the northeast corner.
2. In the 2nd degree, take them separately up to and inclusive of the obligation and the explanation of the altered position of the lights on the altar.
3. In the 3rd degree, take them separately up to and inclusive of the rising "of the bright morning star."
4. That the advancement of any candidates could only be made when the warrant was present, and the conferring of a degree in an adjoining room simultaneously with the working of a degree in the lodge room was illegal and must be discontinued.

Two hundred and twenty-six pages of the volume of proceedings are occupied by the very full reports of the twenty-two District Deputy Grand Masters. Six of the lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and three were continued under dispensation. The Grand Lodges of Alberta and Queensland were heartily recognized, and an exchange of representatives was ordered.

M.:W.:Brother Henry Robertson submits the report on correspondence covering ninety-four pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-three Grand Lodges. The report ably presents the more important matters by extracts, and with comment showing an extensive knowledge of Masonic history and the law governing our institution.

M.:W.:James H. Burritt, Pembroke, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:Hugh Murray, Hamilton, is Grand Secretary.

COLORADO, 1906.

September 18th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver, the forty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Charles F. Painter, Grand Master, with all but one of its Grand Officers present, and a large attendance of permanent members and representatives from the chartered lodges.

As the first thing in the way of business, the Grand Representatives were invited to the East, where they were received and welcomed by the Grand Master. Responding, M.:W.:Brother William D. Wright, on behalf of the Grand Representatives, discusses favorably the system, as distinctively Masonic, beneficial to the Fraternity, and to be maintained, and in closing says:

And, so far as the title and the honor is concerned—speaking now, not for myself, but for these distinguished Brethren about me—it is, I think, clearly evident that the honor is usually worthily bestowed, and only on those who for many years have been zealous laborers for the Craft. And this, in itself, is in the nature of a useful lesson, taught in Masonry's symbolic way, especially for the benefit and encouragement of the younger Brethren.

Most Worshipful Sir, we thank you for your courteous and fraternal greeting, which we will be happy to communicate to the several Grand Jurisdictions which we have the honor to represent. We are pleased to report to you that Masonic harmony prevails throughout all foreign Jurisdictions. We are glad to note that like harmony prevails in Colorado Masonry, and that the Craft in this Jurisdiction has been since the pioneer days, and till is, in safe hands, and we trust, through the guidance of God, it may ever so continue.

In opening his address the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their Past Grand Master, M.:W.:Brother Albert H. Branch, who died at his home in Denver, December 6th, 1905, and R.:W.:John Humphreys, Senior Grand Warden, who died at his home in Trinidad, on April 25th, 1906.

He reports the granting of dispensations for three new lodges, and many special dispensations for the usual purposes. He reports no decisions, as those made, he says, were practically, in every instance, an

interpretation of the laws of that jurisdiction as set forth in the Book of Constitutions, or were covered by decisions rendered by his predecessors. He reports the making of a great many official visits to his lodges, and of good conditions generally therein. They have in the state several Masonic associations, composed of lodges in the various districts. Several of these he visited and he praises the work they are doing. He had exchanged representatives with several Grand Lodges, and had laid three corner-stones.

R. W. Charles H. Jacobson, Grand Secretary, presents an admirably arranged and complete report of the transactions of his important office; one of the items of which shows contributions to the amount of \$3,754.70 to the San Francisco Relief Fund.

The Grand Lodge extended recognition to the new Grand Lodge of Alberta, but as to Queensland, the committee, Brother Greenleaf, Chairman, did not feel prepared to report fully, expressing the hope that a better feeling and more unanimity may prevail among the bodies interested.

Brother John B. Haffy, Grand Orator, contributes a valuable paper. From it we extract a few passages:

No truer statement can be made than the one so often quoted: "We have heard that Masonry is grand because it is old; but Masonry is old because it is grand."

Dr. John Lord says: "The development of art is an important part of the history of civilization. The influence of art on human culture and happiness is prodigious; any man who contributed largely to its development was a world benefactor. The temple consecrated to the Deity becomes religious as it suggests the ideas and sentiments which kindle the soul to admiration and awe."

It has been said that Freemasonry followed closely wherever civilization was planted. It is my belief, in which I think I am borne out by the history of the world, that Masonry preceded civilization and in most instances was the civilizing influence.

Most of the perplexing problems of society grow out of the lack of sympathy between man and man. Masonry by the power of its unseen and subtle influence has insured a class which can be depended upon to war with selfish interests and to guarantee the rights of others. It binds us together in universal sympathy and points out our whole duty as rational and intelligent beings.

One of the greatest evidences of its influence and power is, that its enemies, who in the past have exerted every effort to destroy it, are now silent; finding no breach by which to attack it, realizing that the world recognizes its utility and the scope of its healthful influence.

The following shows a very thoughtful consideration of absent ones:

The Grand Master stated that Past Grand Masters George K. Kimball and William D. Todd were ill and appointed the following committees to visit them:

To visit Brother Kimball: M. W. Brothers Chase Withrow, William T. Bridwell and George W. Roe. To visit Brother Todd: M. W. Brothers James H. Peabody, John M. Maxwell and Jethro C. Sanford.

The committees subsequently reported that they had visited Brothers Kimball and Todd and found them convalescing. Both were cheerful and expressed themselves as highly gratified with the attention shown

them by the Grand Lodge and desired the committees to convey to the Grand Lodge their heartfelt thanks.

Senator Henry M. Teller, Past Grand Master, who, although ever since the admission of the state, in 1876, has either represented Colorado in the United States Senate, or has been in the Cabinet at Washington, has always maintained his interest in Freemasonry, submitted a most valuable "Memorial as Regarding the Powers and Privileges of Grand Lodges." It is worthy the study of every one desirous of obtaining a knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence. It was received and is published with the proceedings. At his request it was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with the probability that it will be acted upon at the next annual communication.

M.:W.:Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf submits the report on correspondence, his twenty-second, covering two hundred and twenty-six pages and reviewing the proceeding of sixty-three Grand Lodges. We can do no better, to show its value, than to quote from his conclusion:

The note of Masonic prosperity still resounds, and is prolonged and re-echoed from distant lands and the far-off isles of the Southern seas. The Fraternity has indeed become a world-power in all that makes for progress and the betterment of humanity.

In the direction of charity and loving kindness, it is dotting our own land with homes and shelter for aged and indigent Brethren, their widows and orphans. Where these are deemed impracticable it extends its helping hand through the medium of relief funds established for that purpose. Looking abroad, the charities dispensed by the Grand Lodges of the British Isles are of such munificent proportions as to excite our wonder and admiration. Their progeny, wherever the flag of England floats, following the parental example, make it their first thought to establish permanent Benevolent Funds, and the work of relief accomplished through such means forms a large part of their Proceedings.

M.:W.:Arthur Edgar Jones, Denver, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, is Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT, 1907.

January 16th, at Masonic Hall, in the city of New Haven, the one hundred and nineteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Benjamin F. Turner, Grand Master, with representatives from one hundred and nine of the one hundred and ten chartered lodges, in attendance.

A Past Grand Master of New Jersey, M.:W.:Brother Hamilton Wallace, who was present as a visitor, was introduced and welcomed with Grand Honors and addressed the Grand Lodge.

In opening his address the Grand Master reports that the year 1906 had been one of activity among the lodges, with no case of either grievance or appeal. He pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their late Past Grand Master, M.:W.:Brother Frederick S. Stevens, who died at his residence in Bridgeport, October 17th, 1906; and to the memory of their beloved Brother Miles Wells Graves, Grand Treasurer, who died

at his residence in Hartford, December 13th, 1906. He was also a member and Treasurer of the Board of Managers of their Masonic Home.

The Grand Master reports visiting many of his lodges, but he was obliged, he says, to decline many invitations, as circumstances would not permit his accepting the same. He commends highly the work at the Masonic Home and says that it is the practical result of our order, "whose foundation is charity." He says:

By invitation of the President and Board of Managers, I designated August 15th as Grand Master's day and caused an invitation to be sent each Lodge and 1 Eastern Star Chapter within the state.

The morning was pleasant and not excessively warm when about eighteen hundred assembled to visit and inspect the Home. The arrangements of Brother Rowland were ample for the comfort and enjoyment of the many who accepted the invitation, while the ladies of the Eastern Star of Wallingford provided sufficient lunches that all were served.

He had granted a goodly number of special dispensations, exchanged representatives with other Grand Lodges, speaks of their venerable Veteran Association and its annual gathering at a lake in the hills near Winsted, at which a large attendance gathered, and summarizes the reports of their District Deputies.

The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Andrew J. Hallock, likewise submits a report of active labors during the year, among the lodges.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother John H. Barlow, we learn that the year has been the most prosperous in the history of the Grand Lodge; that the work in his office has been pleasant and plenty, and that he has not been prevented by sickness a single day from attending to his duties. As chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, he recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Valle de Mexico, and the Grand Lodge concurred.

He also submitted his thirteenth annual report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-four pages. Nebraska, 1906, receives generous consideration. Speaking of our law, now repealed, he says: "We have a law in Connecticut which exempts those thirty years a Mason, which we would be glad to see repealed." The writer quoted what Brother Barlow had so often said about the law and the hardship, for he has before said what he now says, that it "exempts nearly twenty-five per cent. of our membership," and this, with our own Grand Secretary's efforts, accomplished the repeal in our Grand Lodge.

Brother Barlow's review, like all his work in the reportorial field, is valuable to the Masonic student.

M. W. Andrew J. Hallock, Bethel, is Grand Master.

M. W. John H. Barlow, Hartford, is Grand Secretary.

COSTA RICA, 1905-6.

For the information of their English speaking brethren, our Costa Rica brethren publish and send out the proceedings of their Grand Lodge in an edition printed in English, for which painstaking they certainly deserve great credit. We remember well that at the organization of

theri Grand Lodge as an independent sovereign Masonic body, this committee received its published proceedings, together with the constitutions, laws and regulations, all published in English and conforming in every provision with Freemasonry as taught in the English speaking world. And this volume now under review attests the true spirit of Masonry.

The Grand Master, M. W. Tomas Povedano, in his messages and addresses, at the several communications of his Grand Lodge, exhibits high ideals. We quote briefly:

But I still venture to claim your attention to another order of work, the tendency of which I desire to ratify, assuming the responsibility for its results. These are three publications that I have formulated with the view of avoiding the descent of Costa Rican Masonry on the inclined plane of Materialism, which today saps the World, and which unhappily obscures the light of our ideals. The titles of the same are as follows: "Address"—"What Freemasonry Is," and "The Existence of the Soul and Freemasonry." In these works I proposed to demonstrate that negligence, and the deviation from our true standpoints and elevated aims, are a gangrene that may extinguish the Institution, if, ignoring the opinions that generally predominate, we lack the courage to face them.

With only palliations and senseless formulæ, we shall see the importance of this Order decline to the point of extinction, in the same manner as every organism, of whatever kind it be, that fails to perform faithfully the part it was destined to realize, always perishes. In order to avoid this, it is necessary for us to penetrate the inner spirit of Masonic teachings, free from all prejudice. Let us keep always before us that Masonry excludes in its affiliated distinctions of religion, nationality, race, rank and social position; that it is a school in which independent intelligence should be formed, thinkers, and sages apt in carrying light to their brothers, with the view to the arrival of a day when, by means of tolerance, respect for rights and fraternal love, we may see reigning in the world an universal morality whose benefits may reach all beings.

M. W. Antonio Castro Q., San José, is Grand Master.

R. W. Diego Povedano, San José, is Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE, 1906.

October 30th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Wilmington, the one hundred and first annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Levin Irving Handy, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, and a large attendance of permanent members and representatives from the chartered lodges.

In opening his address, the Grand Master exhibits warm personal interest and affection for Freemasonry, and especially for the subordinate lodge, and he urges his brethren to keep up their interest in the lodge, to do which, he urges, one must attend and participate in the work thereof.

Among the fraternal dead of his own jurisdiction, to whose memory he pays loving fraternal tribute, one was Past Grand Master James S. Dobb; five others were members of the Grand Lodge.

Four special communications of the Grand Lodge had been held during the year, one to lay a corner-stone, one to dedicate a new Masonic

Hall, one to dedicate a lodge room, and one to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the G and Lodge. Of these occasions the Grand Master peaks in entertaining language. He had visited the G and Lodges of the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York, during their annual communications; and during their own centennial celebration, they entertained Grand Masters and representatives from these and other Grand Jurisdictions, including Connecticut and Virginia. He had visited all his own subordinate lodges, and his heart was filled, he says, with love for Masonry. He thus speaks:

Our centennial year has been one of marked growth in numbers. We initiated 182 and raised 169 Masons. Every Subordinate Lodge has had work to do. I have reason to believe that the men admitted to the secrets of our art this year have been of high quality. This is as it should be. Lust for mere numbers has no proper place among Masonic ambitions and desires. Our strength lies not in the number of our members, but in the quality of our membership. Masonry does not seek to reform and elevate the debased, but rather to band together the manly and upright. It demands that a man be all that a Mason ought to be before he becomes a Mason at all. The use of a black ball may therefore be an imperative Masonic duty. When it is used to keep out of the Lodge a man known to be morally depraved, or of coarse and vulgar fibre, or of contentious and unlovable spirit, the man who casts it has done a real service to the whole Lodge.

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Committee on Correspondence recommending the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Alberta, as a just and lawfully constituted Grand Lodge.

The following discloses an interesting, if not novel, proceeding:

Brethren: Your committee appointed to devise and procure a flag for the M. W. Grand Lodge beg to report that they have performed that duty and have provided a flag of white field with Square and Compasses and letter G emblazoned thereon, and which is now displayed from the roof of this building.

R. W. Brother Lewis H. Jackson submits the report on correspondence, covering eighty-nine pages. It is a very readable paper, concisely presenting all the more important transactions of the Grand Lodges reviewed.

But we are obliged to smile at the serious discussion he engages in, under South Carolina, in a case where a candidate was elected, and afterwards, before taking the first degree, it was discovered that *he had lost one toe*. The degree was not conferred. But, suppose he had received the degree, and another, before the loss of that *poor little toe* had been discovered. It makes one's blood run cold to think of the narrow escape from such an impending calamity. But South Carolina's skirts are clean. The dreadful fact was discovered in time.

Not so in Georgia, for afterwards, this fearfully disfigured man, being a railroad man, and presumably having a domicile in that careless jurisdiction, was given all the three degrees and later sought to visit the

old lodge, in South Carolina. He was recognized, and then trouble began. He is to be proceeded against, and Brother Jackson says he, the mutilated, should be railroaded out as swiftly as possible. It is well that he is a railroad man. South Carolina lodges certainly ought to have, on each of their investigating committees, a chiropodist for greater security.

But we like Brother Jackson's conclusion and agree with what he says:

Our labors in the wide field of Masonic review are ended for another year. We have been happy to note in our tour of the various Grand Masonic jurisdictions of the world the almost universal peace and prosperity prevailing. The growth of Masonry and its sublime influence for good among men the world over is most marvelous and gratifying indeed. We conclude with fraternal congratulations to the Craft everywhere. God be with us all!

M.:W.:Robert K. Stephenson, Wilmington, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Benjamin F. Bartram, Wilmington, is Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1906.

December 19th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Washington, the ninety-sixth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Walter A. Brown, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Deputy Grand Master, who was detained by sickness, and representatives from all but one of the thirty-one chartered lodges, in attendance.

Our Past Grand Master, M.:W.:Brother Milton J. Hull, was present as a visitor and was welcomed by the Grand Master.

In his address the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their deceased Past Grand Masters, M.:W.:Brother Thomas F. Gibbs, who died January 30th, 1906, and M.:W.:George Harold Walker, who died May 5th, 1906.

Under the head of decisions he says:

At the beginning of the year, in a talk with the Masters of the several Lodges, all being present, I took occasion to impress upon them the necessity of familiarizing themselves with the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, Digest of Decisions, and other subjects of value to them in the performance of their duties embraced in the publication of 1905 known as the Masonic Code. To their prompt attention to my suggestion and the intelligent manner in which they have studied this work and their own by-laws I attribute the reason that I have had so few requests for decisions.

Among the few decisions reported we find the following opinion: That objection by a member of a lodge to his lodge's conferring a degree, as an act of courtesy requested by a lodge of another jurisdiction, does not lie in the lodge requested to confer the degree, and that the lodge, by a majority vote, is the judge whether it will confer the degree or not.

Another matter of importance is set forth, we think upon the true basis, in the following:

At a meeting of the Masters' Association in December last I took occasion to say that I was opposed to the granting of dispensations for the conferring of degrees in less than the constitutional period, except in cases of exceptional merit, and asked that such requests be not made until after they had carefully considered the cases and were convinced that the interest of the fraternity would be best subserved by the granting of them. I am pleased to say that my wishes in this respect have been complied with, and I have had but few such requests. Three I have granted, for reasons deemed sufficient to me, but with proper requirements as to notice to the membership of the contemplated action and as to the proficiency of candidates in the preceding degree. In other applications not officially presented, but upon which I have been consulted, the facts not warranting, in my judgment, favorable action, I have been compelled to say that they would not be granted even if properly presented. I cannot too strongly impress upon the Masters the necessity of having applicants "bide their time" and not too hastily acquiesce in the requests of those who desire to rush in such hot haste through the portals of our sanctuary.

What he says of an historical event is of special interest:

During the year I have had to call the Grand Lodge in special communication a number of times to perform some service of a public character, three times in accordance with our obligation "to aid in the erection of public buildings by placing in position the chief corner-stone." The first and perhaps the most interesting event, if for no other reason than on account of its unusual nature and the presence of so many distinguished guests, was the laying of the corner-stone of the House of Representatives Office Building, April 14, 1906. On this occasion there were assembled more people prominent in official, social, and civil life, than could doubtless be gathered together in any other city of our country. There were present the President of the United States, who delivered his famous "muck-rake" speech; the Vice President, the Cabinet, the Speaker of the House, the members of the House and Senate, Ambassadors and other diplomats, officers of the Army and Navy, and a vast concourse numbering about six thousand.

M.:W.:Brother George W. Baird, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presents the report, his seventh, covering one hundred and seventy-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1906, receives generous fraternal consideration.

Brother Baird certainly devotes much time to a study of conditions throughout the Masonic World, is painstaking, accurate in statement, and comments freely, presenting an admirable review.

M.:W.:Francis J. Woodman, Washington, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Arvine W. Johnston, Masonic Temple, Washington, is Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA, 1906.

January 16th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, the seventy-seventh annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Charles W. Johnson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from one hundred and forty nine of the one hundred and fifty-eight chartered lodges, in attendance.

Special communications were held to lay the corner-stone of the Masonic-Pythian Building at Mayo; at Titusville, for the purpose of dedicating Indian River Lodge No. 90; at Jacksonville, to lay the corner-stone of the Springfield Methodist Episcopal Church South; and at Bartow, to lay the corner-stone of the Bartow Methodist Church South.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master assures us that his state is prospering in material things as never before and that Freemasonry is keeping pace. He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their Past Grand Master, Angus Patterson, who died July 26th, 1905. He reports considerable correspondence with the authorities of other Grand Lodges, and the exchange of representatives, the constituting of four newly chartered lodges, and the instituting of four under dispensation, as also the granting of a very large number of special dispensations for the usual purposes. Some he refused, when the reason was that the candidate was in a hurry to press on to the degrees beyond the blue lodge, and in discussing the subject, he says what is not only true, but what should be more generally known:

For some the request was made for the reason that the Brother desired to take the higher degrees by a certain time. A Brother so advanced would never consider the symbolic degrees as anything but stepping stone upon which he was unfortunately obliged to clamber in order to get to his goal, he never would have any conception of the true beauties of Masonry and that here in the Lodge were laid the foundation, yea, the building itself, complete in its grand simplicity.

The beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the other degrees appended to the Blue Lodge teach no new lesson, they merely emphasize the teachings of the first three degrees and fail entirely in their purpose if they fail to make the individual a more zealous Master Mason and impress upon his mind the fact that the foundation of the Masonic edifice is of greater importance than the ornamental cornice.

The Grand Master's decisions present no questions new, or of special interest. He made some official visitations to his lodges, and expresses some happy reflections upon the time thus well spent. Eighteen of the twenty-one District Deputy Grand Masters had made report of faithful service, and receive praise therefor.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to six lodges U. D. .

Their Halifax Lodge No. 81 submitted for approval the following remarkable proposition:

Resolved, That the by-laws of this lodge be amended by adding thereto the following:

That whenever a petition for the degrees in this lodge shall be received from any applicant, the W. M. shall refer it to a committee consisting of three members of the lodge.

He shall notify the Secretary, privately, the names of such committee.

It shall then be the duty of the Secretary to deliver separate notices to each member of such committee, who shall not be informed as to the names of the other members of the committee.

Each member of the committee shall make an individual investigation and report in writing to the Secretary, informing no other person of his action.

The Secretary shall enter on his minutes only the substance of the combined reports and no record shall be made of the names of the committee.

And it is more remarkable that the committee to which it was referred should express "sympathy" with the innovation, in the following report thereon:

Your Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws to whom was referred the proposed amendment to the by-laws of Halifax Lodge, No. 81, after having carefully considered same, beg leave to say that while we are heartily in sympathy with the proposed change, we do not think it feasible or advisable at this time.

It would, in our opinion, necessitate a change in our uniform code, as well as a change in the form of our regular petitions for initiation, and we therefore recommend that it be not approved.

Under Indian Territory, in the report on correspondence, will be found a brief expression of this written objection to such an unheard of violation of the rights of the other members of the lodge.

Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright presents the report, his fifth on correspondence, covering two hundred and fifteen pages, the last eleven pages being devoted to his investigation as to "work by courtesy," a valuable paper. From it we extract:

In the following jurisdictions work by courtesy is permitted, and any or all degrees may be conferred upon the request of any lodge having proper jurisdiction. The work being, as the language would infer, simply as a courtesy to the requesting lodge, to-wit: Colorado, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, North Carolina, Oregon, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Washington. Total, thirty.

Jurisdictions where only E. A. and F. C. may be advanced are as follows: Arkansas, Arizona, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

In only three jurisdictions, viz., Alabama, Maine and Oklahoma, is such work absolutely prohibited.

Brother Wright, in his review of the Grand Lodge of England, reviews the struggle of the rank and file of Freemasons in that Grand Jurisdiction to retain the right to elect the Grand Treasurer, the only officer left to their choice. While they nominally elect the Grand Master, he must be a prince of the ruling family of England.

He also sets forth briefly the joint action of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, with reference to the recognition of new Grand Lodges in the Colonies, radically changing a rule that has obtained ever since the first organization of Grand Lodges under the present system, the new rule being evidently, under the circumstances, wholly selfish. It is calculated to do great injustice to the Grand Lodges in Australasia, and it overturns the rule which has always obtained in our country. It provides that new Grand Lodges having lodges under the constitution of the British Grand Bodies shall not be recognized in

such Colonies, unless two-thirds of the lodges under each jurisdiction shall unite with the same. In one of the Australian jurisdictions, where nearly all the lodges desired to form a new Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Scotland forbade the lodges under its constitution either to discuss, consider, or act upon the proposition to erect a Grand Lodge.

This writer cannot believe that Grand Lodges in this country will sanction the new rule, by refusing or withdrawing recognition to the Grand Bodies in Australasia.

Wright reviews Morcombe on *Porto Rico* and the *Grand Lodge of France*, which he calls Morcombe's pet. Of his special report thereon Wright says he uses "a series of special pleas and ingeniously worded paragraphs seeking to convince us that the Grand Lodge of France, while being true to the ideals of its nation, was, nevertheless, untainted with the peculiar heresies of the Grand Orient."

The review is voluminous, and very interesting, but our limit forbids further excerpts which we would like to make.

M.:W.:Charles W. Johnson, Jacksonville, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, is Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA, 1906.

October 30th, in the City Auditorium, in Macon, the one hundred and twentieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Max Meyerhardt, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from four hundred and seventy-eight of the four hundred and eighty-four chartered lodges in attendance.

From a scene on the Day of Atonement, at the Temple in the city of Jerusalem, which he paints in words glowing with fervent eloquence, the Grand Master draws a parallel with the gathering of his brethren in Grand Lodge assembled. He reports a year of unprecedented prosperity: "A year of growth and progress, a year of unbounded enthusiasm, a year of noble deeds and high endeavor, a year that will live forever in the history of Georgia Masonry." Continuing, he says:

I am supremely happy in announcing to you today that we have promptly met every expense and every obligation incurred during the year. The Home has been maintained in great comfort; an additional servants' room has been built; our Grand Lodge temple has been improved; offices have been equipped and handsomely furnished for the use of the Grand Secretary, and after paying these and all other expenses, and notwithstanding the fact that at our last communication the attendance of Past Masters was the largest ever known in the history of Georgia Masonry, we have in our treasury today a surplus of \$30,000.00, and the sum of \$2,000 in bonds, making a grand total of \$32,000.00. This, I believe, is the largest surplus that has ever accumulated in the treasury of the Grand Lodge of Georgia during the entire period of its existence. During the coming year, from various sources, several thousand dollars more will be added. After paying in full the expenses of this Grand Communication, there ought to be on hand between \$15,000 and \$20,000, which is considerably more than we have ever had before.

He reports many official visits made to his lodges. He reports but few decisions, one only of which do we deem of enough importance to the general reader to notice, in which he held that "if a brother becomes intoxicated on several occasions, even two or three, the act would become habitual within the meaning of the Code" "To become intoxicated even once is unmasonic conduct and should be charged as such." One Master of a lodge, guilty of habitual drunkenness, was tried by a commission appointed by the Grand Master, found guilty, and expelled.

He had granted a great many special dispensations for the usual purposes, and to create new lodges he had granted twenty-one dispensations; each was duly instituted and all received charters at the hands of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master had constituted by proxy, fourteen, chartered at the preceding annual communication. He had laid and caused to be laid seventeen corner-stones. He praises in eloquent words their Masonic Home and the work being accomplished in that institution. An afternoon was spent by the members in a visit to the Masonic Home. The work in the third degree was exemplified, by conferring that degree upon two Fellow Crafts. The Grand Lodge of Alberta received recognition.

The Committee on Jurisprudence thus modified the above noticed decision of the Grand Master: "Habitual drunkenness is such as has become a habit, to be judged by the special circumstances of each case; drunkenness for one time only is a Masonic offense," which was approved.

The Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star was made a member of the Board of Trustees for the Masonic Home of Georgia.

Brother A. Q. Moody presents the report on correspondence, his sixth, covering one hundred and thirty-three pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges. We are sorry that Nebraska did not reach him in time to be included. There is much in the report worthy of commendation, but we cannot agree to his declaration: "If any of the Ancient Landmarks in this enlightened age impede progress, then it would be better to eliminate that part of the Ancient Landmarks," for, in Masonry, such a proposition is no less than rank heresy. Have we not all agreed that "it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to alter or change the landmarks of Masonry, nor to make innovations upon the body of Masonry?" The trouble arises in confounding other regulations, as our brother does in this instance, by discussing the question of physical qualifications, as though the subject was one of landmarks, whereas, of course, it is not. The landmark touching the question of candidate requires, only, "That every candidate for initiation must be a man, free born, and of lawful age."

During the anti-Masonic political crusade against our Fraternity, growing out of the Morgan incident, the wisest counsel given by the ablest opponent of Masonry was, to induce Masons to disregard the landmarks, and John Quincy Adams said, truthfully, that adherence to the ancient landmarks lent an importance to the society which attracted men to the

institution more than anything else, and to break down any one of them would result in the destruction of the whole. But Adams, from 1836 to the day of his death (February 23d, 1848), never published another harsh word upon the subject. The greater Adams, John Adams, second President of the United States, though not a Mason, in a letter to the Masons of Boston in 1798, said: "I have never had the felicity to be initiated into Masonry, but, I hold the institution in esteem and honor as favorable to the support of civil authority, the love of the fine arts, hospitality and devotion to humanity." In Holy Writ is the commandment: "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set up." Equally prohibitive is the law of Masonry, of which every Mason should take due notice and govern himself accordingly.

M. W. Max Meyerhardt, Rome, is Grand Master.

R. W. William A. Wolihin, Macon, is Grand Secretary.

IDAHO, 1906.

September 11th, in Masonic Hall in the city of Boise, the thirtieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Jeremiah W. Robinson, Grand Master, with twelve Grand Officers, and representatives from twenty-five of the thirty-six chartered lodges in attendance.

In his annual address the Grand Master pays tribute to the memory of their Past Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Alexander Rossi, who died at Boise, February 22d, 1906, at the age of seventy-seven years, a member of the first lodge organized in Idaho, in territorial days.

