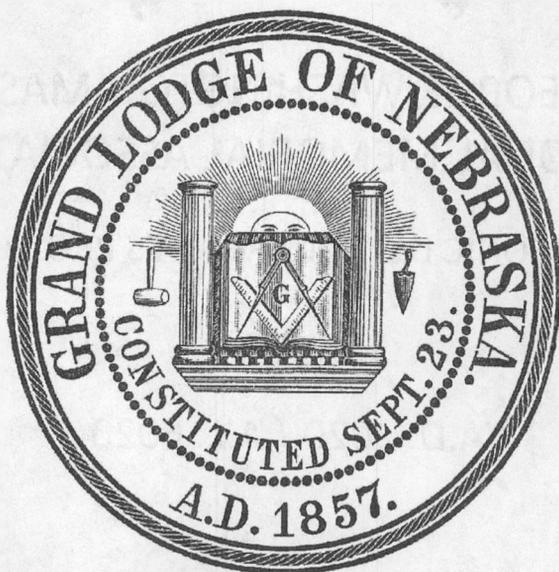


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OF THE
Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
OF NEBRASKA,

AT THE
SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
HELD IN OMAHA, JUNE 8TH AND 9TH, 1920.

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 Masonic Temple, Omaha, on Tuesday, June 8th, A. L. 5920, A. D. 1920, there being present:

M. W. JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	Grand Master,
R. W. JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG.....	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. LEWIS E. SMITH.....	Grand Senior Warden,
R. W. EDWARD M. WELLMAN.....	Grand Junior Warden,
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	Grand Secretary,
V. W. CHARLES M. SHEPHERD.....	Grand Chaplain,
W. JAMES R. DEAN.....	Grand Orator,
M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Grand Custodian,
W. CHARLES A. CHAPPELL.....	Grand Marshal,
W. ROBERT R. DICKSON.....	Grand Senior Deacon,
W. JOHN WRIGHT.....	Grand Junior Deacon,
W. ALEXANDER E. PORTER.....	Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and thirty of the two hundred and seventy-five chartered lodges.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg, Deputy Grand Master, and all of the Past Grand Masters present were invited to appear before the Altar where they were received and welcomed in a few well chosen remarks. Past Grand Masters George H. Thummel, Charles E. Burnham, and James R. Cain, Jr., were requested to

retire and escort M. W. Brother John J. Tooley, Grand Master, to the lodge room. In due time the committee returned with the Grand Master, and he was received by the Deputy Grand Master, who welcomed him and presented him to the brethren. He was given the honors of Masonry by three times three, and assumed his station as Grand Master.

Upon calling the roll of lodges, a quorum was found to be represented, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the sixty-third annual communication opened in ample form for the transaction of such business as might be brought before it, and due proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, carrying the flag of our country, and accompanied by Brothers Arthur P. Jenkins, Sergeant, Medical Department; Frank D. Bianco, Quartermaster Sergeant, Quartermasters Corps; and Maurice Berthaume, Sergeant First Class, Air Service Aeronautics; all stationed at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, thereupon entered the Grand Lodge and presented the Stars and Stripes, and it was received and saluted with the honors of Masonry, the brethren singing "America." The brethren who accompanied the flag had defended it, Past Grand Master Ehrhardt in the Civil War, and Brothers Jenkins, Bianco, and Berthaume, in the World War across the seas.

Greetings and good wishes, with regret at their enforced absence from the communication, were read from Past Grand Masters Warren, Keyser, Gibbons, and Cheney.

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

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska in its sixty-third annual communication assembled, sends fraternal greetings and good wishes to the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa at its seventy-seventh annual communication, and expresses the hope that peace, prosperity, and harmony may abide with you for all time.

M. W. William A. Westfall, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, sent the following reply:

The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Iowa, acknowledges and reciprocates your kind greetings and good wishes.

May the fraternal spirit thus expressed long continue to unite our respective jurisdictions.

It was announced by Past Grand Master Robert E. French that M. .W. .John J. Tooley, Grand Master, had received the sad intelligence that his father had passed into the Great Beyond on the preceding evening. The following resolution, to which the Grand Master feelingly responded, was unanimously adopted:

Our Grand Master has received the sad news of the death of his father, and as we assemble together our hearts go out in sympathy with him in his great loss. May the Giver of all Good strengthen and uphold him in his hour of sorrow.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt, the representative of the Grand Master at the session of the Grand Lodge of England in commemoration of the ending of the World War, held in London, June 23d to June 30th, 1919, made the following report:

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

At the very threshold of the report of my overseas' trip, I desire to express my appreciation, and at the same time offer my abject apology to Brother John Whicher, Grand Secretary of California; Brother Raymond Daniel, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Georgia, and M. .W. .Brother Rudolph Krause, Grand Master of Louisiana; for having appropriated, without credit, so much of their reports as seemed to serve my purpose, in giving you an account of our trip in attending the great Peace Jubilee meeting of the United Grand Lodge of England.

In connection with this report I desire to say, that I am not at all sensitive, and if it is found expedient, in the interest of economy, that this report be blue-penciled, or entirely omitted from the published proceedings of this Grand Lodge, no complaint will be heard from your representative.

On the 3rd day of June, 1919, at a meeting of the Committee on Jurisprudence, Grand Master Epperson appeared before the committee and informed them that he had received an invitation, from the M. .W. .Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, to attend the Masonic celebration of peace, to be held at London, June 27th, 1919, and that it would be impossible for him or R. .W. .Deputy Grand Master, Brother John J. Tooley, to attend, and suggested that I be selected to represent him to attend the celebration.

The time to prepare for the journey was very limited. It was necessary for me to go to my home at Stanton, procure a certified copy of my naturalization papers, make the trip to Washington to procure a passport, and be in New York on the morning of the 11th, and have my passport in the hands of the British Consul three days before sailing.

I left my home in Stanton on the evening of the 6th of June; devoted the 7th, to purchasing an outfit; left Omaha the evening of the 7th, arrived in Washington the morning of the 9th, where with the kindly assistance of Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans, I was enabled to procure a passport on the afternoon of the 10th; arrived in New York the morning of the 11th, and embarked on the 14th, on the *Maurctania*.

There were twenty-three Grand Officers aboard, representing fourteen Grand Jurisdictions: Judge William S. Farmer, Grand Master. Robert Judson Kenworthy, Grand Secretary, and Judge Townsend Scudder, Past Grand Master, representing New York; Joseph H. Milans, Grand Master, and Arvine W. Johnston, Grand Secretary, representing the District of Columbia; Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary, representing Massachusetts; George S. Laidley, Grand Master, and John M. Collins, Grand Secretary, from West Virginia; Hugh A. McPherson, Grand Master, and Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary, from Michigan; George L. Schoonover, Grand Master, from Iowa; Judge William Rhodes Hervey, Past Grand Master, and John Whicher, Grand Secretary, from California; Morris Goldwater, Past Grand Master, and Anthony A. Johns, Past Grand Master and proxy for the Grand Secretary, from Arizona; T. Picton Warlow, Grand Master, from Florida; Robert J. Travis, Grand Master, and Raymund Daniel, acting Grand Secretary, from Georgia; John H. Cowles, Past Grand Master, from Kentucky; Rudolph Krause, Grand Master, and John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary, from Louisiana; and Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, and I, from Nebraska.

The sea was unusually smooth during the entire journey: this made the trip a delightful one, especially to the landlubbers on the delegation. A number of meetings were held on board, during the trip over, and we received some valuable instructions with reference to our actions, so that the brethren in England would not be horrified at our uncouth western ways. We had church services on Sunday and several lectures during the week, several of the British officers detailing some of their remarkable experiences in escaping from captivity.

On the night of the 19th, we observed the lights on the Irish coast, and knew that we were nearing our destination. At 10 o'clock on the morning of the 20th we entered Southampton harbor, with favorable tide, docked at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, embarked for London on a special train, arriving there at 10 p. m., were met by R. W. Brother P. Colville Smith, Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, with a committee, who conducted us to the hotel.

Some of us were assigned to the St. Pancras or Midland Grand hotel, where we were delightfully entertained for the ten days of our stay as guests of the Grand Lodge of England; their hospitality was as generous and whole-hearted as our fondest hopes could expect. Every consideration was accorded us and we were at once made to feel that we were in the hands of brethren and at home. We soon found however, that we were in a strange country; our first duty was to register, or rather fill out a questionnaire for the hotel clerk, that gave not only our names and residences, but our citizenship, place of our birth, and names of our ancestors; our next duty was to report to the police station, and there answer numerous questions and procure an "Identity Book" that we were required to carry with us during our entire stay in the city. We reported to the British and American Consulates, presented our passports for visas, in fact were continually reminded that we were aliens and especially favored by being permitted to enjoy the hospitality of a foreign country. We were early supplied with the official itinerary for the days of our stay, and found that we were not only informed when and where to go, but as to what kind of clothing we were expected to wear.

The official festivities began on Monday morning the 23d, with a ride to "Eagle Hut," the American Y. M. C. A. headquarters in London.

Mr. Davis, the United States ambassador, who is a member of the Craft, showed us repeated courtesies.

The first formal function was a reception by the Grand Lodge at a dinner, at the Piccadilly Hotel, where we first met Right Honorable Lord Amptill, Pro Grand Master, as fine a specimen of humanity, as it has ever been my pleasure to meet, and who proved to be one of the very great men of English Masonry, and those other brethren who are doing great Masonic work.—P. Colville Smith, Grand Secretary, Sir Alfred Robbins, chairman of the Board of General Purposes, James Stephens, chairman of Board of Benevolence, Granville Grenfell, Grand Master of Ceremonies, and many other distinguished Masons that it was our pleasure to meet. We visited the "Square Club," one of the clubs organized by the Commission of the Masonic Service Association, composed of Masons in the United States Army. On Tuesday, June 24th, we enjoyed a long drive through Hyde Park, and had luncheon with the Grand Stewards Lodge at the Imperial Restaurant. In the evening we attended Canada Lodge No. 3527, and witnessed the installation of officers. Lord Amptill, the Pro Grand Master, was present and installed the Master, who then appointed and installed his officers, from Senior Warden down to Tyler. After lodge we attended a banquet that lasted until after ten o'clock. Wednesday, the 25th, we enjoyed a ride over the city, visiting places of interest, and at 10 o'clock we had luncheon with "Motherland Lodge" No. 3861, at the Royal Auto Club, Pall Mall. This was followed by a visit to the Royal Institute for Girls at Clapham, where we were shown through the institution; after viewing the build-

ings we saw a remarkably fine drill in "Centenary Hall," which has a capacity of about four hundred, enjoyed the music and songs and listened to a fine address by Judge Hervey of California, that made our hearts glow within us and brought handkerchiefs in demand. At 6 o'clock we attended the Royal Joint Meeting of Antiquity Lodge No. 2 and Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge No. 4, where we were received with the grand honors. These two lodges work without charter, being two of the original lodges that met at the Goose and Gridiron in 1717, and organized The Grand Lodge of England. The records of these lodges go back without fault to 1685, and being older than the Grand Lodge they are called Inmemorial Lodges. June 26th, we visited the House of Parliament and Westminster Abbey; were privileged to see practically everything in and under Westminster Abbey; were permitted to visit the lower crypt where Queen Elizabeth, Mary Queen of Scots, and the noted monarchs lie buried. In the afternoon we drove to Bushey, sixteen miles from London, and visited the Royal Institution for boys. A great luncheon was served and the buildings and grounds inspected and we returned to the city. In the evening, the Lord Mayor of London, who was the Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, entertained the Grand and Past Grand Masters at a dinner at the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor. The purpose of the dinner was to meet His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. On the advice of his physicians, he was not privileged to be with us, but was represented by his son, Prince Arthur of Connaught, who expressed his pleasure at meeting us and brought the regrets of his father in being prevented from being present by illness.

The English Craft is closely allied with the Royal Family of England. Since the union of the two Grand Lodges, the "Ancients" and "Moderns" in 1813, which resulted in the formation of the United Grand Lodge, only five Grand Masters have supervised the Craft. They are: The Duke of Sussex from 1813 to 1843; The Earl of Zetland from 1843 to 1870; Earl de Grey and Ripon from 1870 to 1874; Prince of Wales afterwards King Edward the Seventh from 1874 to 1901; Duke of Connaught and Strathern from 1901 to the present time.

The present King George is not a Mason although a Patron and supporter of the great Masonic charities of English Masons, as are also the present Queen Mary, and Queen Alexandra. The present Prince of Wales and his brother are both members of the Craft. The present Prince of Wales will doubtless be the next Grand Master, provided his father, King George, outlives the present Grand Master; under the British constitution the King can not occupy the position.

After the Lord Mayor's Banquet, there was a reception at the Mansion House, to which many prominent English Masons were invited. All appeared in full regalia, that is, Collars, Cuffs, Aprons, and Masonic

Jewels. We had the Royal Band furnishing an elaborate musical program, ending with "God Save The King."

While I attended the Lord Mayor's dinner, Brother White, with the other Grand Secretaries, visited Scots Lodge No. 2319, where they installed their Master and, if all reports be true, enjoyed their dinner that put everything in the shade so far as liquid refreshments and general good cheer were concerned.

Friday, June 27th, started with a visit to St. Paul's Cathedral, and in the afternoon the great crowning event of the Peace Jubilee meeting was held in Albert Hall. The actual registered attendance was 7,523 Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters, 182 visitors, and 625 Grand Officers, including Grand Stewards. This in addition to many Master Masons in the galleries not in regalia. The London *Times* of June 28th gives the following description:

"Craftsmen were present from all parts of the British Empire—dignity and brilliance being added to the stately ceremonial by the many gradations of color which distinguished the clothing of the brethren of the many jurisdictions now spread over the surface of the globe. Men came from the City of London and from every province in England; from Scotland and from Ireland. Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, and a dozen or more dominions and dependencies sent their representatives. Guests were gathered from America, where Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries are as numerous as the stars and stripes that embellish the battle-stained folds of Old Glory. When the battle trenches stretched from the North Sea to the Mediterranean, the United States sent her sons to fight for the salvation of Europe. Now specially-chosen messengers came to bear part in common thanksgiving that Peace was once more within sight. Altogether it was an assembly worthy of a great and historic occasion. As a spectacle alone the scene deserved record. Massed around the Grand Master on the platform were the purple and gold of the Provincial Grand Masters, and of Past and Present Grand Officers of England, who came in such numbers that they overflowed into and almost filled the spacious arena. Mingling with them were the brilliant green and gold of the Scottish brethren, and the light blue and gold of the Irish representatives. But the center of all eyes were on the chairs on the right of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Amptill, on which were seated Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries from the United States. Some of them had been seen in English Lodges in the closing months of last year. Then they wore the simple unostentatious badges of the Master Masons—for they had come as brethren to minister to the sufferings of the sick and wounded. Then there was no mark of rank or authority; they were voluntary missionaries of good will. Now they attended with all the pomp and circumstance attaching to their exalted Masonic positions. The English brethren were massed in a solid phalanx—those of London and Provincial rank distinguished by the darker shade of their clothing. There were nearly nine thousand of

them. All were wearing a new Peace jewel. Striking across the arena—South, North, East and West—was a deep double line of cardinal red, marking the position of the Grand Stewards, and forming as it were a cross of St. George on a great Masonic ensign. It was down through this double line of scarlet that the distinguished guests passed in marshalled processions when the time came for the ample opening of the Especial Grand Lodge.”

“The opening ceremonies of Grand Lodge were impressive and inspiring, participated in as they were by some nine thousand white-gloved Masons. After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, a message was read from the Grand Master explaining that he was prevented, under medical direction, from attending, and saying that his ‘earnest desire had been to associate himself with the Craft on so memorable an occasion, and to give a cordial welcome to those distinguished representatives from the United States who had come in such large numbers as brethren and as allies to join with us in thanksgiving’.”

The address of the Pro Grand Master was brief but masterly. (He had but recently returned from army service in France.) He said that the fact of the great assembly spoke for itself. That it was only necessary to say sufficient to express some idea of what we all felt for those brethren who were not so fortunate as to be present. It was not a concourse brought about by some passing wave of enthusiasm. It was nothing less than the fundamental tenets of our profession, our tenets as Freemasons, our belief in the Great Architect of the Universe and submission to His divine laws, which we try to begin to understand in our search for that which we call Truth. He said: “The whole world has been convulsed in an unprecedented outbreak of the eternal struggle between those who would uphold and those who would pervert Truth. Behind the material warfare there has been a spiritual conflict which has not yet ceased. There has been a clash of ideals, a struggle between the two forces of good and evil, of light and darkness. We are here to render thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for having delivered us from the appalling perils of this material warfare, and to implore His continued aid in that spiritual conflict which will go on in the world. Freemasonry is one of the greatest forces of good, and we have striking proofs that this is recognized in the world at large. We are here, therefore, to make a steadfast resolve to persevere more earnestly than ever before in those aims which we profess, and in the duties to which we are pledged.”

All through the ceremonies Fidelity was the dominant note—Fidelity to God, to the countries of our allegiance, to home, to self.

The Deputy Grand Master paid an eloquent tribute to the men who had fought on the sea, on the land, in the air, and in every direction, saying among other good things that: “It is not unfitting that I should, in the presence of so many representatives of the United States, pay

tribute to their gallant army. Though we are independent nations I can say, and I think I can say for them, that we are proud to belong to the Anglo-Saxon race, and I trust and firmly believe that, as Masons and as men, we shall ever be united in the good cause for the help of mankind and the principles of our Institution—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.”

Judge Farmer, Grand Master of New York, and Dr. Hamilton, Grand Secretary of Massachusetts, addressed the vast assemblage in behalf of the representatives from the United States, both brethren proving eloquent and worthy proxies for the visitors.

Before closing, Lord Amptill expressed the thanks of Grand Lodge to the many brethren who had traveled across the seas to be present, voicing the hope that the Masonic unity shown in the exercises of the day and in the presence of so many distinguished visitors might become a strong force to maintain and promote anew the principles of Masonry, and tend largely towards promoting friendship and good-will between the English-speaking races throughout the world; and further, that we might some day meet again.

The brevet rank of Past Grand Warden was then conferred upon our brother from West Virginia, John W. Davis, American Ambassador, as a mark of special favor to the lodges of the United States. It may be of interest to report, also, that the rank of Past Grand Chaplain was conferred upon Brother Holden of Victoria, who is a Methodist minister.

The proceedings closed with the singing by the mighty choir of nine thousand voices of the hymn, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past.”

After the especial communication of the Grand Lodge at Albert Hall, dinner was served by the Grand Officers mess at the Piccadilly Hotel, which was a very enjoyable affair.

On June 28th, the members of the delegation were taken in autos to Hampton Court where the palace with its treasured art gallery and fine tapestries, and the beautiful surrounding gardens were viewed and a luncheon given at the Mitre Hotel.

Hampton Court Palace is situated on the River Thames, about fifteen miles from the City of London, and is quite a resort for the people of London who spend the week-end in sightseeing, boating, fishing, and other pastimes. Several matters of special interest at Hampton Court which particularly attracted the attention of the visitors are the Astronomical Clock made for King Henry the VIII in 1542, the Great Vine planted in 1768, Queen Mary's Bower, and these, together with the beautiful grounds, make it one of the delightful places to visit.

After lunch we drove back to the city and found the streets filled with crowds, as the news had just been received that the treaty of peace had been signed in Paris. In the evening we attended the Jubilee Master's Lodge, where we saw the Master's Degree conferred, and that followed by an elaborate banquet.

Sunday, June 29th, was a great day for celebration.

On June 30th we had a final farewell luncheon at the Piccadilly Hotel given by Grand Secretary, Brother P. Colville Smith, who on that occasion presented each one of the guests with a firing glass used in drinking Masonic toasts, but to be used in the United States only as a reminder of the toasts drunk during the week's celebration. This practically closed the official program.

Brother White and I celebrated the Fourth of July by being present at the creation of Peace and Concord Lodge; the eighth "dry" lodge in London. We had numerous other invitations, but devoted the time from the 4th of July until the 5th day of August in sightseeing and making almost daily trips to the booking office of the Holland-America line in our endeavor to secure return passage. It was our good fortune to be in London at the time of the great Peace Parade on the 19th of July, and we were present also at the time of the Peace Celebration of the London Troops. We saw the great procession in honor of Captain Fryatt. On the 8th day of July Brother White and I took a trip to Croydon to attend the annual festival of the Royal Masonic Institute for the Aged. The last function was the Royal Naval Parade on August 4th, when I stood on London Bridge and viewed the Golden Royal Barge carrying the Royal Family up the Thames.

On the morning of the 5th of August we started on our return trip, sailing from Plymouth the afternoon of the 5th, from there to Brest, France, where our boat, the New Amsterdam of the Holland-America Line, took on about two thousand officers, soldiers, and war workers, and after an uneventful trip arrived in Hoboken.

I had long entertained a very favorable opinion of the great charities carried on by the Grand Lodge of England. Something over thirty years ago in a rather lengthy conference with our beloved Past Grand Master, George W. Lininger, I received my first impression as to the great work of our English brethren, and after a visit to the Royal Masonic Institute for Girls at Clapham Junction, the Royal Masonic Institute for Boys at Bushey, and the Masonic Benevolent Institute at Croydon for the Aged Masons and their widows, I began to realize that we have not yet learned the A. B. C.'s of Masonic Relief.

The three jewels of Freemasonry, in fact the pride of every English Mason, are:

1. The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was organized in 1788. They are now educating and maintaining 740 girls, (about one-half of them in the institution and the others receiving "out-education" and maintenance), and expend during the year for its support something over two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00).

The fixed income of this Institution is \$55,000.00, and the donations last year amounted to \$300,000.00. Unexpended balances are invested, and go to swell the fixed income. Lodges are not taxed for the maintenance of the Institution, it depending entirely, as above indi-

cated, on voluntary donations from lodges, chapters, etc., and from individual Masons. Some money is received yearly from legacies.

Girls whose mothers desire to have them at home during the holidays are permitted to leave the Institution for the purpose, their traveling expenses being paid by the Trustees. Holidays are three weeks at Easter, six weeks in the summer, and a month at Christmas. Other holidays are the last Saturday in June (ex-pupils' day), and afternoons of each Wednesday and Saturday.

No girl is eligible for admission to the Institution under six or over eleven years of age, and must be recommended by two subscribers and the Master and Wardens of a lodge; nor unless her father has been a member of a lodge under the English Constitution for seven years. "No girl shall remain after the age of sixteen years, except upon the recommendation of the Head Mistress and with the approval of the House Committee."

If it be shown that any girl in the Institution exhibits marked talent for a particular branch of education, calculated to be practically useful to her in after life, the Trustees have discretionary power to afford such girl the means of extra instruction. Under this rule many girls are sent to other schools.

Children under the age of six, who require Masonic aid, are looked after by the Board of Benevolence.

At a meeting of the General Board in April of this year the Secretary, Brother Robert P. Simpson, tendered his resignation as secretary after serving eleven years. He retired by reason of ill health and in appreciation of his faithful services he was granted a pension of \$3,300.00.

2. The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys organized in 1798 is now caring for 818 boys, among them 215 sons of brethren killed in the war. 4,196 boys have received benefits from this institution. There are now 400 in the home, the others being under age are receiving out-education, (many of them with their mothers), but whether in the institution or receiving out-education they are the wards of the society and receive the same care and attention as those in the school.

The ordinary expenses of the Institution amount to about \$225,000.00. At the annual Festival in May, just before our arrival in England, the voluntary donation to this Institution alone amounted to \$435,000.00.

Any boy showing marked ability in any line is sent to some university, or Technical school. About 60 are now receiving a higher education. The boys educated and cared for in this Institution go out into the world well equipped to fight its wants and become honored members of society. The rules for admission are about the same as for the girls.

3. The Masonic Benevolent Institution provides for and pays annuities to aged Masons and Masonic widows. An applicant must be 60

years old and must have been a member of his lodge at least 15 years and whose income is less than \$150.00 per annum. The widow must be 60 years old, and her husband must have been a member of his lodge for ten years and her income must not exceed \$150.00 per annum.

If admitted to the Home they are furnished with two rooms, the use of a kitchen, and are granted from \$200.00 to \$300.00 in addition to light and fuel. Those not admitted to residence receive a certain sum to be determined by the board. There are about 1,400 receiving relief from this Institution.

In addition to these three charities the Board of Benevolence of the United Grand Lodge have in charge a special fund raised annually by voluntary contribution, devoted solely to relieving the distressed.

There is no begging. A committee is appointed to raise the fund. The announcement is made of the sum required and it is paid.

Brethren, when we are reminded that they have about 200,000 Masons in their jurisdiction and that they pay annually for relief, by voluntary contribution, about a million dollars—that is \$5.00 per capita—we begin to appreciate that we brethren in this jurisdiction have somewhat to learn of the beauty of that blessed tenet of Masonry, Relief, and as was well said by one of the delegates:

“These donations do not come alone from wealthy members. On the contrary, they come from the great body of ‘average’ Masons, who are taught from the day they apply for the privileges of Freemasonry that it is the glory of our Institution that its ritual and practice are to regard the human species as one family, and that to relieve the distressed brother, his widow and orphan, is an indispensable quality in all members of our ancient and honorable craft. The novitiate and members are enjoined that while benevolence is not the only good quality of Masonry, yet they are urged to remember that it is the outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace which exists in our Institution, and which ought to be the ideal of its members.”

We learned in our association with our English brethren that there is much more in Masonry than committing lectures. They teach that it is more important to cultivate the social side of Masonry than the ritualistic side. There is no scrambling for the so-called higher degrees. While at work there is a profound religious strain. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are deemed of first importance. It is at their social gatherings that their obligations to the poor and needy are always in the forefront. Money is not voted out of the lodge treasury, but out of their pockets, and every brother not only contributes for the lodge expenses, but is ever ready to help, aid, and assist in every benevolence, as well as to the magnificent charities maintained by the Grand Lodge.

This, my brethren, is my report of the Masonic functions and, if what I have said will add just a mite to all of us looking with more earnest zeal at our beloved Institutions, serving Masonry with more

zeal and energy, and contributing more of our time and money in caring for our wards, then my time will have been well spent.

In our association with our English brethren we were accorded every consideration. I happened to be early at one of the meetings and requested a committee for my examination. I was asked one question, and vouched for, taken by the hand and made welcome.

Their lodges as a rule are not large, from 30 to 60 being the usual number. They do not take over one-fourth the time we do in conferring degrees. We saw all three degrees conferred, the officers installed, and a new lodge constituted.

Without attempting to make any recommendation, I urge upon the brethren of this Grand Lodge, and every Mason owing obedience to our jurisdiction, to consider well the action of our English brethren and emulate their conduct in the display of the noble tenets of our profession, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

The five weeks intervening between the closing of the official functions relating to the Peace Meeting and the date of our return journey were occupied by visiting places of interest in the City of London, and elsewhere that are well described in general publications and have no place in this report.

The visit was an expensive one. It required time, energy, and money, but it was worth the price. Having for years been interested in Masonic Relief Work, the trip gave me a broader light and a grander view. While viewing the great work being done by our English brethren, my mind continually turned to Plattsmouth and Fremont where the two jewels of this Grand Lodge are located and where we are doing a blessed work.

Finally, brethren, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for your kindly consideration in selecting me to represent this Grand Jurisdiction in this great Masonic meeting, coming to me near the close of my active Masonic life. The honor you conferred will be treasured to my closing day.

Grand Secretary Francis E. White, who also attended the London meeting, as the guest of the Grand Lodge of England, spoke in part, as follows:

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

I present herewith for your information some facts and figures relating to Freemasonry in England, that I gathered while on a visit to attend the Peace Jubilee given by the Grand Lodge of England. Owing to having so much to offer, I have left out many matters that were indeed interesting, but might be considered more of a personal nature, and am giving only a small portion of what I could present, for want of space will not warrant its publication.

Too much cannot be said in commending our hosts for the full and complete manner in which we were cared for during the entire time that we were guests of the Grand Lodge of England. Every want was supplied, even to the most minute detail. Automobiles were at our service at any and all times, and some of our English brethren were constantly with us or near us to offer their services in anything that would contribute to our welfare, pleasure, and happiness. We soon learned that we were guests to whom the Grand Lodge of England desired to show the most generous and whole-hearted hospitality, and what they believed was due us as their visitors. I do not recall a single instance where more could have been done to make us feel that we were in every sense of the word, brethren at home—one of them, a part of that great brotherhood which is laboring to make mankind better and happier.

The following is the official programme arranged for our entertainment:

Monday, June 23—

- 4:30 P. M. Visit to Westminster Abbey and other places of interest.
- 7:30 P. M. Reception dinner by Grand Lodge, at the Georgian Room, Piccadilly Hotel W. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, The Right Hon. Lord Ampthill, *G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E.*, in the chair. Evening dress without regalia.

Tuesday, June 24—

- 1:00 P. M. Luncheon with Grand Steward's Lodge at Imperial Restaurant, Regent St. W.
- 5:15 P. M. Canada Lodge No. 3527, at the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, Gt Queen St. (Installation of Master). Dinner at 7 P. M. Evening dress, undress regalia.
- 6:15 P. M. Nine Muses Lodge No. 235, at Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, S. W. (Second Degree). Dinner at 7:30 P. M. Evening dress, undress regalia.

Wednesday, June 25—

- 10:00 A. M. Visit to places of interest in the City of London.
- 1:00 P. M. Luncheon with the Motherland Lodge No. 3861, at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, S. W. Morning dress without regalia.
- 3:30 P. M. Visit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at Clapham, S. W.
- 5:50 P. M. Joint meeting of Lodges No. 2 and 4, "Antiquity," and "Royal Somerset House and Inverness" in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen St. W. C. (First Degree). Dinner at 7 P. M. Evening dress. Undress regalia.
- 6:30 P. M. Mark Benevolent Festival, Connaught Rooms, Gt. Queen St. W. C. Dinner at 7 P. M. Morning dress. Full dress, Mark Collars and Jewels.

Thursday, June 26—

- 10:00 A. M. Visit to the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey.
- 12:00 Noon. Depart for visit to The Royal Masonic Institution for

- Boys, at Bushey, Herts. (Sixteen miles). Luncheon at the Institution.
- 5:30 P. M. Scots Lodge No. 2319, at Mark Masons' Hall, Gt. Queen St. W. C. (Installation of Master). Dinner at Holborn Restaurant, at 7 P. M. Evening dress.
- 7:45 P. M. Dinner to Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters at the Mansion House E C., by the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of London.
- 9:00 P. M. Reception at the Mansion House, given by the Lord Mayor, to meet the M. W. U., The Grand Master of England, H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, K. G. Evening dress. Full Masonic Regalia.

Friday, June 27—

- 11:00 A. M. Visit to St. Paul's Cathedral.
- 3:00 P. M. Special Meeting of Grand Lodge at the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington W. The M. W. U. Grand Master, H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, K. G. in the chair. Morning dress. Full Masonic regalia.
- 7:30 P. M. Dinner given by the Members of the Grand Officers' Mess in the Georgian Room at the Piccadilly Hotel, W. Morning dress without regalia.

Saturday, June 28—

- 12:00 Noon. Visit to Hampton Court Palace. Luncheon at the Mitre Hotel.
- 6:00 P. M. The Jubilee Masters' Lodge No. 2712, in the Temple, at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen St. W. C. (Third Degree Working.) Dinner in the Grand Hall (Connaught Rooms) at 7:15 P. M. Evening dress, undress regalia.

For Sunday, June 29, there was no special program prepared, and it is doubtful if very much of a program could have been carried out. Everyone was carried away with enthusiasm over the signing of the Peace Treaty by Germany on the day previous.

Among the most interesting events, was our visit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, at Clapham Junction, S. W. 11, and Weybridge, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Bushey, Herts.

The great event was the special meeting of the Grand Lodge of England, at the Royal Albert Hall, on June 27.

At 3 o'clock, Friday, June 27, 1919, an audience estimated at 9,000, members of the Grand Lodge and visiting brethren, completely filled every portion of the great Royal Albert Hall, said to be the largest auditorium in London. The audience was made up entirely of Officers of the Grand Lodge, visitors, and present members of the Grand Lodge, including Past Masters. It was reported that about 4,500 Past Masters, (members of the Grand Lodge) were unable to gain admission.

The following is the order of procedure which was carried out in full, except that the illness of the Grand Master prevented his attendance. His place was taken by Lord Amptill, Pro Grand Master.

The United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of
England

CELEBRATION OF PEACE
ESPECIAL
GRAND LODGE

Royal Albert Hall, London, Friday, June 27, 1919.
ORDER OF PROCEDURE.

H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, *K. G.*,
M. W. Grand Master.

The Right Hon. Lord Ampthill, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E.,
M. W. Pro Grand Master.

The Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, P. C.,
R. W. Deputy Grand Master

At 3 o'clock the following procession will enter the Grand Lodge:

Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Grand Stewards.

Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.

Four Junior Grand Deacons

Assistant Grand Pursuivants.

Grand Pursuivant.

Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.

Assistant Grand Sword Bearers.

Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.

Assistant Grand Superintendents of Works.

Grand Superintendent of Works.

Assistant Grand Registrars.

Assistant Grand Chaplains.

President Board of Benevolence.

President Board of General Purposes.

Deputy Grand Registrar.

Grand Registrar.

Grand Treasurer.

Grand Chaplains.

Two Junior Grand Deacons.

Provincial and District Grand Masters.

Visitors of Distinction.

Grand Wardens.

Two Senior Grand Deacons.

Acting Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Sword Bearer.

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Standard Bearers.

Four Senior Grand Deacons.

Grand Stewards.

Grand Lodge will be opened in due form by the Right Worshipful
Deputy Grand Master.

The arrival of the Most Worshipful Grand Master will be announced
by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master will direct a Deputa-
tion of Provincial Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, and Grand
Officers to be formed.

The following Procession having been formed will retire and escort
His Royal Highness into the Grand Lodge:

Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Two Grand Stewards.

Two Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies.

Two Junior Grand Deacons.
 President of the Board of Benevolence.
 Grand Secretary.
 President of the Board of General Purposes.
 Grand Registrar.
 Grand Treasurer.
 Grand Chaplains.
 Four Past Grand Wardens.
 Six Provincial Grand Masters.
Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.
 Grand Sword Bearer.
 THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.
 (His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught, K. G.)
 Grand Standard Bearers.
 Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 Two Senior Grand Deacons.
 Two Grand Stewards.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master will be conducted to the Throne.
 The arrival of the Visiting Deputations of Ireland, Scotland, the United States of America, and Overseas Jurisdiction will be announced.

They will enter Grand Lodge, be received by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and be conducted to places on his right.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies will call upon the Brethren to salute the Most Worshipful Grand Master according to ancient form.

The Visiting Grand Masters will be saluted according to ancient form.

The following Prayers by the Grand Chaplain (The Very Worshipful Brother, the Bishop of Chelmsford) will be read, and the Hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," will be sung.

Let us give thanks to Almighty God for His Blessings vouchsafed to us. Lord of all power and might, Sovereign and Ruler of the Universe, the Author and Giver of all good things; we, Thy humble Servants, do render Thee most hearty thanks for that Thou hast been pleased to crown our war with Victory and hast brought us to the dawning of the Day of Peace. We praise Thee that through all the hours of darkness, difficulty, and danger, Thou hast kept burning with steadfast and unwavering Flame, the fire of true patriotism in the Nation and hast made to triumph the principles of freedom and righteousness for which we have fought.

We remember before Thee with proud and grateful hearts those of our Brethren who have made the supreme sacrifice and have given their lives in the service of their God, their King, and their country; and we humbly beseech Thee that by Thy Grace we may be kept loyal to the obligations and steadfast in the Principles of our Antient Institution, and so prove ourselves worthy of their high example and use the fruits of the Victory which Thou hast given us for Thy Glory and the welfare of our fellow mortals. *So mote it be.*

Let us pray for God's blessing upon our Order.

Almighty and Everlasting God, who orderest all things in Heaven and Earth, we humbly implore Thee to pour down upon all the Fraternity, the continual dew of Thy Blessing. Grant, we beseech Thee, that every member of our Order may be endued with grace to perceive and use the unexampled opportunity which Thou dost now present to us. Thy fatherly love and protection has so wondrously preserved our Institution that we pray for Thy inspiration to enable us by our individual example to spread the great principle of Brotherhood

through every channel of the Nation's life. Help us so that by increasing in the Knowledge of Thee and in love of each other, all classes may be drawn together in the bond of mutual understanding, unity, and peace, and so hasten the coming of the day, when, with one heart and mind, we shall strive together for the good of mankind and the honor and glory of Thy most Holy Name. *So mote it be.*

The Hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," followed.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master will move an Address to His Majesty THE KING, which will be seconded by the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.

A Resolution expressing the sentiments of the Craft towards His Majesty's Forces will be proposed by The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and seconded by The Right Worshipful Brother, Lord George F. Hamilton, P. C., G. C. S. I. (P. G. W.), Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

Representatives of the Visiting Grand Masters will address the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master will reply.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master will be pleased to confer Masonic Honors on certain Brethren, and will signify his pleasure that Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be entitled to confer Honors in their Provinces and Districts in celebration of the occasion, and that certain appointments be made to London Rank.

Grand Lodge will be closed in ample form, and a Hymn and the National Anthem sung by all the Brethren.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, accompanied by the Visiting Deputations and his Grand Officers, will retire in procession from Grand Lodge.

By command of the M. W. Grand Master,

J. S. GRANVILLE GRENFELL.

G. D. C.

After completing his address, the Pro Grand Master moved an address to the King. This address was extending heartfelt congratulations to the King upon having been graciously vouchsafed by Almighty God, so great a triumph for the arms of His Majesty and his Allies, and thus securing freedom and right to the world, the inspiring example of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty set by His Majesty, his Illustrious Consort, Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the other members of the Royal Family. The address also expressed loyalty and dutiful thanks to the King for that signal act of His Majesty's favor, which enabled Freemasons to welcome His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, as a brother among Masons. The address expressed great loyalty to the King, and wished for him long life and every happiness, and the hope that they might all enjoy under the King's beneficent rule, Peace, Content and Unity.

Mr. T. F. Halsey, Deputy Grand Master, moved: "That this Especial Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of England, record with gratitude and affection its thanks to all the forces of the Crown—on the land, on the sea, in the air, and in every direction—who contributed to the victory for liberty, civilization, and right, it celebrates today. It mourns the loss of many who largely assisted

to secure that triumph, and tenders to the bereaved its sincere sympathy. It rejoices with those who have returned and assures them that the services of all will remain an un-dying memory among their grateful fellow countrymen." The Deputy Grand Master added, "It is not unfitting that I should in the presence of so many representatives of the United States, pay a tribute to their gallant army. Though we are independent nations, I can say, and I think I can say for them, that we are proud to belong to the Anglo-Saxon race, and I trust and firmly believe that, as Masons, and as men, we shall ever be united in the good cause for the help of mankind, and the principles of our Institution—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth."

M. W. William S. Farmer, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and R. W. Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts, on behalf of the representatives from the United States, delivered addresses to the Grand Lodge. A better selection could not have been made for this duty. Both of our distinguished brothers, by their eloquence and well selected words, I believe made each and every representative of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States proud of the ability shown by their distinguished representatives on such an important occasion, and our English brethren and all others were deeply interested in the addresses, and showed their appreciation by long and continued applause.

A message was received from His Royal Highness, The Duke of Connaught, The Most Worshipful Grand Master, suggesting that as a fitting sequel to the proceedings of the day, the Craft determine to create a perpetual memorial of its gratitude to Almighty God for the special blessings He has conferred upon them, wherein can be especially honored the many brethren who fell during the war. He stated further that the great and continued growth of Freemasonry demanded a suitable central home, and he desired that they at once take into consideration the matter of celebrating for all time the peace we now enjoy, and commemorate the brave who made the peace possible, by adopting measures for providing in the metropolis of the Empire, a meeting place worthy of the long history and great traditions of the United Grand Lodge of England. The President of the Board of General Purposes gave formal notice that the questions submitted by the M. W. Grand Master would be brought before the Grand Lodge in regular form, at the earliest possible date.

Since my return home I have noted in one of the papers that H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, K. G., The M. W. Grand Master, has asked for contributions of a million pounds, amounting to about \$5,000,000 to erect a Memorial Hall, referred to above.

The entire ceremony of the Especial Grand Lodge was carried out with the greatest degree of perfection, and will long linger as a

pleasant memory in the minds of all the American delegates. Before closing, Lord Amphill expressed the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the visiting brethren who had travelled across the seas to assist in the celebration. He expressed the hope that the meeting together of so many distinguished Freemasons, might become a strong force to uphold and extend the principles of Masonry, and be the means of promoting friendship and good will between all the English speaking people throughout the world. He also expressed the hope, which was probably in the minds of 90 per cent of all the brethren present, that we might all some day meet again.

The following taken from "The Freemason of London," under date of July 5, 1919, will give some idea as to the arrangements, and the interior of the Royal Albert Hall in which the meeting was held: "The arrangements throughout were not only admirably conceived, but smoothly and expeditiously fulfilled. Every one in the vast assembly found his allotted seat without the slightest trouble or doubt. Color predominated and presented a pleasing harmony. The pale blue which massed the arena and galleries suggested wide spreading buds of flowers in full bloom, and actually created an over-hanging haze. This was relieved by the slight touches of dark blue, of the Provincial and London ranks. The Grand Stewards were so placed that the mass of light blue was intersected with a scarlet cross, producing a pleasant relief, and suggestive of the great part which the Red Cross has played in the events of the past five years. The purple and gold of the Grand Officers who were accompanied at each side of the Grand Organ and on the front elevation, produced a most effective blending with the general harmony of color."

During all the session of the Especial Grand Lodge and the conducting of the ceremonies incident thereto, a real spirit of devotion seemed to pervade the entire audience; patriotism, fidelity to God, love of the Order, thanks for the blessings of the past, and a strong abiding faith in the future, and a real spirit of Fraternity were dominant features of the meeting. Love of country and loyalty to the Throne and Constitutional Government, were expressed by our English brethren. While these expressions were manifested on the soil of England, I feel certain that every brother from over seas felt his pulse beat a little faster and his heart grow a little warmer, as he thought of his own country, and was glad to join in all the sentiments expressed and to be a part of what many of us hope might bind together not only the Freemasons belonging to the English Constitution, but the English-speaking people all over the world.

The proceedings ended by the singing of the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," and the National Anthem. The singing of the hymn and the Anthem by an assembly estimated at 9,000 people, cannot be described by anyone, neither could the effect be felt or understood excepting by those who were present.

RELATING TO FREEMASONRY IN ENGLAND.

The Grand Lodge of England consists of the Grand Lodge Officers, and what is known as subscribing Past Masters, (a subscribing Past Master is one who pays annual dues, including the four shillings a year for benevolences) and the Masters and Wardens who are in office.

Grand Lodge meetings are held quarterly, officers are elected annually. The following only are elected: The Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer. These officers are elected by the Craft, (members of the Grand Lodge). All other officers are appointed by the Grand Master, annually, excepting the Grand Secretary, who is appointed only in case of a vacancy, and holds office so long as his services are satisfactory to the Grand Lodge. The same rule applies to the Grand Tyler.

The attendance at quarterly meetings is about 800 members.

The Grand Master does not deliver an address, but may make communications on some special subject.

The Pro Grand Master presides and transacts business in the absence of the Grand Master. If both of these officers are absent, I assume the Deputy Grand Master would preside.

No mileage and per diem, nor expenses, are paid to members of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge, on ordinary occasions, is in session for from one to two hours. The special Grand Lodge meeting, which the delegates from over seas attended, seemed to me more like a church than a Masonic lodge. There is no moving about, no whispering; the utmost decorum is observed, and the closest attention is paid by all members of the Grand Lodge, to what is presented for consideration.

There is a Director of Ceremonies, one Deputy Director, and 12 assistants, who conduct, with the aid of stewards, all ceremonies, and much attention is given to these features. Every little detail is arranged for in advance, and carried out with dignity, order, and precision. In all of the ceremonies we witnessed, which included the conferring of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, installation ceremony, and the constituting of a lodge, no Monitors were seen. Every officer knew just what he was to say and how he was to say it, and he required neither aid nor prompting.

REVENUE.

The income of the Grand Lodge is derived from investments, fees for initiation, dispensations, and warrants. Fees for warrants for new lodges are about \$75; fees for dispensations to confer degrees on more than two candidates at one time, \$2.50; the same fee for a meeting of a lodge at a time different from the one regularly provided for, or to change the place of meeting, or to wear Masonic clothing in public.

The permanent investments of the Grand Lodge are about \$900,000. The real property is about \$1,000,000, not including buildings used

for charity, such as the three Royal Institutes, one for boys, one for girls, and one for aged people.

All appointed Grand Officers are required to pay an honor fee. This runs from \$25 to \$50.

The only fees collected by the Grand Lodge from the subordinate lodges, or the brethren, are for what is known as their benevolent fund. These consist of 4 shillings (96 cents, payable quarterly) for members in London, and one-half of this amount for members in Provinces in England.

A lodge that has existed continuously for 100 years is entitled to a centenary warrant, for which it pays \$50.

The number of members of the fraternity belonging to English lodges, is estimated at 250,000.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Board of General Purposes has 36 members, presided over by a President; 8 members are appointed by the Grand Master, 12 are elected by lodges in London, and 12 are elected by lodges outside of the City of London. Eight members of the Board retire each year. The Board holds its meetings monthly. It is divided into 6 regular committees, and special committees are appointed, when needed.

The duties of the Board are to consider everything for the upkeep of the Grand Lodge, finances, care of buildings, complaints, (grievances). They have a right to suspend members of lodges. They recommend legislation, and consider all matters that are presented to the Grand Lodge. All of their acts are subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge. The Board makes its report by its President at the quarterly meeting, of all of its acts, but these do not become law, or go into effect until approved at the quarterly meeting following (quarterly meetings do not include the Grand Festivals). A pamphlet is issued by the Board and sent to each lodge ten days before the quarterly meeting. It contains a report of the work of the Board, and the business that is to be presented for consideration to the Grand Lodge.

LODGES.

There are about 800 chartered lodges in London and it is estimated that there are 50,000 Freemasons belonging to lodges in that city. The average number of members in a lodge is about 60, and a little more in the country lodges. Among the 800 chartered lodges in London, 7 of them are what are known as Temperance lodges, that is to say, lodges where neither spirituous liquor, wine, beer, or anything of an intoxicating nature is used. I visited one of these lodges and they seem to be very enthusiastic about the temperance feature of it. Some of the brethren in conversation with me, said that the desire for tem-

perance in lodges was gradually growing and would hereafter be increased.

A brother may belong to as many lodges as he is willing to pay dues to. One member belongs to thirty lodges. By dispensation, a brother can be Master of more than one lodge at the same time.

The minimum fees for the degrees are about \$20; fees generally are about from \$20 to \$25. Lodges meet generally only in the winter months, an average of about five stated meetings a year. They do not hold many meetings after April or May, and begin again in September or October.

The Grand Steward's Lodge has no number. (the only one under the English constitution.) The lodge is entitled to rank before any other lodge. The members of the Grand Stewards Lodge must be Past Grand Stewards. There are 19 lodges that nominate a Grand Steward yearly. These, and previous members appointed, make up the lodge. Their Masonic clothing is scarlet. The duty of the Grand Steward is to arrange for the quarterly meetings, assist in the ceremonies, and arrange for the Grand Festival, and to pay any deficit that may arise from it.

There are Past Masters lodges, consisting of Past Masters only, and they do no work, except on request.

There are lodges of instruction. They are not regularly chartered, but work under some chartered lodge, which is responsible for all they do. They pay no benevolent fund to the Grand Lodge, but do a great deal of charity work. The fee for affiliation from brethren who belong to English lodges is about \$1.25. If a petition for affiliation comes from a lodge outside of the Grand Jurisdiction of England, the petitioner is required to pay the same fee as for initiation.

They also have Provincial Grand Lodges. There are 46 of them, presided over by a Grand Master, who has a Deputy and a full set of officers. Provincial Grand Lodges meet annually, but can meet oftener. Their meetings can be attended by any Master Mason. Provincial Grand Lodges legislate on all local matters, but if it relates to the constitution, must be approved by the Grand Lodge. All Provincial Grand Lodges are governed by laws made by the Grand Lodge.

They have what we might call class lodges, that is to say, a lodge composed entirely of members in a certain line of business, such as wholesale butchers, hatters, clothiers, etc.

They also have lodges for nationalities, such as Scotch, French, Italian, etc. In the last named lodges, the language of the nation is used. They also have school lodges.

I visited a Scotch Lodge, where I was for a few hours very highly entertained, and saw a great deal of real good fun. Our Scotch brethren were not hilarious, but they were happy. Quite a number of them had just returned from the war, and were drinking each others health,

and expressing their extreme happiness at meeting, after their experiences some place in France, on the battle front, or something similar.

There are a number of Military lodges. The number has been limited to one in a regiment. Formerly a Military lodge could not receive petitions from any one below the rank of corporal. This regulation has been changed, and anyone can petition the lodge, regardless of rank.

Masonry is not as popular with the masses of the people as it is with us, but the Freemasons of England prize their Masonry very highly, and are willing to devote an abundance of time and ability to make it a success. I think this may be said of all the officers and members.

Dues in a majority of the lodges in London (including dinners) run from (in lodges with 4 or 5 meetings a year) \$20 to \$25. What they term non-dining member's dues are from \$5 to \$7.50.

By giving fourteen days' notice to the Master, he can call an emergency meeting for the purpose of balloting on a candidate. No special dispensation is necessary. The Master has full discretion in the matter.

