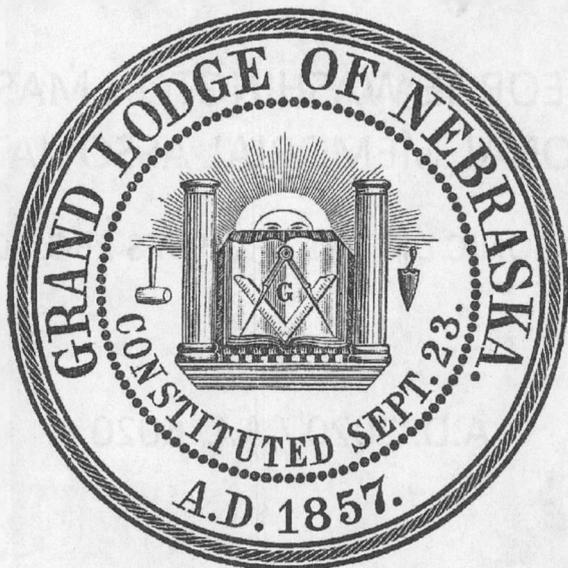


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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

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 8th, A. L. 5915, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock A. M., there being present:

M. W. THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Grand Master,
R. W. SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. ANDREW H. VIELE.....	Grand Senior Warden,
R. W. FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....	Grand Junior Warden,
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	Grand Secretary,
V. W. CHARLES C. WILSON.....	Grand Chaplain,
.....	Grand Orator,
M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Grand Custodian,
W. AMBROSE C. EPPERSON.....	Grand Marshal,
W. JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	Grand Senior Deacon,
W. JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG.....	Grand Junior Deacon,
BRO. ALEXANDER E. PORTER.....	Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and forty-two of the two hundred and sixty chartered lodges.

In accordance with the law a lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form. A constitutional number of

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

Greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodges of Iowa and Nevada, now in session, as follows:

CHARLES W. WALTON, Grand Master, Omaha, June 8th, 1915.
Care Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska sends most fraternal greetings and good wishes to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and sincerely hopes that your annual conclave will be one of harmony and success.

THOMAS M. DAVIS,
Grand Master.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 8th, 1915.

THOMAS M. DAVIS, Grand Master,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Iowa Grand Lodge in annual communication reciprocates your fraternal greetings. May peace, prosperity, and happiness ever be yours.

GEORGE L. SCHOONOVER,
Deputy Grand Master.

FRANCIS E. WHITE, Reno, Nevada, June 8th, 1915.
Omaha, Nebraska.

Grand Lodge of Nevada sends loving greetings and wishes for a session of great pleasure and profit.

EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH,
Grand Secretary.

EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary, Omaha, June 8th, 1915.
Reno, Nevada.

Our Grand Lodge fully appreciates the kindly greetings and good wishes of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and hopes that unlimited success and prosperity may be with you always.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Grand Secretary.

Greetings were also read from Brother Frank E. Noyes, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and from Brother James Tyler, representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Greetings and good wishes from Brother John F. Early, 64, now a resident of La Gloria, Cuba, were received, also a

gavel of Cuban mahogany with a rosewood handle, and by order of the Grand Master the thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended to Brother Early for his gift.

Most Worshipful Thomas M. Davis, Grand Master, delivered the following:

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Agreeable to our law, we are met here today in our fifty-eighth annual communication. When we revert to the beginning of this Grand Jurisdiction, peruse its first proceedings, and note its small beginning of only nine brethren, and then view this large assemblage here today, we are amazed at its gigantic growth, in subordinate lodges, in membership, and accumulation of money and properties. I fear the solid foundations laid by the original fathers and their immediate successors are not appreciated by us of today as they deserve. To view the large army of over 22,000 members should swell with pride every heart present, and cause us to hold in high esteem, love, and veneration those early pioneers in the deep-laid and lasting foundations of this Grand Jurisdiction. "All great movements are anchored in the past;" so then these early fathers cast forth the anchor of Masonry in those early days of our Commonwealth, when "the star of empire was moving westward," which became firmly imbedded in the solid rock of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and Masonry stands today a tower of strength and a power for good with its excellent tenets being taught and promulgated by this vast army. You here today are its generals and captains to lead on to greater achievements. Responsible is your position.

To maintain the honor, dignity, and trust reposed in us should be our constant aim. While great things have been accomplished, still greater are before us. We are but yet in our infancy. Our powers for doing good in the world have as yet been but feebly exerted. As I have carefully and earnestly studied the work of the past year, I can see immeasurably greater opportunities opening up before us. Hundreds are constantly knocking at our doors for admittance. Are our minds and hearts prepared to point, direct, and lead them to "light in Masonry," which means to a higher conception of the duty they owe to God, their country, their neighbors, and to themselves?

The past year has been one of unexcelled prosperity. We have been blessed with abundance of material things, for which we should earnestly give thanks. While other parts of the world are in the throes of a gigantic war, our nation is at peace. Can we say that the

nearly two millions of Masons under our flag, teaching and preaching honesty, equity, brotherly love, and withal the Golden Rule, have naught to do with our peaceful relations? It may be that refining fires are kindled because of the violations of the precepts taught in that "Great Light." Out of this cauldron, I have no doubt God will raise a higher standard of brotherhood, and believe He will lead in such a way that when the strife shall end, right shall conquer, wars shall cease, armaments and armor-bearers be turned into peaceful use and avocations, and a new day for mankind be dawning.

Gradually—we devoutly trust and pray—a new order of humanity is being ushered into the world, and may the morning soon dawn when every land, from Occident to Orient, from pole to pole, from mountain to shore, and from shore to the farthest island of the sounding sea, shall feel the glad sunshine of freedom with brotherly love to all mankind, and every heart render service to the wise and beneficent Author of our existence; the sword be converted into the pruning hook, the dark cloud now resting on the human landscape be soon parted, and through the rift the patches of the blue sky and the glintings of eternal and everlasting peace may be seen.

Masonry represents an organization dedicated to the uplift of humanity, which in numbers, in personnel, and in social influence is unsurpassed. The making of Masons today should be the making of men, God-fearing men, manly men, and honorable men, who will practice the tenets of Masonry as set forth in our constitutions. A true Mason is he who sets forth with faith in God to battle for the weak and oppressed, and upholds the banner of universal Brotherhood of Man. If all men were good and true, there would be no wars, men would love one another and not murder their brethren, and no King or Emperor could force his subjects into war. If Masonry were strong enough to carry this great object into practice, we would realize a world-wide brotherhood, united for mutual help. Were this true now, we would not hear reports of carnage and bloodshed, of cruelty and devastation, of death and spoliation, of rights violated and prostituted to fulfill the desire of selfish lust for greed and gain.

So then, let us more earnestly labor to promulgate these great truths, and may the night of doubt, discord, and hate be rolled back by the bright sunlight of a new morn ushering in the millenium day when the armies of earth shall march under one banner, inscribed "Peace on earth and good will toward all men."

This has been a very active year in Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. I have labored, planned, and studied its interests. I have no doubt made many mistakes, but whatever errors I have made, I trust it

will be considered as an earnest desire of the heart to do the right. Eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, during the year, have been brought to "light in Masonry," the largest number in any year of our history. Forty-two thousand dollars are our receipts for all purposes, also the largest. Deeper interest and more enthusiasm have been manifested. I have very gravely felt the weight of responsibilities, and whatever my errors, please consider that, "he has done the best he could."

NECROLOGY.

During the year that has passed, we have been called to mourn the loss of four of our beloved and highly esteemed Past Grand Masters: George Bell France, Harry Porter Deuel, Martin Dunham, and John Jackson Mercer. These brethren were all pioneers in the upbuilding of Masonry, and of this Grand Jurisdiction. A tinge of sadness will pervade the heart of each member at this communication, who has for years been accustomed to see their faces at our meetings, and their vacant chairs bring sorrow to every heart. Further eulogy of the lives of these brethren will be duly made by the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

The relations between this Grand Jurisdiction and others are of the most pleasant and fraternal nature. During the year I have had a large amount of correspondence with Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries relative to conferring degrees on brethren who had moved from our state. In every instance in requesting degrees conferred, I met with the most cordial response, and I endeavored to reciprocate in like manner. I wish to acknowledge my obligations and appreciation to the many Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries who, in each and every instance, so courteously and fraternally complied with my requests.

Owing to the diversity of laws in the various Grand Jurisdictions, many having one ballot for the three degrees and laws differing as to proficiency and advancement, great care has to be taken in asking for the conferring of degrees, so that our law in regard to balloting for each degree may not be violated. Confusion has occurred, adding to the great amount of correspondence.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge our law was amended requiring requests to be made through the Grand Master. Grand Masters remain in office but one year, but the Grand Secretary is not changed so often; he is thoroughly competent and painstaking.

The work is often not completed in the term of one Grand Master, but this would rarely occur with the Grand Secretary.

I therefore recommend that the section of our law referred to (Section 130-A) be amended so that this work will be done through the office of the Grand Secretary, instead of through the Grand Master's. This would also be in harmony with many other Grand Jurisdictions.

THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENT AND REGULAR GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

I have received a pamphlet relating to the organization of a Grand Lodge of France, and asking for its recognition by our Grand Lodge. This is a matter that might be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for further investigation.

GRAND PEACE FESTIVAL.

At the last communication of this Grand Body, an invitation was read from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario to attend the annual communication of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Peace Festival in commemoration of one hundred years of continuous peace between Great Britain and the United States of America, to be held at Niagara Falls, Ontario, July 15th and 16th, 1914. A committee was appointed to consider the invitation and in due time made a report, recommending that this Grand Lodge be represented by the Grand Master or by such representative as he might commission thereto, at the expense of this Grand Lodge. Owing to the great amount of work of this Grand Jurisdiction that fell to my lot at that time, I was unable to attend in person. I therefore issued my proxy to Most Worshipful Brother Henry H. Wilson, P. G. M., who very kindly consented to attend and represent this Grand Lodge on that occasion. Every representative in attendance was asked to give a short address or some expression on the subject of "World's Peace." Brother Wilson responded in a most excellent address, and the same was printed with the proceedings of that meeting. I have asked M. W. Brother Wilson to make further report thereof to this Grand Body.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska contributed \$100.00 for the purpose of helping to organize the association, and should now definitely determine what it will do in regard to further contributions or continuing active membership. I have received full reports of the meetings

of the association from Past Grand Master Milton J. Hull, but have done nothing that could in any way be construed as binding on the Grand Lodge.

REQUEST FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

A request from the Grand Lodge of South Australia for a piece of Nebraska wood to be combined with like material from other states, for making a setting maul and other implements, to be used in laying corner-stones, was promptly complied with.

STONE FOR THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Grand Master Morgan was solicited to furnish a memorial stone for the Washington Monument, twenty-four Grand Lodges having furnished stones for the same purpose. I had arranged to comply with the request, but on receipt of information that permission to place the stone in the monument must be obtained from the War Department and that requests of a similar nature had been refused, I cancelled the order for the stone, and leave the subject for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

MASONIC WAR RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

On November 20th, 1914, I received a communication from M.·W.· William B. Melish, Past Grand Master, of Cincinnati, Ohio, asking me to attend in person or by proxy a meeting of the Grand Masters of all of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, and representatives of other Grand Bodies of Masonry, to form a Masonic War Relief Association to collect funds for our brothers and their families in distress in the war zone of Europe. I replied, and immediately sent out an appeal to all of the lodges in Nebraska asking for contributions for this cause, and suggesting that at least \$1.00 from each member would seem small, owing to the urgent necessity for relief. Immediately after sending out this appeal, I received notice of the success of the meeting held in Cincinnati, in the organization of the association. Forty-six out of the forty-nine Grand Masters had replied favoring the plan. A large number of bodies were represented at this organization, and it was perfected with M.·E.· Arthur MacArthur, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U. S. A., as President, and prominent Masons of other Grand Jurisdictions were chosen to fill the various other offices.

The association immediately became actively engaged in opening up channels so that relief might be distributed where most needed.

Definite arrangements have been made with Masonic Bodies in the war zone to oversee and properly distribute any funds that might be sent. Several Grand Jurisdictions are responding most generously, and a great amount of money has already been collected.

The response to my appeal in this jurisdiction has been very generous, and while the total contributed has not reached the sum asked for, yet the amount received is very satisfactory, and compares favorably with that contributed by other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, at my suggestion, addressed letters to all of the chapters under their jurisdiction, asking aid and assistance in furthering interest and enthusiasm in response to my appeal. I feel under great obligations to the Grand Officers of this noble Order, as well as to individual members of our Fraternity for their generous response.

There has been sent in thus far \$7,797.20. Your Grand Master has been elected a member of the Masonic War Relief Association's Executive Committee, which is composed of nine members, whose duty is to direct in the distribution of the funds.

I often consulted with a number of our brethren, and it was decided that those countries in the war zone the least able to care for themselves, and the greatest oppressed, should receive our funds. To that end, we sent the first installment of \$2,000.00, and the balance will be sent as needs require.

I wish to express to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction my great appreciation of the ready response from them, as well as for their enthusiasm in taking this matter up and contributing so liberally.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

On July 6th, 1914, I was present at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home. The brethren who are members of this Board are entitled to unstinted praise for the time and attention they give to the work of our splendid Home, and none of them receives any compensation therefor. For many of them to attend the meetings from quite a distance, laying aside their own business cares to give attention to the affairs of the Home, exhibits great love for it and for the carrying on of the work of this great charitable institution, and the members of this Grand Lodge should appreciate their labors. At the meeting of July 6th, I was requested to investigate the matter of incorporating this Grand Lodge, a subject to which I will refer later.

I have visited the Home three times during my term of office, each time going unannounced. At each visit I found everything about the

Home in good condition. I talked and visited with many of the residents who were happy and contented, and gave every indication that they were enjoying its hospitality to the utmost. The meals which I shared with the residents were wholesome, well served, and plentiful. A number of the residents took special pains to refer to their care and to the provision made for them, and said many kind words of the Superintendent and his splendid wife and their interest in them. They also especially praised the earnest zeal of the President of the Home M. W. Brother Frank H. Young, and said that they could not find words to fully express their appreciation of his work for them and his interest in them.

I attended the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home on January 23d, 1915. There was a large attendance at this meeting, and great interest shown in the work of the Home. Each person present felt that all is being done that can possibly be for our brethren, their widows, and orphans. The proceedings of this meeting have been printed and sent to the different lodges and Masonic Bodies in this jurisdiction, and these proceedings should be read in every lodge, so that each and every member of the Fraternity will be fully informed as to this great work of the Grand Lodge, and the care, support, and attention given to those dependent on us. Unless this report is read in the lodge, a large number of our members will not be advised of the magnitude of the work that is being carried on. Brethren, you should visit the Home and see for yourselves, the way your contributions, which go to its support, are handled, as well also as meeting the happy and contented residents. Then you can criticise advisedly, or approve, as you will, understandingly.

HOME FOR CHILDREN.

Agreeable to the action of the Grand Lodge at its last session, wherein it appropriated \$10,000.00 to be used for the purchase of lands, and the construction of necessary buildings for Homes for Children, I appointed the committee as directed. This committee notified lodges in a number of cities and towns of the plan to locate an orphanage, and invited propositions. Among them, at Fremont, they were offered the choice of two or three splendid sites for the purpose, and Fremont Lodge No. 15 pledged \$10,000.00 in cash towards the purchase of such grounds near Fremont as might be selected. The committee selected forty acres immediately adjoining the city of Fremont on the north, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. I visited Fremont, and made a thorough investigation, and approved the purchase of the tract selected by the committee.

Fremont is an active, wide-awake, growing city, located in the midst of a large territory of unexcelled, fertile, agricultural lands, where property will show a constant increase in value.

I felt a great responsibility in the selection of this site, realizing that we were laying the foundation of a highly important institution for the future. Therefore with this and the beauty of the place, school facilities, advantages of public utilities, central location, and the ease of access to the city of Fremont, I do not believe that a better location could be found within the borders of our Grand Jurisdiction.

Fremont Lodge No. 15 is entitled to great praise and credit for their gift of \$10,000.00 cash toward this enterprise, not using any of their accumulated funds for the purpose. A further detailed report of the actions of this committee will be made during this session of the Grand Lodge.

TAXATION OF LODGES.

I was informed that Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57 had been assessed by the taxing authorities on the second story of a brick building owned by the lodge, which second story was used exclusively for lodge purposes. The lodge paid the taxes levied under protest, and appeared before the Board of Commissioners of Otoe County, asking a refund. The Board refused to consider their claim, and the lodge appealed to me for advice and assistance. I requested M.·W.· Samuel P. Davidson, Past Grand Master, to investigate the matter, and to take such action as he deemed necessary, not only for the protection of this lodge, but in order that a precedent should be established for the benefit of the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. I suggested to him that he invite M.·W.· Edwin F. Warren, Past Grand Master, whose residence is Nebraska City, Otoe County, to assist him. These brethren asked the County Commissioners for a refund of the taxes, and when this was refused, the case was appealed to the District Court. When the case came on for hearing, the Grand Secretary, members of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, and I appeared as witnesses. Judgment was rendered in favor of the lodge for the amount of taxes paid and the costs.

This precedent is important to the lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, and Masters should see to it that property of the lodges, used for lodge purposes, should not be assessed, and if it is, to act at once.

M.·W.·Brothers Davidson and Warren are entitled to much credit for the time and labor they spent in bringing this matter to a satisfactory conclusion, and I recommend that the Grand Lodge remunerate them for their services.

INCORPORATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

As referred to in my report on the Masonic Home, relative to the incorporation of the Grand Lodge, which I was requested to investigate by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, I appointed M. W. Brothers Robert E. Evans, and Samuel P. Davidson, and W. Brother Ambrose C. Epperson, as a committee to investigate and report. The report will be given by the Chairman of the committee, Brother Evans. Agreeable to the recommendation of the committee I requested the three brethren named to continue in the work as a legislative committee, and to prepare an amendment to the former act, and present it to the legislature, in order that the incorporation might be corrected; this was done, and a law was enacted. In both instances these brethren willingly accepted the work that I requested them to do. I then asked the committee for its opinion as to the incorporation of our subordinate lodges, and what action, if any, was necessary in order that all their business affairs might be legal.

The report and recommendations of the committee should receive the attention their importance demands.

DECISIONS.

1. A brother signing a petition for a lodge U. D. can not vote on the question of recommending the prayer of the petitioners.
2. A brother demitting from a lodge in this jurisdiction must pay his Grand Lodge dues to the end of the Masonic year, re-affirming a former decision.
3. An Entered Apprentice, who received the degree eight years previous, must petition in writing for advancement.
4. Section 146-A, proceedings of 1914, page 287, refers to visitors who do not belong to a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.
5. Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 requested Camp Clarke Lodge U. D. to post an Entered Apprentice of their lodge, and then confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees. The Fellow Craft degree was conferred without ballot for advancement by Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201. I ordered the brother to be healed after ballot by Scotts Bluff Lodge, and then the regular procedure should follow.
6. I refused to allow a lodge to meet for one meeting only in a lodge room over a pool hall, their room being temporarily damaged by fire.
7. Question: Can the Grand Lodge lay a corner-stone for a church on Sunday? Answer: No.
8. Can a Mason sign a petition for a saloon? Answer: There is no direct law touching this question. In harmony with existing

laws, in my judgment a Mason should not sign a petition for a saloon license. I therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge amend the law, making it a Masonic offense for a brother to sign a petition for the granting of a license for a saloon.

9. A member of the U. S. Army was elected to and received the Entered Apprentice degree in Albion Lodge No. 78, Albion, and afterwards was sent to the Canal Zone. I requested Sojourners Lodge of Christobal, a regular lodge chartered by the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees on the brother. These degrees were conferred without ballot by Albion Lodge No. 78 for proficiency and advancement. Held: The brother to be a Master Mason and ordered his name placed on the rolls of Albion Lodge No. 78, as a Fellow Craft and Master Mason, passed and raised on the dates given.

10. A brother suspended twenty years ago for non-payment of dues applies for reinstatement, but an objection was lodged. Question: Will the objection stand? Answer: No. The lodge should receive his petition for reinstatement, let it lie over at least four weeks, and if two-thirds of the members present vote to reinstate the brother, he is reinstated.

11. A brother suspended for more than five years for non-payment of dues paid the amount due the lodge, and petitioned for reinstatement in accordance with Section 213 of the law. The petitioner failed to receive two-thirds vote, and the petitioner was declared rejected.

Question. How soon can he petition again? Answer. At any regular meeting thereafter.

SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR LODGES AND MEMBERS.

Several requests for contributions from parties outside of our Grand Jurisdiction were received by our lodges, asking aid in erecting Temples, monuments, and for business purposes. When attention was called to the matter, some of the requests were withdrawn by the proper parties. So many requests were received that I felt it my duty to issue a circular to the lodges on the subject.

I suggest that the Grand Lodge enact a law or pass a resolution prohibiting the soliciting of funds for any purpose, charitable or commercial, without the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

I declined a request to contribute funds to aid in purchasing articles for soldiers directly engaged in the war in Europe, believing that we are in duty bound to aid those who were made destitute on account of the war, but could not assist those who were actively engaged in it.

CIRCULAR TO LODGES.

On January 1st, 1915, I issued a circular to the lodges asking several questions in regard to the observance of certain portions of our law. This occasioned considerable correspondence, but has resulted in much good, and I am satisfied that the laws referred to are now more generally observed.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued the following dispensations during the past year, in each case with one exception the required fee being paid: Nehawka Lodge No. 246 to elect and install officers; Thistle Lodge No. 61 to install the Master-elect; Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203 to elect and install the secretary; Oliver Lodge No. 38 to install the Senior Deacon; Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 to confer the Master Masons degree without regard to time; Highland Lodge No. 194 to install the W. . Master; Elm Creek Lodge No. 133 to install the Junior Warden; Solomon Lodge No. 10 to elect officers; Omaha Lodge U. . D. . to confer the F. . C. . and M. . M. . degrees. Each and all of the above dispensations was granted without regard to time. I also issued my special dispensation of July 27th, 1914, to Hubbell Lodge No. 92 to work, etc., in lieu of their charter, destroyed by fire June 30th, said dispensation to cease at this session of the Grand Lodge. No fee was charged for this special dispensation. In issuing my dispensation to confer degrees without regard to time, what I considered good and sufficient reasons were given; one brother, a member of the U. S. Army, was called to service, the other brother was sent to London, England, to represent a corporation in that country.

DEDICATIONS.

On January 26th, 1915, assisted by the Grand Custodian, I dedicated the beautiful new temple of Wausa Lodge No. 251 at Wausa, Nebraska. It was a very enjoyable occasion and afforded me great pleasure to perform the ceremony. Very much credit is due Peter H. Peterson, Master of the lodge, in carrying forward the movement which resulted in the erection of this building. The ceremonies were very impressive and appreciated by all in attendance.

On January 27th, 1915, assisted by the Grand Custodian, I dedicated the Masonic Temple at Bloomfield, Nebraska. The brethren of Bloomfield Lodge No. 218 are an earnest body who work hard for the interests of Masonry. The temple building is a model of beauty,

with full sized basement where they have their dining-room, kitchen, etc.

At both Bloomfield and Wausa, the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star provided a sumptuous banquet. At Bloomfield, Miss Pearl Albertson, Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, was present, as was M. .W. .Harry A. Cheney, Past Grand Master, who assisted in the ceremonies.

REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED AND APPOINTED.

I have recommended for appointment as representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the following brethren:

Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3, South Australia; Frederick L. Wolff, 135, Costa Rica; Samuel S. Whiting, 54, Missouri; Earl B. Brooks, 23, Indiana; George H. Thummel, 33, Illinois; Robert R. Dickson, 95, Texas; and Charles S. McGill, 11, Montana.

The following brethren were commissioned by me as representatives of this Grand Lodge near others:

Duncan A. Kingsbury, Saskatchewan; William T. Wearne, New South Wales; Theodore E. Wannamaker, South Carolina; and Alexander J. McRobie, Quebec.

REMOVAL TO NEW LOCATIONS.

I have granted permission for fifteen lodges to change locations during the year, in each case requiring a certificate of an officer of this Grand Body, or of three Past Masters of the lodge, that the proposed new location was suitable for the work, and safe from cowans and eavesdroppers.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR LODGES U. .D. .

On June 11th, 1914, I issued my dispensation for the formation of Lotus Lodge U. .D. . at Ravenna, with Brother Alfred G. Hunt as Master; Brother Courtland D. Conn, as Senior Warden; and Brother George W. West as Junior Warden, and twenty-one other brethren. The work of examining these brethren for a proposed lodge had been done under the direction of M. .W. .Alpha Morgan. I gave my proxy to W. .Brother Robert B. Walker, Assistant to the Grand Custodian, to institute this lodge, and he reported on June 29th that he had done so.

On October 28th, I received a petition for a lodge U. .D. . at Benson, Douglas County, signed by thirty Master Masons. After the

required examination by the Grand Custodian, and upon his recommendation, I issued my dispensation for the formation of Benson Lodge U.·D.·., with Brother A. Sherman Pinto as Master; Brother Robert L. Robinson, as Senior Warden; and Brother Earl W. Dean as Junior Warden. I issued my proxy to M.·W.·.Brother William A. DeBord, Past Grand Master, to institute this lodge, and he did so on November 28th.

On November 23d, I issued my dispensation to twenty brethren, at Royal, Antelope County, for a lodge U.·D.·., naming Brother Jared L. Cook, Master; Brother Lewis E. Curtis, Senior Warden; and Brother George W. Fannon as Junior Warden. I sent the dispensation to M.·W.·.Brother Harry A. Cheney, Past Grand Master, with my proxy to institute this lodge, which he did on December 3d, under the name of Diamond Lodge U.·D.·.

On December 5th, I received a petition for a lodge U.·D.·. at Wolbach, signed by eighteen brethren. After examination I issued my dispensation for the forming of Wolbach Lodge U.·D.·., with Brother George D. Meredith, as Master; Brother Marcus T. Kernodle, as Senior Warden; and Brother Fred W. Schmidt as Junior Warden. I issued my proxy to W.·.Brother Titus J. Howard, 191, to institute this lodge, and he reported that he did so on December 30th.

On November 30th, I received a petition for a lodge U.·D.·. at Arapahoe, signed by sixteen Master Masons. After an examination I issued my dispensation, on December 19th, for the forming of Monument Lodge U.·D.·. at Arapahoe, with Brother Israel Cawthra, as Master; Brother Howard V. Miller, as Senior Warden; and Brother Frank H. Ware as Junior Warden. I gave my proxy to W.·.Brother James D. Phillips, Assistant to the Grand Custodian, to institute this lodge, and he reported that he did so on December 21st.

These five lodges with the two whose dispensations were continued at the last session of the Grand Lodge, have petitioned this Grand Body for charters.

DISPENSATIONS FOR LODGES U.·D.·. REFUSED.

On August 27th, 1914, I received a petition for a lodge U.·D.·. at Primrose, Boone County, signed by eighteen Master Masons. This petition contained seventeen names of members of Crescent Lodge No. 143, and for that reason, as well as the fact that Primrose is only eight miles from Cedar Rapids, where Crescent Lodge is located, which would reduce the none too large membership of that lodge, and also for the fact that church opposition is very strong, I refused the petition.

On November 28th, I returned the certificates, diplomas, etc., of twenty-seven brethren of Lynch, Boyd County, who had signed a petition for a lodge U. D. in January, 1914, because they had failed to perfect themselves or their chosen officers in compliance with the requirements, after every opportunity had been given them. I considered that a Masonic lodge under such conditions, and with so little interest manifested that the officers would not prepare themselves, could not live and be active. I therefore refused to grant my dispensation for the formation of this lodge. This petition came to me from M. W. Brother Alpha Morgan, my predecessor.

LAYING CORNER-STONES.

During the year many requests were made for the laying of corner-stones, as will be shown herewith. In each case I required a written unanimous request from the various boards, or those having in charge the construction of the buildings. I noted in reading the reports of these ceremonies in the past the phrase commonly used: "I successfully laid the corner-stone." I wish to state that each of the corner-stones laid by me was successfully done, without repeating that phrase every time.

I laid the following corner-stones:

On June 23d, 1914, the corner-stone of the Administration Building of the State Normal School at Wayne.

On July 30th, the corner-stone of the Webster County Court House at Red Cloud.

On August 5th, the corner-stone of the Keya Paha County Court House at Springview.

On August 12th, the corner-stone of the Rural High School Building of District No. 33 of Custer County near Ansley.

On August 19th, the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple at Bloomfield.

On September 2d, the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple of Wausa Lodge No. 251, Wausa.

On October 17th, the corner-stone of the Public School Building of Dundee, a beautiful suburb of Omaha.

On April 1st, 1915, the corner-stone of the High School Building of Craig.

On April 27th, the corner-stone of the Auditorium Building in Geneva.

On May 15th, the corner-stone of the Deuel County Court House at Chappell.

May 7th was the first date at which I could not officiate in person, when the Grand Lodge was invited to conduct our ceremonies. I therefore gave my proxy to M.·W.·Brother Alpha Morgan, Past Grand Master, to lay the corner-stone for the Temple Building which Gladstone Lodge No. 176 is erecting at Ansley. I appreciate very much Brother Morgan's ready assent to assist me and do this work.

At all of these ceremonies I was ably assisted by Past Grand Masters, some of my associate Grand Lodge Officers, and many members of the Fraternity. Preliminary arrangements were made by R.·W.·Samuel S. Whiting, Deputy Grand Master, and by M.·W.·Robert E. French, Grand Custodian.

At Red Cloud, Cyrene Commandery No. 14, K.·T.·, served as escort; at Springview, Bethel Commandery No. 28, K.·T.·, acted in the same capacity; at Bloomfield and at Wausa, Jerusalem Commandery No. 24, K.·T.·, acted as escort; and at Dundee, Mount Calvary Commandery No. 1, K.·T.·, rendered the same service.

Much interest was shown in our ceremonies, the attendance at each being large and enthusiastic. State officials, School Boards, school children, members of the State Normal Board, City and County Officials, members of the Fraternity from neighboring lodges, all by their presence brought inspiration, and helped to make the ceremonies memorable for all of those who were present.

The corner-stone laid at Ansley on the 12th of August was for the first Rural High School Building to be erected in the state.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

I have approved full codes of by-laws for the following lodges during the year: Covert, No. 11; Humboldt, No. 40; Hastings, No. 50; Tyre, No. 85; Harlan, No. 116; Amity, No. 169; Gauge, No. 208; Mullen, No. 282; Exeter, No. 283; Seneca, No. 284; Camp Clarke, No. 285; and Oshkosh, No. 286.

During the year I have approved amendments to by-laws for the following lodges: Capitol, No. 3; Omadi, No. 5; Solomon, No. 10; Peru, No. 14; Fremont, No. 15; Lincoln, No. 19; Acacia, No. 34; Humboldt, No. 40; Northern Light, No. 41; Wahoo, No. 59; Elk Creek, No. 90; Wymore, No. 104; Scribner, No. 132; Jachin, No. 146; Evergreen, No. 153; Ogalalla, No. 159; Scotts Bluff, No. 201; Parian, No. 207; Silver Cord, No. 224; Golden Rule, No. 236; James A. Tulleys, No. 267; and Sioux, No. 277.

FIRES.

On July 2d, I received notice that fire had destroyed everything that Hubbell Lodge No. 92, of Hubbell, owned, including their charter, records, etc. They had \$100.00 insurance which was paid. I issued my dispensation without fee, authorizing them to work and meet in the hall of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, until this session of the Grand Lodge. I recommend that a duplicate charter be issued to them.

About December 9th, I received word that the room in which Samuel W. Hayes Lodge U. D. U., of Palmyra, had been holding their meetings, was burned. The fire was discovered while the lodge was at work, a class of five candidates receiving a degree. The loss to the lodge, however, was very small, but at the same time they had no insurance, as they had not as yet acquired any amount of property. There was only one other room in the village suitable for a meeting place, and that was reported to me as not of the best. I asked R. W. Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Deputy Grand Master, to visit Palmyra and examine the room; he reported that with certain repairs, such as storm windows and good curtains, it would answer their purpose, and with the understanding that they see that these repairs were made, I gave them permission to continue their work in this room.

MATTER OF RELIGION.

A request to have the Grand Lodge insert in our petitions for initiation a question of religion, was disposed of by saying that a firm belief in Deity is all that is necessary on this line.

ASHLAR LODGE NO. 33 vs. WESTERN STAR LODGE NO. 2.

A controversy between these lodges relating to a hospital bill and charges for funeral expenses for a widow of a member of the latter lodge was referred to me, and after careful consideration I decided that Western Star Lodge No. 2 was liable for the amount due.

I suggest that when lodges ask that assistance be given to members or their families, the amount the lodge is willing to pay be stipulated.

OSCEOLA LODGE NO. 65 vs. HOUGHTON LODGE NO. 218, MICHIGAN.

The question of membership of a former member of our Osceola Lodge who had been elected to membership in the Michigan lodge on a diploma instead of a demit, has been satisfactorily adjusted.

RELIEF: SOLAR LODGE NO. 134.

The question of relief for the family of a deceased member of Solar Lodge No. 134, now living in Oregon, and the payment of unauthorized funeral expenses was referred to me and carefully considered. Inasmuch as \$2,000.00 insurance was paid to the family of the deceased brother, and as the lodge had already paid \$36.00, all that was claimed at the time of the funeral and one year previous to the time the claim for a balance of \$101.00 was made, I decided that the lodge was not liable for the balance claimed.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon having recently contributed \$50.00 to aid this family, I recommend that the Committee on Relief refund the same to it. The Committee on Relief has an application for assistance in this case, and is considering what further aid should be rendered.

PETITION FROM A FORMER MEMBER OF A CLANDESTINE LODGE.

A petition was received from a man who had formerly belonged to a clandestine lodge, and one of our lodges asked how they should dispose of it. I directed the lodge to have the petitioner make the following declaration as part of his petition:

"That on or about(date)..... I made application for initiation to a lodge under the name of the(Clandestine Masonry) and was elected and initiated therein. I, now having a sincere desire to become a true and regular Mason, do hereby repudiate, disclaim and sever all connections with the above clandestine fraternity."

INSTALLATION OF GRAND TYLER.

I issued my proxy to R.:W.:Brother Whiting, Deputy Grand Master, to install Brother Alexander E. Porter, as Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge, which he did on June 23d, 1914, in Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln.

VISITATIONS.

It has been my pleasure to visit as many of the lodges as possible during the year. These visitations have been a source of great gratification to me. Everywhere I have noted with keen appreciation, the loyalty to our institution and its teachings, unceasing devotion to duty, and an increasing willingness to provide necessary funds to carry on any charitable work that the Grand Lodge may direct. Courtesy and an earnest desire to conform to our regulations are ever in evidence.

Most heartily do I value and appreciate the kindly reception accorded your Grand Master in all these visitations, and the recollection thereof will be a pleasant memory all the years of my life.

I have visited Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Covert Lodge No. 11, Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Melrose Lodge No. 60, Thistle Lodge No. 61, McCook Lodge No. 135, Alliance Lodge No. 183, and George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, besides attending the meeting held for the joint installation of the officers of the lodges in Omaha.

JORDAN GOLD MEDAL.

In the address of M. W. Brother Morgan, at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, he reports that after the death of Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes, the Jordan Gold Medal, worn by him as the oldest Freemason in Nebraska, was returned to him by members of the family. Appended to his edict of December 1st, 1913, he requested each lodge to report to the Grand Secretary the name and the date of raising of any brother, raised prior to 1860. It was found that Brother Hiram H. Brown, a member of Antelope Lodge No. 276, received the degrees in 1850, and no brother was found who had been raised prior to this date. I ordered the medal presented to Brother Brown. Brother Brown was in very poor health, unable to be present at the lodge room, and for that reason almost the entire membership of Antelope Lodge No. 276 went to his home, where the presentation address was made by our brother, Hon. George Coupland.

Brother Brown died on April 28th, 1915, and the medal has been returned to the Grand Secretary. Investigation is being made as to the record of the oldest Mason, and as far as can be learned now no member in Nebraska was raised before April 7th, 1851, the date Brother Charles McDonald, of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, became a Master Mason.

Believing that the bestowal of the Gold Medal, as well as the bronze medal by the local lodges, should be made a function notable in the records of the Grand Lodge, and the subordinate lodges, and there being no ceremony prepared for such occasions, I asked the Committee on Promulgation of the Work to prepare an informal ceremony that could be used on such occasions if desired.

JORDAN BRONZE MEDALS.

At the last communication of the Grand Lodge, it was recommended that the bronze Jordan Medals be distributed among the

lodges to be used as a decoration of the Master Mason, member of the lodge, who had been longest a Mason. I received quite a number of letters from lodges, asking upon whom it should be bestowed among their members, some stating that one thing had occurred during the brother's membership, and some another thing, the letters usually giving the particulars in each individual case. I thought it probable that the Grand Master would be continuously asked for information to settle the questions, and I made the ruling, quoting the exact wording of the committee, as follows: "A member of the lodge who has been longest a Mason," adding that the brother longest a Mason is the one who can count the longest term of years from the time he was initiated. However, I would never bestow the medal on one who had ever been suspended for any cause.

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

A citizen of Kansas, living within one mile of a Nebraska lodge and a long distance from a Kansas lodge, desired to petition our Nebraska lodge for membership. I referred the matter to the M. W. Grand Master of Kansas and he informs me that their law is as follows: "That the jurisdiction of a Kansas lodge in no case extends beyond the boundaries of this Grand Jurisdiction. The person residing within the jurisdiction of a Kansas lodge could not lawfully petition a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction for the mysteries of Masonry." I make note of this in order that our lodges along the border of the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas will not receive a petition from anyone residing within the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas, as concurrent jurisdiction is only in effect between the Grand Jurisdictions of Iowa and Nebraska.

CIPHERS AND KEYS.

I was informed through what I thought reliable sources, that Section 148-m relative to the use of keys and ciphers or printed matter relating to the ritualistic and esoteric work of this Grand Jurisdiction was being violated. In other words that keys and ciphers of our work were being distributed and sold in whole or in part, owing to the desire or the wish of the purchaser. I addressed a letter to the officers of all the lodges where complaint had been made, calling their attention to the matter, asking the united support of all to locate and suppress the same, if any should be found. I have had no further reports relative to the matter, and hope that the information reaching me was not correct.

ASSISTANTS TO THE GRAND CUSTODIAN COMMISSIONED.

During the year on the recommendation and certificate of the Grand Custodian, the commissions of nineteen Assistants to the Grand Custodian were extended. I have had many letters commendatory of the splendid teaching, work, and labors of these brethren in the lodges. It should be very gratifying indeed to this Grand Body to know that they have a splendid corps of efficient, well-equipped Assistants to the Grand Custodian. I believe the time has come when each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction should have at least one yearly visit by the Grand Custodian or his Assistants. Previous to the action of the Grand Lodge in making a provision for the appointment of these Assistants to the Grand Custodian, lodges could be reached by him only once in four or five years, which was entirely too long a lapse of time. It was my desire that schools be held in all the lodges possible the past year, and I found that the appropriation of \$1,000.00 made for Assistant Custodians' expenses only partially reached the lodges that are far behind and due for a school.

