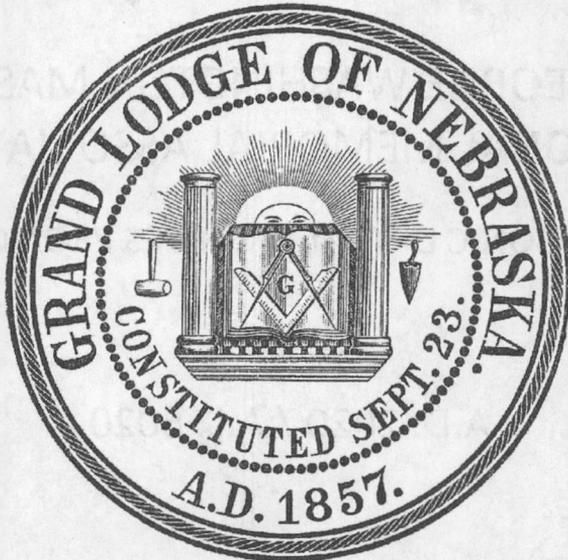


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AT THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,  
HELD IN OMAHA, JUNE 3D AND 4TH, 1913.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

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 3d, A. .L. .5913, A. D. 1913, at half past nine o'clock in the morning, there being present:

M. .W. .JAMES R. CAIN, JR. . . . . Grand Master,  
R. .W. .ALPHA MORGAN . . . . . Deputy Grand Master,  
R. .W. .THOMAS M. DAVIS . . . . . Grand Senior Warden,  
R. .W. .SAMUEL S. WHITING . . . . . Grand Junior Warden,  
R. .W. .FRANCIS E. WHITE . . . . . Grand Secretary,  
V. .W. .GEORGE A. BEECHER . . . . . Grand Chaplain,  
    W. .HARVEY H. HARMON . . . . . Grand Orator,  
M. .W. .ROBERT E. FRENCH . . . . . Grand Custodian,  
    W. .ANDREW H. VIELE . . . . . Grand Marshal,  
    W. .FREDERIC L. TEMPLE . . . . . Grand Senior Deacon,  
    W. .AMBROSE C. EPPERSON . . . . . Grand Junior Deacon,  
BRO. .REUBEN FORBES . . . . . Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and thirty-two of the two hundred and fifty-three chartered lodges.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form and the roll of lodges was called. A constitutional number of

lodges being represented, the Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the fifty-sixth annual communication duly open for the transaction of such business as might be regularly brought before it, and due proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal.

Greetings and good wishes for the Grand Lodge, and regrets at not being able to attend its session, were read from Past Grand Masters Ehrhardt, Dowling, and Gibbons. The following resolution, offered by Past Grand Master Phelps, was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge extends fraternal greetings to all Past Grand Masters residing outside of the state of Nebraska, and directs our Grand Secretary to communicate this action to said Past Grand Masters.

An invitation was read from St. Johns Lodge No. 1, of Yankton, South Dakota, to participate in the Golden Anniversary of said lodge on June 10th and 11th. On motion the Grand Secretary was directed to thank St. Johns Lodge No. 1 for the cordial invitation, and to express the good wishes of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for a successful celebration of the auspicious event.

Most Worshipful James R. Cain, Jr., Grand Master, delivered the following:

#### ADDRESS.

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge:*

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." That same God, the God whom we as Masons reverence and serve, and whose great and holy name we are taught never to mention but with that reverential awe that is due from a creature to his creator, still reigns; omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, and eternal. And God in His infinite goodness, wisdom, and mercy, unwilling that man, created in His own image and likeness, should stagger blindly through all the ages, said: "Let there be light;" and "the darkness that was upon the face of the deep" when "the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" was vanquished, "and there was light."

How beautiful the thought of Light banishing darkness, when considered in its physical aspect alone, but how much more beautiful, grand, and sublime when contemplated in the intellectual, spiritual,

and divine. And that man only, is worthy of the name, who is not only willing but eager that "light" in its highest and holiest conception, shall penetrate every nook and corner of creation, that the rays of Divine Intelligence may shine with ever increasing brilliance and refulgence, reflecting the perfection, purity, and holiness of Him, who doeth all things well, who is the Author of our being, who holds in the hollow of His hand the destinies of men, nations, and institutions, and who first said, "Let there be light."

"And there was light." Not because He permitted it, but because God commanded it. And that the Divine command might be a living, forceful reality in its most sublime conception here on earth, the institution of Freemasonry, whose vital and eternal principles are congenital with creation, was born into existence.

My brethren, this grand old institution, which has come down to us through the countless ages, as a priceless heritage, pure and undefiled before God, which has survived the passing of kingdoms, dynasties, nations, and even religions themselves, which has ever been a potent yet unassuming factor in the onward march of civilization, and whose true, loyal, and devoted votaries we are, is true to the first Divine command. Masonry the whole world over, is standing today just as it has stood throughout the countless ages of the past, for that trinity of principles that have ever been the dominant attributes of our great Fraternity, the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul. Masonry is just as much the foe today of darkness, intolerance, ignorance, superstition, and oppression, and just as much the strong and sturdy friend of light, truth, knowledge, temperance, and justice, as it was way back yonder, when the world was young, when our first altar was erected, and our first prayer in behalf of benighted and unfortunate humanity ascended to the Throne of Grace.

And what Masonry has been in every age and in every clime, it has been and is today in this fair, young state of ours, and will so continue so long as we are true to the great fundamental principles of the institution; so long as we rigidly adhere to the well established precedents, usages, and customs that have ever controlled our administrations of its great affairs, and so long as we insist that those who successfully knock at our portals are prepared in the heart for a part in the great work in which we are engaged.

My brethren, I have an abiding confidence in the future of Masonry in Nebraska, based upon the intimate relations of my entire Masonic career, and accentuated by the service of the year drawing to a close. I believe in all sincerity that its star is in the ascendancy, and in the spirit of that sincere optimism, I bid you a cordial greeting to

the fifty-sixth annual communication of this Grand Lodge, earnestly indulging the hope that your presence and participation in its affairs may be an inspiration to you, and through you, to the lodges you have the honor to represent.

True to the teachings of Masonry, in beginning our deliberations, let us return our heartfelt thanks to the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe for the manifold blessings and comforts which we are privileged to enjoy, earnestly imploring from Him a continuance of His watchful guidance and loving mercies throughout the years to follow.

The year just closing has in every way been a most prosperous one. Nature has yielded abundantly of the fruits of husbandry, and our great nation is at peace with all the world. Even the political campaign through which we have passed seems not to have affected material prosperity, and the changing from one school of political thought to another in charge of the affairs of the nation has been accomplished with as little disturbance to industrial and commercial pursuits as could be hoped. During the latter part of March, a series of storms in various parts of the nation caused much loss of life and wrought great destruction of property. Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois have been the victims of disastrous floods, while tornadoes of unusual violence and destructiveness visited our own Nebraska, also touching the western border of Iowa. On Easter Sunday evening, March 23d, 1913, several tornadoes visited the eastern portion of our beloved state, leaving in their paths large loss of life, injury to person, and the loss of countless thousands of dollars in property. Many of our brethren have suffered in various ways, but the noble and generous response to the cries of the unfortunate has done much to alleviate, so far as was possible, the misery into which we were so suddenly plunged. I have received innumerable telegrams, and letters of sympathy, as well as proffers of material assistance from other Grand Jurisdictions, and have voiced the appreciation of this Grand Lodge for the sympathy expressed and fraternal offers of assistance. I have also communicated our sincere sympathy to our brethren of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, in the great losses they have sustained. Too much credit cannot be given to our brethren here in Omaha, where the blow fell heavy, for the excellent manner in which they have handled the situation.

I am convinced that our affairs were never in a more satisfactory condition. We have ample funds for all legitimate demands, your interests are safeguarded in every possible manner, our lodges in the main are doing good work, and seem to have plenty to do. I fully realize that in Masonry numbers do not always possess an especial value, that it is quality that counts, instead of quantity, but you may be interested in knowing that our membership is now more than twenty

thousand, that during the year just closing almost fourteen hundred brethren have, for the first time crossed the threshold of a Masonic lodge, and that the net gain is the largest in our history.

PAST GRAND MASTER DANIEL HOTCHKISS WHEELER,

For almost half a century the senior Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, and for many years an active working Mason, in many fields of usefulness, answered the last great summons, that sooner or later will come to each of us, in the quiet of his home in Omaha, on November 27th, 1912.

Being temporarily absent from the Grand Jurisdiction, and unable to return in time for the funeral, I could not pay in person my respects on that occasion to the memory of this distinguished brother. I do not feel it incumbent upon me, at this time, to pronounce any extended eulogy upon him, as you have by legislation delegated that important duty to the Committee on Fraternal Dead. I feel sure that I may be pardoned, however, if I briefly call attention to his active, busy, and useful life, in our great Fraternity, which he loved so well, and which in turn seemed to delight to honor him, as well as to the splendid manner in which he discharged the responsibilities of citizenship. Honored by our brotherhood with nearly all the gifts of recognition a Freemason can receive, he was also the recipient of many civic honors which he wore with becoming dignity, and in which he rendered an honest, intelligent, and faithful service. His life was a most busy one as a brief resume will disclose, and as Pioneer, Citizen, Official, and Freemason, he was faithful to every trust. His remains rest in the cemetery near Plattsmouth, his home for many years, but his memory will ever remain green in the hearts of those who knew him, and the name he has left to his family and friends is indeed a priceless heritage. He had been present at every annual communication of this Grand Lodge save two, and his presence and counsel will be missed.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

I believe that I am fully justified in assuring you that the harmonious and peaceful relations that have existed in the past between ourselves and the other Grand Jurisdictions, still continue. Not a small part of the correspondence of the Grand Master's office is with Grand Masters of other Grand Jurisdictions, relative to the conferring of degrees on candidates who have removed from the jurisdiction of the home lodge previous to receiving them, or waivers of jurisdiction over elected or rejected petitioners. Every request that I made was most cheerfully granted, and every one made of me was extended in the

same spirit. I desire to express my thanks to Most Worshipful Brothers William E. Hutchison, Grand Master of Kansas; William Hutchinson, Grand Master of Iowa; Jacob Lampert, Grand Master of Missouri; William J. McMakin, Grand Master of South Dakota; Delmar D. Darrah, Grand Master of Illinois; Harold Banner, Grand Master of Wyoming; William Pugh, Grand Master of Wyoming; Alonzo J. Monroe, Grand Master of California; William Parker Filmer, Grand Master of California; William L. Gorgas, Grand Master of Pennsylvania; H. W. Woodward, Grand Master of Colorado; George E. Simonton, Grand Master of Colorado; Elmer F. Gay, Grand Master of Indiana; and Right Worshipful Brothers Newton R. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa; John R. Parson, Grand Secretary of Missouri; Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary of Indiana; and John Whicher, Grand Secretary of California, for courtesies received.

#### GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE.

I received from M. . W. . Brother Enoch Moore, Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, an invitation to attend the "Ceremony of Dedicating the New Masonic Home" at Wilmington, October 2d, 1912. I wrote Grand Master Moore my sincere regrets at being unable to be present on that auspicious occasion, and voiced the congratulations of this Grand Lodge, upon the consummation of their splendid aspiration, and indulged the hope that the occasion would be all that its most sanguine promoters hoped that it would be, and that the Home when dedicated would be a positive force in maintaining in that Grand Jurisdiction one of the great tenets of Masonry.

#### GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

I was compelled to decline the invitation of R. . W. . Brother William L. Gorgas, Grand Master, to visit the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, on June 4th, also the service of the "Dedication of the Grand Lodge Hall of the Masonic Homes of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania," on the day following, at Elizabethtown; but in so doing I expressed the wish of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, that both of these occasions would prove unqualified successes, and indeed all that is hoped for in their behalf.

#### THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

Unable to be present at the third annual convention of the above named association, which was held in Alexandria, Virginia, February

21st and 22d, 1913, I issued my proxy to M. W. Brother Milton J. Hull, Past Grand Master, to attend in my stead, feeling that because of our membership in this great enterprise we should be represented. Brother Hull has reported to me quite fully the transactions of the convention. The business was largely of a routine character, but many ideas were discussed looking to the final consummation of the plans of the original promoters of the enterprise. The next annual convention bids fair to be intensely interesting, as many matters will be definitely acted upon, having been laid over from this year.

I have been advised by M. W. Brother Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master of Maryland, and president of the association, that a resolution has been adopted creating a "Charter Roll of Honor," subscribers to which are entitled to life memberships in the association, and requesting my official permission to solicit said memberships in this Grand Jurisdiction. In view of well established precedents, in matters of this character, I felt that I should decline his fraternal request, which I did, but in so doing, I assured our Most Worshipful Brother that I would gladly present the matter to this Grand Lodge for such action as in your wisdom is wise and proper.

#### THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

In pride and appreciation of the excellent results that have been accomplished by the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction, I yield to no brother. Success has attended the efforts of the Craft, innumerable times, in the more than half a century of our Grand Lodge existence. But in my judgment the crowning achievement of our united efforts is the realization of the dream of our earlier years, the establishment of that just pride of every true and loyal Craftsman of this Grand Jurisdiction, THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME. I believe that every brother who has ever visited the Home and exercised his sacred duty in investigating its management and the results it has accomplished and is now achieving, is its true and earnest advocate. I have visited the Home on different occasions both since my elevation to this high position as well as in times past. The sacrifices of those who have labored that it might be a reality are fully understood and appreciated by me. I am convinced that no enterprise of similar magnitude is managed more conscientiously, unselfishly, ably, or economically than this. Those who are charged with its direction are rendering the Fraternity an invaluable service, and that in the spirit of love and devotion. I have talked with residents time and again, and find but one sentiment, that of grateful appreciation of the comforts and the genuine home life it affords. The residents are comfortable, well cared

for, and as happy as it is possible to be under the circumstances. I would that every member of the order, in this Grand Jurisdiction, would take the time to visit the Home, investigate its management, and suggest freely such changes in the policy of its management as might to him seem advisable. I am free to confess that I am unable to suggest a single recommendation looking to the improved conduct of this sacred trust.

I was present at the annual meeting of the stockholders and trustees on January 23d, 1913, and was delighted with the enthusiastic interest shown in the reports of the officers in charge, as well as in the transaction of all business looking to the future welfare of this great enterprise. A full and detailed record of that meeting has been published, and each of our lodges is in receipt of a copy, which I earnestly commend to your most careful consideration. At that meeting the following amendment to the articles of incorporation was presented, which lies over until the next annual meeting of the stockholders to be held in January, 1914, but which the Grand Master was requested to present to this communication of our Grand Lodge, that your will and pleasure might be ascertained:

Amend Article VI. by inserting after the words, "Master Mason" in line 1, the words "or member of the Order of the Eastern Star".

I take great pleasure in complying with the request, and bespeak for the proposed amendment your careful and thoughtful consideration.

In passing permit me to request that the letter, relative to the Home, that I caused to be sent to your lodge in March, and ordered read at your first regular meeting following its receipt, be again read at the meeting at which you will install your officers for the ensuing Masonic year, and indeed at each meeting of your lodge, at which there is a large attendance, until its contents have been brought to the attention of all our brethren. Covert Lodge No. 11 thought so much of it, that they had it reprinted that a copy might be mailed to each member.

#### ORPHANS HOME.

This Grand Lodge at its annual communication one year ago, by resolution authorized a committee of three to investigate the feasibility of establishing a home for the Masonic orphans of this state, and designated Brother Carroll D. Evans, 58, as the chairman of that committee. His associates on the committee are Brothers Cecil R. Boughn and Lewis E. Smith. In December the committee prepared a letter, which I officially approved, directed to each of the lodges of the Grand Jurisdiction, explaining the object of the committee's creation and asking for such data as was, in their wisdom necessary in ascer-

taining the need of an Orphans Home in this Grand Jurisdiction. The committee will doubtless come to this Grand Lodge with the data obtained, in tangible form, for your information and consideration.

THE MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED  
STATES AND CANADA.

We decided one year ago to contribute to the above named association until otherwise ordered. It is my belief that the Grand Jurisdiction has been remarkably free from imposters and those who would prey upon the sympathies and generosity of our brethren charitably inclined, during the year, and that this condition will continue to a large degree so long as our relief boards and the officers of our lodges are supplied with the information that is furnished by the association. I am of the opinion that the association is deserving of our continued confidence and support.

OUR LAST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Committee on Ways and Means one year ago recommended an appropriation of six hundred dollars for printing two thousand copies of the adopted monitor of this Grand Jurisdiction, and their recommendation was adopted. (See page 795, proceedings of 1912.)

The additional monitors were badly needed, but our Grand Secretary was unable to get the work done for the amount appropriated. I felt that we should procure the number designated by the Grand Lodge, regardless of the fact that the appropriation was insufficient, especially in view of the fact that it was not an item of expense, as the amount would be returned to our treasury as fast as the books were sold and settlement made. I directed the Grand Secretary to procure the edition, and trust that my action in the premises will meet with your approval.

At our last annual communication the following resolution, introduced by Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans, was adopted: (see proceedings, page 785)

*Resolved:* That all lodges in this jurisdiction be required to use uniform receipts for dues, provided by the Grand Secretary, and to use no others."

I am heartily in favor of the spirit of the resolution, and believe that some action should be taken looking to uniformity in the matter of receipts for dues, issued by our subordinate lodges. However, the legislation of one year ago is not complete, and because of that and the fact that some of the lodges were using a much better form than that provided by our Grand Secretary, and the further fact, that no

authority was granted authorizing him to change the form, I directed him to hold the entire matter in abeyance, in the belief that you would approve my action, and after giving this important matter the consideration it so justly merits, adopt a form that would be standard for all time to come, embracing the desirable features to be found in some forms, and avoiding the undesirable of others. I trust that the wisdom of my action may be apparent to you, and that you will be able to settle this all important question, and that ere long we will have a uniform receipt that meets every requirement made of it. In this connection I believe that while our lodges should be required to purchase their books of receipts from the Grand Secretary, he should have authority to have printed therein the name and number of those lodges which desire it. This will be especially desirable in many of our larger lodges.

#### NON-ATTENDANCE AT GRAND LODGE.

I believe that the experience derived from and the pleasant associations formed in consequence of attendance at the annual communications of the Grand Lodge, are potent factors in promoting zeal and interest in things Masonic, and in keeping up the interest in subordinate lodges. Many of the brethren in the Grand Jurisdiction look forward to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge each June as the event of the year. I have known of but few lodges becoming extinct, where the practice was persisted in of being represented at our annual communications.

I learned with regret, from the report of the Committee on Credentials of last year, that the following lodges were not represented at the annual communication, despite the fact that our law requires that each lodge be represented, and makes representation possible by paying mileage and per diem to the brother attending, and the further fact that failure to attend two successive annual communications shall be sufficient grounds for forfeiture of the charter: Nos. 64, 71, 78, 82, 88, 116, 129, 132, 140, 145, 156, 171, 175, 177, 196, 243, 244, 267, and 276. All these lodges were represented at the fifty-fourth annual communication, but I felt it worth while to take the matter up with the lodges by correspondence, which I did, with the result that all of them, save one, have given me their assurance that they would be represented at this annual communication. I have been unable to get a reply to my letters to the Master of No. 156, although I addressed him a second time.

#### SECTION 93 OF OUR LAW.

Our law requiring that each chartered lodge carry suitable insurance against loss by fire, on its real and personal property, is in

my humble judgment a most wise provision. In nearly every case where a lodge has lost its property by fire, and was uninsured, it has been necessary to call upon other lodges for financial assistance, or to surrender its charter. The law is being generally obeyed in this Grand Jurisdiction, but the Committee on Returns one year ago called our attention to the fact that the following lodges did not report insurance: Nos. 133, 159, 166, 174, 264, and 273. I took the matter up by correspondence early in the year, with each of the lodges, and am pleased to report that I received replies from each of them. A few already had insurance, but the secretary had neglected to note that fact in making his returns, and those that did not, immediately procured suitable protection as required by law and so advised me. If none of our lodges have allowed their policies to lapse, the satisfactory condition exists of every lodge conforming to this wise enactment.

#### SECTION 103 OF THE LAW.

The above section was enacted into law in this Grand Lodge some years ago, but so far as I have been able to ascertain has never been made effective. In personal consultation with the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of Iowa, it was learned that Iowa has a similar law. I recommend that this Grand Lodge by suitable resolution declare said section to be effective so far as the Grand Jurisdictions of Iowa and Nebraska are concerned. I have the personal assurance of the Grand Master of Iowa that he will recommend similar action to the forthcoming annual communication of his Grand Lodge.

#### OFFICIAL BONDS APPROVED.

In compliance with the law in this Grand Jurisdiction, the day following the closing of the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, I called a conference of R.·W.·Brothers Alpha Morgan, Deputy Grand Master; Thomas M. Davis, Grand Senior Warden, and Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Junior Warden, and with their advice, approval, and consent, I designated The Norfolk National Bank, as the official depository of this Grand Lodge, satisfactory terms and conditions having been made with the officers of that institution. I approved, soon after, the bond they submitted in the sum of \$15,000.00. I believe that I can give you full assurance that what has in some quarters been denominated an "innovation", has worked admirably in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Secretary has forwarded to me from month to month the detailed statement of the depository bank, so that I have been in touch with our financial condition at all times.

I have also approved the bond of R.·W.·Brother Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, for \$3,000.00, said amount being fixed by law.

## SEAL APPROVED.

I have approved the design for the seal of Wallace Lodge No. 279.

## REINSTATEMENTS.

Upon receipt of information that delinquent dues had been paid I directed the Grand Secretary to reinstate a suspended member of each of the following extinct lodges: Salem, No. 47; Hesperia, No. 178; and Orion, No. 242.

## APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS.

I have approved codes of by-laws or amendments thereto, for the following lodges: Lincoln, No. 19; Beatrice, No. 26 (2); Lone Tree, No. 36; Fairmont, No. 48; York, No. 56; Lebanon, No. 58; Corinthian, No. 83; Elwood, No. 167; Eminence, No. 223; Cable, No. 225; North Star, No. 227; Bartley, No. 228; Mount Hermon, No. 231; Holbrook, No. 257; Huntley, No. 270; Ramah, No. 275, and Wallace, No. 279.

In two or three instances I have been compelled to withhold my official approval of amendments or codes, because of irregularities, etc. In each case I have suggested changes that would permit official sanction.

## SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have granted dispensations for the purposes named to the following lodges:

To Blue River Lodge No. 30, to install its Junior Warden.

To Crete Lodge No. 37, to install its Junior Warden. This dispensation was issued without fee, our Grand Lodge having directed such action.

To Nelson Lodge No. 77, to install its officers.

To Shelton Lodge No. 99, to elect and install its Secretary.

To Globe Lodge No. 113, to install its officers.

To Zeredatha Lodge No. 160, to install its Senior Warden.

To Alliance Lodge No. 183, to elect its officers.

To Gavel Lodge No. 199, to install its officers.

To Anselmo Lodge No. 258, to install its Junior Warden.

To Springview Lodge No. 260, to elect a Treasurer and to install its Treasurer, Junior Warden, and Senior Deacon.

The fee in each case, except that of Crete Lodge No. 37, has been collected and forwarded to our Grand Secretary.

## SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES.

During the year a number of applications were made to me for dispensations to confer the degrees without regard to time. But one of

the requests seemed to be based upon conditions warranting the setting aside of our law, in my judgment. An Entered Apprentice of Parian Lodge No. 207, who is a member of the United States Navy, was to be at home in Callaway for a short visit. He could remain but a few weeks, and his return was purely problematical, but not likely for some time to come. I issued a special dispensation authorizing Parian Lodge No. 207 to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees without regard to time, but insisted that he be proficient in one degree before advancing to another, also that the Master Masons degree be conferred a few days before the expiration of his leave of absence, that he might acquire proficiency in that also. A line from the secretary, recently, informed me that my orders were strictly complied with, and that the brother was unusually proficient.

All other applications of this character have been declined.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

On September 11th, 1912, I recommended W. Brother Ambrose C. Epperson, Grand Junior Deacon, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida, near that of Nebraska.

On December 10th, 1912, I recommended W. Brother Charles L. Shook, Past Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, near that of Nebraska.

During the year I have received communications from Brother Edward P. Hufferd, representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near that of Colorado; Reverend Brother Alfred G. Pinkham, representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near that of Minnesota; and Brother Marshall R. Brown, representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near that of South Dakota, advising me of Masonic progress and conditions in their several Grand Jurisdictions, to which I replied, expressing appreciation of the fact that we were so ably and zealously represented in these Grand Jurisdictions.

#### NEW LODGE HALLS.

I have approved applications from the following lodges to move into new lodge halls, being satisfied in each instance that the proposed rooms were safe and suitable for Masonic communications: Rob Morris, No. 46; Corinthian, No. 83; Shelton, No. 99; DeWitt, No. 111; Kenesaw, No. 144; Hartington, No. 155; Samaritan, No. 158; Amity, No. 169; Incense, No. 182; Compass and Square, No. 212; Cable, No. 225; and George Washington, No. 250.

On the certificate of M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, that the proposed rooms were such as to meet our requirements, I

issued formal authority for Hastings Lodge No. 50 to move into temporary quarters, while their temple is undergoing extensive and elaborate improvements.

Information having reached me at different times, that the rooms occupied by Shelton Lodge No. 99 and Anselmo Lodge No. 258 were unsafe, I promptly ordered them to discontinue their meetings until safe and suitable quarters could be obtained. The brethren at Shelton moved into other quarters, which I had previously approved, and the brethren at Anselmo having made alterations and improvements that fully meet our requirements, I again permitted them to use their rooms.

#### DEDICATION OF MASONIC TEMPLES.

Because of the many demands upon my time, I was unable to go in person to Chadron, on October 11th, 1913, the date designated for the dedication of the beautiful new temple of the brethren of Samaritan Lodge No. 158. I therefore issued my proxy to our M.·W.·Brother Albert W. Crites, Past Grand Master, who executed this important commission in accordance with his acknowledged Masonic ability. The brethren of Samaritan Lodge No. 158 have builded for themselves elegant rooms fully equipped with all modern conveniences, and are to be congratulated upon being so favorably situated. I regret my inability to have enjoyed their hospitality on that eventful day, but am well solaced by the fact that the Grand Master was so ably represented.

On February 19th, 1913, assisted by R.·W.·Brother Alpha Morgan, Deputy Grand Master, M.·W.·Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and V.·W.·Brother George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain, I dedicated the new temple of the brethren of Parian Lodge No. 207, at Callaway. This splendid lodge is famed for its genuine Masonic spirit, and the occasion was all that could be desired. The speeches, which on this occasion preceded the banquet, were of a high order, and the large gathering of Masons and their ladies made the occasion an exceedingly enjoyable one. There is in the ranks of this lodge a "history crank", and the lodge room is a veritable museum of treasures, largely of a Masonic character, that have been gathered together from many famous localities. On this occasion each Grand Lodge officer present was presented with a gavel of hollywood from the birthplace of Brother George Washington. It is needless to say that they are highly prized by their recipients, because of Masonic as well as patriotic reasons, and all present are willing to agree that the brother, Secretary Henry H. Andrews, is the right kind of a "crank."

## NEW LODGE CONSTITUTED.

On July 10th, 1912, I constituted Wallace Lodge No. 279, being assisted by M. W. Brothers Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and Frank E. Bullard, Past Grand Master, and a number of brethren from neighboring lodges. After the lodge was constituted the brethren selected their officers for the ensuing Masonic year, who were duly installed into their respective stations and places by your Grand Master, assisted by the other Grand Lodge officers. I spent a day at Wallace, and a careful survey of the situation compels me to believe that this lodge will be able to render a satisfactory account of itself in the years to come.

## DISPENSATIONS TO FORM NEW LODGES.

On October 18th, 1912, I issued my dispensation to Brothers Frank L. Hicks, Fred F. Cram, John F. Shafer, Joseph G. Beard, James E. Werber, Louis E. Perrin, Andrew F. Phillips, Willard F. Abbott, John Shafer, John K. Spacht, Harry A. Sherman, James F. Hagerty, Philip M. Evans, Roy W. Hicks, Edgar S. Hall, Charles Swanson, Everett H. Maynard, James D. Finley, Ebenezer Miller, Edward Williams, Charles W. Parks, and Aaron W. Morris to form Swastika Lodge U. D. at Sargent. I appointed Fred F. Cram, Master, Ebenezer Miller, Senior Warden, and Andrew F. Phillips, Junior Warden. I immediately forwarded the dispensation to R. W. Brother Alpha Morgan, Deputy Grand Master, requesting him as my representative to proceed to Sargent at a time convenient to himself and the petitioners, and institute the lodge, employing the ceremony provided in our Monitor and Ceremonies. Brother Morgan accepted the commission, and in due time reported that on October 30th, he formally congregated the brethren and complied with my instructions, expressing the belief that nothing but the best would be heard from this lodge in the years to come. I have received from time to time transcripts of the records of this U. D. lodge, and believe that they have so conducted their affairs as to merit favorable consideration at your hands in their request for a permanent charter.

On January 17th, 1913, I issued my dispensation to Brothers Harry P. Fry, Harry E. Lewis, Arthur B. Adams, John S. Paul, Judson A. Fuller, James B. Butter, Robert H. Olmsted, James C. Suttie, Stanley B. Letovsky, Abner R. Jones, Thomas D. Crane, William R. Duncan, Henry Van Deusen, William H. Thomas, Orren W. Boston, Frank A. Matthews, William Lonergan, Thomas Ritchie, Irving Allison, Louis H. Leeder, William Nevotti, William Kiewit, David O. Barnell, Charles A. Eyre, Osgood T. Eastman, and Dean T. Gregg

to form Florence Lodge U.·D.·at Florence. I appointed Harry E. Lewis, Master, James B. Butter, Senior Warden, and Arthur B. Adams, Junior Warden. Unable to proceed to Florence at the time desired by the brethren, I requested M.·W.·Brother George H. Thummel, Past Grand Master, to go in my stead, which he did, and on January 20th, 1913, he formally instituted the lodge, a large number of brethren being present, and the future prospects seeming to be most favorable. Soon after the lodge was instituted, Brother Harry E. Lewis, whom I had appointed as Master, removed from the jurisdiction, and I appointed W.·Brother Dean T. Gregg, Past Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, to serve in his stead. I again invoked the assistance of Brother Thummel, who, after satisfying himself as to Brother Gregg's proficiency, placed him in charge of the lodge. Florence seems to be an excellent point for a Masonic lodge, and I am fully persuaded that these brethren, like the brethren at Sargent, will be able to make a satisfactory showing to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

During the year incomplete papers were filed with me asking for dispensations to form lodges at Mullen, Lynch, and Exeter. The records not being completed late in the year, I returned them to the brethren suggesting their earnest endeavor to comply with our reasonable requirements, and to present new petitions and papers to the incoming Grand Master. I have assurances that at least two of these points will ask for dispensations in the not distant future.

#### OCCASIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND LAYING CORNER-STONES.

On June 7th, 1912, two days after the closing of the annual communication of our Grand Lodge, assisted by R.·W.·Brother Alpha Morgan, Deputy Grand Master; R.·W.·Brother Thomas M. Davis, Grand Senior Warden; M.·W.·Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian; and W.·Brother Andrew H. Viele, Grand Marshal, and other Grand Officers, selected from among the brethren present, the members of Washington Lodge No. 21, and a large number of brethren from neighboring lodges, I successfully laid the corner-stone of the City Hall, at Blair. A procession, headed by the cadet band, and including the Omaha High School cadets who were in camp in that vicinity, Company E, Nebraska National Guard, the city officials, the Volunteer Fire department, with their apparatus, Washington Lodge No. 21, and a large number of visiting Masons, with Jordan Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, as an escort for the Grand Lodge, marched through the principal streets to the site of the building in process of erection, where at the conclusion of the ceremonies, Brother

Howard H. Baldrige, 268, delivered an eloquent and appropriate oration. The day was perfect, and an immense gathering witnessed the ceremonies which were carried out with naught to mar, and apparently to the entire satisfaction of those who were responsible for the occasion. The brethren at Blair are entitled to high praise, as the corner-stone was laid within four days after the decision was reached to have it done, and the perfect arrangements manifested clearly, great ability to accomplish results by the committee in charge.

Five days later, on June 12th, 1912, the corner-stone of the Osceola High School Building was successfully laid. I was assisted on this occasion by R.·W.·Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Junior Warden, M.·W.·Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and W.·Brother Harvey H. Harmon, Grand Orator, the other stations and places being filled from among the brethren who had assembled for the occasion. Our brethren at Osceola had well laid plans for an occasion that would be long remembered by the Masons and citizens generally of Polk and surrounding counties, but they were doomed to disappointment, for at about six o'clock in the morning rain began to descend and continued all day and into the night. However, late in the afternoon there was a lull, and the procession as planned was hastily formed and we marched to the site and laid the stone according to the ancient ceremonies of the Fraternity. W.·Brother Harmon, our Grand Orator, was present and officiated in that capacity much to the delight and edification of the surprisingly large crowd that braved the down-pour. At the conclusion of the ceremony, we returned to the lodge room, and had scarcely reached there when the rain began to fall in torrents. In the evening the Master Masons degree was conferred in Osceola Lodge No. 65, the Grand Master acting as Master, the Grand Custodian as Senior Warden, the Grand Junior Warden as Junior Warden, the remaining places being taken by members of the home and neighboring lodges. The usual speeches followed the work, and the evening closed with an excellent supper, and safely sheltered from the storm delightful fellowship was enjoyed. Had the weather been favorable it would indeed have been an auspicious day; as it was, it was by no means a failure, for the stone was laid, and a most pleasant evening recompensed in no small degree for the many discomforts of the day.

On October 2d, 1912, occurred what under ordinary conditions would have been the red letter day of the Masonic year, if not indeed of the entire history of Masonry in Nebraska. We had had the usual delightful fall weather and this day was selected for laying the corner-stone of the new Scottish Rite Cathedral here in our metropolis. The day dawned bright, the cool, invigorating air giving promise of a

typical Nebraska fall day. By noon however, the sky was overcast and soon the rain began to fall, and it did not cease falling entirely until the afternoon was spent. Elaborate preparations for the event had been made, and Freemasons from the city, and even distant points in this and other Grand Jurisdictions, assembled at Freemasons Hall. When it was finally agreed that the rainfall would in all probability continue throughout the afternoon, a procession several blocks in length was formed, headed by a band, and composed of hundreds of Masons, the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in full regalia, with the Knights Kadosh of the Scottish Rite acting as an escort of honor to the Grand Lodge, which marched through some of the principal thoroughfares to the site where the Cathedral is in process of erection, where despite the steady downpour of rain, with the assistance of R.·W.·Brother Alpha Morgan, Deputy Grand Master; R.·W.·Brother Thomas M. Davis, Grand Senior Warden; R.·W.·Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Junior Warden; R.·W.·Brother Francis E. White, Grand Secretary; V.·W.·Brother George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain; W.·Brother Andrew H. Viele, Grand Marshal; W.·Brother Frederic L. Temple, Grand Senior Deacon; W.·Brother Ambrose C. Epperson, Grand Junior Deacon; Brother Reuben Forbes, Grand Tyler, and M.·W.·Brothers Robert E. Evans, George H. Thummel, Michael Dowling, John J. Mercer, and Harry P. Deuel, Past Grand Masters, I successfully laid the corner-stone in accordance with our ancient forms and ceremonies. V.·W.·Brother George A. Beecher delivered a short but forceful address appropriate to the occasion, his place as Grand Chaplain being very acceptably filled by Reverend Brother Edwin Hart Jenks, 3. The steady downpour of rain dampened our ardor considerably, to say nothing of our clothing, but in spite of it all the occasion was remarkably successful, and our brethren of the Scottish Rite, in future enjoyment of their magnificent temple, that they are erecting at so large an outlay of capital, energy, and time, may be assured of our keen delight in the success of the great enterprise upon which they are now so zealously engaged.

May 7th and 8th, 1913, were the dates selected by our brethren of Saline County, for the laying of corner-stones. On the date first named, with the assistance of R.·W.·Thomas M. Davis, Grand Senior Warden; M.·W.·Robert E. French, Grand Custodian; W.·Ambrose C. Epperson, Grand Junior Deacon, M.·W.·Nathaniel M. Ayers, Past Grand Master, visiting brethren from neighboring lodges, officers and members of Western Lodge No. 140, I successfully laid the corner-stone of the Western High School Building. The occasion reflected credit upon the active and zealous membership of this small lodge, and the presence and assistance of Sharon Commandery No. 29, Knights Templar, of

Fairbury, was exceedingly gratifying, and added much to the pleasures of the day. The Grand Orator being unable to be present, our Reverend Brother Charles M. Shepherd, 54, was pressed into service, and delivered a happy and optimistic address, which was greatly enjoyed by a large company of sympathetic auditors.

On the day following, the 8th of May, the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple that is in process of erection by our brethren at Wilber, was laid in accordance with our ancient forms and ceremonies. On this occasion I had the assistance of the brethren above named, except that W. Brother Harvey H. Harmon, Grand Orator, was present to officiate in his official capacity, as was also R. W. Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Junior Warden. An immense gathering witnessed the ceremony, brethren in large numbers from many surrounding lodges being present. Our Grand Orator delivered a scholarly and interesting address, and was given the closest attention throughout. Our brethren who compose the lodge at Wilber, known on our rolls as Blue Valley, No. 64, are erecting for their use, on one of the finest corners of that little city, a temple that will meet their requirements, in every way, for many years to come.

The zeal and interest of the local committees at both Western and Wilber, the enlivening music by the bands, the singing of appropriate and patriotic airs, the wealth of flowers, and the delightful spring weather, all conspired to make the occasions memorable indeed in the annals of Masonry in Saline County.

On the occasion of each Grand Lodge ceremony, I opened an occasional Grand Lodge, and at each I had the invaluable assistance of the Grand Custodian, the Grand Junior Warden, or the Grand Marshal, who preceded me one day, and personally directed the preliminary plans, for which they have my sincere thanks.

#### VISITATIONS.

In addition to the occasions mentioned elsewhere in this address I have visited the following lodges, during the Masonic year.

On the evening of June 11th, 1912, I was present at the Masonic Temple, in Lincoln, the event being the installation of officers for the three lodges of that city, Lincoln, No. 19; Lancaster, No. 54; and East Lincoln, No. 210. The officers were duly installed by our M. W. Brother Ornan J. King, Past Grand Master, who discharged that important duty in a dignified and impressive manner. Among the large number of brethren present were R. W. Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Junior Warden, and W. Brother Harvey H. Harmon, Grand Orator. A delightful banquet was served, and able and eloquent addresses made a very pleasant evening for all present.

On the evening of June 26th, I officially visited Stella Lodge No. 105 and installed their officers for the ensuing Masonic year. This was home, as it is the lodge in which I received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, which honored me by seven times selecting me for its Worshipful Master, and wherein my membership has always been.

On December 25th, I was again permitted to visit the home lodge and to confer for them, the Master Masons degree upon a business associate, in the presence of a large number of members and invited guests. It was an occasion of much interest and the fellowship was enjoyed to the fullest, while ample justice was done the banquet which followed. I was, on both of these occasions, more than pleased to visit my friends and neighbors in our splendid little lodge.

On June 27th, I visited Humboldt Lodge No. 40, and conferred the Master Masons degree upon a prominent young business man of that city. A large number of brethren were present, Pawnee City, Table Rock, Falls City, and Stella being represented by goodly numbers. A suitable luncheon was served, after which Brother Orrin A. Cooper, for many years a worthy member of that lodge, and who had but recently returned from a tour of the world, presented the lodge with a gavel of pure white marble from the same quarries and of the same material as that of which King Solomon's Temple was built, the handle being cedar from the forests of Lebanon. The gavel is neatly carved with the Square and Compass, and the Letter G, and was carved by a former Richardson County man, another former resident of that county, but who now resides in Jerusalem, verifying the facts.

Accompanied by M.·W.·Brother Robert E. French, I visited Jachin Lodge No. 146, on July 9th, and spent a very pleasant evening with the brethren in discussing Masonic topics and problems. There was a large number of visiting brethren present, and during the evening and at the banquet board later, full opportunity was afforded to become acquainted.

I visited, quite informally, on the evening of September 26th, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha. They were conferring the Master Masons degree upon a number of candidates and I enjoyed the work as conferred by this great lodge very much.

Accompanied by R.·W.·Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Junior Warden, I visited, informally also, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, on the occasion of their regular communication, October 1st. The regular business of our oldest lodge was conducted quite orderly, and the proficiency demonstrated by the candidates who were examined that evening fully convinced me that that important work was not being slighted in the least in No. 1.

At the request of the Master of Pawnee Lodge No. 23, I visited

his lodge on December 12th, and conferred the Master Masons degree. It was one of the large meetings of the year at which I was permitted to be present, and a number of surrounding lodges sent large delegations, and brethren were present from three Grand Jurisdictions. The ladies of the Eastern Star used the same evening for a literary program in adjoining rooms, and fully two hundred and fifty guests sat down to a sumptuous repast. It was a delightful evening for all who were privileged to be present.

I was permitted to spend a portion of the evening of December 18th, in company with R. .W. .Brother Samuel S. Whiting, visiting the brethren of North Star Lodge No. 227, and witnessing the conferring of a portion of the Master Masons degree, afterward breaking bread with the brethren. This lodge has in years gone by had its full share of grief, but the past seems forgotten and the brethren to be zealously laboring together for the advancement of those great principles for which Masonry contends.

On January 7th, 1913, Scribner Lodge No. 132 was visited, and I had the pleasure of witnessing the Master Masons degree conferred in a dignified and impressive manner. A banquet was served and the usual flow of oratory was attentively listened to until a late hour.

Mosaic Lodge No. 55 was visited on January 8th, on which occasion I conferred the Master Masons degree before a very large assemblage of members and visiting brethren. Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham presided as toastmaster at the banquet which followed, in his usual happy manner, and his presence together with that of Grand Marshal Andrew H. Viele, added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

It was my pleasant privilege to confer the Master Masons degree in Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, on the evening of February 18th. This is the home lodge of our M. .W. .Brother Robert E. French, and it is needless to say that every detail was carefully attended to, making the occasion one long to be remembered. It was one of the largest crowds ever in the old rooms of this great lodge, and the presence of our Grand Chaplain, V. .W. .Brother Beecher, was indeed gratifying. No. 46 is also the home lodge of my immediate predecessor, M. .W. .Henry Gibbons, who was out of the Grand Jurisdiction at the time, which fact was all that was lacking to make the occasion a most memorable one. While in Kearney, I was a guest at the home of our Grand Custodian, who, with his most estimable wife, did all in their power to make that portion of the trip one of rare pleasure.

It was my good fortune to be privileged to spend a delightful evening on March 7th, with the brethren and invited guests of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268. The occasion was graced by the presence of M. .W. .Brother John J. Mercer, Past Grand Master; M. .W. .Brother

William A. DeBord, Past Grand Master; R.·W.·Brother Francis E. White, Grand Secretary; V.·W.·Brother George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain; and Brother Reuben Forbes, Grand Tyler. The banquet was appropriate, and the addresses by gifted brethren, including Past and present Grand Lodge officers, were along practical lines, so that I feel sure the occasion was one of lasting value. It was indeed enjoyable to me, and the thought has occurred to me, that an occasional evening spent with the practical side of Masonry would be profitable in many of our lodges.

On April 3d, I visited the Grand Custodian's school of instruction in Western Star Lodge No. 2, and enjoyed meeting the brethren of this old lodge in their own home. The usual work of the school being completed, as well as conditions would permit, the evening was devoted to the study side of Masonry, with our good Brother French in charge, and I am sure that lasting good will result from his effort along this line with these brethren. This is, I believe, particularly true of the many young brethren who were present, many of whom had, doubtless, never made much inquiry or research into the philosophy or symbolism of our institution. That their appreciation of the beauty and grandeur of Masonry was intensified, I have abundant proof from the brethren themselves.

I spent the entire day, April 4th, with the brethren of Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272. During the day Brother French, our efficient Grand Custodian, endeavored to perfect this young lodge in the unwritten work of the Master Masons degree. A large and enthusiastic hearing was had, and the loyal and zealous Craftsmen composing this splendid lodge will be able to render a good account of themselves, when called upon to confer the Sublime Degree. In the evening your Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Custodian and R.·W.·Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Junior Warden, was permitted to confer the Master Masons degree before the largest congregation of brethren he has ever met in so small a lodge or town. At least nineteen lodges were represented, and there were four Masters of lodges, and twenty-two Past Masters present, as disclosed by the register. The brethren of Nebraska City were especially well represented, they having chartered a special train that they might be present for the occasion. At the conclusion of work in the lodge room we repaired to the banquet hall, where after partaking of a sumptuous repast, oratory was indulged in until a late hour, W.·Brother Wilber W. Anness, the zealous and efficient Master of the lodge, presiding as toastmaster. It was in many respects the most elaborate affair I have ever known a young lodge with a small membership to attempt, and at the same time,

one of the most delightful Masonic gatherings it has ever been my privilege to attend.

I attended a special meeting of Falls City Lodge No. 9 on May 27th, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree, later conferring that degree on the invitation of the Master. Falls City is my boyhood home and I was glad of an opportunity to spend an evening with the brethren there, especially as I have been intimately acquainted with one of the candidates all my life. The meeting was largely attended, many brethren from neighboring lodges being present as well as representatives from four Grand Jurisdictions, and at the conclusion of the work, delicious refreshments were served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

It is a matter of sincere regret to me that I was unable to visit more of our lodges, and that a few invitations had to be declined owing to the demands of official duties. I would have been glad indeed to have enjoyed their hospitality, especially where special invitations had been received, had I been able to do so.

#### VISITATIONS IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

Accompanied by R. . W. . Brother Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, I visited, on September 27th, 1912, Excelsior Lodge No. 259, Council Bluffs, Iowa, the occasion being the official visit to that lodge of Most Worshipful Brother William Hutchinson, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, who was accompanied by R. . W. . Brother Newton R. Parvin, for many years the Grand Secretary of that Grand Jurisdiction. The Master Masons degree was conferred by Brother Thomas G. Allison, Worshipful Master, assisted by the officers of that lodge, in the presence of a large assemblage of brethren, in a most creditable manner. At the conclusion of the work in the lodge, a sumptuous banquet was served to which all present did ample justice. The speeches following were all of a high order, and an evening of unusual pleasure was enjoyed. It was the first opportunity I have had of visiting in a lodge in that Grand Jurisdiction, and it is needless to say that I enjoyed the occasion to its fullest. The brethren seemed to vie with each other to make our sojourn pleasant, and the friendships formed will be treasured in the years to come.

The pleasures incident to the association with Grand Master Hutchinson and Grand Secretary Parvin were especially prized, and our Grand Secretary and myself gladly accepted the invitation of these distinguished brethren to visit the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which will be convened in Council Bluffs next week. We conditioned our acceptance somewhat on the appearance of these two distinguished brethren at this communication of our own Grand

Lodge, and are more than glad to extend to them a cordial Nebraska greeting. This is not the first occasion of this kind, and I sincerely trust it will not be the last. In 1898 the Grand Lodge of Iowa was in session at Council Bluffs, at the same time we were in session here in Omaha, and nine Grand Officers of Nebraska, together with twelve Past Grand Masters, paid them a visit and were royally received by Grand Master Dewey. A return visit was made, the Grand Lodge of Iowa sending a number of delegates who were received in the true Masonic spirit by our Grand Master Dinsmore, among whom were Grand Master Dewey and Grand Secretary Parvin, who graciously consented to address our Grand Lodge, much to the delight of their Nebraska brethren. We are proud to have the brethren of Iowa with us, and sincerely trust that their visit to us will afford them as much pleasure as we derive in having them as our guests. They are more than welcome.

On November 27th, 1912, I accompanied Most Worshipful Brother William Easton Hutchison, Grand Master of Masons in Kansas, to Kansas City, Kansas, the intention being to visit one of the lodges of that thriving city. On our arrival we found the brethren of the Scottish Rite in possession of their magnificent temple, and that the lodges had given way on that account. However, we spent an hour or two visiting informally with our Kansas brethren, enjoying the evening very much.

Landmark Lodge No. 103, of Sioux City, Iowa, Brother A. J. Stenseth, Worshipful Master, tendered a reception to M.·W.·. Brother William Hutchinson, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, on February 3d, 1913, to which the Grand Masters of South Dakota and Nebraska, together with neighboring lodges in the three Grand Jurisdictions were invited. M.·W.·. Brother William J. McMakin, Grand Master of Masons in South Dakota, because of official duties in his Grand Jurisdiction, was unable to be present. However, there was a large attendance of Masons from the three Grand Jurisdictions, including the Grand Masters of Iowa and Nebraska, and our Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans. The Master Masons degree was conferred in a most excellent manner by Past Masters of Landmark Lodge No. 103, a bounteous repast was afforded, and addresses along suitable and appropriate lines were given. It was indeed a most successful evening, and the Sioux City brethren proved themselves royal hosts.

The brethren of George Washington Lodge No. 9, of St. Louis, Missouri, were the hosts at a very unique and enjoyable occasion Thanksgiving Day. This splendid lodge headed by its efficient and accomplished Master, W.·. Brother Leon W. Quick, ably seconded by his zealous and resourceful Secretary William L. Reynolds, planned

to make it a most memorable occasion, which it indeed proved to be. The principal event was the reception of the Traveling Silver Trowel of Justice Lodge No. 753, New York. The Grand Master of New York, and Grand Masters of neighboring Grand Jurisdictions were invited, and the program included, in addition to the formal reception of the trowel from Rural Lodge No. 316 of Kansas City, the conferring of the Master Masons degree upon the seven hundredth member of their lodge. The degree was conferred in a most excellent manner by Past Grand Masters of Missouri, the officers of George Washington Lodge No. 9, and M.·W.·Brother Jacob Lampert, Grand Master of Missouri, who is indeed an adept in the work, being both proficient and impressive. His happy, yet dignified greeting of each visiting Grand Master, as they were officially received into the lodge, added much to the pleasure of the vast audience of Craftsmen in attendance. His remarkable popularity with the brethren of his own Grand Jurisdiction is readily understood, when his interesting personality is studied. M.·W.·Brother Lampert does not belong to the "fuss and feathers" type of Masonic dignitaries, but is a firm believer in the practical side of Masonry, and there are many evidences in the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri of his love for the genuine principles of the Ancient Craft.