A brother is automatically excluded when three years in arrears with his dues (temporary legislation was effected during the war to preclude such exclusion of brethren on war service.) A lodge may also exclude a brother for un-masonic conduct under the provisions of Rule 210, but one is pleased to be able to say that this power has very seldom to be taken advantage of. In either case, such excluded brother can seek membership of a new lodge, but of course he must produce a certificate stating the conditions under which he left any lodge to which he may have belonged.

Exclusion for other causes than for non-payment of dues is about the same as our law. A brother can appeal to the Grand Master and he has the power to set the sentence aside, but a brother may be suspended by a higher authority.

The Grand Lodge law provides that not more than three black balls shall reject, but the lodge can fix the number necessary, at from 1, 2 or 3.

WORK.

There are several kinds of rituals, partly in cipher, but there are no official rituals. The lodges select what they want and purchase them from their Masonic publishing houses. The Grand Lodge has not recognized any of them. It believes only in the mouth to ear way of transmitting the work. However, it does not seem to be able to stop the use of the cipher ritual entirely. I saw no monitors or rituals in use in any of the lodges. In all of the work that I witnessed, the full ceremonial and the conferring of degrees, was delivered from memory and was exceedingly well done. The ceremonies all seemed to

be contained in the cipher book. Much more attention is paid to ceremonies by our English brethren, and less attention to the work, than with us. Conferring degrees is much more simple. They give all of the essentials, but not so much explanation of the symbols, etc. The working tools and the working chart are about the same as we have them. Not much is required in the way of proficiency. No general memorizing of lectures; they do something on this line, but depend more on words, signs, grip, and documentary evidence, and if these are correct, it seems to be satisfactory. The opening and closing ceremonies are a little shorter than ours. Otherwise, with a little difference in the phraseology, it is much the same.

VISITING.

Not much is required in the way of examination of visitors, except the essentials in each degree. Reliance is placed in documentary evidence and personal avouchment. Without one of the last two named, I seriously doubt whether anyone could visit an English lodge. Visiting by unknown brethren is not general or promiscuous, as with us. It is generally expected that visitors will wait for an invitation, which can be obtained from some friend, a member of the lodge.

Among the things that most deeply impressed me as a visitor, was the equality that seemed in evidence in all lodge meetings and Masonic gatherings. The brethren seemed to truly meet upon the level. No class or distinction was evident among them.

Another important feature is the way our English brethren look upon a Masonic lodge. It seemed to me as if it were in a good deal the same light as they would look upon their homes. They gladly welcome all whom they find to be people of character and standing, and when they are satisfied on this point, visitors are made very welcome.

A few of the Masonic lodges that I visited looked like a kind of family affair. A percentage of the petitions that I heard read, came from, say, a father recommending his son, or a member recommending his son-in-law, or some other relative, and in view of the fact that the lodges are small compared with ours, these things bind the brethren together in a bond which is no doubt very close indeed.

The lodges that we visited commence work at about 5 or 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and the work is all disposed of in less than two hours, and they take up the social features of Masonry as they understand it, and practice it. They are generally at dinner about 6:30 or 7 o'clock, and if they are all like the brethren that we met on occasions of this kind, they are certainly an extremely happy, jolly, lot of fellows. We were made to feel that we were really one of the brethren assembled, and we were expected to enjoy what they had to offer in the fullest measure. They do not go in for long speeches at

these banquets, with firesome talks and the relating of old stories. They have a few toasts and these are responded to by singing the National Anthem, or some hymn. We were told on the way over that our English brethren do not believe in long talks. A few witty remarks after a toast, seem to suit them better than an oration that spreads all over the face of the globe and gets you nowhere.

The programs for the banquets that we attended, were largely on the same lines. First, we were briefly, but cordially and heartily welcomed in a few words, expressing the great pleasure it was for our English brethren to meet the brethren from over the sea. The first toast was, "The King and the Craft," drunk standing. After the toasts were disposed of one verse of the National Anthem was sung. The second toast was "The President of the United States," drunk in the same manner, and the singing of one verse of "My Country 'Tis of Thee." The third toast was, "Our Visiting Brethren from Over the Seas." This toast was responded to with a great deal of enthusiasm, much applauding, and even some cheering, and one or two of the American brethren, and perhaps one of the other over seas brethren, would respond. Then would come one or two local toasts, generally about the lodges that we were visiting, or something along that line, and by 10 o'clock we were dismissed.

CHARITY.

Past Grand Master Ehrhardt in his report, has covered the ground relating to the Masonic charity of our English brethren. Anything that I might say on the subject would be only a repetition. I fully endorse all that he says in regard to the noble charity work that is being carried on by our English brethren, and will emphasize all he says about our duty on the same lines.

I visited all three of the Royal Institutes and found them all well furnished, and the residents receiving proper care. The Royal Institute for Girls is more in the nature of a private school. The girls, so far as I could note, are fed, clothed and educated. They wear uniforms, and in going through their exercises, which they did for the entertainment of the visitors, presented a very pretty appearance. The uniform as I remember it, was blue, with a red belt, low or oxford shoes, dresses of a proper length, and closing and properly buttoned at the neck. The idea, as I understand it, is to turn out from the Royal Institute, young women of good character and good habits, and fully prepared to enter the battle of life, with a good prospect of being successful. The whole of the present teachers have all passed through the school.

The Royal Institute for Boys is run on the same lines as the Girls Institute, but the boys do not wear uniforms. I have always been opposed to uniforming children at Masonic Institutes, but after seeing

the picture of the girls at the Royal Institute for Girls in England, my opposition nearly disappeared.

THE FREEMASON of London, in its issue of January 10, 1920, gives a total for the last twenty years of the donations to each of the three principal benevolences under the direction of the Grand Lodge of England, the Boys' School, the Girls' School and the Royal Beneficent Institution. This total is 2,327,171 pounds, equal to about \$14,000,000.

I make no comparison between our efforts at charity, and those of our English brethren, but I do believe there are some lessons we could learn from them, PARTICULARLY THE SEGGREGATION OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS, NOT ONLY HAVING THEM IN SEPARATE BUILDINGS, BUT IN SEPARATE TOWNS OR CITIES. OUR ENGLISH BRETHREN IN THEIR LONG AND EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE, I BELIEVE HAVE FOUND THIS THE ONLY WAY TO PROCEED WITH SAFETY. LET US FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE, PROFIT BY THEIR EXPERIENCE, AND MAKE THE CHANGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AND NOT WAIT UNTIL SOME RESULTS FOLLOW, THAT WE WOULD ALL REGRET, BUT COULD NOT CURE.

I was under the impression when I went to England, that Masonry there was largely dominated and controlled by Royalty. This I learned was a mistake. Freemasonry is patronized by Royalty. All Past Masters who are in good standing, are members of the Grand Lodge, and they elect the Grand Master. It is however a long time since anyone but a member of the Royal family, was Grand Master. The fact that their constitution provides that where a Grand Master is a Prince of the Royal blood, he can appoint a Pro Grand Master, shows that someone outside of the Royal family could be elected Grand Master.

CONCLUSION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I cannot close this report without expressing my high appreciation of the kindness and courtesy that I received from Grand Secretary Philip Colville Smith, his valuable assistant, Brother Sydney A. White, and Brother Cook of the Grand Secretary's office. It is only fair to say that these acknowledgments are made against the wishes of the brethren for whom they are intended.

The foregoing is only a portion of what I had prepared of my trip over seas. A large percentage of the information that I gathered while in England related to Charitable Institutions, Charity, Relief, etc., but as Past Grand Master Ehrhardt has given you much valuable information on this subject, it did not seem necessary for me to present my personal views and all the information I had gathered. Again, many of the distinguished American brethren who attended the Peace Jubilee, have written articles relating to the visit, incidents, etc. Much

of this has been published in the Masonic papers and magazines and has no doubt been read by many of our brethren. If any of our brethren are sufficiently interested to read the entire report as I have prepared it, they will find it on file in the office where it will be kept for future reference.

In closing this report, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Grand Lodge, to Past Grand Master Epperson, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, who in 1919, against my almost positive refusal to temporarily lay aside the cares and responsibilities of the office of Grand Secretary, insisted that I take what under normal conditions, would have been one of the most delightful trips imaginable. While it is true that there were many hardships encountered and many inconveniences had to be put up with, these are all forgotten, and only the enjoyable features remain, and they will linger as a pleasant memory for all time. Through my twenty-one years service as Grand Secretary, I have met with the utmost kindness and courteous treatment. I can say from the bottom of my heart, the brethren have been very, very kind to me, and I beg to assure them that I am not ungrateful for the many acts of kindness that I have received from their hands, and their goodness and generosity in making it possible for me to attend the greatest Masonic gathering that has ever been held in the world, and probably ever will be held, was the greatest measured by any standard that I have received, and I wish I could find language suitable to convey to the brethren how much I appreciate their generosity and good will.

The addresses were given the closest attention, and at their conclusion they were ordered published with the proceedings.

At twenty minutes after 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, 1920.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour with officers and members as at the preceding session, M. W. John J. Tooley, Grand Master, presiding. V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, offered prayer.

M. W. John J. Tooley, Grand Master, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:
Brethren:*

I come before you today to account for my stewardship and surrender the great responsibility which you so graciously intrusted to me one

year ago. I had looked forward to this period of service with no little feeling of anticipated pleasure, not that I had any hope of rendering an unusual or spectacular service but rather that at its close I might have the consciousness of having contributed in a small measure to emphasizing the exalted principles of Masonry and maintaining its age-old traditions. And now at the close of this service I am overwhelmed with a feeling of the deepest humility bordering closely upon that of chagrin, that all has not been accomplished that I had hoped and longed for. As the year's work is reviewed I am not unmindful of the fact that many things have been left undone which should have been done, but coupled with these omissions I can only hope and trust that I may not be charged with having done anything which should not have been done, but rather that my sins, if any, may all be classified as omissions. I have not been able to give as much time to this great office as many of my distinguished predecessors have nor as much as it had been my intention to give to it. Other duties of a public nature were assumed which proved more burdensome than anticipated, with the result that the more exacting duties were given the strictest attention while those which pertained to public functions were perhaps not given the attention which they sometimes merited. My only consolation at this time, however, is found in the thought that possibly others have viewed their administration from the same angle with like conclusions.

One year ago we were rejoicing over the close of the great world war and what appeared to be the approach of the old time peace footing of the civilized world. While actual warfare has not been resumed, yet the social unrest which prevails throughout the world is perhaps as menacing to our security and happiness as was the actual clash of the armies of the world. The condition calls for the best and most serious thought of all peoples. That age-old question: "Am I my brother's keeper?" has surely been answered in the affirmative and duties and responsibilities more exacting and more weighty have been placed upon individuals and societies as a result. These added responsibilities can not be escaped. The Masonic institution from its inception has ever been ready and willing to assume its share and even more of what is sometimes termed the "white man's burden" and I am sure there will be no faltering in this hour of civilization's peril. False theories, selfishness, and greed must be combatted with all the force which civilization can command. There is no longer any neutral ground upon which individuals or institutions can stand with any degree of self-respect. Mankind is today divided into two groups and two only. One stands for the perpetuity of our institutions bullded through ages of sacrifice as well as the unstinted flow of human blood, while the other is headed with utter abandon for the rocks of ruin, desolation, and chaos. The middle ground is wholly untenanted as it should be, for as between right and wrong there can be no compromise, no concession. The forces that

would destroy civilization are united in a common purpose and it is important that the forces for righteousness should act together and disregard the policy of selfish isolation.

PAST GRAND MASTER THOMAS M. DAVIS.

On August 12th, 1919, our beloved brother, M. W. Thomas M. Davis, responded to the call which can not be ignored or disregarded by the children of men. Brother Davis was a genial, lovable character and endeared himself to all who came into personal contact with him as was the privilege of many who have attended the sessions of this Grand Lodge in recent years. His body was committed to its final resting place at his home in Beaver City on August 15th. The ceremonies were under the auspices of Beaver City Lodge No. 93 and directed by M. W. Brother Robert E. French. Brother Davis' standing among his neighbors was attested by the entire city and surrounding country turning out en masse to join with many friends from a distance to pay their last tribute of love and esteem to his memory. I shall never forget the feeling experienced upon my arrival in Beaver City to be in attendance at the funeral. There seemed to be a pall hanging over the little city. Strong men addressed each other in hushed tones. Sorrow was in the faces of the little children. Business had ceased and a feeling of solemnity was everywhere evident. Why? Tom Davis, whose activities had meant so much to the social, religious, and civic life of the community, had passed on to his reward, leaving a void in the hearts of his neighbors difficult indeed to fill. While due attention will be given the passing of Brother Davis by the proper committee yet I cannot refrain from here expressing my own deep feeling of personal loss in his death. I had learned to know and love him for his broad spirit of charity and liberality of thought and action. There was no room in his great heart for narrowness or bigotry. How applicable indeed is the sentiment "His death was untimely and his brethren mourn."

INSTALLATIONS.

At the time of the installation of officers of the Grand Lodge, there were some who could not be present. Arrangements were accordingly made to have these brethren regularly installed where it was most convenient. I therefore authorized installations as follows: R. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Senior Warden, by Long Pine Lodge No. 136; W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, and W. James R. Dean, Grand Orator, by Lancaster Lodge No. 54; M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, in a Central School at Plainview Lodge No. 204; W. Alexander E. Porter, Grand Tyler, by Lincoln Lodge No. 19. Due report was made of the installations of these officers by the lodges to which such duties had been assigned.

GROWTH.

The year has been one of unusual growth in membership. The initiations have aggregated more than four thousand, with the net increase in membership of almost twenty-seven hundred, being a gain of more than a thousand over that of last year. Seven hundred twenty-four petitions were rejected, indicating that the Outer Door is being carefully guarded and that due discrimination is being exercised by the constituent bodies. There are those who conscientiously view this unusual growth with some alarm. I am happy to say, however, that I do not entertain such forebodings. This large influx in membership is made up almost wholly of the flower of our young manhood and comes largely from men who saw service in the Great War. Through their experience and associations with large bodies of men, they have come to form exalted ideas of the principles upon which Masonic fraternity is based. They enter the lodge with the most lofty ideals and purposes. It only remains for the lodge to make possible the realization of these ideals in order to convert this new material into a mighty force for the upbuilding of the Masonic order and society in general. This great opportunity is open before us for rejection or approval. What the harvest shall be rests entirely with us.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

I am pleased to report that relations between this and other Grand Jurisdictions have been pleasant and amicable throughout the year. As is usually the case, some confusion and misunderstandings have developed in the matter of conferring degrees. These, however, have all been ironed out through a strict adherence to the principles of Masonic charity and the recognition of human fallibility. I find that these confusions are almost entirely due to a lack of definite instructions in the matter of conferring degrees by courtesy, and in some instances an utter disregard of our law requiring all requests of this nature to pass through the office and be approved by the Grand Master.

One notable instance may be cited as an illustration and which has necessitated a voluminous correspondence and the final adjustment of which required a severe strain upon Masonic law and usage in order to render what appeared to be full justice to all parties concerned. A Nebraska lodge made a request directly upon a lodge in Missouri to post and examine a man in the lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree and to make due report as to his proficiency. The Missouri lodge apparently misconstrued the instructions and proceeded after the determination of proficiency to confer the Fellow Craft degree. Soon after receiving this degree, this man removed into the jurisdiction of another lodge in the same state. The lodge which had conferred the Fellow Craft degree, without further instructions from the Nebraska lodge, requested the lodge into whose jurisdiction the man had moved, to confer the Master Masons degree. All this tended to confirm the man who had

thus been operated upon, in the belief that he was a Master Mason made in a regular and legal manner, a conclusion which would be quite natural under the circumstances. He accordingly proceeded on this theory and asked the Nebraska lodge for a demit with a view to affiliating with the lodge of his residence in the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri. The Nebraska lodge, having received no official notice of the conferring of the two degrees in Missouri, and denying that any authority had been given for the conferring of the degrees, refused to issue a demit other than as an Entered Apprentice Mason. The demit as an Entered Apprentice Mason was finally issued and accepted, with which our much imposed upon brother in due time petitioned a Missouri lodge for affiliation as a Master Mason. It is needless to say that his petition was rejected. This left him, notwithstanding the fact that he had received the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, literally suspended in mid-air without Masonic standing of any kind. The complications were then considered sufficiently grave to justify an appeal to the Grand Master. After considerable correspondence with the Nebraska lodge I took the case up with the Grand Master of Missouri and asked him to furnish me with certificates from the lodge which had conferred the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees, setting forth the fact that the degrees had been conferred under what were understood to be legal instructions and in accordance with their laws. Based upon the certificates authenticated by the Grand Master of Missouri and the demit which had been issued, I authorized our Nebraska lodge to accept from the brother a petition for affiliation as a Master Mason and the incident was so closed. This only illustrates the embarrassing predicaments into which lodges may unconsciously drift through a loose application or the utter disregard of the strict letter of the law. I may have taken rather a short cut in my method of curing the irregularity, but I could not find it in my heart to subject the innocent victim to further annoyance.

HOME AT PLATTSMOUTH.

During the year I have visited the Home at Plattsouth. As usual this Home is being conducted in a very efficient manner. Every possible effort is being put forth by the Home Board as well as by the Superintendent and employees to render the service contemplated by the founders of this most worthy institution. The residents are all cared for most tenderly and conscientiously. Everyone appears to be happy and contented. With our present equipment at the Home, little if any improvement could be made in service. However, the crying need is becoming more evident as the years go by, for better and larger facilities to care for those of our residents whose physical and mental condition is such as to demand special care and attention. This demand can be met only through a well appointed hospital. Many of the residents are unable to help themselves, and our equipment for their treatment and care is

wholly inadequate. Attention has been called to this need many times in the past and it is to be hoped that some decided action may be taken that will relieve this unfortunate situation. Whatever Masons do for their unfortunate brothers and wives of their old age should be done well. This, I believe to be the sincere desire of every Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction. The only reason that this additional equipment has not been provided long ago is that the situation is not as well understood as it should be. Many of our members have little knowledge of our Homes beyond the bare fact that they exist. This lack of knowledge is not the fault of the membership, but rather is due to the fact that the information covering our charitable activities has not been as freely disseminated as it should be.

For the information of the representatives of the different lodges of the jurisdiction, concerning our activities both at Plattsmouth and Fremont, a period will be devoted at this session to a presentation of their needs and requirements. While the Masonic institution is traditionally opposed to advertising its charities, I am sure we shall be wholly within the proprieties in discussing and emphasizing them within the tiled walls of our own lodges. In fact, I am of the opinion that a period should be set aside for their discussion in every school of instruction held in constituent lodges. The Craft should be fully informed of what we are doing along these worthy lines.

CHILDRENS HOMES AT FREMONT.

Twice during the year I have visited the Homes at Fremont, where most of our orphans are being cared for and schooled along lines that can not result otherwise than in the development of useful citizens. It is impossible for one to visit these Homes and look into the bright, happy faces of these, our little ones, without feeling a thrill of pride in the fact that he is a Mason and is contributing his share in providing an agency through which their lives and characters are being moulded and the void in their little hearts, through being bereft of their natural protectors, in a measure filled. The Matrons at these Homes represent the highest type of motherhood, and are as devoted to the children placed in their charge as they could be to their own. The children seem to fully reciprocate this mother-love. The policy is to give to these Homes every possible touch of home-life and keep as far away as practical from all that savors of the institutional spirit.

Our equipment at Fremont is equal perhaps to our present needs though the fact must be kept in mind that the demands even here are growing and expansion must necessarily be provided for. During the year we have been able to meet all requirements so far as I have been informed, though at times the capacity was a bit strained with prospective applicants in sight. I am sure I need not emphasize the importance of our duty as Masons of a continuance of the generous support and

maintenance of this, one of our most worthy Masonic charities. In the future as in the past the demands will only have to be known to be promptly and generously met.

NATIONAL MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

On November 11, 12, 13, in the company of M. W. Brother Ambrose C. Epperson, R. W. Brother Joseph B. Fradenburg, Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. Brother Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, I attended the first annual meeting of the National Masonic Service Association, held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as provided for in a resolution adopted at the last session of this Grand Lodge. This meeting was attended by representatives from thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions, which had previously adopted the tentative plan of the association, while several jurisdictions were represented by special invitation. The deliberations covered three full days with two night sessions. The proceedings were marked throughout with most profound interest and sincerity of purpose. Many points in the tentative plan were ironed out, and practically every step was approved by a unanimous vote, indicating a spirit of unanimity seldom witnessed in so large a body of men assembled from all sections of our great country. Representatives from many Grand Jurisdictions came to the meeting, as did those from Nebraska, with certain mental reservations as to the government of their actions, but at the close, if there was a single dissenting thought, it was not expressed.

It is my opinion and I believe concurred in by all who attended this great meeting, that it was the most noted Masonic gathering ever assembled on this continent. Its purposes and aims are of the most exalted character and such, if carried out, as will make Masonry a mighty force in the affairs of this country, and not only in this country, but among all the peoples of the world. These great results should meet with the approval of all Masons wherever dispersed.

Personally I shall ever look back with the feeling that I was honored beyond my merits in being permitted to take even a small part in the deliberations of this body which shall mark a distinct and lasting epoch in the Masonic history of the world. It only remains for each individual Mason to make these noble purposes a reality.

CORNER-STONE.

Among the first duties I was called upon to perform after my installation was to lay the corner-stone of the high school building at Long Pine, the home of R. W. Lewis E. Smith. In this work I had the very able assistance of Brother Smith, W. Brother Robert R. Dickson, Grand Senior Deacon, and Bishop George A. Beecher, Past Grand Chaplain, the latter serving in the capacity of Grand Orator. In addition we had present on this occasion brethren from Ainsworth, Wood Lake, O'Neill, and other lodges located on the line of the Northwestern Railroad. It

was made a gala day for this enterprising little city as well as the surrounding country and Masonic enthusiasm was in most striking evidence. The uniform courtesy shown the Grand Lodge officers here, only reflected the high esteem in which the people of Long Pine and surrounding territory hold the Masonic Fraternity.

PROMULGATION OF WORK.

As disclosed by the report of the Grand Custodian, the year has been of unusual activity. More schools have been held than for any other year in the history of the state. The good resulting to Masonry from these schools can not be measured by ritualistic instruction alone, but the inspiration disseminated among the Craft must be given a very important place in the final summing up of the results of the work of the Grand Custodian and his able assistants. Added emphasis should be given this most essential feature of our activities. The parent plan contemplates a force of twenty assistants, but it has been a difficult task to complete the quota. In fact after special efforts in this direction the force is still short of the allotted number, there being only nineteen men now under commission, and I am advised that one of these has indicated his desire to be relieved with the close of this year's labors. There is a bare possibility that others may also be disinclined to continue in the service actively. In this connection, attention is called to the small compensation allowed these enthusiastic workers. Their duties, as all will readily concede, are most exacting, requiring a mental equipment, which if directed along other lines, would command a rate of compensation at least twice that paid for this. Sufficient sacrifice is made by these men in leaving their business without exacting a further financial draft because of a beggarly remuneration. This same condition applies with equal force to the Grand Custodian, whose duties are multitudinous and continuous the year around. If anyone has it in his mind that the Grand Custodian's labors cease at the close of the period devoted to schools, he should at once disabuse himself of that thought. The calls upon his time and energies are such as few men could withstand for any considerable period of time without long intervals of rest and recuperation. His compensation should long since have been made more remunerative and more nearly commensurate with the devoted service he is so unstintingly rendering the Craft in this great and growing Grand Jurisdiction. It is quite probable that our Grand Custodian will attempt to veto any suggestion of increased pay for his services, yet I am sure he will yield to the wishes of this Grand Lodge in the exercise of its unquestioned prerogative of fixing the rate of pay of those who render it a service. It is not my province to say what the pay for the services of these men should be, but I do hope the Finance Committee will give these suggestions the consideration merited and make report and recommendation accordingly.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS.

The plan of holding central schools at most accessible points throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, was continued during the year with almost uniformly satisfactory results. I had the privilege of visiting the schools held at Fremont, Columbus, and North Platte. I was represented by proxy at Broken Bow by M. W. Brother Alpha Morgan, at Long Pine by R. W. Lewis E. Smith, at Neligh and Plainview by M. W. Brother Andrew H. Viele. It was a very great disappointment to me that I was unable to be present at and take part in all these central schools. In this, however, I feel that I am the unfortunate party and consequent sufferer. The holding of these central schools is no longer an experiment, and no one familiar with the results would seriously consider their discontinuance. Their importance will no doubt be more emphasized as the years go by and their influence is more keenly felt.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have issued special dispensations, authorizing the conferring of degrees without regard to time, to the following lodges, collecting from them the required fees: Papillion, No. 39, Master Masons degree on Harry R. Woodling; Mizpah, No. 302, Master Masons degree on Forest W. Clark; Crete, No. 37, Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees on Donald E. Hosford; Grafton, No. 172, Master Masons degree on Harry Kleinschmidt; Highland, No. 194, Master Masons degree on Clyde Shores; Emmet Crawford, No. 148, Fellow Craft and Master Masons degree on Major Charles L. Mullins; Charity, No. 53, Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees on Allen D. Blackledge; Blue Valley, No. 64, Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees on Joseph W. Diller; Osceola, No. 65, Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees on Vance W. Marquis; Lincoln, No. 19, Master Masons degree on Charles Olson, also Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees on Luther G. Andrews; Compass & Square, No. 212, Master Masons degree on Rollond O. Scott; Beaver City, No. 93, Master Masons degree on Calley L. Ellis.

I also authorized by special dispensation Evening Star Lodge No. 49. to ballot upon and to confer the three degrees of Masonry upon Vern Catterson, an ex-service man called to South America three days before the period of four weeks' time which his petition was required to lie over, had elapsed. While fully realizing that in the issuance of this dispensation I was technically ignoring a long established precedent, I felt that the circumstances surrounding this particular case justified my action and am hopeful that it will be approved by this Grand Lodge.

Special dispensations for other purposes have been issued as follows: Bassett, No. 254, to elect and install a secretary as ordered by this Grand Lodge without fee; Corner-Stone, No. 247, to elect and install officers; Minden, No. 127, to install the Worshipful Master; Beatrice, No. 26, to elect and install a secretary; Corinthian, No. 83, to elect and in-

install a secretary; Ornan, No. 261, to elect a Junior Warden and to install all officers; George W. Lininger, No. 268, to install the Senior Warden and the Senior and Junior Deacons; Golden Rule, No. 236, to install officers; Incense, No. 182, to install the Senior Warden; Stromsburg, No. 126, to elect officers; Gavel, No. 199, to elect officers; Solar, No. 134, to elect officers; Mullen, No. 282, to elect officers; Bartley, No. 228, to elect officers. I also authorized George W. Lininger, No. 268, to examine candidates for proficiency in the lectures in the Fellow Craft degree and to allow bills for current expenses at a special communication duly called for these purposes. Becoming somewhat doubtful of my authority under the law to issue dispensations for such purposes, I required the lodge at its first subsequent regular meeting to confirm the actions taken at the special meeting and to make certificate, under seal of the lodge to me.

WAR RELIEF FUND.

In the payment of the War Relief assessment many lodges were reported delinquent at the last session of this Grand Lodge. A resolution was adopted directing the Grand Secretary to immediately call upon such delinquents to remit the amount of their assessments within thirty days and at the expiration of this period to turn over to the Grand Master a list of those failing to respond, to be disciplined. I am pleased to report that the list turned over to me included only a small number. Instead of disciplining these last few delinquents I undertook the task of persuading them in a fraternal spirit to meet this obligation imposed by the Grand Lodge and thus relieve me of the embarrassment of obeying the provisions of the resolution to the letter. I was finally successful in my efforts though with the last few, it was necessary to almost assume the role of a "professional" collector. I found, however, that the delinquents were due largely to neglect on the part of the officers rather than any disposition to avoid payment. This fund now aggregates, with accrued interest, \$27,010.95. Some definite disposition should be made of it. This Grand Body should either assume the responsibility of determining what use shall be made of it or place the question in such form that it may be submitted to a referendum vote of the constituent bodies. It is a principle of law, that where trust funds are collected for a specific purpose and that fails, they shall go to that which comes nearest the original aim. At this time there is a strong demand for funds to equip our Homes on a scale to meet our ever increasing obligations to properly care for indigent Masons and the wives of their old age as well as the orphans of Masons. It is quite possible that in years to come many of the boys who served in the great war may require the tender care to be found in our home. The Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois with more than one hundred thirty-three thousand dollars in this fund decided at their last annual communication to transfer the entire amount to their charity fund. North Dakota set aside their fund which

amounted to ten thousand dollars, as a permanent soldier's relief fund. I ask you, my brethren, in all seriousness, would it not be the part of wisdom for Nebraska to adopt a similar policy? This is a question which should command your most earnest attention and which is for you to solve.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, the officers were authorized to borrow, if necessary, a sufficient amount of money to purchase the twenty acres of land near Fremont for the Childrens Homes. Inasmuch as a large portion of the money collected for war relief purposes had not been appropriated, and was drawing but a small rate of interest, after consultation, I deemed it advisable to borrow this money rather than to borrow it from banks at a higher rate of interest. The Grand Lodge should consider this information in connection with its disposition of this fund.

REINSTATEMENT.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge a resolution was adopted authorizing and directing the Grand Master to receive and act upon applications for the reinstatement of members suspended for more than three years for non-payment of dues. Up to the first of May, the date upon which my authority ceased, I received and disposed of fifty-five such applications from the following lodges:

Valley, No. 157; St. Johns, No. 25 (4); Square & Compass, No. 213, extinct (2); Jachin, No. 146; Litchfield, No. 278; Evening Star, No. 49; Pilot Lodge, No. 240; Lancaster, No. 54; Northern Light, No. 41 (2); Bloomfield, No. 218; Mystic Tie, No. 166; Tyrian, No. 243; Israel, No. 187; Springfield, No. 112; East Lincoln, No. 210 (2); Lincoln, No. 19; Clay Centre, No. 139; Edgar, No. 67; Falls City, No. 9 (2); De-witt, No. 111; Blue Hill, No. 129; Ponca, No. 101 (2); Cubit, No. 237; Pawnee Lodge, No. 23; Oliver, No. 38; Washington, No. 21, Riverside, No. 269; Western, No. 140 (2); Gavel, No. 199; Star, No. 88 (2); Ashlar, No. 33; Scotts Bluff, No. 201; Hollbrook, No. 257; Faith, No. 181 (2); Fairbury, No. 35 (2); Thistle, No. 61; Ord, No. 103; Wauneta, No. 217; Cambridge, No. 150; Jewel, No. 149; Beemer, No. 253; Auburn, No. 124; Bennett, No. 94.

All these applications together with the correspondence relating to same, have been filed with the Grand Secretary. After a careful analysis of these applications with special reference to the reasons set up as accounting for suspension, I am fully convinced that the abuses which the law governing reinstatements was intended to cure, have not been alleviated to the extent hoped for. The reasons most frequently given by applicants for permitting themselves to become suspended are those of neglect and financial inability to pay their dues. Occasionally, however, the applicant frankly confesses that he discontinued the payment of dues feeling that he was not deriving sufficient benefits from the lodge to justify the continuance of his membership. Such confession should

indeed be soothing to the soul and therefore appear more frequently on the applications. This analysis further discloses the fact that the period of suspension runs from three to twenty-four years, with an average slightly more than ten, and covering the most active period of the applicant's life. The average age as shown on the application is fifty-three years. While I am a firm believer that in all cases justice should be tempered with mercy, I cannot get away from the feeling that when a man passes through the most active years of his life without Masonic intercourse or association with his brethren and then as he finds the thread almost spent, he comes again knocking at the door of the lodge for admission, his petition should be scrutinized with care and with justice to the lodge as well as to him. With the experience of the past year in mind, I am of the opinion that in the future all these applications should be referred to a special committee of this Grand Lodge. Such committee should be clothed with authority to require the appearance of the applicant in person or by representative or to demand any other evidence that might be deemed necessary in order to arrive at a conclusion that would be just to both the applicant and the lodge.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge only one new lodge was chartered, Mizpah, No. 302 of Omaha. On June 25th, assisted by Right Worshipful Brother Joseph B. Fradenburg and Most Worshipful Brother Robert E. French this lodge was duly and formally constituted as required by law. Mizpah, No. 302, enters upon its career with very flattering prospects indeed, and I have no doubt will render good account of itself in the future.

LODGES U. D. U.

Under date of September 24th, 1919, I authorized by dispensation the formation of Right Angle Lodge U. D. U. of Omaha, with Brother Raymond V. Cole as Worshipful Master, Brother Franklin C. Tym as Senior Warden, Brother Lute M. Savage as Junior Warden, and twenty-five other brethren. On the same day I issued my proxy to Right Worshipful Brother Joseph B. Fradenburg to formally institute the lodge. The instituting ceremonies took place on September 25th, 1919, and due report thereof was made:

On January 5th, 1920, I authorized the formation of Ruskin Lodge U. D. U. of Ruskin, with Brother Frank Hopkirk as Worshipful Master, Brother Chauncy O. Hull as Senior Warden, Brother Ralph B. Brittenham as Junior Warden, and twenty-two other brethren. This lodge was duly instituted on January 9th, by Most Worshipful Ambrose C. Epperson.

On January 14th, 1920, I authorized the formation of Newman Grove Lodge U. D. U. with Brother William C. Hastings as Worshipful Master, Brother Edwin H. Gerhart as Senior Warden, Brother Leslie

E. Martin as Junior Warden, and fourteen other brethren. Owing to the necessity of beginning operation without delay, these brethren were authorized to proceed without the usual formalities of being instituted by an officer of this Grand Lodge.

I am officially advised that these lodges have each made their required reports and will present their formal petitions for charters.

WEAK LODGES.

I am impressed with the belief that there are a few lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction whose charters should be taken up and the territory occupied by them given to lodges more inclined to uphold the dignity of the Fraternity. There is always an excuse for the continuance of a lodge if an inclination is shown to attain a standard creditable to our institution. Indifference and neglect should not be tolerated year after year. There are different causes for weakness in different lodges. In some, the conditions are such that they eventually work themselves out. In others, the only salvation would be a complete making over of the material of which the community is composed. Where this condition prevails, what work is done, is performed in a slovenly and indifferent manner and the candidate is not impressed with the lofty ideals of Masonry. It has been my observation, that unless the candidate is inspired with these ideals at the time he is given the degrees, he never gets them. These weaknesses find further expression in neglecting to make the proper reports and remittances as required by our law, the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary not infrequently having to assume a really "hard-boiled" attitude in order to get the required action on them at all. I would recommend therefore, that this Grand Lodge place itself on record in no uncertain language in these matters and assure the incoming Grand Master of the inauguration and unswerving support of a policy demanding that lodges either maintain a creditable standard in their work and business affairs or surrender their charters.

VISITATIONS.

On June 24th, I enjoyed the privilege of installing the officers of Garfield Lodge No. 95, of O'Neill. At the same time and place was held a banquet celebrating the Festival of St. John. There were in attendance large delegations from all lodges in Holt County. This is a permanent organization and has been in effect for some years. The annual meetings are held at different points in the county under the auspices of the different lodges. The feeling of harmony and Masonic interest radiating from this organization and these annual meetings are such as would suggest the wisdom of similar organizations throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. On this occasion our Past Grand Chaplain, Bishop George A. Beecher, was the orator and guest of honor.

During the year I have also visited Bayard Lodge, No. 301; Emmet Crawford, No. 148; Anselmo, No. 258; Alliance, No. 183; Merna, No.

171, and Compass & Square, No. 212. In all these visits I was received with all the cordiality and honor due the exalted office of Grand Master. In most cases I was privileged to confer a degree on some candidate. I also attended by special invitation the meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at Lincoln on May 12th, where I was received with honors, forcefully emphasizing the strong bond of sympathy existing between that Order and that of the Masonic Fraternity.

THE JOHN J. MONELL LIBRARY.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge in accepting the gift from Mrs. John J. Monell of her late husband's library and collection of ancient weapons, bronze vessels, and souvenirs, few of us indeed had any conception of its value. Perhaps not more than two members of the Grand Lodge knew what it comprised. The library is of a miscellaneous nature and comprises more than two thousand volumes in which the most confirmed bookworm may revel to his soul's content. The collection of implements of offense and defense strikingly illustrates the splendid progress made by civilized mankind in the noble art of warfare upon his kind. The library itself has been very well provided for but the collection presents a problem for future disposition. Ample and suitable provision will no doubt be made for its proper care and display. The inscribed tablet will also be procured in due course of time.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF JERICO.

Under date of March 1st, I received a communication from Katherine Remington of Omaha, requesting recognition and approval of a proposed society to be known as the Knights and Ladies of Jerico. It is said that the ritual of this society exemplifies Biblical characters and is similar, yet unlike the ceremonies of initiation in the Order of the Eastern Star of which petitioners are required to be members.

On March 8th, I replied to this communication stating that recognition could be secured only through action by this Grand Lodge. I suggested to Mrs. Remington that she present the claims of this society in the regular way through the office of the Grand Secretary. I assume that this will be done and that the matter will come before the Grand Lodge through the proper committee.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have commissioned the following brethren as representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near other Grand Lodges:

Near Mississippi, James Finis Hill, Fayette, June 20th, 1919

Near Maryland, William F. Broenning, Baltimore, July 25th, 1919.

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

John Finch, of Cable Lodge, No. 225, Arnold, near British Columbia.
 Edwin D. Crites, of Samaritan Lodge, No. 158, Chadron, near
 Quebec.

BY-LAWS.

During the year I have approved amendments to the by-laws of the following lodges: Incense, No. 182; Doric, No. 118; East Lincoln, No. 210; Omaha, No. 288; Crystal, No. 191; Valley, No. 157; North Star, No. 227; Blue River, No. 30; Wahoo, No. 59; Elwood, No. 167; Sioux, No. 277; Diamond, No. 291; Superior, No. 121; Amity, No. 169; Grafton, No. 172; Beatrice, No. 26; Robert W. Furnas, No. 265; Lone Tree, No. 35; Temple, No. 175; Wausa, No. 251; Globe, No. 113; Evening Star, No. 49; Papillion, No. 39; Golden Fleece, No. 205; Palisade, No. 216; Meridian, No. 188; John J. Mercer, No. 290; Plattsmouth, No. 6; Bee Hive, No. 184; Seneca, No. 284; Frank Welch, No. 75; Wymore, No. 104; Camp Clarke, No. 285; Liberty, No. 300; Hubbell, No. 92; Mizpah, No. 302; Ashlar, No. 33; Platte Valley, No. 32; Faith, No. 181; Dewitt, No. 11; Auburn, No. 124; Silver Cord, No. 224; St. Paul, No. 82, and Lincoln, No. 19.

These amendments almost uniformly provide for increase either in dues or fees and in some instances both. The general tendency indicates a most healthy growth in the sentiment that our lodges have in the past been conducted upon a financial policy wholly inadequate to meet the growing demands and needs made necessary by our expanding activities.

DECISIONS.

I am somewhat doubtful whether any of the opinions that I have been called upon to render can be properly classified as "decisions." The line of demarkation between "interpretations" of the law and "decisions" is not very well defined as I have discovered in the study of many reports of this as well as of other Grand Jurisdictions. I feel, however, that there are a few of what I have been pleased to call "interpretations," which should be submitted for the approval or disapproval of this Grand Body.

1. A Master Mason residing in the jurisdiction of Crystal, No. 191, but whose membership was in another lodge, took out a demit from the latter and with it petitioned Crystal, No. 191, for affiliation. The petition was received and regularly referred but during the period it was required to lie over and before action could be had on same, the petitioner died.

The question as to the proper procedure for the lodge to take with reference to the petition, being submitted to me, I directed the lodge to act upon the petition the same as though the petitioner had lived and make due record of such action as might be taken.

2. In the event that the application of a member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues is rejected, should the dues tendered

up to the date of suspension be retained by the lodge or returned to the applicant?

I ruled that in view of the fact that the penalty for non-payment of dues *is suspension*, it would not be equitable to continue the enforcement of the penalty and at the same time retain the dues for the non-payment of which the applicant had been suspended. Therefore, no dues should be retained if the application for reinstatement has been rejected.

APPEAL FROM DECISION HICKMAN LODGE NO. 256.

Immediately following the close of the last session of this Grand Lodge I was called upon to investigate the appeal from a decision of Hickman Lodge No. 256, under which a member of that lodge was expelled. The expelled brother filed his appeal in the office of the Grand Secretary last year. But owing to the fact that such filing was made only a few days before the convening of the Grand Lodge and with insufficient data, the committee before which it came could not give it the consideration which its importance seemed to merit and no decision thereon was rendered. I investigated the case from various angles, including the procedure in the trial. I was unable to interview the expelled member personally but had considerable correspondence with him through which he presented his side of the case and the grounds on which his appeal was made. After giving the case careful and deliberate consideration in its various phases, the conclusion was reached that while there may have been some irregularities both in the charges and in the procedure, they were not sufficiently flagrant to justify the Grand Master in exercising his prerogative by reversing the decision rendered by the lodge. The trial record together with all the correspondence relating thereto, will be placed in the hands of the Committee on Grievances for final recommendation and action by the Grand Lodge.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MASONIC MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

On August 25th, 1919, I attended by special invitation, at Denver, Colorado, a meeting of the Western Division of the Executive Committee of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. At this meeting some ten states were represented, mostly by men who have been active in the organization from its inception. On February 22nd, 1920, I attended the annual meeting of this association held at Alexandria, Virginia.

As is generally understood, the purpose of this organization is to erect a memorial building to Washington, the Mason, at Alexandria, Virginia, and to provide an endowment for its maintenance. I am fully convinced that this is a most worthy undertaking and one which Nebraska Masons should endorse and liberally support. George Washington's connection with the Masonic Fraternity is a distinct asset and should not only be commemorated in a material way but should be

enshrined in the hearts of every true lover of our institution. The plan contemplates raising the fund for this memorial by popular contributions among Masons, rather than permitting some individual of large means to provide the amount necessary. I feel that everyone of the more than two million Masons in the United States, should be given the opportunity to contribute to this fund however small such contribution may be. In this way the memorial will become a shrine for all American Masons and one in which all may have a material as well as a fraternal interest. It is my hope that an organization should be effected in this jurisdiction that will give each of our more than thirty thousand Masons a personal opportunity to contribute a small amount to this most worthy undertaking.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The amendment to our law adopted at the last session placing men who have carried a demit for more than three years without petitioning a lodge for affiliation in the same relation as are those who have been suspended for more than three years for non-payment of dues, should be repealed. It is inoperative because of conflict with other sections of the law which have not been repealed. Attention is called to Section 135 which provides that *An unaffiliated Master Mason does not from lapse of time lose his right to petition for admission to a chartered lodge.* Section 136 further emphasizes this right by providing that an unaffiliated Mason after one year loses all his Masonic rights except the right to *petition for membership in a chartered lodge and to be named in a dispensation for a new lodge.* These provisions seem to be almost fundamental and are in such violent conflict with the amendment adopted last year that I have held the same in abeyance.

2. On page 260 of last year's proceedings it will be noted that Section 115 was so amended as to eliminate the provision: "Unless he has been rejected or a period of five years has elapsed since taking the preceding degree." I have been somewhat doubtful as to the intention of the committee in eliminating this provision as it seems to me to be a very wise one. In publishing the 1919 edition of the law this provision was inadvertently included. It is suggested that action be taken to cure this error if in the opinion of the committee it is an error.

3. Frequently lodges require a demitting member to pay one year's dues in advance. The result is that if the demitting brother immediately affiliates with another lodge he is required to pay dues from the date upon which he is accepted as a member and he pays dues in two different lodges for the same year. This practice is not general, I am happy to say. Neither does it involve any great amount of money. But it is admittedly inequitable and a remedy should be evolved by this Grand Body which shall afford equal justice to all.

4. The Grand Secretary still encounters much difficulty in securing the proper and necessary data in returns made by officers of constituent

lodges. I am not fully advised as to the remedy he has to offer but I am sure he has one and it is hoped that after counseling with him the proper committee may be able to submit a plan that will fully meet and overcome the difficulty.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I have had during the year the usual number of requests to pass upon the physical qualifications of prospective petitioners and in some cases, even after one degree had been conferred. In disposing of these, I have endeavored to follow rulings made by my predecessors so far as they were obtainable. Where there seemed to be no established precedents, a policy of conservatism was adhered to.

I have approved the seal of our newly chartered lodge, Mizpah, No. 302.

The following lodges have been authorized to move to new quarters: Delta, No. 230; Riverside, No. 269; Blue Hill, No. 129; Silver, No. 266; and a further extension given Falls City, No. 9, in the occupancy of their temporary quarters until such time as their own home shall have been completed.

During the year, I have received many cordial invitations to attend functions in other Grand Jurisdictions. Owing, however, to press of my own affairs, official and personal, I was compelled to decline all. Many minor matters have been acted upon which are not deemed of sufficient importance to justify their inclusion in this report. However, I have intentionally omitted nothing which involves in any manner the breaking away from the established precedents of this Grand Body or the usages of the Fraternity. I have endeavored to make this report as brief as possible and at the same time render a clear account of my administration and of the important trust confided in me.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

The relations which have obtained between the Grand Master and other officers have been pleasant and harmonious throughout the year. The helpful counsel of the Grand Secretary has been especially appreciated. His long connection with the affairs of the jurisdiction has equipped him with a wonderful fund of information of which the Grand Master always stands in need. The counsel of our Uncle Bob is always "timely and good," and while he studiously avoids offering advice which may by any possible chance or construction appear to be obtrusive or even suggestive, yet when one gets into a pinch he is invariably ready with the "goods." This brotherly attitude has endeared him to all who have ever had the great privilege of being closely associated with him. All the Grand Lodge officers have ever been ready to respond to any and all calls made upon them for help and counsel as have been Past Grand Masters. The officers of the constituent lodges have always been on the alert to render any service that lay within their power. In all

my correspondence with them it has been my one main purpose to maintain an attitude for which I might never feel under any obligation to apologize when I should meet them personally. In short, my relations with all whom it has been my good fortune to meet officially or socially have been most pleasant indeed.

CONCLUSION.

The outlook for Masonry as a force in civic and social affairs was perhaps never more inviting than at the present time. Indeed the application of Masonic principles is sorely needed in the everyday walks of life. This demand must be met and recognized. The day has gone by when men of affairs in any society will be satisfied to rest upon the laurels of past achievements. A forward looking policy is demanded. None other will satisfy the red blooded element that is becoming identified with Masonry. A militant spirit is everywhere evident and the institution that does not catch and adopt this spirit will be superseded by such as will. I am firm in the belief that the principles of Masonry are as applicable to the needs and requirements of this age as they were to the age in which they were promulgated. The fraternity cannot function with that precision demanded by the present generation of mankind by dwelling to such extent on our antiquity as to cause us to overlook the problems to be solved today. I would not for a moment countenance the slightest deviation from the ancient landmarks and principles that have governed in the past but these must be adjusted to the demands of the hour. The Masonic institution cannot recognize any rivals in its particular field of activity, but in order to maintain this high plane, we must do the things "we come here to do" and do them better than can be done by any other organization among men. Would-be rivals cannot be regarded as a menace. In fact our greatest menace is within our own ranks and finds expression in inactivity and the failure to catch the step of the advancing throng. So if there be any among us who are inclined to look with disapproval upon those societies inclined to encroach upon the domains heretofore occupied exclusively by our Fraternity, let me admonish them to disabuse their minds of all fear, and instead exemplify in the every day walks of life the true spirit of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

JOHN J. TOOLEY,
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 Nebraska Masonic Home in charge 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 7th, 1920.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Necessary papers from the following lodges with application for a charter have been referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

Right Angle Lodge, U. D. Omaha, Nebraska

Ruskin Lodge, U. D. Ruskin, Nebraska

Newman Grove Lodge, U. D. Newman Grove, Nebraska

With supplies costing about \$35.00 furnished free to lodges and charters costing about \$15.00, should not the cost of the charter fee to new lodges be increased from \$50.00 to \$75.00 at least?

RETURNS FROM LODGES.

Notwithstanding my report of last year under the above heading, I regret that I cannot report any improvement in conditions relating to returns from lodges. I suppose we will all have to make allowances until times return to normal conditions. Allowance must be made for the large amount of work that all people are trying to accomplish, with a less amount of assistance than formerly, and with not time to check and go over the work when it is done, but it does seem to me that Masters of lodges should take more interest in the way the returns from their lodges are made. They should help the Secretaries check them over before certifying that they are correct. Something is said a little later on in regard to this same subject.

BOUND VOLUMES.

The electrotype metal has all been sold, excepting that portion wanted for Volume 11, including proceedings from 1913 to 1917.

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.

Some additional progress has been made in regard to furnishing and arranging the large amount of material that accumulates in the Grand Secretary's office. The work, however, is not finished and some additional funds should be provided for this work. Just after having rearranged and sorted the tons of stuff in the lower vault, I was informed that all of the material in the vault had to be taken out and cared for elsewhere, as the ceiling had to be lowered several feet. This reduces the space in the lower vault to about one-half. Work of this kind cannot be trusted to people who are not familiar with the Grand Secretary's office. It has to be done largely by the Grand Secretary, him-

self, and as there are tons of this material, it is a good deal of a task, and I look forward to the time when the Grand Secretary can say that this work is completed.

FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

I suggest that the Grand Lodge appoint a committee to re-invoice all of the furniture and fixtures in the office of the Grand Secretary, and that the difference between the cost to the Grand Lodge and the actual value of the furniture and fixtures be charged to profit and loss. A careful examination of the books in the office of the Grand Secretary, shows that from some time in 1892, to April 1st, 1920, for furnishing, and moving into the new Temple, the cost was \$9,378.25. I estimate the present value of the furniture at \$3,898.23, which leaves a net loss, including the expenses of moving, for a period of 28 years, of \$5,480.02.

My findings, and the invoice, etc., are on file with the Committee on Finance.

MONELL LIBRARY.

The books and the large collection of ancient weapons, armor, etc., that Mrs. John J. Monell so kindly donated to the Grand Lodge as a memorial for her husband, were brought to Omaha and placed in the lower vault, and at the very first opportunity the books were placed on the shelves prepared for them in the library, but so far no attempt has been made to care for the large collection of armor, weapons, etc. There has never been a time when I could give this matter the close attention that it deserves. The collection referred to is probably the best in the state, and the Grand Lodge should make some provision for properly caring for it, where the brethren who are interested in such matters could see it. The books were a very valuable addition to our library, and some of them are exceedingly rare and of great value, and if the ancient weapons, armor, etc., are properly cared for, it will make a collection that will always be looked upon with interest by the brethren.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH DEBIT.

Balance on hand, June 2d, 1919.....	\$ 37,203.82
Charter fee, Mizpah Lodge No. 302.....	50.00
Fees for dispensation, three lodges U. D.	75.00
Sale of old card cabinet.....	176.00
Fees for special dispensation.....	360.00
Interest on daily balances.....	678.39
Interest on U. S. Liberty Loan Bonds.....	465.40
Dues on 28,136 members, less 19 members of lodges U. D. , and 95 members exempt, net number collected on 28,022, at \$1.50 each, including 50 cents overpaid and returned to a lodge	42,033.50
For supplies sold to lodges.....	3,901.53
Penalties assessed against lodges, 1919.....	56 86

Fees on 4,135 initiations, at \$5.00 each, less fees on 13 returned to lodges, account of error in their returns.....\$ 20,675.00

\$105,675.50

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH CREDIT.

General Relief	\$ 3,262.35
Printing proceedings and reports of Grand Officers.....	733.25
Annual dues to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.....	140.68
Pay-roll, 1919	4,015.60
Organist, annual communication, 1919.....	10.00
Grand Tyler, annual communication, 1919 (part).....	9.00
Expenses of Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, and Grand Secretary White, delegates to attend the Peace Jubilee of the Grand Lodge of England.....	1,500.00
Stenographer, annual communication, 1919.....	10.00
Childrens Homes, Fremont.....	5,000.00
Francis E. White, Grand Secretary.....	2,400.00
Robert E. French, Grand Custodian.....	1,500.00
Grand Secretary, clerk hire.....	1,600.00
Refund of special dispensation fee to Litchfield Lodge No. 278	10.00
Premium on bond of Grand Secretary.....	15.00
Grand Custodian's expenses, attending funeral of Past Grand Master Davis and presenting Jordan medal.....	28.06
Printing charter for Mizpah Lodge No. 302.....	15.00
Printing 1,000 copies Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska.....	397.00
Expense of the Grand Chaplain.....	100.00
Hanger for gold Jordan medal.....	6.00
Expenses, delegates to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.....	73.83
Premium on fire insurance policy, on books, supplies, etc....	47.25
Ten shares of stock, Order of the Eastern Star Hospital.....	1,000.00
Telephone	48.00
Blanks	143.25
Monell Library	971.17
Janitor	60.00
Moving and furnishing, new Temple.....	294.00
Postage	289.43
Stationery	79.06
Incidental expenses	59.90
Expenses of Grand Custodian.....	567.78
Expenses of the Grand Master.....	600.00
Clerk hire for Grand Master.....	350.00
Masonic Temple Craft, rent to December 31st, 1919.....	556.00
Promulgation of the Work.....	999.50
Supplies for sale and issue.....	5,569.97

The Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax, 1919.....	\$ 21,016.50
Returned to lodges, over-payments on fees and dues.....	65.50
300 copies, List of Regular Lodges.....	100.00
Balance in the Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk, Nebr.....	52,032.42
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	\$105,675.50

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Net profit reported last year.....	\$ 573.82
Purchased during the year.....	\$5,569.97
Amount sold during the year.....	3,901.53
Amount issued free during the year.....	38.60
Amount on hand, cost.....	1,056.02
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	\$5,569.97 \$5,569.97

A portion of the supplies now sold to lodges costs more than the price we are charging for them. There is a profit that has accumulated from the sale of our monitors, and it has been deemed advisable to use part of the accumulation, rather than try to follow the increase in prices that have been made with every new order. Ledgers, records, and receipts for dues, have been sold below actual cost, as the greatest increase has been made on these articles. The small monitors now cost more than we are charging for them. If the Grand Lodge wants all supplies sold at actual cost, it should direct that this be done.

GENERAL RELIEF FUND.

May 20th, 1919, Balance on hand.....	\$3,262.35
May 20th, 1920, 10 per cent of fees and dues, March 31st, 1920.....	4,162.65
June 7th, 1919, Committee on Relief.....	\$3,262.35
May 20th, 1920, Balance on hand.....	4,162.65
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	\$7,425.00 \$7,425.00

WAR RELIEF FUND.

Collected from 26,549 members in good standing of chartered lodges, March 31st, 1918.....	\$ 26,549.00
Received for interest on daily balances.....	461.95
Paid to Committee on Relief & Care of Orphans	\$ 1,006.80
To reimburse Committee on Relief for money sent to New York to care for soldiers.....	1,000.00
To care for two French orphans.....	73.00
Committee on Relief & Care of Orphans.....	10,500.00
Committee on Relief & Care of Orphans.....	7,000.00
Balance in the Norfolk National Bank.....	7,431.15
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	\$ 27,010.95 \$ 27,010.95

STATEMENT OF ALL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN WAR
RELIEF FUND.

From December 2d, 1914, to November 24th, 1919.

Collected from lodges, the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. U., individuals, etc.....	\$ 7,793.10	
Returned by the Nebraska Masonic Home (with interest)	3,154.28	
Interest	1,089.32	\$ 12,036.70
Amount disbursed to date:		
Omaha War Relief Society.....	110.71	
Franco-Belgian War Relief Society, Omaha.....	193.75	
April 12, 1915, for families of Freemasons, Bel- gium	800.00	
April 12, 1915, for families of Freemasons, Poland, if any can be found.....	800.00	
April 12, 1915, where the National Masonic War Relief Committee thinks most needed.....	400.00	
Jan. 25, 1919, Masonic Orphanage, Paris.....	500.00	
Jan. 25, 1919, Freemasons and families, Belgium	500.00	
Jan. 25, 1919, Masonic War Hospital, London...	350.00	
Nov. 24, 1919, Masonic Orphanage, Paris.....	1,691.19	
Nov. 24, 1919, Relief of Masons, widows and orphans, Belgium	1,691.19	
Nov. 24, 1919, Relief of Masons of Serbia, Grand Lodge, Des Serbia, etc.....	845.58	
Oct. 1, 1918, loaned to the Nebraska Masonic Home to buy Liberty Loan Bonds.....	3,154.28	11,036.70
Reserved to send to Poland if we decide to send it there later (Certificate of Deposit, No. 607, First Trust Company, Nov. 24th, 1919)		\$ 1,000.00

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home was held January 23d, 1920, and as soon as possible thereafter, pamphlets containing an account of the meeting and of the affairs of the Home for 1919 were mailed to the Secretaries of all lodges, and to many individuals.

Four adults were admitted to the Home during 1919, and three others have been admitted during this year. Four brethren and two widows died in 1919, and one brother and three women have died since then. Two residents are out on leaves of absence. There are now in the Home twenty men and fifteen women.

Thirteen children left the Homes for Children in 1919, all of them to be with a surviving parent, and three children have left this year, to

be with their parents. There are now sixteen girls and ten boys in the three Homes for Children.

The average age of the men in the Home in 1919 was 70.8 years; that of the women was 69.2 years. The average age of the boys in 1919 was 11 years, and of the girls 10.9 years.

In addition to the residents of the Homes the Grand Lodge is assisting in caring for twenty-nine brethren, their widows or orphans in their own homes, this being a more satisfactory arrangement than sending all to the different Homes and breaking up the families.

The Grand Lodge owns 516 shares of stock in the Home, 904 having been issued. The commanderies of Knights Templar contributed \$644.70 at the Christmas Observance, this money being used for medical supplies, and applies to the salaries of the physicians and nurses. Dr. Josiah B. Martin, the Home physician, visits the Home daily, and cares for those who need his attention. At present four of the residents are helpless, eight require the daily attention of nurses and physicians, and one requires occasional care.

During the year 1919 the food used at the Home cost \$6,549.58, making the cost per person for food per month \$10.29. The total cost per person for the year was \$311.86.

The Order of the Eastern Star has charge of the children, and pays the expenses of the Home where they reside.

The following table of comparison of costs is taken from the 1920 par.aphlet:

	1918	1919	Increase	Decrease
Printing, stationery and office supplies	\$ 118.05	\$ 97.45	.....	\$20.60
Postage	48.00	27.10	.....	20.90
Salaries and labor.....	3,939.49	4,201.80	\$ 262.31	.....
Fuel	1,915.09	2,054.57	139.48	.....
Light	159.53	180.39	20.86	.....
Power for laundry, etc.....	267.32	213.10	.....	54.22
Water	341.16	403.55	62.39	.....
Maintenance	5,563.92	7,683.38	2,119.46	.....
Medical supplies	368.49	378.72	10.23	.....
Expenses of residents, visits to Omaha physicians .....	.....	8.90	8.90	.....
Nursing	1,213.67	1,275.00	61.33	.....
Expense of Superintendent attending Board meetings....	.....	8.18	8.18	.....
Physicians' services	316.00	321.00	5.00	.....
	\$14,250.72	\$16,853.14	\$2,698.14	\$95.72

In addition to other assets the Home owns \$60,000.00 worth of United States Liberty Loan bonds of the various issues. \$250.00 in Liberty Loan bonds was contributed in gifts of \$100.00 each from the Liberty Class of Hastings Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Bradshaw

Lodge No. 255; and \$50.00 was paid on a subscription for stock. The Endowments and Requests Fund amounts to \$8,520.00.

RETURNS.

After considerable delay all of the returns were received. The card register has been corrected to date, as far as possible, with the information at hand, and the cards for each lodge have been counted and checked with the returns. A great deal of correspondence was necessary before all of the information could be obtained—one hundred and sixty letters being written in regard to the returns. Two and in some instances three letters were required to some of the lodges before some information could be obtained, and this was lacking from three lodges when the table was prepared.

If the Secretaries would consult the returns for the previous year, and give all of the changes in their membership from April 1st to March 31st, a great deal of the difficulty would be obviated. The returns from six lodges reported the initiation of 13 Apprentices whose initiation fees had been paid the year before, or who were not initiated until after April 1st of this year, and at least twenty brethren were reported affiliating in one lodge and not demitting from the other. Another source of difficulty was the reporting of reinstatement of brethren who had been suspended for more than three years, their reinstatement not being approved by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. Still another arises where lodges report the passing and raising of a brother, without his initiation.

The following lodges did not report whether they carry insurance or not: Nos. 63, 77, 81, 102, 113, 206, 293, 299 and 300.

The following lodges report carrying no insurance: Nos. 34, 65, 117, 160, 254, 260, 276, 289, and 296.

The following lodges do not report the mileage: Nos. 32, 37, 51, 53, 93, 97, 103, 106, 113, 114, 206, 208, 221, 227, 245, and 271.

The following lodges report having no delinquent dues: Nos. 1, 9, 25, 30, 33, 36, 40, 56, 59, 62, 67, 70, 73, 76, 82, 90, 94, 116, 127, 130, 146, 149, 154, 162, 164, 171, 172, 177, 182, 233, 237, 240, 241, 246, 251, 253, 256, 260, 264, 266, 272, 273, 275, 281, 282, 285, 292, 293, 295, 298, and 301; a total of forty-one, twenty-nine of which reported having no delinquent dues last year.

The following lodges do not report whether they have any delinquent members or not: Nos. 29, 32, 37, 46, 51, 58, 60, 81, 87, 100, 102, 137, 151, 159, 166, 194, 200, 222, 227, 244, 269, 270, 277, 283, 284, 289, 299 and 300.

When the returns are received within the stipulated time—on or before April 10th—no penalties are attached. Penalties should be attached to lodges that do not send in replies to requests for information within a reasonable time, and this applies to the three lodges mentioned

above. The statistical table for this year is not as complete as it should be on account of the delay of these lodges. This table is very difficult to make and the printer needs considerable time to set it up, hence the necessity for having the returns complete or the information furnished promptly.

Penalties are assessed against the following lodges for the delay in receiving their returns:

LODGE	DATE RECEIVED	NO. OF MEMBERS	PENALTY
6.....	April 20, 1919.....	146.....	\$11.68
87.....	April 27, 1919.....	105.....	17.75
96.....	April 17, 1919.....	65.....	3.25
113.....	April 13, 1919.....	56.....	.56
133.....	April 13, 1919.....	45.....	.45
161.....	April 30, 1919.....	52.....	9.36
168.....	April 14, 1919.....	68.....	1.36
175.....	April 22, 1919.....	68.....	6.88
177.....	April 13, 1919.....	55.....	1.65
212.....	April 15, 1919.....	56.....	1.68
229.....	April 17, 1919.....	57.....	2.85
254.....	April 16, 1919.....	62.....	2.48
256.....	April 13, 1919.....	36.....	.36
Total			\$60.31
Number of chartered lodges.....		275	
Number of lodges under dispensation.....		3	
Total		278	
Number initiated during the year.....		4,123	
Number passed during the year.....		3,504	
Number raised during the year.....			3,184
Number affiliated during the year.....			578
Number reinstated during the year.....			150
Number gained by other causes during the year.....			21
Total gross increase.....			3,933
Number demitted during the year.....			749
Number deceased during the year.....			341
Number suspended during the year.....			167
Number expelled during the year.....			5
Number lost by other causes during the year.....			1
Total loss			1,263
Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1920.....			2,670
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1919.....			28,136
Number of Master Masons on the rolls March 31st, 1920.....			30,806

GENERAL LEDGER BALANCES AFTER CLOSING THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING MAY 20TH, 1920.

Inventory		\$165,493.44
516 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 51,600.00	
Moving and furnishing new Temple	3,916.66	
General relief fund		4,162.65
U. S. Liberty Loan bonds	10,000.00	
Supplies	1,056.02	
Cash	52,032.42	
Childrens Homes, Fremont	46,000.00	
Grand Lodge jewels	233.00	
O. E. S. Hospital, 10 shares of stock	1,000.00	
Grand Lodge library furniture	1,664.64	
Grand Lodge library	1,182.18	
Monell library, moving and shelving	971.17	
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	\$169,656.09	\$169,656.09

INVENTORY.

516 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 51,600.00	
Furnishing the new Temple	3,916.66	
U. S. Liberty Loan bonds	10,000.00	
Supplies on hand, cost	1,056.02	
Cash on hand	52,032.42	
Childrens Homes at Fremont	46,000.00	
Grand Lodge jewels	233.00	
10 shares of stock, O. E. S. Hospital	1,000.00	
Grand Lodge library furniture	1,664.64	
Grand Lodge library	1,182.18	
Monell library, furnishing and moving	971.17	
	<hr/>	\$169,656.09
Less amount due for General Relief, 1920		4,162.65
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Net assets as per ledger	\$165,493.44	
Net assets for the year ending May 20th, 1919	142,846.13	
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Net gain for the year	\$ 22,647.31	

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Grand Secretary.

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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, 1920	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1920	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1920	No. April 1, 1919	GAIN				Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls, March 31, 1920		
									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other causes	Total Loss
Nebraska.....	1	214	105	201	46	7	86	970	182	28	8	1188	11	12	7	30	1158	1			
Western Star..	2	28	36	28	20	3	43	177	22	4	..	203	5	4	3	..	12	191	2		
Capitol.....	3	117	76	119	32	14	134	825	123	9	6	963	18	14	14	..	46	917	3		
Nemaha Valley	4	4	8	3	4	..	21	68	3	..	..	71	1	2	..	..	3	68	4
Omadi.....	5	15	23	10	9	..	23	109	9	..	..	118	2	3	..	..	5	113	5
Plattsmouth...	6	24	33	16	8	..	25	146	16	1	1	164	1	4	..	..	5	159	6
Falls City.....	9	33	40	29	12	..	37	196	26	1	2	225	4	1	..	..	5	220	9
Solomon.....	10	..	10	..	2	..	2	30	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	30	10
Covert.....	11	147	101	143	47	2	149	966	130	10	4	1110	24	12	2	..	38	1072	11		
Orient.....	13	2	4	5	2	..	1	49	5	..	1	55	3	1	..	..	4	51	13
Peru.....	14	9	11	5	3	..	16	83	2	..	..	85	4	1	..	..	5	80	14
Fremont.....	15	61	18	56	10	1	20	348	52	9	1	410	7	7	1	..	15	395	15		
Tecumseh.....	17	11	23	13	10	..	28	123	9	1	..	133	1	2	..	..	3	130	17
Lincoln.....	19	131	99	111	39	10	75	956	94	26	2	1078	18	12	10	..	40	1038	19		
Washington...	21	6	7	4	7	..	17	104	4	6	1	115	2	2	..	..	4	111	21
Pawnee.....	23	12	13	7	6	..	21	119	5	2	2	128	1	2	..	..	3	125	23
St. Johns.....	25	148	119	154	56	23	186	947	129	12	5	1093	3	17	23	..	53	1040	25		
Beatrice.....	26	32	47	32	33	9	75	311	23	11	..	345	5	5	9	..	19	326	26		
Jordan.....	27	7	9	5	3	..	13	66	6	..	..	72	2	..	..	..	2	70	27
Hope.....	29	1	10	2	5	..	22	30	3	..	..	33	1	..	..	..	1	32	29
Blue River....	30	15	7	12	2	..	10	63	11	1	..	75	..	2	..	..	2	73	30
Tekamah.....	31	3	4	5	3	..	8	156	5	4	..	165	..	2	..	..	2	163	31
Platte Valley...	32	36	35	33	19	8	47	242	28	4	..	274	7	4	8	..	19	255	32		
Ashlar.....	33	58	50	51	31	2	50	409	42	17	2	470	5	8	2	..	15	455	33		
Acacia.....	34	8	20	2	4	..	26	67	3	2	1	73	2	1	..	..	3	70	34
Fairbury.....	35	17	43	7	12	..	33	185	6	1	1	193	3	1	..	..	4	189	35
Lone Tree.....	36	25	6	30	13	..	38	179	23	1	2	205	7	..	..	..	7	198	36
Crete.....	37	24	21	17	6	..	27	105	17	4	1	127	2	2	..	..	4	123	37
Oliver.....	38	21	18	19	5	..	31	127	17	2	2	148	3	1	..	..	4	144	38
Papillion.....	39	11	13	11	4	..	16	58	9	..	..	67	..	..	..	..	..	67	39
Humboldt.....	40	10	10	9	2	..	10	68	13	1	..	82	1	2	..	..	3	79	40
Northern Light	41	3	8	3	5	..	18	72	4	2	2	80	1	..	..	..	1	79	41
Juniata.....	42	5	16	..	1	..	14	50	2	1	..	53	1	..	..	..	1	52	42
Hebron.....	43	9	16	11	3	..	28	95	11	1	..	107	5	2	..	..	7	100	43
Harvard.....	44	8	8	4	1	..	10	57	4	1	..	62	..	2	..	..	2	60	44
Rob Morris....	46	25	38	19	11	..	51	271	17	9	2	299	9	4	..	..	13	286	46
Fairmont.....	48	13	16	11	4	..	28	71	11	2	1	85	3	..	..	..	3	82	48
Evening Star...	49	24	12	23	5	..	21	69	21	4	2	96	7	..	..	..	7	89	49
Hastings.....	50	45	55	36	14	2	37	389	26	8	3	426	10	4	2	..	117	409	50		
Fidelity.....	51	7	17	7	5	..	29	124	10	4	..	138	5	2	7	131	51		

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								No. April 1, 1919	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, 1919	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1919
Hiram	52	6	10	4	4	22	74	3				77	3					3	74	52		
Charity	53	14	19	12	8	29	104	8	1			113	2						2	111	53	
Lancaster	54	85	89	73	30	62	786	62	9	1		858	14	10					24	834	54	
Mosaic	55	41	42	31	20	42	186	22	3			211	13	2	1				16	195	55	
York	56	11	10	11	2	23	275	13	9			297	2	5						7	290	56
Mt. Moriah	57	14	19	11	2	8	81	10	1			92	5	1						6	86	57
Lebanon	58	22	27	18	7	21	168	15	9	2		194	3	2						5	189	58
Wahoo	59	18	12	17	3	22	136	18	3			157	3	4						7	150	59
Melrose	60	3	9	3	1	11	76	3	1			80	2							2	78	60
Thistle	61	17	18	13	6	21	110	10	3	1		124	3	3						3	121	61
Keystone	62	8	9	8	2	110	60	7	2			69	2	1						3	66	62
Riverton	63	2	8	2	1	12	52	2	1			55	1	2	1					4	51	63
Blue Valley	64	10	6	7	3	14	73	8	2			83	2	2						4	79	64
Osceola	65	12	17	7	7	15	113	11	3			127	3	2						5	122	65
Edgar	67	12	9	7	2	6	118	9	2	1		130	4	4						8	122	67
Aurora	68	15	19	11	9	7	37	169	10	1		180	2	1	7					10	170	68
Sterling	70	7	17	5	2	12	66	5				71	1	1						2	69	70
Trowel	71	12	15	11	9	23	93	10	3			106	4	3						7	99	71
Hooper	72	12	15	10		8	86	11	4			101	3	1						4	97	72
Friend	73	1	11	4	3	1	18	75	4	2		81	3	1						4	77	73
Alexandria	74	11	3	11	3	7	39	8	3	2		52	3	2						5	47	74
Frank Welch	75	61	23	60	16	1	22	176	48	9	4	237	2	2	1					5	232	75
Joppa	76	7	5	5	2	11	58	4	2			64	2	1						3	61	76
Nelson	77	11	10	8	4	19	59	9	3			71	6							6	65	77
Albion	78	21	24	17	7	14	97	14	1			112	1	1	1					3	109	78
Geneva	79	11	12	8	5	18	161	7	1			169	3	1						4	165	79
Composite	81	6	7	5	3	1	14	47	5			52	3	1						4	48	81
St. Paul	82	21	20	17	7	37	149	14				163	4	2						6	157	82
Corinthian	83	5	7	6	3	7	52	6				58	5							5	53	83
Fairfield	84	6	15	4		18	80	5				85	4							4	81	84
Tyre	85	3	18	1	2	1	23	42				42		1						1	41	85
Doniphan	86	6	5	6	5	15	39	5	1			45	1	1						2	43	86
Ionic	87	7	22	8	10	16	105	4				109	2	1						3	106	87
Star	88		9	2	1	10	66	3	2	6		77	3							3	74	88
Cedar River	89	6	14	8	7	20	98	4	3			105	3							3	102	89
Elk Creek	90	2	5	4	4	11	34	2	1			37	2							2	35	90
Oakland	91	5	6	5	2	3	94	3	3			100	3	1						4	96	91
Hubbell	92	1	6			7	32		1			33	2							2	31	92
Beaver City	93	7	13	5	6	23	126	2	1			129	4	3						7	122	93
Bennett	94	6	10	4	5	12	56	3	2			61	2							2	59	94

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			March 31, 1920			March 31, 1920			March 31, 1920		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, 1920	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1920		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1920	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1920		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1920	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1920														No. on Rolls, March 31, 1920
Garfield.....	95	7	7	6	3	..	24	68	6	..	..	..	..	74	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	71	95
Utica.....	96	10	9	7	4	1	5	65	5	..	..	..	..	70	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	5	65	96
Euclid.....	97	18	10	18	7	3	14	65	12	3	..	..	..	80	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	4	76	97
Republican.....	98	6	7	6	3	..	5	69	5	..	..	..	..	74	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	66	98
Shelton.....	99	8	13	10	5	..	11	52	10	..	..	..	..	62	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	61	99
Creighton.....	100	5	14	5	4	..	18	95	6	3	2	..	106	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	98	100
Ponca.....	101	5	11	5	3	..	18	72	5	..	2	..	79	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	74	101
Waterloo.....	102	14	14	12	1	..	15	107	11	2	..	..	120	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	119	102
Ord.....	103	2	10	1	1	..	40	82	1	..	..	..	83	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	79	103
Wymore.....	104	20	19	17	10	..	33	154	13	1	3	..	171	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	169	104
Stella.....	105	7	9	6	4	1	8	73	5	..	..	..	78	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	72	105
Porter.....	106	6	5	6	6	..	13	53	5	3	1	..	62	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	55	106
Table Rock.....	108	10	9	3	3	..	8	58	2	1	..	..	61	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	58	108
Pomegranate.....	110	13	13	10	2	..	10	135	13	1	1	..	150	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	144	110
De Witt.....	111	6	13	13	2	2	29	56	13	1	2	..	72	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	70	111
Springfield.....	112	8	14	12	10	..	21	84	4	..	1	..	89	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	88	112
Globe.....	113	5	17	1	3	..	13	56	2	..	..	..	58	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	54	113
Wisner.....	114	11	11	12	6	3	14	100	8	1	..	..	109	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	7	103	114
Harlan.....	116	8	9	11	4	..	12	72	10	3	1	..	86	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	85	116
Hardy.....	117	1	4	..	..	..	6	50	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	117
Doric.....	118	10	7	8	2	..	9	42	6	1	..	..	49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	118
North Bend.....	119	7	8	5	2	..	9	98	9	2	..	..	109	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	106	119
Wayne.....	120	17	21	17	8	..	11	134	16	4	..	..	154	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	150	120
Superior.....	121	16	9	19	5	..	19	126	20	8	..	..	154	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	151	121
Auburn.....	124	10	10	8	..	..	13	107	8	1	..	..	116	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	110	124
Mount Nebo.....	125	11	15	4	4	..	31	73	4	..	1	..	78	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	75	125
Stromsburg.....	126	20	5	18	4	1	4	109	20	..	..	..	129	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	124	126
Minden.....	127	15	14	10	5	..	16	73	9	..	..	..	82	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	77	127
Guide Rock.....	128	7	8	7	2	..	4	35	6	..	..	..	41	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	37	128
Blue Hill.....	129	6	5	6	2	..	25	65	6	..	1	..	72	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	65	129
Tuscan.....	130	3	4	5	1	..	5	61	5	1	..	..	67	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	64	130
Scribner.....	132	3	5	1	5	..	6	62	1	1	1	..	65	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	61	132
Elm Creek.....	133	2	8	5	2	..	9	45	6	..	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	133
Solar.....	134	5	5	6	4	..	5	76	3	..	..	..	79	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	73	134
McCook.....	135	19	25	15	2	..	38	190	14	3	..	..	207	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	202	135
Long Pine.....	136	5	9	5	5	..	7	83	2	2	..	..	87	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	86	136
Upright.....	137	5	10	3	1	..	4	65	2	..	..	..	67	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	66	137
Rawalt.....	138	4	4	4	2	..	14	82	8	1	..	..	91	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	90	138
Clay Centre.....	139	8	7	4	1	..	13	68	3	1	1	..	73	4	1	5	68	139
Western.....	140	4	4	4	3	..	8	78	1	..	3	..	82	2	2	4	78	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	8	9	6	3	13	77	8	1	86	6	1	7	79	143					
Kenesaw	144	8	13	7	6	11	73	3	25	76	2	2	2	74	144					
Bancroft	145	3	20	1	3	25	72	2	25	74	4	1	4	70	145					
Jachin	146	21	21	10	7	35	147	5	3	158	5	1	2	150	146					
Siloam	147	5	12	4	3	12	35	3	1	39	2	2	2	37	147					
Emmet Crawford	148	17	23	13	9	17	155	9	7	171	3	3	3	168	148					
Jewel	149	3	2	6	4	10	27	3	2	33	1	1	1	33	149					
Cambridge	150	16	12	10	4	8	73	8	1	82	4	4	4	78	150					
Square	151	5	16	7	4	13	67	6	1	74	4	4	4	70	151					
Parallel	152	9	13	8	9	21	48	6	1	55	1	1	1	55	152					
Evergreen	153	8	6	3	3	16	64	3	1	67	1	2	2	62	153					
Lily	154	3	5	3	1	7	66	2	1	69	1	1	1	67	154					
Hartington	155	8	22	4	3	18	68	3	1	74	4	4	4	70	155					
Pythagoras	156	7	20	2	6	13	67	1	1	68	4	4	4	64	156					
Valley	157	7	15	7	2	17	44	9	1	53	2	2	2	49	157					
Samaritan	158	16	17	13	7	17	168	14	4	186	3	2	2	181	158					
Ogalalla	159	18	24	5	6	8	104	4	5	113	1	1	1	113	159					
Zeredatha	160	1	1	1	1	16	35	1	1	35	1	1	1	35	160					
Mount Zion	161	9	13	4	1	10	52	5	1	57	3	3	3	54	161					
Trestle Board	162	6	6	3	1	7	75	3	1	78	1	1	1	76	162					
Unity	163	6	9	5	2	8	62	4	1	66	1	1	1	65	163					
Atkinson	164	7	11	4	2	10	46	3	3	52	3	3	3	49	164					
Barneston	165	1	7	2	1	15	42	4	1	46	1	1	1	44	165					
Mystic Tie	166	10	9	6	3	7	46	5	2	54	1	1	1	54	166					
Elwood	167	7	7	7	5	12	54	5	2	61	1	1	1	59	167					
Curtis	168	9	11	7	6	11	68	7	4	80	2	1	1	77	168					
Amity	169	10	13	11	4	6	62	10	2	74	1	2	2	71	169					
Mason City	170	1	4	4	7	11	59	4	1	63	1	1	1	62	170					
Merna	171	9	19	7	8	17	94	7	1	102	2	1	1	99	171					
Grafton	172	3	7	5	1	9	60	5	1	66	2	1	1	61	172					
Robert Burns	173	3	11	4	1	14	23	4	2	29	1	1	1	28	173					
Culbertson	174	8	7	7	5	11	34	4	1	38	1	1	1	38	174					
Temple	175	10	8	10	7	14	68	9	1	78	5	1	1	71	175					
Gladstone	176	14	12	18	4	7	113	15	1	129	4	3	3	122	176					
Hay Springs	177	8	10	1	1	6	55	1	2	58	1	1	1	58	177					
Prudence	179	18	15	15	2	15	65	18	1	85	2	1	1	81	179					
Justice	180	19	19	7	3	10	73	8	1	81	1	1	1	80	180					
Faith	181	22	16	19	7	40	117	15	2	135	7	6	6	122	181					
Incense	182	2	7	2	3	12	45	3	1	49	5	5	5	44	182					
Alliance	183	47	49	46	16	26	240	54	6	301	3	2	2	296	183					

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Bee Hive.....	184	84	36	71	13	3	28	318	63	3	...	384	2	3	...	8	376	184			
Boaz.....	185	6	7	10	1	...	6	68	11	79	2	1	...	3	76	185			
Israel.....	187	1	3	1	2	...	22	62	1	...	3	66	2	...	...	2	64	187	
Meridian.....	188	5	9	3	...	...	11	102	3	4	...	109	4	1	...	5	104	188	
Granite.....	189	11	10	9	8	...	14	74	4	...	...	78	2	...	1	3	75	189	
Amethyst.....	190	4	10	3	2	...	1	49	3	...	...	52	...	1	...	1	51	190	
Crystal.....	191	5	14	3	3	...	8	70	2	2	...	74	3	2	...	5	69	191			
Minnekadusa.....	192	7	26	8	9	...	15	136	4	2	...	142	2	...	...	2	140	192	
Signet.....	193	16	18	11	2	...	7	46	13	1	1	61	...	1	...	1	60	193			
Highland.....	194	8	6	8	5	...	12	43	6	...	3	52	1	1	...	2	50	194			
Arcana.....	195	14	16	10	4	...	11	87	8	3	1	99	3	3	...	6	93	195			
Level.....	196	...	2	...	...	...	7	39	1	1	1	42	2	1	...	3	39	196
Morning Star.....	197	2	7	4	1	...	7	65	7	...	1	73	...	3	...	3	70	197			
Purity.....	198	4	15	3	4	...	8	69	2	...	...	71	1	1	...	2	69	198	
Gavel.....	199	6	5	8	2	1	7	31	7	2	1	41	1	2	1	4	37	199			
Blazing Star.....	200	12	5	11	3	...	7	93	9	...	...	102	2	...	...	2	100	200
Scotts Bluff.....	201	16	21	11	1	...	6	68	12	4	1	85	2	...	...	2	83	201	
Golden Sheaf.....	202	16	21	9	2	...	16	105	10	1	...	116	7	2	...	9	107	202			
Roman Eagle.....	203	9	22	5	1	...	25	56	6	4	1	67	2	1	...	3	64	203			
Plainview.....	204	14	9	12	8	...	6	80	8	6	...	94	2	...	...	2	92	204	
Golden Fleece.....	205	13	11	13	7	4	7	73	13	4	...	90	3	4	...	7	83	205			
Napthali.....	206	1	6	4	3	...	7	67	3	...	...	70	2	1	...	3	67	206	
Parian.....	207	6	11	9	3	...	4	81	7	...	...	88	2	1	...	3	85	207	
Gauge.....	208	6	12	6	4	...	18	53	4	2	...	59	6	...	...	6	53	208	
Canopy.....	209	21	13	19	4	...	7	105	20	2	...	127	1	2	...	3	124	209			
East Lincoln.....	210	79	32	73	22	4	33	408	65	5	3	481	7	2	4	13	468	210			
Cement.....	211	7	4	4	1	...	5	77	4	2	...	83	1	2	...	3	80	211			
Compass & Square.....	212	6	10	6	3	...	17	56	4	3	...	63	...	...	...	...	63	212
Plumblin.....	214	6	5	4	1	...	5	62	5	...	...	67	1	2	...	3	64	214	
Occidental.....	215	9	3	8	2	...	7	79	6	...	...	85	1	1	...	2	83	215	
Palisade.....	216	8	9	9	4	1	16	58	7	...	...	65	2	3	1	6	59	216	
Wauneta.....	217	4	4	5	1	...	17	38	5	1	...	44	1	...	...	1	43	217	
Bloomfield.....	218	16	19	14	3	2	20	84	14	3	2	103	5	2	...	7	96	218			
Relief.....	219	19	18	5	3	...	...	47	5	4	...	56	4	...	...	4	52	219
Magnolia.....	220	3	5	4	1	...	7	84	5	...	...	89	2	...	...	2	87	220
Wood Lake.....	221	6	5	4	6	...	2	64	1	1	...	66	...	1	...	1	65	221			
Landmark.....	222	5	...	5	1	...	4	105	5	...	...	110	...	1	...	1	109	222	
Eminence.....	223	5	7	6	5	...	4	62	5	67	2	2	65	223			
Silver Cord.....	224	6	8	4	2	...	10	78	3	1	...	82	...	2	...	2	80	224			

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Cable.....	225	5	6	4	3	2	91	3	1	..	95	2	1	..	3	92	225			
Grace.....	226	4	8	4	5	11	24	3	..	4	31	3	1	..	4	27	226			
North Star.....	227	20	22	16	5	2	172	14	4	..	190	8	4	2	14	176	227			
Bartley.....	228	1	..	2	..	..	5	3	2	..	56	..	1	..	1	55	228	
Comet.....	229	5	3	5	4	1	57	3	2	..	62	1	1	1	3	59	229			
Delta.....	230	4	9	2	1	..	56	2	1	..	59	3	2	..	5	54	230			
Mount Hermon.....	231	5	5	2	2	..	68	3	1	..	72	3	1	..	4	68	231			
John S. Bowen.....	232	..	3	..	1	..	52	..	..	..	52	2	1	..	3	49	232
Gilead.....	233	1	16	4	4	..	7	46	1	..	47	1	1	..	2	45	233			
Zion.....	234	16	15	12	6	..	94	10	3	1	108	2	1	..	3	105	234			
Fraternity.....	235	1	6	..	1	..	54	..	..	..	54	2	..	..	2	52	235
Golden Rule.....	236	8	20	4	4	..	34	6	..	..	40	..	..	..	40	236	
Cubit.....	237	3	2	3	1	..	53	3	1	2	59	..	1	..	1	58	237			
Friendship.....	239	7	4	5	4	1	6	53	3	..	56	..	1	..	1	55	239			
Pilot.....	240	18	9	15	2	2	75	13	2	1	91	3	2	..	5	86	240			
George Armstrong..	241	6	11	3	2	..	81	2	..	..	83	3	2	..	5	78	241	
Tyrian.....	243	6	5	3	1	..	58	3	1	1	63	14	..	..	14	49	243	
Sincerity.....	244	4	5	2	1	..	38	3	..	..	41	1	..	..	1	40	244
Hampton.....	245	8	13	6	3	..	67	3	..	..	70	..	1	..	1	69	245	
Nehawka.....	246	10	3	9	2	..	71	7	1	..	79	1	..	..	1	78	246	
Corner-stone.....	247	5	23	1	1	..	69	..	..	..	69	4	1	..	5	64	247
Laurel.....	248	24	24	17	4	..	64	17	5	..	86	4	1	..	5	81	248			
Gothenburg.....	249	19	9	15	6	1	62	11	5	..	78	..	1	..	1	77	249			
George Washington.	250	12	5	17	8	12	31	152	13	2	168	3	12	..	15	153	250			
Wausa.....	251	12	13	6	3	2	4	59	8	2	69	3	2	..	5	64	251			
Hildreth.....	252	7	6	6	2	..	52	5	1	..	58	3	..	..	3	55	252	
Beemer.....	253	7	5	7	3	..	51	5	1	..	57	2	..	..	2	55	253	
Bassett.....	254	10	15	7	2	..	62	6	..	..	68	..	1	..	1	67	254	
Bradshaw.....	255	1	5	..	..	..	58	..	1	..	59	4	..	..	4	55	255
Hickman.....	256	3	5	1	..	1	36	1	1	..	38	1	1	..	2	36	256			
Holbrook.....	257	1	9	..	2	..	61	..	2	1	64	2	1	..	3	61	257			
Anselmo.....	258	4	11	6	9	1	4	89	3	1	93	1	1	1	3	90	258			
Bee.....	259	3	4	4	..	1	5	30	4	..	34	4	1	..	5	29	259			
Springview.....	260	1	5	1	2	..	2	24	1	..	25	4	..	..	4	21	260	
Ornan.....	261	5	5	6	3	..	64	7	..	..	71	3	..	..	3	68	261
Endeavor.....	262	..	2	..	1	..	40	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	40	262
Mitchell.....	263	12	7	16	3	..	7	87	13	3	103	2	..	..	2	101	263	
Franklin.....	264	4	5	3	..	..	1	62	5	4	71	..	..	..	..	71	264
Robert W. Furnas..	265	14	17	6	4	..	1	101	6	9	116	2	2	114	265			
Silver.....	266	6	8	4	1	..	2	29	4	..	33	33	266			

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion		Other Causes	Total Loss
James A. Tulleys...	267	8	9	6	1	1	55	6	1	...	62	5	1	...	6	5				
George W. Lininger	268	16	8	20	6	1	176	18	11	...	205	4	...	...	4	20		
Riverside	269	9	8	8	3	1	35	7	...	43	2	...	...	2	4			
Huntley	270	2	5	...	2	2	40	...	...	40	2	...	...	2	3	
Oasis	271	18	13	16	10	1	57	11	4	...	72	1	2	...	3	6				
Lee P. Gillette	272	7	8	8	2	...	69	10	1	...	80	2	...	...	2	7		
Crofton	273	9	10	6	4	1	52	5	1	...	58	1	...	1	2	5				
Olive Branch	274	10	10	12	6	...	80	12	1	...	93	1	1	...	2	9				
Ramah	275	2	2	3	1	...	24	2	...	26	2	...	...	2	2			
Antelope	276	7	8	3	1	...	31	3	...	34	1	...	...	1	3			
Sioux	277	5	...	5	1	...	42	4	...	46	...	...	...	...	4	
Litchfield	278	3	4	4	5	...	63	1	...	65	...	...	...	...	6	
Wallace	279	2	6	3	1	1	42	2	...	44	...	...	...	...	4	
Swastika	280	8	7	7	3	...	47	9	2	...	58	1	...	...	1	5		
Florence	281	41	9	39	15	2	76	33	2	...	111	2	2	...	4	10				
Mullen	282	3	5	5	2	...	54	3	2	...	59	1	...	...	1	5		
Exeter	283	4	7	5	...	...	37	7	...	44	2	...	...	2	4	
Seneca	284	26	6	30	9	...	70	24	1	...	95	5	2	...	7	9				
Camp Clarke	285	30	24	22	9	...	58	19	4	...	81	3	...	...	3	7		
Oshkosh	286	17	12	14	8	...	52	9	3	...	64	...	1	...	1	6				
Union	287	10	3	9	...	...	41	12	1	...	54	1	...	...	1	5
Omaha	288	106	32	106	15	...	261	99	11	...	371	9	...	...	9	36		
Lotus	289	21	12	20	1	...	70	25	4	...	99	5	...	...	5	9		
John J. Mercer	290	36	8	30	11	...	100	21	10	...	131	2	1	...	3	12				
Diamond	291	11	5	10	5	...	35	5	...	40	1	...	...	1	3			
Wolbach	292	12	5	7	2	1	42	5	...	47	...	...	1	...	1	4		
Monument	293	6	3	5	...	...	42	6	1	...	49	2	...	...	2	4
Kimball	294	15	5	12	3	...	52	12	5	...	69	...	...	...	...	6
Minatare	295	13	10	8	4	...	36	6	2	...	44	3	1	...	4	4				
Cowles	296	5	2	3	...	2	25	3	1	...	29	...	...	...	...	2
Cotner	297	17	5	15	1	...	42	16	3	...	61	...	...	...	...	6
Chester	298	4	2	2	...	...	26	3	1	...	30	...	...	...	...	3
Sutherland	299	10	5	8	3	...	25	6	1	...	32	1	...	...	1	3		
Liberty	300	76	20	61	18	...	69	44	9	...	122	3	1	...	4	11				
Bayard	301	4	7	6	6	...	28	5	2	...	35	2	...	...	2	3		
Mizpah	302	91	20	77	27	...	8	54	8	20	90	...	...	...	...	9
Right Angle. U. D.	...	62	14	48	7	...	...	41	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	4
Ruskin. U. D.	...	3	2	5	2	...	...	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Newman Grove. U. D.	...	9	5	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Extinct	...	...	66	...	14	5	200	11	...	6	17	12	...	5	17	...		
Grand Totals	...	4123	3926	3594	1490	167	4227	28136	3184	578	150	21	32069	749	341	167	5	1	1263	3080

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

Brethren:

The shades of the twilight of the closing year betoken "that it is toward evening, and the day is far spent."

The question is—How have we spent the day? What have we done in the line of duty toward the upbuilding and preservation of the time-honored principles of the Ancient Fraternity of which we claim to be the present representatives? Can we say that we have divided our time as we were taught when we first stood in the N. E. corner? Have we faithfully discharged the three great duties which we as Masons are charged to inculcate? Have we demonstrated in our daily lives the Golden Tenets of the Masonic profession? Have we practiced the cardinal virtues and made them guidons along the path of life? It is not difficult to propose queries, but, who is just enough to render righteous judgment without prejudice? Perhaps it is well to let silence and circumspection cast the mantle of charity over many errors.

How many hearts have we pierced
 With unkind words and sorrow?
 How many hopes have we blighted,
 Darkening the sky of the morrow?

What has been done is done. How it has been done is for you to decide. No doubt some would have accomplished greater achievements, but as it is not in the power of man to shape conditions but meet them as best he can as they come, so it is not wise to expect too much of the human, and while it could have been better, it might have been worse.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

With the approval of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian assigned and dated one hundred and twenty-five schools between September 16th and December 11th, of which one hundred and four were completed before December 1st, when by an order of the Grand Master we were directed to "call off," by reason of the ban prohibiting any further meetings on account of the coal strike. It is the opinion of the Grand Custodian, after twenty years of experience, that the assignments and dating of schools should be started at the earliest possible date and completed with the least possible delay. Cold winter months interspersed with blizzards, blockades, epidemics, and coal strikes, are not propitious conditions for practical schools. The following lodges have all had an opportunity to review and perfect themselves in the esoteric work in the last year:

Numbers: 6, 10, 14, 15, 17, 23, 30, 32, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 43, 44, 46, 49, 51, 52, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77, 78, 81, 83, 85, 86, 87, 89, 91, 92, 93, 95, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 110,

113, 117, 118, 124, 125, 126, 128, 129, 130, 133, 134, 135, 136, 138, 140, 143, 148, 149, 151, 154, 155, 161, 165, 167, 168, 171, 177, 179, 181, 187, 188, 189, 196, 197, 199, 200, 201, 202, 204, 206, 211, 215, 218, 222, 223, 226, 229, 234, 236, 239, 240, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 251, 252, 255, 265, 267, 269, 271, 275, 276, 278, 279, 280, 282, 283, 284, 285, 291, 292, 294, 301.

The formal reports made to the Grand Master show that generally speaking many of the lodges are tending toward a higher standard of proficiency than at any time during my official term of office, which, of course, is truly commendable on their part, and gratifying and encouraging to those who are earnestly endeavoring to perfect all the lodges as required by law. Much as it is to be regretted, there are some lodges that are seemingly in an apathetic condition. They are not fully observing, obeying, and enforcing the letter of the law as they should for the good of Masonry and those who are seeking light through the teaching of Masonry. Why they are not, and why these conditions should exist with the opportunities that are offered them to assist and aid them to "stand up and abide by," I am not to judge, criticise, or condemn, as the Grand Master will handle all such matters as he may in his wisdom see fit. But, as one of the principal rounds of the theological ladder is Hope and as the symbolism of the fortieth emblem teaches "that time, patience and perseverance accomplish all things," perhaps they may work wonders in accomplishing a transformation in these dilatory lodges "some sweet day, by and by"—who knows? Who can tell? Let us be patient!

CENTRAL SCHOOLS.

Central Schools were regularly assigned and formally dated at the following places, viz.: Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow; Lodge No. 15, Fremont; Lodge No. 136, Long Pine; Lodge No. 71, Neligh; Lodge No. 204, Plainview; Lodge No. 32, North Platte; Lodge No. 58, Columbus; Lodge No. 46, Kearney; Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff. Adverse conditions, viz.: Blizzards, blockade, impassable condition of roads, and a coal strike as an aftermath, all tended to interfere very materially with the attendance.

Total attendance at Broken Bow.....436
 Total number of lodges represented..... 21

The Grand Master was represented by M. W. Alpha Morgan, P. G. M.; V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, was present and took an active part in the school, and that means that the presence of this grand man and Mason was an inspiration.

Total attendance at Fremont.....254
 Total number of lodges represented..... 28

M. W. John J. Tooley, Grand Master, was present in person and conferred the degree of a Master Mason, assisted by the officers of No. 15. V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, was also present, as well

as Brothers Fred A. Howe and Maro C. Shipherd, Assistant Custodians, who took an active part in this school.

Total attendance at Long Pine.....120
Total number of lodges represented..... 1

R. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Senior Warden, represented the Grand Master. V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, was also in attendance. The immediate dates of this school were preceded by one of the worst storms of the year, a typical Nebraska blizzard, with all the accompaniments of wind and zero weather.

Total attendance at Neligh.....189
Total number of lodges represented..... 7

Grand Master was not represented. V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, was present and gave one of his characteristic orations at the last session, which was highly appreciated.

Total attendance at Plainview.....110
Total number of lodges represented..... 10

The Grand Master was represented by M. W. Andrew H. Viele, P. G. M.; Brothers Ensign J. Rix and Jesse Lowther, Assistant Custodians, were present and rendered valuable assistance in the work of the school.

Total attendance at Columbus.....154
Total number of lodges represented..... 16

M. W. John J. Tooley, Grand Master, was present and took an active part in the exemplification of the work in the degree of a Master Mason. W. Brother Walter W. Wells, Assistant Grand Custodian, rendered most valuable assistance in the work of the school.

Total attendance at Kearney.....349
Total number of lodges represented..... 13

M. W. Grand Master was not present nor represented. It was a sad disappointment, and he was sorely missed. The program of the aftermath of this school was one of the brightest events of the season, every detail perfect in itself, as old 46 always does things.

Total attendance at North Platte.....242
Total number of lodges represented..... 11

M. W. John J. Tooley, Grand Master, was present in person, and did his full share in making the school a success. No. 32 did its full part.

Total attendance at Scottsbluff.....209
Total number of lodges represented..... 9

There was no representation of Grand Lodge officers at this central school, which makes the function a blank in many respects. We are not to understand that this is said in complaint. Sometimes conditions make it impossible to do as we would wish to do. It is only regret that we have to offer. If we expect the lodges to keep in tune with the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge should keep in touch with the lodges.

OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS.

By this we mean that the following lodges have been formally inspected either by the Grand Custodian or by a regular commissioned Assistant Grand Custodian in the exemplification of the work in one or all of the three degrees and accompanying lectures on an actual candidate, and a formal report made through the office of the Grand Custodian to the Grand Master of the proficiency of the officers of each lodge.