SEALS APPROVED.

During the year I have approved seals for the following lodges: Mullen Lodge No. 282, Exeter Lodge No. 283, Seneca Lodge No. 284, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, and Oshkosh Lodge No. 286.

FRAUDS.

Two cases of frauds came to my attention during the year, one a woman, claiming to be the daughter of a Mason, the other a man, claiming to be a Mason in good standing in a lodge in another jurisdiction. Each endeavored to obtain money. The woman succeeded, but both were discovered, with the assistance of the monthly circular letters sent by the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. The man was arrested and is now on trial in the civil courts. Reports show him to be a professional impostor.

FAILURE OF A LODGE TO PUNISH A MEMBER.

A master of a lodge pleaded guilty to an offense in the District Court and was fined \$100.00 and costs, the offense also being in violation of Section 148 of our law. I ordered charges preferred against the brother, and they were brought and a trial had, but the lodge failed to find him guilty, notwithstanding his plea of guilty in District Court. A number of the members made an earnest effort to perform their

duty, but were in the minority. On learning the action of the lodge I sent a letter reprimanding it, and advising them as to similar action in the future.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Many subjects have been submitted to me during the past year, but some of them I did not consider of sufficient importance to present, except in a general way, as they have been disposed of. Among them I might mention requests to deliver lectures to lodges, and what ought to be done by lodges where parties are giving public lectures against secret societies, lodges, and fraternities.

A master of one of our lodges was in Germany at the outbreak of the war, and his friends and relatives could obtain no information in regard to him. I was requested to see what could be done in the matter, and took it up with the Honorable Secretary of State, who cabled our Ambassador in Germany, and succeeded in locating the brother, reporting him safe and well. I am advised that later the brother returned to his home.

Learning that some officers of one of our lodges were patronizing a social club, and by connection therewith were bringing reproach upon Masonry, I advised the Master to counsel with the officers, and point out to them the influence their conduct was having on the community. I am advised that this was done, and that the brethren have withdrawn their membership from the club.

GAVEL LODGE NO. 199 vs. A LODGE IN INDIANA.

A party who had resided in the jurisdiction of Gavel Lodge for several years went to Indiana on a vacation, and returned with a diploma and a receipt for dues from a lodge in the last named state. He was considering trying to use the diploma to petition Gavel Lodge No. 199 for affiliation. I directed the lodge that if the petition was presented, to take up the diploma and receipt for dues, and forward them to me, and I would present the facts to the Grand Master of Indiana, and decide later what ought to be done, but the petition should not be acted upon until further investigation was made. This matter is still pending.

MEMBERSHIP, BLAZING STAR LODGE NO. 200.

A member who had been suspended from our Blazing Star Lodge No. 200 for non-payment of dues, in some manner gained admission to Shoshone Lodge No. 21 of Cody, Wyoming. I advised Blazing Star Lodge No. 200 that the party was a suspended member of their lodge,

and that if he would pay the amount of his indebtedness, he could then apply for demission, which if granted would leave him free to affiliate with any other lodge. I presented the matter to the Grand Master of Wyoming for his consideration, and this matter is also pending.

THISTLE LODGE NO. 61 vs. ALAMOSA LODGE NO. 44 OF COLORADO.

Alamosa Lodge No. 44 of Colorado claimed \$95.70 for services rendered for the care and burial of a member of Thistle Lodge No. 61. After examining all the correspondence, I decided that inasmuch as the last named lodge had not limited the amount of the expenditures in the case, it was their duty to pay the bill, which they have done.

PRINTING OR EMBROIDERING ON THE U. S. FLAG.

A lodge asked my advice as to having the name and number of their lodge and "A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska" printed or embroidered on the United States flag. I advised the lodge to refrain from placing anything upon the flag of our country.

COMPLAINT AGAINST ASHLAR LODGE NO. 33.

Complaint reached me through the Grand Master of Colorado that our Ashlar Lodge No. 33 had refused to afford Masonic burial to a brother who had been a member of the lodge for nearly twenty-five years. I requested our Grand Custodian to go to Grand Island, investigate the matter, and report thereon. After careful consideration of the Grand Custodian's report, I concluded that Ashlar Lodge No. 33 was largely exonerated from neglect of duty owing to the conditions prevailing and surrounding the case. I reported my conclusion to M. W. Charles H. Dudley, Grand Master of Colorado.

STAY OF EXECUTION OF SENTENCE.

A brother having been expelled from our Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 appealed to me for stay of sentence, which I granted according to our law. This entire subject will be brought up before the Grand Lodge through the Committee on Grievances.

ENDEAVOR LODGE NO. 262.

The master of Endeavor Lodge No. 262 asked my advice as to what should be done in the case of a member of the lodge who had committed grand larceny and plead guilty thereto. I advised the

master that the law was very plain, and pointed out what action should be taken. I have learned that charges were filed against the brother and that he was expelled.

INTERFERING WITH THE LEGITIMATE WORK OF THE LODGE.

St. Paul Lodge No. 82, George Washington Lodge No. 250, and Oshkosh Lodge No. 286. Serious trouble having arisen in these lodges in regard to dissensions, divisions, and using the black-ball for personal reasons, I personally visited St. Paul Lodge No. 82, and after a full and patient hearing of the entire subject, I admonished, counseled, and advised the brethren, and a settlement of all differences was reached, every member present pledging himself to do all that was necessary for the good of Masonry and the upbuilding of the lodge in the future.

I referred the trouble in George Washington Lodge No. 250 to R. W. Samuel S. Whiting, our Deputy Grand Master, asking him to go to Havelock and to report the conditions as he found them. After visiting the lodge he deemed a visit from me unnecessary, and reported a better feeling among the brethren, and that he would report further if it was deemed advisable for me to personally visit the lodge.

The trouble in Oshkosh Lodge No. 286 I referred to M. W. Robert E. French, our Grand Custodian. On receiving his report, I ordered charges preferred against one of the members, and that he be placed on trial. The result was that the offending brother was suspended for one year.

CHARGES AGAINST THE MASTER OF A LODGE.

Charges were preferred against the master-elect of one of our lodges, and I appointed R. W. Samuel S. Whiting, our Deputy Grand Master, with authority to take with him a Past Master from any other lodge, to convene the lodge, hear the charges, and make a report. Past Master Robert O. Wolf, of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, was selected by our Deputy Grand Master to aid him in the investigation, and after a full hearing, the Deputy Grand Master reported no foundation existing for the charges, and that by almost unanimous vote the lodge sustained the master-elect. The Deputy Grand Master recommended that the lodge be reprimanded for their petty quarrels. After carefully considering the report, I recommended that the brother receive the Past Masters degree, and issued a special dispensation authorizing the lodge to install him as Master. I also sent a letter of reprimand to the lodge, and counseled them to work together in

harmony, and to forget their differences. I have reports since the matter was disposed of, showing that the lodge has had the most prosperous year since it was chartered.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

I accepted a very cordial invitation to attend the meeting of the Grand Chapter of this splendid Order. To meet with them, to see their zeal, earnestness, and enthusiasm was indeed inspiring. Their business was dispatched with promptness and harmony that might be well emulated. They had already joined with us in the support and maintenance of our orphans. They are enthusiastic in the founding of the Childrens Home, and it is a burning question with them. To that end they increased their annual dues from five to twenty-five cents per member. Too much praise and credit cannot be given the noble women of this Order for the good they are accomplishing. Their hearts are touched and afire with the desire to care for the orphans of their deceased sisters, and to give them as nearly as possible a mother's love.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

From the foregoing report of my official acts, I believe the members of this Grand Body present realize that this has been a very active year for the Grand Master, and that he has been brought in touch very closely with our laws as they now stand. My attention has been called to many things, which I believe could be improved upon, and which have been suggested by my work, and have come up to me from many and various sources. I have carefully and earnestly studied the recommendations that I am about to make, none of which are innovations in Masonry, or violations of our Ancient Constitutions, but my experience has taught me that the suggested changes in our by-laws would be beneficial. Many of them are in line with the by-laws of other Grand Jurisdictions, and if adopted, would harmonize more closely with them.

I am well aware that some of my recommendations will be vigorously opposed by some of my truest, best friends, but I wish it borne in mind that I am fresh in the work, have just passed through many difficult experiences, and the advancement made in the conduct of affairs in even ten years, should be reflected in our progress.

Improved methods have been adopted over the conduct of business affairs of ten, twenty-five, and fifty years ago. My recommendations are to smooth over what I consider the rough places, and I believe them

to be of vital interest and importance. I trust that every one present will give them sincere and earnest consideration, as I have tried to do.

First: I recommend that the Grand Lodge enact a law fixing a uniform time in all subordinate lodges when dues shall become due, also when they shall become delinquent, making all dues payable in advance, and delinquent one year after they are due; this law to go automatically into effect in the different lodges when the present supply of receipts for dues, fixing different dates, shall be exhausted, in each lodge.

Under our present system the time fixed by the lodges varies. This method of charging dues by lodges at different times of the year makes it impossible to ascertain the total amount of delinquent dues in the lodges. In my judgment, dues should be due and payable in all of our lodges on the first day of January of each year, and delinquent on the first day of January the year following. Members can remember dates fixed by the calendar year much more readily than they can others, and by having the time uniform in all our lodges, the exact amount of delinquent dues can be easily ascertained, whereas under our present system it is only an estimate, at best. Again, a brother with a receipt for dues issued for a full calendar year does not have to explain to an examining committee that dues are not delinquent until some time in April, June, or some other month, as the case may be.

When I entered upon my official duties as Grand Master, I considered the amount of delinquent dues as reported by the Committee on Returns of last year, wherein they showed a total of nearly \$14,000.00 due the lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. I addressed letters to over one hundred and eighty lodges, referring to the delinquent list they had reported, and insisted that they undertake at once the collection of these dues, and endeavor in their next report to be among the lodges that reported "no delinquent dues," of which there were thirty-two last year. If it is not deemed advisable at this time to change the law so as to make the payment of annual dues on a fixed date for all lodges, then I suggest that the lodges should be required, in making their annual returns, to compute the amount of indebtedness to a certain date. Perhaps December 31st would be the most satisfactory.

Second: I recommend that the Grand Lodge declare null and void all by-laws of lodges that are now in existence, exempting members from the payment of lodge dues for any purpose except inability to pay them. I find that some of the lodges have by-laws exempting members from all except Grand Lodge dues, after twenty-one years'

membership, and I believe that such by-laws are out of harmony with the spirit of Freemasonry, as well as with a section of the law adopted in 1908 which says that "the payment of annual dues is a duty incumbent upon every member of a lodge." On this subject I cannot do better than quote from the address of Grand Master Melville R. Hopewell on the question of exempting members from the payment of Grand Lodge dues, as follows, it having been approved by the Grand Lodge:

The proportion of the expenses which these brethren should bear has to be paid by the others. Many of them are not as able to bear it as some of those who are exempt. Again, a brother who is exempt from the payment of dues too often soon ceases to take any interest in the affairs of the lodge. I know of no good reason why a brother who is able to pay his dues should be exempt. Masonry is worth the small sum charged as annual dues, and it is worth it each and every year, regardless of a brother's age or the number of years he has been a member. Think of the injustice of exempting a brother who is abundantly able to pay, and suspending one who feels that it is a hardship for him to pay not only his own proportion of the expenses of his lodge, but that of his well-to-do brother, also. In my judgment there should be only one reason for exempting members from the payment of dues, and that is their inability to pay them.

Lodges of course should be permitted to remit dues to members who are unable to pay them, but this should only be done after an investigation of the conditions, and upon the lodge being satisfied of a brother's inability to contribute his proportion to maintain its expenses.

Some years ago several of our lodges had provisions in their by-laws exempting members from the payment of dues after twenty-one years' membership, but this became so burdensome that many of them repealed the provisions, and none of them express any desire to re-enact them. I have had some correspondence with one of the larger lodges that had such a by-law, and had a long roll of members exempt, which was increasing rapidly. I am glad to report that they have unanimously repealed this by-law.

I found six lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction having such a by-law. I addressed a letter to each, asking them to repeal the by-law, giving the reasons quoted above, with others. When their attention was called to the subject, they all responded very promptly to my request, except one lodge of Omaha, and one other lodge. These lodges positively and flatly refused to repeal the by-law. From personal investigation I believe one of these lodges at least offers their exemption law as an inducement or premium for applicants to join it. In justice to the membership of the lodges of Omaha, as well as the membership of this whole Grand Jurisdiction, I believe these

lodges should be compelled to repeal this, what I deem obnoxious, by-law.

Third: At our last annual communication the Grand Lodge amended Section 57 of the law by inserting the following: "The Secretary shall, however, omit from his returns the names of all Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons who for five years or more have remained suspended, also the names of all Entered Apprentices who for five years have not been passed, also all Fellow Crafts who for five years have not been raised." This enactment was an error and does not reach the purpose for which it was intended. Secretaries do not now report the names of any Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, or suspended members on the rolls. What was intended was that the Grand Secretary should deduct the Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and suspended Master Masons who had been on the rolls for five years or more, from the returns, also from the table of statistics. Some provision should also be made for taking up these members should they desire to advance or be reinstated. One case was submitted to me, and I decided as follows:

"A brother had been made an Entered Apprentice eight years ago and now desired to advance. I ruled that he should petition anew in writing, it to take the usual course."

Fourth: I recommend that the Grand Lodge should, by enacting a resolution, say whether the secretary in recording the report of the Committee on Investigation, should give the nature of the report, whether favorable or otherwise, or not. Our law is silent on this subject, but the Monitor and Ceremonies on page 11 says: "The character of the report, whether favorable or otherwise, as endorsed on the petition, should not be made a matter of record."

Fifth: When the treasurer deposits funds in a bank, he should deposit them in the name of the lodge, as "Beaver City Lodge No. 93, A. F. & A. M., John E. Axtell, Treasurer." It has been suggested to me by one of the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, whose affairs are extremely well conducted, that the office of treasurer of the local lodges be abolished, and that the funds be deposited in a bank and drawn out by warrants signed by the W. Master and secretary of the lodge, after the form of the present law of the Grand Lodge. I am not sure but that this might be a good idea, after having reports from the lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction as to the manner in which their funds have been handled heretofore by the treasurers, some depositing them in banks in their own names personally, or not depositing them at all. Very frequently they are deposited in such a manner by the treasurer that, in case of his death during his term of

office, the funds of the lodge would be tied up in his estate, and have to wait the action of the courts, perhaps for months, before the lodge could command them. I believe, however, that should such a change be made the secretary should be required to give bond to an amount sufficient to cover all funds coming into his hands. The bank designated as a depository should be selected by the Master and Wardens of the lodge.

Sixth: I would earnestly recommend that a law be passed so that if degrees are conferred for a Nebraska lodge by a lodge of a Grand Jurisdiction with whom we are in fraternal relations, and if they are conferred according to their law as to proficiency and advancement, the same be recognized as legal in this Grand Jurisdiction. Some Grand Jurisdictions have laws different from our law on this subject. We already recognize their laws by being in fraternal relations with them, as well also as admit their former members to our lodges by affiliation. The civil laws of our states have such laws and why can not we recognize this as a correct principle of law and justice?

Seventh: I would also earnestly recommend that in addition to clerk hire and the necessary expenses of the Grand Master, he be paid a salary of \$1,000.00 per annum. Retroactive laws can not be passed, so I am free to refer to this subject. The labor of the office of Grand Master is now very strenuous. To do the Craft justice, it takes his whole time. Very many other Grand Jurisdictions pay their Grand Masters salaries of a greater or less amount. I would not make it sufficient to be a mercenary object, but to be honest with the Grand Master, as well as decent, by not asking a whole year for nothing. In very many instances the personal affairs or business of the Grand Master would suffer and be a large pecuniary loss. There are very many earnest and capable men who could grace the position of Grand Master with dignity and honor, who could not aspire to nor accept the position on account of the financial loss it would entail. The salary I recommend is about four cents per member of this Grand Jurisdiction, which is a small pittance, and I do not believe there is a member of this Grand Jurisdiction who would raise a dissenting voice.

Eighth: I have been asked by a number of lodges if they could not use more modern, convenient, loose leaves for the purpose of keeping their records. Many of them desire to make them with the typewriter, thus condensing or conserving them, as well as having them done in much neater form. I would not grant the requests in any case, but thought I would refer the matter to this

Grand Body for its action. I believe that with proper binders this manner of keeping records would be well and good, and therefore recommend that lodges be permitted to use them, where they so desire.

Ninth: Repeal Section 111 and substitute the following:

A petition for the mysteries of Masonry shall be for the three degrees, namely, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, and a clear ballot shall elect a petitioner to receive the same. A rejected petitioner for initiation or admission must petition anew, and the petition must be referred, balloted upon and in all things take the usual course of an original petition. If the petition is refused consideration by the lodge, the applicant should be reported as rejected.

In Section 113 repeal all that part of said section after the word "him" so that the section would then read as follows:

After a petition for initiation has been rejected, no new petition can be received from the petitioner within six months from the date of the ballot rejecting him.

Repeal all of Section 115 and substitute the following:

It is not necessary for an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft to petition his lodge in writing. A candidate may be advanced to the second or third degree when he shall have passed a satisfactory examination in open lodge at a regular meeting thereof upon his proficiency in the next preceding degree. His proficiency shall be determined by a majority vote of the lodge by show of hands. Four weeks shall intervene between the conferring of degrees.

Repeal all that part of Section 116 after the word "examination," as found in the fourth line. Section 117, substitute for the last two words of said section, "petition anew," the following, "receive the remaining degree or degrees." Section 119, drop out the word "advancement" as found in the second line. The section would then read:

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

Tenth: I have had several cases referred to me wherein brethren had applied for and received demits with which to apply for membership in other lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. Conditions and circumstances would change so that they would desire to return to their old lodge. In one case an itinerant minister who frequently moved his residence always desired to move his Masonic residence. Owing to

church affairs entering into it, he was not accepted by the lodge with which he desired to affiliate. Membership in higher bodies in Masonry was jeopardized, and in all such cases I have been asked if the brethren could not return their demits to their old lodge, and have them cancelled. I ruled that they were unaffiliated Masons and they must petition even though to their old lodges, and that the petition must follow the usual course for affiliation the same as in any other lodge.

Great injustice has been done in cases that came to my attention, and I believe we should adopt some method so that a brother's membership does not cease in his old lodge until he is elected to the lodge with which he desires to affiliate. I would suggest an addition to Section 133 like the following, which I get from another Grand Jurisdiction:

A member who desires to transfer his membership to another lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction may do so without first terminating his membership in his own lodge. He shall give written notice to his lodge of his intention to affiliate with some other lodge, stating the name, number, and location of the lodge with which he desires to affiliate; if he is not in arrears for dues, nor under charges, nor indebted in an official capacity to his lodge, his lodge shall grant him a certificate of good standing, which shall be delivered to him, but addressed to the lodge selected for affiliation. This certificate shall constitute and be documentary evidence, as provided in Section 146-A, and shall accompany the petition for affiliation, and the lodge receiving it shall, within ten days after the ballot is taken, certify the result thereof to the lodge from which the certificate came. If the petitioner is elected, his own lodge shall at once forward to the lodge selected for affiliation his demit, which shall terminate his membership in the lodge which issued the certificate. The member transferring his membership shall pay dues to the lodge from which he is transferred to the date of said demit. Should the ballot for affiliation be unfavorable, his membership shall remain in the lodge which issued the certificate. If the certificate of good standing herein provided for is not used within three months from the date thereof, it shall become null and void and of no effect.

SUMMARY.

There were 1,887 initiations this year, and an actual gain in membership of 1,183. I convened eighteen occasional Grand Lodges, constituted five new lodges, laid eleven corner-stones, dedicated two Masonic Temples, granted dispensations for five lodges U. D. ., made fifteen official visitations, and travelled about 14,000 miles, many of them by automobile. I have sent out from my office about 3,000 letters, these besides 1,600 letters and circulars sent for me through the Grand Sec-

retary's office. Much in addition to that shown by my address was done, but I did not consider it of sufficient importance to report.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I have not words to express my appreciation for the help, assistance, and advice given by those named below.

The Grand Secretary has been ever ready to do any and every thing for me, has smoothed many rough places, and been uniformly kind and courteous. His heart, soul, and life are entirely given to the interests of this Grand Jurisdiction, and none can better know this than a Grand Master.

The Grand Custodian is a "tower of strength" to the Grand Master. My intimate and close association with him has led me to love him as a father. He has ever been prompt and faithful. In the many functions that we have held together this year, he took special pains for my comfort and pleasure. To me they were happy days and hours that we spent together. The great good this loyal, true brother is accomplishing for this Grand Jurisdiction in teaching the deep truths embodied in Masonry will never be fully known, until we see him on the other shore with his rich reward.

I have unhesitatingly and very often asked the advice and help of our Past Grand Masters. Their services were ever at my command, and they were given freely and magnanimously. They are noble men, sincere and true.

I have not given forty-eight hours of the whole year to my own affairs, devoting my entire time for service to this Grand Jurisdiction. I could not have done this but for my associate in business for the past twenty-five years, Brother Charles E. V. Smith. He assumed all the cares and labor of our active personal affairs in order to permit me to give all my time to this work. I feel that if I have accomplished anything for you this year, he is entitled to a share of the credit.

CONCLUSION.

Thus is written another year's leaf in the pages of our history. Let each one pause and ask himself: "Have I done what I could for my own advancement and the good of humanity? Have opportunities passed by unnoticed, unheeded? Have I ever had in mind my solemn obligations taken, and lived in that light as Masonically taught?"

As I write these closing words, the year's work unfolds before me like a scroll, and I shudder to think of the grave responsibilities I

assumed one year ago. At that time you bestowed upon me the highest honor, civil or otherwise, that can be given in our commonwealth. Earnestly, faithfully, and devotedly, I have tried to meet its requirements. I have tried to advance the banner of Masonry to a little higher ground. I hope the day may soon come when this banner may float from the highest mountain peaks that can be attained in Masonry, spreading its folds over the vast army of Masons in Nebraska, whose battle-cry shall be love, charity, brotherhood, and full service to our Father in Heaven.

Thomas M. Davis

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 and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

I submit herewith my report for the year ending June 8th, 1915.

Petitions for charters for lodges at Palmyra, Omaha, Ravenna, Benson, Royal, Wolbach, and Arapahoe, with all of the papers connected therewith, were sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. All papers relating to grievances have been handed to the Committee on Grievances.

RETURNS FROM LODGES.

Returns from all chartered lodges, and statements of work done by the seven lodges U. D. U., have been received, and the accounts of all lodges have been closed for the year ending March 31st, 1915.

NEW FORM OF DEMITS.

In accordance with instructions given at the last annual communication, books of new form demits were furnished free to all lodges, except those that had heretofore been furnished, and sent by parcel post.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

The proposed amendment to Article II. of the constitution was submitted to the lodges, and 176 voted in favor of adopting the amendment, 63 against it, and 21 lodges did not vote on the proposition. The amendment was sent to all lodges on November 1st, 1914, and on April 1st, 1915, the lodges that had not voted thereon were sent a second notice, with the result as above stated.

SMALL MONITOR—THIRD EDITION.

A third edition of the small monitor consisting of 2,500 copies has been prepared at a cost of \$600.00.

EUROPEAN WAR RELIEF FUND.

In response to the circular of the Grand Master under date of December 1st, 1914, there has been collected to date \$7,722.10, interest to June 1st, 1915, \$75.10. Total, \$7,797.20. \$2,000.00 has been sent to the National Masonic War Relief Association, to be distributed as follows: Forty per cent. to the families of Freemasons in Belgium, forty per cent. to the families of Freemasons in Poland, if there are any, if not, to the destitute in Poland, twenty per cent. where the Executive Committee of the Association thinks it is most needed. There is left on hand for further distribution when the Relief Association thinks it will be wanted \$5,797.20.

NEW EDITION OF THE LAW.

Shall a new edition of the law be printed this year? The last edition was printed in 1912, and was printed from linotype that had been used for three or four former editions. If the law is printed now, it should be from entirely new linotype, and should contain the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Lodge, and new forms, such as applications for demits, and petitions for advancement after rejection or objection.

LISTS OF REGULAR LODGES.

Shall the Grand Secretary order lists of regular lodges to supply lodges for the year 1915? The last time the lodges were supplied was in 1913. The cost is forty cents per copy for the first hundred, and thirty cents per copy for each additional hundred, or a cost of about \$100.00.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS.

No proceedings of emergent communications have been printed since the report of the committee in 1912, found on page 783, and the same custom will be continued unless otherwise directed by the Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH DEBIT.

Balance on hand May 20th, 1914.....	\$30,936.86
Received for fees for dispensations for new lodges.....	125.00
Received for penalties assessed in 1914.....	15.92
Received for dues on members.....	31,372.50
Received for fees for ten special dispensations.....	100.00
Received for supplies sold to lodges.....	1,495.01
Received for interest.....	689.66
Received for fees on 1,890 initiations (3 returned).....	9,450.00
Received for charter fee for Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285.....	50.00
Received for mileage and per diem returned (overpaid).....	71.14
Received for part fire insurance premium returned.....	.94
Total.....	\$74,307.03

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH CREDIT.

Pay-roll, session of 1914.....	\$ 4,227.60
Committee on Foreign Correspondence, 1914.....	100.00
Grand Tyler, 1914.....	15.00
Masonic Temple Craft; rent, heat, and light.....	250.00
Organist.....	10.00
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond.....	15.00
Fire insurance on supplies, office fixtures, etc.....	40.25
Refund for special dispensations to lodges No. 35 and No. 279	20.00
Mileage and per diem error in pay-roll.....	20.60
Masonic Relief Association for circulars for lodges.....	105.61
Expense of delegate to Peace Celebration.....	69.70
Expense of a Past Grand Master attending sub-committee on Jurisprudence.....	3.50
Expense of tax case in Otoe County.....	35.49
Expense of committee to incorporate the Grand Lodge.....	31.18
Printing five charters.....	50.00
Printing Grand Officers' reports and proceedings, 1914.....	556.00
Charter fee returned to Samuel W. Hayes Lodge U. : D. :	50.00
Committee on Relief.....	2,332.30
Expense of Grand Master Morgan, balance due.....	7.11

Expense of Grand Master Davis.....	\$ 300.00
Clerk hire of Grand Master.....	500.00
Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax.....	15,686.25
Expense of Grand Custodian.....	500.00
Expense of Grand Chaplain.....	39.55
Binding proceedings for library.....	94.90
Orphanage at Fremont.....	5,000.00
Fees for initiation returned to three lodges.....	15.00
Robert E. French.....	1,500.00
Francis E. White.....	2,400.00
Grand Secretary, clerk hire.....	1,484.00
Janitor, \$75.00; stationery, \$56.55.....	131.55
Incidentals, \$58.51; blanks, \$169.25; telephone, \$30.00.....	257.76
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage.....	285.00
Supplies for sale and issue.....	1,864.31
Promulgation of the work.....	817.07
Balance in the Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk.....	35,492.30
Total.....	<u>\$74,307.03</u>

RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand as per last report.....	\$2,332.30
May 20th 1915, ten per cent. of the fees and dues.....	2,587.67
Total.....	<u>\$4,919.97</u>
June 11th, 1914, paid to the Committee on Relief.....	2,332.30
To the credit of the Relief Fund for 1915-1916.....	<u>\$2,587.67</u>

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand last year.....	\$ 702.70
Purchased during the year.....	1,864.31
Sold during the year.....	\$1,495.01
Issued free during the year.....	173.65
On hand March 20th, 1915.....	898.35
	<u>\$2,567.01</u>
	\$2,567.01

TRIAL BALANCE.

General Ledger, Grand Lodge, A. .F. .& A. .M. ., after closing the accounts for the year 1914-1915 on May 20th, 1915.

Cash.....	\$35,492.30
General Relief.....	\$ 2,587.67
Inventory.....	93,477.80
516 shares of stock in Nebraska Masonic Home..	51,600.00

Supplies for sale and issue.....	\$ 898.35	
Grand Lodge jewels.....	233.00	
Grand Lodge library furniture.....	1,664.64	
Grand Lodge library.....	1,177.18	
Childrens Home at Fremont.....	5,000.00	
	<u>\$96,065.47</u>	<u>\$96,065.47</u>

INVENTORY.

ASSETS.

Cash.....	\$35,492.30	
516 shares of stock in Nebraska Masonic Home..	51,600.00	
Supplies for sale and issue.....	898.35	
Grand Lodge jewels	233.00	
Grand Lodge library.....	1,177.18	
Grand Lodge library furniture.....	1,664.64	
Childrens Home at Fremont.....	5,000.00	\$96,065.47

LIABILITIES.

Amount due for relief, 1915-1916	\$ 2,587.67
Net assets, 1915.....	\$93,477.80
Net assets, 1914.....	83,637.18
Net gain for the year.....	<u>\$ 9,840.62</u>

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

During the year 1914,

The cash on hand and amount received was.....	\$52,283.19
The disbursements were.....	<u>50,232.91</u>
Balance on hand.....	\$ 2,050.28

The above statement includes the Orphans Educational Fund, which is managed by the Trustees of the Home.

The cost of maintaining the Home for 1914, not including betterments, repairs, memorial tablet, furnishings, and insurance was:

Printing, stationery, and office supplies.....	\$ 115.00
Postage	25.00
Entertainment.....	36.00
Medical supplies.....	125.04
Maintenance.....	4,579.71
Salaries and labor.....	3,922.00
Fuel.....	1,150.77
Light.....	166.94
Power.....	323.45

Clothing	\$	82.27
Water		280.19
Total		<u>\$10,806.37</u>
Against the above should be credited:		
Amount received for light	\$	1.00
Cash " " from residents for maintenance.		1,176.52
" " " " " " medical supplies		1.15
Charged to residents for maintenance less \$90.00		
charged to profit and loss		<u>1,020.50</u>
Net cost for the year		<u>\$8,607.20</u>

COMPARISON OF COST.

	1913	1914	Increase	Decrease
Printing, stationery, office supplies.....\$	77.25	\$ 115.00	\$37.75	\$
Postage	25.00	25.00		
Entertainment.....	13.78	36.00	22.22	
Medical supplies.....	309.26	125.04		184.22
Maintenance.....	5,009.84	4,579.71		430.13
Salaries and labor.....	3,998.27	3,922.00		76.27
Fuel.....	1,109.82	1,150.77	40.95	
Light and power.....	383.78	490.39	106.61	
Clothing.....	84.07	82.27		1.80
Water.....	259.65	280.19	20.54	
Hospital account outside of the Home.....	140.10			140.10
Total.....	<u>\$11,410.82</u>	<u>\$10,806.37</u>	<u>\$ 228.07</u>	<u>\$ 832.52</u>
Increase.....				<u>228.07</u>
Decrease for the year				<u>\$ 604.45</u>

During the year 1914, twenty-five residents were admitted. Of these twelve were children, and thirteen adults. Seven adults died during the year.

In addition to twenty-eight residents who were there for a full year, forty-eight were there for part of the time, and eight hundred and eight meals were served to visitors. This averages about forty-seven for a full year. The cost of maintaining a resident at the Home for a full year was approximately \$229.92, a decrease of \$35.44 for the year 1914.

There are now at the home at Plattsmouth (May 20th, 1915) twenty women and twenty-two men; six boys are at the cottage on the Home grounds and take their meals at the Home proper. One boy is at the

Kearney Military Academy, and nine girls are at the Childrens Home at Fremont; total residents fifty-eight. There are also fourteen employees, not including the Matron of the Boys Home and the Matron of the Childrens Home at Fremont.

Commanderies contributed as a Christmas offering to purchase medical supplies at the Home.....\$415.15
 Cash donations were made amounting to..... 234.02
 Furnishing donations for a room were made amounting to..... 110.00
 Donations for Christmas dinner were..... 58.00

Fruit, clothing, Christmas presents, and many useful articles were contributed direct to the Home. The net profit from produce, etc., at the Home was \$423.76.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

I submit herewith my fifteenth annual report, ending May 5th, 1915. I hope that I will not weary you in telling what has been done, and how it has been done, and what it cost to do it.

That it has been the hardest and most strenuous year of my official experience as Grand Custodian is the truth, and the whole truth; no one in particular is to blame, it was simply a combination of circumstances and unavoidable conditions.

The changing of the method of disseminating the work, in the matter of preparing competent brethren to qualify themselves to instruct the letter of the work, must necessarily take time, and add to the expense of promulgating the work. Our method is far from perfect as yet, and it is the earnest hope of the Grand Custodian that you will give this important subject your most careful consideration, and adopt such a systematic method that will enable all to comply with Section 8, Chapter II. of your present law, in giving better service at less expense to the Grand Lodge.

With the knowledge and approval of the Grand Master as Section 8, Chapter II. of the code provides, formal schools of instruction have been held in the following lodges: Numbers 26, 35, 42, 43, 55, 60, 62, 67, 68, 71, 75, 78, 79, 82, 83, 89, 98, 103, 110, 125, 127, 138, 144, 153, 158, 167, 171, 181, 191, 200, 201, 202, 208, 218, 226, 243, 251, 258, 275, 276, 278, 282, 284, 285, and 286.

All of the above schools were held by the Grand Custodian. Formal schools of instruction were held by the Assistants to the Grand

Custodian in the following lodges: Numbers 9, 21, 37, 41, 49, 51, 53, 60, 65, 70, 72, 73, 81, 95, 100, 102, 121, 128, 129, 134, 165, 172, 173, 180, 209, 212, 224, 225, 239, 255, 270, 281, and 283.

Special schools were held by the Grand Custodian in lodges Numbers 15, 33, 50, 58, 119, 120, and 154.

Formal inspections of the conferring of degrees in Numbers 1, 3, 11, 25, and 32.

EXAMINATIONS FOR LODGES U. D. .

Were formally made by order of the Grand Master at the following places: Royal, Antelope County; Benson, Douglas County; Wolbach, Greeley County; Minatare, Scottsbluff County; Kimball, Kimball County. The petitioners at all of the named places having substantially complied with all of the provisions of the constitution and the requirements of the law, were formally recommended by the Grand Custodian, to the Grand Master, as required by the constitution.

CONSTITUTING NEW LODGES.

In obedience to a formal order of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian accompanied him and assisted in the constituting of the five new lodges that were granted charters at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, June, 1914: Mullen, Senéca, Exeter, Bridgeport, and Oshkosh.

The proof of the wisdom of the recommendation of Grand Master Dowling, as to what lodges U. D. . should do in the way of furnishings, accessories, etc., was so plainly exemplified in each one of these new lodges, that even a fool would have to admit the correctness of his proposition.

Some of these new lodges were refused dispensations in the past without a proper hearing. Never do that again, for you do not know what is in a fellow till you try him. These new lodges are better fitted in all the paraphernalia that a lodge should have, than some lodges that I know of, that have been chartered for fifty years. They are not of the second class brand.

LAYING CORNER-STONES.

At the request of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian perfected all the preliminary arrangements and assisted in the formal ceremonies of the laying of corner-stones at Wayne, Red Cloud, Springview, Berwyn, Bloomfield, Wausa, and Chappell.

I have heard it said that "we work as speculative Masons only." That may be true with quite a few, and may there not be quite a few

that do not work even as speculative Masons? But be that as it may, Grand Master Davis has become such an expert with the trowel that he can tell whether a corner-stone is square, level, or plumb, without the application of the working tools.

All of these functions seemed to be pleasing to the Masons; for five weeks they came around as regular as prayer meeting, every Wednesday at two o'clock P. M., and lasted until early candle lighting.

DEDICATORY FUNCTIONS.

At the request of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian perfected all the preliminary arrangements, was present at, and assisted in the Grand Lodge functions of formally dedicating the Masonic halls at Wausa and Bloomfield.

EXAMINATIONS OF ASSISTANTS TO THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

By order of the Grand Master the following brethren were formally examined by the Grand Custodian for re-appointment as Assistants to the Grand Custodian, and were found substantially correct in all of the work, and accompanying lectures of this Grand Jurisdiction, and duly qualified to instruct in the same, and were all formally recommended to the Grand Master for re-appointment: Brothers Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Walter W. Wells, 192; Ensign J. Rix, 55; James D. Phillips, 93; Frank W. Boyer, 11; Fred A. Howe, 119; Robert B. Walker, 170; Barclay M. Hickman, 38; Ira C. Freet, 56; Frank W. Farrand, 36; Benjamin Wood, 210; Earl M. Bolen, 130; Frank L. Haycock, 207; Edward M. Wellman, 1; Charles A. Eyre, 268; Frederick L. Wolff, 135; John J. Tooley, 258; Harry N. Jones, 46; and Robert A. Armstrong, 32.

It is the opinion of the Grand Custodian that there should be a more systematic method devised in this important matter. It should not all be left with the Grand Custodian to pass upon the proficiency and qualifications of those who are competent to fill such important positions as instructors in the work. Under the present method it takes too much time of the Grand Custodian and is too expensive. I hope you will give this subject your careful attention, and give us something more practical and less expensive.

OBSEQUIES.

At the request of the masters of their respective lodges, the Grand Custodian assisted in the funeral rites of departed brethren at Kearney and Gibbon. But under the letter of the law he declined official and personal requests of dear departed brethren.

I fraternally call your attention to this subject matter as contained in Section 8, Chapter II. of the law. I do not believe that you want any such provisions in your law that place the Grand Master in such an embarrassing position, wherein he must deny the last request of a departed brother. Your efficient Grand Secretary has wisely provided formal blanks, for Past Grand Officers to file in writing as to what they may wish in matters of this kind when they have passed away. What is the use of leaving a written request if some one else must pass upon it? It is well known that the Grand Custodian is not dealing with this subject matter from a personal standpoint, and it will be generally known some time. Of my own personal knowledge I know that Grand Masters decline to assume the responsibility of passing on any such a proposition.

CANCELLATIONS.

The Grand Custodian and the Assistants to the Grand Custodian could have held several more schools had the conditions been such that our formal dates were not cancelled at the request of lodges at Cozad, Overton, Curtis, Stockville, Clay Center, Nelson, Diller, Wood River, and others.

We had plenty of competent, well qualified Assistants who were ready and willing to hold formal schools when and wherever called, but we cannot hold schools where there are no scholars. Systemize your method and you will get better results.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE WAY.

Not a proper motive on the part of the petitioner to receive the degrees of Masonry.

Not a proper understanding of the several propositions as set forth in the petition.

Too much indifference on the part of those who formally recommend the petitioner.

A lack of skill, tact, and ability on the part of those whose duty it is to investigate the character of the petitioner.

