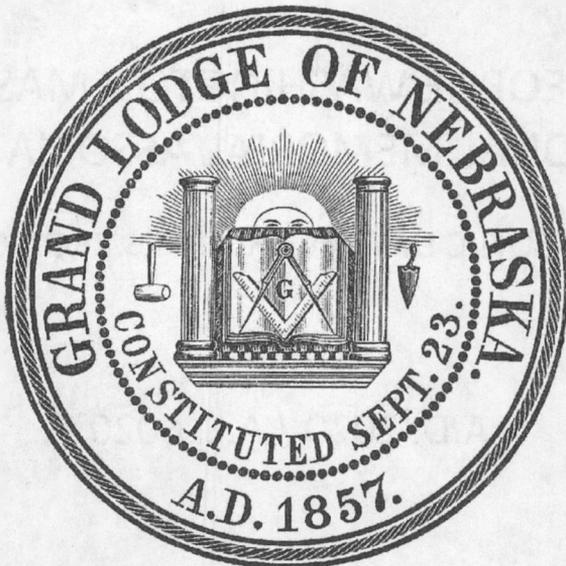


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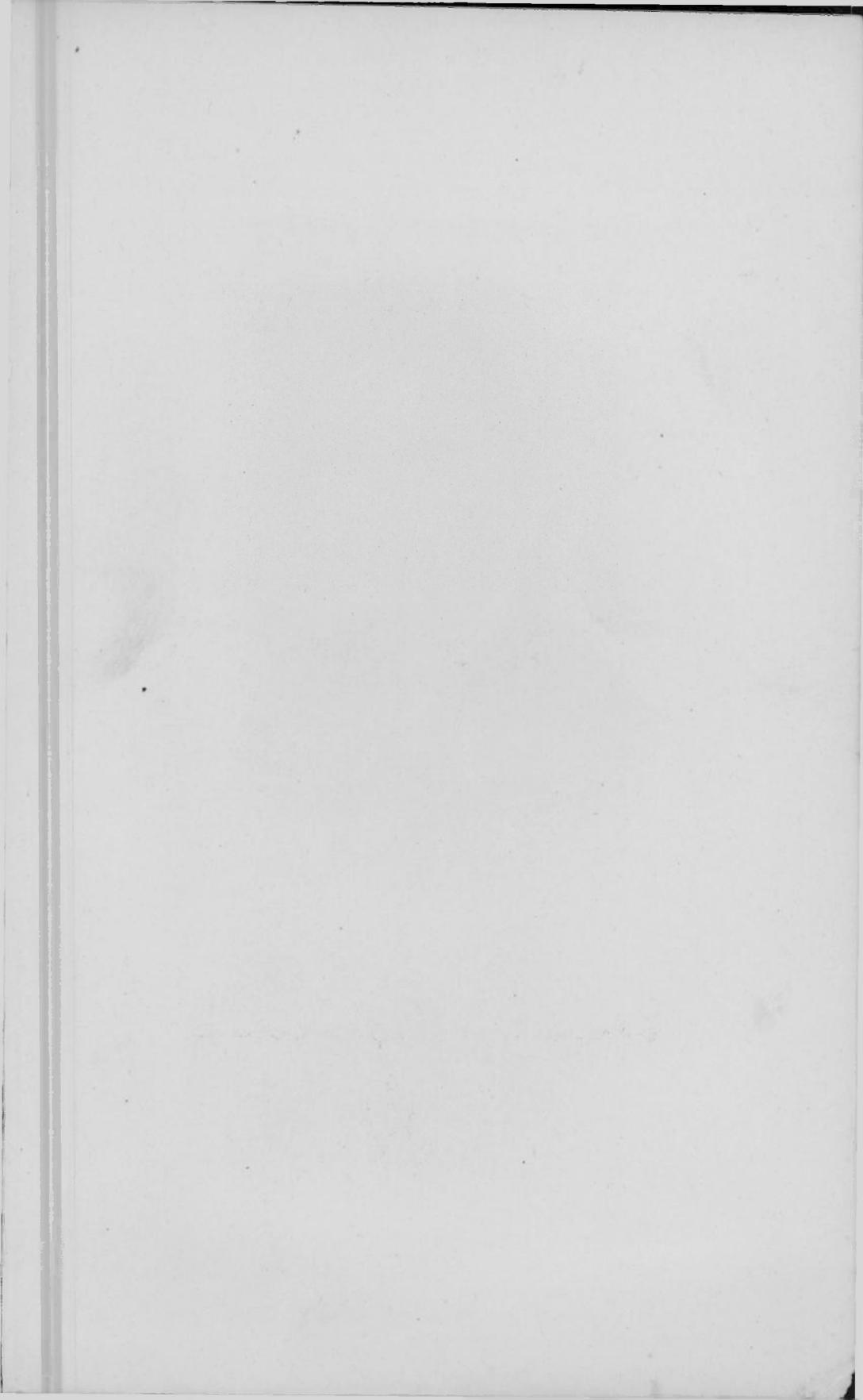
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Edward M. ...

INSTALLED GRAND MASTER, JUNE 7, 1922.
DIED, AUGUST 31, 1922.



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

OF NEBRASKA

AT THE

Sixty-sixth Annual Communication

Held in Omaha, June 5th, 6th and 7th, 1923.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in annual communication in the Masonic Temple, Omaha, on Tuesday, June 5th, A. D. 1923, A. .L. .5923, at ten o'clock A. M., there being present:

	Grand Master,
R. .W. .Charles A. Chappell.....	Deputy and Acting Grand Master,
R. .W. .Robert R. Dickson.....	Grand Senior Warden,
R. .W. .John Wright.....	Grand Junior Warden,
R. .W. .Francis E. White.....	Grand Secretary,
M. .W. .Lewis E. Smith.....	Deputy Grand Secretary,
V. .W. .Charles M. Shepherd.....	Grand Chaplain,
W. .Titus Lowe.....	Grand Orator,
M. .W. .Robert E. French.....	Grand Custodian,
W. .Edwin D. Crites.....	Grand Marshal,
W. .Albert R. Davis.....	Grand Senior Deacon,
W. .Frank H. Woodland.....	Grand Junior Deacon,
W. .Alexander E. Porter.....	Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and sixty-eight of the two hundred and eighty-five chartered lodges.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. .W. .Robert R. Dickson, Grand Senior Warden, and all

Past Grand Masters were received and welcomed by him, the response to the welcome being made by Past Grand Master Samuel P. Davidson. R. W. Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, was received and welcomed by the Grand Senior Warden, and assumed the station of Grand Master.

Greetings and regret that they were unable to be present were presented from Past Grand Masters Milton J. Hull, John J. Wemple, and Henry Gibbons.

R. W. Brother Chappell announced that the memorial service for M. W. Edward M. Wellman, Grand Master, who died August 31st, 1922, and whose station in Grand Lodge was marked by flowers, would be held, and he called upon the Grand Chaplain to offer prayer. Following the prayer the Masonic Quartette, composed of Brothers Dean T. Smith, 1; Edward F. Williams, 11; Charles A. Bothwell, 11, and Hugh E. Wallace, 1, sang one of Brother Wellman's favorite hymns, "Christian Light," and V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, pronounced the following eulogy:

EDWARD McKENZIE WELLMAN.
 Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska.
 Born April 8th, 1870
 Installed Grand Master June 7th, 1922.
 Died August 31st, 1922.

Unhindered by the tears that love may shed—and unhalting by the prayers that breaking hearts may waft toward Heaven—death still comes to us all. We may write on the shadowed page with something of calmness of the passing of childhood and of age, but no human wisdom, or faith, or love, has ever fully resigned us to the death of one in the mid-morning of a happy and hopeful life.

And that day was a hard day, when, surrounded by blossoms from the flowers whose beauty and fragrance had filled his hours with joy, through the streets thronged with a sorrowing multitude, we bore the precious dust of Edward M. Wellman to its final resting place. The strangeness and hardness of it all still causes our hearts to quiver, our minds to question, and sends us delving deeper than the mystery of death into the mystery of life, for the lessons our Father hath written in the unfading record of sterling human character for the consolation and direction of His bereaved children.

THE ROAD HE CAME.

We are fascinated as we see this man of our love moving out from the lonelier walks of life into the complexity of great fellowships and responsi-

bilities—for he forged his course onward with unwearied patience but in the democracy of that great heart, never forgetting the road by which he came nor his relationship to those he met upon his way, a way marked by unswerving fidelity to benevolence, friendship, and truth.

A MASTER INDEED.

Along the road over which he came self-mastery and so self-direction were evidenced in exalted measure—wise the one who learns that God hath made it possible through His wondrous endowment of man, for him to challenge controversy, with every element of evil that may cross his pathway; thwarting every opposition to the attainment of exalted character; to emerge at last from the arbitrament of the battles of peace, as well as war, with unsullied honor, and in the full possession of highest self-respect. Whatever the onlooking world may read of success, or failure, that one's life alone can front eternity and its judgment undaunted; this was the type of man we recall today, and we are assured that when his pilgrimage was so suddenly ended he met its termination modestly but altogether unafraid—a Master Mason, and so the master of his fate.

THE STUDENT.

Edward Wellman was the possessor of choice intellectual talents and these were constantly being enlarged and beautified under the multiplying power of persistent mental application and exercise. He analyzed with fine discernment the questions submitted to his judgment, and his conclusions commanded at least the respect of all who knew him. His public utterances were characterized by rare stateliness and dignity, and yet so modestly, unassumingly, and with such attractiveness did he unfold his thought that ere his hearers were aware they were thrall'd by the charm of that fine voice now, alas! silenced forever, and mastered by the strength of his splendid address.

The words of Sir Walter Scott over the grave of Fox may well be recorded here:

“For talents mourn, untimely lost,
When best employed, and wanted most;
Mourn genius high, and lore profound,
With wit that loved to play, not wound;
And all the reasoning powers divine
To penetrate, resolve, combine;
And feelings keen, and fancy's glow—
They sleep with him who sleeps below.”

HIS TENDERNESS.

But the qualities we have so far mentioned were not all that attracted men to this great nature, and we look past them into his heart depths—while our own are still sorrowing—in unmeasurable age-long sorrow, to find there, rarer than the surpassing capabilities of mind we have already noted, richer than the jewels he had gathered in other realms of attainment, what our dear friend had in transcendent degree.

The magnetic grace of a tender, sympathetic yet valorous nature, a nature which drew friends from everywhere—out of every fellowship of his life and holds them even now in unchanging fidelity—to this comrade of our affection. There were out-speaking marks of strength to the point of ruggedness, yet his heart was mighty in the compassing of its love for others, and that fine quality had answer from uncounted other hearts and lives; you were conscious when he passed from your presence that a chivalrous and courteous gentleman had been with you, and left you determined to be, yourself, more gracious and deferential—through intuitive recognition of those elements so marked in him. There was room for many in the inner circle of that great heart, and we shall never be quite content until we overtake him whither he has gone.

FAITH.

But faith was also a pre-eminent element in Edward M. Wellman's being

Faith in Men: The faith that was keen sighted and generous enough to look beyond the temporary shadows, thrown over the pages of life's history by awkward blundering or apparent failure, and to see the inestimable richness centered in strong endeavor. Many a way-worn man has heard a voice of cheer, singing up to him through the gloom, and caught a glimpse of hope in the light of our brother's up-turned face, nerving him for another, a braver, perchance a successful, effort.

Faith in the Ultimate Triumph of Justice and Right: His devotion here was no evanescent fancy, but a settled conclusion that amid the changing perplexities of life, error forever moves toward defeat, and right forever towards victory. He saw that the hesitation and haltings of civilization were only temporary and superficial, while underneath, girded by the unchanging truth, the eternal currents were setting in the direction of inevitable mastery.

Faith in God and in the Future: And this was not the end of our brother's faith; he had faith in God, and the future; that sublime confidence which enables man to stand in fearless calm, amid the storms' wreck and roll in the sea of life, and at the wheel of destiny to hold his course in unwavering constancy through tumult and through quiet to his chosen haven. A faith that views far-gleaming lights, beyond the towering waves, past all tossing wreckage, and in sublime supremacy chants its pæan of victorious hope.

"I will sing you a song of that beautiful land,
The far-away home of the soul,
Where no storms ever beat on the glittering strand,
While the years of eternity roll."

PRESENT DUTY.

Do not the solemn and sacred facts of this exalted life place each one of us, his friends and brethren, under unavoidable obligation to follow, with courage and firm devotion, the high ideals which dominated his character?

Let us gird our loins and tighten our sandals for the journeying days and tasks before us, enlarging the range of kindly service for all the lives that we shall meet. To this unparalleled Fraternity, which held so large a place in his thought, and whose lessons had so moulded his life, to every one of these comrades of his love, may we grant our warmest fellowship, our tenderest sympathy. May every transaction of this Grand Lodge session bear evidence to our recognition of his great hope and plans for these days. "For being dead to us he speaketh yet." And these services by and for the comrades and institutions of his love, shall be our highest memorial for EDWARD McKENZIE WELLMAN.

A COMRADE OF THE CRAFT.

Comrade, Farewell:

Our wreaths of laurel here in love we lay,
 For a knight of our ranks has passed away.
 No stains of blood mark the weapons he swung
 Through the conflict stern since the land was young;
 Yet, as princely a warrior ever was he
 As marched on the land, or sailed on the sea;
 In the battles he fought the lines were set
 Where right against wrong for the struggle met.

Comrade, Farewell:

No proud excalibur leapt, scabbard bare,
 For weapons he bore "The Book" and a prayer;
 How gallant the mien of our good Sir Knight,
 With a heart of faith he entered the fight;
 "Not worthy of such," it was God's reply
 When the martyrs of old went forth to die.
 "Not worthy of such," we echo again,
 Where our prophet lived for his fellow men.

Comrade, Farewell:

We are measuring now with clearer view
 That life which forever to God was true,
 The outlines fair of a beautiful soul
 That never alone passed on to the goal;
 We are sad sometimes that the stately life
 Has not been seen until after the strife;
 God help us to laurel men while they live,
 And cheer without stint to the true hearts give.

Comrade, All Hail:

No longer now death holds for him its sway,
 Nor bears the grave its message of dismay;

The valley shadows parted when he came
 In conquering faith to breathe Immanuel's name.
 "Victory!" "Victory!" We hear it still,
 Where the glory light falls on Zion's hill,
 And there to hope's sight with its vision keen
 The welcome of Heaven by love is seen.

Comrade, "Well Done:"

We hear the words, long Heaven's arches ring
 For our brave friend, the welcome of his King;
 We see the meeting with the noble host
 Of veterans gone before, but never lost,
 That countless company so grand and fair;
 No battles' din nor wounds have followed there,
 We see our pilgrims by the river led
 Where all earth's hunger is forever fed.

Comrades, Close Up:

Let shoulders touch again in battle line,
 The Lord of all that sainted host is thine;
 Nor can the grave our bonds of knighthood break
 If what we do is for a brother's sake.
 Here pause a moment by this sacred dust,
 Then forth again, with God our only trust;
 Our best memorial for the loved one gone
 Will be the lives that bravely follow on.

At the conclusion of the eulogy the Masonic Quartette sang another of Brother Edward M. Wellman's favorite songs: "Evening," after which the Deputy and Acting Grand Master appointed a committee, consisting of Past Grand Masters Robert E. French and Andrew H. Viele, and Brothers John B. Lichtenwallner, 272; Lute M. Savage, 3, and Frank Wilcox, 1, to go to Forest Lawn Cemetery and place a wreath and flowers on the grave of our beloved Grand Master.

On motion of Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until two o'clock P. M., out of respect to Grand Master Wellman.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, June 5th, 1923.

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

Past Grand Master Robert E. French, for the committee appointed to lay flowers on the grave of Grand Master Wellman, reported as follows:

To the Grand Lodge:

We, your committee to whom was committed the duty of placing flowers on the grave of our Grand Master Edward M. Wellman, as a tribute of respect to the memory of this departed brother, have complied with the request of R. W. Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, and fraternally present the following as our formal report.

"The cycles of time roll with the procession of seasons. Spring is bloom, summer is growth, autumn is fruition, and winter is the shroud beneath whose kindly fold live the germs of a new life. Spring comes again, growth matures, and fruit is eternal."

"This is the wisdom and religion of nature, and its universal example cannot fail in relation to man."

IN MEMORIAM.

"The sorrow for the dead," says Irving, "is the only sorrow from which we refuse to be divorced." Every other wound we seek to heal, every other affliction to forget; but this wound we consider it a duty to keep open; this affliction we cherish and brood over in solitude.

No, the love which survives the tomb is one of the noblest attributes of the soul. If it has its woes, it has likewise its delights; and when the overwhelming burst of grief is calmed into the gentle tear of recollection, when the sudden anguish and the convulsive agony over the ruins of all that we most loved is softened away into pensive meditation all that it was in its days of its loveliness, who would root out such a sorrow from the heart?

Though it may sometimes throw a passing cloud over the bright hour of gayety, or spread a deeper sadness over the hour of gloom, yet who would exchange it even for the song of pleasure or the burst of revelry? No, there is a voice from the tomb sweeter than song. There is a remembrance of the dead to which we turn even from the charms of the living.

Then weave thy chaplet of flowers and strew the beauties of nature about the grave. Console thy broken spirit, if thou canst, with these tender, yet futile tributes of regret.

But take warning by the bitterness of this thy contrite affliction over the dead, and henceforth be more faithful in the discharge of thy duties to the living.

"Sleep kindly on, thy noble life,
With cares and love replete,
Has left on us its impress rife,
With memories fond and sweet.

"Sleep on, good friend, such lives as thine,
Have not been lived in vain;
But shed an influence rare, divine,
On lives that here remain."

W. Brother Titus Lowe, 1, who was appointed Grand Orator by M. W. Edward M. Wellman, Grand Master, and who was absent from the state at the time of installation of officers, was in attendance and was installed as Grand Orator by Past Grand Master George H. Thummel.

Right Worshipful Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, delivered the following:

ADDRESS.

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

Brethren:

We have assembled in the sixty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and I greet you and bid you welcome.