The following lodges come under this class, viz: Numbers 1, 3, 11, 19, 25, 33, 50, 54, 119, 144, 183, 210, 227, 288, 300, 302, and Right Angle. U. D. Not a single report from any of the above lodges but reflected credit to them in the zeal manifested in their honest endeavors to maintain a most high plane of proficiency in the work. There seems to be a disposition in many of the lodges the Grand Custodian inspected to expect him to make an oration on these occasions. Brethren, I am not a Grand Orator, never was, and have no inclination or desire in that line. I do not wish to shine, or to appear to be clever. I have no desire to speak, being fully convinced that it is well to speak but little, better still to say nothing. I would like to comply with the wishes of the brethren, but they should not expect the impossible of one who is not gifted along those lines, thus humiliating him and embarrassing themselves. I prefer that my words be few and well chosen. Undue openness of mouth is a leak to the soul. Remember the 44th symbol and its symbolic teaching: "Silence and Circumspection."

These central schools are not as practical as the Grand Custodian anticipated along certain lines, one of which is the non-attendance of the Grand Lodge Officers. Lodges would like to meet their Grand Lodge Officers on the level of Masonic equality and brotherhood, and exchange those fraternal greetings that should be the characteristics of all loyal Masons, "by breaking bread, eating salt and smoking the pipe of peace together." The absence of these officers is one reason the central schools fail to draw.

During the school at Plainview, M. W. Andrew H. Viele, P. G. M., as the representative of the Grand Master, officially installed the Grand Custodian who was not installed at the last session of the Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE FUNCTIONS.

Pursuant to the action of the Grand Lodge, page 234, proceedings of 1919, by an order of the Grand Master, based on an official certificate of the Grand Secretary certifying that Brother Elen Knapp Long, of Covert Lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Nebraska, was justly entitled to the "Jordan Gold Medal," by reason of being the oldest living Master Mason of the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, on August 8th, 1919, accompanied by R. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg, Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. Edward M. Wellman, Grand

Junior Warden, we repaired to the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth where Brother Long resides at present. Here in the presence of the residents of the Home and the officers of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 and many of its members, as well as representatives of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Deputy Grand Master invested good old Brother Long with the "Jordan Medal," the Grand Junior Warden responding for Brother Long. The Grand Custodian fully explained the origin of the "Jordan Medal," as well as giving the names of all the brethren by whom this medal has been worn. The ceremonies were interspersed by a quartette of members of the fraternity and the Order of Eastern Star, with some of the good old songs: "The Old Oaken Bucket," "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and "Auld Lang Syne." Refreshments were served on the lawn by Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, at the closing of the evening twilight. The Plattsmouth Evening Journal, under date of August 8th, has a perfect and complete account of the ceremonies in full.

In compliance with an order of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian perfected all the preliminary arrangements and assisted in the constituting of Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebraska, on June 25th, 1919.

Pursuant to an order of the Grand Master in compliance with Article XII of the Constitution, the Grand Custodian formally examined the petitioners for a lodge U. D. at Omaha, Douglas County, State of Nebraska, on September 18th, 1919. There being a constitutional number of petitioners who, having fully complied with all the requirements of the law in every particular, and believing it to be of manifest propriety that this proposed new lodge should be instituted, I formally recommended that the Grand Master issue his official dispensation by granting the prayer of the petitioners for the same.

Under the same rules and regulations and formal order of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian made formal examination for a lodge under dispensation at the town of Ruskin, Nuckolls County, State of Nebraska, on December 30th, 1919. There being a constitutional number of petitioners, and the room proposed being safe and suitable, and having substantially complied with the requirement of the law of proficiency and deeming it to be of manifest propriety that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, I formally recommended the same to the Grand Master.

Under the same rules and regulations and formal order of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian made a formal examination for a lodge U. D. at the town of Newman Grove, Madison County, Nebraska, on January 8th, 1920. There being a constitutional number of petitioners, the proposed room safe and suitable, and the petitioners having substantially complied with all the requirements of the law in the matter of proficiency, I formally recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, by granting them a dispensation for the instituting of a lodge U. D. at the above named place.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS.

At their request the following Assistant Custodians were not re-commissioned for the reason that other paramount duties would not permit them to devote any time to holding regular schools of instruction, viz: Harry L. F. Proffitt, of No. 50, Hastings; Frank W. Farrand, of No. 36, Central City.

In addition to the re-commissioning of all the other Assistant Custodians as shown on page 220, proceedings of 1919, the following brethren, having been formally recommended by their respective lodges and having demonstrated their ability by a formal examination by the Grand Custodian to impart the work in a concise, correct, and impressive manner as required by Section 8, Chapter II, of the code, were recommended by the Grand Custodian to the Grand Master as being fully qualified for the official position of Assistant Custodians, viz.: Brother Maro C. Shipherd, No. 15, Fremont; Brother Vincent S. Ramsey, No. 265, Scotts-bluff; Brother Jesse Lowther, No. 219, Coleridge; Brother Franklin C. Tym, No. 25, Omaha; Brother Lute M. Savage, No. 3, Omaha; seventeen all told, leaving us short three of the allotted number—twenty. There are four in Omaha, three in Lincoln, two in Norfolk, and the other ten are in the different parts of the Grand Jurisdiction.

If it is to be the rule in the future, as it has been in the past ten years, viz.: that the duties of the Assistant Custodians are to be under the immediate direction and control of the Grand Custodian; if the Grand Lodge does not deem it necessary to devise some plan or systematic method that will bring about practical results, the Grand Custodian will of a necessity be compelled to do so. The assigning, dating, and the clerical work in all of its details, the correspondence connected with this line of work, consumes much of the Grand Custodian's time, taking it from the duty of conducting his own schools. If you desire a full explanation of all the details, consult the Grand Custodian.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

There seems to be a lack of information along these lines that is the cause of much unnecessary delay. A few timely suggestions may be of practical benefit if accepted and adhered to, and are given by one who has been in the business to the number of fifty-five in the last twenty years.

First—Where a number of Master Masons (not less than fifteen, thirty would be better), residing in a place where there is no Masonic lodge, conceive the idea that it would be for the best interest of Masonry to institute a lodge U.'D.'. in order to know what to do and how to do it.

Second—Send to the Grand Secretary for a formal blank petitioning for a lodge U.'D.'. , also a copy of the last edition of the law. See Article XII, page 11, "Formation of Lodges," carefully

observe all that it contains. Then turn to Chapter VI, page 30, as to rights, powers, etc. Then turn to Section 8, Chapter II, page 21, as to the required proficiency of the proposed officers in the work.

Now fill out the blank petition by all those who would become charter members in case a dispensation is granted. Sign one given name in full (in ink), forward the formal petition to the lodge having jurisdiction. It must be presented at a regular communication, lie over one month, before final action can be had tending to recommend the same. (No petitioner should vote on the formal recommendation of said petition.)

Third—Then attach lawful documentary proof of each and every petitioner who has signed said petition, in the way of official diploma, certificate of present standing under seal and signature of the lodge of which the petitioner belongs, receipt for dues up to date of the ending of the year. (A formal certificate is preferable, as all these papers are retained in the archives of the Grand Lodge.) Your diploma or receipt will not be returned to you.

Fourth—After the petition has been formally recommended and properly signed, forward it with all accompanying certificates and a fee of \$25.00 to the Grand Master, who will handle the matter as the law provides. The proposed room must be absolutely safe and suitable for the business transactions and work of Masonry in every particular. It must be a second or third story room, nothing on the ground floor will be considered. Floor must be deadened, no side approaches that come up under the eaves of the windows. Skylights on the roof are not desirable. You had better understand at first what you are up against than to take chances and fail. (The present Grand Custodian has been compelled to decline the recommendation of thirteen different applications.)

Fifth—If there is any question as to your ability to strictly comply with the full letter of the law in the matter of proficiency of the proposed officers, it would be well and wise for you to secure the services of a regularly commissioned Assistant Custodian to perfect you in the work, in order that you may stand the rigid test of the Grand Custodian and obtain his recommendation.

It has been the universal custom for the last ten years that all U. D. lodges provide themselves with all the necessary furniture, paraphernalia, and accessories before they attempt to confer any of the degrees. A most judicious custom; it ought to be the law. If you haven't confidence enough in yourselves that you can maintain one of the best lodges, it were well not to make the attempt. For it is not the policy of the Grand Lodge to create offspring that have to be raised on a bottle, or by a wet nurse. Such lodges are of no benefit to themselves or to the Grand Lodge, or to Masonry in general. If you will follow the above suggestions before you start, you will know where you are going, and how to get there.

The formal examination of the Grand Custodian covers all the following essentials and particulars in full detail, viz.: The safety and suitability of the proposed room, the proficiency of each and every one of the proposed officers in all of the Esoteric work and each of the accompanying lectures. The jurisdiction of the proposed lodge, the estimated per cent of foreign environment, the estimated church opposition, a description of the town of the proposed lodge, a descriptive roll of all the petitioners giving age, occupation, residence, if a free holder, past official experience, loss of membership of the nearest lodges, loss of jurisdiction of the nearest lodges, and many other particulars too numerous to mention. Bear in mind that you should have your dispensation in by the month of January in order that you may make a proper showing to the Grand Lodge of your ability to comply with all of the requirements to entitle you to a charter.

FUNERAL RITES.

There seems to be a misunderstanding as to these formal ceremonies as set forth in the formal instruction in the monitor and ancient Masonic usage and custom.

It is the prerogative and official duty of the Master of a lodge to preside at these functions, unless the deceased was a Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer, then in case the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Wardens be present, the Master of the lodge should invite the highest in rank to conduct the burial service.

There seems to be a custom prevailing, especially among Past Grand Lodge officers to put their requests in writing, designating whom they wish to conduct their funeral obsequies. That is surely interfering with the prerogatives of the Master or the Grand Lodge officers which should not be.

For some reason there have been several of these requests filed with the Grand Secretary, requesting the Grand Custodian to conduct the formal ceremonies. Section 8, Chapter II of the law leaves this matter with the Grand Master, and here is the way it works out: First the Grand Custodian gets a call over the long distance from some one that a brother has passed away and has requested that the Grand Custodian should preside at his funeral. Sometimes the call is made by the Secretary or some member of the lodge, then we have to inform him that all such calls must be made by the Master of the lodge to the Grand Master direct, and the Grand Master is supposed to make a direct order on the Grand Custodian to cancel the school that may be in progress. Oftimes the Grand Master declines to make such an arbitrary order, and throws the responsibility back on the Grand Custodian, which places him in a very embarrassing position. To decline seems cold and heartless, failing to comply with the deceased brother's last request, while, on the other hand, to cancel a school where perhaps it

is needed and representatives of other lodges have arranged to attend at more or less expense is awkward. Besides there is expense that must of necessity be borne by some one; by whom? The Grand Lodge, the lodge making the request, or by whom?

I do not know whether there are any more such requests on file or not—for the Grand Custodian to preside at these services—(I hope not). If there are, I hope that those having filed them will recall them. There are many reasons beside those above stated which are unnecessary of explanation. By so doing many misunderstandings will be avoided and perhaps some feeling.

There have been but two calls in the last year under the same conditions above stated, which were both referred to the Grand Master who made the formal order, although the Grand Master and a Past Grand Master were both present on one of the occasions. It is far from being pleasant for the Grand Custodian, seeming as it were to usurp the prerogatives of those who out-rank him in official position, and it should not be expected of him to do so.

At the written request of M. W. Thomas M. Davis, P. G. M., on file in the office of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian was present at and assisted in paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of this noble man, this loyal Mason, this kind-hearted friend and brother. All business was closed and the citizens turned out en masse, every lodge in the county was represented, as well as many others, bearing testimony of their love, esteem, and respect for Brother Davis. If possible those who knew him longest, loved him best.

Calmly he sleeps on the brow of the hill,
His voice is hushed now—silent and still!
While his spirit alides on another shore,
Where the trials of this life trouble no more.

As one of the last requests of Brother Obadiah B. Bundy, Master of Crystal Lodge No. 191, that "Uncle Bob" should preside at his funeral, the good old brother's wishes were complied with. Our brother was loyal to the principles of Masonry and faithful to every trust reposed in him, and many true friends and loyal Craftsmen mourn his passing on.

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON "THE WAY OF THINGS" WHICH I THINK
SHOULD BE MADE.

It is the opinion of the Grand Custodian that it would be for the good of Masonry and its interests if it were possible for Grand Lodge Officers to get in closer touch with the body of the Craft—

1. By attending all formal functions of the Grand Lodge and not have the Grand Lodge represented by proxies. What would you think of a lodge that made it a practice to do all its work by proxy?

2. To meet the brethren on the level of Masonic equality in their home lodges by that fraternal hand clasp, through which breathes the golden tenets of "Brotherly Love" and the recognition of a brotherhood that knows no easte by reason of wealth or position; where the calloused hand of labor meets a happy response from the soft hand of luxury.

"Soft hand, hard palm, it matters not—never!
Give me the hand of a true friend forever!"

Help them on the ground floor, in the middle chamber, and in the Sanctum Sanctorum! Break bread, eat salt, and smoke the pipe of peace with them around the table of refreshment.

Other observations indicate that there are some, I hope there are not many, who think that all there is to Masonry is commercialism, formalism, ritualism, and that it is but the barren shell of its pristine beauty and primitive truth. If this be true, then it is a dead body without the immortal vitalizing spirit upon which to erect that "spiritual building not made by hands."

If Masonry has nothing to boast of but the gratification of personal ambition, the lust of fame, the pride of power—of dominance and control—then indeed have the disintegrating elements wrought havoc with the basic principles upon which it was founded in ancient days. But we believe the Golden Threads of its web and woof are weaving the warp of Life, Truth, and Love into a seamless robe of righteousness. This immortal triad is not subject to change for it abides in sweet repose above the human or sense plane. Life cannot be extended or changed; it was, is, and ever will be the same. Truth needs no corroboration or endorsement by authorities. Love knows neither fear nor doubt whether mortals accept and believe in it or not. No proof of transcendental knowledge can be given to those whose capacity to know does not transcend the realm of external phenomena. Freemasonry, the science of Life, and the art of living, is based on TRUTH in action and proven by demonstration.

Its truths were never intended for the masses,
Nor are they revealed to the so-called classes.
Only one now and then, and few indeed they be,
Who in heart is prepared to know this mystery.

Ere I close this, my twentieth annual report, I wish to express my humble thanks to the Grand Master Tooley for his kindly consideration in tendering the Grand Custodian the distinguished honor of representing him at the Diamond Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, June, 1919. Dear old Iowa, my boyhood home, where I was first brought to light in Masonry, and where the ashes of my ancestors calmly repose in the silent sleep of death!

Comparatively speaking, the routine duties of the Grand Custodian are those of a wandering Nomad, sans home comforts, sans personal privileges. The life is one of strenuous duty without vacation. However, that does not trouble me in the least, for vacations are luxuries that were never mine to enjoy.

For when the hammer ceased to swing,
And the anvil did no longer ring,
You bet that stopped all the pay,
Even if it were but for a day.

I have never accepted a vacation (although it was tendered me at one time and I declined for personal reasons), and I never expect to accept one, for such things have no charms for me. I am not in the fashion; I was not born under that sign; not polarized along those lines!

The swinging hammer and the anvil's ring,
Fond recollections to my memory bring,
With the dear old friends in the days of yore.
Alas! those times will come no more,
For some are gone toward the setting sun,
While some in the churchyard lie,
And I am left to wander alone.
Sighing for the olden times gone by!

Fraternally thine,
ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENSES.

Under the present fashionable fad of holding up the innocents abroad, it is becoming quite a strenuous proposition for those who are compelled to lead the life of a wandering Nomad, cold rooms, scant meals, with H. C. L. attachemnts and these are reducing the avoir-dupois of "Uncle Bob" to that of a feather weight. He is not asking for any increase in the appropriation. It might be well for you to realize that we are endeavoring to maintain as rigid economy as conditions will permit in the office of the Grand Custodian by not bowing down to the "Golden Calf of Baal."

"Backward, Oh! backward turn time in your flight!
Give me a warm room and good bed for one night,
A good square meal for the price of \$1.00.
I'll be mute as a lamb and won't ever holler.

Maintenance	\$247.07
Transportation	173.69

Printing and Supplies.....	\$ 29.93
Telephones and telegrams—\$30.94, \$16.95.....	47.89
Postage	30 89
Stenographer	11.46
Taxi and bus.....	7.80
Promulgation	20.07

\$566.80

Amount appropriated by Grand Lodge 1919.....	\$600.00
Amount expended from May 1st, 1919, to May 1st, 1920.....	\$566 80
Amount due Grand Custodian May 1st, 1920.....	30.81
Amount unexpended, not drawn.....	33.20

PROMULGATION EXPENSE.

Amount deposited in Nebraska State Bank, Broken Bow	\$803 94
Amount checked out as per vouchers.....	\$803.94

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME IN CHARGE OF THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

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

The following report for the year ending May 20th, 1920, is fraternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

Securities on hand last report.....\$102,500.00

Purchased or renewed during the year:

No. 254, Sandoe, 320 acres, Boyd county.....	\$ 5,000.00
No. 255, Peters Trust Co., Certificate of Deposit.....	4,600.00
No. 256, Warren, 92.13 acres, Burt county.....	5,000.00
No. 257, Okbloom, 80 acres, Cedar county.....	6,000.00
No. 258, Ceder, 160 acres, Nance county.....	3,000.00

Total\$126,100.00

Securities received or paid off:

No. 225, Sandoe	\$ 2,500.00
No. 230, Masonic Temple Craft, Callaway (part)	200.00
No. 250, Cole	2,000.00
No. 231, Hart	3,500.00
No. 218, Richardson	3,000.00
No. 219, Lordeman	1,600.00
No. 220, Sorrenson	2,500.00
No. 253, Ceder, 160 acres, Nance county.....	3,000.00
No. 255, Peters Trust Co., C. O. D.....	4,600.00
	\$ 22,900.00

Securities on hand.....\$103,200.00

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

Mortgages owned by the Orphans Educational Fund, May 20th, 1920:

NO.	BORROWER	PROPERTY LOCATED IN	AMOUNT
208,	Goll	40 acres, Burt County	\$ 1,000.00
223,	Renard	80 acres, Sarpy County	4,000.00
224,	Boyd	79.11 acres, Thurston County	2,500.00
226,	Layher	160 acres, Howard County	1,800.00
227,	Karre	160 acres, Greeley County	3,000.00
228,	Renard	160.30 acres, Knox County	4,500.00
230,	Masonic Temple Craft,	Callaway, Custer County	1,200.00
232,	Kipling Trimble	80 acres, Nemaha County	3,200.00
233,	Liebhart	160 acres, Merrick County	5,000.00
235,	Ackerman	80 acres, Burt County	4,000.00
236,	Whipperman	40 acres, Thurston County	2,000.00
238,	Mark	610.23 acres, Garfield County	4,000.00
239,	Lederer	159 acres, Pierce County	3,000.00
240,	Addison	160 acres, Dixon County	4,500.00
241,	First Liberty Loan Bonds		5,000.00
242,	Kelly	160 acres, Thurston County	5,000.00
243,	Stickney	85½ acres, Saunders County	5,000.00
244,	Purcell	160 acres, Custer County	1,000.00
245,	Rafferty	159.05 acres, Thurston & Burt Counties	2,500.00
246,	Nelson	128 acres, Douglas County	5,000.00
247,	Davidson	120 acres, Sarpy County	2,500.00
248,	Kelly	160 acres, Dixon County	5,000.00
249,	Varner	80 acres, Thurston County	2,500.00
251,	Korff	80 acres, Cedar County	5,000.00
252,	Moe	160 acres, Merrick County	2,000.00
254,	Sandoe	320 acres, Boyd County	5,000.00
256,	Warren	92.13 acres, Burt County	5,000.00
257,	Okblom	80 acres, Cedar County	6,000.00
258,	Cedar	160 acres, Nance County	3,000.00

Total securities on hand.....\$103,200.00

Due from the Nebraska Masonic Home for note paid off

May 1st, 1920..... 1,597.95

\$104,797.95

Securities on hand last report..... 102,500.00

Increase in assets for the year.....\$ 2,297.95

The amount due from the Nebraska Masonic Home consists of a note that was paid off May 1st, the proceeds of which have not been reinvested. The Boyd loan, No. 224, will be extended at 6 per cent interest; the papers for the extension are not completed. No interest is

due or unpaid. The rate of interest, except for the Liberty Loan Bonds is from 5 to 6 per cent, most of the loans being at 5½ per cent. No new loans are being taken for less than 6 per cent. All loans purchased during the year are first mortgages on farm lands in Nebraska.

CASH.

Interest collected	\$ 5,732.72	
Received from securities paid off.....	19,900.00	
Amount due from the Nebraska Masonic Home.....		\$ 1,597.95
Securities purchased during the year.....		20,600.00
Interest accrued on loans purchased.....		25.68
Amount paid Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, Grand Lodge.....		2,000.00
Amount due the Nebraska Masonic Home in 1919		1,409.09
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	\$25,632.72	\$25,632.72

FRANCIS E. WHITE,

Secretary, Nebraska Masonic Home.

M. W. John J. Tooley, Grand Master, announced the following committees, and they entered upon the discharge of their duties:

Annuity Plan—Bros. George H. Thummel, 33; Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Frank Wilcox, 1; David C. Hilton, 19; John R. Webster, 3.

Charters and Dispensations—Bros. Fred A. Howe, 119; Harry E. Mahaffey, 1; Charles Sanders, 258.

Childrens Homes—Bros. Carroll D. Evans, 58; Charles B. Nico-demus, 15; Alpha Morgan, 148; O. Edwin Mickey, 65; Fred A. Howe, 119.

Codification of the Law—Bros. Frank H. Woodland, 25; Edward M. Wellman, 1; Edgar F. Snively, 19.

Credentials—Bros. Frank M. Johnson, 188; Edward B. Kettell, 11; David C. Spangler, 41; Fred L. Knight, 54.

Doings of Grand Officers—Bros. George H. Thummel, 33; Henry F. May, 94.

Finance—Bros. Maro C. Shipherd, 15; James H. H. Hewitt, 183; George W. Bell, 25; Charles E. Alter, 116; John T. Swan, 201.

Foreign Correspondence—Bros. Francis E. White, 6; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Frank L. Haycock, 207.

Fraternal Dead—Bros. Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Walter W. Wells, 192.

Grand Lodge Accomodations in New Masonic Temple—Bros. George H. Thummel, 33; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Francis E. White, 6.

Grievances—Bros. Bernard N. Robertson, 3; Edgar Howard, 58; Lloyd G. Gillespie, 95; Charles F. Beck, 14.

Jurisprudence—All Past Grand Masters with M. W. Ambrose C. Epperson, Chairman.

Pay-roll—Bros. Frank L. Haycock, 207; Clyde J. Hornsby, 181; Waldo B. Minier, 241; Arthur C. Pancoast, 302; Paul C. Morgan, 177.

Promotion of the World's Peace—Bro. Samuel S. Whiting, 54.

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

Relief and Care of Orphans—Bros. John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Robert E. Evans, 5; O. Edwin Mickey, 65; Charles A. Chappell, 127; Alpha Morgan, 148.

Unfinished Business—Bros. Charles E. Burnham, 166; Burton C. Whitmore, 102; James F. Thompson, 300; Floyd M. Hegenberger, 135.

Visiting Brethren—The Grand Custodian and Assistants.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel presented the following report and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers would respectfully report and recommend that the subject matter of the Grand Master's Address under its designated heads be referred as follows:

To the Grand Lodge—

The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

Hospital Service in connection therewith.

Weak Lodges.

The George Washington National Memorial Association.

To the Committee on Promulgation of the Work—

Central Schools.

Promulgation of the Work.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence—

All decisions.

The War Relief Fund.

Reinstatements.

Knights and Ladies of Jericho.

Recommendations.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations—

Lodges U. D. .

To the Committee on Grievances—

The appeal from the decision of Hickman Lodge No. 256.

To the Craft throughout the jurisdiction—

The address in general and particularly that part relating to:
Growth,

National Masonic Service,

Visitations.

That all the acts, doings and recommendations not herein specially referred be approved.

That the report of the Grand Secretary be referred as follows:

To the Grand Lodge—

Increasing the charter fee to \$75.00 or more.

Returns from lodges.

To a special committee of three—

Furniture and fixtures.

To the Committee on Grand Lodge Accommodations—

The Monell Library and collections.

To the Committee on Finance—

All matters relating to Finance.

The War Relief Fund.

To the Craft in general—

The Nebraska Masonic Home.

The entire subject matter of the report of the Grand Secretary.

To the Grand Lodge so much as refers to the dilatory action of lodges in making their annual returns.

That the report of the Grand Custodian be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Accounts—

All matters relating to accounts.

To the Committee on Promulgation of the Work—

The report in general.

To the Craft throughout the jurisdiction—

The report in general, with the recommendation that each Master cause the same to be read at length in his lodge.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was presented by V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

To the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:

The closing year bears in the record of its lights and shadows the ever great story of the increasing numbers in "The Great Company of the Gone Before."

It is fitting therefore, that in some words of recognition we should write down for those who come after us, the evidence that we have not forgotten them. They are not lost to us; our honored dead, they have passed into the widening of life, and we press on to the joyous reunion, of a morning whose sun shall never set, and a land where love shall have its own again. In holding in our expression, as in our thought, ONE NAME on the treasured muster roll, we are considering with loving remembrance, every other one as well.

Past Grand Master Thomas Milburn Davis was born in Marshall County, Ohio, May 18th, 1854, and died at Rochester, Minnesota, August 12th, 1919. In the passing of Brother Davis, there has departed one, whose life has shone earnest and steadfast; as a beacon light of example to those who love the precepts of manliness and virtue; and as a pillar of ominous cloud, to those who love them not. He was a model in all the tender relations of domestic life. As a friend, loyal and true; as a business man, all who knew him had faith in him. He died as he had lived, a devoted citizen, a brother indeed, a christian gentleman.

He is gone. The good life he led was illumined by the unchanging belief which gives to the life beyond "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." He went not as a stranger into the other world, for there he had laid up treasure incorruptible.

We would sing in triumph for all our beloved ones gone the psalm of a gifted poet:

THE TENANT.

"This body is my house, it is not I;
Herein I sojourn, 'til in some far sky,
I lease a fairer dwelling, built to last
'Til all this carpentry of time is past.
When from my high place, viewing this lone star,
What shall I care, where these poor timbers are;
What though the crumbling walls turn dust and loam;
I shall have left them for a larger home.
What though the rafters break, the stanchions rot;
When earth has dwindled to a glimmering spot;
When thou clay cottage fallest, I'll immerse
My long cramped spirit in the universe.
Through uncomputed silences of space,
I shall yearn upward to the leaning face.
The ancient heavens will roll aside for me
As Moses monarched the dividing sea.
This body is my house, it is not I;
Triumphant in that faith, I live and die."

In a fellowship of sadness for our brothers 'round the world we place the names of their departed among our own:

- M. W. HUGH S. D. MALLORY.....Past Grand Master, Alabama
- M. W. JOHN HOLLIS BANKHEAD.....Past Grand Master, Alabama
- M. W. WILLIAM DAVID TODD.....Past Grand Master, Colorado
- M. W. CLARENCE MELVILLE KELLOGG...Past Grand Master, Colorado
- M. W. RANDOLPH B. CHAPMAN.....Past Grand Master, Connecticut
- M. W. JAMES W. BOYD.....Past Grand Master, Florida
- M. W. ANDREW LOUNSBURG.....Past Grand Master, Idaho
- M. W. JOSHUA M. COWEN.....Past Grand Master, Idaho

M. W.	CHARLES HIMROD.....	Past Grand Master, Idaho
M. W.	SAMUEL BLYTHE CONNELLY....	Past Grand Master, Idaho
M. W.	LINCOLN V. CRAVENS.....	Past Grand Master, Indiana
M. W.	HENRY W. ROTHERT.....	Past Grand Master, Iowa
M. W.	JOHN STANLEY THIBAUT.....	Past Grand Master, Louisiana
M. W.	GEORGE HACK.....	Past Grand Master, Manitoba
M. W.	ALONZO BRANDENBURG.....	Past Grand Master, Minnesota
M. W.	ALBERT BERG.....	Past Grand Master, Minnesota
M. W.	EDWIN J. MARTIN.....	Past Grand Master, Mississippi
R. W.	FREDERIC GORDON SPEED.....	Grand Secretary, Mississippi
M. W.	SAMUEL H. SMITH.....	Past Grand Master, No. Carolina
M. W.	JAMES T. BLACKLOCK.....	Past Grand Master, No. Dakota
R. W.	WILLIAM LUTHER GORGAS.....	Past Grand Master, Pennsylvania
R. W.	J. HENRY WILLIAMS.....	Past Grand Master, Pennsylvania
W.	ELISHA WARD WILBUR.....	Senior Grand Deacon, Philip. Is.
M. W.	WALTER M. WHITEHEAD.....	Past Grand Master, So. Carolina
M. W.	WALTER ACKER.....	Past Grand Master, Texas
M. W.	ARVIS SCOTT CHAPMAN.....	Past Grand Master, Utah
M. W.	PHILIP KUSZNER BAUMAN.....	Past Grand Master, Virginia
M. W.	ROYAL A. GOVE.....	Past Grand Master, Washington
M. W.	KEPHART DELWAR WALKER....	Past Grand Master, W. Virginia
M. W.	JOHN HARPER RILEY.....	Past Grand Master, W. Virginia
M. W.	GEORGE W. FEIDT.....	Past Grand Master, W. Virginia

After the report was read the Grand Lodge was called to attention and the report was adopted. The brethren then sang: "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and the Grand Chaplain offered prayer as a tribute of respect to the memory of the departed ones, asking for God's consolation to those who had been so sadly bereaved. At the conclusion of the prayer the brethren sang one stanza of "Blest be the tie that binds."

The following matters were presented to the Grand Lodge, but no action was deemed necessary concerning them: Letter transmitting a resolution of thanks for a donation, from the Masonic Orphanage, of Paris, France; notice of presenting the Gold Jordan Medal to Brother Eben K. Long, of Covert Lodge No. 11, he being the oldest Mason in the state as far as the records show; the matter of supplying lodges with copies of Lists of Regular Lodges, annually or biennially; letter from Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson, stating that the Committee on the Promotion of the World's Peace had concluded to postpone its report until next year, hoping that future developments would

clear the atmosphere; letters from M. W. Frank L. Bishop, Grand Master of Colorado, expressing his regret at being unable to attend the meeting; from Brother William F. Broenning, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Maryland; and from Henry E. Bletcher, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, all extending greetings and good wishes.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt submitted the following report of the committee, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred the several matters hereinafter mentioned, would respectfully report:

The application of the Grand Lodges of Serbians, Croats, and Slovenes, for fraternal recognition and exchange of representatives has been submitted for the consideration of your committee, together with a pamphlet of 93 pages, setting forth the National claims of the Serbians, Croats, and Slovenes, with a preface by the Honorary Grand Master of the so-called Grand Lodge of France.

The pamphlet seems to be more for the recognition of their state than for their Masonry, and as that is a subject for the Government of the United States to determine, your committee would respectfully request that they be discharged from future consideration thereof.

On the 13th day of October, our Grand Secretary received an invitation directed to all Masonic Powers, issued by the Grand Master of Italian Masonry, dated April 21st, 1919, calling a meeting of a Masonic Congress in the "Eternal City" on September 20th, 1920.

The object of the congress was:

- (a) Determination of the essential fundamental elements constituting Masonry.
- (b) Constitution of an International Center representing Masonry throughout the world with power limited to aid and advise.
- (c) Deliberation and apportionship of work common to all Masonry, etc.

As this was simply an attempt to organize an International Grand Lodge with restricted powers, and as we are not in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Italy, your committee recommends that the communication be filed and the invitation respectfully declined.

As to the application of the Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, asking the kindly assistance of the Masons of the United States to cooperate in endeavoring to avoid war between the countries, your committee would respectfully report:

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska is not in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon, Mexico; that while all good Masons abhor war and will sacrifice much to avoid it, yet the protection of our citi-

zens at home and abroad is the paramount duty of our government, and while we will try, by all honorable means, to avoid bloodshed, it is necessary to remember that the lives of our citizens must be protected.

The important questions interesting the Fraternity in the English-speaking jurisdictions are the recognition of French, Spanish, Italian, and Latin-American Masonry, together with organizations claiming to be Masonic in the Central powers of Europe, and the more serious question of physical qualification. Very much pertaining to the question of physical qualification is the outgrowth of our boys coming home maimed from the arduous service in the World War. The rule is being relaxed in many jurisdictions, while in others, among them our own, the rule of physical perfection is held intact.

As to the question of recognition of other Grand Lodges: while in some jurisdictions there is a tendency to proceed carefully, in others the doors are being thrown wide open and anything and everything claiming to be Masonic received recognition, with the exception perhaps of the Negro Grand Lodges in the United States.

Your committee would therefore recommend that a special committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to investigate the question of "physical qualification of petitioners and the recognition of other Grand Lodges," and report thereon at the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Ehrhardt also presented his Review of Other Grand Lodges, to be printed with the proceedings. W. Brother Edgar Howard, 58, moved that in the future the reviewer use his own judgment as to the length of the review. W. Brother Frank H. Woodland, 25, moved that for the present no review be prepared by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. W. Brother Lloyd G. Gillespie, 95, moved to amend the amendment by providing that the review be limited to seventy-five pages. A substitute for the pending motion and amendments was proposed by Past Grand Master George H. Thummel that the review be limited to one hundred pages. Brother Thummel's substitute amendment was adopted.

On motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, a committee of three was ordered appointed to which shall be referred the matter of the delay of lodges in answering correspondence in regard to their returns, the committee to decide what penalty should be assessed against lodges that neglect to reply with reasonable promptness.

The following report was presented by Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE ACCOMODATIONS IN NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee would respectfully report that owing to the excessive cost of furnishings, we have delayed completing the furnishing of the office of the Grand Secretary, the library, etc. Also owing to the grading of Nineteenth Street, there will be some additional expense that may perhaps be necessary in re-arranging the vault, etc.

Therefore your committee recommend that the sum of \$2,500.00 be appropriated for the above purposes, including the proper housing, arranging, and cataloguing the Monell Library.

Past Grand Master Thummel also moved and it was carried that the cost of the furnishing above the estimated value of the same, be charged to Profit and Loss.

On motion it was ordered that supplies be sold as nearly as possible at the present prices, until it is estimated that the profit on monitors has been absorbed.

It was moved and carried that the outgoing Grand Master be requested to transmit to the incoming Grand Master all of the facts in his possession relating to weak lodges; and that the incoming Grand Master be requested to take such steps as will, if possible, place these lodges on a solid foundation, and if this cannot be done that the charters of the lodges be arrested.

It was moved and carried that ten o'clock A. M., June 9th, 1920, be made a special order for the election of officers.

W. Brother George C. Mason, 300, presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge give its endorsement to and appoint a committee of three, to ask for a donation from each member on the rolls, and from any other sojourning Mason in Nebraska, of an amount of One Dollar, or any such amount as they may desire to give, to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, for the memorial to be erected at Alexandria, Virginia, and that a complete report be made at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and that such amount raised be presented as the contribution from Nebraska.

Resolved, Further that stenographic and clerical help be paid for out of this fund.

The following resolution, presented by Past Grand Master Samuel P. Davidson, was adopted:

Resolved, That in hearty compliance with the recommendation of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian and his Assistants be requested to set aside a special time during each of their schools of instruction for the discussion of and giving information in regard to the splendid work being done in our Masonic Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel moved that the fee for the charter be increased from \$50.00 to \$100.00; Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson moved to amend by making the fee \$75.00. The amendment carried, also the motion as amended.

The Grand Master announced that Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Covert Lodge No. 11, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha Lodge No. 288, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, and Right Angle Lodge, U. D., all of Omaha, had invited the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to be their guests at dinner, to be served in the Masonic Temple, at half past six o'clock P. M., at which time the Oration would be delivered. The Grand Lodge was thereupon called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 9th, 1920.

DINNER TO THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.
OF NEBRASKA

Given by

Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Covert Lodge
No. 11, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, George W. Lininger
Lodge No. 268, Omaha Lodge No. 288, Mizpah
Lodge No. 302, and Right Angle Lodge
Under Dispensation.

June 8th, 1920.

At half past six o'clock P. M., the members of the Grand Lodge assembled at the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple, to partake of a complimentary dinner arranged in their honor by the Omaha lodges, and to enjoy such other entertainment as had been prepared for them.

A committee consisting of Brother Frank Wilcox, Past Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1; Brother George R. Porter, Past Master of Covert Lodge No. 11; and Brother Frank E.

Underwood, of St. Johns Lodge No. 25; had been selected by the Omaha lodges to prepare the evening's entertainment and dinner, and made all arrangements and took general charge of the affair. The committee selected Past Master Frank Wilcox to preside, and on gathering at the banquet hall, Brother Wilcox called the brethren to attention, saying that they were pleased to welcome the three hundred and fifty brethren who had accepted their invitation, and called upon Brother Luther M. Kuhns, 3, to invoke the Divine blessing. Brother Kuhns offered the following prayer:

O God, who as the merciful creator of all things visible and invisible, art the Supreme Architect of the universe, in Thy great and excellent name we are assembled. Bless us as we come together, and dismiss us with Thy blessings.

God of our lives, forgive the evil we have done, the error we have wrought! Bless the good we may have done; and let it grow through Thy grace, that others may be led to the exercise of higher good, the enjoyment of deeper truth, and remain steadfast in impregnable faith. The benedictions of Thy grace we now invoke upon us in this fellowship, that peace and harmony in all their beauty, strength, and wisdom, may be restored to earth; and that the light of Thy benign countenance may smile upon us for the increase and continuance of brotherly love.

O God, who art the author of peace and the lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom, we pray for peace. Peace be within our borders, and prosperity within our homes; for our brethren and companions sake's may peace like a river attend our way. With peace, ineffable peace again restored to the troubled world, lighten our darkness and strengthen our understanding, that, urged by importunate zeal, urged by the fervor of love, our thoughts, words, and deeds may be as acceptable to Thee as sweet incense in holy worship.

O, Lord, our bountiful benefactor! We thank Thee for our daily bread and for all other good gifts which Thou has granted us. Help us to receive Thy benefits with grateful hearts, and satisfy them and us to Thy glory through abiding trust in our Elder Brother whose love is costly, free and knows no end. Amen.

After the invocation, Brother Walter B. Graham, 1, sang "Old Tubal Cain."

The dinner having been served and given "careful consideration" W. Brother John R. Webster, 3, was introduced and delivered the following address of welcome:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Worshipful Toast Master and Brethren:

I feel tonight much as, I imagine, did that son of Benjamin three thousand years ago, when he began to realize that the finger of destiny was pointing him to Royal Honors. You remember the story; how the tribes were gathered at Mizpah to choose a King; and when the lot fell on Saul, he was found hiding among the baggage. Just so was my first impulse to run away. How well do I recognize the honor which my brethren have conferred upon me! To me it is given to represent eight lodges of Omaha, which have found a Masonic home within the walls of this Temple, and, in their name, to extend their greeting and welcome to the Grand Lodge of our Commonwealth. Who is equal to such a commission? Who can measure up to such an opportunity?

Oh, my brethren, as I stand here before you this evening, I am impressed that I confront something bigger than a genial company of gentlemen guests gathered in social intercourse around this fraternal banquet board; something bigger than members of our Grand Lodge; something bigger than the Right Worshipful Grand Wardens and Officers of that lodge; something bigger than even the Most Worshipful Grand Master himself, and that is the *spirit* and *heritage* of *Masonry*, which has come down to us through all the centuries.

Do not imagine that *Masonry* is the off-shoot of some labor union, or that its origin dates from a constitution of the Seventeenth Century; for scattered all over Europe are the ruins of noble temples and sanctuaries which were reared by our ancient brethren, and served humanity for century after century, till at length they yielded to the crumbling of age. We call them ancient ruins! We talk about antiquity with little comprehension of its meaning!

Why, do you realize that before any of our great European nations came into existence; before Romulus built his walls upon the Seven Hills of Rome; before Athens was; before Homer dreamed his immortal epic of Troy; before King Solomon's Temple; before the Sweet Singer of Israel tuned his lyre to the Psalms of Jehovah; before the infant Moses floated among the rushes of the Nile; before Joseph was called to power in the imperial palace of the Pharaohs; when Abraham first journeyed into Egypt, and his weary camels lay down to rest within the shadows of the pyramid, he gazed in wonderment and awe upon a structure, which was then so venerable and hoary with age, that it had been standing for more years than have come and gone since Jesus walked the vales of Palestine?

From that day to this, from that dim and distant past in the earliest dawning of recorded time, down through the ages; through all the vicissitudes of history; through the rise and fall of kingdoms and nations; through peace and war; through the coming and going

of peoples and races; through changing faiths; through all the mutations in religion; *Masonry* has ever been a worshipper of the Supreme Deity, and a builder of His Temples.

We are told that speculative *Masonry* is an outgrowth of the operating craft; but my thought is, that, before the building of any temple, in some moment of supreme exaltation, man caught a glimpse of the *infinite*, and in that vision was the genesis of *Masonry*. Beginning perhaps in fear of an unknown power, man heard within his heart a call to prayer, and all his spiritual being awoke in answer to that call. There came to him the recognition of a Mighty Benefactor, and his soul went out in deep desire to render back to *The Giver of All Good*, some tribute worthy of benefits received. He longed to rear a habitation for his God, a house for His abiding, that would accord with the ideal which floated in his brain by day and filled his nightly dreams with visions of Divinity. And so, with worshipful heart, and consecrated hands, he piled stone on stone, until there came to him the revelation that, not in caverns of the rock, nor in the somber silence of imposing vaulted domes, but in the pulsing heart of man, is found the dwelling place of Deity; that man alone, and not his handiwork, may be a temple of the Living God. Thenceforth a nobler manhood was the object of *Masonic* care.

Oh, yes! spires of glistening stone, and shrines of silver and of gold still rise at its command; but, more than polished marble or monumental brass, is *manhood* now its chief concern; for *Masonry* has set itself the task of building a Masonic edifice within the hearts of men, that shall be worthy the indwelling of the Spirit of God.

Today we are facing the menace of those who would uproot our civilization; for under the wild harangues of cracked-brain radicals, under the palaver of political demagogues, scarce even clouded by the camouflage of noise and gesticulation, we may discover the craving for plunder, and the instinct to pull down and destroy. But *Masonry* has always been a builder. It has never laid waste. It has pillaged no cities, bombed no temples, ravaged no fields, ravished no homes. It has never tortured victims in the pitiless fires of persecution. It has never flaunted the red rag of anarchy.

This is the legacy from *Masonry* of the past to *Masonry* of today. Do you wonder, then, that when I face this Grand Lodge, and think of all you represent, I seem to look beyond these circumscribing walls, and there comes to me a vision of that past, where, amidst the crimes of ignorance and of rage, the demonical orgies of blood, the frantic furies of passions and the cold calculations of hate, I see heroic figures standing strong and steadfast unmoved by the whirlwinds of fanaticism and frenzy and always pointing humanity to the only pathway of prosperity and peace.

These imperishable memories are ours. They make for us a

heritage of glory; and so, *Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren*, we bid you welcome, not only to these tables loaded with material bounties, but to this feast of precious memories, we bid you welcome! We bid you welcome!

Then, too, this heritage of glory brings to us all a legacy of duty—a challenge to our manhood and our courage. It bids us hold aloft the banner of *Masonry*, as we practice its precepts in our daily lives. It summons us to meet the questions and perils of today with the same spirit and steadfastness that animated our brethren in the days gone by. As strong men, eager to do and dare in the cause of humanity and truth, we bid you welcome to this repast of *Masonic* responsibilities, and we know you will not falter. The *Masonry* of today is not inferior to that of the past, and the manhood of today is on a par with that which stood the test of trial in every bygone age. Then surely we can equal them in every obligation.

Brethren, listen! there is something so supremely worth while, so satisfying to the hungry soul, that comes with every striving to attain to *Masonry's* highest ideals! This striving brings its own reward. It is the nutriment of heroes. Come, then, to their banquet board! No slackers there! but there's a place for every earnest brother.

We bid you welcome, then, not to these tables spread by fraternal hands, but to a festival of your *Masonic* obligations. Come! Come as to a feast of the *Immortals* where Angel Ministers dispense the nectar of the gods!

And now I am reminded of other Grand Lodges and other brethren. As a child I heard the story of the beleaguered garrison. Reduced to the last desperate extremity, they were hoping against hope for the coming of relief, when a Scottish lassie, with nerves strung to supernatural tension by hunger and disease, caught the far distant music of her native land. With shouts of joy she cried: "*The Campbells are coming! The Campbells are coming! Dinna ye hear the slogan? The Campbells are coming!*" Just so there comes to me the rhythmic tread of distant footsteps—tramp, tramp, tramp, they go—myriads marching under the banners of *Masonry*, and every footstep keeping time to the music of human progress. Like "*the voice of many waters,*" swelling above the din and uproar of the world, above the mutterings of restlessness and discontent, above the wrangling of Capital and Labor, above all party strife, above the crazy ravings of half-baked agitators; and, rising and falling like the cadence of a song, I hear the voice of prophecy proclaiming:

Life up your heads all ye fearful and cast down; and be ye lifted up, Oh, ye of little faith in your country's future. Turn your eyes hitherward, behold, the pillars of *Masonry still stand strong!* Boaz and Jachin are established in strength.

So, once again, my brethren, we bid you welcome! With the melody of this music ringing in our hearts, with gladness of spirit, and songs of rejoicing on our lips, we bid you welcome! We bid you welcome! Welcome to Omaha! Welcome to our lodges! Welcome to our hearts and our homes! We are proud of our Grand Lodge as an honored corps in the grand army of *Masonry*. We are proud of you brethren, as the builders of this great State of Nebraska.

We are proud of you as comrades in a holy cause. Thrice welcome then to Omaha! We are glad to have you with us. Come to us again, brethren; come again, and again, and again! Our latch-string hangs outside our door; and our arms are open to receive you.

Oh, my Brethren! What can I say? How I long to make you understand that our welcome is no mere formal greeting—that every word and syllable springs out of the deepest emotions of our souls, but words are inadequate messengers! Let me appeal to your own hearts. Let them speak for us the welcome I am trying to extend. If there is any sentiment of *Brotherly Love* and *Affection* which I have not expressed; if there are any words in the whole category of human language which can convey a warmer fraternal greeting than I have uttered, will you not consider those words spoken and those sentiments expressed?

The address was greatly enjoyed and enthusiastically received.

M. W. Brother Ambrose C. Epperson, Past Grand Master, responded to the address of welcome, thanking the members of the Omaha lodges, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, for their kindness in preparing the evening's entertainment. He also expressed the pleasure the Craftsmen who attend the Grand Lodge always feel in visiting the metropolis of the state, and gave assurance that the evening thus far had been fully enjoyed, and he knew that what was to follow would be of the same high quality, but in different form.

Brother Lynn G. Sackett, 1, accompanied by Mrs. Sackett at the piano, sang "Mother o'Mine," and responded to several encores.

The entertainment arranged for by the Omaha brethren having been concluded, M. W. John J. Tooley, Grand Master, assumed charge of the gathering, and introduced W. Brother James R. Dean, Grand Orator, who delivered the following:

ORATION

A FORWARD LOOK.

M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren:

Soon after entering upon his Masonic career the initiate cherishes the belief that Masonry is a progressive science. The presence here tonight at this banquet board of one of our Past Grand Masters reminds me of a debate in which I heard him participate on the floor of this Grand Lodge about twenty years ago. The immediate question then under discussion was whether a bookkeeper for a brewery was eligible to membership. My recollection is it was finally held that he was not eligible. But the discussion took a wider range. It was argued that the Masonic body of this state was not only opposed to the open saloon, but that it strongly favored temperance as that term is ordinarily used and understood. Upon a vote being taken it was the sense of this body, as I recall, that it favored the abolition of all traffic everywhere in intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Advance ground this on a great moral question was it not? I wonder how many who were here then and are here tonight could see so far as twenty years into the future and with prophetic eye see the open saloon banished from state and nation!

To the initiate then, if the question should arise as to whether Masonry is a progressive science, let this country-wide press dispatch as taken from the front page of one of this morning's great Omaha dailies, under a Washington date line of June 7 be the answer. The dispatch informs us that only yesterday the Supreme Court of the United States by a unanimous decision declared that the prohibition amendment is now a part of the Federal Constitution and that the Volstead act for its enforcement was held constitutional. The promise to the initiate has been redeemed. Masonry is a progressive science. I am glad that debate took place on Nebraska soil and that it was my privilege to be present as an humble observer and listener.

My opportunity to attend the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge has been limited and for the past day or two I realize more and more how much I have missed. The proceedings here are so greatly interesting that I expect to come again. That was an impressive sight yesterday morning when three of our young brethren, who recently returned from overseas service, joined in the ceremonial that attended the presentation of our nation's flag to this body. As we reverently stood at attention and listened to the eloquent words of the Past Grand Master who made the presentation speech, it was recalled that our flag had never been dishonored; that its call had always been to battle for freedom and never for conquest; that it never knew defeat and that its protecting folds now float over a country that is not only the greatest but, as well, the best beloved country in the world. Small wonder that all of us were visibly impressed by that

emblem. Small wonder that we recalled the unfailing valor of its defenders on land and on the high seas from Washington's day to Lincoln's day and Wilson's day!

Masonry is not only progressive in that which pertains to moral and intellectual and may I add religious growth and development, but its loyalty to our country and her institutions in the trying times through which we are passing has never been questioned anywhere. The words "through which we are passing," are used advisedly. The world must be born again.