Too much desire on the part of lodges to confer degrees, and too much indifference on the part of the lodges in the negligent manner of their selection of membership.

Incompetency on the part of the officers to confer the degrees in an accurate and impressive manner.

Not a sufficient interest and consideration of the candidate on the way in assisting him to become proficient in the letter of the work, as well as the application of the principle for which the letter stands.

The abuse of the right of ballot from captious, sinister, and unworthy motives.

The interfering with the legitimate work of the lodge in the abuse of the right of objection.

An endeavor to adjust personal differences in the lodge that are wholly foreign to the design, work, and principles of Masonry.

A failure on the part of professed Masons to demonstrate in their daily lives the principles of Masonry as illustrated in its teachings, symbols, legends, and traditions.

A modern fad of rotation of officers, regardless of their merit, fitness, qualifications, and ability.

An itching desire, and an egotistical ambition to seemingly trample on the pearls of Masonry, to feed on the husks of empty titles, and so-called exalted positions.

There should not be so much of a contrast in the attendance at a feast, and at a funeral.

There should not be such pronounced and open exceptions taken to the result of an adverse ballot. Silence and circumspection should be the invariable rule of every brother on all transactions that transpire within the tiled precincts of a lodge. (There are some things that your wife should not know.)

There should be more consideration as to what a Master Masons lodge represents, and more care taken not to pervert the sublime into the ridiculous. There should be a wide difference twixt the *sanctum sanctorum* and a bar-room.

That the penalty of definite suspension makes it possible to try an offending brother twice for the same offense, and then get only temporary results. This is no dream nor imagination; we know whereof we speak.

That there are lodges that do not comply with the letter of the monitor in the matter of giving the preparatory address as shown on pages 12 and 13. WHY? I do not know.

That while it is not obligatory to give that part of the charge in parenthesis on pages 32 and 33 of the monitor, it never ought to be omitted; and every lodge should be required to incorporate this beautiful sentiment accompanied by "Old Glory", the flag of our country, the emblem of liberty, and the ode "America"; and any candidate who can't stand the principles which that flag stands for should be shot full of blackballs and perpetual objections filed against extracting a single ball.

That it is not wise nor judicious to expect the Grand Custodian to devote any of the time of the Grand Lodge to any side issues, or

Grand Lodge functions that are not assigned to him as a part of his official duties. No man is fitted to perform the strenuous duties of a Grand Custodian who does not improve his time in ardent study and close application, by devoting all of his time and energy to the duties of this all-important office. (See Section 8, Chapter II. of the code.)

That so-called Masonic law that can be perverted to the injury of a good and true candidate, or the wronging of a worthy brother in his right to advancement, is a travesty on TRUTH, a burlesque on BROTHERHOOD, a farce on FRATERNALISM, an abomination in the sight of God and man.

That a true conception of the spirit of Masonry is not proficiency in rote ritualism, nor perfection in the crossing of t's and the dotting of i's, nor an accurate rendition of the work in seven different languages with the Nebraska accent. It means a transition of its teachings into realities, demonstrating their practical use in the every day walks of life.

"To know whence we came," is to know the higher self. "To know what we came here to do," is to control the self. "To know whither bound," is to sacrifice the self.

My three score years and ten are drawing to a close;
Yes closing more rapidly than we may suppose,
Old Father Time ne'er halts along the path he trends:
Youth, manhood, and age, must yield to his command.

OFFICIAL ORDERS.

For the last two years Grand Masters have made a formal order on the Grand Custodian to devote a part of the time of each school to what they call the "study of Masonry." We have tried to obey their orders in our humble manner and incompetent way; if this subject matter has to be dealt with from an intellectual standpoint with oratorical powers, better cut it out, for I am not made that way.

This might be easy for some professional men, but not so with one who has not had the advantages of the higher grades of education, and has to depend upon a limited supply of mother wit, common sense, and natural ability.

It takes time from the direct instruction of the letter of the work, yea more than that, it requires ardent study, close application, and daily demonstration. Rote ritualism is simply a means to an end, but it is not the end by any means. Do you get satisfactory results from words or deeds? Is the ritualism of Masonry universal? "The letter killeth, the spirit maketh alive."

I am informed by the Grand Master that there is a demand for more light along the lines of the real. If many years of study and investigation from an unlimited library, coupled with intimate association, and actual experience, is positive proof of my conclusions (and I am not the least bit backward in what I may say) in the language of Elias Ashmole, the noted antiquarian, "I must profess I know enough to hold my tongue, but not enough to speak; and the no less real than miraculous fruits I have found in my diligent inquiry into the arcana lead me on to such degrees of admiration they command silence." To me as I see it from my angle, Ancient Craft Masonry is purely constructive in its principle, founded on *LIFE—its origin, its purpose, and its future*. Higher you cannot go, deeper you cannot delve, farther you cannot reach.

Can you get a more direct line as to the origin of life than the "FATHERHOOD OF GOD?" The purpose of life than the "BROTHERHOOD OF MAN?" The future of life than "THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL?" and where do we get our proof of our position—in the GREAT LIGHT OF MASONRY, THE HOLY BIBLE.

The great light of Masonry conceals the WORD;
 Seek and ye shall find it, thus sayeth the LORD.
 Ask and ye shall receive, ye naked and poor,
 Knock and it shall be opened, knock at GOD'S door.

There is no question in my mind but what there is a positive demand for further LIGHT that leads to the realm of the real, as we have proof that cannot be denied, and you might just as well meet it first as last. There are too many who are tired of feeding on husks of ritualism and restrictions of so-called Landmarks; they are going to have a piece of the fatted calf if they have to go home to get it.

AFTERWORD.

The closing of our fifteenth annual report means that we will not close that many more. Look back over the past year and read the roll-call of the veterans who will never respond to the call of their names in this Grand Lodge again, some whom I have kept ward and watch with for over thirty years. A France, A Deuel, A Dunham, A Mercer, all know now whether the teaching of Masonry that the soul of man is Immortal, and that Life cannot die. "That supreme intelligence that pervades all nature" should be deeply impressed upon the heart of every Mason.

That the soul of man is immortal, therefore will always live
 GOD in his infinite wisdom a body to it will give.

That the I AM I is immortal, Glory be to GOD on high.
Though we part here awhile, we'll meet in the Sweet Bye and Bye.

Craftsmen, we devote much of our time, talent, and substance, in earnestly trying to be absolutely proficient in the letter of the work, omitting many times weightier matters of the higher law.

It is not perfect rote ritualism that makes a man a loyal Freemason, no more than a creed can make a man a devout Christian.

It is not always the birds of the most beautiful plumage that sing the sweetest. Neither is it always the man of titles, and badges, who is the truest friend and most loyal Freemason.

It is not every man who stands in the N. E. corner who proves to be a chief corner-stone, tried and true.

It is not every man who gains admission into the middle chamber who is entitled to the wages of speculative Masonry. That TRUTH that nourishes the heart, that refreshment that inspires the soul, and that joy that bringeth peace to the mind, only he who dwells in the consciousness of duty well done to GOD and Man can fully realize that the great I AM is a part of the whole. Such a man is a Freemason in the true meaning in not being in bondage to the selfish self, in not being a slave to passion, dwelleth in the realm of the real on the beautiful plateaus of peace, on the table lands of love divine.

My duties under the direction of the Grand Master have been most pleasant and cordial. He has ever been kind and considerate in all of his formal orders. Our relations as Grand Master and servant have been more along the line of a brother to a brother, from a brother.

That he has been earnest in all of his official duties, sincere in the motives that prompted his every act, I doubt not. His formal report will prove beyond all cavil that his has been a most strenuous year; he surely earned all of his official titles and honors.

Our Grand Secretary "Frank White" *frank* in every word, deed, and act, *white* from the circumference to the center; it is his nature—he is made that way, he can't help it.

SUMMARY.

Blizzards, blockades, and impassable roads, have put more schools out of commission, wasted more time and money than at any time of my fifteen years' experience as Grand Custodian. Not only caused many formal dates to be cancelled, but reduced the attendance at many of the schools until it would have been better not to have tried to hold them under any such unfavorable conditions, as there was no practical result obtained, and as the end did not justify

the means. I called the Grand Master's attention to my formal reports which invariably show the exact conditions.

Total number of schools held, eighty-two.

Total number of sessions held, four hundred.

Total number of miles travelled by the Grand Custodian, twelve thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

Total number in attendance, six thousand four hundred and sixty-nine.

Fifty-six of the lodges in which schools were held have a membership of fifty or more; twenty-six have a membership of fifty or less.

The lodges having the largest attendance at the schools were Mosaic, No. 55, Norfolk, 348; Melrose, No. 60, Orleans, 219; Geneva, No. 79, Geneva, 192; Samaritan, No. 158, Chadron, 257; Mount Nebo, No. 125, Genoa, 129; Creighton, No. 100, Creighton, 129; Beatrice, No. 26, Beatrice, 225.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

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May 1st, 1914—Balance on hand unexpended.....	\$ 33.48
June 10th, 1914—Appropriation.....	600.00

\$633.48

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From May 1st, 1914, to May 5th, 1915.

Transportation.....	\$118.35
Hotel.....	221.25
Postage.....	26.20
Telephone and telegrams.....	46.28
Bus and baggage.....	13.15
Printing.....	24.68
Supplies and sundries.....	6.68
Stenographer.....	3.40
Balance not drawn.....	100.00
Balance on hand not expended May 5th, 1915.....	73.49

\$633.48

It is hereby certified that the above amounts are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that the same was expended with the knowledge and consent of the Grand Master.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,

Grand Custodian.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS' EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

June 10th, 1914, Appropriation.....	\$1,000.00	
Mileage and per diem attending Grand Lodge.....	\$	93.42
Edward M. Wellman, two schools.....		26.88
Levi C. Pringle, examination.....		10.39
Frank L. Haycock, two schools and examination.....		40.66
John J. Tooley, examination.....		8.29
Ensign J. Rix, two schools and examination.....		47.10
James D. Phillips, four schools and examination.....		93.02
Fred A. Howe, two " " " ".....		37.35
Frederick L. Wolff, " " " ".....		49.42
Benjamin Wood, " " " ".....		37.93
Ira C. Freet, four " " " ".....		71.68
Earl M. Bolen, two " " " ".....		47.48
Barclay M. Hickman, " " " ".....		47.77
Walter W. Wells, " " " ".....		35.30
Charles A. Eyre, " ".....		40.86
Ed J. Pierce, examination.....		3.92
Samuel S. Whiting, two schools.....		34.78
Frank Farrand " ".....		17.20
Robert E. French, committee work.....		73.62
Balance, unexpended, not drawn, May 1st, 1915.....		182.93
		\$1,000.00

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, 1914 is fraternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Securities on hand last report.....\$75,050.00

Securities purchased:

No. 216, Anderson, on 80 acres of land, Burt County.....	\$3,200.00
No. 217, Certificate of deposit, O'Neill National Bank.....	1,000.00
No. 218, Lordeman, on 160 acres of land, Boone County.....	1,600.00
No. 219, Richardson, on 160 acres of land, Ante- lope County.....	3,000.00

No. 220, Blomstedt, on 320 acres of land, Howard County	\$2,500.00	
No. 221, Stark, on 80 acres of land, Dodge County	3,000.00	\$14,300.00
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		\$89,350.00

Securities paid off or renewed:

No. 172, Estill	\$1,000.00	
No. 175, Eddy	1,000.00	
No. 176, Jensen	1,000.00	
No. 177, Lordeman	1,600.00	
No. 180, Hopewell	2,000.00	
No. 183, Blomstedt	2,500.00	
No. 199, Creighton Lodge No. 100 (part)	150.00	
No. 214, Moe (part)	300.00	
No. 217, Certificate of deposit, O'Neill National Bank	1,000.00	\$10,550.00
Numbers 177 and 183 have been renewed and numbered 218 and 220 respectively.		
Securities on hand		\$78,800.00

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

NO.	BORROWER.	PROPERTY LOCATED IN	AMOUNT
140,	Sackett.....	40 acres, Burt County.....	\$ 1,300.00
186,	Jilek.....	40 acres, Colfax County.....	1,000.00
188,	Masonic Temple Craft Ass'n, Callaway, Masonic Temple		2,000.00
189,	Brandow.....	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.....	80 acres, Burt County.....	1,000.00
197,	Woodman.....	120 acres, Colfax County.....	5,000.00
198,	Horn.....	80 acres, Boone County.....	2,800.00
199,	Creighton Lodge No. 100, Creighton, Masonic Temple..		300.00
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 $\frac{85}{100}$ acres, Butler County.....	4,800.00
204,	Meyers.....	160 acres, Cedar County.....	5,000.00
205,	Bosler.....	160 acres, Nance County.....	4,500.00
206,	Davidson.....	120 acres, Sarpy County.....	2,500.00
207,	Richardson.....	80 acres, Burt County.....	1,200.00
208,	Goll.....	40 acres, Burt County.....	2,500.00

NO.	BORROWER.	PROPERTY LOCATED IN	AMOUNT
209,	Clark.....	80 acres, Boone County.....	\$ 2,000.00
210,	McDowell.....	160 acres, Sherman County.....	2,500.00
211,	Zvacek.....	80 acres, Thurston County.....	2,500.00
212,	Cole.....	125 acres, Nemaha County.....	2,000.00
213,	Rube.....	79 acres, Cedar County.....	2,500.00
214,	Moe.....	160 acres, Merrick County.....	2,700.00
215,	Bombeck.....	160 acres, Cuming County.....	900.00
216,	Anderson.....	80 acres, Burt County.....	3,200.00
218,	Lordeman.....	160 acres, Boone County.....	1,600.00
219,	Richardson.....	160 acres, Antelope County.....	3,000.00
220,	Blomstedt.....	320 acres, Howard County.....	2,500.00
221,	Stark.....	80 acres, Dodge County.....	3,000.00
Securities on hand.....			\$78,800.00
Securities on hand last report, less amount due the Nebraska Masonic Home.....			74,492.27
Increase.....			\$ 4,307.73
Amount due the Nebraska Masonic Home.....			96.89
Net increase.....			\$ 4,210.84

All interest due is paid to date; the rate of interest is from five to six per cent.

CASH.

Due the Nebraska Masonic Home last report....	\$ 557.73
Interest due on loans purchased.....	15.87
For part of mortgage record.....	6.50
Securities purchased.....	14,300.00
Securities paid off.....	\$10,550.00
Interest collected.....	4,233.21
Due the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	96.89
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	\$14,880.10
	\$14,880.10

FRANCIS E. WHITE,

Secretary.

Past Grand Master Cheney, for the Committee on Returns, presented the following report, which 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 returns for all lodges, chartered and under dispensation, have been received and carefully examined. Cards for new members and all changes have been made, the cards for each lodge have been counted, and the results are tabulated in the statement herewith.

Penalties have been assessed six lodges as follows, in accordance with the law, their returns having been received after the time provided for:

No. 29, \$2.40; No. 164, \$3.12; No. 179, \$5.22; No. 219, \$.94; No. 259, \$.82; No. 273, \$6.75; total \$19.25.

If secretaries and masters would only realize how much trouble would be saved by sending in their returns promptly, we believe there would be fewer delinquent lodges. Nearly one hundred letters were required to be written in order to straighten out errors that were found in the returns, many lodges not reporting demissions until their attention was called to the fact that former members had affiliated with other lodges. The Grand Secretary stated in a circular issued June 23d, 1914, that he would be glad to check over lists of members, provided they were sent in at once, but many secretaries waited until the returns were sent in before endeavoring to correct errors, which necessitated heavy work on the part of the office force.

The following lodges either did not report insurance if any is carried, or reported that they carry no insurance: Nos. 46, 77, 163, 201, and 254.

The following lodges do not report the mileage: Nos. 46, 49, 51, 74, 90, 99, 105, 121, 128, 143, 208, 221, and 273.

The following lodges report no delinquent dues: Nos. 9, 13, 21, 33, 39, 41, 65, 67, 70, 76, 81, 92, 98, 100, 114, 117, 119, 126, 128, 130, 132, 135, 163, 164, 174, 182, 195, 197, 208, 228, 229, 231, 237, 241, 248, 250, 255, 256, 274, 275, 277, 279, 280, 282, 283, and 286, a total of 46. Last year thirty-two lodges reported no delinquent dues, a gain of 14. Seventeen of the above were on the list last year, and the others report very small delinquencies.

Lodges Nos. 85, 88, 111, 121, 129, 153, 165, 179, 187, 214, 252, 260, and 269, either do not report concerning delinquents or report in such a way that the committee is unable to determine the amounts. It ought to be a very simple matter to report that there are no delinquent members; but where the page is left blank no one can tell whether the matter has been overlooked or whether there are no delinquents. As nearly as the committee can tell, the amount of delinquent dues is

\$10,617.16, \$3,157.78 less than was reported last year. The amounts range from \$2.00 to \$314.00.

Last year the Committee on Returns recommended that lodges be not required to report the amount of delinquencies by year, but to state the number of delinquents and the total amount. This was approved, but the law was not amended to this effect. We now recommend that Section 57 of the law be amended by striking out the words "by years" in the fifteenth line, and the words "for each year" in the sixteenth line—and that the law shall fix a date to which all dues shall be computed, as this is the only way that the amount of delinquent dues can be ascertained.

RETURNS.

Number of chartered lodges.....	260	
Number of lodges under dispensation.....	7	
Total.....	<u>267</u>	
Number initiated during the year.....	1,887	
Number passed during the year.....	1,759	
Number raised during the year.....		1,657
Number affiliated during the year.....		353
Number reinstated during the year.....		89
Number gained by other causes during the year		<u>146</u>
Total gross increase.....		2,245
Number demitted during the year.....		485
Number deceased during the year.....		253
Number suspended during the year.....		317
Number expelled during the year.....		2
Number lost by other causes during the year..		<u>5</u>
Total loss		1,062
Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1915..		<u>1,183</u>
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1914.....	21,122	
Number of Master Masons on the rolls March 31st, 1915.....	22,305	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31ST, 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. of Lodge			
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		GAIN				LOSS						
			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. April 1, 1914	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension		By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915								
Nebraska	1	68	34	74	12	3	25	563	69	15	3	650	6	5	3	..	14	636	1		
Western Star	2	17	12	12	9	4	9	152	6	2	1	161	3	5	4	..	12	149	2		
Capitol	3	68	21	66	12	1	32	573	64	5	..	642	3	12	1	..	16	626	3		
Nemaha Valley	4	4	2	4	2	1	4	51	4	..	1	56	2	1	1	..	4	52	4		
Omadi	5	4	2	7	1	..	2	91	9	2	..	102	1	2	..	..	3	99	5
Plattsmouth	6	6	1	5	3	3	3	124	3	2	1	130	1	..	3	..	4	126	6		
Falls City	9	29	9	33	9	12	23	118	28	7	2	155	1	3	12	..	16	139	9		
Solomon	10	1	2	2	40	41	1	3	4	37	10	
Covert	11	88	36	78	20	8	29	682	68	7	1	758	9	8	8	..	25	733	11		
Orient	13	13	4	10	1	..	2	30	8	..	..	39	1	..	..	..	1	38	13
Peru	14	..	2	1	1	..	3	55	..	..	..	55	1	..	..	..	1	54	14
Fremont	15	14	3	17	5	3	10	278	15	3	1	297	3	5	3	..	11	286	15		
Tecumseh	17	4	7	4	3	2	7	107	3	4	1	115	7	3	2	..	12	103	17		
Lincoln	19	57	26	48	14	5	7	666	48	10	..	724	9	7	5	..	21	703	19		
Washington	21	4	1	3	..	4	8	103	3	2	..	108	2	..	4	..	6	102	21		
Pawnee	23	9	2	8	2	4	13	111	8	1	1	121	1	3	4	..	8	113	23		
St. Johns	25	75	22	67	16	..	23	676	59	6	1	743	5	7	..	..	12	731	25
Beatrice	26	22	9	24	6	..	6	247	25	5	2	279	6	8	..	..	14	265	26
Jordan	27	4	3	3	3	..	..	52	2	1	..	55	1	1	..	..	2	53	27
Hope	29	4	2	..	..	..	3	24	..	..	..	24	..	1	..	..	1	23	29
Blue River	30	7	2	7	..	..	1	46	7	2	..	55	1	..	..	..	1	54	30
Tekamah	31	10	4	11	5	..	4	114	7	4	1	126	2	..	..	..	2	124	31
Platte Valley	32	10	8	8	4	4	6	228	9	1	..	238	2	4	4	..	10	228	32		
Ashlar	33	39	15	32	7	2	2	284	30	5	1	320	2	7	2	..	11	309	33		
Acacia	34	11	2	15	4	5	14	60	13	1	..	74	3	..	5	..	8	66	34		
Fairbury	35	7	8	9	3	4	7	169	9	3	..	181	4	2	4	..	10	171	35		
Lone Tree	36	3	4	3	1	..	4	121	3	2	..	126	1	1	..	..	2	124	36
Crete	37	4	3	3	..	..	..	88	7	..	..	95	1	..	..	..	1	94	37
Oliver	38	4	2	5	1	..	4	106	4	2	1	113	2	..	..	..	2	111	38
Papillion	39	3	4	2	1	2	3	43	2	1	..	46	2	..	2	..	4	42	39		
Humboldt	40	2	3	3	..	..	..	53	4	1	..	58	3	..	..	..	3	55	40
Northern Light	41	4	2	4	2	3	3	60	4	..	..	64	2	..	3	..	5	59	41
Juniata	42	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	52	..	1	53	..	1	..	..	1	52	42
Hebron	43	7	4	8	3	3	6	89	9	3	..	102	5	1	3	..	9	93	43		
Harvard	44	4	1	4	..	..	2	48	4	..	..	52	2	..	..	..	2	50	44
Rob Morris	46	13	5	11	6	..	10	211	7	5	2	225	7	3	..	..	10	215	46
Fairmont	48	9	5	5	1	1	5	52	4	1	..	57	5	..	1	..	6	51	48		
Evening Star	49	1	1	..	1	2	2	60	..	3	..	63	..	1	2	..	3	60	49		
Hastings	50	31	10	31	5	3	10	277	31	9	..	317	3	4	3	..	10	307	50		
Fidelity	51	5	..	5	2	105	5	2	..	112	1	1	2	110	51		

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion				Other Causes
Hiram	52	2	2	2	2	2	57	1	1	1	1	58	1	1	1	1	1	57	52	
Charity	53	6	10	4	4	5	6	98	2	4	1	104	5	4	5	1	14	90	53	
Lancaster	54	71	40	65	22	4	17	477	58	16	1	552	13	1	4	1	18	534	54	
Mosaic	55	12	16	6	4	1	7	147	8	6	2	163	2	1	1	1	3	160	55	
York	56	6	1	6	1	1	6	245	5	7	1	258	5	3	1	1	8	250	56	
Mt. Moriah	57	3	1	2	3	1	3	65	1	1	1	67	5	1	1	1	5	62	57	
Lebanon	58	12	1	16	7	3	10	129	12	4	1	145	4	3	1	1	7	138	58	
Wahoo	59	5	1	7	2	1	3	110	9	1	1	119	4	3	1	1	7	112	59	
Melrose	60	4	2	6	2	1	5	73	4	2	1	79	1	1	1	1	2	77	60	
Thistle	61	4	4	4	3	1	5	96	6	1	1	103	4	1	1	1	4	99	61	
Keystone	62	3	3	1	1	1	6	57	2	1	1	59	1	1	1	1	2	57	62	
Riverton	63	3	2	1	1	1	4	49	1	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	1	49	63	
Blue Valley	64	3	2	2	1	1	2	59	4	1	1	63	1	1	1	1	2	61	64	
Osceola	65	7	3	7	2	4	7	93	6	1	1	101	2	4	1	1	6	95	65	
Edgar	67	3	1	5	1	1	1	94	6	2	1	102	2	1	1	1	3	99	67	
Aurora	68	12	8	7	4	5	8	139	6	1	1	145	6	3	5	1	14	131	68	
Sterling	70	2	2	2	1	1	52	58	2	1	1	60	1	1	1	1	1	59	70	
Trowel	71	2	7	1	2	1	11	91	1	1	1	93	1	1	1	1	2	91	71	
Hooper	72	9	7	5	3	1	1	68	2	2	1	73	2	2	1	1	4	69	72	
Friend	73	5	1	5	1	2	6	47	6	1	1	53	1	2	1	1	3	50	73	
Alexandria	74	2	1	2	1	1	3	36	1	1	1	38	2	1	1	1	3	35	74	
Frank Welch	75	15	7	15	5	6	10	128	12	2	1	142	7	2	6	1	15	127	75	
Joppa	76	3	1	2	1	1	1	50	2	1	1	52	1	1	1	1	2	50	76	
Nelson	77	4	1	3	1	1	8	61	5	2	1	69	1	1	1	1	2	67	77	
Albion	78	1	1	2	1	1	8	65	5	2	1	72	1	1	1	1	7	72	78	
Geneva	79	3	3	3	2	2	6	158	3	1	2	164	5	1	2	1	8	156	79	
Composite	81	6	3	4	1	1	1	43	4	1	1	48	2	1	1	1	2	46	81	
St. Paul	82	3	6	1	6	15	153	8	2	1	1	163	3	2	6	1	11	152	82	
Corinthian	83	5	3	4	1	1	1	42	4	2	1	48	2	3	1	1	5	43	83	
Fairfield	84	5	3	4	1	4	18	69	7	1	2	80	5	4	1	1	9	71	84	
Tyre	85	3	1	3	1	3	4	45	1	1	1	45	1	2	3	1	6	39	85	
Doniphan	86	1	1	1	1	1	29	1	1	1	1	33	1	1	1	1	1	32	86	
Ionic	87	15	15	7	5	1	6	61	8	1	1	69	1	1	1	1	2	67	87	
Star	88	5	5	2	2	2	7	49	2	1	1	51	1	2	1	1	3	48	88	
Cedar River	89	1	1	4	6	9	9	89	3	1	1	93	1	1	6	1	8	85	89	
Elk Creek	90	3	2	3	2	1	3	28	3	1	1	32	3	1	1	1	3	29	90	
Oakland	91	7	6	3	1	1	2	75	3	1	1	80	2	1	1	1	3	77	91	
Hubbell	92	1	2	1	1	1	4	44	1	1	1	46	1	1	1	1	2	44	92	
Beaver City	93	16	4	13	4	9	107	14	1	1	1	122	1	1	4	1	6	116	93	
Bennett	94	7	1	7	1	1	4	54	7	1	1	63	14	1	1	1	15	48	94	

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		No. Initiated	No. Passed	No. Initiated	No. Passed	No. Suspended	No. Suspended	No. on April 1, 1914	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion		Other Causes	Total Loss
Garfield.....	95	7	1	6	2	..	..	56	5	4	1	..	66	..	..	..	..	..	66	95
Utica.....	96	2	2	3	2	1	..	4	50	3	..	..	53	1	1	..	..	2	51	96
Euclid.....	97	5	3	3	1	..	..	50	4	1	..	..	55	1	..	..	..	1	54	97
Republican.....	98	2	1	2	1	..	..	1	59	2	..	..	61	1	1	..	..	2	59	98
Shelton.....	99	1	2	2	2	..	..	3	54	1	..	..	55	1	1	..	..	2	53	99
Creighton.....	100	11	3	13	3	6	10	88	12	3	1	..	104	1	1	6	..	8	96	100
Utica.....	101	5	4	4	2	1	..	5	63	5	2	..	70	2	..	..	..	2	68	101
Waterloo.....	102	9	6	6	..	..	..	1	78	6	2	..	86	2	..	..	..	2	84	102
Ord.....	103	1	2	..	1	5	13	70	..	3	..	..	73	..	5	..	..	5	68	103
Wymore.....	104	15	7	14	6	1	1	120	15	1	..	..	136	1	1	1	..	3	133	104
Stella.....	105	5	..	7	1	..	..	62	8	..	..	..	70	..	..	..	..	70	105	105
Porter.....	106	7	..	8	3	..	..	1	55	7	3	1	66	1	..	..	..	1	65	106
Table Rock.....	108	2	1	3	2	..	..	55	3	..	..	..	58	2	1	..	..	3	55	108
Pomegranate.....	110	9	..	11	..	1	2	106	11	2	..	..	119	5	1	1	..	7	112	110
De Witt.....	111	4	5	2	1	4	10	54	2	2	1	..	59	2	4	..	..	6	53	111
Springfield.....	112	3	4	3	3	..	5	68	3	1	..	..	72	2	2	..	..	4	68	112
Globe.....	113	7	5	3	3	..	6	47	5	1	..	..	53	1	1	..	..	2	51	113
Wisner.....	114	2	3	..	..	..	..	74	2	1	..	..	77	1	1	..	..	2	75	114
Harlan.....	116	..	3	1	..	1	5	60	3	1	1	..	65	1	2	1	..	4	61	116
Hardy.....	117	3	..	3	2	..	..	50	2	..	..	..	52	..	..	..	..	52	117	117
Doric.....	118	6	3	5	2	..	..	28	3	1	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	32	118	118
North Bend.....	119	2	..	3	1	4	5	97	3	..	..	..	100	1	4	..	..	5	95	119
Wayne.....	120	6	4	6	1	..	..	102	7	2	..	..	111	6	..	..	..	5	106	120
Superior.....	121	9	6	4	2	7	7	123	5	4	1	..	133	1	7	..	..	8	125	121
Auburn.....	124	2	2	2	..	1	3	93	2	2	..	..	97	2	2	1	..	5	92	124
Mount Nebo.....	125	2	3	1	1	..	6	77	2	1	..	..	80	2	..	..	..	2	78	125
Stromsburg.....	126	5	2	7	4	..	3	80	9	2	..	..	91	4	..	..	..	4	87	126
Minden.....	127	7	1	8	2	..	1	54	6	..	..	..	60	2	3	..	..	5	55	127
Guide Rock.....	128	5	6	1	..	..	1	34	1	..	..	..	35	1	..	..	..	1	34	128
Blue Hill.....	129	1	1	2	2	1	8	48	1	1	11	..	62	1	1	1	..	3	59	129
Tuscan.....	130	2	..	3	2	..	..	47	3	2	..	..	52	..	..	..	..	52	130	130
Scribner.....	132	4	4	5	3	1	2	57	5	..	..	..	62	2	1	..	..	3	59	132
Elm Creek.....	133	1	4	..	..	..	3	43	..	..	..	..	43	1	..	..	..	1	42	133
Solar.....	134	2	3	1	..	..	1	62	1	1	..	..	64	2	1	..	..	3	61	134
McCook.....	135	7	3	8	1	4	15	171	7	2	6	..	186	8	3	4	..	15	171	135
Long Pine.....	136	4	1	4	2	..	..	62	7	1	..	..	70	3	1	..	..	4	66	136
Upright.....	137	5	3	4	1	..	..	58	3	1	..	..	62	4	..	..	..	4	58	137
Rawalt.....	138	..	1	..	1	..	1	68	..	1	69	..	1	1	68	138
Clay Center.....	139	4	..	4	1	5	9	57	5	62	..	5	5	57	139
Western.....	140	4	1	3	1	..	4	56	2	1	59	2	2	57	140

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes
Crescent	143	5	7	4	3	4	65	7	1	...	73	3	...	...	3	70	143	
Kenesaw	144	7	6	4	3	1	51	1	1	...	53	2	...	...	5	48	144	
Bancroft	145	4	4	1	4	6	7	76	...	1	...	77	1	6	...	7	70	145		
Jachin	146	18	4	17	8	4	12	115	13	3	1	132	3	1	4	8	124	146		
Siloam	147	4	5	1	1	...	6	33	...	1	...	34	...	...	...	34	147	
Emmet Crawford	148	6	5	5	2	1	5	113	5	3	...	121	1	3	1	5	116	148		
Jewel	149	3	3	3	3	1	2	31	...	...	...	31	2	...	1	3	28	149
Cambridge	150	5	2	4	...	...	2	54	5	1	...	60	...	...	...	60	150	
Square	151	4	5	2	...	1	6	37	4	1	1	5	48	2	1	5	43	151		
Parallel	152	5	3	4	2	7	8	56	4	3	1	64	5	...	7	12	52	152		
Evergreen	153	4	1	3	...	5	10	61	3	3	...	67	...	2	5	7	60	153		
Lily	154	5	1	6	2	...	2	41	5	...	...	46	1	2	...	3	43	154
Hartington	155	5	7	4	3	...	1	70	1	...	1	72	7	...	...	7	65	155
Pythagoras	156	9	8	7	1	...	...	53	7	3	2	65	2	1	...	3	62	156
Valley	157	...	1	...	1	...	4	48	...	...	...	48	2	1	...	3	45	157
Samaritan	158	15	3	17	6	...	2	106	21	2	1	130	2	...	...	2	128	158
Ogalalla	159	4	...	6	2	...	1	68	5	2	...	75	3	...	...	3	72	159
Zeredatha	160	...	2	1	...	...	4	33	1	...	...	34	...	...	...	34	160	
Mount Zion	161	2	6	5	2	...	1	38	4	...	...	42	...	...	...	42	161	
Trestle Board	162	8	...	8	3	1	3	64	6	...	...	70	2	1	1	5	65	162
Unity	163	...	3	...	2	...	3	44	...	...	...	44	3	2	...	5	39	163
Atkinson	164	2	2	2	2	...	1	39	1	1	...	41	...	...	...	41	164	
Barneston	165	...	...	...	...	...	1	36	...	...	...	36	1	...	...	1	35	165
Mystic Tie	166	2	1	1	...	...	...	37	1	1	...	39	2	2	...	4	35	166
Elwood	167	1	3	...	1	4	7	52	...	...	...	52	2	4	...	6	46	167
Curtis	168	5	7	4	1	...	3	44	4	...	...	48	...	...	...	48	168	
Amity	169	2	2	2	1	...	1	57	3	...	1	61	...	2	...	2	59	169		
Mason City	170	6	1	7	1	...	2	43	9	...	1	53	2	...	...	2	51	170
Merna	171	11	5	9	3	...	2	68	7	...	...	75	...	...	...	75	171	
Grafton	172	3	2	1	...	1	2	49	3	...	...	52	2	1	1	4	48	172
Robert Burns	173	...	2	...	1	...	2	21	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	21	173	
Culbertson	174	6	...	7	2	2	9	32	6	1	...	39	3	2	2	7	32	174		
Temple	175	1	5	...	2	1	1	66	...	...	...	66	...	1	1	2	64	175
Gladstone	176	4	1	6	1	...	...	77	6	...	1	84	1	...	...	1	83	176
Hay Springs	177	1	...	3	3	1	1	43	2	...	...	45	1	3	1	5	40	177
Prudence	179	5	2	5	2	...	3	58	4	1	...	63	1	1	...	2	61	179		
Justice	180	7	4	7	1	2	5	49	6	1	1	57	...	2	...	2	55	180		
Faith	181	9	7	8	3	1	9	114	5	...	...	119	1	2	1	4	115	181
Incese	182	...	1	1	41	3	44	2	2	42	182		
Alliance	183	17	11	16	4	...	9	171	22	1	...	194	5	1	...	6	188	183		

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Bee Hive.....	184	22	9	23	3	4	9	233	23	2	258	2	2	4	8	250	184				
Boaz.....	185	1	1	3	2	4	4	58	1	59	4	4	4	4	55	185					
Israel.....	187	2	3	1	1	1	14	54	1	55	1	2	1	4	51	187					
Meridian.....	188	2	1	5	1	1	2	90	5	95	1	1	1	2	93	188					
Granite.....	189	4	5	5	1	2	5	54	6	63	2	2	2	4	59	189					
Amethyst.....	190	4	3	1	1	1	1	45	1	46	1	1	1	1	45	190					
Crystal.....	191	4	4	4	1	1	3	63	4	67	1	2	1	3	64	191					
Minnekadusa.....	192	10	13	9	6	1	5	108	8	118	3	1	1	4	114	192					
Signet.....	193	2	6	2	1	1	6	45	2	48	1	2	1	3	45	193					
Highland.....	194	9	2	8	7	1	5	31	1	34	4	1	1	5	29	194					
Arcana.....	195	4	6	8	1	2	5	75	8	84	1	1	2	4	80	195					
Level.....	196	1	1	1	2	2	3	45	1	45	1	2	1	3	42	196					
Morning Star.....	197	5	2	4	2	1	2	53	2	55	1	1	1	2	53	197					
Purity.....	198	1	5	1	1	1	6	42	1	44	1	1	1	2	42	198					
Gavel.....	199	1	1	1	1	1	4	21	1	22	1	1	1	2	19	199					
Blazing Star.....	200	1	2	3	1	1	2	75	3	78	1	1	1	1	77	200					
Scotts Bluff.....	201	8	4	6	2	1	3	46	4	54	1	2	1	4	50	201					
Golden Sheaf.....	202	7	8	6	1	1	3	96	6	106	4	1	1	4	102	202					
Roman Eagle.....	203	3	3	1	1	1	15	53	1	53	3	1	1	3	50	203					
Plainview.....	204	9	10	2	1	1	1	64	4	70	2	1	1	4	66	204					
Golden Fleece.....	205	5	2	4	2	1	1	61	4	65	11	1	1	12	53	205					
Napthali.....	206	3	1	3	2	1	2	49	2	52	1	1	1	1	52	206					
Parian.....	207	8	4	9	1	1	1	68	9	78	2	2	1	4	74	207					
Gauge.....	208	3	5	1	2	4	6	48	3	51	2	4	1	6	45	208					
Canopy.....	209	15	8	10	2	3	8	72	9	82	3	3	3	6	76	209					
East Lincoln.....	210	23	16	21	7	13	20	280	25	311	4	3	13	20	291	210					
Cement.....	211	1	1	1	1	1	2	77	2	79	2	1	1	2	77	211					
Compass & Square.....	212	2	3	1	1	1	4	39	1	39	1	1	1	3	39	212					
Square & Compass.....	213	2	1	2	1	1	3	39	2	41	2	1	1	3	38	213					
Plumbline.....	214	2	1	2	2	1	3	47	1	51	1	1	1	1	50	214					
Occidental.....	215	4	2	3	1	1	1	74	2	77	2	2	1	4	73	215					
Palisade.....	216	3	2	2	1	1	3	43	3	48	1	1	1	1	47	216					
Wauneta.....	217	2	3	1	1	1	9	34	1	34	1	1	1	1	33	217					
Bloomfield.....	218	4	3	4	10	10	12	90	6	103	3	2	10	15	88	218					
Relief.....	219	2	1	3	1	1	1	47	2	49	4	1	1	5	44	219					
Magnolia.....	220	5	2	5	3	1	3	66	4	73	2	1	1	2	71	220					
Wood Lake.....	221	9	5	8	2	1	1	45	7	53	1	1	1	1	52	221					
Landmark.....	222	6	1	8	4	1	2	76	5	81	1	1	1	2	79	222					
Eminence.....	223	1	4	1	2	1	1	50	1	51	1	1	1	1	50	223					
Silver Cord.....	224	5	8	3	1	1	5	55	3	61	1	1	1	1	61	224					

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		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915				
Cable	225	4	1	4	1	1	56	5	1	56	5	1	61	1	1	1	39	1	3	4	2	59	225									
Grace	226	3	1	4	2	1	37	3	1	37	3	1	42	1	1	1	42	1	1	1	1	41	226									
North Star	227	22	8	21	4	3	115	22	8	7	115	22	145	9	1	3	39	1	3	4	13	132	227									
Bartley	228	1	1	2	1	3	37	2	1	5	37	2	39	1	1	1	39	1	1	1	3	36	228									
Comet	229	4	1	5	2	4	48	3	1	6	48	3	53	1	1	1	53	1	1	1	5	48	229									
Delta	230	2	3	2	1	1	52	2	1	1	52	2	55	1	1	1	55	1	1	1	2	53	230									
Mount Hermon	231	3	1	4	1	1	60	5	1	4	60	5	66	2	1	1	66	2	1	1	3	63	231									
John S. Bowen	232	4	1	4	2	1	50	2	1	3	50	2	52	3	1	1	52	3	1	1	5	47	232									
Gilead	233	3	6	1	2	1	45	3	1	5	45	3	49	4	1	1	49	4	1	1	5	44	233									
Zion	234	9	3	6	4	1	64	4	1	1	64	4	69	1	1	1	69	1	1	1	1	68	234									
Fraternity	235	4	2	3	1	6	41	3	1	6	41	3	44	1	1	1	44	1	1	1	2	42	235									
Golden Rule	236	2	3	1	2	4	33	2	1	4	33	2	35	2	1	2	35	2	1	2	4	31	236									
Cubit	237	2	1	3	1	3	49	3	1	3	49	3	52	1	1	1	52	1	1	1	1	52	237									
Friendship	239	1	1	2	1	1	42	1	1	1	42	1	43	1	1	1	43	1	1	1	1	42	239									
Pilot	240	2	1	4	6	5	57	1	1	10	57	1	59	1	1	5	59	1	1	5	6	53	240									
George Armstrong	241	4	2	4	1	1	79	4	1	1	79	4	84	3	1	1	84	3	1	1	3	81	241									
Tyrian	243	1	5	1	1	3	34	1	1	3	34	1	36	1	2	1	36	1	2	1	3	33	243									
Sincerity	244	2	1	2	1	2	34	2	1	2	34	2	37	1	3	1	37	1	3	1	4	33	244									
Hampton	245	4	2	4	1	1	52	4	1	1	52	4	57	1	1	1	57	1	1	1	1	55	245									
Nehawka	246	5	1	7	2	1	47	6	2	1	47	6	55	1	1	1	55	1	1	1	1	55	246									
Corner-stone	247	9	9	8	8	16	54	3	1	16	54	3	58	1	1	1	58	1	1	1	2	56	247									
Laurel	248	5	3	6	1	2	54	9	1	7	54	9	65	3	1	2	65	3	1	2	6	54	248									
Gothenburg	249	6	3	4	1	1	42	4	2	1	42	4	48	1	1	1	48	1	1	1	1	48	249									
George Washington	250	15	4	15	8	6	103	8	1	14	103	8	112	1	1	6	112	1	1	6	6	106	250									
Wausa	251	6	5	4	2	2	52	4	1	2	52	4	56	1	1	1	56	1	1	1	2	54	251									
Hildreth	252	5	5	4	1	1	34	3	4	6	34	3	41	1	1	1	41	1	1	1	2	39	252									
Beemer	253	6	4	3	1	4	41	3	1	4	41	3	46	1	1	1	46	1	1	1	1	45	253									
Bassett	254	4	3	4	1	4	46	4	1	4	46	4	50	1	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	49	254									
Bradshaw	255	1	1	1	1	1	53	1	1	1	53	1	54	1	1	1	54	1	1	1	2	52	255									
Hickman	256	1	1	1	1	1	38	1	1	1	38	1	38	1	1	1	38	1	1	1	1	37	256									
Holbrook	257	4	3	7	1	4	58	7	1	4	58	7	65	1	1	1	65	1	1	1	3	62	257									
Anselmo	258	11	2	10	5	1	58	10	1	1	58	10	69	2	1	1	69	2	1	1	2	67	258									
Bee	259	3	1	3	2	1	28	1	1	1	28	1	30	1	1	1	30	1	1	1	1	30	259									
Springview	260	1	2	1	2	4	20	1	1	1	20	1	21	1	1	1	21	1	1	1	1	21	260									
Ornan	261	1	2	1	3	1	50	2	1	1	50	2	52	2	1	1	52	2	1	1	2	50	261									
Endeavor	262	1	1	1	1	1	43	1	1	1	43	1	44	1	1	1	44	1	1	1	1	43	262									
Mitchell	263	1	5	1	1	3	63	1	3	4	63	1	66	3	2	3	66	3	2	3	8	58	263									
Franklin	264	8	4	8	6	1	52	5	1	1	52	5	57	2	1	1	57	2	1	1	3	54	264									
Robert W. Furnas	265	4	5	9	1	1	61	12	3	1	61	12	76	1	1	1	76	1	1	1	1	75	265									
Silver	266	10	2	8	2	1	26	7	1	1	26	7	33	1	1	1	33	1	1	1	3	33	266									

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31st, 1915.