For various reasons all the invited guests were unable to be present, but it was my good fortune to personally meet, in addition to the Grand Master of Missouri, three distinguished Masons who are charged with the responsibility of directing the Craft in other Grand Jurisdictions. M.·W.·Brother William Easton Hutchison, Grand Master of Kansas; M.·W.·Brother William Hutchinson, Grand Master of Iowa; and M.·W.·Brother William T. Hammock, Grand Master of Arkansas, were able to lay aside the cares and responsibilities of their exalted positions in our Fraternity, to mingle for a season with the brethren of St. Louis. Since becoming personally acquainted with these distinguished brethren, I have taken a lively interest in observing Masonic progress and growth in their respective Grand Jurisdictions, and am more than willing to accord to each the honor that is justly due to the brother, who, for a brief period, ably and zealously discharges the important and responsible duties devolving upon the Grand Master.

The souvenir presented to each Grand Master present on this auspicious occasion was a small silver trowel, suitably engraved, beautiful in design and quite similar to the one that is travelling on and on, everywhere endeavoring to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, that unites us into one great brotherhood, that knows not geographical limitations, wealth, or station. I feel abundantly repaid for the effort of journeying to St. Louis, and am

convinced that this meeting will be long remembered by those fortunate enough to be present, as one of the events of a lifetime.

It was with sincere regret that, because of press of official duties, I was compelled to decline the invitation of Floyd Lodge No. 537, Alton, Iowa, to be present at a reception they tendered on January 17th, 1913, to their distinguished member, M. W. Brother William Hutchinson, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa.

#### THE ACACIA FRATERNITY.

On a number of different occasions, while sojourning in or passing through our capital city, I have visited in their home, our brethren of the Masonic society known as the Acacia. I desire to go on record as being an enthusiastic and staunch supporter of this unique and superb fraternity. It is organized somewhat along the lines of the Greek letter college fraternities, except that its membership is confined to Master Masons, in good standing, who are in college life, both students and instructors being eligible to membership. As a fraternity it is scarcely a decade old, yet it already gives promise of becoming the most potent organization of its kind that has ever acknowledged allegiance to the Masonic institution. Professors of our State University have given me the gratifying information that the members of the Acacia, as a class, receive higher grades in their university work, than students allied with other fraternities. Living in a Masonic atmosphere while securing a college degree seems to me to be a most happy situation for our young brethren, and the associations formed under such circumstances and because of such environment could not in my judgment be superior. I have the most kindly feeling for my brethren of the Acacia, and I am indeed proud of the recognition and the courtesies they have accorded me. As Masons we should be interested in what I sincerely believe is destined to be a splendid factor in the great work upon which we are engaged, and which has already demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that it is worthy of our good-will and esteem. Personally I regard the Acacia as the ideal society of its kind.

A similar organization, known as the Achoth Sorority, was organized in Lincoln, a few years ago, that seems to be meeting a hearty reception and popular recognition in university circles over the country. They have a ritual, sorority houses are maintained, and as I understand it, it is designed to accomplish for the young ladies of the Eastern Star what the Acacia Fraternity is doing for young Masons in college life. I believe that this admirable sorority that has for its sole object the welfare of our sisters and daughters, is entitled to our kindest consideration.

## GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The offices of Grand Master and of Grand Secretary are so closely associated that it is impossible for the brother serving the Craft as Grand Master not to come into a high appreciation of the way the affairs of the Grand Secretary's office are conducted in this Grand Jurisdiction. His splendid system and superb organization makes possible the dispatch of a large volume of business that would otherwise be impossible. In the discharge of the arduous and exacting duties of his office our Grand Secretary is ably assisted by competent associates who are ever courteous and obliging.

The time may not be here, but it is rapidly approaching, when this Grand Lodge should consider the advisability of a constitutional amendment creating the office of Assistant Grand Secretary, or make provision by legislation for a chief clerk who shall be a member of the Fraternity. Being the permanently located officer of the Grand Lodge, with offices in our metropolis, and being fully conversant with all our affairs and the business of Masonry generally, in this as well as in other Grand Jurisdictions, the Grand Secretary's counsel and judgment are sought on nearly every proposition affecting the welfare of our great Fraternity. He is always accessible, willing, and eager to assist, but the heavy drafts on his time make difficult the direction of the affairs of his office. There is almost a steady stream of callers, and brethren from this and other Grand Jurisdictions frequently call to pay their respects and discuss Masonic topics. The Grand Master must needs make many demands on him for information obtainable perhaps nowhere else, and for his erudition, ready assistance, and able counsel, I am under deep and lasting obligations. I have enjoyed the year's service with him, and our relations have been most pleasant at all times. For all that he has done to lighten my burdens and smooth my official pathway, I am indeed truly grateful. I am convinced that he is rendering the Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction services that cannot be measured in dollars, and that are not generally appreciated or understood. I shall ever treasure the memory of his services and invaluable assistance, and above all, a fraternal association that could not have been more delightful.

## PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

The lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are gradually but surely ascending to a higher plane, both in a moral sense as well as in proficiency in the work. This happy condition is due in a large measure to the untiring efforts of our Grand Custodian, M. W. Brother Robert E. French, who for a number of years has been charged with the re-

sponsibility of instructing the lodges. During the year schools have been held in all parts of the Grand Jurisdiction, and full and detailed reports have been mailed me of each. I have invariably written to the lodges, commending them where commendation was due, and in true fraternal spirit, recommending such changes and improved methods as conditions seemed to suggest. Where there has been a laxity in the observance and enforcement of the law of Freemasonry, I have insisted that the same be strictly observed, obeyed, and enforced. Several schools have been held in lodges that the Grand Custodian was unable to reach, and which seemed to be in need of special instruction in our esoteric work, by competent and regularly commissioned assistants. During the year, I have, on the recommendation of the Grand Custodian, renewed the commissions as assistants to the Grand Custodian, of the following brethren, M.·W.·Brother John J. Mercer, Past Grand Master; R.·W.·Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Junior Warden; and Worshipful Brothers Walter W. Wells, Ensign J. Rix, James D. Phillips, Frank W. Boyer, Fred A. Howe, and John J. Tooley. Also on his recommendation I have commissioned W.·Brother Robert B. Walker an assistant to the Grand Custodian.

I have been privileged to visit in part or all four different schools held by the Grand Custodian, and can personally attest to his zeal and the intelligent manner in which he has discharged his official duties. Very much to the delight of those present, and I believe with most excellent results, he has devoted a portion of the time of each school to the study side of Masonry and the Craftsmen have been privileged to see some of the beauties of our sublime institution. I wish that we were so situated that more time could be devoted to this all important work. There is no similar institution of such great antiquity, and of so commanding an influence in the affairs of men, nor one whose history, legends, philosophy, and symbolism seem so little understood by even some of its most active votaries. I trust that the time will speedily come when our Grand Lodge will take up in earnest this all important branch of our great science.

The relations that have for years existed between your Grand Master and our Grand Custodian have continued with increasing affection on the part of the Grand Master, and the year that is closing has been one of rare pleasure to him so far as this relationship is concerned. His unflinching loyalty, his devotion to your interests, and the valuable and conscientious assistance he has rendered your Grand Master, and this Grand Jurisdiction, will ever be a precious memory to me. The intimacy that has existed throughout the year must now of necessity cease, but I will ever remember his able counsel and kindly

assistance, when ever called upon, with the keenest delight. That "Uncle Bob," as the Craft delight to call him, may be long spared to us, to continue the great work for which he is so admirably equipped, is my sincere and earnest wish.

#### IRREGULAR WORK AND HEALING.

More than a year ago McCook Lodge No. 135 asked Capitol Lodge No. 110 of Des Moines, Iowa, to examine as to his proficiency an Entered Apprentice of their lodge. Capitol Lodge did as requested, and finding him proficient conferred the Fellow Craft degree upon him. Soon after my installation McCook Lodge took the matter up with me, and I endeavored to assist them as best I could. Relying on the certificate of Capitol Lodge No. 110 that he was proficient, McCook Lodge spread the ballot and he was regularly elected to receive the Fellow Craft degree. Inasmuch as he had already received that degree irregularly (according to our law) I asked the Grand Master of Iowa to authorize Capitol Lodge No. 110 to heal the brother as a Fellow Craft. Before Capitol Lodge could heal the brother he moved to Marshalltown, Iowa. I again took the matter up with the Grand Master of Iowa, who communicated with the lodge at Marshalltown, but before results could be secured he was transferred to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and when we again heard from him he was still exceedingly anxious to receive his degrees. I took his case up with the Grand Master of South Dakota, and secured his assistance, and about the time I supposed everything was definitely settled the brother returned to McCook. I immediately authorized his home lodge to heal him, which they have done, since which time they have conferred the Master Masons degree upon him, and he is a full-fledged member of that lodge.

In October the Secretary of St. Johns Lodge No. 25 requested Trinity Lodge No. 208, Davenport, Iowa, to post and examine as to his proficiency an Entered Apprentice of St. Johns Lodge. Trinity Lodge not being familiar with the Nebraska law and procedure, and wanting to be full courteous, did as requested, but continued until they had conferred the Master Masons degree upon the brother. I again invoked the fraternal assistance of the Grand Master of Iowa, who at my request, authorized Trinity Lodge to heal the brother as a Fellow Craft, when they had been advised by St. Johns Lodge that he had been regularly elected to receive that degree, also to heal him as a Master Mason when advised by St. Johns Lodge that he had been elected to receive the same. This I am advised has been done, and I feel deeply grateful to the Grand Master of Iowa for his kindly offices in assisting us in getting these matters straightened out.

A Fellow Craft belonging to Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, moved to Flagler, Colorado, some time ago. Papers in his behalf were furnished that the lodge in Flagler might post and examine him as to his proficiency, that he might receive the Master Masons degree upon being elected to receive it in Tecumseh Lodge No. 17. The first word that the brethren at Tecumseh received from their Colorado brethren was that the brother had received the Master Masons degree. At this time the case was called to my attention and I directed the Tecumseh brethren to communicate with the lodge at Flagler, and on receiving information under the seal of that lodge that the brother was proficient as a Fellow Craft, to spread the ballot upon him for the Master Masons degree and to communicate with me. Recently I received word from Tecumseh Lodge that the brother had been regularly elected to receive the Master Masons degree, and I have requested the Grand Master of Colorado to authorize Flagler Lodge to heal the brother, which he has kindly consented to do, and which I presume has been done or will be in the near future.

In 1911 Republican Lodge No. 98 received the petition of a young man, who upon investigation was found to have previously petitioned a lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri, but had left the jurisdiction of that lodge before receiving any of the degrees. Correspondence was had with the Missouri lodge who directed Republican Lodge No. 98 to confer the degrees, which they did. After complying with the instructions of the Missouri lodge, Republican Lodge informed them what they had done, and tendered them the fees they had been instructed to collect, but which were less than the minimum required by our law. Several letters were written by Republican Lodge to which they never received any replies. They asked the good offices of the Grand Master in getting the matter adjusted, as the brother was anxious to enjoy the rights of membership and to know to which lodge he belonged. I took the matter up with the Grand Master of Missouri, and after some correspondence, and personal interviews, getting at the facts as nearly as conditions would permit, some of the records having been destroyed by fire, he held that the brother's membership should be in the lodge in which he received his degrees. In this decision I concurred and so advised Republican Lodge No. 98, directed them to place him on their rolls, and to collect the difference between the fee he had already paid for the degrees and those fixed by their by-laws, and to charge him with the dues that had accrued since receiving the Master Masons degree. This I believe has been done, and the difficulty arising from a misunderstanding as to whether a request to confer the degrees had been complied with or a waiver of jurisdiction had been acted upon, has been adjusted.

## EVENING STAR LODGE NO. 49.

Early in August, I received information that a member of Evening Star Lodge No. 49, was violating paragraph *g*, Section 148, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska; that no effort was made on the part of the offending brother to conceal his identity, but that on the contrary it was a fact of common knowledge among the Fraternity at Sutton. I corresponded with the brethren, pointing out the law in such cases made and provided, and suggested that the offending brother be put on trial in said lodge. Because of local conditions the brethren felt the matter could be handled to a much better advantage so far as the welfare and prosperity of the lodge was concerned by a personal visit and investigation by the Grand Master. Unable to leave home at that time, associates in business being absent on vacations, I issued my proxy to M. W. Brother Robert E. French, and asked him to visit Sutton at his earliest convenience, in an effort to adjust the difficulties existing in this lodge. Brother French proceeded to Sutton on the 9th of September, and after coming into possession of the facts, was able to harmonize the situation to the satisfaction of all concerned. The offending brother, when the true state of affairs and the probable results were explained to him, was indeed glad to make all amends within his power, which he proceeded forthwith to do, and subsequent communications from the lodge assure us that harmony now reigns in No. 49. Appreciation was expressed of the intelligent and thorough manner in which Brother French conducted the investigation, and he has my sincere thanks for his invaluable assistance.

## ZEREDATHA LODGE NO. 160.

Early in the year I received a communication from a member of the above named lodge indicating conditions existing therein that I felt should be investigated. Circumstances at that time were such that I could not personally go to Reynolds without considerable sacrifice; and as the Grand Custodian was not yet engaged in the regular work of instructing our lodges, I commissioned him to go in my behalf and to make a careful and thorough investigation and to report to me. He did this, meeting with the lodge a few evenings later at their regular communication. After considerable discussion the desire was earnestly expressed by a number, that the brethren forget their differences and labor together for the good of Masonry in that community, that the Grand Master hold official action in abeyance in the hope that harmony could be restored and drastic action be unnecessary.

This Brother French embodied in his report, together with all facts gleaned during his visit. I decided to accede to the expressed wish of

the brethren and withheld official action, in the hope that harmony would prevail and the lodge continue its useful career. In this I was doomed to disappointment, for conditions instead of improving grew gradually worse, and on February 10th, 1913, the evening preceding the regularly scheduled school of instruction in this lodge, I congregated the lodge, determined to definitely settle the matter. There was a goodly number of brethren present, they having been previously notified of my coming, and the presence of the Grand Custodian, who was already familiar with conditions, made it possible to arrive at the exact situation. After listening to a recital of the conditions that had harassed them in their labors for some time, and all evidence pointing to the Master as being the disturbing element, I concluded that there was but one thing for me to do. He was absent from the jurisdiction and his intentions not being definitely known, I arrested his jewel and placed the Senior Warden in charge of the lodge. I regret that drastic action was necessary, but feel that under the circumstances what I did was for the best interest of the lodge. Subsequent disclosures seem to justify my action, and I indulge the hope that harmony may now reign, and that the lodge will press onward fulfilling the purposes for which it came into existence.

FAITH LODGE NO. 181.

Information reached me in December that the Master of Faith Lodge No. 181 was serving his brethren in that capacity in violation of Section 63, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska. I immediately took the matter up with the Master by correspondence and found that the charge was absolutely true; but that on hearing from me, he had immediately complied with the said section and that its violation was due to very extenuating circumstances, which he explained in detail. I felt that in view of the latter, severe punishment was not merited, but that because this violation of Masonic law was undoubtedly associated with others, it should not be passed over in silence. Accordingly, I administered a severe reprimand to the lodge, and informed them that upon receipt of positive assurance that in the future our law would be strictly observed, obeyed, and enforced by them, and especially Section 54 of our code, I would feel that the lodge had been sufficiently punished. I have received assurance from the Master of the lodge that in the future the conditions I had imposed would be fully met, and my belief is that under the circumstances my action was the best for all concerned.

## ALLIANCE LODGE NO. 183.

Early in April I received a formal complaint against the Master of Alliance Lodge No. 183, signed by two brethren of that lodge. One of the seven specifications alleged violation of Masonic law, almost three years ago. Soon after receiving the complaint I was advised by the Grand Secretary that both complainants had been expelled from the lodge, which fact they admitted to me by letter, insisting that the expulsion was "unfair and illegal", and not justified by the actual conditions, and informed me that they were perfecting an appeal to this Grand Lodge, that the unwarranted action of their lodge might be reviewed. In view of all the facts, I refused to further consider the charges against the Master, and presume that this Grand Lodge will be called upon to determine the rights of all parties to the controversy.

## ISRAEL LODGE NO. 187.

At the annual communication of this Grand Lodge one year ago, you fully endorsed the action of my predecessor, Grand Master Gibbons, in arresting the charter of the above named lodge, and continued the charter in suspense until such time as the Grand Master should decide that the brethren were entitled to its restoration, at which time he was authorized to restore it. After consultation with the officers and some of the prominent and active members, in which an earnest desire was expressed that their charter might be restored to them, and after some correspondence with the Master, I visited them on November 19th, having previously advised them of my intention so to do, and met a goodly number of the resident members. Past conditions were thoroughly gone into, and I tried as best I could to show the brethren the true Masonic spirit, and endeavored to harmonize the difficulties that had existed in their lodge. Substantial progress was made, but I was not convinced that the time was ripe for favorable action. Many seeming difficulties were adjusted as a result of my visit, and the sky seemed considerably brighter to all than for some time previous. During the holiday season, I received a petition signed by every resident member of the lodge, expressing contrition for past conditions and pledging their best endeavors to promote peace and harmony in the lodge should the charter be restored to them.

On the evening of January 23d, 1913, I again visited them and finding that they were in earnest and apparently in good faith in the promises they had given me, I restored to them their charter, and authorized them to elect officers for the remainder of the Masonic year, the restoration being conditioned however, upon their correct Masonic deportment, they to report to me from meeting to meeting by transcript

of their records. On the occasions of my visits with them, in response to sentiments uttered, there were cordial greetings and hand-clasps witnessed, that I was informed had not been seen in years. Certainly it would appear that the trowel was spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection in a most effective manner. Since my last visit I have received certified transcripts of their records from time to time, and believe that I can assure you that this lodge has profited immensely by the discipline it has received, and will in the future be able to render a satisfactory account of itself.

GOLDEN SHEAF LODGE NO. 202.

A member of the above named lodge, who had been suspended for more than five years, for non-payment of dues, paid the amount in full and was declared by the Master to be reinstated to good standing. My attention was called to his action, which I declared illegal, null, and void. I directed the lodge to proceed according to Section 213 of the code, and censured the violation of a plain provision of the law.

WAUNETA LODGE NO. 217.

About the middle of May, I was informed by correspondence that the brethren of Wauneta Lodge No. 217 were in doubt as to what action they should take regarding a member of their lodge who had been found guilty in a court of law, of a grave offense. I immediately wrote to the Master, directing him to have charges preferred, that the brother be placed on trial in the lodge, and that upon conviction, punishment be meted out to him commensurate with his infraction of our law.

BEE LODGE NO. 259.

During the latter part of April I received a communication from the Master of Bee Lodge No. 259, informing me that a member of that lodge was planning to engage in business in violation of paragraph d of Section 148 of the code.

I immediately wrote to the Master, pointing out his liability in the matter, and directed him to explain the situation to the brother fully, and if he then persisted in his intention, to immediately have charges preferred against him, and that he be dealt with according to law.

ENDEAVOR LODGE NO. 262.

By your action of one year ago, it was determined that the Grand Master be requested to appoint a committee to investigate the appeal of a member of Endeavor Lodge No. 262, who having been tried by his

lodge for violation of Masonic law, and upon conviction, had appealed to this Grand Lodge from the sentence imposed by his lodge.

Complying with your request, I appointed M. W. Brother James P. A. Black, Past Grand Master; W. Brother Frederic L. Temple, Grand Senior Deacon; and W. Brother Charles A. Chappell, Master of Minden Lodge No. 127, as the committee to investigate the appeal. At a convenient time to all concerned the committee proceeded to Indianola, and investigated the conditions, and after a full and careful consideration of all facts presented and which they were able to obtain, reported to me unanimously recommending that the action of the lodge be sustained.

I desire to express my appreciation to the individual members of the committee for their faithful services in what must have been an exceedingly unpleasant investigation.

In all matters referred to in this address the papers are available if you care to see them.

#### WEAK LODGES.

During the year my attention has been called to five different lodges that are certainly in need of the watchful eye of the Grand Master. Because of various reasons, removals, limited jurisdiction, internal dissensions, and the alleged wrongful use of the ballot-box, they are not accomplishing the great designs for which they came into existence. Some of them will undoubtedly be able to surmount the difficulties with which they are now beset, but as now situated they are not a credit to the Fraternity. I have given to each of them such counsel, admonition, and suggestions as I thought advisable and timely, and am convinced that each of them has some members who are making earnest efforts to restore their individual lodge to a place of honor on our rolls. What success will crown their efforts, time alone will tell, but I shall feel it incumbent upon me to inform my successor as to actual conditions.

#### PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF AN EXPELLED MEMBER.

Some four or five years ago Rawalt Lodge No. 138 expelled a member, no defense being made, and no appeal being taken. He has asked for the recommendation of that lodge, which has been granted, and I am advised will come to this Grand Lodge seeking reinstatement.

#### DECISIONS.

The length of this address would in no wise permit even the briefest reference to the many and varied legal propositions submitted to the Grand Master. Our code seems to state the law as clearly as is

possible, yet I have received untold communications asking for official decisions on almost every conceivable point, many already covered by existing law. To all these I have replied, citing the section by number and page, often explaining in detail the object and design of the enactment and its application to the question involved. I am clearly of the opinion that law should be enacted by the Grand Lodge only, and that so-called decisions of the Grand Master are advisory and directory only in the cases in which they were rendered. Late in the year, one or perhaps two important questions were submitted, and I suggested that they be held in abeyance until this Grand Lodge could determine the correct ruling. I have, however, during the year in those cases that seemed to require an early decision, held as follows:

1. A profane whose right foot has been amputated at the instep so that but little more than the heel remains, which condition seriously impedes his walking, is not an eligible petitioner for our degrees.

2. A skillful and successful machinist, who is a moral man, and otherwise competent, who has lost the thumb and three fingers of his left hand, but whose index finger and the rest of his hand are perfect, is an eligible petitioner for the degrees of Masonry.

3. An Englishman possessing all the qualifications, including a residence within the jurisdiction of a lodge more than twelve months, is fully qualified as a petitioner for our mysteries.

4. Q. Should or must the ballot be spread on a petition the same evening the committee reports on the same? A. It should, unless the Master in his discretion for good cause, postpones the ballot until the next regular meeting.

5. A lodge cannot receive the petition of one who has not resided within its jurisdiction for twelve months immediately preceding, even though he be a Minister of the Gospel and likely to remove before he could gain a Masonic residence.

6. A man is not eligible for the degrees of Masonry whose left hand has been severed at the wrist joint, although otherwise physically perfect.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

I believe that Section 36 of the code should be made clear and specific. The tendency of our lodges has been to act upon a petition for a dispensation to open and hold a lodge U. D. the night it was received. I have taken the conservative view, and have invariably insisted that it lie over until the next regular meeting, that the members might have the benefit of the intervening time to consider the matter, before definitely deciding to recommend, or to withhold their approval. A few words will accomplish the desired result, and I believe that we should definitely settle the matter one way or the other.

I am firmly of the opinion that this Grand Lodge should adopt a resolution or enact a law that all correspondence between lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction and another, relating to the conferring of degrees or waivers of jurisdiction, should pass through the office of the Grand Master. Almost invariably where errors occur in these important matters, they are due to the fact that the brethren, not fully appreciating the importance of correctly and completely stating their desires, and perhaps being unfamiliar with the laws of other Grand Jurisdictions, do not get the matter correctly before the lodge of the other Grand Jurisdiction. Every case of irregular work and healing set forth elsewhere in this address is due to the fact that the lodge in error did not correctly understand the desire of the requesting lodge. Many, if not all, of these errors and irregularities could be avoided if the requests were made through the offices of the Grand Masters of the two Grand Jurisdictions concerned.

Masters of our lodges have a good deal of difficulty in harmonizing paragraph *g*, Section 148, of the code, with Section 123. It seems to me that Section 123 is not quite complete. I recommend an amendment thereto providing in substance, that where an objection is lodged with the Master and he has reason to believe that paragraph *g*, of Section 148 is violated thereby, he be authorized to call into conference the two wardens of his lodge, they to observe the same secrecy as to identity, as is enjoined upon him. If the three be of the opinion that the objecting brother is attempting, from captious or unworthy motives to arrest the legitimate work of the lodge, that they be authorized to ignore the secrecy as to identity imposed, and to forthwith place the brother on trial in his lodge for violation of said paragraph *g* of Section 148. Section 123 is a most dangerous weapon in the hands of a brother desiring to retaliate because of some real or imaginary injustice done him, and oftentimes, indeed usually, an innocent petitioner or a helpless lodge is the victim of the unwarranted abuse of his power. Five objections by one member in about that many months, in perhaps an average sized lodge, that is already struggling under a heavy load, but which is kept alive by a few earnest and zealous members, seems to me to be a possible wilful abuse of power. I earnestly recommend the plan herein suggested, or some other, if in your judgment this is not the correct way to proceed, that will make the lodge the master of the situation with power to deal with a condition that threatens its very life, the whole plan to be surrounded with such safeguards as you may deem advisable.

I am well aware that recommendations of former Grand Masters that our law be so amended that one ballot elects to the degrees, have not received favorable consideration in this Grand Lodge. But I

would be false to my sense of fairness did I not again renew that recommendation. To my mind with the right of objection and the well known fact that in a large majority of cases, the ballot for the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees is purely formal, and in our larger lodges requires a vast amount of time, making it nearly impossible to secure a representative attendance at a regular meeting of the lodge, there is absolutely no occasion for continuing under the present law. No man ever petitions one of our lodges for either one or two of the degrees, but plainly asks that he may be initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry and become a member of the lodge. I am willing and eager that petitions shall be safeguarded in every way, and no man desires more than I that no unworthy man ever crosses our portals.

To reject a petitioner is a matter for the individual conscience and I have not a word to say on that subject, but I cannot get away from the thought that the Entered Apprentice or the Fellow Craft is my brother, bound to me by ties which cannot be broken, and as such is entitled to defend his name against the stain cast upon it, by the brother whose indifference to the welfare of his lodge, and whose non-attendance at its meetings, allows one whose petition has been before the lodge on two regular meetings at least, to receive one or two of the degrees, and then without even disclosing his identity, suspends further procedure through the medium of a secret ballot. All this of course, provided that the candidate is using due diligence to receive the degrees, that no undue time has elapsed since his election and the conferring of the degrees, and that no new facts bearing on his character have come to light. Shall the good work of a lodge be set at naught by one whose lack of interest in its regular meetings permits work to commence, and who is stopping its progress, is unwilling to assign a single reason why he believes he is right and his brethren wrong? Surely we can trust the Master, who is under additional ties to the Fraternity and who is amenable to this Grand Lodge for violations of the high confidence reposed in him in his selection to preside over the destinies of a lodge. A lodge has the right to know if it is being imposed upon from within as well as from without. Masons should not leave unfinished, work upon which they have entered, unless the lodge or at least those who are charged with the responsibility of its progress and prosperity, are fully advised.

Some Grand Jurisdictions require that Masters-elect must possess certain qualifications before being installed. Much has been said in favor of the proposition, and there seems to be a growing belief that a Master should be in deed and in truth, what the name implies. If time is afforded during the consideration of the business of this Grand Lodge, I believe that it might be well to consider the enactment of leg-

isolation, requiring that previous to his installation the brother who has been elected Master should demonstrate a reasonable degree of proficiency in our work, knowledge of our law, and ability in lodge government.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

During the absence of the Grand Secretary from the Grand Jurisdiction a portion of his executive duties devolved upon me. I authenticated, as Grand Master, such diplomas as were sent in from the subordinate lodges in proper form. I refused to authenticate one, wherein the junior Past Master had signed in the place of the Worshipful Master.

But once during the year have I been called upon to conduct a Masonic funeral. The one occasion was on New Years Day, 1913, when at the request of the Master of Stella Lodge No. 105, and assisted by the brethren of that lodge, I laid to rest with Masonic honors, the earthly remains of Brother L. Edward Lyanna, who for almost fifty-five years had been a Nebraska Mason, having received his degrees in Brownville Lodge No. 4, in 1858. Brother Lyanna was a charter member of Stella Lodge No. 105, and for the almost thirty years of its existence, was, until the time of his death, one of its most honored members. He held many positions of trust and honor in this lodge, and was an office-bearer practically all of those years. In territorial days he was engaged in the newspaper and printing business as a partner of our late Past Grand Master Robert W. Furnas.

I refused to officially endorse "The Masonic World Benevolent and Protective Association", informing the brethren requesting my official endorsement that such action was contrary to the well established policy of our Grand Lodge, and suggesting that the matter might be presented to this Grand Lodge for consideration and action.

In response to a request for an unofficial opinion, I gave it as my judgment that our Grand Lodge would not permit a lodge to meet in a hall over a moving picture theatre, wherein shows were given on Sunday and Sunday night.

On January 23d, 1913, I attended the meeting of, and dined with the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association. I have met with this splendid organization on other occasions, and desire to express my pleasure at having been privileged to enjoy their hospitality. I am not eligible to membership in this great society, but I believe that it is an organization that is worthy and deserving of our most cordial appreciation. At the annual election of officers on the date referred to, our M.·W.·Brother Robert E. French was elected President for this year.

I have declared illegal, null, and void the action of one of our smaller lodges, in electing their officers at their April meeting, and have directed them to proceed in accordance with Section 47 of the law.

On May 5th, 1913, I waived jurisdiction over Brother Charles A. Turney, an Entered Apprentice of Orion Lodge No. 242, extinct, in favor of Litchfield Lodge No. 278, Litchfield.

A number of differences between officers and members of lodges have arisen, which I have been able to harmonize, and which were not of sufficient moment to justify communicating to you in detail. All cases to which my attention was called were taken up at the earliest possible moment, and I am convinced that because of that fact I was able to adjust them more readily than if action had been delayed.

#### AN APPRECIATION.

I am sure my brethren will pardon this digression. I was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason within three months of attaining my majority. By courtesy of the Master of the lodge the degree was conferred by your brother, our Past Grand Master, my well beloved father, James R. Cain, Sr. For some time previous and continuously since that time we have been actively associated together in the management of the business that affords us our livelihood. It was a unique situation, the second of record, so far as I have been able to ascertain, when at the last annual communication of our Grand Lodge, was witnessed a father installing his son into the high office of Grand Master. During the year now closing, unwilling, because of the number of years that have elapsed since he occupied this honorable and exalted position, to assume the responsibility of actively counseling and advising the Grand Master in the discharge of the important duties that have fallen to his lot, he has done what was perhaps of equal importance, assumed many of the business cares of the Grand Master, enabling him to give a much larger portion of his time to the affairs of this Grand Lodge, than would otherwise have been possible. Material duties were never too numerous nor too arduous for him to assume the larger portion, that the business of this Grand Body might receive the consideration it merited at the hands of the Grand Master. The great amount of service he has rendered the Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction, indirectly, by assuming important duties that would ordinarily have fallen to my lot are fully understood and gratefully appreciated by me. His cheerful willingness to assume burdens and responsibilities belonging to another that your affairs might not be neglected nor delayed, is one of the choicest memories of this service.

If there is aught in this administration of your affairs that seems to

you worth while, it is due to the fact that your Grand Master, unable to entirely disregard his usual vocation, had one who was not only willing, but anxious to relieve him to the greatest possible extent, of the worries and cares incident to the discharge of the usual duties of life. I am indeed truly grateful and appreciative, and my one great hope, in this connection is, that while we have been so situated in the past that the last communication of this Grand Lodge was the only one which we were both privileged to attend, conditions will so adjust themselves in the future, that both you and I may enjoy the pleasure of his presence with us at many ensuing annual communications. I repeat, in all filial love, what I told you a year ago, that he is the best father a boy ever had.

#### THE INDIANAPOLIS CONFERENCE.

In company with R. W. Brother Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, I spent March 17th and 18th, 1913, in Indianapolis, the occasion being a conference of the Grand Masters of the United States, authorized by the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Indiana, and called by M. W. Brother Elmer F. Gay, Grand Master of that Grand Jurisdiction. The occasion being just what the name implies was attended by twenty Grand Masters of Masons, seven Grand Secretaries, and many Past Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge officers. Many questions of vital interest to the Craft were discussed, the best of feeling was manifest at all times, and the exchange of ideas can have but one result, that of a broader vision and a larger understanding of the views of our brethren of various sections of the nation upon many mooted questions of jurisprudence and procedure. Nearly every portion of the country was represented except the extreme west, and the formal discussions as well as the informal, to say nothing of the social features, were enjoyed to their fullest. The Grand Lodge of Indiana, the lodges of Indianapolis, and the brethren of Indiana generally, seemed to be striving to outdo each other in their eagerness to add to the welfare and comfort of their visiting brethren.

The minutes of the conference have not yet been received, but will soon be available for those brethren who would be interested in a perusal of the same. One fact was emphasized at every session, however, and that is, that there is practically no sentiment at all in favor of a General Grand Lodge. All sessions were held in the magnificent new temple that is owned by the Grand Lodge of Indiana and the Indianapolis lodges, which is one of the finest buildings of its kind on the American continent. The social features were by no means overlooked, and the dinners and the banquet served in various banquet rooms of the temple, together with an automobile ride over that thriv-

ing and prosperous city, as well as the visit to the famous automobile speedway, where we were privileged to witness a noted driver in an exhibition run, were all enjoyed to their fullest.

All visiting Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, present and Past Grand Officers in attendance, were guests of honor on the evening of the 17th, of Mystic Tie Lodge No. 338, on which occasion the Master Masons degree was exemplified in the most finished manner it has ever been my pleasure to see it conferred, the lodge choir having a large part in the work, and their music adding much to the enjoyment of the evening. During the social sessions, every Grand Master was called upon at some time to address the brethren, and I need scarcely assure you that many beautiful and appropriate thoughts were uttered by gifted and talented leaders in Masonry. But aside from the social features, which were truly delightful, the conference was more than profitable, and all in attendance were unanimous in their praise of results accomplished, the delightful fellowship with brethren of different sections of our common country, and the true and generous hospitality of our Hoosier brethren.

#### CONCLUSION.

Brethren, the picture is painted. Perchance your judgment will be that there should have been a finer distinction in the selection of colors, greater skill in blending and shading. I do not ask that you pronounce it a master-piece, but I do crave that you concede that the painter is one who loves our royal art. I have not endeavored at any time nor in any way to distinguish my administration, but have tried to serve you faithfully, and have evaded no portion of my official duties, unpleasant, arduous, or exacting as they might have been. The year has been a strenuous one, particularly so as your Grand Master while serving you to the best of his ability, had also to fill the role of breadwinner for his family. Not a working day has passed but that your great affairs have received consideration at my hands, and while the situation has been unique for me, being one of the few young men who have ever occupied this exalted station, I have received encouragement and counsel from our Past Grand Masters, and associate Grand Lodge officers which I can never hope to repay. The Masters, officers of the various lodges, and the Craft generally, have been uniformly courteous and considerate, and I shall ever remember my associations with them with fondest recollections. In times past my neighbors and friends have been more than kind to me and I have been honored in many and various ways, but I have never received, I can never receive any honor so distinguished or that I shall prize so highly, as that of one year ago when you so generously and so unani-

mously selected me for your Grand Master, the most honorable and responsible position known to our Fraternity. My official service in our great institution, beginning with the first election of officers after I received the Master Masons degree, has continued uninterruptedly to the present moment, and having received the highest honor in the gift of our Fraternity, I desire to assure you that your exceeding kindness will not be construed by me as a suggestion that further service is not invited or desired, and hope in the years to come, to give the Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction tangible evidence of my appreciation of the many honors and distinctions I have received at your hands.

I have completed the labors of my administration so far as it is possible to do so, and there is not a matter that has been left to the judgment of my successor, that could have been determined by me.

That the year just closing has been one of unusual peace and prosperity throughout the Grand Jurisdiction I am glad, and rejoicing in that fact I willingly concede the honor to the Craft, who have made possible such a splendid showing, fully mindful of the able and efficient administration of my immediate predecessor, M. W. Brother Henry Gibbons, who devoted his entire time to this office, and left the work in such a satisfactory condition. I have not hesitated to use the great authority vested in the Grand Master when I felt that occasion demanded it, yet I rejoice that harsh action was necessary in but few instances.

To the Craft wheresoever dispersed, yet ever loyal, to the true, zealous, and earnest Craftsmen of our own Grand Jurisdiction, whose love and confidence I hope to ever merit, I bid you God-speed in your every good work.

JAMES R. CAIN, JR.,  
*Grand Master.*

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

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

*To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient & Honorable Fraternity of Free & Accepted Masons of Nebraska:*

I submit herewith my report for the year ending June 2d, 1913.

Petitions for charters for lodges at Sargent and Florence, with all papers connected therewith, have been forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. All papers relating to

grievances have been sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances.

#### RETURNS FROM LODGES.

Returns from all chartered lodges, and statements of the work done from the two lodges U. D., have been received and the accounts of all lodges except Israel Lodge No. 187 have been settled and closed for the year ending March 31st, 1913.

#### VOLUME 10.

Seven hundred copies of Volume 10 of our proceedings have been printed and bound, and one copy was sent to each of the following: chartered lodges in Nebraska, Grand Lodges, Past Grand Masters, and the present Grand Master.

The cost of printing and binding was \$727.95; and the express charges on those sent out were \$71.60.

#### DUPLICATE PROCEEDINGS OF OTHER GRAND LODGES.

There are a large number of proceedings of other Grand Lodges on hand that are of no special value to the Grand Lodge, and no doubt some other Grand Lodges would be glad to have some of them to complete their files. I recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to make a list of all duplicate proceedings and offer them to other Grand Lodges, selling them or otherwise disposing of them.

#### DIPLOMAS.

Under our law, all diplomas that are not properly prepared, can not be authenticated by the Grand Secretary. A percentage of those received for authentication are not prepared in accordance with the law, and the returning of them creates more or less dissatisfaction on the part of the applying brethren. Our present form of diploma requires five signatures besides that of the Grand Secretary, and it is a difficult task for secretaries to secure the five signatures, all with one given name in full. The diplomas now in use are too large to carry conveniently. I recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to prepare a new form of diploma, have them printed on good light weight bond paper, of such a size so that when folded the diploma will be about as large as an ordinary card, using about the same printed matter as now appears on our present diplomas, but omitting the signatures of the Senior and Junior Wardens.

If the Grand Lodge makes the change it should consider whether lodges are to be furnished with one book of diplomas free, and when they should cease issuing the old form.

## UNIFORM RECEIPT FOR DUES.

The Grand Lodge should, in my opinion, either directly or through a committee, prescribe the form of receipt to be used in the Grand Jurisdiction, and should consider whether any are to be issued free, or to be sold at cost. Ample time should be allowed to make the change. The receipts should be lithographed, and purchased in large quantities. If this is done the cost will be but little more than we are now paying for a printed form.

If all lodges had the same time fixed in their by-laws for the payment of dues, receipts could contain a little more printed matter than is possible to include when the yearly dues are payable at different dates.

## GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH DEBIT.

Balance on hand last report.....	\$25,819.17
Israel Lodge No. 187.....	888.30
Received for mileage and per diem returned (paid twice)....	19.26
Received for dispensations issued for two new lodges.....	50.00
Received for special dispensations issued.....	100.00
Received for interest.....	379.61
Received for penalties assessed by the Grand Lodge, 1912....	70.29
Received for fees on 1,399 initiations at \$5.00 each.....	6,995.00
Received for supplies sold.....	1,324.95
Received for dues on 19,269 members, less 10 of a lodge U. D., and 195 exemptions, net 19,064, at \$1.50 each....	28,596.00
Received for a copy of Volume 10, damaged while in transit.	2.30
Total.....	\$64,244.88

## GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH CREDIT.

Pay-roll, session of 1912.....	\$ 4,009.00
Telephone.....	30.00
Expressage on Volume 10.....	71.60
Postage, telephone calls, telegrams, and expressage.....	243.40
Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax, 1913.....	14,298.00
Janitor, \$75.00; stationery, \$52.00; blanks, \$165.45.....	292.45
Promulgation of the work.....	259.80
Clerk hire, Grand Secretary.....	1,347.00
Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, salary to June 1st, 1913.	2,400.00
Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, salary to June 1st, 1913.	1,500.00
Robert E. French, expense of Grand Custodian.....	600.00
Expense of Grand Master Gibbons (balance due).....	52.23
Expense of Grand Master Cain.....	300.00

Supplies purchased during the year.....	2,157.00
Committee on Returns .....	50.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100.00
Grand Tyler, session of 1912.....	15.00
Organist, session of 1912.....	10.00
Premium, insurance on supplies.....	41.75
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1912.....	743.00
Printing charter for Wallace Lodge No. 279.....	10.00
60 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	6,000.00
Masonic Temple Craft, rent, heat, and light .....	250.00
Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada .....	96.35
Printing and binding Volume 10.....	727.95
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond .....	15.00
Printing the Law of Freemasonry, edition of 1912.....	157.25
Merna Lodge No. 171, fee on 1 initiation (paid twice).....	5.00
List of regular lodges.....	95.10
Commission to Endeavor Lodge No. 262, Indianola.....	34.17
Israel Lodge No. 187, for dues.....	100.75
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Paid out during the year.....	\$36,011.80
Balance in the Grand Treasury.....	28,233.08
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Total .....	\$64,244.88

## RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand as per last report.....	\$ 2,081.97
May 20th, 1913, ten per cent. of the fees and dues.....	2,128.00
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Total .....	\$ 4,209.97
June 6th, 1912, Paid Frank H. Young, Chairman Committee on Relief .....	2,081.97
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To the credit of the Relief Fund for 1913-1914.....	\$ 2,128.00

## SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand last year .....	\$ 439.47
Purchased during the year .....	2,157.00
Sold during the year .....	\$ 1,324.95
Issued free during the year.....	42.30
On hand March 20th, 1913.....	1,229.22
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	\$ 2,596.47
	\$ 2,596.47

## TRIAL BALANCE.

456 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.	\$45,600.00	
General Relief for 1913-1914.....		\$ 2,128.00
Grand Lodge jewels .....	233.00	
Grand Lodge library furniture .....	1,664.64	
Grand Lodge library.....	1,082.28	
Inventory .....		75,243.17
Israel Lodge No. 187 .....		671.05
Supplies for sale and issue.....	1,229.22	
Cash.....	28,233.08	
	<u>\$78,042.22</u>	<u>\$78,042.22</u>

## INVENTORY.

## ASSETS.

456 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.	\$45,600.00	
Grand Lodge jewels.....	233.00	
Grand Lodge library .....	1,082.28	
Grand Lodge library furniture .....	1,664.64	
Supplies for sale and issue.....	1,229.22	
Cash .....	28,233.08	\$78,042.22

## LIABILITIES.

Amount due for relief, 1913-1914 .....	\$ 2,128.00	
Amount due Israel Lodge No. 187 .....	671.05	2,799.05
Net assets, 1913.....		<u>\$75,243.17</u>
Net assets, 1912.....		<u>71,087.03</u>
Net gain for the year.....		\$ 4,156.14

## NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

The following, taken from the report made to the stockholders on January 23d, 1913, relates to the affairs of the Home for the year 1912:

Cash on hand and received during the year.....	\$59,835.56
Cash paid out during the year.....	<u>48,564.05</u>

January 23d, 1913, balance on hand.....\$11,271.51

The foregoing includes the Orphans Educational Fund.

The cost of maintaining the Home for 1912, not including betterments, repairs, furnishing, and insurance, was as follows:

Printing, stationery, and office supplies.....	\$ 76.00
Postage.....	20.00
Entertainment.....	3.00
Medical supplies.....	<u>214.44</u>

Maintenance .....	4,699.97
Salaries and labor .....	3,340.98
Fuel .....	1,065.76
Light .....	471.90
Clothing .....	73.23
Water .....	162.21
Funeral expenses, net amount paid by the Trustees .....	34.00
Total .....	<u>\$10,161.49</u>

Of this sum there has been paid:

For maintenance for residents .....	\$1,394.51
For nurse (salaries and labor account) for a resident	267.00    1,661.51
Cost above payments .....	<u>\$8,499.98</u>

Ten residents were admitted during the year; three died, and one left, making a net increase of six.

With the thirty-four persons at the Home a full year, and those who were there part of the time, etc., the number equals a little over forty-two persons for a full year. The cost of maintaining a resident for the year 1912 is approximately \$241.22, an increase of \$34.54 over the year 1911.

On January 1st, 1913, there were in the Home twenty-two women, twenty-three men, two boys, and one girl, a total of forty-eight. Since January 1st, four men and two women have been received, one man and one woman have died, one man left the Home, and one woman has been employed as assistant nurse, leaving as permanent residents on May 20th, 1913, twenty-five men, twenty-two women, two boys and one girl, a total of fifty. Of these, three are absent temporarily, with permission of the Trustees to return to the Home when it is desirable for them to do so.

The total number of shares issued to date is 678, of which the Grand Lodge owns 456 shares, the Grand Chapter 90 shares, the Grand Commandery 44 shares, and the Grand Council 13 shares.

#### INVENTORY.

The books show net assets of .....	\$25,236.21
Add the following, as they are not liabilities:	
Stock issued .....	67,800.00
Stock partly paid for .....	345.00
Fund for medical supplies .....	1,114.30
Bequests .....	4,380.00
Creighton Lodge No. 100, for furnishing .....	36.50
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, for furnishing	5.00

Entertainment fund .....	170.00
Total assets of the association .....	\$99,087.01
Total assets of the association, 1911 .....	82,740.36

Increase in assets .....

\$16,326.74

Commanderies have contributed as Christmas donations for 1912, \$459.05, with which to purchase medical supplies for the residents of the Home.

During the year the following furnishings were donated:

Lewis M. Keene, Fremont, for one room complete.....	\$ 100.00
Mrs. Alice J. Pepperberg, Lincoln, for one room complete....	100.00

Some donations for furnishings were made direct to the Home.

The following cash donations were received during the year:

Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, A.·F.·& A.·M.·, Ashland .....	\$ 30.00
Frank H. Young, mileage and per diem, Grand Lodge.....	21.62
Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 60, O. E. S., Chadron .....	10.00

\$61.62

Since my last report stock has been issued as follows;

Harvard Lodge No. 44, Harvard, Nebraska, 1 share.....	\$ 100.00
Wayne Chapter No. 194, O. E. S., Wayne, 1 share .....	100.00
Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk, 1 share .....	100.00
The Grand Lodge, A.·F.·& A.·M.· of Nebraska, 60 shares..	6,000.00
The Grand Chapter, R.·A.·M.· of Nebraska, 10 shares.....	1,000.00
The Grand Commandery, K.·T.· of Nebraska, 6 shares.....	600.00
The Grand Council, R.·& S.·M.· of Nebraska, 1 share.....	100.00

Total, 80 shares .....

\$8,000.00

The following is a list of the officers, trustees, committees, and physicians of the Home for 1913:

M.·W.· Frank H. Young, President .....	Broken Bow
M.·W.· George H. Thummel, First Vice President .....	Omaha
M.·W.· Samuel P. Davidson, Second Vice President.....	Tecumseh
M.·W.· Michael Dowling, Third Vice President.....	Omaha
R.·W.· Francis E. White, Secretary .....	Omaha

#### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Brothers Louis Berka, Albert W. Crites, Charles L. Fahnestock, Robert E. French, Lewis E. Smith, Francis E. White, term expires January, 1914; Charles E. Burnham, Harry A. Cheney, Arthur J. Jackson, Charles L. Mielenz,  Frank H. Young, term expires January, 1915; William T. Bourke, Samuel P. Davidson, Robert E. Evans, Lewis M. Keene, Ornan J. King, Charles J. Phelps, term expires January, 1916; Michael Dowling, Carroll D. Evans,

Luther M. Kuhns, Manoh B. Reese, George H. Thummel, John F. Wilcox, term expires January, 1917.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION: Brothers Arthur J. Jackson, Ornan J. King, and Robert E. Evans.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Brothers George H. Thummel, Michael Dowling, \_\_\_\_\_ Charles L. Mielenz, and Louis Berka.

PHYSICIANS: Dr. Theodore P. Livingston, Medical Director; Staff Physicians, Drs. Edwin W. Cook, John S. Livingston, and Josiah B. Martin.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,  
*Grand Secretary*

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

To say many facts in a few words  
And say nothing that should not be heard  
We will boil it down as best we can  
And try and please all our fellow man.

With two exceptions there has been no cancellation of dates by the Grand Custodian by reason of inability on his part. Formal schools of instruction have been held in the following lodges, viz: Broken Bow, Central City, Norfolk, Lexington, North Platte, Chappell, Mitchell, Alliance, Valentine, Tilden, Auburn, Brock, Syracuse, Dunbar, Nebraska City, Peru, Brownville, Cook, Hickman, Dorchester, Wilber, Beatrice, Ashland, Wahoo, Bennett, Weeping Water, Humboldt, Columbus, Wisner, Kennard, Decatur, Pender, Spencer, Western, Reynolds, Hubbell, Pawnee, Cortland, Milford, Ceresco, Omaha, Nos. 1, 3, 11, 25, and 268, Plattsmouth, Davenport, Lincoln, Nos. 19, 54, 210, Havelock, University Place, North Bend, Schuyler, Plainview, Laurel, Gothenburg, Stella, and Fremont.

Special schools held by assistants to the Grand Custodian: Cedar Rapids, Niobrara, and Allen by Ensign J. Rix; Wilber and Burchard by Samuel S. Whiting; Bassett and Stuart by Walter W. Wells; South Omaha by John J. Mercer; Chappell by James D. Phillips; and Leigh by Fred A. Howe. (10), total number of schools 69.

Cancellations by request of lodges: Long Pine, Table Rock, Tobias, Valparaiso, Osmond, Osceola, and Ft. Calhoun.

Cancellations by the Grand Master: Atkinson, Liberty, and Burchard.

Cancellations by the Grand Custodian: Blue Hill and Shelby. Total number of sessions by the Grand Custodian, 303, 2½ hours each, an average of five sessions to each school.