The past year has been one of prosperity and of progress in the true sense for the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, but as we enter this annual communication our hearts are saddened by the loss of our beloved Grand Master Edward M. Wellman, who was called from this life to the life eternal on the 31st day of August, 1922. This grand and noble man had but entered upon his duties as Grand Master when he was called to lay down his working tools and to enter upon his journey to that "undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns." Brother Wellman was noble and worthy. He was in reality a Master Mason and busy in the discharge of his responsibilities as such. He was Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska in fact as well as in name, and although he had just started upon the work of his office it was in such manner that we were all assured his administration would be successful in every respect and would bring honor to the Craft and to himself. As we see it from our human viewpoint, his death was indeed untimely, and we know his brethren mourn. He was taken at a time when he was needed greatly and his loss has been and will be felt in many ways. No one has felt this loss more than the one who now addresses you, and in the discharge of the responsibilities which have come because of his death it has been my earnest desire, insofar as possible, to be governed by what I understood to be his plans, and at all times to discharge the duties of the office faithfully and fearlessly. As Masons we are taught to reverence and serve God, and as Masons we endeavor to be true to this teaching, and we submit to the will of the divine in the calling of our Grand Master Wellman to his reward.

CONSTITUTIONAL DIRECTION.

The constitution of our Grand Lodge declares it to be the duty of the Grand Master to present, at each annual communication, his written address, therein setting forth all his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction and recommending such

legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the fraternity. In cheerful obedience to this direction of the supreme law of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, the following report and suggestions are submitted by the Deputy and Acting Grand Master :

NECROLOGY.

Our Grand Jurisdiction, compared to many others, is young in years, but it has been served faithfully and well by many and truly great men and faithful Masons. With the running of time, the death messenger sends his call and brethren of our Craft respond from time to time. During the past year, we have not only been called for the first time in the history of our Grand Jurisdiction to mourn the loss of a Grand Master while in office, but we have also been called to mourn the loss of another who served the Grand Jurisdiction faithfully as Grand Master in his day and generation, for Past Grand Master William Winchester Keysor was called from this life August 17th, 1922. This noble and good man discharged faithfully the duties of the office of Grand Master from June 9th, 1899, to June 7th, 1900. Those who knew him recognized him as a man of outstanding ability and integrity, and the Craft of our Grand Jurisdiction bow in deep regret that he has been called from the activities of life.

Provision has not been made under the laws of our Grand Jurisdiction for reporting promptly the death during their term of office of those who serve in official stations in our lodges, but there has been received information of the death of two Worshipful Masters during the year, Worshipful Brother Frank R. Hughes of Juniata Lodge No. 42 of Juniata, and Worshipful Brother William M. Davis of Compass and Square Lodge No. 212 of Sumner. It was possible for me to attend the funeral of Brother Hughes and to endeavor to say a word which might be of comfort to his wife and children, to his friends and to his brethren of the Craft.

QUESTIONNAIRE.

The last annual communication of the Grand Lodge made provision for the appointment of a committee to prepare a form of questionnaire to be used in connection with petitions for the degrees, and that when approved by the Grand Master its use be made obligatory on all lodges. The committee appointed by Grand Master Wellman in due time presented for approval a questionnaire, which has been approved and its use to be obligatory on all lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction from and after June 24th, 1923, subject only to any change which may be made by this Grand Lodge. Copy of this questionnaire has been supplied to all lodges, and one copy is submitted with this address. It is, of course, impossible to prepare a questionnaire which would in all respects meet with the approval of all the brethren, but it is believed this questionnaire will as nearly meet the needs and desires of the Craft as any that could be prepared. However, it is submitted for your consideration, and if in your judgment changes should be made I have no doubt you will act accordingly.

GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL.

The last annual communication of the Grand Lodge also made provision for the purchase of a suitable jewel for the Grand Master, and in due time the design for this jewel was submitted and approved and the jewel received and is subject to the inspection of all of the brethren of the Craft. Our Grand Secretary is entitled to large credit for his painstaking thought and consideration in the selection of the design.

HISTORY OF MONITOR LODGE U. D. S.

In keeping with the action of this Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, the history of Monitor Lodge U. D. S., as compiled by our Grand Secretary, Francis E. White, was published not only in the proceedings but in pamphlet form for distribution. This very interesting history of this lodge will be of increasing value with the lapse of time, and our brethren should be familiar with it.

PLAN TO DISTRICT THE STATE.

At the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, the plan to district the state was adopted and the Grand Master given power to appoint in each jurisdiction an officer to be known as an assistant to the Grand Master, who would be charged with the duties therein imposed. After giving this matter consideration, Grand Master Wellman concluded he would not appoint assistants under this authority for this Masonic year, and it has seemed to me his judgment was correct on the matter, so I have to report that these assistants have not been appointed for this Masonic year.

THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge action was taken under which our Grand Jurisdiction withdrew its membership from the Masonic Service Association of the United States. As the time for the annual meeting of this association drew near, I was invited to attend the meeting, and after consideration concluded to do so. This meeting was held in the new and beautiful Ivanhoe Temple, Kansas City, Missouri, November 17th and 18th, and was well attended by brethren from member jurisdictions in different portions of the United States. One could not well attend this meeting without being impressed with the fact that there is a large opportunity for service open through the association. Like everything else in life worthwhile, the good cannot be obtained without effort and without price, and to make the most out of the association requires a reasonable expenditure of money, but I believe membership in the association would not only present another avenue of service, but if properly utilized would also be productive of much good to the brethren of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, and I feel the subject is of sufficient importance that the Grand Lodge might well give it further consideration.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

The effort to gather funds for this association has been approved by this Grand Lodge, and the chairman of the committee has spent much time in the work. Steady progress has been made from time to time and it will no doubt be carried to a successful conclusion to the satisfaction of the Craft. It was impossible for me to attend the annual meeting of the Association held at Alexandria, Virginia, February 21st and 22nd, but Worshipful Brother George C. Mason, Chairman of the Committee to Solicit Funds, was in attendance at this meeting. The advisability of continuing this committee for another year is suggested, that the opportunity may remain open to all of the brethren who so desire to have a part in financing this undertaking.

The work leading to the erection of the Temple, the Memorial to Washington, the Mason, at Alexandria, has now progressed so the committee in charge have fixed Thursday, the first day of next November, as the date for laying the corner-stone.

NON-ATTENDANCE BY LODGES.

Grand Master Wellman took up with each of the lodges reported last year to have failed to be represented at the last two successive annual communications of the Grand Lodge the matter of such failure, and was assured the lodges would be represented at this annual communication.

Our lodges should realize not only their duty to be represented at these annual communications, but also the benefits resulting from faithful attendance. Brethren, we are here for the discharge of important duties for our Grand Jurisdiction, and I express the hope we may each be in faithful attendance at every session.

DISCIPLINE.

(A) APPEALS.

FIDELITY LODGE NO. 51.

In the address of the Grand Master last year, report was made of a complaint filed in Fidelity Lodge No. 51, wherein a member was charged with embezzlement of funds and other offenses relating to a bank failure, and upon trial a finding of not guilty was returned upon each specification. Grand Master Smith set the judgment and trial aside and directed that a new trial be held within sixty days. A new complaint was filed June 6th, and trial thereunder had August 1st, resulting again in a finding of not guilty on each of the specifications. Within the time limited by our law, a member of this lodge appealed the case, and it is now pending in this Grand Lodge for review. Grand Master Wellman gave particular attention to this case, and I desire to direct special attention to the facts disclosed in this matter, for it was a very serious question as to whether or not under all of the facts the charter of this lodge should not have been arrested after the second trial.

YORK LODGE NO. 56.

Grand Master Smith in his message last year made report concerning a trial held in York Lodge No. 56 wherein the second trial was held May 31st, 1922, and the time for appeal had not expired at the date of the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge. Appeal has been perfected and is now pending for action by this Grand Lodge.

CANOPY LODGE NO. 209.

In the closing days of the life of Grand Master Wellman, information was conveyed to him by letter of serious charges against a member of Canopy Lodge No. 209, and this was one of the first matters receiving attention by the Deputy and Acting Grand Master. Special investigation disclosed a very serious condition and the brethren of the lodge readily and promptly preferred charges, which proceeded to and resulted in a finding of guilty and the imposition of a sentence of indefinite suspension. The transcript of the evidence being submitted, and after reviewing the case, it seemed to me an inadequate punishment had been inflicted. This matter being presented to the lodge for consideration, one of the brothers of the lodge very promptly took an appeal from the sentence to the Grand Lodge, and it is now pending for your consideration. The law in this Grand Jurisdiction contemplates the imposition of a penalty adequate to the offense, and in this case there is much reason to believe that the most severe penalty which can be inflicted under our law should be imposed. This suggestion is offered for your serious consideration.

CAPITOL LODGE NO. 3.

Upon trial, a member in this lodge plead guilty to a charge of embezzlement and a sentence of suspension for one year was imposed by the lodge, from which sentence a brother of the lodge has appealed to this Grand Lodge.

COVERT LODGE NO. 11.

Charges were preferred against a member of this lodge based upon a plea of guilty entered by him in the state courts. Upon trial, the lodge found him guilty and imposed a punishment of reprimand. Brethren of the lodge immediately made request that the sentence and trial be set aside, and after an investigation, and being convinced that if the brother was guilty an adequate punishment had not been inflicted, or if he was innocent no punishment should be inflicted, I set aside the trial and sentence. Upon a second trial, a finding of not guilty was made by the lodge, from which finding appeal was promptly taken by a brother of the lodge and is now pending for your determination.

(B) TRIALS.

During the year a number of trials, not appealed, have been held in lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, but compared to the total number of lodges and to the membership of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, they have indeed been satisfactorily few in number. As might be expected,

a number of these have grown out of violations of the prohibitory amendment, and in every instance, so far as information of the several trials has come to my knowledge, a conviction has been had and adequate punishment administered.

In one instance, a brother charged with intoxication plead guilty and received punishment only of a reprimand. This being presented for review, and after careful investigation, and learning that the habit had been of long standing, the trial and sentence were set aside and a new trial ordered. On the second trial the brother again plead guilty and a punishment of definite suspension for ten months was administered. Again very careful investigation was made, and from the reports I was convinced that the brethren of the lodge had acted in the utmost of good faith and that they believed it would be better for the offending brother, and would ultimately result in more good to Masonry, if the sentence were permitted to stand.

(C) CHARGES PENDING.

There are pending at this time a number of cases for violations of the prohibitory act and other offenses, which will no doubt be disposed of in the due course of time in harmony with Masonic justice.

BOARD OF MASONIC ANNUITIES AND GIFTS.

This board has from its inception given most careful and earnest consideration to the formation of a plan under which the work to be undertaken can be successfully advanced year after year, and it is to be hoped that within a few months progress will be made so that gifts may be received. There is an almost unlimited field for the accomplishment of good through the work to be done by this board. Many of our members will undoubtedly be pleased to have the benefits of this board as soon as its working is understood. It is reasonable to believe that a large amount of money in days gone by would readily have been bequeathed and otherwise given to the Grand Lodge had brethren of the Craft been apprized of the nature of the various charitable activities of the Grand Lodge and if facilities had been offered through which their money could have been turned to this work under the general annuity plan. This general plan is not a mere experiment, for experience in other activities has demonstrated its practicability, and I feel that our Grand Lodge will desire not only to render every possible assistance to the board in the formation of its plans and in starting the work, but also in assisting to carry to the brethren of the Craft ample information concerning this field of labor, and I bespeak for the brethren who have so faithfully served the Grand Lodge in working out the details necessary to the establishment of this work that the Grand Lodge do everything within its power to set the board in immediate operation throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. When the work is undertaken, there would undoubtedly be advisability in having at least one brother in every community well informed upon this important subject so the brethren of the Craft may all have knowledge of the need and of the opportunity for service.

BY-LAWS.

The consideration of amendments to by-laws of the lodges has presented an important work during the year. Grand Master Wellman received and acted upon an unusual number of amendments for the length of time, and as the year advanced the number of proposed amendments increased very materially. The establishment of the Building and Improvement Fund called forth amendments to the by-laws of many lodges relating to dues and fees. Careful effort has been made to see that all by-laws are in conformity with the law in this Grand Jurisdiction before approval has been given. By-laws have been approved in large number amending sections relating to dues and fees and a number of amendments have been approved requiring secretaries and treasurers to give bonds.

(a) I have refused to approve by-laws relating to dues wherein one amount was named if paid by a certain time and fixing a different amount if not paid by that date. The lodges are authorized to charge dues and their collection is to be enforced in the manner specified in the law, and there is no authority for a lodge to fix a money penalty for failure to make payment by a designated date.

(b) I have declined to approve a by-law which would exempt brethren from payment of dues after having paid dues for a designated number of years, holding that the dues should be uniform upon all of the brethren of the lodge, and that if there is just reason why a brother should not pay his dues, there is ample authority vested in the lodge to remit any portion or all thereof.

(c) One lodge has for a number of years had a by-law under which a brother after payment for a certain number of years should thereafter be exempted from dues. Later this was amended so as to exempt from the payment of lodge dues but not from the amount to be remitted to the Grand Lodge. The operation of this by-law now imposing a heavy burden upon the lodge, and desiring to make the payment of dues uniform upon their brethren, amendment was made eliminating the provision for exemption but saving to the brethren effected their right under the by-law as it has previously existed. This amendment was approved, but the portion under which the brethren effected will be exempt was approved only for the reason that the lodge had created a moral obligation at the time the petitions were received and should in good conscience observe it.

(d) Amendments relating to salaries of secretaries fixing the compensation upon any basis other than a fixed amount per annum have not been approved. Among submitted methods of compensation have been those which would make the secretaries' salaries dependent upon a percentage basis of dues collected and a stated amount per meeting. Sound judgment would seem to dictate that the lodge should know in advance just what compensation is to be paid to the secretary and this officer should know the salary he is to receive.

(e) During the month of July, Mosaic Lodge No. 55 presented to Grand Master Wellman the following situation:

April 6th, 1920, that lodge had adopted a by-law increasing the fees. It appears this amendment was approved by the Grand Master, but a copy thereof not filed in the office of the Grand Secretary, and the lodge took the position that because of the failure to file this copy the collection of the increased fees was illegal. The lodge requested approval of the amendment as of the date of April 6th, 1920, to which Brother Wellman replied approving the amendment as of the date it was presented to him but declining to approve it as of the date of April 6th, 1920, and directed that the fees collected between the time of the adoption of the amendment by the lodge and the approval on August 2nd, 1922, should not be refunded but should be held until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and expressed his intention of presenting the matter at this annual communication of the Grand Lodge and with the recommendation that the Grand Lodge approve the amendment in question as of April 6th, 1920, which he expressed the view the Grand Lodge would have the right to do. This matter is submitted for your action.

PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

This very important portion of the foundation of the structure being erected by the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction has been carried forward with increased success by our Grand Custodian and his able assistants. This work might also be likened unto a large and beautiful tree, its branches having grown in symmetry and in strength until they cover the entire Grand Jurisdiction, and through the foliage which protects the Craft and gives shelter to the letter of the work, we find not only the buds ready to open but also the full blossom and ripening fruit. Here and there and all over the Grand Jurisdiction we find the faithful brethren who have availed themselves of the privilege and of the opportunity to prove their worthiness and to obtain a Certificate of Proficiency. And not only have the individual brethren attained this standard, but many lodges likewise have been privileged to receive Certificates of Proficiency.

Our Grand Custodian has labored actively and zealously in this field. He has called to his assistance true men and worthy Masons through the last quarter of a century, and together they have given to the Craft opportunity for proficiency. Too much cannot be said of the importance of their work, and we all feel not only the responsibility but also the privilege of rendering any assistance which may be within our power to this noble band of Craftsman and their loved and efficient leader.

WEAK LODGES.

(a) The weak lodges reported in the address of our Grand Master one year ago have all received careful attention and help, not only through the office of our Grand Custodian but also through the efforts of the one who has been endeavoring to discharge the duties of the office of Grand Master, and it is with pleasure that report can be made that all of these lodges have shown substantial progress during the past year, and in most instances I feel that they should not now be forgotten but that this watch-

ful care be continued the ensuing Masonic year. And this is likewise true of lodges shown by the reports this year to be in need of help.

(b) Sincerity Lodge No. 244 was reported last year as weak, and the report this year also disclosed the lodge was still in need of special attention. A letter was directed to the Master asking, among other things, the causes for the apparent weakness of the lodge. In replying the Master mentioned, among other things, a very serious matter which he said caused some of the brethren not to attend the meetings of the lodge. I undertook to obtain complete information regarding the case, but was only able to learn that the matter had apparently been closed by what was believed to have been a settlement among the parties, and the Master of the lodge took the attitude that nothing further should be done. Request was made for the Master to furnish certain specific and material information regarding the case, and this he refused to do, declining to furnish any of the information requested, but finally saying he would not furnish the information without first knowing exactly what would be done after the information was furnished. Finally the Master of the lodge was directed to summons the lodge in special communication, and at that time in company with our Grand Custodian I visited the lodge in an endeavor to determine whether the charter should be arrested, and if not whether the Master's jewel should be arrested.

After thorough consideration of the situation, and after finding in the lodge a unanimous desire on the part of the brothers to be permitted to continue their work, and upon their earnest assurance that each and every one of them would render every possible assistance to put the lodge in proper condition, I decided not to arrest the charter but to permit the brethren to continue their work, but directly under the supervision of the Grand Custodian and with the order that no degree should be conferred excepting with the consent of the Grand Custodian. It is my view that the brethren of this lodge will be happy to avail themselves of the opportunity to become thoroughly proficient in the work and that within a short time they will be satisfactorily proficient.

This lodge failed, both in 1922 and 1923, to submit returns for the Grand Lodge in the time provided by law, and it was necessary to send a special messenger to obtain the returns each year. It further developed that the law had not been read in the lodge this year, and only six meetings, including regular and special, had been held since installation.

The Master still declining to furnish the information within his knowledge upon the subject in question, and in view of the general condition of the lodge, I arrested his jewel and placed the Senior Warden in charge of the lodge.

The jewel has been restored to the Master of this lodge, to enable this brother to attend this annual communication of the Grand Lodge and to retire from office in honor.

PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS.