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS												
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1915	No. April 1, 1914	GAIN				Total	LOSS						
									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss	
James A. Tulleys...	267	1	1	1	2	1	1	54	1	1	1	1	56	2	1	1	1	1	1	4
George W. Lininger	268	16	1	15	2	2	1	114	13	3	1	1	130	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Riverside	269	5	6	3	2	1	1	29	2	1	1	1	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Huntley	270	2	1	3	2	1	1	31	2	1	1	1	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oasis	271	6	8	1	1	2	1	37	1	1	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Lee P. Gillette	272	4	5	3	1	1	1	43	4	1	1	1	47	4	1	1	1	1	1	4
Crofton	273	3	5	7	5	2	2	45	5	1	1	1	51	1	2	2	1	1	1	4
Olive Branch	274	8	7	4	3	1	1	45	4	1	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ramah	275	3	1	4	1	1	1	20	3	1	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Antelope	276	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	2	2	1	1	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sioux	277	1	2	1	1	1	1	32	2	1	1	1	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Litchfield	278	3	2	2	1	1	1	54	2	2	1	1	58	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Wallace	279	5	3	4	3	1	1	31	1	1	1	1	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Swastika	280	10	3	10	2	1	1	29	10	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Florence	281	12	3	11	4	1	1	31	13	1	1	1	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mullen	282	6	2	4	1	1	1	16	4	2	19	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Exeter	283	5	2	5	3	1	1	5	3	1	16	1	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Seneca	284	12	5	12	3	1	1	8	12	1	29	1	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Camp Clarke	285	10	5	7	2	1	1	10	5	1	35	1	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oshkosh	286	7	5	7	1	1	1	6	6	1	24	1	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sam'l W. Hayes, U. D.	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	1	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Omaha, U. D.	30	5	38	5	1	1	1	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Lotus, U. D.	20	5	15	1	1	1	1	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Benson, U. D.	14	14	14	2	1	1	1	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Diamond, U. D.	8	4	4	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Wolbach, U. D.	5	1	4	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Monument, U. D.	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Extinct																				
Grand Totals		1887	1026	1759	561	317	1118	21122	1657	353	89	146	23367	485	253	317	2	5	1062	223

FEES, DUES, AND OTHER ITEMS.

Fees on 1,887 initiations during the year at \$5.00 each.....	\$ 9,435.00	
Dues on 21,122 members, less 46 of five lodges chartered last year, at \$1.50 each.....	31,614.00	
Due for supplies.....	1,495.01	
		\$42,554.01
Due lodges for exemption certificates.....	\$ 241.50	
Due the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	15,686.25	15,927.75
Net amount due the Grand Lodge.....		\$26,626.26

The number of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and suspended Master Masons, on the rolls, 1,026, 561, and 1,118 respectively, are the number who have been on these rolls for five years or less.

HARRY A. CHENEY,

For the Committee.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees:

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

Codification of the Law:—Bros.: William A. DeBord, 3; Frederick L. Wolff, 135; Edward M. Wellman, 1.

Foreign Correspondence:—Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; Frank L. Haycock, 207.

Fraternal Dead:—Bros.: Henry H. Wilson, 19; Arthur A. Brooks, 50; Walter W. Wells, 192.

Relief:—Bros.: Robert E. Evans, 5; Frank H. Young, 207; Ornan J. King, 54; Alpha Morgan, 148.

Promulgation of the Work:—Bros.: George H. Thummel, 33; Charles E. Burnham, 166; James R. Cain, Jr., 105.

Founding Orphans Home:—Bros.: Alpha Morgan, 148; Frank H. Young, 207; Lewis E. Smith, 136; Charles L. Mielenz, 59; Charles M. Shepherd, 54.

Grievances:—Bros.: Ora S. Spillman, 153; Peter H. Peterson, 251; N. Dwight Ford, 176; Barclay M. Hickman, 38.

Doings of Grand Officers:—Bros.: George H. Thummel, 33; William G. McFarland, 182; Robert R. Dickson, 95; Allen C. Kirby, 190; Harry A. Crosby, 253.

Accounts:—Bros.: Ira C. Freet, 56; Pearl H. Davis, 55; Harvey S. Ringland, 120; Henry H. Stedman, 99; Frank Ross Brown, 213.

Charters and Dispensations:—Bros.: William D. Spicknall, 261; Earl M. Bolen, 130; Adelbert W. Knight, 269; William H. McBride, 93; Herman Shroeder, 75.

Credentials:—Bros. Frank L. Haycock, 207; Niels Hjelm, 145; Christopher Michelsen, 33; John F. Poucher, 41.

Ways and Means:—Bros. Otto Kotouc, 40; Edwin D. Crites, 158; John Finch, 225; Burt L. Spellman, 26; Adam McMullen, 104.

Grand Lodge Office:—Bros. Robert E. Evans, 5; Davison F. Todd, 30; V. Addison Matthews, 54; George W. Hutchison, 53; Seymour S. Sidner, 15.

Returns:—Bros. Harry A. Cheney, 100; Oliver C. Dovey, 6; George Bruse, 21; Ernest D. Beardsley, 35.

Pay-Roll:—Bros. C. Lee Pickett, 82; Mack H. Brigham, 46; Joseph E. Trinnier, 285; William T. Minier, 241; Grover G. Scroggin, 243.

Visiting Brethren:—Bros. Edgar L. Hoag, 1; William P. Wherry, 3; Charles S. McGill, 11; Alfred M. Longwell, 25; Samuel Rees, Jr., 268.

Unfinished Business:—Bros. Charles E. Burnham, 166; Willis N. Watson, 210; Harry H. Adair, 5; Joseph F. Zajicek, 27.

W. Brother Frank L. Haycock, 207, for the committee, presented the report on credentials, which was adopted subject to corrections 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 lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction were represented except the following: Numbers 68, 81, 86, 89, 113, 121, 156, 170, 174, 185, 201, 206, 217, 231, 236, 239, 252, and 257.

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. THOMAS M. DAVIS	Grand Master,
R. W. SAMUEL S. WHITING	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. ANDREW H. VIELE	Grand Senior Warden,
R. W. FREDERIC L. TEMPLE	Grand Junior Warden,
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Secretary,
V. W. CHARLES C. WILSON	Grand Chaplain,
W. ARTHUR A. BROOKS	Grand Orator,
M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH	Grand Custodian,
W. AMBROSE C. EPPERSON	Grand Marshal,
W. JOHN J. TOOLEY	Grand Senior Deacon,
W. JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG	Grand Junior Deacon,
BRO. ALEXANDER E. PORTER	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

M. W. George H. Thummel, James R. Cain, Sr., Edwin F. Warren, Manoah B. Reese, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, James P. A. Black, John A. Ehrhardt, Henry H. Wilson, Charles J. Phelps, Frank H. Young, Robert E. Evans, Frank E. Bullard, Charles E. Burnham, Zuingle M. Baird, Ornan J. King, William A. DeBord, Harry A. Cheney, Henry Gibbons, James R. Cain, Jr., Alpha Morgan.

Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges: Alabama, Alpha Morgan; Arkansas, Walter W. Wells; British Columbia, Thomas M. Davis; Colorado, Charles J. Phelps; Connecticut, Samuel P. Davidson; Costa Rica, Frederick L. Wolf; Cuba, Charles W. Kraft; Delaware, Carroll D. Evans; Egypt, Harry A. Cheney; England, Frank E. Bullard; Florida, Ambrose C. Epperson; Georgia, Edwin F. Warren; Idaho, Fred A. Howe; Illinois, George H. Thummel; Ireland, Henry Gibbons; Kansas, James P. A. Black; Louisiana, Robert E. Evans; Michigan, Charles L. Shook; Minnesota, George A. Beecher; Missouri, Samuel S. Whiting; Montana, Charles S. McGill; New Hampshire, Frederic L. Temple; New Jersey, James R. Cain, Sr.; New York, William A. DeBord; New Zealand, Frank E. Ward; North Dakota, Henry H. Andrews; Nova Scotia, Henry H. Wilson; Oklahoma, Zuingle M. Baird; Philippine Islands, John J. Tooley; Prince Edward Island, Charles E. Burnham; Saskatchewan, Claude L. Talbot; Scotland, William Cosh; South Australia, Joseph B. Fradenourg; South Carolina, James R. Cain, Jr.; South Dakota, Manoah B. Reese; Tennessee, Francis E. White; Texas, Robert R. Dickson; Utah, Robert E. French; Vermont, Frank H. Young; Washington, Andrew H. Viele; Western Australia, Ornan J. King.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	No. 1	Edgar L. Hoag		
Western Star	" 2	Oliver Stevenson		
Capitol	" 3	William P. Wherry	Harry H. Wills	
Nemaha Valley	" 4	Marion Baker		
Omadi	" 5	Harry H. Adair		
Plattsmouth	" 6	Oliver C. Dovey		
Falls City	" 9	Isaac M. Branum		
Solomon	" 10			Sheridan Craig
Covert	" 11	Charles S. McGill	George N. Juhl	
Orient	" 13		Peter N. Frederick	
Peru	" 14	John F. Haywood		
Fremont	" 15	Seymour S. Sidner	Walter C. Jones	Maro C. Shipherd
Tecumseh	" 17		Harry Villars	
Lincoln	" 19	John Wright	Ira M. Miller	Orville A. Andrews
Washington	" 21	George Bruse		Fred W. Jones
Pawnee	" 23		E. Vester Vansant	
Saint Johns	" 25	Alfred M. Longwell	Avery Lancaster	Eugene Atkins
Beatrice	" 26	Burt L. Spellman		
Jordan	" 27	Joseph F. Zajicek		
Hope	" 29	Benjamin T. Skeen		
Blue River	" 30	Davison F. Todd		
Tekamah	" 31		Herman J. Wragge	Elmer J. Remington
Platte Valley	" 32		John J. McGraw	
Ashlar	" 33	Christopher Michelson		
Acacia	" 34	*Simon Fuhrman	Simon Fuhrman	
Fairbury	" 35	Ernest D. Beardsley	Francis C. Hedges	
Lone Tree	" 36	Obed Angier		
Crete	" 37		Edward W. Marcellus	Glenn N. Venrick
Oliver	" 38	Barclay M. Hickman	Thomas E. Anderson	
Papillion	" 39	Malcolm P. Brown	Oswald H. Magaret	
Humboldt	" 40	Otto Kotouc	Hugh E. Boyd	
Northern Light	" 41	*John F. Poucher	John F. Poucher	David C. Spangler
Juniata	" 42	John J. Coats		
Hebron	" 43	Charles I. Keith		
Harvard	" 44		Charles W. Wykoff	
Rob Morris	" 46	Mack H. Brigham	Dan Quinton	
Fairmont	" 48	Charles J. Watson		
Evening Star	" 49	Carl Spilmann		
Hastings	" 50	*Hurry L. F. Proffitt	Harry L. F. Proffitt	
Fidelity	" 51	*John Harper		
Hiram	" 52	Jasper A. Dixon		
Charity	" 53	George W. Hutchison		
Lancaster	" 54	Jack Matthews	Leo L. Kurtz	
Mosaic	" 55	Pearl H. Davis		
York	" 56	Ira C. Freet		Lewis P. Green
Mount Moriah	" 57	William N. Hunter	*Louis S. Fallers	D. Horace Schall
Lebanon	" 58		Frank N. Stevenson	Wilfrid W. Ilgenfri
Wahoo	" 59	John C. Hamilton		
Melrose	" 60	Walter L. Kintsel		
Thistle	" 61	*Frederick J. Kutz	Frederick J. Kutz	
Keystone	" 62	*Emmet C. Arnett		

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REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Averton No. 63	Edward T. Rasmussen		
Blue Valley " 64		Louis J. Bouchal	
Osceola " 65	Henry H. Campbell	William H. Weeden	Frank H. Anderson
Logan " 67	Howard A. Musick		
Worora " 68			
Terling " 70	James H. Melville	John E. Caley [berlain	* Will F. Hitchcock
Howell " 71	* R. Wentworth Chamber-	R. Wentworth Cham-	
Cooper " 72	[lain	Edward H. Schwab	
Friend " 73	* Andros W. Hoyt		
Alexandria " 74	* Edwin A. Wallemath		
Frank Welch " 75	Herman Schroeder		John W. Harper
Oppa " 76	William H. Rutledge		
Elson " 77	Charles R. Imler		
Libion " 78	* Thompson F. Martin		
Geneva " 79		Sanford E. Ralston	
Composite " 81			
Saint Paul " 82	C. Lee Pickett	* Frederick R. Haggart	
Orinthian " 83	Charles H. Merritt		
Airfield " 84	Samuel M. Williams		
Wyre " 85	* Milton D. Frost	Milton D. Frost	
Oniphan " 86			
Onic " 87		George L. Adams	
Star " 88	James R. Elliott	Carl J. Aldrich	
Redar River " 89			
Black Creek " 90	Edwin R. Merwin		
Oakland " 91	Andrew R. Holt	John E. Wallace	* Arthur B. Peden
Hubbell " 92	Samuel Patten	Oscar D. Gooden	
Seaver City " 93	William H. McBride	Thomas F. Newton	
Wennett " 94	Henry F. May		
Warfield " 95	Robert R. Dickson	Claude P. Hancock	
Utica " 95	Bert Birket		
Uclid " 97	Orestes V. Boone	S. Ray Smith	Merle E. McKay
Republican " 98	* Gilbert H. Hewitt		Gilbert H. Hewitt
Belton " 99	Henry H. Steadman	Lawrence E. Treat	
Reighton " 100	* George H. Hanks		
Onca " 101	Albert D. Townsend		
Waterloo " 102	Louis C. Bull	Lawrence Coy	
Wood " 103	Ed F. Beranek		
Wymore " 104	Adam McMullen	* Adam McMullen	* Adam McMullen
Wella " 105	John M. Goodloe		
Porter " 106	Artie B. Young	Samuel A. Allen	
Table Rock " 108		Anthony R. Kovanda	
Pomegranate " 110	H. Ray Reasoner		
De Witt " 111		John N. Hole	
Springfield " 112	Joseph M. Elwell		Thomas Nelson
Wlobe " 113			
Wrisner " 114	C. Henry Hoff	Newton J. Hill	Arthur A. Becker
Warlan " 116	John W. Shaffer		
Wardy " 117		Fred Fair	
Woric " 118	Robert C. Panter	* Robert C. Panter	
North Bend " 119	Charles A. Millar	Charles K. Watson	

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Wayne	No. 120	Harvey S. Ringland	George J. Greene	*James G. Mines
Superior	" 121	[mer		
Auburn	" 124	Frederick G. Bosham	John T. Zacharias	
Mount Nebo	" 125	E. Alfred Lundberg		
Stromsburg	" 126	John W. Lanham	*James D. Edwards	
Minden	" 127	Frank B. Blackburn	Lewis C. Paulson	*Charles A. Chappell
Guide Rock	" 128	Ira A. Pace	[horst	
Blue Hill	" 129	*Henry A. Stumpenhorst	Henry A. Stumpen	
Tuscan	" 130	Earl M. Bolen		Frank Payne
Scribner	" 132	Richard A. B. Lane	Fred Volpp	
Elm Creek	" 133	August Pierson		Marvin Chamberlain
Solar	" 134	Albert M. Johnson		
McCook	" 135	Frederick L. Wolff		
Long Pine	" 136	Arthur G. DeLong	*Lewis E. Smith	
Upright	" 137	Joseph R. Rauh		
Rawalt	" 138	Samuel S. Rogers		
Clay Centre	" 139	Mervin Patterson	Robert E. Jessup	*Arthur S. Kyne
Western	" 140	*Thomas J. Chidester	Thomas J. Chidester	
Crescent	" 143	*Daniel H. Tate		
Kenesaw	" 144	*Lee W. Ramsay	Lee W. Ramsey	
Bancroft	" 145	Niels Hjelm		
Jachin	" 146	*Paul Keller	Paul Keller	
Siloam	" 147	William Krotter		
EmmetCrawford	" 148	Eugene S. Holcomb		
Jewel	" 149	*James G. McKinney		James G. McKinney
Cambridge	" 150	Chancellor A. Phillips		
Square	" 151	*Eric A. Odman	Eric A. Odman	*Eric A. Odman
Parallel	" 152	*John Geer		
Evergreen	" 153	Ora S. Spillman		
Lily	" 154			*L. Clark Minard
Hartington	" 155		Millard E. Eby	Rudolph H. Jenny
Pythagoras	" 156			
Valley	" 157	*William W. McGaw		
Samaritan	" 158	Edwin D. Crites		
Ogalalla	" 159	*Hugo Eymann		
Zeredatha	" 160	Joseph A. Mosher	Frank E. Warren	Ray A. Bothwell
Mount Zion	" 161	Clark W. Moon		
Trestle Board	" 162		*Edwin C. Yont	
Unity	" 163	Edwin Metcalf		
Atkinson	" 164	Harry A. Snyder		
Barneston	" 165	Elam H. Eckert		
Mystic Tie	" 166	Benjamin H. Mills		
Elwood	" 167	*Charles A. Yeoman		
Curtis	" 168	Frank C. Thorne	Joseph M. Adams	
Amity	" 169	*Joseph Bell		
Mason City	" 170			
Merna	" 171	*Robert R. Duncan		
Grafton	" 172	*George B. Mills, Sr.		
Robert Burns	" 173	Frank Milliken		
Culbertson	" 174			
Temple	" 175	Peter H. N. Anderson		James M. Veach

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Madstone	No. 176	N. Dwight Ford	Charles H. F. Stein-	
May Springs	177	*Frank M. Tullos	[meier	
Rudence	179	Ernest E. Beecher		
Justice	180		William C. Hanson	
Faith	181	Clyde J. Hornsby	Ray H. Moss	
Penance	182	William G. McFarland		
Alliance	183	Karl J. Stern		
Free Hive	184	William B. Tagg	August Heicke	J. Dean Ringer
Coaz	185			
Israel	187	C. Edward Northway		
Meridian	188	*John A. True		
Granite	189	William C. Ogilvie	J. Nelson Ashburn	
Methyst	190	Allen C. Kirby		
Crystal	191		John C. Poppe	
Linnekadusa	192	*Walter W. Wells		
Signal	193	*Henry C. Hooker		
Highland	194	Fred E. Roelfs		
Arcana	195	*Walham M. Weir	William M. Weir	
Level	196	Alfred G. Williams		
Morning Star	197	*Squire O. Harris	Squire O. Harris	George C. Lanphere
Unity	198	*Fred Hoffmeister	Fred Hoffmeister	
Level	199		E. Preston Bailey	
Blazing Star	200	William C. Parsons		
Cotts Bluff	201			
Golden Sheaf	202	William R. Cain		
Man Eagle	203	*William F. Wenke		William F. Wenke
Mainview	204	Frederick W. Ebinger	Frank Metschies	
Golden Fleece	205	John R. Wertz		Henry C. Peterson
Aphasi	206			
Arian	207	John E. Felker	*Frank L. Haycock	John Frederick, Jr.
auge	208		Alfred H. Hastings	
anopy	209	*William Atchison	*Edmund Doer	
ast Lincoln	210	Willis N. Watson	James W. Wynkoop	Robert Graham, Jr.
ement	211	Robert R. Ellis		
ompass&Square	212	*Roy W. Johnson		
quare&Compass	213	Frank Ross Brown		
lumblin	214	Harvey Y. Francis		*James B. Coffman
ccidental	215	*Orson A. Scott		
alisade	216	*Emmett I. Wallace		
fauneta	217			
loomfield	218	William H. Spencer		
elief	219		Alfred R. Linkhart	
agnolia	220	Morris H. Evans		
Wood Lake	221	*William F. Parker		
andmark	222	Earl C. Burdic		
minence	223	A. Arthur Brown		
ilver Cord	224	*Fred W. Mitchell	Fred W. Mitchell	Roy E. Syfert
able	225	John Finch	Alfred G. Stockall	*Pierre Steffen
race	226	*Alfred E. Yocum	Alfred E. Yocum	
orth Star	227	George H. Barber	Cecil C. Gates	
artley	228		Henry Butherus	

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[*Omaha,*

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Comet	No. 229	Otto Eliason		
Delta	" 230	John W. Currier		
Mount Hermon	" 231			
John S. Bowen	" 232	Clyde C. Cook		
Gilead	" 233	Robert Ford		
Zion	" 234	* <i>William A. Kommers</i>		
Fraternity	" 235			Harry E. Simon
Golden Rule	" 236			
Cubit	" 237	Smith H. Carpenter		
Friendship	" 239			
Pilot	" 240	Andrew R. Hanson	Charles M. Viles	
Geo. Armstrong	" 241	William T. Minier		
Tyrian	" 243	Grover G. Scroggin	Frank Hopkirk	
Sincerity	" 244	* <i>Frank E. Martin</i>		
Hampton	" 245		Theodore H. Paschke	
Nehawka	" 246	* <i>Gilbert W. Cheney</i>	Gilbert W. Cheney	
Corner-stone	" 247	Burton Buchanan		
Laurel	" 248	Joseph H. Artman		
Gothenburg	" 249	Clifford T. Winters		
Geo. Washington	" 250	Henry F. Hecht	Vernon V. Gregg	Frank Lang
Wausa	" 251	Peter H. Peterson		
Hildreth	" 252			
Beemer	" 253	Harry A. Crosby	Andrew O. Hoff	
Bassett	" 254	Mark J. Lipman		
Bradshaw	" 255	* <i>Emile C. Roggy</i>		
Hickman	" 256	William S. Dickerson		
Holbrook	" 257			
Anselmo	" 258	* <i>Daniel T. Kepler</i>	Walter C. Moulton	
Bee	" 259		James T. Noxon	
Springview	" 260	* <i>Samuel M. Wyatt</i>		
Ornan	" 261	William D. Spicknall		
Endeavor	" 262	Walter C. Smith		
Mitchell	" 263	Joseph L. Sanford		
Franklin	" 264	Joseph F. Rusher		
Robt. W. Furnas	" 265			
Silver	" 266	John W. Jackman	Allan B. McCoskey	
Jas. A. Tulleys	" 267	* <i>Carl J. Boyles</i>	Newton L. Squier	
Geo. W. Lininger	" 268	Samuel Rees, Jr.	Carl J. Boyles	
Riverside	" 269	Adelbert W. Knight	Charles A. Eyre	
Huntley	" 270	Monroe J. Combs		
Oasis	" 271	Alfred A. Kearney		
Lee P. Gillette	" 272		Othello C. Baker	Edwin A. Beard
Crofton	" 273	Wilbur Jones	J. Martin Talcott	
Olive Branch	" 274	* <i>Lewis Dunn</i>		
Ramah	" 275	Robert G. Peterson		
Antelope	" 276	Samuel T. Jackson		
Sioux	" 277	* <i>William H. Davis</i>		
Litchfield	" 278		John B. Burt	
Wallace	" 279	* <i>Charles L. Cooper</i>		Andrew J. Motherse
Swastika	" 280	* <i>Roy W. Hacks</i>		
Florence	" 281	Abner R. Jones	James C. Suttie	Albert E. Parmelee

*Proxy

REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
ullen	No. 282	Arthur G. Humphrey		
eter	" 283	Henry Jennings		Asa B. Stratton
eneca	" 284	*Tristram J. Cummins	Tristram J. Cummins	
amp Clarke	" 285	Joseph E. Trinnier		
shkosh	" 286	*Herbert J. Curtis	Herbert J. Curtis	

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

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, June 8th, 1915.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the previous session, Grand Master Davis in the chair.

The following report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, presented by the chairman, M. W. George H. Thummel, was on motion 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 to the Craft a faithful and diligent perusal of the address of the Grand Master. It is replete with information; full of timely suggestions and interesting facts gathered since our last annual communication. It shows a devotion to duty actuated by high and pure motives, and an earnest endeavor to give to the Craft the best possible service. The results of the year show how well the Grand Master has toiled, bringing to us Masonically most abundant fruitage. It shows a gain in numbers far surpassing any previous year; the brethren working in harmony for the good of Masonry and advancement. Our Grand Master can look back with great satisfaction over his year of hard, earnest work, knowing that he has measured up to its high standard and has our united approbation. Your committee apportions the same as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead: Necrology.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence: All decisions and rulings.

Taxation of lodges.

To the Committee on Grievances:

All appeals.

Stay of execution of sentence.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

All dispensations issued.

All applications for charters.

To the Committee on Promulgation of the Work:

Assistants to the Grand Custodian.

To the Grand Lodge: Home for children.

Amendment to Section 130-A.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Masonic War Relief Association.

Soliciting contributions from lodges and Masons.

All recommendations.

To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

The National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France, with instructions to report at our next annual communication.

We recommend that all other acts not otherwise herein referred to be approved.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives most interesting data relative to the Grand Lodge, its membership and funds, and should be carefully studied by all the brethren wishing to acquire the fullest possible information and data as to Masonry in Nebraska, and what is being done in our Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and our new Childrens Home at Fremont.

Your committee recommends that so much of the report as refers to the

New edition of the law,

Lists of regular lodges, and

Emergent communications, be referred to the Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Custodian shows as usual a year of hard, earnest work.

Your committee recommends the approval of the suggestion that that portion of the charge in the Entered Apprentice degree in regard to the flag be made obligatory upon all lodges in conferring the degree.

That the matter of changing the method of disseminating the work be referred to the Committee on Promulgation of the Work to report next year.

That the report of the Committee on Returns be approved, and that the penalty assessed against the six lodges as stated in accordance with our law, be collected from them.

That Section 57 of our law be amended as recommended by the committee, and that the Committee on Codification of the Law be directed to make the necessary corrections to carry the same into effect.

The following report, presented by the chairman, M. W. Charles E. Burnham, was on motion, adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business fraternally reports that the following business is pending and should be disposed of:

The request of the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico for recognition and an exchange of representatives, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with directions to report at this annual communication.

The amendments to Section 9 and the enacting of Section 26-A of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, providing for a Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace, and defining its duties, as found on page 282 of the proceedings of 1914.

The proposed amendment to Article II. of the constitution, as found on page 282 of the proceedings of 1914.

Careful examination of our last year's proceedings shows no business not disposed of, excepting such as we have referred to.

Past Grand Master Charles J. Phelps submitted the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and moved that it be printed with the proceedings; it was so ordered. R. W. Brother Francis E. White, of the same committee, moved the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico, and recognition was approved and an exchange of representatives recommended.

The amendments to the law offered at the preceding session of the Grand Lodge, and found on page 282 of the proceedings for 1914, adding to Section 9 of the by-laws com-

mittee No. 17, and adding Section 26-A, were on motion of Past Grand Master Wilson adopted.

The subject of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was taken up for discussion, and Past Grand Master Wilson made extensive remarks thereon, concluding with the motion that there be appropriated out of the funds of the Grand Lodge \$250.00 for the building fund of the association. Remarks were made by Grand Secretary White, Past Grand Masters Davidson and DeBord, the latter offering as a substitute motion that the matter be recommitted to a committee to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master, with a request for a full and complete report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The substitute motion prevailed.

On the matter of the further distribution of the funds collected for those suffering as a result of the war in Europe, Past Grand Master Thummel moved that the disposition of the funds be left to the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. The motion was adopted.

The following motion proposed by Past Grand Master Burnham, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Codification of the Law be instructed to prepare an amendment to the law, prohibiting the soliciting of funds from lodges or members in this Grand Jurisdiction, without the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

On motion of Past Grand Master Thummel the Grand Secretary was directed to have a new edition of the law printed, and the Committee on Ways and Means was instructed to appropriate \$200.00 therefor.

On motion of W. .Brother Karl J. Stern, 183, each lodge in the jurisdiction was ordered supplied with a copy of the List of Regular Lodges.

The recommendation of the Grand Master that Section 130-A of the law be amended so that requests for conferring degrees to lodges outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska be taken up by the Grand Secretary, in-

stead of through the office of the Grand Master, was on motion indefinitely postponed.

The hour having arrived for presenting and introducing to the Grand Lodge the representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of representatives. A number of brethren responded to their names, mentioning the jurisdiction they represent, after which Past Grand Master Wilson gave an impressive address on the duties, labors, etc., of the representatives, and responses were made by Deputy Grand Master Whiting, Grand Marshal Epperson, and Past Grand Masters Davidson and Thummel.

W. Brother William D. Spicknall, 261, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS
AND DISPENSATIONS.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, have carefully examined the records of the seven lodges under dispensation, and find them correct, and respectfully recommend that charters be granted them under the names and numbers as follows:

- Union Lodge No. 287, at Palmyra.
- Omaha Lodge No. 288, at Omaha.
- Lotus Lodge No. 289, at Ravenna.
- John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, at Benson.
- Diamond Lodge No. 291, at Royal.
- Wolbach Lodge No. 292, at Wolbach.
- Monument Lodge No. 293, at Arapahoe.

We recommend that the by-laws of the above lodges, as presented, be approved.

We also recommend that a copy of the charter be furnished Hubbell Lodge No. 92, free of charge, this lodge having lost its original charter by fire.

Past Grand Master Morgan presented the following report of the Special Committee on Founding Childrens Home and moved its adoption; the motion was carried:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOUNDING
CHILDRENS HOME.

To the Grand Master, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

We, your special committee, created by a resolution appearing on pages 271 and 272 of the printed proceedings for 1914, in conjunction with a like committee from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, invited bids and offers for the location of an orphanage from the following towns: Kearney, Aurora, York, Beatrice, Plattsmouth, Fremont, University Place, Omaha, Neligh, Wayne, Norfolk, and Hastings. The following towns submitted offers: Kearney, University Place, Plattsmouth, and Fremont.

The joint committee, after a personal examination of all offers submitted, purchased forty acres of ground at Fremont, locally known as the "Lumbard Tract," at a price of \$20,000.00, of which the Masonic bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star chapter, and the brethren of Fremont donated \$10,000.00. Your committee purchased the east twenty acres of this tract, paying \$5,000.00, the balance being donated, as above mentioned. The Grand Chapter committee purchased the west twenty acres, paying the same price.

Your committee under direction and order of the Grand Master immediately employed an architect to prepare plans and specifications for a cottage to house approximately ten children and a matron. These plans were prepared and approved by your committee and the Grand Master. Under these specifications eight bids were received, and after due deliberation on the part of this committee and the Grand Master, a contract was entered into for the erection of a building to cost \$4,996.00, the material of which is brick and cement. The amount available from the appropriation made in 1914 being \$5,000.00, we were necessarily limited to this amount. Due to this limitation, we have been obliged to omit from this building the porches, the finishing of the second floor, the cement floor in the basement, the electric wiring and fixtures, tile roof, plumbing, heating, and finishing of painting. It is our desire and intention to have a modern building, and one as nearly fireproof as it is possible to erect. We would like funds to cover these omitted items, and our contract is let with the proviso that we may add these items which complete the structure if the contractor be notified within ten days of this date, and thus have the benefit of some very advantageous competitive bids, which cover all those portions of the building as planned by the architect and endorsed by the committee, at a total approximate cost of \$11,500.00.

Past Grand Master Young gave a very exhaustive oral report on the proposed childrens home at Fremont, and Past Grand Master Thummel moved that the Committee on Ways and Means be instructed to appropriate \$12,000.00, to carry out the plans of the committee in charge of the Home. Remarks were made by Past Grand Masters Gibbons and Thummel, and Grand Master Davis, and the motion was carried.

On motion of Past Grand Master Frank H. Young, the Grand Master was requested, through the proper committee, to employ an architect to prepare plans and specifications for a building corresponding to the one now being constructed, to be used for boys, and to ask for bids for the construction of the same, so that the contract may be awarded at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

W. Brother Ambrose C. Epperson, 139, presented the report of the Committee on Incorporation of the Grand Lodge, and moved its adoption; Past Grand Master Samuel P. Davidson stated that the former act referred to by the committee was unanimously passed by both houses of the legislature. The report of the committee as adopted is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INCORPORATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

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

We, the committee to whom the Grand Master referred the matter of the incorporation of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, having been requested by the Grand Master to report direct to you, beg leave to submit the following report of their doings:

Through the assistance rendered us by the Grand Secretary we became advised of the existence of an incorporating act of the Grand Lodge, passed by the territorial legislature of the territory of Nebraska, and approved on the 5th day of January, 1858, the particular matter, the report of the committee procuring the charter, with the act of incorporation being found in Vol. 1 of the proceedings of the Grand

We do deem it necessary that your attention should be challenged to the prospective conditions. The Temple Craft of Omaha have, for years, furnished quarters for the offices of the Grand Secretary, and vault room. The Grand Lodge has provided the furnishings for these offices and vaults. The property in them is the property of the Grand Lodge. The building is the property of the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha. Your committee is advised that the Temple Craft of Omaha contemplate the erection of a new building in which to house the Masonic bodies meeting in the building in which we are now assembled. This change will probably be commenced within the year, and will be controlled entirely by the Temple Craft in Omaha. It would seem therefore that it is necessary that the Grand Lodge have some person or committee authorized to care for the property of the Grand Lodge, so far as it is affected, to take such action as may be necessary to preserve the property and to secure the Grand Secretary proper and safe quarters in which to conduct his business, and safely keep the property of the Grand Lodge, and that a sufficient amount of money be made available and subject to the order of the committee to fully attain this purpose. With that end in view your committee recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master with full power to act, and that the sum of \$1,200.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated to the purpose above set forth and subject to the order of said committee, and that the Committee on Ways and Means be requested to present a recommendation for such an appropriation in their report.

If the new Temple shall be built during the year and the Grand Secretary's office is to be located in that building, the Temple Craft would, doubtless, desire to construct the quarters to suit the Grand Lodge and its officers, and at the same time terms should be agreed upon for the occupancy thereof in the future. Such an arrangement informs the Temple Craft of what that portion of its income will be, and the Grand Lodge will know what it must arrange to pay.