Total number of lodges represented..... 100  
 Total attendance..... 4,597  
 Average attendance at each school..... 71  
 Total number of miles travelled.....12,048  
 42 of the above named lodges have a membership of 50 or more,  
 27 have a membership of 50 or less. Numbers 15-19-32-55-92-124-148-  
 210-261-263-272 had the largest attendance. The following lodges Num-  
 bers 1-3-11-15-19-25-54-55-119-210-248 and 268 were in no need of formal  
 instructions from the Grand Custodian, being substantially correct in  
 every particular. What a happy condition Masonry would be in if all  
 our lodges could say as much; then there would be no need of a Grand  
 Custodian.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

By formal order of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian inves-  
 tigated unfavorable conditions at Sutton and Reynolds.

Assisted in constituting the lodge at Wallace.

Assisted in laying the corner-stones at Blair, Osceola, Western,  
 and Wilber.

Assisted in dedicating the hall at Callaway.

Installed the officers-elect at Dakota City.

Made formal examinations for lodges under dispensation at  
 Sargent and Florence, recommending the same; made formal examina-  
 tion as to the safety and suitability of proposed halls at Kenesaw,  
 Shelton, Arnold, Ohioa, Kearney, and Hastings.

Conducted funeral ceremonies at Kearney, Riverton, Wood River,  
 Central City, and Gibbon.

Made examinations of the following Assistants to the Grand Cust-  
 odian as to their proficiency in the work and found each one of them  
 up to the standard:—

Wor. Bros. Ensign J. Rix, Fred A. Howe, Samuel S. Whiting,  
 Walter W. Wells, and Frank W. Boyer.

He also recommended the appointment of Wor. Bro. Robert B.  
 Walker, 170, as an assistant to the Grand Custodian.

In all cases requiring the same, formal reports have been made to  
 the Grand Master, as well as formal reports of each school held, the  
 same as has been done for the last thirteen years.

#### CONCLUSION AND PERSONAL.

As the Grand Custodian understands the report as printed on pages  
 782 and 783 of the Grand Lodge proceedings of 1912, a synopsis is all  
 that you want, nothing in detail as to findings, conditions or sugges-  
 tions, cold facts and dry figures, but my conscience will not permit my

closing without doing my duty to one with whom I have had the happy privilege and pleasure to serve under as a subordinate the last twelve months. One of great soul, lofty mind, and loving heart, whose daily walk, whose sterling integrity, whose fidelity to obligations, whose loyalty to every interest, speak words above everything we may say of him, whose daily life is the proof of his profession, kind, considerate, and just in all his official orders, blest with common sense, natural ability, and mother wit. Such I have found in our talented M. W. Brother James R. Cain, Jr., our Grand Master in fact and deed.

Kind words of the living truthfully said  
Are better than false eulogies over the dead.

The present Grand Custodian's record and method for the last twelve years and six months are before you; if not up to the standard or your expectations, kindly direct and if possible I will most cheerfully comply with your wishes.

There are lodges that are not up to the requirements of Section 8, Chapter II. of the Law; if the fault is with the Grand Custodian, set him right; if in the method, change your method; if in the lodges, enforce your present law. If the two of the three senses most revered by Masons, seeing and hearing, are proofs that are facts, we have too many Masters who by their acts seem to think that all there is to their title is election, installation, and jewel. The stream can not rise above its fountain head. It is the Master's zeal, watchful care, and generous hand in giving "good and wholesome instruction to his brethren for their labors" including the three great duties which as Masons we are charged to inculcate, the demonstration of the Golden Tenets "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth" and the practice of the cardinal virtues "Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice," that make a Masonic lodge. If these are not lived up to in the spirit as well as the letter, a lodge without them exists only in name and number; a lodge in which there is neither profit or pleasure. "They are not preserving the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied," neither in the letter or in the spirit of Masonry.

#### PERSONAL.

Your action in raising the Grand Custodian's salary last year was wholly unexpected, uncalled for, and injudicious in his opinion. He should have been consulted and given a chance to explain facts and conditions, then you could have acted more intelligently. However, your generous magnanimity has enabled the Grand Custodian to demonstrate more fully the true principles of Masonry in lightening

the burden and brightening the pathway of the unfortunate ones suffering from no fault of theirs.

As God gives us the light to see the way  
 To help others out of darkness into day  
 May all our hearts be filled with love  
 Give grateful thanks to our Father above.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

April 15th, 1912—Balance on hand.....	\$ 51.26
June 5th, 1912—Page 795, proceedings of 1912, appropriation...	600.00
	<u>\$651.26</u>

EXPENDED.

From April 15th, 1912, to May 1st, 1913:

Transportation.....	\$185.12
Hotel.....	299.06
Postage.....	17.41
Telephone and telegram.....	28.57
Buss and baggage.....	16.10
Printing.....	42.90
Supplies and sundries.....	6.23
Stenographer.....	10.15
May 1st, 1913, Balance on hand unexpended.....	45.72
Total.....	<u>\$651.26</u>

It is hereby certified that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that of the above amount \$605.54 was expended in the discharge of my duties as Grand Custodian under the direction of the Grand Master, less \$19.99 expense in attending the fifty-fifth annual communication of 1912.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF ASSISTANTS TO THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

Appropriation June 5th, 1912, Page 795.....	\$500.00
Aug. 13th, 1912—To Fred A. Howe, formal examinations.....	\$ 7.20
“ “ “ “ Ensign J. Rix, “ “.....	9.74
“ “ “ “ Samuel S. Whiting, formal examinations...	7.05
“ 14th, “ “ Robert E. French, “ “.....	14.73
Dec. 19th, “ “ John J. Mercer, Lodge No. 184, special school	12.90
Feb. 17th, 1913 “ Samuel S. Whiting, Lodge No. 64, “ “	17.88
“ 19th, “ “ Jas. D. Philips, Lodge No. 205, special school	35.00
“ 22d, “ “ Ensign J. Rix, “ “ 143, “ “	31.62
“ 28th, “ “ “ “ “ “ 87, “ “	24.56
Mar. 27th, “ “ “ “ “ “ 236, “ “	24.02

Mar. 20th, 1912—To Samuel S. Whiting Lodge No. 137, special school	18.34
Apr. 4th, “ “ Walter W. Wells, “ “ 254, “ “	15.84
“ 5th, “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 147, “ “	15.72
“ 7th, “ “ Fred A. Howe, “ “ 193, “ “	25.00
Total.....	\$259.80
Balance not drawn and unexpended.....	240.20
Total .....	\$500.00

I hereby certify that all the above special schools, and the expense incurred was under the order and by approval of the Grand Master.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT EMMET FRENCH,

*Grand Custodian.*

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

*To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of  
Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:*

The following report for the year ending May 20th, 1913, is fraternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Securities on hand last report.....\$87,175.00

Securities purchased:

No. 200 Charles F. Iauch, on 109 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land, Knox County .....	\$2,000.00
No. 201 Ole N. Olson, on 100 acres of land, Dixon County .....	3,500.00
No. 202 Oscar Bring, on 80 acres of land, Thurston County .....	3,000.00
No. 203 Jerry J. Fendrich, on 118 $\frac{25}{100}$ acres of land, Butler County .....	4,800.00
No. 204 William C. Meyers, on 160 acres of land, Cedar County.....	5,000.00
	18,300.00
Total .....	\$85,475.00

All loans purchased are first mortgages on farm land in Nebraska.

Securities paid:

No. 62 Warren .....	\$ 75.00
No. 153 Bean .....	100.00
No. 154 Van Nostrand .....	2,500.00
No. 157 Westerfield.....	2,000.00
No. 166 Woods .....	1,200.00
No. 179 Anderson .....	2,500.00
No. 181 Kelly .....	1,500.00

No. 187 Jones .....	2,500.00
No. 190 Schellpeper .....	2,000.00
No. 199 Creighton Lodge No. 100 (part payment) ..	150.00
	\$14,525.00

Securities on hand..... \$70,950.00

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

NO.	BORROWER.	PROPERTY LOCATED IN	AMOUNT
131	Hopewell.....160 acres,	Burt County.....	\$ 1,300.00
140	Sackett..... 40 acres,	Burt County.....	1,300.00
158	Richardson..... 80 acres,	Burt County.....	1,200.00
159	Goll..... 40 acres,	Burt County.....	2,500.00
160	Roelfs..... 80 acres,	Jefferson County.....	2,000.00
162	Krause..... 40 acres,	Thurston County.....	1,000.00
163	Higgins..... 80 acres,	Cedar County.....	1,000.00
164	Klingforth.....160 acres,	Knox County.....	2,000.00
165	Wagner..... 80 acres,	Polk County.....	1,500.00
168	Johnston.....160 acres,	Franklin County.....	2,500.00
169	Bombeck.....160 acres,	Cuming County.....	900.00
170	Tappery.....160 acres,	Burt County.....	1,000.00
172	Estill..... 40 acres,	Thurston County.....	1,000.00
173	Swenson..... 80 acres,	Platte County.....	1,000.00
175	Eddy..... 80 acres,	Antelope County.....	1,000.00
176	Jensen.....120 acres,	Burt County.....	1,000.00
177	Lordeman.....160 acres,	Boone County.....	1,600.00
180	Hopewell.....120 acres,	Burt County.....	2,000.00
182	Jacobs.....120 acres,	Stanton County.....	1,600.00
183	Blomstedt.....320 acres,	Howard County.....	2,500.00
186	Jillek..... 40 acres,	Colfax County.....	1,000.00
188	Masonic Temple Craft Assn.,	Callaway, Masonic Temple	2,000.00
189	Brandon..... 80 acres,	Cedar County.....	2,000.00
191	Hart..... 80 acres,	Burt County.....	1,500.00
192	Hart..... 80 acres,	Burt County.....	1,500.00
193	Schindler.....160 acres,	Knox County.....	3,000.00
194	Mathews.....160 acres,	Burt County.....	1,000.00
195	Cole..... 80 acres,	Nemaha County.....	800.00
196	Greenleaf..... 80 acres,	Burt County.....	1,500.00
197	Woodman.....120 acres,	Colfax County.....	5,000.00
198	Horn..... 80 acres,	Boone County.....	2,800.00
199	Creighton Lodge No. 100.....	Lot and hall, Creighton..	
		Knox County.....	650.00
200	Iauch.....109 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres,	Knox County.....	2,000.00
201	Olson.....100 acres,	Dixon County.....	3,500.00
202	Bring..... 80 acres,	Thurston County.....	3,000.00
203	Fendrich.....118 $\frac{25}{100}$ acres,	Butler County.....	4,800.00
204	Meyers.....160 acres,	Cedar County.....	5,000.00
		Total.....	\$70,950.00

Amount of securities on hand last report, less cash due the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$66,653.37
Increase .....	\$ 4,296.63
May 20th, Due the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	468.84
Net gain for the year.....	\$ 3,827.79

The rates of interest are from five to seven per cent. All interest is paid to the date of this report. Loans Nos. 158 and 159 are due and will be renewed, reports from lodges showing that they are perfectly good.

## CASH.

Due the Nebraska Masonic Home last report.....\$	521.63	
Interest on loans purchased.....	124.50	
Recording assignments.....	6.00	
Interest.....		\$ 3,958.29
Securities purchased .....	18,300.00	
Received from securities paid off.....		14,525.00
Due the Nebraska Masonic Home .....		468.84
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	\$18,952.13	\$18,952.13

FRANCIS E. WHITE,

*Secretary.*

Brother Cosh, 11, read the following report of the Committee on Returns, and it was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

*To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

The Committee on Returns reports that the returns of all of the lodges in the jurisdiction have been carefully examined, the cards in the register have been checked and counted, and the numbers agree with those shown in the returns. The table of statistics, prepared in accordance with instructions given at the last annual communication, is presented herewith.

While the number of lodges that were late in sending in their returns is less than last year, it is altogether too large. In accordance with the law penalties are assessed against delinquent lodges as follows:

No. 13, \$2.31; No. 27, \$2.25; No. 29, \$4.18; No. 41, \$4.64; No. 43, \$3.72; No. 113, \$1.84; No. 128, \$1.68; No. 160, \$1.08; No. 187, \$1.30; No. 208, \$2.70; No. 212, \$0.72; No. 235, \$1.80; No. 244, \$1.16; No. 254, \$0.90; No. 259, \$3.38; No. 260, \$2.60; No. 264, \$1.44; No. 266, \$0.48; No. 271, \$1.86; No. 274, \$0.80; No. 278, \$5.70. Total, \$46.54.

The attention of the Grand Lodge is called to the large number of lodges that are delinquent that have been chartered recently, eight of them having been chartered within the last ten years.

The following lodges did not report whether insurance was carried on their real or personal property or not: Nos. 53, 144, and 219.

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												By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension		By Expulsion
Nebraska	1	51	54	56	15	49	9	48	48	453	55	5	5	7	9	497	1		
Western Star	2	19	8	22	5	5	5	45	44	153	5	1	2	5	5	152	2		
Capitol	3	50	38	52	21	35	28	100	2100	536	28	4	2	6	7	555	3		
Nemaha Valley	4	6	7	10	1	3	1	19	19	40	3	3	1	2	2	43	4		
Omadi	5	16	1	17	5	5	5	22	21	88	1	1	1	2	2	86	5		
Plattsmouth	6	20	2	20	4	2	3	24	2	25	121	3	2	1	3	2	121	6	
Falls City	9	20	16	24	4	12	8	30	30	98	8	3	3	3	3	100	9		
Solomon	10	7	5	7	1	5	2	3	2	38	4	1	1	1	1	42	10		
Covert	11	74	48	69	29	52	32	129	9136	587	49	11	1	110	9	628	11		
Orient	13	9	2	9	1	2	2	10	10	21	1	1	1	1	1	22	13		
Peru	14	6	1	7	1	1	1	13	2	15	58	1	1	2	2	54	14		
Fremont	15	17	5	14	3	8	3	38	1	39	267	8	5	6	2	271	15		
Tecumseh	17	25	4	23	7	6	9	29	29	104	4	1	1	2	1	106	17		
Lincoln	19	43	49	42	14	50	18	79	76	587	46	10	3	7	9	630	19		
Washington	21	6	3	6	3	3	3	18	17	100	3	2	1	3	3	101	21		
Pawnee	23	10	11	11	5	10	4	30	5	32	99	11	4	3	3	1	108	23	
St. Johns	25	81	41	87	16	34	22	134	133	617	28	6	1	7	7	638	25		
Beatrice	26	44	13	36	14	21	10	63	4	65	214	25	10	2	4	240	26		
Jordan	27	8	5	8	5	5	5	18	18	50	5	1	1	1	1	55	27		
Hope	29	6	6	6	6	6	6	25	25	22	2	2	2	2	2	22	29		
Blue River	30	3	1	3	2	1	2	8	8	45	1	1	1	2	1	44	30		
Tekamah	31	7	4	8	3	3	4	16	16	105	2	1	1	1	1	106	31		
Platte Valley	32	21	13	18	7	18	13	32	32	209	12	1	1	3	2	218	32		
Ashlar	33	24	22	26	14	19	16	49	49	231	17	7	1	1	1	255	33		
Acacia	34	16	4	17	6	4	8	37	1	37	69	2	1	2	1	67	34		
Fairbury	35	21	7	23	9	4	6	25	2	26	165	7	2	1	3	4	166	35	
Lone Tree	36	6	10	4	6	12	4	35	2	36	99	14	5	1	2	3	112	36	
Crete	37	12	6	12	6	6	5	25	25	84	7	1	1	3	2	86	37		
Oliver	38	12	5	12	1	4	4	30	29	101	5	1	1	5	1	102	38		
Papillion	39	4	4	6	2	2	2	15	15	4	2	1	1	1	1	43	39		
Humboldt	40	9	3	8	2	4	2	13	12	53	4	1	1	3	1	54	40		
Northern Light	41	5	3	6	2	2	2	17	17	58	2	1	1	1	1	59	41		
Juniata	42	12	2	11	1	3	1	28	28	56	3	1	1	3	1	56	42		
Hebron	43	14	4	15	3	3	3	32	32	93	3	2	1	3	1	94	43		
Harvard	44	6	5	5	1	1	1	11	11	49	1	1	1	1	1	50	44		
Rob Morris	46	23	12	23	1	12	3	50	10	57	203	10	4	2	3	4	203	46	
Fairmont	48	12	12	2	1	1	1	30	1	30	54	1	1	2	1	52	48		
Evening Star	49	8	1	7	1	2	1	25	24	56	2	1	1	1	1	59	49		
Hastings	50	26	4	25	6	5	3	28	2	29	271	8	10	1	7	8	273	50	
Fidelity	51	13	2	13	6	2	5	28	28	105	3	4	1	3	1	108	51		

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Hiram	52	8	1	8	2	1	2	25	21	51	1	2	4	1	1	57	52	
Charity	53	13	6	15	8	4	5	29	29	90	7	1	2	2	3	93	53	
Lancaster	54	54	34	60	15	27	15	57	4	58	429	26	11	3	4	455	54	
Mosaic	55	20	10	22	3	8	3	40	1	39	130	8	2	2	2	137	55	
York	56	11	11	14	1	8	2	28	2	28	250	7	3	10	6	242	56	
Mt. Moriah	57	9	9	9	4	3	3	9	8	66	1	1	1	1	1	67	57	
Lebanon	58	13	8	12	6	9	5	12	3	15	129	10	2	8	3	130	58	
Wahoo	59	9	7	8	2	8	4	26	2	26	99	6	1	1	1	104	59	
Melrose	60	19	4	18	1	5	2	15	15	65	4	1	1	1	1	68	60	
Thistle	61	9	5	8	1	6	2	22	2	21	99	5	1	4	5	96	61	
Keystone	62	5	1	6	1	1	1	13	2	15	60	1	1	1	2	58	62	
Riverton	63	8	1	7	1	2	1	10	10	53	2	1	1	4	1	51	63	
Blue Valley	64	2	4	4	3	2	3	20	1	21	60	2	2	1	1	58	64	
Osceola	65	10	5	8	6	6	4	9	9	94	8	3	1	1	1	98	65	
Edgar	67	4	3	4	1	3	1	10	10	95	3	2	4	1	1	96	67	
Aurora	68	14	22	15	5	21	8	29	29	122	18	4	3	3	3	138	68	
Sterling	70	14	7	12	4	6	3	12	11	45	10	1	1	1	1	56	70	
Trowel	71	22	8	20	7	9	9	23	4	27	81	7	5	5	1	83	71	
Hooper	72	6	3	7	2	1	9	9	9	65	1	2	2	1	1	64	72	
Friend	73	3	3	4	5	2	3	16	2	18	51	4	2	5	2	50	73	
Alexandria	74	3	1	3	1	1	5	5	5	34	1	1	1	1	1	35	74	
Frank Welch	75	13	8	12	5	9	5	16	2	18	104	9	2	1	2	112	75	
Joppa	76	5	2	5	2	2	2	10	9	47	1	1	1	2	1	46	76	
Nelson	77	8	5	8	5	2	19	19	19	62	3	1	1	1	1	64	77	
Albion	78	11	1	8	4	4	3	17	16	63	5	1	2	2	1	65	78	
Geneva	79	8	8	10	3	6	4	31	3	32	150	5	3	2	3	154	79	
Composite	81	6	6	4	2	8	2	12	12	34	8	1	1	1	1	41	81	
St. Paul	82	8	5	10	4	3	3	40	4	43	148	4	1	1	4	149	82	
Corinthian	83	9	3	10	2	2	2	10	10	37	2	2	2	1	1	36	83	
Fairfield	84	13	1	11	3	1	18	16	16	60	2	2	2	1	1	66	84	
Tyre	85	12	2	11	2	2	2	20	1	21	47	2	1	2	1	45	85	
Doniphan	86	4	4	4	2	4	2	16	16	38	1	1	1	1	1	34	86	
Ionic	87	14	2	15	4	1	4	10	9	71	1	1	6	2	1	65	87	
Star	88	7	2	6	4	3	1	13	3	15	41	6	1	3	1	46	88	
Cedar River	89	8	2	9	5	1	6	19	1	20	88	1	2	2	1	84	89	
Elk Creek	90	1	1	2	2	2	2	10	2	12	32	1	1	2	2	30	90	
Oakland	91	5	7	4	8	4	4	4	4	67	4	1	1	1	1	71	91	
Hubbell	92	4	2	4	1	2	2	8	7	47	1	1	3	2	1	44	92	
Beaver City	93	8	5	6	2	7	5	19	19	113	4	1	1	1	1	116	93	
Bennett	94	4	1	4	3	1	1	14	14	55	3	1	1	1	1	59	94	

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Garfield.....	95	4	7	4	2	7	4	27	26	43	5	1	1	2	1	1	1	47	95
Utica.....	96	6	8	7	3	7	2	5	5	43	8	2	2	1	1	1	1	50	96
Euclid.....	97	10	1	5	1	4	2	13	13	40	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	97
Republican.....	98	6	3	7	3	2	2	7	7	51	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	98
Shelton.....	99	14	1	11	2	4	2	12	12	46	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	99
Creighton.....	100	10	5	11	3	4	3	16	1	83	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	85	100
Ponca.....	101	11	4	9	2	7	2	18	17	56	7	2	1	2	1	1	1	63	101
Waterloo.....	102	12	4	11	3	5	2	22	22	64	8	2	2	1	1	1	1	72	102
Ord.....	103	10	8	1	2	2	1	36	35	68	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	69	103
Wymore.....	104	15	6	15	6	5	4	34	33	108	7	1	1	2	1	1	1	114	104
Stella.....	105	4	3	4	3	3	2	9	8	63	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	64	105
Porter.....	106	7	2	7	2	2	2	13	13	59	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	57	106
Table Rock.....	108	6	6	4	1	8	4	8	8	46	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	51	108
Pomegranate.....	110	6	4	5	2	5	3	14	13	96	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	99	110
De Witt.....	111	12	8	15	2	5	3	26	26	52	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	53	111
Springfield.....	112	13	4	14	5	3	4	19	5	23	69	4	1	1	1	5	1	67	112
Globe.....	113	11	3	10	4	4	6	15	14	46	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	113
Wisner.....	114	7	3	6	3	4	4	14	14	69	7	1	1	1	2	1	1	73	114
Harlan.....	116	7	1	8	2	2	2	19	4	23	69	1	1	2	1	4	1	63	116
Hardy.....	117	3	3	4	2	2	6	6	6	45	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	48	117
Doric.....	118	5	6	5	3	6	1	10	8	18	8	1	2	1	1	1	1	28	118
North Bend.....	119	5	13	9	5	5	9	5	5	6	81	9	3	1	1	1	1	90	119
Wayne.....	120	11	1	11	3	1	3	17	17	97	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	98	120
Superior.....	121	5	7	5	3	7	4	12	12	103	6	5	2	1	1	1	1	112	121
Auburn.....	124	5	1	3	1	3	11	11	10	89	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	94	124
Mount Nebo.....	125	9	4	11	5	2	6	16	16	80	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	76	125
Stromsburg.....	126	2	8	2	2	8	5	3	3	73	5	1	1	1	3	1	1	74	126
Minden.....	127	8	3	8	5	3	3	16	16	51	5	1	1	3	1	1	1	52	127
Guide Rock.....	128	5	5	3	2	2	8	8	7	28	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	28	128
Blue Hill.....	129	8	5	2	4	4	4	37	36	39	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	129
Tuscan.....	130	1	3	1	3	1	7	7	7	44	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	130
Scribner.....	132	2	7	2	3	7	4	5	5	49	6	1	2	2	1	1	1	53	132
Elm Creek.....	133	7	8	9	2	6	4	4	6	34	7	1	2	1	1	4	1	39	133
Solar.....	134	7	2	8	1	1	4	4	4	68	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	65	134
McCook.....	135	15	12	9	5	19	8	36	6	40	168	16	2	7	3	6	1	170	135
Long Pine.....	136	5	5	5	3	3	8	8	8	58	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	63	136
Upright.....	137	6	3	6	3	2	6	6	6	54	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	137
Rawalt.....	138	2	4	2	1	4	15	15	15	66	4	1	3	1	1	1	1	66	138
Clay Center.....	139	1	1	2	1	1	7	4	11	62	2	1	1	1	4	1	1	59	139
Western.....	140	2	1	1	2	2	10	2	12	59	2	1	4	2	1	1	1	55	140

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Crescent.....	143	6	7	7	8	6	5	10	10	48	9	...	...	...	57	143		
Kenesaw.....	144	6	6	9	2	3	2	13	13	46	3	...	1	1	47	144		
Bancroft.....	145	14	11	17	4	8	3	17	17	64	9	...	1	...	72	145		
Jachin.....	146	13	4	11	6	6	7	27	6	33	112	5	1	2	3	6	106	146
Siloam.....	147	9	8	9	1	8	1	8	7	15	28	8	...	...	7	...	29	147
Emmet Crawford....	148	11	3	12	3	2	1	13	13	108	4	...	1	2	...	109	148	
Jewel.....	149	...	1	1	1	...	1	12	12	30	...	...	2	...	28	149		
Cambridge.....	150	3	2	3	1	2	3	8	8	50	1	...	1	...	51	150		
Square.....	151	12	...	11	1	1	1	16	3	19	41	1	...	...	3	...	39	151
Parallel.....	152	10	4	12	6	2	6	14	13	53	2	...	1	...	56	152		
Evergreen.....	153	...	4	4	4	...	2	10	10	58	2	...	1	2	...	57	153	
Lily.....	154	3	6	3	1	6	1	4	3	34	6	2	1	2	...	41	154	
Hartington.....	155	15	3	14	...	4	...	15	15	70	4	1	...	2	...	73	155	
Pythagoras.....	156	10	3	11	4	2	5	14	14	51	1	...	...	...	52	156		
Valley.....	157	8	4	9	...	3	1	12	2	14	52	2	...	4	2	48	157	
Samaritan.....	158	11	7	11	7	7	7	19	19	86	7	2	...	2	...	93	158	
Ogalalla.....	159	8	6	6	2	8	4	9	9	57	6	...	1	...	62	159		
Zeredatha.....	160	1	4	2	2	3	2	19	17	27	3	4	2	4	...	32	160	
Mount Zion.....	161	7	3	9	1	1	2	6	6	42	...	...	4	...	38	161		
Trestle Board.....	162	3	2	4	...	1	...	7	2	9	67	1	1	...	2	67	162	
Unity.....	163	2	4	3	...	3	...	15	14	42	3	...	...	2	1	42	163	
Atkinson.....	164	5	1	6	3	...	1	10	9	37	2	1	1	1	...	38	164	
Barneston.....	165	6	3	7	...	2	...	18	18	35	2	...	1	1	...	35	165	
Mystic Tie.....	166	7	1	5	4	3	3	7	7	33	4	...	2	...	35	166		
Elwood.....	167	8	4	5	2	6	4	11	2	12	50	4	1	1	2	52	167	
Curtis.....	168	6	4	6	2	4	2	17	16	41	4	2	1	1	2	45	168	
Amity.....	169	7	6	7	2	6	1	10	10	51	7	1	1	...	58	169		
Mason City.....	170	3	...	3	5	...	4	10	10	38	1	...	...	...	39	170		
Merna.....	171	12	5	12	3	6	2	16	3	19	65	7	...	1	1	3	67	171
Grafton.....	172	8	6	8	...	5	...	3	3	45	5	...	1	...	49	172		
Robert Burns.....	173	8	1	9	1	...	1	13	2	14	22	...	1	1	2	20	173	
Culbertson.....	174	2	2	1	2	3	11	11	31	1	...	1	...	1	...	31	174	
Temple.....	175	9	6	3	3	5	13	13	51	1	...	...	2	...	50	175		
Gladstone.....	176	4	2	3	2	3	2	7	7	71	3	...	1	1	...	72	176	
Hay Springs.....	177	2	5	5	1	2	2	6	6	38	1	...	1	...	38	177		
Prudence.....	179	6	2	6	2	2	1	12	12	57	3	...	...	...	60	179		
Justice.....	180	3	2	4	3	1	2	9	2	11	51	2	...	2	1	2	48	180
Faith.....	181	10	11	10	1	11	2	29	3	30	93	10	2	2	1	3	103	181
Incense.....	182	4	1	3	4	2	2	12	1	12	38	4	1	1	1	43	182	
Alliance.....	183	28	23	28	12	24	15	19	19	141	21	...	3	3	...	156	183	

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Bee Hive.....	184	14	20	22	3	12	4	19	1	20	200	11	2	2	2	1	208	184
Boaz.....	185	6	1	7	..	..	..	5	..	5	58	..	..	..	1	..	57	185
Israel.....	187	3	..	3	2	..	2	21	..	21	65	..	..	2	1	..	62	187
Meridian.....	188	4	4	5	6	3	1	11	..	10	81	8	1	1	1	..	88	188
Granite.....	189	6	3	6	3	3	5	17	..	17	51	1	2	..	..	..	54	189
Amethyst.....	190	3	5	3	1	5	1	4	..	4	40	5	..	..	..	..	44	190
Crystal.....	191	8	4	9	2	3	2	6	..	6	58	3	..	1	1	..	59	191
Minnekadusa.....	192	16	11	18	6	9	7	17	2	17	96	8	1	2	2	1	102	192
Signet.....	193	8	2	7	2	3	3	11	..	11	43	2	..	1	1	..	43	193
Highland.....	194	4	1	4	2	1	3	13	2	14	35	..	..	1	2	..	32	194
Arcana.....	195	9	5	11	1	3	1	10	1	11	67	3	3	..	1	1	71	195
Level.....	196	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	4	45	1	..	1	2	1	42	196
Morning Star.....	197	7	3	7	3	3	3	6	..	6	44	3	..	..	..	..	47	197
Purity.....	198	12	2	13	3	1	3	11	..	10	42	1	1	2	1	..	41	198
Gavel.....	199	2	1	3	1	..	1	10	2	11	20	..	1	1	..	2	20	199
Blazing Star.....	200	4	6	3	2	7	3	6	..	4	87	6	2	8	2	..	85	200
Scotts Bluff.....	201	9	1	9	..	1	..	8	2	10	52	1	..	..	1	2	50	201
Golden Sheaf.....	202	9	13	11	1	11	1	15	3	16	78	11	1	1	3	..	85	202
Roman Eagle.....	203	13	2	14	2	1	2	21	..	20	55	1	1	1	2	..	56	203
Plainview.....	204	3	7	5	1	5	3	5	..	5	56	3	..	4	1	..	54	204
Golden Fleece.....	205	5	5	5	2	5	3	3	..	3	63	4	1	1	1	..	66	205
Napthali.....	206	4	..	2	3	2	2	8	..	8	43	3	2	..	..	..	48	206
Parian.....	207	9	..	6	..	3	..	6	1	7	64	3	..	1	1	..	65	207
Gauge.....	208	10	3	10	4	3	2	16	..	16	45	5	1	1	2	..	48	208
Canopy.....	209	11	1	9	4	3	4	2	4	6	77	3	1	..	3	4	74	209
East Lincoln.....	210	27	40	26	3	40	8	18	2	20	219	35	..	2	1	2	249	210
Cement.....	211	1	5	2	4	4	..	6	..	5	71	8	1	3	3	..	74	211
Compass & Square.....	212	9	..	6	3	3	2	13	1	14	36	4	..	1	..	..	38	212
Square & Compass.....	213	4	2	4	2	2	1	11	..	11	40	3	..	1	..	..	42	213
Plumbline.....	214	2	1	1	1	2	1	4	3	5	46	2	2	2	3	..	45	214
Occidental.....	215	1	8	1	1	8	1	6	..	6	60	8	1	..	..	..	69	215
Palisade.....	216	6	4	6	1	4	3	16	..	15	38	2	2	1	1	..	41	216
Wauneta.....	217	2	4	2	1	4	2	19	..	18	29	3	3	1	..	..	36	217
Bloomfield.....	218	10	7	10	2	7	..	9	..	9	82	9	1	2	1	..	89	218
Relief.....	219	4	6	4	..	7	4	3	..	2	42	3	1	1	1	2	44	219
Magnolia.....	220	3	5	3	2	5	5	7	1	8	64	2	..	1	1	..	64	220
Wood Lake.....	221	4	5	2	2	8	5	2	..	2	32	5	1	..	..	..	38	221
Landmark.....	222	3	3	1	..	5	..	5	..	5	69	5	2	..	2	..	74	222
Eminence.....	223	9	4	8	3	5	5	3	..	2	50	3	1	2	2	..	50	223
Silver Cord.....	224	5	6	5	1	6	4	4	..	4	54	3	..	..	3	..	54	224

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Cable	225	2	5	3	..	4	..	2	..	2	45	4	..	..	..	..	49	225
Grace	226	3	2	4	..	3	1	2	5	8	12	41	2	..	1	..	35	226
North Star	227	17	18	15	3	20	5	11	4	10	81	18	4	5	3	4	101	227
Bartley	228	2	1	2	1	1	..	5	..	3	30	2	..	2	..	..	34	228
Comet	229	2	3	2	2	3	2	9	1	8	45	3	..	2	3	1	46	229
Delta	230	6	1	6	1	1	1	2	..	2	53	1	..	..	1	..	53	230
Mount Hermon	231	1	4	2	1	3	2	3	1	4	53	2	2	..	3	8	53	231
John S. Bowen	232	3	..	2	1	1	..	2	3	5	43	2	1	..	..	3	43	232
Gilead	233	18	5	15	3	7	7	11	..	10	32	3	..	1	1	..	35	233
Zion	234	8	4	8	3	5	5	4	..	4	66	3	..	..	..	..	69	234
Fraternity	235	1	1	..	..	1	..	4	4	8	45	1	..	..	3	4	39	235
Golden Rule	236	9	4	9	2	4	4	3	1	3	27	2	2	1	..	2	19	236
Cubit	237	3	1	..	4	4	..	3	1	4	36	8	1	..	..	1	44	237
Friendship	239	4	5	3	1	6	2	4	..	4	35	5	..	..	1	..	39	239
Pilot	240	5	7	6	8	6	6	5	..	5	50	8	1	..	1	..	59	240
George Armstrong	241	4	2	5	1	1	2	2	..	1	76	..	..	1	..	1	76	241
Tyrian	243	7	1	6	1	1	2	1	..	1	35	..	..	..	..	..	35	243
Sincerity	244	3	4	5	1	2	2	2	..	2	29	1	..	..	..	..	30	244
Hampton	245	5	6	6	4	5	2	..	..	..	48	7	..	..	2	..	53	245
Nehawka	246	1	4	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	43	5	..	..	..	..	48	246
Corner-stone	247	11	9	15	1	5	4	10	..	10	57	2	..	..	1	..	58	247
Laurel	248	10	8	11	3	6	3	9	..	9	43	6	1	..	..	..	50	248
Gothenburg	249	1	6	3	1	4	3	..	..	..	34	2	2	..	..	..	38	249
George Washington	250	6	8	5	2	9	1	10	..	10	84	10	2	..	1	..	95	250
Wausa	251	7	3	5	1	5	2	3	..	3	40	4	2	..	2	..	44	251
Hildreth	252	4	1	5	..	..	..	8	..	8	33	..	..	..	..	..	33	252
Beemer	253	5	1	5	2	1	2	4	..	4	45	1	..	..	2	..	44	253
Bassett	254	4	6	8	1	2	1	..	..	..	45	2	..	..	..	..	47	254
Bradshaw	255	3	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	49	3	1	..	1	..	52	255
Hickman	256	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	39	1	..	..	1	..	39	256
Holbrook	257	7	2	7	..	2	..	4	..	4	53	2	1	..	1	..	55	257
Anselmo	258	12	5	9	4	7	5	1	..	1	55	6	1	..	..	2	60	258
Bee	259	2	..	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	26	2	..	..	2	..	26	259
Springview	260	6	1	6	3	1	1	..	..	..	20	3	1	..	1	1	22	260
Ornan	261	4	..	3	4	1	3	..	..	..	37	1	3	..	..	..	41	261
Endeavor	262	2	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	39	1	..	..	..	..	40	262
Mitchell	263	5	5	7	2	3	1	..	1	1	52	4	1	..	1	1	55	263
Franklin	264	7	8	5	1	10	..	..	..	..	36	12	4	..	3	1	48	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	7	6	6	..	7	1	..	..	..	48	6	3	..	1	..	56	265
Silver	266	1	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	24	..	2	..	..	..	26	266

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James A. Tulleys...	267	1	2	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	53	2	...	...	5	1	...	49	267	
George W. Lininger	268	2	4	1	4	5	1	...	...	...	80	8	14	...	2	...	...	100	268	
Riverside .....	269	3	4	6	1	1	2	1	...	1	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	269	
Huntley .....	270	2	4	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	270	
Oasis .....	271	2	3	2	1	3	2	...	...	...	31	2	...	...	...	...	...	33	271	
Lee P. Gillette .....	272	2	7	3	2	6	1	...	...	...	35	7	...	...	1	...	...	41	272	
Crofton .....	273	3	5	4	4	4	1	...	...	...	29	7	1	...	...	...	...	37	273	
Olive Branch .....	274	4	3	3	3	4	3	...	...	...	40	4	1	...	2	...	...	43	274	
Ramah .....	275	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	19	1	...	...	...	...	...	20	275	
Antelope .....	276	1	5	...	...	6	3	...	...	...	17	3	1	...	...	...	...	21	276	
Sioux .....	277	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	31	2	...	...	1	...	...	32	277	
Litchfield .....	278	...	8	1	3	7	3	...	...	...	38	7	3	...	...	1	...	47	278	
Wallace .....	279	1	2	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	10	5	...	...	1	...	...	26	279	
Swastika U. D. ...	...	...	7	1	...	6	2	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	
Florence U. D. ...	...	...	23	3	...	20	4	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	
Extinct .....	...	65	...	65	14	...	14	199	...	196	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	
<b>Grand Totals .....</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>2309</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>2338</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>1359</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>3914</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>3986</b>	<b>19269</b>	<b>1304</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>...</b>

## RETURNS.

Number of chartered lodges.....	253	
Number of lodges under dispensation.....	2	
Total.....	255	
Number initiated during the year.....	1,398	
Number passed during the year.....	1,359	
Number raised during the year.....		1,304
Number affiliated during the year.....		283
Number reinstated during the year.....		103
Number gained by other causes during the year.....		16
Total gross increase.....		1,706
Number demitted during the year.....		384
Number suspended during the year.....		191
Number died during the year.....		250
Number expelled during the year.....		1
Number lost by other causes during the year.....		5
Total loss.....		831
Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1913.....		875
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1912.....		19,269
Number of Master Masons on the rolls March 31st, 1913.....		20,144

## FEES, DUES, AND OTHER ITEMS.

Fees on 1,398 initiations during the year at \$5.00 each.....	\$ 6,990.00
Dues on 19,269 members less 10 members of a lodge chartered last year, at \$1.50 each.....	28,888.50
Due for supplies.....	1,324.90
	<u>\$37,203.40</u>
Due lodges for exemption certificates.....	\$ 292.50
Due the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	14,298.00
	<u>14,590.50</u>
Net amount due the Grand Lodge.....	\$22,612.90

At half past twelve o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until half past two o'clock P. M.

## FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, June 3d, 1913.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the previous session, Grand Master Cain presiding. The roll of committees appointed

by the Grand Master was called, the members present being as follows:

*Jurisprudence.*—All Past Grand Masters present, with M. W. Harry A. Cheney, the junior, as chairman.

*Codification of the Law.*—Bros. William A. DeBord, 3; Wilbur W. Anness, 272; Earl B. Brooks, 23.

*Foreign Correspondence.*—Bros. Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; Edwin G. Whitford, 9.

*Fraternal Dead.*—Bros. Albert W. Crites, 158; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; George A. Beecher, 268.

*Relief.*—Bros. Ornan J. King, 54; Alpha Morgan, 148; Albert W. Crites, 158; Robert E. Evans, 5; Frank H. Young, 207.

*Promulgation of the Work.*—Bros. John J. Mercer, 3; George H. Thummel, 33; Charles E. Burnham, 166.

*Grievances.*—Bros. Carroll D. Evans, 58; Charles A. Chappell, 127; Charles F. Chapman, 32.

*Doings of Grand Officers.*—Bros. George H. Thummel, 33; John S. Clinkenbeard, 2; James Bowen, 105; Samuel Patten, 92.

*Accounts.*—Bros. James H. H. Hewett, 183; Robert B. Walker, 170; Dwight H. Griswold, 195; George Burgert, 46; William Everson, 116.

*Charters and Dispensations.*—Bros. Walter W. Wells, 192; Walter Sorensen, 208; Silas A. Beeman, 19; Stephen W. Orton, 97.

*Credentials.*—Bros. William C. Johns, 200; J. Theodore Brammann, 25; William D. Spicknall, 261; Clarence B. Gray, 135.

*Ways and Means.*—Bros. John R. Tapster, 119; Fred S. Davis, 15; Charles R. Imler, 77.

*Grand Lodge Office.*—Bros. John J. Mercer, 3; William A. Robertson, 6; Morris H. Evans, 220; Ed J. Pierce, 146; Mark E. Schneringer, 207.

*Returns.*—Bros. William Cosh, 11; Wilbur G. Liggett, 56; Albert Grier, 36.

*Pay-Roll.*—Bros. William E. Minier, 91; Robinson B. McFadon, 158; Chancy B. Palmer, Jr. 255; William Campbell, 65.

*Visiting Brethren.*—Bros. William S. Rowe, 1; Homer E. Race, 3; George C. Lamb, 210; Halbert H. Roberts, 184.

*Unfinished Business.*—Bros. Charles E. Burnham, 166; James H. Miller, 33.

Past Grand Master Thummel offered the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF  
GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers recommends as follows:

That there be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence from the Grand Master's address—

- (a) The reference to Sec. 103 of the law;
- (b) All decisions;
- (c) Reference to Sec. 36 of the law;
- (d) Reference to waiver of jurisdiction.

To the Committee on the Nebraska Masonic Home, from the address of the Grand Master, so much as pertains to the—

- (a) Nebraska Masonic Home;
- (b) Action by this Grand Lodge relative to the amendment of Article VI. of the Articles of Incorporation.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations—

- (a) All petitions of lodges under dispensation desiring charters.

To the Committee on Grievances—

- (a) All matters of appeal and of discipline.

To the Committee on Accounts—

- (a) Report of the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home relating to the Orphans Educational Fund;
- (b) Report of the Committee on Relief;
- (c) The financial part of the report of the Grand Secretary.

To the Committee on Codification of the Law—

- (a) So much as refers to Paragraph *g*, Sec. 148 and Sec. 123 of the law; and the committee is instructed to report an amendment, harmonizing the same in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master.

To the Committee on Promulgation of the Work—

- (a) That portion of the address of the Grand Master referring to the work;
- (b) Also the report of the Grand Custodian and Assistants to the Grand Custodian.

That so much of the address of the Grand Master and the report of the Grand Secretary as refers to—

- (a) Uniform receipts for dues:

- (b) New form of diplomas;
- (c) Disposing of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges,

be referred to a special committee consisting of Past Grand Masters Evans, Burnham, and DeBord.

That there be referred to the Grand Lodge direct, so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to—

- (a) The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association;
- (b) The recommendation of the Grand Master that our law be amended so that one ballot will elect to all degrees;
- (c) The Grand Secretary's office and suggestions regarding same;
- (d) The qualification of Masters-elect necessary before installation;
- (e) The matter of insurance of lodge property;
- (f) Delinquent lodges as mentioned in the report of the Committee on Returns.

That all other official acts of the Grand Master and other Grand Officers not specifically referred to in this report be approved.

The year just closing has been one of great prosperity for the Masons of Nebraska. More than normal increase in membership, great uplift in moral tone, more and more of harmony and brotherly love, greater charity for the unfortunate, ever increasing bounty dispensed, all of which proves that the principles of Masonry are deeply rooted in the hearts of the brethren.

The Craft is to be congratulated upon the most efficient work of the Grand Master and other Grand Officers.

During the year we have been very proud of our Grand Master; his zeal, coupled with sterling worth and great executive ability, have borne abundant fruit.

We tender to him our appreciation of his year of service, and our best wishes for years of usefulness among us.

The following report, presented by Past Grand Master Burnham, was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business fraternally reports that the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1912 have been carefully examined, and that the following matters should be acted upon at this session:

The matter of founding an Orphans Home, which was referred to a committee of three. (See page 775, proceedings of 1912.)

An amendment to Section 67, Chapter XIII, of the law. (See page 776, proceedings of 1912.)

The matter of uniform receipts for dues. (See page 785, proceedings of 1912.)

The matter of an appeal of a member of Endeavor Lodge No. 262. (See pages 790, 791, and 793.)

We find no other matters carried over from last year, for consideration.

The following query from Parallel Lodge No. 152, Liberty, was presented, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

—————made application to this lodge on a regular blank petition, February 29th, 1912, for the mysteries of Masonry, and to become a member of the lodge. He was elected March 28th, 1912, and received the Entered Apprentice degree April 5th, 1912; was passed to the Fellow Craft degree July 6th, 1912, and objection was filed by a brother of the lodge against his advancement.

Question: Can we refund to the party the \$20.00 he has paid the lodge, it not appearing to be his fault that he can not complete his membership?

A petition for a dispensation to form a lodge at Mullen was read, and referred to the incoming Grand Master.

An invitation of the Committee on Representatives of the Medical Lodges in London, to attend a lodge meeting of Medical Freemasons who are members of the XVIIth International Congress of Medicine, to be held on August 11th, 1913, in the Grand Temple at Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, London, England, was read, and those interested were requested to communicate with the Grand Secretary for further information.

Past Grand Master Cheney presented the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

*To the M.·W.·, the Grand Lodge, A.·F.·& A.·M.·:*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom were referred certain portions of the address of the Grand Master, submit the following report:

Your committee recommends that the recommendation of the Grand Master as to reciprocal waivers of jurisdiction of subordinate lodges on state lines be approved, and we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*“Be it Resolved:* That the provision of Section 103 of our law be and hereby is declared effective and in force between the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa and this Grand Jurisdiction, and that the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to notify the Grand Lodge of Iowa of this action.”

We recommend that decisions Nos. 1, 2, 5, and 6 be approved, and that decision No. 3 be amended so that it shall read: “Naturalization of any alien is not a necessary qualification of a petitioner for the degrees,” and that as so amended it be approved.

We recommend that the answer in decision No. 4 be amended by inserting after the words “good cause,” the words “by announcement in open lodge,” and as so amended that it be approved.

That Section 36 of the law be amended so that it shall read as follows:

“A petition for a dispensation for a new lodge must be presented for recommendation of the nearest chartered lodge (or lodges in a city where there are more than one). The action of such lodge or lodges thereon shall be advisory only, but the Grand Master shall issue a dispensation only when a thorough investigation shall disclose that it will be for the best interest of the Fraternity.”

And that Section 107 of the law be amended so that it shall read:

“All petitions for initiation, affiliation, waiver of jurisdiction, and for a dispensation to open and hold a new lodge, must be referred to a committee, and lie over one lunar month.”

Unanimous consent being asked for and granted to consider the amendments to the law, on motion of Past Grand Master Crites, the above amendments to Sections 36 and 107 of the law were unanimously adopted.

Past Grand Master Reese moved that the unofficial decision of the Grand Master in regard to lodge meetings being held over halls where moving picture exhibitions are held on Sundays and Sunday evenings, be the judgment of the Grand Lodge. Past Grand Master Warren moved that this subject be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report at the next session. Past Grand Master Evans moved to amend the motion by referring the subject to the Committee on Codification of the Law, to report an amendment to be offered at this communication; the latter motion prevailed.

Brother Brammann, 25, for the committee, presented the report on credentials, which was adopted, subject to correc-

tions during the session. As finally adopted the report is as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction were represented except the following: Numbers 4, 13, 27, 29, 35, 53, 60, 70, 72, 90, 108, 110, 113, 121, 128, 163, 203, 205, 217, 260, 270, and of these none were reported as not being represented at the 55th annual communication.

#### GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W.	JAMES R. CAIN, JR.	Grand Master,
R. W.	ALPHA MORGAN	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W.	THOMAS M. DAVIS	Grand Senior Warden,
R. W.	SAMUEL S. WHITING	Grand Junior Warden,
R. W.	FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Secretary,
V. W.	GEORGE A. BEECHER	Grand Chaplain,
	W. HARVEY H. HARMON	Grand Orator,
M. W.	ROBERT E. FRENCH	Grand Custodian,
	W. ANDREW H. VIELE	Grand Marshal,
	W. FREDERIC L. TEMPLE	Grand Senior Deacon,
	W. AMBROSE C. EPPERSON	Grand Junior Deacon,
BRO.	REUBEN FORBES	Grand Tyler.