The wisdom of the provisions of Section 66 and 66A of the law relating to proficiency in the degrees is not open to question. However, an observa-

tion of the last nine months has brought the conclusion that there should be amendments to these provisions of the law to make their enforcement easier, and it is suggested that provision be made under which a diploma shall not be issued to a brother until he has complied with the requirements of these sections, and further that until such compliance has been had he shall not have the right of demit nor of holding office in the lodge. It is further suggested that the examination for proficiency in the degree of a Master Mason shall be had in not to exceed ninety days after the conferring of the degree, unless for good cause shown his lodge in open meeting shall extend the time, which time may be extended from time to time by the lodge on good cause shown, but in all not to exceed six months.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS.

During the last Masonic year, three assistants to the Grand Custodian have been appointed. Grand Master Wellman appointed Brother John B. Lichtenwallner of Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272, and the Deputy and Acting Grand Master made the appointments of Brother Harry R. Belville of Jachin Lodge No. 146 and of Brother George R. Patterson of Long Pine Lodge No. 136, each appointment having been made upon the recommendation of our Grand Custodian after he had given the matter thorough consideration.

Grand Master Wellman renewed the commissions of all Assistants to the Grand Custodian at the beginning of the year.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

Grand Master Wellman constituted Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312 at Lynch on June 20th with the assistance of Grand Custodian, M.'W.'.Robert E. French, and M.'W.'.Andrew H. Viele, Past Grand Master.

On the 29th of June, Grand Master Wellman constituted Potter Lodge No. 313 at Potter, being assisted upon this occasion by M.'W.'. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and V.'W.'.Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain.

NEW LODGES.

No lodges have been instituted during the past Masonic year and no formal application for dispensation to form a new lodge has been received at this office. There have been a number of inquiries from brethren in different portions of the Grand Jurisdiction asking information regarding the formation of a new lodge, but in each instance the suggestion has been for the establishment of a lodge in a town having a population of less than six hundred. At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, action was taken to the effect that no new lodge be established in a town having a population of less than six hundred. This subject is again called to your attention that you may take such action as you deem best. If this rule is to be established, it should be enacted into law in such form as not to leave it open to question, but if it is thought best not to enact the subject matter into law it should not be left in the position that the Grand Master would be called upon to choose between the exercising of a prerogative clearly given to him

by our constitution or violating the spirit of the action of the Grand Lodge. While it is undoubtedly true many towns less than this size could not successfully maintain a Masonic lodge, nevertheless there are undoubtedly instances in this Grand Jurisdiction where a lodge could well be established in a town of six hundred inhabitants or less and prove to be of great value not only in the community but also to this Grand Jurisdiction. As before suggested, this is called to your attention that you may take action in such manner as you deem wise.

DISPENSATIONS.

The work of the Craft has proceeded for the most part along the usual and established lines of operation, and but few dispensations have been found necessary. Grand Master Wellman issued the following dispensations:

To Sterling Lodge No. 70 to work without charter until June 6th, 1923, because of destruction of their charter by fire.

To Garfield Lodge No. 95 to elect and install by July 15th a Junior Warden, the brother regularly elected having removed from the jurisdiction.

To Grafton Lodge No. 172 to install the Master out of time.

To Magnolia Lodge No. 220 to install a Junior Warden out of time.

To Zion Lodge No. 234 to install the secretary out of time.

To Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 to elect a Master and install officers out of time.

To Franklin Lodge No. 264 to install the Senior Warden out of time, installation in time being prevented by reason of sickness in the family of the officer. Brother Wellman advised this lodge he would recommend to the Grand Lodge the return of the fee, and I accordingly recommend the return of this fee.

The Deputy and Acting Grand Master has issued the following dispensations:

To Lebanon Lodge No. 58 to confer the degrees of Fellow Craft Mason and Master Mason and to instruct and examine Brother Melvin Brugger, an Entered Apprentice Mason of that lodge, without regard to time. This dispensation was issued for the reason that the work of this brother keeps him in Africa, and it was necessary for him to return to that country before the degrees could be conferred in usual time and there was not opportunity to have the degrees conferred in that country as a matter of courtesy.

To Mount Nebo Lodge No. 125 to elect and install a secretary out of time, the elected secretary having refused to be installed.

To Pythagoras Lodge No. 156 to continue work until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge without charter, their charter having been destroyed by fire.

To Amity Lodge No. 169 to install the Senior Warden without reference to time, this officer being unable to be present at the regular installation.

To Holbrook Lodge No. 257 to continue work until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge without charter, the charter having been destroyed by fire.

May 25th, 1923, to Victory Lodge No. 310 to elect officers for said

lodge, this election being made necessary by the fact that since the election of officers conditions have developed which makes it practically impossible for the Worshipful Master-elect to serve as Master during the next Masonic year, the dispensation being specifically issued to "elect a Worshipful Master for the next ensuing Masonic year, and in the event of the advancement of either or both of the Wardens, to then elect either or both of the Wardens."

May 28th, 1923, to Bradshaw Lodge No. 255, to hold a special communication on June 1st, 1923, to elect officers for the coming Masonic year, the lodge having been unable because of bad weather and roads to secure a quorum at their last regular meeting.

May 29th, 1923, to Parallel Lodge No. 152, to hold a special communication on June 1st, 1923, to elect officers for the coming Masonic year, the lodge having been unable because of weather conditions to hold a regular communication at the last stated time for meeting.

June 4th, 1923, to Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, to elect a treasurer out of time.

Grand Master Wellman and the Deputy and Acting Grand Master were each called upon for the issuance of dispensations for conferring degrees out of time in instances where the facts did not warrant this unusual procedure, and the request in each of these instances was refused.

INSTALLATIONS.

Grand Master Wellman was invited to install the officers of a number of lodges, and his records show that the following lodges were privileged and honored by his presence as installing officer:

Nebraska Lodge No. 1; Capitol Lodge No. 3; Covert Lodge No. 11; Fremont Lodge No. 15; St. Johns Lodge No. 25; George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268; Omaha Lodge No. 288; John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290; Mizpah Lodge No. 302; Right Angle Lodge No. 303; Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312, and Potter Lodge No. 313.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S LIBRARY.

Our Grand Custodian in his quest for knowledge and in his earnest endeavor to prepare himself to faithfully serve the Craft has gathered a valuable Masonic library. From year to year there has been more or less talk of an effort to make arrangements with our Grand Custodian under which this library may at some time become the property of this Grand Lodge. The subject is suggested for your consideration and with the suggestion that a committee be appointed to confer with Brother French, and that the committee be empowered to act.

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT.

As usual many applications for reinstatement have been submitted by brothers who have been suspended for non-payment of dues for more than three years. The committee on reinstatements has rendered valuable and willing service upon these applications, for in numerous instances approval

has been withheld until proper showing has been made by the applicant to the satisfaction of the committee.

One application has been disapproved because the original showing strongly suggested the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors by the applicant. Careful investigation was instituted and this disclosed that for a number of years the brother had been addicted to intemperance and the habit did not seem to be checked. Realizing that our institution not only teaches temperance but also that as Masons we should support the laws of our land, of our state and of our institution, as well as yield allegiance to the laws of God, I felt the necessity of declining to approve this application. I trust this suspended brother may find it possible to very soon remove the one cause which has prevented his reinstatement at this time.

SEALS APPROVED.

Seals were approved for the two new lodges constituted, Grand Master Wellman approving the seal for Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312, and the seal for Potter Lodge No. 313 not having been submitted early enough for his approval, was approved by the Deputy and Acting Grand Master.

The seal of Holbrook Lodge No. 257 having been damaged in the fire, suffered by that lodge, authority was granted for the restoration of the seal, not involving, however, any change in the design.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Grand Master Wellman, accompanied by Grand Secretary R.:W.: Francis E. White, visited the Grand Lodge of Iowa in its annual communication in June last year. Visits between the officers of the various Grand Jurisdictions not only show a kindly and neighborly feeling but are undoubtedly productive of much benefit to the Craft.

Grand Master Wellman also attended the annual reunion of Victory Lodge No. 310 at Valley on June 16th.

On the 19th of June, Grand Master Wellman attended the semi-centennial celebration of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 at Central City, and delivered a highly appreciated address upon that occasion. He was accompanied by M.:W.: Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and V.:W.: Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain.

On the 29th of June, Grand Master Wellman visited Bee Hive Lodge No. 184.

The Deputy and Acting Grand Master has not found it possible to accept more than a very few invitations and regrets not having been able to meet a much larger number of the brethren of the Craft in their lodges.

He has attended the annual picnic of Charity Lodge No. 53 at Red Cloud, where a large number of the brethren of the Craft and members of the Eastern Star and friends enjoyed the pleasure of a happy picnic occasion. Upon that occasion he addressed those present.

He has also been privileged to meet with the brethren of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Harvard Lodge No. 44, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Evening Star Lodge No. 49, to again meet with Charity Lodge No.

53 in special communication, Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Wayne Lodge No. 120, Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Sincerity Lodge No. 244, and Highland Lodge No. 194, and upon each occasion addressed the brethren.

The lodges visited, with two exceptions, had extended invitation to many of the surrounding lodges and the attendance was large in each instance. It has been a pleasure to meet the brethren and to address them. It may be truly said that we have not given sufficient consideration to the benefits which may be derived from these Masonic gatherings. It is good not only for the brethren to dwell together in unity but also to meet frequently upon Masonic occasions.

It has also been my pleasure to attend the closing day of the Reunion of the Scottish Rite brethren in the Valleys of Lincoln, Omaha, and Hastings, and on each occasion to address the brethren of the Rite. It was also my good pleasure to accept the invitation of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, to be with them at their banquet board at their Grand Commandery meeting in Omaha in April, and to address the Knights assembled upon that occasion.

It was a pleasure to accept the invitation of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, to address them in their Grand Chapter meeting this year, and at their request I also paid a tribute to the memory of Grand Master Wellman at their meeting on Wednesday morning, May 9th.

I desire to express appreciation for the uniform courtesy shown to me upon all of these occasions.

The brethren of Samaritan Lodge No. 158 have written for themselves a name high on the roll in Masonic achievement in a reunion. These brethren carefully worked out and carried to a successful conclusion a reunion of one week's length, during which time all of the Masonic bodies were properly recognized and given opportunity to meet in reunion. It was my pleasure to accept the invitation to attend this reunion on the day designated for our Grand Lodge.

Not being able to attend the central schools of instruction held in Gladstone Lodge No. 176, Tekamah Lodge No. 31, and York Lodge No. 56, I issued my proxy in each instance to V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, our Grand Chaplain, who attended the schools and addressed the brethren. This grand and good brother is well beloved by the brethren of the Craft, and is doing a great and good work in the cause of Masonry.

Craftsman Lodge U. D. kindly extended an invitation to be present with them upon the occasion of the conferring of the degree of a Master Mason, and being unable to be with them I issued to M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Master, my proxy. Brother Whiting reports that the work done by this lodge is very creditable.

JORDAN MEDALS.

Our good brother who had worn the Gold Jordan Medal having been called from this life, investigation disclosed that Brother James W. Edwards of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126 was entitled to wear this gold medal, and on the 8th of July, Grand Master Wellman, accompanied by M. W.

Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, proceeded to Stromsburg where fitting arrangements had been made by the brethren of the Craft for the presentation of this medal to the brother who was entitled to wear it. Grand Master Wellman presented the medal to Brother Edwards, and we all join in the hope that this good brother may be privileged to wear it for many, many years.

A number of inquiries have been made by the brethren regarding the rules governing the Bronze Jordan Medal, and following the rules previously announced information has been conveyed to the brethren that the brother in the lodge who has longest been a Mason is entitled to wear the bronze medal without regard to whether he resides at the place of the location of the lodge or in a distant state.

Your attention is fraternally directed to this fact: The rule heretofore followed that the brother entitled to wear this medal is the one who was first made a Mason rather than the one who was first raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason may work a serious injustice. Particularly could this happen in an instance where the brother had received the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason and had permitted a number of years to intervene before advancing, yet he might be, under this rule, entitled to wear the medal in preference to a brother who had diligently pursued his work and received the degree of a Master Mason a number of years prior to the brother who had first received the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason. These medals are prized, and as the years come and go will be more highly prized by the brethren, and, in my view, the Grand Lodge should authorize the Grand Master, or make such other arrangements as they see fit, to establish a complete set of rules covering these medals, these rules, when announced, to be considered as law upon this subject and not to be changed without action of the Grand Lodge.

CORNER-STONES.

Grand Master Wellman accepted the invitation to lay the corner-stone for the new high school building at Callaway, and on August 9th, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian; V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; M. W. Alpha Morgan, Past Grand Master, and a large assembly of the brethren of Parian Lodge No. 207 and surrounding lodges, and escorted by Shiloh Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar, of Broken Bow, he laid the corner-stone for this building, which now becomes an instrument in our great public school system.

Grand Master Wellman also had arranged to lay the corner-stone for the new building for the Childrens Home at Fremont, and had almost completed arrangements for so doing but death claimed him before the stone had been laid.

The Deputy and Acting Grand Master did on the 28th day of September lay this stone assisted by R. W. John Wright, Grand Junior Warden; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Deputy Grand Secretary as Grand Secretary; V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; M. W. Samuel S. Whit-

ing, Past Grand Master, as Grand Marshal; W.'.Albert R. Davis, Grand Senior Deacon, and W.'.Alexander E. Porter, Grand Tyler; Past Grand Masters Alpha Morgan and John Ehrhardt also being present and assisting upon this occasion, as did also a large number of brethren gathered from far and near. The Worthy Grand Matron and many other officers of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and many members of the Order were present upon this occasion and rendered every possible assistance that the occasion might be one of true success.

Not being able to attend in person, and realizing that the brethren of the Craft in that part of the Grand Jurisdiction would be well pleased with the appointment, I gave my proxy to Past Grand Master Lewis E. Smith to lay the corner-stone for the new public school building at Ainsworth. Brother Smith proceeded to Ainsworth, and with the assistance of R.'.W.'.Robert R. Dickson, Grand Senior Warden; V.'.W.'.Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; W.'.Edwin D. Crites, Grand Marshal; Brother Samuel R. McKelvie, Grand Orator, and a large number of the brethren of Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 and brethren from that portion of the state, proceeded to lay the corner-stone. From various sources information has been conveyed showing this to have been one of the most largely attended gatherings in that portion of the state in years and to have been an occasion of true success in all respects.

The Deputy and Acting Grand Master has also laid the following corner-stones:

October 13th, assisted by V.'.W.'.Charles M. Shepherd and many brethren of the Craft, the corner-stone was laid for the new Methodist Church at Harvard within the jurisdiction of Harvard Lodge No. 44. The brethren of this lodge made every preparation for the successful laying of this stone and were ably assisted by W.'.Brother Harry L. F. Proffitt of Hastings Lodge No. 50, who acted as Grand Marshal, and the occasion was one of true success.

October 18th, 1922, the corner-stone was laid for the New Zion Presbyterian Church at Clarkson within the jurisdiction of Signet Lodge No. 193. Upon this occasion, V.'.W.'.Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; W.'.Albert R. Davis, Grand Senior Deacon; M.'.W.'.John A. Ehrhardt, Past Grand Master, and a large number of brethren not only from Signet Lodge but from many of the surrounding lodges were present and assisted in the ceremony of laying the stone. The oration delivered by Brother Edwin Hart Jenks of Capitol Lodge No. 3 was well received and highly appreciated, and the message delivered by this good brother was worthy in every respect. It was a true joy to see the interest taken in this work and in the Craft in general by the young men of that community who are members of the Fraternity.

November 24th, 1922, assisted by V.'.W.'.Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; W.'.Albert R. Davis, Grand Senior Deacon, who acted as Grand Marshal, and by a large number of the brethren from North Bend Lodge No. 119 and the other lodges in that portion of the state, the corner-stone

for the new public school building was laid at Prague, being within the jurisdiction of North Bend Lodge No. 119. The interest shown upon this occasion was indeed commendable, the younger brethren of the Craft residing in that portion of the state showing their deep zeal and interest in the cause of the Craft, as did also all of the brethren.

The brethren of Sterling Lodge No. 70 at Sterling have erected a commodious and beautiful new Masonic Temple, and on December 4th, 1922, the corner-stone of this Temple was laid with the assistance of V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, Past Grand Master, who acted as Grand Marshal; W. Orville A. Andrews, Assistant Custodian, who acted as Deputy Grand Master, and by a large number of the brethren of Sterling Lodge and from that portion of the state. The brethren of this lodge are to be congratulated upon their earnest endeavors and the successful conclusion of their effort for the erection of this Temple. The cause of Masonry would undoubtedly be advanced by many other lodges owning their places of meeting.

East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 is erecting a beautiful lodge home, and on the 26th day of May it was my pleasure to lay the corner-stone for this beautiful Temple. Upon this occasion I was accompanied by R. W. John Wright, Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, W. Alexander E. Porter, Grand Tyler, Past Grand Masters Henry H. Wilson, Andrew H. Viele, and Lewis E. Smith, and a large number of brethren from East Lincoln Lodge and other lodges. Our good brother, Past Grand Master Whiting rendered valuable assistance in the preparations for the laying of this stone, but was unable to be present at the ceremony. W. Orville A. Andrews also rendered valuable assistance in the preparations for the laying of the stone and acted as Grand Marshal. Our Grand Chaplain, Charles M. Shepherd, delivered the oration upon this occasion, as he has upon a number of other similar occasions.

CONTROVERSIES OVER JURISDICTION.

(a) *Bayard Lodge No. 301 With East Lincoln Lodge No. 210.*

Complaint was made that East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 had received the petition of and conferred the three degrees upon a petitioner under the jurisdiction of Bayard Lodge No. 301. A careful investigation of the facts disclosed the petitioner to be a student at Lincoln, born July 27th, 1900, his petition having been signed October 10th, 1921; that he had been attending the University of Nebraska since September 1st, 1920, and although he was not altogether dependent upon his parents for support he did not make all of his own support; that he returned to the home of his parents at Bayard for at least a part of each summer vacation; that he had never been lawfully emancipated by his parents. Having determined the facts, it was held there must be a clear showing of emancipation to enable a minor to establish a residence separate and apart from his parents and which could be considered as establishing a Masonic residence for the purpose of petition. The petitioner not having resided within the jurisdiction of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 for twelve months continuously after arriving at the age of twenty-

one year and prior to the time of his petition, and not having established a residence within the jurisdiction of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 and at the time of petition he being a resident within the jurisdiction of Bayard Lodge No. 301 and having right of petition to Bayard Lodge No. 301, it was ordered that East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 pay to Bayard Lodge No. 301 the fees required to be paid under the law, and this order has been complied with.