He reports having officially visited all but about five of his lodges, and gives an interesting account of his mingling with the brethren, and says that good and uniform work is being done throughout the jurisdiction, and he highly compliments the ladies of the Eastern Star.

He instituted four lodges under dispensations and constituted one newly chartered lodge and convened the Grand Lodge on two occasions to lay corner-stones, one for a court house, and the other for a Methodist church.

Grand Master Robinson reports a good many decisions, from which we quote the following as of more than ordinary interest:

No. 3. Question. Should a committee appointed by the Master to investigate the character of a petitioner for the degrees of Masonry, confer with the applicant in making their investigations?

Reply. The investigation should proceed, as far as possible, without the knowledge or assistance of the petitioner. The application, if properly executed, lays sufficient foundation upon which to base an investigation. The report should be thorough and just, and without fear or favor. I am of the opinion that this can be best accomplished without the committee disclosing its identity to the applicant.

Reply. Under the practice in this Jurisdiction, when the lodge is open on either degree it is necessary to close in due form before opening on another, and therefore it is not correct to call to refreshments for that purpose, nor to call from one degree to another. All business to come before the lodge at a stated meeting should be disposed of before closing on the third degree.

No. 5. Question. Can a lodge elect as its Master a brother who does not hold a certificate of efficiency from the Grand Lecturer?

Reply. No brother is eligible for Master unless he has a certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or his deputy, affirming his ability to give the Idaho work entire.

No. 7. Question. Our lodge has been requested by a lodge of another Jurisdiction to confer the second and third degrees upon a resident of this place, who has received the first degree at his former home in the lodge aforesaid. The brother has resided here about two years, and is not regarded by our members as fit material, in fact if he had originally applied here I feel sure that he would not have been admitted. What are we to do under the circumstances?

Reply. If you consider the party unworthy to be a Mason, refuse to confer the degrees upon him. Notify his lodge of the fact, giving your reasons therefor.

The address, as a whole, evidences great zeal and good judgment.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Theophilus W. Randall, submits a very full report, reviewing transactions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge in as full a manner, and including what is usual in the Grand Master's address, covering fifteen pages.

The Grand Treasurer's report, among other things, discloses an Orphan's Fund of \$45,054.01, which is certainly very creditable for a jurisdiction with a membership of only a little over two thousand.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to four lodges under dispensation, approved the Grand Master's decisions, considered favorably all the conclusions and recommendations of the Grand Secretary, and directed that \$500.00 be sent to the Grand Master of California for the relief of earthquake sufferers.

A roster of the lodges is published with the proceedings.

Brother George E. Knepper presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1905, receives fraternal consideration, but he does not like our law, saying:

It appears that Nebraska denies the right of dimission from a lodge except to join another lodge. Our opinion of this law is not based on ancient usage but on common sense. If he does not wish to continue membership in any lodge it is his right and privilege to withdraw if clear on the books. Any other doctrine is wrong, hence unmasonic.

Virtually acknowledging the fact that it is based on ancient Masonic custom, in fact, it finds its duty, obligation, and authority in the ancient charges, compiled by Anderson, how can our brother logically say that it is "unmasonic?" If our Masonic obligations of obedience are meaningless, and the "free will and accord" theory follows the profane into his new relations, and overrides the duties solemnly assumed, then some of us have entirely mistaken the duty of a member of our Fraternity. The term "free will and accord" has been made use of and applied in a sense entirely foreign to its true connection and in an altogether illogical and hackneyed application.

We are especially pleased that Brother Knepper presents the conditions in so favorable a light as he does, in the various Australasian Grand

Lodges. The Grand Lodges of England and Scotland are pursuing a course so at variance with the almost universal understanding of the Masonic World, that it is attracting the attention of Masonic students, and generally the Grand Lodges in Australasia are receiving that encouragement which is so justly their due.

M. W. William F. Smith, Mountainhome, is Grand Master.

R. W. Theophilus W. Randall, Boise, is Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS, 1906.

October 2d, at Medinah Temple, in the city of Chicago, the sixty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Chester E. Allen, Grand Master, with eight hundred and forty-eight representatives from the chartered lodges, together with officers and permanent members, numbering in all nine hundred and fifty-two in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master sets forth substantial progress in all that pertains to Freemasonry in that jurisdiction for the year, and in an increase in membership of 4,960. He had constituted five newly chartered lodges, dedicated six new halls, laid ten corner-stones, instituted five lodges under dispensation, and continued one instituted the year preceding, and had issued a good many special dispensations. From the address, we extract what involves a matter of general interest:

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg bearing date of December 27, 1905, was received containing the complaint of one of its constituent lodges, "Zu den drei Sternen," that one of its members had been refused admission to a lodge of Illinois, notwithstanding the fact that he had presented a valid certificate that he was a brother of the third degree. This matter was referred to Most Worshipful Bro. Joseph Robins, Committee on Masonic Correspondence, and at his suggestion I directed R. W. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary, to make the following reply, which was done:

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., U. S. A., February 3, 1906.

With Schwank, Grand Secretary, Hamburg, Germany:

DEAR SIR:—The letter of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, of December 27, 1905, covering the complaint of one of its constituent lodges, "Zu den drei Sternen," that one of its members had been refused admission to Illinois lodges notwithstanding he had proved by a valid certificate that he was a brother of the third degree, has been laid before the Grand Master, the M. W. Chester E. Allen, who directs me to say:

First. That lodges in Illinois are not permitted to admit as visitors those whose claim to the Masonic character rests on documentary evidence alone.

Second. That neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge has the power in this jurisdiction to compel a lodge to admit a visitor who is not *persona grata* to all the members, no matter how thoroughly his Masonic status has been established, the rule being that the objection of a single member will exclude him and that such objection cannot be overruled.

Third. That however willing all the members of an Illinois lodge might be personally to admit as a visitor a member of a lodge belonging to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, they could not do so under existing conditions. It can hardly have escaped the attention of the memory of your Grand Lodge that when the Grand Lodge of New York had occasion to protest against the invasion of its otherwise universally recognized juris-

diction by the planting within its territory of a daughter lodge by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in common with all other Grand Lodges in the United States of America, interdicted all Masonic intercourse between Illinois lodges and Masons and the lodges and individual Masons of the obedience of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. That edict is still in full force, and so tenacious of the absolute exclusiveness of their jurisdictional rights within their own boundaries, are the Grand Lodges of this continent, that there seems to Grand Master Allen not even a remote possibility that the interdict will be lifted so long as the lodges whose establishment evoked it, are maintained by your authority.

The Grand Master therefore most earnestly hopes that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg may see its way clear to take the initiative in rendering, so far as Grand Lodge action may do, the recurrence of the events complained of by you, improbable if not impossible.

With the assurance of my highest personal consideration, I have the honor to remain,

Yours sincerely,

J. H. C. DILL,
Grand Secretary.

From his decisions we quote one of more than usual interest: .

4. A lodge of a sister jurisdiction requested a lodge of this jurisdiction to confer the Master Mason's degree upon a Fellow Craft of the first lodge, residing within the jurisdiction of the second. The request was duly presented to the lodge, and upon motion made and carried, was granted. A member then filed an objection to the candidate's presence in the lodge. Held that the candidate as such could not be classed as a visitor, and that the objection in itself was not sufficient to prevent him from receiving the degree.

The reports of the superintendents of their Masonic Homes, and other data, show a good work being carried on in that Grand Jurisdiction, supported by the Grand Lodge and liberal donations and bequests.

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta, upon the recommendation of M. W. Brother Joseph Robbins for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was duly recognized, providing for an interchange of representatives.

The following proposed amendment of the Grand Lodge by-laws lies over for action at the next annual communication:

SECTION 6. In addition to the supervision and management of the Homes, the Board of Trustees, either independently or in connection with a local lodge is authorized to arrange for or assist in the care of worthy distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans, in their own homes or in private families in the vicinity thereof. The Board in its discretion may make the granting of aid in such cases conditional upon the payment by the local lodge upon which the beneficiary is masonically dependent, of such percentage of the expense as the Board after full investigation may deem equitable. The money necessary for carrying out the provisions of this section shall be drawn from such part of the Charity Fund provided by Section 1, Article 25, Part 2, of the Grand Lodge By-Laws, as may be set apart for this purpose by action of the Grand Lodge.

Ten lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and one was continued U. D. .

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois holds that under the law of Masonry no visitor can be admitted to a lodge whose claim to the Masonic status rests on documentary evidence alone.

Resolved, That it has for many years been the well settled law of this jurisdiction, that neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge has the power to compel a lodge to admit a visitor against the objection of a member thereof, even though such visitor be known and recognized by all the members as a lawful Mason.

M. W. Brother Joseph Robbins presents, as he has done for many years, the report on correspondence. It covers three hundred and forty-five pages and reviews, with vigor and in a masterful manner, all proceedings which had reached him.

He reviews the Australasian Grand Lodges as a friend, and, under New Mexico, submits the following interesting comment:

There is a masonic law growing out of the world's usage, analogous to the international law which has grown out of the concensus of the nations of the world. The masonic law applicable to such matters may or may not be reflected in the enactments of any grand lodge, and it is immaterial whether it is or not so far as the rights of those engaged in forming a new grand lodge in independent open territory is concerned, for no grand lodge can give to its enactments extra-jurisdictional force. As no nation can defy the conceded principles of international law and make that defiance effective beyond the range of its guns, so no grand lodge can defy the principles of masonic law into which the world's masonic usage has ripened, and make that defiance effective beyond the jurisdictional lines, which, defining either territory or subject matter, that law concedes to be the rightful possession of such body.

The law of the Masonry that is over and above all grand lodges long since established the principle that, proceeding by certain recognized regular methods, the lodges in independent open territory, sufficient in number to form a grand lodge, become seized of absolute jurisdiction over the whole subject matter relating to the establishment of a grand lodge therein.

This law is the same for all latitudes and longitudes, the same in Queensland under the Southern Cross as in Alberta under the glare of the aurora borealis, where on the same lines a new grand lodge has just been formed. Its applicability and force has been illustrated in the formation of every grand lodge in the United States; in every province of the Dominion of Canada, throughout Australasia and in the British Islands themselves, whence now comes the attempt to discredit the Grand Lodge of Queensland; and as it is soon to be illustrated in Alaska and Hawaii, and doubtless with the same absence of friction that characterized the formation of the new Grand Lodge of Alberta.

M. W. Chester E. Allen, Galesburg, is Grand Master.

R. W. Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, is Grand Secretary.

INDIANA, 1906.

May 22d, in Grand Lodge Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, the eighty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Alfred W. Emery, Grand Master, with all the principal Grand Officers, and representatives from five hundred and twenty-one of the five hundred and twenty-eight chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master dwells upon the rapid passing of the years and extends hearty greetings, especially to the "veterans of the Craft," who, he says "hold up the hands of the presiding Grand Master." He speaks of general prosperity with them and rejoices that the net gain in membership is more than twenty-four hundred. Among their dead of the year he especially mentions their Past Grand Master Frank S. Devol, who departed this life February 8th, 1906, aged sixty-six years. He was Grand Master in 1876. "An accomplished ritualist, an upright, conscientious, painstaking, and enthusiastic Mason."

He reports that from his Grand Jurisdiction, Masons had already, and during the first two weeks after the earthquake at San Francisco, sent \$3,893.50. He reports the constituting of six newly chartered lodges, the instituting of one under dispensation, the dedication of several new halls, the granting of a goodly number of special dispensations, and the laying of many corner-stones.

Grand Master Emery reports several well considered decisions, all of which were considered, by the Committee on Jurisprudence, good law, and the Grand Lodge approved them.

One decision holds that after a rejection, the petitioner may present a new petition at the next regular meeting or any time thereafter, to the same lodge, and it may be referred to a new committee, and lie over four weeks, as in the first case. We think the regulation authorizing such procedure unusual. In our jurisdiction, six months must elapse before a new petition can be received.

The prosperity of their Grand Lodge is further evidenced by the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, showing a balance on hand of \$29,355.62. There had been a fire in their Masonic Temple, doing considerable damage, but the Grand Master says that the loss was wholly covered by insurance.

The year before, a zealous brother, having a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, with a good house of ten or twelve rooms and good farm buildings, the land being in a splendid state of cultivation, offered it to the Grand Lodge to be used as a Masonic Home, with the condition that the brother and his wife should be maintained thereon during the remainder of their lives. A committee was then appointed to consider the matter and report at this communication. The committee reported and its recommendation was adopted. We append the record:

The undersigned Special Committee appointed to consider the subject of a Masonic Home in this Jurisdiction would report that Brother Grames and his wife who have so generously offered to transfer either by will or deed to this Grand Lodge for the purposes of a Masonic Home, certain property in Marion County, are entitled to the appreciative gratitude of all the Masons in Indiana for the spirit of fraternal love and good will which has actuated them in this proposition.

The maintenance of such a home would probably cost from \$200.00 to \$250.00 per inmate per annum, in addition to the initial investment. (Whether or not it is the better part of wisdom to undertake to dispense our Masonic charity in such a way rather than to render such individual assistance as may be needed in the different localities, is a question about which many members of the Grand Lodge have serious doubts.)

In view, however, of the fire which has so greatly damaged the property of the Grand Lodge and which will compel large expenditures in case the building is to be restored or remodeled, and in view of the uncertainty which at this time exists as to the demands which may be made upon the Grand Lodge for the protection and preservation of its property, your committee is of the opinion that it is impracticable and inexpedient to take any steps at this time looking toward the institution of a Masonic Home.

Indiana has more than 45,000 Freemasons in good standing on its lodge rolls.

The various Masonic bodies located in the city have organized a corporation under the name of the Indianapolis Masonic Association, which proposes to erect a temple. The Grand Lodge can realize from \$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00 on its old building, including insurance due it, and is asked to invest the proceeds in the bonds of the Temple Association. The Temple Association proposition to build and own the new temple is receiving hearty and liberal support, and contributions are being made, insuring the success of its plans. In view of all the facts, we wonder why the Grand Lodge, with all its means, does not commence building a Masonic Home?

M.:W.:Brother Daniel McDonald presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and twenty-four pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges.

This is what he says about a matter we speak of under South Carolina:

It may be a question of great pith and moment whether the loss of a toe is such a disqualification as should disqualify an applicant for initiation. What the loss of a toe has to do with a candidate's ability to comply with all the requirements of "Speculative Masonry," or "Operative Masonry," for that matter, is a puzzle we are unable to unravel. If there were a regulation requiring a candidate to "toe the mark," we can readily see how a candidate might not be able to do so by the loss of his great toe, but fortunately there is no such requirement in Masonry so far as we have been informed.

Under Nebraska, he expresses the opinion that the money collected for our Masonic Home is greatly out of proportion with the number of residents therein. Well, we are building for the future and, although we have only about one third as many Freemasons in Nebraska as there are in Indiana, yet we all rejoice in the fact that we have provided for the widow and the orphan and our old and unfortunate brother. More than twenty other such Homes have been erected in the United States, and in every jurisdiction having such a Home it is supported enthusiastically, and no complaint of the cost is heard. Those 45,059 affiliated Freemasons in Indiana would take hold and do something worth the while, once they got started in the good work.

M.:W.:Lincoln V. Cravens, Madison, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, is Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1906.

August 14th, in the city of Ardmore, the thirty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Richard Willison Choate, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from one hundred and fifty-seven of the one hundred and eighty-six lodges, in attendance.

A distinguished visitor, M. W. Brother George Thornburg, Past Grand Master of Arkansas, was received with the Grand Honors and made a stirring address.

Six emergent communications of the Grand Lodge had been held during the year to lay as many corner-stones of public buildings, and proper record thereof is duly preserved and printed with the proceedings.

A communication was read from Grand Master Bradley of Texas, expressing regret that he could not be present, in which he congratulates the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory upon its success in securing \$50,000.00, a sum sufficient to establish a Masonic Home, and dwelling upon the pride of Texas Masons in their Home. And from far away New Zealand comes a most encouraging communication from their representative near the Grand Lodge of that country, R. W. Brother F. P. Corkill.

The Grand Master's address is full of good words for Freemasonry in that Grand Jurisdiction. He had devoted nearly all of his time to the duties of his office, and had visited and instructed as many lodges as he could reach. Much of this work he performed because their Grand Lecturer declined to undertake the work. The year had been a very prosperous one, he says. The soil had yielded bountifully, and the extensive output of coal mines, the development of the oil industry, and the extensive building of railway lines are noted with pride.

Of the fraternal dead he speaks in words of loving tribute, recording their loss of Past Grand Master John Rennie, who died at his home in Lehigh, February 8th, 1906.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of seventeen newly chartered lodges, and the instituting of seventeen under dispensation. He also issued a considerable number of special dispensations for the usual purposes, including some to confer degrees out of time. He speaks in enthusiastic terms of their proposed Masonic Home. He reports a few decisions, one holding after revision by the Committee on Law and Usage: "Any Past Master may open and preside after the Warden has congregated the lodge," which is in strict accord with the old charges, by Anderson, and the clear weight of opinion to this day. M. W. Joseph S. Murrow, Grand Secretary, presents his report. From it we extract:

Little did I think when in 1880 I was elected Grand Secretary that I would serve the Grand Lodge in this office for twenty-six years and through twenty-eight sessions.

There are only two Grand Secretaries in the United States now living who were in office and in continuous service when the cross pens were placed in my hands. These are Brethren Christopher Diehl of Utah and Cornelius Hedges of Montana. It is a singular coincidence that these two

men were each elected to office the same year, 1872, the same month, the same day of the month and as well as they have been able to trace the records about the same hour of the day. They are twin Grand Secretaries. They are both grand, good men and I pray they may live many more years.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to eighteen lodges under dispensation. Much time was given to the consideration of the location of their Home, and a committee was appointed to receive offers and bonds and to submit the question of place to a vote of the lodges, but not unless the offer was accompanied with bonds sufficient to construct the necessary buildings.

Brother Thomas C. Humphry submits the report on correspondence, his fourth, covering one hundred and forty pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges.

Under California, in commenting upon a rule providing that, in certain cases, the names of the members of the investigating committee shall not be made known,—construed, by many of the Masters, to warrant their appointment not in open lodge, but secretly, without letting the members generally know anything about it, or even one member of the committee know who the others are,—he thinks the committee should not report in writing and that the secretary should not report in the minutes how the committee reported—simply say the committee of investigation upon the petition of ———— reported and were discharged.

Under the above rule the Grand Master, however, and very properly we think, ruled that the committee should be appointed in open lodge, that the members might know who composed the committee; and then if anyone had any objection to the candidate, or had heard anything detrimental to him, it could be made known and investigated. When the important subject of considering the petition of a candidate is before a lodge, to deny to any member the benefit of what an investigating committee has found, or to in any way hamper a full understanding of the matter by every member of the lodge, would, we think, work incalculable mischief. How can a Master, who at his installation solemnly agreed to submit to the awards and resolutions of his brethren in lodge convened, act, with the secretary, and a select number chosen as a committee, "secretly," in disposing of a petition for membership and justify such conduct?

Under Delaware, Brother Humphry, as all should, agrees with the Grand Master, that any brother who so far forgets himself as to disclose the proceedings of his lodge—in such cases, should be dealt with in accordance with our laws. And our laws should be strict, and strictly enforced, without any such "sidestepping" as is illustrated in the California regulation.

M.:W.:William Andrew McBride, Atoka, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:Joseph Samuel Murrow, Atoka, is Grand Secretary.

IOWA, 1906.

June 5th, at the Auditorium, in the city of Des Moines, the sixty-third annual communication assembled and M.:W.:William Henry

Norris, Grand Master, opened the Grand Lodge with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from four hundred and seventy-six of the five hundred and five chartered lodges, in attendance.

Prior to this, however, the Grand Lodge in procession had been escorted by the local commandery to the Auditorium and welcomed in an address, which was answered by a very eloquent response, by the Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Louis Block, abounding in good things, including witty remarks applied to one of the city clergymen, who the Sunday before in his sermon had assured his congregation that the hobgoblins were surely after the Freemasons; while everybody else in the city was rejoicing at the prospect of the coming of the Grand Lodge, including preachers, the Governor of the state and all good citizens of the goodly capital city. These proceedings were of course public and in the presence of a very large assembly.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks eloquently of the joys attending the annual gathering of the brethren in Grand Lodge, "the renewal of old friendships, the remembrance of old joys, and the forgetting of old sorrows." He speaks of "peace, harmony and general prosperity" prevailing throughout their jurisdiction.

Their Grand Custodian, Hiram Gilmore, who had served faithfully, and to whose memory loving fraternal tribute is paid, died March 24th, 1906. And their Past Grand Treasurer, Brother John Hilsinger, after "a virtuous and well spent life," died March 26th, 1906.

He reports the granting of dispensations for the forming of three new lodges, and for good reasons refused four applications for such.

He complains of the frequency of failure to elect officers at the required time, and as an illustration of the Master's disregard of his duty, gives the following:

One brother, who had evidently forgotten his vows of office, requested a dispensation to elect officers after the time fixed by our laws, giving as reason for such request the fact that no quorum was present at the December meeting. Upon investigating the matter, I learned that the failure to secure a quorum was occasioned on account of the fact that the Master and a Warden were absent from the jurisdiction attending a Shrine meeting in an adjoining city. It is needless to say that the dispensation was not granted.

One emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was convened at Batavia, Iowa, to dedicate a new hall for Kilwinning Lodge at that place. The name of the lodge not only recalls the Mother Scotch Lodge, but the name of the town recalls one made famous in the state of New York by what occurred there in 1826.

He reports the constituting of three newly chartered lodges and the laying of two corner-stones. In speaking of the latter he says:

In my opinion, the frequent occurrence of these beautiful dedicatory ceremonial occasions is a splendid tribute to the confidence and esteem in which Freemasonry is held by the public. I have come not to destroy but to fulfill, is a doctrine announced long ago in old Judea, which has brought peace to many troubled souls. The simple tenets of our faith,

teaching loyalty to family, country, and our God, inspire at least respect in the minds even of those who may disagree with our professions. So long as we avoid all entangling conditions and are satisfied to follow strictly the ancient landmarks of our institution, that have come down to us untarnished through the ages, we may confidently hope to merit the esteem and retain the confidence of the people.

R. W. Newton R. Parvin submits a very interesting report as Grand Secretary, so well arranged and careful as to just what is included, that one used to perusing such papers can but feel a pleasure in reading it. We extract an item of interest, which shows a wise precaution that might well be followed in other jurisdictions:

In accordance with order of Grand Lodge, your Grand Secretary contracted with the Pantagraph Printing Company, of Bloomington, Illinois, for an edition of 600 copies of "List of Regular Lodges." To this list the firm added (without extra cost) a list of clandestine lodges so far as known in America, and a special Grand Lodge cover. The pamphlets were distributed to the lodges, Grand and Past Grand Officers and to Committeemen, early in November.

As Librarian, he submits another report of that institution of which our Iowa brethren are so justly proud.

The three lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended and the Grand Lodge approved:

Your committee fully coincides with the purpose and effort of the Grand Master to check the tendency to, for insufficient reasons, omit the holding of elections at the time provided by law, and then to ask for dispensations to hold them at some later date. The mandatory language of the code as to the time for such elections, providing that they shall be held at the time specified, with no exceptional provisions for cases of neglect or failure, might well make a Grand Master hesitate to use his prerogative to vary the provisions of the law in particular cases, unless emergencies are such as to warrant the belief that the Grand Lodge would approve his action. The Grand Master does not recommend, nor does your committee deem it advisable, to adopt such legislation as would absolutely defeat such a prerogative on the part of the Grand Master, as emergencies do arise wherein the exercise of such power is of value to the craft, but, in the judgment of your committee, the instances are rare and should be exercised with great caution.

And:

The holding of the Grand Master that a mere objection would not be a legal bar to the installation of an elected officer is eminently right, and we recommend its approval.

The right of the accused to appear by counsel is given by Code Section 321; but the counsel must be a Master Mason in good standing. A profane cannot be admitted to open lodge to give testimony. The Grand Master's holdings are in accord with the law and entitled to approval.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was accorded fraternal recognition.

Brother Joseph E. Morcombe presents the report on correspondence, his fifth, covering one hundred and forty-eight pages. From his opening we extract what might be well studied by every initiate into our Fraternity:

To every man, whether in Masonry or elsewhere, that knowledge comes which is most ardently desired and most earnestly sought. For our initiates there is "no royal road to learning." They can not attain to light and to understanding of the mysteries by any occult process or comprehensive revelation. Our ceremonies confer no Pentecostal gift of tongues; they give no thaumaturgic key to unlock the secrets of the universe; no cabalistic formula to open, with magic force, the arcane of higher wisdom. One made a Mason, duly and truly prepared in heart and understanding, is only put thereby in closer touch and finer adjustment with the moral and intellectual forces of the world; the benefits to be derived will depend entirely upon his own zeal, his industry and his capacity.

He is a critic. He says that "The average Masonic oration, be it delivered at a Lodge banquet or Grand Communication, shows a woeful ignorance of real history and meaning of the Craft." Ignorance of "real" history of the "Craft" may be excused. There are in this day writers who are, we think, over critical, but we hope our good Brother Morcombe will not cast his lot with such.

M.:W.:William Fiske Cleveland, Harlan, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, is Grand Secretary.

KANSAS, 1907.

February 20th, in the Grand Opera House, in the city of Wichita, the fifty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Thomas L. Bond, Grand Master, with representatives from two hundred and eighty-seven of their three hundred and seventy-four chartered lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master opens his address with a discussion of the foundation principles of our Fraternity, declaring that our appreciation of these sublime truths accounts for the great increase in numbers, saying: "The correctness of this view has been shown by the record of the year. No preceding twelve months in the history of Kansas Masonry have shown such numerous accessions to our ranks, such zealous devotion on the part of our members, nor such avowed respect for our Order on the part of those without the fold."

To the memory of their deceased Past Grand Masters, M.:W.: Brother Thomas Emmet Dewey, who died June 9th, 1906, and M.:W.: Brother John Guthrie, who died on the last day of his seventy-sixth year, he pays appropriate fraternal tribute. He reports the constituting of one lodge chartered at the preceding communication, and the instituting of five under dispensation; the laying of five corner-stones of as many public buildings, and trouble arising from the selling of an unauthorized cipher by a member of one of their lodges. As though there could be *any* authorized cipher! But the brother's defence was that he had not transgressed since the publication of "the authorized official cipher," and he was excused. We have heretofore spoken of this matter of an "authorized official cipher" in the Grand Lodge of Kansas, but it was vehemently denied, notwithstanding the frequent allusion to the abomination in their published proceedings. Grand Master Bond reports the granting of many special dispensations to confer degrees out of time.

The altogether unnecessary, and really unmasonic, referendum work in Kansas as elsewhere, is shown in the following:

By my direction the Grand Secretary has notified the Masters of the delinquent lodges that their delinquency would be reported to this Grand Lodge for such action as it may deem expedient under Standing Regulation No. 6, which provides that "the neglect or refusal of any lodge to act on any amendment to the Constitution shall be deemed a masonic offense, which shall subject the lodge so offending to the penalty of suspension."

He then justly praises a noble work:

Since the establishment of the Masonic Home, the Order of the Eastern Star has most generously contributed to its support, donating much more liberally in proportion to its ability than has this Grand Lodge. Believing that the spiritual welfare of the guests of the Home was fully as important as their material comfort, this noble organization has erected upon the Home grounds a magnificent chapel at an expense of more than \$10,000. This beautiful building will be formally presented to this Grand Lodge at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon. I hope that every member of this Body will testify his appreciation of the zeal, enthusiasm and noble effort of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star by his presence at the presentation ceremony. I fear that in some masonic circles due credit is not given to the Order of the Eastern Star for their faithful devotion to and loyal support of this great masonic charity. Every brother who visits the Masonic Home chapel will certainly have increased respect for and admiration of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta, Porto Rico, Valle de Mexico, and Queensland were accorded fraternal recognition, upon the recommendation and report of M. W. Brother Matthew M. Miller for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence,—an admirable report which should be read by every intelligent member of his Grand Lodge.

We like what the Committee on Jurisprudence says in the following:

Relative to Decisions Nos. 5 and 15, we believe the law to be that every lodge has the inherent right to control its funds and property and appropriate the same for masonic uses and lodge purposes in the interests of Masonry, and we are of the opinion that this Grand Lodge should not enact laws particularizing what are not lodge and masonic purposes, that being the province of each lodge to act under existing circumstances within the general confines of the law.

And we also like their law providing that at lodge trials a Deputy Grand Master shall preside.