May I repeat some remarks that I made recently, possibly in the presence of some of you, that seem to bear on present conditions and the war out of which they grew, supplementing preliminary remarks with a few thoughts as to some duties that seem to be immediately pressing. It will never be forgotten that more than two million of the flower of our land went overseas to aid in the destruction of brute force as the governing principle of any people anywhere; and to forever establish the principle that the right of self determination shall be preserved to all peoples everywhere be they small or great. And over two million more were either in preparation or were ready to join their comrades over there when, on November 11, 1918, active hostilities ceased and the armistice was signed. Gladly and with grateful hearts did we welcome the returned soldier. But some were in that goodly company whose faces we miss today. Some fell fighting bravely on Flanders fields; some became the prey of the Prussian sea wolves; some perished in the cantonments. But always death was bravely met. Let us show how well we appreciate the devotion of the patriot and his heroic service by looking after the welfare of his loved ones. Let the names and the record of the deeds of those who fell nobly fighting for their country be fittingly inscribed as a memorial among the heroic dead of our state. Their memory we will always cherish in grateful hearts.

In five years of war the world has been shaken to its foundations. It has passed through an experience that might well befit a century. And in the two closing years of that war our nation, by reason of its participation, by common consent has become the recognized leader of all nations. It follows that in a war torn world, upon a state so circumstanced, there rests an appalling weight of responsibility.

It is commonplace that our system of government is the outgrowth of a tedious process of development. It has grown out of the varied experiences and the pressing needs of men, in collective and individual capacity as well. Like so much that is of lasting value, the growth of that system has been slow and its cost in blood and treasure has been exceeding great. Witness only a few of the toilsome heights that mark the progress of the race: Runnymede,

that culminated in Magna Charta; the American Revolution, out of which our country took form; the Civil War, by which it was preserved from self destruction; and last the all embracing World War that in the end was fought to destroy war.

I am glad there are so many young men here tonight because there are some among their elders who say that we have fallen upon evil times and that the opportunities for advancement that once were open to the young men have departed. Not so. Never in the world's history have fields of such promise for useful and honorable achievement unfolded before the young man as now. And the weighty problems that are just ahead do not detract from the lure of those fields.

Clearly, the first of these, in point of time and importance now that actual hostilities have long since ceased, is this: When shall we have peace? When will we join in the peace treaty? When, if at all, shall we join the allies in a League of Nations to enforce peace? Who is there among us, who is there anywhere that would have predicted the morning after the Armistice was signed that more than a year and a half would pass and yet we would not have joined with the allies in the terms of a lasting peace? Our nation knows how to fight and knows how to win, but apparently, up to the present time, it has not learned how to conclude a peace and elineh a victory. Are we too proud to conclude terms of peace with a fallen foe? The executive and the senate seem to be unable to function when it comes to a consideration of the peace question in all its tortious windings. Who is to blame? I do not know nor am I seeking to place the blame. It is enough to know that at this moment we are technically at war with a foe that was conquered long since.

There are those who say that party considerations entered into and prolonged the discussion at Washington. The war was not fought on party lines. It could not be. Nor is the peace question a party question. It cannot be. That question is as wide as the world. God forbid that at this, the most crucial period in a thousand years of history, our public servants should place devotion to party above devotion to country. I refuse to believe it of our officials. As a leader of thought and of action in his community the member of our fraternity, I apprehend, counts it his patriotic duty to take a stand on this momentous question to the end that the peace question be speedily settled. The mass of our people who have thought this question through to a conclusion seem to favor settlement of the peace treaty and the adoption of the League of Nations, with or without reservations, as the senate may elect in the exercise of its constitutional right, and this to the end that the world's peace be not again assailed by the mailed fist of an enthroned assassin! The people asked the congress for bread and—it adjourned. If I believed that a question of party alignment were involved here, I would not name the subject in this presence.

Note the personnel of the leaders of the discussion on the respective sides. Strange political bed-fellows are they not? The question is greater than any party. It overshadows all of them. You cannot make a party question of it. Let it be voted up or voted down that other questions of importance be taken up. Let the public mind rest in the belief that the peace question and the league question are settled. Let us have done with suspense.

For myself and so far as advised I have favored the peace treaty in some form and the League for its enforcement, with the reservation, of course, that congress alone shall have power to declare war. No good reason appears why the beneficent Monroe doctrine shall not be permanently extended the world around. That doctrine went with our armies to Europe and it was quickly assimilated. It seems to be entirely consistent with the principle of self determination. Now that an airship can cross the Atlantic in a day, the maintenance of national frontiers by armaments belongs to the past. Soon they will all be obliterated and universal disarmament will follow. A nation, like an individual, cannot live aloof from association. And now less than ever. Let the Monroe doctrine prevail everywhere!

A world court for the consideration of questions of world peace is in active process of development and we are not officially represented. It is said that to participate in its organization would be a departure. Of course, it would be a departure and for this reason it is opposed by some. The times call for departures from the old order as we knew it before the world's greatest war. There will be more departures to meet new conditions and we may well prepare to meet them too. It was a departure when we went to war.

When our country had its beginning there were prophets who predicted failure. But a successful union grew out of mutual concessions and who cares now for the prophecies of disaster then, as now, confidently predicted. As to the treaty or the league or both, whatever the outcome, above all let us not lose our heads. Let us remember that we are Americans first and, when it is all over, with the peace treaty signed in some form and adopted, as finally it must be, may we be able to say as the beloved Garfield said when a former national crisis passed: "God reigns and the government at Washington still lives."

The profiteer! Words fail me to describe him. It is established history that he always follows in the wake of war. What are you doing to curb his rapacity? Are you standing in line for a chance to pay \$20 for shoes; are you on the waiting list for a \$100 suit, and so on all along the line of purchasable goods? If you are, then you are helping to perpetuate the grasp of the profiteer and to make it more difficult for the man of small means to obtain necessaries for those who are dependent upon him. The profiteer is an elusive per-

son. He always lives in the state beyond. He flourishes where coal is mined and in the far away lumber camps. He makes shoes in thrifty New England and wearing apparel in the "sweat shops" of New York. His prices are frequently revised and always upward. I am sure that it will be a real pleasure to the Craft to co-operate in every way with the government at Washington and with the state government to the end that his lair be discovered and the iniquitous practice of the profiteer be exposed and a punishment imposed that will fit the crime. In this gigantic undertaking soft words will not do. It will require the patriotic and active assistance of our people everywhere because the profiteer is everywhere. Put his ill gotten gains to patriotic use and he may then learn at least to respect a country that he has disgraced.

The industrial condition that confronts us is a direct outgrowth of the war and it presents a real problem. The fuel situation through which we passed last winter was intolerable. A situation that breeds such a condition must never again be permitted to develop. The strike situation is not a quarrel that affects only the employee and the employer. From painful experience we know that it affects the entire body of the nation. It is inconceivable that such a condition shall be perpetuated. A man recently high in authority at Washington, Mr. McAdoo, was quoted in the press dispatches at the time as having said that the mine owner's profit in war times approximated 2,000 per cent in some instances. A mine owner or manufacturer who will deprive his employees of just recompense that he may swell his dividends is as bad as a Bolshevik. It must be conceded that the employee has as good right to combine in his own protection as the employer. In the long ago it was written: "The laborer is worthy of his hire." That law came from the bosom of that Great Being whom we reverence and serve. It is a just law and it cannot be repealed by any agency of man.

One of the new problems facing us is this: There is a spirit of unrest in some quarters that is impatient of legal restraint; a disposition to ignore the law and in rare instances even anarchy is advocated. But nearly all of this is confined to narrow limits. When such a spirit becomes general, if it ever does, when we as a people lose respect for the law; when we refuse obedience to its mandate, then our nation is on the road that leads to destruction. But, if we are true to our best traditions, no such dire calamity awaits. The body of our people are law-abiding. They are loyal to the core. But let us be eternally vigilant for that is the price of liberty. Look well to the common schools and the seats of higher learning. This expression has passed into a proverb in our country: "That which you would produce in the nation you must first put into your public schools." As someone has well said: "Let all the youth of the land

be taught to read the Declaration of Independence, Washington's Farewell address, and Lincoln's Gettysburg address in the English language."

Let us note briefly the wide distinction between that commendable discontent, as applied to the individual, that spurs to honorable action that better things may be achieved; and that other type of unreasonable and unreasoning discontent with government and law that finds expression under the red banner of the soviet, and in bomb explosions, a government so-called, which antagonizes all forms of governmental authority. Against all this we must, of course, as citizens and as members of the Craft protest by every means at our command.

In the past few years the progress of the fraternal spirit has everywhere increased. In our country its growth has been amazing and in this our Craft has greatly shared. But the best is not always to be found in the multitude nor on the side of the majority. Increase in numbers is only significant as it gives greater opportunity for service. Did not a ruler of the chosen people in his pride number his hosts and for this was he not grievously humbled and with him his people?

It has come to pass that new meaning has been given to the age old belief that the Supreme Being is the Father of the race and that we all are brethren. Is it not in large part because of its progressive character and because of its ability to supply the need of the human heart for fraternal expression that our order has attracted and is now attracting such vast numbers of adherents? Rather than its form it is the spirit of Masonry that has been the attracting force. May we not indulge the hope that the human heart in its search after truth has reached out for a progressive institution and that in our Fraternity it has found an abiding place? Masonry was made for man and not man for Masonry. Not only is it progressive but it is practical and is adapted to the needs of man in his social relation. When, if ever, it fails to meet these needs its power for good will be lost. Masonry appeals to strong men everywhere because it the better enables them to bear the burdens of the weak. The poet who expressed in simple verse a longing to live in a house by the side of the road that he thereby might be more helpful to those who passed that way was a true friend of his race. I apprehend he was never lonesome. Whether he was a member of the Craft I do not know, but the sentiment to which he gave expression was truly Masonic. I know that man and so do you. He is in every community. May his tribe increase.

We were all greatly impressed this evening by the remarks of the learned brother who delivered an address of welcome. Briefly, but eloquently, he pointed out the ancient origin of the Craft. I love to think of it as such. It is well for us to take pride in its ancient

origin and it is also well to be reminded that in some form all of its worth-while tenets have come from a source that is higher than man; and that its basic truths have been traced by the finger of Omnipotence upon the human heart.

One of our brethren delegated by this Grand Lodge to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of England that was held last year in celebration of the close of the world war said last evening, as I recall his words, that the lodge meetings in England were conducted with the solemnity, the reverence, and the devotion that prevails in a church service. When he spoke of that old song that they sang: "Oh, God, Our Help in Ages Past," the thought was in some way suggested that many of us perhaps daily greet the morning light without a thought of the gratitude that we owe to the Giver of all light. Notwithstanding the rush of modern life let us meditate on these things.

It is written: "Where there is no vision the people perish." A later philosopher said: "I hate luxury because it destroys imagination." May we not add that it also destroys initiative? Recently I heard a man of compelling eloquence say that the individual must visualize that which he intends to bring about. This applies alike to the artist, the architect, and the builder. He must first see in his mind that which he would create with his hands. This is true of all men and of every calling everywhere. The mother must visualize the child. She must see in the boy who tracks across the floor with muddy boots the powerful, purposeful man of the future. We all love to see and to hear the man who, in the dead of winter when snow and ice and sleet and apparent desolation are everywhere, in his mind can hear the birds sing and can see the springing grass, the budding trees, and new life everywhere. But he must do more. He must work to an end and if he is willing to pay the price in terms of diligent labor he will accomplish that which he set out to do. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." Without vision men and nations live aimlessly. The attitude of men, individually or collectively, toward vision will in large part determine destiny.

Did you ever stop to think how slow is the growth of an idea? Did you ever stop to think how slow has been the progress and growth of this nation? You cannot hasten the normal physical growth nor the normal development of the mind of a child. No more can you hasten true development in a nation. All history teaches this. To bring out this point I heard Professor David Swing of Chicago use this illustration many years ago. He said that ages were required to bring the human race to a point where it could apply itself to wisdom. His subject that morning was taken from the Ninetieth Psalm where it is written: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." He said that the world had revolved on its

axis for six thousand years before the human race discovered that it was easier to draw a loaded wagon on two parallel rails than it was to drag a loaded wagon through the mud without the rails. And now men mount up with wings as eagles.

In his immortal speech that was delivered on the battlefield of Gettysburg, Abraham Lincoln said, in speaking to the survivors of that battle and to the American people: "It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here thus far so nobly advanced." There is a tremendously important lesson in those words of the martyred president. As some one has said: The work of civilization will always be unfinished. Every generation leaves to its successor an unfinished work. We build on the foundation that we find and those who follow us build on the foundation where we leave off. It is for us then to be true to the task that devolves upon us that the advance of civilization be not hindered. That, too, is a part of our burden.

My friends, we talk about the monuments that we will soon build throughout this land in grateful memory of the war heroes who died and of those who survived. And we talk about the carved inscriptions that the monuments will bear. But do you not know that the heroic dead and their surviving comrades have written an inscription on the heart of the human race that will be read of men long after the grateful inscriptions that we carve on stone and bronze will have disappeared? Let us as members of this great Fraternity be taught a lesson from this. Let it be our object, let it be our aim to live for and serve others as they lived and as they served and perchance died. In so doing the will of the Master will be done. Let those who will write phrases; but as for me and my brethren may it be ours to write in terms of service on the living tablet of the human heart.

For your indulgent attention I thank you.

At the conclusion of the oration, prayer was offered by W.'. Brother Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, and the brethren were dismissed, having enjoyed a very pleasant evening together.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 9th, 1920.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, Grand Master John J. Tooley presiding, and with officers and members as at the preceding session. Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was presented by W.'. Brother Frank M. Johnson, 188, and was adopted sub-

ject 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: Nos. 30, 34, 36, 37, 72, 82, 90, 97, 103, 111, 112, 128, 129, 130, 147, 149, 155, 159, 167, 171, 172, 175, 185, 189, 202, 203, 204, 216, 218, 222, 239, 244, 245, 246, 256, 259, 273, 275, 278, 281, 283, 287, and 295.

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W.	JOHN J. TOOLEY	Grand Master.
R. W.	JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W.	LEWIS E. SMITH	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W.	EDWARD M. WELLMAN	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W.	FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Secretary.
V. W.	CHARLES M. SHEPHERD	Grand Chaplain.
W.	JAMES R. DEAN	Grand Orator.
M. W.	ROBERT E. FRENCH	Grand Custodian.
W.	CHARLES A. CHAPPELL	Grand Marshal.
W.	ROBERT R. DICKSON	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.	JOHN WRIGHT	Grand Junior Deacon.
W.	ALEXANDER E. PORTER	Grand Tyler.

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REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	No. 1	Harry E. Mahaffey		*Benjamin F. Thomas
Western Star	" 2		Edmund S. Lyons	
Capital	" 3	Bernard N. Robertson		
Omaha Valley	" 4	*Arch Hosterman	Arch Hosterman	
Madison	" 5		Walter E. Miller	
Northampton	" 6	John McLean	William F. Evers	James T. Begley
Omaha City	" 9	Ralph P. Roberts		
Edmond	" 10	*Parke G. Beales	*Parke G. Beales	Parke G. Beales
Overton	" 11	Edward B. Kettell	Fred J. Stack	Ralph E. Hobart
Scientific	" 13		John J. Tackett	
Peru	" 14	Charles F. Beck	Spencer W Hacker	
Wendell	" 15	Maro C. Shipherd		Lawrence M. Nichols
Wendell	" 17	*Harry S. Villars		
Wendell	" 19	Edgar F. Snavely	Warner L. Gregory	
Washington	" 21	Harry L. Morris		Walter Larson
Wendell	" 23		Harry W. Scott	
Wendell	" 25		*Frank H. Woodland	
Wendell	" 26	*E. Leroy Fraizier		
Wendell	" 27	Lawrence W. Johnson	Ralph H. Spencer	
Wendell	" 29		Samuel C. Lawrence	
Wendell	" 30			
Wendell	" 31	*Arthur M. Anderson		Bonno I. Penry
Wendell	" 32		David J. Fredericks	*Samuel Gozee
Wendell	" 33	*Robert R. Watson	*Robert R. Watson	*Robert R. Watson
Wendell	" 34			
Wendell	" 35	Ralph E. Cressey		
Wendell	" 36			
Wendell	" 37			
Wendell	" 38	Fayette H. Wood	Clifton McGrew	
Wendell	" 39		Charles D. Martin	
Wendell	" 40		Alvin J. Gingrich	
Wendell	" 41	David C. Spangler		
Wendell	" 42	Frank R. Hughes		
Wendell	" 43	*James H. Dorsey	James H. Dorsey	
Wendell	" 44		Carl H. Worley	
Wendell	" 46	*Henry F. Finke	Henry F. Finke	
Wendell	" 48	Herman H. Stottko	Harry W. Smith	
Wendell	" 49	Elmer E. Trabert		
Wendell	" 50		George A. Volland	
Wendell	" 51	*Alex. E. Etting	*Roy W. Becker	
Wendell	" 52	*Ernest Wager		
Wendell	" 53	Edwin S. Garber		
Wendell	" 54	Fred L. Knight	Robert O. Hodgman	Joe L. Hickman
Wendell	" 55	*Harold S. Gow	Harold S. Gow	*Guy L. Evans
Wendell	" 56	Winton W. Buckley	Harry V. Cain	
Wendell	" 57		*Louis S. Fallers	
Wendell	" 58	Edgar Howard	*Carroll D. Evans	
Wendell	" 59	Nile O. Walther	John O. Thorson	
Wendell	" 60	Charles H. Gourley		
Wendell	" 61		Thomas M. Hewitt	

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Keystone	No. 62		Earl F. Arnold	
Riverton	" 63		*Fred C. Taylor	
Blue Valley	" 64		Frank M. McElroy	
Osceola	" 65		George E. Campbell	*O. Edwin Mickey
Edgar	" 67		John C. Schernikan	
Aurora	" 68	*Albert L. Johnson	Albert L. Johnson	*Albert L. Johnson
Sterling	" 70		Otto H. Stuve	
Trowel	" 71	Oscar S. Hauser	Herbert G. Maybury	
Hooper	" 72			
Friend	" 73		Thomas Rineheimer	
Alexandria	" 74	James B. Butter		
Frank Welch	" 75	Leslie Neubauer	Frank M. Wooldridge	
Joppa	" 76	*William T. Britton		
Nelson	" 77		Henry E. Goodrich	
Albion	" 78			Arlie L. Steele
Geneva	" 79	*Waldo E. Propst		
Composite	" 81	George A. Cooley		
St. Paul	" 82			
Corinthian	" 83	F. Ray Dilts		
Fairfield	" 84	Wilfred W. Ilgenfritz		
Tyre	" 85	*John M. Falwell	*John M. Falwell	*John M. Falwell
Doniphan	" 86	*John Gallacher		
Ionic	" 87			John D. Forsyth
Star	" 88	William R. Egelton		
Cedar River	" 89		Peter J. Balingier	
Elk Creek	" 90			
Oakland	" 91		Nevin W. Hopkins	
Hubbell	" 92		Odes F. Brown	
Beaver City	" 93	Fred Kohn		
Bennet	" 94	Henry F. May		
Garfield	" 95	Lloyd G. Gillespie		
Utica	" 96		*Ernest L. McNeil	
Euclid	" 97			
Republican	" 98	Oscar J. Vallicott		
Shelton	" 99			Norman E. Peirce
Creighton	" 100	*George H. Hanks	George H. Hanks	
Ponca	" 101			
Waterloo	" 102	Burton C. Whitmore		
Ord	" 103			
Wymore	" 104		Franklin W. Meyers	
Stella	" 105			*Alfred Shellenbarger
Porter	" 106		Asa J. Farnham	
Table Rock	" 108		Edgar J. Norris	
Pomegranate	" 110	William H. Blair	Conner V. Bliss	Charles W. West
DeWitt	" 111			
Springfield	" 112			
Globe	" 113		Newton A. Housel	
Wisner	" 114	Eugene F. Walker		William L. Birkelback
Harlan	" 116	Charles E. Alter	Axel Danielson	
Hardy	" 117		Ralph W. Livers	

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
eric	No. 118	*Glenn Martin	Glenn Martin	
orth Bend	" 119		*Fred A. Howe	
ayne	" 120		Earl H. Merchant	*J. Murray Cherry
perior	" 121		Carl W. Bates	
burn	" 124	*George H. Thurlow	George H. Thurlow	
Nebo	" 125		Hugh A. Reed	
omburg	" 126	*Guy F. Barnhart	Guy F. Barnhart	
nden	" 127	Reuben L. Berger		*Charles A. Chappell
ide Rock	" 128			
ue Hill	" 129			
scan	" 130			
ribner	" 132	Paul L. Keller		
m Creek	" 133		Archie C. Miller	
lar	" 134	Claude M. Dexter		
Cook	" 135	Floyd M. Hagenberger		
ng Pine	" 136	Lewis W. McDonald		
right	" 137		Albert Stake	
walt	" 138	Edward E. Duryee		
y Centre	" 139	Victor West		Loy J. Gilkeson
estern	" 140		Roswell S. Cutler	
escent	" 143		William C. Wicks	
nesaw	" 144		Liberty M. Robinson	
neroft	" 145	Alfred M. Daniels		
chin	" 146	Earl Barnette		
oam	" 147			
imet Crawford	" 148	John S. McGraw		
vel	" 149			
mbridge	" 150	Arthur C. Easton	Harry W. Thorndike	
uare	" 151	Lloyd D. Mingle		
rallel	" 152	Clifford E. Gregg		
ergreen	" 153		Joseph Wolf	*Emanuel D. Lundak
y	" 154		John C. Campbell	
rtington	" 155			
thagoras	" 156	*Andrew J. Davis	*Andrew J. Davis	*Andrew J. Davis
lley	" 157	*John VanCleave	*John VanCleave	*John VanCleave
maritan	" 158		L. Edgar Sprague	
alalla	" 159			
edatha	" 160	Vincent A. Jay		
. Zion	" 161	William T. Mawhor		
estle Board	" 162	Charles E. Huston		*Edwin C. Yont
ity	" 163	Emmett A. Landon		
xinson	" 164		Carroll C. Raymer	
rnston	" 165	*Elam Eckert	*John James	
stic Tie	" 166		George O. Mills	
wood	" 167			
rtis	" 168			Clarence S. Remy
ity	" 169		Frank H. Black	
son City	" 170			Frank M. O'Brien
rna	" 171			
afton	" 172			

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Robert Burns.. No. 173	*Francis M. Pfrimmer..		
Culbertson .. " 174	*Tenant Bedell.....		
Temple .. " 175			
Gladstone .. " 176	William Burdett.....		
Hay Springs... " 177	Paul C. Morgan.....		
Prudence .. " 179	*Smith Rodman.....		
Justice .. " 180			*Azel Jorgensen..
Faith .. " 181	Clyde J. Hornsby.....		
Incense .. " 182		*William H. Wiess..	
Alliance .. " 183	James H. H. Hewitt..		
Bee Hive .. " 184		William N. Paxton...	Claude Clifton ..
Boaz .. " 185			
Israel .. " 187	Thomas D. Parks.....	Allen W. Withers..	
Meridian .. " 188	Frank M. Johnson....	*Frank M. Johnson....	*Frank M. Johnson..
Granite .. " 189			
Amethyst .. " 190	Allen C. Kirby.....		
Crystal .. " 191			J. Russell Mitchell..
Minnekadusa .. " 192	*Joseph H. May.....	Joseph H. May.....	
Signet .. " 193	*Reuben H. Goodge....		
Highland .. " 194		*William Rohe ..	
Arcana .. " 195		Dwight P. Griswold..	
Level .. " 196	George J. Dold.....		
Morning Star.. " 197	*Samuel A. Tobey.....		
Purity .. " 198	Dwight M. Wiley.....		
Gavel .. " 199	*James H. Bryant.....		
Blazing Star.. " 200	Eugene E. Troxell....		
Scotts Bluff.. " 201	John T. Swan.....	Edward S. Prohs....	
Golden Sheaf.. " 202			
Roman Eagle.. " 203			
Plainview .. " 204			
Golden Fleece .. " 205	George B. Brown.....		William H. Thompsc
Naphali .. " 206	Harry K. Shutt.....	Charles E. Waggoner..	
Parian .. " 207	Edgar C. Hoskins....		
Gauge .. " 208			Mell Gordon.....
Canopy .. " 209	*John C. Browne.....		
East Lincoln... " 210	Wayne S. Crawford....		George A. Bloom....
Cement .. " 211		Carl L. McGlasson....	
Comp. & Square " 212	*John Hothem.....		
Plumblin .. " 214	Joseph B. Stiedley....		
Occidental .. " 215	David K. Miller.....		
Palisade .. " 216			
Wauneta .. " 217	*James N. Burham....	*James N. Burham....	James N. Burham..
Bloomfield .. " 218			
Relief .. " 219		Earl L. Wait.....	
Magnolia .. " 220		Detlef H. Dohrman..	
Wood Lake .. " 221	Joseph P. Kreycik....		
Landmark .. " 222			
Eminence .. " 223	Lloyd B. Campbell....		
Silver Cord .. " 224	*Walter H. Williams..		
Cable .. " 225	Richard E. Allen.....	*John Finch.....	*William C. Beltz..

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Grace No. 226	Stewart E. Carskadon.		
North Star. " 227	Leslie A. Thomas.	Lester E. Hawkins.	John M. Paul.
Artley " 228		*Henry Butherus.	
Comet " 229			Frank W. Neff.
Delta " 230	*Alfred Powell.	*Alfred Powell.	*Alfred Powell.
St. Hermon. " 231		William F. Howarth.	
John S. Bowen. " 232	John Blaco.		
Lead " 233	Robert Ford.		
Ion " 234	*Theodore A. Frye.	*Theodore A. Frye.	
Fraternity " 235	Harry E. Siman.		
Golden Rule " 236		George W. Livers.	
Ultit " 237		Victor L. Kirby.	
Friendship " 239			
Pilot " 240		John E. Buckley.	
Geo. Armstrong. " 241	Waldo B. Minier.	Andrew T. Struthers.	
Pyrian " 243	*Ernest Meyer.		
Sincerity " 244			
Lampton " 245			
Lehaska " 246			
Corner-stone " 247	William H. Schulz.	*William H. Schulz.	*William H. Schulz.
Laurel " 248	Byron J. Holle.	Joseph B. Larson.	
Gothenburg " 249		Edward R. Iler.	
Geo. Washington " 250		Robert McKinney.	
Causa " 251	Robert W. McConnell.		
Childreth " 252	*William B. Anderson.	*William B. Anderson.	*William B. Anderson.
Seemer " 253	George W. Hubenthal.		
Wassett " 254	William E. Preble.		
Bradshaw " 255			Amer L. Lincoln.
Hickman " 256			
Holbrook " 257	Jacob C. VanCleave.		
Wanselmo " 258	Charles E. Sanders.	Leonard V. Lindley.	
Lee " 259			
Springview " 260	*Samuel M. Wyatt.		
Ornan " 261		*William D. Spicknall.	
Indeavor " 262	*Arthur C. Crabtree.		
Fitchell " 263		Harry E. Ayres.	
Franklin " 264	Irvin E. Whitmore.		
Rob't W. Furnas " 265	*Clarence G. Steen.		
Silver " 266	*Alexander McQueen.		
James A. Tulleys " 267	John A. Dunaway.		
Geo. W. Lininger " 268		Amos Thomas.	Vincent C. Hascall.
Diverside " 269	Elmer Anderson.		
Huntley " 270		Harley A. Peterson.	
Wasis " 271	Carl D. Stannard.		
Lee P. Gillette " 272		William S. Ashton.	
Trofton " 273			
Olive Branch. " 274	Charles M. Mathewson.		
Tamah " 275			
Antelope " 276			Homer C. McDonald.
Hioux " 277	*Tressie M. Powell.	*Tressie M. Powell.	*Tressie M. Powell.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Litchfield No. 278			
Wallace " 279	* <i>Harry Recse</i>		
Swastika " 280	* <i>James E. Werber</i>		James E. Werber
Florence " 281			
Mullen " 282	* <i>Arthur G. Humphrey</i>		
Exeter " 283			
Seneca " 284		Alfred W. Franks	
Camp Clarke " 285	* <i>Clairbourne G. Perry</i>		
Oshkosh " 286	* <i>Charles L. Tomppert</i>	Charles L. Tomppert	
Union " 287			
Omaha " 288		Robert E. Gilmor	Frank A. Hughes
John J. Mercer " 289	Frank B. Eftman	Frank V. Benesh	
Diamond " 290	Charles P. McPherson		
Diamond " 291	William E. Butler		
Wolbach " 292	* <i>John N. Larson</i>		
Monument " 293			Dell C. Mather
Kimball " 294		James A. Rodman	
Minatare " 295			
Cowles " 296	* <i>Fred J. Fuller</i>		
Cotner " 297		Cecil C. Donley	
Chester " 298		Elbert L. Brown	
Sutherland " 299	* <i>Elery A. Crosby</i>		
Liberty " 300	James F. Thompson	George C. Mason	
Bayard " 301	* <i>David C. Leach</i>		
Mizpah " 302	Arthur C. Pancoast	Anson L. Havens	

*Proxy.

ASSISTANTS TO THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

Brothers Walter W. Wells, Ensign J. Rix, James D. Phillips, Fred A. Howe, Robert B. Walker, Ira C. Freet, Benjamin Wood, Charles A. Eyre, Earl M. Bolen, Frank L. Haycock, George A. Stevens, Orville A. Andrews, Franklyn C. Tym, Jesse Lowther, Lute M. Savage, Maro C. Shipherd, Vincent S. Ramsey, Andrew H. Viele, Samuel S. Whiting, Edward M. Wellman, and Alfred G. Hunt.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Alabama, Alpha Morgan; Arkansas, Walter W. Wells; British Columbia, John Finch; Canada, John R. Webster; Colorado, Robert E. Evans; Connecticut, Samuel P. Davidson; Cuba, Charles W. Kraft; Delaware, Carroll D. Evans; England, Francis E. White; Florida, Ambrose C. Epperson; Idaho, Fred A. Howe; Illinois, George H. Thummel; Maine, Thomas K. Sudborough; Michigan, Lewis E. Smith; Missouri, Samuel S. Whiting; Nevada, Frank L. Haycock; Montana, Charles S. McGill; New Hampshire, Frederic L. Temple; New York, Edward M. Wellman; North Dakota, Henry H. Andrews; Philippine Islands, John J. Tooley; Prince Edward Island, Charles E. Burnham; Porto Rico,

John A. Ehrhardt; Quebec, Edwin D. Crites; Queensland, Robert R. Walker; Rhode Island, Michael Dowling; Scotland, William Cosh; South Carolina, James R. Cain, Jr.; South Dakota, Charles A. Chappell; Texas, Robert R. Dickson; Utah, Robert E. French; Washington, Andrew H. Viele; West Australia, Ornan J. King; and Wisconsin, Robert O. Wolf.

On motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel the Committee on Pay-roll was instructed to pay per diem for three days' attendance at Grand Lodge.

W. Brother David C. Hilton, 19, presented the following report, and it was adopted, and the members of the committee were continued the same as for the past year:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUITY PLAN.

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

Your Committee on Annuity Plan begs leave to report that they are preparing a plan with full details, in accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge at its last session in 1919, and expect to present full details thereof at the coming session of the Grand Lodge in 1921.

Your committee deems it highly important that this Grand Lodge proceed slowly in this matter, in order that whatever plan may be finally adopted will not only meet with the hearty approval of this Grand Lodge, but that the plan will embody the very best that experience can furnish.

Your committee therefore asks that it be continued for another year.

Silver Lodge No. 266, of Silver Creek, having asked for a special dispensation, without fee, to elect a Master out of time, and to fill any vacancies that might occur by reason of the advancement of any of the officers-elect, the Master-elect having died, the same was ordered granted.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the Grand Orator, W. Brother James R. Dean, to Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson, and to W. Brother John R. Webster, for the addresses delivered at the dinner on the previous evening, and that each of them be requested to furnish a copy for publication with the proceedings. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion of W. Brother James B. Butter, 74, the committee on Codification of the Law was directed to prepare an

amendment to Section 148 *m* of the law, so that the same would read:

Sec. 148-*m*. The possession or use of all keys, ciphers, or printed matter relating to the ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry.

W. Brother Benjamin F. Thomas, 1, moved that the proposed amendment to Section 148 of the law (*n*) as presented last year, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. On motion of W. Brother Edgar F. Snavely, 19, the consideration of the proposed amendment to Sec. 148 was made a special order for three o'clock, Wednesday, June 9th, 1920.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers Grand Master John J. Tooley appointed the Assistants to the Grand Custodian as tellers, and the election resulted as follows:

BRO. JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG, 3.....Grand Master
 BRO. LEWIS E. SMITH, 136.....Deputy Grand Master
 BRO. EDWARD M. WELLMAN, 1.....Grand Senior Warden
 BRO. CHARLES A. CHAPPELL, 127.....Grand Junior Warden
 BRO. FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6.....Grand Secretary

Later in the session the following appointments were made, the Grand Lodge approving the appointment of the Grand Officers:

BRO. CHARLES M. SHEPHERD, 54.....Grand Chaplain
 BRO. FRANK G. SMITH, 268.....Grand Orator
 BRO. ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46.....Grand Custodian
 BRO. ROBERT R. DICKSON, 95.....Grand Marshal
 BRO. JOHN WRIGHT, 19.....Grand Senior Deacon
 BRO. EDWIN D. CRITES, 158.....Grand Junior Deacon
 BRO. ALEXANDER E. PORTER, 19.....Grand Tyler

Brothers Frank H. Woodland, 25; Edward M. Wellman, 1; Amos Thomas, 268; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Brothers Francis E. White, 6; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Frank L. Haycock, 207; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brothers Robert E. Evans, 5 (1 year); O. Edwin Mickey, 65 (2 years); Charles A. Chappell, 127 (3 years); Alpha Morgan, 148 (4 years); John A. Ehrhardt, 41 (5 years); Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Walter W. Wells, 192; Edwin Hart Jenks, 3; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Brothers Fred A. Howe, 119 (5 years); Carroll D. Evans, 58 (4

years); Charles B. Nicodemus, 15 (3 years); Alpha Morgan, 148 (2 years); O. Edwin Mickey, 65 (1 year); Committee on Children's Home.

Brother Henry H. Wilson, 19; Samuel S. Whiting, 54; 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.

Brothers Andrew H. Viele, 55; Henry H. Wilson, 19; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Committee on Physical Qualification of Petitioners and Recognition of other Grand Lodges.

Brothers George H. Thummel, 33; Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Frank Wilcox, 1; David C. Hilton, 19; John R. Webster, 3; Committee on Annuity Plan.

Brothers Bernard N. Robertson, 3; Charles H. Marley, 1; Andrew H. Viele, 55; Advisory Committee on Applications for Reinstatement.

Brothers George H. Thummel, 33; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Francis E. White, 6; Committee on Grand Lodge Accommodations in New Masonic Temple.

Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans, John R. Webster, 3; Fred C. Foster, 54; George Burgert, 46 and James H. H. Hewett, 183; Committee on War Relief Fund.

George C. Mason, 300; Orville A. Andrews, 19; Robert O. Hodgman, 54; Committee on George Washington Memorial Fund.

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

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 9th, 1920.

When the members of Grand Lodge assembled for the afternoon session Grand Master John J. Tooley announced that the children from the Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont, fifteen girls and ten boys, would be presented to the Grand Lodge. The children had been brought to Omaha in automobiles, being accompanied by the Matrons of the Homes, and Miss Pearl Albertson, Secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star Home Board. On arriving at Omaha they had been taken in charge by representatives of Eastern Star chapters of Omaha, Benson, and the South Side, and were entertained at luncheon at the Masonic Temple.

The children were presented to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge by Past Grand Master Alpha Morgan, Sec-

retary of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans of the Grand Lodge, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home and of the Order of the Eastern Star Home Board. The children, ranging in age from three to eighteen years, with their bright and smiling faces and spotless apparel were a veritable inspiration to the members of the Grand Lodge, who took keen delight in visiting with them and learning something about their daily lives at the Homes. All of them looked happy, healthy, and contented.

While the children were visiting with the various members of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master George H. Thummel stated that he understood that the circus would give performances at Plattsmouth and Fremont during the summer, and he suggested a voluntary offering as an entertainment fund. A liberal amount was received.

Past Grand Master Thummel moved and it was carried that the Grand Secretary publish with the proceedings such information as could be given in regard to the children, including the educational features, earnings, and other interesting facts. The following was furnished:

CONCERNING THE CHILDREN AT OUR HOMES.

The boys old enough to work, eight in all, were employed during the summer vacation (1919) by the market gardeners and nurserymen of Fremont; their combined earnings were \$369.67, which they spent towards their winter clothing. The girls feel as though they should be earning something, so they are taught sewing and cooking, and do much towards the laundry work; all are kept busy and seem to thrive.

The children attend the public schools, and the teachers say they average with the entire school, while some excell. One or two girls are taking music with their school work. One girl graduated from the Fremont High School this year, and one last year. All have passed in their grades this year.

All of the boys belong to the "Twenty-one Club," in which they promise not to use tobacco in any form before they reach twenty-one years of age, wearing an appropriate pin, which is presented to them by Brother William H. Mick. When the boys attain the proper age they join the Boy Scouts, and the girls at the proper time join the Camp Fire Club.

Each child over twelve years of age is given an allowance of ten cents per week, if his behavior warrants it, to be spent as he sees fit.

Some children put theirs into the savings bank, while others spend theirs. Each child has his and her tasks to do in and about the Homes, such as sweeping, making the beds, cleaning the lavatories, etc. Each child assists with table waiting, dish washing, etc. These are daily tasks. During vacation periods they are required to perform such other tasks as may be necessary and they are able to do.

Two or three of the boys have lawns to mow this season, while others were hunting jobs as soon as school closed.

At three o'clock P. M., Grand Master Tooley called the Craft to labor, with officers and member as at the preceding session.

Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, beg leave to submit our report upon such matters as have been referred to this committee by the Grand Lodge, and through inquiry.

1. With reference to changing the location of the lodge in the charter of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, it being the desire of this lodge that no change be made at this time, the action of the committee at the session of 1918, is hereby rescinded.

2. In the application of Oakland Lodge No. 91, to change the name of Roy L. Nelson to that of Roy N. Force upon their records, your committee after due examination of the circumstances, recommend that the prayer of Oakland Lodge No. 91 be granted, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to change the records of his office to conform with those of Oakland Lodge No. 91.

3. With regard to decision No. 1, by the Grand Master, in view of the peculiarities of this case, it is recommended that this decision be passed upon next year, to allow your committee an opportunity to obtain information as to precedent, and it is recommended that all records in this case be forwarded to the Grand Secretary's office.

4. Decision No. 2, is approved.

5. We approve all the recommendations of the Grand Master, and recommend that a standing committee of three be appointed to be advisors to the Grand Master in passing upon all applications for reinstatement, and recommend that the Committee on Codification of the Law, prepare and present an amendment to the law to conform thereto.

6. It is recommended by this committee that the Committee on Codification of the Law, be instructed to prepare an amendment to Section 115 of the Law of Freemasonry, as follows:

Strike out the last word in the last line of said section, and substitute therefor the following: "conferring of degrees."

7. We recommend the amendment of Section 138, pages 60 and 61, of the Grand Lodge law, by striking out the third sentence, as follows: "No demit should be granted a brother until he has paid his Grand Lodge dues to the end of the Masonic year."

And to amend Section 141, page 61, of the Grand Lodge law, by striking out the last sentence, as follows:

"But the lodge may retain dues paid in advance by a subsequently demitted member."

And to amend Section 80, page 44, by adding after the word "payment" in the fifth line, the following:

"All lodges in fixing the dues of their members shall include the amount of Grand Lodge dues with the lodge dues. A brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the lodge, i. e., to the end of the month in which he is demitted."

We recommend that the Committee on Codification of the Law, formulate and present amendments in conformity therewith.

8. Your committee recommend that the War Relief Fund be kept as a permanent fund for the purpose for which it was established, and to that end recommend that the Committee on Codification of the law be requested to prepare amendments to the law, in substance as follows:

That Section 27, Chapter IV, entitled "Grand Lodge Funds," be amended as follows:

Adding after the words "Grand Lodge," "And War Relief Fund."

That the following Section be added to the law, to be known as Section 31-A.:

Section 31-A. The present War Relief Fund and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute a War Relief Fund of this Grand Lodge, and shall never be depleted below its present amount, except upon a majority vote of the Relief Committee and the approval of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, or a vote of this Grand Lodge. 75% of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings of the preceding year, may be used for the care and relief of Masons in good standing who were soldiers, sailors, or marines in the World War, their widows, children, or dependents, and shall be disbursed by the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, in the same manner as the Relief Fund. This War Relief Fund with its increase from time to time, shall be by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds.

9. Your committee to whom was referred the amendment to Section 148 of the Law, so as to include the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, beg leave to report, that after due consideration having been given to this matter, arguments listened to, pro and con, it is the opinion of the committee that the interests of Masonry in Nebraska would be

the best served by the rejection of the proposed amendment to said section, and we recommend that the said amendment be therefore rejected.

The report was considered by sections, and Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9 were adopted. On motion of W. Brother Edgar F. Snavelly, 19, Section 6 was not adopted.

Various amendments to Section 8 were offered, including the following by Brother James T. Begley, 6:

"I move that the monies collected and held in the War Relief Fund be transferred to a fund to be known as the Hospital Building Fund, to be used in the building of a hospital at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, to care for the physical and mental needs of our brothers in the Masonic Home, and other worthy charges, and that a committee of not less than three nor more than five be appointed by the Grand Master with authority to prepare plans and estimates and proceed with the building of said hospital."

W. Brother Arthur C. Pancoast, 302, moved that the naming of the location in the above resolution, be stricken out, and remarks were made by W. Brother Edgar F. Snavelly, 19; Past Grand Masters Ambrose C. Epperson, John A. Ehrhardt, Alpha Morgan, and Robert E. Evans; W. Brother Edgar Howard, 58; Brother James T. Begley, 6; W. Brothers Arthur C. Pancoast, 302; Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3; O. Edwin Mickey, 65; Bernard N. Robertson, 3; Lewis E. Smith, 136, and Francis E. White, 6. Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans moved as a substitute for all that has been offered, that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of three to which Section 8 of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be referred, the committee to report at the next session of the Grand Lodge. The motion carried.

W. Brother Bernard N. Robertson, 3, submitted the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

To the Grand Lodge:

We, your Committee on Grievances, beg leave to make the following report:

We have carefully examined the applications for reinstatement of members of the following lodges: Cedar River, No. 89; Eminence, No. 223; Wymore, No. 104; St. Johns, No. 25; Arcana, No. 195; Bennet, No.

94, and McCook, No. 135; and recommend that the petitioners be restored to full membership as prayed.

We have carefully examined the applications for reinstatement of brothers of the following lodges: Beatrice, No. 26; and Superior, No. 121, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted at this time on account of insufficient information as required by Section 213 of the Grand Lodge law.

We have carefully considered the appeal of an expelled brother from Wayne Lodge No. 120, and recommend that the decision appealed from be affirmed.

We have carefully considered the record in the appeal of an expelled brother from Tuscan Lodge No. 130, and recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

We have carefully considered the appeal of a brother indefinitely suspended from Hickman Lodge No. 256, and recommend that the judgment appealed from be reversed and the charge dismissed.

We have carefully considered the appeal of a brother indefinitely suspended from Utica Lodge No. 96, and recommend that the judgment appealed from be reversed on account of the insufficiency of the charge and of the evidence.

W. Bro. Frank H. Woodland, 25, Chairman, presented the following report of the committee, and on his motion the same was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

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

We, your Committee on Codification of the Law, beg leave to submit the following report:

I.

Amend paragraph "m" of Section 148 of the By-Laws so that the said paragraph when amended shall read as follows:

"The possession of or the use of all keys, ciphers or printed matter relating to the ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry."

II.

That the second paragraph of Section 213 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

"If the dues for which the brother shall have been suspended shall not be paid within three years from date of suspension, reinstatement shall not be had except on unanimous vote of the subordinate lodge and approval by the Grand Master. Each application for such reinstatement shall be accompanied by a statement showing the financial and

physical condition of the applicant and of his immediate family. It shall be the duty of the lodge in which such applicant shall have been suspended, to carefully inquire into and ascertain all the facts in connection with such application and submit the same to the Grand Master with such application, so that as far as possible he may arrive at a full understanding whether such applicant will probably become a charge on the fraternity. To assist the Grand Master in arriving at such understanding, he shall appoint a standing committee of three, advisory to the Grand Master, to which the application and all matters pertaining thereto shall be referred, and such committee shall secure such other information as in its discretion may be deemed advisable, and report to the Grand Master its recommendation.

III.

That Section 138 be amended by striking out the words commencing on the second line on page 61, to-wit: "No demit should be granted a brother until he has paid his Grand Lodge dues to the end of the Masonic year, provided." Strike out the small letter "a" following the word "provided," and insert in lieu thereof a capital "A."

(b) Amend Section 141 of the By-Laws by striking out the last sentence, to-wit: "But the lodge may retain dues paid in advance by a subsequently demitted member."

(c) Amend Section 80 of the By-Laws by adding after the word, "payment," in the fifth line, the following:

"All lodges in fixing the dues of their members shall include the amount of Grand Lodge dues with the lodge dues. A brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the lodge, that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted."

The report of the Committee on Pay-roll, presented by W. Brother Frank L. Haycock, 207, and amounting to \$4,142.88, was adopted.

Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham, for the committee, submitted the following report and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business, fraternally report that we have carefully examined the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1919, and the reports of the Grand Officers for 1920, and find the following matters not disposed of:

The recommendation of Grand Master Epperson that the Grand Lodge take some action making it the expressed duty of the different lodges to prefer charges against a brother who violates our law by the use of keys or ciphers. See page 190, proceedings of 1919.

The matter of lodges failing to report on insurance, mileage, and delinquent dues was referred to the Grand Master. See page 235 and 236, proceedings of 1919.

An amendment to Section 148-n of the Law of Freemasonry, was presented last year, and should be disposed of at this annual communication. See pages 258 and 259, proceedings of 1919.

The question of the Grand Lodge purchasing from the Order of the Eastern Star its interest in the forty acre tract of land used for the Childrens Homes, the sum so received to go to the Hospital Fund of the Order. See pages 278 and 279, proceedings of 1919.

The Grand Master-elect promised to enforce the law in regard to insurance and all other delinquencies.

Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham read the following report, and the same was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

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

The Committee on Promulgation of the Work would suggest that the policies proposed by the Grand Custodian, reported by this committee and approved by this Grand Lodge, seem to have met with favor, and we recommend that the same policies be pursued during the coming year, suggesting however, that the holding of Central Schools be encouraged as much as possible.

The Promulgation of the Work has for many years not been entirely to the satisfaction of the Grand Custodian; many plans have been suggested only to be found either not satisfactory or unworkable in this jurisdiction. Your committee however has full confidence in the ability of our good Brother French to finally present a plan that will not only be satisfactory but workable, and which will lead to a further advance in bringing Masonry to the high plane which is continually in the mind of our good brother. Until such time we ask the earnest support of all brethren to the present plan.

We believe that the compensation of the Assistant Custodians should be increased from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per day, the same to be computed from the time that they leave their homes until they return. We therefore recommend such increase in their compensation.

We also recommend that the mileage and per diem of the Assistant Grand Custodians in attendance at Grand Lodge, be charged upon the regular pay-roll of the Grand Lodge.

Regarding the Masonic Service Association, Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson made oral report, and offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we approve the Masonic Service Association, and become a member thereof, and that the Committee on Finance be directed to include in the appropriations the sum of \$1,000.00 to be used as a membership charge in the said association, to be expended according to its laws.

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

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 9th, 1920.

Grand Master John J. Tooley called the Grand Lodge to order at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the preceding session.

W. Brother Maro C. Shipherd, 15, presented the report of the Committee on Finance and moved its adoption. Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson moved to amend by adding to the appropriations \$1,000.00 or so much thereof as may be required, in payment of our liability to the Masonic Service Association. The amendment was approved, and the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Finance has examined the books and accounts of the Grand Lodge Officers and committees which have been referred to us, and beg to submit the following report:

The Grand Secretary's records show:

Balance on hand May 20th, 1919.....	\$ 37,203.82
Received during the year.....	68,471.68
Total	\$105,675.50
Paid out during the year.....	53,843.08
Balance on hand May 20th, 1920.....	\$ 52,032.42
General Relief Fund:	
Balance on hand May 20th, 1919.....	\$ 3,262.35
Received during the year.....	4,162.65
Total	\$ 7,425.00
Paid out during the year.....	3,262.35
Balance on hand May 20th, 1920.....	\$ 4,162.65
Orphans Educational Fund:	

Balance on hand May 20th, 1919.....	\$102,500.00
Securities purchased or renewed.....	23,600.00
Total	\$126,100.00
Securities paid off or renewed.....	22,900.00

\$103,200.00

Due from the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	1,597.95
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Total on hand May 20th, 1920.....\$104,797.95

We recommend the following appropriations for the year ending June, 1921, or as much as may be necessary:

Pay-roll	\$ 4,142.88
Grand Master's expense	1,000.00
Grand Master's clerk hire.....	600.00
Grand Secretary's salary	2,400.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	2,100.00
Grand Custodian's salary	1,800.00
Grand Custodian's expense	600.00
Grand Lodge office, rent, heat, and light, 1920.....	556.00
Grand Lodge office, janitor.....	60.00
Grand Secretary's surety bond.....	20.00
Grand Lodge office, telephone	50.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage.....	400.00
Stationery	70.00
Incidentals	70.00
Blanks	200.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	1,500.00
Printing proceedings for 1920.....	900.00
Library, purchasing and binding.....	200.00
Grand Tyler	15.00
Expense of Assistants to the Grand Custodian.....	1,000.00
Membership fee in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.....	150.00
Organist, session of 1920.....	10.00
Grand Chaplain's expenses, 1920-1921.....	150.00
Assistant to the Grand Secretary.....	1,800.00
Stenographer for the session.....	10.00
Fire insurance, supplies, books, etc.....	40.00
General Relief Fund.....	4,162.65
For the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	200.00
For Grand Lodge accomodations in the New Temple, and fur- nishings for the Monell Library and old armor.....	2,000.00
To reimburse Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt for ex- penses incurred in attending the Peace Jubilee of the Grand Lodge of England.....	800.00

For maintenance and improvements, Childrens Homes.....	\$ 4,000.00
Masonic Service Association.....	1,000.00

Total	\$ 32,006.53

We have carefully examined the securities in the possession of the Grand Secretary, and find them all first class, being in first mortgages on real estate with ample security, and United States Liberty Loan bonds.