(b) *Elwood Lodge No. 167 With Ramah Lodge No. 275.*

Complaint was made that petitioners from the town of Smithfield had been received by Ramah Lodge No. 275 at Bertrand, Elwood Lodge No. 167 claiming this town to be within their territorial jurisdiction. These lodges were directed to immediately proceed to lawfully determine the proper jurisdiction over the territory in question, and in the event of their failure to do so, the determination was to be made through the office of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master. These brethren met in conference and mutually agreed and determined that Masonic material living in the village of Smithfield lies within the jurisdiction of Ramah Lodge No. 275, and this finding has been certified accordingly.

(c) Other minor questions effecting controversies over jurisdiction have been satisfactorily adjusted without difficulty.

PERMISSION FOR REMOVAL OF LODGES.

Applications have been received for changing of locations of meeting places of lodges, and upon a proper showing under Section 71 of the law, and upon the further satisfactory showing that the proposed new lodge halls were suitable and safe places for the holding of Masonic meetings and were safe from intrusion, these applications have been approved for the lodges as follows:

- Washington Lodge No. 21 at Blair.
- Beatrice Lodge No. 26 at Beatrice.
- Edgar Lodge No. 67 at Edgar.
- Sterling Lodge No. 70 at Sterling.
- Garfield Lodge No. 95 at O'Neill.
- Siloam Lodge No. 147 at Stuart.
- Lily Lodge No. 154 at Davenport.
- Unity Lodge No. 163 at Greenwood.
- Exeter Lodge No. 283 at Exeter.
- Minatare Lodge No. 295 at Minatare.

Upon investigation by the Grand Custodian of the proposed hall at Exeter, the change in location was conditioned upon the lodge complying with the requirements suggested by the Grand Custodian and the lodge has responded, saying that these requirements will be carefully observed.

Republican Lodge No. 98 at Republican City, having lost its hall by fire, has been authorized to hold meetings in the Masonic Hall at Alma until such time as suitable hall arrangements can be made in their home town.

Because of destruction by fire of the hall of Holbrook Lodge No. 237, and there not being proper lodge accommodations in the town, this lodge has been temporarily holding its meetings in the Masonic Hall at Arapahoe.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska have been appointed by other Grand Jurisdictions as follows:

Most Worshipful John A. Ehrhardt, Past Grand Master, by the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

Worshipful Brother Orville A. Andrews of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Worshipful Brother Albert R. Davis, Grand Senior Deacon, of Wayne Lodge No. 120 by the Grand Lodge of New York.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near other Grand Jurisdictions have been appointed as follows:

Worshipful Brother Wallace W. Bibb near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Worshipful Brother John Morgan near the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland has appointed W.'.Brother Robert B. Walker, 170, as the representative of their Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and R.'.W.'.Brother Harry Hill has been appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The fraternal relations of our Grand Lodge are cordial and happy in every respect with all of the Grand Jurisdictions of the earth with which we are in affiliation, and in the course of the year's work there has been correspondence with many of these Grand Jurisdictions, particularly relating to the conferring of degrees as a matter of courtesy. In all instances the relations have proven to be pleasant in all respects.

DEGREES CONFERRED BY AND FOR LODGES IN
OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

A large number of requests have been received from our lodges for the conferring of degrees by lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions, and also many requests have been received from other Grand Jurisdictions for the conferring of degrees by lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. All of these requests, when properly presented, have been complied with, and there has been a very pleasant relation existing between the several Grand Jurisdictions upon this subject.

The attention of many lodges has been called to the fact that under the provisions of Section 130A of the law, the requests for the conferring of degrees for one of our lodges must be made by the lodge and not by an officer upon his own responsibility.

DEDICATION.

The brethren of Unity Lodge No. 163 at Greenwood, desiring to dedicate their new hall, I issued to Past Grand Master Samuel S. Whiting my proxy to dedicate this hall, and he has reported that the hall was successfully dedicated on the 3rd of May. Brother Whiting was accompanied by R.'.W.'.John Wright, Grand Junior Warden; V.'.W.'. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, and W.'.Brother Orville A. Andrews, upon this occasion.

The brethren of Sterling Lodge No. 70 have extended an invitation

to dedicate their new hall, which has been accepted and the hall will be dedicated when the brethren of that lodge are ready.

It is good to see the increasing number of lodges desiring to own their lodge homes, for home building and home owning make for stability and progress in lodge life as well as in family relations.

FUNERALS.

A number of requests were received for the conducting of funerals but time forbade their acceptance, and I found it impossible to attend more than two and in neither instance did I conduct the funeral service. I attended the funeral of Worshipful Brother Frank R. Hughes, Master of Juniata Lodge No. 42, and also attended the funeral of Worshipful Brother Captain E. Marstellar, formerly Master of Grace Lodge No. 226. These departed brethren were both neighbors of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master and friends of years standing.

MASONIC HOME.

The successful operation of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth has continued without interruption, and in view of the fact that the brethren are kept fully informed regarding the Home, I do not deem it necessary to speak at length upon this important subject.

However, there is one thing which should be reported to you. A brother has asked to appeal from the action of the Board of Trustees of the Home in the adoption of certain amendments to the rules and regulations. Believing it to be the settled policy of the Grand Lodge that the adoption and enforcement of these rules and regulations are exclusively in the control of the Board of Trustees, I have declined to submit the appeal as properly taken, but feel that the question of the right to such an appeal is of such importance that it should be called to your attention so you may establish the appeal if you see fit and that you may take such action as you deem proper, and for this purpose the effort to establish the appeal sought to be taken is submitted to you. In this connection, I feel that your attention should be called to the fact that in the establishment of the Nebraska Masonic Home our Grand Lodge saw fit to do so through the organization of the Nebraska Masonic Home, a corporation in which this Grand Lodge holds a majority of the stock and is represented each year at the annual stockholders' meeting by the Grand Master. If the brethren of the Craft desire to exercise direct control over the Home, the remedy would undoubtedly lie in amendments to the articles of incorporation of the Home. This matter is presented without suggestion and for the purpose of calling it to your attention.

A careful inspection of the Home will show the successful and fraternal manner in which it has at all times been operated and is now operated.

CHILDRENS HOME.

In view of the fact that the brethren of the Craft are furnished with complete information regarding this Home in the reports, I do not deem it necessary to speak at length upon this subject, further than to say that

the Home is successfully managed in all respects and noble work is being done for those who are entitled to our consideration. As is the case in the Nebraska Masonic Home, so is it true in the Childrens Home that the need is greater than the equipment to care for, and your attention is further directed to this important work and opportunity for service.

MASONIC CHARITIES.

In view of the fact that our attention is often directed to the matter of further room and hospital and other facilities both in the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and the Childrens Home at Fremont, I desire to call the attention of this Grand Lodge and of the brethren of the Craft to the matter of looking well to the future and laying proper foundation that this important work may be successfully carried on. Our Grand Jurisdiction is a growing one, and the cases requiring assistance will undoubtedly increase with the coming of the years, and we should not neglect anything which will minister to the successful carrying on of this work to which we as Masons owe a peculiar duty.

At a recent meeting of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, provision was made for the appointment of a committee of three each from the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery, to consider the consolidating of all of the Masonic charities, and of all of the funds connected therewith. Membership upon this committee has been named by the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery, and I was asked to make appointment of membership thereon from this Grand Lodge that report might be made at this annual communication. Deeming this matter of far more than usual importance, and as one which may vitally effect the future administration of these charities, I did not deem it well to proceed without first referring the matter to you for your consideration, and this subject is now presented to this Grand Lodge that it may determine whether or not it wishes to appoint such a committee and also to determine whether or not it desires a consolidation of these charities and funds.

With increased needs must of necessity come increased costs. The brethren of the Craft when familiar with the needs will gladly furnish all necessary funds. These brethren are also the brethren who furnish like funds through other Masonic channels. There is strength in unity and concerted effort, while there is danger in division and possible misunderstanding. These funds and this work as at present found and administered are the results of years of labor and activity. Hasty action should not be taken. Careful consideration should be given not only to probable needs but also to methods of management as well as to the establishment of legal rights.

CHESTER LODGE NO. 298.

A petition was received from a petitioner who was not twenty-one years old but who attained the age of majority prior to being elected to receive the degrees, and the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason was conferred seventeen days after he became of age. The matter being reported, the lodge was directed to proceed no further with the conferring of the degrees. The

petitioner afterward petitioned again in regular form, and upon being elected to receive the three degrees was duly healed and the conferring of the other degrees proceeded with in regular and lawful manner.

GENERAL.

(1) Suggestion has been made of providing a certificate which can be used by the wife, mother, sister, or daughter of a Master Mason for the purpose of identification in travel, and this thought is presented to you for such action as you may see fit to take, if any.

(2) An unfortunate situation has arisen where a brother known to be insane has disappeared and no information can be obtained as to his whereabouts. This lodge is confronted with the unpleasant situation of either proceeding against the brother in regular manner or continuing to carry him as a member in good standing. There would undoubtedly be wisdom in the enactment of legislation to care for a situation of this kind, and although we hope these occasions will be rare, yet when presented a uniform course of action should be followed.

(3) The question has been asked a number of times as to whether or not a non-Mason can lose residence so as not to be able to petition for the degrees. There seems to be a feeling in some quarters that a man always has the right to petition without regard to residence. In each instance, these inquiries have been answered that the requirements of our law as to continuous residence for twelve months must be complied with before the petition can be received and that it is possible for a man not to have an established residence which would give him the right of petition.

(4) Inquiry was received from a brother in another Grand Jurisdiction desiring to know whether or not the Grotto could lawfully exist in this Grand Jurisdiction and suggesting he understood the organization had an existence here. This inquiry was answered by quoting Subdivision *n* of Section 148 of the law. Inquiry was instituted to determine whether or not there are organizations of the Grotto within this Grand Jurisdiction, but so far as I know there are none.

(5) There is no enacted law in this Grand Jurisdiction requiring the giving of a bond by the secretary or treasurer of a lodge, but many of the lodges have by-laws requiring bonds. An examination of the reports disclosed the fact that in a number of lodges where the by-laws required bonds, bonds had not been given. In each instance, direction was made for the immediate giving and approval of bonds. In most instances the by-laws were cheerfully complied with, but in a few instances response was made by an effort to repeal the by-law requiring the giving of the bonds. In each instance, approval was refused to such an amendment. This is a subject which should receive the consideration of this Grand Lodge. It is not an insinuation against the Craft to suggest that bonds should be given, but it is only a recognition of human frailties and of good business principles, and it is recommended that this Grand Lodge enact into law the requirement for the giving of bonds by all secretaries and treasurers of lodges.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. To amend Section 15 of the law by striking out that provision relating to the drawing of warrants and substituting in lieu thereof the provision for the drawing of warrants in favor of the committee and the committee to disburse the funds.

II. To amend Section 32 of the law so as to eliminate that portion providing for the drawing of warrants as now provided and to insert in lieu thereof a provision for the payment to the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans of the funds and the funds to be disbursed by this committee.

III. For the enactment of a section to be known as Section 89A of the law to provide in substance that it shall be unlawful for any lodge to send circular letters, or like documents, to other lodges without the consent or approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, and to provide for appeal to the Grand Lodge from any action of the Grand Master regarding any proposed circular, or like document, submitted for his approval, the ruling of the Grand Master to remain in full force and effect until disapproved by the Grand Lodge.

IV. To amend Section 103 of the law relating to concurrent jurisdiction with adjoining Grand Jurisdictions to provide for notice to the lodge in whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides of at least thirty days prior to action upon the petition, and the petition to be approved by the Grand Masters of the two Grand Jurisdictions.

V. To amend Section 115 of the law by providing that an interval of not less than four weeks must intervene between the conferring of degrees.

VI. Instances occasionally arise where the identity of an objector has been lost by failure of the Master to transmit the objections, or for other cause. It is recommended that Section 123 of the law be amended to provide that the identity of the objector be made known to the Master and to the ranking Warden.

VII. To amend Subdivision *o* of Section 148 of the law by changing the attendance required from at least twelve regular meetings of a Master Masons lodge, or lodges, so as to provide for an attendance of at least six regular or special meetings of a Master Masons lodge, or lodges, but to make no other amendment to this subdivision of this section of the law.

VIII. To amend Section 191 of the law by declaring indefinite suspension to be a greater punishment than definite suspension.

IX. To amend Section 194 of the law by determining the method to be employed in fixing the period of definite suspension.

X. To provide for the withdrawal of a petition after it has been received where the petitioner is found to have physical disqualifications which would prevent his admission, or where it be clearly shown that for any cause the lodge does not have jurisdiction over the petitioner.

XI. To provide for a rechecking of the roll of honor, all Masters and Secretaries to furnish complete information regarding the membership of their lodge.

DECISIONS.

As has been the experience of the brethren who have previously discharged the duties of this office, there have been many inquiries regarding interpretations of the law but need for making only a few decisions.

Grand Master Wellman did not find it necessary to make any decisions, and the rulings made by the Deputy and Acting Grand Master which, in his view, should be called to your attention have been as follows:

I. The question was propounded by one lodge as to "Whether it is permissible for a Masonic Lodge to take any part in or use its funds for organizing and conducting a Chapter of the Order of De Molay." The inquiry was answered as follows:

"It is not permissible for a Masonic Lodge to use its funds for organizing and conducting a Chapter of the Order of De Molay, nor to divert the lodge funds directly nor indirectly for this purpose."

The organization of De Molay not making membership in the Masonic Fraternity a basis for its membership, the brethren were advised that while there was no law preventing a Masonic lodge from taking part in the organization and conducting a Chapter of De Molay, however, there would be advisability in having the activity conducted more from the standpoint of individual interest rather than from that of the lodge.

II. Inquiry was made as to procedure to be followed where a Fellow Craft Mason had not been advanced within a period of five years after receiving the degree and the further query as to whether the fee to be collected should be that in force at the time his original petition was filed or that in force at the time he received the degree of a Master Mason. The query was answered as follows:

"Where a period of five years has elapsed since taking the preceding degree, the brother desiring advancement should present a petition requesting advancement and setting out in proper language the dates of receiving the preceding degrees. This petition should be recommended, referred, balloted upon and in all things take the course of an original petition. The fee to be collected will be the fee in force for the degree of a Master Mason at the time the petition for advancement is received and not the fee established at the time the original petition was received. The brother must, of course, be examined in open lodge as to proficiency in the preceding degree in like manner as though he had not permitted the period of five years to elapse since receiving the preceding degree."

III. In a case reported herein under controversies over jurisdiction, the facts were stated regarding a student petitioning for the degrees in a lodge in the town where the school was located rather than in the lodge of his home, and it was held:

"There must be a clear showing of emancipation to enable a minor to establish a residence separate and apart from his parents and which could be considered as establishing a Masonic residence for the purpose of petition."

IV. In answer to numerous inquiries, answer was uniformly made that under that portion of Section 81 of the law relating to an affiliation fee

in certain cases, before the lodge would be authorized to collect the affiliation fee it would be necessary to enact a by-law providing therefor, and to harmonize this portion of Section 81 of the law with that portion of Section 86 of the law providing no lodge shall impose a fee for admission or demission a suggested by-law upon this subject has been submitted to and adopted by a large number of the lodges.

V. A few cases have been presented for decision relating to physical defects, but inasmuch as similar cases have been reported from year to year, I do not deem it necessary to make specific description of the defects further than to say that the question has been raised a number of times as to whether or not a man with an artificial limb can receive the degrees, or whether a man with only the thumb and one or two fingers on either the right or the left hand would be eligible, and in each instance the answer has been returned that he was not.

VI. Inquiry has been made as to whether or not "a candidate can take examination as to proficiency at a special meeting," and in this connection attention was directed to the fact that the law does not specifically provide that this can be done. However, in view of the fact that the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge amended Section 115 of the law covering this subject matter by striking out the words "at a regular meeting thereof" (see page 133, proceedings of 1922) with the express purpose of making it possible for an examination as to proficiency to be held at a special communication, the following ruling was made:

"In view of the clear intent of the Grand Lodge by the amendment to Section 115 of the law to make it possible to examine for proficiency at a special meeting, it is held that an examination for proficiency can be held at a special meeting."

VII. The question being presented, under Section 81 of the law, as to whether the language "save that a Nebraska Master Mason who carries his demit not over one year" limits the time to the date the brother is elected on his petition for affiliation, or to the date the petition is received and referred, I have held the date of the receiving and referring the petition for affiliation controls.

UNAUTHORIZED COMMUNICATIONS.

My attention was directed to a circular communication sent out by Diamond Lodge No. 291 to other lodges without the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, and later attention was also directed to a circular letter sent out by Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148 to each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, this also being without the consent or approval of this Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. Both of these communications criticised the action of this Grand Lodge at its last annual communication in certain amendments made to the law relating to finances, and one of them criticised the action of this Grand Lodge regarding the office of Deputy Grand Secretary, and both communications were issued in an endeavor to organize a movement to control action of this Grand Lodge upon these subjects at the present annual communication. These communications being

in open violation of the settled policy of this Grand Lodge which prevents the sending of circular letters, or like communications, by one lodge to others without the consent or approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, I did on the 30th day of April, issue an edict without in any way expressing approval or disapproval of the desired legislation sought to be accomplished through the circular letters in question, condemning said circular letters, ordering all records made by any lodge relating to such circulars or any action thereon to be expunged, and further declaring "the sending of circular letters or like documents by one lodge to others without consent or approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master is declared to be unlawful, and appeal may be taken to the Grand Lodge from any action of the Grand Master regarding any proposed circular or like document submitted for his approval, the ruling of the Grand Master to remain in full force and effect until disapproved by the Grand Lodge." A copy of this order is submitted herewith.