M. W. Brother Matthew M. Miller presents a good report on correspondence, covering ninety-one pages. We extract from his conclusion, which contains a very pertinent suggestion:

The printer tells us our space is filled, and we forego the insertion of topical matter prepared as part of our report. To some of our brethren who talk glibly of regularity we recommend a course of study of the history of the origin and organization of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, and those of the United States prior to 1813. Those who claim that all regular Masonry emanated from the Grand Lodge in London formed in 1717, will be much benefited by such study.

M. W. Edward W. Wellington, Ellworth, is Grand Master.

R. W. Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, is Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY, 1906.

October 16th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Louisville, the one hundred and sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:James Garnett, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, twenty Past Grand Masters, and a large number of representatives from the chartered lodges, in attendance.

Opening his address, the Grand Master dwells upon the duty of the hour, admonishing his brethren to attend faithfully to all the pressing labors of the Craft. To the memory of their late brother, Joseph T. Davidson, for many years their Grand Tyler, he pays loving fraternal tribute.

He reports the laying of six corner-stones for as many public buildings, and the dedication of two new Masonic Halls. He praises highly the work of the managers of their two Masonic Homes, the Widows and Orphans', and the Old Masons' Home on a farm. The debt on their new Masonic Temple is being rapidly diminished, their finances are in a healthy condition, and prosperity attends the Craft in every direction throughout the state. Grand Master Garnett's decisions, few in number, and of local importance, received the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge. The use of any kind of printed ritual, or cipher, he denounces, justly, as "the most dangerous evil," and recommends strict enforcement of their law against it.

Some of their lodges have used certain books, and he quotes: "Clandestine Masonry knows these books perfectly, just like a professional gambler knows his cards. Such knowledge is the capital of their business, out of which they derive an income by swindling genuine Masons who only know the same work, and do not know it half so well."

R.:W.:Henry B. Grant, as Grand Secretary, submitted a very complete report, pointing out to his brethren with painstaking care the necessary steps in the more important transactions between the lodge and the Grand Secretary's office. All the lodges had made report in time and an excellent degree of accuracy is being attained. His financial report deals with goodly sums, involving the varied undertakings of the Grand Lodge, including the Homes and the new temple, and clearness of statement marks the report as a whole.

Twelve lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and one was continued under dispensation. The new Grand Lodge of Alberta was extended recognition.

M.:W.:Brother William W. Clark presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and thirty-one pages. In approving Brother Titcomb's recommendation of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland by the Grand Lodge of Alabama, we are glad to find him saying:

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in re Grand Lodge of Queensland in our opinion covers the case admirably, except that it doesn't go far enough. The sole objection urged against immediate recognition is that a majority of the lodges in that Province have not

joined the new Grand Lodge, when, by its own admission, this fact results from a coercion on the part of the District Grand Masters of England and Scotland that is not only unmasonic, but intolerant, and should be so intolerable as to result in rebellion.

And under Arkansas we find him sensibly saying:

On the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, Grand Lodge defeated a resolution requiring visitors to show receipts for dues. We commend this action; it can not be too highly commended. In this connection let us ask what business is it, anyway, to a lodge whether a brother of another lodge has paid his dues or not so long as his own lodge makes no complaint. It strikes us being pretty close to impudence.

His review of Nebraska, 1905, is generous and we thank him for his kind approval of things found in our proceedings.

M.:W.:Samuel K. Veach, Carlisle, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Henry B. Grant, Louisville, is Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1907.

February 4th, in Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of New Orleans, the ninety-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:L. C. Allen, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from one hundred and forty-eight of the one hundred and seventy-two chartered lodges, in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master greets his brethren with appropriate words in alluding to the joys of Grand Lodge reunions, and pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their Past Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.:Amos Kent, who died January 31st, 1906, at the age of ninety-four years, and of their Past District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.:Robert W. Babington, for twenty-seven years representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland near that of Louisiana.

The Grand Master reports the granting of dispensations for seven lodges, and a good many special dispensations for the usual purposes. He reports none of his decisions, although he had been asked a good many questions, all of which were disposed of by reference to plain provisions of their law and to former reported decisions.

Of one matter he thus speaks:

My attention was called to the fact that some Lodges in New Orleans were sending printed matter to members of their own and other Lodges, setting forth the fact that Mr. A. B. had made application for degrees in Masonry and the following brethren had been appointed on the Investigating Committee. On one occasion a notice of this kind was picked up on the streets of New Orleans, getting into the hands of a profane. I felt that such proceedings were not for the good of Masonry and therefore ordered that no more such notices be issued and that all Lodges comply with the Constitution, General Regulations and Edicts as regards such matters.

Upon hearing of the earthquake and fire at San Francisco, and consulting his Grand Secretary, he wired the Grand Master of California to draw on him for \$5,000.00, which was promptly done, and he adds:

In addition to the contribution made by the Grand Lodge, other Lodges and individual Masons, in their capacity as such, gave a large amount.

The ready response of the Craft shows in a most substantial way that they are equal to any emergency and that the fraternal spirit is not upon the surface, but deep down in the hearts, and that Masonic charity is as expansive as the blue arch of Heaven itself.

Of the Louisiana Relief Lodge, he thus speaks:

It is my privilege this year to convey the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the officers of this Lodge and to commend them for their zealous discharge of every duty. Only those who come in close touch with the work of the Louisiana Relief Lodge can understand and appreciate the great work they are doing. I might enumerate hundreds of cases where this Lodge, through its officers, has relieved the distressed, buried the dead, and, in many ways, ministered to the wants of the needy. No need to sing their praises here. In the great beyond, where the records are accurately kept, the officers of the Louisiana Relief Lodge will receive their reward.

I commend the generosity of individual Lodges and members who have contributed liberally towards the support of this Lodge.

In addition to this the Grand Lodge, at its last annual communication, placed in his hands for relief \$2,500.00, from which he had dispensed charity to all deserving relief, and he regards the plan as a wise one. He recommends a resolution, providing:

Article 1—The fund is applicable to the following cases:

First—To poor and worthy members of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where funds of their own Lodges are not adequate to the exigencies of the case.

Second—To poor and worthy Masons resident in this State not members of any subordinate Lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a Masonic duty.

Article 2—The widows and orphans of destitute Masons are to be relieved, as the husband or parent would have been, upon the principle stated in the preceding article.

Among the many expressions of his acknowledgments we cull the following:

Throughout the entire length and breadth of the State, from the sun-kissed shores of the Gulf, on the south, to the Arkansas line, on the north, where the air is made sweet by the pure breezes from the Ozarks; from the east, where the Father of Waters divides us from the Grand Jurisdiction of Mississippi; even to the Sabine, on the west, where we join hands with the Great Lone Star State; from every part of this Grand Jurisdiction I have been overwhelmed with courtesies, attention and the most loyal support, during the past year.

He made all the official visits to his lodges that the time at his command would allow, and he was busy throughout the year in good works and words of encouragement to his brethren.

R. W. Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary, presents a very full report. From it we glean that during the year eleven charters for new lodges had been issued, that nine lodges had been instituted under dis-

pensation, and that several special communications of the Grand Lodge had been held.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to nine lodges under dispensation, granted recognition to the new Grand Lodge of Alberta, and adopted the following:

WHEREAS, The services of the Grand Lecturer and the Assistant Grand Lecturer are absolutely essential for the preservation of the uniformity of the work of the Order; therefore

Be it Resolved, That in the future the District Deputy Grand Masters be called together in semi-annual meetings in April, in the city of New Orleans, and in Shreveport in the month of October, for a period of one week for the purpose of instruction in the ritual by the Grand Lecturers and the Committee on Work;

Be it further Resolved, That the sum of \$1,200.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to cover mileage and per diem of the said District Deputies attending these meetings. The per diem and mileage to be the same in amount as now allowed to the representatives of the constituent Lodges to this Grand Lodge;

Be it further Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Masters to visit each quarter every Lodge in their district and to make a quarterly report, in March, June, October and January of each year, relative to the condition of the Lodges in their districts, these reports to be a part of the records of this Grand Lodge and to be published in the proceedings thereof.

Brother Herman C. Duncan again presents the report on correspondence, and we are glad to note that he has been restored to good health and that his pen has lost nothing of the old time vigor which has marked his excellent reports.

We quote him:

When we began to write reports on Foreign Correspondence we thought that we were somewhat qualified for the task, but to-day we know that our education then was very far from complete. We have learned much in these latter years, and we feel ourselves deeply indebted more than words can express, for the very much that we have learned from our brethren deeper and more profoundly read in the learning of the Art. Freemasonry is a mine, a very deep mine, and it is full of precious things. We gather to ourselves many riches as we delve, but there remains an apparently inexhaustible supply untouched as yet.

Our education in Freemasonry has made great advancement in these latter years as our position has compelled a reading and a study of it. We have progressed in an acquirement of the Art and Science because we have read the reports on Foreign Correspondence, and we wish to make acknowledgment of the great service that reading has been to us.

We have much yet to learn, and we shall look to those reports as the best guide that we have for the perfecting of our Masonic education.

M.:W.:Lee E. Thomas, Shreveport, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Richard Lambert, New Orleans, is Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1906.

May 1st, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Portland, the eighty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Hugh R. Chaplin, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and

representatives from one hundred and eighty-seven of the two hundred and two chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master gives expression to matters of international importance, the Peace Conference at Portsmouth, the peaceable adjustment of governmental separation between Norway and Sweden, the struggle in France to separate church and state, and other matters of world-wide interest. He expresses gratitude that during the year no permanent member of their Grand Lodge had died.

The Grand Master argues that the Grand Lodge should demand a recognition of its constitution as the supreme law of the jurisdiction, yet recognizes the prerogative of the Grand Master to set it aside on extraordinary occasions, and he had exercised the prerogative, among other things, by granting ten special dispensations to confer degrees "in some manner not authorized without such dispensation." In each case he had tried, he says, to do what he believed for the best interest of the institution, and doubtless it was. That the prerogative exists no fair minded man can doubt, and for a wise purpose, but that it should be wisely exercised, and only in sound discretion, is true. Hence it is that great care should be taken in the choice of a Grand Master. The late Josiah H. Drummond left a rich heritage in life and labor, immediately to Maine, broadly to the Freemasons of America. But it is in Maine that the imprint of his life's work will be found on every hand, through succeeding generations.

The Grand Master reports several decisions along the line of well defined Masonic law.

The plan of District Deputy Grand Masters prevails in Maine and the Grand Master commends the zeal of each of his deputies. They all report to him and he in turn submits the reports to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Stéphen Berry, makes good report and submits matters in his hands to the Grand Lodge, with such suggestions as one so well qualified from long experience may well do.

One lodge U. D. was granted a charter. Upon the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Colorado that there be formed a collegium of Grand Lecturers for the purpose of unifying the esoteric Masonic work, a committee recommended and the Grand Lodge adopted a report adverse, and among the reasons we find and extract the following:

The plan proposed to a certain extent appears to be an innovation in the method of control of the Work. Each Grand Lodge at the present time is the judge of its own "Work," and is either satisfied or dissatisfied with it. If satisfied it would hesitate to change at the recommendation even of so learned a body as is contemplated; and if dissatisfied with their Work it already is in the power of the Grand Lodge to change it.

It must be that the intelligence of the Grand Lecturers needs no stimulus to learn the difference between the "Work" in their respective jurisdictions and those of other jurisdictions, and being informed thereof can upon call elucidate all points of difference of their own strength without requiring the support of such a body as is contemplated.

The application of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for recognition goes over, because the committee had not received a copy of the proceedings

The following was adopted:

IN GRAND LODGE, May 3, 1906.

Your Committee of Finance submit the following for adoption:

Whereas, This country and the whole world have been startled by the direful disaster by which one of the foremost cities of our great nation, San Francisco, has been devastated, and

Whereas, Untold suffering must arise therefrom among those of our Fraternity, with whose sufferings our hearts sympathize at the loss of wealth, home and perhaps of life, and recognizing that aid may alleviate to a slight degree suffering, therefore

Be it Resolved, That, at his discretion, the M. W. Grand Master of Maine is hereby authorized to draw his order upon the Grand Treasurer for a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, to be expended by him as directed.

M. W. Brother Albro E. Chase presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-five Grand Lodges. The report is very full, containing all the more important transactions in the proceedings reviewed, but with little comment, or expression of his views.

Noting the fact that in Colorado and several other jurisdictions lodges confer degrees for other lodges in which the candidates are elected, but before the conferring of the degrees have removed into the jurisdiction of the lodges requested to do the work, he says:

We suppose the laws in these jurisdictions must differ from the law in Maine. By our law the candidate upon receiving the M. M. degree becomes thereby a member of the lodge, and the Secretary shall enroll his name among the members. This was done to prevent the increase of unaffiliated masons. Now, if the candidate of another jurisdiction at the request of that jurisdiction receives his degree in a Maine lodge, of what lodge is he a member under the Maine rule? How about the fees? Do these go to the lodge that confers the degrees in whole or in part? Then, again, what about proficiency? In Maine there is only one ballot for the three degrees, and the lodge satisfies itself upon the proficiency of the candidate for each degree, but expresses no opinion by ballot, whereas in some jurisdictions there is a ballot for each degree, perhaps for character, perhaps for proficiency, perhaps for both. Is this exchange of courtesies something that is becoming a custom or has it been long established? We want light.

M. W. Charles F. Johnson, Waterville, is Grand Master.

R. W. Stephen Berry, Portland, is Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA, 1906.

June 13th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Winnipeg, the thirty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William G. Scott, Grand Master, with a goodly number of officers, permanent members of the Grand Lodge, and representatives from the chartered lodges.

Manitoba by the most of us is regarded as in the far north, beyond the fruitful regions of our continent, but the Grand Master, in his annual address, speaks of bounteous crops and full granaries, and of that land being in the "garden spot of the world;" this is certainly not the general

view in which western Canada is regarded in the states as far south as Nebraska, which in turn is regarded as in the "frozen North" by residents along the Gulf of Mexico. But western Canada is fast filling up with enterprising emigrants from the east as also from the northern states of our own country, and the Grand Master says that Freemasonry is keeping step with the material growth and prosperity of Manitoba, saying: "Wonderful indeed are the changes that are taking place in this Western land. The territory embraced in our Masonic jurisdiction is developing immense resources, the population is rapidly increasing and transportation facilities are bringing the remotest sections into close proximity to the commercial world. Our vast prairies are rapidly being brought under cultivation and will in a few years produce sufficient food to supply the millions of Europe."

Grand Master Scott pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their late Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Thomas Tweed, who died April 4th, 1906. We extract briefly:

Brother Tweed was born at Kingston, in the Province of Ontario, on the 14th day of April, 1852, where he received his education. He first came West with the Wolseley expedition in 1870. After remaining one year he returned to Eastern Canada remaining there until 1883, when he took up his residence at Medicine Hat, where he continued to reside until his death. During his long residence in the West he was identified with every public movement of any importance. He was a member of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories for eight years, and for a term of years a member of the Executive Council.

The Grand Master reports four special Grand Lodge communications, held for the purpose of laying corner-stones, the exchange of representatives with Grand Lodges, the granting of several special dispensations for the usual purposes, including the conferring of degrees in less than the time prescribed by the regulations, and the rendering of a few decisions, none of which are reported because they were not in his judgment of sufficient importance. He had also granted dispensations for the institution of eleven new lodges, and had dedicated a new Masonic Hall at Moose Jaw. Moose Jaw and Medicine Hat are thriving cities on the Canadian Pacific Railroad; the writer well remembers the short stops at these interesting cities on a journey across western Canada. Moose Jaw, we were told, derived its name from the fact that an emigrant, far from any other means, repaired his broken wagon axle by splicing it with a moose jaw, and Medicine Hat, we suppose, derived its name from some Indian history or tradition of the place.

The Grand Master had done a commendable amount of visiting among his lodges and Lodges of Instruction. And he thus speaks of another interesting visit:

On June 8th, I had the pleasure of visiting the Freemasons Hospital at Morden. Some present will remember the many gloomy forebodings that were indulged in when our esteemed and zealous M. W. Brother Corbet Locke brought the matter of its establishment before the Grand Lodge. It was said by some who were opposed to the recognition of this

Hospital by the Grand Lodge, that it would not only be a constant burden to the Craft, but discredit could be brought by its inevitable failure to meet its obligations. These forebodings have not been realized, on the contrary its success has been a genuine surprise not only to the Craft but to the public at large.

Ten of the eleven District Deputies made report of attention to the duties of their office, and the Grand Secretary's report shows an active year and close attention to the duties of his important office.

The Grand Lodge extended hearty recognition to the new Grand Lodge of Alberta, which during the year had been formed with Manitoba's fraternal consent. Nebraska had extended recognition a month earlier.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to nine lodges under dispensation, and continued six that had been instituted within four months preceding the Grand Lodge communication.

M. W. John McKechnie, Winnipeg, is Grand Master.

M. W. James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, is Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1906.

November 20th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Baltimore, the one hundred and twentieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened with all the Grand Officers, and many permanent members and representatives from the lodges, in attendance. M. W. Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master, after the opening, was duly escorted to the East, and was received by the Grand Lodge with the Grand Honors.

No annual address appears in the published proceedings of this communication. The Grand Lodge was opened at eight o'clock P. M. and closed the same evening. Several of the Grand Officers and committees made brief reports, also the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, but for only a portion of the year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a special report, from which we extract:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, having had under consideration the request of the newly formed Grand Lodge of Queensland for recognition, beg leave to report as follows:

Notwithstanding the fact that recognition has been extended by a number of American Grand Lodges to this new Grand Lodge, your Committee, while sympathizing with the efforts of our Australasian brethren to establish new Grand Lodges in the various States comprehended in their continent feel, nevertheless, that in view of the withholding of recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland by the parent Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, all of whom have working District Grand Lodges in the colony, and in consideration of the fact that only a minority of the Masons resident in Queensland have as yet given their adhesion to the new Grand Body, we feel constrained, though reluctantly, to advise that, for the present, this Grand Lodge should decline to recognize the Grand Lodge of Queensland as a Sovereign Grand Lodge; but we indulge the hope that, before another year shall have passed, the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland may see their way clear to receiving this new Grand Lodge into full Masonic Fellowship.

A semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge was also held on May 8th, 1906, from the record of which we extract:

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the revised Constitution and standing resolutions, prepared by the Committee appointed May 9, 1905, and submitted to the Grand Lodge November 21, 1905, printed copies of which had been transmitted to the Subordinate Lodges, and also placed in the hands of all present as representatives.

The Constitution was read by Article and Section and amended in some few instances. After completing the same, P. J. G. Warden James F. Allen offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

"That the Constitution and Standing Resolutions as passed upon and agreed to Section by Section be adopted as the Constitution and Standing Resolutions of this Grand Lodge, and that all legislation heretofore enacted, that may be inconsistent therewith be and the same is hereby repealed."

This revision of the constitution and the standing resolutions are contained in an appendix to the proceedings. We judge from an examination and the provision for amendments that, while amendments lie over a year and copies are furnished the subordinate lodges, no vote thereon is submitted to such lodge, but that the matter is determined by a two-thirds vote in Grand Lodge, which we think the wiser rule.

Nowhere in the volume under review is there any annual address, nor report of the Grand Master's official acts.

R. W. Brother Edward T. Schultz presents the report on correspondence, his twentieth, covering one hundred and twenty-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges. We regret that Nebraska did not reach him in time to be included.

Under Delaware we extract, with approval of what the committee and Brother Schultz say:

Among the rulings of the Grand Master is the following:

"When objection is made to a brother being admitted to the lodge the Worshipful Master should demand the brother's reasons for objecting, and it is in the discretion of the Worshipful Master to decide whether the reasons are sufficient, and whether the brother shall be admitted."

The Committee on Grand Master's address, very correctly, did not approve this ruling, holding that a brother "has the inherent right to object to a visitor applying for admission to his lodge, and need not state his objections to the Worshipful Master," but we regret to say that the Grand Lodge did not concur in the views of the committee and sustained the rulings of the Grand Master.

We regard it an inalienable right of a member of a lodge to object to the presence of one not a member thereof.

The name of a visiting Brother is announced to my lodge. I object to his admission. The Worshipful Master asks me to state my objection. I reply, the information I have regarding the character of this brother was given to me in strict confidence, I cannot disclose it without a violation of that confidence, or I may say, to disclose what I know regarding this brother will bring shame and confusion to innocent persons. The Master says: "You must state your objection, otherwise I will admit him." I reply "Well, sir, I cannot conscientiously sit in a lodge with him: if he is admitted, I must retire." He is admitted, and I retire and perhaps other brethren who have knowledge of the unsavory character of the brother likewise retire. Are not the peace and harmony of the lodge seriously dis-

turbed thereby? Is not the great importance of harmony strongly impressed upon the minds of brethren at the opening and closing of every lodge meeting?

Brother Schultz' reports are always interesting and instructive, made so by bringing a well stored mind to the work, which is always done with painstaking care.

M. W. Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, is Grand Master.

R. W. William M. Isaac, Baltimore, is Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1906.

December 12th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, the quarterly communication was held, at which the annual address of the Grand Master was delivered, the annual election had, and much of the business of the year was considered. All of the Grand Officers, many of the permanent members, and a large number of representatives were present. M. W. John Albert Blake, Grand Master, presided.

The Grand Master, in his address, assures his brethren that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has kept even step with brethren elsewhere in promoting the welfare of our common humanity; that the ideals of their Grand Body have ever been of an inspiring and lofty character, and that whoever bears responsibility in conducting its affairs, immediately realizes that he must give the best he has if he hopes to obtain the approval of his brethren and of his own conscience.

He pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead; recounts his Masonic official acts of the year, showing active participation in many interesting events, and the visiting of a great many of his lodges; and refers to the quarterly, emergent, and special communications of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Treasurer and District Deputy Grand Masters had been active in the discharge of their respective duties, reporting to the Grand Master and he to the Grand Lodge. Their various educational, trust, and charity funds are increasing, and are being administered in the most careful and painstaking manner.

Their stated communication, held annually since the earliest day of Freemasonry in the Commonwealth, to install officers and celebrate the feast of Saint John the Evangelist, always a matter of great interest, was held on December 27th.

Their Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Sereno D. Nickerson, having completed a quarter century of services as Grand Secretary, Past Grand Master Charles T. Gallagher who could not be present, wrote a letter in testimony of Brother Nickerson's labors. His standing as an authority in matters Masonic justifies a record here.

I am disappointed; not only that I cannot have the pleasure of being with you personally and joining in the general congratulation that is due you, but I wished to say a word of praise for our Recording Grand Secretary, who, completing his twenty-five years of service, is to have his portrait on the back of the menu; he is worthy of it; I believe in recognizing merit that we have with us, as well as that of the past Grand Masters whom we have honored in a similar way heretofore. It is

peculiarly appropriate that Brother Nickerson's picture should be on the back of the menu as an *endorser*, for he has been an *endorser* of every good thing in Masonry during his connection with the Institution. During the dark hours of the Grand Lodge, financially, he *endorsed* its paper to the amount of thousands of dollars and carried it through the banks and sustained our financial credit for many years, at a time when but for such backing the corporation must have failed. When he was elected Grand Master, too, as the Grand Lodge was not then in a position to defray extravagant expenses, he not only *endorsed* the menu but he *endorsed* the dinner, dining the members of the Grand Lodge to the number of several hundred at his own personal expense. His work as Grand Secretary, where he has shown such uniform courtesy to the Brethren and such steadfastness of purpose in inculcating a devotion to the principles of Masonry, where he has enriched our literature by his Constitutions, are known to all; but his many noble and heroic acts in the days before he began his quarter-centennial in his present position are not generally known, and his modesty will prevent his speaking of them; but now is *our* time and occasion and he can't prevent *us* from saying things. All honor to him and may he be spared for many years in his good work that we and our children's children shall quote with authority as the history and principles of the true faith of our Order.

M.·W.·John Albert Blake, Malden, is Grand Master.

M.·W.·Serenio D. Nickerson, Masonic Temple, Boston, is Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN, 1906.

May 22d, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Grand Rapids, at high twelve, the sixty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·John Rowson, Grand Master, with thirteen Grand Officers, and representatives from three hundred and eighty-four of the three hundred and ninety-five chartered lodges, in attendance.

From the address of welcome, by Hon. William Alden Smith, we extract:

The soft, pure air of Masonry does not age its devotee—it only ripens to rounded maturity those who follow its precepts.

The individual citizen can accomplish very little at best in life's great battle, no matter with what favor fortune may smile upon him, but here in the hallowed temple of Solomon, victories are won and triumphs celebrated, which make the battle-field of civic glory pale into insignificance and the valor of civil strife look like wasted opportunity.

To fill the heart with true affection; to move among your fellows with kindly sympathy; to steady the faltering, encourage the weak, revive the disconsolate, reanimate with honest vigor the palsied soul stung with adversity and flush with new life the silent citadel of God is the purpose and office of Masonry.

No man so high as to be unwilling to acknowledge its precepts; none so low as to forget its beautiful lessons.

In his address the Grand Master speaks of their illustrious dead: M.·W.·William Dunham died June 30th, 1905, aged eighty-one years; M.·W.·Brother George Washington Peck died June 30th, 1905, aged eighty-nine years; M.·W.·Brother John W. McGrath died December 9th, 1905, aged sixty-three years; M.·W.·Brother William H. Phillips died

February 13th, 1906, aged sixty-seven years; M. W. Brother John W. Finch died April 4th, 1906, aged seventy-nine years. To their memory fraternal tribute is paid.

He reports the constituting of seven newly chartered lodges and the instituting of seven new lodges under dispensation. He also reports, with appropriate comment, the dedication of a goodly number of new Masonic Halls, and his official visits to many of his lodges, also the laying of several corner-stones. He reports the granting of a considerable number of special dispensations for the usual purposes, nine of which were to confer degrees in less than a lunar month.

He then explains his interest in, and his visits to their Masonic Home, with the manner of its control:

As one of the representatives of the Home from the Grand Commandery, I have had occasion to visit this institution a number of times during the past year. As you are aware, the management of this Home is by a Board of Control, which Board is appointed by the first officer of each of the following Grand Bodies: Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, and Grand Chapter, O. E. S., who have equal representation in its management. Each of these Grand Bodies, except the Grand Council, contribute to the support of the Home, the first two bodies by assessment, and the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter, O. E. S., by donation. The subordinate Chapters, O. E. S., have undertaken to raise \$5,000 for the erection of a hospital building and have now in that fund a substantial amount.

We appreciate their efforts and should extend them a kindly welcome as collaborators in our Masonic work.

The Grand Master rendered a good many decisions. He found some Masters, Secretaries, and lodges violating law, and he "called them down" for their transgressions, and we are glad to note the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge of the Grand Master's decisions in every instance. As an example of what one lodge did we extract:

Question—Is a man a Master Mason who receives the degree when neither Master or Wardens are present, one Warden being present early in the evening but leaving because of no quorum. Then, about midnight, ten members assemble, open the lodge and confer the degree. Is the brother a regular Master Mason?

Answer—No. He must be healed or re-obligated by the Master or one of the Wardens.

We quote from his conclusion:

I am led to believe that a number of the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries will rejoice that my year as Grand Master is at an end, they believing that I have been unusually severe in my denunciation of their actions in evading or trying to evade Grand Lodge by-laws, regulations and decisions. I have tried to make my decisions fair and my criticisms just, but every Master, Secretary or lodge that I have found conducting their correspondence, business affairs, or conferring the degrees contrary to the constitution, regulations, by-laws, penal code, ritual or monitor as approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge, has been unhesitatingly called down. I have done my duty only as I could see it. If I have erred in my judgment, I assure you that it is the head that is to blame, not the heart.

A very interesting account of the year's work at their Masonic Home is found in the report of the secretary and superintendent, Brother Rial McArthur. The beneficiaries numbered at the end of the year fifty-one. The most active among the founders, in the early '90s, was Past Grand Master William P. Innes, who died in August, 1893. We met him and formed his acquaintance at Denver in August, 1892, and shall never forget our favorable impression of the grand man he appeared to be, and was.

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta was, upon recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, duly recognized.

Very full was the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead, made to a special session of the Grand Lodge, and many a beautiful and touching tribute was paid to the departed brethren.

The Grand Lecturer had presumed to change the word "gloves," used in the third degree in the phrase "white gloves and aprons," to "garments," but the Grand Lodge quite properly, we think, held that the Grand Lecturer should not change the ritual, but take it as the Grand Lodge prescribed it. The discussion is quite interesting, involving considerable correspondence, and presents the subject of gloves from antiquity, in other words, "from away back."

M. W. Brother Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary, submits the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and eighty-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-nine Grand Lodges, one of which, however, is that of the District or Provincial Grand Lodge, English constitution, notwithstanding the existence of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Queensland, erected in strict accord with every principle recognized by every Grand Lodge in the United States of America. The cold shoulder to Queensland seems all the more noticable, because Michigan has entered into fraternal relations with four of the regular Australasian Grand Lodges.