We recommend that the committee above recommended be authorized to do such things as are necessary to secure proper quarters in the new Temple and make all necessary contracts subject to the approval of the Grand Master; also that said committee be authorized to confer with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, or such persons or committees as may be authorized by any or all of these bodies, as to the portion of the cost of furnishings and rentals to be paid by them or any of them.

The Grand Master announced that M. W. Brother John B. Dinsmore had sent his regrets that he could not meet with the brethren. Past Grand Master Evans moved that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send a telegram of greetings to M. W. Brother Dinsmore, assuring him of our sympathy; the motion was carried, and the following message was sent:

Omaha, June 8th, 1915.

JOHN B. DINSMORE, Past Grand Master,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Your Masonic brethren convened in annual communication, send fraternal greetings, wishing you improved health and years of happiness with your family and brethren.

Past Grand Master William A. DeBord moved that a similar telegram be sent to Past Grand Master Albert W. Crites. It was so ordered, and the following telegram was sent him:

Omaha, Nebr., June 8th, 1915.

ALBERT W. CRITES, Past Grand Master,
Chadron, Nebraska.

The members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in annual communication convened, send fraternal greetings to you and yours, sincerely hoping that your health will improve, and that many years of happiness with your family may be in store for you.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel moved that the Committee on Codification of the Law be instructed to prepare an amendment to the law covering the first recommendation made by Grand Master Davis (page 373), providing for the law going into effect January 1st, 1917, said amendment to lie over for one year. The motion was adopted.

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

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, June 8th, 1915.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the preceding session, except that W. Brother Arthur A. Brooks was in his station as Grand Orator.

Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., on behalf of the Scottish Rite bodies of Omaha, invited the Grand Lodge to visit the Scottish Rite Cathedral, and on motion of Past Grand Master Henry Gibbons the invitation was accepted, and the hour set for half past one o'clock P. M., June 9th, the Grand Lodge to meet at Freemasons Hall, and go to the Cathedral in a body.

W. Brother Brooks was introduced to the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master, and delivered an interesting and instructive oration.

On motion of Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended to the Grand Orator for his inspiring oration, and he was requested to furnish a copy for publication with the proceedings. *

At half past nine o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until half past nine o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 9th, 1915.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 9th, 1915.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the previous sessions.

Brother Fred Hoffmeister, 198, moved that per diem be paid for three days' attendance at Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge agreed.

The Grand Secretary stated that the records of emergent communications have not been printed since the report of the special committee in 1912. He asked the will and pleasure of the Grand Lodge as to omitting these records from the proceedings, and on motion of W. Brother John W. Shaffer, 116, they were ordered omitted.

*The oration was mailed to the Grand Secretary but did not reach his office; as the Grand Orator had no other copy, it can not be included in the proceedings.

The subject of the fourth recommendation of the Grand Master (page 375), being brought up for consideration, W. . Brother Barclay M. Hickman, 38, moved that secretaries of lodges be directed not to make the character of the report on petitions for initiation or affiliation a matter of record; the motion was adopted.

On motion of Past Grand Master William A. DeBord, the hour of half past ten o'clock A. M., this date, was fixed as the special hour for the election of officers.

At ten o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for the purpose of receiving the boys of the Home.

While the Grand Lodge was at refreshment the Grand Master announced that the Matron of the Masonic Home for Boys at Plattsmouth would present the boys of the Home to the Grand Lodge. The seven boys, with the Matron, were welcomed by the members of the Grand Lodge, and a sufficient sum of money was contributed to entertain them during their visit to Omaha.

At half past ten o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, and the special hour fixed for the election of officers having arrived, the Grand Master appointed the following tellers: Brothers Harry H. Adair, 5; Henry H. Andrews, 207; Burt L. Spellman, 26; Peter H. Peterson, 251; Eugene S. Holcomb, 148; and George H. Hanks, 100. The election resulted as follows:

BRO. .SAMUEL S. WHITING, 54.....Grand Master.
 BRO. .ANDREW H. VIELE, 55Deputy Grand Master.
 BRO. .FREDERIC L. TEMPLE, 61.....Grand Senior Warden.
 BRO. .AMBROSE C. EPPERSON, 139.....Grand Junior Warden.
 BRO. .FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6.....Grand Secretary.

Later in the session appointment was made of—

BRO. .CHARLES M. SHEPHERD, 54.....Grand Chaplain.
 BRO. .CHARLES L. RICHARDS, 43.....Grand Orator.

BRO..ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46.....Grand Custodian.
 BRO..JOHN J. TOOLEY, 258Grand Marshal.
 BRO..JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG, 3.....Grand Senior Deacon.
 BRO..LEWIS E. SMITH, 136.....Grand Junior Deacon.
 BRO..ALEXANDER E. PORTER, 19.....Grand Tyler.

COMMITTEES.

Brothers William A. DeBord, 3; Frederick L. Wolff, 135; Edward M. Wellman, 1; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Brothers Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; Frank L. Haycock, 207; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Arthur A. Brooks, 50; Walter W. Wells, 192; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Brothers Robert E. Evans, 5 (1 year); Frank H. Young, 207 (2 years); Thomas M. Davis, 93 (3 years); Alpha Morgan, 148 (4 years); John A. Ehrhardt, 41 (5 years); Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

Brothers Francis E. White, 6; Frank H. Young, 207; George H. Thummel, 33; Committee on Grand Lodge Accommodations in new Masonic Temple.

Brothers Alpha Morgan, 148; Frank H. Young, 207; Lewis E. Smith, 136; Charles L. Mielenz, 59; Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Lucius D. Richards, 15; Carroll D. Evans, 58; Special Committee on Childrens Home.

Brothers John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Henry H. Wilson, 19; Charles E. Burnham, 166; Committee on Memorial to Washington the Mason.

Brothers Henry H. Wilson, 19; George H. Thummel, 33; Thomas M. Davis, 93; Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace.

Brothers George H. Thummel, 33; Charles E. Burnham, 166; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Committee on Promulgation of the Work.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt moved that the special committee on orphanage created at the last session of the Grand Lodge be continued until the next session, that it be increased to a committee of seven, the new members to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master, and that to such committee be committed the construction of the Home, the matter of insurance, rents, repairs, the control of the land, the preparation of plans for proposed buildings, the reception of bids for the construction of the same, the

conduct and control of the orphanage for the coming year, and all things pertaining thereto. The motion was carried.

The claim of Elm Creek Lodge No. 133, for a refund of the fee paid for a special dispensation to install officers, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

W. Brother Pearl H. Davis, 55, submitted the following report, and moved its adoption; the motion prevailed:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

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

Your Committee on Accounts fraternally reports that we have given careful consideration and thorough examination to the reports and books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian. We have checked the securities in the hands of the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home as Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, and compared them with the report, as made by the Secretary of the Masonic Home. We have also checked the accounts of the Committee on Relief. We find that the securities as reported by the Grand Secretary, belonging to the Orphans Educational Fund, agree with the statement made. The loans have all been made in compliance with the law, and consist of first mortgages on real estate. The mortgages have been duly recorded, and when not made direct to the Trustees the assignment from the parties from whom they were purchased is regularly made and recorded, and the coupon notes accompanying the mortgages are properly endorsed. There are no mortgages due, nor any interest unpaid to June 1st. All loans made since the fund was turned over to the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home are accompanied by a letter from an attorney, showing that the mortgages are first liens on the property for which the mortgages are given, and a letter is also on file from the Master of the lodge near where the property is located, stating that in his opinion it is good and sufficient security for the amount loaned thereon.

We have carefully checked all the financial affairs in the office of the Grand Secretary with the books, and we have found them correct, and recommend that they be approved.

We find that the Grand Secretary has promptly transmitted to the Norfolk National Bank, which by action of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Wardens, was selected as a depository, all funds coming into his hands. The balance on deposit in

the Norfolk National Bank, to the credit of the Grand Lodge, was on May 20th, 1915, \$35,492.30. The balance in the hands of the Committee on Relief is \$3,492.63.

The total amount of securities in the Orphans Educational Fund is \$78,800.00. Of this sum \$96.89 belongs to the Nebraska Masonic Home; said sum having been temporarily used to purchase a note and mortgage for the fund. This leaves the net amount of securities belonging to the Orphans Educational Fund \$78,703.11.

The amount of funds contributed for the European War Relief Fund, including interest, is \$7,797.20. Of this \$2,000.00 has been sent to the National Masonic War Relief Association, leaving a balance on hand in the State Bank of Omaha, on May 20th, 1915, of \$5,797.20. Since May 20th, two items of cash have been entered on the Grand Secretary's books which are not shown in the printed report, one item of interest on daily balances for the month of May, and one additional contribution to the European War Relief Fund.

We have carefully considered the claim of Purity Lodge No. 198 for \$18.75, which they claim is due through neglect of their secretary to report the suspension of four of their brethren. The records in the Grand Secretary's office show that the lodge has paid no Grand Lodge dues on these four members since they were suspended, and even if they had made such payment, they are not entitled to any refund. Our law provides that all settlements between lodges and the Grand Lodge shall be made in accordance with the account of the Grand Secretary, who shall base the same upon the table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge. This system has been in use for a great many years, and has worked satisfactorily. The secretary makes his report to the Grand Secretary, and this is certified to by both him and the Master as being correct, and the Grand Lodge does not claim payment where errors are made in its favor, and does not pay any that are made against it. There should be something on which to base a settlement, and the Grand Lodge has very wisely, we think, fixed this on the returns as furnished by secretaries and printed with our proceedings.

It is the duty of the secretary to know that the members carried on his rolls agree with the printed reports, and if he does not take sufficient interest in the membership of his lodge to verify it, the committee does not consider that the lodge is entitled to any refund. Under the present system the Committee on Accounts can tell in a very few moments just how much money the Grand Secretary should collect on members for dues, but if we started to adjust the differences as claimed by secretaries, either for or against the Grand Lodge, it would take many hours to check over and verify the claims.

In examining the financial report of the Grand Custodian, we find that as usual the duties of his office have been discharged with an expense well within the appropriation.

The accounts of the Most Worshipful Grand Master show that he has expended the sum of \$864.89 in the discharge of the duties of his important office. The sum appropriated by the Grand Lodge was \$800.00, which leaves a balance of \$64.89 due the Grand Master, and we recommend that this amount be paid him.

The committee heartily endorses the Grand Secretary's very efficient method of keeping the various accounts, as we find that they are kept in such a manner as to be readily understood by anyone who may have occasion to examine them.

The following was submitted by Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson, and the report was adopted:

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND LODGE
TO THE GRAND PEACE FESTIVAL.

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

I have the honor to report that in compliance with the request of the Grand Master, and by the authority of his commission, I attended, as the Representative of this Grand Lodge, and as the substitute of the Grand Master, the Grand Peace Festival of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Canada.

This Peace Festival was held at Niagara Falls, Ontario, July 16th, 1914, and was to commemorate the completion of an hundred years continuous peace between Great Britain and the United States. Many of the states were represented, and every courtesy was shown the representatives of the American jurisdictions. While celebrating the continued peace of the two great English-speaking peoples, no one dreamed that we were within two weeks of the world's greatest war. Some of the speeches would have sounded strangely if delivered a few weeks later. Yet the proceeding promoted, no doubt, good will and friendship between those who for an hundred years, have dwelt along an unfortified boundary of more than four thousand miles in extent.

The friendly relations existing, for more than a century, across this boundary are to the modern world a great object lesson in the possibility of peace consistent with honor and duty.

The occasion was especially one of pleasure and profit to your representative, and the festival was a notable gathering and one long to be remembered.

M. W. Brother Thomas M. Davis, Grand Master, announced that at the Peace Festival above reported on, every representative present was asked to give a short address or expression on the subject of the World's Peace, and that M. W. Brother Wilson had responded in an excellent address, which had been printed with the proceedings of the meeting. On motion of W. Brother Ambrose C. Epperson, 139, the address as delivered by Past Grand Master Wilson was ordered printed with the proceedings. The address follows:

A WORLD WIDE STATE.

It is significant that we now speak of the duration of peace rather than of war. Long periods of peace instead of prolonged periods of war punctuate modern history.

Modern jurisprudence, except in a few cases of emergency, deprives the individual of the right of self help and compels him to submit his controversies to judicial determination. The public maintains impartial tribunals for the settlement of the disputes between individuals. It has taken centuries to accomplish this result.

Nations are still in a state of savagery so far as the settlement of international controversies are concerned. Civilization has as yet provided no method by which one nation can compel another to do justice except by the primitive and crude method of brute force. The state would suffer harm by the settlement of disputes between individuals by armed force, and because the public welfare is the highest law, they are compelled to submit to the judicial settlement of their quarrels. The only force the state will tolerate is that used by the state itself to enforce its laws and compel its members to obey its decrees.

Modern facilities for travel, for the transmission of intelligence, and the interlacing channels of trade among the nations, have brought all the civilized world into one common world state. This world wide state must suffer whenever two of its members resort to armed force in the settlement of their international disputes. The business of the world is necessarily disturbed by armed conflict wherever it may occur. Just as two individual neighbors have no right to disturb the peace of the neighborhood by determining their quarrels by trial of physical strength and endurance, so nations have no moral right, and should have no legal right, to disturb the world's peace by proceeding

to determine their international disputes by the arbitrament of war, where might, not right, prevails.

With our increasing civilization, with our growth in international trade, with our ever increasing facilities for travel and communications, the world wide state will feel with ever increasing force the intolerableness of war as a method of settling international disputes.

This solidarity of interest in the peace of the world will sooner or later compel the abandonment of war as a method of solving international problems. Modern civilization must find a way of compelling one nation to answer the complaint of another in an impartial world tribunal to the enforcement of whose judgments the whole civilized world shall stand pledged. The civilization of the future will tolerate no armed force except that of an international police whose sole duty will be to enforce the decrees of the world's courts.

If it be said that this is a dream never to be realized, let it be answered that within the last fifty years we have made more progress toward such a condition than was made in all the previous history of mankind.

When some of the foremost nations are ready to irrevocably bind themselves in advance to submit all international disputes to arbitration and to abide the award when made; when nations acquire the habit of irrevocably binding themselves to submit all justiciable cases to arbitration and abide the result, it is but a natural step forward to agree that all that do not so submit their disputes or that refuse to be bound by the result shall be considered as outlaws and be treated as the common enemies of mankind.

When we have ourselves learned to submit to rational methods of settling our disputes, it will become easy to advance to the position that we will compel others to do likewise. When we have learned to say "We will not fight," it will become easy to add "and you shall not fight."

Physical force must, however, always remain as the last argument because there will always be those who can be convinced by no other. In the most peaceful community law and order must always rest on a substratum of physical force, because of the few that are obedient to no other law. The peace of the world can be maintained only by armed force, because there will always be those who must be forced to submit. This armed force, however, will in the future be exercised not by the original disputants, influenced by passion and blinded by self interest, but by an international police, who will punish not for the original wrong but for contempt of the court's decree and to procure the enforcement of the world's judgments.

It is peculiarly fitting that Great Britain and the United States should lead in the cause of universal peace. It is now nearly half a century since they gave the world the first important example of the practicability and wisdom of the judicial settlement of disputes that stir nations to their very depths. The conquest was not of one country over the other, but of each over itself. In that crisis the real victory was won not on September 14th when the award was made at Geneva, but at Washington on May 8th, when the arbitration treaty was signed. By that treaty our nations conquered themselves and shared equally in the glory and honor of establishing a precedent in international arbitration whose influence will continue as long as our civilization lasts. This generation little appreciates how near the hundred year's peace we now celebrate came to being broken by a dispute that inflamed both nations to a white heat but which was so happily settled by the application of reason instead of the arbitrament of arms.

It should be the prayer of every patriotic subject and citizen that the hundred years continuous peace which we now celebrate shall prove but the beginning of a perpetual peace between our beloved countries.

The universality of our brotherhood, the chastening influence of our principles, and the high character of our membership, gives the Masonic Fraternity a splendid opportunity, and places upon us the sacred duty of promoting the application of reason and the rules of law and equity to the settlement of international disputes. In this as in other great causes, Masonry will so acquit herself as to challenge the admiration of the present and deserve the gratitude of the future.

Consideration of the amendment to Article II. of the constitution was taken up at this time. Remarks were made by W. Brothers Carroll D. Evans, 58, Ambrose C. Epper-son, 139, John F. Poucher, 41, Fred Hoffmeister, 198, Louis S. Fallers, 57, V. Addison Matthews, 54, Orson A. Scott, 215, and Past Grand Masters Samuel P. Davidson and John A. Ehrhardt. After two motions made which were afterward withdrawn, the Grand Master put the question: "Shall the amendment to Article II. be adopted?" Only a few votes were cast in favor of so amending the constitution, and the amendment was declared lost.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

To the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

As Chairman of the Committee on Relief I submit herewith my report for the year. Relief has been furnished as follows:

The widow of a member of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241 and five children.....	\$200.00
Son of a deceased member of Covert Lodge No. 11, schooling in the Kearney Military Academy.....	321.35
(There are still two months board and tuition to pay, for which no bills have been rendered.)	
Widow of a member of Covert Lodge No. 11.....	120.00
Widow of a member of Ashland Lodge No. 18, extinct.....	192.00
Widow of a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33.....	50.00
Widow of a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33.....	84.00
Widow of a member of Parian Lodge No. 207.....	30.00
Member of Meridian Lodge No. 188, his wife, mother, son, and daughter.....	310.00
Widow of a member of Siloam Lodge No. 147, and two children.....	350.00
Widow of a member of Israel Lodge No. 187, and five children.....	200.00
Widow of a member of Peru Lodge No. 14.....	15.00
Member of George Washington Lodge No. 250, wife and two children.....	80.00
Daughter of a deceased member of Springview Lodge No. 260.....	37.00
Member of Fairfield Lodge No. 84, wife and children.....	25.00
Taxes on the Sargent property.....	7.33
Order of the Eastern Star Home Board, children at the Home at Fremont.....	556.00
Total, vouchers herewith.....	\$2,577.68

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last year.....	\$3,142.76
From Grand Lodge, per capita tax, 1914.....	2,332.30
Refund from relief furnished.....	405.25
Rent of the Sargent property.....	10.00
Interest on daily balance at 4 per cent.....	180.00
Total.....	\$6,070.31
Less expenditures.....	2,577.68
Balance on hand, certificate of deposit herewith.....	\$3,492.63

Your committee is of the opinion that it will require at least as much for another year as for the past. We have several new cases

reported that will require attention, some only temporarily, while others may be permanent. We can not fully determine until a more thorough investigation has been made.

We are pleased to report that several cases for which provision was made at the last session of the Grand Lodge, did not require assistance during this year, but may at any time.

Past Grand Master Frank H. Young offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Committee on Codification of the Law be requested to change the title of the Committee on Relief to Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

Remarks on the resolution were made by Past Grand Masters Young and Cheney, and it was adopted.

Brother George A. Beecher, 268, asked the privilege of addressing the Grand Lodge, which was granted, and gave a short talk in behalf of the boys who had visited Grand Lodge during the morning recess. He urged the brethren to visit the Homes for Children at Plattsmouth and at Fremont as often as possible, and thereby aid by their example in forming the character of the growing children.

The question of refunding to the Grand Lodge of Oregon funds contributed for the relief of the family of a deceased member of this jurisdiction, was taken up, and on motion of Brother William Krotter, 147, was referred to the Committee on Relief.

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

At half past one o'clock P. M., an informal procession was formed, and marched to the Scottish Rite Cathedral, which was examined carefully by the brethren, who expressed themselves as highly delighted with the beautiful building, its elaborate furnishings, and the many evidences of great care taken in providing for the pleasure and comfort of the members.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 9th, 1915.

At half past two o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called to order by R. W. Samuel S. Whiting, Deputy Grand Master, with other officers and members present as at the preceding sessions.

Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham announced that at the request of M. W. Alpha Morgan, Chairman, he would present the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. He thereupon read the report and moved its adoption. Brother Fred Hoffmeister, 198, moved that the report be considered section by section, and the motion was adopted. The following is the report of the committee:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

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

We, your committee beg leave to report as follows: We have examined the decisions of the Grand Master as reported, and find as follows:

We approve of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10.

We approve No. 8, also recommend that the recommendation therein be approved, and we are offering the following amendment to the by-laws:

Amend Section 148-d by adding thereto the following words: "Or signing a petition for a license for a saloon." But we recommend that the consideration of this amendment lie over until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

Decision No. 9; the original correspondence shows that our Albion Lodge made the request that the remaining degrees be conferred when the candidate was by Sojourners Lodge, at Christobal, C. Z., found to be proficient. The action of the Grand Master, holding that the brother is a Master Mason and a member of Albion Lodge No. 78 is approved.

With regard to decision No. 11, we have approved this decision, and while we approve of the answer to the question propounded with relation to this decision, yet we deem that it would be to the best interests of Masonry to amend our law as follows:

Add to Section 213 the following: "After such a petition for reinstatement has been rejected, the brother may not again petition for reinstatement until six months has expired."

That in the matter of taxation of lodges, we beg to report, in view of the valuable services rendered to the Fraternity by Brothers Davidson and Warren, in the case of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, in the attempt to tax Masonic property, we recommend that the Committee on Ways and Means report an appropriation in the sum of \$400.00 to be equally divided between Brothers Davidson and Warren, with the instructions that they prosecute the case in the Supreme Court, should the case be appealed; and we further recommend that Brothers Davidson and Warren prepare a statement to be printed by the Grand Secretary, regarding the taxation of lodge property, to be sent to each lodge for its guidance.

Decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10, were taken up in the order named, and the report of the committee made thereon was adopted. The report on Decisions 8, 9, and 11 was then adopted. As to Decision No. 9, (referring to the Grand Master's sixth recommendation) Past Grand Master William A. DeBord moved that the Committee on Jurisprudence prepare an amendment covering the ground suggested in the Grand Master's decision. After remarks by Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt and Brother Fred Hoffmeister, 198, Past Grand Master Thummel moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law, to be reported on at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The motion was carried. The concluding paragraph of the report was then adopted, and on motion of Past Grand Master Burnham the report as a whole was adopted.

The brethren were requested to rise and remain standing while Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson presented the following report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, and it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead begs leave to submit the following report:

An unusually large number of eminent and distinguished Masons closed their labors during the last Masonic year. From other jurisdictions have been reported the deaths of the following:

W. ANGUS M. SCOTT.....	Grand Lecturer, Alabama.....	Febr. 16, 1915
M. W. ISRAEL WOOD POWELL.....	Past Grand Master, British Columbia	Febr. 25, 1915
M. W. GEORGE E. SIMONON.....	Past Grand Master, Colorado.....	June 24, 1914
M. W. HARPER M. ORAHOOD.....	Past Grand Master, Colorado.....	Sept. 15, 1914
Bro. GEORGE G. SLATER.....	Grand Tyler, Colorado.....	Oct. 8, 1914
M. W. WILBUR S. COMSTOCK.....	Past Grand Master, Connecticut.....	Sept. 10, 1914
M. W. ENOCH MOORE.....	Past Grand Master, Delaware.....	July 26, 1914
R. W. JAMES H. PRICE.....	Grand Secretary, Delaware.....	Dec. 12, 1914
M. W. GEORGE W. MARSHALL.....	Past Grand Master, Delaware.....	Apr. 18, 1915
M. W. HENRY W. LONG.....	Past Grand Master, Florida.....	Jan. 2, 1915
R. W. JOHN E. REDWINE, SR.....	Past Deputy Grand Master, Georgia.....	Jan. 2, 1915
M. W. JOHN R. WILKINSON.....	Past Grand Master, Georgia.....	Apr. 7, 1915
M. W. FRED WASHBON.....	Past Grand Master, Kansas.....	July 12, 1914
R. W. ERASMUS T. CABE.....	Past Grand Junior Warden, and Past Grand Secretary, Kansas.....	May 12, 1915
M. W. DAVID B. FULLER.....	Past Grand Master, Kansas.....	May 17, 1915
M. W. HENRY BOSTWICK.....	Past Grand Master, Kentucky.....	Aug. 20, 1914
M. W. WARREN LARUE THOMAS.....	Past Grand Master, Kentucky.....	Nov. 24, 1914
M. W. JOHN LESLIE.....	Past Grand Master, Manitoba.....	Febr. 13, 1915
R. W. WILLIAM WENTE.....	Grand Treasurer, Michigan.....	Febr. 25, 1915
M. W. FRANK BURKITT.....	Past Grand Master, Mississippi.....	Nov. 18, 1914
M. W. JOSEPH A. MILLER.....	Past Grand Master, Nevada.....	Dec. 8, 1914
R. W. WILLIAM SPRIGGS.....	Grand Senior Warden, North Dakota	June 10, 1914
M. W. THOMAS TRENAMAN.....	Past Grand Master, Nova Scotia.....	April 27, 1914
M. W. JOHN MCCRAKEN.....	Past Grand Master, Oregon.....	Febr. 15, 1915
R. W. ALFRED J. STEPHENSON.....	District Grand Master, Queensland (England).....	Dec. 3, 1914
M. W. AUGUSTINE T. SMYTHE.....	Past Grand Master, South Carolina.....	June 24, 1914
M. W. JAMES D. RICHARDSON.....	Past Grand Master, Tennessee.....	July 24, 1914
M. W. HENRY H. INGERSOLL.....	Past Grand Master, Tennessee.....	Mar. 12, 1915
R. W. JOHN B. GARRETT.....	Grand Secretary, Tennessee.....	Mar. 26, 1915
M. W. AUGUSTUS W. HOUSTON, SR.....	Past Grand Master, Texas.....	Febr. 21, 1915
M. W. CHARLES B. JACK.....	Past Grand Master, Utah.....	June 4, 1914
M. W. ALFRED R. COURTNEY.....	Past Grand Master, Virginia.....	Nov. 4, 1914
M. W. WILLIAM H. PLEASANTS.....	Past Grand Master, Virginia.....	Nov. 25, 1914
M. W. WILLIAM H. WHITE.....	Past Grand Master, Washington.....	Apr. 29, 1914
R. W. ISAAC PARKER.....	Past Grand Junior Warden, Washington	Oct. 13, 1914
M. W. FRANK M. FOOTE.....	Past Grand Master, Wyoming.....	Nov. 13, 1914
R. W. WILLIAM L. KUYKENDALL.....	Grand Secretary, Wyoming.....	Mar. 8, 1915

These were all men bearing the hallmark of true Masons, evidenced by the preferment bestowed by their brethren. They were those who stood in their several jurisdictions as exemplars of the principles and doctrines of Freemasonry, exemplifying by their lives the teachings and ideals of the brotherhood. By their eminent services they have well deserved a place on the roll of honor in the memories of their brethren.

The distinguished honor fell to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee to furnish to the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite a Grand Com-

mander in the person of M. W. Brother James D Richardson, and in his death that Grand Jurisdiction suffers a peculiar loss and the whole Fraternity feels a sense of bereavement. He was called to assume great responsibilities and to perform duties of the highest order and those responsibilities were borne and those duties performed with distinguished honor to himself and great profit to the Fraternity

Within our own jurisdiction the deaths of two hundred and fifty three brethren have been reported. Of these four were Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge:

- M. W. George B. France, Grand Master in 1888-9, died August 16, 1914.
 M. W. Harry P. Deuel, Grand Master in 1869-70, died November 23, 1914.
 M. W. Martin Dunham, Grand Master in 1873-4, died February 18, 1915.
 M. W. John J. Mercer, Grand Master in 1889-90, died February 25, 1915.

The loss of four Past Grand Masters will make the past Masonic year notable in our necrology. These were stalwart pioneers in Nebraska Masonry, and their places will not be easily filled. It was their keen foresight, sterling integrity, and moral courage that shaped the early career of this Grand Lodge. They all lived beyond the usual time allotted to man, but retained the full use of their mental faculties until the close.

Of the many who have been lost to the subordinate lodges we can not speak in detail. They performed well the work assigned them, and will be long and kindly remembered by those who knew them.

*O Death, what art thou? A lawgiver that never altereth,
 Fixing the consummating seal, whereby the deeds of life become established,
 O Death, what art thou? A stern and silent usher,
 Leading to the judgment for eternity, after the trial scene of Time;
 O Death, what art thou? An husbandman that reapeth always,
 Out of season, as in season, with the sickle in his hand*

W. Brother Ora S. Spillman, 153, submitted the report of the Committee on Grievances, and moved its consideration by paragraphs, all paragraphs were separately considered and adopted, after which the report was adopted as a whole, it being as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

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

1. As to the petition for reinstatement of a former member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 57, A. F. & A. M., from a sentence of expulsion, occurring during the month of March, 1909, which petition is accompanied by the recommendation of said lodge, that said petition should be granted, we recommend that the petitioner be restored to good standing, as provided by Sections 207 and 209 of the law.

2. After due consideration of the recommendation of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, A. F. & A. M., that the petition of a former member of said lodge to be restored to good standing be allowed, said petition having been received at a regular meeting of said lodge, March 11th, 1915, we recommend that said petitioner be restored to good standing, as provided by Sections 207 and 209 of the law.

3. In the appeal from the decision of Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, A. F. & A. M., by a member of said lodge from a sentence of expulsion for unmasonic conduct, after a thorough examination of the evidence and further investigation, we recommend that the sentence of expulsion by said lodge be sustained.

Unanimous consent being asked for and granted to consider the following amendment to Section 97 of the law, offered by W. Brother William B. Tagg, 184, it was adopted:

Add to Section 97 of the law the following: "Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, of South Omaha, shall retain the same exclusive jurisdiction as heretofore notwithstanding any consolidation of the cities of Omaha and South Omaha."

The recommendations of the Grand Master, not otherwise disposed of, were taken up for consideration. It was announced that the Committee on Codification of the Law had prepared an amendment covering the first one. The Grand Master, who was not presiding at the time, moved that the Committee on Codification of the Law be instructed to prepare an amendment providing that lodges be prohibited from creating life memberships, thereby exempting members from the payment of dues, this being his second

recommendation. After extensive remarks were made by Past Grand Masters Phelps, Warren, Bullard, Ehrhardt, DeBord, and Evans, and by W. Brother J. Martin Talcott, 273, and Fred Hoffmeister, 198, the motion was lost. The fifth recommendation was read, by request, and after remarks by Past Grand Masters Ehrhardt, Cheney, Reese, and Wilson, M. W. James P. A. Black offered the following resolution which was carried:

"It is the sense of this Grand Lodge that when the Treasurer of a subordinate lodge deposits its funds in a bank, he shall deposit them in the name of the lodge."

The seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth recommendations were, on motion of Past Grand Master Thummel, referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law, they to report amendments next year to carry them out.

The pay-roll, submitted by W. Brother C. Lee Pickett, 82, chairman of the committee, and amounting to \$4,237.30, was ordered paid.

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

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 9th, 1915.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the previous session, except that Grand Master Davis presided.

Past Grand Master William A. DeBord presented the following report of the Committee on Codification of the Law; unanimous consent was asked for and granted to consider all of the amendments and they were adopted, except those enacting Sections 85-A and 130-B, which lie over until the next annual communication, and the report as a whole was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Codification of the Law reports the following amendments to the law, and moves their adoption:

Amend Sec. 9 by adding after the words "(5) Relief," the words "and Care of Orphans." Also adding to the same section: (17) Promotion of the World's Peace; and by inserting after the words "(5) above inclusive," the words "and committee numbered (17)."

Amend Sec. 15 by making the caption thereof read "Relief and Care of Orphans," and adding after the words "The Committee on Relief" in the first line, the words "and Care of Orphans."

Add as Sec. 26-A. the following: "The Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace shall consider and from time to time report and recommend such measures as in their opinion will promote the judicial settlement of international disputes, and promote the cause of universal peace."

Amend Sec. 36 by adding after the words "regular meeting of the lodge," the following: "A brother who signs a petition for a dispensation may not vote in his lodge on the question of recommending the petition."

Amend Sec. 88 by adding thereto the following: "When the treasurer deposits the funds of a lodge in a bank, he shall deposit them in the name of the lodge."

Enact Sec. 89-A.—SOLICITATION.—No solicitation of lodges for financial aid shall be carried on by lodges or Masons, except upon approval in advance by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

Amend Sec. 97 by adding thereto the following: "Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 of South Omaha shall retain the same exclusive jurisdiction as heretofore, notwithstanding any consolidation of the cities of Omaha and South Omaha."

Amend Sec. 109 by adding thereto the following: "The nature of the report of the committee shall not be made a matter of record in the minutes of the lodge."

Amend Sec. 138 by adding thereto the following: "No demit should be granted a brother until he has paid his Grand Lodge dues to the end of the Masonic year."

Amend Sec. 213 by adding thereto the following: "After such a petition for reinstatement has been rejected, the brother may not again petition for reinstatement until six months time has expired"

Enact Sec. 85-A. LODGE DUES.—The dues assessed by all chartered lodges shall be payable on January 1st of the year for which they are assessed, and shall become delinquent January first of the succeeding year. (This by-law shall become operative January 1st, 1917.)

Enact Sec. 130-B.—PROCEDURE IN FOREIGN LODGE.—When a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction confers degrees at the request of a Nebraska lodge, the procedure followed by such lodge will be held legal if in accordance with our law, or if in accordance with its own Grand Lodge law.

The following amendment to the law, offered by the Committee on Jurisprudence, lies over until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge:

Amend Section 148-d by adding thereto the following words: "Or signing a petition for a license for a saloon."

The following amendment to the law was proposed by W. . Brother Carroll D. Evans, 58; objection being offered to its consideration at this time, under the law it lies over until the next communication:

Amend the law by adding as Section 8-A the following: "The expenses of the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, and Grand Junior Warden shall be paid when on their official duties in laying corner-stones, and dedicating Masonic halls."

The following amendment to the constitution, presented by Brother Fred Hoffmeister, 198, under the law lies over for consideration until next year:

Amend Article VII. of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, entitled "Election," so that it will read as follows:

"At each regular communication of the Grand Lodge there shall be elected by ballot from the brethren who are at the time constitutionally eligible to seats therein, a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Grand Senior Warden, a Grand Junior Warden, a Grand Senior Deacon, a Grand Junior Deacon, and a Grand Secretary; all other Grand Officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, with the consent of the Grand Lodge "

W. . Brother Edwin D. Crites, 158, submitted the following report of the Committee on Ways and Means, and moved its adoption; a motion was made to amend the report by including a refund for a special dispensation granted to Star Lodge No. 88, in 1911, but the motion was lost, and the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

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

Your Committee on Ways and Means fraternally recommends the following appropriations for the year ending June, 1916:

Pay-roll, as much as may be necessary.....	\$4,237.30
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.....	350.00
Stationery.....	70.00
Incidentals.....	70.00
Blanks.....	200.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	1,500.00
Printing and electrotyping the proceedings of 1915.....	900.00
Library, purchasing and binding.....	150.00
Printing parchment charters.....	80.00
Grand Tyler.....	15.00
Expense of the Assistants to the Grand Custodian, or the necessary amount thereof.....	1,000.00
Fire insurance.....	45.00
Membership fee in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.....	125.00
Balance due the Grand Master for expenses, 1914-1915.....	64.89
Organist, session of 1915.....	10.00
Grand Chaplain's expense, or the necessary amount thereof	150.00
Assistant to the Grand Secretary.....	1,200.00
Stenographer.....	10.00
Orphanage at Fremont.....	12,000.00
New edition of the law, as much as may be necessary.....	200.00
For purchasing lists of regular lodges.....	100.00
Elm Creek Lodge No. 133, refund for special dispensation...	10.00
Past Grand Masters Davidson and Warren, services in tax case.....	400.00

We recommend that none of the money appropriated for the expense of the Grand Custodian or for the Promulgation of the Work be expended for any purpose but that of holding schools of instruction. The mileage and per diem of the several assistant custodians,

attending Grand Lodge, however, should be paid out of the funds appropriated for the Promulgation of the Work.

We also recommend that some action be taken by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to place the Grand Master upon a fixed salary of at least \$1,000.00 per annum.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMULGATION
OF THE WORK.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Promulgation of the Work recommends that the Assistants to the Grand Custodian be the same in number for the coming year, as last year.

Grand Master Davis, assisted by Past Grand Master Burnham, installed all of the officers for the ensuing year, and all were presented with their jewels of office, except the Grand Orator. M. W. Brother Whiting, on being installed as Grand Master, was presented also with a white leather apron by Brother Robert O. Wolf, 54, the first brother on whom Brother Whiting conferred the Master Masons degree. The Grand Master expressed his sincere appreciation in fitting terms.

Past Grand Master Thummel offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to make up the payroll for the committee in advance of the session of the Grand Lodge, as far as possible, and that he include therein two days' per diem for members.

Past Grand Master Ehrhardt moved to amend the resolution by substituting "three" for "two" in the third line, and the amendment was passed, also the resolution as amended.

The Grand Secretary stated that a question had been presented as to whether Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts, against whom no charges stand, and who wish to

withdraw from the Fraternity, can be demitted. On motion the matter was referred to Past Grand Masters Evans and Burnham and the Grand Secretary, with instructions to have their recommendations printed in advance, so that the Grand Lodge may definitely determine it next year.

The following resolution offered by Past Grand Master Ehrhardt was carried unanimously by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered our retiring Grand Master, M. W. Brother Thomas M. Davis, for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties of Grand Master, during the past Masonic year.

On motion of Past Grand Master Burnham the thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended to the lodges of Omaha and South Omaha and to the Masonic Temple Craft for their hospitality to this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Past Grand Master Manoah B. Reese the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master and subsequent Grand Masters receive compensation at the rate of \$1,000.00 per annum, and that the same be paid out of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge. *

At ten o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 9th, 1915, no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed.

Attest:

SAMUEL S. WHITING,

Grand Master.


Francis E. White
Grand Secretary.

* The following letter was received after the close of Grand Lodge:

Omaha, Nebraska, June 10th, 1915.

Francis E. White, Grand Secretary,

Omaha, Nebraska.

R. W. & Dear Brother:-

Having seriously considered the matter in reference to the salary of the Grand Master, which comes through friendliness and without

any solicitation, and being the fiftieth Grand Master of this jurisdiction, and having the best interests of the Fraternity in my heart, I would respectfully decline to be the first Grand Master to draw a salary from this Grand Jurisdiction.

Hoping this will be no disappointment to the brethren who were so kindly interested in this matter, I beg to remain

Fraternally and truly yours,

SAMUEL S. WHITING,

Grand Master.



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Harry Porter Deuel,

GRAND MASTER, OCTOBER 29TH, A. .L. .5869,
TO JUNE 23D, A. .L. .5871.

Born December 11th, A. D. 1836, A. .L. .5836.
Died November 23d, A. D. 1914, A. .L. .5914.





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Martin Dunham,

GRAND MASTER, JUNE 18TH, A. .L. .5873,
TO JUNE 26TH, A. .L. .5874.