#### PAST GRAND MASTERS.

M. W. Harry P. Deuel, Martin Dunham, George H. Thummel, James R. Cain, Sr., Edwin F. Warren, Manoah B. Reese, John J. Mercer, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, James P. A. Black, Henry H. Wilson, Charles J. Phelps, Frank H. Young, Albert W. Crites, Robert E. Evans, Nathaniel M. Ayers, Charles E. Burnham, Ornan J. King, William A. DeBord, Harry A. Cheney.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska . . . . .	No. 1	William S. Rowe . . . . .	Edward S. Thompson.	Edgar L. Hoag . . . . .
Western Star . . . . .	2	John S. Clinkenbeard.		
Capitol . . . . .	3	Homer E. Race . . . . .	Harry P. VanArsdale.	William P. Wherry . . . . .
Nemaha Valley . . . . .	4			
Omaha . . . . .	5	*Robert E. Evans . . . . .		
Plattsmouth . . . . .	6	William A. Robertson . . . . .		*Guy D. McMakin . . . . .
Falls City . . . . .	9	Edwin G. Whitford . . . . .		
Solomon . . . . .	10		Parke G. Beales . . . . .	
Covert . . . . .	11	William Cosh . . . . .	George R. Porter . . . . .	Charles S. McGill . . . . .
Orient . . . . .	13			
Peru . . . . .	14	James A. Vance . . . . .		
Fremont . . . . .	15	Fred S. Davis . . . . .	Fred C. Laird . . . . .	
Tecumseh . . . . .	17	Frank L. Brundage . . . . .	Reuben F. Reynolds . . . . .	Louie L. Fuller . . . . .
Lincoln . . . . .	19	Silas A. Beeman . . . . .	William Pieper . . . . .	John Wright . . . . .
Washington . . . . .	21	*John P. White . . . . .	*John P. White . . . . .	*John P. White . . . . .
Pawnee . . . . .	23	Earl B. Brooks . . . . .		
Saint Johns . . . . .	25	J. Theodore Brammann . . . . .	Thomas Johnson . . . . .	Alfred M. Longwell . . . . .
Beatrice . . . . .	26	*William W. Wright . . . . .	*William W. Wright . . . . .	Fred D. Stone . . . . .
Jordan . . . . .	27			
Hope . . . . .	29			
Blue River . . . . .	30	Henry J. Matzke . . . . .		
Tekamah . . . . .	31		Burt C. Enyart . . . . .	
Platte Valley . . . . .	32	Charles F. Chapman . . . . .		
Ashlar . . . . .	33	James H. Miller . . . . .	Claude A. Huss . . . . .	
Acacia . . . . .	34	*Thomas Allen . . . . .		
Fairbury . . . . .	35			
Lone Tree . . . . .	36	Albert Grier . . . . .		
Crete . . . . .	37	*Charles J. Bowlby . . . . .		Edward W. Marcellus . . . . .
Oliver . . . . .	38		William Rosborough . . . . .	
Papillion . . . . .	39	Campbell D. Brown . . . . .	Horace D. Patterson . . . . .	
Humboldt . . . . .	40	*Milton Kotouc . . . . .		
Northern Light . . . . .	41			Clinton Chase . . . . .
Juniata . . . . .	42	*William E. Cadwalader . . . . .		
Hebron . . . . .	43	*Charles S. Keith . . . . .		Charles S. Keith . . . . .
Harvard . . . . .	44	*Ezra Brown . . . . .		
Rob Morris . . . . .	46	George Burgert . . . . .	Max H. Brigham . . . . .	
Fairmont . . . . .	48	Charles H. Little . . . . .		
Evening Star . . . . .	49	*James E. Marsh . . . . .		
Hastings . . . . .	50	*Fred. J. Schaufelberger . . . . .		
Fidelity . . . . .	51	Thomas J. Hinds . . . . .	John M. Zentz . . . . .	
Hiram . . . . .	52	Ernest Wager . . . . .	Clyde M. Carrington . . . . .	
Charity . . . . .	53			
Lancaster . . . . .	54		Roy V. Pepperberg . . . . .	
Mosaic . . . . .	55	*Harry S. Thorpe . . . . .	Harry S. Thorpe . . . . .	*Silas G. Dean . . . . .
York . . . . .	56	Wilbur G. Liggett . . . . .	Ira C. Freet . . . . .	
Mount Moriah . . . . .	57	*Baelis S. Littlefield . . . . .		
Lebanon . . . . .	58	Carroll D. Evans . . . . .		
Wahoo . . . . .	59	*Charles L. Mielenz . . . . .		
Melrose . . . . .	60			
Thistle . . . . .	61	Frederic L. Temple . . . . .		
Keystone . . . . .	62	George Dixon . . . . .		William C. Silvernail . . . . .

\*Proxy.

## REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Riverton	NO. 63	* <i>John D. Fulton</i>		
Blue Valley	" 64		Jesse I. Moore	
Osceola	" 65	William Campbell		
Edgar	" 67	Butler Hart		
Aurora	" 68	George H. Murphy		
Sterling	" 70			
Trowel	" 71	Willis W. Cole		
Hooper	" 72			
Friend	" 73	Oliver L. Jewitt		
Alexandria	" 74	William C. Beer	* <i>Benjamin L. Terry</i>	
Frank Welch	" 75	Herman Schroeder		
Joppa	" 76	* <i>Thomas R. Robertson</i>		
Nelson	" 77	Charles R. Imler		
Albion	" 78	James E. Delancy		
Geneva	" 79	Charles J. Warner		George E. Leonard John F. Ayres
Composite	" 81			
Saint Paul	" 82	C. Lee Pickett		
Corinthian	" 83	Charles S. Grabin		
Fairfield	" 84		Thomas J. Fowler, Jr.	
Tyre	" 85	Gilbert F. Sandritter		
Doniphan	" 86		Isaac T. Ward	
Ionic	" 87	* <i>George G. Bayha</i>		
Star	" 88	Robert C. Langley		
Cedar River	" 89		Joseph A. Storch	
Elk Creek	" 90			
Oakland	" 91	William E. Minier	Andrew R. Holt	
Hubbell	" 92	Samuel Patten		
Beaver City	" 93		Frank A. Brewster	
Bennett	" 94	Henry F. May	Guy B. McKee	
Garfield	" 95	Robert R. Dickson		
Utica	" 96	John E. McLain	* <i>Thomas L. Davies</i>	
Euclid	" 97	Stephen W. Orton		Clark S. Newlon
Republican	" 98	Wallace L. Washburn		
Shelton	" 99		William C. Bentley	
Creighton	" 100	Leroy L. Seeley		
Ponca	" 101	* <i>Franklin D. Fales</i>		
Waterloo	" 102	Albert C. Hedberg	Charles U. Streitz	
Ord	" 103	* <i>James Milford</i>		Ed L. Beranik
Wymore	" 104	Floyd N. High		
Stella	" 105	James Bowen		
Porter	" 106	Arthur M. Bennett		
Table Rock	" 108			
Pomegranate	" 110			
DeWitt	" 111	* <i>Gustav R. Klein</i>		
Springfield	" 112	* <i>Thomas Nelson</i>		
Globe	" 113			
Wisner	" 114	* <i>Clark B. Evans</i>		
Harlan	" 116	William Everson		
Hardy	" 117		James C. Gavin	* <i>James C. Gavin</i>
Doric	" 118			Claude Byers
North Bend	" 119	John R. Tapster	Charles A. Miller	Charles K. Watson

\*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Wayne	120		*John T. Dressler	
Superior	121			
Auburn	124	Alexander R. Peery	Edward Grant	
Mount Nebo	125	Benjamin Person	Erick A. Lundberg	
Stromsburg	126	John C. Malster		
Minden	127	Charles A. Chappell	Clinton H. Tarkington	
Guide Rock	128			
Blue Hill	129	Dean W. Fay		
Tuscan	130	*Earl M. Bolen		Earl M. Bolen
Scribner	132	Harold Christy	Richard A. B. Lane	
Elm Creek	133		Edward F. Asay	
Solar	134	*Albert M. Johnson	Albert M. Johnson	
McCook	135	Clarence B. Gray	Fred A. Munden	*Alonzo Cone
Long Pine	136	*Lewis E. Smith		*Lewis E. Smith
Upright	137	Carl A. Yarpe	*Andrew D. Barclay	
Rawalt	138	Charles P. Hamilton		
Clay Centre	139	Earl Fryar	Arthur S. Kyne	
Western	140	*Peter Waldorf		
Crescent	143	Stanley Maly		
Kenesaw	144	Allan S. Howard		
Bancroft	145	*Edward F. Mack		
Jachin	146	Ed J. Pierce		
Siloam	147	William N. Coats		
Emmet Crawford	148	Chalmers H. England		
Jewel	149	Sidney L. Mumau		
Cambridge	150	James W. Hammond	Phillip J. McManus	
Square	151	*James M. Jamison		
Parallel	152	*George Sutter	George Sutter	
Evergreen	153	Arthur Oelke	Niels M. Nelson	
Lily	154	Albert N. Long	I. Good Beam	
Hartington	155	*Elmer F. Robinson	Elmer F. Robinson	
Pythagoras	156	Andrew J. Davis		
Valley	157	*Preston T. Soverns		
Samaritan	158	Robinson B. McFadon		
Ogalalla	159	Leroy A. DeVoe		
Zeredatha	160			Joseph A. Mosher
Mount Zion	161	Milton J. Arner		
Trestle Board	162	*Sidney W. Maynard	Edward B. Souders	*Benjamin H. Bailey
Unity	163			
Atkinson	164	*Alexander Searle		
Barneston	165	John A. Anderson	*Seth S. Ratliff	*Alvin D. Spencer
Mystic Tie	166	Benjamin H. Mills	Adolph N. Snider	
Elwood	167	Charles A. Yeoman		
Curtis	168	Charles S. Adams	Frank C. Thorne	
Amity	169		Joseph Bell	
Mason City	170	Robert B. Walker		
Merna	171	Ernest M. Coleman		
Grafton	172	*Peter W. Walters		
Robert Burns	173	Francis M. Pfrimmer		
Culbertson	174	Arvene C. Eisenhart		
Temple	175	Ausmer C. Tilton		Fred Cornelius

\*Proxy.

## REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gladstone.....	No. 176	James H. Kerr.....	N. Dwight Ford .....	
Hay Springs... "	177	William Waterman... "		
Prudence..... "	179	James R. Barnes .....		
Justice .....	180		John F. Hagerman .....	
Faith..... "	181	Orville R. Ivins .....		
Incense..... "	182	William G. McFarland .....		
Alliance..... "	183	James H. H. Hewett .....		
Bee Hive..... "	184	Halbert H. Roberts... "	Frank E. Ames .....	
Boaz .....	185	*William H. Harris .....	William L. Harris .....	
Israel..... "	187	Anson B. Andrew .....		
Meridian..... "	188	Charles H. Sandquist.. "		
Granite..... "	189	*Oscar K. Campbell .....	Oscar K. Campbell .....	*Oscar K. Campbell .....
Amethyst..... "	190	Allen C. Kirby .....		
Crystal..... "	191		Frank Miller .....	
Minnekadusa... "	192	Walter W. Wells..... "		
Signet..... "	193	Jacob A. Kibler .....		
Highland..... "	194	*John A. Johnston .....		
Arcana..... "	195	Dwight H. Griswold .....	Lynn S. Thompson .....	Fay C. Hill..... "
Level..... "	196		George J. Dold..... "	
Morning Star.. "	197		James E. Hart..... "	
Purity..... "	198	*Fred Hoffmeister .....		
Gavel..... "	199	Nathan C. Eastabrooks .....		
Blazing Star... "	200	William C. Johns .....	William C. Parsons... "	
Scotts Bluff... "	201	*Fred D. Wolt .....		
Golden Sheaf... "	202	*Walter H. Weber .....		
Roman Eagle... "	203			
Plainview..... "	204		Fred W. Ebinger..... "	
Golden Fleece.. "	205			
Naphali..... "	206	William A. Snyder... "	Arthur L. Price..... "	
Parian..... "	207	Mark E. Schneringer .....		
Gauge..... "	208	Walter Sorensen .....		
Canopy..... "	209	*William Atchison .....		
East Lincoln... "	210	George C. Lamb..... "	A. Otis Strickler... "	
Cement..... "	211	A. Shuford Wiseman .....		
Compass&Square "	212	*Marcus E. Bush..... "		
Square&Compass "	213	*Erie W. Northrup..... "		
Plumblin..... "	214	George H. Kretzer .....		
Occidental..... "	215	*Orson A. Scott..... "		
Palisade..... "	216	*Oliver W. Willis..... "		Oliver W. Willis .....
Wauneta..... "	217			
Bloomfield..... "	218	Henry C. Peterson..... "		
Relief..... "	219	George H. Peck..... "	*Frank H. Peck..... "	
Magnolia..... "	220	Morris H. Evans .....		
Wood Lake..... "	221	Oscar W. McDaniel... "		
Landmark..... "	222	Elzy King .....	G. Otis Yowell..... "	
Eminence..... "	223	Charles S. Fry .....		
Silver Cord..... "	224	Walter H. Williams... "		
Cable..... "	225	*John F. McGuire..... "	*John Finch..... "	*Pierre Steffen..... "
Grace..... "	226	*Arell L. Marsteller .....	Arell L. Marsteller .....	
North Star..... "	227	Isaac D. Ames..... "		William L. Prewitt... "
Bartley..... "	228	*Roy E. Walkington..... "	Roy E. Walkington .....	

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REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Comet	No. 229		Frank T. Wright	
Delta	230	*Eugene E. Fellers		
Mount Hermon	231	*William Whalen	*William Whalen	*William Whalen
John S. Bowen	232	John Blaco	Clyde C. Cook	
Gilead	233	Perry F. Trimble		
Zion	234	William H. Prettyman		
Fraternity	235			Frank S. Tracy
Golden Rule	236	Elmer Surber		
Cubit	237	*Smith H. Carpenter	Smith H. Carpenter	
Friendship	239	Adolph J. Frimann		
Pilot	240	Andrew R. Hanson		Charles M. Viles
Geo. Armstrong	241		William T. Minier	
Tyrian	243	Grover G. Scroggin		
Sincerity	244	Frank E. Martin		
Hampton	245		William C. Paschke	Grant Newman
Nehawka	246	James M. Palmer		
Corner-stone	247	Henry E. Daily	Jesse R. Long	
Laurel	248	Nelson Utter		
Gothenburg	249	Milan S. Moore		Parker M. Whitehead
Geo. Washington	250	Archibald Adams	Harvey C. Daily	
Wausa	251	Peter H. Peterson		
Hildreth	252	Herman S. Kirkbride		
Beemer	253	George W. VanAuker		
Bassett	254	Frank L. Hutton		
Bradshaw	255	*Chancy B. Palmer, Jr.		
Hickman	256	Aaron J. Vail		
Holbrook	257	Frank Purvis		
Anselmo	258	Daniel T. Kepler		
Bee	259		Arthur Craige	
Springview	260			
Ornan	261	William D. Spicknall	*Edward J. Wiese	Edward J. Wiese
Endeavor	262	Arthur C. Crabtree	*William A. McCool	
Mitchell	263		Alfred J. Stewart	
Franklin	264	*James S. Bell		
Robt. W. Furnas	265		Clarence G. Steen	
Silver	266	Solomon C. Towslee		
Jas. A. Tulleys	267	*George E. Bacon		
Geo. W. Lininger	268		Richard C. Jordan	William Kiewit
Riverside	269		C. Clarence Beeman	
Huntley	270			
Oasis	271	Orsemus W. Asa		Wilbur C. Jones
Lee P. Gillette	272	Wilber W. Anness	Elmer P. Swain	
Crofton	273	Don D. Talcott		
Olive Branch	274	*Lewis Dunn	Charles H. Taylor	
Ramah	275		George O. Fairchild	
Antelope	276		Charles H. Stockdale	*William E. Brooks
Sioux	277	Fern S. Baker		
Litchfield	278	*Charles W. Benson	Charles W. Benson	
Wallace	279	*James S. Robbins		

\*Proxy.

Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges: Alabama, Alpha Morgan; British Columbia, Thomas M. Davis; Colorado, Charles J. Phelps; Connecticut, Samuel P. Davidson; Delaware, Carroll D. Evans; Egypt, Harry A. Cheney; Florida, Ambrose C. Epperson; Georgia, Edwin F. Warren; Idaho, Fred A. Howe; Illinois, George H. Thummel; Indiana, Harry P. Deuel; Kansas, James P. A. Black; Louisiana, Robert E. Evans; Maine, Thomas K. Sudborough; Minnesota, George A. Beecher; Montana, John J. Mercer; New Hampshire, Frederic L. Temple; New Jersey, James R. Cain, Sr.; New York, William A. DeBord; Nova Scotia, Henry H. Wilson; Prince Edward Island, Charles E. Burnham; Quebec, James Tyler; South Carolina, James R. Cain, Jr.; South Dakota, Manoah B. Reese; Tennessee, Francis E. White; Texas, Martin Dunham; Utah, Robert E. French; Vermont, Frank H. Young; Washington, Andrew H. Viele; Western Australia, Ornan J. King; Wisconsin, Albert W. Crites.

Brother Hewett, 183, offered the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

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

Your Committee on Accounts respectfully and fraternally report that we have carefully examined the reports and books of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, and the securities in the hands of the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home as Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, and the accounts of the Committee on Relief.

We find the balance in the Grand Lodge treasury, as shown by the accounts of the Grand Secretary, and the funds on deposit in the Norfolk National Bank to the credit of this Grand Lodge, to be

.....	\$28,233.08
Balance in the hands of the Committee on Relief.....	3,100.43

In the Orphans Educational Fund, in real estate securities.....\$70,950.00  
of which \$468.84 should be credited to the funds of the Nebraska Masonic Home, having been drawn from that fund temporarily.

Your committee believe, from an inspection of the securities belonging to this fund, that they are excellent, all being first mortgages on real estate, except two which were made to Masonic Temple Associations; and the business pertaining to this fund is being handled in a most commendable manner, as is evidenced by the fact that there is not one cent of interest past due.

The Grand Custodian has conducted his office at an expense of \$605.54, and had an unexpended balance on hand of \$45.72.

We have examined the expense account of the Grand Master, and find that by commendable economy and personal labor on his part, he has kept the expenditure within the appropriation of \$300.00 and has not used the amount appropriated by the Grand Lodge for his clerk hire, having done the clerical work himself.

The following report, presented by Past Grand Master Mercer, was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

*To the Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office reports that a visit to the rooms occupied by the Grand Secretary for office purposes shows them to be satisfactory, the Masonic Temple Craft Association of Omaha endeavoring to keep them in good repair and in proper condition. We renew our recommendation of last year in regard to the Grand Secretary purchasing a dictaphone, if he finds that the same will be serviceable; also in regard to renting a suitable room in some fire-proof building, when it becomes necessary to store the electrotype plates and bound volumes of our proceedings.

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase a new office clock, at a cost not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

We know of no other articles in the way of office supplies or furniture that are necessary at this time.

Brother Wells, 192, chairman of the committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

*To the Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, after a careful consideration of the matters referred to us, recommend that charters be granted to Swastika Lodge U.·D.·., under the name of Swastika Lodge No. 280, and Florence Lodge U.·D.·., under the name of Florence Lodge No. 281.

We would particularly recommend to your favorable notice and comment, the work, records, and general fine showing of Florence Lodge U.·D.·.

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

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Codification of the Law be instructed to prepare and present at this communication, an amendment to the law providing that when the complete returns from any subordinate lodge shall not have been received by the Grand Secretary by April 20th, he shall notify the Grand Master who shall by himself, the Grand Custodian, or an assistant to the Grand Custodian, make personal examination of such lodge or lodges, and secure returns as complete as may be, and in the absence of good reason for the delay of the lodge, the expense of such visitation shall be charged to the lodge on the books of the Grand Secretary, and shall be collected with the lodge dues and fees.

The following report of the Committee on Relief was presented by Past Grand Master Young, and was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

*To the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:*

Your Committee on Relief and Orphans Educational Fund fraternally reports the following receipts and disbursements since June 1st, 1912:

##### RECEIPTS.

June 1st, 1912, Balance on hand.....	\$3,273.20
June 8th, 1912, Received from the Grand Lodge Relief Fund.....	2,081.97
Febr. 24th, 1913, Received from Gladstone Lodge No. 176, re- fund .....	91.14
May 29th, 1913, Received for interest on daily balance, 4% to June 1st.....	160.00
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	\$5,606.31

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Member of Relief Lodge No. 219.....	\$ 100.00
Member of Beaver City Lodge No. 93.....	125.00
Widow of a member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.....	25.00
Member of Gladstone Lodge No. 176, and his wife.....	248.86
Taxes on Grand Lodge property at Sargent.....	5.02
Widow of a member of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, and five children .....	100.00
Widow of a member of Siloam Lodge No. 147, and two chil- dren.....	375.00
Member of Bennett Lodge No. 94, and his wife.....	55.00
Member of Meridian Lodge No. 188, wife and two children....	270.00
Member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, and his wife.....	168.00
Member of Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, and his wife.....	135.00

Widow of a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33.....	275.00
Widow of a member of Israel Lodge No. 187, and five children	200.00
Children of a deceased member of Covert Lodge No. 11.....	60.00
Children of a deceased member of Covert Lodge No. 11.....	36.00
Widow of a member of Ashland Lodge No. 18, extinct.....	128.00
Widow of a member of Covert Lodge No. 11.....	120.00
Widow of a member of Peru Lodge No. 14.....	10.00
Member of Fairbury Lodge No. 35.....	15.00
Member of Covert Lodge No. 11.....	25.00
Widow of a member of Parian Lodge No. 207.....	30.00
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	\$2,505.88
Certificate of deposit for balance herewith.....	3,100.43
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	\$5,606.31

After the adoption of this report President Young, of the Nebraska Masonic Home, stated that he had arranged with the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star to take the cottage belonging to the Home, furnish it, and care for the children there, the persons in charge of the cottage and the children to be given their meals at the Home proper. This arrangement with the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was to be experimental only, and would be tried for a year, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home having authorized the President to enter into the same. On motion of Past Grand Master Phelps the action of the President in regard to the arrangement for caring for the orphan children was approved.

Brother Smith, 136, for the committee appointed at the last session to consider the matter of founding an Orphans Home, presented the following report which was adopted, and on motion the committee was continued:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOUNDING AN ORPHANS HOME.

*To the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:*

Your committee appointed to investigate the advisability of establishing an Orphans Home, fraternally reports:

That a meeting of the committee was called by the chairman, December 12th, in Omaha, and a letter was formulated, asking for

statistics in regard to the numbers and needs of the orphans of Masons throughout the state.

After being approved by the Grand Master, James R. Cain, Jr., a copy of this letter was sent to each lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction.

166 lodges, or 66%, sent complete reports.

87 lodges, or 34%, did not reply.

The data from lodges making complete reports is as follows:

Orphans—55.

Half Orphans—323.

Half Orphans—Mother living—167.

Half Orphans—Father living—156.

Orphans needing assistance—18.

Orphans not needing assistance—360.

This data is herewith presented for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Evans moved and it was carried that the matter of sending children to military or other schools be left to the discretion of the Board of Trustees and the President of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Past Grand Master Phelps moved that the request of the President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, to solicit memberships in the association in Nebraska, be granted; the motion did not carry.

At half past five o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until the sound of the gavel in the East, at eight o'clock P. M.

## FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, June 3d, 1913.

Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., called the Grand Lodge to labor at eight o'clock P. M., all of the officers being as at the previous session.

Worshipful Brother Harvey H. Harmon was introduced by the Grand Master, and delivered the following

## ORATION.

*Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brother Masons:*

Votaries of institutions and exponents of principles have ever found occasion to express the pride and gratitude of their hearts for all worthy successes and achievements which their causes have merited. Men have gloried in governments, in religions, in societies, and in schools of thought. Eloquence of spoken word and classic of pen have been indulged that no wreath of advocacy might be withheld.

Some have been mistaken and misguided zealots, while others have been prophets and seers of new days. Yet the long pathway of human history has been lined with the blood-red earnestness and sublime devotion of those who believed their institutions and principles the acme of highest good.

We feel no strangeness therefore, that through long centuries, men should have found in the institution of Masonry grounds for just pride, and have been ever ready to give praiseworthy reasons for their devoted adherence to the principles of our Fraternity.

The history of Masonry reaching back into the dim past of former ages offers a just reason for pride. The light of past centuries is streaming down upon us, enlightening our minds and opening our hearts. Among the many shining orbs whose effulgent light reaches our shores to sanctify human endeavor and hallow all living, is the brilliant sun of speculative Masonry. Its glory has not been dimmed by the procession of years. Like sands slipping from the shores of continents by the washing of rolling waves, have nations of governments and men fallen into abyssmal depths. Through pestilence, war, famine, and disease have pigmies and giants bowed themselves to earth's embrace. By sweeping sands and earthquake shock have pyramids, mausoleums, and lofty towers been buried. By the conquering of barbarian hoards have the arts, sciences, and philosophies of empires been lost forever. But the principles of the Masonic Fraternity, born out of the heart of Diety, have borne their fruits of blessing in all seasons and through all centuries.

Not only has the Fraternity weathered every storm of hostile criticism and deadly antagonism that has waged against it, but its onward movement from age to age, from century to century, and from decade to decade has been a ministry of highest good to those who crossed the threshold into its hallowed mysteries, and unto the countless millions who have been the recipients of blessings vouchsafed unto them by the life and service of its votaries.

Should we hear the roll-call of the good and great who through the centuries have wrought their lives into literature, statesmanship, and

heroic sacrifices for mankind, our reverent hearts would do homage to a galaxy of those who were bound to brother men of their generations by the same precious bonds that make Masons the world around akin to each other. Their names are legion; history does not record them all, but the All-seeing Eye hath counted everyone, and their spirits enjoy the bliss of eternal worlds.

The key which has unlocked the mysteries for the votaries of our ancient institution has been the Key of Truth, and by its use brothers have found light, freedom, and love. These privileges and graces they have been glad to share with others who were prepared in heart and who desired to receive them. The testimony of Masons concerning the benefits they have derived from membership in the lodge and fraternal intercourse with brethren has been the occasion of the most eloquent oratory in lodge room and banquet hall; and many times subdued tones have told that sorrow's hour had come and a brother's hand was the symbol of a heart-flow to one in need.

Following the light of Masonry, many an individual has turned from his past with eyes fixed on the goal of highest character and built for himself a manhood, whose reward was sweetest joy to himself, and whose life was a benediction to mankind.

It is not simply within our own counsels, with familiar words and phrases breaking upon each others' ears, as we depict the benefits which our Fraternity has vouchsafed to our own lives, that we should find the only satisfaction. Who familiar with the history of our Order has not found delight in the broader and more universal service which it has rendered mankind?

"Liberty" is one of the sweetest words that ever fell from lips; sweet because it has been coined in hearts crushed by agony, and among nations that have walked the crimson pathway under cruel persecution of kings and despots. No ears have been more open to catch the sound of that sad cry for liberty than have the ears of true Masons who themselves know the freedom of truth and the joys of unfettered opportunities.

If there be such a thing as communication of thought and spiritual good-will, then all governments should break the bonds and shackles of serfs and slaves, for the mighty impact of a truth-loving, freedom-vouchsafing brotherhood of Master Masons wishes well to all who bend the knee and ask for "*Liberty.*"

A true record of Masonry would show to the credit of the Fraternity many noble deeds and mighty inspirations to the end of the freedom of the human race. Those familiar with the history of our own country and the names of the founders of our Republic, recall gratefully the part, in the historic struggles of those days, which fell to the lot of

heroic and self-sacrificing Masons to perform, and how the foundations of our institutions were laid on the corner-stones of "freedom and equality." Thus every nation, where the symbols of Masonry have had their interpretation in the realities of life, has found among its truest guardians of liberty those who have held the tenets of this Fraternity.

"Democracy" is another word more often upon the lips of men in our age and generation than in any age of man. Its inherent idea may be traced to tribal times and in feeble worth finds expression among the nomads of history's dawn; but its broadening significance has required the long years of many centuries. Our day rises to greet its ascendancy, and prophets forecast its sweeping triumph over all lands and tongues. Kings, emperors, czars, lords, and potentates have bowed to its precepts, while those of lowly station have advanced from galling bondage to the kingship of regal manhood. Mighty agencies have functioned in this enthronement of human rights; and intermingling with these forces has been the leavening influence of Masonic teaching and life.

Drinking from the fountains of truth, love, and brotherhood, the votaries of our Fraternity have dared to scorn bigotry, and that littleness of soul, which looks with unpitying gaze upon helpless human beings, victims of circumstances imposed by those same unpitying hearts.

In those nations and among those governments where oppression has obtained, hearts have been buoyed up and feeble hands have been strengthened in the knowledge that some one cared; and the mystic tie of our fraternal bond has nerved brothers on to battle for themselves and others when lesser inspirations have failed.

The sweetness of inner joy should fill the hearts of Masons to overflowing in that human society and world civilizations are according a welcome to those principles of democracy that in ancient days brought our institution of necessity into being, and the promulgation of which among its members has been its consuming task.

"Liberty" and "Democracy" are but fruits of a life within human hearts; a life that overflows with good-will, sympathy, and love to other human beings. This life is characterized by a word which to Masons is bathed in divine light—"Brotherhood."

"The Crest, the crowning of all good,  
Life's final star is brotherhood,  
For it will bring again to earth,  
Her long lost poesy and mirth;  
Will send new light on every face,

A kingly power upon the race,  
 And till it comes we men are slaves  
 And travel down to the dust of graves.  
 Clear the way, then, clear the way,  
 Blind creeds and kings have had their day,  
 Break the dead branches from the path,  
 Our hope is in the aftermath;  
 To this event the ages ran,  
 Make way for brotherhood: make way for man."

"Knowledge" is another word whose significance has broadened from man's first conscious moment. To know his world, the universe in which he lives; to find his way physically, mentally, socially, and morally through this great school-house has been the sublime passion of hungry minds. Emerson had this truth in thought when he said: "He who knows the most, he who knows what sweets and virtues are in the ground, the waters, the plants, the heavens, and how to come at these enchantments, is the rich and royal man."

Education has led hungry minds forth to behold the limitless horizons of the world and all that is within them. Masonry has been the friend of every thinker and scholar who has led others into the rich harvest fields of truth.

The expressed desire and cry of the neophyte for "light" as he advances in Masonic work is in reality his appeal for knowledge. Therefore every institution of learning planted by lovers of truth in all lands, whose object has been the dissemination of the sciences and all vital knowledge, has found sympathetic encouragement from true Masons. With glad hearts has the officary of our Grand Lodges rendered assistance at the laying of corner-stones for public school buildings where youth are to be led into the widening pathway of truth and knowledge.

"Religion" is a word perennially of interest to millions of earth. It is infinitely more than a word, it is a life.

A great writer has defined religion as "the life of God in the soul of man." In differing forms and varying expressions it has manifested itself in all conscious human beings in every age and clime. The savage of the jungle and the cultured of the schools have been influenced by the force of this life. The fruits of religion have revealed the character of the faith which men have had. As their faith in Deity has been ennobled, life has become ennobled and men have risen to those heights of character which have blessed all mankind.

The theistic groundwork of Masonry has been the source of its power, the bulwark of its strength. More than any other cause this

has been the occasion of its perennial youth. While empires have waxed and waned, while institutions have been builded to fall, while principles have been advanced to be proved false, Masonry has grown stronger with passing centuries, and that because God has been its stay and the All-seeing Eye has watched over its fortunes. Masons have recognized the limitations of human strength. They have therefore sought the guidance of Deity, calling upon Him in prayer.

“We kneel  
And all around us seems to lower,  
We rise  
And all the distant and the near  
Stand forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.  
We kneel how weak,  
We rise how full of power.”

The infinite One hath an inexhaustible supply for all who call upon Him in prayer. Through ages Masons have availed themselves of this privilege, and the Fatherhood of God is not only a theme upon their lips, but an experience in the hearts of those who are true.

Though every other tenet of our order should fail in its practice, so long as our connection with the Infinite is direct and strong, the other principles we hold dear will be born again and our fruits will multiply. Without this primary background of the Fatherhood of God, the principle of the Brotherhood of Man would be a meaningless shibboleth. With this conception every other Mason is a brother, not simply because he is a human entity, but because he is linked to us by an indissoluble tie that has its springs in the heart of God.

When we think these thoughts of God, faith, prayer, love, brotherhood, how ennobling is our blessed cause. Man ceases to be a thing of time and sense, and becomes the inheritor of past ages and the possessor of eternity. His infinite worth is thus appreciated and his redemption is worth any cause. His passing from earth is but an incident. We call it death, but his cry is: “It’s more life and fuller that I want.” He is greater than his achievements in the realms of nature, literature, science, and art. These are but the expressions of his greater glory. We are told that Hamlet is the highest expression of literature; the Parthenon the highest expression of architecture; the Ninth Symphony the highest expression of music; and yet poet, architect, and musician has each felt himself to be something more and higher than his immortal work.

“Never a Shakespeare that soared, but a stronger  
than he did enfold him,

Never a prophet foretells, but a mightier seer  
 hath foretold him.  
 Back of the canvas that throbs the painter  
 is hinted and hidden;  
 Into the statue that breaths the soul of the  
 sculptor is bidden."

"And so man is more than the works he has made in the world; something higher than his temples, grander than his oratorios, vaster than the mightiest results of his creative intellect. These are but the tracks he has made across the centuries—his footsteps on the sands of time. They proclaim a great presence in our world, but they do not reveal the secret of that greatness—the essential, indestructible and unchanging dignity of which all achievements are but the story and the song."

When we approach the grave, therefore, and our hearts are saddened at the loss our senses feel when the earthly form of a brother Mason is laid away in mother earth and the hearts of loved ones mourn, our faith rises to grasp realms beyond. We plant the sprig of acacia, emblem of immortal bloom, sweet life, full and eternal. Truly can each Mason facing the dissolution of flesh proclaim:

"The stars shine over the earth.  
 The stars shine over the sea.  
 The stars look up to the mighty God  
 The stars look down on me.  
 The stars shall shine for a million years,  
 For a million years and a day;  
 But God and I shall live and love  
 When the stars have passed away."

Blossoming upon the boughs of faith's tree have been the virtues and graces which have crowned the lives of Masons. Of many of the fruits of these lives we have already spoken. Some of these fruits already mentioned have been the direct result of the ministry of the Fraternity to those who are members of the lodge, while others have been the indirect result of its ministry, combined with other helpful agencies.

May we be privileged to mention briefly the ethical standards of our institution, and its challenge to chivalrous manhood? In ages and lands where loose morals were the program of multitudes, the refreshing spectacle of men and brothers squaring their lives by ideals of virtue have witnessed the value of the Fraternity.

Here again is testimony to the theistic background of our organization, that manhood has been saved at its crucial test. God in man

has made him equal to temptation's hour, and vows have been renewed whereby he has climbed to sublime heights of character. To fail here would be to sound the funeral knell of our glorious day, for with honor gone, all is gone. We would have a name to live, but speculative Masonry has a task greater than that of perpetuating a name.

Chivalry has been a much vaunted term. It has stood in one age for daring, when noble purposes were lost to view. In another day it stood for little more than vestments and mantled paraphernalia. To Masons there has been the call to protect womanhood and conserve the interests of childhood.

Within the life of true brothers is a chivalric spirit, which refuses to use for pleasure that which costs others dearly. They know what is the wrong use of pleasure, they know also what is the right use. They find pleasure in dedicating all women to high ends. An instance is recorded of a woman of the street, brought into the medical college of the University of Dublin. She was placed upon the operating table, while the students crowded around in anything but a reverent frame of mind. The distinguished surgeon who was conducting the class noticed their levity and simply said one word, and the spirit of the students changed; "Gentlemen," said he, "remember the queen." Indeed, she was a woman of the street, but her womanhood was that of England's queen.

A true Mason will treat other women as he would have his mother, his wife, his daughter, or his sweetheart treated by other men. Blessed be that man who, as an Apprentice or Fellow Craft desiring more light, came at last to see that light, and felt himself a Master Mason, —a Master Man. "He that ruleth his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city." The inflowing of the divine life, God within (En-Theos) generates enthusiasm for highest ideals, and every worthy task for man.

We would speak no undue words of praise for our venerable institution, and surely we would not depict that all members of the Fraternity had attained unto angelic proportions. Masons are men from every walk and condition of life, drawn together because they *are* men, needing that tranquil strength which brothers of high resolve can impart, and who in turn are glad to bestow what blessing each life affords, not unmindful that in frailty, for one and all "the inexhaustible supply is from above."

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren: Though refreshing indeed, do we find frequent excursions into the progress of the Fraternity, and we are ever instructed by a study of its sublime principles; yet a sense of obligation for our present duties, and a care that

posterity shall account our living worth while, should be our chief concern.

There is surely much in our age to afford zest for high living and noble deeds. The ideals and principles cherished by Master Masons, through centuries, are approximated and appropriated today by increasing thousands, and what though these multitudes of light wear not the emblem of our Order, they have sought knowledge and found it; truth makes them free indeed, and

“Out of the darkness of the night  
The world rolls on into light,  
It’s daybreak everywhere.”

As Masons we shall indeed be brothers. No sweeter privilege or holier ambition should thrill our hearts. We would make our Fraternity a miniature of what this whole wide world should be, but wherever the light is found to break; wherever truth shall dawn upon darkened human hearts; wherever love shall reign; wherever manhood shall reach toward its highest self; wherever womanhood shall be revered as holy; and wherever childhood shall be consecrated and dedicated, as by “Bethlehem’s Star,”—we’ll rise to greet that day. Ah!

“There’s a light about to break,  
There’s a day about to dawn,  
Men of thought and men of action,  
Clear the way!”

Past Grand Master Evans moved and it was adopted by a rising vote, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to Grand Orator Harmon, for his excellent oration, and he was requested to furnish a copy of it for publication with the proceedings.

The following report of the special committee appointed to consider the matter of uniform receipts for dues and diplomas, was presented by Past Grand Master Evans, and was adopted:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM RECEIPTS FOR DUES AND DIPLOMAS.

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

We, your special committee to whom were referred portions of the address of the Grand Master and of the report of the Grand Secretary, submit the following:

Your committee recommends that the following form of receipt for dues be adopted by this Grand Jurisdiction for use in all of its subordinate lodges, and that the use of any other form be prohibited by law after January 1st, 1914:

(face)

\$ ..... Nebraska, ..... 19

Valid only when signed on the back by the brother to whom issued.

It is hereby certified that Brother ..... whose signature appears on the back hereof, is a member in good standing of ..... Lodge No. ...., located at ..... Nebraska, and has paid his dues to ..... LODGE SEAL 19.....

Witness my hand and the seal of the lodge the date first above written.

..... Secretary.  
No. ....

(back)

The lodge to which this receipt was issued in blank form is a lawful lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, working under and by the authority of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the facsimile of whose seal appears hereon. This form is the only legal receipt for dues that can be issued in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, and is not valid unless it bears the signature of the brother to whom it is issued and the seal of the lodge that issued it.

GRAND  
LODGE  
SEAL

.....  
Signature of brother to whom issued.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following form and size of diplomas, and that the use of any other be prohibited by law after January 1st, 1914. (Size seven by eight inches.)

No.-----

Series-----

To all Free and Accepted Masons  
Throughout the Globe,  
Greeting:

Omnibus Latomis per Orbem  
Terrarum Liberis Acceptisque,  
S.:S.:S.:

Know ye that our beloved Brother

*Ne Varietur.*

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who has signed his name hereon, is  
a MASTER MASON in good stand-  
ing of

*Sciant omnes fratrem nostrum  
dilectissimum qui in hoc nomen suum  
ascripsit, post debitas constitutasque  
probationes, sublimen gradum  
MAGISTRI assecutum esse et in  
Collegio Latomorum*

-----Lodge No.-----  
in the Grand Jurisdiction of Ne-  
braska; and as such we recommend  
that he be received and accepted  
by the Craft wheresoever dis-  
persed over the face of the  
globe.

-----Lodge No.-----  
*sub iurisdictione magni Nebraskensis  
collegii bona fama esse.*

Given under our hands  
and the seal of the  
lodge, at -----, Nebraska,  
this ----- day of -----,  
in the year of Light 59

(COMPASS)  
(GLOBE)  
(SQUARE)

*Quamobrem eum singulis eiusdem  
gradus iuribus ac privilegiis  
frui volumus.*

*In cuius rei testimonium,  
manus nostras et sigillum  
quo in hisce utimur apponi  
curavimus, ----- die mensis  
----- anno lucis 59*

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*Secretary vel Scriba.*

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*Master vel Magister.*

This is to certify, that

*Hoc scripto testamur Collegium  
Latomorum,*

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is a just and legally con-  
stituted lodge of A.:  
F.:& A.:M.:, work-  
(SEAL) ing under the juris-  
diction of the Grand  
Lodge of the Most  
Ancient and Honorable  
Fraternity of Free and Ac-  
cepted Masons of Nebraska; and  
that this DIPLOMA is entitled to full  
faith and credit among the brethren.

*vulgo appellatum rite et  
legitime constitutum  
esse, sub iurisdictione  
Magni Nebraskensis (SEAL)  
Collegii; itaque huic  
DIPLOMATI maxi-  
mam apud fraternita-  
tem tribuendam esse fidem.*

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*Grand Secretary vel Magnus Scriba.*

Your committee recommends that all receipts shall be purchased through the office of the Grand Secretary, and any lodge paying the additional cost shall be permitted to have its name and location printed in the receipt; also that each lodge shall receive free as many receipts as it has members in good standing, and no less than one book in any case.

Your committee recommends that each lodge shall receive one book of diplomas, and when the membership of any lodge shall exceed 300, such lodge shall be entitled to two books.

We recommend that all duplicate proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions be disposed of by the Grand Secretary as in his judgment seems best.

The subject of a uniform law relating to the time of payment of annual dues was considered, and Past Grand Master Phelps moved that the Committee on Codification of the Law be directed to prepare an amendment to the law providing that the dues in each lodge in the jurisdiction shall be payable on the first day of January, and be delinquent on December thirty-first. The motion was lost.

Past Grand Master Crites offered the following report for the Committee on Fraternal Dead, and it was adopted by a rising vote:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

*To the Grand Lodge:*

Your standing Committee on Fraternal Dead submit the following report:

During the Masonic year we have received announcements of the distinguished fraternal dead of other jurisdictions as follows:

M. W.	LEANDER WARREN FRARY	Grand Master of Montana	Oct.	24, 1911
R. W.	JACOB L' HOMMEDIU LONG	Past Deputy Grand Master of Ohio	May	31, 1912
M. W.	THOMAS M. MATTHEWS, SR.	Past Grand Master of Texas	June	14, 1912
M. W.	ROLLIN MADISON HUNTER	Past Grand Master of Iowa	June	26, 1912
M. W.	LIBERTY EATON FELLOWS	Past Grand Master of Iowa	July	17, 1912
M. W.	ANDREW SAGENDORF	Past Grand Master of Colorado	Aug.	2, 1912
R. W.	HENRY BANNISTER GRANT	Grand Secretary of Kentucky	Aug.	26, 1912
M. W.	JOSEPH CHAPMAN	Past Grand Master of Iowa	Aug.	27, 1912
M. W.	CHRISTOPHER G. FOX	Past Grand Master of New York	Sept.	5, 1912
R. W.	SAM H. DAVIDSON	Grand Junior Warden of Arkansas	Sept.	10, 1912
R. W.	CHRISTOPHER DIEHL	Grand Secretary of Utah	Sept.	17, 1912
M. W.	AMERICUS V. WARR	Past Grand Master of Tennessee	Oct.	2, 1912
M. W.	HENRY ROGERS WELLS	Past Grand Master of Minnesota	Oct.	13, 1912
M. W.	CHARLES F. HITCHCOCK	Past Grand Master of Illinois	Oct.	26, 1912
M. W.	A YLETT RAINS COTTON	Past Grand Master of Iowa	Oct.	30, 1912
M. W.	JOHN BERNARD HAFFY	Past Grand Master of Colorado	Dec.	9, 1912
M. W.	GEORGE WASHINGTON MONROE	Past Grand Master of Montana	Dec.	22, 1912
M. W.	LEANDER BURDICK	Past Grand Master of Ohio	Jan.	1, 1913
M. W.	JAMES W. SORBELS	Past Grand Master of Arkansas	Jan.	14, 1913
M. W.	OSCAR SHERMAN GIFFORD	Past Grand Master of South Dakota	Jan.	16, 1913
M. W.	JOSEPH HALL	Past Grand Master of West Virginia	Jan.	25, 1913
M. W.	GARRY BAILEY	Past Grand Master of Kentucky	Jan.	27, 1913
R. W.	GEORGE WILLIAM CARRINGTON	Grand Secretary of Virginia	Feb.	4, 1913
M. W.	R. M. LUSK	Past Grand Master of Texas	Feb.	21, 1913
R. W.	SYD L. CARTER	Past Deputy Grand Master of Florida	Feb.	25, 1913
R. W.	WILLIAM ALLEN CLBLAND	Grand Treasurer of Oregon	Feb.	27, 1913
M. W.	LEROY BRANCH VALLIANT	Past Grand Master of Missouri	March	3, 1913
R. W.	EDWARD T. SCHULTZ	Past Grand Senior Warden of Maryland	March	11, 1913
M. W.	BENJAMIN F. TURNER	Past Grand Master of Connecticut	April	17, 1913
M. W.	HERBERT BROWN	Past Grand Master of Arizona	May	12, 1913

A complete roster of the dead of our own jurisdiction reported by the Grand Secretary to the number of two hundred and fifty, will be inserted in the proceedings.

In this connection, your committee deems it appropriate to make special reference to the Masonic services and career of M. W. Daniel Hotchkiss Wheeler, third Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska. The history of his adult life is practically coincident with that of his adopted state. In its early history he filled many important civic positions with energy, integrity, and capacity, and he did his part in moulding the course of its legislation and general progress. His activities in Masonry began immediately upon his settlement in Nebraska, during territorial times. He was one of the charter members of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, to which the chairman of your committee belonged for several years, and by means of which connection he obtained more than a usual insight into the character and disposition of our deceased brother. Brother Wheeler was always aggressive in the pursuit of what he believed to be right. He was liable to error in the same manner that all men are liable; but no one ever accused him of any improper motive. None who knew him ever doubted his entire sincerity of purpose in every act. His nature was impulsive, warm hearted, and charitable. His independence and general strength of character were such as to rightly form a model for our brethren generally. In his daily life he was the kindest of husbands and the most indulgent of fathers. It is in the spirit of our Fraternity that we commend his soul to the God who gave it.

Of the illustrious brethren of other jurisdictions, one was a petty officer on board the Man-of-War Somers, when the son of the then Secretary of War, and two of his companions were hanged at the yard arm for mutiny, and one was killed while in the performance of official duty. Another met his death while in mechanical research. Most of them died at a great age, after lives well spent in the performance of duty. Ten of them saw service on one side or the other, during the late Civil War, as they saw their duty to be, and all of them attained well earned distinction in such service. Others of them achieved prominence in civil stations, entailing grave responsibilities, while yet others did their life work in humbler places. All performed their duty to their God, their country, and their fellows in unstinted measure. Their sun of life has set in the darkness of the grave, but we fondly believe they have awakened in the brilliance of the life to come.

Past Grand Master Phelps submitted the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and it was ordered published with the proceedings. M.'W.'Brother Phelps also recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, which was granted, and the Grand Master was requested to arrange for an exchange of representatives.

On motion of Past Grand Master Davidson the election of officers was made a special order for ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 4th, 1913.

At half past nine o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock A. M. Wednesday, June 4th, 1913.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 4th, 1913.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the preceding sessions, Grand Master Cain presiding.

On motion of Past Grand Master Mercer the Committee on Pay-roll was instructed to allow per diem for three days' attendance, and for four days' for members of committees that were convened and in attendance on the 2d inst.

Past Grand Master Black made the following report, which was adopted:

## REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APPEAL.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of Nebraska:  
Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:—*

We, your committee appointed to investigate the appeal of an expelled member from the decision of Endeavor Lodge No. 262 of Indianola, Nebraska, respectfully report:

That on the tenth day of March, 1913, the committee went to Indianola, and fully investigated all of the facts in connection therewith, so far as the same could be reached through the members of the Fraternity.

Although requested by both sides to consult persons other than Masons, the committee declined to do so except in one instance—having full confidence in the integrity of a large majority of the Fraternity at Indianola, and feeling that their evidence could be relied upon; and, further feeling that the matter had already been given too much publicity to the outside world, and that no good result would be obtained by such action.

After full consideration, the committee finds that the facts warranted Endeavor Lodge No. 262 in imposing its sentence upon the brother, and we recommend that the action of Endeavor Lodge No. 262 against the said brother be sustained.

Past Grand Master Davidson moved that the amendment to the law laid over from the last session (see page 776, proceedings of 1912) be considered, and that it be adopted. The motion prevailed, and the following amendment to the law was thereupon agreed to:

Amend Section 67 of Chapter XIII., of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge by inserting therein after the end of the fifth line thereof, the following:

And in case the residence of a petitioner is within a recognized town or village, whose town site has been regularly laid out and platted, whether incorporated or not, such petitioner shall be considered as within the jurisdiction of the lodge nearest the limits of such town or village plat.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Announcement was made that the following distinguished Freemasons from the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa were in waiting, and a committee consisting of Past Grand Masters Deuel, Dunham, Thummel, James R. Cain, Sr., Warren, Reese, Mercer, Davidson, French, Black, Wilson, Phelps, Young, Crites, Evans, Ayers, Burnham, King, DeBord, and

Cheney was directed to retire and introduce them: M.:W.: William Hutchinson, Grand Master, and R.:W.: Newton R. Parvin, Grand Secretary; Brothers William H. Smith, Dell G. Morgan, Thomas G. Allison, William A. Highsmith, William S. Baird, and George H. Jackson, Past Masters of Excelsior Lodge No. 259, and Harry W. Binder, Adison J. Brown, George W. Ouderkirk, Charles H. Parks, and Joseph C. Waterman, Past Masters of Bluff City Lodge No. 71, of Council Bluffs.

The members of the lodges were received, greeted, and welcomed by the Grand Master, and were seated.

M.:W.: William Hutchinson, Grand Master of Masons, and District Judge of Iowa, was escorted in front of the altar by Past Grand Master Manoah B. Reese, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nebraska, and presented to Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., and was received with the honors of Masonry, after which Grand Master Cain extended a cordial greeting and fraternal welcome, expressing in well chosen words the great pleasure it was to him personally, as it was to all of the members of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, to be honored by his presence and that of his associates. Grand Master Hutchinson very eloquently responded to the welcome, and referred in fitting terms to the strong tie of friendship that had always bound the Freemasons of Iowa and Nebraska. R.:W.: Brother Parvin was then presented and welcomed by Grand Master Cain, and introduced to the Grand Lodge. Brother Parvin responded to the welcome, expressing the great pleasure he felt in being able to meet the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and briefly referred to some of the early history of Freemasonry in Nebraska, in which the brethren of Iowa had participated.

The Grand Master appointed the following tellers to act during the election of officers: Brothers Lichtenwallner, 272; Maynard, 162; Kotouc, 40; Howe, 119; and Patten, 92. The election resulted as follows:

BRO. .ALPHA MORGAN, 148.....	Grand Master.
BRO. .THOMAS M. DAVIS, 93.....	Deputy Grand Master.
BRO. .SAMUEL S. WHITING, 54.....	Grand Senior Warden.
BRO. .ANDREW H. VIELE, 55.....	Grand Junior Warden.
BRO. .FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6.....	Grand Secretary.