M. W. Charles L. Stevens, Detroit, is Grand Master.

R. W. Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, is Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA, 1907.

January 23d, in Masonic Hall, in the city of St. Paul, the fifty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Thomas Morris, Grand Master, with a very large attendance of permanent members and representatives from the chartered lodges.

The Grand Master in opening his address extends a most hearty greeting and welcome to his brethren, and expresses gratitude for the peace and prosperity abounding in the land and the harmony which he says exists throughout his Grand Jurisdiction. He reports the constituting of six new lodges chartered at the last annual communication, and the instituting of two under dispensation, and several special dispensations granted for the usual purposes. He had laid four corner-stones, dedicated several new halls, and officially visited a good many of his lodges.

He reported seven decisions, holding in one that when an initiated brother has allowed two or more years to elapse without taking his second degree, it is not necessary that the ballot be spread before he is advanced, unless objection is made. Assuming that one ballot elects to all the degrees, we think the decision is in accord with the law generally. In some jurisdictions, however, legislation has required a new petition after the lapse of so much time.

Another decision justly holds:

3. Question. Some years ago our Lodge initiated a man who should have gone to another Lodge. What action should we now take in the matter, having found out our error? Answer. Having discovered that you have initiated a brother who rightfully belonged to the jurisdiction of another Lodge, you should at once notify the Lodge in question of your error, and let their wishes in regard to the matter govern.

The Grand Master highly commends the effort to accumulate a fund of \$100,000.00 for the erection and maintenance of a Masonic Home, and, for the purpose of organizing and perfecting a corporation therefor, appointed a committee.

He pays fitting tribute to the memory of their late Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Charles Griswold, who died December 25th, 1906.

R. W. Brother Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary, submits an excellent report, in concluding which he says:

Once more, my brethren, I heartily thank you for the generous support and confidence extended to me during the past, the latter, to me, being priceless. I have been a member of the Grand Lodge since 1869, and this is the thirtieth consecutive Annual Communication at which I have officiated either as Grand Secretary or Assistant Grand Secretary. My relations with the Grand Officers, Lodge Officers and brethren, at home and abroad, during that long period, have uniformly been of the most pleasant and cordial character, and no year more so than the one just closed. I have been indefatigable in my efforts to serve you faithfully, and if I have any ambition for the future it is to so conduct myself, in my official and personal relations with my brethren, as to merit a continuance of their confidence and esteem.

Brother Irving Todd again presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering ninety-two pages. Nebraska, 1906, receives generous fraternal consideration.

M. W. Gustav Widell, Mankato, is Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, is Grand Secretary

MISSISSIPPI, 1906.

February 20th, in the city of Brookhaven, the eighty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Thomas B. Franklin, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and a large number of representatives from the chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master in eloquent discourse portrays the distinctive worth of our institution. He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their senior Past Grand Master, Mos' Worshipful Brother

Andrew Hannah Barkley, who was Grand Master in 1874, and who had been active in Grand Lodge from 1866; he was the writer of correspondence for twenty-one years, and had devoted many years to the Fraternity. He died December 9th, 1905. We extract a single paragraph:

Of a kindly disposition, he loved his fellowmen, and seeing in Freemasonry the means of advancing the work which the Master had given him to do in this world, he always was active and zealous in furthering its interest, and he never spared himself labor in its behalf. Of colossal physical proportions, he was always a prominent figure in every assembly, and attracted attention by the strength and vigor with which he maintained his opinions and battled for the advancement of the cause which he had in hand.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of seven newly chartered lodges and the instituting of five under dispensation; the laying of four corner-stones, and the granting of several special dispensations for the usual purposes. Among the few decisions reported, one holds that a brother who had been suspended from membership by his lodge was restored to full membership when the lodge by vote rescinded its former action.

The Deputy Grand Master, and each of the thirty District Deputy Grand Masters, made brief report of conditions in their respective districts.

M. W. Brother Frederic Speed, Grand Secretary, submits a very full and interesting report of the transactions passing through his office, and of conditions as they exist in that Grand Jurisdiction, showing a very prosperous year.

The Grand Lodge extended recognition to the National Grand Lodge of Egypt. The trustees of the Masonic Home Endowment Fund make report of securities and cash on hand of \$52,918.17, and another committee to raise funds and receive proposals for location of the Home, report that owing to the yellow fever it was unable to canvass during the summer, but it was able to report that:

The citizens of West Point offer the Grand Lodge the Southern Female College and all of its equipment, including all the buildings, campus and furniture, and forty-five acres of land in addition to the ten and three-quarters acres included in the campus grounds.

The property is valued at \$52,000.00, and the city of West Point agrees to sell this property to the Grand Lodge for \$22,000.00—\$12,000.00 cash and \$10,000.00 in four equal payments of \$2,500.00 each, with interest at 4 per cent.

The following appears later:

Be it resolved, by this Grand Lodge, That the elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Widows' and Orphans' Home be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and ordered to, within six months from the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, select a location within the State for the Widows' and Orphans' Home, and the said Trustees, to-wit: Brother John Y. Murray, W. A. Roane, O. L. McKay, T. B. Franklin and T. U. Sisson, be and are hereby ordered and directed by this Grand Lodge to immediately proceed to advertise for bids for the location of the said Home and that the said Trustees be and they are hereby directed and

ordered to either purchase such property as they see fit and proper, or purchase a lot or parcel of land and build the Home, as in their wisdom and judgment they deem to be to the best interest of the Grand Lodge, and that the Home be absolutely located within the said six months, and at as early date within said time as the said Trustees may deem practical.

Charters were granted to seven lodges under dispensation. Among the decisions adopted on recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence we find the following:

QUESTION 2.—A, who was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Toltec Lodge, No. 214, City of Mexico, desires that Amory Lodge, No. 165, confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees on him. His receipt for fees shows that he was made an Entered Apprentice in June, 1903. Can Amory Lodge do this work.

ANSWER.—The Grand Lodge of Mississippi is not in fraternal correspondence with the Mexican Grand Lodge, having jurisdiction over Toltec Lodge, No. 214, and in so far as our Grand Lodge is concerned Toltec Lodge is clandestine; therefore, Amory Lodge cannot, at its request, confer the Fellow Craft degree on the candidate. The candidate can be treated by Amory Lodge just as if he had never been initiated as an Entered Apprentice, and he can apply to Amory Lodge for initiation and if elected in the regular and usual way, Amory Lodge can initiate him and confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees.

QUESTION 5.—If an objection has been interposed since the election of a candidate for initiation, and before the degree is conferred and the Master has an entry made on the minutes of the Lodge showing that an objection has been made, and after the election of another Master the Past Master to whom the objection was made demits and moves away, without making the name of the objector known to the incoming Master, has the incoming Master the right to initiate the candidate. If not, how shall the Lodge or candidate proceed to find out whether the objection has been removed or not.

ANSWER BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BROTHER ROANE—Answer first question—No. As long as the objector remains a member of that Lodge no succeeding Master has a right to initiate the party unless the member who made the objection voluntarily withdraws the objection, and no member has any right to question his reason or motive.

ANSWER BY BROTHER HOWARD—The question is not whether the Master has moved away, but whether the objector has demitted or not. To find this out the present Master should write the Past Master and find out who the objector was, and whether the objection still stands. If no other way can be found let every member be notified that unless an objection is made to A. B. (and being unable to find out from the Past Master who was the former objector) that the degree will be conferred on blank night, and so entered on the minutes.

The report on correspondence, by Past Grand Master Andrew H. Barkley, covering sixty pages, is introduced by Past Grand Master Frederic Speed, who says:

The tired hand and weary brain, which wrote the following pages, rest from their labors, having fallen on Saturday morning, December ninth, and on the following day at noon, Mother Earth received into her bosom all that was mortal of Andrew Hannah Barkley. For eighteen consecutive years, and previously for three additional years, he had served his brethren with freedom, fervency and zeal, in the capacity of Correspondence Reporter. He began with 1870, saying in the introduction to his paper:

"We have endeavored to present, in a concise manner as possible, such matters as in our opinion would be of general interest to the Craft.

"We have felt constrained to differ in some instances, from the action had by sister Grand Lodges, not from any fault-finding spirit, or desire to cavil, but from principle and because Masonic law warranted a different opinion.

"We have but one object in view in the preparation of this report and that is to benefit the Craft, and if in any measure it should meet with their approval, we shall feel that our efforts have not been altogether in vain."

In these words we find the key note to twenty-one Correspondence Reports which he wrote. Dealing honestly with his subject and himself, he wrote naught in malice and while he had the courage of his convictions and was self-assertive to a degree, it was not because he sought controversy though he did not shrink from it, when he deemed it necessary, but rather for the reason that he believed Masonry a high and holy thing and like the Church whose servant he was, it was not to be degraded from its great mission by refraining from speaking the word in season and out of season, in truth and soberness, which he believed ought to be said with a purpose sole and single of holding the standard of the Craft above and beyond temporary expediency, that the Brotherhood might be benefited by his labors. He stood for the old fashioned idea of Masonry, that it was God's servant and handmaid, doing a work which He had given it to do and it was treason to the cause to turn either to the right or left in searching out new and untried by-paths which did not follow the "true principles of Ancient Craft Masonry," and therefore he exhibited but little patience for those who favored the introduction of new and strange customs. Let us tread in the old paths and preserve the ancient usages, customs and landmarks, regardless of the new which is ever springing up about us and endeavoring to seduce us from Masonry as our fathers taught it.

Under Nebraska we find the following:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that the Grand Lodges of New South Wales and the Valle de Mexico be recognized and requested exchange of Representatives, but Queensland, whose genesis is perfect was asked to await the good pleasure of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, which following their previous course in regard to Colonial Grand Lodges refuse to let go their grip in Australia and probably will not until driven to it by the same reasons which drove them into a recognition of other Colonial Grand Lodges. Queensland is as regular as Nebraska or any other American Grand Lodge and there ought to be no hesitation in doing her the justice to recognize her claims.

M.:W.:Charles H. Blum, Shelby, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:Frederic Speed, Vicksburg, is Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI, 1906.

September 25th, in Masonic Hall, in Kansas City, the eighty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:A. S. Houston, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from four hundred and one of the five hundred and seventy-four chartered lodges, in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master extended most cordial greetings, and asked for hearty co-operation in conducting the affairs of the Craft in Grand Lodge, laying before his brethren such matters as needed attention. To the memory of their Past Grand Master Joseph S.

Browne he paid loving fraternal tribute. A much needed revision and codifying of their by-laws was discussed and recommended. Ten thousand dollars had been forwarded to relieve our distressed brethren in California, sufferers from earthquake and fire.

An amendment of the constitution, submitted to the lodges, was saved, as he puts it, through the untiring efforts of their Grand Secretary, "who has kept everlastingly" busy, prodding the lodges to action. We in Nebraska had that plan, but, realizing that a sovereign Grand Lodge is possessed of supreme authority in legislative, executive, and judicial government in Masonic matters, repealed the submission provision, and to this writer it seems more reasonable that the Grand Lodge should exercise the recognized authority in it vested, and amend, as it originally framed and adopted, its constitution.

The Grand Master reports the forming of fifteen lodges under dispensation, and the laying of twenty-one corner-stones.

A private concern calling itself a Masonic Sanitarium, he thus discusses:

This is an enterprise to be located in St. Louis. It is incorporated under the laws of the State of Missouri. As to its business methods, I know nothing. It proposes to do a general hospital practice and offers especially favorable terms to indigent Masons.

It does not ask the recognition of the Grand Lodge, nor that it commit itself in any way to the enterprise. This much I have learned from its officers, who are Masons.

I have received strong protests against the use of the name "Masonic" in this connection. To these I have answered that I know of no law to prevent such a use of the name. The promoters of the enterprise ask nothing of this Grand Lodge, and as a private enterprise only it has my sanction.

We think there ought to be a law against the unauthorized use of the term "Masonic," as applied to any private enterprise. Under such use of the word thousands of unsuspecting members of the Fraternity have invested their earnings only to lose them.

The Grand Secretary, Brother John R. Parson, submits a very full report, in which the gratifying fact appears that every lodge had made its returns and paid its dues on time; and:

The sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) appropriated by the Grand Lodge in 1903 toward an additional building for the old people, has been paid this year. In addition to this \$19,745.75 has been paid to the Home, being one-half of the per capita tax for 1905. This makes a grand total of \$29,745.75 contributed during the past year to the support and maintenance of our Masonic Home.

The following, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was adopted:

WHEREAS, It is currently reported in the Masonic press that the Grand Lodges of Germany have agreed, through a Conference Committee, to recognize the Grand Lodge of France; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of France does not require a belief in God as a test of membership, atheists being admitted, and the Holy Bible is not one of the three great Lights upon the altar, and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Masons of Missouri is in fraternal affiliation with the Grand Lodges of Germany; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to ascertain, through the proper channels, the truth or falsity of this report of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of France by the Grand Lodges of Germany, and if such report is true, the Grand Master shall declare the fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodges of Germany by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Missouri to be terminated.

The Committee on Revision and Codification made brief report and were continued. One of their suggestions is something new and will bear watching:

The suggestion was also made that as the Grand Lodge is an incorporated body that there is no necessity for a Constitution, in addition to the articles of incorporation and By-Laws, and that it might be well to ascertain the opinion of the Grand Lodge as to the advisability of doing away with the Constitution and incorporate its provisions in the By-Laws.

We regard the question of revision of our By-Laws of great importance, involving many questions far-reaching in their nature, too important to be lightly considered, and in view of the conditions above suggested, we fraternally ask for further time in which to complete our report and for instructions as to making our report cover all laws, rules and regulations, subject to the charter, for the government of the Grand Lodge.

We hope that our Missouri brethren will not lose sight of the fact that "Masonry is a law unto itself," and that they will avoid relying so much upon state enactments, as to have their business carried into the courts. The proposition that an incorporating act of the state legislature shall be in anywise treated as a sufficient constitution for the Grand Lodge, is not only novel, but is startling and suggestive of innovation.

Sixteen lodges under dispensations were granted charters.

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Home we quote:

That, owing to this session of the Grand Lodge being held in Kansas City, we are, this year, deprived of our usual official visitation to the Home. The loss, however, is ours, for we sadly miss the happy, beaming faces of the little ones and the kindly cheer and hearty hand clasps of the aged members of the Home family. Fortunately, our official visits at various times during a long period of years, and extending up to and including the present year, have been so frequent that the Home and its management are sufficiently and familiarly known to us to formulate our report. Indeed, the Masonic Home, the just pride of the Masonic Fraternity of the State of Missouri, is best understood and appreciated by those who most frequently visit it, and thereby become the more intimately acquainted with its noble and beneficent workings and management. However, in order that future committees may have time to inform themselves of the Home and its management, we respectfully recommend that they be announced sufficiently in advance of the meeting of the Grand Lodge to enable them to make the necessary visitation and inquiry as to its needs and workings.

M. W. Brother Rufus E. Anderson presents the report on correspondence, his second, covering two hundred and fifty pages. He appends a table of fifty-seven American Grand Lodges, including those of the Dominion of Canada, showing the membership of each in their relative order of strength, with New York at the head and Prince Edward Island

at the foot, the total reaching 1,129,611. He writes an excellent report. We quote from his conclusion:

In conning over Proceedings under review we have been impressed with the popularity of our Order and the unprecedented increase in our members, whereas a few years ago Masonry was subjected to the hiss and viper-tongued malice of the guilty crowd. Now it is apparently the pampered child and favorite pet of all. None now, comparatively speaking, from the pulpit, the political forum or the tripod of the press, seek to defame and persecute, but all, as it were, ask opportunity to pay respect, while the zealous, curious multitude are knocking for admission at the door of its Temple. While this state of things may be in some respects rather pleasing than otherwise, would it not be well to look out, and heed the clarion words of Infinity when he utters the telling caution, "Beware when all men speak *well* of you!"

M. W. David M. Wilson, Milan, is Grand Master.

R. W. John R. Parson, St. Louis, is Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1906.

September 19th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Helena, the forty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Henry L. Frank, Grand Master, with representatives present from all excepting one of the fifty-three chartered lodges.

In his address the Grand Master declares that great prosperity abounds in the lodges in his jurisdiction, and he predicts a glorious future in Montana. He reports several decisions, but none is of special interest except locally. The laying of a corner-stone for the new Carnegie Public Library at Lewiston by the Grand Lodge, is spoken of as an interesting occasion. He reports visiting with greatest pleasure forty-eight of his fifty-three lodges. He had instituted three lodges under dispensation. Of their Home enterprise he says:

It is hardly necessary for me to make any statement about the Masonic Home, as your Home Committee in their report give you details of what has been done in regard to it; but I am so pleased with a selection of a site for our Masonic Home that I cannot help saying that we have secured the Fred Gamer ranch of 590 acres of fertile soil, with a good water right, located in Prickly Pear valley about seven miles from Helena, and it has all the requirements to make an ideal home for our unfortunate brothers, their widows and orphans, a Home which the fraternity will be proud of and which will bring joy to the hearts of all of us, for the happiness that we will be enabled to give to these aged and unfortunate brothers, and I congratulate the order on now being on the way to bring about the realization of a cherished hope we have all had for many years; a hope in which you have all shared—that of the attainment of this great blessing to our brothers, their widows and orphans.

The Grand Lodge, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, extended recognition to the Grand Lodges of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Alpina of Switzerland, and Queensland.

Again Brother Cornelius Hedges presents the report on correspondence. From his conclusion we briefly extract:

In the Masonic world there seems no diminution of prosperity, and in many directions, north, south, and west, there is unprecedented growth. Though one Grand Lodge will disappear with the coalescence of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, there is another, Alberta, to the north, that has taken its place. The whole west coast of our country is growing wonderfully, and generally the southern jurisdictions are having a revival. The disaster to San Francisco has aroused the general sympathy of the nation, and the generous response to the call for relief makes one proud and confident that Christian charity, which is the soul of Masonry, is growing as never before.

M. W. Alexander D. Macdonald, Kalispell, is Grand Master.
R. W. Cornelius Hedges, Helena, is Grand Secretary

NEVADA, 1906.

June 12th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Reno, the forty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles A. Beemer, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, and representatives from twenty of the twenty-two chartered lodges, in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of the year as one of harmonious work, and his experience has brought him to understand the unity of organization and of purpose which holds together our brotherhood, for the happiness and elevation of mankind.

He reports the constituting of a newly chartered lodge, the installation of the officers of Reno Lodge, and a good time at the banquet on that occasion; the exchange of representatives with Grand Lodges, the granting of a dispensation for a new lodge at Goldfield, the laying of several corner-stones, the granting of one special dispensation, and the visiting of a large number of his lodges. He rendered a few decisions and performed cheerfully all the duties that demanded attention.

In the report of R. W. Chauncey N. Noteware, Grand Secretary, we learn that Masonic lodges and brethren in Nevada sent upwards of three thousand five hundred dollars to relieve their brethren in California, which is certainly a very generous amount in a jurisdiction having only about a thousand members.

The new Grand Lodge of Alberta was duly recognized.

Brother Edward D. Vanderlieth again presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and five pages. He quotes a great deal, and is equally voluminous in criticism. Quoting figures to show that "things Masonic are humming 'way down South in Alabama," he takes up the other phases of the report, and proceeds to roast the poor Past Grand Masters of that jurisdiction, for "only five" were present at Grand Lodge.

On the one subject of Grand Representatives he is willing to compromise, for he says:

We have expressed ourself closely to these views and have seen no reason for change. That the Grand Representative System can be made more useful goes without saying; that its usefulness is being shamefully neglected is equally true, and lastly we trust that the discussion and

criticism anent this system may have a tendency to put the various Grand Representatives to the test. If each one shows he is of some use the system's use as a whole must certainly be commended.

And the way he argues is illustrated by the following argument with Brother Titecomb:

Under Kansas, Brother, we said that the universality of Masonry was broad enough to include as Masons and Brothers both Bro. Shaw, with his claim that the display of the stars and stripes does not trespass on Masonry's universality, and Bro. Titecomb, who holds that such display upsets the claim of Masonry to universality. We gave our views in nearly half a page. Sorry our Brother deemed them mere assertion. We think he missed the point intended to be made, as we are not given to mere assertion arguments, and respectfully ask a re-reading.

Under South Dakota we told Bro. Brown that we dissented when he said that Bro. Titecomb's N. P. D. views were everlastingly right and supported our dissent. We said that N. P. D. Brethren are typical of loafers. Bro. Titecomb thinks we omitted a necessary discrimination. We fail to see it that way. A loafer is a man who idles away his time. If a Brother, who is under suspension for non-payment of dues, isn't idling away his time Masonically, then we would like to know what he is doing? If we had used the word in the sense of a drunken bum, our discrimination might be taxed, but we used it in the sense of one who was shirking responsibilities that he willingly assumed, and was idling away precious Masonic hours. We plead not guilty, dear Brother.

M. W. Walter J. Harris, Reno, is Grand Master.

R. W. Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson City, is Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1905.

August 22d, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of St. John, the thirty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Edwin J. Everett, Grand Master.

In his address, the Grand Master reports that no complaint had been received from any lodge or brother; that peace, harmony, and brotherly love prevail throughout his jurisdiction; that the lodges are in a vigorous and healthy state, and that the Grand Lodge financially and otherwise is prosperous, which is likewise attested by the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master accompanied generally by his Grand Officers, and usually by one or more Past Grand Masters, visited twenty of his lodges, an account of which makes interesting reading. One lodge which had been dormant for three years had resumed labor with good prospects of the future, in consequence of which, he recommended, and Grand Lodge concurred in remitting the dues which had accrued during the three years it was not working.

One lodge under dispensation had he instituted, and a petition for another he had received shortly before the convening of Grand Lodge, and he had issued a dispensation, after due inquiry, which was still in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

Two decisions only does he report, one holding:

The other was a case in which a man had been elected in a Lodge in a neighboring State, but before being initiated removed into the territory of one of the Lodges in this jurisdiction, which Lodge was requested to initiate, pass and raise him for the Lodge in which he had been elected. My reply was: That although a Lodge may as a matter of Masonic courtesy, at the request of another Lodge confer the second or third degree, or both of them, on a brother initiated in the latter Lodge, it could not initiate and make a Mason of a man on such request; for under our constitution a man must be proposed, balloted for and accepted in the Lodge in which he is initiated.

The Grand Lodge maintains the system of conducting much of its business through the hands of a Board of General Purposes, and its report shows a careful attention to all matters submitted to it. A Benevolence Fund is maintained and carefully administered. We transcribe the report, which was adopted, of the committee:

The Committee on Relations with Other Grand Lodges respectfully report that at the request of your committee Grand Lodge last year allowed the question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland in the Commonwealth of Australia, to stand over until the present year. The practical steps for the formation of the Grand Lodge were taken in March, 1904. Documents and papers received during the recess show that the officers of the Grand Lodge of Queensland were duly installed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales in October, 1904. There are remonstrances from the Grand Lodges of Scotland and of England against recognizing this Grand Lodge, but this Grand Lodge was itself formed upon the theory that the Lodges in an independent political jurisdiction had a perfect right to form a Grand Lodge. On that principle the Grand Lodge of Queensland was formed, and has been recognized by many Grand Lodges. Queensland is certainly entitled to have a Grand Lodge of its own, and while it is not established by a majority of the Lodges in the State, there were nearly forty Lodges concerned in its formation. Your committee are of the opinion that it should be recognized as an independent Masonic authority for the aforesaid State, and fraternal relations entered into with it.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Edwin J. Everett, St. John, is Grand Master.

V. W. J. Twining Hartt, St. John, is Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1906.

May 16th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Concord, the one hundred and seventeenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Ira A. Chase, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from fifty-six of the seventy-nine chartered lodges, in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master speaks of their great loss during the year by death, no less than eight Past District Deputy Grand Masters having died, also Brother Joseph Warren Fellows, for many years a prominent member of the Grand Lodge and the other Grand Bodies of New Hampshire. All these were permanent members of the Grand Lodge, to the memory of each of whom, loving fraternal tribute is paid, and

permanent record of their Masonic labors is made. A good portrait of each is also published with the proceedings.

A semi-annual communication was held, at which seventy-three of the seventy-nine chartered lodges were represented. Its object and work is best shown by what the Grand Master says of it:

The attendance of the brethren upon this meeting at Manchester, on December 27, was very large; the exemplification of the work of the degree of Entered Apprentice by St. John's, No. 1, of the Fellow Craft, by Blazing Star, No. 11, and of the Master Mason, by Lafayette, No. 41, was rendered not only in a very correct, but also in a very excellent and inspiring manner, for which the thanks and commendation of the Grand Master are due them.

The occasion was auspicious, socially, mentally and morally. In accordance with recent custom, the District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturers assembled on the day previous in the Masonic apartments of the Lodges in Manchester, for mutual pleasure and profit to themselves and the Lodges under their supervision, in the study and discussion of the ritual with R. W. Brother RICHARDSON, State Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Master constituted one newly chartered lodge and dedicated one new Masonic Hall. He had issued a few special dispensations, including five to confer degrees in less than the time prescribed in their constitution.

A lodge in his jurisdiction was requested by a lodge in Norway to confer the Master Mason degree upon one of its members and referred the matter to the Grand Master, who having satisfied himself that the Norway lodge was a regular lodge and worthy of recognition as such, although its Grand Lodge had not been formally recognized, granted the request. Although there have been decisions to the effect that, unless the Grand Lodges involved have entered into formal relations, such courtesies can not be extended, yet we think the Grand Master in this case adopted the better rule.

Among his decisions we find one holding that one suspended for non-payment of dues must not only pay up, but petition for reinstatement and await action including a ballot. With us the payment of the dues reinstates the brother and it is made the duty of the Master to direct the Secretary so to record it. To us it seems the better rule; a brother poor, but unwilling to make his inability known, and suspended for non-payment of dues, should not be required to suffer the hardship imposed upon one who has been suspended for some moral delinquency.

Another decision, in regard to the duty of the committee upon the petition of a candidate, seems new. He holds, instead of a majority report and a minority report:

Answer:—It would be more in accordance with Masonic usage for the committee to embody in its report the fact that a part of the committee is favorable and a part unfavorable to granting the prayer of the petition, and all sign the one report without disclosing the position taken in the case by the different members of the committee.

He speaks in praise and with commendable pride of their Masonic Home.

The District Deputy Grand Masters each submitted a report of conditions prevailing in his district.

In the report of the committee: "In memoriam," in relation to the death of R. W. Joseph Warren Fellows, a great Mason and Masonic jurist, we find this statement:

The fact that no decision written by him during his long and distinguished career as a Masonic jurist in state and national Masonic bodies was ever rejected or overruled, is a splendid tribute to his great industry, sound judgment, legal ability and learning, which were recognized and appreciated by the craft everywhere.

We well remember this brother. In 1892, it was the pleasure of the writer to represent the Grand Commandery of Nebraska in an appeal to the Grand Encampment, K. T., U. S. A., at Denver, which came before the Committee on Jurisprudence, composed of eminent Masonic jurists, Hopkins of Pennsylvania, Fellows of New Hampshire, John Q. A. Fellows of Louisiana, John Frizzell of Tennessee, John Corson Smith of Illinois, and Logan H. Roots of Arkansas. The questions involved were, as Brother Hopkins, chairman of the committee, said, "of very serious import." The proposition we urged and upon which, alone, the case was decided, was: "That the Grand Lodges have full power to determine, each for itself, the legitimacy of any bodies claiming to be Masonic, and to determine the status of those who may belong to such organizations."

This contention was approved by five members of the committee, and adopted by an overwhelming majority of the Grand Encampment, against an adverse minority report of the committee written by Judge Hopkins, who, it was said, had never before been overruled in his reports as chairman of the committee, which position he held for many years, and was succeeded by Brother Fellows, of New Hampshire.

It was declared by the committee in the above case, further reporting upon said proposition, that "we are further of opinion that whenever Grand Lodges shall act in this regard, the Commanderies in each Grand Lodge Jurisdiction are bound, and must be governed by such Grand Lodge action and abide thereby."

The decision recognized a fundamental principle of Masonic jurisprudence, and came at an opportune time. It sounded the death knell of Cerneauism, then a rampant claimant for recognition. The record of the above mentioned action is found in the proceedings of the Grand Encampment for 1892, on page 165.

Brother Albert S. Wait, veteran and able writer of reports on correspondence, again presents the report on correspondence, reviewing briefly the proceedings of forty-one Grand Lodges. He has usually added much to the value of his reports by copious comment and the discussion of important historical and other questions of interest to the Craft, but we are sorry to note that he has suffered a severe and protracted illness, making it impossible for him to do the arduous work usual with him. The report,

however, so far as it reaches, is faithfully done. We sincerely hope for his speedy recovery and for many years more in the work he is so thoroughly equipped to perform.