We have also audited the accounts of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, and find this account correct in every particular. We have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and also the books of the Nebraska Masonic Home, and it is a pleasure to report all matters in excellent shape.

The reports of the Grand Custodian and the Grand Chaplain are correct and given in full detail.

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

We recommend that the request of Gavel Lodge No. 199 for refund of \$10.00 paid for a special dispensation to elect officers be not granted, for the reason that Section 47, Chapter VIII of the Law, states specifically that the annual election of officers shall be held at the regular meeting on or next prior to May 31st, and if Gavel Lodge No. 199 had no meeting date in May, the last regular meeting in April should have been utilized for that purpose.

We recommend that the Furniture and Fixtures Account be credited with the sum of \$1,683.07, and that this amount be charged to Profit and Loss.

We especially wish to congratulate this Grand Lodge on the prosperous condition of its affairs, and the business like way its affairs are conducted.

W. Brother Fred A. Howe, 119, offered the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND
DISPENSATIONS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petitions of members of Right Angle Lodge U. D., Omaha, Ruskin Lodge U. D., of Ruskin; and Newman Grove Lodge U. D. of Newman Grove, for charters, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined all records and papers submitted to us relative thereto, and we respectfully recommend that charters be granted by this Grand Lodge in the following names and numbers:

Right Angle Lodge No. 303, Omaha.
 Ruskin Lodge No. 304, Ruskin.
 Newman Grove Lodge No. 305, Newman Grove.

The following report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, presented by M. W. Alpha Morgan, was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND
 CARE OF ORPHANS.

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

Your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans fraternally submit the following receipts and disbursements for the year ending May 31st, 1920:

RECEIPTS.

June 1st, 1919. Balance on hand.....	\$ 2,879.07
June 6th, 1919. Grand Lodge apportionment.....	3,262.35
June 6th, 1919. War Relief Fund, amount advanced by Grand Master Epperson	1,000.00
June 6th, 1919. War Relief Fund, amount incurred in caring for children of Masonic soldiers.....	1,006.80
June 6th, 1919. Maintenance of Childrens Homes, Fremont...	4,000.00
Febr. 1st, 1920. Orphans Educational Fund.....	1,000.00
Mch. 18th, 1920. Orphans Educational Fund.....	1,000.00
Mch. 18th, 1920. Balance, sale Sargent property.....	244.45
Mrs. Bundy, refund on advancement.....	135.00
Brother John W. Klossner, care of children..	146.00
Covert Lodge No. 11, advance for care of child	75.00
Brother Edward Schloatman, care of children	80.00
Brother Wm. G. Treadway, care of children..	400.00
Interest on daily balances at 4%, Custer State State Bank, Broken Bow.....	199.96

\$15,428.63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Members of Western Star Lodge No. 2.....	\$ 420.00
Member of Electa Chapter No. 8, O. E. S.....	157.20
Returned soldier, member of Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	110.00
Widow and three children, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32.....	96.00
Widow, Ashlar Lodge No. 33.....	180.00
M. E. Hospital, Omaha, for operation room, used for child from Wahoo Lodge No. 59.....	8.85
Member and wife, Friend Lodge No. 73.....	120.00
Widow, member of Beaver City Lodge No. 93.....	300.00
Widow, member of Utica Lodge No. 96.....	50.00

Widow and four children, Hardy Lodge No. 117.....	\$ 30.00
Widow and four children, Atkinson Lodge No. 164.....	150.00
Widow and four children, Prudence Lodge No. 179.....	45.00
Widow and two children, Alliance Lodge No. 183.....	320.00
Returned soldier, member of Canopy Lodge No. 209.....	275.08
Member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210.....	60.00
Widow and three children, Cubit Lodge No. 237.....	125.00
Tax and abstract on Sargent property.....	13.95
Advanced for food and clothing to the 3 Homes for Children	5,000.00
To the Committee on Childrens Homes.....	4,000.00
Miss Albertson, paid by parents and Covert Lodge No. 11.....	701.00
Draft to balance.....	3,266.55
	<u>\$15,428.63</u>

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, presented the following report of the Committee on Childrens Home, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHILDRENS HOMES.

To the Grand Lodge:

I submit herewith the following report:

Balance on hand last year.....	\$ 691.97
June 11th, 1919, received from the Grand Lodge appropriation	4,000.00
Received from old building sold from grounds.....	425.00
Received from alfalfa and stock sold.....	99.98
Received for interest on account of balances.....	72.52
Paid out on orders drawn.....	\$3,310.62
Balance on hand June 8th, 1920.....	1,978.85
	<u>\$5,289.47</u> \$5,289.47

We would further report that the special appropriation for the purchase of the tract adjoining the grounds on the north has been used to obtain it at a price of \$17,500.00 paid to Hans Asmussen, and that the old barn has been moved to the north of the meadow, and the chicken house to the vicinity of the new building bought; also the corn crib has been moved there.

W. Brother O. Edwin Mickey, 65, addressed the Grand Lodge on the subject of Childrens Homes, and offered the following amendment to the law; unanimous consent being asked for and refused to consider the amendment at this time, it lies over for consideration until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge:

Amend Section 81, Chapter XI of the law, by adding the following clause after the eighth line: "Each lodge shall pay in addition thereto

the sum of \$1.00 per capita on its membership for the period of five years commencing January 1, 1922, and for each initiate whose petition is received on or after July 1st, 1921, the sum of \$10.00, and the monies so received shall constitute a benevolent fund, and be under the control of this Grand Lodge, to be used for any benevolent purpose, including the erection of buildings."

W. Brother Frank H. Woodland, 25, stated that the following clause had been inadvertently omitted from the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law in 1919, but was included through error in the law as published last year:

Sec. 115. " * * * unless he has been rejected, or a period of five years has elapsed since taking the preceding degree." * * * *

Brother Woodland moved that the section be approved as it appears in the printed edition of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, 1919, and the motion carried.

W. Brother Edgar Howard, 58, presented the following motion and the same was unanimously adopted:

"I desire to express my own gratitude and that of the Grand Lodge, to the lodges of Omaha, for the entertainment during the session, and especially on Tuesday evening. I regard the address we received from the lips of W. Brother John R. Webster on that evening, as one of the most able that I ever had the pleasure of hearing on a similar occasion, and I am sure I voice the sentiment of all of those present in expressing appreciation of and thanks for the feast that came from the lips of Brother Webster, as well as for the dinner served to us."

W. Brother William D. Spicknall, 261, moved that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to M. W. Brother John J. Tooley for the efficient services rendered by him as Grand Master during the past year. The motion carried unanimously.

All of the officers of the Grand Lodge were installed by Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson, assisted by Past Grand Master Alpha Morgan, and were invested with their jewels of office.

At ten o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 9th, A. D. 1920, A. L. 5920, no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, peace and harmony prevailing.

JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG,

Grand Master.

Francis D. White
Grand Secretary.

ADDENDA TO THE LAW.

Being Sections of the law as amended since the publication of the Law of Freemasonry, edition of 1919, approved decisions of the Grand Master, and motions made and adopted.

The fee for the charter, provided for in Section 4, Article XII of the constitution, was by motion increased to seventy-five dollars. 1920-430.

Sec. 80.—ASSESSMENT.—Chartered lodges shall have discretionary power to assess dues upon members who are Master Masons in good standing, and their by-laws shall designate the amount so assessed and the time for its payment. All lodges in fixing the dues of their members shall include the amount of Grand Lodge dues with the lodge dues. A brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the lodge, that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted.

A lodge's floating debt does not rest *pro rata* on its members until so assessed. The dues owed by members to a lodge cannot be offset against any debts owed by the lodge to said members, except with the consent of the delinquent members. 1920-459.

Sec. 115.—ESSENTIALS.—(To correct an error the Grand Lodge declared this section as it appears in the law, to be in full force and effect.) 1920-466.

Sec. 137.—The second paragraph is now null and void. 1920-390.

Sec. 138.—HOW OBTAINED.—Any brother desiring a demit must apply therefor in writing, stating that it is wanted for the purpose of enabling him to join another lodge of Freemasons, and said brother need not state with what lodge he intends to affiliate.

Such petition must be received and read at a regular meeting of the lodge, and if, after opportunity is given, no charges are preferred against the petitioner, and if the brother is clear on the books, the Master shall order that a demit be issued, and the Secretary shall make a record of such action. A demit may issue to any Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason who shall have permanently removed from the jurisdiction of the lodge in which he received the degree or degrees, if an application for such demit shall be made within two years after the degrees of an Entered Apprentice Mason, or of a Fellow Craft Mason, as the case may be, shall have been received, provided no charges are pending against him or objections filed to his advancement. 1920-459.

Sec. 141.—EFFECT.—The granting of a demit cannot be reconsidered, and it remits the remaining dues, and terminates membership with or without the certificate of demission. 1920-459.

Sec. 148-*m*.—The possession of or the use of all keys, ciphers, or printed matter relating to the ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry. 1920-458.

Sec. 213.—(Second Paragraph.)—If the dues for which the brother shall have been suspended shall not be paid within three years from date of suspension, reinstatement shall not be had except on unanimous vote of the subordinate lodge and approval by the Grand Master. Each application for such reinstatement shall be accompanied by a statement showing the financial and physical condition of the applicant and of his immediate family. It shall be the duty of the lodge in which such applicant shall have been suspended, to carefully inquire into and ascertain all the facts in connection with such application and submit the same to the Grand Master with such application, so that as far as possible he may arrive at a full understanding whether such applicant will probably become a charge on the fraternity. To assist the Grand Master in arriving at such understanding, he shall appoint a standing committee of three, advisory to the Grand Master, to which the application and all matters pertaining thereto shall be referred, and such committee shall secure such other information as in its discretion may be deemed advisable, and report to the Grand Master its recommendation. 1920-458.

The dues which a suspended member tenders with his application for reinstatement should not be retained by the lodge, if his application for reinstatement is rejected. Decision of Grand Master, 1920-389.

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Thomas Milburn Davis,

GRAND MASTER, JUNE 10TH, A. L. 5914,
TO JUNE 9TH, A. L. 5915.

*Born May 18th, A. D. 1854, A. L. 5857,
Died August 12th, A. D. 1919, A. L. 5919.*

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JOHN WALLACE.....	Nebraska,	1..	April 5, 1919
CHARLES W. YOUNG.....	Nebraska,	"	1.. April 12, 1919
ROBERT B. HAAKER.....	Nebraska,	"	1.. June 19, 1919
HENRY J. DORNBUSH.....	Nebraska,	"	1.. July 1, 1919
NICHOLAS B. REINHART.....	Nebraska,	"	1.. July 20, 1919
JAMES W. BOUK.....	Nebraska,	"	1.. Sept. 13, 1919
ALEXANDER ATKINSON.....	Nebraska,	"	1.. Oct. 3, 1919
CHARLES H. SAGE.....	Nebraska,	"	1.. Oct. 15, 1919
ALBERT T. LIVINGSTON.....	Nebraska,	"	1.. Oct. 26, 1919
PAUL M. HOWELL.....	Nebraska,	"	1.. Dec. 15, 1919
REUBEN E. STEWART.....	Nebraska,	"	1.. Febr. 6, 1920
WILLIAM B. R. EVANS.....	Nebraska,	"	1.. Febr. 20, 1920
HOWELL E. ST. JOHN.....	Western Star,	"	2.. March 1, 1918
JOHN McFARREN.....	Western Star,	"	2.. June 30, 1919
WILLIAM BROWER.....	Western Star,	"	2.. Oct. 2, 1919
FRANK B. ECCLESTON.....	Western Star,	"	2.. Dec. 17, 1919
LYMAN E. WARE.....	Capitol,	"	3.. May 18, 1918
FRANK A. SOUDERS.....	Capitol,	"	3.. May 12, 1919
WILLIAM H. GOULD.....	Capitol,	"	3.. May 26, 1919
STEPHEN K. JACKSON.....	Capitol,	"	3.. June 26, 1919
ARTHUR F. BROSTRUP.....	Capitol,	"	3.. Aug. 17, 1919
OSCAR F. NAST.....	Capitol,	"	3.. Sept. 1, 1919
JOHN REED.....	Capitol,	"	3.. Oct. 20, 1919
RICHARD R. EVANS.....	Capitol,	"	3.. Nov. 9, 1919
AXEL C. CHRISTENSEN.....	Capitol,	"	3.. Nov. 23, 1919
FREDERICK MERTSHEIMER.....	Capitol,	"	3.. Jan. 28, 1920
RILEY C. WHITMARSH.....	Capitol,	"	3.. Febr. 24, 1920
JOHN T. BLAIR.....	Capitol,	"	3.. March 12, 1920
ARTHUR C. BUNCE.....	Capitol,	"	3.. March 24, 1920
THOMAS J. MACKEY.....	Capitol,	"	3.. March 28, 1920
MARION BAKER.....	Nemaha Valley,	"	4.. July 20, 1919
RUTHERFORD CARTER.....	Nemaha Valley,	"	4.. Febr. 10, 1920
CHARLES F. ECKHART.....	Omadi,	"	5.. June 1918
JOHN B. BUBB.....	Omadi,	"	5.. April 28, 1919
THOMAS C. CLAPP.....	Omadi,	"	5.. Nov. 27, 1919
JOHN EDWIN BARWICK.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6.. June 10, 1919
JOHN C. PETERSEN.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6.. Sept. 6, 1919
J. FINLEY JOHNSON.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6.. Oct. 4, 1919
JAMES SHANNON.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6.. March 10, 1920
CLIFFFORD F. PHILLIPS.....	Falls City,	"	9.. May 10, 1919
LEWIS D. HARRIS.....	Covert,	"	11.. Jan. 31, 1919
THOMAS W. HANSELL.....	Covert,	"	11.. April 2, 1919
WALTER J. JARDINE.....	Covert,	"	11.. May 1, 1919
ELSTON R. DOOLEY.....	Covert,	"	11.. May 19, 1919

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CHARLES H. GUIOU.....	Covert,	11..	Sept. 26, 1919
ALLEN S. ROMANO.....	Covert,	11..	Oct. 5, 1919
IRA W. PORTER.....	Covert,	11..	Oct. 6, 1919
FRED S. RAWCLIFFE.....	Covert,	11..	Dec. 18, 1919
PETER E. ILER.....	Covert,	11..	Jan. 25, 1920
RAY L. EDWARDS.....	Covert,	11..	Febr. 14, 1920
RAYMOND E. SPERRY.....	Covert,	11..	Febr. 14, 1920
CHARLES W. LARSEN.....	Covert,	11..	March 24, 1920
RICHARD D. LARRABEE.....	Orient,	13..	March 7, 1920
GEORGE W. SEARS.....	Peru,	14..	Nov. 9, 1919
LUTHER C. HORMEL.....	Fremont,	15..	April 1, 1919
ROBERT E. L. CLARK.....	Fremont,	15..	Oct. 2, 1919
JOHN M. WILSON.....	Fremont,	15..	Dec. 14, 1919
HORACE F. CORSON.....	Fremont,	15..	Dec. 25, 1919
ALBERT J. ZINGRE.....	Fremont,	15..	Febr. 14, 1920
WILLIAM H. TURNER.....	Fremont,	15..	Febr. 23, 1920
JOEL A. GREEN.....	Fremont,	15..	March 15, 1920
PERCY ALAN BRUNDAGE.....	Tecumseh,	17..	May 14, 1919
CHARLES W. RAMSEY.....	Tecumseh,	17..	Jan. 15, 1920
JOSIAH R. JORDAN.....	Lincoln,	19..	April 17, 1919
ADNA DOBSON.....	Lincoln,	19..	May 4, 1919
JULIUS McLEOD.....	Lincoln,	19..	May 18, 1919
SOLOMON J. SHUPP.....	Lincoln,	19..	June 3, 1919
THOMAS F. BARTLETT.....	Lincoln,	19..	July 29, 1919
CHARLES W. SPEARS.....	Lincoln,	19..	Sept. 14, 1919
GEORGE E. HASKELL.....	Lincoln,	19..	Sept. 14, 1919
JAMES TYLER.....	Lincoln,	19..	Nov. 1, 1919
JOHN F. BRADSHAW.....	Lincoln,	19..	Dec. 18, 1919
GEORGE H. CLARKE.....	Lincoln,	19..	Dec. 22, 1919
JULIAN J. DECK.....	Lincoln,	19..	Febr. 15, 1920
JOHN D. HATCH.....	Lincoln,	19..	March 24, 1920
HOLLIS A. WENTWORTH.....	Washington,	21..	Aug. 12, 1919
WILLIAM P. SAMPSON.....	Washington,	21..	Aug. 14, 1919
OCTAVIUS M. BACKUS.....	Pawnee,	23..	July 8, 1919
ISAAC HUYCK.....	Pawnee,	23..	March 28, 1920
MILES J. BURNS.....	St. Johns,	25..	
CHARLES H. DOYLE.....	St. Johns,	25..	April 30, 1919
WILLIAM H. TINDELL.....	St. Johns,	25..	May 3, 1919
RUFUS G. TOLE.....	St. Johns,	25..	May 23, 1919
JOHN C. MOODIE.....	St. Johns,	25..	May 30, 1919
ALFRED M. LONGWELL.....	St. Johns,	25..	July 12, 1919
CARL F. HAARMANN.....	St. Johns,	25..	July 18, 1919
CHARLES T. R. WHITEHEAD.....	St. Johns,	25..	Aug. 15, 1919
SAMUEL J. BURGSTROM.....	St. Johns,	25..	Aug. 24, 1919

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FRED I. LITTLEFIELD.....	St. Johns,	25..	Oct. 2, 1919
R. SPENCER HARRIS.....	St. Johns,	" 25..	Oct. 4, 1919
WILLIAM G. BEALS.....	St. Johns,	" 25..	Oct. 24, 1919
PERRY A. LYONS.....	St. Johns,	" 25..	Dec. 8, 1919
ORLANDO S. WOOD.....	St. Johns,	" 25..	Jan. 10, 1920
ALVIN E. PATTON.....	St. Johns,	" 25..	Febr. 2, 1920
ARTHUR S. HARMON.....	St. Johns,	" 25..	Febr. 26, 1920
EDGAR T. WENQUIST.....	St. Johns,	" 25..	March 18, 1920
SHELBY E. HAMILTON.....	Beatrice,	" 26..	1919
GEORGE L. CONNER.....	Beatrice,	" 26..	Aug. 28, 1919
CHARLES C. CODDINGTON.....	Beatrice,	" 26..	Oct. 3, 1919
EDWARD F. DAVIS.....	Beatrice,	" 26..	
LEWIS L. DAVIS.....	Beatrice,	" 26..	
THOMAS BAILEY	Blue River,	" 30..	Nov. 17, 1919
DAVISSON TODD	Blue River,	" 30..	Jan. 1, 1920
ORIN STANFIELD	Tekamah,	" 31..	April 21, 1919
BUD R. LATTA.....	Tekamah,	" 31..	Jan. 29, 1920
CHARLES MacDONALD.....	Platte Valley,	" 32..	April 22, 1919
MAJOR A. WHITE.....	Platte Valley,	" 32..	June 30, 1919
SHELDON C. MECOMBER.....	Platte Valley,	" 32..	Jan. 15, 1920
CLINTON L. PATTERSON.....	Platte Valley,	" 32..	Jan. 29, 1920
THOMAS O. C. HARRISON.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	May 29, 1919
FREDERICK A. WELCH.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	May 31, 1919
BRADY L. ROSS.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	June 17, 1919
CHESTER P. PEDERSON.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	June 27, 1919
CHARLES P. R. WILLIAMS.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	July 8, 1919
FRED H. MICHELSON.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	Oct. 17, 1919
WILLIAM H. PLATT.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	Jan. 31, 1920
SAMUEL A. WILLIAMS.....	Ashlar,	" 33..	March 4, 1920
SIMEON L. GREEN.....	Acacia,	" 34..	Febr. 13, 1920
JAMES C. JACKSON.....	Fairbury,	" 35..	Dec. 18, 1919
GEORGE A. HUNT.....	Crete,	" 37..	Dec. 6, 1919
L. HARRY STREETER.....	Crete,	" 37..	Febr. 6, 1920
WILLIAM HICKMAN	Oliver,	" 38..	Nov. 23, 1919
JAMES A. MURPHY.....	Humboldt,	" 40..	Nov. 17, 1919
BARNEY MULLEN	Humboldt,	" 40..	Jan. 23, 1920
JAMES R. NORMAN.....	Hebron,	" 43..	June 4, 1919
WILLIAM H. FRAME.....	Hebron,	" 43..	July 22, 1919
EZRA BROWN	Harvard,	" 44..	April 8, 1919
LEVI B. MUNGER.....	Harvard,	" 44..	Jan. 29, 1920
WALTER KNUTSEN	Rob Morris,	" 46..	
FLORENCE ARMSTRONG	Rob Morris,	" 46..	Jan. 23, 1920
EDWIN A. MILLER.....	Rob Morris,	" 46..	March 5, 1920
DANIEL A. CROWELL.....	Rob Morris,	" 46..	March 17, 1920

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BENJAMIN M. SIMMS.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Aug. 24, 1919
CHARLES F. MATHENY.....	Hastings,	" 50..Jan. 22, 1920
EDSON C. ELLER.....	Hastings,	" 50..Jan. 25, 1920
MICHAEL A. HARTIGAN.....	Hastings,	" 50..March 22, 1920
EUGENE W. WRIGHT.....	Fidelity,	" 51..June 21, 1919
CHARLES L. HUMPHREY.....	Fidelity,	" 51..June 28, 1919
JOHN C. SALSBERY.....	Lancaster,	" 54..May 1, 1919
CHARLES C. MOYER.....	Lancaster,	" 54..July 30, 1919
ABRAHAM L. HOOVER.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Sept. 11, 1919
BENJAMIN CLEAR.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Febr. 4, 1920
EDWARD J. SCHMITT.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Febr. 6, 1920
JAMES STORY.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Febr. 6, 1920
WILBER C. SUNDERLAND.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Febr. 8, 1920
ROBB ROY GEORGE.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Febr. 15, 1920
HANS C. HANSEN.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Febr. 24, 1920
SAMUEL G. HUDSON.....	Lancaster,	" 54..March 12, 1920
NELSON R. HAMILTON.....	Mosaic,	" 55..July 31, 1919
WILLIAM R. PARGETER.....	Mosaic,	" 55..Aug. 12, 1919
HARVEY PICKREL.....	York,	" 56..April 30, 1919
OSCAR M. KELLY.....	York,	" 56..Sept. 10, 1919
ELBERT A. BUTTERFIELD.....	York,	" 56..Nov. 6, 1919
THOMAS C. BRADLEY.....	York,	" 56..Oct. 7, 1919
IRVIN A. BAKER.....	York,	" 56..Febr. 10, 1920
WILLIAM O. STANBRO.....	Mt. Moriah,	" 57..March 27, 1920
GUSTAVUS B. SPEICE.....	Lebanon,	" 58..Jan. 4, 1920
VERNER T. WILSON.....	Lebanon,	" 58..Febr. 20, 1920
ANDREW OLSON.....	Wahoo,	" 59..June 22, 1919
CHARLES PERKY.....	Wahoo,	" 59..Sept. 5, 1919
JOHN GASKIN.....	Wahoo,	" 59..Oct. 29, 1919
OTIS E. SIMPSON.....	Wahoo,	" 59..Nov. 21, 1919
FRANKLIN W. FRAMPTON.....	Thistle,	" 61..Sept. 20, 1916
GEORGE LITTLE.....	Thistle,	" 61..Aug. 24, 1917
JOSEPH E. NISLEY.....	Thistle,	" 61..May 18, 1919
EDWARD DEARING.....	Keystone,	" 62..July 7, 1919
JOHN D. FULTON.....	Riverton,	" 63..April 24, 1919
EUGENE HUNTER.....	Riverton,	" 63..Sept. 23, 1919
HENRY CLARK.....	Blue Valley,	" 64..Oct. 1919
JOHN KORBEL.....	Blue Valley,	" 64..Dec. 14, 1919
GEORGE W. GREGG, SR.....	Osceola,	" 65..Jan. 7, 1920
SIMEON O. WHALEY.....	Osceola,	" 65..March 1, 1920
FRANK M. FERREE.....	Edgar,	" 67..Aug. 19, 1919
JOHN W. BODEN.....	Edgar,	" 67..Sept. 6, 1919
NATHAN ONG.....	Edgar,	" 67..Oct. 28, 1919
CLARENCE P. AVERY.....	Edgar,	" 67..Nov. 20, 1919

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GEORGE P. NOBLE.....	Aurora,	68.	Dec. 22, 1919
JOHN L. POLEY.....	Sterling,	" 70.	Febr. 20, 1920
MILES WARD	Trowel,	" 71.	Nov. 16, 1919
LEROY J. SNIDER.....	Trowel,	" 71.	Nov. 17, 1919
R. WENTWORTH CHAMBERLIN.....	Trowel,	" 71.	Nov. 29, 1919
LEDREAU R. KREADER.....	Hooper,	" 72.	April 30, 1919
GRANVILLE S. NEWELL.....	Alexandria,	" 74.	May 3, 1913
WESLEY PICKENS	Alexandria,	" 74.	June 28, 1919
WILLIAM H. WEEDEN.....	Frank Welch,	" 75.	April 2, 1919
DAVID A. YOAKUM.....	Frank Welch,	" 75.	Dec. 26, 1919
JOHN S. RAY.....	Joppa,	" 76.	Febr. 5, 1920
WILLIAM B. WATSON.....	Albion,	" 78.	May 24, 1919
THEODORE F. COMBS.....	Geneva,	" 79.	April 17, 1919
PAUL ANDERSON	St. Paul,	" 82.	Sept. 15, 1919
SAMUEL W. JACKSON.....	St. Paul,	" 82.	Oct. 18, 1919
FRANCIS M. HITCH.....	Doniphan,	" 86.	Nov. 22, 1919
WILLIAM M. McCLINTOCK.....	Ionic,	" 87.	April 13, 1919
ROBERT G. LONGLEY.....	Star,	" 88.	Aug. 28, 1919
CALVIN BACON	Star,	" 88.	Sept. 20, 1919
JOEL GATEWOOD	Star,	" 88.	Sept. 23, 1919
ANDREW H. EAGLESON.....	Oakland,	" 91.	April 17, 1919
JAMES M. YOUNG.....	Beaver City,	" 93.	June 6, 1919
THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Beaver City,	" 93.	Aug. 12, 1919
PERLEY M. MORSE.....	Beaver City,	" 93.	March 1, 1920
JOSEPH A. COWPERTHWHAITE.....	Garfield,	" 95.	Febr. 25, 1920
WILLIAM F. FURINTON.....	Utica,	" 96.	April 14, 1919
SAMUEL R. AUSTINE.....	Utica,	" 96.	Oct. 25, 1919
JOHN W. AUSTINE.....	Utica,	" 96.	Nov. 3, 1919
DARWIN M. JOHNSON.....	Euclid,	" 97.	Aug. 7, 1919
EDWARD A. MONTAYNE.....	Republican,	" 98.	Sept. 14, 1919
WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS.....	Creighton,	" 100.	April 11, 1919
HARRY C. KUESTER.....	Creighton,	" 100.	Nov. 4, 1919
ERNEST J. WILLIAMS.....	Ord,	" 103.	Jan. 18, 1920
GEORGE T. STEPHENSON.....	Wymore,	" 104.	May 10, 1919
EDWIN M. KAUFMANN.....	Wymore,	" 104.	Nov. 2, 1919
DARWIN H. HULL.....	Stella,	" 105.	
WILLIAM H. MORRIS.....	Porter,	" 106.	Oct. 22, 1919
ALBERT E. CHARLTON.....	Porter,	" 106.	Jan. 3, 1920
JAMES MURPHY	Table Rock,	" 108.	Febr. 25, 1920
JACOB B. LANG.....	Globe,	" 113.	Aug. 20, 1919
C. HENRY HOFF.....	Wisner,	" 114.	March 6, 1920
BEN D. SHERWOOD.....	North Bend,	" 119.	Febr. 29, 1920
ARCHIE LINDSAY	Wayne,	" 120.	July 3, 1919
HENRY MEIER	Wayne,	" 120.	March 31, 1920

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JAMES M. ARMSTRONG.....	Auburn,	No. 124.. Jan. 4, 1920
JAMES G. MACLAY.....	Auburn,	" 124.. Jan. 11, 1920
CLARENCE E. LUNKLEY.....	Stromsburg,	" 126.. April 14, 1919
JOHN W. WILSON.....	Stromsburg,	" 126.. July 18, 1919
GEORGE J. J. PARKER.....	Minden,	" 127.. Nov. 16, 1919
THORWALD A. PETERSEN.....	Minden,	" 127.. March 16, 1920
WILLIAM PETTIT	Guide Rock,	" 106.. Oct. 22, 1919
JACOB JASKOLEK	Blue Hill,	" 129..
MORTIMER N. KRESS.....	Blue Hill,	" 129.. July 4, 1919
ROBERT A. SIMPSON.....	Blue Hill,	" 129.. March 26, 1920
ABRAHAM TOWNER	Tuscan,	" 130.. Oct. 12, 1919
THOMAS GARMAN	Solar,	" 134.. June 14, 1919
ANDREW W. JACKSON.....	Long Pine,	" 136.. Febr. 27, 1920
SAMUEL ASKEY	Rawalt,	" 138.. March 20, 1920
CHARLES C. BLANCHARD.....	Clay Centre,	" 139.. Nov. 18, 1919
LEVI NELSON SMITH.....	Western,	" 140.. Dec. 19, 1919
LOUIE HOLLING	Western,	" 140.. Febr. 15, 1920
DANIEL H. TATE.....	Crescent,	" 143.. July 22, 1919
CLIFTON D. HOPKINS.....	Jachin,	" 146.. Aug. 2, 1919
EDWARD E. JAMES.....	Siloam,	" 147.. Oct. 25, 1919
GEORGE I. KRAFT.....	Siloam,	" 147.. Dec. 30, 1919
DAVID KINDER	Evergreen,	" 153.. July 26, 1919
SAMUEL D. BERG.....	Evergreen,	" 153.. Jan. 18, 1920
EARL E. SWEITZER.....	Lily,	" 154.. Febr. 14, 1920
CLAUDE L. STRATTON.....	Valley,	" 157.. Sept. 26, 1919
GEORGE N. CADY.....	Valley,	" 157.. Nov. 21, 1919
ELMER J. VALENTINE.....	Samaritan,	" 158.. Dec. 12, 1919
RAY R. OTIS.....	Samaritan,	" 158.. Febr. 26, 1920
SETH J. CRUDUP.....	Trestle Board,	" 162.. July 20, 1919
SYLVESTER CRADER	Unity,	" 163.. Oct. 31, 1919
WASHINGTON HAWK	Barneston,	" 165.. Oct. 26, 1919
WILLIAM RAMELS	Elwood,	" 167.. Jan. 12, 1920
CHARLES R. PICKREL.....	Curtis,	" 168.. Febr. 22, 1920
GEORGE W. KIRKPATRICK.....	Merna,	" 171.. June 28, 1918
SAMUEL ADKINS	Merna,	" 171.. July 10, 1919
GEORGE F. MARSH.....	Grafton,	" 172.. April 14, 1919
EPAPHRO D. CRAW.....	Robert Burns,	" 173.. Oct. 8, 1919
LEWIS H. LAFLIN.....	Temple,	" 175.. March 7, 1920
JOHN WELCH	Gladstone,	" 176.. June 4, 1919
LEVI C. PRINGLE.....	Gladstone,	" 176.. Dec. 4, 1919
WILLIAM R. YOUNG.....	Gladstone,	" 176.. Dec. 17, 1919
JOHN A. DUNAWAY.....	Prudence,	" 179.. July 17, 1919
JAMES I. GEORGE.....	Justice,	" 180.. March, 1920
FRANK H. HEDENGREN.....	Alliance,	" 183.. Nov. 5, 1919

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NAME	LODGE	DATE OF DEATH
ER C. McCLUER.....	Alliance.	No. 183..Febr. 21, 1919
HARRY E. CLARK.....	Bee Hive,	" 184..June 1, 1919
ROBERT E. HODGEN.....	Bee Hive,	" 184..Oct. 25, 1919
GEORGE D. JONES.....	Bee Hive,	" 184..Dec. 18, 1919
SOLOMON W. STILGBOUER....	Boaz,	" 185..Nov. 20, 1919
IRENOUS R. KIRKPATRICK.....	Meridian,	" 188..Jan. 9, 1920
TRUMAN CHAPMAN	Amethyst,	" 190..Oct., 1919
OBEDIAH B. BUNDY.....	Crystal,	" 191..July 15, 1919
GEORGE C. SMITH.....	Crystal,	" 191..Jan. 14, 1920
JOHN W. KOZA.....	Signet,	" 193..July 17, 1919
GEORGE CULP	Highland,	" 194..May 30, 1919
ALFRED T. NORMAN.....	Arcana,	" 195..Febr., 1920
JOHN C. DEWEY.....	Arcana,	" 195..March 4, 1920
HASTEN P. HILL.....	Arcana,	" 195..March 5, 1920
A. WALTER HARKINS.....	Level,	" 196..Febr., 1920
WILLARD W. DAVIDSON.....	Morning Star,	" 197..April 7, 1919
WILLIAM DAVIDSON	Morning Star,	" 197..April 16, 1919
ROBERT S. HIRSCH.....	Morning Star,	" 197..Oct. 29, 1919
JOHN C. HILL.....	Purity,	" 198..Febr. 13, 1920
THEODORE C. BECKE.....	Gavel,	" 199..Nov. 3, 1919
JOHN W. BEAVERS.....	Gavel,	" 199..Dec. 18, 1919
ERNEST E. VEAL.....	Golden Sheaf,	" 202..June 15, 1919
CLARENCE B. WILLEY.....	Golden Sheaf,	" 202..Febr. 24, 1920
ERIC J. LARSON.....	Roman Eagle,	" 203..March 7, 1920
BENJAMIN F. LIGHTNER.....	Napthali,	" 206..April 3, 1919
ROBERT M. DIXON.....	Parian,	" 207..Sept. 3, 1919
CHARLES D. CLAPP.....	Canopy,	" 209..Oct. 5, 1919
WILLIAM P. YOHO.....	Canopy,	" 209..March 20, 1920
JAY G. COOPER.....	East Lincoln,	" 210..April 12, 1919
THOMAS W. MOORE.....	East Lincoln,	" 210..June 28, 1919
EBNER F. PAULK.....	Cement,	" 211..April 20, 1919
JOHN M. DRESSLER.....	Cement,	" 211..Nov. 10, 1919
WILLIAM W. BARNHOUSE.....	Plumblin,	" 214..Dec. 12, 1919
JOHN W. BEESMER.....	Plumblin,	" 214..Febr. 5, 1920
JESSE E. GEDLEY.....	Occidental,	" 215..Febr. 5, 1920
EDWARD S. GARDNER.....	Palisade,	" 216..April 17, 1919
AARON J. VENNUM.....	Palisade,	" 216..Oct. 25, 1919
JAMES E. RHODES.....	Palisade,	" 216..March 20, 1920
JOHN N. FERGUSON.....	Wood Lake,	" 221..May 14, 1919
HERBERT H. HERZOG.....	Landmark,	" 222..Nov. 3, 1919
ADELBERT MOSELEY	Silver Cord,	" 224..Aug. 20, 1919
JOHN EDWARD STAUFFER.....	Silver Cord,	" 224..Nov. 1, 1919
CHARLES C. BABCOCK.....	Cable.	" 225..Febr. 28, 1920
CHARLES W. LAMBORN.....	Grace,	" 226..July 19, 1919

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LEWIS F. ENGLAND.....	North Star,	No. 227..April 6, 1919
DANIEL W. CLARK.....	North Star,	" 227..Dec. 22, 1919
JAMES LEONARD	North Star,	" 227..Jan. 7, 1920
AMORY C. THOMAS.....	North Star,	" 227..Febr. 3, 1920
DAVID P. SMITH.....	Bartley,	" 228..March 16, 1920
PETER W. PETERSON.....	Comet,	" 229..March 27, 1920
LUDWIG JUSTUS	Delta,	" 230..Nov. 29, 1919
CHARLES H. RAPP.....	Delta,	" 230..March 5, 1920
WILHELM S. FRICKE.....	Mt. Hermon,	" 231..Jan., 1920
JOHN B. BURGESS.....	John S. Bowen,	" 232..Febr. 2, 1920
EDWARD R. SEASONGOOD.....	Gilead,	" 233..Febr. 27, 1920
ELMER E. BARR.....	Zion,	" 234..April 26, 1919
BERNHARD F. GOERKE.....	Cubit,	" 237..Jan. 9, 1920
MELVILLE S. WILCOX.....	George Armstrong,	" 241..Oct. 9, 1919
GLENN M. LANGFORD.....	George Armstrong,	" 241..Nov. 1, 1919
LOUIS C. HANSEN.....	Hampton,	" 245..Febr. 14, 1920
PRESERVED J. CANON.....	Corner-stone,	" 247..Aug. 8, 1919
GUY L. FURLEY.....	Laurel,	" 248..
FRED N. MORGAN.....	Bassett,	" 254..May 28, 1919
WILLIAM E. WADE.....	Holbrook,	" 257..Dec. 1, 1919
OTIS SCOVELL	Anselmo,	" 258..March 22, 1920
JAMES M. SUNDERLAND, SR.....	James A. Tulleys,	" 267..June 24, 1919
WILLIAM C. BENTLEY.....	Oasis,	" 271..Oct. 4, 1919
CHARLES G. JOHNSON.....	Oasis,	" 271..Febr. 22, 1920
CHRISTOPHER C. FRUM.....	Olive Branch,	" 274..June, 1919
EDWARD P. PALMER.....	Florence,	" 281..Jan. 26, 1920
ANDREW JACOBSEN	Florence,	" 281..Febr. 16, 1920
LEWIS H. STEELE.....	Seneca,	" 284..May 9, 1919
HARRY D. UHLER.....	Seneca,	" 284..Febr. 27, 1920
HENRY G. GUMAER.....	Oshkosh,	" 286..Oct. 20, 1919
FRANCIS H. MARSHALL.....	John J. Mercer,	" 290..Dec. 23, 1919
MARK R. HOOKER.....	Minatare,	" 295..Dec. 16, 1919
AUGUSTUS P. HALLENBECK.....	Liberty,	" 300..Febr. 3, 1920

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-
48 Years. 91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-
09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20.
- Samuel P. Davidson, 1875-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-
38 Years. 96-97-98-99-00-01-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-12-13-14-15-16-
17-19-20.
- Edwin F. Warren, 1873-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-89-92-93-94-
37 Years. 96-97-98-99-00-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-13-15-16-17-
18.
- George H. Thummel, 1872-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-81-85-89-90-94-97-98-99-00-
36 Years. 02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-
20.
- Robert E. French, 1885-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-
36 Years. 03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20.
- John A. Ehrhardt, 1881-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-
35 Years. 02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-15-16-17-18-19-20.
- Henry H. Wilson, 1888-89-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-
28 Years. 07-08-10-12-13-14-15-16-17-19.
- Robert E. Evans, 1889-92-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-05-07-08-09-
28 Years. 10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-20.
- 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.
- James R. Cain, Sr., 1875-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-84-85-86-87-89-91-92-93-94-97-
26 Years. 98-99-12-13-14-15-16-17.
- Henry Gibbons, 1879-80-81-85-87-90-92-97-98-99-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-
25 Years. 09-10-11-12-14-15-17.
- John Finch, 1898-99-00-01-02-03-04-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-
22 Years. 17-18-19-20.

Brethren who have attended Grand Lodge twenty-one times or more are requested to send their records to the Grand Secretary.

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.....	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.....	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, 322 Euclid Avenue.....	1884
*Manoah B. Reese.....	1885
*Charles K. Coutant.....	1886
Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., The Iowa, 13th & O St., N. W.....	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.....	1893
John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton.....	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln.....	1895
*Charles J. Phelps.....	1896
*John B. Dinsmore.....	1897
*Frank H. Young.....	1898
William W. Keysor, Kirkwood, Missouri.....	1899
*Albert W. Crites.....	1900
Robert E. Evans, Dakota City.....	1901
*Nathaniel M. Ayers.....	1902
Frank E. Bullard, Willow Springs, Howell Co., Missouri.....	1903
Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk.....	1904
*Melville R. Hopewell.....	1905
*Zuingle M. Baird.....	1906
Ornan J. King, Lincoln, 1126 N. Street.....	1907
*William A. DeBord.....	1908
Michael Dowling, Omaha.....	1909
Harry A. Cheney, Creighton.....	1910
Henry Gibbons, Kearney.....	1911
James R. Cain, Jr., Omaha, 1039 South 30th Avenue.....	1912
Alpha Morgan, Broken Bow.....	1913
*Thomas M. Davis.....	1914
Samuel S. Whiting, Lincoln, First National Bank Bldg.....	1915
Andrew H. Viele, Norfolk, 400 South Eighth Street.....	1916
Frederic L. Temple, Lexington.....	1917
Ambrose C. Epperson, Clay Center.....	1918
John J. Tooley, Broken Bow.....	1919

*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.....	Stephen Y. Taylor.....	Calgary.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskrug.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	Wm. A. DeWolf-Smith.....	New Westminster.
California.....	John Whicher.....	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada.....	William M. Logan, Act.	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado.....	Charles H. Jacobson.....	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut.....	George A. Kies.....	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	Tomas Soley, G.....	P. O. Box 1047, San Jose.
Cuba.....	Felix V. Preval Perez.....	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware.....	John F. Robinson.....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia.....	Arvine W. Johnston.....	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Egypt.....	J. D. Panayotti.....	P. O. Box 148, Cairo.
England.....	Philip Colville Smith.....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Francis E. Baker.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	George E. Knepper.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	Isaac Cutter.....	Camp Point.
Indiana.....		
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.....	Charles B. Davis.....	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.....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	John Fishel.....	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Oliver Lee McKay.....	Meridian.
Missouri.....	John R. Parson.....	Ninth and Locust Sts., St. Louis.
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Nevada.....	Edward D. Vanderlieth.....	Carson.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	Ritchie's Bldg., St. John.
New Hampshire.....	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Isaac Cherry.....	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
New South Wales.....	Arthur H. Bray.....	283 Castlereagh St., Sydney.
New York.....	Robert J. Kenworthy.....	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand.....	Malcolm Niccol.....	P. O. Box 1047, Wellington.
North Carolina.....	William W. Willson.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	James C. Jones.....	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Jacob H. Bromwell.....	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	William M. Anderson.....	Masonic Temple, Oklahoma City.
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson.....	415 Yeon Bldg., Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	John A. Perry.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	P. O. Box 990, Manila.
Prince Edward Island.....	Walter P. Doull.....	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico.....	Jose G. Torres.....	San Juan.
Quebec.....	W. W. Williamson.....	P. O. Box 3172, Montreal.
Queensland.....	Charles H. Harley.....	231 Elizabeth St., Brisbane.
Rhode Island.....	S. Penrose Williams.....	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan.....	William B. Tate.....	Masonic Temple, Regina.
Scotland.....	David Reid.....	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh.
South Australia.....	Charles R. J. Glover.....	Freemason's 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 P. 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 W. Lowndes.....	Lander.

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.....	Schuyler.....	Dec. 19, 1913
British Columbia.....	John Finch, 225.....	Arnold.....	Oct. 15, 1920
Canada.....	John R. Webster, 3.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 21, 1918
Colorado.....	Robert E. Evans, 5.....	Dakota City.....	Dec. 20, 1915
Connecticut.....	Samuel P. Davidson, 17.....	Tecumseh.....	Oct. 10, 1889
Costa Rica.....	Benoni J. Lane, 135.....	McCook.....	April 30, 1919
Cuba.....	Charles W. Kraft, 54.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 17, 1904
Delaware.....	Carroll D. Evans, 58.....	Columbus.....	Aug. 3, 1900
Dist. of Columbia.....	Albert W. Jefferis, 1.....	Omaha.....	June 12, 1912
Egypt.....	Harry A. Cheney, 100.....	Creighton.....	Sept. 12, 1907
England.....	Francis E. White, 6.....	Omaha.....	Sept. 7, 1917
Florida.....	Ambrose C. Epperson, 139.....	Clay Center.....	Sept. 20, 1912
Georgia.....	Edwin F. Warren, 2.....	Nebraska City.....	March 31, 1883
Iaho.....	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.....	March 1, 1915
Ireland.....	Henry Gibbons, 46.....	Kearney.....	June 10, 1911
Kansas.....	Henry H. Heiler, 50.....	Hastings.....	April 10, 1919
Louisiana.....	Adam McMullen, 104.....	Wymore.....	Dec. 18, 1915
Maine.....	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25.....	Omaha.....	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba.....	Elias W. Beightol, 146.....	Holdrege.....	May 7, 1903
Maryland.....	Charles L. Fahnestock, 135.....	McCook.....	March 8, 1911
Michigan.....	Lewis E. Smith, 136.....	Long Pine.....	Aug. 29, 1917
Minnesota.....	George A. Beecher, 268.....	Hastings.....	March 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.....	Frank L. Haycock, 207.....	Callaway.....	Oct. 25, 1915
New Brunswick.....	James W. Wynkoop, 210.....	Lincoln.....	Aug. 30, 1917
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.....	Edward M. Wellman, 1.....	Omaha.....	May 29, 1916
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.....	Louis P. Tonner, 153.....	Pierce.....	Jan. 13, 1917
Oregon.....	William T. Bourke, 268.....	Omaha.....	May 18, 1909
Philippine Islands.....	John J. Tooley, 258.....	Broken Bow.....	Oct. 10, 1913
P. Edward Island.....	Charles E. Burnham, 166.....	Norfolk.....	Oct. 21, 1902
Puerto Rico.....	John A. Ehrhardt, 41.....	Stanton.....	July 8, 1915
Quebec.....	Edwin D. Crites, 158.....	Chadron.....	April 20, 1920
Queensland.....	Robert B. Walker, 170.....	Mason City.....	Sept. 17, 1917
Rhode Island.....	Michael Dowling, 119.....	Omaha.....	July 30, 1903
Saskatchewan.....	Claude L. Talbot, 184.....	Omaha, South Side.....	July 3, 1908
Scotland.....	William Cosh, 11.....	Omaha.....	Aug. 6, 1914
South Australia.....	*Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3.....	Omaha.....	July 12, 1907
South Carolina.....	James R. Cain, Jr., 105.....	Minden.....	Aug. 26, 1918
South Dakota.....	Charles A. Chappell, 127.....	Cozad.....	July 25, 1917
Tennessee.....	Charles E. Allen, 188.....	O'Neill.....	May 3, 1915
Texas.....	Robert R. Dickson, 95.....	Kearney.....	May 4, 1888
Utah.....	Robert E. French, 46.....	Pawnee City.....	Aug. 17, 1918
Vermont.....	Fred H. Barclay, 23.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 19, 1904
Victoria.....	John S. Bishop, 54.....	Omaha.....	July 14, 1900
Virginia.....	John S. Davison, 136.....	Norfolk.....	Oct. 10, 1910
Washington.....	Andrew H. Viele, 55.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 26, 1904
West Australia.....	Ornan J. King, 54.....	Alliance.....	July 3, 1900
West Virginia.....	Frank M. Knight, 183.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 7, 1915
Wisconsin.....	Robert O. Wolf, 54.....		

*Recommended for appointment.