Later in the session appointment was made of the following:

BRO. .GEORGE A. BEECHER, 268.....	Grand Chaplain.
BRO. .CHARLES M. SHEPHERD, 54.....	Grand Orator.
BRO. .ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46.....	Grand Custodian.
BRO. .FREDERIC L. TEMPLE, 61.....	Grand Marshal.
BRO. .AMBROSE C. EPPERSON, 139.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
BRO. .JOHN J. TOOLEY, 258.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
BRO. .REUBEN FORBES, 3.....	Grand Tyler.

#### COMMITTEES.

Brothers William A. DeBord, 3; Charles A. Chappell, 127; N. Dwight Ford, 176, Committee on Codification of the Law.

Brothers Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; John E. Felker, 207; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brothers George A. Beecher, 268; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; Robert B. Walker, 170; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Brothers Alpha Morgan, 148 (1 year); Albert W. Crites, 158 (2 years); Robert E. Evans, 5 (3 years); Frank H. Young, 207 (4 years); Ornan J. King, 54 (5 years); Committee on Relief.

Brothers John J. Mercer, 3; George H. Thummel, 33; Charles E. Burnham, 166; Committee on Promulgation of the Work.

Brothers Carroll D. Evans, 58; Lewis E. Smith, 136; Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Committee on Founding Orphans Home.

Past Grand Master Crites for the Board of Visitors to the Nebraska Masonic Home reported on the conditions at the Home as found, saying that everything necessary for the welfare, comfort, and happiness of the residents seemed to be supplied them. He urged all of the Fraternity to visit the Home and make a personal examination, and he felt certain that they would be pleased and satisfied. Past Grand Master Young, President of the Home, also addressed the Grand Lodge on the same subject, stating that some changes which

he hoped would be beneficial in the food furnished, had been made on the lines as suggested by the special committee of last year. He gave some interesting facts in regard to other Masonic Homes that he had visited last winter.

Brother Young made a full statement of conditions relating to maintenance, employees, health, etc., and asked the will and pleasure of the Grand Lodge on some matters of management. Past Grand Master Crites moved that such changes as were suggested ought to be made, and Past Grand Master DeBord moved to amend the motion by expressing the confidence of the Grand Lodge in the integrity and ability of the Board of Trustees, and that all matters of detail be left with them. Brother DeBord's amendment, and the motion as amended, was adopted.

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

#### SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 4th, 1913.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at the appointed hour by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, with all of the officers in their stations.

Past Grand Master Burnham moved that \$6,000.00 be appropriated to purchase stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home. The motion was carried and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, with instructions to include the item in its report.

The following amendment to Section 86 of the law was presented by Brother Ivins, 181; unanimous consent was asked for and granted to consider it, and it was carried and referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law:

Amend Section 86 of the law by inserting in place of the words "and should then be passed into the lodge funds," the following: "But the secretary shall at once, upon the receipt of any fee or other funds, pass the same into the funds of the lodge."

Past Grand Master Mercer, for the Committee on Pro-mulgation of the Work, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMULGATION OF  
THE WORK.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee on Promulgation of the Work, to which was referred the report of the Grand Custodian, would respectfully report:

That we have carefully examined the report and have been in conference with Brother French, the Grand Custodian, regarding his work, and have considered the same. We congratulate the Craft upon the efficient work being done by him and the great success attending his labors in securing uniformity of work in our lodges and harmony among the brethren. His zeal for our institution, his constant efforts to promote the welfare of the Craft, his patient labor in instructing and upholding the true principles of Masonry, are bearing full fruit, and the beneficent results are ever more and more apparent throughout the jurisdiction. The ever increasing love and affection manifested for him by the brethren is most indicative of the success of his labors.

Our Grand Custodian represents to your committee the great need of more monitors throughout the jurisdiction, which in a more or less degree is an impediment to uniformity of work. Wherefore your committee recommends with the full approval of our Grand Custodian that our Grand Secretary be directed to exchange our small monitors for any old monitor that a brother, not already having a Nebraska monitor, may possess, the same to be exchanged through the secretary of the subordinate lodge. If a brother desires the large monitor, the same will be exchanged upon the payment of thirty-five cents.

Your committee recommends that from September to May, which is the time when our Grand Custodian is busy holding his schools of instruction, he be not interrupted or called away by any Masonic functions except in cases of great emergency, and then only upon the order of the Grand Master upon the request of the Master of the lodge. During the summer months when the Grand Custodian is at home, no doubt he will be pleased to so far as possible comply with any reasonable requests of the brethren, which after all are largely personal in their nature. His time belongs to the brethren, and they should not be deprived thereof by his being called away to perform duties or functions which others can perform. Remember that in teaching the work the brethren want Brother French if possible, and they have a call on his time.

In the matter of assistants to our Grand Custodian, your committee feels that the present plan is progressing and working out as intended. We recommend that the present arrangement of assistants to the Grand Custodian be continued.

Past Grand Master DeBord moved that the report be amended by striking out the paragraph relating to the exchange of monitors. The motion prevailed and the report as amended was adopted.

Past Grand Master DeBord, for the Committee on Codification of the Law, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION  
OF THE LAW.

*To the Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee on Codification of the Law begs leave to report the following codification of amendments to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge:

1. Amend Section 86 of the by-laws so that it will read when amended:

Sec. 86.—MINIMUM: RETURN.—The minimum fees for the three degrees shall be thirty dollars; the fee for the Entered Apprentice degree shall accompany the petition for initiation; and no degree shall be conferred on any person until the fee, as fixed by the by-laws at the date the candidate's petition was received, is actually paid, nor shall fees ever be refunded after the degrees are conferred. Fees paid in advance become the property of the lodge on a favorable ballot, and the secretary shall at once, upon the receipt of any fee or other funds, pass the same into the funds of the lodge. They shall be returned to rejected petitioners and to candidates stopped by objection, but not to those who decline to submit to the regular mode of preparation. 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 should be refunded to his estate. No lodge shall impose a fee for admission or demission.

2. Amend Section 99 by adding thereto the following: "But it is not necessary that a petitioner be a naturalized citizen."

3. Amend Section 121 by adding thereto the following: "The ballot should be spread upon the petition of a candidate at the same meeting at which the committee reports upon the same, unless the Master in the exercise of his discretion and for good cause, shall announce in open lodge that the ballot will be postponed until the next regular meeting."

4. Amend Section 36 so that it will read when amended as follows:

Section 36. A petition for a dispensation for a new lodge must be presented for the recommendation of the nearest chartered lodge, or lodges if in a city having more than one lodge, and must be presented to the lodge at a regular meeting, be referred to a committee, lie over one lunar month, and be acted upon at a subsequent regular meeting of the lodge. The action of the lodge or lodges shall be advisory only,

and the Grand Master shall issue the dispensation only when a thorough investigation shall satisfy him that it will be for the best interest of the Fraternity.

5. Amend Section 107 so as to read when amended as follows:

Sec. 107. REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE. All petitions for initiation, affiliation, waiver of jurisdiction, and for a dispensation for a new lodge, must be referred to a committee, and lie over one lunar month.

6. Amend the by-laws by enacting the following:

Sec. 84. RECEIPTS FOR DUES. The following form of receipts for dues is adopted for the use of all subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the use of any other form after January 1st, 1914, is prohibited; all blank receipts for dues must be procured through the office of the Grand Secretary:

(face)

§ ..... Nebraska, ..... 19

It is hereby certified that Brother.....

whose signature appears on the back hereof, is  
a member in good standing of.....  
Lodge No....., located at.....  
Nebraska, and has paid his dues to .....  
LODGE  
SEAL 19.....

Witness my hand and the seal of the lodge the  
date first above written.

.....  
No..... Secretary.

Valid only when signed on the back by the brother to whom issued.

(back)

The lodge to which this receipt was issued in blank form is a lawful lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, working under and by the authority of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the facsimile of whose seal appears hereon. This form is the only legal receipt for dues that can be issued in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, and is not valid unless it bears the signature of the brother to whom it is issued and the seal of the lodge that issued it.

GRAND  
LODGE  
SEAL

.....  
Signature of brother to whom issued.

7. Amend the by-laws by enacting

Sec. 85. SPECIALLY PRINTED RECEIPTS FOR DUES. Any lodge upon paying the additional cost shall be permitted to have its name and the location of the lodge printed in the receipt.

8. Enact Section 69-E, as follows:

Sec. 69-E. The following form of diploma is adopted for the use of all subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the issuance of any other is prohibited after January 1st, 1914; such diploma shall be seven by eight inches in size:

No.-----

Series-----

To all Free and Accepted Masons  
Throughout the Globe,  
Greeting:  
Know ye that our beloved Brother

Omnibus Latomis per Orbem  
Terrarum Liberis Acceptisque,  
S..S..S..S..

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who has signed his name hereon, is  
a MASTER MASON in good stand-  
ing of

Ne Varietur.

*Sciant omnes fratrem nostrum  
dilectissimum qui in hoc nomen suum  
ascripit, post debitas constitutasque  
probationes, sublimes gradum  
MAGISTRI assecutum esse et in  
Collegio Latomorum*

-----Lodge No.-----  
in the Grand Jurisdiction of Ne-  
braska; and as such we recommend  
that he be received and accepted  
by the Craft wheresoever dis-  
persed over the face of the  
globe.

-----Lodge No.-----  
*sub iurisdictione magni Nebraskensis  
collegii bona fama esse.*

Given under our hands (COMPASS)  
and the seal of the (GLOBE)  
lodge, at ----, Nebraska, (SQUARE)  
this ---- day of ----,  
in the year of Light 59

*Quamobrem eum singulis eiusdem  
gradus iuribus ac privilegiis  
frui volumus.*

*In cuius rei testimonium,  
manus nostras et sigillum  
quo in hisce utimur apponi  
curavimus, ---- die mensis  
-----anno lucis 59*

-----  
*Secretary vel Scriba.*

-----  
*Master vel Magister.*

This is to certify, that

*Hoc scripto testamur Collegium  
Latomorum,*

-----  
is a just and legally con-  
stituted lodge of A.:  
F.: & A.:M.:, work-  
(SEAL) ing under the juris-  
diction of the Grand  
Lodge of the Most  
Ancient and Honorable  
Fraternity of Free and Ac-  
cepted Masons of Nebraska; and  
that this DIPLOMA is entitled to full  
faith and credit among the brethren.

*vulgo appellatum rite et  
legitime constitutum  
esse, sub iurisdictione  
Magni Nebraskensis (SEAL)  
Collegii; itaque huic  
DIPLOMATI maxi-  
mam apud fraternita-  
tem tribuendam esse fidem.*

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*Grand Secretary vel Magnus Scriba.*

9. Amend Section 81, by inserting after the words "10th of April," the following: "When the complete returns of any subordinate lodge shall not have been received by the Grand Secretary by April 20th, he shall notify the Grand Master of that fact, and the Grand Master shall, by himself, the Grand Custodian, or an assistant to the Grand Custodian, or some other brother appointed by the Grand Master, make personal investigation of such lodge, and secure returns as complete as may be. And the Grand Secretary shall charge upon the books of the Grand Lodge the expenses of such visitation to the lodge, unless the Grand Master, being satisfied that good reason existed for such delay, shall order otherwise."

10. Amend Section 70 by inserting after the words "over a saloon," the words, "or moving picture show or theater exhibiting on Sunday."

Past Grand Master Davidson moved to amend the report of the committee by adding to their proposed amendment to Section 70, the following: "*Provided*, that this prohibition shall apply only to lodges which have not already secured their lodge rooms." The amendment to the report was adopted.

The above amendments, except the amendment to Section 70, were, upon motion of Past Grand Master Phelps, adopted.

Past Grand Master Young moved that it be the sense of the Grand Lodge that the proposed amendment to Article VI. of the Articles of Incorporation of the Nebraska Masonic Home be adopted; the motion did not prevail.

The report of the Committee on Pay-roll, presented by Brother Minier, 91, and amounting to \$3,978.40, was adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Grievances was presented by Brother Evans, 58:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

We, your Committee on Grievances, to whom the several matters hereinafter mentioned were referred, respectfully report thereon as follows:

1. We recommend that the petition for restoration of a former member of Trowel Lodge No. 71, A. F. & A. M., Neligh, Nebraska,

be granted, and that the said brother be restored to good standing in the Fraternity.

2. We recommend that the petition for restoration of a former member of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., of Omaha, Nebraska, be granted, and that the said brother be restored to good standing in the Fraternity.

3. We recommend that the petition for restoration of a former member of Rawalt Lodge No. 138, A. F. & A. M., of Oxford, Nebraska, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, because of matters of Masonic law involved.

4. We recommend that North Bend Lodge No. 119, A. F. & A. M. of North Bend, Nebraska, in its action of indefinite suspension against a member, be sustained.

5. We recommend that Alliance Lodge No. 183, A. F. & A. M. of Alliance, Nebraska, in its action of expulsion against two brethren, be not sustained, and that the action be returned to Alliance Lodge No. 183, for a new trial. We recommend that a new trial and re-examination of the case be had, and a more deliberate investigation of the facts be given, in order that there may be no question as to the righteousness of the decision when finally established. We further recommend that the new trial be conducted under the supervision of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons.

Past Grand Master DeBord moved to amend the report by continuing until next year that portion of the report contained in Section 4. The amendment was lost, and the report, except that portion relating to Section 5, was then adopted.

Past Grand Master French moved to reconsider the action of the Grand Lodge on Section 4, and the motion carried. Past Grand Master DeBord moved that the matter (Section 4) be postponed for one year; the motion prevailed.

Objection being made to the consideration of the following amendment to the law, presented by Brother Robertson, 6, it lies over until next year:

Repeal Sections 123 and 124 of the by-laws, and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"Sec. 123. If a member objects to the initiation of a candidate, the objection shall hold good for five years unless sooner withdrawn; provided that, if the objector ceases to be a member in good standing all objections made by him shall be considered withdrawn at such date,

after which the candidate may, upon petition and clear ballot, be initiated.

Where a candidate is rejected by objection, the Master shall declare the candidate rejected without ballot and the fact shall be recorded, and the identity of the objector shall not be disclosed, except where the candidate has taken one or more degrees, until the Master's retirement from office, and then shall be disclosed to the incoming Master only, or in case of the Master's removal from the jurisdiction, it shall be disclosed only to the ranking Warden.

If objection is made to the advancement of a brother to the Fellow Craft or Master Masons degree, the reason therefor must be made known, if required by the lodge or the Master, and the candidate shall be entitled upon application to trial upon the alleged objections.

A brother who in the exercise of an objection, is proved to be actuated by unworthy motives, or who maliciously uses it to interrupt the legitimate work, or to mar the peace and harmony of the lodge, is liable to Masonic discipline and punishment.

Sec. 124. In all cases of objection the lodge holds jurisdiction over the candidate the same as though he had been rejected by ballot. No lodge can by waiver of jurisdiction in favor of another lodge destroy the force of an objection. Where from failure of a Master to communicate the name of an objector to his successor, or from any other cause, a Master does not know the name of an objector, the candidate may petition for the degrees in the regular manner. But neither an objection nor an unfavorable ballot upon a petition for affiliation can preclude the petitioner's right to petition any other lodge for admission."

Objection being made to the consideration of the following amendment to the law, presented by Brother Brooks, 23, it lies over until next year:

Amend Section 66-A, by adding thereto: "It shall be the duty of the Junior Warden to prefer charges against any brother who for six months after receiving the Master Masons degree neglects to present himself for examination in that degree."

Objection being made to the consideration of the following amendments to the law, presented by Brother Burgert, 46, they lie over for consideration until next year:

Amend Section 119 of Chapter XV., so that it will read as follows:

"None but members of the lodge can vote therein. On a petition for initiation, or admission, or an application for a waiver of jurisdiction, the ballot must be unanimously favorable, and no member can be excused from voting thereon."

Amend Section 115, Chapter XIV., so that it will read as follows:

"Sec. 115. ESSENTIALS. It is not necessary for an Apprentice or Fellow Craft to petition his lodge in writing for advancement, unless he has been rejected. But he must be examined in open lodge at a regular meeting thereof, and show a thorough knowledge of at least the first section of the lecture of the preceding degree, before applica-

tion is made for advancement. An interval of four weeks shall intervene between the advancement of a petitioner."

Amend Section 116, Chapter XIV., so that it will read as follows:

"Sec. 116. RE-EXAMINATION. When a candidate for advancement passes an unsatisfactory examination, the Master may direct him to become proficient and again present himself for examination, and advancement may not be made until the examination is satisfactory."

Amend Section 111, Chapter XIV., so that it will read as follows:

"Sec. 111. A rejected petitioner for initiation, or admission, must petition anew, and the petition must be referred, balloted upon, and in all things take the course of an original petition. If the petition is refused consideration by the lodge, the applicant should be reported as rejected."

Brother Gray, 135, offered the following amendment to the law, and moved its adoption; objection being made to its consideration at this time, it lies over until next year:

Amend Section 66, Chapter IX., to read as follows:

Sec. 66. MASTER MASONS' EXAMINATION. All those hereafter raised to the degree of Master Mason shall become proficient therein, as required in the preceding degrees, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge, at either a regular or a special meeting, called for conferring the Master Masons degree.

After such examination the Master may, if there is no objection, declare the brother proficient; if objection is made a vote shall be taken. The Secretary shall make a record that the examination was had, and the action of the lodge upon the same."

Brother Tapster, 119, presented the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

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

Your committee respectfully recommends the following appropriations for the year 1913-1914:

Pay-roll .....	\$3,978.40
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....	500.00
Grand Secretary's salary .....	2,400.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire .....	1,560.00
Grand Custodian's salary .....	1,500.00
Grand Custodian's expense .....	600.00
Grand Lodge office, rent .....	200.00

Grand Lodge office, heat and light .....	\$ 50.00
Grand Lodge office, janitor .....	90.00
Grand Lodge office, telephone.....	40.00
Grand Secretary's surety bond.....	20.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage.....	300.00
Stationery .....	70.00
Incidentals.....	75.00
Blanks .....	200.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	900.00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1913.....	900.00
Library, purchasing and binding .....	50.00
Printing parchment charters .....	30.00
Grand Tyler .....	15.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	6,000.00
Promulgation of the work, or the necessary amount thereof...	500.00
Fire insurance .....	45.00
Membership fee in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, or the necessary amount thereof.....	125.00
For the expenses of the Grand Chaplain, or the necessary amount thereof.....	200.00
For organist, session of 1913.....	10.00
For expense of Orphans Home Committee .....	16.18
For clock for Grand Lodge office, or the necessary amount thereof .....	25.00
For dictaphone for Grand Lodge office, or the necessary amount thereof.....	100.00

We recommend that none of the money appropriated for the expenses of the Grand Custodian, or for the promulgation of the work, be expended for any purpose but that of holding schools of instruction.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, through Past Grand Master Cheney, Chairman, offered the following report on the matters submitted to it, and it was adopted:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON JURISPRUDENCE.

*To the Grand Lodge:*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to report on the matter of the trial of a member of Rawalt Lodge No. 138, A. F. & A. M. of Oxford, Nebraska, as follows:

We recommend that all proceedings in said lodge against the said

brother, subsequent to the filing of the complaint, be set aside, and a trial *de nova* be ordered on said complaint, unless said complaint shall be otherwise legally disposed of.

Due notice to the complainant and defendant shall be given of any contemplated action on such complaint.

In regard to the query from Parallel Lodge No. 152, we report that Section 86 covers the case, and that the fees for the Entered Apprentice degree belong to the lodge and cannot be returned to the brother who has received the degree.

The question of qualifications of Masters was informally considered, and instructive remarks were made by Brother Robertson, 6. Grand Custodian French also gave some very interesting remarks on the necessity for proficiency, also in regard to signs and symbols.

At fifteen minutes before six o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until half past seven o'clock P. M.

## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 4th, 1913.

At half past seven o'clock P. M., Grand Master Cain called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, with officers as at the preceding session except that Grand Chaplain Beecher was absent, he having gone to St. Paul to lay the corner-stone of the court house of Howard County, for the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Davidson moved to amend Section 5 of the report of the Committee on Grievances, so that said section will read as follows:

"We recommend that the action of Alliance Lodge No. 183, in finding both of the accused brethren guilty of the offenses charged, be affirmed, but that the penalty inflicted be changed from expulsion to indefinite suspension."

After a full discussion the amendment was adopted, and the report of the committee as amended was passed.

Past Grand Master Thummel, assisted by Past Grand Master Evans, installed all of the officers for the ensuing year, except the Grand Chaplain.

Past Grand Master Evans moved that the thanks of the brethren be extended to M. W. James R. Cain, Jr., for the eminent services kindly and courageously rendered during the year, and the motion was carried by a rising vote.

On motion of Past Master Evans the thanks of the brethren were expressed to the lodges of Omaha for courtesies extended for the welfare and comfort of the members of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Thummel moved that Past Grand Master Burnham convey to Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes, the oldest Freemason in Nebraska, the fraternal greetings and good wishes of the brethren of the Grand Lodge. The motion carried unanimously,

At half past ten o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 4th, 1913, no further business appearing the Grand Lodge was closed.

ALPHA MORGAN,  
*Grand Master.*

Attest:

Francis E. White

*Grand Secretary.*



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*Born November 26th, A. D. 1834, A. .L. .5834.  
Died November 27th, A. D. 1912, A. .L. .5912.*



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SAMUEL COTNER .....	Nebraska,	1	April 5, 1912
EDWARD SMITH .....	Nebraska,	"	1..Aug. 23, 1912
HARRY T. MAYNE .....	Nebraska,	"	1..Oct. 29, 1912
DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Nov. 27, 1912
GUSTAVE A. WEISE.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Nov. 29, 1912
EDWARD R. DUFFIE.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Jan. 18, 1913
HENRY T. CLARKE, SR.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Febr. 2, 1913
B. IRWIN BARNES.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Mar. 23, 1913
THOMAS B. NORRIS.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Mar. 23, 1913
NELSON OVERTON.....	Western Star,	"	2..June 2, 1912
WILLIAM C. WILLMAN.....	Western Star,	"	2..Oct. 5, 1912
WILLIAM L. WILSON.....	Western Star,	"	2..Oct. 18, 1912
AMOS J. HARDING.....	Western Star,	"	2..Oct. 23, 1912
OTOE C. MORTON.....	Western Star,	"	2..Dec. 11, 1912
WILLIAM V. MORSE.....	Capitol,	"	3..April 26, 1912
WILLIAM J. ATTRIDGE.....	Capitol,	"	3..April 29, 1912
FRANZ H. SCHWALLENBERG.....	Capitol,	"	3..May 24, 1912
JOHN C. PETERSON.....	Capitol,	"	3..Sept. 18, 1912
WILLIAM MACDIARMID.....	Capitol,	"	3..Febr. 4, 1913
EVERT C. SMITH.....	Capitol,	"	3..Febr. 14, 1913
SAMUEL S. WATT.....	Capitol,	"	3..Mar. 14, 1913
EDGAR M. BAKER.....	Omadi,	"	5..June 13, 1912
HAROLD C. BLIVEN.....	Omadi,	"	5..June 26, 1912
ROBERT H. FITCH.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6..May 15, 1912
HEMAN B. BURGESS.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6..Sept. 7, 1912
JACOB HASEMEIER.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6..Oct. 20, 1912
ISAAC M. HOUSTON.....	Falls City,	"	9..July 16, 1912
JOHN R. DOWTY.....	Falls City,	"	9..Oct. 9, 1912
DAVIS M. WATTS.....	Falls City,	"	9..Jan. 12, 1913
J. MARION TRISLER.....	Solomon,	"	10..Mar 31, 1913
PAUL F. GROETSCHEL.....	Covert,	"	11..April 8, 1912
VICTOR G. LANTRY.....	Covert,	"	11..May 28, 1912
WILLIAM N. BABCOCK.....	Covert,	"	11..Nov. 14, 1912
CHARLES E. BORDWELL.....	Covert,	"	11..Nov. 14, 1912
JOSEPH ARCHIBALD.....	Covert,	"	11..Nov. 22, 1912
JESSE J. DERIGHT.....	Covert,	"	11..Nov. 27, 1912

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JOHN M. FRANCE.....	Covert,	11	Dec. 13, 1912
WILLIAM J. MOUNT.....	Covert,	"	11 Dec. 20, 1912
MAX A. RICHENBERG.....	Covert,	"	11 Jan. 29, 1913
WILLIAM RANDALL.....	Covert,	"	11 Febr. 7, 1913
LONDON G. EDWARDS.....	Peru,	"	14 Dec. 1, 1912
JACOB GOOD.....	Peru,	"	14 Mar. 20, 1913
LOUIS B. COMAN.....	Fremont,	"	15 July 27, 1912
JULIUS BECKMAN.....	Fremont,	"	15 Aug. 18, 1912
CHARLES N. MAYBERRY.....	Tecumseh,	"	17 Dec. 14, 1912
GEORGE BEATTY.....	Tecumseh,	"	17.. —, —
NIMROD W. NORRIS.....	Lincoln,	"	19 April 25, 1912
MYRON RICHARDS.....	Lincoln,	"	19 June 14, 1912
WILLIAM W. DUNHAM.....	Lincoln,	"	19 June 16, 1912
CHARLES GERSTENBERGER.....	Lincoln,	"	19 July 30, 1912
LEONIDAS K. HOLMES.....	Lincoln,	"	19 Aug. 7, 1912
EDWARD B. DUNHAM.....	Lincoln,	"	19 Aug. 25, 1912
FRANK C. GREEN.....	Lincoln,	"	19 Nov. 4, 1912
EVERETT E. HANKS.....	Lincoln,	"	19 Dec. 3, 1912
BERNHARD KOHN.....	Lincoln,	"	19 Febr. 20, 1913
ALFRED E. CARTER.....	Washington,	"	21 June 10, 1912
THOMAS WILKINSON.....	Washington,	"	21 July 18, 1912
ALMON BREWSTER.....	Washington,	"	21 Oct. 17, 1912
AI BISPHAM.....	Pawnee,	"	23 July 11, 1912
EDWARD WHITEHORN.....	St. Johns,	"	25 Aug. 12, 1912
EDWIN S. SNIVELY.....	St. Johns,	"	25 Sept. 25, 1912
EDWARD S. STREETER.....	St. Johns,	"	25 Nov. 9, 1912
CHARLES E. JOHANNES.....	St. Johns,	"	25 Dec. 13, 1912
EDGAR H. ALLEN.....	St. Johns,	"	25 Dec. 24, 1912
MICHAEL MUELLER.....	St. Johns,	"	25 Febr. 19, 1913
FRED O. KUNZ.....	St. Johns,	"	25 March 27, 1913
GEORGE G. MILLIN.....	Jordan,	"	27 March 1, 1913
JOHN BAUER.....	Blue River,	"	30 Dec. 12, 1912
CARL E. SHAEFFER.....	Platte Valley,	"	32 April 20, 1912
FIFIELD H. LONGLEY.....	Platte Valley,	"	32 May 24, 1912
NOBLE B. OLDS.....	Platte Valley,	"	32 Febr. 22, 1913
VACHEL W. SUTHERLAND.....	Acacia,	"	34 July 27, 1912

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JOHN E. ARNOLD.....	Acacia,	34	Oct. 14, 1912
GEORGE W. GRIBBEN.....	Fairbury,	35	June 18, 1912
HARRY HUTCHISON.....	Fairbury,	35	Sept. 29, 1912
JOHN HURD.....	Fairbury,	35	Dec. 9, 1912
JOHN THORNTON.....	Fairbury,	35	Dec. 29, 1912
JACOB B. TEMPLIN.....	Lone Tree,	36	Aug. 24, 1912
EUGENE A. BENTON.....	Lone Tree,	36	Nov. 1, 1912
FRANK A. CRAIG.....	Lone Tree.	36	Dec. 3, 1912
ALZY D. FRENCH.....	Crete,	37	Nov. 13, 1912
JEHU BUCK.....	Crete,	37	March 18, 1913
GEORGE WILLIAMS.....	Oliver,	38	July 5, 1910
ABRAM BLACKSTONE.....	Northern Light,	41	Dec. 9, 1912
ADAM D. COLEMAN.....	Hebron,	43	Febr. 19, 1913
DANIEL B. WILLIAMS.....	Rob Morris,	46	May 12, 1912
GEORGE E. FORD.....	Rob Morris,	46	July 22, 1912
FRANKLIN POTTS.....	Rob Morris,	46	Dec. 20, 1912
STEPHEN A. REASONER.....	Rob Morris,	46	Febr. 14, 1913
VIRGIL A. CANNON.....	Hastings,	50	April 25, 1912
JOSEPH L. TEDROW.....	Hastings,	50	May 3, 1912
WILLIAM S. MCKINNEY.....	Hastings,	50	Aug. 2, 1912
CHARLES N. NUTE.....	Hastings,	50	Sept. 24, 1912
ELIJAH H. BARTLETT.....	Hastings,	50	Oct. 11, 1912
SILAS L. STITCHER.....	Hastings,	50	Dec. 4, 1912
SAMUEL R. CARSON.....	Hastings,	50	Dec. 20, 1912
HENRY M. GIFFIN.....	Hastings,	50	Jan. 22, 1913
JAMES BELL.....	Fidelity,	51	Jan. 28, 1913
LEWIS C. WEBER.....	Hiram,	52	Aug. 13, 1909
MATHEW R. BENTLEY.....	Charity,	53	April 10, 1912
CHARLES F. DUNN.....	Charity,	53	July 31, 1912
THERON R. HALL.....	Charity,	53	Aug. 9, 1912
EARL B. SLAWSON.....	Lancaster,	54	Aug. 7, 1912
JOHN MCWHINNIE.....	Lancaster,	54	Aug. 15, 1912
ARTHUR B. LOWER.....	Lancaster,	54	Jan. 14, 1913
WILLIAM H. WIDAMAN.....	Mosaic,	55	June 18, 1912
WILLIAM N. HUSE.....	Mosaic,	55	Jan. 13, 1913
JEFFERSON O. STEINBACH.....	York,	56	June 28, 1912

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GEORGE W. SHIDLER.....	York,	56..	July 11, 1912
GEORGE W. ALVERSON.....	York,	" 56..	July 17, 1912
WILLIAM H. NEWCOMER.....	York,	" 56..	Nov. 18, 1912
AMBROSE H. JONES.....	York,	" 56..	Jan. 10, 1913
BAILEY R. SIMMONS.....	York,	" 56..	Febr. 5, 1913
ALPHONSO COOK.....	Mount Moriah,	" 57..	Jan. 24, 1913
BENJAMIN E. POWELL.....	Thistle,	" 61..	Oct. 4, 1912
CHARLES McCABE.....	Thistle,	" 61..	Oct. 14, 1912
ANDREW J. PROFFITT.....	Thistle,	" 61..	Dec. 9, 1912
MATHIAS LUX.....	Thistle,	" 61..	Jan. 28, 1913
JAMES S. THOMAS.....	Thistle,	" 61..	Febr. 18, 1913
JOSEPH W. SNIDER.....	Keystone,	" 62..	Jan. 9, 1913
CORNELIUS MARSHALL.....	Riverton,	" 63..	April 1, 1912
DAVID EASTWOOD.....	Riverton,	" 63..	June 17, 1912
LEWIS LAWRIE.....	Riverton,	" 63..	Aug. 25, 1912
W. EDWARD WILCOX.....	Riverton,	" 63..	Nov. 25, 1912
LEVERETT E. GOODELL.....	Blue Valley,	" 64..	Sept. 23, 1912
ROBERT A. FLEMING.....	Osceola,	" 65..	July 12, 1912
LEWIS N. EATON.....	Aurora,	" 68..	May 16, 1912
WILLIAM C. MAY.....	Aurora,	" 68..	Oct. 8, 1912
SAMUEL MILLER.....	Aurora,	" 68..	Febr. 15, 1913
JUDSON GRAVES.....	Trowel,	" 71..	Oct. 15, 1912
JAMES W. WILT.....	Joppa,	" 76..	Sept. 30, 1912
FRANCIS M. MCELWEE.....	Joppa,	" 76..	Febr. 27, 1913
EDWIN T. FARMER.....	Albion,	" 78..	Nov. 22, 1912
CHARLES RILEY.....	Albion,	" 78..	Dec. 3, 1912
CYRUS E. HUNTER.....	Corinthian,	" 83..	Jan. 15, 1913
ROWLAND EVANS.....	Tyre,	" 85..	Dec. 10, 1912
DAVID T. KINGSBURY.....	Tyre,	" 85..	Jan. 4, 1913
BENJAMIN W. WILSON.....	Doniphan,	" 86..	June 6, 1912
OLIVER H. STAFFORD.....	Doniphan,	" 86..	Jan. 22, 1913
FREDERICK OPOCENSKY, SR.....	Ionic,	" 87..	May 19, 1912
ROBERT A. HINDMAN.....	Ionic,	" 87..	March 22, 1913
WILLIAM F. PROWETT.....	Cedar River,	" 89..	Febr. 16, 1913
WILLIAM C. BENSON.....	Cedar River,	" 89..	March 24, 1913
CLIFFORD M. PENNEY.....	Oakland,	" 91..	Aug. 11, 1912

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SAMUEL A. LOCKWOOD.....	Hubbell,	No. 92..July 18, 1912
HENRY R. CLARK.....	Hubbell,	" 92..Aug. 20, 1912
ANDREW AUSTINE.....	Utica,	" 96..March 16, 1913
JOHN K. BROWN.....	Creighton,	" 100..May 20, 1912
MARQUIS BROWN.....	Ponca,	" 101..June 10, 1912
JAMES B. KELLY.....	Waterloo,	" 102..June 20, 1912
ABRAM SAMUELS.....	Wymore,	" 104..Dec. 5, 1912
L. EDWARD LYANNA.....	Stella,	" 105..Jan. 1, 1913
GUSTAV NOMBALAIS.....	Stella,	" 105..Jan. 26, 1913
ARTHUR H. HANSEL.....	Porter,	" 106..July 23, 1912
SCOTT W. LINDLEY.....	Table Rock,	" 108..Aug. 2, 1912
HARRY K. MARCY.....	Pomegranate,	" 110..Aug. 24, 1912
WILLIAM J. LAUGHLIN.....	Pomegranate,	" 110..Aug. 30, 1912
FRANK M. SUITER.....	DeWitt,	" 111..Oct. 23, 1912
HENRY CARSTEN JENSEN.....	Globe,	" 113..June 9, 1912
J. HENRY VON HEEDER.....	Wisner,	" 114..May 22, 1912
ADOLPH BECHER.....	Wisner,	" 114..July 9, 1912
JOHN A. GIBSON.....	Harlan,	" 116..April 16, 1912
CHRISTOPHER CUSACK.....	North Bend,	" 119..Dec. 25, 1912
ALFRED WATTS.....	Mount Nebo,	" 125..Oct. 26, 1912
HAGEN S. NELSON.....	Stromsburg,	" 126..March 30, 1912
JACOB M. WARNER.....	Stromsburg,	" 126..June 27, 1912
WILLIAM MCINTOSH.....	Stromsburg,	" 126..Nov. 23, 1912
LARS W. ANDERSON.....	Minden,	" 127..June 23, 1912
S. CLARK PURDY.....	Solar,	" 134..Oct. 24, 1912
ROBERT W. HANNA.....	McCook,	" 135..July 31, 1912
AINSWORTH MONKS.....	McCook,	" 135..Febr. 2, 1913
EMERSON HANSON.....	McCook,	" 135..March 12, 1913
JOHN M. LEE.....	Rawalt,	" 138..Oct. 19, 1912
J. MARSHALL KENT.....	Kenesaw,	" 144..Febr. 28, 1913
ANDREW HOLLENBECK.....	Jachin,	" 146..May 23, 1912
JOHN S. CLARK.....	Jachin,	" 146..Dec. 11, 1912
ADOLPH FRANZEN.....	Jachin,	" 146..March 25, 1913
EARL D. MARQUISS.....	Emmet Crawford,	" 148..July 15, 1912
STEPHEN WILCOX.....	Emmet Crawford,	" 148..July 30, 1912
JAMES M. ALDEN.....	Evergreen,	" 153..July 10, 1912

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BENTON F. CORZINE.....	Evergreen,	No. 153..Nov. 1, 1912
GEORGE A. PARKER.....	Samaritan,	" 158..Aug. 25, 1912
HENRY T. SWEET.....	Samaritan,	" 158..Nov. 6, 1912
JOHN M. HANNA.....	Unity	" 163..May 2, 1912
CYRUS FRANKLIN HALL.....	Unity,	" 163..Dec. 21, 1912
JESSE E. BROOK.....	Atkinson,	" 164..Jan. 20, 1913
EDMUND H. HUDDARD.....	Barneston,	" 165..Jan. 19, 1912
JOB NORWOOD.....	Curtis,	" 168..Dec. 25, 1912
JOHN MILLER.....	Curtis,	" 168..Jan. 25, 1913
FRANCIS M. GRAHAM.....	Merna,	" 171..Dec. 28, 1912
WILLIAM Z. TAYLOR.....	Culbertson,	" 174..Jan. 3, 1913
SOREN C. LARSEN.....	Temple,	" 175..Jan. 6, 1913
WILLIAM D. REED.....	Temple,	" 175..Febr. 3, 1913
PHILLIP M. EVANS.....	Gladstone,	" 176..March 22, 1913
CHARLES GRIFFIN.....	Prudence,	" 179..April 29, 1912
JOHN R. KING.....	Justice,	" 180..Jan. 2, 1913
BYRON L. TRIPP.....	Incense,	" 182..July 13, 1912
ARTHUR N. TOWNSEND.....	Alliance,	" 183..Aug. 14, 1912
GUSTAVE F. JOHNSON.....	Alliance,	" 183..Febr. 15, 1913
JAMES E. BENEDICT.....	Alliance,	" 183..Febr. 22, 1913
DURRY E. TRACY.....	Bee Hive,	" 184..Aug. 1, 1912
DWIGHT L. HOLMES.....	Bee Hive,	" 184..Sept. 1, 1912
JESSE D. MALLORY.....	Boaz,	" 185..Oct. 12, 1912
HENRY C. WITHERS.....	Israel,	" 187..May 27, 1912
ALVA B. WISE.....	Meridian,	" 188..Dec. 30, 1912
JAMES H. HUGHES.....	Amethyst,	" 190..March 22, 1913
WILLIAM H. ANDERSON.....	Crystal,	" 191..Aug. 5, 1912
BENJAMIN F. HOBSON.....	Minnekadusa,	" 192..Dec. 2, 1912
WARREN FUSSELMAN.....	Signet,	" 193..March 11, 1913
LUTHER C. KURTZ.....	Highland,	" 194..Oct. 26, 1912
CHARLES H. JOHNSON.....	Arcana,	" 195..Dec. 12, 1912
FREDERICK A. GAMMILL.....	Level,	" 196..Aug. 27, 1912
HANS C. ROGERS.....	Level,	" 196..Sept. 11, 1912
PHINEAS E. BURKE.....	Purity,	" 198..March 9, 1913
FRANKLIN E. HILL.....	Blazing Star,	" 200..March 11, 1913

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CHARLES I. BRAGG.....	Blazing Star,	No. 200.. March 27, 1913
WILLIAM C. DAVIS.....	Scotts Bluff,	" 201.. Aug. 12, 1912
GEORGE N. ANDREW.....	Golden Sheaf,	" 202.. June 29, 1912
WILLIAM T. KILE.....	Plainview,	" 204.. Aug. 31, 1912
JOHN O'NEIL.....	Golden Fleece,	" 205.. Dec. 14, 1912
RICHARD W. ROBERTS.....	Gauge,	" 208.. Jan. 21, 1913
HANFORD T. LEACH.....	Gauge,	" 208.. Febr. 7, 1913
HENRY H. SPEARING.....	East Lincoln,	" 210.. Dec. 16, 1912
AMASA B. FRAKER.....	Cement,	" 211.. April 17, 1912
MARCUS RILEY ABBOTT.....	Cement,	" 211.. May 4, 1912
WILBUR F. KEMMELL.....	Cement,	" 211.. Oct. 12, 1912
GEORGE A. HOOD.....	Square & Compass	" 213.. Febr. 4, 1913
JACOB DAMBACH.....	Palisade,	" 216.. March 18, 1913
WILLIAM M. CROSBY.....	Bloomfield,	" 218.. Dec. 25, 1912
FRANCIS E. JONES.....	Relief,	" 219.. Oct. 31, 1912
HENRY C. BAIRD.....	Relief,	" 219.. Jan. 28, 1913
CHARLES H. BURDICK.....	Landmark,	" 222.. April 8, 1912
WILLIAM RUTLEDGE.....	Landmark,	" 222.. July 9, 1912
GEORGE H. WASHBURN.....	Eminence,	" 223.. Nov. 23, 1912
BENJAMIN F. McDONNELL.....	Eminence,	" 223.. March 31, 1913
GEORGE W. EICHAR.....	Silver Cord,	" 224.. Jan. 17, 1912
ROBERT MARTIN.....	Silver Cord,	" 224.. Febr. 21, 1913
OLIVER J. HYDE.....	Silver Cord,	" 224.. March 21, 1913
ELMER E. SHACKELFORD.....	Golden Rule,	" 236.. Jan. 30, 1913
HORACE WOODWORTH.....	Golden Rule,	" 236.. March 14, 1913
WILLIAM H. H. BAIRD.....	Friendship,	" 239.. Dec. 21, 1912
WILLIAM H. CLEMENTS.....	Pilot,	" 240.. Nov. 15, 1912
BENJAMIN W. MAYDEN.....	George Armstrong	" 241.. Jan. 16, 1913
JESSE B. WILEY.....	Corner-stone,	" 247.. Nov. 5, 1912
JAMES STRATTON.....	Bradshaw,	" 255.. Jan. 4, 1913
JOHN A. McMILLAN.....	Anselmo,	" 258.. March 29, 1912
EDWARD EVANS, JR.....	Anselmo,	" 258.. Sept. 15, 1912
WILLIAM C. BROWN.....	Springview,	" 260.. July 16, 1912
HENRY J. NEAD.....	Franklin,	" 264.. May 26, 1912
ALBERT GULLION.....	James A. Tulleys,	" 267.. Febr. 19, 1913
LEWIS H. THOMAS.....	Litchfield,	" 278.. Dec. 9, 1912

## PAST GRAND MASTERS

*Robert C. Jordan.....	1857-58-59
*George Armstrong.....	1860-61-62
*Daniel H. Wheeler.....	1863-64
*Robert W. Furnas.....	1865-66
*Orsamus H. Irish.....	1867-68
Harry P. Deuel, Omaha, 1902 Dodge Street.....	1869-70
William E. Hill, Los Angeles, Cal., 2220 East 4th St. Station B.....	1871-72
Martin Dunham, Omaha, 818 South 33d Street.....	1873
*Frank Welch.....	1874
*Alfred G. Hastings.....	1875
George H. Thummel, Omaha, 404 South 38th Avenue.....	1876
*George W. Lininger.....	1877
Edward K. Valentine, Chicago, Illinois, 817 E. 50th Street.....	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.....	1886
Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., The Iowa, Treasury Dept.....	1887
George B. France, York.....	1888
John J. Mercer, Omaha, 2811 Hickory Street.....	1889
Robert E. French, Kearney.....	1890
*Bradner D. Slaughter.....	1891
Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh.....	1892
James P. A. Black, Hastings.....	1893
John A. Ehrhardt, Lewiston, Idaho.....	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln.....	1895
Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.....	1896
John B. Dinsmore, Lincoln, 1700 Garfield Street.....	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, Fairmont.....	1902
Frank E. Bullard, North Platte.....	1903
Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk.....	1904
*Melville R. Hopewell.....	1905
Zuingle M. Baird, Hartington.....	1906
Ornan J. King, Lincoln, 1126 N Street.....	1907
William A. DeBord, Omaha, 520 First National Bank Bldg.....	1908
Michael Dowling, Omaha, 1322 South 31st Street.....	1909
Harry A. Cheney, Creighton.....	1910
Henry Gibbons, Kearney.....	1911
James R. Cain, Jr., Stella.....	1912

\*Deceased.

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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	Wm. A. DeWolf Smith	New Westminster.
California	John Whicher	412 Hewes Bldg., San Francisco.
Canada	Ralph L. Gunn	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut	George A. Kies	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica	Antonio Castro, Q.	San Jose.
Cuba	Carlos G. Charles Y. Hunter	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware	Virginus V. Harrison	Wilmington.
District Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Egypt	Athanase C. Garafollo	P. O. Box 148, Cairo.
England	Edward Letchworth	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	William A. Woihin	Macon.
Idaho	Theophilus W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Camp Point.
Indiana	Calvin W. Frather	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Henry E. Flavelle, Dep'y	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	Dave Jackson	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland	George Cook	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Thomas W. Davis	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	John Fishel	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic G. Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John R. Parson	510 Pine St., St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	1608 Capitol Avenue, Omaha.
Nevada	Edward D. Vanderleith	Carson.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	Ritchie's Bldg., St. John.
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord.
New Jersey	Benjamin F. Wakefield	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque. [Sydney.
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	Panama St. Wellington.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio	Jacob H. Bromwell	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	William M. Anderson	Masonic Temple, Oklahoma City.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	328 Yamhill St., Portland.
Pennsylvania	John A. Perry	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands	Amos G. Bellis	Manila.
Prince Edward Is.	Walter P. Doull	Charlottetown.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal, P. O. Box 3207.
Queensland	Charles H. Harley	231 Elizabeth St., Brisbane.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan	John M. Shaw	Masonic Temple, Regina.
Scotland	David Reid	Freemasons Hall, 98 George St., Edinburgh.
South Australia	Charles R. J. Glover	Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide.
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Waco.
Utah	Charles B. Jack	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington. [Melbourne.
Victoria	Charles J. Barrow	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St.,
Virginia	Charles A. Nesbitt	Richmond.
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia	John M. Collins	Charleston.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	William L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama	Alpha Morgan, 148.	Broken Bow.	July 25, 1903
Alberta	Homer R. Hatfield, 56.	Grand Island.	Aug. 4, 1908
Arizona	Charles E. Gallagher, 251	Wausa	Aug. 22, 1906
Arkansas	Samuel W. Hayes, 55.	Norfolk	Mar. 6, 1878
Brit. Columbia	Thomas M. Davis, 93.	Beaver City.	Apr. 10, 1908
Canada	Orin A. H. Bruce, 100.	Creighton	Oct. 11, 1910
Colorado	Charles J. Phelps, 34.	Schuyler	Oct. 8, 1890
Connecticut	Samuel P. Davidson, 17.	Tecumseh	Oct. 10, 1889
Cuba	Charles W. Kraft, 54.	Lincoln	Aug. 17, 1904
Delaware	Carroll D. Evans, 58.	Columbus	Aug. 3, 1900
Dist. Columbia	Albert W. Jefferis, 1.	Omaha	June 12, 1912
Egypt	Harry A. Cheney, 100.	Creighton	Sept. 12, 1907
England	Frank E. Bullard, 32.	North Platte.	Feb. 18, 1908
Florida	Ambrose C. Epperson, 139	Clay Center	Sept. 20, 1912
Georgia	Edwin F. Warren, 2.	Nebraska City.	Mar. 31, 1883
Idaho	Fred A. Howe, 119.	North Bend.	Nov. 2, 1909
Illinois	George H. Thummel, 33.	Omaha	Mar. 14, 1892
Indiana	Harry P. Deuel, 11.	Omaha	Nov. 8, 1890
Ireland	Henry Gibbons, 46.	Kearney	June 10, 1911
Kansas	James P. A. Black, 50.	Hastings	Nov. 21, 1893
Louisiana	Robert E. Evans, 5.	Dakota City.	Aug. 9, 1904
Maine	Thos. K. Sudborough, 25	Omaha	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba	Elias W. Beghtol, 146.	Holdrege	May 7, 1903
Maryland	Chas. L. Fahnestock, 135	McCook	Mar. 8, 1911
Michigan	Charles L. Shook, 1.	Omaha	Dec. 19, 1912
Minnesota	George A. Beecher, 268.	Hastings	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.	Lincoln	Sept. 6, 1899
New Brunswick	Addison S. Tibbetts, 54.	Lincoln	July 16, 1900
New Hampshire	Frederic L. Temple, 61.	Lexington	Oct. 11, 1910
New Jersey	James R. Cain, Sr., 9.	Falls City.	Sept. 24, 1878
New So. 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	Walter M. Hopewell, 31.	Tekamah	June 8, 1911
North Dakota	Henry H. Andrews, 207.	Callaway	June 27, 1913
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	Aug. 19, 1909
Oregon	William T. Bourke, 268.	Omaha	May 18, 1909
Philippine Is.	*John J. Tooley, 258.	Anselmo	
P. Edward Is.	Charles E. Burnham, 166	Norfolk	Oct. 21, 1902
Quebec	James Tyler, 19.	Lincoln	July 26, 1901
Queensland	Velosco V. Leonard, 6.	Plattsmouth	Mar. 31, 1909
Rhode Island	Michael Dowling, 119.	Omaha	July 30, 1903
Saskatchewan	Claude L. Talbot, 184.	South Omaha.	July 3, 1908
South Australia	*Samuel S. Whiting, 54.	Lincoln	
South Carolina	James R. Cain, Jr., 105.	Stella	July 12, 1907
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	Andrew H. Viele, 55.	Norfolk	Oct. 10, 1910
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.