Masonry teaches obedience to law and a due and proper recognition of constituted authority and lodges, as well as brethren, should observe these fundamental principles and be examples of obedience to law, as well as teachers of this doctrine.

LOTTERY OR GIFT ENTERPRISES.

Inquiry was made from Tehama Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., as to whether or not it would be lawful to put on an entertainment for the purpose of raising money and to give with each ticket chances on an automobile, the automobiles to be given to the ones holding the lucky tickets. It seems this has been a more or less general practice in raising money in some places, but, of course, it is clearly in violation of Subdivision *e* of Section 148 of the law in this Grand Jurisdiction. Not only is it in conflict with this announced rule of law but it is also in conflict with the general principles of Masonry and should not under any circumstance be employed. The brethren of this Temple were advised accordingly and acquiesced in the construction of the law with true fraternal and Masonic feelings, and the brethren are to be commended for making inquiry before employing methods reported to be more or less generally employed in other places. Masonry cannot speak too clearly in upholding law and order.

DEMIT FROM EXTINCT LODGES.

A brother was granted a demit from Square and Compass Lodge No. 213 and the demit was lost. This lodge became extinct and the brother desiring to affiliate made request for authority so to do. There being no specific law in this Grand Jurisdiction covering a case of this kind, the following ruling was made:

"A lodge granting a demit having become extinct, upon a clear and satisfactory showing by the brother demitted that the demit has been lost and after diligent search cannot be found, or if destroyed upon a positive showing of that fact, and upon the positive showing of the demitted brother that the demit has not been used for the purpose of affiliation or otherwise

lawfully disposed of, the Grand Secretary shall, upon approval of the Grand Master, issue to the demitted brother a certificate showing all of the facts of the demit and of its loss or destruction, which certificate shall be accepted for all purposes and in like manner as the original demit."

A demit was accordingly issued, signed by the Deputy and Acting Grand Master, attested by the Grand Secretary, and under seal of the Grand Lodge and delivered to the brother.

OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.

The Masonic institution in this Grand Jurisdiction is presented with a great opportunity for faithful service in the interests of mankind. The fundamental teachings of Freemasonry have stood the test not only of years and of generations, but of centuries, and this institution has come down to us as a rich heritage from the past because of its worth and because of the fact that it has proven its benefit to mankind and to the advancement of civilization. There is no limitation to the opportunities for service presented through our Craft, and it is but for us and for all those who are associated with us in this great and good work to be true to our obligations and to the opportunities of service presented.

Among the opportunities for service presented and responsibilities placed upon Masonry is that of helping to overcome the apparent disregard for law and constituted authority, which seems so evident in many places. It is often said that we are living in an age of unrest and of discontent, and we frequently hear the statement made that there has been a breaking down of respect for law and for order. Masonry teaches obedience to law and fealty to principles of true government, and the brethren of the Craft are presented with an opportunity for real service, not only in a proper obedience of law and order individually, but also in the right use of their influence with others.

We read much these days of the organized effort to break down the enforcement of the prohibitory amendment, and we are told through the columns of the daily press that the foes of this amendment are organized not only in an endeavor to create a popular belief that this amendment cannot be enforced but also to demonstrate the futility of the effort for its enforcement, and we are also told of the efforts made to organize these forces for the control of political organizations, the ultimate end being the repeal of this amendment. The question has passed the stage where it is one simply of temperance or of the right of the individual to "drink or leave it alone," nor does it remain a question as to whether or not the amendment should have been adopted. Masonry not only teaches temperance but it also teaches obedience to law and to constituted authority, and this question has become one of whether or not the laws of the land, the laws of many of the states, the laws of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as the laws of God, shall be upheld or shall be disregarded. Disregard for law in one instance breeds disregard for law in many respects. If the youth of

our land are led to believe that it is right to violate one law, they cannot be censured for concluding it is right to violate another or as many as they see fit, and in a fundamental sense we are confronted with the serious question of whether we will maintain the dignity of law and order or will lend our influence in a movement which carried to its logical conclusion will overthrow not only respect for constituted authority but government itself. As men, and as Masons, we should not only place ourselves squarely upon the side of law and order, but we should also use our influence in every possible way to strengthen the ship of state in these tempestuous times, and to demonstrate to the world that a free people can administer a free government in the successful protection of the lawful and just rights of all its people.

The challenge is issued to us as men and as Masons, not only in this Grand Jurisdiction but throughout the length and breadth of our land and wherever civilization itself is known throughout the whole world. We can serve faithfully as Master Builders whatever our station in life may be, and I have no doubt that when the brethren of the Craft have given thorough consideration to these serious questions they will rally as they have at all times in the past in the cause of law and of order, for the maintaining of the laws of our land and of God, and for the advancement of civilization.

At this time, it is the desire of the one who addresses you to not only again express regret that the one chosen at the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge to lead the Craft was called before his labors were completed, but also to express to you and to the brethren of the Craft everywhere in this Grand Jurisdiction my appreciation of the earnest co-operation and help which has been extended under every circumstance. The duties of the office came at an unexpected time and in a most regrettable and unexpected manner. Plans have been hastily changed in an effort to faithfully discharge the duties thus presented. The success or failure of these efforts will be determined in the final analysis by the results as they are finally known, but without regard to this I am pleased to say that I consider the condition of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction to be one of vigor, of health, and of strength, resting upon firm and secure foundations, and earnestly desiring to continue the great work of Masonry in every respect and to faithfully discharge all duties of the present and as they may arise in the future.

Again expressing appreciation for the faithful service rendered by the brethren of the Craft throughout the past Masonic year, I again greet you and bid you true success as you give consideration to, and take action upon, the many important matters which will be presented for your consideration and for your determination.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES A. CHAPPELL,

Deputy and Acting Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master, together with the following reports of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in charge of the Orphans Educational Fund, and the Certified Public Accountant, 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 4th, 1923.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION AND DESTROYED CHARTERS.

Application for a charter, with records, statement of work, and all papers from Craftsmen Lodge U. D. U., at Lincoln, have been delivered to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, and to the same committee has been referred a petition for a duplicate charter for Sterling Lodge No. 70, to take the place of one destroyed by fire.

COLLECTION OF ANCIENT WEAPONS.

During the year a display case with a full plate glass front to properly show the collection of ancient weapons given to the Grand Lodge by Mrs. John J. Monell, has been placed in the reading room of the Masonic Temple, Omaha, and the weapons were arranged in an artistic manner by Brother William J. Dobbs, Past Master of Garfield Lodge No. 95, O'Neill, and now a member of Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha.

The cost of the case, the brass protecting rail, and the labor, was \$1,232.27.

The brothers are requested to visit the reading room on the fourth floor, and get some idea of the value of Mrs. Monell's gift, which in addition to the ancient weapons consists of a library containing many hundred books.

AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER BONDS.

When government bonds are sold sometimes a question comes up as to authority to transfer them. A resolution should therefore be adopted giving some one authority to sign for the Grand Lodge, and it might be well to name two persons, authorizing either one of them to make the transfer.

BINDING PROCEEDINGS OF OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Owing to the increase in the cost of binding the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, during the war and later, no volumes have been bound, and there is a large number that should be bound. By consolidating the proceedings of two other Grand Bodies a fairly good price has been submitted, and I suggest that the Grand Secretary be directed to have all of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges bound in the same style as those already on our shelves.

OMISSION.

In our printed proceedings for 1918 and 1919, which contained the Roll of Honor, the name of Brother David C. Hilton was not included. Brother Hilton is a Past Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, was a Captain in the Medical Corps of the army, and has recently been appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the 110th Medical Regiment, and assigned to the 35th division of the National Guard.

I suggest that the secretaries of lodges examine the Roll of Honor in the 1918 and 1919 proceedings, and ascertain if the names of any other brothers who were in the United States service were omitted, and if so that they be sent to the Grand Secretary's office. Their cards in the register can then be marked to show this fact.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Debit.

Amount on hand June 6th, 1922	\$ 36,202.61
Interest on War Relief Fund	1,296.75
War relief fund bonds called in and paid	571.86
Certificate of deposit, War Relief Fund	1,300.00
Profit on War Relief bonds sold	28.14
War Relief Fund, interest on two certificates of deposit, in a Trust Company	59.19
Fees for special dispensations	120.00
Interest on Government bonds	425.00
Interest on daily balances	614.49
Supplies sold to lodges	3,042.40
Dues on 37,380 members, less 58 exemptions, 18 members of lodges U.'D.', net number collected on, 37,304 at \$2.50 each	93,260.00
Fees on 2,170 members initiated at \$5.00 each	10,850.00
Penalties assessed in 1922	65.11
Fees on 1,415 initiated after July 15th, 1922, at \$10.00 each	14,150.00
Fees on 88 affiliations after July 15th, 1922, at \$10.00 each	880.00
Expense to Sincerity Lodge No. 244 returned by Lewis E. Smith	2.20
Overpaid for supplies20
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	\$162,867.95

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Credit.

Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, 10% fees and dues, 1922	\$ 6,573.00
Furniture and fixtures	386.85
Supplies for sale and issue	3,574.39
Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, salary	1,800.00
Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, salary	2,400.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire	2,100.00

Lewis E. Smith, Deputy Grand Secretary, salary	\$ 2,353.36
Expense of Grand Master Lewis E. Smith, balance due 1922	254.12
Expense of Grand Master Edward M. Wellman	255.06
Expense of Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master	850.00
Grand Master Wellman's clerk hire	79.80
Deputy and Acting Grand Master Chappell, clerk hire	450.00
Promulgation of the Work	997.91
Childrens Home at Fremont	5,000.00
Monell library display case for ancient weapons	1,232.27
Postage, telegrams, telephone, expressage	406.14
Blanks	288.35
Stationery	111.32
Janitor	50.00
Incidental expenses	55.75
Expense, Grand Secretary, visiting the Grand Lodge of Iowa ...	17.11
Expense, Grand Secretary, visiting Chadron, Nebraska	43.95
Stenographer, session 1922, \$60.00; public accountant, \$25.00	85.00
Telephone	53.55
Expenses, Grand Custodian	600.00
Expenses, Grand Chaplain	150.00
Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax	27,978.00
War Relief Fund, certificate of deposit	3,150.00
Expense of Deputy Grand Master Wellman	12.50
Grand Tyler, Grand Lodge session, 1922	15.00
Committee on Correspondence	200.00
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond	15.00
Organist, Grand Lodge session, 1922	10.00
Pay-roll, Grand Lodge session 1922	4,782.18
Committee on Annuities	53.50
Rent of Grand Lodge office to December 31st, 1922	556.00
Rent of Grand Lodge office to March 31st, 1922	250.20
Expenses, laying corner-stones	7.04
Printing proceedings, reports of Grand Officers and advance copies	1,325.00
Printing 2,000 copies of the law, 1922	460.00
Printing 200 copies, History of Monitor Lodge U. D. '	56.00
Grand Master's jewel	200.00
Fire insurance on stock and fixtures	32.20
300 copies, List of Regular Lodges	114.62
Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, per capita tax 1922	186.90
Printing charters for two lodges	37.00
Expense of delivering Gold Jordan Medal	7.17
Shelving, etc., in vault	21.75
Building and Improvement Fund	10,000.00
Returned to a lodge amount overpaid on supplies .....	.20

Expenses of Robert E. French to Battle Creek and Norfolk, by order of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master	\$	14.27
Balance in the Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk		83,215.49
Total		<u>\$162,867.95</u>

GRAND LODGE WAR RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand as per last report	\$	\$26,799.20
Interest on Victory Loan Bonds		1,296.75
Interest on certificate of deposit		59.19
Profit on bonds called in		28.14
\$26,000.00 Victory Loan Bonds cost	24,897.60	
\$700.00 Victory Loan Bonds cost	690.55	
Certificate of deposit in Trust Company	2,500.00	
Due from the Grand Lodge	95.13	
		<u>\$28,183.28</u> <u>\$28,183.28</u>

There will be interest due on the bonds and on a certificate of deposit, and a profit of \$1,102.40 on the bonds when paid. This will make the fund approximately \$29,300.00.

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Balance to credit of account last year	\$	\$ 253.11
Amount purchased during the year	3,593.79	
Sold to lodges during year ending March 31st, 1923		3,061.80
By amount issued free to lodges U. S. D.		63.40
Balance on hand March 31st, 1923		215.48
		<u>\$3,593.79</u> <u>\$3,593.79</u>

GENERAL RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand as per last report	\$	\$ 6,573.00
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	6,573.00	
May 20, 1923, 10% of dues March 31st, 1923, 37,304 members at \$1.50 each		5,595.60
May 20th, 1923, 10% on fees March 31st, 1923, 2,170 initiated at \$5.00 each		1,085.00
May 20th, 1923, balance on hand	6,680.60	
		<u>\$13,253.60</u> <u>\$13,253.60</u>

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

By dues on 37,380 members, less 58 members exempt from the payment of Grand Lodge dues, and 18 members of extinct lodges, net number collected on, 37,304 at \$1.00 each	\$	\$37,304.00
Fees on 1,415 initiations after July 15th, 1922, at \$10.00		14,150.00

Fees on 88 affiliations after July 15th, 1922, at \$10.00		\$ 880.00
Paid to Committee on Childrens Home	\$10,000.00	
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Balance to the credit of the Fund	\$42,334.00	
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	\$52,334.00	\$52,334.00

TRIAL BALANCE.
GRAND LODGE GENERAL LEDGER.

After closing the accounts for the year ending May 20th, 1923.

Inventory	\$	\$213,495.18
Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home	51,600.00	
Furniture and fixtures	4,455.32	
United States Liberty Loan Bonds	10,000.00	
Supplies for sale and issue	215.48	
Cash in the Norfolk National Bank	83,215.49	
Childrens Home, Fremont	108,500.00	
Grand Lodge jewels	233.00	
Stock in the O. E. S. Hospital, Fremont	1,000.00	
John J. Monell library	2,203.44	
Grand Lodge library	1,182.18	
War Relief Fund		28,183.28
Victory Loan Bonds, War Relief	25,588.15	
Certificates of deposit, First Trust Co., War Relief	2,500.00	
Building and Improvement Fund		42,334.00
General Relief		6,680.60
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	\$290,693.06	\$290,693.06

INVENTORY.

Assets.

516 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 51,600.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,455.32
United States Liberty Loan Bonds	10,000.00
Cash on hand in the Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk	83,215.49
Childrens Home, Fremont	108,500.00
Grand Lodge jewels	233.00
Stock in the O. E. S. Hospital, Fremont	1,000.00
John J. Monell library	2,203.44
Grand Lodge library	1,182.18
Victory Loan Bonds, War Relief	25,588.15
Certificate of deposit, First Trust Co., War Relief	2,500.00
Supplies for sale and issue	215.48
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	\$290,693.06

Liabilities.

General Relief	\$ 6,680.60
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War Relief Fund	\$ 28,183.28	
Building and Improvement Fund	42,334.00	
		\$ 77,197.88
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Net assets as shown by the ledger, 1923	\$213,495.18	
Net assets as shown by the ledger, 1922	201,792.13	
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Net increase for the year, 1922-1923		\$11,703.05

RETURNS.

Number of chartered lodges	285	
Number of lodges under dispensation	1	
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Total	286	
Number initiated during the year	2,170	
Number passed during the year	2,155	
Number raised during the year		2,135
Number affiliated during the year		482
Number reinstated during the year		79
Number gained by other causes during the year		50
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Total gross increase		2,746
Number demitted during the year	680	
Number deceased during the year	416	
Number suspended during the year	374	
Number expelled during the year	13	
Number lost by other causes during the year	1	
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Total loss		1,484
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Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1923		1,262
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1922	37,380	
Number of Master Masons on the rolls March 31st, 1923	38,642	

Returns from all lodges have been received, the cards have been made and the changes entered, and all have been checked and counted.

Lodges Nos. 42 and 98 do not report whether or not they carry insurance on their personal property. Lodges No. 257 and 309 report that they do not carry any insurance on their personal property.

The following lodges do not report the mileage: Nos. 26, 42, 54, 61, 84, 98, 104, 111, 158, 168, 171, 212 and 300.

The following lodges report having no delinquent dues: Nos. 11, 30, 32, 33, 53, 58, 62, 67, 82, 91, 100, 101, 116, 124, 127, 128, 146, 147, 149, 164, 188, 199, 224, 241, 251, 252, 256, 273, 275, 278, 298, 299, 305, 306, 307, 311 and 312; a total of thirty-eight, twelve less than last year. Of these thirty-eight, twenty-two reported having no delinquent dues last year.

The following lodges do not report whether they have any delinquent members or not: Nos. 70, 84, 140, 200, 243, 257, 279, 286, 293 and 296.

The total number of delinquent members is reported as 2,816, as compared with 2,496 last year. The amount delinquent is \$20,565.17, as compared with \$16,730.01 for 1922, and \$13,235.92 for 1921. The average for each delinquent is \$7.30, which is 55 cents more than for 1922.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

On May 10th, 1923, there were 21 men and 13 women at the Home, and the application of one woman has been accepted; several applications are now pending. On January 20th, 1923, there were at the cottages at Fremont, 23 boys and 20 girls. The average age of the men was 76.3 years, and of the women 72.7 years; that of the boys was 10.4 years, and of the girls 10.4 years. There were ten deaths at the Home between March 9th, 1922, and May 10th, 1923, including the oldest resident in point of years spent at the Home, who entered November 11th, 1903, and died March 9th, 1922, and the oldest resident, Brother Eben K. Long, who was 95 years of age.

The last report of the Superintendent shows that six residents are helpless, four require the daily attendance of nurses and physicians, and six others require occasional care. This means that nearly half of the residents are practically invalids.

In addition to what is being done to care for the residents of the Home and for the education and care of the children, the Grand Lodge gives some assistance to over forty members of the Fraternity or their dependents, and the Nebraska Masonic Home is also assisting in caring for eight others either at their own homes or in institutions.

Gifts in the way of useful articles for the residents were received at Christmas time, and in 1922, by actual count 713 packages were received. The Masters' and Wardens' Club of Omaha, which acted as a medium through which gifts of money were made and distributed from all over the state, in addition to supplying wanted gifts for the residents, has installed a radio at the Home, and the residents are enjoying the many programs that are being broadcasted; with radio and "movies" they are well entertained.