M. W. Williams A. Plummer, Laconia, is Grand Master.

R. W. Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, is Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY, 1906.

March 21st, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Trenton, the one hundred and nineteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Benjamin F. Wakefield, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from one hundred and seventy of the one hundred and eighty chartered lodges, in attendance.

There were also present, as visitors, distinguished brethren of high official station from the Grand Jurisdictions of Connecticut, New York, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, who received a hearty welcome from the Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master in well chosen words speaks of the inspiration for better work gathered at the annual communications. To the memory of their Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Thomas W. Tilden, who died August 10th, 1905, he pays loving fraternal tribute.

He reports the assembling, early in the year, of his associate officers, the Grand Instructor and District Deputies; and each District Deputy was assigned work in his district of instructing the lodges, and at most of the lodges thus instructed the Grand Master was present. The Grand Master also reports visiting the Grand Lodge of Connecticut at its annual communication, but he was unable to visit the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Delaware, to each of which he had been invited.

He had constituted one new lodge under charter and had instituted one under dispensation. He says under "Visible Physical Defects:"

In this connection I would say that a number of candidates for initiation and membership with "visible physical defects" were referred to me for examination, as per requirements of our law. Those who could literally conform to the requirements of Ancient Craft Masonry were declared eligible for Masonic privileges. I have been much pleased at the care manifested by the Masters of Lodges in referring promptly cases of this nature to me, no matter how trivial the defect.

With us the same rule applies, but the question of determining the fitness of the candidate is determined by the lodge to which the candidate applies for membership.

The Grand Master reports the granting of some special dispensations, but no decisions.

Of their Masonic Home he says:

The Masonic Home Committee will report to you in full regarding the affairs of the Home and Orphanage, but I wish to say, as Grand Master, that my frequent visits to the Home have given me a larger and more comprehensive idea of what practical Masonry is than ever before.

The aged ones are well cared for and are cheered and comforted as they quietly rest during their declining years.

Our children in the Orphanage, happy under the care and attention which they receive, look forward to the time when they shall take their places in the world as men and women of responsibility, and to this end we are training them. I urge all members of the Craft to visit our Home, feeling confident that they will agree with me, that everything is being done that can be done to make it indeed a Home.

R. W. Thomas H. R. Redway, Grand Secretary, renders a very full report, concisely stated, of the important transactions for the year, showing an excellent condition in the affairs of the Grand Lodge.

From the report of the Home Committee we learn that the Home is enthusiastically sustained and is doing a good work, the number of residents being sixty-nine. The Christmas contributions alone amounted to nearly a thousand dollars.

Grand Secretary Ehlers, of New York, at an opportune time addressed the Grand Lodge, and was followed by the Grand Master of Delaware, M. W. L. Irving Handy, who was pleased to say, among other good things, that New York and Delaware together constitute two of the most numerous Grand Bodies known to Masonry, and that Texas and Delaware, taken together, are the largest two in territorial extent in our country.

The Grand Instructor, assisted by the District Deputies, exemplified the esoteric work of the three degrees and the opening and closing ceremonies of the lodge.

It was determined that it is the duty of a lodge, to which applicants for the formation of a new lodge apply to exemplify their work, to permit such exemplification and certify the result, and also to certify whether the applicants have secured a suitable room for Masonic purposes.

One lodge under dispensation was granted a charter, and three petitions for new lodges were recommended by the Committee on Dispensations and Warrants.

Fraternal relations were tendered to three General Grand Lodges: the Three Globes, in Berlin, the Grand Lodge of the Sun, in Bayreuth, the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship, in Berlin, and the Grand Lodge of Saxony, in Dresden.

From another report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we extract:

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge record the standards long since adopted for its government, by which the qualifications of Grand Lodges applying for recognition are to be determined, and in the case of the *Grand Lodge of Queensland* analogy is found with that of Canada, upon which a particularly able and very comprehensive report was made to and adopted by this Grand Lodge in 1858 (pp. 245-258).

The conditions preceding and attending the organization of the *Grand Lodge of Queensland* are substantially identical with those therein referred to, and in the opinion of your Committee the organization of the *Grand Lodge of Queensland* was in every essential respect in conformity to Masonic precedent and usage; and being a duly constituted sovereign body, is, therefore, entitled to fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodges of which it is now the peer, and such recognition and exchange of repre-

sentatives by and with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey is heartily recommended by this Committee.

In regard to the *Grand Lodge of Porto Rico*, we are of the opinion that the same validity exists as in the case of Cuba and Costa Rica, especially since the abandonment of the claim of territorial jurisdiction in Porto Rico by the governing body of another Rite, and your Committee make the same recommendation in behalf of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was also recognized by the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Robert A. Shirrefs submits the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1905, receives favorable fraternal consideration.

He stands up for New Jersey's law governing physical qualifications of candidates, saying: "New Jersey is not ready for the artificial limb test vote, however, by a good many years."

In commenting upon the misguided efforts of certain over zealous brethren in petitioning for pardons for convicted criminals, as also in a case in which a lodge contributed of its funds to aid in prosecuting a man who had taken the life of one of its members, he quite properly agrees that there should be no such "entanglement with the machinery of the law, either affirmatively or negatively."

He quotes, approving the following, under Indiana:

"From the reading of the law, I am of the opinion that the only way that an applicant for Masonry can be rejected legally is by black-balling. The objector, prior to the ballot, cannot claim the same right as the objector in the law after the ballot. The law contemplates but one way of determining the applicant's petition, and that is by ballot."

He seems to approve what is not the rule in his jurisdiction, but is a better rule, that the members of the lodges are the proper judges of the qualifications of candidates, including physical fitness, and his report as a whole is good.

M.:W.:Walter Chandler, Elizabeth, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Thomas H. R. Redway, Trenton, is Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO, 1906.

October 15th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Albuquerque, the twenty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:James G. Fitch, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from nineteen of the twenty-five chartered lodges, in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master extended a most cordial greeting to his brethren, especially those attending for the first time, declaring most truly, we think, "that the benefit which any of us derive from Masonry is in exact proportion to the love we give it and the time and effort we expend in its service." And we are glad to note the further appreciation he evidences of important matters, saying: "Grand Lodge

is the great Masonic Council, exercising legislative, judicial, and executive functions—it is the modern counterpart of those Ancient General Assemblies of the Craft, whose origin is lost in the mists of antiquity. We are gathered here to preserve the Ancient Landmarks." One so well grounded in correct understanding cannot go very far astray from all the essentials of Freemasonry.

He speaks hopefully of conditions in his jurisdiction, where vigilance is necessary, as generally, because of the settling up of the territory, as yet sparsely inhabited, and, in a measure, remote from those refining influences found in older communities.

He reports the instituting of one lodge under dispensation; the constituting of one under a charter, and the visiting of every lodge in his jurisdiction except two, whose widely scattered membership prevented getting a quorum.

He says that they are making substantial and satisfactory progress in the dissemination and practice of their ritualistic work, by the only means by which it can be legitimately communicated and retained—the instructive tongue, the attentive ear, and the faithful breast. The use of the nomenclature of Freemasonry enriches the discourse of one addressing his Masonic brethren, and it adorns the address we are considering. Speaking of his lodges, he says:

In a few Lodges the work is as nearly letter perfect as can be expected; in the majority a good working knowledge and a substantial compliance with the more important requirements has been observed. In a few of the smaller or younger Lodges, not much progress has been made, but this is owing to lack of time or opportunity to acquire the work. In all, I was pleased to observe an earnest desire to acquire and practice it.

Of another matter he thus wisely speaks:

The plan adopted by this Grand Lodge of itself enacting the necessary By-laws for Subordinate Lodges and leaving it to these Lodges only to determine, and insert in the prescribed form, the times of stated communications, the fees for the degrees, the annual dues, and compensation to be paid Lodge officers, is, I am sure, in accordance with the best modern practice. In this manner only can uniformity and certainty in the government and procedure of Subordinate Lodges be attained throughout this Jurisdiction. If Subordinate Lodges are permitted to legislate upon any and every subject that they may see fit, doubt, discord, and confusion will certainly be the result.

The Grand Master granted a considerable number of special dispensations, exercising a wise discretion, and fully sets forth the conditions in his report.

Only one of his several decisions will we quote, and that because of its importance and, as we think, correct conclusions:

1.—Held that a member of a Mexican Lodge working the York Rite in English under charter from Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and who can prove himself to be a Master Mason upon strict examination, has the right of visitation in this Jurisdiction. The right of visitation is a personal one belonging to every Master Mason, provided he does not hail from a clandestine Lodge or one under the jurisdiction of a Grand Body against

which a decree of non-intercourse has been promulgated on account of the violation by such Grand Body of some of the Ancient Landmarks; such decree of non-intercourse being equivalent to a declaration that such Grand Body is no longer, at least in some respects, a Masonic Body. It is true that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, up to the present time, has not been accorded formal recognition by this Grand Lodge; but such failure to accord recognition on our part can only be construed to mean that so far we have not deemed it advisable or desirable to enter into diplomatic relations with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. This is not equivalent to a declaration that such Grand Lodge is clandestine, or that it is violating any of the Ancient Landmarks of Free Masonry.

It is a fact that quite a number of Grand Lodges with which we have always maintained the most cordial relations, have accorded formal recognition to Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and in the absence of any affirmative declaration or action on the part of this Grand Lodge to the contrary, the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico is to be considered a Masonic Grand Body, and therefore has the right to constitute Subordinate Lodges, and Masons made in these Lodges are our Masonic Brethren, and entitled to visitation; this right being a personal one, is to be accorded to every true and lawful Master Mason without reference to the Lodge or the Grand Jurisdiction from which he hails, and the fact that formal diplomatic relations have not been established between the respective Grand Lodges, does not deprive him of his right.

The Grand Master recommended, as did also the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and the Grand Lodge, by unanimous vote, extended its recognition, and thus, finally, but tardily, justice is done to our friends in our sister Republic.

Past Grand Master James H. Wroth submits the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and sixty-nine pages and fully reviewing the proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1906, receives generous space, but he has some doubts, as one Thomas of old likewise did, and says:

We are fast coming ourselves to the conclusion that Ancient Craft Masonry is concerning itself entirely too much in the welfare of the so-called higher degrees or the various rites, for its own good, and we believe the less it has to do with any rite, the better for itself.

Well, that matter has been pretty well threshed out, and our brother is in a less than one twelfth minority. A Master Mason's Ob. is such that, when he joins a so-called Masonic Rite, where certain ceremonies of the Blue Lodge are made use of, he must understand, if he has never before learned, that the Grand Lodge is supreme over all Master Masons under its jurisdiction, and the lesser lights have no claim to his obedience, unless recognized as Masonic by his mother Grand Lodge. The Cerneau controversy settled that doctrine forever, in this country.

M. W. Abram N. Pratt, Carlsbad, is Grand Master.

R. W. Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, is Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1906.

All regular communications of the Grand Lodge are held at Masonic Hall, in the city of Sydney. The volume under review contains a record of the proceedings of four quarterly and two special communications, together with tables, etc., and a report on correspondence.

A special, held April 24th, 1906, was to install their newly elected Grand Master, M. W. Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, M. W. John Cochrane Remington, Grand Master and Installing Officer, presiding. Nearly four thousand brethren were present. Grand Officers and men of high rank from sister colonies were in attendance, and the occasion was graced with many eloquent addresses. This assembly was at the Town Hall, in Sydney. A richly bound copy of a special edition of the proceedings of this meeting has also reached the writer. This volume is so well described by Brother Anderson, in his report for Missouri, that we take the liberty of transcribing his words: "A three-quarter size picture of the Grand Master with a full equipment of regalia adorning his portly person, forms the frontispiece. Next we have an imposing picture of the Town Hall in Sydney, where the installation took place, then a front view of the Masonic Hall, showing a splendid structure, then a three-quarter, clear cut picture of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William Charles Shipway. Then a group in the Grand East, showing the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers in the act of being installed. Then we have an imposing picture of the installing Grand Master, John Cochrane Remington. Then group picture of the Grand Master and Grand Officers of Victoria, a similar group of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers of Queensland. Then a view of the interior of the Town Hall at Sydney, with the immense audience witnessing the ceremony. These fine pictures are interleaved with the Grand Board's tribute, the odes, anthems and addresses, making all together a splendid souvenir of the occasion."

The question of the regularity of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Queensland is a live question in New South Wales, the latter being the first to extend its recognition, and its Grand Master, John C. Remington, with his officers, going to Brisbane to install the officers of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland. Grand Master Remington, for many years at the head of the Craft in New South Wales, an accomplished gentleman and Masonic jurist, ably champions Queensland, and has made many addresses attesting his mastery of the subject, and the volume under review deals liberally with correspondence between the officers of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, discussing the question of the right of lodges to erect sovereign Grand Lodges.

Freemasonry in New South Wales is not only active, prosperous, and progressive, but is established upon a high plane of excellency, and agreeable to ancient landmarks and usages, conforming zealously to its high ideals of duty.

An excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and thirty-five pages, in which Nebraska, 1905, receives generous fraternal

treatment, is the work of a committee of five, each contributing a portion.

Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, Governor of the colony, is Grand Master.

R. W. Arthur H. Bray, Sydney, is Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1906.

May 1st, at Masonic Hall, in the city of New York, the one hundred and twenty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Frank H. Robinson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from seven hundred and seventy of the seven hundred and seventy-two chartered lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master pays appropriate fraternal tribute to the memory of the illustrious dead of that and other Grand Jurisdictions. Their Past Grand Master, Jesse B. Anthony, died at Utica, New York, May 26th, 1905. He was Grand Master in the early eighties, and, during the fifteen years preceding his death, wrote the reports on correspondence; from the opening of the Masonic Home at Utica until his death, he was the superintendent of that great institution.

As Grand Master he exhibited great executive ability. He was a scholar and a Masonic jurist of rare knowledge and ability; as a writer and reviewer, he is best known throughout the English speaking Masonic world, and all his papers in that field have been justly complimented and praised. His work in the Masonic Home has commanded the love and affection, not only of the inmates of that institution, but of his brethren and the Grand Masonic Bodies of his state which have so generously sustained that institution and Brother Anthony in his loving care of the unfortunate who have found a home at Utica. The Grand Master, speaking of it, says:

When the Masonic Home at Utica was opened, Bro. ANTHONY was selected as Superintendent and he served faithfully in that position until the day of his death. During all the years of this service his work received the unqualified praise and commendation of every Grand Master and every Board of Trustees. He mastered all the details of the Home and conducted it on such business principles that it became one of the greatest institutions of the kind in this country. His chief characteristic was his great executive ability. He was broad enough to plan comprehensively for the Institution, not only for to-day but for years to come; to decide on the best policy for procedure and then to carry it out to the minutest detail. His work was done quietly, without ostentation, and people only saw the result and did not see the man. He was as he sought to be, inconspicuous; but he pursued his work with devotion and dignity. Any home with over 300 inmates often presents serious problems in its administration; but whatever they were, Bro. ANTHONY met and solved them wisely and successfully and there never was a ripple on the surface to disturb the smoothness and serenity of the daily life of its inmates.

The Grand Master sets out in his address an amendment to the penal code of that state, calculated to cure the evil of clandestine Masons. It is

something new, and of such importance that it should be generally read, and for that reason we copy it:

§ 567-b. Fraudulent use of the name or title of secret fraternities.— Any person, firm, association, society, order or organization, or any officer, agent, representative or employee thereof, or person acting or pretending to act on behalf thereof who in a newspaper or other publication published in this state, or in any letter, writing, circular, paper, pamphlet or other written or printed notice, matter or device without authority of the grand lodge hereinafter mentioned fraudulently uses, or in any manner directly or indirectly aids in the use of the name or title of any secret fraternal association, society, order or organization which has had a grand lodge in this state for ten years, or any imitation of such name or title or any name or title so nearly resembling it as to be calculated to deceive, or who without such authority publishes, sells, lends, gives away, circulates or distributes any letter, writing, circular, paper, pamphlet or other written or printed notice, matter or device directly or indirectly advertising for or soliciting members or applications for membership in such secret fraternal association, society, order or organization, or in any alleged or pretended association, society, order or organization using or designated or claimed to be known by such title or imitation or resemblance thereof or who therein or thereby offers to sell, or to confer or to communicate or to give information directly or indirectly where, how, of whom, or by what means any alleged or pretended degree or any alleged or pretended secret work or any alleged or pretended secrets of such secret fraternal association, society, order or organization or of any alleged or pretended association, society, order or organization designated or claimed to be known by such title or imitation or resemblance thereof can or may be obtained, conferred or communicated, is punishable by imprisonment for not more than three years or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars for each offense. Any such letter, writing, circular, paper, pamphlet or other written or printed notice, advertising matter or device, shall be deemed presumptive proof of the fraudulent character of the scheme therein referred to and of an intent to violate this section.

The Masonic Home is to be enlarged by a building which will accommodate more than one hundred and twenty-five additional inmates. A fund for the higher education of those inmates of the Home who were desirous of obtaining it, was given by the Knights Templar Charity Ball Association. Two hundred and five acres have been deeded, and upwards of nine thousand dollars in money has already been contributed towards the establishment of a Masonic sanitorium for consumptives, and another Masonic Home is liberally supported, in the ninth Masonic District, by the German Masonic Temple Association of that district.

During the year the Grand Master had issued his dispensations for three new lodges which had been instituted, and he recommended that a charter be granted to each. His address abounds in important matters, large undertakings, and wise recommendations. The Grand Secretary's report is correspondingly important and is presented in admirable form.

The reports of the several standing committees are also of large matters; and are presented with careful consideration, showing ability to decide upon and recommend wise and just action, commanding the approval of their brethren.

Their Grand Historian, R. W. Edwin A. Quick, is engaged, and for some years has been, in reporting progress in the undertaking of carefully preparing sketches embodying the history of each lodge in the jurisdiction, which are published with the proceedings, thus adding to their publications matters of great interest and holding the attention of the members of the lodges throughout the state. It certainly is a wise thing to do, of great and lasting importance, furnishing the means for ready reference to interesting and important historical data.

Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, were in attendance as visitors, and during one of the sessions speeches and responses were indulged in, to the great pleasure and edification of the Craft.

The three lodges under dispensation, as per recommendation of the Grand Master and the Committee on Charters, were each granted a charter. Many amendments to the constitution were proposed and are published with the proceedings.

M. W. Townsend Scudder, Glen Head, is Grand Master.

M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York City, is Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND, 1906.

May 9th, in Choral Hall, in the city of Christchurch, the Grand Lodge was convened and opened, with the M. W. Grand Master-elect, His Excellency the Governor, Lord Plunket, present for installation, M. W. Alfred H. Burton, Grand Master, presiding.

In his address the Grand Master discloses a most prosperous condition of things pertaining to the Craft in that Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge has had its troubles with the Grand Lodges in the British Isles, especially with that of Scotland. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was duly organized in 1890, and afterwards received fraternal recognition at the hands of nearly all English speaking Grand Lodges and entered into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, and, as was supposed, with Scotland; but Scotland, disregarding the rule recognized by all other Grand Lodges, still claimed the right to warrant lodges after the erection of the sovereign Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and in the territory of the latter. This is in rank violation of the true rule, that upon the erection of a sovereign Grand Lodge, it only can warrant new lodges. All the Australasian Grand Lodges have been more or less hampered by obstructions erected by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, but none so exasperating and unjust as this claim made by Scotland that it could continue the warranting of new lodges. The Bishop of Perth, Grand Master of Western Australia, vigorously discusses these interferences in the colonies. See extracts under our review of Western Australia.

The whole Masonic world is fast coming to the proper understanding of the unreasonable claims of the mother Grand Lodges, and this is especially true in all the English colonies. And it is equally true of all our

American investigators of the questions involved. American Freemasons should be especially interested because the doctrine of sovereign Grand Lodge jurisdiction is largely a growth of our country.

New Zealand's Grand Secretary, Brother Malcolm Niccol, in his very able report to his Grand Lodge, fully sets forth the history of their controversy with the Grand Lodge of Scotland; but we have not the space to quote him here, as we should like to do. He also takes up the subject of the hardships imposed on Queensland, and most ably espouses her cause. His report is intensely interesting to every student of Masonic jurisprudence.

The prosperity of the Grand Lodges in that part of the world, and their desire reasonably to recompense deserving and efficient officials, is well illustrated by the following:

Speaking to the proposal to increase the salary of the Grand Secretary to £500, R. W. Bro. C. J. RONALDSON said that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, with 200 lodges and an income of £5,300, paid its Grand Secretary £600 per annum, and provided him with an assistant secretary, suitably remunerated. Victoria, with 180 lodges, and a smaller income than that of New Zealand, also paid its Grand Secretary £600 and provided an assistant. The present income of the New Zealand Grand Lodge was £4,600, and it had 146 lodges, and the salary of the Grand Secretary was only £450. For his own part, he thought that a salary of £600 would not be too great for the work and the position, but the Board proposed only £500. All the brethren knew the qualifications of the present Grand Secretary, and could bear witness to the great interest and the admirable industry with which he conducted the business of his office.

So thoroughly are the brethren aroused to their duty, that the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution providing: "That it be an instruction to the Board of General Purposes to endeavor to arrange a Conference of Representatives of the Grand Lodges of Australasia, with a view to the formation of a Council of Reference to whom questions of Masonic Autonomy, and other matters of reciprocal Masonic interest, may from time to time be referred."

The business of the Grand Lodge was all conducted harmoniously.

M.:W.:Lord Plunket is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Malcolm Niccol, Christchurch, is Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1906.

June 26th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Fargo, the seventeenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Louis A. Jacobson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from sixty-five of the seventy-four chartered lodges, in attendance.

A hearty fraternal greeting to his brethren marks the Grand Master's address. The year, he says, had been one of activity and steady progress; four dispensations for new lodges had been granted, two newly chartered lodges had been constituted, and he had granted several dispensations for conferring the degrees in less than statutory time. Agree-

able to a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge the year before, he had appointed a Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor, Brother Charles A. Hale, whose duties, in addition to teaching the ritual, require the investigation of the records, finances, and the practical details of lodge work, and the advising, if need be, along these lines in the lodges where he visits.

The Grand Master reports the laying of the corner-stone of a new court house, and he reports several decisions, all of which seem to be sound and in accord with Masonic law. One case, involving interesting questions, and of unusual occurrence, we quote in full:

About two years ago Sanborn Lodge No. 14 received what it took to be a request from Sterling Lodge No. 171, of Sterling, Kansas, to confer the F. C. and M. M. degrees upon Brother J. H. Armstrong, who had been elected and initiated in Sterling Lodge, and proceeded to confer the F. C. and M. M. degrees upon him supposedly as a matter of courtesy. It subsequently developed that the supposed request from Sterling Lodge was a waiver of jurisdiction, at least so Sterling Lodge maintained, while Sanborn Lodge maintained that it was simply a request to confer the degrees; the result being that Sterling Lodge disclaimed Brother Armstrong as its member, and Sanborn Lodge could not receive him as a member because he had never passed the secret ballot.

I took up the matter with two Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, the term of the first one expiring during the correspondence. Many letters were exchanged, but to sum up the matter will merely say that Sterling Lodge would not recede from its position, and the Grand Master of Kansas knew of no way to cause it to recede. The conditions left Brother Armstrong a Master Mason, but without lodge or proper evidence by which he could be received as a member in any other lodge.

Believing that Brother Armstrong was entirely innocent in this matter, and had been a creature of misunderstanding, I believed that our Fraternity owed him at least the proper evidence that he was a Master Mason. Therefore, I issued a certificate of his masonic status, reciting therein concisely the facts in the case, requesting all lodges in this grand jurisdiction to receive such certificate as equivalent to a dimit when attached to an application for affiliation, and requesting that lodges of sister grand jurisdictions fraternally comply with the order.

At the time of the earthquake in California, their Past Grand Master, Albert B. Herrick, was residing at Santa Rosa, California, and the Grand Master opened correspondence with him which resulted in subscriptions, by the lodges and brethren of North Dakota, to the sufferers at Santa Rosa, to the generous amount of \$1,385.00, which was promptly forwarded.

The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Grant S. Hager, makes report of having, during the absence of the Grand Master from the state, dedicated a new Masonic temple, at Sheldon, and he speaks in highest terms of the liberality of the brethren and their good work.

R. W. Brother Frank J. Thompson, as Grand Secretary, submits a most excellent report, fully setting forth the transactions passing through his office.

Four lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

The report on correspondence is by M. W. Brother Robert M. Carothers, but by express command of the Grand Lodge is confined to the judicial and legislative acts of other Grand Lodges. If we remember

aright Brother Carothers was the author of this plan. It is a failure. The decisions in other jurisdictions are generally upon questions governed by local legislation and cannot serve in any sense as authority outside of the jurisdiction where rendered. He says:

The action of this Grand Lodge in confining the report on Fraternal Correspondence to the Judicial and Legislative acts of Sister Grand Lodges, does not seem to have met the full approval of the several correspondents who have had an opportunity to express themselves. The condemnation of some has been severe, that of others reasonable. Not all of the Guild have yet had a chance at us.

In travel, in study, in art, in law, in medicine and theology, in almost everything, great pleasure and much good results from leaving the beaten paths. There may be no precedent for the course we have taken, but as the Irish lawyer said to the court, "What an elegant opportunity to make one."

An example of what he can do in this new and great (?) work is found in the following, which we extract as of special interest to Masons, and to the rest of mankind:

Suicide is not a masonic offense, therefore a brother attempting to take his own life cannot be preceeded against masonically.—Idaho, 1905, p. 25.

In those states where attempted suicide is a crime, a different ruling would probably be given on the theory that all crimes are *per se* masonic offenses. To punish attempted suicide has always appeared to us to be placing a penalty on one for not succeeding in committing a murder for which he could not be punished.

We are reminded of an after dinner speech, by the late Secretary of State, John Hay, at Denver, in 1892, at the banquet at the triennial of the Grand Encampment, K. T.—the point emphasized was "Great head."

M. W. Grant S. Hager, St. Thomas, is Grand Master.

R. W. Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, is Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1906.

June 13th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Halifax, the forty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles Reynolds Smith, Grand Master, with most of the Grand Officers, a large number of permanent members, and representatives from forty-six of the sixty-six chartered lodges, in attendance.

An eloquent sermon, on the subject, "The Jewels of Masonry," by V. W. Brother Allan P. Shatford, Grand Chaplain, at St. Paul's Church, to which the Grand Lodge went in Grand Procession, followed the opening of the Grand Lodge.

In opening his address the Grand Master discusses at some length the leading nations in their relations one to the other, showing a familiarity with matters of world wide importance, and with glowing words emphasizes the joy we should all feel, because of the ties that bind the two greatest nations, England and the United States, in bonds of closest friendship. Of course, such subjects are rarely discussed in Grand

Masters' addresses, but we are pleased to find this exception. It will gladden the hearts of all true men who peruse it.

He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their Past Grand Master, Stephen Roland Sircom, who died January 24th, 1906.

Their law provides: "Any Brother who shall remain a non-affiliate Mason within this Jurisdiction one year or more *shall not* be allowed to visit any Lodge or join in a Masonic procession, *nor be entitled to Masonic relief or burial.*" The Grand Master construing this, says:

Now, down to the comma after the word "procession" the section is, evidently, imperative and, in my judgment, clearly enacts that the non-affiliates mentioned *shall not* visit any Lodge or *shall not* join in a Masonic procession. But after the comma, as I read it, the imperative part of the section drops, the words following being, "nor entitled to receive Masonic relief or burial." In my opinion, the meaning of the words quoted is that the non-affiliates shall not be entitled as a matter of right, but that the granting of the Masonic burial will be, and is, discretionary with the Master of the Subordinate Lodge. It strikes me that had the framers of our Constitution a different intention they would have carried the imperative sense further and said in words that the non-affiliates "shall not be entitled to Masonic relief or burial." I do not, however, think that was their intention, and I have so interpreted their words. Another point that has weighed a good deal upon me in coming to the conclusion arrived at is that if Masonic burial is forbidden then Masonic relief is also forbidden, for the same words apply to each. And certainly the learned framers of our Constitution, certainly the Grand Lodge never intended that our Subordinate Lodges should refuse Masonic relief to the Brother in distress simply because he happened to be a non-affiliate of one year or upwards in the Jurisdiction. Apart from the grand and charitable principles of Freemasonry, common decency and the laws of humanity forbid such a contention, such a construction, and what holds good to Masonic relief holds equally good to Masonic burial. I hold, and rule, therefore, that while such non-affiliates are not entitled to Masonic burial *as a matter of right*, the granting or refusing same is a matter in the discretion of the Master of the Subordinate Lodge, a discretion, I need hardly say, that should always be wisely and Masonically exercised. The importance of a large number of the Craft attach to this matter, and the great difference of opinion existing in the jurisdiction as to the correct meaning of the part of section quoted is my reason for referring to it at such length.