*Born November 10th, A. D. 1836, A. .L. .5836.
Died February 18th, A. D. 1915, A. .L. .5915.*





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George Bell France,

GRAND MASTER, JUNE 22D, A. .L. .5888,
TO JUNE 20TH, A. .L. .5889.

Born January 10th, A. D. 1837, A. .L. .5837.
Died August 16th, A. D. 1914, A. .L. .5914.





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John Jackson Mercer,

GRAND MASTER, JUNE 20TH, A. .L. .5889,
TO JUNE 20TH, A. .L. .5890.



Born January 1st, A. D. 1833, A. .L. .5833.
Died February 25th, A. D. 1915, A. .L. .5915.



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At Rest

NAME	LODGE	No.	DATE OF DEATH
JOHN S. HART.....	Nebraska,	1..	May 17, 1914
ALFRED BUGH.....	Nebraska,	1..	Sept. 5, 1914
STEPHEN D. BANGS.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Dec. 11, 1914
FRED B. WOOLSTEN.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Mar. 19, 1915
FRANK WHITMARSH.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Mar. 29, 1915
SAMUEL H. MORRISON.....	Western Star,	"	2..Apr. 22, 1914
HENRY N. SHEWELL.....	Western Star,	"	2..Aug. 22, 1914
GRANVILLE L. STEVENSON..	Western Star,	"	2..Febr. 10, 1915
CLARK W. HOGE.....	Western Star,	"	2..Mar. 28, 1915
NEHEMIAH S. HARDING.....	Western Star,	"	2..Mar. 30, 1915
WALTER S. BROWN.....	Capitol,	"	3..Jan. 4, 1914
THOMAS B. ELLINGWOOD....	Capitol,	"	3..June 11, 1914
ALBERT H. RAWITZER.....	Capitol,	"	3..June 13, 1914
JOHN B. SHELDON.....	Capitol,	"	3..July 29, 1914
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON.....	Capitol,	"	3..Aug. 26, 1914
CHARLES E. FERGUSON.....	Capitol,	"	3..Nov. 12, 1914
JOHN A. DEMPSTER.....	Capitol,	"	3..Dec. 21, 1914
WILLIAM W. ROBERTS.....	Capitol,	"	3..Jan. 4, 1915
ANDREW ZIMMERMAN.....	Capitol,	"	3..Jan. 4, 1915
HARVIE B. MORSE.....	Capitol,	"	3..Febr. 10, 1915
MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Capitol,	"	3..Febr. 19, 1915
JOHN J. MERCER.....	Capitol,	"	3..Febr. 25, 1915
THOMAS C. DILTZ.....	Nemaha Valley,	"	4..Jan. 16, 1915
GEORGE T. WOODS.....	Omadi,	"	5..Sept. 20, 1914
JAMES FUESTON.....	Omadi,	"	5..Oct. 26, 1914
ISHAM REAVIS.....	Falls City,	"	9..May 8, 1914
JOSEPH PRICHARD.....	Falls City,	"	9..Sept. 7, 1914
GEORGE A. ABBOTT.....	Falls City,	"	9..Jan. 21, 1915
WALTER B. STARK.....	Covert,	"	11..Mar. 31, 1914
SAMUEL BURNS.....	Covert,	"	11..Apr. 9, 1914
GEORGE H. FITCHETT.....	Covert,	"	11..June 1, 1914
JAMES MORRIS.....	Covert,	"	11..June 28, 1914
GEORGE VAN ORMAN.....	Covert,	"	11..Aug. 23, 1914
JAMES S. BENNETT.....	Covert,	"	11..Oct. 20, 1914
HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Covert,	"	11..Nov. 23, 1914

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WILLIAM F. HARRISON.....	Covert,	11.	Feb. 5, 1915
WILLIAM E. LEE.....	Fremont,	"	15..Dec. 25, 1913
WILLIAM FRIED.....	Fremont,	"	15..July 21, 1914
FREDERICK KENOYER.....	Fremont,	"	15..Aug. 7, 1914
SIDNEY A. NAGELSTOCK.....	Fremont,	"	15..Aug. 21, 1914
WILLIAM M. SCOTT.....	Fremont,	"	15..Febr. 21, 1915
CHARLES G. WOODS.....	Tecumseh,	"	17..Oct. 15, 1909
ALONZO J. WRIGHT.....	Tecumseh,	"	17..July 31, 1910
JOHN H. COCHRAN.....	Tecumseh,	"	17..Dec. 27, 1914
SILAS W. PALMER.....	Lincoln,	"	19..June 13, 1914
EDWIN WHITTAKER.....	Lincoln,	"	19..Sept. 11, 1914
OTTO F. SWENSON.....	Lincoln,	"	19..Oct. , 1914
JOHN S. SHERDEMAN.....	Lincoln,	"	19..Oct. 6, 1914
LOUIS C. LONG.....	Lincoln,	"	19..Nov. 30, 1914
JACOB RISER.....	Lincoln,	"	19..Dec. 13, 1914
THOMAS COCHRANE.....	Lincoln,	"	19..Dec. 23, 1914
ALBERT D. STRUNK.....	Pawnee,	"	23..Oct. 12, 1914
FREDERICK S. HASSLER.....	Pawnee,	"	23..Dec. 8, 1914
WILLIAM B. RAPER.....	Pawnee,	"	23..Dec. 27, 1914
WILLIAM N. LYON.....	Saint Johns,	"	25..May 17, 1914
LEE ROTHSCHILD.....	Saint Johns,	"	25..Aug. 19, 1914
WILLIAM N. JOHNSON.....	Saint Johns,	"	25..Oct. 19, 1914
JOHN M. LEONARD.....	Saint Johns,	"	25..Nov. 10, 1914
ROY CAMBLIN.....	Saint Johns,	"	25..Jan. 4, 1915
BENJAMIN F. MORRIS.....	Saint Johns,	"	25..Jan. 31, 1915
WILLIAM H. MCMILLAN.....	Saint Johns,	"	25..Febr. 9, 1915
AMOS QUEIN.....	Beatrice,	"	26..May 10, 1914
CHARLES J. PARKER.....	Beatrice,	"	26..May 11, 1914
JOHN H. WEST.....	Beatrice,	"	26..Aug. 23, 1914
CHARLES M. CRUNCLETON....	Beatrice,	"	26..Aug. 30, 1914
WILLIAM W. WRIGHT.....	Beatrice,	"	26..Sept. 11, 1914
JAMES B. McLAUGHLIN.....	Beatrice,	"	26..Sept. 12, 1914
DANIEL G. FISKE.....	Beatrice,	"	26..Jan. 7, 1915
CHARLES S. BRADLEY.....	Beatrice,	"	26..Jan. 20, 1915
JOHN B. THARP.....	Jordan,	"	27..July 24, 1914

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JOHN H. SHOOK.....	Hope,	29..	Aug. 20, 1914
ALEXANDER STEWART.....	Platte Valley,	" 32..	June 28, 1914
JOHN COKER.....	Platte Valley,	" 32..	Sept. 17, 1914
DAVID W. CRANE.....	Platte Valley,	" 32..	Mar. 24, 1915
WILLIAM J. CRUSEN.....	Platte Valley,	" 32..	Mar. 27, 1915
THOMAS ROBINSON.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	Apr. 3, 1914
HENRY A. HILL.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	May 6, 1914
JEREMIAH A. WINGERT.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	Sept. 13, 1914
EPHRAIM A. STEVENS.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	Oct. 23, 1914
DITTMER H. VIETHS.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	Nov. 7, 1914
ELBERT CORBIN.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	Jan. 14, 1915
FRANK H. RYDER.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	Mar. 12, 1915
ALFRED A. STRAUBE.....	Fairbury,	" 35..	Dec. 21, 1914
WILLIAM H. BEARDSLEY.....	Fairbury,	" 35..	Febr. 6, 1915
NELSON BARNES.....	Lone Tree,	" 36..	Jan. 14, 1914
JAMES W. HARRIS.....	Juniata,	" 42..	Dec. 9, 1914
BERNARD P. BOFENKAMP.....	Hebron,	" 43..	July 31, 1914
OLIVER K. BEEMAN.....	Rob Morris,	" 46..	Jan. 12, 1915
WALTER W. BARNEY.....	Rob Morris,	" 46..	Febr. 22, 1915
JOSHUA S. BLANCHARD.....	Rob Morris,	" 46..	Mar. 27, 1915
FREDERICK J. HOERGER.....	Evening Star,	" 49..	May 27, 1914
MYRON W. BURGESS.....	Hastings,	" 50..	Apr. 4, 1914
CLEMENS BORTIS.....	Hastings,	" 50..	May 3, 1914
NICHOLAS F. DAMRON.....	Hastings,	" 50..	June 21, 1914
WILLIAM H. PAYNE.....	Hastings,	" 50..	Sept. 13, 1914
J. THOMAS MCKNIGHT.....	Fidelity,	" 51..	Febr. 24, 1915
WILLIAM N. RICHARDSON.....	Charity,	" 53..	Aug. 16, 1914
SAMUEL W. FOE.....	Charity,	" 53..	Oct. 2, 1914
WILLIAM PARKS.....	Charity,	" 53..	Febr. 6, 1915
JOHN MYERS.....	Charity,	" 53..	Mar. 28, 1915
JOHN COOPER STIRE.....	Lancaster,	" 54..	Oct. 24, 1914
GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	York,	" 56..	Aug. 16, 1914
HENRY SEYMOUR.....	York,	" 56..	Nov. 23, 1914
HENRY S. HAWKINS.....	York,	" 56..	Dec. 7, 1914
DANIEL J. ECHOLS.....	Lebanon,	" 58..	July 2, 1914

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GEORGE A. MUNROE.....	Lebanon,	58..	Sept. 27, 1914
JAMES R. MEAGHER.....	Lebanon,	" 58..	Mar. 1, 1915
ANDREW ANDERSON.....	Lebanon,	" 58..	Mar. 7, 1915
NELS BRODAHL.....	Wahoo,	" 59..	May 12, 1914
FRANK C. BALDWIN.....	Wahoo,	" 59..	Sept. 6, 1914
E. FRANK MILLS.....	Wahoo,	" 59..	Oct. 24, 1914
JACKSON FRISKEY.....	Melrose,	" 60..	Aug. 17, 1914
JOHN N. CASSELL.....	Aurora,	" 68..	Oct. 25, 1914
HOMER E. AYLSWORTH.....	Aurora,	" 68..	Febr. 1, 1915
WILLIAM H. ALDEN.....	Aurora,	" 68..	Mar. 3, 1915
DAVID W. BEATTIE.....	Trowel,	" 71..	Jan. 8, 1915
OSWALD UEHLING.....	Hooper,	" 72..	July 27, 1913
JAMES B. LAMBERSON.....	Hooper,	" 72..	Dec. 8, 1914
ISAAC LIGHTBODY.....	Alexandria,	" 74..	May 31, 1914
CLOYD M. JOHNSON.....	Frank Welch,	" 75..	Febr. 12, 1915
FRANK H. KING.....	Frank Welch,	" 75..	Feb. 22, 1915
JAMES B. MCGREW.....	Joppa,	" 76..	Mar. 14, 1915
IRA G. FOSTER.....	Nelson,	" 77..	Oct. 22, 1914
THOMAS J. SHIRES.....	Geneva,	" 79..	Jan. 14, 1915
JOSEPH S. BROWN.....	Saint Paul,	" 82..	Aug. , 1914
CHARLES D. MORROW.....	Saint Paul,	" 82..	Jan. 9, 1915
LEVI KIMBALL.....	Corinthian,	" 83..	Sept. 13, 1913
WILLIAM P. AGLER.....	Corinthian,	" 83..	Nov. 14, 1914
JOSHUA C. WILLS.....	Corinthian,	" 83..	Dec. 15, 1914
JUSTICE A. SMITH.....	Tyre,	" 85..	Apr. 2, 1914
EDWARD S. GILLET.....	Tyre,	" 85..	Jan. 8, 1915
FRANK NELSON.....	Ionic,	" 87..	Febr. 14, 1915
LEVERETT TAYLOR.....	Cedar River,	" 89..	Mar. 23, 1915
CHARLES J. SWANSON.....	Oakland,	" 91..	Nov. 19, 1914
PETER S. GEORGE.....	Hubbell,	" 92..	July 24, 1914
EDWARD F. STEARNS.....	Beaver City,	" 93..	Oct. 11, 1914
JAMES B. TAYLOR.....	Bennet,	" 94..	May 24, 1914
FREDERICK G. LIMBACK.....	Utica,	" 96..	Sept. 22, 1914
PHILEMON S. BARNES.....	Euclid,	" 97..	Jan. 4, 1915
GEORGE W. CHAPMAN.....	Republican,	" 98..	Jan. 3, 1915
NOEL HENDERSON.....	Shelton,	" 99..	July 11, 1914
CARL G. PRISCHMAN.....	Creighton,	" 100..	Dec. 11, 1914

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JOHN B. PIRIE.....	Wymore,	No. 104..Jan. 24, 1915
CHARLES S. WOODS.....	Table Rock,	" 108..Nov. 27, 1914
EDWIN J. ROSECRANS.....	Pomegranate,	" 110..Febr. 23, 1915
JAMES T. RINGO.....	Springfield,	" 112..Jan. 13, 1915
HENRY C. MOHR.....	Springfield,	" 112..Jan. 24, 1915
EDWIN F. PRINCE.....	Globe,	" 113..Mar. 14, 1915
JOHN C. TESTMAN.....	Wisner,	" 114..Oct. 17, 1914
WILLIAM P. CARR.....	Harlan,	" 116..June 18, 1914
AUBREY A. BILLINGS.....	Harlan,	" 116..Febr. 24, 1915
JAMES L. EVERSOLE.....	Auburn,	" 124..May 7, 1914
JOSEPH L. ROY.....	Auburn,	" 124..Mar. 28, 1915
JAMES A. MARTIN.....	Minden,	" 127..June 10, 1914
JOHN K. PAULSEN.....	Minden,	" 127..Mar. 3, 1915
WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD.....	Minden,	" 127.. 1915
NOAH H. PETERS.....	Guide Rock,	" 128..Apr. 17, 1914
SAMUEL B. SEARS.....	Blue Hill,	" 129..Febr. 7, 1915
HENRY STRIEFF.....	Elm Creek,	" 133..Febr. 8, 1915
RALPH T. WETHERILL.....	Solar,	" 134..Febr. 18, 1915
WILLIAM DOYLE.....	McCook,	" 135..July 15, 1914
FRANK G. WESTLAND.....	McCook,	" 135..Oct. 20, 1914
HANS IRA PETERSON.....	McCook,	" 135..Jan. 30, 1915
WARREN H. CORY.....	Long Pine,	" 136..Aug. 13, 1914
JOB MULLEN.....	Rawalt,	" 138..Dec. 16, 1914
JAMES B. MORRIS.....	Kenesaw,	" 144..Nov. 8, 1914
LUTHER A. BOLEY.....	Kenesaw,	" 144..Mar. 14, 1915
BENJAMIN F. BOORMAN.....	Jachin,	" 146..Nov. 23, 1914
LEANDER H. JEWETT.....	Emmet Crawford,	" 148..Dec. 31, 1914
JAMES McMILLAN.....	Emmet Crawford,	" 148..Mar. 22, 1915
STILLMAN P. GROAT.....	Emmet Crawford,	" 148..Mar. 27, 1915
CHRISTIAN A. REIMERS, JR....	Evergreen,	" 153..Oct. 8, 1914
WILLIAM B. CHILVERS.....	Evergreen,	" 153..Dec. 16, 1914
ROBERT TWEED.....	Lily,	" 154..Dec. 27, 1914
WILLIAM RUNDBERG.....	Lily,	" 154..Mar. 27, 1915
PETER W. LANE.....	Pythagoras,	" 156..Oct. 28, 1914
JEFFERSON VAN DEBURGH....	Trestle Board,	" 162..Nov. 17, 1914
BRUNO C. HANSEN.....	Mystic Tie,	" 166..Sept. 28, 1914
JEPHTHA HOPKINS.....	Mystic Tie,	" 166..Mar. 22, 1915

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MICHAEL P. MUSSER.....	Amity,	No. 169..Dec. 25, 1914
LESLIE W. BARNUM.....	Amity,	" 169..Jan. 28, 1915
ALBERT HOLMES.....	Grafton,	" 172..July 15, 1914
PHILLIP M. GREEN.....	Culbertson,	" 174..June 19, 1914
HARVEY FORD.....	Culbertson,	" 174..Jan. 16, 1915
RALPH B. SHERWOOD.....	Temple,	" 175..July 15, 1914
JOSEPH W. SERBOUSEK.....	Hay Springs,	" 177..June 17, 1914
CHRISTIAN A. JOHANSON.....	Hay Springs,	" 177..Oct. 23, 1914
WILLIAM J. HARRIS.....	Hay Springs,	" 177..Jan. 1, 1915
CHARLES THIRTYACRE.....	Prudence,	" 179..May 22, 1914
JOHN F. ROBINETT.....	Faith,	" 181..Dec. 18, 1914
CHARLES E. LANE.....	Faith,	" 181..Mar. 10, 1915
GREGORY ZURN.....	Alliance,	" 183..Oct. 15, 1914
HIRAM HALL.....	Bee Hive,	" 184..June 22, 1914
WILLIAM F. SWANBACK.....	Bee Hive,	" 184..Oct. 15, 1914
HARRY G. DICKINSON.....	Israel,	" 187..Oct. 23, 1914
JOHN A. DOBSON.....	Israel,	" 187..Mar. 4, 1915
ELBRIDGE D. OWENS.....	Meridian,	" 188..Dec. 13, 1914
GEORGE A. WEST.....	Granite,	" 189..Sept. 8, 1914
ROY A. DAVIS.....	Granite,	" 189..Oct. 31, 1914
HERBERT E. WILCOXEN.....	Crystal,	" 191..May 5, 1914
DAVID F. WILLIAMS.....	Crystal,	" 191..Febr. 25, 1915
J. FRANKLIN SMITH.....	Signet,	" 193..Oct. 17, 1914
CHARLES E. BEATY.....	Signet,	" 193..Dec. 1, 1914
RUBY A. SWIGERT.....	Arcana,	" 195..Aug. 13, 1914
JAMES F. RUSSELL.....	Level,	" 196..May 15, 1914
ARTHUR WISWELL.....	Morning Star,	" 197..Dec. 1, 1914
HENRY W. HAIG.....	Scotts Bluff,	" 201..May 5, 1914
MARTIN GERING.....	Scotts Bluff,	" 201..July 12, 1914
HASBROUCK L. LUDLUM.....	Plainview,	" 204..Sept. 1, 1914
ANDREW M. TREAT.....	Golden Fleece,	" 205..
JOSEPH HEWER.....	Parian,	" 207..Mar. 28, 1914
THOMAS W. CARR.....	Parian,	" 207..Sept. 28, 1914
JOHN W. KAUFMAN.....	East Lincoln,	" 210..May 16, 1906
HENRY V. DAY.....	East Lincoln,	" 210..Aug. 13, 1914
PAUL E. YATES.....	East Lincoln,	" 210..Oct. 11, 1914
GRANVILLE G. GRUBB.....	Plumblin,	" 214..Aug. 4, 1914

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DANIEL MOWBRAY.....	Occidental,	No. 215..Nov. 27, 1908
ELIJAH PALMER.....	Occidental,	" 215..July 5, 1914
GEORGE W. FIERLING.....	Palisade,	" 216..Mar. 20, 1915
ASHEL D. HAYFORD.....	Bloomfield,	" 218..Sept. 30, 1914
BOWER J. HUNT.....	Bloomfield,	" 218..Nov. 1, 1914
ABRAM E. RHODEBAUGH.....	Relief,	" 219..Dec. 26, 1914
JAMES P. LONG.....	Landmark,	" 222..Nov. 1, 1914
JOHN W. HOBBS.....	Eminence,	" 223..Nov. 28, 1914
CLARK W. BEECHER.....	North Star,	" 227..Dec. 10, 1914
HUGH SQUAIR.....	Delta,	" 230..Apr. 1, 1913
GILBERT T. FARRAR.....	Delta,	" 230..Apr. 8, 1914
ABRAM D. ROSE.....	John S. Bowen,	" 232..Oct. , 1914
ALDEN M. AVERILL.....	Fraternity,	" 235..Sept. 23, 1914
GEORGE D. FOLLMER.....	Tyrian,	" 243..May 29, 1914
SAMUEL BOOTHBY.....	Tyrian,	" 243..Mar. 22, 1915
ALBERT B. RICHARDSON.....	Sincerity,	" 244..Apr. 7, 1911
DANFORD TAYLOR.....	Sincerity,	" 244..Sept. 10, 1908
IRA F. CARTNEY.....	Sincerity,	" 244..Dec. 8, 1914
ISAAC G. MOORE.....	Corner-stone,	" 247..May 5, 1914
WILLIAM R. TROW.....	Laurel,	" 248..Febr. 7, 1915
CLIFFORD GILLILAN.....	Wausa,	" 251..Nov. 22, 1914
WILLIAM E. HADLEY.....	Hildreth,	" 252..Aug. 21, 1914
HORATIO MORRIS.....	Bradshaw,	" 255..Oct. 15, 1914
ADOLPH d'ALLEMAND.....	Holbrook,	" 257..July 24, 1914
MILTON BYAL.....	Mitchell,	" 263..May 14, 1914
WILLIAM H. FERRIS.....	Mitchell,	" 263..Mar. 7, 1915
HARRY S. AYER.....	Franklin,	" 264..Febr. 8, 1915
WILLIAM R. AKERS.....	Rob't W. Furnas,	" 265..Jan. 15, 1915
PETER SHARP.....	James A. Tulleys,	" 267..Nov. 2, 1914
FRANCIS I. ELLICK.....	Geo. W. Lininger,	" 268..Dec. 28, 1914
JAMES L. CRAIG.....	Riverside,	" 269..Oct. 27, 1914
A. LESTER SMITH.....	Crofton,	" 273..July 6, 1914
H. MERTON COOLEY.....	Crofton,	" 273..Nov. 3, 1914
CHRIS EBERLE.....	Litchfield,	" 278..July 25, 1914
JAMES S. ROBBINS.....	Wallace,	" 279..Nov. 25, 1914
CHARLES W. WILGUS.....	Mullen,	" 282..June 15, 1914
ALEXANDER S. INGLES.....	Exeter,	" 283..Sept. 21, 1914

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

- Francis E. White, 1871-72-74-75-76-77-78-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-
43 Years. 91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-
09-10-11-12-13-14-15.
- Frank H. Young, 1877-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-
36 Years. 98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15.
- Edwin F. Warren, 1873-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-89-90-92-93-
35 Years. 94-96-97-98-99-00-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-13-15.
- Samuel P. Davidson, 1875-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-
34 Years. 96-97-98-99-00-01-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-12-13-14-15.
- Charles J. Phelps, 1876-82-84-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-
33 Years. 01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15.
- George H. Thummel, 1872-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-81-85-89-90-94-97-98-99-00-
31 Years. 02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15.
- Robert E. French, 1885-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-
31 Years. 03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15.
- John A. Ehrhardt, 1881-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-
30 Years. 02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-15.
- Frank E. Bullard, 1877-78-79-80-81-82-90-91-92-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-
27 Years. 04-05-07-08-09-10-11-14-15.
- Albert W. Crites, 1879-85-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-
26 Years. 06-07-09-10-11-12-13-14.
- James P. A. Black, 1887-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-04-05-06-
25 Years. 07-08-09-10-12-13-15.
- Henry H. Wilson, 1888-89-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-
25 Years. 07-08-10-12-13-14-15.
- James R. Cain, Sr. 1875-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-84-85-86-87-89-91-92-93-94-97-
24 Years. 98-99-12-13-14-15.
- Henry Gibbons, 1879-80-81-85-87-90-92-97-98-99-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-
24 Years. 09-10-11-12-14-15.
- Robert E. Evans, 1889-92-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-
24 Years. 10-11-12-13-14-15.
- Manoah B. Reese, 1881-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-91-92-93-97-98-99-00-02-04-
23 Years. 05-08-13-14-15.

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	1869-70
William E. Hill, Los Angeles, Cal., 2220 East 4th St. Station B.	1871-72
*Martin Dunham	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 East 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	1883
John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 2107 East 90th Street	1884
Manoah B. Reese, Lincoln	1885
*Charles K. Coutant	1886
Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., The Iowa, Treasury Dept.	1887
*George B. France	1888
*John J. Mercer	1889
Robert E. French, Kearney	1890
*Bradner D. Slaughter	1891
Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh	1892
James P. A. Black, Hastings	1893
John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln	1895
Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler	1896
John B. Dinsmore, 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	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, 601 State Bank Building	1908
Michael Dowling, Omaha	1909
Harry A. Cheney, Creighton	1910
Henry Gibbons, Kearney	1911
James R. Cain, Jr., Omaha, State Bank Building	1912
Alpha Morgan, Broken Bow	1913
Thomas M. Davis, Beaver City	1914

*Deceased.

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

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery.
Alberta.....	George Macdonald.....	Calgary.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskrue.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	Wm. A. DeWolf-Smith.....	New Westminster.
California.....	John Whicher.....	Masonic Temple, 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.....	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware.....	Virginius V. Harrison.....	Wilmington.
District Columbia.....	Arvine W. Johnston.....	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Egypt.....	J. D. Panayotti.....	P. O. Box 148, Cairo.
England.....	Edward Letchworth.....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	William A. Wolhin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Theophilus W. Randall.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	Isaac Cutter.....	Camp Point.
Indiana.....	Calvin W. Prather.....	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.....	John A. Davilla.....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	George Cook.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Frederick W. Hamilton.....	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. Vanderlieth.....	Carson.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	Ritchie's Bldg., St. John.
New Hampshire.....	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Theo. B. Townley.....	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New South Wales.....	Arthur H. Bray.....	233 Castlereagh St., Sydney.
New York.....	Edward M. L. Ehlers.....	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand.....	Malcolm Niccol.....	P. O. Box 926, Christchurch.
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.....	388 Yamhill St., Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	John A. Perry.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	P. O. Box 990, Manila.
Prince Edward Is.....	Walter P. Doull.....	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico.....	Jose G. Torres.....	San Juan.
Quebec.....	Will H. Whyte.....	P. O. Box 3207, Montreal.
Queensland.....	Charles H. Harley.....	231 Elizabeth St., Brisbane.
Rhode Island.....	S. Penrose Williams.....	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan.....	John M. Shaw.....	Masonic Temple, Regina.
Scotiand.....	David Reid.....	Freemasons Hall, 96 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.....	Stith M. Cain.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	William B. Pearson.....	Waco.
Utah.....	Freeman A. McCarty.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	Charles J. Barrow.....	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St., Melbourne.
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.....	Joseph M. Lowndes.....	556 Park St., Casper.

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	Coleridge	Aug. 22, 1906
Arkansas	Walter W. Wells, 192	Valentine	Dec. 19, 1913
Brit. Columbia	Thomas M. Davis, 93	Beaver City	April 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
Costa Rica	*Frederick L. Wolff, 135	McCook	
Cuba	Charles W. Kraft, 54	Lincoln	Aug. 17, 1904
Delaware	Carroll D. Evans, 53	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	Jan. 1, 1915
Indiana	Earl B. Brooks, 23	Pawnee City	Mar. 1, 1915
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. Begtoll, 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	Samuel S. Whiting, 54	Lincoln	Sept. 10, 1914
Montana	Charles S. McGill, 11	Omaha	April 9, 1915
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	Ft. Calhoun	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	Oct. 10, 1913
P. Edward Is.	Charles E. Burnham, 166	Norfolk	Oct. 21, 1902
Puerto Rico	John A. Ehrhardt, 41	Stanton	July 8, 1915
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
Scotland	William Cosh, 11	Omaha	Aug. 6, 1914
South Australia	*Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3	Omaha	
South Carolina	James R. Cain, Jr., 105	Omaha	July 12, 1907
South Dakota	Manoah B. Reese, 19	Lincoln	Mar. 30, 1885
Tennessee	Francis E. White, 6	Omaha	Mar. 12, 1900
Texas	Robert R. Dickson, 95	O'Neill	May 3, 1915
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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NEAR 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. P. O. Box 148.....	April 3, 1905
Florida.....	William M. Cannon.....	Palatka.....	April 11, 1910
Georgia.....	Isaac A. Bush.....	Camilla.....	Oct. 11, 1910
Idaho.....	Henry R. Plughoff.....	Hailey.....	Nov. 10, 1913
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.....	William T. Wearne.....	Randwich, Sydney.....	Oct. 17, 1914
New York.....	William Cohen.....	New York City, 16 Am- sterdam Ave.....	Mar. 30, 1914
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 Gullod.....	Halifax, 126 South St.....	July 16, 1902
Ohio.....	Horace A. Irvin.....	Dayton.....	Jan. 8, 1903
Oklahoma.....	DeForest R. Leach.....	Oklahoma City.....	Aug. 3, 1909
Oregon.....	Phil Metschan.....	Portland.....	May 22, 1893
Philippine Is.....	Newton G. Comfort.....	Manila.....	Nov. 14, 1913
P. Edward Is.....	James D. Stewart.....	Georgetown.....	July 5, 1915
Puerto Rico.....	Manuel del Valle Atilas.....	.....	July 5, 1915
Quebec.....	Alex J. McRobie.....	Westmount, 453 Claremont Ave.....	Mar. 23, 1910
Queensland.....	Ernest W. Bick.....	Brisbane.....	May 10, 1909
Rhode Island.....	Henry C. Dexter.....	Pawtucket.....	May 21, 1909
Saskatchewan.....	Duncan A. Kingsbury.....	Rouleau.....	Oct. 12, 1914
South Australia.....	Frank Ernest Haddick.....	Adelaide.....	June 9, 1910
South Carolina.....	Theo. E. Wannamaker.....	Cheraw.....	Sept. 10, 1914
South Dakota.....	Marshall R. Brown.....	Sioux Falls.....	Aug. 6, 1908
Tennessee.....	Isaac J. Thurman.....	McWinnville.....	April 19, 1899
Texas.....	James D. Grenshaw.....	San Antonio.....	Dec. 3, 1901
Utah.....	Abbot R. Haywood.....	Ogden.....	Feb. 20, 1892
Vermont.....	Edward C. Woodworth.....	Arlington.....	Aug. 9, 1907
Victoria.....	Francis W. W. Morton.....	Melbourne, Collins St.....	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia.....	Sol Cutchins.....	Richmond.....	April 20, 1901
Washington.....	Archibald W. Frater.....	Seattle.....	April 13, 1900
West Australia.....	Thomas 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.
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 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, 26.
 Beaver, U. D., (179.)
 Beaver City, 93.
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 Bee, 259.
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Beemer, 253.
 Belgrade, U. D., (269)
 Bell Creek, U. D., (241)
 Benkelman, U. D., (180)
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 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.)
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 Burnett, U. D., (166)
 Butte, U. D., (233)
 Cable, 225.
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 Camp Clarke, 285.
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 Carleton, U. D., (199)
 Cedar, U. D., (13)
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 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143)
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 Cement, 211.
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 Chadron, U. D., (158)
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 Davenport, U. D., (154)
 Decatur, 7, (extinct)
 Delta, 230.
 DeWitt, 111.
 Diamond, 291.
 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)
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 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Faith, 181.
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 Fidelity, 51.
 Firth, U. D., (66, ext.)
 Florence, 281.
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct)
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 Gresham, U. D., (197)
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 Harmony, U. D., (extinct)
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 Hartington, 155.
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 Hermon, U. D., (231)
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 Hildreth, 252.
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 Huntley, 270.
 Hyannis, U. D., (234)
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 Merna, 171.
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 Monitor, U. D., (extinct)
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 Morrill, U. D., (271)
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- Oakland, 91.
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 Odell, U. D., (122, ext.)
 Ogallala, 159.
 Ohlawa, U. D., (182)
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 Oliver, 38.
 Omadi, 5.
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 Orient, 13.
 Orion, 242, (extinct)
 Ornan, 261.
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 Overton, U. D., (267)
 Oxford, U. D., (138)
- Palestine, U. D., (extinct)
 Palisade, 216.
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 Plumblin, 214.
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 Ponca, 101.
 Porter, 106.
 Prudence, 179.
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 Rob Morris, 46.
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 Rocky Mountain, 8, (trans-
 ferred)
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- Saint Johns, 25.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Salem, 47, (extinct)
 Saline, U. D., (73)
 Saline, U. D., (101)
 Saline, U. D., (118)
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 Samuel W. Hayes, U. D.,
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| Bassett, 254. | | Mason City, 170. |
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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska, No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Edward M. Wellman	John F. Wilcox
Western Star, " 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Henry W. Carson	Joy N. Tait
Capitol, " 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Harry H. Wills	Walter Wills
Nemaha Valley, " 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	Don Lawrence	James W. Ford
5 Omadi, " 5	Dakota City	Dakota	Saturday on or before O	Harry H. Adair	John H. Ream
Plattsmouth, " 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First and third Mondays	Oliver C. Dovey	Michael Archer
Falls City, " 8	Falls City	Richardson	Second and fourth Mondays	Isaac M. Branum	Edwin G. Whitford
Solomon, " 10	Port Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	N. Sheridan Craig	J. Howard Beales
Covert, " 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	George N. Juhl	Frank W. Boyer
10 Orient, " 13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	Peter N. Frederick	John M. Pope
Peru, " 14	Peru	Nemaha	Saturday on or before O	John B. Lewis	Julian D. Graves
Fremont, " 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Walter C. Jones	Matthew A. Priestley
Tecumseh, " 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Saturdays	Louie L. Fuller	Leo B. Heskett
Lincoln, " 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Ira M. Miller	John Wright
15 Washington, " 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	George Bruse	Edward C. Jackson
Pawnee, " 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	E. Vester Vinsant	Joseph E. Brooks
Saint Johns, " 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Avery Lancaster	Carl E. Herring
Beatrice, " 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second and fourth Mondays	Burt L. Spellman	Wilbur S. Bourne
Jordan, " 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Joseph F. Zajicek	John H. Thompson
20 Hope, " 29	Nemaha City	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	Benjamin T. Skeen	Frank Titus
Blue River, " 30	Milford	Seward	Thursday on or before O	Frank H. Newton	Henry J. Motzke
Tekamah, " 31	Tekamah	Burt	First and third Wednesdays	Herman J. Wragge	Charles W. Conkling
Platte Valley, " 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second Tuesday	John McGraw	Frank E. Bullard
Ashlar, " 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Jesse D. Whitmore	Robert R. Watson
25 Acacia, " 34	Schuyler	Colfax	First Tuesday	Simon Fuhrman	Robert E. Armstrong
Fairbury, " 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Francis C. Hedges	Elbert W. Mason
Lone Tree, " 36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Saturdays	Obed Angler	Carroll E. Clark
Crete, " 37	Crete	Saline	First Friday	Edward W. Marcellus	William L. Lovell
Oliver, " 38	Seward	Seward	Saturday on or before O	Thomas E. Anderson	Smith D. Atkins
30 Papillion, " 39	Papillion	Sarpy	First and third Saturdays	Oswald H. Magaret	George F. King
Humboldt, " 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second & fourth Thursdays	Hugh E. Boyd	J. Frank Snethen
Northern Light, " 41	Stanton	Stanton	Wednesday on or before O	John F. Poucher	John Schindler
Junjata, " 42	Junjata	Adams	Monday on or before O	Calvin H. Hartwig	Farmer Saddler
Hebron, " 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Charles S. Keith	John R. Sutton
35 Harvard, " 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Charles W. Wyckoff	Griffith J. Thomas
Rob Morris, " 46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Dan Quinton	James D. Hawthorne

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	No. 138	Oxford	Furnas	Thursday on or before○	William A. Rhynalds	Charles E. Rhynalds
Rawalt, Clay Centre,	" 139	Clay Centre	Clay	First and third Saturdays	Robert E. Jessup	Charles C. Blanchard
120 Western,	" 140	Western	Saline	First and third Wednesdays	Marshal J. Rhynolds	Horace B. Wilkinson
Crescent,	" 143	Cedar Rapids	Boone	Third Wednesday	Frank D. Burgess	Frank D. Burgess, Jr.
Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw	Adams	Friday on or before○	Lee W. Ramsay	Liberty M. Robinson
Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft	Cuming	Second and 4th Wednesdays	Edward H. Mack	Guy E. Harvey
Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Paul Keller	Earl Barnette
125 Siloam,	" 147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or after○	William Krotter	Frank L. Hand
Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow	Custer	Saturday on or before○	Isaac A. Reneau	George B. Mair
Jewel,	" 149	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesdays	James G. McKinney	Richard G. Drysdale
Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge	Furnas	Tuesday on or before○*	Chester A. Perry	Washington Enlow
Square,	" 151	Valparaiso	Saunders	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Eric A. Odman	Elmer Johnson
130 Parallel,	" 152	Liberty	Gage	Thursday on or before○	John Geer	W. Geo. Frankenburger
Evergreen,	" 153	Pierce	Pierce	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Ora S. Spillman	Arthur Oelke
Lily,	" 154	Davenport	Thayer	Friday on or before○	William W. Miller	Benjamin W. Showalter
Hartington,	" 155	Hartington	Cedar	Wednesday on or before○	Millard E. Eby	Elmer F. Robinson
Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing	Holt	Saturday on or before○†	John M. Trommerhauser	Ralph O. Anderson
135 Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Saturday on or before○	Clarence O. Washburn	Edward J. Hamilton
Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron	Dawes	First and third Thursdays	Alva H. Slattery	Hoyt E. Van Buren, acting
Ogalalla,	" 159	Ogalalla	Keith	Tuesday on or before○	Hugo Eymann	Axel Nelson
Zeredatha,	" 160	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Thursdays	Joseph A. Mosher	Elwood E. Schultz
Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby	Polk	Monday on or after○*	Robert Evans	Henry Burritt
140 Trestle Board,	" 162	Brook	Nemaha	Saturday on or before○	Jonas H. Teegarden	Almon C. DePue
Unity,	" 163	Greenwood	Cass	Tuesday on or before○*		Emmor K. Reece
Atkinson,	" 164	Atkinson	Holt	First and third Wednesdays	Harry A. Snyder	Robert L. Hanks
Barneston,	" 165	Barneston	Gage	Tuesday on or before○*	Elam H. Eckert	Alvin D. Spencer
Mystic Tie,	" 166	Tilden	Madison	Thursday on or before○	Benjamin H. Mills	Charles H. Snider
145 Elwood,	" 167	Elwood	Gosper	Saturday on or before○	Andrew Dow	Charles A. Yeoman
Curtis,	" 168	Curtis	Frontier	First and third Mondays	Joseph M. Adams	Forest E. Dillman
Amity,	" 169	Rushville	Sheridan	Third Saturday	Edmund Stamper	Zadok T. Daniel
Mason City,	" 170	Mason City	Custer	Tuesday on or before○	Arthur C. Rumery	Mack C. Warrington
Merna,	" 171	Merna	Custer	Saturday on or after○	Lester J. Corlet	Francis Jacquot
150 Grafton,	" 172	Grafton	Fillmore	Wednesday on or before○*	Jacob T. Shroyer	Christian Garrett
Robert Burns,	" 173	Stratton	Hitchcock	First and third Saturdays	John W. Smith	Francis M. Parfimmer
Culbertson,	" 174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays	Arvene C. Eisenhart	George G. Eisenhart
Temple,	" 175	Filley	Gage	First and third Saturdays	James M. Veach	Horace M. Miller
Gladstone,	" 176	Ansley	Custer	Saturday after○	Chas. H. F. Steinmeier	Earl O. Morris
155 Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays	Frank Tullos	Henry Spalding
Prudence,	" 179	Beaver Crossing	Seward	Tuesday on or before○	Joseph L. Winsor	John W. Allen
Justice,	" 180	Benkelman	Dundy	Friday on or before○	Will C. Hanson	Daniel L. Ough

†And Thursday before quarter moon. *And two weeks thereafter.