Commanderies of Knights Templar contributed \$698.90 at the Christmas Observance in 1922, and this sum pays for the medical supplies used at the Home and is applied to the salaries of physicians and nurses, so far as it will go. The commanderies have contributed at their Christmas Observances a sufficient sum of money to pay for all medical supplies used at the Home since it was opened on September 1st, 1903.

ENDOWMENTS, BEQUESTS, AND DONATIONS OF

\$100.00 OR MORE.

September 2d, 1910, Samuel Johnson, Canopy Lodge No. 209	\$1,000.00
January 24th, 1911, Miss Laura MacColl, for her brother	1,000.00
April, 1912, Henry E. Palmer, Covert Lodge No. 11	500.00
September 27th, 1912 Thomas Wilkinson, Washington Lodge No. 21	1,000.00
February 27th, 1913, Frank G. Recknor, Atkinson Lodge No. 164	250.00
September 16, 1916, Past Grand Master William E. Hill, Western Star Lodge No. 2	1,000.00
February 10th, 1915, Edwin J. Carter, Temple Lodge No. 175	2,700.00

December 5th, 1917, Liberty Class, Hastings Consistory, A. S. & A. S. S. R., Hastings (Liberty Bond)	\$ 100.00
December 5th, 1917, Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 (Liberty Bond)	100.00
May 1st, 1918, Orin A. H. Bruce, Creighton Lodge No. 100	270.00
March 7th, 1919, George Tilden, Capitol Lodge No. 3	500.00
May 5th, 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Houghton, Hampton Lodge No. 245	100.00
June 6th, 1921, Northern Light Lodge No. 41, A. S. F. & A. S. M., Stanton	300.00
December 14th, 1922, Mrs. Matilda J. Kolls, wife of Brother Gustavis Kolls, member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33	100.00
Total	\$8,920.00

The following is taken from the report of the Superintendent:

Cost of food consumed, \$5,895.46.

Average cost per meal per capita, 10.007 cents.

Cost of food consumed in 1921, \$6,532.42.

Cost of food consumed in 1922, \$5,895.46.

Decrease, \$636.96.

Meals served in 1921, 54,254.

Meals served in 1922, 58,614.

Increase, 4,371 meals.

Meals to visitors, 1922, 386.

This is an increase of 48 over 1921.

Comparative cost of food for three years: 1920, \$7,507.11; 1921, \$6,532.42; 1922, \$5,865.46.

Average cost of food per capita per month: 1920, \$12.62; 1921, \$10.82; 1922, \$9.00.

The following was produced at the Home:

Eggs, 746 doz.	\$179.21
Chickens, 464 lbs.	108.30
Pork, 1,955 lbs.	256.78
Vegetables	303.70
Fruit	98.80
Total	\$946.79

The cost of maintaining the Home for 1922, not counting insurance, new furniture, and repairs, was \$17,980.07, being \$627.06 less than for the year 1921.

During the year there were many entertainments at the Home, such as band concerts, watermelon feasts, songs and music by choruses and orchestra, moving pictures, etc. Each resident's birthday was celebrated; a birthday cake being one of the special features. Much is made of Christmas at the Home; a Christmas tree, a Christmas dinner, etc., being provided.


 Grand Secretary.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31st, 1923.

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. O. C.		SUSP.			MASTER MASONS										No. of Lodge	
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923	No. April 1, 1923	GAIN				Total	LOSS						No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923
									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other causes		
Nebraska	1	55	80	57	18	20	100	1415	61	14	2	1492	12	19	20	2	53	1439	1	
Western Star	2	19	28	22	18	3	44	250	16	1	1	267	5	3	3	...	11	256	2	
Capitol	3	45	73	48	26	12	148	1062	55	11	1	1129	7	11	12	...	30	1099	3	
Nemaha Valley	4	2	8	1	4	3	23	65	...	1	...	66	1	3	...	4	62	4	4	
Omadi	5	7	19	6	6	9	32	147	7	...	...	154	3	1	9	...	13	141	5
Plattsmouth	6	6	27	7	8	...	24	181	7	1	...	189	1	2	...	3	186	6	6	
Falls City	9	21	40	16	12	3	43	278	12	4	...	294	2	3	3	...	8	286	9	
Solomon	10	14	10	13	7	1	2	29	6	1	...	36	2	1	1	...	3	33	10	
Covert	11	51	84	53	33	5	157	1242	59	5	4	1310	8	15	5	...	28	1282	11	
Orient	13	...	3	3	2	2	5	63	2	...	...	65	1	1	2	...	4	61	13
Peru	14	5	7	7	1	1	16	100	7	3	...	110	3	3	1	...	7	103	14	
Fremont	15	31	17	27	7	...	21	490	27	4	...	521	7	5	...	12	509	15	15	
Tecumseh	17	9	21	10	6	...	26	150	9	...	...	159	3	5	...	8	151	17	17
Lincoln	19	69	76	66	26	27	128	1199	65	12	4	1280	15	17	27	1	60	1220	19	19
Washington	21	8	6	6	5	...	17	125	7	...	...	132	1	3	...	4	128	21	21
Pawnee	23	4	10	2	4	3	24	129	2	1	...	132	1	1	3	...	5	127	23	23
St. Johns	25	48	95	49	25	13	177	1268	59	6	5	1338	12	9	13	1	35	1303	25	25
Beatrice	26	13	46	12	23	6	82	375	15	12	...	402	25	5	6	...	36	366	26	26
Jordan	27	2	8	1	3	...	12	81	2	1	...	84	2	...	...	2	82	27	27
Hope	29	1	11	...	4	1	22	41	1	...	...	42	1	1	...	2	40	29	29
Blue River	30	3	3	4	1	1	11	96	5	1	...	102	6	3	1	...	10	92	30	30
Tekamah	31	5	5	7	3	...	8	165	7	3	...	175	1	...	...	1	174	31	31
Platte Valley	32	22	46	18	19	2	40	314	20	3	5	342	7	7	2	...	16	326	32	32
Ashlar	33	34	47	34	16	4	53	613	44	10	1	668	2	8	4	...	14	654	33	33
Acacia	34	9	13	9	4	...	26	103	12	...	...	115	3	...	...	3	112	34	34
Fairbury	35	12	44	10	8	5	41	217	12	8	...	237	5	...	5	...	10	227	35	35
Lone Tree	36	10	6	13	5	9	42	236	14	1	2	253	1	2	9	...	12	241	36	36
Crete	37	7	14	7	6	...	26	154	7	5	...	166	1	2	...	3	163	37	37	
Oliver	38	5	19	5	6	...	32	154	5	1	...	160	...	3	...	3	157	38	38	
Papillion	39	6	14	6	4	...	16	86	5	1	...	92	1	2	1	...	4	88	39	39
Humboldt	40	9	14	7	4	...	9	96	6	3	...	105	...	5	...	5	100	40	40	
Northern Light	41	7	5	7	2	1	19	90	11	...	...	101	1	1	...	2	99	41	41
Juniata	42	3	12	3	3	5	22	56	3	59	2	1	5	...	8	51	42	42
Hebron	43	3	12	4	4	1	33	111	5	2	...	118	6	1	1	...	8	110	43	43
Harvard	44	5	10	6	3	...	10	78	4	4	...	86	2	...	...	2	84	44	44
Rob Morris	46	20	42	19	17	...	51	347	20	4	...	371	2	4	...	6	365	46	46	
Fairmont	48	2	12	4	2	...	28	83	4	1	...	88	1	...	...	1	87	48	48
Evening Star	49	8	9	8	4	...	14	122	7	129	1	2	1	...	4	125	49	49
Hastings	50	24	48	18	8	...	36	497	21	8	1	527	4	5	1	...	10	517	50	50
Fidelity	51	10	20	7	5	...	31	159	5	1	1	166	1	3	...	4	162	51	51	

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		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1923					
Hiram	52	11	10	9	5	..	22	75	9	2	1	..	87	4	2	..	150	2	6	81	52					
Charity	53	14	17	16	6	..	32	127	19	4	150	2	150	2	2	148	53						
Lancaster	54	44	81	48	29	1	67	950	37	12	2	..	1001	16	8	1	1001	16	8	1	25	976	54						
Mosaic	55	12	36	11	4	..	40	265	16	6	3	..	290	7	3	..	290	7	3	10	280	55						
York	56	11	7	12	5	..	20	309	10	7	326	3	4	..	326	3	4	7	319	56						
Mt. Moriah	57	4	18	5	2	2	9	102	6	1	1	..	110	4	1	2	110	4	1	2	7	103	57							
Lebanon	58	10	20	12	8	..	21	229	11	2	242	2	2	..	242	2	2	4	238	58						
Wahoo	59	15	10	14	6	..	18	199	11	3	213	1	1	..	213	1	1	2	211	59						
Melrose	60	3	9	4	5	..	10	93	..	1	94	5	1	..	94	5	1	6	88	60						
Thistle	61	12	11	9	6	..	18	147	8	3	158	1	1	..	158	1	1	2	156	61						
Keystone	62	4	6	6	2	2	11	73	5	..	1	..	79	3	2	2	79	3	2	2	7	72	62							
Riverton	63	..	8	11	52	..	1	1	..	54	54	1	53	63							
Blue Valley	64	2	3	2	4	..	14	88	1	89	1	89	1	1	88	64							
Osceola	65	3	6	4	5	..	15	134	4	3	141	6	2	..	141	6	2	..	1	8	133	65							
Edgar	67	1	6	..	1	..	4	132	2	2	136	4	1	..	136	4	1	5	131	67							
Aurora	68	5	17	7	7	1	40	188	8	2	2	..	200	2	2	1	200	2	2	1	5	195	68							
Sterling	70	4	17	2	2	..	12	88	1	1	90	1	90	1	1	89	70							
Trowel	71	2	15	2	8	1	23	115	..	3	118	2	2	1	118	2	2	1	5	113	71							
Hooper	72	..	12	..	1	1	8	105	105	..	3	1	105	..	3	1	4	101	72							
Friend	73	16	8	17	5	..	12	89	15	2	106	2	106	2	2	104	73							
Alexandria	74	4	5	2	..	..	6	56	4	..	1	..	61	1	1	..	61	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	59	74
Frank Welch	75	13	17	12	6	6	27	315	14	2	..	..	331	26	2	6	331	26	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	297	75
Joppa	76	2	5	1	3	..	11	58	..	1	59	1	59	1	1	58	76							
Nelson	77	16	16	11	4	1	19	84	11	1	2	..	98	3	3	1	98	3	3	1	7	91	77							
Albion	78	4	21	2	4	..	13	121	8	2	131	3	2	..	131	3	2	5	126	78							
Geneva	79	14	11	14	4	4	24	184	18	4	..	..	206	3	2	4	206	3	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	197	79
Composite	81	2	5	4	5	2	15	64	3	..	..	..	67	1	2	..	67	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	64	81
St. Paul	82	12	15	11	5	1	33	139	11	3	1	..	204	5	2	1	204	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	196	82	
Corinthian	83	6	8	6	3	..	9	60	6	66	1	66	1	1	65	83							
Fairfield	84	7	16	9	3	..	20	89	7	4	..	..	100	2	..	..	100	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	98	84
Tyre	85	2	15	2	3	1	23	48	..	..	..	..	48	2	1	1	48	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	44	85
Doniphan	86	1	6	1	6	1	16	51	..	..	..	..	51	1	1	1	51	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	48	86
Ionic	87	2	24	3	4	..	15	122	2	..	..	..	124	7	..	..	124	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	117	87
Star	88	2	11	3	1	..	11	77	3	2	..	..	82	1	1	..	82	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	80	88
Cedar River	89	3	15	4	6	8	27	118	4	2	..	..	124	1	1	8	124	1	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	114	89
Elk Creek	90	2	4	2	2	..	11	51	4	..	..	..	55	3	..	..	55	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	52	90
Oakland	91	6	6	7	..	1	4	118	9	1	..	..	128	1	1	1	128	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	125	91
Hubbell	92	..	8	..	..	2	9	36	..	2	..	..	38	1	3	2	38	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	32	92
Beaver City	93	1	8	1	3	..	28	132	1	1	134	4	1	..	134	4	1	5	129	93								
Bennett	94	2	8	3	1	1	15	69	3	1	73	1	1	1	73	1	1	1	3	70	94								

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Garfield.....	95	5	9	9	2	1	27	79	9	1	...	89	3	3	1	...	7	82	95		
Utica.....	96	8	9	5	2	...	4	90	57	2	...	97	1	...	...	...	1	96	96
Euclid.....	97	3	9	1	2	...	15	98	2	...	1	101	1	...	...	...	1	100	97
Republican.....	98	4	7	4	4	2	7	67	4	...	...	71	...	2	...	...	2	69	98
Shelton.....	99	4	14	7	3	...	10	76	5	...	...	81	3	...	...	...	3	78	99
Creighton.....	100	5	14	6	6	7	26	109	5	2	...	116	3	4	7	...	14	102	100		
Ponca.....	101	5	9	4	2	...	19	77	4	...	...	81	7	...	...	...	7	74	101
Waterloo.....	102	3	13	2	...	2	16	109	2	...	...	111	3	1	2	...	6	105	102
Ord.....	103	6	13	9	8	...	40	98	9	1	...	108	4	1	...	...	5	103	103
Wymore.....	104	9	21	8	12	...	32	169	6	...	...	175	4	4	...	...	8	167	104
Stella.....	105	2	7	...	1	...	9	75	...	...	...	75	3	2	...	...	5	70	105
Porter.....	106	5	7	4	1	...	9	64	4	3	...	71	1	2	...	...	3	68	106
Table Rock.....	108	6	2	7	1	...	10	71	6	...	...	77	1	...	...	...	1	76	108
Pomegranate.....	110	10	11	6	5	...	10	158	6	...	...	164	2	2	...	...	4	160	110
De Witt.....	111	2	17	2	2	...	27	80	2	1	1	84	2	2	...	...	4	80	111
Springfield.....	112	3	19	8	3	...	20	98	9	...	...	107	4	3	...	...	7	100	112
Globe.....	113	2	9	2	2	...	13	64	5	3	...	72	1	1	...	...	2	70	113
Wisner.....	114	7	12	6	1	3	16	108	6	...	...	114	2	1	3	...	6	108	114
Harlan.....	116	2	7	2	5	1	15	91	2	1	...	94	1	1	1	...	3	91	116		
Hardy.....	117	6	5	6	2	...	8	53	5	1	...	59	2	1	...	...	3	56	117
Doric.....	118	...	7	...	1	...	10	53	...	...	...	53	1	...	...	...	1	52	118
North Bend.....	119	5	6	4	4	1	9	119	3	...	...	122	2	1	...	...	3	119	119
Wayne.....	120	16	14	15	7	...	11	176	12	1	...	189	3	1	...	...	4	185	120
Superior.....	121	7	9	11	5	1	19	171	8	2	...	181	4	1	...	...	5	176	121
Auburn.....	124	9	7	9	2	...	15	114	10	3	1	128	2	...	...	...	2	126	124
Mount Nebo.....	125	10	19	10	10	...	31	91	5	1	...	97	2	...	...	...	2	95	125
Stromsburg.....	126	5	2	6	1	5	11	125	8	...	...	133	4	4	5	...	13	120	126
Minden.....	127	3	10	1	6	...	15	87	2	1	...	90	2	...	...	...	2	88	127
Guide Rock.....	128	3	7	3	...	1	4	40	3	1	...	44	1	1	...	...	2	42	128
Blue Hill.....	129	...	6	1	...	2	24	74	3	...	...	77	2	2	2	...	6	71	129
Tuscan.....	130	7	3	8	3	...	2	63	7	2	...	72	1	1	...	...	2	70	130
Scribner.....	132	...	4	2	3	...	6	73	3	...	...	76	2	1	...	...	3	73	132
Elm Creek.....	133	3	9	2	3	...	9	56	2	...	...	58	1	1	...	...	2	56	133
Solar.....	134	2	5	2	1	...	6	70	2	...	...	72	1	...	...	...	1	71	134
McCook.....	135	17	27	19	1	1	39	224	20	1	...	245	1	2	1	...	4	241	135		
Long Pine.....	136	2	9	2	2	...	10	93	2	1	...	96	1	...	...	...	1	95	136
Upright.....	137	5	10	4	1	1	6	68	3	1	...	72	...	1	...	...	1	71	137
Rawalt.....	138	2	2	6	1	3	18	93	7	...	...	100	6	1	3	...	10	90	138
Clay Centre.....	139	3	4	1	1	...	12	80	2	1	...	83	2	1	2	81	139		
Western.....	140	2	4	2	2	5	13	76	1	2	...	79	3	3	5	...	11	68	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	3	8	5	3	..	11	91	6	..	..	..	..	97	..	1	..	..	..	1	96	143
Kenesaw	144	5	10	5	4	4	14	86	4	1	..	..	..	91	1	1	4	..	..	6	85	144
Bancroft	145	4	21	2	5	..	24	78	1	1	..	..	..	80	1	..	..	..	..	1	79	145
Jachin	146	2	17	5	3	4	40	171	7	..	..	..	..	178	3	4	4	..	..	11	167	146
Siloam	147	2	11	2	3	..	13	38	2	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	147
Emmet Crawford	148	7	20	7	7	..	19	195	7	1	..	..	..	203	5	1	..	..	..	6	197	148
Jewel	149	2	2	1	1	..	9	42	1	..	..	..	..	43	1	..	..	..	..	1	42	149
Cambridge	150	4	9	3	3	..	7	98	2	1	..	..	..	101	2	..	..	..	..	2	99	150
Square	151	4	18	3	2	..	13	76	6	1	1	..	..	84	1	1	..	..	..	2	82	151
Parallel	152	..	10	..	6	9	30	64	2	..	1	..	..	67	9	1	9	..	..	19	48	152
Evergreen	153	1	2	1	3	1	18	70	1	..	..	..	..	71	2	..	1	..	..	3	68	153
Lily	154	9	4	9	6	6	12	81	5	1	1	..	..	88	2	2	6	..	..	10	78	154
Hartington	155	6	23	6	2	..	17	87	11	1	..	..	..	99	4	2	..	..	..	6	93	155
Pythagoras	156	4	18	5	9	..	13	67	3	3	..	..	..	73	1	2	..	..	..	3	70	156
Valley	157	2	10	5	2	..	14	72	4	2	..	..	..	78	..	1	..	..	..	1	77	157
Samaritan	158	16	18	13	6	..	19	224	12	4	..	..	..	240	5	2	..	..	..	7	233	158
Ogalalla	159	6	24	7	8	2	16	122	6	4	1	..	..	133	..	1	2	..	..	3	130	159
Zeredatha	160	6	3	5	4	..	15	38	4	..	..	..	..	42	1	..	..	..	..	1	41	160
Mount Zion	161	4	6	3	..	..	9	72	3	1	..	..	..	76	..	1	..	..	..	1	75	161
Trestle Board	162	6	3	6	1	..	5	87	7	..	..	..	..	94	..	..	..	..	..	..	94	162
Unity	163	7	14	5	2	..	7	78	4	..	1	..	..	83	3	..	..	..	..	3	80	163
Atkinson	164	6	9	5	3	..	8	60	2	..	..	..	..	62	..	..	..	..	..	..	62	164
Barneston	165	3	6	3	1	..	9	52	2	1	..	..	..	55	1	..	..	..	..	..	54	165
Mystic Tie	166	3	8	1	1	..	8	62	2	1	..	..	..	65	1	..	..	..	..	1	64	166
Elwood	167	2	6	1	2	..	12	70	2	..	..	..	..	72	1	..	..	..	..	1	71	167
Curtis	168	5	8	7	5	..	11	100	9	1	..	..	..	110	4	..	..	..	..	4	106	168
Amity	169	3	15	4	7	..	4	82	..	..	..	..	..	82	1	1	..	..	..	2	80	169
Mason City	170	3	5	3	8	1	12	76	4	..	..	..	..	80	2	..	1	..	..	3	77	170
Merna	171	2	19	2	3	..	16	113	1	1	..	..	..	115	1	1	..	..	..	2	113	171
Grafton	172	4	9	4	..	2	10	58	4	1	..	..	..	63	1	..	2	..	..	3	60	172
Robert Burns	173	5	12	5	2	..	13	43	3	2	..	..	..	48	..	2	..	..	..	2	46	173
Culbertson	174	4	7	2	2	1	11	45	3	..	..	..	..	48	2	1	1	..	..	4	44	174
Temple	175	5	8	3	7	1	16	72	3	..	..	..	..	75	..	3	1	..	..	4	71	175
Gladstone	176	4	9	4	3	9	16	133	2	..	..	..	..	135	..	..	9	..	..	9	126	176
Hay Springs	177	8	5	9	5	..	6	79	5	1	..	..	..	85	1	1	..	..	..	2	83	177
Prudence	179	4	16	2	2	..	17	86	2	..	..	..	..	88	2	..	..	..	..	2	86	179
Justice	180	8	11	6	11	2	15	103	6	1	..	..	..	110	..	..	2	..	..	2	108	180
Faith	181	2	14	1	4	..	37	149	2	3	1	..	..	155	1	1	..	..	..	2	153	181
Incense	182	2	9	2	5	1	13	51	1	52	..	3	1	4	48	182
Alliance	183	18	52	14	11	..	27	330	14	2	346	7	1	8	338	183