The above was approved, and justly so, we think. The subject is a source of frequent disagreements in subordinate lodges, and a better understanding of the true rule should be had among those who must decide as occasion arises.

We are glad to find the Committee on Grand Master's Address saying: "If there is one thing beyond another in which our Grand Master is deeply interested it is the establishment of a Masonic Home for poor and distressed Brother Masons. * * * * In this great undertaking all Masons should be deeply interested; and now that the ladies have taken hold of the work we feel confident that it will be an assured success."

Grand Master Smith did a great deal of visiting among his lodges, and called the Grand Lodge together on two occasions in special session to lay corner-stones in each case for a church.

The Grand Secretary, R.:W.:Thomas Mowbray, makes careful report and good showing of excellent conditions prevailing throughout the jurisdiction, and the reports of the nine District Deputies show a careful attention to duty and confirm the words of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as to the Masonic prosperity prevailing in Nova Scotia.

One matter of grievance came before the Grand Lodge, and the offending brother, who was a minister, was duly expelled from the Craft, and deprived of all Masonic rights and privileges.

The Grand Lodges of Porto Rico and Alberta received fraternal recognition. And the Grand Lodge passed the following resolution:

“That the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia place itself in communication with the other Grand Lodges in Canada, outside of Ontario, and request them to unite with us in urging the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, to change its name to one which will lead to less misapprehension among foreign Grand Lodges.”

One must be pretty well acquainted with the political subdivisions in the Dominion of Canada, or the “misapprehension” suggested in the resolution will confuse him. And we look for a ready effort, on the part of the Grand Lodges, outside of Ontario, to accomplish the object aimed at in the resolution.

The exemplification of the work of the three degrees occupied a portion of the time and attention of the Grand Lodge.

The report on correspondence, covering two hundred and five pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges, was submitted by the Grand Secretary, R.:W.:Thomas Mowbray, and in part was written by him, but he was ably assisted by R.:W.:and Rev. Allan P. Shatford, Past Grand Chaplain, who reviewed twenty-eight Grand Lodges, and did excellent work. The jurisdiction is about to lose this gifted brother, who goes to Montreal, on a call from a church in that city, where, the Grand Secretary says, his sphere of usefulness will be greatly enlarged.

M.:W.:Charles Reynolds Smith, Amherst, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Thomas Mowbray, Halifax, is Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1906.

October 10th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Columbus, the ninety-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Lewis P. Schaus, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from four hundred and eighty-six of the five hundred and seven chartered lodges, in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master reports unprecedented growth in the membership of that jurisdiction, expresses gratitude that no past or present officer of the Grand Lodge had died during the year, and pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead lost to the subordinate lodges. He reports that he had granted a good many special dispensations for the usual purposes, and had refused all requests for such to receive

petitions for degrees at special communications; to ballot on candidates at special communications; to confer degrees out of time; to receive and act upon petitions on less than one year's residence; to permit other organizations to use Masonic lodge rooms; and to appeal to lodges for aid.

He had granted dispensations for four new lodges; had exchanged representatives with several Grand Lodges, Western Australia, Brazil, Costa Rica, New Zealand, among them; had constituted, personally, two new lodges; laid four corner-stones; dedicated two new lodge rooms and two new Masonic temples; and we are glad to find that he issued an edict to suppress a proposed Masonic fair, using the following emphatic language:

DEAR BRETHREN,—My attention having been called to circulars and other printed matter advertising a so-called "*Masonic Fair*" for aid in a proposed Masonic building enterprise, and for the *business profit of its promoter or Manager*,

It becomes my duty to state that all such fairs and the use of the word "*Masonic*" for advertising or other purposes not authorized by this Grand Lodge, are a violation of its enactments, and therefore strictly *PROHIBITED* by the M.:W.:Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Many questions, Grand Master Schaus says, had been submitted to him, but in each instance he had disposed of them by referring the enquirer either to their code, or to the decisions published therein. He visited a good many of his lodges officially, and he speaks of the pleasure he experienced in so doing.

In behalf of the sufferers by earthquake and fire at and near San Francisco, he had sent out an appeal for contributions and had received in all \$10,209.60. \$8,025.00 of this he forwarded to the Grand Master of California, retaining the balance, upon the advice of the Grand Master of California that in his opinion they had funds sufficient for the work of relief there, and placing the same, \$2,184.60, in a Columbus bank, taking an interest-bearing certificate therefor; and he submitted the question of its final use to the Grand Lodge.

M.:W.:Brother Jacob H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary, submits, as usual, a concise and excellently arranged report, and M.:W.:Brother William B. Melish, as Trustee of the Ohio Masonic Home, submitted an annual report, and an invitation to the members of the Grand Lodge to visit the Home with their ladies, a special train being provided for the purpose.

The Grand Lodge granted charters for two new lodges, and recommended that the petition for a dispensation for another be granted. The new Grand Lodge of Alberta was duly recognized.

From the report of the Committee on Grievances, we extract:

That a candidate had been elected to receive the Entered Apprentice Degree in said Lodge, but that an objection was filed by a member of said lodge against said candidate receiving said degree and the objection was duly recorded in the records of the Lodge, but upon the same evening that the objection was filed, the objecting brother was suspended by said Lodge for the non-payment of dues. The Lodge then proceeded, after disposing of the objecting brother, and conferred the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft,

and Master Mason's Degrees upon said candidate at one and the same meeting, and, as the records show, all in due and ancient form. There were five Past Masters of the Lodge present on that occasion, and all concurred in the opinion that they were justified in conferring the three degrees in one evening.

The Grand Master ordered all work suspended, when he was notified, and the committee recommended that the lodge be permitted to resume work, but that the Master and the Secretary, who is a Past Master, be deposed from office, etc., which was accordingly done.

M. W. Brother William M. Cunningham presents the report on correspondence, his twenty-fifth, covering three hundred and eighty-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-seven English speaking Grand Lodges, and sixteen non-English speaking Grand Lodges. In his introduction he devotes some twenty-two pages to excerpts from his correspondence with Brother W. J. Chetwood Crawley and other writers over the seas, relating to early Masonic history, and extracts from the writings of Hughan and Gould, as also a paper on "Freemasonry in America," and a discussion of symbolism. The paper as a whole is intensely interesting and of great historical value to the Masonic student.

Under Nebraska, 1905, he discusses the subject of the D. G. and S. of Freemasonry as constituting the private Grand Honors, and convinces this writer that they are, in fact, such, which the writer had doubted, and had frequently expressed such doubt, but we cannot longer question the authority he brings to the subject, and he says he has personally known of their use as such for more than fifty years; that the ceremonies in England of the grade of "Installed Master," for more than one hundred and fifty years, recognizes their use in that connection.

We are glad to note that he agrees with this writer on several subjects, and especially in the following:

Under the head of Utah and elsewhere in his report he expresses the view that "Subordinate" instead of "Constituent" is the proper term for Lodges, in which your Committee fully concurs. Grand Chapters of State or Territory are the constituents of the General Grand Chapter and Grand Commanderies, although more subordinate to the higher Body than Grand Chapters, yet justly are constituents of the Grand Encampment, neither Body controlling the *existence* of the constituent Chapter or Commandery. A Lodge, however, is subordinate to the Grand Lodge *to which* its existence is due and *by which* its existence *can* be terminated, regardless of its own volition. Prior to 1717 and the establishment of the Grand Lodge System, "particular" Lodges, as anciently termed, had doubtless inherent rights not since recognized, and which were necessarily abrogated by the Grand Lodge "merger."

In his conclusion he speaks of the wonderful prosperity of the Craft throughout the Masonic world, but sounds a note of warning:

Forgetting that numbers without careful selection is an element of weakness rather than of strength, in some instances a spirit of modern commercialism has been permitted to prevail in an unwise, and in many instances, an unmasonic effort, for an increase of membership, and in a reprehensible rivalry in the number of initiates obtained for annual report. Although solicitation of members is deemed one of the most con-

temptible of Masonic crimes and should receive prompt discipline, yet in many instances it has doubtless been permitted to prevail, thoughtlessly, perhaps, upon the part of younger members, but culpably upon the part of others.

M.:W.:Horace A. Irvin, Dayton, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, is Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA, 1906.

February 13th, in the Masonic Temple in the city of Guthrie, the fourteenth annual communication assembled, and M.:W.:George H. Phillips, Grand Master, opened the Grand Lodge with something less than the full staff of officers present, but with a goodly number of permanent members and representatives from the subordinate lodges.

In opening his address, the Grand Master assures us that prosperity in that jurisdiction during the year had been great, but the prospect of a new state embracing two Grand Lodges worries him, and he hopes for wisdom to meet the condition when it actually confronts them. He reports the constituting of sixteen lodges under charters during the year, the instituting of fifteen, and the carrying over of two from the preceding year; the granting of a great number of special dispensations, and the surrender of one charter, because of the removal of a town across the line and into Indian Territory to a railroad.

He was kept so busy with office work that he had very little time to make official visits, and only called on three lodges. A chain letter, started with the initials I. O. O. F., got into a tangle with A. F. and A. M., and it took his circular letter to all the Grand Lodges in this country to head off the thing, and it worried him. Then there were some imposters who had to be disposed of. Surely he had his hands full. He was stormed with queries, and reports seventy-six decisions; but worse still there was a decision in a civil court against the Grand Lodge, which he was about to pay, but, trouble again, lawyers encouraged him to prolong litigation, and his successor inherits that particular torment. One of his decisions held that, where an objection was interposed before the candidate's petition reached a ballot, the objection should be disregarded, the committee should proceed, and a ballot on the petition be taken.

The Grand Lecturer reports a busy year. He had visited and instructed seventy-two lodges, and this was his twelfth annual report as such officer. His report is interesting and evidences faithful work. The Grand Secretary's report is lengthy and discloses painstaking care in the conduct of business in his important office. Their effort to raise a fund comparable to that raised in Indian Territory, then amounting to more than \$50,000.00, although Oklahoma is the larger both in territory and numbers, had not succeeded, for only \$8,000.00, after good deal of boasting and some earnest effort, had been collected. This, in view of the prospective consolidation of the two Grand Lodges, is a source of considerable anxiety, in view of some assurances given to their Indian Territory brethren.

Fourteen lodges under dispensations were granted charters. A resolution was adopted requiring the Grand Master to mail to the Master of each subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction, at least ten days before the Grand Lodge meets every year, a copy of his address and recommendations. This certainly is something new and we doubt the propriety of the action.

There was a great deal of talk, many resolutions offered, and some plans discussed, together with legislation, looking to the accumulation of a Masonic Home fund. We hope for some practical results, and that Oklahoma will measure up to what Indian Territory has already done.

R. W. Brother James S. Hunt, Grand Secretary, presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and ninety-nine pages. Nebraska, 1905, receives generous fraternal consideration. The report contains valuable excerpts from the proceedings reviewed, with some well timed comments where called for, showing the writer's familiarity with Masonic law and usage.

M. W. Fred D. Sparks, Ponca City, is Grand Master.

R. W. James H. Hunt, Guthrie, is Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1905.

June 13th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Portland, the fifty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William H. Flanagan, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from one hundred and one of the one hundred and nine chartered lodges, in attendance.

Congratulatory greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Washington, at the same time in annual session at Spokane.

In his address the Grand Master says:

There have been years when greater accessions have been made numerically than our reports now show, but there have been none when there has been evidenced a truer conception of the underlying principles of our fraternity, or when there has been manifested a more earnest desire to maintain the high standard which in all ages has been the distinguishing requisite for admission to our order.

He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their late Grand Tyler, Brother Gustaf Wilson, who had served the Grand Lodge as Grand Tyler for more than thirty years, and who was buried by the Grand Lodge on September 21st, 1905.

The Grand Master speaks of the earthquake in California, to the sufferers from which the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges had already sent \$2,100.00. He had visited all of the lodges that his time would permit, and in every instance, he says, he met with a cordial reception and was royally entertained. One lodge had he constituted, and instituted another under dispensation; and the corner-stone of a new Masonic temple was laid by the Deputy Grand Master at Amity, Oregon. Factional strife in one lodge he had tried to dispel, and at one time believed he had succeeded, but it broke out anew. Their plan of in-

structing the lodges by three custodians of the work, each working separately in his district, had proved a failure, and he called upon the Grand Lodge to formulate some new plan. He reports no decisions.

R. W. James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary, presented an excellent report, containing a good table of statistics, and making some recommendations.

Two new lodges were granted charters. The Grand Lodge enacted the following:

"No visitor shall be admitted to any lodge under this jurisdiction unless lawfully vouched for as a Master Mason in good standing. Documentary evidence alone shall not be sufficient to justify avouchment. In addition to strict trial and due examination of his knowledge of Masonry, every lodge or committee shall require a strange visitor to produce a certificate under the seal of his lodge, that he is a member of such lodge in good standing, which certificate shall also be fortified by a certificate under seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction under which the same shall be held, that the lodge issuing the certificate is a lodge in good standing in the said jurisdiction."

An interesting event took place as recorded in the following:

At this time the Grand Lodge was called from labor to receive a visit from a committee of members from the Eastern Star, which was in annual session at this time. The Grand Master appointed Bro. W. T. Williamson, Deputy Grand Master; S. M. Yoran, Past Grand Master; and Bro. Norris R. Cox, as a committee to retire and introduce the visitors, who were: Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Claud Gatch; Grand Patron, Geo. M. Hyland; and Bros. A. M. Knapp and John Vert, representing the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

After introduction by Right Worshipful Brother Williamson, in a few eloquent sentences, they were cordially welcomed by Grand Master Flanagan, which was responded to by Mrs. Gatch in elegant and happy style, expressive of her high appreciation of the reception accorded them, and the kindly relations existing between the ancient fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star.

The lady was then escorted to the East and received the congratulations of the brethren.

M. W. Brother John M. Hodson presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and ninety pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. In his opening we find him saying that "charity and education are receiving more pointed and practical attention every year. Homes and schools are being either provided for at once or the plans are being worked out for the future in nearly every Grand Lodge, and if the present degree of peace and prosperity continues to prevail for a few years longer no Grand Lodge will be without a complete equipment for carrying for its aged and unfortunate and its young and helpless."

We must give place to what he says:

3. It is said that Moses was learned in all the wisdom of Egypt, in addition to which he had several years of tutelage under Jethro, the Priest of Midian, and when he led the children of Israel out of Egypt he was certainly the best educated man then living. Skilled in all the Egyptian mysteries and philosophy, he performed many things which the Hebrews

believed to be miracles, and which have been so interpreted to this day. So far as was possible for him to do so, he taught his brother Aaron and the Hebrew Priesthood the philosophies and sciences which had entered into his own education, and these at once entered into the laws and literature of the Hebrew nation, and being preserved and taught, not only by the priests, but especially by the Essenean Sect of the Hebrews, they were exactly in position to be impressed upon the early Christians, the first converts to which, while often termed "ignorant fishermen," were Hebrews of the Essenean Sect, who had enjoyed far better opportunities of instruction than the average of the people. As the mysterious has always been used to govern and convince the people, Solomon not only gave exhibitions of occult power, but evinced the greatest wisdom in organizing and maintaining a quiet control, seldom equaled and never excelled in history. In its modern application and demonstrations there is no occultism in Masonry, further than the strange yet powerful influence which is exerted upon the common mind, when it is considered that the Masons are in possession of some great mystery, which everybody desires to know all about.

M.:W.:W. T. Williamson, Portland, is Grand Master.

R.:W.: James F. Robinson, Eugene, is Grand Secretary

PENNSYLVANIA, 1906.

Quarterly communications are held in this Grand Jurisdiction. The most notable event of the year was that of the bi-centenary celebration of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, the distinguished statesman, scientist, diplomat, and Mason, held at the quarterly communication, on March 7th, 1906.

The Grand Master, in his address on that occasion, said: "Of all the men whose names sound through the ever echoing halls of Fame to immortality, for their work in creating the Republic in which we live, the two most conspicuously identified with our Fraternity were Washington and Franklin, and no two represented more different types and yet held in closer tie one predominating trait. Washington from the South, Franklin from the North, one a man of the country, the other of cities and towns; one recognized as a founder, the other as the savior of his country. Washington a man of battles, Franklin a man of diplomacy and peace. Our first and greatest President punctilious as to forms, social and religious; our first and greatest Philosopher, in his search for truth, oblivious of criticism and indifferent to religious sects, his motto being Truth, Sincerity, and Integrity. But both of these men had to an unusual degree faith; faith in themselves, faith in other men and faith in a Divine Providence, and in His love and law as displayed by our First Great Light

And out of this faith grew in Franklin an exceeding patience, and out of his tremendous imagination (and it has been said that no one can be universally successful without imagination), there ever appeared an optimism, an assurance that in the end right would triumph in measure greater than dreamed, which acted like a lamp and a pillar of light to the weary and disheartened, during the times that tried men's souls."

A memorial volume of this celebration, through the favor and with the compliments of the Grand Master, Right Worshipful George W.

Kendrick, Jr., came to the writer, for which we here express our grateful appreciation and thanks. It contains many beautiful illustrations, the program of the ceremonies, addresses, "Franklin—The Lesson His Life Teaches," by R. W. Past Grand Master Tennis; "Franklin and the University of Pennsylvania," by Brother Edgar F. Smith; "Franklin as a Freemason," by Brother Julius T. Sachse; "Masonic Letters of Benjamin Franklin to Henry Price," by Past Grand Master MacCalla; an account of St. John's Lodge, Philadelphia, and its "Liber B" by Brother James M. Lambertson; Franklin's "Mason Book;" facsimile reproduction of Anderson's "Constitutions of the Freemasons," printed in London, in A. D. 1723, and reprinted in Philadelphia in A. D. 1734, by Franklin; and many other most interesting matters of great historical value. It is an octavo containing 352 pages, with eighteen illustrations and eleven facsimile reproductions; it is bound, like the memorial volume of the Washington Sesqui-centennial Celebration in 1902, in full purple ribbed cloth, gilt top, with lettering of gold on the back, and a gold bas-relief of Franklin on the front cover.

At the annual communication, held December 27th, 1906, the Grand Master, in his address, speaking of the Home and Orphanage, says:

Our Masonic Home has been able through the benefaction of the Brethren to continue the good work and is in a better position than ever before to extend and increase its usefulness. This great charity should broaden its scope and make proper provision for all who are or have been dependent on the worthy and distressed Brethren living or dead. It is my sincere wish, as it is my hope, that you will soon crystalize the intention therein expressed into the more lasting memorial of generous acts.

WILLIAM L. ELKINS MASONIC ORPHANAGE.

One further step toward this "consummation devoutly to be wished" was the dedication of the William L. Elkins Masonic Orphanage for Girls on May 2, 1906. The appropriate ceremonies were attended by a large number of distinguished Masons and citizens. Brother John Weaver, Mayor of Philadelphia, presided. Brother Charles Emory Smith, on behalf of the relatives of Brother Elkins, presented the gift, which was accepted by Brother Louis Wagner, the indefatigable and able President of the Masonic Home, and dedicated by the Grand Master. The buildings and grounds are complete in every detail, and furnished with every requirement necessary for the purpose. As a monument to the generosity of the donors the Home is magnificent, and as an instrument for usefulness we can point to it with pride and cherish it with enthusiasm.

M. W. Brother Lambertson again presents a very valuable and voluminous report on correspondence. Nebraska receives generous consideration. We quote from his opening:

The prosperity of the country has been reflected in that of the Fraternity. Very properly words of caution to guard well the outer door have been given by different Grand Masters.

The requirement of documentary evidence of good standing has been adopted in a very considerable number of Jurisdictions, and our Brethren who are likely to desire to visit outside of this Jurisdiction will do well to take with them a Grand Lodge certificate and the receipt for this year's dues.

We think the requirement of documentary evidence in all cases is not a wise one. The party who will try to gain admittance improperly to a Masonic Lodge will hardly hesitate at forgery, or the use of papers belonging to another, if he can get possession of them.

R. W. George W. Kendrick, Jr., Philadelphia, is Grand Master.

R. W. William A. Sinn, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, in Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1906.

June 25th, in Freemasons Hall, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Charlottetown, the thirty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles H. S. Sterns, Grand Master, with a large attendance of Past Grand Officers, and representatives from all the fourteen chartered lodges.

In his address the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead.

How loyalty finds expression in the colonies is illustrated in what he thus says:

During the past autumn we were honored by a visit to Canada from Prince Louis of Battenburg, and we had the pleasure of welcoming him to the "Garden of the Gulf."

A few weeks ago Prince Arthur of Connaught paid his first visit to Canada and received a royal welcome. We are now looking forward to September to a visit from his illustrious father, Duke of Connaught, who is at present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. All Canada will rejoice in welcoming him, and none more pleased to do so than those belonging to our Masonic Fraternity, and we trust that time will be at his disposal to visit our fair Province.

We have an anticipation during the present year in response to an invitation from the Canadian Parliament of a visit to Canada from our beloved Sovereign King Edward VII and his Royal Consort. The hearts of the people will rejoice in paying that homage which is ever due from loyal subjects to their illustrious sovereign.

His belief in the prerogatives of the Grand Master is attested by the special dispensations which he reports, authorizing the conferring of degrees, in several cases, in less than the constitutional time. He made many visits to his lodges and brings good report of prosperous conditions therein, saying:

I would also wish to see more of the Grand Lodge Officers accompany the Grand Master on his Official visits, and share with him his duties and responsibilities. I believe the larger the delegation visiting our subordinate Lodges the better, as it has a stimulating effect, and is appreciated by the Brethren.

A marked increase in contributions to the benevolent fund, as shown by the report of the trustees, gains his hearty approbation.

R. W. John W. Brown, Deputy Grand Master, makes report of visiting a good many of the lodges, and altogether, every lodge has received visits and instruction in the work. R. W. Neil MacKelvie, as

Grand Secretary, submits a careful and full report of the matters passing through his important office.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address pays that officer the following tribute:

And now we cannot close our report without bestowing our meed of praise for the great efforts of our Grand Master put forth during his term of office. He has been untiring in his efforts to promote the interests of the fraternity, sparing himself in no way to do any work that he thought would be of good. Although residing at the extreme end of the Jurisdiction, he has visited every Lodge during his term of office. Self-sacrificing, modest, unassuming, but with firmness to prevent any deviation from our ancient landmarks, he has ruled over us wisely and well, and we owe him a deep debt of gratitude for his untiring efforts. Our earnest prayer is, that he may long be spared to enjoy his life here, and render us that good counsel he is so able to bestow.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. W. K. Rogers, Charlottetown, is Grand Master.

R. W. Neil MacKelvie, Summerside, is Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1906.

January 31st, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Montreal, the thirty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened with M. W. David Ames Manson, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master in his address thus speaks of the existing conditions:

The year now numbered with the past has been crowded with events of prime importance. The great war in the East, which has proved so disastrous to one of the belligerents, and equally cruel and exhausting to the other, has now happily been closed; but discordant notes are heard, and unrest and disquietude prevail in many lands. How much reason have we, then, for praise and thanksgiving. Our Empire is at peace with the world, and harmony prevails within our borders. Our own fair Dominion is enjoying a period of unprecedented development. Prosperity crowns the efforts of all classes. Hopefulness and contentment are common to our people. Responsive to these conditions our time honored institution is rapidly developing strength, and becoming more and more a power for good in the land.

The Grand Master reports having made all the official visitations to his lodges that the time at his disposal would permit, and speaks of his great pleasure in so doing. He reports the institution of two lodges under dispensation.

R. W. Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary, submitted a report showing good conditions and a healthy growth in numbers and in finances.

R. W. Brother, the Rev. T. Stannish Boyle, District Grand Chaplain of the Montreal District, delivered an eloquent address. The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports, each showing zealous attention to the duties of his office. The routine business of the Grand Lodge received careful attention and was disposed of "in a most harmonious manner."

A very excellent report on correspondence was submitted by Past Grand Master E. T. D. Chambers, an experienced reviewer of many years' service in the work. From his conclusion we quote:

The loss of those of our fellow-workers of the Reportorial Guild who are called to lay down the pen and to pass within the veil becomes more marked as the years pass by. We miss the majority of those who were fellow-laborers with us when we prepared our first report a score or so of years ago. To those who remain, and to the younger men who have succeeded to the labors of those who have been summoned to their reward, this writer tenders the assurances of his warmest fraternal regard and esteem.

M.:W.:David A. Manson, Mansonville, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Will H. Whyte, Montreal, is Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND, 1906.

May 21st, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Providence, the one hundred and sixteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Joseph Wood Freeman, Grand Master, with other officers, members, and representatives from thirty of the thirty-seven chartered lodges in attendance, as also M.:W.:Walter E. Ranger, Grand Master of Vermont, who was welcomed and in response delivered an eloquent address. From it we extract a graphic page of history:

In the anti-Masonic times of three quarters of a century ago Masonry in Vermont, as in some other places, was forced near the verge of destruction. In no other State were its devotees more relentlessly persecuted. Driven from offices of honor and trust, refused social recognition, cut off from relations of profession or business, denied by relatives and friends, the weak sought safety by renouncing Masonry, while the strong sturdily endured the tempest of popular anger and abuse. Vermont elected two governors on an anti-Masonic issue, and was the only State to choose presidential electors for William Wirt, the candidate of the anti-Mason party. Many Lodges were disbanded, meetings were held but secretly and rarely, the Grand Lodge did not convene for several years; in truth, the voice of the ancient faith seemed to be silenced and the light and life of the rite dead. Nothing can better evidence the indestructibility of Masonic truth and the power of fraternity. The passing winds of violent persecution served to winnow the chaff from the wheat. Through these years the strong and true kept the faith and, however dimly, the flame on Masonic altars here and there failed not to send forth its beams of light. Masonry meant more to its votaries than ever before, and when the storm was past a newer and purer Masonry was ready to spring into larger and more beneficent life. Without doubt such hard experience has given to Vermont Masonry something of its serious earnestness, stern loyalty, and reserved dignity, which has established it in good repute before the public. To-day Vermont has a Mason for every thirty of population, and one in every eight men of lawful age, a ratio probably unparalleled. From the weakest in Masonry she has become one of the strongest. And the loyal Brethren scattered among her hills do not forget zealously to conserve the principles and practices for which the fathers suffered.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master welcomes his brethren with expressions of thankfulness to the Grand Architect of the Universe for the health and strength which enable them again to assemble in

annual communication. To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays loving fraternal tribute. He reports few special dispensations, the approval of amendments to the by-laws of several lodges, the exchange of representatives with Grand Lodges, the official visitations to some of his lodges, and the laying of two corner-stones. The Grand Master reports no official decisions, although he says that he has been called upon by the Masters of several lodges to construe the constitution and laws. He submits the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, which show good conditions and a healthy growth.

The Grand Secretary's report briefly mentions other communications of the Grand Lodge, fully set forth in other portions of the proceedings. He says:

There have been held during the year, in addition to the Annual and Semi-Annual Communications, two Special Communications of the Grand Lodge. The first was held in the Masonic Building, Pawtucket, on December 2, 1905, and was called for the purpose of assisting the Grand Master in the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Smithfield Avenue Congregational Church, Pawtucket. The Second Special Communication was held in the Masonic Hall, Pawtucket, on Monday, May 7, 1906. This was convened to assist the Grand Master in laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Hall on Ocean street in the village of Pawtucket, which is being erected by Harmony Lodge, No. 9, for the future home of that body.

R. W. Brother Henry Rugg, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recommended that the Grand Lodge recognize the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Puerto Rico, and the Grand Lodge unanimously adopted the recommendation.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Walter Ackman Presbrey, Providence, is Grand Master.

R. W. S. Penrose Williams, Providence, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1906.

Two semi-annual communications were held, one on October 18th, 1905, and one on April 18th, 1906, M. W. Brother The Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel J. Way, Grand Master, presiding at the first, with a goodly attendance. The Grand Master, Lieutenant Governor and Chief Justice of South Australia, Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, etc., etc., was re-elected Grand Master.

The M. W. the Grand Master, in returning thanks for his re-election, referred to the death of M. W. Past Grand Master Bro. G. S. Coppin of Victoria, and instructed the Grand Secretary to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Coppin and to the Grand Lodge of Victoria; also to the death of P. M. Bro. Woodman of the Emulation Lodge; to the conference of Representatives of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, the adoption of whose recommendations would insure joint action upon some very important matters; to invitations received from the Grand Lodges of New South Wales and New Zealand; to the Installations of the Grand Masters, His Excellency Sir Harry Rawson and His Excellency Lord Plunkett.