	Faith,	No. 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Clyde J. Hornsby.....	Samuel M. Moxham
	Incense,	" 182	Ohioa.....	Fillmore.....	Friday on or before○	Samuel J. Spelde.....	Fred Wolter
160	Alliance,	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	Thursday on or before○	George E. Davis.....	Frank W. Irish
	Bee Hive,	" 184	South Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	August C. Heicke.....	Ralph K. Towl
	Boaz,	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	Wednesday on or before○	Marion J. Walters.....	Loyal T. Parker
	Israel,	" 187	Clysses.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○	C. Edward Northway.....	John Burky
	Meridian,	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	Third Saturday.....		John T. Buckley
165	Granite,	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	First Thursday.....	J. Nelson Ashburn.....	Ira A. Kirk
	Amethyst,	" 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	Second and 4th Saturdays.....	Allen C. Kirby.....	John F. Kirby
	Crystal,	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	Saturday on or before○	John C. Poppe.....	Stephen T. Grohosky
	Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	Third Tuesday.....	Lemuel R. Geyer.....	Luke M. Bates
	Signet,	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	Friday on or before○	Henry C. Hooker.....	Francis N. Nichols
170	Highland,	" 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	First Monday.....	Fred E. Roelfs.....	William Rohe
	Arcana,	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Mondays.....	William W. Wier.....	Lloyd H. Jordan
	Level,	" 196	Stockville.....	York.....	Saturday on or before○	Robert F. Phillips.....	Luke H. Cheney
	Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham.....	Chase.....	Friday on or before○	Squire O. Harris.....	Samuel A. Tobey
	Purity,	" 198	Imperial.....	Thayer.....	Friday on or before○	Max Hoffmeister.....	John T. Johnston
175	Gavel,	" 199	Carleton.....	Garfield.....	Tuesday on or before○	E. Preston Bailey.....	James H. Bryant
	Blazing Star,	" 200	Burwell.....	Scotts Bluff.....	Thursday on or after○	Robert P. Oliver.....	Robert W. Hanna
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Gering.....	Cedar.....	First and third Fridays.....	Enos S. DeLaMatter.....	Amon R. Downar
	Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Randolph.....	Thurston.....	Monday on or before○	William R. Cain.....	Clarence B. Willey
	Roman Eagle,	" 203	Pender.....	Pierce.....	Tuesday on or before○	Samuel D. Love.....	William H. Smith
180	Plainview,	" 204	Plainview.....	Deuel.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Frank Metschies.....	Abel Buckingham
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappell.....	Jefferson.....	Thursday on or before○	Henry C. Peterson.....	Guy C. Neumann
	Napthall,	" 206	Diller.....	Custer.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	William A. Snyder.....	Ora J. Mayborn
	Parian,	" 207	Callaway.....	Valley.....	Thursday on or before○	John Frederick, Jr.....	Henry H. Andrews
	Gauge,	" 208	Arcadia.....	Cass.....	Tuesday after○*	Alfred H. Hastings.....	Charles H. Downing
185	Canopy,	" 209	Linwood.....	Lancaster.....	Saturday on or before○	George F. Wilson.....	William N. Minford
	East Lincoln,	" 210	Lincoln.....	Hall.....	Second Thursday.....	James W. Wynkoop.....	Rollin H. George
	Cement,	" 211	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	Thursday on or before○	A. Shuford Wiseman.....	Charles E. Towne
	Compass & Square,	212	Miller.....	Buffalo.....	Tuesday on or before○	Beryl E. Irvin.....	Gustav Hald
	Square & Compass,	213	Adams.....	Gage.....	Friday on or before○	Frank Ross Brown.....	Lester W. Hall
190	Plumblime,	" 214	Cedar Bluffs.....	Saunders.....	Monday on or before○	Harvey Y. Francis.....	John E. Killen
	Occidental,	" 215	Peliasde.....	Hitchcock.....	Wednesday on or before○	Clarence W. Nichols.....	Robert J. Fleming
	Palisade,	" 216	Wauneta.....	Chase.....	Thursday on or before○	Oliver W. Willis.....	Robert C. Miller
	Wauneta,	" 217	Bloomfield.....	Knox.....	First and third Thursdays.....	James A. Dick.....	Fayette T. Dimick
	Bloomfield,	" 218	Coleridge.....	Cedar.....	Tuesday on or before○	Herbert S. Hancock.....	Joachim J. Barge
195	Relief,	" 219	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	Second Friday.....	Alfred R. Linkhart.....	Franz T. Miller
	Magnolia,	" 220	Wood Lake.....	Cherry.....	Wednesday on or before○	Morris H. Evans.....	George H. Haase
	Wood Lake,	" 221	Herman.....	Washington.....	Saturday on or before○	Charles J. Kreycik.....	Henry Lausen
	Landmark,	" 222			Tuesday on or before○	Earl C. Burdic.....	Henry Truhlsen

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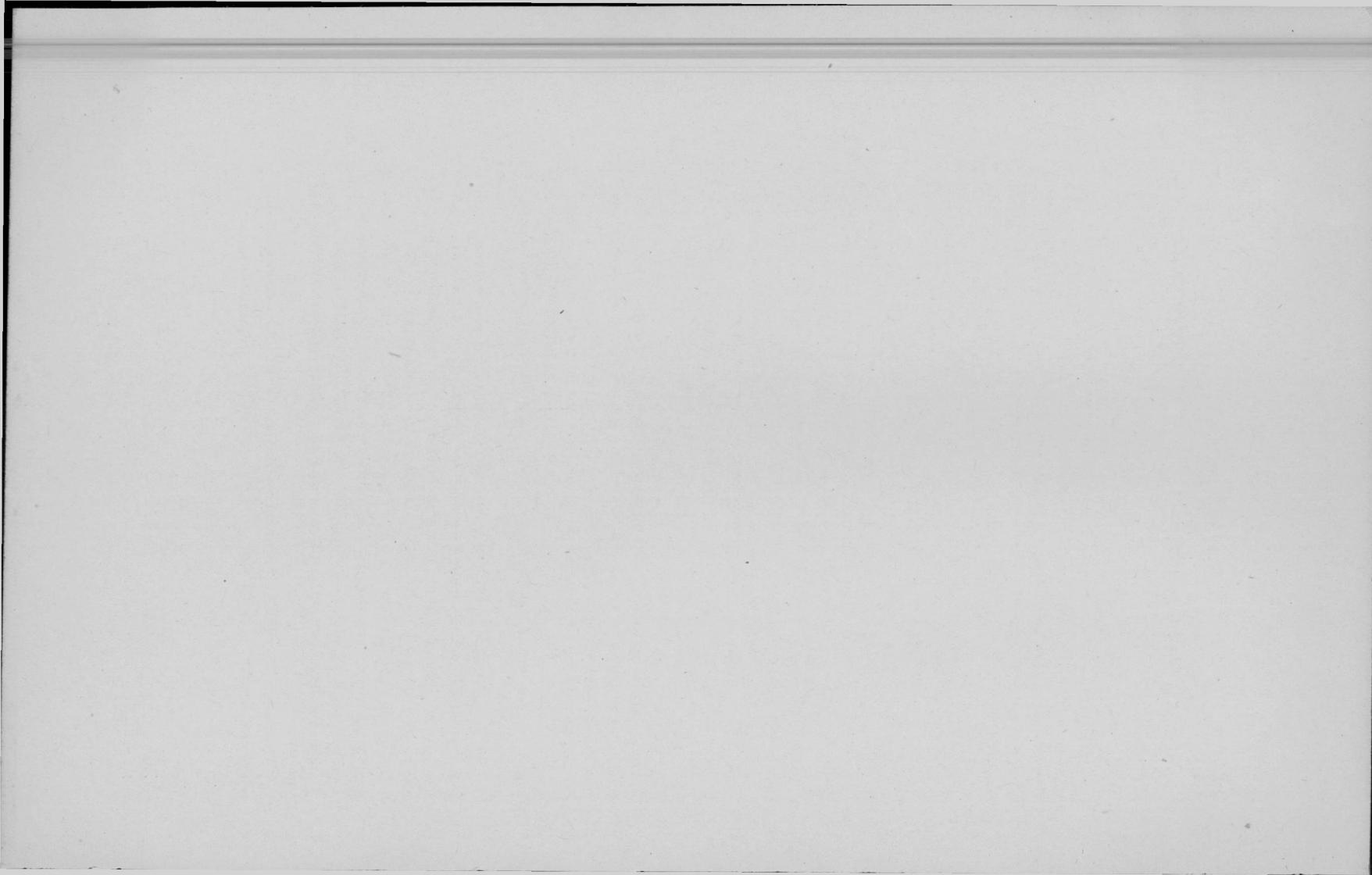
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200	Eminence	No. 223 Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Orson Shaw	Edwin Cutts	
	Silver Cord	" 224 Ainsworth	Brown	Second Saturday	Fred W. Mitchell	John W. Barr	
	Cable	" 225 Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturdays	Alfred G. Stockall	William C. Beltz	
205	Grace	" 226 Wilcox	Kearney	Monday on or before*	Alfred E. Yocum	Ivan L. Marsteller	
	North Star	" 227 University Place	Lancaster	First Wednesday†	Cecil C. Gates	Leslie A. Thomas	
	Bartley	" 228 Bartley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○	Henry Butharus	James R. Sipe	
	Comet	" 229 Ceresco	Saunders	Thursday on or before*	Otto Eliason	Ray R. Turney	
	Delta	" 230 Saint Edward	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Harry P. Kundsén	Alfred Powell	
	Mount Hermon	" 231 Cook	Johnson	Wednesday on or before○	James I. Hunt	Clarence H. Bickel	
	John S. Bowen	" 232 Kennard	Washington	Third Saturday	Everett E. Cashman	Alfred L. Cook	
	Gilead	" 233 Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays	Robert Ford	Almon B. Thatcher	
	Zion	" 234 Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before○	Frederick L. Perrett	William H. Prettyman	
	210	Fraternity	" 235 Winside	Wayne	Wednesday on or before○	Harry E. Siman	Lucas W. Needham
Golden Rule		" 236 Allen	Dixon	Tuesday on or before*	Henry C. Heckt	Vernon W. McDonald	
Cubit		" 237 Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before○	Smith H. Carpenter	Roy W. Brown	
Friendship		" 239 Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays	Axel Axén	Eugene Peterson	
Pilot		" 240 Lyons	Burt	Third Friday	Charles M. Viles	Richard A. McHale	
George Armstrong		" 241 Craig	Burt	First and third Tuesdays	Theophilus I. Minier	John L. McCommons	
Tyrian		" 243 Oak	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays	Frank Hopkirk	William H. Nelson	
Sincerity		" 244 Battle Creek	Madison	Second Tuesday	Warren R. Hall	David O. Whitla	
Hampton		" 245 Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	Theodore H. Paschke	Stephen C. Houghton	
220		Nehawka	" 246 Nehawka	Cass	Wednesday on or before○	Gilbert W. Cheney	David D. Adams
	Corner-stone	" 247 Osmond	Pierce	Friday on or before○	William H. Schultz	Delbert A. Lacey	
	Laurel	" 248 Laurel	Cedar	Second and 4th Wednesdays	Joseph H. Artman	Guy R. Stewart	
	Gothenburg	" 249 Gothenburg	Dawson	Wednesday on or before○	William J. Birkofer	John J. Jennings	
	Geo. Washington	" 250 Havelock	Lancaster	Second and 4th Thursdays	Vernon V. Gregg	Frank B. Young	
	225	Wausa	" 251 Wausa	Knox	Wednesday on or before○	Frank C. Genung	William Berridge
		Hildreth	" 252 Hildreth	Franklin	Wednesday on or before*	Francis W. Purdy	Winfield S. Marr
		Beemer	" 253 Beemer	Cuming	First and third Wednesdays	Harry A. Crosby	William L. Crosby
		Bassett	" 254 Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Fred N. Morgan	John Cousineau
		Bradshaw	" 255 Bradshaw	York	First and third Mondays	Edward B. Koon	Emile C. Roggy
230		Hickman	" 256 Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before○	John T. Weatherhogg	James C. Cook
		Holbrook	" 257 Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Fridays	Delbert L. Bengston	Jacob C. VanCleave
		Anselmo	" 258 Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before○	Charles G. Sanders	Chalmers G. Empfield
		Bee	" 259 Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before○	James T. Noxon	James Kudrna, acting.
		Springview	" 260 Springview	Keya Paha	Saturday on or before○	William A. Austin	Samuel M. Wyatt
	235	Ornan	" 261 Spencer	Boyd	First and third Mondays	Willie J. Woods	Eugene E. Bradstreet
		Endeavor	" 262 Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before○	Frank B. Hardesty	Arthur C. Crabtree
		Mitchell	" 263 Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Alfred J. Stewart	Oscar C. Barnes
		Franklin	" 264 Franklin	Franklin	Second and fourth Mondays	Harmon M. Tecker	Henry Plank, Sr.

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

	Robt. W. Furnas, No. 255	Scotts Bluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	Second and fourth Mondays..	Allen B. McCoskey.....	Frank A. Kortsan
240	Silver, " 256	Silver Creek.....	Merrick.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Newton L. Squier.....	John W. Jackman
	Jas. A. Tulleys, " 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	First Tuesday.....	Carl J. Boyles.....	Carl F. Grim
	Geo. W. Lininger, " 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Friday.....	Charles A. Eyre.....	Charles A. Bennett
	Riverside, " 269	Belgrade.....	Nance.....	Friday before○*	Adelbert W. Knight.....	Bob Dopf
	Huntley, " 270	Huntley.....	Harlan.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Sven P. Peterson.....	Thomas E. Massey
245	Oasis, " 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Earnest C. George.....	Carl D. Stannard
	Lee P. Gillette, " 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	Monday on or before○.....	Othello C. Baker.....	W. Lyell McKenney
	Crofton, " 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before○.....	J. Marten Talcott.....	Charles Ruden
	Olive Branch, " 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	Monday on or before○.....	Melville N. Winebrenner.....	Earl E. Waite
	Ramah, " 275	Bertrand.....	Phelps.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Carl Peterson.....	Robert G. Peterson
250	Antelope, " 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Samuel T. Jackson.....	Rollie C. Huffman
	Sioux, " 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	Second and fourth Mondays..	William H. Davis.....	Francis H. Wallace
	Litchfield, " 278	Litchfield.....	Sherman.....	Thursday on or before○.....	John B. Burt.....	Charles A. Rydberg
	Wallace, " 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Andrew J. Mothersead.....	Howard A. Moore
	Swastika, " 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	Tuesday on or after○.....	Joseph G. Beard.....	Frank L. Hicks
255	Florence, " 281	Florence.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	James C. Suttie.....	Jacob Weber, Jr.
	Mullen, " 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Charlie M. Barnebey.....	Arthur G. Humphrey
	Exeter, " 283	Exeter.....	Fillmore.....	Second and fourth Fridays..	William S. Wiggins.....	George S. Sprague
	Seneca, " 284	Seneca.....	Thomas.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Tristram J. Cummins.....	Berton A. Darrow
	Camp Clarke, " 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	First Tuesday.....	Joseph E. Trinnier.....	Charles D. Casper
260	Oshkosh, " 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	Wednesday on or after○.....	Herbert J. Curtis.....	David F. Fickes
	Union, " 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	Wednesday on or before.....	Henry C. McKee.....	Walter E. Barnes
	Omaha, " 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Saturday.....	Edward L. Cain.....	Charles L. Shook
	Lotus, " 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	Tuesdays on or before○*	Alfred G. Hunt.....	Fred T. Biedermann
	John J. Mercer, " 290	Benson.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Robert L. Robinson.....	Daniel Westergard
265	Diamond, " 291	Royal.....	Antelope.....	Saturday on or before.....	Lewis D. Curtis.....	Fred W. Muller
	Wolbach, " 292	Wolbach.....	Greeley.....	First and third Wednesdays..	George D. Meredith.....	Frank W. Bissell
	Monument, " 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	Second and fourth Mondays..	Israel Cawthra.....	Joseph E. Swanson

*And two weeks thereafter.



REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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 are appended in a table, 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, 1914.

December 2d, in the Masonic Temple of Montgomery, the ninety-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Henry Clanton Miller, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, fifty-four representatives of Grand Lodges, and representatives of four hundred and ten of their five hundred and fifty-five constituent lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master, in opening his address, discusses the moral teachings of Masonry, from a high standpoint.

He reports the instituting of fourteen lodges under dispensation. He continued six U. D., and reports six lodges that had forfeited their charters, for failure to hold communications for six months, and he had granted eight duplicate charters, ordered by Grand Lodge. He had also granted a great many special dispensations for the usual purposes. Nineteen district lecturers had he appointed.

He pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, among whom is numbered their late beloved brother, William Y. Titcomb, who for years wrote their reports on correspondence, in a most acceptable manner.

He reports the laying of a goodly number of corner-stones, and five decisions, among which we find the following: "A profane who has lost his left hand (arm being severed at or just above the wrist) is physically disqualified to receive the degrees of Masonry."

Together with associate, and Past Grand Officers he attended the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association held at Alexandria, Va., February 22d and 23d, 1914.

The business of the Grand Lodge was routine and not of general interest.

Brother Nathaniel L. Mewhinney presents a well written report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-eight pages. It is

largely topical, and covers the more important transactions throughout the Masonic world.

M. . W. . Henry Clanton Miller, Birmingham, is Grand Master.

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

ALBERTA, 1914.

May 27th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Banff, the ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . S. J. Blair, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, five Past Grand Officers, nineteen representatives of other Grand Lodges, and representatives of nearly all their subordinate lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master reports the constituting of nine new lodges under charters, and he had visited every one of their chartered lodges. He had also granted a large number of special dispensations, and twenty-one lodges had he allowed to wear regalia in attendance at Divine Service. He had refused to grant a dispensation to receive a petition from a candidate who had lost the first three fingers of his right hand, and on two occasions, to receive petitions of candidates who had each lost one leg below the knee.

Each of their ten District Deputy Grand Masters submitted a report of active duties rendered in his district.

M. . W. . George Macdonald, Grand Secretary, submits a very full report of transactions passing through his office.

The Grand Lodge granted charters for nine new lodges, and continued four under dispensations.

In their report on fraternal dead, our late Past Grand Masters Hayes and Ayers are remembered with appropriate mention.

Brother S. Y. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted an excellent report, in which Nebraska, 1913, receives favorable fraternal commendation.

M. . W. . J. A. Jackson, Lethbridge, is Grand Master.

M. . W. . George Macdonald, Calgary, is Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA, 1914.

February 10th, in the city of Phoenix, the thirty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. . W. . Charles Miller Smith, Deputy Grand Master, with most of the Grand Officers, thirty-six representatives of Grand Lodges, and representatives of twenty chartered lodges in attendance.

We find in the record: "Owing to adverse circumstances the Grand Master did not present the usual Annual Address." It appears elsewhere, that the Grand Master's absence was due to indisposition.

The Grand Secretary submits a brief, but concise report of the doings of the year. An exchange of representatives with several Grand Lodges had been effected, a generous contribution to the Ohio flood sufferers had been made, and several special dispensations granted. The Grand Lodge had secured membership in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, at a cost of \$100.00.

An organized effort, by the Grand Lodge through its committees, to have written a "History of Masonry in Arizona," is being pushed by earnest and patriotic members of the Fraternity. New forms of applications for initiation and affiliation have been adopted, requiring strict and thorough inquiry into the candidate's life and relatives. A lodge U. D. was granted a charter. On the second day their Grand Master, M. W. Leroy Middleton, appeared and took his seat in the East.

They have a Past Grand Masters' Association, and interesting doings of that organization are a part of the volume under review.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Charles Miller Smith, Globe, is Grand Master.

R. W. George J. Roskruge, Tucson, is Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1914.

June 18th, in the city of Prince Rupert, the forty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William Henderson, Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of a successful year; he says that he visited many of his lodges, accompanied, generally, by some one or more of his associate officers. To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays loving tribute, and among those named we find our Past Grand Masters Hayes and Ayers.

To show what hard sledding clandestine Masonry has in that country, we extract from the Grand Master's address:

Report was made to Grand Lodge last year of an attempt to form a clandestine lodge in Vancouver and the resultant conviction in the Courts of the perpetrators. We now beg to report to you another attempt made by agents of the same organization, the American Masonic Federation, this time the attempt being made in South Vancouver. The officers of this Board were from the first step fully cogni-

zant of all that was going on, but did not have evidence enough to secure a conviction until the "lodge" had been formed and some nine candidates "initiated." Through the enlightenment of some of the "members" the necessary evidence was secured, and on the evening of December 19th one Thomas Houston and John Gateman were arrested at the home of the former, where the "lodge" meeting was being held, charged with conspiring together, and with persons unknown, to defraud the public by falsehoods in soliciting subscribers to an organization known as the "American Masonic Federation." After a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Johnson they were, on January 7th, 1914, committed for trial.

They maintain the District Deputy Grand Master system, and each submits an interesting report, published with the proceedings.

M. W. Brother William A. DeWolf-Smith again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-six pages; Nebraska is not favored. We extract from his opening:

The year has been devoid of startling occurrences, the chief feature, perhaps, being the tendency of some Grand Lodges to interfere with the prerogatives of their Lodges. This is most noticeable in the Republic to the south of us, although the same influences are at work in some of our Canadian Jurisdictions. It is to be hoped that the advice of M. W. Brother Gorrell, of Saskatchewan, will be taken to heart, "Let us stick to the old ways;" although his Grand Lodge is one of those which is much taken up with some of the new ideas.

M. W. James Stark, Vancouver, is Grand Master.

M. W. William A. DeWolf-Smith, New Westminster, is Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA, 1914.

October 13th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, the sixty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. John D. Murphey, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, and representatives from all their lodges, chartered, and under dispensation, in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master declares that Masonry "has never been content to rest upon the laurels of past achievement, splendidly as that stands out in its history and tradition. It has an 'unhasting unresting' never-ending work to accomplish in its chosen mission to elevate mankind. That there is ample work to accomplish is pitifully evidenced by the unspeakable calamity that now overshadows the greater part of the civilized world. The accomplishment of the dream of the idealist for peace on earth, good will to men, that seemed so near of realization in the first generation of the twentieth century, is as absolutely impossible as at any time in the

most brutal ages of the world's history. It was to be hoped that under the guidance of an all-wise-directing Master the influence of the millions of our Craft who stood for the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, such a stupendous calamity might have been averted. But such was not to be, and it only the more forcibly reminds us of our solemn responsibilities. The fight is not lost, but only stayed. In the end justice and right and eternal truth must prevail, and in the accomplishment of that grand mission Freemasonry must and will play not only an important part, but it should be the most important role; and I sincerely trust and hope and pray that the beneficent influence of the teachings of our great institution will so permeate the citizenship of this great nation that a repetition of this stupendous calamity may never be the fate of the people of this continent."

A Committee on the State of the War in Europe, among other things in its report said: "While we are convinced that 'this is a vital and imperative matter—a matter of tremendous magnitude—and the solution calls for serious and conscientious consideration,' we do not believe that this is the time for us to act. This subject needs consideration from a calm, sensible and well balanced standpoint, free from the hysteria incident to times of war, and the rashness to assist without knowing where and how to apply the proper and adequate relief."

V.·W.·Thomas J. Baker, Grand Lecturer, reports the active performance of his duties in visiting and instructing a great many of their lodges.

The Board of Trustees of their Masonic Home submitted a very interesting report of the year in that most commendable institution.

M.·W.·Brother Edward H. Hart again presents the report on correspondence, but Nebraska is not included.

M.·W.·Benjamin F. Bledsoe, Los Angeles, is Grand Master.

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

CANADA, 1914.

July 15th, at the city of Niagara Falls, Ontario, the fifty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·William David McPherson, Grand Master, with nearly all the Grand Officers, twenty-three District Deputy Grand Masters, twenty-eight representatives of Grand Lodges, and representatives of nearly all their five hundred and twenty-two subordinate lodges in attendance. There were also present distinguished visitors from other Grand Juris-

dictions, thirty-three in all, who were received and welcomed with grand honors.

In opening his address the Grand Master announced that the year just closed had been one of the best in the history of the Craft in that jurisdiction, and he had instituted ten new lodges.

To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays loving tribute, with extended remarks upon the life and labors of their late R. . W. . Brother Sir Aemilius Irving, K. B., and others, among them, Senator and Past Grand Master William Gibson. He had visited extensively among the lodges, and brings good report of conditions among the Craft. He was also present at St. Louis on the occasion of the fifth Conference of Grand Masters in May, 1914, and rendered an interesting account of what he there saw. He reports his "Rulings," which are of special importance, only, in his own jurisdiction.

Dispensations to the number of three hundred and sixty-four had he issued.

One lodge secretary was by his order charged with misconduct in office, and pending trial his official right to continue his services was suspended.

Of another matter he thus speaks:

Late in the autumn of 1913 a terrific hurricane on Lake Huron resulted in the destruction of over twenty large steamships and an appalling loss of life, among whom were many members of the Craft. With practically the unanimous concurrence of the members of the Board of General Purposes I subscribed on behalf of Grand Lodge the sum of \$1,000 to a "Lakes Disaster Fund," which was instituted by the Dominion Marine Association, as a public subscription for the families of the brave sailors who had lost their lives.

The business of the Grand Lodge was routine and not of general importance outside of that jurisdiction. At the close of the Grand Lodge, ceremonies in commemoration of one hundred years of peace between Great Britain and the United States were held, which were attended by many distinguished Freemasons. Interesting addresses were delivered at this occasion, although they are not included in the volume under review.

M. . W. . Brother A. T. Freed submits the report on foreign correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty-four pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six other Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1913, receiving generous fraternal consideration.

M. . W. . William David McPherson, Toronto, is Grand Master.
R. . W. . Ralph L. Gunn, Hamilton, is Grand Secretary.

COLORADO, 1914.

September 15th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver, the fifty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William S. Pickerill, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, twenty-one permanent members, and representatives of all their chartered lodges in attendance.

In the Grand Master's address he speaks of the war in Europe:

No doubt the onward march of Europe will be halted for a time, and we shall see the application to nations of Nature's unrelentless law—the survival of the fittest. And finally man will realize the futility of all such worthless illusions as war against his brother. Battle flags will no longer wave, red fields of carnage will give place to waving grain, war drums no longer throb, "And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in universal law."

To the memory of their late Past Grand Master, Henry M. Teller, who died February 23d, 1914, he pays loving fraternal tribute.

He reports the granting of a great number of dispensations to confer degrees "out of time," the exchange of courtesies with other Grand Lodges, and the institution of three new lodges U. D. ; visited extensively among his lodges, laid corner-stones, and exchanged representatives with several other Grand Lodges, and reports one decision.

He highly commends the labors of their Grand Lecturer, R. W. William W. Cooper, and says of him: "His labors are not confined to the ritualistic work, but cover nearly every phase of Masonic endeavor, including history, symbolism and jurisprudence. As 'Inspector of Lodges' he renders untold assistance to the Grand Master."

Brother L. D. Crain, Grand Orator, delivered an interesting address, taking as his subject: "This is the era or age of efficiency." Of teaching Masonry, he holds that "we cannot, as Masons, go out among those who are not of us, and teach them as Masons. Yet, if we are truly Masons, if the great moral and beneficent principles of our institution have made an impression upon us; if the great light of intellectual and religious freedom has penetrated the eye of our understanding, it truly becomes our duty, if I interpret aright our purposes, to educate the masses in the fundamentals of good government, good morals, and exemplary living."

M. W. Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf again presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering ninety-six pages and reviewing the proceedings of forty-two other Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1913, receives favorable fraternal consideration.

M.·W.·Charles H. Dudley, Colorado Springs, is Grand Master.
R.·W.·Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, is Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1914.

December 16th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Washington, the one hundred and fourth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·T. John Newton, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, and the representatives of all their constituent lodges in attendance. Among the distinguished visitors present we find the name of our Past Grand Master Milton J. Hull.

Among the Grand Master's dispensations we find that he issued but few to ballot and confer degrees out of time. He exchanged representatives with a few other Grand Lodges. He visited other Grand Lodges, one of them the Grand Lodge of Canada at its annual communication held at the city of Niagara Falls, July 15th, 1915.

M.·W.·Brother George W. Baird presents the report on correspondence, as he has done for years. It covers one hundred and fifty-one pages and reviews the proceedings of sixty-six other Grand Lodges, in which Nebraska, 1914, receives generous fraternal consideration.

M.·W.·Alexander Grant, Washington, is Grand Master.
R.·W.·Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, is Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA, 1914.

October 27th, in the City Auditorium, in Macon, the one hundred and twenty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Robert L. Colding, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, five Past Grand Masters, and representatives of nearly all of their five hundred and fifty-four constituent lodges in attendance.

In opening his address, the Grand Master speaks of the Panama Canal as a most wonderful advancement of the science of civil engineering, compared with which, he says, "the Suez and Kiel canals and all similar projects pale into insignificance."

He reports their Masonic Home as in a very satisfactory condition. To fill vacancies he appointed Brother W. L. Collier and his wife as superintendent and matron. To the Order of the Eastern Star he accords praise as a valuable auxiliary to the Grand Lodge in the proper conduct of that institution. He visited extensively among the

lodges and reports good conditions, and urges uniform work in them.

Among his decisions we find one in which he holds: "When a Master Mason is on trial for a criminal offense it is improper for a lodge to refuse to furnish him with an affidavit made by one of the State's witnesses, who now makes a different statement from that contained in his affidavit."

He had instituted under dispensations eight new lodges.

A committee to revise, alter, and amend their ritualistic work was appointed.

A resolution was adopted authorizing subordinate lodges to divide the work in the Masters degree into two communications and make a requirement of the candidate as to proficiency in the knowledge of all work in the first section, including the obligation, covering the same requirements as would be necessary for his advancement in the preceding degrees.

Their law provides that a lodge may in its discretion remit the fees for the degrees and the annual dues of a minister.

Brother Charles L. Bass presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and thirty-four pages and reviewing the proceedings of forty-four other Grand Lodges, in which Nebraska, 1913, receives extended favorable fraternal consideration.

M. : W. : N. H. Ballard, Brunswick, is Grand Master.

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

IDAHO, 1914.

September 8th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Cœur d'Alene, the forty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. : W. : Curtis F. Pike, Grand Master, with all of the Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Masters, and Past Masters and representatives from all the constituent lodges, as also thirteen representatives of other Grand Lodges, in attendance.

To the memory of the dead, with extended remarks on the life and labors of their late Past Grand Master James A. Pinney, the Grand Master pays tribute in opening his address.

He reports having granted dispensations for two new lodges, and a goodly number of special dispensations, and the approval of lodge by-laws. He speaks with commendable pride of their Orphan Fund, now grown to a goodly sum. He reports the constituting of two new lodges under charters granted by the Grand Lodge.

He visited lodges throughout the state and brings good report of conditions generally. He speaks enthusiastically of their brother

Jonas W. Brown, second Grand Master of their state, who celebrated June 27th, last, his eighty-ninth birthday, at his home in Boise. He had been a Mason for more than sixty-five years.

R. W. William B. Goodheart, Grand Lecturer, submits a report showing an active year in visiting and instructing their lodges. We like what he says, in the following:

During my several years as Grand Lecturer I have endeavored to impress upon the minds of the brethren, particularly the newly made Masons, the vital importance of reading and studying standard Masonic literature. During the past year, while visiting the lodges, I have with great satisfaction observed many Masonic histories, encyclopedias and magazines, which is evidence that the brethren in Idaho are on the upward trend in Masonry.

R. W. George E. Knepper again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fourteen pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four other Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1913, receives kindly fraternal consideration.

M. W. Andrew Christenson, Sandpoint, is Grand Master.

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

ILLINOIS, 1914.

October 13th, at the Oriental Consistory building, in the city of Chicago, the seventy-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Henry T. Burnap, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, forty-four representatives of other Grand Lodges, and one thousand and seven representatives of subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master reports the continued growth and prosperity of the Fraternity in that Grand Jurisdiction. "Freemasonry," he says, "in every community where it has organized existence, is encouraged and patronized by men who are pre-eminent for their moral and intellectual attainments. An institution like ours, free from sectarian prejudice and political bias, and having for its prime objects the general uplift of mankind and the relief of the distressed, appeals with peculiar force to thoughtful and intelligent men."

To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays loving tribute, among whom one Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother John Robert Thomas, on the 28th day of January, 1914, while in consultation with a client in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, was shot and killed in an effort made by three convicts to escape from

prison. Three of Nebraska's distinguished Masons, Past Grand Masters Samuel W. Hayes, Nathaniel M. Ayers, and George B. France, are named among those of other Grand Jurisdictions.

He reports an exchange of representatives with other Grand Lodges. He had instituted ten lodges U. D., constituted nine under charters, laid six corner-stones, and dedicated eight new Halls, but refused many special dispensations asked for, granting a few when he approved the object. He relied upon assistance from his District Deputies and the Grand Lecturer, who visited lodges and held Schools of Instruction throughout the state.

The affairs of the Masonic Homes had been conducted in a satisfactory and efficient manner, and the membership in them, he says, "has practically reached the limit."

M. W. Henry T. Burnap, Alton, is Grand Master.

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

INDIANA, 1914.

May 26th, in the Grand Lodge hall of the Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, the ninety-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. John W. Hanan, Grand Master, all the Grand Officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, twenty-five representatives of Grand Lodges, and representatives of five hundred and forty-five of their five hundred and fifty-two chartered lodges being in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master says that he had hoped to deserve at the end of his administration the plaudit: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." The year, he says, had been a most prosperous one. "Nature has yielded abundantly to the necessities of life and our glorious republic is blessed with great prosperity. Masonry has kept well up abreast with the advancement of the world," and the year had been a banner one for Masonry within that jurisdiction. "It has made the largest gain in membership of any year in its history." He further says: "The social features of our order have grown greatly and a vast amount of good is being accomplished by means of public entertainments in which the principles of Masonry are taught and expounded and the public brought to know and understand that Masonry is a great fraternal brotherhood adhering to the Holy Bible as the rule and guide of faith."

He also gives the interesting statement: "We have 14,416 Lodges in the United States, with their membership of 1,569,127."

He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their late Grand Senior Warden, Joseph A. McKee, who died on December 6th, 1913.

Among the fraternal dead of other Grand Lodges, he mentions our late M.·W.·Brothers Samuel Warren Hayes and Nathaniel M. Ayers.

The Grand Master had, he says, rendered hundreds of decisions, but does not report them. He reports the constituting of six lodges under charters, the instituting of three under dispensations, a good many special dispensations to elect officers out of time, and the approval of many by-laws, after changes, inserted by him, to conform to the General Regulations. Corner-stone laying and dedicating new temples and halls, also constituted pleasing features of his year's work. He visited many of his lodges and brings good report of conditions.

At the request of the Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, he delivered an address to the Grand Chapter of that Order. The address was an able one throughout.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge were routine, and not of general interest outside of that Grand Jurisdiction.

Brother Elmer F. Gay submits a good report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all English-speaking Grand Jurisdictions. Nebraska, 1913, receives favorable fraternal treatment.

M.·W.·Martin A. Morrison, Frankfort, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, is Grand Secretary.

IOWA, 1914.

June 9th, in the Auditorium in the city of Des Moines, the seventy-first annual communication assembled, the Grand Lodge was opened, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Frank B. Whitaker, was escorted to the Grand East and received with public Grand Honors. Rev. Brother A. B. Leamer delivered an address of welcome, in behalf of the Masons of Des Moines.

In opening his address the Grand Master discusses what he calls the "dual nature" of man: "The coarser and the finer; the earthly and heavenly; the physical and the spiritual." He reports the constituting of two new lodges under charters granted at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge; the laying of three corner-stones of public buildings, but no decisions, saying that there had not been any questions submitted that could not be readily answered by carefully following the law as prescribed by the Code, and in nearly every

case, if the brethren had put in the same amount of time looking up the law that they did in writing to the Grand Master, they would have found the answer to the question themselves. All of twenty requests to re-ballot, save one, he refused.

He recommended an amendment to their Code so that an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft removing from the jurisdiction of Iowa could be granted a certificate of dismissal, equivalent to a demit; which, when endorsed by the Grand Secretary, might be presented to the lodge to whose jurisdiction he removes, so as to enable him to apply for and receive the remaining degrees.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge were routine and not of general interest.

M.·W.·Brother Louis Block again presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and fifty-five pages, and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all the English-speaking Grand Jurisdictions, in which Nebraska, 1913, receives generous fraternal consideration, mixed with mild criticism.

M.·W.·Charles Wesley Walton, Dubuque, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, is Grand Secretary.

KANSAS, 1915.

February 17th, in the Banquet Hall of the Scottish Rite Temple, in the city of Wichita, the fifty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Charles H. Chandler, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, forty-four representatives of Grand Lodges, and a very large number of Past Masters and representatives of constituent lodges, in attendance.

In his account of his trip across the state from east to west, the Grand Master says: "The picture that presented itself to view—the ever-changing panorama of alfalfa, corn and wheat—could be likened to nothing more appropriately than to a vast ocean whose surface was disturbed by the gentle breezes, and whose shores were hidden by the distant horizon." Beautiful and inspiring as was this picture, it was not more so than the picture presented to the Grand Master through his visitations and the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, "of the material prosperity of the Craft, the happiness and contentment of our membership, and the intense interest taken in Masonry by the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction."

He reports the constituting of four new lodges under charters and the instituting of five under dispensations, and he had laid seven cor-

ner-stones for public buildings. An occasion of special interest was the dedication of a new Masonic Temple in Leavenworth.

Among his decisions we find one holding that: "It is not lawful to hold entertainments in a Masonic hall, owned or controlled by the lodge and used exclusively for Masonic purposes, to which an admission fee is charged, or entertainment is held for profit." He enjoyed greatly his official visits, the memories of which, he says, will remain with him.