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss		
Bee Hive.....	184	31	22	29	11	..	28	480	30	2	..	..	512	11	1	..	..	..	..	..	12	500	184
Boaz.....	185	..	11	1	5	..	9	82	..	1	..	..	83	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	82	185
Israel.....	187	2	2	3	2	4	25	63	3	..	1	..	67	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	6	61	187
Meridian.....	188	11	9	10	5	..	10	111	8	1	..	..	120	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	117	188
Granite.....	189	4	8	5	4	3	17	89	4	4	..	..	97	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	93	189
Amethyst.....	190	2	11	7	..	..	1	58	9	1	..	..	68	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	67	190
Crystal.....	191	7	16	4	6	..	9	87	4	1	..	..	92	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	91	191
Minnekadusa.....	192	3	18	3	7	7	29	154	2	1	1	..	158	7	4	7	1	..	..	..	19	139	192
Signet.....	193	14	16	6	4	..	7	86	4	..	..	..	90	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	88	193
Highland.....	194	1	7	..	3	..	10	56	..	2	..	..	58	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	55	194
Arcana.....	195	1	11	2	4	..	10	123	2	5	..	..	130	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	126	195
Level.....	196	1	4	1	..	..	7	38	1	..	..	..	39	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	36	196
Morning Star.....	197	5	6	7	2	..	7	77	6	1	..	..	84	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	80	197
Purity.....	198	10	17	8	6	..	9	80	6	1	..	..	87	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	87	198
Gavel.....	199	3	3	2	..	..	6	51	3	3	..	..	57	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	55	199
Blazing Star.....	200	3	6	3	1	..	7	114	3	3	..	..	120	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	115	200
Scotts Bluff.....	201	4	20	3	14	..	20	107	7	5	..	..	119	5	14	..	..	..	..	..	20	99	201
Golden Sheaf.....	202	11	19	11	10	5	22	131	4	4	1	..	140	4	3	5	1	..	..	..	13	127	202
Roman Eagle.....	203	6	18	7	2	6	30	66	6	1	..	..	73	..	2	6	..	..	..	..	8	65	203
Plainview.....	204	5	4	9	6	..	7	107	7	..	..	..	114	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	110	204
Golden Fleece.....	205	7	7	4	3	..	6	87	4	1	..	..	92	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	88	205
Napthali.....	206	7	8	7	7	..	7	71	4	1	..	..	76	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	72	206
Parian.....	207	3	7	4	..	..	6	89	7	4	..	..	100	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	99	207
Gauge.....	208	1	10	1	1	2	20	69	1	..	..	..	70	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	67	208
Canopy.....	209	6	12	3	5	5	12	155	1	1	..	..	157	2	2	5	..	..	..	..	9	148	209
East Lincoln.....	210	27	35	35	13	4	33	646	38	6	1	..	691	28	8	4	..	..	..	..	40	651	210
Cement.....	211	3	3	4	1	..	6	88	5	1	..	..	94	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	92	211
Square & Compass.....	212	4	10	5	4	..	18	74	4	..	1	..	79	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	75	212
Plumbline.....	214	3	2	3	1	..	4	75	5	..	1	..	81	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81	214
Occidental.....	215	2	3	2	1	1	8	99	2	..	..	..	101	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	5	96	215
Palisade.....	216	8	9	7	2	..	15	81	7	..	..	..	88	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	87	216
Wauneta.....	217	5	4	5	1	..	18	47	6	1	..	..	54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	217
Bloomfield.....	218	8	19	5	2	1	18	123	5	3	1	..	132	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	5	127	218
Relief.....	219	3	12	3	..	1	1	68	4	1	..	..	73	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	4	69	219
Magnolia.....	220	3	5	3	2	..	9	92	4	1	..	..	97	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	97	220
Wood Lake.....	221	2	5	1	2	..	3	73	1	..	..	..	74	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	71	221
Landmark.....	222	7	1	6	2	..	4	120	5	1	..	..	126	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	125	222
Eminence.....	223	..	5	..	3	..	2	66	..	1	67	..	2	2	65	223
Silver Cord.....	224	6	13	3	2	2	10	100	5	3	1	..	109	..	3	2	5	104	224

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Cable	225	5	10	4	2	1	3	97	4			101	1	1	1		2	99	225		
Grace	226	1	1	1	3	5	11	46	1			47	1	5			6	41	226		
North Star	227	21	27	25	3	4	15	234	26	4	2	266	7	4			11	255	227		
Bartley	228	2	2	2			5	63	3	2		68						68	228		
Comet	229	9	4	8	4	2	12	66	7	2		75	1	1	2		4	71	229		
Delta	230	7	13	4	4	1	5	64	6	2		72	1	1	1		3	69	230		
Mount Hermon	231	2	4	2	2		7	64	3	1		68	3				3	65	231		
John S. Bowen	232	4	3	4	1	1	6	58	6			64	1	1			2	62	232		
Gilead	233	4	18	2	7		7	48				48	1				1	47	233		
Zion	234	8	13	14	5	4	7	113	12			125	4	2	4		10	115	234		
Fraternity	235	2	5	3	1		9	55	3			58	1				1	57	235		
Golden Rule	236	2	13	7	9	2	6	46	2	1		49	1	1	2		4	45	236		
Cubit	237	8	3	7	3	4	6	73	4			77	2	2	1		5	72	237		
Friendship	239	4	2	8	4		7	64	9			73	1	1			2	71	239		
Pilot	240	4	3	9	3	3	13	97	8	3		108	1	4	3		8	100	240		
George Armstrong	241	3	10	1	2	1		90	2			92	5	1	1		7	85	241		
Tyrian	243	1	5	1	2		6	40	1			41						41	243		
Sincerity	244	1	4	1	2		3	38	1			39						39	244		
Hampton	245	3	11	3	2			81	2			83	1	1			2	81	245		
Nehawka	246	3	1	5			2	95	6			101		1			1	100	246		
Corner-stone	247	10	18	10	10	3	17	73	2			75	3	2	3		8	67	247		
Laurel	248	14	17	10	2	4	14	111	12	4	2	129	6	4			10	119	248		
Gothenburg	249	5	5	8	2		1	103	10			113						113	249		
George Washington	250	15	10	17	2		18	210	15	3	1	229	3	1			4	225	250		
Wausa	251	4	7	3	3	1	4	75	3			78	1	2	1		4	74	251		
Hildreth	252	1	7	1			8	61	2			63	1	2			3	60	252		
Beemer	253	1	5	1		1	6	66	2	1		69	2	1	1		4	65	253		
Bassett	254	7	2	1	6		10	75	4	1		80	1	3	6		10	70	254		
Bradshaw	255	1	7		3		4	49	1			50	1	2			3	47	255		
Hickman	256	10	6	6			1	45	8			53	1	1			2	51	256		
Holbrook	257	1	6	1	2		3	74	2			76	2	1			3	73	257		
Anselmo	258	9	14	9	7		4	102	8	2		112					112	258			
Bee	259	4	2	4		1	6	31	4			35	2	1	1		4	31	259		
Ornan	261	3	11	4	5	3	3	78	3	1		82	9	2	3		14	68	261		
Endeavor	262	10	4	9	8		4	41	1	1	1	44	1				1	43	262		
Mitchell	263	7	7	2	1		8	129	7	4		140	1	1	1		3	137	263		
Franklin	264	8	7	6				79	7		2	88	2	3			5	83	264		
Robert W. Furnas	265	12	18	8	3		3	167	7	3		177	5	1			6	171	265		
Silver	266	1	8	1	1		2	52	1			53	1				1	52	266		

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James A. Tulleys...	267	1	3	1	...	3	4	73	1	1	...	75	...	3	1	3	...	4	71	267	
George W. Lininger	268	21	8	20	4	...	1	264	19	9	...	292	3	2	...	1	...	6	286	268	
Riverside	269	2	9	3	4	...	1	50	3	1	...	54	...	2	...	...	...	2	52	269
Huntley	270	1	3	1	1	2	6	38	1	...	...	39	1	...	2	...	...	3	36	270
Oasis	271	7	13	5	7	5	7	113	4	...	...	117	5	5	...	...	...	10	107	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	3	6	3	4	...	...	87	1	...	...	88	3	...	...	...	...	3	85	272
Crofton	273	6	8	5	2	...	3	79	4	...	...	83	...	...	...	...	...	...	83	273
Olive Branch	274	7	11	3	7	...	...	82	3	...	...	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	274
Ramah	275	10	2	9	6	...	...	34	4	2	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	40	275	
Antelope	276	2	4	...	4	...	...	44	1	1	...	46	1	...	...	...	...	1	45	276
Sioux	277	1	...	1	1	...	...	52	2	...	...	54	1	...	...	...	...	1	53	277
Litchfield	278	6	7	3	5	...	...	79	2	...	...	81	6	1	...	...	...	7	74	278
Wallace	279	2	7	2	1	...	1	45	1	...	...	46	...	2	...	...	...	2	44	279
Swastika	280	2	9	1	2	...	...	71	1	...	...	72	1	...	...	...	...	1	71	280
Florence	281	52	14	53	6	1	3	220	53	14	...	287	...	1	1	...	...	2	285	281
Mullen	282	2	5	2	...	3	3	67	5	2	...	74	5	1	3	...	...	9	65	282
Exeter	283	5	3	5	3	...	...	59	3	1	...	63	...	1	...	...	...	1	62	283
Seneca	284	3	8	3	6	...	2	93	1	1	...	95	3	...	...	...	...	3	92	284
Camp Clarke	285	8	17	9	5	...	1	108	12	5	...	125	...	...	...	...	...	125	285	
Oshkosh	286	4	9	2	5	...	1	81	6	2	...	89	...	...	...	...	...	89	286	
Union	287	2	3	2	...	...	...	58	3	...	...	61	...	1	...	...	...	1	60	287
Omaha	288	48	27	51	8	...	2	517	53	12	...	582	10	3	1	...	14	568	288		
Lotus	289	15	10	16	5	...	3	106	16	2	...	124	...	...	...	...	...	...	124	289
John J. Mercer	290	15	4	19	5	...	1	193	18	5	1	217	4	3	...	...	...	7	210	290
Diamond	291	1	4	1	2	1	1	54	1	...	...	55	1	1	...	...	...	2	53	291
Wolbach	292	6	4	6	...	...	1	56	7	1	...	64	...	1	...	...	...	1	63	292
Monument	293	4	3	3	1	1	1	57	5	2	...	64	2	...	1	...	...	3	61	293
Kimball	294	12	4	10	3	...	3	97	9	...	1	107	6	...	...	...	...	6	101	294
Minatare	295	3	5	2	2	...	...	58	2	...	1	61	2	...	...	...	...	2	59	295
Cowles	296	2	2	2	...	...	2	39	2	3	...	44	2	...	...	...	...	2	42	296
Cotner	297	11	12	17	3	1	1	80	16	3	...	99	3	1	1	...	...	5	94	297
Chester	298	2	2	1	2	...	...	38	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	298
Sutherland	299	5	9	4	1	...	...	53	4	2	...	59	4	1	...	...	...	5	54	299
Liberty	300	27	11	27	8	1	1	249	27	2	...	278	4	1	1	...	...	6	272	300
Bayard	301	3	7	5	5	2	2	50	9	2	...	61	2	2	...	...	...	4	57	301
Mizpah	302	57	16	58	16	...	...	338	57	12	...	407	1	...	...	...	...	1	406	302
Right Angle	303	37	8	44	3	...	...	194	43	1	...	238	...	...	...	...	...	...	238	303
Ruskin	304	1	1	1	2	2	2	32	1	33	...	2	2	31	304	
Newman Grove	305	4	3	3	2	40	3	2	...	45	2	2	43	305	
Golden Rod	306	5	2	3	33	4	2	...	39	39	306		

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									By Raising	By Admission	By Reinstatement	By Other Causes		By Demission	By death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes		
William E. Hill.....	307	3	..	4	3	40	2	2	44	44	
Perkins.....	308	5	5	5	2	31	4	2	37	37	
Winnebago.....	309	10	9	4	37	6	1	44	44	
Victory.....	310	9	2	11	4	53	9	8	70	1	69	
Polk.....	311	3	1	2	34	2	2	38	1	1	2	36
Oak Leaf.....	312	3	..	3	2	10	1	21	32	1	2	3	29
Potter.....	313	8	1	10	1	8	9	2	..	29	48	48
Craftsmer U. D.	8	1	8	1	7	7	7
Extinct.....	71	..	15	..	203	1	..	1	1	1	..
Grand Totals.....	..	2170	3541	2155	1226	374	4555	37380	2135	482	79	50	40126	680	416	374	13	1	1484	38642	..	

REPORT OF GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

In compliance with Section 8, Chapter II of the law of this Grand Jurisdiction, and established usage and custom, as Grand Custodian, I herewith submit my annual report from May 9th, 1922, to May 9th, 1923, for your information, consideration, and such action as you may in your wisdom deem proper and judicious for the best interest of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, under the following classification of the different subject matter in the regular order.

"See ye to it" that you give these matters your serious thought, for the measure of the words spoken are based on facts gained by observation, investigation, meditation, and experience. They have taken *time, patience, and perseverance.*

GRAND LODGE FUNCTIONS.

Under the direction of the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian was present at the following functions, perfecting all the preliminary arrangements and assisting in carrying them out:

Formally constituting the new lodges at Lynch and Potter, Nebraska. Both of these lodges were constituted according to ancient custom and usage of the Fraternity, in a most suitable and impressive manner. These new lodges co-operated with the Grand Lodge officers in making the occasion worthy of the effort and a credit to them in every respect.

The next function directed by the Grand Master was that of the investiture of Wor. James D. Edwards, Past Master of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, A. F. & A. M., Stromsburg, Nebraska, with the Jordan gold medal, it having been officially decided by the Grand Master that he was lawfully entitled to it. His record proved him to be the oldest living Mason in the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska.

This grand old man, a veteran of the Civil War, is more than three times a Masonic Veteran in number of years, having been a Mason for sixty-seven years. This honor may seem to be a trifling affair to some, but it means much to the old, faithful brethren, who are entitled to it.

The program was prepared and perfected by the Grand Custodian and the officers and members of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, with such zeal and effort that it was the most successful event of the year. I quote some of the remarks of M. W. Grand Master Wellman: "I wish that Omaha could have seen this event." His estimate of the attendance was "from 1,500 to 2,000." Our Grand Master was at his best, and his oratorical address was the best I ever heard. His subject was "The Height, Breadth, Length and Depth of Masonry" and the compass of his remarks reached from the center to the circumference of his subject.

Some of the old veteran's relatives from Denver and Lincoln were present to witness the formal ceremony of investiture. If time and conditions would permit, I should like to give you all of the details of this auspicious occasion.