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama	Lawrence H. Lee	Montgomery	July 30, 1909
Alta	Percy Taylor	High River	Jan. 13, 1908
Arizona	Thomas A. Pascoe	Globe	June 24, 1913
Arkansas	Lewis C. Hall	Dardanelle	Feb. 15, 1911
British Columbia	Edward B. Paul	Victoria	Oct. 26, 1903
Canada	Frederick W. Harcourt	Toronto	April 15, 1907
Colorado	Edward P. Huffard	Colorado Springs	Aug. 12, 1905
Connecticut	Henry H. Brautigam	Bridgeport	Feb. 27, 1919
Costa Rica	Cecilio Nieto	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918
Cuba	Jose L. Hevia	Havana, Tejadillo, 1	May 12, 1919
Delaware	Harry J. Guthrie	Wilmington	Oct. 17, 1904
Dist. of Columbia	John Linn McGrew	Washington, 707 20th St. N. W.	July 6, 1917
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	Francis Jenkins	Moscow	Dec. 21, 1918
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	William F. Broenning	Baltimore	July 25, 1919
Michigan	Frank W. Richey	Dowagiac	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota	Alfred G. Pinkham	St. Paul	April 7, 1906
Mississippi	James Finis Hill	Fayette	June 20, 1919
Missouri	Charles F. Vogel	St. Louis, 3150 Allen Ave.	April 4, 1892
Montana	Henry M. Parchen	Helena	March 18, 1892
Nevada	Pearl E. Keeler	Tonopah	Nov. 22, 1910
New Brunswick	William Wedderburn	Hampton	Jan. 1, 1873
New Hampshire	Justin O. Wellman	New London	March 15, 1916
New Jersey	Robert J. Hanna	Paterson	Oct. 25, 1916
New So. Wales	William T. Wearne	Randwick, Sydney	Oct. 17, 1914
New York	Mathew Micolino	New York City, 400 Riverside Drive	Oct. 18, 1918
New Zealand	Oliver Nicholson	Auckland	Feb. 14, 1903
North Carolina	Joshua P. Pillsbury	Raleigh	Oct. 8, 1917
North Dakota	Theodore S. Henry	Valley City	Aug. 24, 1917
Nova Scotia	Marston Guillod	Halifax, 126 South St.	July 16, 1902
Ohio	Horace A. Irvin	Dayton	Jan. 8, 1903
Oklahoma	Randall U. Livesay	Anadarko	July 31, 1916
Oregon	Phil Metschan	Portland	May 22, 1893
Philippine Islands	Newton C. Comfort	Manila	Nov. 14, 1913
P. Edward Island	James D. Stewart	Georgetown	July 5, 1915
Puerto Rico	Manuel del Valle Atilas	San Juan	
Quebec	Alex J. McRobie	Westmount, 453 Claremont Ave.	July 5, 1915
Pueensland	Ernest W. Bick	Brisbane	May 10, 1909
Rhode Island	Henry C. Dexter	Pawtucket	May 21, 1909
Saskatchewan	Duncan A. Kingsbury	Rouleau	Oct. 12, 1914
Scotland	Norman M. MacKean	Paisley	March 17, 1916
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. Greshaw	San Antonio	Dec. 3, 1901
Utah	Abbot R. Haywood	Ogden	Feb. 20, 1892
Vermont	Edward C. Woodworth	Arlington	Aug. 9, 1907
Victoria	Francis W. W. Morton	Melbourne, Collins St.	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia	Sol Cutchins	Richmond	April 20, 1901
Washington	Archibald W. Frater	Seattle	April 13, 1900
West Australia	Thomas W. Paisley	Bunbury	July 19, 1902
West Virginia	Charles E. Bailey	Sistersville	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin	Frank E. Noyes	Marquette	Dec. 23, 1904

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- Acacia, 34.
 Adams, U. D., (extinct).
 Adoniram, 159.
 Ainsworth, U. D., (131).
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, U. D., (236).
 Alliance, 183.
 Amethyst, 190.
 Amity, 169.
 Anchor, 142, (extinct).
 Anselmo, 258.
 Antelope, 276.
 Arapahoe, 109, (extinct).
 Arcana, 195.
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)
 Armada, U. D., (extinct).
 Ashland, 18, (extinct).
 Ashlar, 33.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.

 Bancroft, 145.
 Bannack City, U. D., (ext.)
 Barneston, 165.
 Bartley, 228.
 Bassett, 254.
 Battle Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Bayard, 301.
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver, U. D., (179).
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Valley, U. D., (230).
 Bee, 259.
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Beemer, 253.
 Belgrade, U. D., (269).
 Bel Creek, U. D., (241).
 Benkelman, U. D., (180).
 Bennett, 94.
 Benson, U. D., (290).
 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).
 Bronfield, U. D., (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (223).
 Burchard, U. D., (137).
 Burnett, U. D., (166).
 Butte, U. D., (233).

 Cable, 225.
 Cambridge, 150.
 Camp Clarke, 285.
 Canopy, 209.
 Capitol, 8.
 Carleton, U. D., (199).
 Cedar, U. D., (13).
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215).
 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143).
 Cedar River, 89.
 Cement, 211.
 Central City, U. D., (ext.)
 Ceresco, U. D., (229).
 Chadron, U. D., (158).
 Chapman, U. D., (239).
 Charity, 53.
 Chester, 298.
 Clay Centre, 139.

 Columbus, U. D., (ext.)
 Columbus, U. D., (58).
 Columbus, 8, (extinct).
 Comet, 229.
 Compass and Square, 212.
 Composite, 81.
 Corinthian, 83.
 Corner-stone, 247.
 Cotner, 297.
 Covert, 11.
 Cowles, 295.
 Crab Orchard, U. D., (238).
 Crawford, U. D., (181).
 Creighton, 100.
 Crescent, 143.
 Crete, 37.
 Crofton, 273.
 Crystal, 191.
 Cubit, 237.
 Culbertson, 174.
 Cumming City, U. D., (21).
 Curtis, 168.
 Custer, U. D., (148).

 Dakota, (5).
 Danbury, U. D., (185).
 Davenport, U. D., (154).
 Decatur, 7, (extinct).
 Delta, 230.
 DeWitt, 111.
 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.
 Fwing, U. D., (156).
 Exeter, U. D., (extinct).
 Exeter, 283.

 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Faith, 181.
 Falls City, 9.
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct).
 Fidelity, 51.
 Firth, U. D., (66, ext.)
 Florence, 281.
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct).
 Franklin, 264.
 Frank Welch, 75.
 Fraternity, 235.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Friendship, 239.

 Garfield, 95.
 Gauge, 208.
 Gavel, 199.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, U. D., (125).
 George Armstrong, 241.

 George Washington, 250.
 George W. Lininger, 268.
 Gibbon, (see 46).
 Gibbon, U. D., (189).
 Giddings, 2.
 Gilead, 233.
 Gladstone, 176.
 Globe, 113.
 Golden Fleece, 205.
 Golden Rule, 236.
 Golden Sheaf, 202.
 Gothenburg, 249.
 Grace, 226.
 Grafton, 172.
 Granite, 189.
 Grant, U. D., (34).
 Grant, U. D., (186).
 Greenwood, U. D., (163).
 Gresham, U. D., (197).
 Guide Rock, 128.

 Hamilton, U. D., (68).
 Hampton, 245.
 Hardy, 117.
 Harlan, 116.
 Harmony, U. D., (ext.)
 Harmony, U. D., (ext.)
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Hernon, U. D., (231).
 Hesperia, 178, (extinct).
 Hickman, 256.
 Highland, 194.
 Hildreth, 252.
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29).
 Hiram, 52.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Holdrege, U. D., (146).
 Hooper, 72.
 Hope, 29.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humboldt, 40.
 Huntley, 270.
 Hyannis, U. D., (234).

 Idaho, U. D., (extinct).
 Imperial, U. D., (198).
 Incense, 182.
 Indianaola, 123, (extinct).
 Ionic, 87.
 Israel, 187.
 Ithmar, 238, (extinct).

 Jachin, 146.
 James A. Tulleys, 267.
 Jasper, 122, (extinct).
 Jephtha, U. D., (264).
 Jewel, 149.
 John J. Mercer, 290.
 John S. Bowen, 232.
 Johnson, U. D., (141, ext.)
 Joppa, 76.
 Jordan, 27.
 Juniata, 42.
 Justice, 180.

 Kenesaw, 144.
 Keystone, 62.
 Kimball, 294.

- Lafayette, 24, (extinct).
 Lancaster, 54.
 Landmark, 222.
 Laurel, 248.
 Lebanon, 58.
 Lee P. Gillette, 272.
 Leigh, U. D., (193).
 Level, 196.
 Liberty, U. D., (152).
 Liberty, 300.
 Lily, 154.
 Lincoln, 19.
 Litchfield, 278.
 Livingstone, 66, (extinct).
 Lone Tree, 36.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Lotus, 289.
 Loup Fork, U. D., (8, ext.)
- Mackey, U. D., (242).
 Macey, 22, (extinct).
 Magic City, U. D., (184).
 Magnolia, 220.
 Mason City, 170.
 McCook, 135.
 Melrose, 60.
 Meridian, 188.
 Merna, 171.
 Miller, 213, (ext.)
 Minatare, 295.
 Minden, 127.
 Minnekadusa, 192.
 Mitchell, 263.
 Mizpah, 302.
 Monitor, U. D., (extinct).
 Monument, 293.
 Morning Star, 197.
 Morrill, U. D., (271).
 Mosaic, 55.
 Mount Hermon, 231.
 Mount Moriah, 57.
 Mount Nebo, 125.
 Mount Zion, 161.
 Mullen, 282.
 Mystic Tie, 166.
- Naphthali, 206.
 Nebraska, 1.
 Nebraska City, 12, (ext.)
 Nehawka, 246.
 Nelson, 77.
 Nemaha Valley, 4.
 Newman Grove, 305.
 Norfolk, U. D., (55).
 North Bend, 119.
 Northern Light, 41.
 North Loup, U. D., (142, ex.)
 North Star, 227.
- Oakland, 91.
 Oasis, 271.
 Occidental, 215.
 Odell, U. D., (122, ext.)
 Ogalalla, 159.
 Ohioa, U. D., (182).
 Olive Branch, 274.
 Oliver, 38.
 Omadi, 5.
 Omaha, 288.
 Ord, 105.
 Orient, 13.
- Orion, 242, (extinct).
 Oman, 261.
 Oshkosh, 286.
 Overton, U. D., (267).
 Oxford, U. D., (138).
- Palestine, U. D., (extinct).
 Palisade, 216.
 Palmyra, 45, (extinct).
 Papillion, 39.
 Parallel, 152.
 Parian, 207.
 Pawnee, 23.
 Pawnee City, U. D., (23).
 Peru, U. D., (extinct).
 Peru, 14.
 Pilot, 240.
 Plainview, 204.
 Platte Valley, 32.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Plumb, 186, (extinct).
 Plumblin, 214.
 Pomegranate, 110.
 Ponca, 101.
 Porter, 106.
 Prudence, 179.
 Purity, 198.
 Pythagoras, 156.
- Ramah, 275.
 Rawalt, 138.
 Relief, 219.
 Republican, 98.
 Reynolds, U. D., (160).
 Right Angle, 303.
 Rising, U. D., (81).
 Rising Star, U. D., (20, ex.)
 Riverside, 269.
 Riverton, 63.
 Robert Burns, 173.
 Robert W. Furnas, 265.
 Rob Morris, 46.
 Rock Bluff, 20, (extinct).
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred).
 Roman Eagle, 203.
 Ruskin, 304.
- Saint Johns, 25.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Salem, 47, (extinct).
 Saline, U. D., (73).
 Saline, U. D., (101).
 Saline, U. D., (118).
 Samaritan, 158.
 Samuel W. Hayes, U. D., (287).
 Scotia, U. D., (191).
 Scotts Bluff, 201.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seneca, 284.
 Seward, U. D., (38).
 Shelby, U. D., (161).
 Shelton, 99.
 Shickley, U. D., (178, ext.)
 Signet, 193.
 Siloam, 147.
 Silver, 266.
 Silver Cord, 224.
 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Sincerity, 244.
 Sioux, 277.
- Solar, 134.
 Solomon, 10.
 Springfield, 112.
 Springview, 260.
 Square, 151.
 Square & Compass, 213, (ext.)
 Stanton, U. D., (41).
 Star, 88.
 Steele City, 107, (extinct).
 Stella, 105.
 Sterling, 70.
 Stockville, U. D., (196).
 Stromsburg, 126.
 Summit, 7, (transferred).
 Summit, 141, (extinct).
 Superior, 121.
 Sutherland, 299.
 Swastika, 280.
 Syracuse, U. D., (57).
- Table Rock, 108.
 Talmage, U. D., (162).
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
 Temple, U. D., (5).
 Temple, 175.
 Thistle, 61.
 Tobias, U. D., (149).
 Trenton, U. D., (extinct).
 Trestle Board, 162.
 Trilumular, U. D., (210).
 Trowel, 71.
 Tuscan, 130.
 Tyre, 85.
 Tyrian, 243.
- Ulysses, U. D., (187).
 Union, 287.
 Unity, 163.
 Upright, 137.
 Utica, 96.
- Valentine, U. D., (113).
 Valley, 157.
 Valparaiso, U. D., (151).
- Waco, 80, (extinct).
 Wahoo, 59.
 Wallace, 279.
 Washington, 21.
 Waterloo, 102.
 Wauneta, 217.
 Wausa, 251.
 Wayne, 120.
 Weeping Water, U. D., (97).
 Western, 140.
 Western Star, 2.
 Wilcox, U. D., (226).
 Winside, U. D., (235).
 Winter Creek, U. D., (265).
 Wisner, 114.
 Woodbach, 292.
 Wood Lake, 221.
 Wymore, 104.
 Wyoming, 28, (transferred).
- York, 56.
 Zerodatha, U. D., (98).
 Zeredatha, 160.
 Zion, 234.

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| Adams, 214. | Crawford, 181. | Holdrege, 146. |
| Ainsworth, 224. | Creighton, 100. | Hooper, 72. |
| Albion, 78. | Crete, 37. | Hubbell, 92. |
| Alexandria, 74. | Crofton, 273. | Hyannis, 234. |
| Allen, 236. | Culbertson, 174. | Humboldt, 40. |
| Alliance, 183. | Curtis, 168. | Huntley, 270. |
| Alma, 116. | | Imperial, 198. |
| Anselmo, 258. | Dakota City, 5. | Indianola, 262. |
| Ansley, 176. | Danbury, 185. | |
| Arapahoe, 293. | Davenport, 154. | Juniata, 42. |
| Arcadia, 208. | David City, 51. | |
| Arlington, 52. | Decatur, 88. | Kearney, 46. |
| Arnold, 225. | DeWitt, 111. | Kenesaw, 144. |
| Ashland, 110. | Diller, 206. | Kennard, 232. |
| Atkinson, 164. | Doniphan, 86. | Kimball, 294. |
| Auburn, 124. | Dorchester, 118. | |
| Aurora, 68. | Douglas, 237. | Laurel, 248. |
| | Dunbar, 272. | Leigh, 193. |
| Bancroft, 145. | | Lexington, 61. |
| Barneston, 165. | Edgar, 67. | Liberty, 152. |
| Bartley, 228. | Elgin, 276. | Lincoln, 19, 54, 210, 300. |
| Bassett, 254. | Elk Creek, 90. | Litchfield, 278. |
| Battle Creek, 244. | Elm Creek, 133. | Long Pine, 136. |
| Bayard, 301. | Elmwood, 209. | Loup City, 106. |
| Beatrice, 26. | Elwood, 167. | Lyons, 240. |
| Beaver City, 93. | Emerson, 220. | |
| Beaver Crossing, 179. | Ewing, 156. | Madison, 113. |
| Bee, 259. | Exeter, 283. | Mason City, 170. |
| Beemer, 253. | | McCook, 135. |
| Belgrade, 269. | Fairbury, 35. | Merna, 171. |
| Benkelman, 180. | Fairfield, 84. | Millford, 30. |
| Bennett, 94. | Fairmont, 48. | Minatara, 295. |
| Henson, 290. | Falls City, 9. | Minden, 127. |
| Bertrand, 275. | Fillee, 175. | Mitchell, 263. |
| Bethany, 297. | Florence, 281. | Morrill, 271. |
| Blair, 21. | Fort Calhoun, 10. | Mullen, 282. |
| Bloomfield, 218. | Franklin, 264. | Nebraska City, 2. |
| Bloomington, 76. | Fremont, 15. | Newman Grove, 305. |
| Blue Hill, 129. | Friend, 73. | Nehawka, 246. |
| Blue Springs, 85. | Fullerton, 89. | Neligh, 71. |
| Bradshaw, 255. | | Nelson, 77. |
| Bridgeport, 285. | Gandy, 190. | Nemaha City, 29. |
| Brock, 162. | Geneva, 79. | Niobrara, 87. |
| Broken Bow, 148. | Genoa, 125. | Norfolk, 55. |
| Brownville, 4. | Gering, 201. | North Bend, 119. |
| Burchard, 137. | Gibbon, 189. | North Platte, 32. |
| Burwell, 200. | Giltner, 223. | |
| Butte, 233. | Gordon, 195. | Oak, 243. |
| | Gothenburg, 249. | Oakland, 91. |
| Callaway, 207. | Grafton, 172. | Ogallala, 159. |
| Cambridge, 150. | Grand Island, 83. | Ohioa, 182. |
| Carleton, 199. | Greenwood, 163. | Omaha, 1, 3, 11, 25, 268, |
| Cedar Bluffs, 215. | Gresham, 197. | 288, 302, 303. |
| Cedar Rapids, 143. | Guide Rock, 128. | O'Neill, 95. |
| Central City, 36. | | Ord, 103. |
| Ceresco, 229. | Hampton, 245. | Orleans, 60. |
| Chadron, 158. | Hardy, 117. | Osceola, 65. |
| Chapman, 239. | Harrison, 277. | Oshkosh, 286. |
| Chappell, 205. | Hartington, 155. | Osmond, 247. |
| Chester, 298. | Harvard, 44. | Overton, 267. |
| Clarks, 134. | Hastings, 50. | Oxford, 138. |
| Clay Center, 139. | Havelock, 250. | |
| Coleridge, 219. | Hay Springs, 177. | Palisade, 216. |
| Columbus, 58. | Hebron, 43. | Palmyra, 287. |
| Cook, 231. | Herman, 222. | Papillion, 39. |
| Cortland, 194. | Hickman, 256. | Pawnee City, 23. |
| Cowles, 296. | Hildreth, 252. | Pender, 203. |
| Cozad, 188. | Holbrook, 257. | Peru, 14. |
| Craig, 241. | | |

Phillips, 62.	Sidney, 75.	University Place, 227.
Pierce, 153.	Silver Creek, 266.	Utica, 96.
Plainview, 204.	South Omaha, 184.	
Plattsmouth, 6.	Spencer, 261.	Valentine, 192.
Ponca, 101.	Springfield, 112.	Valparaiso, 151.
	Springview, 260.	
Randolph, 202.	Stanton, 41.	Wahoo, 59.
Ravenna, 289.	Stella, 105.	Wakefield, 83.
Red Cloud, 53.	Sterling, 70.	Wallace, 279.
Republican City, 98.	Stockville, 196.	Walthill, 274.
Reynolds, 160.	Stratton, 173.	Waterloo, 102.
Rising City, 81.	Stromsburg, 126.	Wauneta, 217.
Riverton, 63.	Stuart, 147.	Wausa, 251.
Royal, 291.	Summer, 212.	Wayne, 120.
Rulo, 13.	Superior, 121.	Weeping Water, 97.
Rushville, 169.	Surprise, 130.	Western, 140.
Ruskin, 304.	Sutherland, 299.	West Point, 27.
	Sutton, 49.	Wilber, 64.
Saint Edward, 230.	Syracuse, 57.	Wilcox, 226.
Saint Paul, 82.		Wilsonville, 157.
Sargent, 280.		Winside, 235.
Schuyler, 34.	Table Rock, 108.	Wisner, 114.
Scotia, 191.	Tecumseh, 17.	Wolbach, 292.
Scottsbluff, 265.	Tekamah, 31.	Wood Lake, 221.
Scribner, 132.	Tilden, 166.	Wood River, 211.
Seneca, 284.	Tobias, 149.	Wymore, 104.
Seward, 38.		
Shelby, 161.	Ulysses, 187.	York, 56.
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Adams, 42, 50, 144.	Gage, 26, 85, 104, 152, 165,	Otoe, 2, 57, 237, 272, 287.
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	Garden, 286.	Pawnee, 23, 108, 137.
Boone, 78, 143, 230.	Garfield, 200.	Phelps, 146, 275.
Box Butte, 183.	Gosper, 167.	Pierce, 153, 204, 247.
Boyd, 233, 261.	Grant, 234.	Platte, 58.
Brown, 136, 224.	Greeley, 191, 292.	Polk, 65, 126, 161.
Buffalo, 46, 99, 133, 189,		
289.	Hall, 33, 86, 211.	Red Willow, 135, 185, 228,
Burt, 31, 88, 91, 240, 241.	Hamilton, 62, 68, 223, 245.	262.
Butler, 51, 81, 130, 187.	Harlan, 60, 98, 116, 270.	Richardson, 9, 13, 40, 105.
	Hitchcock, 173, 174, 216.	Rock, 254.
Cass, 6, 97, 163, 209, 246.	Holt, 95, 147, 156, 164.	
Cedar, 155, 202, 219, 248.	Hooker, 282.	Saline, 37, 64, 73, 111, 118,
Chase, 198, 217.	Howard, 82.	140, 149.
Cherry, 192, 221.		Sarpy, 39, 112.
Cheyenne, 75.	Jefferson, 35, 160, 206.	Saunders, 59, 110, 151,
Clay, 44, 49, 67, 84, 139.	Johnson, 17, 70, 90, 231.	215, 229.
Colfax, 34, 193.		Scotts Bluff, 201, 263, 265,
Cuming, 27, 114, 145, 253.	Kearney, 127, 226.	271, 295.
Custer, 148, 170, 171, 176,	Keith, 159.	Seward, 30, 38, 96, 179, 259.
207, 225, 258, 280.	Keya Paha, 260.	Sheridan, 169, 177, 195.
	Kimball, 294.	Sherman, 106, 278.
Dakota, 5.	Knox, 87, 100, 218, 251,	Sioux, 277.
Dawes, 158, 181.	273.	Stanton, 41.
Dawson, 61, 188, 212, 249,		
267.	Lancaster, 19, 54, 94, 210,	Thayer, 43, 74, 92, 154,
Deuel, 205.	227, 250, 256, 297, 300.	199, 298.
Dixon, 83, 101, 220, 236.	Lincoln, 32, 279, 299.	Thomas, 284.
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Douglas, 1, 3, 11, 25, 102,		
184, 268, 281, 288, 290,	Madison, 55, 113, 166, 244,	Valley, 103, 208.
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Dundy, 180.	Merrick, 36, 134, 239, 266.	Washington, 10, 21, 52,
	Morrill, 285, 301.	222, 232.
Fillmore, 48, 79, 172, 182,		Wayne, 120, 235.
283.	Nance, 89, 125, 269.	Webster, 53, 128, 129, 296.
Franklin, 63, 76, 252, 264.	Nemaha, 4, 14, 29, 124, 162.	
Frontier, 168, 196.	Nuckolls, 77, 117, 121, 243,	York, 56, 197, 255.
Furnas, 93, 138, 150, 157,	304.	
257, 293.		

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES,
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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY	
	Nebraska,	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Herbert I. Underwood	Frank Wilcox
	Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Edmond S. Lyons	Henry W. Carson
	Capitol,	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Charles C. Haynes	Walter Willis
	Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	Arch Hosterman	James W. Ford
5	Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City	Dakota	Saturday on or before O	Walter E. Miller	John H. Ream
	Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First and third Mondays	William F. Evers	William T. Adams
	Falls City,	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Second and fourth Mondays	Ralph P. Roberts	Virgil Falloon
	Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	David W. Marr	J. Howard Beales
	Covert,	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Fred J. Stack	George R. Porter
10	Orient,	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	John J. Tackett	John C. Shepherd
	Peru,	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	Charles F. Beck	John B. Lewis
	Fremont,	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Edwin G. Bauman	Matthew A. Priestley
	Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Saturdays	Adolph Kovarik	Leo B. Heskett
	Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Warner L. Gregory	John Wright
15	Washington,	" 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Harry L. Morris	Charles E. Gaydou
	Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Harry W. Scott	John H. Tracy
	Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	James Hodge	Frank E. Underwood
	Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second and fourth Mondays	Elbert W. Fellers	Lemuel P. Gessell
	Jordan,	" 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Ralph H. Spencer	Peter Poellot
20	Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	Samuel C. Lawrence	William E. Seid
	Blue River,	" 30	Milford	Seward	Thursday on or before O	Frank H. Newton	Davidson F. Todd
	Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	First and third Wednesdays	Arthur M. Anderson	Ray V. Kennedy
	Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second Tuesday	David J. Fredrick	Carl R. Greisen
	Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Theophilus C. Wilson	Robert R. Watson
25	Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	First Tuesday	Arthur J. Stern	Frank L. Carroll
	Fairbury,	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Ola P. Jones	Arthur J. Denney
	Lone Tree,	" 36	Central City	Merrick	First and fourth Wednesdays	Julius G. Zamzow	Seward E. Cogswell
	Crete,	" 37	Crete	Saline	First Friday	Ralph I. Blust	Claude R. Davenport
	Oliver,	" 38	Seward	Seward	First Friday	Clifton McGrew	Smith D. Atkins
30	Papillion,	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	First and third Saturdays	Charles D. Martin	Karl C. Brown
	Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Alvin J. Gingerich	J. Frank Snethen
	Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Wednesday on or before O	David C. Spangler	John H. Welch
	Junjata,	" 42	Junjata	Adams	Monday on or before O	Edwin L. Kent	Calvin H. Hartwig
	Hebron,	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	James H. Dorsey	John R. Sutton
35	Harvard,	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Carl H. Worley	Griffith J. Thomas

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Rob Morris,	46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Henry F. Finke	Paul R. Burgner
Fairmont,	48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Tuesday on or before○	Harry W. Smith	George W. White
Evening Star,	49	Sutton	Clay	Second and fourth Thursdays	Dwight W. Dulaigh	Herman H. Schultz
Hastings,	50	Hastings	Adams	First Tuesday	George A. Volland	Henry H. Heiler
40 Fidelity,	51	David City	Rutler	First Tuesday	Alex E. Etting	Ralph D. Fuller
Hiram,	52	Arlington	Washington	Thursday on or before○	Joseph C. Chapman	James C. Badger
Charity,	53	Red Cloud	Webster	First and third Fridays	Flavus J. Grice	Benjamin F. Perry
Lancaster,	54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Robert O. Hodgman	Max Meyer
Mosale,	55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Harold S. Gow	George H. Burton
45 York,	56	York	York	Last Friday	Harry V. Cain	John Muir
Mount Moriah,	57	Syracuse	York	Thursday on or before○	Harry G. Hughes	William N. Hunter
Lebanon,	58	Columbus	Platte	Second Wednesday	Edgar Howard	Clarence A. Pittman
Wahoo,	59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	John O. Thorson	Denis A. Moyer
Melrose,	60	Orleans	Harlan	Wednesday on or before○*	Charles H. Gourley	Albert J. Olson
50 Thistle,	61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Thomas M. Hewitt	Benjamin L. Neff
Keystone,	62	Phillips	Hamilton	Saturday on or before○	Earl F. Arnold	Arthur J. Peterson
Riverton,	63	Riverton	Franklin	Monday on or before○	Nathan R. Morrow	Rolland C. Shetler
Blue Valley,	64	Wilber	Saline	Tuesday on or before○*	Frank H. McElroy	Joseph M. Korbel
Osceola,	65	Osceola	Polk	First and third Fridays	George E. Campbell	Arthur B. Mickey
55 Edgar,	67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays	John C. Shernikan	William J. Breckenridge
Aurora,	68	Aurora	Hamilton	First and third Tuesdays	Albert L. Johnson	Arthur M. Hare
Sterling,	70	Sterling	Johnson	Tuesday on or before○	Otto H. Stuve	Warren A. White
Trowel,	71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Herbert G. Maybury	John W. Lamson
Hooper,	72	Hooper	Dodge	First Friday	J. Sherman Zellers	Norman E. Schaffer
60 Friend,	73	Friend	Dodge	Thursday on or before○*	Thomas Rineheimer	Malcolm L. McFarlane
Alexandria,	74	Alexandria	Taylor	Second and fourth Mondays	John E. Gardner	Benjamin L. Terry
Frank Welch,	75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Frank M. Wooldridge	Leslie Neubauer
Joppa,	76	Bloomington	Franklin	Friday on or before○	Al. T. Reams	William T. Britton
Nelson,	77	Nelson	Nuckolls	Thursday on or before○	Henry E. Goodrich	Orval C. Myers
65 Albion,	78	Albion	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Arthur W. Ladd	Lonnie E. Cummins
Geneva,	79	Geneva	Fillmore	Friday on or before○*	Waldo E. Propst	Tyler Edgcombe
Composite,	81	Rising City	Rutler	Tuesday on or before○	George A. Cooley	Luther J. Saylor
Saint Paul,	82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	Walter L. Kimber	Frederick R. Haggart
Corinthian,	83	Wakefield	Dixon	Friday on or before○	F. Ray Dilts	Frank A. Davis
70 Fairfield,	84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Mondays	Edwin H. Burnham	Lester L. Wages
Tyre,	85	Blue Springs	Gage	Tuesday on or before○	Nelson W. Morris	Victor H. Mason
Doniphan,	86	Doniphan	Hall	First Friday†	Thomas T. McCleery	Alvie Lynn Johnson
Ionic,	87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before○	John D. Forsyth	Joseph Stejskal
Star,	88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	William R. Eagleton	John G. Maryott

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75	Cedar River,	No. 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays.....	Peter J. Ballinger.....	Maley W. Piercy.....
	Elk Creek,	" 90	Elk Creek.....	Johnson.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Edwin R. Merwin.....	William H. Wert.....
	Oakland,	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays.....	Nevin W. Hopkins.....	Arthur B. Peden.....
	Hubbell,	" 92	Hubbell.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Saturdays.....	Odes F. Brown.....	Ario P. Wilcox.....
	Beaver City,	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	Monday on or before○.....	Harry B. Hall.....	Roy A. Little.....
80	Bennett,	" 94	Bennett.....	Lancaster.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Owen M. York.....	George B. Liesveld.....
	Garfield,	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Elmer Surber.....	Claud P. Hancock.....
	Utica,	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Earnest L. McNeil.....	Darrell E. Trump.....
	Euclid,	" 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	First Monday.....	William H. Tuck.....	Frank J. Domingo.....
	Republican,	" 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	George H. Woolman.....	Leonard L. Johnson.....
	Shelton,	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	Friday on or before○.....	Norman E. Peirce.....	Guy N. Henninger.....
85	Creighton,	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Carl M. Anderson.....	Daniel J. DeBeer.....
	Ponca,	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	Friday on or before○.....	Lloyd Lynde.....	Arthur H. Logan.....
	Waterloo,	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Ira Lamb.....	Charles C. Peabody.....
	Ord,	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Claude A. Davis.....	James F. Colby.....
90	Wymore,	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays.....	Franklin W. Myers.....	Ralph E. Fulton.....
	Stella,	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	John F. Weddle.....	Alfred Shellenbarger.....
	Porter,	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Asa J. Farnham.....	Clarence R. Sweetland.....
	Table Rock,	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Edgar J. Norris.....	Clarence L. Bonham.....
	Pomegranate,	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	First Friday.....	Connoir V. Bliss.....	S. Frank Woodward.....
95	DeWitt,	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before○.....	John R. Henderickson.....	Charles A. Rowland.....
	Springfield,	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	Second and fourth Saturdays.....	Leroy B. Harberg.....	William E. Miller.....
	Globe,	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Newton A. Housel.....	Harold M. Diers.....
	Wisner,	" 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays.....	William L. Birkelbach.....	Orval K. Nye.....
	Harlan,	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	First and third Fridays.....	Axel T. Danielson.....	Philetus P. Bentley.....
100	Hardy,	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Ralph W. Livers.....	James H. Fair.....
	Doric,	" 118	Dorchester.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before○.....	Glen Martin.....	J. Frank Longanecker.....
	North Bend,	" 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	Second Tuesday.....	John R. Tapster.....	Burlingame Walker.....
	Wayne,	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	Second and fourth Fridays.....	Earl H. Merchant.....	J. Murray Cherry.....
	Superior,	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Carl W. Bates.....	John T. Robbins.....
105	Auburn,	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	Monday on or before○.....	George H. Thurlow.....	Homer L. Combs.....
	Mount Nebo,	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	Second and fourth Saturdays.....	Hugh A. Reed.....	C. John Elm.....
	Stromsburg,	" 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Guy F. Barnhart.....	James D. Edwards.....
	Minden,	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Julius H. Rector.....	Charles A. Chappell.....
	Guide Rock,	" 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	Thursday on or before○*	Lloyd H. Hunter.....	Earl B. Crary.....
110	Blue Hill,	" 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	Friday on or before○.....	Frank E. Britton.....	Oliver H. Martin.....
	Tuscan,	" 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	Thursday on or before○.....	W. Eugene Parks.....	Amasa S. Chapman.....
	Scribner,	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	Paul L. Keller.....	Clarence Ranslem.....
	Elm Creek,	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Archie C. Miller.....	John L. Daul.....
	Solar,	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Claude M. Dexter.....	Charles E. Souser, Jr.....
115	McCook,	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Floyd M. Hegenberger.....	Thomas G. Rees.....
	Long Pine,	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	Second Monday.....	George R. Patterson.....	Albert L. Bishop.....
	Upright,	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	Wednesday on or before○*	Albert Stake.....	Clay E. Cox.....
	Rawalt,	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Edward E. Duryee.....	William M. Banta.....

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	Clay Centre, No. 139	Clay Center	Clay	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Loy J. Gilkeson	Earl Fryar
120	Western, " 140	Western	Saline	First and third Wednesdays	Roswell S. Cutler	George Hollenberger
	Crescent, " 143	Cedar Rapids	Boone	Third Wednesday	William C. Wicks	William A. Gibson
	Kenesaw, " 144	Kenesaw	Adams	Friday on or before O	Liberty M. Robinson	William C. Hines
	Bancroft, " 145	Bancroft	Cuming	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Alfred M. Daniels	Ross E. Cates
	Jachin, " 146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Harry R. Belville	Elmer G. Brunzell
125	Siloam, " 147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or after O	Frank O. Johnson	William A. Wilson
	Emmet Crawford, " 148	Broken Bow	Custer	Third Wednesday	Charles S. Tooley	Herman F. Hanson
	Jewel, " 149	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Harry A. Trobaugh	* Samuel F. Nunemaker
	Cambridge, " 150	Cambridge	Furnas	Tuesday on or before O*	Harry W. Thordike	Arthur C. Easton, Act.
	Square, " 151	Valparaiso	Furnas	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Lloyd D. Mengel	Robert B. Greeno, Act.
130	Parallel, " 152	Liberty	Gage	Thursday on or before O	John Gear	Nelson H. Olmsted
	Evergreen, " 153	Pierce	Pierce	Friday and fourth Tuesdays	Joseph Wolf	Edward B. Fanske
	Lily, " 154	Davenport	Thayer	Friday on or before O	John C. Campbell	L. Clark Minard
	Hartington, " 155	Hartington	Cedar	Wednesday on or before O	Richard J. Richards	Franz C. Radke
	Pythagoras, " 156	Ewing	Holt	Saturday on or before O†	Andrew J. Davis	Sidney E. Adrian
135	Valley, " 157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Wednesday on or before O	Phillip W. Haning	Edward J. Hamilton
	Samaritan, " 158	Chadron	Daves	First and third Thursdays	L. Edgar Sprague	William A. Danley
	Ogallala, " 159	Ogallala	Keith	Tuesday on or before O	Walter A. Harmon	Theodore F. Gould
	Zeredatha, " 160	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Thursdays	Vincent A. Jay	Harry D. Hazlett
	Mount Zion, " 161	Shelby	Polk	Monday on or before O*	Henry Humiston	Richard T. Buelow
140	Trestle Board, " 162	Brock	Nemaha	Saturday on or before O	Ora A. Vandervort	Almon C. DePue
	Unity, " 163	Greenwood	Cass	Friday on or before O	Emmett Landon	Charles E. Calfee
	Atkinson, " 164	Atkinson	Holt	First and third Wednesdays	Carroll C. Raymer	Robert L. Hanks
	Barneston, " 165	Barneston	Gage	Tuesday on or before O*	John H. James	George H. Hauer
	Mystic Tie, " 166	Tilden	Madison	Thursday on or before O	George O. Mills	John W. Harris
145	Elwood, " 167	Wood	Gosper	Wednesday on or before O	Perry J. Umberger	Charles A. Yeoman
	Curtis, " 168	Curtis	Frontier	First and third Mondays	Harry R. Wilkinsen	Alfred B. Cooper
	Amity, " 169	Rushville	Sheridan	First and third Tuesdays	Frank H. Black	Zadok T. Daniel
	Mason City, " 170	Mason City	Custer	Tuesday on or before O	George J. Anderson	Ralph F. McCloughan
	Merna, " 171	Merna	Custer	Saturday on or after O	Floyd A. Johnson	Francis Jacquot
150	Grafton, " 172	Grafton	Filmore	Wednesday on or before O*	Max Steiger	Frank H. Conrad
	Robert Burns, " 173	Stratton	Hitchcock	Second and fourth Mondays	William W. Wenstrand	Francis M. Pfrimmer
	Culbertson, " 174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays	Tenant Bedell	Arvene C. Eisenhart
	Temple, " 175	Fillye	Gage	First and third Saturdays	Lewis C. McClung	Raymond O. Andrew
	Gladstone, " 176	Ansel	Custer	Thursday on or after O	Earl O. Morris	Claude B. Hoover
155	Hay Springs, " 177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays	Edwin E. Marcy	Paul C. Morgan
	Prudence, " 179	Beaver Crossing	Seward	Tuesday on or before O	Smith Rodman	Phillip Maurer
	Justice, " 180	Benkelman	Dundy	Friday on or before O	Axel Jorgenson	Richard R. Rushton

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	Faith,	No. 181	Crawford	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Clyde J. Hornsby.....	Harry N. Birney
	Incense,	" 182	Ohioa.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Clyde Rakestraw.....	Fred Wolter
160	Alliance,	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Perley I. Beach.....	Leon H. Mosher
	Bee Hive,	" 184	South Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	William N. Paxton.....	August C. Heicke
	Boaz,	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Chauncey S. Messner.....	George B. Morgan
	Israel,	" 187	Elyses.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Allen W. Withers.....	Anson B. Andrew
	Meridian,	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	Third Tuesday.....	Frank M. Johnson.....	Charles H. Zeman
165	Granite,	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	William C. Ogilvie.....	Ira A. Kirk
	Amethyst,	" 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	Second and fourth Saturdays.....	John T. Kelley.....	Henry A. Tunnell
	Crystal,	" 191	Scotia.....	Greely.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Stephen T. Grohosky.....	Theodore J. Stoetzel
	Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	Third Tuesday.....	Jeremiah H. Howe.....	Luke M. Bates
	Signet,	" 193	Leigh.....	Golfax.....	Friday on or before○.....	Joseph F. McKinley.....	Francis N. Nichols
170	Highland,	" 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	First Monday.....	Jacob P. Sausman.....	Irvin H. Johnston
	Arcana,	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Mondays.....	Dwight P. Griswold.....	Roy S. Ross
	Level,	" 196	Stockville.....	Frontier.....	Saturday on or before○.....	**George J. Dold.....	**Alfred G. Williams
	Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham.....	York.....	Friday on or before○.....	Fred T. Clark.....	Samuel A. Tobey
	Purity,	" 198	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	Friday on or before○.....	Rolly W. Arterburn.....	John T. Johnston
175	Gavel,	" 199	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Floyd E. Bailey.....	James H. Bryant
	Blazing Star,	" 200	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.....	Thursday on or after○.....	Elbert M. White.....	Robert W. Hanna
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	First and third Fridays.....	***Edward S. Prohs.....	Marvin E. Downar
	Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Pender.....	Thurston.....	Monday on or before○.....	George I. Reed.....	Edgar W. Johnson
	Roman Eagle,	" 203	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	James H. Parker.....	Adolph H. Wriedt
180	Plainview,	" 204	Chapell.....	Deuel.....	First Tuesday.....	Morton M. Taylor.....	Andy Hansen
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	Thursday on or before○.....	William H. Thompson.....	John M. Brownell
	Napthali,	" 206	Callaway.....	Custer.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Harry K. Shutt.....	William A. Snyder
	Parian,	" 207	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Charles M. Frederick.....	Arthur J. Higbee
	Gauge,	" 208	Elmwood.....	Lans.....	Tuesday after○*.....	Mell Gordon.....	Charles H. Downing
185	Canopy,	" 209	Lincoln.....	Hall.....	Fred Zink.....	Fred Zink.....	John H. Rogge
	East Lincoln,	" 210	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	George A. Bloom.....	George A. Bloom.....	Lorenzen P. Ronne
	Cement,	" 211	Adams.....	Gage.....	M. Luther Wiseman.....	M. Luther Wiseman.....	Edward B. Persson
	Compass & Square,	" 212	Cedar Bluffs.....	Saunders.....	William M. Davis.....	William M. Davis.....	Jacob P. Serr
	Plumblin,	" 214	Palisade.....	Hitchcock.....	Joseph E. Steidley.....	Joseph E. Steidley.....	John E. Killen
190	Occidental,	" 215	Wauneta.....	Chase.....	David K. Miller.....	David K. Miller.....	Lewis J. Schere
	Palisade,	" 216	Bloomfield.....	Knox.....	Robert C. Miller.....	Robert C. Miller.....	Isaac O. Premer
	Wauneta,	" 217	Coleridge.....	Cedar.....	James N. Burham.....	James N. Burham.....	James W. Shrigley
	Bloomfield,	" 218	Emerson.....	Cherry.....	Fred C. Wiese.....	Fred C. Wiese.....	James W. Shrigley
	Relief,	" 219	Wood Lake.....	Washington.....	Earle L. Wait.....	Earle L. Wait.....	Cornelius T. Heckt
195	Magnolia,	" 220	Herman.....	Hilton.....	Detlef Dohrman.....	Detlef Dohrman.....	George R. Stone
	Wood Lake,	" 221	Giltner.....	Brown.....	James S. Kreyck.....	James S. Kreyck.....	Forrest B. Smith
	Landmark,	" 222	Ainsworth.....	Custer.....	Clarence J. Thone.....	Clarence J. Thone.....	Henry Lausen
	Eminence,	" 223	Arnold.....	Kearney.....	Loyd B. Campbell.....	Loyd B. Campbell.....	Charles R. Gray
	Silver Cord,	" 224	Wilcox.....		Ben H. Burritt.....	Ben H. Burritt.....	George F. Washburn
200	Cable,	" 225			Henry E. Bishop.....	Henry E. Bishop.....	Theodore E. Ritter
	Grace,	" 226			George McCullough.....	George McCullough.....	Charles M. Fisher
							Arell L. Marsteller

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	North Star,	No. 227	University Place	Lancaster	First Wednesday†	Lester E. Hawkins	Cecil C. Gates
	Barley,	" 228	Barley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○	Henry Butheris	Floyd Cochran
	Comet,	" 229	Ceresco	Saunders	Thursday on or before○*	David Goold	Gus Johnson
205	Delta,	" 230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Wesley A. Condreay	Alfred Powell
	Mount Hermon,	" 231	Cook	Johnson	Wednesday on or before○	William F. Howarth	Vernon E. Hillman
	John S. Bowen	" 232	Kenard	Washington	Third Saturday	John A. Burgess	J. Floyd McCann
	Gilead,	" 233	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays	John A. Ford	Stephen A. Richardson
	Zion,	" 234	Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before○	William A. Kommers	George A. Martz
210	Fraternity,	" 235	Winside	Wayne	Wednesday on or before○	Harry E. Siman	Gilbert E. French
	Golden Rule,	" 236	Allen	Dixon	Tuesday on or before○*	George W. Liebers	Vernon W. McDonald
	Cubit,	" 237	Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before○	Victor L. Kirby	Elmer E. Scott
	Friendship,	" 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays	Adolph Frimann	Walter Calhoun
	Pilot,	" 240	Lyons	Burt	Third Friday	John E. Buckley	Richard A. McHale
215	George Armstrong,	" 241	Craig	Burt	First and third Tuesdays	Andrew T. Struthers	William T. Minier
	Tyrian,	" 243	Oak	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays	William H. McNerny	Robert D. Montgomery
	Sincerity,	" 244	Battle Creek	Madison	Second Tuesday	Clyde E. Baker	John B. Dufpey
	Hampton,	" 245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	Fred W. Christiansen	George E. Platts
	Nehawka,	" 246	Nehawka	Cass	Wednesday on or before○	Hall A. Pollard	David D. Adams
220	Cornerstone,	" 247	Osmond	Pierce	Friday on or before○	Burton Buchanan	James Cizek
	Laurel,	" 248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Joseph B. Larson	Guy R. Stewart
	Gothenburg,	" 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	Edwin R. Iler	John J. Jennings
	George Washington,	" 250	Havelock	Lancaster	Second and fourth Thursdays	Robert McKinney	Frank B. Young
	Wausa,	" 251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	Robert W. McConnell	Frank C. Genung
225	Hildreth,	" 252	Hildreth	Franklin	Wednesday on or before○*	Francis W. Purdy	George M. Myers
	Beemer,	" 253	Beemer	Cuming	First and third Wednesdays	George W. Hubenthal	Martin Belling
	Bassett,	" 254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	William E. Preble	Fred Jungman
	Bradshaw,	" 255	Bradshaw	York	First and third Mondays	Amer L. Lincoln	Emile C. Roggy
	Hickman,	" 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before○	Thomas Coyne	Cyrus Black
230	Holbrook,	" 257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Fridays	Albert M. Keyes	Charles G. Frazier
	Anselmo,	" 258	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before○	Leonard V. Lindley	Chalmers G. Emzfeld
	Bee,	" 259	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before○	Bertram R. Colman	Emery A. Hall
	Orman,	" 261	Spencer	Boyd	First, third and fifth Mondays	IHoward E. Bradstreet	William D. Spicknall
235	Endeavor,	" 262	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before○	Walter C. Smith	Arthur C. Crabtree
	Mitchell,	" 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Harry E. Ayres	Oliver P. Burrows
	Franklin,	" 264	Franklin	Franklin	Second and fourth Mondays	Irvin E. Whitmore	Henry Plank, Sr.
	Robt. W. Furnas,	" 265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Mondays	Charles C. McElroy	Victor Fuehring
	Silver,	" 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	First Wednesday	Arthur K. Roth	John W. Jackman
240	James A. Tulleys,	" 267	Overton	Dawson	Saturday on or before○	John W. Dunaway	Ralph W. Wallace

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	Geo. W. Liminger,	No. 268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Amos Thomas	Isaac W. Moorman
	Riverside,	" 269	Belgrade	Nance	Friday before○*	Fred H. VanWasmer	Elmer Anderson
	Huntley,	" 270	Huntley	Harlan	Tuesday on or before○*	Harley A. Peterson	Frank W. N. Brown
	Oasis,	" 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Thursday on or before○	Henry A. Gatewood	Jay B. Ekman
245	Lee P. Gillette,	" 272	Dunbar	Otoe	Monday on or before○	William S. Ashton	William G. Money
	Crofton,	" 273	Crofton	Knox	Thursday on or before○	A. Benjamin Johnson	Charles Ruden
	Olive Branch	" 274	Walthill	Thurston	Second Monday	Clinton I. Lennon	Alva L. Rousey
	Ramah,	" 275	Bertrand	Phelps	Thursday on or before○	Ward F. Dobbin	W. Ross Pedley
	Antelope,	" 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Fred E. Howe	Rollie C. Huffman
250	Sioux,	" 277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	Tressie M. Powell	Dee P. Davis
	Litchfield,	" 278	Litchfield	Sherman	Thursday on or before○	George W. Hager	Charles A. Rydberg
	Wallace,	" 279	Wallace	Lincoln	Tuesday on or before○	Harry Rees	Howard G. Spencer
	Swastika,	" 280	Sargent	Custer	Tuesday on or after○	James E. Werber	Frank L. Hicks
	Florence,	" 281	Florence	Douglas	First Monday	Edwin E. Gabrielsen	Jacob Weber, Jr.
255	Mullen,	" 282	Mullen	Hooker	Tuesday on or before○	David F. Lay	Arthur G. Humphrey
	Exeter,	" 283	Exeter	Fillmore	Second and fourth Fridays	Warren E. Leffer	Lee R. Harrold
	Seneca,	" 284	Seneca	Thomas	Wednesday on or before○	Alfred W. Franks	James C. Clary
	Camp Clarke,	" 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	Claibourne G. Perry	Z. Harold Jones
	Oshkosh,	" 286	Oshkosh	Garden	Wednesday on or after○	Charles L. Tomppert	Ed S. Wood
260	Union,	" 287	Palmyra	Otoe	Wednesday on or before○	George Weatherhogg	Albert T. Cassel
	Omaha,	" 288	Omaha	Douglas	First Saturday	Robert E. Gilmor	Edward L. Cain
	Lotus,	" 289	Ravenna	Douglas	First Tuesday	Frank V. Benesh	Archie A. Meek
	John J. Mercer,	" 290	Benson	Antelope	First Tuesday	Daniel Westergard	Earl W. Dean
	Diamond,	" 291	Royal	Greeley	First and third Mondays	William E. Butler	Charles D. Lingenfelter
265	Wolbach,	" 292	Wolbach	Furnas	First and third Wednesdays	George D. Merrideth	Edwin L. Johnson
	Monument,	" 293	Arapahoe	Kimball	Second and fourth Mondays	Dell C. Mather	Eugene L. Bellamy
	Kimball,	" 294	Kimball	Scotts Bluff	First Monday	James A. Rodman	Irving S. Walker
	Minatare,	" 295	Minatare	Webster	Second and fourth Fridays	Clark G. Nichols	Fred W. Smith
	Cowles,	" 296	Cowles	Lancaster	First and third Wednesdays	Fred J. Fuller	Horace G. Morse
270	Cotner,	" 297	Bethany	Thayer	Fourth Friday	Cecil C. Donley	Wendall B. Smith
	Chester,	" 298	Chester	Lincoln	First and third Mondays	Elbert L. Brown	Frederic M. Holtz
	Sutherland,	" 299	Sutherland	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Ruffie I. Shappell	Edwin LaRue
	Liberty,	" 300	Lincoln	Morrill	First Thursday	George C. Mason	James F. Thompson
	Bayard,	" 301	Bayard	Douglas	First and third Tuesdays	Harvey K. Bald	Ivan H. Linder
275	Mizpah,	" 302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Anson L. Havens	Lemuel E. Fitch
	Right Angle,	" 303	Omaha	Nuckolls	Last Friday	Raymond V. Cole	Paul F. Griswold
	Ruskin,	" 304	Ruskin	Madison	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Frank Hopkirk	William H. Nelson
	Newman Grove,	" 305	Newman Grove		Second and fourth Mondays	William C. Hastings	Arthur Still

*And two weeks thereafter.