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OTHER GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama .....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Montgomery .....	July 30, 1909
Alberta .....	Percy Taylor.....	High River .....	Jan. 13, 1908
Arizona .....	Thomas A. Pascoe.....	Globe .....	June 24, 1913
Arkansas .....	Lewis C. Hall.....	Dardanelle .....	Feb. 15, 1911
Brit. Columbia..	Edward B. Paul.....	Victoria .....	Oct. 26, 1903
Canada .....	Frederick W. Harcourt	Toronto .....	April 15, 1907
Colorado .....	Edward P. Hufferd.....	Colorado Springs...	Aug. 12, 1905
Connecticut .....	Reuben H. Tucker.....	Ansonia .....	Dec. 4, 1894
Cuba .....	Manuel S. Castellanos.	Havana, Santidad del Puerto .....	Feb. 4, 1904
Delaware .....	Harry J. Guthrie.....	Wilmington .....	Oct. 17, 1904
Dist. Columbia..	William T. Hastings..	Washington, 905 B St. N. E.....	Aug. 26, 1907
Egypt .....	Michael Bey Saleh.....	Cairo .....	April 3, 1905
Florida .....	William M. Cannon.....	Palatka .....	April 11, 1910
Georgia .....	Isaac A. Bush.....	Camilla .....	Oct. 11, 1910
Idaho .....	Richard K. Lessey.....	Albion .....	Feb. 10, 1908
Illinois .....	Albert Jampolis.....	Chicago .....	Dec. 1, 1906
Indiana .....	Omar B. Smith.....	Rochester .....	Sept. 16, 1908
Ireland .....	John Gordon.....	Dublin .....	June 28, 1899
Kansas .....	William I. Stuart.....	Troy .....	Oct. 23, 1911
Louisiana .....	Adolph G. Ricks.....	New Orleans.....	Sept. 17, 1901
Maine .....	Edwin A. Porter.....	Pittsfield .....	Aug. 9, 1902
Manitoba .....	Henry E. Bletcher.....	Winnipeg .....	June 11, 1913
Maryland .....	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore, Masonic Temple .....	Mar. 25, 1893
Michigan .....	Frank W. Richey.....	Dowagiac .....	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota .....	Alfred G. Pinkham.....	St. Paul.....	April 7, 1906
Mississippi .....	James F. McCool.....	Kosciusko .....	Dec. 3, 1901
Missouri .....	Charles F. Vogel.....	St. Louis, 624 Chest- nut St.....	April 4, 1892
Montana .....	Henry M. Parchen.....	Helena .....	Mar. 18, 1892
Nevada .....	Pearl E. Keeler.....	Tonopha .....	Nov. 22, 1910
New Brunswick..	William Wedderburn..	Hampton .....	Jan. 1, 1873
New Hampshire..	Arthur S. Bunton.....	Manchester .....	Feb. 10, 1908
New Jersey .....	Theodore B. Townley..	Elizabeth .....	Sept. 14, 1908
New So. Wales..	Frederick A. Banks.....	Glebe Point, Sydney	Aug. 25, 1905
New York.....	Thomas Leary.....	Ossining, 160 Main St. ....	Mar. 17, 1911
New Zealand...	Oliver Nicholson.....	Auckland .....	Feb. 14, 1903
North Carolina..	Will X. Coley.....	Raleigh .....	July 20, 1908
North Dakota...	James B. Coolidge.....	Leeds .....	June 15, 1911
Nova Scotia.....	Marston Guillod.....	Parrsborough .....	July 16, 1902
Ohio .....	Horace A. Irvin.....	Dayton .....	Jan. 8, 1903
Oklahoma .....	DeForest D. Leach.....	Oklahoma City.....	Aug. 3, 1909
Oregon .....	Phil Metschan.....	Portland .....	May 22, 1893
Philippine Is..			
P. Edward Is..	James D. Stewart.....	Georgetown .....	Mar. 23, 1910
Quebec .....	William M. LeMesurier	Montreal, 53 Com- mon St.....	Oct. 31, 1889
Queensland .....	Ernest W. Bick.....	Brisbane .....	May 10, 1909
Rhode Island...	Henry C. Dexter.....	Pawtucket .....	May 21, 1909
Saskatchewan..	Alfred F. Fugl.....	Lloydminster .....	July 6, 1908
South Australia.	Frank Ernest Haddick.	Adelaide .....	June 9, 1910
South Carolina..	Augustine T. Smythe..	Charleston .....	Feb. 20, 1892
South Dakota...	Marshall R. Brown.....	Sioux Falls.....	Aug. 6, 1908
Tennessee .....	Isaac J. Thurman.....	McWinnville .....	April 19, 1899
Texas .....	James D. Greshaw.....	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 W. Paisley.....	Bunbury .....	July 19, 1902
West Virginia..	Charles E. Bailey.....	Sistersville .....	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin .....	Frank E. Noyes.....	Marinette .....	Dec. 23, 1904

NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Acacia, 34.  
 Adams, U. D. ., (extinct)  
 Adoniram, 159.  
 Ainsworth, U. D. ., (131)  
 Albion, 78.  
 Alexandria, 74.  
 Allen, U. D. ., (236)  
 Alliance, 183.  
 Amethyst, 190.  
 Amity, 169.  
 Anchor, 142, (extinct)  
 Anselmo, 258.  
 Antelope, 276.  
 Arapahoe, 109, (extinct)  
 Arcana, 195.  
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)  
 Armada, U. D. ., (extinct)  
 Ashland, 18, (extinct)  
 Ashlar, 33.  
 Atkinson, 164.  
 Auburn, 124.  
 Aurora, 68.
- Bancroft, 145.  
 Bannack City, U. D. ., (ext.)  
 Barneston, 165.  
 Bartley, 228.  
 Bassett, 254.  
 Battle Creek, U. D. ., (ext.)  
 Beatrice, 206.  
 Beaver, U. D. ., (179)  
 Beaver City, 93.  
 Beaver Valley, U. D. ., (230)  
 Bee, 259.  
 Bee Hive, 184.  
 Belgrade, U. D. ., (269)  
 Bell Creek, U. D. ., (241)  
 Benkelman, U. D. ., (180)  
 Beemer, 253.  
 Bennett, 94.  
 Blazing Star, 200.  
 Bloomfield, 218.  
 Blue Hill, 129.  
 Blue River, 30.  
 Blue Springs, U. D. ., (85)  
 Blue Valley, 64.  
 Boaz, 185.  
 Bradshaw, 255.  
 Brainard, 115, (extinct)  
 Bromfield, U. D. ., (ext.)  
 Bromfield, U. D. ., (223)  
 Burchard, U. D. ., (137)  
 Burnett, U. D. ., (166)  
 Butte, U. D. ., (233)
- Cable, 225.  
 Cambridge, 150.  
 Canopy, 209.  
 Capitol, 3.  
 Carleton, U. D. ., (199)  
 Cedar, U. D. ., (13)  
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D. ., (215)  
 Cedar Rapids, U. D. ., (143)  
 Cedar River, 89.  
 Cement, 211.  
 Central City, U. D. ., (ext.)  
 Ceresco, U. D. ., (229)  
 Chadron, U. D. ., (158)  
 Chapman, U. D. ., (239)  
 Charity, 53.  
 Clay Centre, 139.  
 Columbus, U. D. ., (ext.)
- Columbus, U. D. ., (58)  
 Columbus, 8, (extinct)  
 Comet, 229.  
 Compass and Square, 212.  
 Composite, 81.  
 Corinthian, 83.  
 Corner-stone, 247.  
 Covert, 11.  
 Crab Orchard, U. D. ., (238)  
 Crawford, U. D. ., (181)  
 Creighton, 100.  
 Crescent, 143.  
 Crete, 37.  
 Crofton, 273.  
 Crystal, 191.  
 Cubit, 237.  
 Culbertson, 174.  
 Cuming City, U. D. ., (21)  
 Curtis, 168.  
 Custer, U. D. ., (148)
- Dakota, (5)  
 Danbury, U. D. ., (185)  
 Davenport, U. D. ., (154)  
 Decatur, 7, (extinct)  
 Delta, 230.  
 DeWitt, 111.  
 Doniphan, 86.  
 Doric, 118.  
 Douglas, U. D. ., (237)
- East Lincoln, 210.  
 Edgar, 67.  
 Elk Creek, 90.  
 Elm Creek, 133.  
 Elwood, 167.  
 Eminence, 223.  
 Emmet Crawford, 148.  
 Endeavor, 262.  
 Euclid, 97.  
 Eureka, 16, (extinct)  
 Evening Star, 49.  
 Evergreen, 153.  
 Ewing, U. D. ., (156)  
 Exeter, U. D. ., (extinct)
- Fairbury, 35.  
 Fairfield, 84.  
 Fairmont, 48.  
 Faith, 181.  
 Falls City, 9.  
 Fidelity, 51.  
 Firth, U. D. ., (66, ext.)  
 Florence, 281.  
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct)  
 Franklin, 264.  
 Frank Welch, 75.  
 Fraternity, 235.  
 Fremont, 15.  
 Friend, 73.  
 Friendship, 239.
- Garfield, 95.  
 Gauge, 208.  
 Gavel, 199.  
 Geneva, 79.  
 Genoa, U. D. ., (125)  
 George Armstrong, 241.  
 George Washington, 250.  
 George W. Lininger, 268  
 Gibbon, (see 46)  
 Gibbon, U. D. ., (189)
- Giddings, 2.  
 Gilead, 233.  
 Gladstone, 176.  
 Globe, 113.  
 Golden Fleece, 205.  
 Golden Rule, 236.  
 Golden Sheaf, 202.  
 Gothenburg, 249.  
 Grace, 226.  
 Grafton, 172.  
 Granite, 189.  
 Grant, U. D. ., (34)  
 Grant, U. D. ., (186)  
 Greenwood, U. D. ., (163)  
 Gresham, U. D. ., (197)  
 Guide Rock, 128.
- Hamilton, U. D. ., (68)  
 Hampton, 245.  
 Hardy, 117.  
 Harlan, 116.  
 Harmony, U. D. ., (extinct)  
 Harmony, U. D. ., (extinct)  
 Hartington, 155.  
 Harvard, 44.  
 Hastings, 50.  
 Hay Springs, 177.  
 Hebron, 43.  
 Hermon, U. D. ., (231)  
 Hesperia, 178, (extinct)  
 Hickman, 256.  
 Highland, 194.  
 Hildreth, 252.  
 Hillsdale, U. D. ., (29)  
 Hiram, 52.  
 Holbrook, 257.  
 Holdrege, U. D. ., (146)  
 Hooper, 72.  
 Hope, 29.  
 Hubbell, 92.  
 Humboldt, 40.  
 Huntley, 270.  
 Hyannis, U. D. ., (234)
- Idaho, U. D. ., (extinct)  
 Imperial, U. D. ., (198)  
 Incense, 182.  
 Indianola, 123, (extinct)  
 Ionic, 87.  
 Israel, 187.  
 Ithmar, 238, (extinct)
- Jachin, 146.  
 James A. Tulleys, 267.  
 Jasper, 122, (extinct)  
 Jephtha, U. D. ., (264)  
 Jewel, 149.  
 John S. Bowen, 232.  
 Johnson, U. D. ., (141, ext.)  
 Joppa, 76.  
 Jordan, 27.  
 Junjata, 42.  
 Justice, 180.
- Kenesaw, 144.  
 Keystone, 62.
- Lafayette, 24, (extinct)  
 Lancaster, 54.  
 Landmark, 222.  
 Laurel, 248.  
 Lebanon, 58.  
 Lee P. Gillette, 272.

- Leigh, U. D., (193)  
 Level, 196.  
 Liberty, U. D., (152)  
 Lily, 154.  
 Lincoln, 19.  
 Litchfield, 278.  
 Livingstone, 66, (extinct)  
 Lone Tree, 36.  
 Long Pine, 136.  
 Loup Fork, U. D., (8, ext.)  
 Mackey, U. D., (242)  
 Macoy, 22, (extinct)  
 Magic City, U. D., (184)  
 Magnolia, 220.  
 Mason City, 170.  
 McCook, 135.  
 Melrose, 60.  
 Meridian, 188.  
 Merna, 171.  
 Minden, 127.  
 Minnekadusa, 192.  
 Mitchell, 263.  
 Monitor, U. D., (extinct)  
 Morning Star, 197.  
 Morrill, U. D., (271)  
 Mosaic, 55.  
 Mount Hermon, 231.  
 Mount Moriah, 57.  
 Mount Nebo, 125.  
 Mount Zion, 161.  
 Mystic Tie, 166.  
 Napthall, 206.  
 Nebraska, 1.  
 Nebraska City, 12, (extinct)  
 Nehawka, 246.  
 Nelson, 77.  
 Nemaha Valley, 4.  
 Norfolk, U. D., (55)  
 North Bend, 119.  
 Northern Light, 41.  
 North Loup, U. D., (142, ex.)  
 North Star, 227.  
 Oakland, 91.  
 Oasis, 271.  
 Occidental, 215.  
 Odell, U. D., (122, ext.)  
 Ogallala, 159.  
 Oliver, 38.  
 Ohiowa, U. D., (182)  
 Olive Branch, 274.  
 Oliver, 38.  
 Omadi, 5.  
 Ord, 103.  
 Orient, 13.  
 Orion, 242, (extinct)  
 Ornan, 261.  
 Osceola, 65.  
 Overton, U. D., (267)  
 Oxford, U. D., (138)  
 Palestine, U. D., (extinct)  
 Pallsade, 216.  
 Palmyra, 45, (extinct)  
 Papillion, 39.  
 Parallel, 152.  
 Parian, 207.  
 Pawnee, 23.  
 Pawnee City, U. D., (23)  
 Peru, U. D., (extinct)  
 Peru, 14.  
 Pilot, 240.  
 Plainview, 204.  
 Platte Valley, 32.  
 Plattsmouth, 6.  
 Plumb, 186, (extinct)  
 Plumbline, 214.  
 Pomegranate, 110.  
 Ponca, 101.  
 Porter, 106.  
 Prudence, 179.  
 Purity, 198.  
 Pythagoras, 156.  
 Ramah, 275.  
 Rawalt, 138.  
 Relief, 219.  
 Republican, 98.  
 Reynolds, U. D., (160)  
 Rising, U. D., (81)  
 Rising Star, U. D., (20 ext.)  
 Riverside, 269.  
 Riverton, 63.  
 Robert Burns, 173.  
 Robert W. Furnas, 265.  
 Rob Morris, 46.  
 Rock Bluff, 20, (extinct)  
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred)  
 Roman Eagle, 203.  
 Saint Johns, 25.  
 Saint Paul, 82.  
 Salem, 47, (extinct)  
 Saline, U. D., (73)  
 Saline, U. D., (101)  
 Saline, U. D., (118)  
 Samaritan, 158.  
 Scotia, U. D., (191)  
 Scotts Bluff, 201.  
 Scribner, 132.  
 Seward, U. D., (38)  
 Shelby, U. D., (161)  
 Shelton, 99.  
 Shickley, U. D., (178, ext.)  
 Signet, 193.  
 Siloam, 147.  
 Silver, 266.  
 Silver Cord, 224.  
 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)  
 Sincerity, 244.  
 Sioux, 277.  
 Solar, 134.  
 Solomon, 10.  
 Springfield, 112.  
 Springview, 260.  
 Square, 151.  
 Square and Compass, 213.  
 Stanton, U. D., (41)  
 Star, 88.  
 Steele City, 107, (extinct)  
 Stella, 105.  
 Sterling, 70.  
 Stockville, U. D., (196)  
 Stromsburg, 126.  
 Summit, 7, (transferred)  
 Summit, 141, (extinct)  
 Superior, 121.  
 Swastika, 280.  
 Syracuse, U. D., (57)  
 Table Rock, 108.  
 Talmage, U. D., (162)  
 Tecumseh, 17.  
 Tekamah, 31.  
 Temple, U. D., (5)  
 Temple, 175.  
 Thistle, 61.  
 Tobias, U. D., (149)  
 Trenton, U. D., (extinct)  
 Trestle Board, 162.  
 Trilumular, U. D., (210)  
 Trowel, 71.  
 Tuscan, 130.  
 Tyre, 85.  
 Tyrian, 243.  
 Ulysses, U. D., (187)  
 Unity, 163.  
 Upright, 137.  
 Utica, 96.  
 Valentine, U. D., (113)  
 Valley, 157.  
 Valparaiso, U. D., (151)  
 Waco, 80, (extinct)  
 Wahoo, 59.  
 Wallace, 279.  
 Washington, 21.  
 Waterloo, 102.  
 Wauneta, 217.  
 Wausa, 251.  
 Wayne, 120.  
 Weeping Water, U. D., (97)  
 Western, 140.  
 Western Star, 2.  
 Wilcox, U. D., (226)  
 Winside, U. D., (235)  
 Winter Creek, U. D., (265)  
 Wisner, 114.  
 Wood Lake, 221.  
 Wymore, 104.  
 Wyoming, 28, (transferred)  
 York, 56.  
 Zeredatha, U. D., (98)  
 Zeredatha, 160.  
 Zion, 234.

LOCATION OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES.

## BY TOWNS ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Adams, 214.  
Ainsworth, 224.  
Albion, 78.  
Alexandria, 74.  
Allen, 236.  
Alliance, 183.  
Alma, 116.  
Anselmo, 258.  
Ansley, 176.  
Arcadia, 208.  
Arlington, 52.  
Arnold, 225.  
Ashland, 110.  
Atkinson, 164.  
Auburn, 124.  
Aurora, 68.
- Bancroft, 145.  
Barneston, 165.  
Bartley, 228.  
Bassett, 254.  
Battle Creek, 244.  
Beatrice, 26.  
Beaver City, 93.  
Beaver Crossing, 179.  
Bee, 259.  
Beemer, 253.  
Belgrade, 269.  
Benkelman, 180.  
Bennett, 94.  
Bertrand, 275.  
Blair, 21.  
Bloomfield, 218.  
Bloomington, 76.  
Blue Hill, 129.  
Blue Springs, 85.  
Bradshaw, 265.  
Brock, 162.  
Broken Bow, 148.  
Brownville, 4.  
Burchard, 137.  
Burwell, 200.  
Butte, 233.
- Callaway, 207.  
Cambridge, 150.  
Carleton, 199.  
Cedar Bluffs, 215.  
Cedar Rapids, 143.  
Central City, 36.  
Ceresco, 229.  
Chadron, 158.  
Chapman, 239.  
Chappell, 205.  
Clarks, 134.  
Clay Center, 139.  
Coleridge, 219.  
Columbus, 58.  
Cook, 231.  
Cortland, 194.  
Cozad, 188.  
Craig, 241.  
Crawford, 181.  
Creighton, 100.  
Crete, 37.  
Crofton, 273.  
Culbertson, 174.  
Curtis, 168.
- Dakota City, 5.  
Danbury, 185.  
Davenport, 154.  
David City, 51.  
Decatur, 88.  
DeWitt, 111.  
Diller, 206.  
Doniphan, 86.  
Dorchester, 118.  
Douglas, 237.  
Dunbar, 272.
- Edgar, 67.  
Elgin, 276.  
Elk Creek, 90.  
Elm Creek, 133.  
Elmwood, 209.  
Elwood, 167.  
Emerson, 220.  
Ewing, 156.
- Fairbury, 35.  
Fairfield, 84.  
Fairmont, 48.  
Falls City, 9.  
Filley, 175.  
Florence, 281.  
Fort Calhoun, 10.  
Franklin, 264.  
Fremont, 15.  
Friend, 73.  
Fullerton, 89.
- Gandy, 190.  
Geneva, 79.  
Genoa, 125.  
Gering, 201.  
Gibbon, 189.  
Giltner, 223.  
Gordon, 195.  
Gothenburg, 249.  
Grafton, 172.  
Grand Island, 33.  
Greenwood, 163.  
Gresham, 197.  
Guide Rock, 128.
- Hampton, 245.  
Hardy, 117.  
Harrison, 277.  
Hartington, 155.  
Harvard, 44.  
Hastings, 50.  
Havelock, 250.  
Hay Springs, 177.  
Hebron, 43.  
Herman, 222.  
Hickman, 256.  
Hildreth, 252.  
Holbrook, 257.  
Holdrege, 146.  
Hooper, 72.  
Hubbell, 92.  
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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska,	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Edward S. Thompson...	John F. Wilcox
Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City..	Otoe.....	Friday on or before○	William A. Forbes.....	Milton R. Thorp
Capitol,	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	Harry P. VanArsdale...	Herbert G. Hoerner
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	Wednesday on or before○	John S. Furnas.....	James W. Ford
5 Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	Saturday on or before○	Harry H. Adair.....	John H. Ream
Plattsmouth	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	First and third Mondays	George W. Thomas.....	Michael Archer
Falls City,	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson..	Second and fourth Mondays	Arthur F. Kottmann...	Amos E. Gantt
Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun...	Washington..	Tuesday on or before○	Parke G. Beales.....	Ernest A. Rix
Covert,	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Wednesday.....	George R. Porter.....	Frank W. Boyer
10 Orient,	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson..	Monday on or before○	John C. Shepherd.....	Peter N. Frederick
Peru,	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	Saturday on or before○	J. Frank Heywood....	Clayton E. Hadley
Fremont,	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	First Tuesday.....	Fred C. Laird.....	Matthew A. Priestley
Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	First and third Saturdays	Reuben F. Reynolds....	Leo B. Heskett
Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	William Pieper.....	Walter A. Leese
15 Washington,	" 21	Blair.....	Washington..	Second Tuesday.....	Charles E. Gaydou.....	Edward C. Jackson
Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City...	Pawnee.....	First and third Tuesdays	Earl B. Brooks.....	Joseph B. Brooks
Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Thomas Johnson.....	Carl E. Herring
Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Harry W. Schafer.....	Wilbur S. Bourne
Jordan,	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Herman Zeplin.....	John H. Thompson
20 Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City...	Nemaha.....	Friday on or before○	William E. Seid.....	Benjamin T. Skeen
Blue River,	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	Thursday on or before○	Henry J. Matzke.....	John A. Cocklin
Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	First and third Wednesdays	Burt C. Enyart.....	Frank O. Lundstrom
Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte...	Lincoln.....	Second Tuesday.....	Claude P. Faulkner....	Frank E. Bullard
Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island...	Hall.....	Second Thursday.....	Claude A. Huss.....	Robert R. Watson
25 Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	First Thursday.....	Thomas Allen.....	Venzel Maly
Fairbury,	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson....	First and third Mondays	Charles L. Bitzer.....	Elbert W. Mason
Lone Tree,	" 36	Central City...	Merrick.....	First and third Saturdays	Albert Grier.....	Joseph E. Benton
Crete,	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	First Friday.....	Robert Manning, Sr....	William L. Lovell
Oliver,	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	Saturday on or before○	William Rosborough...	Smith D. Atkins
30 Papillion,	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	First and third Saturdays	Horace D. Patterson...	Joseph F. Foreman
Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson..	Thursday on or before○	Otto Kotouc.....	J. Frank Sneathen
Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	Friday on or before○	Clinton Chase.....	Virgil L. Horton
Juniata,	" 42	Juniata.....	Adams.....	Monday on or before○	Farmer Saddler.....	William E. Cadwalader
Hebron,	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	First Thursday.....	William L. Whitney....	Charles E. Day
35 Harvard,	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	First and third Tuesdays	William T. Ayton.....	Griffith J. Thomas
Rob Morris,	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	First Wednesday.....	Mack H. Brigham.....	James D. Hawthorne

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Fairmont	48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Tuesday on or before○	Charles J. Watson	Harry W. Smith
Evening Star	49	Sutton	Clay	Second & fourth Thursdays	Arthur W. Burlingame	Oscar B. Neumann
Hastings	50	Hastings	Adams	First Tuesday	William J. Rinderspacher	Robert R. Damerell
40 Fidelity	51	David City	Butler	First Tuesday	Thomas J. Hinds	Alex. E. Etting
Hiram	52	Arlington	Washington	Thursday on or before○	Clyde M. Corrington	James C. Badger
Charity	53	Red Cloud	Webster	First and third Fridays	Albert U. Kaley	Edwin S. Garber
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Roy V. Pepperberg	Robert O. Wolf
Mosaic	55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Harry S. Thorpe	George H. Burton
45 York	56	York	York	Last Friday	Ira C. Freet	Irvin A. Baker
Mount Moriah	57	Syracuse	Otoe	Thursday on or before○	Louis S. Fallers	Baalis S. Littlefield
Lebanon	58	Columbus	Platte	Second Wednesday	Carroll D. Evans	W. Carleton Rector
Wahoo	59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	Robert F. McCreery	Charles A. Swanson
Melrose	60	Orleans	Harlan	Saturday on or before○*	Daniel J. Lideen	George M. Wallace
50 Thistle	61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Philo J. Hewitt	Samuel C. Mullin
Keystone	62	Phillips	Hamilton	Saturday on or before○	William C. Silvernail	Alexander S. Gilbert
Riverton	63	Riverton	Franklin	Monday on or before○	Edward T. Rasmussen	Frank E. Britton
Blue Valley	64	Wilber	Saline	Tuesday on or before○*	Jesse I. Moore	Emil E. Dunder
Osceola	65	Osceola	Polk	Second and fourth Saturdays	William Campbell	Samuel A. Snider
55 Edgar	67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays	Butler Hart	Fred A. Voorhees
Aurora	68	Aurora	Hamilton	First and third Tuesdays	Albert E. Fisher	Elroy S. Munson
Sterling	70	Sterling	Johnson	Tuesday on or before○	Will F. Denton	Warren A. White
Trowel	71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Willis W. Cole	Sidney D. Thornton, Jr.
Hooper	72	Hooper	Dodge	Saturday on or before○	Fred H. Maryott	Henry Edelmaier
60 Friend	73	Friend	Saline	Thursday on or before○	Lesley M. McFarlane	Andros W. Hoyt
Alexandria	74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Mondays	Henry C. Woltemath	Harry J. Newell
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Herman Schroeder	Leslie Neubauer
Joppa	76	Bloomington	Franklin	Friday on or before○	Thomas R. Robinson	William T. Britton
Nelson	77	Nelson	Nuckolls	Thursday on or before○	Charles R. Imler	Jacob Ritterbush
65 Albion	78	Albion	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	James E. DeLaney	Wallace W. Ladd
Geneva	79	Geneva	Fillmore	Friday on or before○*	Charles J. Warner	Waldo E. Propst
Composite	81	Rising City	Butler	Tuesday on or before○	Emory C. Thomas	Grant W. Day
Saint Paul	82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	C. Lee Pickett	Frank E. Pope
Corinthian	83	Wakefield	Dixon	Friday on or before○	Charles S. Grabin	David C. Leamer
70 Fairfield	84	Fairfield	Clay	First and Third Mondays	Thomas J. Fowler, Jr.	David B. Massie
Tyre	85	Blue Springs	Gage	Tuesday on or before○	Florence B. Wade	Gilbert F. Sandritter
Doniphan	86	Doniphan	Hall	Saturday on or before○	Willie G. Smith	Henry G. Funk

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Ionic,	No. 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before○.....	William H. Brown.....	George L. Adams
Star,	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	James R. Elliott.....	John G. Maryott
75 Cedar River,	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays.....	Joseph A. Storch.....	Martin H. Huff
Elk Creek,	" 90	Elk Creek.....	Johnson.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Edwin R. Merwin.....	Elra J. Gibbs
Oakland,	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	Second and 4th Wednesdays.....	Andrew R. Holt.....	Albert P. Hedman
Hubbell,	" 92	Hubbell.....	Thayer.....	Second and 4th Saturdays.....	Samuel Patten.....	Ario P. Wilcox
Beaver City,	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Frank A. Brewster.....	Fletcher N. Merwin
80 Bennett,	" 94	Bennett.....	Lancaster.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Henry F. May.....	D. Otis Verity
Garfield,	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Robert R. Dickson.....	James C. Harnish
Utica,	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	John E. McLain.....	Robert C. Hunter
Euclid,	" 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	First Monday.....	Stephen W. Orton.....	Philemon S. Barnes
Republican,	" 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Wallace L. Washburn.....	Alexander D. McMillan
85 Shelton,	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	Friday on or before○.....	Henry H. Stedman.....	Guy L. Bastian
Creighton,	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Jacob Demmer.....	Walter T. Philbrick
Ponca,	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	Friday on or before○.....	Albert D. Townsend.....	Marion T. Mellon
Waterloo,	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Charles U. Streitz.....	Edward T. Robinson
Ord,	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Herman G. Barkmeier.....	Rudolph Sorensen
90 Wymore,	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	Second and 4th Wednesdays.....	Adam McMullen.....	Jesse S. Newton
Stella,	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	James Bowen.....	Roy E. Tomlinson
Porter,	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	Tuesday on or before○*.....	Otto E. Longacre.....	William J. Root
Table Rock,	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Roscoe C. Zink.....	Lewis C. Schurr
Pomegranate,	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	First Friday.....	Jesse B. Parks.....	William H. Blair
95 DeWitt,	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before○.....	Gustave R. Klein.....	Cliff C. Shoemaker
Springfield,	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	Second and fourth Saturdays.....	Lewis C. Johnson.....	James C. Miller
Globe,	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	William L. Dowling.....	Isaac B. Lonneker
Wisner,	" 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	Second and 4th Wednesdays.....	George W. Mooney.....	Clark B. Evans
Harlan,	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	Friday on or before○*.....	William Everson.....	Philetus P. Bentley
100 Hardy,	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before○.....	James C. Gavin.....	James H. Fair
Doric,	" 118	Dorchester.....	Saline.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Claude Byers.....	J. Frank Longanecker
North Bend,	" 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	Second Tuesday.....	Charles A. Millar.....	Asa J. Farnham
Wayne,	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	Second and fourth Fridays.....	Lambert W. Roe.....	J. Murray Cherry
Superior,	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Clarence E. Stine.....	Marcellus L. Pierce
105 Auburn,	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	Monday on or before○.....	Edward Grant.....	Joseph N. Simmons
Mount Nebo,	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	Second and 4th Saturdays.....	E. Alfred Lundberg.....	C. John Elm
Stromsburg,	" 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	Saturday on or before○.....	J. Charles Malster.....	James D. Edwards
Minden,	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Clinton H. Tarkington.....	Galusha L. Godfrey, act.
Guide Rock,	" 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Isaac B. Colvin.....	Earl B. Crary
110 Blue Hill,	" 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	Friday on or before○.....	Dean W. Fay.....	Albert L. Graham
Tuscan,	" 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Earl M. Bolen.....	Amasa S. Chapman
Scribner,	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	Richard A. B. Lane.....	Waldemar G. Henatsch
Elm Creek,	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Edward F. Asay.....	John L. Daul
Solar,	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Albert M. Johnson.....	William R. Morse
115 McCook,	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Fred A. Munden.....	Alonzo Cone
Long Pine,	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	First Saturday.....	Franklin E. Stump.....	John S. Davisson
Upright,	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	Wednesday on or before○*.....	Carl A. Yarpe.....	Andrew D. Barclay

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	Rawalt, No. 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Saturday on or before○.....	James W. Anderson.....	Harry L. Lee
	Clay Centre, " 139	Clay Centre.....	Clay.....	First and third Saturdays..	Arthur S. Kyne.....	Charles C. Blanchard
120	Western, " 140	Western.....	Saline.....	First and third Wednesdays	Marshal J. Rhynolds.....	Horace W. Wilkinson
	Crescent, " 143	Cedar Rapids..	Boone.....	Third Wednesday.....	Stanley Maly.....	Daniel H. Tate
	Kenesaw, " 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before○.....	Herman R. Coplin.....	Liberty M. Robinson
	Bancroft, " 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and 4th Wednesdays	Edward H. Mack.....	Herbert M. Bassinger
	Jachin, " 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Lutannies T. Johnson.....	Sherley O. Rhea
125	Siloam, " 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or after○.....	William N. Coats.....	Horace Shank
	Emmet Crawford, " 148	Broken Bow..	Custer.....	Saturday on or before○.....	James McMillan.....	George B. Mair
	Jewel, " 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Sidney L. Mumau.....	Richard G. Drysdale
	Cambridge, " 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	Tuesday on or before○*....	Phillip J. McManus.....	Justin M. Hollingsworth
	Square, " 151	Valparaiso..	Saunders..	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Fred S. Parker.....	William Bays
130	Parallel, " 152	Liberty.....	Gage.....	Thursday on or before○.....	William L. Harman.....	Nathan K. Sharp
	Evergreen, " 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Tuesday on or before○*....	Niel M. Nelson.....	William B. Chilvers
	Lily, " 154	Davenport..	Thayer.....	Friday on or before○.....	I. Good Beam.....	Melvin M. Jennings
	Hartington, " 155	Hartington..	Cedar.....	Wednesday on or before○..	Elmer F. Robinson.....	Robert O. Bartlett
	Pythagoras, " 156	Ewing.....	Holt.....	Saturday on or before○†....	Andrew J. Davis.....	Ralph O. Anderson
135	Valley, " 157	Wilsonville..	Furnas.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Claude L. Stratton.....	Edward J. Hamilton
	Samaritan, " 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays..	Edwin D. Crites.....	John H. Morgan
	Ogalalla, " 159	Ogalalla.....	Keith.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Leroy A. Devoe.....	Axel Nelson
	Zeredatha, " 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson..	First and third Thursdays..	Harry D. Hazlett.....	Jerome E. Beachler
	Mount Zion, " 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Monday on or before○*....	William T. Mawhor.....	Henry Burrill
140	Trestle Board, " 162	Brook.....	Nemaha.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Edward B. Souders.....	Almon C. DePue
	Unity, " 163	Greenwood..	Cass.....	Friday on or before○*....	Edwin Metcalf.....	John E. Wiedeman
	Atkinson, " 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays	Harry A. Snyder.....	Alexander Searl
	Barneston, " 165	Barneston..	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○*....	Alvin D. Spencer.....	Vencil F. Malley
	Mystic Tie, " 166	Tilden.....	Madison..	Thursday on or before○.....	Adolph N. Snider.....	John F. Newhall
145	Elwood, " 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Charles A. Yoeman.....	Hiram A. Willard
	Curtis, " 168	Curtis.....	Frontier..	First and third Mondays....	Frank C. Thorne.....	Henry E. Langevin
	Amity, " 169	Rushville..	Sheridan..	Third Saturday.....	Joseph Bell.....	Zadok T. Daniel
	Mason City, " 170	Mason City..	Custer.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Arthur C. Rumery.....	Edwin G. Burrows
	Merna, " 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	Saturday on or after○.....	Ernest M. Coleman.....	Francis Jaquot
150	Grafton, " 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore..	Wednesday on or before○*..	Jacob T. Shroyer.....	Christian Garrett
	Robert Burns, " 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock..	First and third Saturdays..	Columbus C. Vennum.....	F. George Burchelle
	Culbertson, " 174	Culbertson..	Hitchcock..	First and third Wednesdays.	Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	George G. Eisenhart
	Temple, " 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	First and third Saturdays..	Fred Cornelius.....	Horace M. Miller

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	Gladstone,	No. 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	Saturday after○.....	N. Dwight Ford.....	Earl O. Morris
155	Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs...	Sheridan.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Frank Tullos.....	William R. Bowman
	Prudence,	" 179	Beaver Crossing	Seward.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	John A. Witter.....	Charles E. Gentry
	Justice,	" 180	Benkelman....	Dundy.....	Friday on or before○.....	John F. Hageman.....	Daniel L. Ough
	Faith,	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.	Karl J. Stern.....	Byron L. Livingston
	Incense,	" 182	Ohioa.....	Fillmore.....	Friday on or before○.....	William G. MacFarland..	Fred Wolter
160	Alliance,	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Karl J. Stern.....	Leon H. Mosher
	Bee Hive,	" 184	South Omaha..	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Frank E. Ames.....	Charles MacAdam
	Boaz,	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow....	Wednesday on or before○.	William H. Harris.....	James W. Nutt
	Israel,	" 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Edward Northway.....	John Burky
	Meridian,	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	Third Saturday.....	Charles H. Sandquist...	John T. Buckley
165	Granite,	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	First Thursday.....	Oscar K. Campbell.....	James G. Walker
	Amethyst,	" 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	Second and 4th Saturdays.	Burt H. Smee.....	Allen C. Kirby
	Crystal,	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Frank Miller.....	Stephen T. Grohosky
	Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	Third Tuesday.....	Walter W. Wells.....	*Charles E. Lewis
	Signet,	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	Friday on or before○.....	Charles D. Eby.....	Francis N. Nichols
170	Highland,	" 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	First Monday.....	John A. Johnston.....	William Robe
	Arcana,	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Mondays.	Lynn S. Thompson.....	Roy S. Ross
	Level,	" 196	Stockville.....	Frontier.....	Saturday on or before○.....	George J. Dold.....	Luke H. Cheney
	Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham.....	York.....	Friday on or before○.....	James E. Hart.....	Samuel A. Tobey
	Purity,	" 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	Friday on or before○.....	Perlee W. Scott.....	Siegfried L. Jacks
175	Gavel,	" 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	N. C. Eastabrooks.....	James H. Bryant
	Blazing Star,	" 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	Thursday on or after○.....	William C. Parsons.....	Robert W. Hanna
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff..	First and third Saturdays.	Enos S. DeLaMatter.....	Oscar W. Gardner
	Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	Monday on or before○.....	George I. Reed.....	Walter H. Weber
	Roman Eagle,	" 203	Pender.....	Thurston.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Reid A. Thomas.....	William F. Wenke
180	Plainview,	" 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Frederick W. Ebinger..	Abel Buckingham
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappell.....	Deuel.....	Thursday on or before○.....	John R. Wertz.....	Guy C. Neumann
	Napthall,	" 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William A. Snyder.....	Ora J. Mayborn
	Parlan,	" 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	Thursday on or before○.....	John E. Felker.....	Henry H. Andrews
	Gauge,	" 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	Tuesday after○*	Samuel H. Guye.....	Charles H. Downing
185	Canopy,	" 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Walter G. Box.....	William N. Minford
	East Lincoln,	" 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	Second Thursday.....	A. Otis Strickler.....	Rollin H. George
	Cement,	" 211	Wood River....	Hall.....	Thursday on or before○.....	A. Shuford Wiseman...	Charles E. Towne
	Compass & Square,	" 212	Summer.....	Dawson.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Roy W. Johnson.....	Gustav Hald
	Square & Compass,	" 213	Miller.....	Buffalo.....	Friday on or before○.....	Frank Ross Brown.....	Lester W. Hall
190	Plumblin,	" 214	Adams.....	Gage.....	Monday on or before○.....	George H. Kretzer.....	John E. Killen
	Occidental,	" 215	Cedar Bluffs..	Saunders.....	Wednesday on or before○.	Ernest F. Peck.....	Robert J. Fleming
	Palisade,	" 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock....	Tuesday on or before○.....	James W. Shrigley.....	Emett I. Wallace
	Wauweta,	" 217	Wauweta.....	Chase.....	First and third Thursdays..	Oliver W. Willis.....	Duncan R. McCallum
	Bloomfield,	" 218	Bloomfield....	Knox.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Ansel R. Settell.....	Joachim J. Barge
195	Relief,	" 219	Coloridge.....	Cedar.....	Second Friday.....	George H. Peck.....	Dean M. Mohr
	Magnolia,	" 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	Wednesday on or before○.	Morris H. Evans.....	George H. Haase
	Wood Lake,	" 221	Wood Lake.....	Cherry.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Harry A. Lyons.....	Henry Lausen

\*And two weeks thereafter. †Elected; not reported installed.

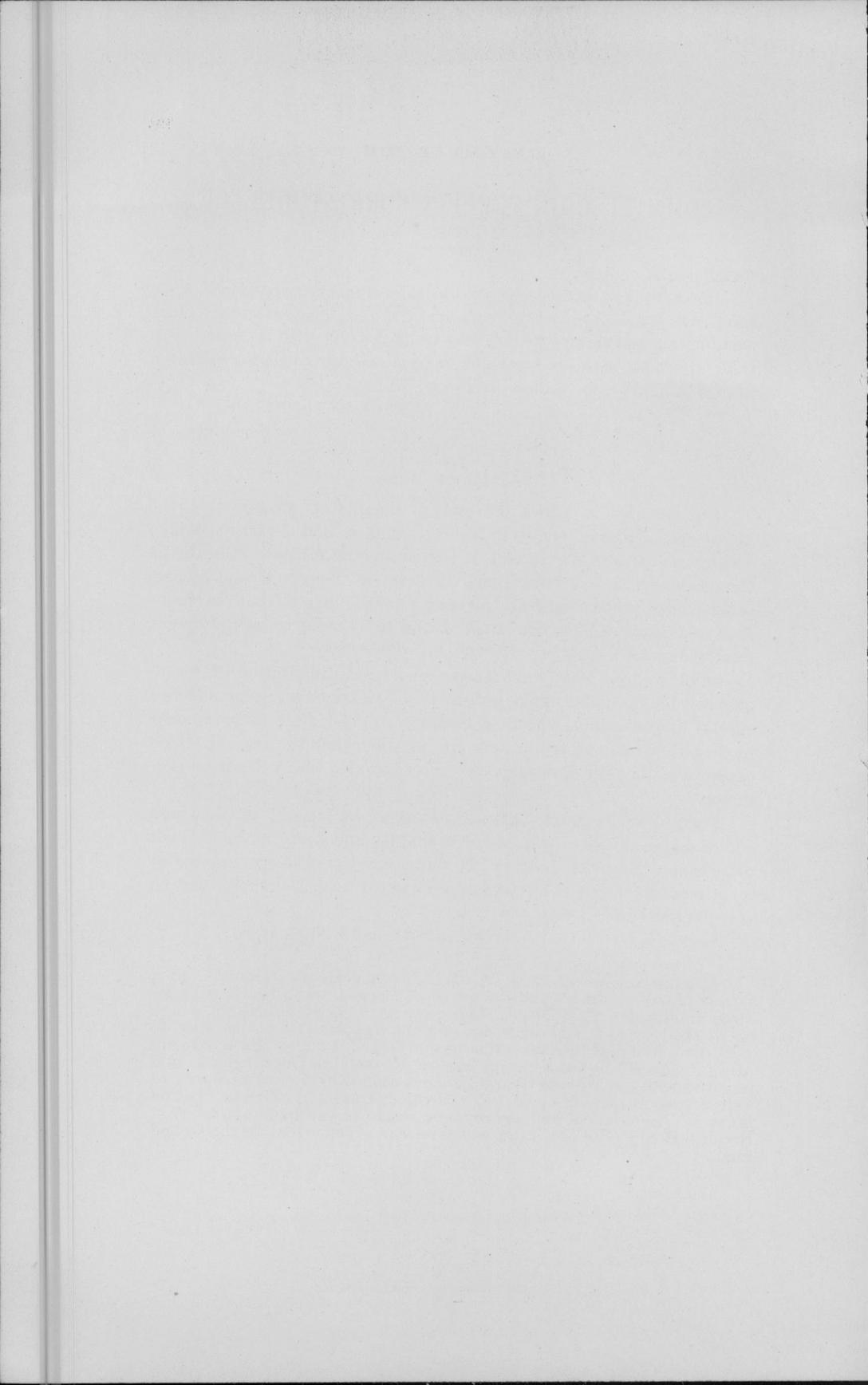
ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, WITH LOCATIONS, DATES OF REGULAR MEETINGS, ETC.—Continued.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
		Herman	Washington	Tuesday on or before○	G. Otis Yowell	Henry Truhlsen
	No. 222	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Charles W. Wagner	Lamoyne J. Gallentine
200		Ainsworth	Brown	Second Saturday	Tyre K. Jones	Hans Rohwer
	" 224	Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturdays	John Finch	William C. Beltz
	" 225	Wilcox	Kearney	Monday on or before○*	Arell L. Marsteller	Ivan L. Marsteller
	" 226	University Place	Lancaster	First Wednesday†	William L. Prewitt	Leslie A. Thomas
	" 227	Bartley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○	Roy E. Walkington	John E. Ford
205		Ceresco	Saunders	Thursday on or before○*	Charles A. Goold	Ray R. Turney
	" 229	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Eugene E. Fellers	Alfred Powell
	" 230	Cook	Johnson	Wednesday on or before○	James I. Hunt	William Whalen
	" 231	Kennard	Washington	Third Saturday	Clyde C. Cook	Alfred L. Cook
	" 232	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays	Robert Ford	Almon B. Thatcher
	" 233	Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before○	Charles W. Kreamer	Isador D. Whaley
210		Winside	Wayne	Wednesday on or before○	Gilbert E. French	Daniel B. Carter
	" 234	Allen	Dixon	Tuesday on or before○	Elmer Surber	Vernon W. McDonald
	" 235	Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before○	Allen Hostetter	Edward Harp
	" 236	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays	Adolph J. Frimann	Perry J. Frimann
	" 237	Lyons	Burt	Third Friday	Andrew R. Hanson	Ricahrd R. McHale
215		Craig	Burt	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William T. Minier	Clarence E. Whitaker
	" 240	Oak	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays	Grover G. Scroggin	William H. Nelson
	" 241	Battle Creek	Madison	Second Tuesday	Henry G. Whitney	Clyde E. Baker
	" 242	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	Clinton B. Condon	Stephen C. Houghton
220		Nehawka	Cass	Wednesday on or before○	James M. Palmer	David D. Adams
	" 243	Osmond	Pierce	Friday on or before○	Jesse R. Long	John C. S. Wells
	" 244	Laurel	Cedar	Second and 4th Wednesdays	Nelson Utter	Guy R. Stewart
	" 245	Gothenburg	Dawson	Wednesday on or before○	Parker M. Whitehead	Willis M. Stebbins
	" 246	Havelock	Lancaster	Second and 4th Thursdays	Harvey C. Dailey	Frank B. Young
225		Wausa	Knox	Wednesday on or before○	Peter H. Peterson	William Berridge
	" 251	Hildreth	Franklin	Wednesday on or before○*	Nelson P. Johnson	Winfield S. Marr
	" 252	Beemer	Cuming	First and third Wednesdays	Harry A. Crosby	William L. Crosby
	" 253	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Mark J. Lipman	Fred N. Morgan
	" 254	Bradshaw	York	First and third Mondays	George V. Dorsey	Emile C. Roggy
	" 255	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before○	Thomas Coyne	Frank F. Miles
230		Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Fridays	Albert M. Keyes	Stephen A. Wolfe
	" 256	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before○	John J. Tooley	Chalmers G. Empfield
	" 257	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before○	Arthur Craige	William B. Thorpe

\*And two weeks thereafter, †And June 24th each year.

Springview,	No. 260	Springview.....	Keya Paha.....	Last Saturday.....	Will E. Ripley.....	John Scheie
235 Ornan,	" 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	First and third Mondays...	Edward J. Wiese.....	Frank E. Nystrom
Endeavor,	" 262	Indianola.....	Red Willow....	Thursday on or before○...	Walter C. Smith.....	Arthur C. Crabtree
Mitchell,	" 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Joseph L. Sandford....	Harry O. Eastman
Franklin,	" 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Leroy P. Crittenden....	Henry Plank, Sr.
Robt. W. Furnas,	" 265	Scotts Bluff....	Scotts Bluff....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Clarence G. Steen.....	George C. Whitney
240 Silver,	" 266	Silver Creek... Merrick.....	Merrick.....	Thursday on or before○...	Solomon C. Towslee....	Percy H. Bell
James A. Tulleys.	" 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	Saturday on or before○...	Henry C. Wengert.....	Weston H. Hill
Geo. W. Lininger,	" 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Friday.....	Richard C. Jordan.....	Charles A. Bennett
Riverside,	" 269	Belgrade.....	Nance.....	Friday before○*.....	O. Clarence Beaman....	Bob Dopf
Huntley,	" 270	Huntley.....	Harlan.....	Tuesday on or before○*....	Monroe J. Combs.....	Charles L. Ray
245 Oasis,	" 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff....	Saturday on or before○...	Silas J. Medlin.....	Orlando H. Kearney
Lee P. Gillette,	" 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	Monday on or before○.....	Elmer P. Swain.....	Stephen M. Scarborough
Crofton,	" 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before○...	Wilbur Jones.....	Charles Ruden
Olive Branch,	" 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	Monday on or before○.....	Charles H. Taylor.....	Edward J. Armstrong
Ramah,	" 275	Bertrand.....	Phelps.....	Thursday on or before○...	George O. Fairchild....	Ward F. Dobbin
250 Antelope,	" 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Charles H. Stockdale....	Rollie C. Huffman
Sioux,	" 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Francis M. Hall.....	John E. Mann
Litchfield,	" 278	Litchfield.....	Sherman.....	Thursday on or before○...	Charles W. Benson.....	Harve I. Lang
Wallace,	" 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	Tuesday on or before○...	James S. Robbins.....	Herbert C. Robbins
Swastika,	" 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	Wednesday on or before○...	Fred F. Cram.....	Frank L. Hicks
255 Florence,	" 281	Florence.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	James B. Butter.....	Arthur J. Dial

\*And two weeks thereafter.



**REPORT OF THE**  
**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.**

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*To the Grand Lodge:*

Herewith is submitted our report on foreign correspondence. We have reviewed all proceedings of other Grand Lodges 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, 1912.

December 3d, in Masonic Temple in the city of Montgomery, the ninety-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.· Daniel A. Greene, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Masters, forty-eight Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges, and representatives from four hundred and thirty of their five hundred and forty-three chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master reports the institution of seventeen new lodges under dispensation. He also issued a great number of special dispensations, and dispensations to lay quite a large number of corner-stones, and to elect officers at other than the regular stated communications for that purpose. He appointed many District Lecturers.

Forty times he granted dispensations to ballot out of time and confer degrees. He expressed regret that he had been unable to visit more than a few of his lodges. To the memory of a large number of their deceased members he pays appropriate fraternal tribute, and he submits twelve decisions.

Here is a record that Nebraskans will read with pleasure:

It being announced that M.·W.· Brother Henry Gibbons, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, was without and desired admittance, Past Grand Masters Russell M. Cunningham, Hugh S. D. Mallory and Lawrence H. Lee were appointed a Committee to wait upon him and introduce him to the Grand Lodge. He was formally introduced by Past Grand Master Russell M. Cunningham, and received with the Private Grand Honors, after which cordial words of welcome were spoken by M.·W.· Brother Daniel A. Greene, Grand Master. An eloquent and appropriate response was made by M.·W.· Brother Henry Gibbons, after which he was given a seat in the Grand East.

W.:Brother William Y. Titcomb, an old time reviewer, again presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and forty pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges, in an able and interesting manner.

M.:W.:Daniel A. Greene, Birmingham, is Grand Master.