The routine business of this and the succeeding annual communication was conducted with care, the record being short and not of general interest.

V. W. James H. Cunningham, Adelaide, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1906.

December 11th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Charleston, the one hundred and thirtieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Frank E. Harrison, Grand Master, with representatives from one hundred and ninety-two chartered lodges in attendance.

Opening his annual address, the Grand Master, among other good things, said: "Masonic labors are so congenial and pleasant, and peace and harmony so prevalent throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, that I am sure to each of us this Communication will be a happy reunion of friends and brothers." He pays fitting fraternal tribute to the memory of R. W. Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary, who died March 26th, 1906.

The Grand Master says: "In all the years of varying adversity and prosperity which have passed since the organization of this Grand Lodge, I believe that none can equal the record of the one just closing for progress, harmony and general prosperity of Masonry in South Carolina." He reports the granting of a number of special dispensations, and records the refusal to grant as many more requests therefor, exercising, evidently, a wise discretion. He had also issued dispensations for the establishing of five new lodges, had constituted five lodges chartered at the preceding annual communication, and had laid eight corner-stones for as many public buildings. He commends the effort in his Grand Jurisdiction to establish a Masonic Home.

The District Deputy Grand Masters report conditions in their several districts, and with rare exceptions harmony prevails.

The form of action taken to establish a Masonic Home is shown in the following:

Resolved, 1st, That a Masonic Home be established.

2. That all surplus funds of the Grand Lodge at the end of each year be appropriated for the establishment of the Home, and be paid over on the first day of January of each year and invested in some safe interest-bearing securities, and be held till the sum shall be sufficient for the purpose of establishing the Home.

(This resolution was amended by the following resolution, offered by M. W. Bro. Orlando Sheppard, to read as follows: 2. That on the first day of January of each year, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay over to the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home such amount as may be in excess of the current expenses for the year, which amount shall be invested in some safe interest-bearing securities, and be held till the sum shall be sufficient for the purpose of establishing the same.)

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Jacob T. Barron, presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-seven pages, and prefaces it thus:

I beg leave to submit the following review of proceedings of other Grand Lodges. I have not attempted to furnish a "literary gem," theoretical discussions of various questions, a digest of decisions, nor yet a compendium of statistics. I have endeavored to make such extracts and emphasize such matters as I believe interest our South Carolina Craftsmen and aid them in understanding our laws and more fully appreciate the sublime principles of Freemasonry. I have not attempted to follow the form or style of my lamented predecessor, who was so happy and gifted in this particular work, where his brilliancy shone conspicuously for so many years.

But he writes a good report. Under Alabama he thus justly comments: "Among the decisions, we note with surprise and dissent, that one who cannot read and write is eligible to Masonry. That's not law with us. How can he sign his petition? By a cross mark? Then how many witnesses? And what about his mental fitness, and appreciation of the arts and sciences, on which we practically base one degree? However, artificial eyes don't count in Alabama." Nebraska, 1905, receives generous fraternal consideration.

M.:W.:Frank E. Harrison, Abbeville, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Jacob T. Barron, Columbia, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1906.

June 12th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Sioux Falls, the thirty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Edgar D. Brookman, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from eighty-nine of the one hundred and eight chartered lodges, and from five lodges U.:D.: present.

Opening his address, the Grand Master speaks of steady Masonic progress and development, its aspirations and high standard, and their duties in Grand Lodge, paying tribute to their faithful Grand Secretary, Brother George A. Pettigrew, who has served long and faithfully in his important position. To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays loving tribute in appropriate record.

He reports the laying of the corner-stone for their new Masonic Temple, at Sioux Falls, the instituting of five new lodges under dispensation, and the constituting of two lodges to which charters were granted by the Grand Lodge at its preceding annual communication. He had accompanied the Grand Lecturer, Brother Benjamin F. Ives, in official visits to some of his lodges, and he submits that officer's report to him, showing a very busy year. With us, the Grand Lecturer—Custodian, we call him,—reports to the Grand Lodge. From the Grand Master's decisions we extract some very concisely and correctly stated rules:

A brother has a perfect right to apply for membership in any Lodge, provided his dimit accompanies his petition, no matter how distant the Lodge of his choice may be from his residence. A Mason is expected to affiliate with some Lodge.

When the result of a ballot has been declared it is final and cannot be reconsidered. After the expiration of six months the candidate may renew his application. No brother has the right to question a brother as to

his motive in casting a blackball. No inquiry on the subject can be entertained. No Mason can be called to account for the vote he has deposited.

When a petition has been presented and the candidate elected the fee belongs to the Lodge whether the candidate presents himself or not.

Should a candidate fail to present himself for advancement until after the lapse of one year he shall not be entitled to receive the next degree without a new ballot.

A Lodge under dispensation has no right to receive an application for affiliation.

A man engaged in the business of an Engineer for a Brewing Company is eligible to membership by affiliation.

But we cannot agree with his conclusion in the following: "*Question*. If an expelled member is reinstated, should he be required to take all three of the obligations at one time, or should he proceed as a new candidate and take the several obligations four weeks apart?" "Held. That it would not be well to give all the obligations at one time, as some member of the Lodge not present might object to his advancement."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported its opinion that he should be re-obligated in the three degrees at one time. But we think that re-obligating in such a case cannot add anything to those obligations originally taken; that reinstatement reinstates. And we have always understood that expulsion does not absolve one from his oath. Indeed, how can it?

He found occasion to issue two dispensations to confer degrees "out of time," for good reasons. We think it fair to say that every other Grand Master's action in the same line is presumed to be for good and sufficient reasons. And we have little patience with the Grand Master, who, when doing so, makes the familiar declaration: "I have no sympathy with the prevailing idea of railroading anyone through the degrees."

An admirable report is that made by Brother Pettigrew as Grand Secretary and Librarian. Mainly through his efforts, their library is becoming a large one.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta was duly recognized. The new temple at Sioux Falls was dedicated by the Grand Lodge, the services being conducted in its auditorium, with a very large attendance. An interesting address, on their Masonic genealogy as a Grand Lodge, was delivered by Brother Samuel A. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and an eloquent address, by the Grand Orator, Rev. and Bro. M. F. Montgomery.

The following report presents a very unsatisfactory procedure:

This is an appeal taken from the action of the Subordinate Lodge in inflicting the penalty of expulsion. It appearing, however, that the action taken by the Lodge was pursuant to the specific order of this Grand Lodge which at the last Annual Grand Communication remanded the case "with positive injunctions that the extreme penalty of expulsion be imposed," your committee is of the opinion that it has no jurisdiction at this time to go into the merits of the case as disclosed by an examination of the transcript of proceedings had upon the trial. However, as in this case the Grand Lodge has increased the penalty prescribed by the Subordinate Lodge, it seems to your committee that there should be an op-

portunity given for an appeal upon the merits, and we therefore recommend that the record of proceedings had upon the trial be referred to a special committee of five to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, that the accused may be heard, either in person or by attorney, before said committee, and that the said committee report to this Grand Lodge whether or not, in its opinion, the evidence sustains the increased penalty directed by the Grand Lodge at its last session.

With us the Grand Lodge would have disposed of the case when it first reached the Grand Lodge, and would either have affirmed the decision of the lodge or, upon the record, entered the judgment which it regarded just. What it really did was, however, to order a new trial, directing a judgment in advance, without regard to what might be proved at such new trial,—an altogether unsatisfactory way of administering justice. When and how the matter may finally be disposed of remains to be seen. But, later:

Your special committee to whom was referred the appeal of Hiram H. Marks beg leave to submit the following:

We are of the opinion that under Section 38 of Procedure for Trial and Punishment, this case being one of suspension without appeal, this Grand Lodge in 1905 in ordering the penalty of expulsion exceeded its authority.

We therefore recommend that the order remanding the case to the Lodge with positive injunction that the extreme penalty of expulsion be imposed, be rescinded and set aside; that the vote of the Lodge pursuant to said order imposing the penalty of expulsion be set aside and annulled, and that the penalty of suspension first imposed by the Lodge be affirmed.

Brother Samuel A. Brown again presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and forty-one pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1905, receives generous treatment. He notes the writer's former view, that due guards and signs do not constitute private Grand Honors. We held that view, but were in error, and have so confessed in this report under Ohio.

M.:W.:Robert H. McCaughey, Mellette, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, is Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE, 1907.

January 30th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Nashville, the ninety-third annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Robert Burrow, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, a large number of Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, and representatives from four hundred and twenty-one of the four hundred and thirty-one chartered lodges in attendance.

With commendable pride, the Grand Master, in opening his address, made the assertion that there was assembled before him a body of men, representing to a larger degree "the intelligence, morality, sobriety and good citizenship of this great commonwealth," than had ever before congregated in that place.

The year had been a busy one, and the great mass of correspondence that had been turned over to the Committee on Jurisprudence, he declares, would show that he had not been idle.

To the memory of their Past Grand Master James L. Sloan, who died at Nashville, August 26th, 1906, he pays loving fraternal tribute. One lodge U. D. had he instituted, and special dispensations in large numbers had he granted, and he reports sixty-seven official decisions. He says:

The Masonic Home was never in better condition. There has not been a single death during the year, and scarcely any sickness, among the inmates. This record could not be surpassed, and speaks louder than any report that could be made of the splendid management of the Home.

We are taught that Masonry is a progressive moral science. So it is. If proof is required, you have only to look to its attitude on the temperance question in Tennessee. First, it was made a Masonic offense to engage in the business of retailing intoxicating liquors. Next, after due and timely notice, it was made unlawful for a Mason to be a manufacturer or wholesale dealer in intoxicating liquors. In other words, to-day there is no place in the Masonic fraternity in Tennessee for the man who makes or the man who sells liquor. Who will say that the present great demand throughout the State for the total abolition of the saloon is not due in a large measure to the stand taken by the Masons? If the settlement of this question were left to the Masons, before the adjournment of this Grand Lodge the saloon would be driven beyond the borders of Tennessee to return no more forever.

From the report of the Home Board, that institution has twenty-eight widows, fifty-eight girls, and fifty boys, a superintendent and family, and three teachers.

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we extract:

The numerous decisions reported by the Grand Master appear to be, almost without exception, in accord with the settled rules of our jurisprudence, and opinions not in exact harmony with it to have caused no practical injury to the Craft.

1. The Grand Master rightly observes that his prerogative to "make a Mason at sight" has fallen into *innocuous desuetude*, and surely his refusal to exercise it is not open to criticism, for it is purely a matter of discretion. But his suggestion that the Grand Lodge may have abrogated this prerogative by edicts and rulings postulates an error inviting correction. This Grand Body, if it would, could not by ruling or edict, or in any other manner whatsoever, deprive the Grand Master of this or any other prerogative. Its enactments and decisions upon all questions on the Supreme Masonic law of the State, only when not in conflict with the ancient landmarks of Masonry, nor in violation of the reserved rights of Subordinate Lodges. So says our Constitution (Article IV), and thus is preserved the institutional foundations of Freemasonry, free from the encroaching spirit of "modern progress."

A very large amount of routine business was transacted in Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Henry A. Chambers, submitted the report on correspondence, covering seventy-eight pages. Of physical qualifications he says:

This matter, in various forms, has been up for consideration in a number of Grand Jurisdictions, as it always will be so long as qualifications for operative Masonry are required for speculative Masonry. It has been under consideration in Arkansas, British Columbia, Indian Territory, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, North Dakota, South Carolina, Virginia and Washington. Arkansas repealed its edict which allowed maimed persons, under certain conditions, to become Masons.

The trend of decisions is towards physical perfection, though the loss of the eye, if the other be good, is no bar in British Columbia and Washington.

M. W. George E. Seay, Gallatin, is Grand Master.

R. W. John B. Garrett, Nashville, is Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, 1906.

December 4th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Waco, the seventy-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. S. M. Bradley, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, two hundred and nine Past Masters, and representatives from three hundred and eighty-nine chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master speaks in very hopeful words of the present outlook for the Craft. In his own Grand Jurisdiction the Craft, during the year, he says, had enjoyed a large measure of prosperity, showing a steady and healthy growth. He says: "The outside world is looking to Masonry, as never before, men are realizing as never before its wonderful influence for good, and it is attracting to its ranks the best and the truest men from all the walks of life," adding:

And in this age of invention and improved methods of utilizing the hidden forces of nature to supply the wants and the necessities of men, it is gratifying to realize that Freemasonry is keeping pace with the onward march of the world and the brightening intellect of the age, all the while maintaining its ancient and well deserved reputation for good works, high ideals and adherence to those truly Masonic virtues, brotherly love, relief and truth.

He speaks words of fraternal tribute to the memory of their late Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother B. R. Abernethy, who died December 25th, 1905, and of their late Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Marcus F. Mott, who died November 18th, 1906.

He reports the constituting of twenty lodges chartered at the preceding annual communication, the instituting of seven under dispensation, and the granting of special dispensations in several cases. Thirteen corner-stones had been laid and seven halls dedicated. In one case, that of a young minister going as a missionary to a foreign land, he granted a special dispensation to confer the second and third degrees in less than the constitutional time.

From his decisions we select one, but quote the ruling of the Committee on Jurisprudence overruling it:

We differ with the Grand Master in his ruling that the daughter or sister of a Master Mason who has lost her status as such by marrying a profane will regain her first position by the death of her husband, and is entitled to Masonic recognition and assistance. It is settled by Masonic

law, custom and tradition that when a sister or daughter of a Mason has once lost her Masonic estate by marrying with a profane, she can never regain it. As is said in Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, page 204: "There has been some difference of opinion as to the time and manner in which the privileges cease. Masonic jurists, however, very generally incline to the opinion that they are terminated by marriage. If a Mason's daughter marries a profane, she absolves her connection with the Fraternity. If she marries a Mason she exchanges her relation of a Mason's daughter for that of a Mason's wife." It is better to adhere to Masonic tradition and custom, although it may work hardships in individual instances, because those customs are founded on the ripe experience that time alone can give, and are the offspring of wisdom and knowledge. It is better to bear the imputation of narrowness and selfishness than to countenance innovation upon the body of Freemasonry.

Of the California sufferers from quake and fire he says: "In response to my request for contributions the Grand Secretary received \$10,248.90, remitting from time to time to the Grand Master of California, until he had remitted the sum of \$8,000.00, when he was advised by Grand Master Motley H. Flint that no more funds were needed for immediate use in relieving the distress."

He speaks in words of highest approval of their Home, and pays deserved tribute in the following:

In this connection I hope I may be excused for saying a word in recognition of the valuable aid furnished the children of the Home by the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter. While these noble women are not Masons, they are imbued with the true spirit of Masonry; they practice benevolence and helpfulness to others. Their help and words of encouragement to the children are above price. Their influence is of great value. They scatter sunshine and gladness along the pathway of these dependent ones. They are indeed ministering angels to the little ones, and their presence a gentle benediction.

I reverently raise my hat to these generous hearted women. They shall have their reward from Him that said: "Suffer little children to come unto me."

From the report of the directors of the Widows and Orphans' Home we extract:

We present herewith the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Superintendent of the Home. From the Treasurer's report will be gleaned the Home's financial condition. It shows that the permanent fund, which is evidenced by promissory notes, secured by liens on real estate, amounts to the sum of \$100,820.35. The expenses of the Home for all purposes, both current and constructive, amounted to \$75,555.33. Of this amount \$47,788.56 was placed in permanent improvements and repairs, and the balance, \$27,766.77, was applied to maintaining the Home.

Ten charters were granted to petitioners for as many lodges, and, judging from the record, without previous existence under dispensation; eight under dispensation were also granted charters, and charters were restored to three dormant lodges.

In August the Grand Master, upon information that one of his lodges was divided into warring factions, each faction rejecting material proposed by the other faction, without regard to the character of the candidates

applying for the privileges of Masonry, caused the arrest of its charter, and in September he granted a dispensation for the erection of a new lodge at the same place, upon the petition of sundry members of the lodge whose charter he had arrested, naming therein as officers the officers of the latter lodge. In reporting the issuing of this dispensation he remarks that the issuing of the dispensation, under the circumstances, was of "doubtful propriety." The Grand Lodge emphasized the latter view, and directed the restoration of the arrested charter, the committee remarking:

Thus it would seem the offending "faction" has been detected, apprehended and executed with a dispatch which, if we were sure was only equalled by unerring certainty as to identity and offense, we should have gladly passed with a word of approval and commendation, but as much as we would prefer to rest upon the zeal for the advancement of Masonry and the goodness of heart prompting the M.W. Grand Master, we see in such disciplining as administered in this case an effort to discipline for a supposed abuse of that most sacred of the inherent rights of the individual Mason to cast his ballot according to the dictates of his own conscience. That this sacred right can and doubtless is sometimes abused, and while such may have been the case here, can we with assurance so declare, or do we here find just cause for moving in direct opposition to the unvarying policy of this Grand Lodge, as set out in her laws and precepts, written and unwritten?

Again, from the statement of facts furnished by the M. W. Grand Master, and upon which Manor Lodge, U. D., was created, none of the many plain requirements prerequisite to the issuing of a dispensation could have been met. The facts seem conclusive and irresistible that the M. W. Grand Master was convinced that error existed, and that the good of Masonry should be vindicated, and with characteristic courage allowed his zeal for the right to direct action, even to indiscretion.

We are glad to find among the regulations the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Master shall immediately arrest the charter of any subordinate lodge when it shall be made known to him, after careful investigation of the facts, that such lodge has wilfully violated the territorial jurisdiction of any other lodge.

M. W. Brother Thomas M. Matthews again presents a very excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and forty-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Under Queensland, 1906, he thus discusses its right to recognition, in speaking of the action of that communication:

Among them appears a short extract from the report of this committee, declining to recommend recognition, for the reason that a majority of the lodges in the territory did not join in the movement to form the Grand Lodge. We have always held, and still believe, that this should be a prerequisite to recognition. In this instance less than one-third of the lodges gave allegiance to the new Grand Lodge. The reasons for refusal upon the part of the other two-thirds, and more, was not a matter for us to consider. It was enough for us to know that they did refuse, and did not join in the movement. As we have said before, our understanding of the conditions necessary to the formation of Masonic Grand Lodges are, first, there shall be no Grand Lodge existing in the territory proposed to be occupied by the new Grand Lodge. Second, assuming that the lodges are regular and legitimate, a majority of them, the number entering into the compact being not less than three, shall join in the formation of the

new Grand Lodge. So far as the action of England, Scotland and Ireland are, or were, concerned, it cut no figure in influencing our opinion. Had a majority of the lodges acted together in the matter, we would not have hesitated to recommend recognition of the Grand Lodge, and would have been much pleased to have done so. We still hope (while we must confess that it does not seem probable that it will be so in the near future), that enough of the lodges, whether their Grand Lodges agree or not, will give in their allegiance to the new Grand Lodge, to give it a clear majority of them. In such event, we will take pleasure in recommending to the Grand Lodge of Texas that it recognize and enter into fraternal relations with this young would-be sister. Then, but not until then, can we honestly and conscientiously so recommend.

This writer does not so understand the rule, but believes that the rule generally, following the organization of the Grand Lodge at London in 1717, but developed in this country, until it has been regarded as the "American doctrine," requires that only three or more chartered lodges, in a state or other political territory, where no Sovereign Grand Lodge is in existence, may lawfully organize a Grand Lodge. The majority of American Grand Lodges, as also of those situated in the English speaking provinces of Great Britain, will sustain Queensland, as against the unjust treatment she is receiving at the hands of the Grand Lodges in the British Isles. Indeed, Brother Matthews, under Alabama, in speaking of Brother Titcomb's review, says: "He very justly, we think, condemns the course pursued by the English and Scottish District Grand Lodges in forbidding their members to discuss in any way the question of forming an independent Grand Lodge in the province." Now it is well known that this course was instigated and is encouraged, if not required, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland at least; and that a new and unheard of rule is, by those Grand Lodges, being applied to Queensland.

M.:W.:John P. Bell, Bellville, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:John Watson, Waco, is Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1906.

June 13th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, the one hundred and thirteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Walter E. Ranger, Grand Master, with fifteen Grand Officers, and representatives from eighty-six of the one hundred and three chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master eloquently unfolds the deep significance of the most excellent tenets of our institution, weaving into his language some of the choicest passages of those instructions so familiar to us all. To the memory of the fraternal dead, in words of affectionate sympathy, he pays most loving tribute. Of the condition of the Craft, he says: "Throughout this jurisdiction there are abundant evidences of the worthy life of the Fraternity and of the wondrous power of Masonry to ennoble mankind. Everywhere there is a reverent appreciation of its sublime truths, its inspiring beauty and its vivifying spirit. In the conduct of life the brethren shadow forth high Masonic ideals. Light shines brightly from our many altars. With hardly an exception, peace and prosperity reign everywhere."

By turning back to our review of Rhode Island, the reader will find this gifted Grand Master's words, of historic value, quoted from his address to our Rhode Island brethren.

He heartily commends their system of District Deputy Grand Masters, as also those officers, who, he says, have exercised loyalty, zeal, fidelity, and genuine efficiency in the performance of their duties. And he says:

In our well developed system of instruction, supervision, government and inspiration on the part of the Grand Lodge, the opportunity for efficient service given the district deputy is almost without limit. Of course, if a deputy performs his duties in a perfunctory or even in an inefficient manner, the lodges in his jurisdiction will thrive on the inherent elements of Masonry in the hearts of the brethren, but the opportunities of promoting purer harmony, enkindling clearer light, imparting wise counsel and of energizing true Masonic life, are lost. While full appreciation of their fraternal courtesy, social attributes and love of Masonry may be accorded to all, some have administered the affairs of their office with an ability that would honor any office of this Grand Body.

He reports the dedication of two new Masonic Halls, the granting of waivers of jurisdiction in favor of lodges in adjoining jurisdictions, a limited number of special dispensations, and generous donations to the relief of suffering brethren in California.

On account of conflicting decisions upon the occupation of Masonic Halls by chapters of the Eastern Star, much controversy and some hard feelings have existed, aggravated to some extent, it seems, by the use of a lodge room as a cloak room during a dance, presumably, nearby. The matter came up and was finally determined by adopting a resolution granting the right of a lodge to allow such occupation by Eastern Star chapters.

M. W. Brother Marsh O. Perkins presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-two pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges.

From it we learn, under California, that in Vermont, as in Indiana, an objection before a ballot does not have the same effect as one after a ballot and before any degree is conferred. In other words, as we understand it, the law does not contemplate an objection until after a ballot has been taken, and we think the brother objecting should express his objection by ballot, unless absent at that time.

Under California we find him expressing what should be good law:

Near the beginning of the year, the question was raised as to the right of Scotland to establish lodges in the Sandwich Islands. The Grand Master patriotically applied the Monroe Doctrine to the determination of the same, but the Committee on Jurisprudence, with Grand Lodge in concurrence, held that the Masonic law, as applied to unoccupied territory, should alone govern. Unquestionably correct, although fraternal comity would seem to demand that no foreign Grand Lodge should ever presume to enter United States territory.

And he relates another interesting situation:

At the last annual communication, Lodge *Le Proges de L' Oceanic*, No. 124, A. A. S. R. of Honolulu, chartered in 1842 by the Supreme

Council of France, petitioned Grand Lodge for a charter. This was denied on the ground that no dispensation or charter should be granted while the lodge was the subordinate of another Grand Body. Considerable correspondence had since followed, and acting under the advice of the Grand Master twelve members of the lodge withdrew and formed themselves into a new body under letters of dispensation issued by him, thus removing all objections to their request for a charter at this annual. One was therefore granted, recognition also extended to the brethren of six of the seven other bodies U. D. If, as represented, the members of the French Lodge at Honolulu are desirous of Americanizing themselves Masonically, the way is now open to them without danger of possible complications, and its existence will soon become a memory.

He believes, as do many others, including this writer, that Queensland is entitled to recognition, and that the English lodges in that jurisdiction should come under that Grand Lodge.

Brother Barlow of Connecticut inquires as to whether a person born out of wedlock (otherwise qualified) can be made a Mason, with the hope of getting a full expression of opinion from the correspondents, "with the light of the twentieth century." to which Brother Perkins replies: "In that light, we are of the belief the determination should be left in each case to the particular lodge in which the question may be raised." With this the writer readily concurs.

M. W. Charles A. Calderwood, St. Johnsbury, is Grand Master.

R. W. Henry H. Ross, Burlington, is Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA, 1906.

February 13th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Richmond, the one hundred and twenty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Thomas N. Davis, Grand Master, with a large attendance of Grand Officers, and representatives from the chartered lodges.

In opening his address the Grand Master, from a two years' experience, speaks of the duties appertaining to the office as "onerous, exacting; the problems submitted by zealous and confiding brethren, perplexing and puzzling, demanding for their solution the quick perception of the man of business, the analytical trend of the trained lawyer, the patient and sympathetic temperament of the good pastor, and, above all, the noblesse oblige, the royalty of his high station compels him to be a just, upright and impartial judge, even if he has to use the sword of his great prerogative to cut the Gordian knot which refuses to relax under the application of law, usage, or custom."

He made as many official visits to his lodges as his health and opportunities would admit, performing such duties as occasion required, among them that of laying corner-stones and constituting lodges; and was with Alexandria Lodge No. 22, the one of which Washington was the first Master, at the celebration of Washington's birthday.

The Grand Master reports a great number of decisions, from which we extract:

2. That the Masonic Fraternity cannot exclude other orders from the procession accompanying the remains of a brother to the place of burial.

3. That the selection of pall and flower bearers is the personal right of those interested as mourners and that if they desire, or it is requested by non-Masonic organizations, that pall and flower bearers be equally distributed, there can be no objection.

4. That the Masonic Fraternity by reason of her antiquity, traditions and custom is entitled to the first place in the procession.

5. That the first place in the procession is next to the hearse, or if pall and flower bearers immediately precede the hearse, the Masonic body immediately precedes said attendants.

6. That on arriving near the grave the procession should be halted and the files—each order—faced inward and the order reversed so as to enable the Masons to reach the grave and perform their ceremony first.

7. That if there be any religious services, they precede the Masonic Ceremony unless otherwise agreed.

8. That it would be highly improper and disrespectful for the Masons, after they have performed their ceremony, not to await the conclusion of the ceremonies of other organizations.

He had issued dispensations for six new lodges. He discusses conditions as he found them, in a very interesting account of his journeying over the state. The Grand Lodge granted charters to five lodges under dispensation, continued one under dispensation, and recalled the charter of one lodge upon the recommendation of a District Deputy Grand Master.

Reports made by nearly all the District Deputy Grand Masters show that peace, harmony, and prosperity prevail generally, and the reports of all the Division Lecturers show a faithful performance of duty, and a general high standard of letter-perfect ritual work throughout the jurisdiction.

R. W. Joseph Eggleston presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-one pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges. Under British Columbia, and answering Brother DeWolf-Smith, he says:

To our surprise and disappointment he fails to see our parallel between the Lodges of Costa Rica and the American States. Let's see if it can be made plainer. The American British Colonies under crown appointed Governors did change their natures and become free, self-governing commonwealths under elective governments. The Costa Rica Lodges were Masonic Lodges, chartered by a Supreme Council, and working the ritual of the A. A. S. R. They changed their natures by revolting, setting up an independent representative Grand Lodge under a Grand Master of their own selection, and adopted the York Rite in ritual and law. Neither the American States nor the Costa Rican Lodges changed their lineage of course, but *natures* not *lineage* was under discussion. In this country lineage is ignored, provided a man be a white man, and in Masonry it should be ignored, provided Masons and Lodges are now right. We only hold that Masons and Masonic bodies in Latin countries are not Masonic because and while they are under control of so-called higher societies and are practicing politics. If they would all—European and American—"change their natures," as Costa Rica has done, we would recognize them at once. Are we not right, Bro. Smith?

Under Canada, in reviewing M. W. Brother J. Ross Robertson's address, he says of him:

He is one of the iconoclasts as to ancient Masonry. Following the fallacious reasoning that nothing not provable by written record is true, and mistakenly applying this rule to an institution, which for ages had no records, he concludes that our speculative Masonry had nothing to do with Solomon or the Temple. But he unconsciously gives his case away, when he concedes, as he does, our connection with the Builders of the Middle Ages.

Quoting further, in answer he says:

If further argument for our antiquity were necessary it would suffice to call attention to the fact that builders were once the very cream of social life. Indeed they were the only aristocrats at one time, and all the intelligence and culture of the civilized world was devoted to architecture and its adornment. Conditions gradually changed, and after a while a balance in position was established and then the Craft began to add other cultured persons to its membership as Accepted Masons. When the operatives were the highest type, and occupied the most exalted position in society, were society in fact, the Craft was all operative, as conditions changed the Craft changed until it was chiefly speculative, and then the influence of changed conditions led to the organizations of Grand Lodges and also to record keeping. Any other reasoning is not logical or consistent with history.