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

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

I herewith present my report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in obedience to the action of the Grand Lodge at its last session, "to prepare a report not to exceed fifty pages, reviewing other Grand Jurisdictions," and hope the brethren will appreciate the effort required to confine a report reviewing other jurisdictions to the limit indicated.

In reading the report of the several proceedings, there is so much worth while, so "many gems of purest rays serene," scattered all through the proceedings that the writer would fain bring to the attention of his brethren; but the limitation of space forbids.

The principal questions being considered by the Craft are the recognition of some of the European and Spanish Grand Lodges; the physical qualification of petitioners; Masonic relief and how best to administer relief funds; many organizations basing their membership on the Masonic institution, and the creation of more machinery to carry on some of the work belonging to the Masonic lodge.

It will be observed by a close reading of the reports, that some of Craft that talk loudest about the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man," are ever ready to align themselves with those claiming to be Masons who entirely discard the necessity of a belief in God.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. EHRHARDT,

For the Committee.

ALABAMA.

The ninety-ninth annual communication was held in the city of Montgomery, December 3rd, 1919.

The Grand Master's address is brief, covering twenty-two pages. About the first business done by the Grand Lodge, having in view the action of the Grand Lodge the previous year in recognizing about everything that claimed to be Masonic, was to adopt the "Declaration of Masonic Faith as to God and the Holy Bible," submitted by Past Grand Master James A. Bilbro, as follows:

"To the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Alabama:

"Two matters, dangerous to the integrity of Masonry, are being pressed upon the attention of the Craft in some Masonic jurisdictions, which are these:

"1st. That a belief in God is not essential to membership in the Order.

"2nd. That the Holy Bible displayed on Masonic altars as the First Great Light in Masonry is used simply as a symbol and that its precepts have no Masonic recognition.

"As to these matters, the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of the State of Alabama makes this

DECLARATION OF MASONIC FAITH AS TO GOD AND THE HOLY BIBLE.

"A. We believe in God, that He is the Father of us all and that He is the Creator of Heaven and Earth and all things therein. We believe, as we teach, that we should reverence and adore Him and implore His aid in all our laudable undertakings, and esteem Him as the Chief Good.

"B. We believe, as we teach, that no atheist can be made a Mason, and that no one should be made a Mason without a profession of belief in God.

"C. We cannot affiliate, masonically, with one who denies the existence of God.

"D. We believe that the Holy Bible, the First Great Light in Masonry, is more than a symbol. We believe, as we teach, that the Holy Bible, sometimes in our work called the "Holy Scriptures," and sometimes called the 'Holy Writings,' is the inestimable gift of God to man; that Masonry has accepted this gracious and divine gift as containing an expression of God's Will, and that its precepts are the rule and guide to our faith in God and our unerring guide in the discharge of our duties to God, our neighbor and ourselves.

"E. We believe that God and the Holy Bible are essential to Masonry.

"The R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge is instructed to transcribe the above 'Declaration of Faith' upon a separate page of the minutes of this Grand Lodge.

"The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama thus declares its faith in order to emphasize the excellence and glory of Masonry, and to protest against any propaganda that God and the precepts of the Holy Bible, our First Great Light, are not essential to Masonry."

Brother Oliver D. Street, the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a special report wherein he discusses in a very able manner Masonry in Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Holland, Italy, Mexico, Sweden, Norway, and a number of South American countries.

In his regular report in reviewing Nebraska, calling attention to the errors, he quotes Brother Robert F. Gould as acquitting the Grand Orient of France of being atheistic. Has he taken the pains to read page 360 of Gould's Concise History of Freemasonry wherein he says, "the atheistical doctrine of the Grand Orient (of France) is not shared by the supreme council of France," and on the same page, speaking of his services on the special committee of eleven of the Grand Lodge of England that in their report declared the "alteration" to be "in their judgment opposed to the traditions, practice and feeling of all true and genuine Masons from the earliest to the present time?"

In answer to Brother Street. Did I not think that Nebraska Masonry is a good standard for Masonry in all parts of the world, I

would endeavor to follow his example and turn a complete somersault.

Nebraska Masons have no occasion to pass a resolution that they believe in God and that the Holy Bible is necessary as one of the Great Lights of Masonry. No we are not inclined to follow after strange gods.

ALBERTA.

Fourteenth communication June 11th, 1919. Grand Master Darling in his address pays his compliments to the "Pharisees" of Masoury, the fellows who make large promises, and follow with little performance; he says:

"They write, and talk and enlarge, and storm, and again in act and word they say as he of old, "I thank Thee that I am not like other men, not like this publican."

He makes a plea for a world fraternity and says much for the League of Nations. As to physical qualifications, he says the subject should be dealt with and reasonable and certain allowances made.

Why not leave the matter to the local lodges?

The Committee on Fraternal Relations made an interesting report and recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of France. The report was laid on the table until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Grand Master Darling, Nebraska being fraternally reviewed.

ARIZONA.

The thirty-seventh annual communication was held at Prescott, February 11th, 1919.

The Grand Master refused to grant a dispensation to confer the degrees upon one who had not yet attained the age of twenty-one years. He recommends the Masonic Service Association and the recognition of the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Lodge voted its approval of the Masonic Service Association and authorized the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, a committee, to pay their share of the expenses out of the Grand Lodge fund. They also passed a resolution endorsing the mission appointed by the Grand Master of the State of New York. There is no report on correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Vancouver, June 19th, 1919.

The Grand Master reports ten rulings, eight of them on physical qualification, all approved. He makes no recommendation. Past Grand Master Douglas Corsan introduced the following resolution:

"That for a period of ten years from this date, no man of German birth shall be eligible for election into any Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

"And, further, that for the same period no Mason of German birth from outside this jurisdiction, shall be granted a right to visit in any Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia."

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence who reported the following which was adopted:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to recommend that the resolution submitted to them be amended to read:

"It having been established that Germany and Austria began the terrible war now about to be brought to a victorious close by the signing by Germany of a peace dictated by the Allied Powers, and it having been proven that they, having violated every law of God and man in trying to force their will upon the world, and this Grand Lodge having severed all fraternal relationship with German and Austrian Lodges, we recommend that our membership be further advised that in all applications received by constituent Lodges for initiation and affiliation from those of enemy alien birth, due caution be exercised by and through Freemasonry's foundation stone, the ballot."

The writer is thankful that should occasion permit he can still visit his brethren in British Columbia.

They have no use for so-called French Masonry in British Columbia. As to our action in refusing recognition of the Grand Lodge of Panama the Committee on Foreign Correspondence says:

"With so many of the Grand Lodges in the United States more than ready to recognize any organization claiming to be Masonic, it is refreshing to come across one which is not carried away by the general excitement, and which has a due regard for the principles upon which the Institution is founded. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reporting on the request of the so-called Grand Lodge of Panama for recognition, recited the story of its origin from a supreme council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and arrived at the following conclusions," quoting the report of the committee and the action thereon.

COLORADO.

The 59th annual communication held at Denver, October 7th, 1919.

Grand Master Kellogg in his address says:

"The 'Ancient Landmarks' which long ago were set forth and promulgated on account of their fundamental conception of right living and right thinking, form the basis upon which may be recognized an Institution that will continue to merit and demand the esteem of all well-thinking people. As an Institution, we stand for equal rights to all persons, based upon an abiding belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe, to whom all shall be accountable, and in the earnest hope and belief that the principles to which we are pledged shall live and that we recognize that great light in Masonry, the Bible, the greatest gift of God to man.

"Four of the twenty-five Landmarks of Free Masonry that have always been respected and upheld in our jurisdiction are the grounds for these statements and they read as follows:

No. 19. "That every Mason must believe in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe."

No. 20. "That every Mason must believe in a resurrection to a future life."

No. 21. "That a book of the Law of God must constitute an indispensable part of the furnishings of every Lodge."

No. 22. "That all men in the sight of God are equal and meet in the Lodge on one common level."

The special Committee on Fraternal Relations with the Grand Lodges of the German Empire presented their report wherein the opinion was expressed that the relations were severed by the action of the Grand Lodges of Germany, and the special report of the Committee on Correspondence quotes the conclusion of Brother Kuhn, of Missouri, wherein he says:

"Your committee believes now, as it has in the past, that a belief in Deity and the open book of the Law on our altars is the very fundamental principle of the fraternity of Freemasons. To recognize anything else means chaos and anarchy."

The report on correspondence is by the committee, consisting of eighty-two pages, Nebraska for 1918 being fraternally reviewed.

CONNECTICUT.

The one hundred thirty-first annual communication was held February 5th, 1919. Grand Master William F. English in a report of twenty-two pages has something to say of the war forced upon us in defense of national honor, but adds that we were fighting for greater things than mere self protection—that we were at war to guarantee freedom and destroy the "Right of conquest." He endorses and commends the George Washington Memorial Association. Speaking of dispensations says: "I have refused requests for dispensations to work the degrees on Sunday, to accept a candidate under age, or one who has lost a bodily member essential to the practice of our rites." With regard to the two last cases I am of the opinion that they are on a par, that a Grand Master can neither add a year to a man's age by a dispensation or in like manner supply a bodily deficiency. He decided that a contribution to the Red Cross could be made out of the lodge funds. He granted a dispensation for an Army Lodge "Somewhere in France." He recommends "That from this time all lodges in this jurisdiction be required to use the English language." He recommends that the dues be increased from \$1.25 to \$1.50, one dollar for the Masonic Home and 50 cents for the Grand Lodge.

The War Board makes a lengthy report and the Masonic Service Association is fully endorsed.

The report on correspondence is by Past Grand Master George A. Kies, Grand Secretary, Nebraska, being fraternally reviewed.

CUBA.

Grand Lodge. April 3d, 1919.

The proceedings are published in Spanish except the Preamble to the Report on Foreign Correspondence wherein the reviewer refers to someone who kept us out of doing our duty at military camps.

He would like to see French Masonry recognized without reference to what we deem essential in Masonry.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Grand Lodge met March 8th, 1919.

Joseph H. Milans, Grand Master, presided at the meeting. This meeting under their constitution is for the exemplification of the work.

Grand Lodge met May 14th, 1919.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported the Masonic Service Association, and the Grand Lodge approved the constitution and accepted the responsibilities and privileges outlined therein. The 109th annual communication was held December 17th, 1919.

Joseph H. Milans, Grand Master, pays a tribute to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions. He reports against relaxing the rule as to physical qualification or that of Masonic residence. All his decisions are set out in full and show the work of the trained jurist. He reports the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the completion of their Eastern Star Home, the Masonic Relief Association, and the Masonic Employment Association. He reports attending the meeting of the Service Association and says "there need be no fear of a General Grand Lodge."

He reports the Peace Celebration of the Grand Lodge of England.

A very sensible report on the "Roosevelt Memorial Tablet" was submitted and adopted.

The veteran reviewer, George W. Baird, presents his twentieth annual Report on Correspondence, giving Nebraska due consideration; he finds fault with the report adopted last year on French Masonry. He says our report that the Grand Orient is atheistic, is wrong. Well, we will leave the matter with Robert F. Gould, the Masonic historian, on one side and Brother Baird on the other.

FLORIDA.

The ninetieth annual meeting was held January 21st, 1919.

Grand Master T. Picton Warlow reports issuing three hundred and fifty dispensations waiving the time limit for conferring degrees on soldiers called to the front; he ruled that five candidates might receive

the Entered Apprentice degree at one communication. This will be strange news to some of our lodges in this jurisdiction where they not only confer all the degrees possible in one day and night but have a special meeting of another lodge at the same time to confer degrees by "request."

The Grand Master reports the purchase of a building at St. Petersburg to be used as a Masonic Home. He endorses the Masonic Service Association.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reports the following:

"Our Grand Master refused a dispensation to Island Grove Lodge No. 125 to waive a 'physical defect.' We do not intend to pass upon the correctness of his refusal, as that is not within our province, but we wish to ask attention of the Craft to Regulation No. 84 which places upon the Lodges the decision in such cases without reference to the Grand Master."

GEORGIA.

The 133rd annual meeting was held at Macon, October 28th, 1919.

Grand Master Robert J. Travis reports attending the meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association, and he notes the effort of the Masons of the United States to engage in War Relief work and gives a rather detailed account of the efforts made by the Masonic Fraternity in endeavoring to get into the Masonic Relief work over seas. He gives an account of the meeting in London of the Great Peace Celebration, a very detailed report of which is made by Brother Raymond Daniel, their brilliant chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The Masonic Service Association is endorsed and the Grand Master pleads for an Endowment Fund for the Masonic Home. There is also included in the proceedings a special report by Brother Daniel on the work of the Masonic Overseas Mission and the Masonic Clubs of the A. E. F. overseas. He gives a special report on French Masonry and concludes with the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATIONS TO GRAND LODGE.

Your chairman moves the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That all action on the question of fraternal recognition, relation or fellowship with the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of France be deferred until the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of France shall acknowledge God as the Supreme Being and require for its members the expression of belief in God, and that the Holy Bible be displayed as a part of the furniture of the Lodge.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That, as Masons of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, formerly in the service of the United States government, have returned from France, the right of visitation with Lodges and members of the Grand Lodge of France, granted as a war-time emergency measure, be and is hereby revoked.

In his general review, speaking of Nebraska, he says:

"It is a new pleasure to turn the pages of Nebraska Proceedings, since it was our opportunity to meet and know their Grand Secretary Francis E. White on the visit to the Peace Jubilee of the United Grand Lodge of England in June. We learned to know and love Brother White so well. It was our good fortune to be his cabin mate on boats to and from England, and the happy times spent with him and the knowledge absorbed from him will always be a pleasure and profit."

IDAHO.

The 52nd annual communication was held at Burley, September 9th, 1919. The special Committee on the George Washington Memorial recommended that the \$500.00 be increased to \$1,000.00, payable \$100.00 annually until the full sum was paid. The report on correspondence is by Brother George E. Knepper. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska for 1918 is reviewed, the review covering three of the 107 pages. The Grand Master Andrew Lounsbury died during the year, as also did Past Grand Masters John Kennaly and William C. Whitwell. Idaho brethren are caring for their indigent Masons, having the old and helpless in the hospital at Boise.

The Masonic Service Association was approved and membership therein authorized.

ILLINOIS.

The 80th annual meeting was held October 14th, 1919.

After the presentation of the flag there was a memorial service in memory of the dean of their Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brother Monroe C. Crawford, and of M. W. Brother Austin H. Scrogin. Grand Master Daniel G. Fitzgerrell presented his report. He did not approve the assumption of the so-called Sea and Field Lodge of New York to assume jurisdiction over residents of Illinois temporarily located in New York in military service.

He recommended a special committee to consider the Masonic Service Association. The committee was appointed and from advance sheets of the reports we are inclined to think that the report is adverse to the organization.

An oration was delivered by Brother Edward B. Brundage.

The report on Masonic Correspondence consisted of 176 pages by Brother Delmar D. Darrah, three pages being devoted to Nebraska.

INDIANA.

The Grand Master, Thomas B. Bohon, in his address refers to the battles fought and the victories won. He reported no decisions; attended the George Washington Memorial Association meeting, and gives it his unqualified support.

The committee reported a resolution requiring every lodge to designate a repository for its funds and requiring all its funds to be deposited in the name of the lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows that the Grand Lodge of Indiana contributed to the several war funds the sum of \$218,596.00. Good for Indiana.

The Grand Lodge went by special train to visit their Masonic Home at Franklin on a tour of inspection.

Would that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska would visit our Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and our Childrens Home at Fremont, every year. Brethren, it would pay every one of you.

The report on correspondence is by Past Grand Master Elmer F. Day.

IOWA.

Cedar Rapids, 76th annual communication.

Grand Master George L. Schoonover in his report covers 108 pages, and 34 pages of Addenda and Appendix. With quite a lengthy introduction he divides his report under two heads, Domestic Matters and Inter-Jurisdictional Matters. Under the first he pays a deserved tribute to the dead, and reports the routine duties of the Grand Master's office and many things of especial interest to the brethren of Iowa. He favors a system of Deputy Grand Masters, and his recommendation in reference thereto is well worthy of serious consideration. He sets out fully the proceedings and constitution of the Masonic Service Association, and raises many new problems, in fact were we to devote the necessary time in endeavoring to solve them all, there would be little or no time left to perform the ordinary functions of Masonic lodges. But it is a great report, and with the review of that master correspondent M. W. Brother Louis Block, furnishes good reading for any Mason.

Brother Block, in reviewing Nebraska, says of the writer "that he is like the proverbial Irishman, ferninst a good many things." I would say to Brother Block that I learned my Masonry in Iowa, before they were carried away by "Hysteria" and before they broke out the windows and tore away the doors of their lodge rooms, and admitted anything and every thing claiming to be Masonic except the Negro Grand Lodges IN THE UNITED STATES.

"But the hanging of our forefathers is good enough for me."

When I read Brother Block's Foreword and Afterword, I am impressed with the "Bigness" of Brother Block. Even at the expense of encroaching upon our limit (fifty pages) I cannot refrain from quoting from his "Afterword," as follows:

"Now that peace has come we need look for no cessation of effort on the part of this fraternity to enable its church to engraft itself upon the state, to fasten itself here like a leech, and fatten itself upon the life-blood of our civil government.

We realize full well the dangers of dissension and disruption that lurk in the path that leads to an entrance into politics, and yet is there not some way in which Masonry can avoid all these traps and pitfalls,

and yet throw her splendid influence in the public scales in behalf of noble projects for the betterment of our civic life?

In time of war Masonry was at no loss to find means to prove her loyalty to the principles of the government which her sons played so large a part in forming and founding—a government rock-rooted upon principles of civil and religious liberty, and based upon the entire and complete separation of church and state. Surely she should not be hard put to it to find means to prove her patriotism in these piping times of peace, and of furnishing real help as an institution to the solving of the portentous problems with which that peace now confronts us.

There is rapidly growing in this country a fraternity, which, while ever protesting it has no political ambitions, is none the less filling many of our civil offices with its members, and making its influence widely felt in public affairs. That fraternity is pledged to the promotion of the interests of one certain church. In its eyes the state is subordinate to the church, the state is, and should be, merely the vassal, servant and instrument of the church. Unlike the Masonic fraternity it entertains no scruples whatever about mixing in politics. It mixes and mixes persistently. During the war it mixed to such good effect that it not only compelled you and me to choose between contributing to a war relief fund, a large part of which was to be administered by it to the glory of a sectarian church, or of appearing to be a slacker, but it also persuaded our government to deny passports to our own war relief agents until the war was over, so that it might put us before the world in the light of a charitable organization of vast pretensions and little or no performance, all the while parading itself as the only truly patriotic human brotherhood."

KENTUCKY.

The 119th session met October 21st, 1919.

The Grand Master, William Carson Black, delivered an address of 55 pages. He reports refusing dispensations for receiving petitions of candidates minus a foot or an arm. He reports fully on the "Widow and Orphans' Home" and the "Old Masons' Home;" he reports the appointment of the "Million Dollar Committee," authorized by the Grand Lodge to raise a million dollars for benevolences; he reminds us of the action of the United Grand Lodge of England, only theirs is pounds, our Kentucky brethren's is dollars, theirs is for a memorial, the Kentucky brethren's is for relief. The Masonic Relief Association and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association were endorsed; England's Masonic Peace Jubilee was reported on as well as the organization of the Masonic Service Association.

The report of Committee on Proceedings of Grand Lodges is by Past Grand Master, William M. Clark, consisting of 74 pages, Nebraska being fraternally considered.

LOUISIANA.

One hundred and eighth annual communication. Grand Master George A. Treadwell, in his report, says he recalled the dispensation of Liberty Lodge U. D. L., formed for the purpose of conferring degrees

on soldiers; he granted a dispensation for a lodge to participate in a parade with other societies in a Red Cross drive. The object was a worthy one; as a precedent rather doubtful.

The board of relief reported that they had expended \$3,844.17, \$129.00 of which was for indigent Masons hailing from Nebraska.

The following resolution was passed:

"Resolved that not more than five Fellow Craft Masons may be raised to the Master Masons Degree at any one communication of a lodge.

"Resolved that the third section or lecture on the meaning of the degree should never be omitted when the first or third degree is conferred."

The Masonic Service Association is reported in full and the Grand Lodge approved and adopted the constitution.

Here is the law in Louisiana on jurisdiction:

"The Grand Lodge of Louisiana holds that it has exclusive jurisdiction over bona fide residents of the State of Louisiana and when any such who have received any of the degrees of Masonry depart permanently from the state, it claims no jurisdiction over them, and on the other hand considers that any citizen coming to this State, no matter from where, and under what conditions who has acquired a residence and general qualifications required for membership in our lodges, he falls within our jurisdiction without regard to what the laws or usages of the jurisdiction from which he hails may be in this respect" is in full force and effect and that previous edicts in conflict therewith are repealed and no longer in force.

Nebraska is reviewed in ten lines.

Grand Lodge met February 2nd, 1920.

Grand Master Rudolph Krause in an address of one hundred pages makes a very full report of the activities of his office for the year, and gives a minute detail of his trip over-seas to the Peace meeting in London, and the meeting of the Masonic Service Association at Cedar Rapids.

In line with the policy of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Jugo-Slavia was accorded recognition, as was also the Grand Lodge of Italy.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand Master Herman C. Duncan.

MAINE.

The 100th annual meeting, May 6th, 1919.

Owing to illness, Grand Master Silas B. Adams was not present, and Deputy Grand Master Edward W. Wheeler presided and the annual address of the Grand Master was inserted in the proceedings. It gives a detailed statement of his official acts; he makes no recommendations.

There are two reports of the special committee on French Masonry. The majority report signed by Brothers Albro E. Chase and Charles B. Davis, is against the repeal of the interdiction of 1870; the minority report, signed by Archie Lee Talbot, is in favor of rescinding the action severing fraternal relations with France. Both reports were accepted and simply made part of the record.

The report on correspondence is by Brother Chase, 100 pages of interesting reading.

MANITOBA.

The 44th annual communication held June 9th, 1919.

Grand Master, Edward T. Grenway, in his address refers to the war, of the battles fought and the victories won. He makes a full detailed report of his doings as Grand Master; he urges the lodges to make an effort to reduce the number of non-affiliates residing within their jurisdiction. He touched on the question of qualification for members, and closes with a note of optimism.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submit a topical review; they discuss the war, and quote liberally from the address of Brother Webster—Webster's great oration delivered in this Grand Lodge in 1918. It is difficult to quote from the report of the committee for the reason that the committee's report is mostly quotations from reports and orations delivered in other jurisdictions.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education present an educational report, indicating a line of study, and suggest that papers and lectures might be given for the information of Masonic students on the following:

1. "Physical qualifications of candidates for Masonry.
2. "Matters upon which new members should receive special instruction in addition to the usual charges.
3. "Should the scope of Masonic Lodge Discussion be enlarged to include political and social topics, namely, woman suffrage, good roads, income tax, divorce, and the like?
4. "The dangers of publicity and display in Masonic affairs.
5. "Should the benevolent fund be used to establish a Masonic home or should it be disbursed in a more private and personal way?
6. "Should loyalty to flag and constitution be more strongly emphasized in the lodge and how may this be done?
7. "The religious element in Masonic Ritual and Doctrine."

MARYLAND.

Two hundred and forty-sixth semi-annual meeting, May 13th, 1919.

The Grand Master reported a busy year. He attended the conference of Grand Masters in Washington and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. He says if the association does not adopt some method of spurring on the effort, little progress will be made.

The Grand Lodge of Panama was accorded fraternal recognition. Annual meeting, November 18th, 1919.

The Masonic Service Association was approved.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother Henry Branch P. S. G. W., consisting of 74 pages, the proceedings of Nebraska evidently not having been received.

MICHIGAN.

The seventy-fifth annual communication was held May 28th, 1919.

The Grand Master, Hugh A. McPherson, in his report expressed his pleasure at the termination of the war, made a full report of his acts as Grand Master, endorsed the Masonic Service Association, and reports attending the George Washington Memorial Association meeting. He reported no decisions and recommended that all decisions of Grand Masters be from their Blue Book and closes his address with the words of Longfellow:

"Thou too sail on. Oh, ship of state," etc.

The Board of Control of the Michigan Masonic Home submitted a full report; the per capita cost of meals is \$2.27 per week.

A ballot for advancement can be taken collectively in Michigan. This would have been quite a relief to some of our larger lodges, before our law was changed.

The report on correspondence is by Brother Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary, and covers three hundred and thirty-three pages. He devotes an entire page to extracts from the address of Grand Master Temple. He is in error when he says that:

"Upon recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations, fraternal recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge of Panama."

Read again, Brother Winsor.

MINNESOTA.

Grand Lodge met January 15th, 1919.

Grand Master William N. Kendric in his address refers to the return of the two million men from Flanders and France to take up again their civil pursuits, and thinks the meeting of the Grand Lodge the most important in its history. He pays a tribute to the dead. He refused a dispensation for a lodge to receive and ballot upon a petition of a person who had lost an arm, refused to make Masons "at sight or to receive and ballot on a petition the same night." He makes a full report of his actions as Grand Master. Speaking of physical qualifications he devotes three pages of his report to the subject, and did space permit I would like to quote it all; and he recommends that the law be

changed and the rule relaxed. He reports fully on the Masonic Service Association and closes with a strong plea for the recognition of French Masonry which the Grand Lodge approved and fraternal relations were established.

The report on correspondence is by the veteran reviewer, Brother Irving Todd, Nebraska being given its due portion.

MISSISSIPPI.

The 101st annual meeting held February 25th, 1919.

Grand Master W. Lawrence Wilson in an address of twelve pages gives a detailed report of the work of his office and honored himself by the dispensations refused. Especially the following:

"To receive petition of soldiers from other jurisdictions. For men expecting to be called into service. To confer degrees on candidates under age."

He recommends that lecturing lodges be abolished and that steps be taken looking towards the increase of the Endowment fund of their Masonic Home.

The Committee on Law and Jurisprudence report that they are not in fraternal relation with New Jersey. Therefore a Mississippi lodge could not request the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to perform any service or function.

The Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution:

"That the candidate be asked by the Secretary in the Anti-room: 'Do you believe in the existence of God? Do you believe in the immortality of the soul?'"

French Masonry was referred to a special committee to report at the next annual communication.

A beautiful picture of "Old Glory" precedes the Roll of Honor of twenty-two pages.

No report on correspondence.

NEVADA.

The 55th annual communication was held June 11th, 1919.

Fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France were established, and the committee reported in favor of establishing the same relations with the Grand Orient of Italy. This followed on the heels of an approved decision of the Grand Master that "An Alien Enemy is not qualified for the degrees of Masonry." There is one thing in Nevada, they are not asking for dispensations to initiate in droves.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The 130th annual meeting, May 21st, 1919.

Grand Master Eugene S. Head submits a concise report of twelve pages. He says of their Home: "It is a small institution, but we love it for the good it has done and will do in the future."

An amendment was proposed to allow five candidates to be obligated at one time. Why stop at five? Don't take so many bites at the cherry.

The Masonic Service Association was approved.

An amendment is pending relaxing the rule as to physical qualifications.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Brother Harry M. Cheney, consisting of 127 pages. Nebraska was given due consideration. He endorses the stand taken by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in denying recognition to French Masonry.

NEW JERSEY.

An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was held April 12th, 1919, for the purpose of conducting ceremonies in connection with the dedication of a beautiful monument erected by contributions from the various lodges, in memory of R. W. Grand Secretary, Theodore Beckman Towley. A beautiful tribute was paid the memory of the departed brother by Past Grand Master William D. Wolkskeil.

The one hundred and thirty-second annual communication was held April 16th, 1919. The Grand Master Herbert C. Rorick delivered an interesting address dealing with the year's work. He received 187 applications for permission to receive and act on petitions of persons having visible defects. He granted one hundred and sixty-four, refused fifteen, and had eight pending. If the question of physical qualification were left to the local lodges, so that the visible physical condition of the candidate could be passed upon at the same time that the invisible moral qualification is under scrutiny by the members of the lodge, the question of qualification to conform to all the requirements of Ancient Craft Masonry would be solved. The Grand Master approves the Masonic Service Association. The Grand Lodge resumed fraternal relations with France. There are 34 men, 26 women, 19 boys, and 17 girls in their Masonic Home. Admission to their Home, is on the application of the lodge and not of the individual.

The report on Correspondence is by Brother Robert J. Sherrifs, who presents a report of 118 pages, Nebraska being given due consideration.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The proceedings for the year 1919 came to the hands of the committee June 1st, 1920.

The Grand Master pays tribute to the 2,900 active members of their lodges that answered the call of the Empire, 1,145 are reported killed.

He says the Masonic lodge is the house of peace, and is ever closely tiled against recrimination and discussion upon any subject of religion or politics.

They sang the "Marsellaise," followed by the Belgian National Anthem "Holy Peace," and "God of Our Fathers."

Over \$10,000 was expended for relief.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the committee, Nebraska being well considered.

NEW YORK.

The one hundred and thirty-eighth annual meeting was held May 6th, 1919. Grand Master William S. Farmer after expressing thanks for peace restored, says peace and harmony prevail in the jurisdiction. He devotes six pages in tribute to the fraternal dead. He gives the lodges in his state some good advice, and he wants them to

"Admonish the brethren to be very particular, especially in these times, in the selection of men for membership. We must have good material, men of courage, men of thought, men of conviction."

He commends the Masonic Home at Utica and its management, and endorses the Masonic Service Association, recommending it to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge. The recommendation was approved by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and by the Grand Lodge.

A resolution was adopted to build a hospital for the use of the Fraternity. Nebraska, Go Thou and do likewise.

The Grand Historian, R. W. Brother Ossian H. Lang, submits a report of thirty pages, devoting considerable space to "Masonic Beginnings in the Province of New York," that is very interesting reading.

There is a full report of the Masonic Overseas Mission, especially their efforts to procure permission from the government to engage in independent War Relief Work; in this they were unsuccessful, the pretext being that General Pershing did not want us "over there."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Brother William Sherer, chairman, consisted of sixty-five pages, Nebraska being briefly noted.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The 132nd annual gathering of Grand Lodge, January 21st, 1919. Grand Master, George S. Norfleet, in his address says that he made

40 decisions, that after due consideration thought them merely interpretations, so only reported one and that was of local interest only. He reports attending the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and recommends the annual appropriation; and reports fully the war activities of the Craft in the state. He reports the growth of Masonry; says the Oxford Orphan Asylum and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home need more funds; suggested that \$10.00 added to the initiation fee would raise about \$15,000.

There are several reports on the Asylum, showing that they care for 160 girls and 177 boys. They maintain a printing office, wood working shop and shoe shop. The per capita cost of maintenance is \$146.47. They have 26 residents in their Home; the per capita cost is \$21.10 per month.

A resolution was passed ratifying and accepting the constitution of the Masonic Service Association.

A committee of five was appointed to investigate the advisability of recognizing foreign Grand Lodges, to report at the next communication of the Grand Lodge.

The report on Foreign Correspondence of 80 pages is by Brother Marshall De Lancey Haywood. Nebraska's proceedings were not received.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Lodge met June 17th, 1919, in thirtieth annual meeting. Grand Master Henry G. Vick, in his address says while the victory is won, peace is not secure. Unrest is brooding over the world. Radicals are preaching discontent and class hatred and are appealing to the feelings and not to reason. He reports fully his acts as Grand Master. The army lodge has returned its paraphernalia. This was one army lodge that was restricted to candidates who were bona-fida residents of North Dakota. He reports on the George Washington National Memorial and the Masonic Service Association. He recommends recognition of French Masonry, not on technical grounds but in the interest of a broader viewpoint of Masonic Fraternalism. On the report of the committee fraternal relations were established with the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of France and the French Colonies.

The report on correspondence is by Past Grand Master Grant S. Hager, consisting of seventy-two pages, Nebraska being given its due portion.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The 54th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge was held June 11th, 1919.

Grand Master John Hay paid a tribute to the dead; made two rulings on physical qualification which are as follows: "A man with a stiff or rigid knee is not eligible to become a mason. A man who lost

four fingers of the left hand can be made a mason." He reports that most of his thoughts and labor have been given the Masonic Home.

The report on correspondence is by Brother James E. Jones, Grand Secretary, assisted by Past Grand Masters C. R. Smith, Don. F. Fraser and R. F. Merlin. The reviewer says that if you start in and recognize Grand Lodges who do away with the use of the Holy Bible, it will not be long before you will have destroyed the corner-stone of Freemasonry.

OHIO.

The 110th annual meeting was held at Toledo, October 15th, 1919

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on Sea and Field Lodges and submitted the following conclusion:

"It is a fundamental law of Masonry that no governing Masonic Body has authority to Charter and locate a subordinate lodge in any territory already occupied by lodges holding allegiance to another governing Masonic Body. The Republic of France being already so occupied by the Grand Lodge of France, the Grand Lodge of New York had no power, under Masonic law, to extend its jurisdiction within that territory.

"The conclusion, therefore, is irresistible that, as at present advised, Ohio Lodges can not recognize dimits from said lodges located in France."

The Grand Lodge voted not to take membership in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence covers 163 pages. Nebraska is "not in it," its proceedings not having been received.

OKLAHOMA.

The eleventh annual communication met April 29th, 1919.

The first thing they do down in Oklahoma is to adopt an order of business wherein a definite time is set for the discussion and presentation of matters coming before the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master presented a lengthy report of the matters coming before him during the year; he made no decisions, they call them interpretations of the law. He recommended the Masonic Service Association, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, notwithstanding the Committee on Law and Usage had reported adversely on the subject.

The Committee on Law and Usage reported that "nothing be done towards the recognition of the Grand Lodge of France."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Brother Thomas Chauncey Humphrey.

OREGON.

The 69th annual meeting, June 11th, 1919.

Grand Master, Frank W. Settlemier, gave an account of his transactions and made his recommendations in six pages of interesting read-

ing. He notes the death of four Past Grand Masters; makes some recommendations; does not believe in organizing and maintaining institutions by Masons outside of the lodges. He says they tend to set in motion influences against the peace and harmony of the Grand Lodge; they excite strife and political contention. A splendid oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, Brother William W. Youngson, D. D., on "The Creed of a Mason."

The Masonic Service Association was approved and the Grand Master and his successor were designated as representatives.

By resolution the report of the Masonic Overseas Mission was ordered printed in the proceedings.

The Masonic and Eastern Star Home Committee were instructed to construct necessary buildings for a Home.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submit a report of 186 pages, Nebraska being given due consideration.

QUEENSLAND.

Grand Master, James Stodart, delivered an address of considerable interest, and reported the progress made by this Grand Lodge from its organization to the present time. He reports that the Grand Benevolent Fund granted in relief to deserving brethren about \$12,000. He makes a plea for Masonic unity and hopes to see the breach filled between the Grand Lodge of Queensland and another Grand Lodge occupying the same territory. The reports of the Board of General Purposes and the Board of Benevolences occupy very much of the proceedings. There was a long address by Brother Stodart delivered at the dedication of Masonic Temple in Queensland.

RHODE ISLAND.

The 128th annual communication met May 19th, 1919. The Grand Master reports issuing a dispensation for lodge at Coblenz, Germany. He reported the tentative plan of organization of the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

The Masonic War Board reported receipts of \$20,233 and disbursements \$3,530.

There was no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Master issued a dispensation for an Army Lodge, or rather an Overseas Lodge with power to initiate, pass, and raise candidates without the usual formalities and requirement of chartered lodges, provided that such candidates are selected only from citizens of the United States, serving in the army or navy; this would be a clear invasion of the other jurisdictions in the United States. Well, my old foggy idea, that is all.

SASKATCHEWAN.

Grand Lodge met June 18th, 1919. Grand Master says:

"Brethren, the great need of the hour is service. We are living in a time of rapidly changing conditions and great social and industrial unrest. We cannot, we dare not neglect the great currents of thought and action that flow around us. Ours is not merely an ornamental institution. Our fraternity was planted to bear fruit. The Masonic Fraternity must justify itself as a constructive power in this constructive age. The days are upon us when institutions such as ours must stand for something or stand aside."

The Emergency War Fund was transferred to the Benevolent Fund. The Committee on Necrology report twenty-nine of their brethren killed and three dying of wounds, in the last year of the war.

Among their approved decisions we find the following:

"If an applicant can comply with the requirements of the Ceremonials, even by the aid of artificial limbs, and is in a physical condition to earn a living, and not likely to become a charge upon the Fraternity, and if his moral character is all that a Mason's should be, his petition can be entertained on obtaining a Special Dispensation from G. L."

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The forty-fifth annual meeting was held June 10th, 1919. There was an address of welcome by Brother Peter C. Honegger, which was responded to by Deputy Grand Master Walter B. Burr.

The Grand Master, George A. Pettigrew, delivered his address, paying a deserved tribute to the dead of his own and other Jurisdictions; he reports attending the meetings of the Masonic Service Association, and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. He recalls the meeting of thirty years ago when the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Dakota was divided into the Grand Lodge of South Dakota and the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, thinks the action of the Grand Lodge the previous year in recognizing the Grand Lodge of France was "wise;" that Masters-elect should pass an examination on the rules and regulations of conducting the business of the lodge; and that it is time to modify the rule of physical requirements of a candidate even at the risk of shattering what might be termed a Landmark; and quotes:

"I believe that intellectually, morally and socially the effect upon the candidate and upon the craft would be beneficial if, by amending or modifying the present law concerning physical perfection or qualifications, we look more closely into the intellectual, moral and social qualifications of the petitioner, and admit those only who are worthy

and well qualified from these standpoints, and waive such slight physical requirements as now prohibit the reception of a petitioner who cannot perfectly exemplify."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a lengthy report to justify the action of the Grand Lodge in recognizing French Masonry, and winds up with a recommendation to enter in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France.

Without in any way intending to criticise Brother Brockway or the Grand Lodge of South Dakota in extending recognition to the Grand Orient of France, we in Nebraska would have to recast our obligation and the entire teachings of our Masonry to be in fraternal relations with a body that is "opposed to the traditions, practice, and feelings of all true and genuine Masons from the earliest to the present time," although "the atheistical doctrine of the Grand Orient is not shared by the Supreme Council of France."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother Charles L. Brockway and he gives us seventy-five pages of interesting reading.

TENNESSEE.

Nashville, January 28th, 1920.

The first business was the election of a Grand Master, M. W. Brother Thomas J. Brandon, having died within a month of his installation. M. W. Brother Thomas Steele, Jr., was unanimously elected Grand Master to serve until the end of the session.

The Grand Lodge declined to grant a general waiver of jurisdiction to Sea and Field Lodge, a creation of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial Association was endorsed and a brother authorized to solicit funds for the association from lodges as well as individuals. The Masonic Service Association was endorsed. The unexpended balance of \$1,000 was made available for future use.

The report on Foreign Correspondence covers 80 pages, Nebraska being accorded two full pages.

TEXAS.

The 84th Annual Communication held on December 2nd, 1919.

Grand Master A. A. Ross delivered an address to all present who had been members of the Masonic Order for forty years, and invited them to the altar. Thirty-three responded. Then came all those who had a part in the World War.

The Grand Master delivered a splendid address of 110 pages, giving a detailed report of his stewardship; he paid tribute to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions; reported relations with French Masonry; commended the George Washington Masonic Memorial As-

sociation; withheld his approval as a Mason of the Roosevelt Memorial Association, in which he has the hearty commendation of the writer who also approves his conclusion in regard to the Masons in the Civil War. "Let us have Peace." He reported on the "War Fund," and the Masonic Relief Association and sixty-three decisions.

The Grand Master extended a strong plea for relaxation of their iron clad rule on physical qualification, but the Grand Lodge by adopting the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence refused to follow the suggestion.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a special report on French Masonry and reported the following conclusion:

"Much has been written and much has been said about Freemasonry in France. The ideas in reference to it are almost as varied as the many reports that have been made by the numerous committees to the English-speaking Grand Lodges.

"In many of these reports the status quo was recommended and adopted. In others, one or two, or perhaps all of the various French Grand Lodges were recognized and fraternal relations were established. While in others, the members of the subordinate lodges were permitted to visit the French Lodges, but leaving the question of recognition for later action.

"Much of the recognition, it is said, was on account of "patriotic hysteria," caused by the world war and not that French Masonry had changed, or would likely be changed, by any of the results of that war. Be that as it may, we know that there is nothing either in the constitution or laws of the Grand Orient or the Grand Lodge de France which would prevent an atheist, Brahman, Buddhist or man of no faith, from becoming a member of one of their subordinate lodges, provided he was a man of exemplary habits. Neither does membership depend upon "race, color or previous condition of servitude, "for negroes and other dark-skinned men are admitted upon the same terms and conditions as the freeborn man of white skin."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand Master, James D. Crenshaw.

Nebraska, 1918, is reviewed.

UTAH.

The 49th annual meeting was held January 20th, 1920

Grand Master Arthur C. Wherry delivered a concise report of his work for the year, after referring to the dead of his own and other jurisdictions. He reports his official visits and the decisions rendered. He expressed his disappointment at being unable to attend the Great Peace Meeting at London; refused to grant a general waiver to Sea and Field Lodge over residents of Utah. He commends the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, as well as the Masonic Service Association. He says of the latter:

"It is organized for the service of all Grand Lodges, and cannot, and must not become the ruler of any."

This is in harmony with Brother Wherry's resolution at the organization :

"That nothing in the formation of this organization shall be construed as a move towards the organization of a National Grand Lodge."

Even though the resolution was not needed and only passed to satisfy "the brethren from Nebraska."

The Grand Lodge Alpina, Switzerland, was recognized.

Past Grand Master Sam Henry Goodwin reported on the Cedar Rapids conference.

A resolution was passed limiting the number of members of a lodge to 500. Good for Utah!

The review of 147 pages is by Past Grand Master Sam Henry Goodwin. Under Nebraska referring to the Grand Orient of France, he wants us to give our authority in saying, "they are admittedly atheistic.". We would refer our Brother to Robert F. Gould in his Concise History of Freemasonry. If Brother Goodwin has read all the literature sent out by the Grand Orient and has reached any other conclusion on their pride in having abolished the Bible from their lodge room and dispensed with the requirement of a belief in God and the immortality of the soul, I suggest that he send his brethren in France a copy of "Declaration of Masonic Faith as to God and the Holy Bible" found on page 163 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama for 1919. Brother Goodwin may be better qualified to speak on French Masonry as he views it, but I am rather inclined to accept the report of the committee of which Brother Gould was a member that the alteration made by the Grand Orient of France in 1877 to be in the judgment of the committee "opposed to the traditions, practice and feeling of all true and genuine Masous from the earliest to the present time." French Masonry has not changed since 1877; neither has Nebraska.

VERMONT.

Grand Lodge met June 11th, 1919.

Grand Master David A. Elliott delivered a very brief address, pays a tribute to Brother Marsh O. Perkins, says a liberal Masonic education can be secured by reading his reports on correspondence, and says he was not called upon to render any decisions.

The Committee on Correspondence reported that it was not satisfied with the regularity of the National Grand Lodge of France, and that it was not sufficiently well established to entitle it to recognition. He sums up French Masonry in the following conclusions:

1. "That no belief in Deity or in the immortality of the soul is required of the candidate.

2. "That each of these Grand Lodges claim sovereign jurisdiction over the same territory.

3. "That the Holy Bible is not accepted as the great light of Masonry and it is not placed upon the altar.

4. "The name of Deity is not found in the ritual and no reference is made to the name in the adopted work.

5. "The Grand Orient exercises jurisdiction over a part or all of the Scottish Rite degrees.

6. "The Grand Lodge of France and the National Grand Lodge of France are directly or indirectly of Scottish Rite origin."

The discussion generally, however, involves the question whether belief in God is fundamental in Masonry and whether the French Masonry, which for a time previous to 1877 had been consistent with British Masonry, has by its course laid itself open to the charge of accepting atheists and whether it is now complying with the landmarks of Masonry. In other words, the question involved is as to whether French Masonry as now practiced is consistent with the Anderson Constitution as adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723, or whether it has so far departed from the fundamental principles as to offend against the rule of regularity as generally adopted or applied by the English-speaking Grand Lodges.

WASHINGTON.

Seattle, June 10th, 1919.

The Grand Master reported on the George Washington Memorial Association, and recommend a substantial contribution. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a very full report on the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of France, saying among other things:

"Without attempting to trace to their source all the various statements concerning these bodies, we believe the following to be established and undisputed facts concerning each:

THE GRAND ORIENT.

It has abolished the Grand Mastership;

It admits colored men to its degrees;

It gives representation in its annual assembly to the "high degrees;"

It admits atheists to its degrees.

THE GRAND LODGE.

It has removed the V. S. L. from its altars;

It admits women to its degrees;

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We therefore, recommend that recognition be not extended."

WEST VIRGINIA.

Fifty-fifth annual communication was held November 12th, 1919. Grand Master George S. Laidley in his opening address says that Masonry is not a reformatory institution, a political party, or a religious sect, but is a fraternal association in which nothing can place one man lower than another save ignorance, debasement, or crime. He pays a tribute to the dead. He reports attending the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association meeting, his trip to the Peace Meeting in London, and reported the Masonic Service Association. The recommendation was referred to a special committee who reported:

"It is respectfully recommended that at this time this Grand Lodge fails to see any benefit that would accrue to itself or to Masonry in general by the formation of the proposed organization, and therefore declines to become a member thereof."

The report of the Governors of their Masonic Home with a perspective view of the proposed grounds and buildings was adopted. Construction is to be begun early in the spring of 1920.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand Master George W. Atkinson, Nebraska for 1919 receiving fraternal consideration. He thinks the Masonic Service Association "squints" in the direction of a General Grand Lodge, but hopes he is wrong in his conjecture.

WISCONSIN.

The 75th annual communication was held in the city of Milwaukee, June 10th, 1919.

M. W. Brother David Harlow, Grand Master, in his report calls attention to the fact that he could not accept an invitation to attend the George Washington National Memorial Association, as the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin had thrice declined to become a member. In reference to the conference of Grand Masters, he thinks the recognition of the Masonic Service Association is closely allied to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of France, and does not care to participate in the conference.

He reports on the war hospital activities and the Minnesota forest fires.

The Grand Lodge passed a resolution requiring the Grand Secretary to take three days vacation each week, exclusive of Sunday, during the summer and fall. It was ordered by a unanimous rising vote.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother Aldro Jenks and consists of 144 pages, Nebraska being accorded due consideration. Under Alabama, after quoting the report of Brother Sweet, he says:

"Here we must beg to differ from our distinguished brother. When we consider that the First Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite ever instituted was established in Charleston, S. C., in the year 1803, and that it arose from the unauthorized efforts of two humble Masons holding no official position whatever, namely, John Mitchell and Frederick Delcho, we are amazed at the magnanimity of the situation, they then established by saying that they had "surrendered" all control over the first three degrees. According to illustrious Brother Henry L. Palmer, who for thirty years was at the head of the Scottish Rite of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, this pretention of Scottish Rite Councils to control the symbolic degrees is "an impudent assumption of power, entirely unwarranted." These views also were held at his death by Brother Albert Pike, who for many years presided over the destinies of the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, the parent Grand Council of the World. But when one is seeking for excuses to recognize the French hybrid called Freemasonry, they are not inclined to be over critical. Our brother also reaches the conclusion that a belief in Deity is not one of the landmarks of the Craft. We cannot discuss the matter further here but will refer to what we have said on this subject in our review of Vermont. We have there shown that long before the Grand Lodge era, a recognition of Deity was contained in all of the ancient manuscript constitutions of Freemasonry, and that the obligations of the Craft were taken upon the Holy Scriptures. In reviewing the especial claims of the Grand Orient for recognition, our brother argues that in reality they have not changed their belief by the radical changes made in their ritual in 1876, but simply returned to the declaration of belief as inherited by them from the Grand Lodge of England. If the Grand Orient of France is not atheistical, or at least, agnostic, it could very easily set itself right with the Masonic world by saying so. Again we ask, why should the one million eight hundred thousand Masons of the United States depart from their ideals on so vital a subject to accommodate the lax notions of the forty thousand Masons of France. We cannot but feel that if French Freemasonry had something to offer to its votaries, it would not have been so weak in numerical strength. In addition to swallowing whole the Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge of France, the Grand Lodge of Panama, the Grand Lodge of Chili, the Grand Orient of Belgium, the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland, and the Grand Lodge of Porto Rica, were all welcomed into the Grand Lodge family. Sentiment as well as politics sometimes makes strange bedfellows."

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