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

#### ARKANSAS, 1912.

November 19th, in Grand Lodge Hall, Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, the seventy-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Mark P. Olney, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, a great number of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges, and representatives from four hundred and sixty-eight of their five hundred and fifty-four chartered lodges, in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master remarks that no great degree of prosperity to the Craft had marked the year, yet no discord had arisen, and a steady growth had been enjoyed.

To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays tribute, with special and extended mention of their deceased Past Grand Master and Past Grand Treasurer George A. Dannelly, who had held high rank in the several Masonic Grand Bodies of Arkansas. Grand Master Olney had exchanged representatives with Grand Lodges, granted some special dispensations, remarking that they had been asked for almost every imaginable thing, but he declined to issue some, among them, "To attend W. O. W. picnic, and take part in the parade; to make a Mason of one who had lost a foot; to confer the third degree without waiting proper time after second; to one in order to join the consistory in a certain class." One dispensation for a new lodge had he granted.

He had laid the corner-stone for a Shrine temple, a magnificent building on Main Street in Little Rock. He devotes much of his report in detailing the efforts to raise money to build a sanitarium at Hot Springs. He had visited their Masonic Orphans' Home, and speaks enthusiastically of the good work there being carried on.

He reports ten decisions, but none of special interest outside of that jurisdiction.

Mrs. Maud Furon, Grand Matron, O. E. S. of Arkansas, delivered, as the record recites, "a most graceful and appropriate address, replete with lofty thoughts and graceful diction."

The Grand Lodge of Salvador, upon its application, made a showing that:

The Great Light is always open on our altars in open Lodge.

We require of all candidates a belief in God.

Our Grand Lodge was organized July 4th, 1908.

We believe that the Landmarks cannot be altered, and consequently have no relation with the Grand Orient of France, nor with any other body which tries to make alterations in the same.

It was granted recognition, and the Grand Master was authorized to arrange an exchange of representatives.

There is no review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

The following appended to a report of a committee, is of interest:

*Resolved,* That the M.·W.·Grand Lodge of Arkansas hereby requests and urges Congress to amend said Act of 1910 so as to convey in fee for lodge and other Masonic and sanitarium purposes lots 1 and 2, block 114, city of Hot Springs, Ark., and that the hearty co-operation and support be extended Hot Springs Lodge No. 62, in the erection of said sanitarium, which is designed for practical Masonic charity and the relief of suffering brethren, and that the M.·W.·Grand Master be and is hereby requested to exercise all necessary means to carry this resolution into effect.

M.·W.·William T. Hammock, Quitman, is Grand Master.

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

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1912.

June 20th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Vancouver, the forty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Francis J. Burd, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Chaplain, a large number of Past Grand Officers and permanent members, and a large number of representatives from the subordinate lodges in attendance.

From the Grand Master's address we extract:

My first duty upon taking office was to transmit by cable to H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, an Address of congratulation on his appointment to the Governor-Generalship of this Dominion of Canada, and bidding him welcome to our shores. A suitable reply was received in due course. Later, learning of his intention to visit British Columbia during the coming summer, an invitation was extended to him to visit a Special Communication of this Grand Lodge, at his convenience, that we might have an opportunity of expressing to him our respect for the venerable Grand Lodge over which he so ably presides; or, if this should be incompatible with his duties, to at least receive from us, as a body, an Address testifying our loyalty to, and affection for, our Most Gracious Sovereign, King George, and to His Royal Highness as our Sovereign's very acceptable representative.

Among his decisions we find the following

In conferring the Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Degrees each candidate must be taken separately through the ceremony up to the time when he is asked to retire. In conferring the Master Mason degree each candidate must be taken separately through the entire ceremony.

He had instituted nine new lodges under dispensations, had visited many of his lodges, and laid several corner-stones for public buildings. He also recommended that their regulation requiring the Worshipful Master-elect to be examined and found well skilled in Masonic law and the work be enforced before his installation.

The Grand Secretary, V.·W.·Brother W. A. DeWolf Smith submitted a very full report of his official transactions during the year.

Each of their ten District Deputy Grand Masters submits a report of his duties among the lodges in his district.

From the report of the Committee on Finance we learn that the Grand Lodge received on all accounts the sum of \$8,911.95, and expended \$5,530.04.

V.·W.·Brother W. A. DeWolf Smith submits a very full report on correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty pages. Nebraska, 1911, receives extended favorable consideration; but he regards our Grand Master Cheney's recommendation to abolish the office of Grand Treasurer as "rather startling."

M.·W.·John M. Rudd, Nanaimo, is Grand Master.

V.·W.·W. A. DeWolf Smith, New Westminster, is Grand Secretary.

#### CALIFORNIA, 1912.

October 8th, at the First Congregational Church in the city of Los Angeles, the sixty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Alonzo J. Monroe, Grand Master with all the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, and representatives from the chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master highly compliments the city as the "splendid metropolis of Southern California." He reports the laying of several corner-stones, among them that of the new City Hall, in Oakland, at which our brother, William H. Taft, President of the United States, was present and delivered an address, and that of the Carnegie Library at Honolulu, Hawaiian Territory. He had constituted four lodges under charters, and instituted eleven under dispensations, and had granted "numerous" special dispensations, and

rendered a good many decisions. He had visited their Masonic Homes, at Decoto and San Gabriel, and reports good conditions. He had likewise visited lodges in more than forty of their Masonic districts.

The much discussed subject of Masonic emblems on monuments in national cemeteries, brought from the Quartermaster General of the United States Army an answer stating, among other things, that the order had been modified so as to permit the cutting of insignia or emblems of fraternal societies on such monuments.

In an appendix to the Grand Master's address, the provisions restricting the dealing in intoxicating liquors, in twenty-five Masonic Grand Jurisdictions, are set forth.

Of the Masonic Board of Relief of Los Angeles it is said:

This Bureau is under the direct management of Brother Fred T. Purdy, who gives his entire time to the work. He reports that during the year ending August 31, 1912, there have been 972 applications filed with him; that he has secured positions for 484 men and 93 women, besides a vast number of temporary positions not taken into account in the above report.

We consider this branch one of the most important of our work. Would that every city had such an organization.

Other cities have like boards, and make like reports. A brief and very interesting history of Masonic Homes in California, is published with the proceedings under review.

Brother Edward Hart again presents a good report on correspondence, covering two hundred pages, and reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Lodges throughout the English-speaking world. Nebraska, 1912, receives generous fraternal consideration.

Under British Columbia, 1911, and *in re* Brother W. A. DeWolf-Smith, we find the following:

"The temperance crank was on hand with a resolution prohibiting the initiation of any candidate engaged in the liquor business, and prescribing the penalty of expulsion for anyone now a member who should hereafter engage in the business. The Committee on Jurisprudence very properly reported against the resolution, which was rejected. The same Committee advised against modifying their law prohibiting the use of wine at Masonic banquets."

Brother De-Wolfe-Smith may, or may not, be surprised to learn that at the Annual Communication of 1912 the resolution prescribing the penalty of expulsion for any one now a member of any Lodge who shall hereafter engage in the liquor business was adopted by the Grand Lodge. This is certainly "going the limit" on the temperance question.

M.:W.:William P. Filmer, San Francisco, is Grand Master.

V.:W.:John Whicher, San Francisco, is Grand Secretary.

## CANADA, 1912.

July 17th, at the city of Toronto, the fifty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.: Aubrey White, Grand Master, with most of his officers, many Past Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, and representatives from most of their chartered lodges, nine hundred and sixty-two names in all, registered and in attendance.

"A loving and fraternal" welcome to his brethren marks the opening of the Grand Master's address. Great prosperity and harmony had been theirs during the year. He speaks of "the loss of the Titanic," and says that many hundreds who belonged to the Craft went down with it. To their memory, and the memory of the fraternal dead, he pays loving fraternal tribute.

He reports the constituting of two new lodges under charters, and the instituting of eight under dispensations. He had laid five corner-stones. Two hundred and seventy-seven special dispensations had he granted for the usual purposes.

Lodges of Instruction had been conducted by their District Deputy Grand Masters, an important service, the Grand Master declares.

The petition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico for recognition was considered, but, as in the case of our own Grand Lodge, recognition was deferred until further information could be obtained, and until the Grand Lodge can be satisfied that recognition and fraternal intercourse with the Mexican Grand Lodge may be properly accorded.

M.:W.:Brother A. T. Freed again writes the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges; Nebraska, 1911, receives generous fraternal consideration. From his conclusion we extract:

In several quarters the proposal is made that Masonry become a propaganda for world-wide peace. It is urged that, if all Masons would unite to form a great peace society, the movement, gathering strength with the years, and attracting good men in all parts of the world, would become a power with irresistible strength, and would in the near future secure success. The influence of Masonry is, and always has been, for peace. Its teachings favor peace. It promotes friendly intercourse among men of different countries. In many ways it educates good men to discountenance strife. And its pacific tendency will no doubt increase and help to bring back the golden, Saturnian age when war shall be no more. But that age will not come in our time. Through the long procession of the ages men will come to learn that war is not only hateful but unnecessary. And Masonry will do its share to bring about the change so greatly desired.

M.:W.:Aubrey White, Toronto, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Ralph L. Gunn, Hamilton, Ontario, is Grand Secretary.

## COLORADO, 1912.

September 17th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver, the fifty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. H. W. Woodward, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, twenty-three permanent members, and representatives from one hundred and nineteen of their one hundred and twenty-four chartered lodges, in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master declares that the state of the Craft in his Grand Jurisdiction is excellent; that the system of detailed reports by the Grand Lecturer on the condition of each lodge, is of the greatest service to the Grand Master, and will grow more valuable each year.

He pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, with special and extended remarks on the labors of their late Past Grand Master Andrew Sagendorf, and he speaks of "Primitive Masonry in Denver," with a degree of justifiable pride.

He reports the constituting of a new lodge, the instituting of three under dispensation, and the granting of a great many special dispensations. He visited a good many lodges, laid three corner-stones, and made many decisions, but only two does he give, one of which holds that: "The status of a brother in Colorado who is not a member of any Lodge, but who has paid \$1.00 per year dues for several years to another Grand Lodge, is that of a Mason non-affiliated for more than one year."

Brother William P. Benedict, Grand Orator, delivered an interesting address.

M. W. Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf submits the report on correspondence, covering sixty-four pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. It is his twenty-eighth, the twenty-fourth in consecutive order. Like all his work, in the reviewer's field, it is excellent. From his conclusion we extract the following:

For several years we have referred to the great prosperity of the Fraternity and its rapid increase in membership. Our observation the past year has proved no exception to the general trend, and we fail to recall an instance in the sixty-four jurisdictions under review, where the refrain of prosperity has not been re-echoed and prolonged.

M. W. George E. Simonton, Denver, is Grand Master.

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

## DELAWARE, 1912.

October 2d, in the Masonic Temple in the city of Wilmington, the one hundred and seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Enoch Moore, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, and representatives from all the twenty-two chartered lodges in attendance.

The first duty after opening was to proceed to their new Masonic Home, about two miles from the city, and dedicate the same. At the dedication an eloquent address by Brother Charles A. Hill, D. D., upon the subject of Masonry, was delivered.

The Grand Master reports a visit to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and the hearty welcome he met in that Grand Lodge. He speaks encouragingly of their Masonic Home. Various Masonic bodies in the state are each furnishing a room in the Home. He recommends that all lodges in the jurisdiction be required to pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge for the use of the Masonic Home the sum of \$5.00 for each candidate entered during the year.

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico was duly recognized, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge, through its Committee on Masonic Home, purchased a residence, paying therefor the sum of \$10,500.00.

M.·W.·Brother Harry J. Guthrie again presents the report on correspondence, covering thirty-eight pages, in which Nebraska is accorded one and one-half pages and kind consideration.

M.·W.·Edward G. Walls, Smyrna, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Virginus V. Harrison, Wilmington, is Grand Secretary.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1912.

December 18th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Washington, the one hundred and second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Ben W. Murch, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, and representatives from all the twenty-nine chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master starts out, in his annual address, by telling us that his said annual will be short, and short he makes it, and he also makes it plain that everything Masonic in his Grand Jurisdiction is all right, and that peace and harmony prevail, because they all know just how to do things. To the memory of the fraternal dead of that and other Grand Jurisdictions, he pays fitting tribute, but death had not touched any officer or past officer of the Grand Lodge.

Formally and informally he had visited all the lodges in his jurisdiction, some of them several times. He had also exchanged representatives with other Grand Lodges, and among them is the name of Past Master Albert W. Jefferis of Omaha. One corner-stone, only, that of the home of their University Club, had been laid. He regards as important the raising of money to complete their Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

He reports only two decisions, one holding that he did not possess the power to grant a dispensation allowing a lodge to confer the degree of Master Mason on six Fellow Crafts at a stated communication.

In the floor of the lobby at the main entrance to their Temple is a beautiful bronze tablet decorated with two of the Great Lights in Masonry, the Square and Compasses, and the letter "G." He thinks they should be removed, and not "placed in the dust to be trodden under foot of men," and recommends that the Grand Lodge appoint a committee to request the Temple Association to remove it and place it—the tablet—where we may look up to it rather than to walk upon it.

Upon petition of fifty Master Masons a new lodge was chartered.

The Grand Lecturer reports that two schools of instruction had been held each month during the year, except in the three summer months.

Past Grand Master George W. Baird again presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy pages. Nebraska's proceedings evidently did not reach him.

M. W. Charles E. Baldwin, Washington, is Grand Master.

R. W. Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, is Grand Secretary.

#### FLORIDA, 1913.

January 21st, in the city of Jacksonville, the eighty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Albert W. Gilchrist, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, twenty-one District Deputy Grand Masters, nine Past Grand Masters, and representatives from nearly all of their two hundred and nineteen subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of their history as a Grand Lodge, showing a very gratifying record from its organization in 1830.

He reports the constituting of ten new lodges under charters during their Masonic year; the approval of by-laws; and a great many special dispensations issued to lay corner-stones; to celebrate St. John's Day; to remove lodges; to elect officers; to publicly install officers, and to

form eleven new lodges. But he refused to permit making a Mason of one who had lost a foot, nor would he permit the laying of a cornerstone of a completed church, nor to participate in such work on Sunday. The following will remind our readers of a like ruling of our Grand Lodge in a similar case:

1. Feb. 16, Question: Is a bookkeeper and cashier of a liquor house eligible for initiation? Ans: Resolution 341. "Any man engaged in selling intoxicating liquors" is "ineligible for initiation." Res. 264. A Mason is forbidden "to enter upon and engage in the business of liquor selling." Res. 265. "A Mason cannot accept the position of drummer for a liquor house." The question is, what constituted "to enter upon and engage in." If in soliciting orders, a drummer "enters upon and engages in," it appears that a bookkeeper and cashier, in collecting and receipting for orders, also "enters upon and engages in." Such bookkeeper and cashier is ineligible.

Their District Deputy Grand Masters report activity among the lodges.

M. .W. .Brother Silas B. Wright again presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and eight pages. From his opening we briefly quote:

These reports seem to have been designed as a kind of a post graduate course in the world of Masonry with the members of the round table as the faculty.

Nebraska, 1912, is favored, and an entire page occupied by quotations from our "Bob's" report as Grand Custodian.

M. .W. .George B. Glover, Monticello, is Grand Master.

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

#### GEORGIA, 1912.

October 29th, in the City Auditorium, in Macon, the one hundred and twenty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. .W. .George M. Napier, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, four Past Grand Masters, and representatives from nearly all of their more than six hundred chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master gives a homily on gold and its baneful influence in ancient, as in our own times. He reports eight decisions, and says he has answered many hundreds of questions regarding Masonic law and procedure from Masters and Secretaries of subordinate lodges. But, he says, our Masters are improving in this regard. They are be-

coming better versed in Masonic law, and more self-reliant in adopting a course thereunder.

He reports having visited a goodly number of his lodges, the granting of a great many special dispensations, the constituting of eleven new lodges, and the instituting of four under dispensations. He speaks of the assembly of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of constituting a lodge, as an "Occasional Grand Lodge;" but we think the term, technically, applies only to a lodge convened by the Grand Master to "Make a Mason at Sight," as was done at "The Bunch of Grapes" Tavern in Boston on July 30th, 1733, by Henry Price, who called together ten other brethren, and eight candidates were at once initiated. And this was "the first meeting of Masons in America held under written authority," says Drummond in his History of Masonry in the United States.

An interesting event was that of a visit to the Grand Lodge, "At Ease," by the children of the Masonic Home, and prominent officers and members of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to sixteen lodges under dispensations.

We note with pleasure the following, because a like event took place in our own Grand Lodge:

On motion of Brother C. E. Banks, Worshipful Master of Chapel Lodge, No. 108, a collection for Brother J. P. Covington was taken up, amounting to \$48.50.

Brother Charles L. Bass submits a good report on correspondence, covering one hundred and thirty-five pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Lodges; two pages for Nebraska, 1911, most of which is devoted to our Grand Custodian and one of his poetical effusions, "What came you here to do?"

M. W. Robert L. Colding, Savannah, is Grand Master.

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

#### IDAHO, 1912.

September 10th, at the Masonic Hall in the city of Boise, the forty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Frank C. Bowman, Grand Master, with all but two of the Grand Officers, several Past Grand Officers, and representatives from most of the chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master pays tribute to the

memory of the fraternal dead, with special and extended comments upon the Masonic life and labors of their late Past Grand Master M.·W.·Brother Chester P. Coburn.

He reports an exchange of Grand Representatives with Grand Lodges; the granting of a dispensation for one new lodge; the constituting of two under charters; the laying of a corner-stone for a new school building; and the rendering of a good many decisions.

The Grand Lecturer, R.·W.·Brother William B. Goodheart, reports active service in instructing the lodges in the ritual, a service he has long rendered in that jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge is contemplating the establishing of a Masonic Home, and to that end a committee had during the year visited some Homes, and consulted together upon plans, and they recommend the early erection of such an institution.

Recognition of the Grand Lodges of Mexico and Porto Rico is favored and recommended by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The lodges under dispensation, two in number, were granted charters.

R.·W.·George E. Knepper, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submits a report, covering one hundred and sixteen pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, receives fraternal favor.

M.·W.·Ezra A. Burrell, Montpelier, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Theophilus W. Randall, Boise, is Grand Secretary.

#### ILLINOIS, 1912.

October 8th, at Medinah Temple, in the city of Chicago, the seventy-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, by M.·W.·Delmar D. Darrah, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, fifty District Deputy Grand Masters, thirty-eight Grand Representatives, and representatives from nearly all their eight hundred and seven lodges, in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of their "almost phenomenal" growth during the past ten years. He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead. He praises their District Deputy Grand Masters for their good work, and their reports attest the zeal with which they had wrought in each of their districts.

He reports having constituted twenty-two newly chartered lodges, and had instituted eight under dispensation; he had dedicated five new lodge rooms; laid nine corner-stones, five for Masonic temples, and two for high school buildings; and had granted special dispensations,

he says, "for all sorts of purposes." He praises his Grand Lecturers for their zeal; and speaks "with pardonable pride" of their Masonic Orphans' Home at LaGrange, and the Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan. Their schools of instruction are doing excellent work, he says. He holds "that the wearing of a truss which it is dangerous to remove even temporarily does not disqualify a man from receiving the degrees of Masonry."

He had advised the Grand Master of Arkansas that it was contrary to the Masonic law of Illinois to allow a subscription paper to be circulated among the lodges without first securing the approval of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

Two hundred and ninety of their lodges hold their stated meetings according to the moon. During the early part of that year, the Grand Master says, the "woman in the moon" decided that it might be well to pass up a few lodge meetings, and arranged her schedule in such a manner that a number of lodges found themselves without a stated meeting in December, resulting in much trouble and confusion. He advises putting an end to the system, and adopting a fixed calendar date. He also advises legislation to abolish smoking in lodge. He had decided a great many questions submitted to him, sending his holdings to the lodges immediately interested, but none are printed in his address. He discusses: "Our Ritual," "Masonic Travesties," and "Intellectual Masonry," at some length.

Full and interesting reports of their Masonic Homes are given.

Eight lodges U.·D.·. were granted charters.

The Grand Lodge declined to pass any resolution relating to a joint resolution, before the congress of the United States, concerning emblems on monuments in government cemeteries.

M.·W.·Brother Owen Scott again presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and twenty-seven pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges; Nebraska evidently did not reach him.

Under Missouri we find the following:

Under the law of Missouri all real estate belonging to the Grand Lodge is exempt from taxation. A question exists, however, as to personal property. In order to be on the safe side the Grand Master had all personal property listed for taxation to avoid the penalty imposed for failure to do so. In the meantime the question has been submitted to competent legal authority for determination. Surely the principle of exempting the property of a fraternity, using it solely to care for those who would otherwise be a charge on public charity, is a correct one. In every state the property of fraternal homes should be relieved of any burden of taxation.

M. . W. . Delmar D. Darrah, Bloomington, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, is Grand Secretary.

#### INDIANA, 1912.

May 28th, in Grand Lodge Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, the ninety-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . William H. Swintz, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand Masters, Grand Representatives from twenty-six Grand Lodges, and representatives from five hundred and thirty-three of their five hundred and thirty-nine chartered lodges, in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master speaks of "splendid conditions" throughout his Grand Jurisdiction. Under Necrology he speaks of our late Past Grand Master Hopewell, who was made a Mason in an Indiana lodge. He reports the constituting of four lodges under charters, and the instituting of four under dispensations; the dedication of two halls; the laying of six corner-stones for public buildings; and the approval of a good many amendments to by-laws. He reports but five decisions, none of which present any new construction of well known rules.

Their financial condition and prosperity are attested by the Grand Secretary's statement that:

'The revenue derived from the Temple during the past year was \$6,594.16. The cost of maintenance was \$1,961.09, leaving a net balance to the credit of the Grand Lodge, \$4,633.07. In addition to this the Grand Lodge has its own offices, vaults, library and necessary equipment for the management of the business of the Grand Lodge.

The work of establishing a Home goes bravely on, and liberal, free-will contributions were made during the year by individual members, as also by Grand and subordinate Masonic bodies.

Grand Master Jackson and Grand Secretary Grant of Kentucky were present as visitors, and each addressed the Grand Lodge.

M. . W. . Brother Daniel McDonald presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-nine pages. Nebraska, 1911, received extended fraternal consideration.

M. . W. . Elmer F. Gay, Indianapolis, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, is Grand Secretary.

## IOWA, 1912.

June 11th, in Grand Opera House, in the city of Burlington, the sixty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Louis Block, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, a large number of permanent members, and representatives from four hundred and sixty-seven of their five hundred and twenty subordinate lodges in attendance.

As a finale to the introduction of his address, in speaking of what Masonry stands for, the Grand Master says:

"For the wrong that needs resistance,  
For the cause that lacks assistance,  
For the future in the distance,  
And the good that she can do."

To the memory of their deceased Past Grand Master Lewis Jackson Baker, he pays eloquent tribute.

He rejoices that "a most flattering growth," and good conditions of the Craft had marked the year of his administration. In speaking of the appointment of investigating committees he submits wholesome advice:

In some Grand Jurisdictions it is made the duty of the Master of a lodge, upon appointing a committee to investigate the qualifications of the petitioner for the degrees, to call that committee before his station in the east, and there give them a solemn and formal admonition as to the nature and importance of the duty they are appointed to perform; and I believe that the adoption of a like regulation by our Grand Lodge could not help but do great good.

From his decisions we extract the following:

(1). *Dual Memberships*.—I have held that it was a Masonic offense, punishable by expulsion, for a member of an Iowa lodge to become a member of a lodge under another Grand Jurisdiction while still retaining his membership in the Iowa lodge; and that the guilt of such member in so doing was in no manner affected by the fact that the law of such foreign Grand Jurisdiction permitted such dual membership.

He refused permission to Arkansas Masons to circulate a petition for funds for a sanitarium at Hot Springs, upon the ground principally, that it was "largely a local matter, in which the Masons of Arkansas, and in particular those of Hot Springs, were peculiarly interested," notwithstanding that our Hot Springs brethren were continually being called upon to take care of suffering brethren from foreign Grand Jurisdictions.

The unveiling of a tablet marking the site of the location of the

first Masonic lodge in Iowa, at Burlington, was an interesting occasion enjoyed at this session of the Grand Lodge.

Upon the important subject of the recognition of Grand Lodges, we extract from a report by a committee of which Past Grand Master Charles T. Granger was chairman:

*"First.* That it is the judgment and conclusion of this Grand Lodge that Grand Lodge authority and legitimacy is derived from the consent and action of subordinate lodges.

*"Second.* That the legitimacy of a subordinate lodge depends upon its being able to trace its lineage from the parent Grand Lodge of England or the British Isles."

The report of a Committee on Lodges under Dispensation concludes that "there are a sufficient number of lodges in Iowa today to meet all the requirements needed," and that "unless some very good reasons exist for the formation of new lodges we think it better that our number should not be increased, but rather that some of the weaker lodges should be consolidated when desired and made into strong, healthy lodges."

M. . W. . Brother Charles C. Clark, by request of the Grand Master, who has heretofore performed that service, presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-nine pages. Nebraska, 1911, receives extended consideration. Our Grand Master Cheney's address, and our Grand Custodian's report get favorable mention, more, each is praised for his zeal.

M. . W. . William Hutchinson, Alton, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, is Grand Secretary.

#### KANSAS, 1913.

February 19th, in Wichita, the fifty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . William Easton Hutchison, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, and representatives from three hundred and thirty-seven of their four hundred subordinate lodges in attendance.

Well considered comment on the subject of Freemasonry marks the opening paragraphs of the annual address of the Grand Master. He pays tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead of the year; reports an exchange of Grand Representatives with several Grand Lodges; and says that most cordial and friendly relations are maintained with other Grand Lodges.

He reports the constituting of seven newly chartered lodges, and

the instituting of two under dispensation. He had issued eighty-two special dispensations for the usual purposes. He had personally been present at the laying of six corner-stones, and had officially visited thirty-six of his lodges. He was present at the reception of the Silver Traveling Trowel in a St. Louis lodge. He commends their Masonic Home as "the crowning glory of Masonry in Kansas."

W. . Brother Richard M. Pickler, Grand Orator, delivered an address entitled "The Long Search," dealing in interesting events in the world's history, and of heroic efforts to attain the advancement of man to higher, and still higher moral standards.

The two lodges under dispensations were granted charters.

M. . W. . Brother Matthew M. Miller presents his eleventh annual report on correspondence, covering 185 pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1912, receives kind consideration, and we extract from it:

A most solemn and impressive ceremony was that when Past Grand Master JAMES R. CAIN, Sr., installed his son JAMES R. CAIN, Jr., into the office of Grand Master. It is a matter of no small moment when a father can say to his son as he clothes him with the powers and authority of a Grand Master of Masons:

In the discharge of your duties, as such, I have no misgivings, for no one knows better than I your skill and ability in the work of the Craft, your clean, upright, moral character, your zeal in the cause of the Christian religion, your sterling worth as a man among men, and your fidelity to every trust reposed in you.

M. . W. . Elrick C. Cole, Great Bend, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, is Grand Secretary.

#### KENTUCKY, 1912.

October 15th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Louisville, the one hundred and twelfth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . Dave Jackson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, twenty Past Grand Masters, and representatives from a great many of their subordinate lodges in attendance.

A very full account of his official acts is contained in the Grand Master's address. Loving fraternal tribute is paid to the memory of the dead with special mention of their late Grand Secretary, and writer on correspondence. Of him the Grand Master truly says:

Capt. Grant was a Masonic code within himself, loved by all who knew him, a friend to the poor, a help to the helpless, and a comfort to those who knew him best. He was a Mason in deed and in truth. He put into practice each day the great teachings of Masonry—Charity. That Charity which suffereth long and is kind, which

vaunteth not itself, doth not behave itself unseemly, is not puffed up. His life has been a great sermon within itself.

The Grand Master reports a few decisions, and having issued several proxies to represent him in the work of constituting and instituting many new lodges. He had visited many of his lodges. He takes, as every other Kentucky Mason does, great pride in their Masonic Homes, the Widows and Orphans Home and Infirmary, "the finest of its kind in the land," and the Old Masons' Home. He does not like the growing disposition to embarrass correspondence between lodges of different Grand Jurisdictions, requiring such correspondence to go through either the Grand Masters, or Grand Secretaries, but thinks the Masters of lodges, and their Secretaries should be deemed capable of managing the matters involved, and such correspondence as may be deemed necessary.

The Grand Lodge ordered that the chapel building at their Masonic Home be named the H. B. Grant Memorial Chapel, thus honoring the memory of that worthy brother.

M. .W. .Brother William R. Clarke again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-three Grand Lodges. Under Nebraska, 1911, we find the following, with which the writer, personally, agrees:

A recommendation to the effect that "the law be so as to permit brethren who for religious or conscientious reasons wish to dimit, to do so," was adversely reported back to Grand Lodge by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and sustaining the committee's report, was rejected by it. From this we infer that the right to dimit, except, possibly, for the purpose of joining another lodge, is denied in this jurisdiction. If so, we wonder what our brethren of Nebraska think of their unaffiliated forebears who organized the Grand Lodge of England on a certain St. John's Day back about the year 1717 A. D.

M. . W. .Joe H. Ewalt, Paris, is Grand Master.

M. .W. .Dave Jackson, Louisville, is Grand Secretary.

#### LOUISIANA, 1913.

February 10th, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of New Orleans, the one hundred and first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. .W. .E. H. Addington, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, five Past Grand Masters, and representatives from one hundred and eighty-three of their two hundred and twenty chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports an exchange of Grand

Representatives with other Grand Lodges; the granting of a large number of special dispensations for the usual purposes; and the rendering of several decisions. He had instituted five lodges under dispensations. Fortunately, he says, he had no official visits to make, explaining, that the very few cases that had arisen calling for personal handling had been attended to in an approved manner by the District Deputies and by other officers of the Grand Lodge. But, he adds, "I have visited informally a good many of the Lodges, witnessing and assisting in their work and enjoying their hospitality and fellowship."

They have what they call a Grand Lodge Relief Fund, out of which he grants such relief as he deems wise and proper, and the Grand Master had during the year expended from this fund the sum of \$2,903.60.

To the memory of the dead he pays loving fraternal tribute, with extended remarks upon the life and labors of their late Past Grand Master, Albert Gallatin Brice, who died at his home in New Orleans on June 1st, 1912.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to all of their six lodges under dispensation. The Grand Lodge of Nicaragua was duly recognized, and an exchange of Grand Representatives authorized.

M.:W.:Brother Samuel P. Cochrane, immediate Past Grand Master of Texas, was in attendance as a visitor, and was accorded the honors due to his rank.

W.:Brother George Kent, Grand Orator, delivered a scholarly and instructive address, on the subject of "The Brotherhood of the Free."

W.:Brother Prentiss B. Carter, at the time Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, stated that he brought the greetings of the Order of the Eastern Star of Louisiana to the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of the same state, with the assurance that the members of that Order stand ready to assist the great cause of Masonry in every possible way.

Brother Herman C. Duncan again presents the report on correspondence. Nebraska, 1912, is honored with a place in his review.

Under New Jersey we find the following:

But if we had a controlling voice in the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, we would permit the Italian Lodge to work in the Scottish Rite. Its Ritual has proven itself much more acceptable to Latin races than the York Rite Ritual. In Louisiana, our Lodges conducting their work in language other than English use the Scottish Rite Ritual. We have also a Lodge that works the Scottish Rite in English. All other of our Lodges work the York Rite. There is perfect satisfaction with the arrangement, and everybody is content. Of course, the Lodges of both Rites hold their warrants from the Grand Lodge.

M. . W. . Emil Sundbery, Napoleonville, is Grand Master.  
R. . W. . Richard Lambert, New Orleans, is Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1912.

May 7th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Portland, the ninety-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . Ashley A. Smith, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from one hundred and ninety-five of their two hundred and three chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master expresses his pleasure in reporting continued prosperity throughout their jurisdiction, which is accompanied by "that steady and conservative numerical progress which shows the same scrupulous care in the choice of our Masonic building material which has characterized former years."

"In Memoriam," he pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their dead, among whom are numbered two Past Grand Masters, M. . W. . Brothers William Pitt Preble and William J. Burnham.

He reports the granting of a good many special dispensations to lodges to attend divine service, principally on St. John's Day, and some on other than St. John's Sunday.

He had approved by-laws, exchanged representatives with ten Grand Lodges, granted waivers of jurisdiction over candidates in seven instances, and dedicated Masonic Halls. One event of special interest was the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Portland Lodge No. 1, following which he sat down with four hundred brethren at a banquet.

In closing he speaks of courtesies, saying: "As the great watchword of the eighteenth century was liberty, and the great work of the nineteenth century was science, mechanical invention and organization; so the great word and supreme work of the twentieth century will be brotherhood—service. It is an era of swift and mighty changes throughout the world."

Under the supervision of the Grand Lecturer, M. . W. . Frank E. Sleeper, Ancient Landmark Lodge of Portland conferred the Master Masons degree in Grand Lodge, and on Sunday evening their new Masonic Temple, with a large attendance, was dedicated in ample and ancient form.

M. . W. . Brother Albro E. Chase again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, receives generous fraternal consideration, in which our Grand Master

Cheney's address, and the writer's review are liberally quoted. We quote the following tidbit:

The Grand Lodge, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, refused to "permit brethren, who for religious or conscientious reasons wish to dimit, to do so." Well; we suppose it is better to let such an one who has "religious or conscientious reasons" to remain a member of the lodge, and for him to decline to pay his dues, so that at the time appointed he may be kicked out for "religious or conscientious reasons"?

M. . W. . Elmer P. Spofford, Deer Isle, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . Stephen Berry, Portland, is Grand Secretary.

#### MANITOBA, 1912.

June 12th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Winnipeg, the thirty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . John Wemyss, Grand Master, with all but two of the Grand Officers, a large number of Past Grand Officers, and representatives from most of their chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master in his tribute to the dead, speaks of their late Grand Tyler, Brother Robert Little, and of Brother John Dempsey who was ninety-seven years old at the time of his death, and had been a Mason for nearly seventy-six years.

The Grand Master had visited a good many of his lodges, and had traveled approximately three thousand miles to make the visits.

The District Deputy Grand Masters had likewise performed their duties in visiting and instructing lodges, and he praises their zeal and labors. Their individual reports attest their zeal, and are quite full in details of conditions.

The Grand Secretary submits a full report of his doings. He had constituted four lodges under charters, and instituted two under dispensations.

The Committee on Jurisprudence had no grievances nor appeals for consideration, "peace and harmony" prevailing.

The two lodges U. . D. . were granted charters.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. . W. . William Chambers, Hamiota, is Grand Master.

M. . W. . James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, is Grand Secretary.

## MARYLAND, 1912.

November 19th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Baltimore, the one hundred and twenty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R.·W.·Charles C. Homer, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from all their one hundred and fourteen chartered lodges in attendance.

R.·W.·Warren S. Seipp, Grand Lecturer, reports that during the preceding six months he had visited sixty-one of their lodges, and says of them:

We are pleased to note that considerable enthusiasm has been manifested by the Brethren throughout the State. They show an eagerness not only to conform with the ritualistic work, but also a great desire to become more familiar with the Laws of the Grand Lodge, especially the 23d Article and the Standing Resolutions, that the government of their Lodge may be in strict conformity therewith.

Some amendments to their constitution engaged the earnest attention of the Grand Lodge, one in particular, to bring about greater proficiency and uniformity in the conferring of the degrees and restricting the examination of Masters-elect to the Committee on Work.

A good many contributions had been made to their Grand Lodge Museum.

R.·W.·Edward T. Schultz, their old time reviewer, again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and thirty-two pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges, eight of which are "from beyond the seas." Nebraska, 1912, receives fraternal consideration.

M.·W.·Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·George Cook, Baltimore, is Grand Secretary.

## MASSACHUSETTS, 1912.

Quarterly communications are held in this Grand Jurisdiction. For the year under review their dates were March 13th, June 12th, September 11th, and December 11th, which last is also called the annual. This latter, like all the others, was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, and was opened by M.·W.·Everett C. Benton, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, four Past Grand Masters, nine Past Deputy Grand Masters, twenty-seven Past Grand Wardens, and representatives from nearly all their chartered lodges in attendance. Special communications had been convened to dedicate

a new Masonic Temple, to lay a corner-stone for a new town hall, to constitute a new lodge, and others for like purposes.

The Grand Master had visited a great many of his lodges, some of the visits being on special occasions, such as anniversaries, etc. He had granted a great many dispensations. Of their growth, he says:

The number of admissions to our Lodges is greater than ever before in the history of the Grand Lodge, and our membership is upwards of 63,000. Two Lodges have received Charters, and seven others are working under Dispensation. These bodies have not been added to our Masonic family without careful scrutiny, and satisfactory reasons given for their existence. One of the Lodges in the Canal Zone, located on the Atlantic Coast, is composed mainly of American citizens who had been organized as a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but surrendered their Charter from that body that they might be directly allied Masonically with the Brethren of their own country.

In this jurisdiction, and from the establishment of their first lodge, they have, on St. John's Day, December 27th, celebrated with a grand feast, and not only their dinner, but addresses by eloquent brethren. Heretofore, the writer, in some of his reports, has extracted as much as his space would allow. The following toasts were responded to on this occasion:

To the memory of the holy Saints John.  
 To the memory of our illustrious Brother, George Washington.  
 To the memory of our departed Brethren.  
 To the whole Craft, wheresoever dispersed on the face of the earth.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. . W. . Everett C. Benton, Boston, is Grand Master.  
 R. . W. . Thomas W. Davis, Boston, is Grand Secretary.

#### MICHIGAN, 1912.

May 28th, in the Auditorium of the Masonic Temple, in the city of Detroit, the sixty-eighth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . James E. Dillon, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from four hundred and six of their four hundred and twenty-two subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master commends the Masonic Home, and the Memorial to Washington, the Mason. He also welcomed, as distinguished visitors, the Grand Master of Virginia, M. . W. . William L. Andrews, and W. . Brother Charles H. Callahan, Past Master of

Alexandria-Washington Lodge, of Alexandria, Va., the lodge over which Washington presided as Master. Death had not touched the official ranks of the Grand Lodge during the year, but to the memory of the Illustrious Dead of other Grand Lodges, the Grand Master pays appropriate fraternal tribute. He had granted duplicate charters to no less than four lodges who had lost their charters by fires destroying the halls, and he had granted a large number of special dispensations for the usual purposes. He had laid many corner-stones, and had visited a great many of his lodges, accompanied by associate Grand Officers. From his account of a visit to a lodge at Toronto, Canada, we extract:

The brethren then repaired to the banquet hall, where an excellent repast was served, and appropriate toasts to the King, Craft, President of the United States, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Grand Lodge of Michigan, were proposed and loyally received.

By action of the Grand Lodge, on the recommendation of the finance committee, the Grand Secretary's salary was raised from eighteen hundred to twenty-four hundred dollars per year, a well earned and well deserved recognition of Brother Winsor's worth in his important office of Grand Secretary and reviewer.

Five lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

The Grand Lodge, by resolution, entered its protest against the action of the War Department in prohibiting Masonic emblems from being placed on monuments and markers in the national cemeteries, and ordered the Grand Secretary to communicate this action to the representatives of Michigan in congress, and that a copy of the resolution be transmitted to the aforesaid War Department.

M.·W.·Brother Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary, presents his ninth annual report on correspondence, covering three hundred and sixty-five pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, receives fraternal consideration.

M.·W.·James H. Thompson, Lansing, is Grand Master.

M.·W.·Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, is Grand Secretary.

#### MINNESOTA, 1913.

January 22d, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of St. Paul, the sixtieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Owen Morris, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, fifteen permanent members, and representatives from two hun-

dred and thirty-two of their two hundred and fifty-three chartered lodges in attendance.

Going "in and out" watching the Craft doing work, "square, true and good," the Grand Master says he had found no discord. "Each workman attended to his own work and seemed to consider it a man's job." He reports the constituting of one lodge under a charter; the consolidation of two; the surrender of one charter; the institution of three lodges under dispensations, and the holding of schools of instruction.

He reports eight decisions, and among them he holds that it is improper for the Grand Lodge on the Sabbath Day to lay a corner-stone, even of a church; that a member having paid dues in advance is not entitled to rebate when demitting during the year to join another lodge; that the loss of half of the first two fingers of the right hand does not disqualify for membership; that a slight lateral curvature of the spine does not disqualify a petitioner; and that a member cannot insist upon a second ballot in voting on a matter,—a review must be had through a motion to reconsider.

He had laid the corner-stone of a Federal building, and a church, but refused to lay one for a church on Sunday. He was unable to visit, personally, many lodges, but sent to each lodge circular letters containing suggestions which, he says, he considered might be of benefit to the Craft. He thus speaks of a very interesting event:

A very unique reception was that of the Welch Masons of Minnesota at the West Hotel, Minneapolis, each one present being of that nationality. Blood will tell. The cordiality and brotherliness permeating this occasion beggars description, and as a climax, I was presented with a most gorgeous loving cup, bearing beautiful inscription. Words of gratitude are entirely inadequate at such times.

The Grand Treasurer reports on hand in the General Fund, and the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, a grand total of \$94,024.19.

On recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Brother Irving Todd, the Grand Lodge declared that:

A communication from the International Masonic Club of London, in "the furtherance of peace and good will among nations," is hardly a subject for consideration by this Grand Lodge, and we recommend that it be placed on file and a suitable acknowledgment be made by the Grand Secretary.

Three new lodges were granted charters, and one was continued U. D. ., and one lodge was granted a charter to replace one that was burned.

At an annual term of their School for Instruction, there were in attendance two hundred and eighty-four Master Masons, mostly Masters and Wardens of the two hundred and sixteen lodges which they represented. The attention of "Our Bob" is fraternally invited to this matter.

Rt. Rev. Samuel Cook Edsall, Grand Orator, delivered a most entertaining address; taking as his text: "Masonry means Conformity, not to the world but to the Will of God."

As usual, Brother Irving Todd presents the report on correspondence, this time covering eighty pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1912, receives courteous fraternal treatment.

M.·W.·W. Hayes Laird, Winona, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·John Fishel, St. Paul, is Grand Secretary.

#### MISSISSIPPI, 1912.

February 20th, in the auditorium, in the city of Hattiesburg, the ninety-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·John S. Brooks, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, many Grand Representatives, and representatives from most of their three hundred and fifty-seven chartered lodges in attendance.

A hearty welcome to his brethren marks the opening paragraph of the Grand Master's address. He pays loving tribute to the memory of their fraternal dead, with special mention of their deceased Past Grand Masters, the gifted writer Frederic Speed, M. Evans, Enoch George Delap, and John S. Cobb, all of whom passed away during the last year.

He reports the granting of a good many special dispensations, some for new lodges, and others for the usual purposes. He attended several schools of instruction conducted by District Deputies, visited many of his lodges, and laid corner-stones for a few public buildings, including two for new Masonic Temples.

All but two of their thirty District Deputy Grand Masters submit reports of having attended to their duties in their respective districts.

A quite full report of the trustees of the Masonic Home graces the pages of the proceedings.

Eight lodges under dispensations were granted charters.

It is declared that their schools of instruction have proved successful and the system is, by action of the Grand Lodge, ordered con-

tinued, and every lodge is urged to send its Master and Wardens to such schools.

Their Masonic Home is commended and liberal appropriations to it are granted by their various Masonic Grand Bodies.

Brother M. R. Grant delivered a very interesting and instructive address upon the subject of Scottish Rite Masonry.

M. W. Brother Harry T. Howard presents the sixth report on correspondence, covering eighty pages. Nebraska, 1911, receives favorable fraternal consideration.

M. W. J. Rice Williams, Houston, is Grand Master.

R. W. Frederic G. Speed, Vicksburg, is Grand Secretary.

#### MISSOURI, 1912.

September 24th, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of St. Louis, the ninety-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Arch A. Johnson, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and twenty-six of their six hundred and twenty-four subordinate lodges in attendance.

In his address, the Grand Master first speaks of their Masonic Home, expressing the pride they take in its maintenance, and the excellent work accomplished there.

Two new Masonic Temples had been dedicated during the year, one at Kansas City of which he speaks in most glowing terms. He had laid corner-stones, and visited among his lodges. Numerous special dispensations, he says, he had issued. Among his decisions we find the following:

2. Troy Lodge, No. 34, on Feb. 11, 1911, on application of Brother Thos. H. Moore, who prior to said date had moved to the State of California, granted him a dimit. In January, 1912, he returned the dimit, stating that he did not want to join a Lodge in California, and would like to have a certificate of good standing such as would enable him to visit a Lodge in California.

Question: Could the Lodge take back the dimit and issue him a certificate of good standing?

Decision: The Lodge having regularly issued him a dimit, he ceased to be a member and the Lodge had no authority to take back the dimit and issue him a certificate such as he desired.

The Grand Lecturer submitted his annual report together with an abstract of the reports of the District Lecturers, showing active labor on their part throughout that Grand Jurisdiction.

The exemplification of the work of the First Degree, and the Sec-

ond Section of the Second Degree, engaged the earnest attention of the Grand Lodge, during a special meeting for that purpose.

M. . W. . Brother Charles C. Woods presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-three pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, receives extended favorable consideration.

M. . W. . Jacob Lampert, St. Louis, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . John R. Parson, St. Louis, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEVADA, 1912.

June 11th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Reno, the forty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M. . W. . Herman Davis, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, and representatives from twenty-two of their twenty-five chartered lodges in attendance.

Death had not entered the official circle of their Grand Lodge, says the Grand Master, in opening his address, but had carried off many brothers among the lodges, to whose memory fraternal tribute is paid. He speaks plainly in warning his brethren against disregard, in the lodge, of the ancient landmarks and customs of the Order, and especially of admitting unworthy men.

He reports the exchange of representatives with other Grand Lodges and the exchange of courtesies in granting permission to confer degrees upon candidates who could not receive them except under special dispensation.

He speaks with pride of his having visited, officially, every lodge in the jurisdiction during his term of office as Grand Master, and he gives extended account of conditions, generally favorable.

The Grand Secretary united with others in obtaining the reversal of an order of the National War Department prohibiting the inscription of emblems or insignia upon monuments or tombstones in national cemeteries, including Masonic emblems, so far as Freemasonry is concerned, at least.

V. . W. . Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Commissioner of Review, again presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering two hundred and fifty-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-five Grand Bodies. Nebraska, 1911, receives extended, favorable consideration.

M. . W. . Henry W. Mills, Reno, is Grand Master.

V. . W. . Edward D. Vanderlieth, Carson City, is Grand Secretary.

## NEW BRUNSWICK, 1911.

August 22d, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Saint John, the forty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Henry Seabury Bridges, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Junior Grand Warden, and representatives from twenty-one of its thirty-eight subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master extended a sincere and hearty welcome to his brethren, and expressed gratitude to God for the continued prosperity of the British Empire, paying fitting tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead.

He reported having visited many of his lodges, and that the lodges were in a thriving and prosperous condition. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge were routine and not of general interest, and there is no report on correspondence.

M.·W.·Henry S. Bridges, Saint John, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·J. Twining Hartt, Saint John, is Grand Secretary.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1912.

May 15th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Concord, the one hundred and twenty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Charles H. Wiggin, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, and representatives from fifty-three of their seventy-nine subordinate lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in opening his address, pays loving tribute to the memory of their fraternal dead, with special extended mention of R.·W.·Brothers Wilbur Fisk Smith, Fred Washington Noyes, and Franklin Alanson Rawson, Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

He reports but three decisions, the granting of eleven special dispensations, and an exchange of courtesies in the matter of waivers of jurisdiction over candidates.

One interesting event was the celebration of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of their St. John's Lodge No. 1.

A semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge, at which the work in the degrees was exemplified, was largely attended. It is more than fifty years since, by special amendment of their constitution, these communications are held on the anniversary of St. John, the Evangelist.

Their Masonic Home is flourishing and is enthusiastically support-

ed by the brethren. Their Grand Lecturers, one in each of seven districts, report good conditions. The Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is liberally assisted in the erection of a Memorial Temple at Alexandria, Va., by New Hampshire's Grand Lodge.

M. . W. . Brother Harry M. Cheney presents his sixth annual report on correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty-three pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges, in which Nebraska, 1911, receives extended fraternal consideration.

M. . W. . Charles H. Wiggin, Concord, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . Harry M. Cheney, Concord, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW JERSEY, 1912.

April 17th, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Trenton, the one hundred and twenty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . Leslie A. Burritt, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, and representatives from one hundred and eighty-two of its one hundred and ninety subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master announces "Peace, Harmony and Good-will," and that prosperity abounds with fewer losses than during the preceding year. He mourns the loss of brethren, with special mention of their late R. . W. . Benjamin F. Roray, District Deputy for his district for more than twenty-one years. He had made but a few visits among his lodges, exchanged courtesies with other Grand Lodges, and speaks of a "notable event," attending the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of their St. John's Lodge No. 1. He had laid two corner-stones, constituted one new lodge under a warrant, instituted one U. . D. ., and reports two decisions.

The Grand Lodge entertained, as "Distinguished Visitors," the Grand Masters of Delaware and Pennsylvania, accompanied by their respective associate Grand Officers.

The work of their Masonic Home is shown by the following abstract from the committee's report:

Our membership on April 1st, 1911, amounted to.....	75
During the year we have received .....	25
During the year we have lost by death.....	11
Self-supporting.....	3
Leaving a membership at this date of.....	86

R. . W. . Robert A. Shirrefs presents the report on foreign corre-

spondence, covering one hundred and sixty-nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, is generously favored. From the review of our Grand Lodge we quote:

A radical change was suggested by the Grand Master, namely: the abolishing of the office of Grand Treasurer. A committee approved it and Grand Lodge adopted their recommendation. We note that another Grand Treasurer was elected and installed, probably to hold office nominally until the Constitution or law is suitably adjusted to the change. Very complimentary resolutions were adopted expressive of the good will and affection in which the venerable Past Grand Master and former Grand Treasurer Dinsmore was held. He had desired to be relieved of the office on account of continued ill health.