He believes in quoting fully and as fully commenting, which he does admirably.

He has words of praise for what the O. E. S. is doing, but says: "Our only objections to it are that as we know the dear creatures in Virginia no organization can long survive which puts them on a level regardless of social distinction," adding that if they are different elsewhere, where social lines are not so sharply drawn, they may overcome this difficulty.

M. W. Kosciusko Kemper, Alexandria, is Grand Master.

R. W. George W. Carrington, Richmond, is Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1906.

June 12th, in the city of Spokane, the forty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Abraham Lincoln Miller, Grand Master, with all its living Grand Officers, and representatives from one hundred and thirty of its one hundred and thirty-seven chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of Most Worshipful Thomas Milburne Reed, their former Grand Master and for forty years their very efficient Grand Secretary, who died October 7th, 1905.

He reports the constituting of eight newly chartered lodges, two of which are located in Alaska. Anvil No. 140 is at Nome, Alaska, and was constituted by Past Grand Master John Arthur, who says:

"I have no fear for the future of that Lodge, the long winters there, coupled with the absence of theatrical entertainments such as we have in the States, give the members ample opportunity to study Masonry, both as a system of philosophy and as a system of ritualism. Last winter they often met about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and kept the Lodge open until 11 or 12 o'clock, discussing every phase of Masonry and the esoteric work. The officers invariably appear in full dress, as do many of the

members and visiting brethren. They have a very high opinion of their Lodge and they uphold its dignity in a manner that is very gratifying. I found them well versed in the standard work of Washington. I have little doubt that Anvil Lodge will shortly become, if it is not already, the best governed and best working Lodge within the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington.

The Grand Master reports twenty decisions, but among them we find nothing new or of special interest. He reports the laying of corner-stones for two new Masonic Temples, one Knights of Pythias Hall, one federal building, one church, and one court house, the granting of three special dispensations, the exchange of representatives with several Grand Lodges, the granting of dispensations for the instituting of eight new lodges, and the sending of money by the Grand Lodge and other Masonic bodies, for the relief of the earthquake sufferers in California.

Brother Horace W. Tyler, Acting Grand Secretary, submits a very full report, with recommendations. He is quite sure, for he repeats it, that they have "one of the best, if not *the* best Masonic Code in existence." It reminds us of the story of the little boy who said that Pa's barn was taller than the moon. What is nearby, and one's own, is sometimes regarded as the biggest thing on earth.

W. Brother David S. Prescott, Grand Lecturer, submits a report showing very active work during the year, including a visit to their lodges in Alaska, where he found the brethren to be very proficient and enthusiastic. He thinks that *the* code should be amended for the better starting of new lodges; and the Grand Secretary himself recommended that the Committee on Jurisprudence present some amendments, necessary to that selfsame altogether best code in existence. And then the Committee on Jurisprudence took a hand, and actually recommended several amendments to said code.

Five lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and two were continued under dispensation.

The following graceful tribute honors one who has been justly regarded as a great Mason and a good man:

Your special committee, to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address relating to the Masonic Home, would respectfully recommend that when our Home is established it be designated the "Reed Memorial Home," as a perpetual monument of the life and services of our late Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother THOMAS MILBURNE REED.

Most Worshipful Brother Stephen James Chadwick presents the report on correspondence, a very readable paper, covering one hundred and twenty pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges. From his closing we extract:

To my brethren of the Grand Lodge of Washington I can say that Masonry is progressing; it stands for higher ideals and nobler purposes. It is cleaner, and is pervaded with a wholesomeness in advance of the time in which we live. It is one of the few, the very few, adjuncts of modern social life where money is not the motive, and greed is not the God—with no pretense to erudition, therefore, I submit my work. It may

please some. If so, let it pass without comment; I ask no more. But if in anything I have offended and fallen short of the appointed standard, criticise it, condemn it if need be, for my own good; for I would rather be slain by a prince than be smothered by a nurse.

M.:W.:Edward Franklin Waggoner, Spokane, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Horace Walter Tyler, Olympia, is Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1905-1906.

April 27th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Perth, the quarterly communication, at which the principal business for the year was transacted, assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Brother C. O. L. Riley, the Lord Bishop of Perth, Grand Master, with a large attendance of officers, Masters of lodges, and representatives.

The Grand Master argues forcefully against the rule adopted by the Mother Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, governing in the recognition of Grand Lodges erected in the British Colonies, where each warrants lodges under its constitution. The rule provides that the question "shall not be taken into consideration unless at least two-thirds of the Lodges under each jurisdiction have signified their adhesion to such new body; and such recognition shall only be granted by agreement of the three Grand Lodges."

The Lord Bishop shows that the rule was not agreed to without strong protests at home. In the report of the Grand Lodge of Ireland it was said: "Your representatives failed to see any valid reason why the lawful erection of a Grand Lodge should depend on the artificial and arbitrary condition of a two-thirds majority rather than on a simple majority of the brethren concerned." And the Deputy Grand Master in his address says:

"I should apprehend difficulty in seeking valid arguments in support of the thesis that the parent Grand Lodges of the British Isles have the right to impose on colonial Lodges, without their consent, conditions which interfere in any way with their legitimate freedom of action. History, expediency, equity, our racial instincts, seem to be against the principle. Does any inquirer want any closer historical parallel than the proposition laid down in the Declaratory Act of 1776 to the effect that the mother country 'has, and of right ought to have, power to bind the colonies in all cases whatsoever'? Our American brethren were the outcome of that contention."

Continuing, the Grand Master says:

Let me now point out to you how this resolution would have worked in our case. The absurdity of the result will show the absurdity of the resolution.

In the agreement not to recognize any new Grand Lodge formed in the colonies unless it is comprised of two-thirds of the Lodges belonging to each Constitution therein, it brings to mind the fact that at the establishment of the Grand Lodge of W.A. there were only 2 Lodges under the Irish Constitution, 34 under the English, and 23 under the Scotch, so that if all the Lodges with the exception of one Irish had joined, the Grand Lodge, according to the dictum of the conference, would be irregular, as two-thirds of the Irish Lodges did not join. But what is meant by a lodge joining? According to the Scottish Constitution, one

dissentient might interfere, and it is further declared that three members of the Lodge shall have power to carry on, even supposing the other hundred desire to join the proposed Grand Lodge. Scotland, first of all, debars her Lodges from discussing the question of forming a Grand Lodge, and then those members who do so are subjected to certain pains and penalties. They even go as far as to seize all property and provide the costs of an action at law. If two-thirds of the Scottish Lodges in an unoccupied territory take the risk of discussing the question in the face of the parent Grand Lodge's prohibition, and then carry to a successful issue a number of law suits, then the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in accordance with the terms of the Conference agreement, *may* recognize the Grand Lodge of which the delinquent Scottish Lodges form a part. But even under the terms of the agreement recognition is not compulsory, because the recognition must be agreed to by the three Grand Lodges, and Scotland may with consistency dissent, on the grounds that there is no provision in her Book of Constitutions to enable her Lodges to discuss this matter without committing a Masonic offence. England and Ireland make provision for their daughter Lodges to discuss the question of forming a Sovereign Grand Lodge, but Scotland prohibits hers, and therein the whole proceedings of the Conference become absurd.

As this is a question in which the Grand Lodges of Australasia and other British Colonies have a material interest, surely the triumvirate might with courtesy, and without loss of dignity, have consulted them. As the Conference has allowed a two-thirds majority to decide in the case of Craft Lodges, then they might have carried their arbitrary majority one step further in each direction, and decreed that if in the final resort the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland were satisfied, the objection of Scotland should not hold as against this two-thirds majority. We obtained the recognition of England and Ireland. Under such a rule Scotland would have been obliged to give way, and there would have been no trouble here. Again, if a majority of two-thirds were to determine whether a Lodge should join the new Grand Lodge or not, I venture to think that very few Lodges in this jurisdiction would now be outside the Western Australian Constitution.

This subject is of grave importance to our brethren in the British colonies, and, generally, the views above expressed are agreed to in all of them. In our review of Western Australia last year, we quoted from this Grand Master's address on the same subject, and the reader would do well to turn to it. Or, better yet, procure the proceedings of Western Australia, 1905 and 1906, and also of the other Australasian Grand Lodges.

The affairs of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia are prosperous to a remarkable degree. Careful attention is given to every interest and it is a pleasure to read its proceedings.

R. W. Brother J. D. Stevenson, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, submits his first, and a very commendable, report covering one hundred and twenty pages. We quote what he says of Queensland:

44 Lodges.

Membership not stated.

The first annual volume of the newly-formed Grand Lodge of Queensland covers the period from June, 1904, to June, 1905. All the details connected with its organization and constitution are to be found in our own 1904-5 Report, pages 36 to 40 inclusive. At the time of its formation there were 152 lodges in Queensland, and 39 of those—25 Irish and 14 Scotch—combined to form the new Grand Lodge. It is not correct to suppose that the other 119 lodges who remained outside the Grand Lodge were opposed to it, for very forcible measures were taken to prevent them

giving any expression of opinion. The English lodges could discuss the question under dispensation, in the same manner as they did in Western Australia, and a majority of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting could decide. But in the hands of the District Grand Master rested the power to issue the dispensation, and to hedge it round with whatever conditions he thought fit. The then District Grand Master, who was most pronounced in his opposition, made it a condition, among others, that the application for such dispensation should be signed by *one-third* of the total subscribing members of the lodge, and the subject of applying for the dispensation was not to be brought forward in the Lodge or at refreshment, and in the event of the dispensation being granted, the matter was not to be discussed unless the District Grand Master was present himself, or represented by one of his officers. Had a similar course of action been pursued in Western Australia, we are safe in saying that not a single English lodge would have joined. The Scotch lodges were, as usual, debarred, and the aid of the civil courts invoked according to modern custom.

M. W. Brother Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley, Lord Bishop of Perth, is Grand Master.

V. W. J. D. Stevenson, Perth, is Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1906.

November 14th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Huntington, the forty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. George W. McClintic, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from all but one of its one hundred and twenty-nine chartered lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master in his address speaks of a prosperous Masonic year and the splendid showing made. He reports having granted many special dispensations, the exchange of representatives with other Grand Lodges, the instituting of four lodges under dispensation, the holding of four special communications of the Grand Lodge to constitute as many new lodges under charters granted at the preceding annual communication, and the laying of nine corner-stones.

From his decisions we excerpt:

1. A young man under age lived with his mother in Virginia. He went to Texas and remained a number of years, reaching the age of 21 there. His mother moved to West Virginia. The young man, never having resided in West Virginia, claimed the same as his residence because his mother lived here, and presented his petition to a Lodge in West Virginia, which petition was refused. Held, that the refusal was right, as actual residence of the person for some period of time is necessary to gain a residence and give Masonic jurisdiction.

2. A candidate who has lost all the fingers of his left hand is eligible for the mysteries of Freemasonry.

The new Grand Secretary, Brother Hiram R. Howard, presents a full and excellently arranged report.

A most fraternal letter from the former Grand Secretary and writer on correspondence, now a federal judge in the District of Columbia, expressing his regrets at not being able to attend, contains much of interest. Speaking of conditions he says:

You meet in a great and growing city—emblematical of the progress the Craft is making in our marvelously developing State. While the State is booming, Masonry is in the front of the procession. While one moves forward, the other moves *pari passu*. As the world moves forward, Masonry moves with it. Progress and Freemasonry move hand-in-hand. Thus progress and Masonry are indissolubly linked together. "The world do move," as John Jasper expressed it, and Freemasonry moves with it.

The Grand Lodges of Alberta and Queensland were recognized. An able report by Past Grand Master Hiram R. Howard, recommending recognition, in speaking of Queensland, lays down his conclusions as to what is essential; and in connection therewith recites the experience of their own Grand Lodge, now, and for many years, recognized by all American Grand Lodges. He says:

As a precedent we need only refer to the formation of our own Grand Lodge. Virginia had 39 Lodges on her roster in what is now West Virginia, and only nine of them met in convention by delegates and organized themselves into our present Grand Lodge. (See report of special committee, Virginia Grand Lodge, 1866.) Whether the other 24 Lodges had notice of this convention we are not advised; at any rate they had nothing to do with it. The regularity of our Grand Lodge was attacked, and bitter opposition to its recognition made by some of the other Grand Lodges. Our brethren who organized it, contended, and rightfully, too, that all of the rules absolutely necessary to be observed in order to make the new Grand Lodge legal and regular had been observed, and were five in number, viz:

1. The district within which the new Grand Lodge is to be located shall be a separate State or Territory.
2. There shall at the time be no Grand Lodge existing within the limits of such State or Territory.
3. There should be at least three chartered lodges in active existence within such State or Territory and consenting to the formation of a Grand Lodge.
4. They shall meet in convention as Lodges and not as individuals.
5. The newly elected Grand Master shall be installed by some Past Grand Master, or by the senior Past Master present.

Upon the report and recommendation of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, five lodges under dispensations were granted charters and two were continued under dispensation, and a dispensation was recommended to petitioners for another lodge.

In an appeal case, before the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, where the appellant had been expelled, it appearing that the controversy between the appellant and the complainant was "of an extremely personal character," and not a proper matter for the consideration of the lodge, the charges were dismissed and the appellant restored to good standing. The procedure under which this case was tried, on the record, and further testimony before the Grand Lodge committee, is admirably calculated to do justice. We think that generally it is adopted, but not in all Grand Lodges.

From the report of the Committee on Proceedings of Grand Officers we extract what will be of interest in many jurisdictions:

We further find that some of the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and the District Deputy Grand Lecturers' reports are voluminous, and make the full publication thereof very costly, and the size of the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge inconvenient; we, therefore, recommend that the Grand Secretary do not publish said reports in the Grand Lodge proceedings.

We further recommend that hereafter these reports be sent to the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer, respectively, at least one month before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, for their examination; and that the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer be required to make part of their report such parts thereof as they may deem best for the interest of Masonry, to be published with the Grand Lodge proceedings.

A fund is being created and set apart for the building of a Masonic temple at the state capital.

M. W. Brother Hiram R. Howard presents the report on correspondence, his first. It covers two hundred and seventy-five pages, admirably reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1906, receives generous fraternal treatment; our Grand Master Hopewell's edict against unauthorized publications of so-called keys and ciphers is approved. Our brother queries: "Does Nebraska have an authorized published ritual?" which he correctly regards as a "pernicious habit." And we hasten to reply, "No, banish the thought!" He notes the flourishing condition of our Masonic Home, throws a bouquet at our Grand Secretary White, and quotes from the report of our Grand Custodian, Brother Bob.

He suggests an interesting subject in his conclusion, from which we extract:

In the foregoing review of sister Jurisdictions, it has been my aim to give literally the name or title of each Grand Lodge reviewed as it appears in its printed proceedings. This was as much to satisfy a long standing curiosity on my part, as to impart information upon the subject to others. It will be observed that there is quite a dissimilarity among the several Grand Lodges in designatory prefixes. Some have none at all, and others have such as "Most Worshipful," and "Right Worshipful," some are designated as "Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, F. & A. M.," and some as "Free and Accepted Masons," and again some as "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons," thus forming quite a diversity in names as well as in titles for the Fraternity's several organizations, and requiring research on the part of the Masonic student to explain and reconcile, and which I do not at this time go into explanation of. While thus gratifying my curiosity and show this diversity, at the same time, I insist that I pay that respect and reverence which is due to each Grand Lodge, by using its proper title and name.

M. W. Tom G. Strickler, Ellenboro, is Grand Master.

M. W. Hiram R. Howard, Point Pleasant, is Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1906.

June 12th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Milwaukee, the sixty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Jesse C. Bradley, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from two hundred and forty-two of the two hundred and fifty-four chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in opening his address, announces the gratifying fact that all of their Past Grand Masters and permanent members of the Grand Lodge had been spared to assist again in the deliberations of that session. He says that he felt justified in refusing a dispensation permitting the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm to hold their meetings in a Masonic lodge room. He says that he understands that the Mystic Order, etc., desires to promote sociability among Master Masons. He does not wish to criticise, but thinks "that the proper place for Master Masons to promote sociability among Masons is in the Lodge room at the Lodge meetings and at social gatherings under the auspices of the Lodge, and not at meetings of fantastically named organizations, which can only detract from the dignity of Masonry and from the interest in the work of the Blue Lodge." And we opine that he is right. He reports seven decisions, each of which appears to be good law. He glories in the fact that peace, harmony, and prosperity prevail among the Craft in his Grand Jurisdiction.

Ten special communications of the Grand Lodge had been held to constitute new lodges, dedicate Masonic temples, and lay corner-stones. He reports the dispensing of charity at home, and the sending of \$5,000.00 to earthquake sufferers in California.

He also reports the following:

Through the splendid generosity of Brother Willard A. Van Brunt, of Horicon, Wisconsin is to have a Masonic Home, he having deeded to the Wisconsin Consistory A. A. S. R. the Van Brunt farm of 320 acres near Dousman, Wisconsin, about thirty miles from Milwaukee. This farm has the reputation of being one of the very finest and best in the State of Wisconsin, and with its splendid location, buildings and equipment it is an ideal place for a Masonic Home. I am informed that arrangements for the equipment of the Home are well under way and that it will be open for the brethren this fall. Full information relative to arrangements for admission to the Home, etc., will soon be obtainable from the Secretary of the Wisconsin Consistory Home Association. A provision in the deed of conveyance of the Van Brunt farm covers the admission of all Master Masons in good standing.

R. W. William W. Perry presents his sixth annual report as Grand Secretary. This report, and what we glean from the Grand Master's report, proves him to be the right man for the important place he holds, for he has done a good work in securing the attention of lodge secretaries to the performing of their duties to the Grand Lodge.

Their system of affording relief to needy members, their widows, and their orphans, is admirable and in strict accord with the Masonic idea, and it is provided by edict that it shall be afforded to the extent of the reasonable ability of the lodge. In case the funds of any lodge, supplemented by the individual charity of its members, are insufficient, it is the purpose of the Grand Lodge to assume the burden. A committee of the Grand Lodge investigates and, upon its recommendation, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary draw warrants. There are other wholesome provisions to supply loans, and now, with the Home to be provided, the provision will

be ample, and Wisconsin is to be congratulated upon its position among the Grand Lodges for all that goes to make up a great jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge holds to a rule, more strict than is general, in extending recognition to foreign Grand Lodges, for Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks, the able Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, says that it has never extended recognition to a Grand Lodge of Scottish Rite origin.

The following shows a rule not generally followed, and our Nebraska law provides the exact opposite:

Question. Can a brother be installed Worshipful Master of a Lodge who received the degree of Past Master in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons?

We answer yes. On page 52 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year 1876 the following decision was affirmed by the Grand Lodge: "Any Master Mason who has received the Past Master's Degree in a Chapter is competent to be installed W. M. of a Lodge."

As this has been the rule for thirty years we can see no reason for changing it.

M. W. Brother Aldro Jenks again presents the report on correspondence. Our brother exercises patience with those who do not agree with him, and exhibits a fairness that is admirable. In his opening he says:

The unchangeableness of the Masonic Institution is its greatest safeguard to perpetuity, and our constant boast.

Because of this the questions arising from year to year in the various Grand Lodges must bear a marked sameness, and necessarily the reviewer must discuss the same old subjects over and over again. This is not to be regretted, for it is the order of the universe.

The powerful heat waves of the sun evaporate the waters of the ocean; they are carried to the distant mountain top where they are cooled to condensation and fall in gentle rain drops; they go bounding down the valley, rushing over gigantic waterfalls, flow majestically in great rivers until at last they are once more treasured in the bosom of the mighty deep from whence they came; and this process is repeated over and over again day by day, year after year and century after century.

Under Queensland, in discussing the establishment of that Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the opposition of the Mother Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, he says:

The motives which impelled them to do so were not motives of disloyalty to the mother Grand Lodges. They went as a son would go out of his father's house to set up a home of his own.

Henceforth we feel certain Queensland Masons will march under the banner of Queensland rather than of England, Ireland or Scotland. It is the old fable of the bundle of sticks, "any one stick is weak, but tie them together and they become strong."

Upon a question now engaging quite general attention he says:

The subject receiving most attention during the year in sister Grand Lodges is that of requiring documentary evidence of Masonic standing on the part of those desiring to visit Lodges. About one-fifth of the Grand Lodges in the United States require some kind of a certificate under the seal of some Lodge, together with a certificate from some recognized Grand Lodge vouching for the regularity of the Lodge issuing the certificate. This movement is made because of the number of clandes-

tine Lodges existing in the United States and the supposedly large number of spurious Masons endeavoring to foist themselves upon the Craft. That a necessity for such a requirement may exist in some quarters is possible, nevertheless it has seemed to the writer that our brethren are over anxious and somewhat hysterical on the subject. The writer has been a Mason for over thirty years and during that time he has never known of a case of a spurious Mason or one affiliated with a clandestine Lodge being admitted as a visitor.

M.:W.:Edwin J. Farr, Eau Claire, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:William W. Perry, Milwaukee, is Grand Secretary.

WYOMING, 1906.

September 5th, in the city of Douglas, the thirty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.: Martin R. Johnston, Grand Master.

In his address the Grand Master extends fraternal greeting, and brings word to his brethren of peace, unity, and plenty throughout the Masonic world.

He had visited many of his lodges and speaks of the pleasures of lodge room and banquet table in a highly entertaining manner. Many requests for special dispensations had been received, he says, "some of which were not granted, a strict construction of our Masonic law not permitting." Inasmuch as he granted some, and to the limit, to ballot and confer degrees without any reference to time regulations, or constitutional limitations, we wonder at any suggestion of "strict construction." What this writer cannot have any patience with, is the inconsistency of granting special dispensations to the limit, and at the same time making weak arguments, in brave declarations against the authority therefor. The prerogative, we say, exists, but for those who deny it to exercise the authority and then expect any reasonable man to treat their arguments seriously, is a matter altogether incomprehensible to the average mind, and we give it up.

The Grand Master reports several decisions, all expressed in well chosen and convincing terms, and all of which were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge. He reports two special communications of the Grand Lodge, one at Laramie to lay the cornerstone of a new federal building and one at Green River, to lay the cornerstone of a Carnegie Public Library. One lodge under dispensation had he instituted.

A committee on Masonic Home made a report favorable to taking steps to raise funds, to present the proposition to other Masonic bodies, and to purchase land for a Home, and the committee's recommendations were adopted.

Upon the recommendation of Brother Kuykendall, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Alberta were duly recognized, but Queensland, as regular as Wyoming, was given the cold shoulder. Porto Rico and Mexico,

generally recognized, must wait, as also, Guatemala, whose application, with accompanying papers, all in Spanish, is postponed "without day." We like the following and fully agree with the action taken:

It appears that Cheyenne Lodge No. 1 received the application of some person for membership, and that he was in due time and in strict accordance with Masonic law elected. That a special meeting was called for the purpose of conferring a degree or degrees, and that Acacia Lodge No. 11 was invited to be present and assist in the work, and that many did so attend. It also transpires that the Grand Master was present and participated in and sanctioned the proceedings.

Your committee therefore finds no cause for complaint on the part of Brother Greentree and no grounds whatever for appeal, but on the other hand, we believe that said so-called "joint sessions" for the purpose of conferring degrees are to be commended and encouraged.

And we especially like their provision authorizing amendments of the constitution without the referendum attachment.

R. W. Brother William L. Kuykendall presents, as he has done for many years, the report on correspondence. He quotes largely from decisions and keeps up on the legislation of other Grand Lodges, commenting freely, and generally with good judgment; but he is "fermest" inherent powers and prerogatives vested in the Grand Master, and doesn't believe; he is a doubting Thomas; Sir Christopher Wren, in his opinion, which corresponds with that of some of our critics of these later days, was not a Grand Master. And all these doubters base their opinions upon the fact that they do not find records, forgetting that in olden times our brethren did not keep records. Sir Christopher Wren is a fair illustration. Yet at the time of his death two newspapers in the city, doubtless the only ones published there, in commenting upon the event, speak of him as having been at the head of the society of Freemasons. There is at least one of our American Grand Lodges, (we noted the fact in our reading the proceedings under review in this report,) without any records for years, and we take as true the statement that a fire destroyed them. In another, no permanent record is kept, and the printed proceedings are taken from minutes made by the Grand Secretary. Now it is as fair to say that because, after the fire, there is no record, that there never was a Grand Lodge in that jurisdiction.

And again Anderson's work is attacked as the work of one mistaken man, indulging in imagination, overlooking, or ignoring, the fact that upon the submission of his compilation of the constitutions, a committee of many eminent scholars assisted in perfecting the work, and gave it out as a thoroughly approved statement. The writer cannot believe that Oliver, Mackey, and other eminent scholars and writers have been deceived, nor that they have engaged in perpetrating a fraud upon the Fraternity, nor that the carping critics of these later days are going to turn the world, nor our Fraternity, upside down.

M. W. Peter S. Cook, Cheyenne, is Grand Master.

R. W. William L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, is Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGES	Date	Number of subordinates	Number of members	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Dropped, suspended, and expelled	Died	Net Gain	Loss
Alabama	1906	445	18191	1975	935	281	965	389	323	1541	
Arizona	1906	19	1394	125	44	6	31	21	21	102	
Arkansas	1905	475	17480	1371	503	145	607	324	365	723	
British Columbia	1906	38	3051	262	98	14	124	76	21	220	
California	1906	380	33769							2208	
Canada	1906	395	37628	2586	528	210	379	444	379	2663	
Colorado	1906	107	11501	650	296	68	234	111	161	508	
Connecticut	1907	110	20752	1128	97	39	100	94	384	663	
Costa Rica	1905	7	207	40	2	3	26	6	3	2	
Cuba											
Delaware	1906	22	2772	169	12	3	24	20	36	104	
Dist. of Columbia	1906	31	7999	459	82	55	85	96	142	273	
Florida	1906	158	6655	733	384	73	309	113	118	650	
Georgia	1906	505	27620							2331	
Idaho	1906	36	2251	159	112	5	70	38	31	195	
Illinois	1906	743	79712	6617	1094	482	1710	803	1036	4686	
Indiana	1906	531	45059	3415	780	198	873	432	606	2432	
Indian Territory	1906	186	7540	961	580	88	557	173	99	802	
Iowa	1906	505	36736	2170	690	266	1128	510	487	1007	
Kansas	1907	374	28764	2178	742	180	907	277	404	1597	
Kentucky	1906	501	28993	2497	639	429	913	659	392	1601	
Louisiana	1907	172	10984	1117	216	54	319	143	184	714	
Maine	1906	202	25889	1218	108	72	171	133	442	582	
Manitoba	1906		4410	501	264	31	159	69	34	534	
Maryland	1906	107	11580	841	120	32	96	68	160	523	
Massachusetts	1906	239	50308	2965	293	84	355	384	751	1893	
Michigan	1906	399	53795	3035	749	124	836	384	808	1924	
Minnesota	1907	248	22014	1415	407	91	562	218	268	865	
Mississippi	1906	305	13252	1270	606	175	538	247	258	1008	
Missouri	1906	585	42954	2930	1081	365	1257	588	674	1857	
Montana	1906	53	4421	280	104	41	142	83	60	194	
Nebraska	1907	234	15729	976	308	122	428	228	207	566	
Nevada	1906	22	1113	74	55	2	12	25	11	83	
New Brunswick	1906	35	2200	135	14	14	62	13	29	59	
New Hampshire	1906	79	9695	384	53	34	74	51	216	130	
New Jersey	1906	180	24973	1982	251	95	252	195	395	1486	
New Mexico	1906	26	1629	137	74	5	56	15	21	141	
New South Wales	1906	206	11141	1249	669		1061	124	102	631	
New York	1906	772	139203	10071	993	1167	1102	393	2237	6516	
New Zealand	1906	141	7221	777	321		488	147	67	662	
North Carolina	1906	338	15528	1174	351	141	417	296	243	950	
North Dakota	1906	74	5567	506	131	17	231	66	34	323	
Nova Scotia	1906	66	4715	417	72	39	115	47	56	286	
Ohio	1906	507	65105	4397	667	1104	828	1092	879	3460	
Oklahoma	1906	141	8777	903	352	43	355	82	58	837	
Oregon	1906	109	7689	455	205	57	180	88	95	355	
Pennsylvania	1906	456	75273	5288	897		504	439	1218	4024	
Prince Edward Isl	1906	14	635	47	8	4	24	2	6	27	
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South Carolina	1906	206	10403	1001	275	91	277	100	162	839	
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Texas	1906	743	39126	3181	1694	350	4056	616	673	856	
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