Brother Alfred W. Benson gave a very inspiring oration, as Grand Orator, appropriately entitled: "A vision of life and Brotherhood."

The business of the Grand Lodge was largely routine and not of general interest.

M.·W.·Brother Matthew M. Miller submits the report on correspondence, his thirteenth, covering one hundred and ninety-eight pages, and reviewing the proceedings of seventy Grand Lodges, in which Nebraska, 1914, receives favorable fraternal treatment.

M.·W.·William L. Burdick, Lawrence, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, is Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY, 1914.

October 20th, in the Masonic Temple of Louisville, the one hundred and fourteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Orie S. Ware, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, twenty-two Past Grand Masters, and Past Masters and representatives from nearly all the constituent lodges in attendance.

A healthful and steady increase in their membership and development is declared by the Grand Master, in opening his address. To the memory of their dead, with extended remarks upon the life and labors of their late Past Grand Master, John Walden Landrum, he pays loving fraternal tribute, as also another, M.·W.·Brother Henry Bostwick, who died August 20th, 1914.

Eight new lodges had the Grand Master instituted under dispensation, and he had issued seventeen special dispensations, some of which were to confer degrees out of time. Many public installations had he authorized. He visited extensively, and was everywhere received and banqueted by his lodges. He reports but one decision. He decided that a lodge cannot receive a petition for initiation from a man one-eighth to one-sixteenth negro, citing a provision of their constitution in support of his decision. Of their Masonic Home he says:

The Craft of Kentucky have furnished to the Masonic world a true example of charity and benevolence in the establishment of this pioneer

institution, and it has been nurtured and sustained for many years with well-deserved pride by the Masons of this Commonwealth. A rich inheritance is due to those who have maintained and preserved it unimpaired to the present for the relief and beneficent advantage of the orphans and widows of our brethren; and, as they have performed well their work in the past, let us push on with renewed vigor and zealous endeavor.

Of war, he says: "We are to be congratulated as a nation that peace and tranquility prevail among us, and that the situation in our sister Republic seems to be approaching a peaceful solution."

He visited Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, at Alexandria, the lodge over which Washington presided, and gives a graphic account of the lodge room and its contents, as also its interesting relics of "Washington the Mason."

M.·W.·Brother William W. Clarke presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-one pages, and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all the English-speaking Grand Lodges in the world.

M.·W.·George B. Winslow, Carrollton, is Grand Master.

M.·W.·Dave Jackson, Louisville, is Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1915.

February 1st, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of New Orleans, the one hundred and fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·James H. Caldwell, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, many Past Grand Officers, representatives of other Grand Lodges, and representatives of a great number of their subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master speaks with approval of a Masonic Club, which he visited, assisting at its opening, and he says: "I was assured that the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters would be provided with a room furnished with the conveniences necessary in which to while away the time waiting for their husbands to join them from lodge rooms, instead of having to stand around the corridors."

He recommended one, instead of three ballots for the three degrees.

Of their Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, of New Orleans, he speaks words of praise: "Is a Brother sick, he is visited; is he in distress, he is relieved; has he sorrows, they are comforted; is he without employment, positions are secured for him; and should death overtake him, he is given sepulchre."

Rev. Bro. R. H. Harper, Grand Orator, delivered an eloquent

and inspiring address on "The Worth of Symbolism," from which we quote:

Surely no dearth of themes might be drawn from the history and teachings of this noble Order. And to the contemplative Mason, light is added to the coming light as the days go by. As a prism, held to the casement, breaks up the sunlight into the seven colors of the rainbow, as a splendid opal, slowly turned between the fingers, seems to reflect in turn all the colors of a summer sky, from pearl white, through clear beryl green, to the golden light of the setting sun, so this mighty Beacon of the ages gives off beautiful and varied shafts of light and truth as it is steadily viewed from changing angles.

Brother Herman C. Duncan again writes the report on correspondence, covering fifty-two pages, and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all the English-speaking Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1914, receives fraternal treatment.

M.·W.·Alfred W. Cheesman, Shreveport, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·John A. Davilla, New Orleans, is Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1914.

May 5th, in the Masonic Temple, Portland, the ninety-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Elmer P. Spofford, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, nine Past Grand Masters, and representatives of one hundred and eighty-eight constituent lodges, as also forty-one representatives of Grand Lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in his address, says that Freemasonry in Maine is enjoying great prosperity; that the membership of the lodges is increasing by a gradual and healthy growth, and he further says: "What a splendid army of earnest, active, devoted men, recruited from the best citizenship of the state and enlisted in the noble cause of Brotherhood, Fraternity, and Universal Benevolence! They are doing their full part in the onward march of freedom and truth and justice."

He pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, with extended remarks upon the life and labors of their deceased Past Grand Treasurer, R.·W.·Millard Fillmore Hicks, who died at his home in Portland, April 3d, 1914.

He reports the granting of a considerable number of special dispensations, three of which were to form public processions, each to engage in ceremonies to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the constitution of a lodge. Another was to dedicate a new hall.

Among his reported decisions we find the following: "An accusa-

tion signed by a Master Mason who at the time stands suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, is 'under the signature of a Master Mason,' within the meaning of the Constitution, and may be received and acted upon by the lodge.'

Another:

5. *Ques.* Is a brother in good standing when he is several years in arrears of dues?

Ans. A brother's good standing in a lodge cannot be denied until, after due trial, he has been dealt with for some masonic offense.

The District Deputy Grand Masters, and the Grand Lecturer each present interesting report of his labors, and of good conditions among the lodges.

Their old-time Grand Secretary, Stephen Berry, presents another concisely written and excellently arranged annual report.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was accorded by the Grand Lodge, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. But recognition of the Grand Lodge of Egypt was not granted. It will be remembered that our Grand Lodge, some years ago, on the recommendation of our late M. .W. .Brother Lininger, extended recognition to the Egyptian Grand Lodge.

A very comprehensive report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of seventy-five Grand Lodges, is presented by M. .W. .Brother Albro E. Chase. It covers one hundred and ten pages, and Nebraska, 1913, receives generous fraternal treatment, with appropriate mention of our deceased Past Grand Masters Wheeler, Hayes, and Ayers.

M. .W. .Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, is Grand Master.

R. .W. .Stephen Berry, Portland, is Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA, 1914.

June 10th, at the city of Brandon, the thirty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. .W. .Edward M. Walker, Grand Master, with all but three of the Grand Officers, eight Past Grand Masters, twenty-seven representatives of Grand Lodges, and representatives of nearly all their constituent lodges in attendance.

"With hearts attuned to the hopeful and joyous inspiration of Spring, we have yearned for this meeting with the pleasurable expectation of renewing old friendships, of making new ones, and of being

broadened, sweetened and stimulated by the beneficent influence of attrition," said the Grand Master in opening his address. He pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, and reports the laying of the corner-stone of a new church. He had made official visits to twenty of his lodges and instructed in the work at all of them but two. And he says that: "It is gratifying to report a goodly increase in membership." He asks: "When is a man a Mason," and answering says:

When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins, knowing that each has a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends, and to keep them, and above all, how to keep friends with himself. When he loves flowers, can hunt the birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child. When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life. When star-crowned trees, and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead. When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response. When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of higher things, and to see majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be.

Nine District Deputy Grand Masters make report, each for his district, showing active and faithful labor in his field, in visiting and instructing the lodges.

"No appeals or questions of Masonic law and usage have been submitted," says the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the Committee on Grievances repeat the same happy state of affairs.

One hundred dollars was appropriated for a benevolent fund, and the Committee on Finance recommended that the sum of \$3,350.00, loaned by the Investment Committee, be allotted to the "Aged and Indigent Masons Fund."

There is no report on correspondence.

M. . W. . Lynds S. Vaughan, Selkirk, is Grand Master.

M. . W. . James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, is Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN, 1914.

May 26th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Flint, the seventieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. . W. . William R. Perrett, Deputy Grand Master, with all but two of the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, forty-four representatives of other Grand Lodges, and representatives of four hundred and thirteen lodges in attendance. The Grand Master, M. . W. .

Brother Francis Devereaux Clarke, departed this life September 13th, 1913, and the address of the Acting Grand Master gives an account of the affairs for the full year.

From the Acting Grand Master's opening address we extract:

The path to fame finds many following fast after an undying place in the hearts and affections of their fellowmen. On to unrealized ambitions, winds the path that many vainly follow, hoping against hope, through a long, unhappy life. Numberless, like the sands of the seashore, or the stars that roll in brilliant majesty through silent realms of space, are those who walk, aye, sometimes run with eager feet, in the path that leads to gratification of passionate desires. But better far than all these paths is that toilsome path of duty, which leads us, at last, to the goal of serene satisfaction.

The Grand Secretary reports the institution of three lodges U. D. :

M. W. : Brother Lou B. Winsor submits a report on correspondence, covering two hundred and sixty pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1913, receives extended favorable fraternal consideration.

M. W. : William M. Perrett, Detroit, is Grand Master.

M. W. : Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, is Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1913.

September 17th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Helena, the forty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. : John G. Bair, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters, twenty-one representatives of other Grand Lodges, and representatives of seventy-seven of their eighty constituent lodges in attendance.

In eloquent words of greeting to his brethren, the Grand Master opened his address, speaking of his domain as "This Imperial Jurisdiction." and saying: "The sower has gone forth to sow, and under the genial influences of the sunshine and of rains, behold how rich and plenteous are the harvests!"

To the memory of their late Past Grand Master George W. Monroe he pays loving fraternal tribute. Past Grand Master Monroe came from Alabama and became one of the organizers and charter members of a new lodge and later Grand Master.

The Grand Master reports the granting of several special dispensations, principally to elect officers and ballot on candidates "out of time." A liberal exchange of courtesies with other Grand Jurisdictions also does he report.

He visited a few of his lodges, constituted six, and instituted two, and says that general conditions are good. He reports but two decisions. He exchanged representatives with several other Grand Lodges.

They have the system of lodge instruction, by an instructor for each lodge, and he praises the plan.

The Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Wardens, each, submit reports of active work in the performance of his duties, generally in visiting the lodges.

M.:W.:Brother H. S. Hepner submits the report on foreign correspondence, covering two hundred and seventeen pages, and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all the English-speaking Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1912, receives favorable fraternal consideration. Brother Hepner is in error in calling this writer a "Dr."

M.:W.:O. F. Wasmansdorff, Lewistown, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, is Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1914.

June 9th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Reno, the fiftieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:William M. David, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from twenty-two of their subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of the day as an anniversary of their Grand Lodge, saying: "On January 16, 1865, a small band of determined brethren gathered together in convention in Masonic Hall at Virginia City, and set about organizing the Grand Lodge of Nevada, casting off the ties which bound them to their Mother Grand Lodge—California; bent upon establishing Masonry more firmly in the new state of Nevada." And he speaks most entertainingly of their early history.

He had visited among his lodges; reports the exchange of courtesies with other Grand Lodges, but had been called upon for only a few decisions.

The liquor question had been put up to him several times, and he says:

I have replied in every instance that our Grand Lodge at its session in 1912, unanimously adopted a resolution recommending to our constituent lodges that they do not accept a petition or an application from a person engaged in the saloon business; and recommending further that any member thereafter engaging in such business be expelled from the Fraternity.

He urges "Study Clubs," and their importance, citing the labors of two such in Nevada.

Among his official acts, and, on April 7th, 1914, he issued a circular letter to all the lodges of the state, requesting that proceedings be taken to compel all non-affiliates within their jurisdiction to attend and show cause for their non-affiliation. Among his recommendations we note the following:

Where dues are paid to the Grand Lodge, it is but equitable that the Grand Lodge should receive no more than the per capita tax, for the reason that when relief is applied for, it is the constituent lodge and not the Grand Lodge that extends it; therefore the lodge having jurisdiction over the member should receive the amount of his dues, over and above the per capita tax, and I recommend a Regulation to this effect.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, urges the preparation of an historical record of each lodge in their Grand Jurisdiction.

Brother Edward D. Vanderlieth, Commissioner of Review, again submits a very interesting report on correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty-four pages, and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-three Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1913, receives favorable fraternal treatment.

M.·W.·Theodore J. Steinmetz, Reno, is Grand Master.

M.·W.·Edward D. Vanderlieth, Carson City, is Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1914.

May 20th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Concord, the one hundred and twenty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Holman A. Drew, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, forty-four representatives of Grand Lodges, and the representatives of fifty-six of their eighty lodges, in attendance.

As distinguished visitors, there were present, M.·W.·Isaac Henry Stearns, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and Grand Representative of New Hampshire near that Grand Lodge, and M.·W.·Francis J. Woodman, Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire near that Grand Lodge.

In his address the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute, in extended remarks, to their late R.·W.·Albert Stillman Batchellor, Past District Deputy Grand Master, for his long time services for the Craft.

Under the head of decisions he says that all he had been ask for

during the year were easily answered by referring to their old Constitution and Digest, and he feels that since the publication of that work, the Masters of all subordinate lodges should study the same and there would be little or no need for calling on the Grand Master for decisions.

He had granted a good many special dispensations for the usual purpose of balloting and conferring degrees out of time, and had exchanged courtesies with other Grand Masters in the matter of waivers of jurisdiction over candidates.

Their District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports of active labors throughout the state among the subordinate lodges.

The transactions of the Grand Lodge were routine, and not of general interest outside of New Hampshire.

The report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-one pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1913, included, is the work of their Grand Secretary, who is an experienced and able writer.

M. W. Stephen S. Jewett, Laconia, is Grand Master.

M. W. Harry M. Cheney, Concord, is Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1914.

January 13th, in the Masonic Temple, in Raleigh, the one hundred and twenty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. F. M. Winchester, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand Masters, thirty-four representatives of Grand Lodges, and representatives of nearly all their constituent lodges, in attendance.

To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays loving tribute, rejoicing, however, that death had not entered their official ranks, nor that of their Past Grand Masters. Our loss of Past Grand Master Nathaniel M. Ayers, is noted, with appropriate comment.

Of their own condition he says he thinks that Masonry in North Carolina was never so prosperous as it had been during the year just ending. He reports the constituting of three new lodges under charters, and the instituting of nine U. D. He says that scores of questions had been asked, but he reports only one decision, and that not of general interest. He had granted numerous dispensations, but he does not go into details. Of their Masonic Home and its affairs, he says they are in a very satisfactory shape. He had, he says, visited as many lodges as he possibly could, and he mentions with gratitude the courtesies extended to him. He attended the third annual

communication of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, at Alexandria, and says that it was a most delightful occasion. Again he speaks of their Masonic and Eastern Star Home, as "the crowning and tangible glory of North Carolina."

Their Grand Orator, Brother W. B. Love, delivered an excellent address; we quote from his opening:

I have selected, however, as my subject "The Badge of a Mason." I have selected this subject because the badge is the gift from the Fraternity, and the only material thing by which the non-masonic world can distinguish us. I have no eulogy for you this evening because you are Masons, because the real Mason needs none; I have no defense to make for Masonry because it needs no defense at the hands of any man. It has stood the test of ages and the world now concedes its purpose. It is true, that it is not the only institution of its kind, but it is the only one at whose door you must knock as an individual and uninvited before you can enter.

Brother John A. Collins submits the report on correspondence covering one hundred and thirty-three pages, and reviews the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1913, receives favorable fraternal consideration.

M. : W. : John T. Alderman, Henderson, is Grand Master.

R. : W. : John C. Drewry, Raleigh, is Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1915.

January 19th, in the hall in Masonic Temple, in the city of Raleigh, the one hundred and twenty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. : W. : John T. Alderman, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, ten Past Grand Masters, twenty-seven representatives of other Grand Lodges, and representatives of nearly all their constituent lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master, in speaking of the war in Europe, among other things says:

Every gale from the East brings news of calamity and suffering. The distressing conditions which prevail among the warring nations of Europe are spreading their blighting pall over all the earth. The progress of civilization for forty centuries has met a withering collapse in the great maelstrom which is drawing into its horrible vortex the accumulated advancement and enlightenment among these great nations. The achievements from the arts of peace and culture are not sufficient to satiate the sordid appetites of ambitious men, but along with human lives these must be sacrifices to the merciless Moloch of war. The cruel monster gathers his tithings from young and old alike. The sufferings of peace-loving men, the wail of broken-hearted widows,

and the cry of homeless orphans from afar, float across the seas and touch men's souls everywhere.

And he sent out to the lodges a formal prayer of peace.

He attended the annual meeting of the Washington Memorial Association at Alexandria, Va. Also the conference of Grand Masters at St. Louis in May, 1914, and submits a most interesting account of that meeting.

He reports the instituting of thirteen lodges under dispensation, and four decisions, in one of which he held that: "The petition of a soldier or an officer in the United States Army, temporarily stationed near a Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, cannot be entertained unless the applicant is entitled to become a citizen where he is stationed and to register and vote in the State elections."

Twenty-two District Deputy Grand Masters were present, and each submitted a report of services rendered, and of generally good conditions in each of the districts.

Brother John A. Collins again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-five pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight other Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1914, receives extended favorable consideration.

M. W. Frank P. Hobgood, Jr., Greensboro, is Grand Master.

R. W. John C. Drewry, Raleigh, is Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1914.

June 16th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Fargo, "The close of the first quarter of a century of history of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of the State of North Dakota, was marked by the opening of the Twenty-fifth Annual Communication," which was opened by M. W. Walter L. Williamson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand Masters, thirty-eight Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges, and representatives of ninety-five of their one hundred and six subordinate lodges in attendance.

In the Grand Master's address he shows that he had been "both active and efficient" in performing the duties of his office. He had visited extensively both among his own lodges and at the annual communications of other Grand Lodges, and the meeting of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, at Alexandria, Va., on February 23d and 24th, 1914, accompanied by other distinguished Grand Officers, of North Dakota.

He also attended the Grand Masters Conference, on May 14th, 15th, and 16th, in the city of St. Louis, and gives an interesting account of that notable event. He reports the constituting of one new lodge and the instituting of four under dispensations, and exchanged representatives with several other Grand Lodges.

They have the District Deputy Grand Master system and he had appointed a D. D. Grand Master for each district.

W. Paul H. Jeardeau, Grand Lecturer, submitted a short report showing active service among the lodges.

M. W. Brother James W. Foley submits an interesting report on correspondence, covering forty-nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all other Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1913, receives extended fraternal consideration.

M. W. Frank H. Sprague, Grafton, is Grand Master.

R. W. Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, is Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1914.

October 21st, in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple, in the city of Columbus, the one hundred and fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles J. Pretzman, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, twenty-one Past Grand Masters, and representatives from five hundred and thirty-four of their lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master reports the constituting of six lodges to which the Grand Lodge had granted charters, the institution of five under dispensation, the dedication of thirteen temples and lodge rooms, and the laying of eight corner-stones. To the flood sufferers generous contributions, from other Grand bodies, and from their own Masonic bodies had been distributed. He visited and speaks highly of their Masonic Home.

To the Peace Festival at Niagara Falls he sent M. W. Brother William B. Melish as his proxy, who was accompanied by their Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Jacob H. Bromwell, and Brother Melish submits an interesting report of that event.

Of conditions in Europe he says:

Men, women, and children, young and old, of all stations in life, are refugees in Western France, England, Holland, and even in the northern countries of Europe. Their numbers are such that the people among whom they have taken refuge are unable to take care of them properly for any great length of time. The stories of suffering and distress of the Belgian people are frightful and stagger humanity, and

M. . W. . Brother E. T. D. Chambers again presents the report on correspondence. He is an experienced reviewer and entertains his readers with some of the best to be found in Masonic literature.

M. . W. . John E. Wright, Montreal, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . Will H. Whyte, Montreal, is Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND, 1914.

May 18th, in Freemasons Hall, in Providence, the one hundred and twenty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . John Francis Clark, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, six Past Grand Masters, one hundred and sixty Past Masters, and representatives of all the subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Among the deceased to whom the Grand Master, in opening his address, pays tribute, is the name of their late Past Grand Master, M. . W. . Brother William Henry Crawley, who died May 5th, 1914.

He reports the exchange of fraternal courtesies, in the matter of appointing representatives of other Grand Lodges, and the welcoming of those appointed by other Grand Masters, residing near his own Grand Lodge. Special dispensations he had granted to lodges to attend church in lodge formation. He visited a good many of his lodges, where an "Annual Dinner" was usually served, but was unable to attend all to which he was invited.

Five District Deputy Grand Masters submit reports of having performed their duties as such officers.

The Grand Lecturer reports having visited, but owing to pressing circumstances did not get around to as many of the lodges as he had hoped to. The Grand Secretary's annual report is made up largely of interesting statistics.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. . W. . J. Fred Parker, Providence, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . S. Penrose Williams, Providence, is Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1914.

June 17th, in the city of Moose Jaw, the eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . Wellington Bartley Willoughby, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, and representatives of eighty-nine subordinate lodges, in attendance.

In the Grand Master's address, he pays fraternal tribute to the

memory of the dead, among whom the name of our late Past Grand Master Nathaniel M. Ayers is mentioned.

He reports the laying of the corner-stone of St. Chad's College at Regina. He also reports a goodly number of new lodges constituted by him during the year, the instituting of several lodges U.·D.·., and a great number of special dispensations. Their District Deputy Grand Masters all made reports of active service among the lodges. The Grand Lodge granted charters to nine lodges U.·D.·. and continued six under dispensation.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals had several matters before it, coming up to the Grand Lodge on appeal, some of which were affirmed, and others reversed. In its report, the Board of General Purposes says: "There has been a marked improvement in the work of the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges." However, they say there is room for still further improvement.

M.·W.·. Brother Arthur S. Gorrell submits the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-seven pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1913, receives generous space and consideration.

M.·W.·.L. T. McDonald, Regina, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·. John M. Shaw, Regina, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1914.

April 15th, at Freemasons Hall in the city of Adelaide, the thirtieth annual communication was opened by M.·W.·. Brother the Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel J. Way, Bart. P. C., D. C. L., LL. D., &c., Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, the representatives of nine Grand Lodges, and the W.·.Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of a goodly number of the lodges, in attendance.

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

And now turning to the progress of the Craft in this State. Last year was the thirtieth year of United Freemasonry in South Australia, and happily it was also the most successful. I remember that before we celebrated our silver jubilee I was exceedingly anxious that we should have 4,000 subscribing members. At the jubilee my ambition was not quite gratified as our members were slightly under the 4,000. But I am glad to be able to place on record to-night that we now have 5,266 subscribing members of the Masonic Order in this State. That is an increase of 362 for the year, and must be most gratifying to all who have the welfare of Freemasonry at heart. We have only once had a larger increase in a single year, but I think the record established last year was one of which we have every reason to be proud, for we have

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to remember that we are not a propagandist body. We do not canvass; we seek to attract membership by the work we are doing.

The Digest of Proceedings and Reports of Sister Grand Lodges is the joint work of fourteen members of the committee, covering one hundred and nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all English-speaking Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1913, receives generous fraternal consideration.

M. . W. . Sir Samuel J. Way, Adelaide, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1914.

June 9th, in Masonic Temple, in Aberdeen, the fortieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master, M. . W. . Brother Owen H. Williams, with all the Grand Officers, forty-one representatives of Grand Lodges, and representatives of all their subordinate lodges, in attendance.

Five emergent and the annual, constitute the recorded proceedings contained in the volume under review. Four were for the purpose of dedicating new halls, and the fifth to dedicate a new Masonic Temple, at the city of Canton.

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

Our fraternity exists for the purpose of teaching those deep lessons, so often brought before us in the three virtues, Faith, Hope and Charity. We extol these virtues, but consider Charity the greatest, because it is active. One may be filled with Faith and Hope, yet be idle; but one cannot Love without serving. What we all need is the active virtue of Charity.

Masonry that attempts to live within the four walls of its Temple and finds its only expression in its ritual and symbols, has missed the very essence of its life. Masonry is the great institution for blessing and uplifting mankind. The gospel of democracy is taught more clearly in our beloved Order, than in any other organization in the World.

He reports the constituting of four newly chartered lodges, and the instituting of three under dispensations, and he had issued a few special dispensations, and exchanged representatives with three Grand Lodges. He reports but few decisions. He attended the Conference of Grand Masters at St. Louis, and expressed pleasure in having participated in its deliberations. He visited a few of his lodges.

M. . W. . Brother Samuel A. Brown presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and eight pages, and reviewing the

proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1913, receives favorable fraternal consideration. At the head of each Grand Lodge review appears a photograph of its correspondent, a few only missing. It is a pleasing feature and one enjoys seeing the likenesses of men of whom he has read so much.

M. . W. . George Philip, Fort Pierre, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, is Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, 1914.

December 1st, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Waco, the seventy-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . A. W. Houston, Grand Master.

In his address the Grand Master speaks enthusiastically of the meeting of Grand Masters in the city of St. Louis on May 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1914, which he attended, accompanied by his associate Grand Officers. To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays loving fraternal tribute.

A novel case and its trial is reported. The Deputy Grand Master ruled that under the law it was necessary that there be a trial, and upon motion: "It was determined to vote upon the guilt or innocence of the accused brethren without the introduction of any evidence, whereupon they were both acquitted." But the Grand Master promptly arrested the charter of the lodge, to "thereby discipline its officers and members for failure to enforce Masonic law."

Nineteen new lodges had he chartered, and he had instituted five under dispensations, and a great many corner-stones had he laid. He had authorized the public installation of the officers of five lodges, and dedicated one new Masonic Temple. He had also authorized several lodges "To mortgage, sell or otherwise convey real estate." But he refused many special dispensations requested.

Two hundred and five decisions does he report, seventy-five of which were upon physical qualifications, and a still larger number of requests he refused.

He speaks of the war in Europe, and among other things says: "Masonry abhors war, and for many generations it has endeavored to teach and to practice the doctrine of peace and good will among men; yet in the midst of our prosperity and happiness, and without any known sufficient cause, the great nations of the world, with the exception of the United States, suddenly become involved in a cruel, bloody and relentless war."

A very interesting report of the Board of Directors of their Masonic Orphans' Home is published with the proceedings, as also one by M.·W.·Walter Acker, its Superintendent.

M.·W.·Brother George W. Tyler submits the report on correspondence, his third annual, covering two hundred and thirty-three pages, and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all the English-speaking Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1914, receives favorable fraternal consideration.

M.·W.·Jewel P. Lightfoot, Austin, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·William B. Pearson, Waco, is Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1914.

June 10th, in the Masonic Temple, in Burlington, the one hundred and twenty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·Eugene S. Weston, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, thirty-nine representatives of Grand Lodges, and the representatives of eighty-seven subordinate lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master speaks of thorough visiting among the lodges by himself and his associate officers; of the exchange of representatives with Grand Lodges, and of the granting of a good many special dispensations. He reports the dedication of a new lodge room, at St. Johnsbury, and graphically describes the interesting ceremonies of the occasion. Another interesting occasion was the centennial celebration of a lodge at Hyde Park.

Christmas greetings were exchanged between him and several commanderies, and the Grand Commander of Knight Templars of Vermont. Of one lodge he thus speaks:

Mt. Vernon Lodge was one of the fifteen lodges that were so loyal during the bitter anti-Masonic war, as to be proclaimed by the Grand Lodge, in 1849, as being alive. Her meetings for twenty years had been held, not on a high hill or in a low vale, but in cellars, and other secret places, and the true spirit of Freemasonry was kept alive through those times that tried men's souls.

From his decisions we extract:

1. The appointment of a secret investigating committee on the application for the degrees, or for affiliation is not allowable.
2. Requests for waiver of jurisdiction from foreign jurisdictions cannot emanate from Vermont.
3. A lodge cannot receive the application of one of Mongolian blood.

Their thirteen District Deputy Grand Masters had been busy, and

each submits a report of conditions, generally good, of the lodges and the Craft.

In the report on necrology appropriate mention is made of the labors of our late M.·W.·Brothers Nathaniel M. Ayers and Samuel W. Hayes, and of their deaths.

Their Masonic Veteran Association held its twenty-fourth annual meeting during the week, and its Venerable Chief, M.·W.·Brother Nelson T. Boyden, delivered an interesting address. The objects of the organization are thus set forth:

Its objects shall be to cement more closely the ties of fraternity; to interest the older members of our Order and furnish an example of zeal and fidelity to our younger craftsmen; to assist in the collection and preservation of historical and biographical matter; to pay the last tribute of respect to the departed members, and preserve in the archives memorials of their lives and services.

M.·W.·Brother Marsh O. Perkins, for many years a reviewer, presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty-three pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges, in which Nebraska, 1913, receives generous consideration.

M.·W.·Charles H. Darling, Burlington, is Grand Master.

R.·W.·Henry H. Ross, Burlington, is Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA, 1914.

February 10th, in the Masonic Temple, Richmond, the one hundred and thirty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.·W.·William L. Andrews, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, and representatives of nearly all the subordinate lodges, present.

From the opening remarks of the Grand Master we extract:

From time to time our Lodges meet and we are there to give that light that we've received; to teach the lesson of a moral life, the beauties of an open hand, and point the way that leads to purer, better things and help to welcome in that morn when men shall stretch their shackled hands to God and hear the plaudit of "well done."

'Tis well to do these things, nor would I blame because there is a tendency to multiply degrees, for each degree reveals a needed lesson; and yet each day persuades that what we lack is not "more light," but grace to make our lives accord with that we have, that not in empty words but in prompt deeds exists the vital principle of Masonry.

Brief reports of their District Deputy Grand Masters show good conditions throughout the state.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge were routine and not of general interest.

M. . W. . Brother Joseph William Eggleston submits the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and forty-six pages, and reviewing the proceedings of all but two or three Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1913, receives generous space and favorable consideration. Our Grand Orator's address is liberally quoted from; our Grand Master's address also, and in addition it is called "able."

M. . W. . Philip K. Bauman, Lloyds, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond, is Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1914.

June 9th, in the city of Tacoma, the fifty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . Asa H. Hankerson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, forty Grand Representatives, and representatives of one hundred and eighty of their one hundred and eighty-six chartered lodges in attendance.

Worshipful Brother Guy E. Kelly, Master of the home lodge, in an eloquent address, welcomed the Grand Lodge to the city.

In his address the Grand Master reports the constituting of three new lodges, the laying of five corner-stones of public buildings, the dedication of two new halls, the institution of two lodges U. . D. . , and the granting of eight special dispensations for the usual purposes, and the approval of by-laws in a good many cases. He had visited "quite a number of lodges during the year."

Among his recommendations, one was to prevent the Entered Apprentice degree from being conferred by courtesy for or by any lodge in that jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary, in his report in speaking of the Grand Master, says: "I desire to express my appreciation of the earnestness, intelligence and Masonic spirit in which he has handled the affairs of the Grand Lodge and the many intricate matters that have come up for his consideration during the past year."

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge were routine and not of general interest.

M. . W. . Brother Ralph C. McAllaster presents the report on correspondence, covering ninety pages, and reviewing the proceedings of nearly all other Grand Lodges; Nebraska, 1913, receives generous consideration.

M. . W. . William J. Sutton, Cheney, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, is Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1914.

The volume under review contains the quarterly communications of July 24th and October 23d, 1913, and January 22d, 1914, and the annual holden on April 23d, 1914.

The annual communication was opened, in Freemasons Hall, Perth, by M. W. Bro. the Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D. D., V. D., Lord Bishop of Perth, with all the Grand Officers, many Past Grand Officers, and the Worshipful Masters, and Worshipful Past Masters of nearly all their lodges in attendance.

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

Although one may try very earnestly to do always that which is right as Grand Master in the chair, yet of course one cannot always be infallible, and when I do things, as I did last time, I thought it was in the best interests of Freemasonry, and whether one is right or wrong, of course I know Grand Lodge has always been very kind and considerate, and thought at all events that what I did was right. I am very grateful, and willingly accepted the nomination of Grand Master, and I did so because a Grand Master of this Jurisdiction really has very little to do. I have always had such a splendid body of loyal officers who were ever ready and willing to do the work that they are called upon to do that really the Grand Master has an easy position; and, then again, the Grand Secretary has returned, and when the Grand Secretary is here the Grand Master feels that he is all right; and so, under these circumstances, of course I am delighted to preside over you again.

The report on correspondence covers one hundred and forty-four pages, and reviews the proceedings of nearly all the English-speaking Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1913, is included, and we extract a single paragraph:

The energies of the populous Grand Lodge in realms of charity show marked results; the Nebraska Masonic Home is an institution of which the Brethren are justly proud. There is now a proposal before the Lodge for the establishment of a home for Masonic orphans, which, if past results are any criterion, will soon assume concrete and successful form.

The Lord Bishop of Perth, Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley, is Grand Master. R. W. J. D. Stevenson, Perth, is Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1914.

November 11th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Bluefield, the fiftieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Thomas P. Jacobs, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Masters, eleven District Deputy

Grand Masters, and representatives of one hundred and thirty-five subordinate lodges in attendance.

The year had been a busy one for the Grand Master, he says, and one of the happiest of his life, a year of great peace and prosperity to the Fraternity in his Grand Jurisdiction, and a bountiful harvest for the people.

To the memory of the dead of his own jurisdiction, and of other Grand Lodges, he pays loving fraternal tribute, among whom he names our late Past Grand Masters Hayes, Ayers, and France.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge were routine. Among the decisions of the Grand Master we find the following:

The Worshipful Master of a Lodge is the presiding and principal executive officer of the Lodge.

He must sign all summonses ordered and directed by the Lodge, but, as a general rule, he has no power or authority to issue summonses in the interim between Communications on his own initiative. A summons is a legal, Masonic process, and must emanate by order of the Lodge.

In the write-up of one of their leading members, it is said of him that he is a self-made man: and it reminds us of one of our Nebraska Masons, who boasted that he was "a self-made man," whereupon our former Grand Secretary remarked: "And he adores his great creator."

M. . W. . Brother George W. Atkinson presents his twenty-third annual report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-six pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight other Grand Lodges, in which Nebraska, 1914, receives favorable fraternal consideration.

M. . W. . William T. Ice, Philippi, is Grand Master.

M. . W. . John M. Collins, Charleston, is Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1914.

June 9th, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of Milwaukee, the seventieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. . W. . George B. Wheeler, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, sixteen Past Grand Masters, forty-eight representatives of Grand Lodges, and representatives of all their constituent lodges, in attendance.

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

Masonry also has its Meccas, its shrines and temples, hallowed by the memories and influences of thousands of years of association. In a sense, but in a far different sense, this city and temple is the Mecca towards which the eyes of the Masons of Wisconsin are turned each

year in the beautiful month of June, and to which we, as the representatives of the Craft of this jurisdiction, make our annual pilgrimage. Our shrines are in the faithful hearts of our brethren. Our temples are their meeting places, dedicated to the service of God and humanity. Our creed is a simple faith in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Inspired by such a creed, and by traditions extending centuries before the Islam or even the Christian era, is it strange that our institution should be permeated with that spirit of supreme confidence, determination and loyalty which comes from a realization of the importance of its mission among men, and faith in its ability to fulfill that mission?

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge were routine.

M. . W. . Brother Aldro Jenks submits his seventeenth annual report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-two pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1913, receives kindly fraternal treatment.

M. . W. . Bernard F. Keeler, La Crosse, is Grand Master.

R. . W. . William W. Perry, Milwaukee, 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	1914	550	27548	2225	983	357	993	829	404	1151	-----	-----
Alberta	1914	84	6039	586	549	16	212	127	36	873	-----	-----
Arizona	1914	21	2324	194	101	6	47	25	43	203	-----	-----
British Columbia	1914	75	7176	578	263	15	153	98	56	550	-----	-----
California	1914	366	53179	3507	1223	133	856	532	1112	2922	-----	-----
Canada	1914	522	56787	3-66	735	202	747	604	469	2080	-----	-----
Colorado	1914	129	16758	1022	250	40	289	151	253	619	-----	-----
Delaware	1914	22	3436	160	9	---	18	---	63	70	-----	-----
District of Columbia	1914	34	9024	566	112	78	108	152	165	415	-----	-----
Georgia	1914	654	40458	---	---	---	---	---	---	2033	-----	-----
Idaho	1914	64	4413	286	168	15	122	65	52	299	-----	-----
Illinois	1914	824	130778	11006	1341	372	2118	945	1601	8136	-----	-----
Indiana	1914	556	66192	4848	800	195	1100	668	918	3157	-----	-----
Iowa	1914	521	49550	3255	796	247	1206	431	738	1965	-----	-----
Kansas	1915	411	40668	2705	619	142	964	334	582	1744	-----	-----
Kentucky	1914	591	42139	3139	415	437	908	1102	518	1680	-----	-----
Louisiana	1915	225	16885	1446	360	86	233	251	274	854	-----	-----
Maine	1914	205	30294	1234	77	64	167	234	574	422	-----	-----
Manitoba	1914	76	6929	491	184	13	153	43	57	474	-----	-----
Massachusetts	1914	257	67901	3634	---	---	---	---	---	294	-----	-----
Michigan	1914	428	74964	4695	216	97	356	313	1136	3212	-----	-----
Montana	1913	81	7500	577	230	132	230	160	106	530	-----	-----
Nebraska	1915	267	22305	1657	353	89	485	319	253	1183	-----	-----
Nevada	1914	24	1939	106	59	8	45	5	41	102	-----	-----
New Hampshire	1914	80	10782	506	20	---	67	61	236	162	-----	-----
New Jersey	1914	194	38674	2612	353	90	266	270	495	2025	-----	-----
New York	1914	826	186179	11118	1000	947	1100	375	2903	6811	-----	-----
North Carolina	1915	421	23969	1613	475	136	650	302	352	1090	-----	-----
North Dakota	1914	106	9130	721	132	31	326	106	507	378	-----	-----
Nova Scotia	1914	72	6758	398	98	32	115	113	92	253	-----	-----
Ohio	1914	541	96075	7056	1012	853	1159	1094	1259	5409	-----	-----
Oregon	1914	141	13862	998	504	42	107	167	183	943	-----	-----
Quebec	1914	75	7819	625	75	34	113	89	75	457	-----	-----
Rhode Island	1914	37	8833	534	21	8	24	164	122	14	-----	-----
Saskatchewan	1914	---	5952	722	428	8	169	99	29	862	-----	-----
South Australia	1914	74	5266	488	---	---	---	---	---	362	-----	-----
South Dakota	1914	142	10730	752	291	59	358	112	117	512	-----	-----
Texas	1914	884	66394	4907	2185	291	2552	967	758	3115	-----	-----
Vermont	1914	103	13874	588	86	5	108	57	251	264	-----	-----
Virginia	1914	320	24087	1300	447	66	556	246	226	770	-----	-----
Washington	1914	194	19542	1285	581	126	420	325	209	1135	-----	-----
Western Australia	1914	90	4042	301	226	---	307	91	34	95	-----	-----
West Virginia	1914	150	17740	1311	150	67	210	12	142	1037	-----	-----
Wisconsin	1914	267	29243	1687	428	107	517	---	416	1161	-----	-----
Wyoming	1914	34	3190	226	85	1	81	37	30	154	-----	-----

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