M. : W. : Richard C. Woodward, Trenton, is Grand Master.

R. : W. : Benjamin F. Wakefield, Trenton, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW MEXICO, 1912.

October 21st, in the hall of Temple Lodge, in the city of Albuquerque, the thirty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. : W. : William B. Walton, Grand Master, with all but two of the Grand Officers, and representatives from thirty-three of their forty chartered lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master, in his address, announces "satisfactory progress during the year:" pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, and reports quite fully his official acts. Six special dispensations only, had he issued, but to occupy halls jointly with other organizations he had issued seven dispensations. Two dispensations were to permit lodges to attend church on St. John's Day. He reports four decisions, all of ordinary importance, only. Four new halls were duly dedicated. He had instituted two lodges under dispensation, and laid one corner-stone for a Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Las Cruces, New Mexico. The Grand Lodge paid the debts of one extinct lodge.

He could not go, nor did his duly appointed proxy attend the Second Annual Council, Alexandria, Va., of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

He regards the erection of a hospital for the "Order of Masons" at Hot Springs, Arkansas, a worthy undertaking, and recommends its appeal for funds to his Grand Lodge.

Among his recommendations is an amendment of their laws, requiring the Secretary and Treasurer of lodges to furnish bonds for the faithful performance of their duties. Another is to authorize the

incoming Grand Master to appoint a committee to revise the by-laws. Of course, what does the Grand Lodge meet for, some one has inquired, but to "amend the constitution, and elect officers?"

Brother John J. Kelly, Grand Lecturer, reports good conditions; he had visited thirty-two of their forty lodges, during the year. The Grand Lodge ordered: "That the Committee on Ritual be instructed to recommend to this Grand Lodge, at its next Annual Communication, for its consideration, any inaccuracies that may be found in the general construction of the Ritual."

As a reason for withholding recognition from either the Grand Orient or the Grand Lodge of France, Brother Wroth sets forth the Grand Lodge of England's objection: That the initiate is not required to declare a belief in Deity.

M.:W.: Brother James H. Wroth again writes the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, received favorable fraternal consideration.

M.:W.: Marine R. Williams, East Las Vegas, is Grand Master.

R.:W.: Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES, 1912.

The volume before us for review is for the year ending June, 1912. Quarterly communications are held at Masonic Temple in the city of Sydney.

The territory of this Grand Jurisdiction is divided into Metropolitan and twenty-six country districts, under Inspectors, whose reports are published in the proceedings.

At a special communication, held on July 10th, 1911, the following appears of record:

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE INSTALLATION.

"The Grand Master (His Excellency Most Worshipful Bro. Lord Chelmsford), having been re-elected as Grand Master, was proclaimed as such for the ensuing year by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and the following Anthem was sung:"

Lord, our Grand Master bless,  
With health and happiness,  
So mote it be!  
May he our laws defend,  
Our power for good extend,  
Our Master, Guide, and Friend,  
So mote it be!

May wisdom from on high,  
Bind fast our mystic tie!  
So mote it be!  
May we united stand,  
And join throughout the land,  
With apron, heart, and hand,  
So mote it be!

During the quarter from June to September, five new lodges were opened, says the Deputy Grand Master, the active head of the Order, and the corner-stone of a new Masonic Temple was laid. And another interesting event was the sending of a cable of congratulations from the Grand Lodge to His Majesty the King on his coronation, as follows: "Freemasons New South Wales in Grand Lodge assembled, desire congratulate King on his Coronation." And afterwards the following response was received:

Sydney, 4th August, 1911.

Dear Sir,—I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been advised by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the telegram of the 20th June last, conveying the congratulations of the Freemasons of New South Wales to His Majesty, was duly placed before the King.

His Majesty was pleased to command that an expression of his cordial thanks be conveyed to the Freemasons of this State for their loyal message of congratulation on the occasion of his Coronation.

Yours very faithfully,

R. VERNEY, Capt.

Private Secretary.

A. H. BRAY, Esq., Grand Secretary, United Grand Lodge.

There is a report on correspondence, covering fifty-three pages, and reviewing the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Lodges, of which twenty-nine were of the United States of America. Nebraska, however, is not among them.

R. W. Arthur H. Bray, Sydney, is Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1912.

May 7th, in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Temple, in the city of New York, the one hundred and thirty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, five Past Grand Masters, and the Masters of nearly all their chartered lodges in attendance.

To the memory of the fraternal dead of that, and other Grand Jurisdictions the Grand Master pays appropriate tribute.

A very interesting account of the dedication of the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Chapel at the Masonic Home, at Utica, is given. The Grand Master speaks of Brother Tompkins as: "Citizen, statesman, patriot, and Mason." He was a farmer's boy, and was Grand Master of New York, and at the same time was Vice President of the United States, and at one time was Governor of New York.

An interesting report is also presented by the trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund.

R. W. Edwin A. Quick, Grand Historian, continues his history, and chapters from it are included in the published proceedings under review.

Brothers Townsend Scudder, Emil Frenkel, and Emanuel Loewenstein, again present the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-six pages and reviewing the proceedings of all recognized Masonic Grand Lodges, throughout the world. Nebraska, 1911, receives fraternal consideration.

M. W. Charles Smith, Oneonta, is Grand Master.

M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York City, is Grand Secretary.

#### NEW ZEALAND, 1912.

May 8th, in Burns Hall, in the city of Dunedin, the twenty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Christopher J. W. Griffiths, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, many Past Grand Officers, and representatives from nearly all the chartered lodges, a total of "about 700," in attendance.

From the Grand Master's address we extract:

Five new lodges have been added to our roll during the year, and when the complete returns are available we shall see that a most substantial increase has taken place in our membership. This, together with the figures shown in the reports of the funds already referred to, are the outward and visible signs of our prosperity, and I am sure you will agree that they are most satisfactory and reassuring to all who have the interests of Grand Lodge at heart.

M. W. Brother Alfred H. Burton presents a good report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, receives kindly fraternal consideration.

M. W. Maurice Thompson, Invercargill, is Grand Master.

M. W. Malcolm Niccol, Dunedin, is Grand Secretary.

#### NORTH DAKOTA, 1912.

June 18th, in the Masonic Temple in the city of Minot, the twenty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Robert Morrison, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, and representatives

from nearly all their one hundred and two subordinate lodges, in attendance.

From the Grand Master's address we extract a correct view of an all important matter, wherein he says: "I regard our splendid school system and the fact that this grand institution of ours is firmly and permanently established in our state, as affording the best guarantees for a law-abiding and liberty-loving people." Yet there are bigots who would abolish both, and incidentally subject us, at least in spiritual things, to a certain Potentate in a foreign land.

To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays loving tribute; as he also does to the brave and chivalrous conduct of the men who rather than deny the means of safety to helpless women and children went down with the ship, in the loss of the Titanic.

He reports the exchange of Grand Representatives with other Grand Lodges, the constituting of three lodges under charters; the instituting of three under dispensations; the laying of three cornerstones, one for a church, another for a Masonic Temple, and the third for a building in which a lodge is to hold its meetings. He also conducted the dedication of another Masonic Temple at Bismarck. Three decisions, only, does he report, and he reports but two of the larger number of special dispensations which he had granted.

M. . W. . Brother James W. Foley submits a report on correspondence, covering seventy pages. Nebraska, 1911, is generously treated, with quotations from our Grand Master Cheney's address, and our Grand Orator, Elmer E. Brown's address.

M. . W. . William E. Hoover, Fargo, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, is Grand Secretary.

#### NOVA SCOTIA, 1912.

June 12th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Sydney, the forty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . Augustus John Wolf, Grand Master, with some of the Grand Officers, several proxies, a goodly number of Past Grand Officers, twenty-one representatives of other Grand Lodges, and representatives from most of the chartered lodges, as also the Master of one lodge under dispensation, present.

Divine service was held, with a sermon by Rev. John Pringle, D. D., acting as Grand Chaplain, from whose sermon we quote a single paragraph:

Nehemiah was one of history's great men. You may not agree

with me about this, for much depends upon the point of view, upon what our measure of a great man is. There have been men whom communities and nations have delighted to honor, who are, therefore, known as great men, but were, nevertheless, even in the unexpressed opinion of their worshippers, very small indeed. Your so-called great man may be very small and selfish. One phrase in a great history has photographed Britain's greatest military leader: "So great a soldier; so mean a man." The world knows them well. They are recognized as a distinct species of whom it is well to be ware. Great men who will degrade themselves to trickery, wire-pulling and dishonesty to hold the position they have or to gain the position they covet.

The one lodge U.·D.·., under the name of "Maple Leaf Lodge," of New Waterford, was granted a charter.

From the Grand Master's address we extract:

Coincidentally to the immediate inception of my administration, I am pleased to say, that at the kind invitation of the Venerable Archdeacon Armitage, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was represented by your Grand Master and his Deputy at the Coronation Service in St. Paul's Church, Halifax, and received simultaneously the joyful news of the crowning, at Westminster, of King George V, Ruler of Great Britain and Ireland and the Dominions beyond the Seas, of which we are so proud to form a part. Though a Patron, not a Mason, he is, nevertheless, a descendant of Kings and Princes, who guided the destiny of our beloved Order, and we as Masons continue to be His Majesty's devoted and loyal subjects. May he long live to wear the crown and rule gloriously, wisely and well this vast and mighty Empire.

They have a Masonic Home, a good farm, and have eleven residents and contemplate increasing its capacity. They are very proud of it, and feel that Nova Scotia is in the vanguard in their Dominion.

R.·W.·Thomas Mowbray presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges in an able and interesting manner. Nebraska, 1911, received its full share of space and complimentary treatment.

M.·W.·William Medford Christie, Windsor, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Thomas Mowbray, Halifax, is Grand Secretary.

#### OHIO, 1912.

October 23d, in the Valentine Theatre, Toledo, the one hundred and third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Thomas B. Guitteau, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, nineteen Past Grand Officers, and representatives from all but six of their five hundred and twenty-four chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master says that during the year past the Craft had enjoyed great prosperity, and with very few exceptions their lodges are in a most flourishing condition, and the ritualistic work is rendered with an enthusiasm and care that can but ultimately attain perfection.

To the memory of the dead he pays loving fraternal tribute, with extended special mention of their late Past Deputy Grand Master, R. . W. . Brother Jacob L'Hommedieu Long, who died at Mansfield, Ohio, on May 31st, 1912.

He reports good work done by their twenty-five District Lecturers, preliminary to their going out into their respective fields he called a meeting of them for the purpose of perfecting plans for the inspection of the lodges. Several of their lodges had amended their by-laws, increasing the fees for the degrees, in no way, he says, in conflict with their Uniform Code of By-laws, and he approved them.

He highly compliments the officers having control of their Widows and Orphans Home. He had instituted six new lodges under dispensations. Special dispensations to the number of ninety had he granted, for the purposes of electing and installing officers; to attend Divine Services; to occupy temporary quarters; to remove into new lodge rooms, and to participate in laying corner-stones. Five special communications, to constitute as many new lodges under charters, had he authorized. During his term of office he visited thirty-one lodges, and personally conducted the services at the laying of seven corner-stones, the dedication of three Masonic Halls, and the constitution of two lodges.

As a "Distinguished Visitor" M. . W. . Brother Frank T. Lodge, Past Grand Master of Michigan, was received and addressed the Grand Lodge.

Interesting matters were before the Grand Lodge, and all were harmoniously disposed of. Their Committee on Masonic History of Ohio reports progress, and a continuation thereof from 1844 to 1909.

M. . W. . Brother Nelson Williams presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and ninety-five pages, and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-two Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1912, received fraternal consideration, and three pages of his valuable review.

From his closing we extract one of three stanzas:

From Labor to Refreshment—'t is the Junior Warden's call  
In the Lodge known as Symbolic here below,  
And every Brother pauses when he hears the gavel fall,  
For its potent power all the Masons know.  
Our mystic work suspended, sweet converse reigns supreme,  
And Fellowship, which is our richest gem,

Is set in Love cemented, and its irridescent gleam  
Lights to brilliancy our dazzling diadem.

M.·W.·Edwin S. Griffiths, Cleveland, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, is Grand Secretary.

#### OKLAHOMA, 1912.

February 14th, in the Scottish Rite Temple, in the city of McAlester, the fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Alexis Eddleman, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, twenty-one Past Grand Officers, and representatives from three hundred and forty-five of their four hundred and eight subordinate lodges, in attendance.

"We should earnestly and devoutly thank Almighty God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us, for the lofty ideals he has given us and for the measure of achievement he has meted out to us," says the Grand Master, in opening his address. To the memory of the dead he pays loving fraternal tribute. He reports the constituting of fifteen new lodges under charters, and the instituting of nine under dispensations. He reports a good many decisions, but none of special interest outside of his own Grand Jurisdiction. One impostor had attempted to obtain relief from one of his lodges, but inquiry through proper sources saved the lodge.

Of their Masonic Home, he speaks enthusiastically. The land upon which it stands was purchased of the United States through the active assistance of Oklahoma's members of congress.

Their Grand Orator, R.·W.·William H. Talmage, delivered an interesting address upon social conditions as measured by "Prices, Profits, and Wages."

Past Grand Master Henry M. Furman, Advisor and Inspector of the Masonic Home, submitted a report of conditions in their Home. He has been a promoter and a great friend of that institution which is doing good work.

Brother Thomas C. Humphrey presents the report on correspondence, covering forty-two pages and reviewing the proceedings of forty-seven Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, received fraternal consideration.

M.·W.·Alfred G. Gray, Cheyenne, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·William M. Anderson, Oklahoma City, is Grand Secretary.

## OREGON, 1912.

June 12th, in the Grand Lodge room, Masonic Temple, Portland, the sixty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Thomas M. Baldwin, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, twenty-six Grand Representatives, and representatives from one hundred and ten of their chartered lodges, in attendance.

“Peace be within thy borders and prosperity within thy palaces. May they prosper who love thee.’ Such be our greeting, and such be the spirit with which we approach this, our sixty-second Annual Communication,” said the Grand Master in opening his address. He pays loving tribute to the memory of ninety of their members who had died during the year. He reports the constituting of four lodges under charters, and the instituting of four under dispensations; the laying of three corner-stones, and the dedicating of two new Masonic halls. He had rendered several decisions, and granted a good many special dispensations.

A very interesting address was given by their Grand Orator, R.·W.·Stephen A. Lowell, upon the Bible, and the history of Freemasonry.

The Grand Master of Idaho was received with appropriate ceremony as a visitor.

Their Grand Chaplain, V.·W.·J. R. N. Bell, addressed the Grand Lodge in an interesting account of his recent visit to Jerusalem, and presented to the Grand Lodge an enlarged photograph of his party taken within the walls of the ruined Temple on Mt. Moriah, and the same is to be hung in the Temple at Portland.

Past Grand Master David P. Mason again presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and thirty-six pages. Nebraska, 1911, receives generous fraternal consideration, and our Grand Orator, Elmer W. Brown's address is praised and liberally quoted from.

M.·W.·George H. Burnett, Salem, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·James F. Robinson, Portland, is Grand Secretary.

## PENNSYLVANIA, 1911.

December 27th, in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, the annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R.·W.·George W. Guthrie, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and a goodly representation from the lodges in attendance.

This Grand Lodge holds quarterly communications in March, June, September, and December, at which time such business as

has accumulated is taken up, and the Grand Master submits an address at the December meeting. In it he takes some of his brethren to task because at a recent political election some members of the Fraternity, as candidates, had advertised their standing as Masons, in urging their fitness for the offices sought, in circulars distributed among the voters. The Grand Master ordered such candidates to recall the circulars, and directed the District Deputy Grand Masters to visit each lodge, and instruct the brethren that such conduct was un-masonic and deserved the condemnation of every sincere Mason.

Brother James M. Lamberton again presents the report on correspondence, covering three hundred and twenty pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-seven jurisdictions. Nebraska, 1911, receives extended consideration.

We wish we could quote from his many choice paragraphs, but we are restricted by the powers that direct us in this work.

R. W. William L. Gorgas, Philadelphia, is Grand Master.  
R. W. John A. Perry, Philadelphia, is Grand Secretary.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1912.

June 26th, in the Masonic Hall, at Alberton, at High Twelve, the thirty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Hector C. McDonald, Grand Master, with the principal Grand Officers and a goodly attendance of representatives from the chartered lodges.

From the Grand Master's address we quote:

It is gratifying to know that our fair Dominion in its several provinces has during the past year continued to grow and prosper. As loyal citizens we are greatly pleased at the happy circumstance which caused H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, a member of the Royal house of Britain, to come to us as our Governor General, and more especially are we as Freemasons pleased to recognize in H. R. H. the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England whose oriental chair he has graced since the accession to the throne of his brother the late King Edward VII.

He had devoted much time to looking after the interests of his lodges, and the Fraternity generally. One new lodge had been chartered.

The following constitutes nearly all from the Committee on Correspondence:

Again your committee on Foreign Correspondence present their

report without apology for its containing no review of the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions; well knowing that no such review is expected or desired. To the committee there is a great temptation to respond to some of the friendly criticisms and occasional strictures of the "Knights of the Round Table," but its duty lies in furnishing the services desired by you rather than indulging in wandering in paths of its own choosing.

M.·W.·John T. Profit, Alberton, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Walter P. Doull, Charlottetown, is Grand Secretary.

#### QUEBEC, 1912.

February 14th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montreal, the forty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Frank Charters, Grand Master, with all but two of the Grand Officers, six Past Grand Masters, many permanent members, and representatives from all but five of their sixty-four subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, with special mention of the late R.·W.·Brother William J. Hughan, "England's famous historian." The Grand Master says that there has been harmony in all the departments of their work, and that the net increase in numbers is the largest in the history of their Grand Lodge. He reports having issued a goodly number of special dispensations, and had exchanged official courtesies with several Grand Jurisdictions, including that of New York, and he speaks of good work on the part of their District Deputy Grand Masters, and notes his visits among his lodges.

The report of their Grand Secretary, R.·W.·Will H. Whyte, as usual is full and interesting. The District Deputy Grand Masters also submit reports of their services. Their Grand Chaplain, Rev. George A. MacLennan, entertained the Grand Lodge in an eloquent address on "The Historical Setting of the Legend of the Temple."

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge were routine, and not of special interest.

M.·W.·Brother E. T. D. Chambers again presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering ninety-nine pages. Nebraska, 1911, receives extended fraternal consideration, with liberal quotations, especially from the address of our Grand Orator, Brother Elmer W. Brown.

M.·W.·Frank Charters, Montreal, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Will H. Whyte, Montreal, is Grand Secretary.

## RHODE ISLAND, 1912.

May 20th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Providence, the one hundred and twenty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R.:W.:Wendell R. Davis, Deputy Grand Master, with all the living Grand Officers, six Past Grand Masters, and representatives from all their chartered lodges, in attendance.

The Deputy Grand Master as Acting Grand Master, delivered an address, and in opening paid tribute to the memory of their late Grand Master, M.:W.:James B. Gay, who died November 25th, 1911, and was buried by the Grand Lodge. Other deceased members of the Grand Lodge, who had died during the year, are lovingly remembered in the address.

The Acting Grand Master reports thirteen special dispensations which he had issued, eight of them being to attend church.

He had exchanged courtesies, in the matter of waivers of jurisdiction over candidates, and conferring degrees, with several Grand Jurisdictions; had visited lodges and installed their officers; and acted in laying corner-stones. He, with their Past Grand Master Arthur H. Armington, the chosen representative of their Grand Lodge, attended the convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, in Alexandria, Virginia, on February 21st and 22d, 1912.

Their five District Deputy Grand Masters report, each one showing the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and their Grand Lecturer, Brother Frederick E. Leonard, likewise reports activity in his field of labor.

The Committee on Trials had nothing before it, and congratulates the Grand Lodge because thereof.

The Committee on Ritual recommend some slight changes, one of which is a change in name, from Ancient Free and Accepted Masons to that of Free and Accepted Masons, to which the Grand Lodge agreed, and so ordered.

There is no report on correspondence.

M.:W.:Wendell Richmond Davis, Bristol, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:S. Penrose Williams, Providence, is Grand Secretary.

## SASKATCHEWAN, 1912.

June 19th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Prince Albert, the sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was

opened by M.·W.·Arthur S. Gorrell, Grand Master, with Grand Officers, four of whom were proxies, and a constitutional number of chartered lodge representatives in attendance.

There had been an astonishing growth in membership during the year past, says the Grand Master, in opening his address; and he believes "that with but few exceptions, the very best men in the Province are being received into our institution." He says:

Last year we had a total of 83 lodges, 65 under charter and 18 under dispensation. We now have a total of 94 lodges, 77 under charter and 17 under dispensation. Our membership last year was about 4,000. It is at the present time 4,500, and it should be gratifying to the Grand Lodge to know that we are making such rapid progress.

He did much visiting among his lodges, instituting new ones, and holding Lodges of Instruction.

Answering a query he decided that: "After the vote is taken and the Ballot inspected by the Junior Warden, the Senior Warden, and the W. M. the Ballot Box is then placed on the Altar for the inspection of any brother who desires to do so."

The District Deputy Grand Masters all reported the performance of their official duties, each in his respective district, and generally they report excellent conditions.

The standing committees were active, and their recommendations were approved by the Grand Lodge.

Brother Arthur S. Gorrell submits his third annual report on correspondence, covering two hundred and thirty-two pages, and ably reviewing the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Lodges. Under Nebraska, 1911, and *in re*, our law, and our Grand Master's decision, we find, and extract the following:

"Deny the right to dimit," Nebraska, you have no power to override the rights of the individual Mason. Grand Master Dowling is right, but he does not go far enough. "It is the inherent right of every Mason to dimit," and MacKay adds, "if not under charges and clear on the books." We think he can dimit whether clear on the books or not, but as we are not an authority do not push the idea.

M.·W.·Arthur Stirling Gorrell, Regina, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·John M. Shaw, Regina, is Grand Secretary.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1912.

April 17th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Adelaide, the twenty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened and presided over by Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel J. Way, Grand

Master, with all the Grand Officers, and many representatives of the chartered lodges in attendance.

From the annual address of the Grand Master we extract:

(The Grand Master on rising, received an ovation.)

Right worshipful brethren and brethren, I feel that I must at once return to you my grateful thanks for this distinguished mark of your confidence. I have filled the position of G. M. for so many years, with, I hope, some satisfaction to you all. Prior to my re-election to this office in 1896, I was Pro. Grand Master for five years, during the benignant and illustrious rule of the M. W. G. M. the Earl of Kintore, one of the most distinguished Masons that has ever touched Australian shores. On each occasion of my re-election I have expressed my determination to administer its responsible duties to the best of my ability and I have also said, as I repeat to-night, that it would be impossible for me to perform the offices unless I were supported by practically the unanimous approval of the whole craft.

A report on correspondence is the work of several brethren. Nebraska, 1911, receives generous consideration.

M. : W. : Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel James Way, is Grand Master.

R. : W. : Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide, is Grand Secretary.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA, 1912.

December 10th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Charleston, the one hundred and thirty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. : W. : George S. Mower, Grand Master, with all but two of the Grand Officers, sixteen District Deputy Grand Masters, eight Past Grand Masters, and representatives from two hundred and thirty-two of their two hundred and forty-six subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master pays extended fraternal tribute to the memory of their late Past Grand Master, James Ferdinand Izlar. He notes, with pleasure, the tendency toward uniformity in Masonic law. He had granted a great number of special dispensations; constituted eleven new lodges under charters, and instituted three U. : D. :; exchanged Grand Representatives with Grand Lodges; laid one corner-stone of a "Model School Building;" reports a good many decisions; and recommends that the minimum fees for the degrees be increased to twenty-five dollars, and that five dollars thereof be turned into the Masonic Home Fund until the Home is established, and afterwards go into the treasury of the Home for the current expenses of its maintenance.

Eighteen District Deputy Grand Masters report, each for his district, active performance of the duties of his important office.

The fortieth annual report of the Masonic Board of Relief shows liberal donations to worthy objects.

The following was enacted:

That the Grand Lodge of South Carolina appropriate the sum of one hundred (\$100) dollars to purchase a membership on the Roll of Honor of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to send his check prior to January 1, 1913.

M. . W. . Brother James L. Michie submits the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-one pages, and reviewing, ably, the proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1912, receives very fraternal consideration. We extract what he says of our Grand Master's installation:

The installation of Grand Officers was a notable scene, and one that will not be duplicated often. Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Sr., installed his son, James R. Cain, Jr., as Grand Master. In concluding his address Past Grand Master Cain said: "I am proud of you, my son, proud that you are my son, and proud that I am your father."

M. . W. . George S. Mower, Newberry, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . O. Frank Hart, Columbia, is Grand Secretary.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA, 1912.

June 11th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Deadwood, the thirty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . Charles L. Brockway, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, fifteen permanent members, and representatives from one hundred and thirteen of their one hundred and thirty-four subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead, with special and extended remarks on their deceased Past Grand Treasurer, R. . W. . Brother Charles W. McDonald, who died March 11th, 1912.

He reports the constituting of seven newly chartered lodges, the instituting of seven under dispensations, and the laying of three corner-stones, each of which was for a new court house, and he had issued a good many special dispensations for the usual purposes. He made many visits to his lodges during the year, but reports no decis-

ions. He had exchanged courtesies with other Grand Lodges, in this and foreign lands.

The conditions among his lodges, he says, are good, and he commends the zeal of the young men for their enthusiasm in the work in the lodges, as also their Grand Lecturer, Brother Ives.

Brother M. F. Montgomery, Grand Orator, delivered an eloquent address.

During the session of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., was also in session, and happy greetings through committees, were exchanged between the Grand Bodies. Mrs. Fannie F. Fox, Grand Matron, during recess, but before the congregated brethren, thus addressed them:

We bring to you a message of good cheer and fraternal greetings from the loyal hearts of faithful co-workers. The exchange of greetings between the Masonic Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter O. E. S. is one of the most pleasing incidents of this session. The growth of our Order in this State is due largely to the interest manifested in its work by the Masonic brothers. We are endeavoring to co-operate with you in the dissemination of those most beautiful Masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and we are pleased to know that we are today recognized by the Masonic fraternity as a valuable aid in bestowing Charity and Loving Kindness, and as the work deepens and widens, which it must, we look to you with confidence for encouragement.

And this was responded to by the Grand Master, in a like fraternal spirit.

M. W. Brother Samuel A. Brown again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and forty-four pages. Nebraska, 1911, with the face of our Grand Secretary at the head, receives favorable fraternal consideration. From it we extract:

Grand Custodian, Past Grand Master Robert E. French, with many interspersed verses in his report, made it appear plainly that he is the counsellor and friend of every Mason and lodge in the state. He exhorts, reproves and harrangues with might and main, and pours oil on the troubled waters with equal generosity, and when all things else fail he drops into poetry in a friendly way, so that he is a heartless brother indeed who will still be unredeemed.

M. W. William J. McMakin, Terraville, is Grand Master.

R. W. George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, is Grand Secretary.

#### TENNESSEE, 1913.

January 29th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Nashville, the ninety-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge

was opened by M.·W.·J. Lynn Bachman, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, eighteen Past Grand Masters, one hundred and eighteen Past Masters, and representatives from four hundred and thirty-seven of their four hundred and fifty-five subordinate lodges, in attendance.

A by-law requires that one of the three principal officers of a lodge shall deliver one of the three lectures, at least once in each month in open lodge, and the minutes must show by whom and at what time the lecture was delivered. Another, governing Grand Lodge, provides:

68. The Grand Master may at any time he deems best order a Roll-call of all or any part of the Lodges and representatives, or other members, who are entitled to per diem; when each member shall answer for his Lodge or to his name, if not a representative, unless he has previously been excused or is a member of one of the Standing Committees. If any one fails to answer, he shall forfeit his per diem for that day. If same has already been paid he shall refund the amount. Should he fail to refund, it shall be charged to his Lodge, which may collect from him as dues.

M.·W.·Henry A. Chambers again presents the report on correspondence, covering eighty pages, and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all the Grand Lodges in the United States, Great Britain, and its provinces in North America and Australasia.

In speaking of clandestinism he says: "It probably increases among the negro population of the United States—an element that, under present conditions, cannot affect legitimate Freemasonry." Nebraska, 1912, receives generous fraternal consideration.

M.·W.·Charles Comstock, Crossville, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·James B. Garrett, Nashville, is Grand Secretary.

#### TEXAS, 1912.

December 3d, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Waco, the seventy-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened "in due and ample form" by M.·W.·Sam P. Cochran, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, thirty-six District Deputy Grand Masters, forty Grand Representatives, seventeen Past Grand Masters, three hundred and twenty-eight Past Masters, and representatives from four hundred and forty-eight subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Sixty-six pages are devoted to the Grand Master's address. In it, he pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, with extended remarks upon the life and work of their deceased Past Grand

Master, M. .W. .Brother Thomas M. Matthews, who also, for many years, has written the reports for his Grand Lodge on foreign correspondence, up to and including the one contained in the volume under review. His work in this line has been excellent, and he will be remembered as one of the leading Masonic writers of his day.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of twenty-three newly chartered lodges; the instituting of eight under dispensations, and the laying of a great many corner-stones for Masonic and other public buildings. He had publicly installed the officers of a large number of his lodges, and had visited extensively lodges throughout the broad domain of his Grand Jurisdiction. He did not hesitate to grant special dispensations when wisdom required such action, and he denied many applications, where the purposes for which they were sought would not justify the exercise of such power on his part. He reports twenty-six decisions, from which we extract the following:

No. 9—That honorary memberships in lodges in this State are not permitted.

No. 10—It is contrary to Masonic principles to furnish intoxicating liquors at a banquet given by a lodge and paid for with lodge funds, even though the banquet be given at a place other than the lodge room.

No. 11—Two lodges cannot, by agreement, fix a certain line as marking the boundary of jurisdiction between said lodges, where said agreed line is not in fact the actual line of demarcation as fixed by the laws of the Grand Lodge.

A very interesting report is that by the Board of Directors of the Masonic Orphans' Home, showing excellent conditions in that splendid institution. Unlike most Masonic Homes, where the children attend the free public schools, Texas Masons maintain a school at the Home, with a full corps of competent, thoroughly equipped teachers; with a kindergarten for the little ones; for the older, literature, domestic science, stenography, book-keeping, type-writing, mechanical and electrical training, shop for wood and iron work, military tactics, drill, etc.

Before his death M. .W. .Brother Thomas M. Matthews as above stated wrote the annual report on correspondence, but had not completed it. It covers eighty-two pages, reviewing the proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges. His successor, Past Grand Master George W. Tyler, says, in speaking of it:

A concensus of opinion was then had among the members of the Committee, and we decided unanimously to bring to you these reviews as the

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without any change, addition or diminution whatever, and the same are herewith presented accordingly.

We feel that in so doing we pay the highest honor within our power to Bro. Matthews, and it is fitting that the result of his last labors should stand in our proceedings in consecutive order, and as a proper conclusion to the twenty-four reports that have hitherto come from his able pen—the whole rounding out and completing a splendid and enduring monument to his ability, learning and Masonic fidelity.

M.·W.·J. J. Mansfield, Columbus, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·John Watson, Waco, is Grand Secretary.

## UTAH, 1912.

January 16th, in the Masonic Temple, in Salt Lake City, the forty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Gilbert Benjamin Pfoutz, Grand Master, with most of the Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand Masters, and representatives from fifteen subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master thus pays tribute to their Grand Secretary Christopher Diehl, since deceased: "Our beloved Grand Secretary, Christopher Diehl, who with the exception of the first few months, when he was Assistant Grand Secretary, has been continuously the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge. His character and work are well known to all, and he will ever remain the bright and shining star of Masonry in Utah."

The Grand Master had visited, and was present at the celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and gives a glowing account of that event, and continuing, says:

I cannot refrain from speaking of my personal happiness in being present on that occasion. Being a Native Son, and for many years a resident of Philadelphia, it is unnecessary to say how great was my pleasure in meeting so many old friends, under such auspicious surroundings. In fact, it seemed to me that almost everyone whom I had ever known, that was worth the knowing, and those who had had my boyish adoration as being among the great and the good, were there—ALL MASONS. Need I say more!

He reports an exchange of representatives with other Grand Lodges; visitations and the condition of his lodges; the constituting of one lodge under charter, and the instituting of two under dispensations; and the rendering of two decisions. He recommended that the Board of Custodians and the Grand Lecturer prepare an official monitor, to contain the standard work in Utah.

The two lodges under dispensations were granted charters.

A school of instruction was held during the session of the Grand Lodge, with the Grand Master presiding.

R. W. Christopher Diehl presents his thirty-sixth annual report on correspondence, covering eighty-three pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-two Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, receives extended and fraternal consideration.

We append his conclusion; it proved, as he suggested, to be his last:

For the thirty-sixth time I have reached the end of the Report on Correspondence, and I am glad of it. To know that a certain work is finished is always a relief, more especially so when the workman is eighty-one years old and has been handicapped by sickness for over a year. For those reasons I have no apologies to make for the imperfections of the foregoing pages. I have earnestly tried to make it readable and could do no more. I hope my Utah Brethren will read it, and if it is of any benefit to them, I shall consider it a liberal recompense for the many weary hours I spent on its production. I do not believe that I ever will be able to write another Report on Correspondence, and I do wish the officers and members of the Grand Lodge would consider this my last one.

M. W. Sam H. Goodwin, Provo, is Grand Master.

M. W. Charles B. Jack, Salt Lake City, is Grand Secretary.

#### VERMONT, 1912.

June 12th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, the one hundred and nineteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Henry L. Ballou, Grand Master, with seventeen Grand Officers, twenty-three permanent members, nine District Deputy Grand Masters, and representatives of seventy-six chartered lodges, in attendance.

"We have come to the Queen City of our State and the magnificent temple of our building" etc., says the Grand Master in opening his address. He pays extended fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead, with special mention of their deceased Past Grand Master, Alfred A. Hall. Of conditions he says:

The population of Vermont has made but little gain in the last forty years, having increased but twenty-five thousand or less than eight per cent. On the other hand the Masonic increase has been sixty-four per cent. during these years, and in the last decade we have increased our membership twenty-six per cent. We did more work during the past year than in any other of the one hundred and nineteen of our existence.

He praises the work of their District Deputies, and says their meetings were largely attended, the bands of fraternity strengthened, and a correct knowledge of their work disseminated. He reports but two decisions, the dedication of one new lodge room, and he laid one cornerstone, that of a new Masonic Temple in the historic village of Bennington. He reports his pleasure in having attended for the second time an annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, held at Alexandria, Virginia, on February 21st and 22d, 1912. He submits some well considered remarks upon the subject of maintaining the Grand Representative system. He favors the plan, but says "it must be awake, not dormant."

The report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address is highly complimentary to that faithful officer, as is also that of the Committee on Jurisprudence, in relation to all his official acts and decisions.

The Committee on Grievances, it is not grievous to report, had no grievance before it. But the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by its Chairman, Past Grand Master Marsh O. Perkins, submitted a special report recommending recognition, and an exchange of Grand Representatives with the new Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, which was adopted.

Brother Perkins, an old time reviewer, again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and ninety-six pages; and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, receives generous fraternal treatment. We will quote from his conclusion:

We do not mean to affirm that the millenium is at hand. No one anticipates that in his day and generation. But with rare exception, greater consideration than ever before is accorded differences of law and usage obtaining in the several Grand Jurisdictions, all tending to dignify and strengthen Masonic effort. Picayunish policies are being abandoned. Masonic independence is becoming more independent each year in the true sense of the word, viz.: Generous fraternal recognition of the rights of others. In this is found the growing strength and beauty of the union of hearts and hands in the grand work of a Great Fraternity. May nothing ever lessen its grandeur or its magnificent power for the uplift, in its quiet, peaceful way, of humanity.

M. W. Eugene S. Weston, New Haven, is Grand Master.

R. W. Henry H. Ross, Burlington, is Grand Secretary.

## VIRGINIA, 1912.

February 13th, in the Masonic Temple in the city of Richmond, the one hundred and thirty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M.·W.·William B. McChesney, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, five Past Grand Masters, twenty-one District Deputy Grand Masters, a great number of Past Masters and representatives from the subordinate lodges, in attendance.

"That our march," says the Grand Master, in opening his address, "has been onward in all directions is evidenced by results. Our membership has grown greatly, and I believe that the material is of the kind that will bring strength to our Order." He pays tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, with extended remarks upon the labors of M.·W.·Brothers Beverley Randolph Wellford, R.·W.·George H. Ray, Grand Chaplain Emeritus, and W.·C. E. Wingo, Chairman of the Finance Committee, all of whom had died during the past year. He had visited among his lodges, and regards such visits as "decidedly the most agreeable and inspiring of all the functions of the Grand Master," and he details what he found throughout his Grand Jurisdiction.

He reports an exchange of representatives with other Grand Lodges; the instituting of two new lodges; the laying of twenty-one corner-stones; and the granting of a goodly number of special dispensations. He also reports ten decisions, in one of which he declined to permit a lodge to lay a corner-stone of a church on the Sabbath Day, although approved by the church, the Master of the lodge, the Grand Officers, and Past Grand Master. He had attended the Board meetings of their Masonic Home, and praises its work, and urges a more liberal support by raising the per capita tax.

Two lodges under dispensations were granted charters by the Grand Lodge. A very full statement of those raised, affiliated, reinstated, restored, as also of those demitted, suspended, and expelled, is given.

M.·W.·Brother Joseph William Eggleston again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and thirty-six pages, and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all the English-speaking Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1911, is kindly considered.

R.·W.·William L. Andrews, Roanoke, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·George W. Carrington, Richmond, is Grand Secretary.

## WASHINGTON, 1912.

June 11th, in the city of Seattle, the fifty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. David S. Prescott, Grand Master, with all their living Grand Officers, and representatives from one hundred and sixty-nine of their one hundred and seventy-four chartered lodges, in attendance.

The "joys and pleasures" of meeting in annual communications, are dwelt upon by the Grand Master in opening his annual address. In his tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead he especially mentions their deceased Grand Chaplain, V. W. Rev. William Pelan, and their old brother William Stephens, Grand Bible Bearer. Among special visits, he recounts one, accompanied by the officers of a Washington lodge, to a lodge in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Two decisions only does he report, in one holding that a man who has lost the first joint of the first and second fingers of the right hand can comply with the requirements of the several degrees, and is therefore eligible to membership; and in the second that "the head waiter in a restaurant or cafe where liquor is sold as a beverage cannot receive the degrees."

Grand Master Prescott recommends that requests for the conferring of degrees by courtesy should be to the Grand Master. He granted a good many special dispensations for the usual purposes, but refused a few such. He reports the institution of nine lodges under dispensations; the dedication of three Masonic Temples; the laying of four corner-stones; and the constituting of eight newly chartered lodges. He visited among his lodges.

Of the Masonic Home, he says.

At our last Session a proposition for a Masonic Home at Puyallup was submitted and unanimously accepted. Title by Warranty Deed has been passed to the Grand Lodge.

The Committee in charge has made a wonderful transformation in the property. The buildings on the ground at the time title was acquired have been thoroughly repaired and renovated and moved to more advantageous locations. The necessary stock and farm implements for the successful operation of the Home have been purchased.

Greetings were exchanged between the Grand Lodges of Oregon and Washington, both being convened at the same time.

The Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges in attendance were cordially and fraternally welcomed, when presented in a body before the altar.

M. W. Brother Ralph C. McAllaster presents the report on corre-

spondence, covering one hundred and nine pages. Under Alberta he approves what the Grand Master says in the following:

"I am aware many will disagree with me in this, but I hold an E. A. or F. C. are brother Masons, not entitled to all the privileges of a M. M., but a brother Mason just the same, and surely you would not withhold from him the last sad rites of our fraternity.

"It always appears to me that this idea of excluding E. A. and F. C. from all the privileges of Masonry, originated in some jurisdiction where they charge separately for each degree as it is conferred, and this withholding Masonic privileges was the gentle art of applying the thumb screws to make the victim come forward with the cash and incidentally get his degrees."

Nebraska, 1911, received fraternal treatment; our Grand Master Cheney's address, and our Grand Custodian French's report are quoted from.

M.·W.·Frank N. McCandless, Tacoma, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, is Grand Secretary.

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1912.

April 25th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Perth, the annual communication was opened by M.·W.·C. O. L. Riley, Lord Bishop of Perth, Grand Master, with all the chartered lodges represented.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master said:

*Worshipful Brethren*.—In the name of the Grand Lodge, I bid you a very hearty welcome to this Communication. We who live in Perth fully recognize the sacrifices that many of you, my brethren, make in the cause of the Craft in coming hundreds of miles of slow travelling to be present and assist us in our work. We trust that your visit to Perth, and your meetings and reunions with many friends, may enable you to return to your various homes refreshed and heartened by the pleasures of friendship. To many of you, in my various travels, I am personally in deep debt for many kindnesses. To all of you my heartfelt thanks are respectfully tendered.

An excellent report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-five pages, ably reviews the proceedings of nearly all the English-speaking Grand Lodges, Nebraska excepted.

M.·W.·C. O. L. Riley, Lord Bishop of Perth, is Grand Master.

V.·W.·J. D. Stevenson, Perth, is Grand Secretary.

## WISCONSIN, 1912.

June 11th, in the Masonic Building, in the city of Milwaukee, the sixty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Alexander E. Matheson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and representatives from nearly all their chartered lodges in attendance.

In paying tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, the Grand Master speaks of the death of their late Past Grand Master Daniel McL. Miller, to whose memory their Deputy Grand Master, R. W. David B. Greene, pays special tribute in extended remarks.

Among the Grand Master's decisions we find a case where an unaffiliated Mason, engaged in the saloon business, holding a demit from a lodge in the state of Maine, desires to petition a Wisconsin lodge for affiliation, and is permitted to do so, notwithstanding the fact that the Wisconsin Masonic law prohibits the reception of a petition to be made a Mason by one engaged in the saloon business.

He had granted fifty-nine special dispensations; reports that several special communications of the Grand Lodge had been holden to lay corner-stones, and dedicate Masonic Temples; and had exchanged representatives with other Grand Lodges. He recommends that smoking in lodge rooms be prohibited.

"Distinguished Visitors," Grand Masters, and other officers from other Grand Jurisdictions were welcomed with appropriate greetings.

The Grand Secretary's report is very full, showing good conditions among the lodges.

The following is of interest and will remind Nebraska Masons of a like instance in our Grand Lodge:

Brother J. Thos. Pryor, Jr., Grand Chaplain, having entered the Grand Lodge for the first time on June 11th, 1872, and having been a regular attendant at its sessions for forty years, he was accompanied to the East by Brother Aldro Jenks, P. G. M., and accorded the Grand Honors.

The following was a very appropriate appropriation:

We recommend that the sum of \$55.00 be appropriated from the General Fund to pay for the cost of the portrait of Brother Robert Irwin, the first Worshipful Master of Menomonie Lodge No. 6, in 1823, and the first Worshipful Master in the then territory of Wisconsin.

Notwithstanding a net increase in membership of more than eight hundred, no dispensation for a new lodge had been petitioned for during the year, an unusual condition says the Committee on Dispensations.

Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks presents his fifteenth annual report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-three pages. Nebraska, 1911, received generous consideration, with liberal quotations from the writer's review, for which we thank Brother Jenks.

M. . W. . David B. Greene, Neosho, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . William W. Perry, Milwaukee, is Grand Secretary.

#### WYOMING, 1912.

September 4th, at the Masonic Temple in the city of Cheyenne, the thirty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . Harold Banner, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, nine Past Grand Masters, forty-four Past Masters, and representatives from twenty-five of their chartered lodges, in attendance.

To all assembled in Grand Lodge the Grand Master extended a cordial and fraternal welcome, and to the memory of the fraternal dead he pays loving tribute. In his reported decisions he holds that though a man has lost one eye, if his sight is good he may petition for membership; and that at a public installation of officers, the Master should remain covered. He had granted only a few special dispensations. He had visited nearly all the lodges, and expresses his regret that he had been unable to go to every one. He received an invitation to become, in his official capacity, a member of the League of Peace of the United Nations of the World, but this, he says, appearing to him to be outside his line of duty, he did not answer the communication.

The pleasant face of the Grand Secretary, R. . W. . William L. Kuykendall, faces the opening of his annual report.

The following "Liquor Resolution" was adopted:

*Resolved*, That no lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Wyoming, A. F. and A. M., and holding its charter therefrom, shall receive a petition for any degree from or confer any degree upon any person engaged in the business of selling intoxicating liquors as a beverage and that hereafter no member of any Lodge aforesaid shall engage in said business under the penalty of expulsion from said Lodge;

Provided, however, that this resolution shall not apply to or affect members who may now be engaged in such business so long as they continue therein.

The following seems to be the better way, in all like cases:

That hereafter all requests from Lodges in this jurisdiction to other

jurisdictions concerning conferring degrees shall be transacted through the Grand Master of this and the Grand Masters of other jurisdictions and like requests from Lodges in other jurisdictions must take the same course between the respective Grand Masters.

R. . W. . William L. Kuykendall again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and nineteen pages. Nebraska, 1911, receives fraternal consideration.

*In re Mexico*, he thus quotes and comments under Oregon:

“One Lodge, composed entirely of Germans, left the Grand Lodge ‘Valle de Mexico’ but did not join the seceding Lodges. It applied for and obtained a charter under the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.”

With thirteen Scottish Rite seceding Lodges under the wing of the Supreme Council ostensibly sailing under the stolen name “Valle de Mexico,” with eighteen York Rite Lodges under the “York Grand Lodge” and the above named German Lodge under Hamburg, the latter being at all times waiting around to get a foothold on this continent and with several other Grand Lodges claiming existence in states of Mexico, presents a beautiful condition of affairs such as should prohibit thoughts of recognition until there is a radical change.

M. . W. . William Pugh, Evanston, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . William L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, is Grand Secretary.

## GRAND LODGES.

	Date	Number of Sub-ordinates	Number of Members.	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Dropped, suspended and expelled.	Died	Net gain	Loss
Alabama	1912	543	25471	1839	1093	370	1088	739	415	1056	
Alberta											
Arizona	1912	20	2014	153	47	3	40	29	32	102	
Arkansas	1912	554	20534	998	427	175	457	632	323	639	
British Columbia	1912	85	5776	449	217	17	111	85	43	755	
California	1912	352	48315	3063	1023	91	923	499	609	2479	
Canada	1912	421	50721	2937	570	178	740	479	505		
Colorado	1912	127	15532	921	300	48	282	152	220	615	
Connecticut	1913	110	24281	1114	65	38	89	86	466	547	
Delaware	1912	22	3285	177	8	3	15	43	70	61	
Dist. of Columbia	1912	29	9317	474	68	107	100	183	151	206	
Florida	1913	219	10794	772	553	82	408	108	163	663	
Georgia	1912	618	36808							1483	
Idaho	1912	63	3844	285	149	6	107	84	47	276	
Illinois	1912	807	115095	8787	1294	329	2252	874	1460	5838	
Indiana	1912	546	60168	4055	829	197	985	561	854	2669	
Iowa	1912	520	45997	2794	694	221	1078	411	607	1598	
Kansas	1913	402	38877	2406	651	139	845	286	540	1572	
Kentucky	1912	578	38782	2791	612	385	948	1018	568	1426	
Louisiana	1913	220	15152	1006	244	62	311	257	227	605	
Maine	1912	203	29345	1338	107	70	173	218	571	564	
Manitoba	1912	75	5619	506	103	24	137	64	52	348	
Maryland	1912	114	15291	929	91	30	98	56	195	711	
Massachusetts	1912	252	60844	3508						2446	
Michigan	1912	421	68836	4173	783	85	1048	364	1032	2088	
Minnesota	1913	253	27447	1665	417	67	646	204	388	911	
Mississippi	1912	357	20334	1321	647	193	656	413	314	784	
Missouri	1912	624	55737	3926	927	299	1196	711	864	2381	
Montana											
Nebraska	1913	253	20144	1304	283	103	384	192	250	875	
Nevada	1912	25	1846	108	62	6	47	34		75	
New Brunswick	1911	38	3061	210	24	10	44	67	51	101	
New Hampshire	1912	79	10480	490	10	69		42	224	122	
New Jersey	1912	190	34855	2331	318	98	260	231	495	761	
New Mexico	1912	40	2948	231	103	4	118	39	36	149	
New South Wales	1912	239	17524	2263	951		1490	104	132	1488	
New York	1912	808	173713	9643	1007	976	1282	386	2739	6627	
New Zealand	1912	186	12309	993	428	676	143	91	901		
North Carolina	1912	402	21479	1328	435	205	566	549	325	633	
North Dakota	1912	102	8358	598	157	25	250	140	66	352	
Nova Scotia	1912	71	6456	432	69	20	120	94	74	233	
Ohio	1912	524	80493	5246	1000	798	1094	1153	1137	3660	
Oklahoma	1912	408									
Oregon	1912	127	10836	604	263	24	136	93	88	574	
Pennsylvania	1911	485	100765	6215	659	503	502	562	1466	4343	
Prince Edward Island	1912	15	741	34	5	2	25			4	
Quebec	1912	64	7021	534	68	21	99	73	83	388	
Rhode Island	1912	37	8117	471		9	20	44	110	306	
Saskatchewan	1912	94	4049	662	187	6	150	27	28	650	
South Australia	1912	64	4424	339	238	5	178	26	27	411	
South Carolina	1912	246									
South Dakota	1912	134	9701	872	378	31	338	102	95	801	
Tennessee	1913	455	26242	1510			673	506	465	653	
Texas	1912	851	56471	3719	1898	264	2220	658	842	2161	
Utah	1912	17	1984	197	44	12	71	28	24	205	
Vermont	1912	103	13443	649	66	12	127	48	246	308	
Virginia	1912	321	22843	1276	461	105	530	241	344	1111	
Washington	1912	183	17119	1332	654	78	355	243	184	1443	
Western Australia	1912	88	3780	238	194		294	60	25	53	
West Virginia	1912	147	15768	1121	190	65	234	7	183	878	
Wisconsin	1912	265	27233	1494	328	75	490		409	812	
Wyoming	1912	33	2845	200	87	4	60	31	30	206	



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