The next and last function under the immediate direction of the Grand Master, (it was at this function that I last heard his familiar voice, and clasped his friendly hand—little do we know what a day will bring forth), was the laying of the corner-stone of the high school building at Callaway, Nebraska, August 11th, 1922. There was a vast concourse of people present to witness the solemn and impressive ceremony. Each and every detail of the ceremony was perfected in a creditable manner by those who were in charge.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

These are classified under three different heads. First: Central Schools, which are of three days' duration, three sessions each day—nine sessions all told, giving ample time to review all of the esoteric work of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, and all of the accompanying lectures with explanations of the different rites and ceremonies, viz: disalceation, entrance, perambulation, enlightenment, intrusting, investure, with light on the mysteries of the aphanism, pastos, euresis, and autopsy, as copied from the rare books and records in the extensive library of the Grand Custodian. These Central Schools are supposed to be under the immediate direction and control of the Grand Master, who is supposed to be present, and on the eighth session preside in the conferring of the degree of a Master Mason, all under the supervision of the Grand Custodian. The last session is an aftermath purely along the social side of Masonry—the breaking of bread, eating of salt, and smoking the pipe of peace together on one common Masonic level. The Grand Custodian has no further comments than those he made last year (page 54, proceedings, 1922).

The first school under this head was held at Wayne, Nebraska. All conditions were favorable for a good attendance, weather and roads being good.

Official attendance: R.'.W.'.Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master; V.'.W.'.Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; W.'.Albert R. Davis, Grand Senior Deacon; W.'.Ensign J. Rix, and W.'.Jesse Lowther, Deputy Custodians.

Total number of lodges represented..... 19
Total attendance 321

The second Central School was held at Tekamah, Nebraska. The weather and roads were favorable, but, no doubt, the campaign interests interfered with the attendance here. Official attendance: V.'.W.'.Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, representing R.'.W.'.Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master; M.'.W.'.Andrew H. Viele, P.'.G.'.M.'. who presided in the East in the work of the degree of a Master Mason; W.'.Horace D. Schall, a certified brother of lodge 307, Otoe.

Total number of lodges represented..... 22
Total attendance 412

The third school under this head was held at York, Nebraska, the road and weather conditions were such as to make it almost impossible for many

of the contiguous lodges to be represented at this school. Official attendance: V.·W.·Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, representing R.·W.·Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master; W.·Orville A. Andrews; W.·John B. Lichtenwallner, W.·Ira C. Freet and W.·Earl M. Bolen, Deputy Custodians, and W.·Horace D. Schall and W.·Wilfred W. Igenfritz, certified brethren.

Total number of lodges represented..... 32
Total attendance 405

The fourth Central School was held at Kearney, Nebraska. The weather and other conditions were favorable for a good attendance. Old 46 being my home lodge, they surely did themselves proud by heartily co-operating with the Grand Custodian in perfecting all the preliminary arrangements with that skill and ability which proved them adepts at the art of entertaining all those who were fortunate enough to be present. (I would like to say more but I do not wish to be partial).

Official attendance: R.·W.·Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master; V.·W.·Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain; W.·Alfred C. Hunt and Harry R. Belville, Deputy Custodians, and W.·Albert B. Lake, a certified brother.

Total number of lodges represented..... 23
Total attendance 469

The fifth Central School was held at Ansley, Nebraska, on December 12th, 13th and 14th. Here we struck very unfavorable conditions—14 degrees below zero, making it impossible for contiguous lodges to be represented. It is no fault of the brethren of No. 176 that the attendance was below the general average. They were unfortunate in selecting a date so late in the season, otherwise this would have been a successful school.

Official attendance: V.·W.·Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, representing R.·W.·Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master; W.·Robert B. Walker, Deputy Custodian.

Total number of lodges represented..... 9
Total attendance 136

The sixth Central School was held at Minden, Nebraska, February 26th, 27th and 28th, 1923. The roads and weather conditions were very favorable for a large attendance. R.·W.·Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, as well as the officers of Minden Lodge No. 127, did everything possible by formal notification and other means to make this Central School a success, and it was no fault of theirs that the attendance was not the best of the year.

Official attendance: R.·W.·Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master; W.·Alfred G. Hunt, of No. 33, and W.·Harry R. Belville, of No. 146, rendered valuable assistance in their line of duty in exemplifying the work and accompanying lectures.

Total number of lodges represented..... 23
Total attendance 270

There may be a difference of opinion as to the practicability of these Central Schools of Instruction. M. W. Edward M. Wellman, late Grand Master, was a strong advocate of the Central School, and heartily endorsed them by official order to assign as many as possible during the year. As for our Deputy and Acting Grand Master Chappell, he can speak for himself. The Grand Custodian submits facts and figures for you to base your conclusions on.

REGULAR SCHOOLS.

This classification is of two days' duration, three sessions each day (when conditions will permit), and is generally held by a Deputy Custodian. In the following lodges: 5, 10, 13, 15, 21, 27, 30, 40, 48, 56, 57, 67, 68, 70, 72, 73, 76, 78, 83, 87, 90, 92, 93, 95, 102, 112, 114, 121, 124, 136, 145, 147, 153, 155, 156, 157, 169, 173, 175, 177, 184, 185, 191, 192, 193, 195, 197, 198, 199, 202, 203, 206, 208, 214, 216, 217, 220, 221, 223, 224, 230, 231, 232, 233, 236, 239, 240, 244, 245, 248, 254, 255, 258, 261, 263, 272, 273, 277, 281, 282, 284, 285, 286, 294, 301, 303. Total 86.

By the Grand Custodian, 36: In lodges No. 32, 61, 77, 79, 82, 126, 135, 146, 159, 181, 183, 188, 205, 212, 234, 285, 293, 299, 313.

Out of a total number of 86 of these regular schools, there were a number of lodges where there was no necessity for taking the time and money of the Grand Lodge, as well as of the lodges themselves, in assigning them regular schools. The Grand Custodian submits the formal report of the Deputy Custodian in support of this statement.

It is not a business proposition in the opinion of the Grand Custodian to impose on the lodge by interfering many times with other paramount duties, making it impossible to attend these schools, and it does them an injustice oftentimes in the item of attendance which appears in the formal reports.

When there was only one custodian in the field, it was a physical impossibility to hold a school more than once in four or five years. But, since we have twenty Assistant Custodians we cover the jurisdiction once almost every two years. At the present time the records of the office of the Grand Custodian show that there are but a very few lodges that have not had a school during the last two years, with the exception of certain lodges who are so proficient in the letter of the work that they decline to be assigned regular schools. Why should there not be more under this class? We are prepared to exemplify the facts to the committee if they request it—to show just what it is costing the Grand Lodge, as well as the lodges. We would appreciate it if some plan or method could be suggested along the line of economy based on a business proposition that would obviate the necessity of assigning schools except where there is a real need or demand for the same by reason of the lodge's inability to comply with the letter of the law (Section 8, Chapter II). Any rule based on common sense and reasonable economy which is just to all without being unjust to any ought to solve the problem.

FORMAL INSPECTION.

Under this head or classification is a rigid system of inspection of one day's duration, three sessions—covering all the essentials of the work and accompanying lectures, all points of the law pertaining to the petitioner, jurisdiction, right of objection, duties of investigating committees, regularity of records, loss and gain in the last year, past conditions, present conditions, future prospects, and all other matters which should be submitted to the Grand Master, that he may be fully informed as to all the facts and existing conditions in the lodges at present. These formal inspections are all held by the Grand Custodian.

If we find a lodge substantially correct, it is so reported to the Grand Master. If, on the other hand, they are not strictly observing, obeying and enforcing Section 8, Chapter II of the code, we so report it to the Grand Master, with the recommendation that a regular school be assigned said derelict lodge within thirty or sixty days, by a duly commissioned Assistant Custodian, of not less than two days. Providing the said lodge has not had a regular school within a period of two years, the Grand Lodge pays the per diem of the assistant, and the lodge pays the other expenses such as transportation, maintenance, and all necessary incidentals, but if the lodge has had a school within two years, they pay all expenses of the Special School.

To the Grand Custodian this plan seems a fair proposition. If a lodge keeps itself up to the standard of proficiency, it is not at any expense whatever, the Grand Lodge bearing all the expense of the Grand Custodian. If the lodge has not had a regular assignment within two years, then the Grand Lodge bears the expense of the Assistant Custodian's per diem. If, on the other hand, they have permitted themselves to become apathetic and indifferent as to their duty to Masonry and its concerns, they can pay all the expense. Any lodge can have a special assignment at any time under the above rules, which are promulgated with the knowledge, consent, and approval of the Grand Master, under whose immediate direction and control these things are imposed by the law, and a mighty good law it is!

If these rules and regulations do not meet with the approval of the Grand Lodge, kindly formulate some that do. We are your servants of the house, and will endeavor to carry out your will and pleasure to the best of our ability.

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES.

The Grand Lodge adopted the recommendations of the report of the committee, viz: "We recommend that this plan be continued and enlarged under the direction of the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian." We have endeavored to do this to the best of our ability, as time and condition would permit, by propaganda, through the medium of circular letters, which were indorsed and approved by Grand Master Wellman before his demise, also in presenting the plan at all times and in all places where it was proper and prudent so to do with the following results: After due trial and strict

examination, we have recommended that proficiency certificates be issued by the Grand Master to the following lodges and brethren, viz:

- August 11th, 1922—Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings, Nebr.
 October 3d, 1922—Dewitt Lodge No. 111, Dewitt, Nebr.
 November 15th, 1922—Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, Nebr.
 January 17th, 1923—Lebanon Lodge No. 58, Columbus, Nebr.
 January 24th, 1923—North Star Lodge No. 227, University Place, Nebr.
 February 8th, 1923—Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk, Nebr.
 February 9th, 1923—Gladstone Lodge No. 176, Ansley, Nebr.
 March 16th, 1923—Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, Nebr.
 April 3d, 1923—Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Nebr.
 April 4th, 1923—Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood, Nebr.
 September 11th, 1922—W. J. John Finch, Cable Lodge No. 225, Arnold, Nebr.
 October 3d, 1922—Sylvester Shumard, Dewitt Lodge No. 111, Dewitt, Nebr.
 October 19th, 1922—W. George A. Harris, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, Nebr.
 November 15th, 1922—Mark H. Blount, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, Nebr.
 November 15th, 1922—Fred C. Christenson, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, Nebr.
 November 23d, 1922—Guy F. Pumphrey, Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk, Nebr.
 November 23d, 1922—Rufus A. Hursh, Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk, Nebr.
 November 23d, 1922—John W. Church, Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Emerson, Nebr.
 December 29th, 1922—Carl M. Kettler, Wauneta Lodge No. 217, Wauneta, Nebr.
 December 31st, 1922—Charles Wurdeman, Lebanon Lodge No. 58, Columbus, Nebr.
 January 18th, 1923—Lawrence M. Nichols, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont, Nebr.
 January 18th, 1923—Louis J. Michaelson, Acacia Lodge No. 34, Schuyler, Nebr.
 January 18th, 1923—David C. Spangler, Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton, Nebr.
 January 19th, 1923—Roy C. Reynolds, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, Nebr.
 January 19th, 1923—Floyd M. Field, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, Nebr.
 January 22d, 1923—Stanley P. Bostwick, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, Nebr.
 January 22d, 1923—William McCormack, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha, Nebr.

January 22d, 1923—Frank A. Hughes, Omaha Lodge No. 288, Omaha, Nebr.

January 24th, 1923—John M. Bennett, Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebr.

January 24th, 1923—Otto A. Hudson, North Star Lodge No. 227, University Place, Nebr.

January 24th, 1923—George L. Carter, North Star Lodge No. 227, University Place, Nebr.

February 7th, 1923—Roy L. Motts, Lebanon Lodge No. 58, Columbus, Nebr.

February 9th, 1923—Elmer F. Hollenbeck, Gladstone Lodge No. 176, Ansley, Nebr.

March 1st, 1923—Osborn P. Simon, Culbertson Lodge No. 174, Culbertson, Nebr.

March 1st, 1923—Cassius M. Pfrimmer, Bartley Lodge No. 228, Bartley, Nebr.

March 1st, 1923—Henry Butherus, Bartley Lodge No. 228, Bartley, Nebr.

March 9th, 1923—Arthur Hein, Gladstone Lodge No. 176, Ansley, Nebr.

March 9th, 1923—George H. Welsh, Gladstone Lodge No. 176, Ansley, Nebr.

March 17th, 1923—Chester Wells, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebr.

March 17th, 1923—John W. Welch, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, Nebr.

April 3d, 1923—Lester L. Dawson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Nebr.

April 3d, 1923—Leroy A. White, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Nebr.

April 4th, 1923—Walter G. Box, Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood, Nebr.

April 4th, 1923—Richard H. Tolhurst, Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood, Nebr.

April 5th, 1923—Marion E. Shipley, Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper, Nebr.

April 27th, 1923—Thomas E. Boothe, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, Nebr.

Total, 37.

There are twenty applications on file in the office of the Grand Custodian. None of these has taken his formal examination as yet.

The Grand Custodian has been requested to decide the length of time during which individual certificates of proficiency shall be valid.

It is the personal opinion of the Grand Custodian (not official) that—so long as a brother maintains all the propositions as set forth in his formal application, and stands to and abides by all the laws of Freemasonry as promulgated by this Grand Jurisdiction—esoteric and exoteric—by strictly maintaining the plane of proficiency as required by Section 8, Chapter II of the code, and is active in assisting others to obtain the same grade of

Mizpah Lodge No. 302, March 16th, 1923, Omaha, Nebraska.
Lancaster Lodge No. 54, April 3d, 1923, Lincoln, Nebraska.
Canopy Lodge No. 209, April 4th, 1923, Elmwood, Nebraska.
Total, 17.

ROSTER OF LODGES HAVING PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES.

Nebraska Lodge No. 1, two certified brothers.
Capitol Lodge No. 3, two certified brothers, one Assistant Custodian.
Fremont Lodge No. 15, one certified brother.
Lincoln Lodge No. 19, two certified brothers, two Assistant Custodians.
Ashlar Lodge No. 33, seven certified brothers, one Assistant Custodian.
Acacia Lodge No. 34, one certified brother.
Crete Lodge No. 37, one certified brother.
Northern Light Lodge No. 41, one certified brother.
Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, two certified brother, one Grand Custodian.
Evening Star Lodge No. 49, one certified brother.
Hastings Lodge No. 50, one certified brother.
Charity Lodge No. 53, one certified brother.
Lancaster Lodge No. 54, three certified brothers, one Emeritus Custodian.
Mosaic Lodge No. 55, two certified brothers, two Assistant Custodians.
York Lodge No. 56, one Assistant Custodian.
Lebanon Lodge No. 58, two certified brothers.
Beaver City Lodge No. 93, one Assistant Custodian.
Bennett Lodge No. 94, one certified brother.
Porter Lodge No. 106, one Assistant Custodian.
DeWitt Lodge No. 111, two certified brothers.
Harlan Lodge No. 116, two certified brothers.
North Bend Lodge No. 119, one certified brother.
Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, one certified brother.
Long Pine Lodge No. 136, one Assistant Custodian.
Jachin Lodge No. 146, one Assistant Custodian.
Samaritan Lodge No. 158, five certified brothers, one Assistant Custodian.
Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, two certified brothers.
Mason City Lodge No. 170, nine certified brothers, one Assistant Custodian.
Gladstone Lodge No. 176, four certified brothers.
Meridian Lodge No. 188, one Assistant Custodian.
Granite Lodge No. 189, one certified brother.
Parian Lodge No. 207, two certified brothers, one Emeritus Custodian.
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, one certified brother, one Emeritus Custodian.
Cable Lodge No. 225, one certified brother.
North Star Lodge No. 227, two certified brothers.
Gothenburg Lodge No. 249, one certified brother.
George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, one certified brother, one Assistant Custodian.

Omaha Lodge No. 288, one certified brother.
 Cotner Lodge No. 297, one certified brother.
 Mizpah Lodge No. 302, one certified brother.
 Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, one certified brother.
 William E. Hill Lodge No. 307, one certified brother.
 Victory Lodge No. 310, three certified brothers.
 Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, one Assistant Custodian.
 Relief Lodge No. 219, one Assistant Custodian.
 Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272, one Assistant Custodian.
 Tuscan Lodge No. 130, one Assistant Custodian.
 Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, one Assistant Custodian.
 Lancaster Lodge No. 54, three certified brothers.
 Canopy Lodge No. 209, two certified brothers.
 Hooper Lodge No. 72, one certified brother.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE.

There has not been a school of inspection or formal inspection held by the Grand Custodian since August 31st, 1922, in which there has not been a formal tribute of respect paid to the memory of our late Grand Master M.'W.'.Edward M. Wellman. I deemed it right and proper at every opportunity to pay respect to the memory of our beloved Grand Master, whose passing away cast a dark shadow over my life, blighted my fondest aspirations, and blasted my future hope.

He of lofty mind, loving heart, and great soul
 Has simply passed by us on his way to life's goal.
 Down deep in our hearts as a bright, living flame,
 We will ever love, honor, and cherish his name.
 Though oftimes the silent tear may steal from the eye,
 Let us hope we will meet him in the sweet by and by,
 On the evergreen shore of that beautiful land,
 With a brother's token we may clasp his glad hand.

It cannot be too deeply impressed upon the mind of every Mason that Freemasonry believes in the IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL. Man, created in the image and likeness of God, incarnated by the eternal breath of the Father, is of God and must endure. That death is not the enemy of man; it is his best friend; it comes to take us from the winter land to the summer land. It is the kindly frost that cracks the shell and gives the kernel room to germinate.

That beyond this vale of parting and tears,
 There is a place of peace where there are no fears,
 Where there is no more sorrowing or sighs,
 Where tears no more will dim the eyes,
 Where hearts no more in anguish break,
 No parting hand up there we'll take.
 Beyond Death's cold and icy wave,
 Beyond the dark and silent grave.
 Is a Place of Peace.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE WAY.

That there is a field of labor ripe for cultivation which should not be neglected by procrastination, there can be no doubt or question. In our opinion practical results may be effected by awakening a deeper interest and a livelier activity along the line of a better understanding of the principles of Freemasonry, and their application on a higher moral plane in all the conditions, concerns, and affairs of life. The proof of these conclusions is manifested by the many demands, requests, and interests shown when but briefly touched upon in treating the many hidden and concealed truths embodied outside of the letter that killeth; at the sacrifice of the spirit that maketh it alive.

If it be true (and who can question it?) that the design of Masonry is to make its votaries wiser, better, and happier, have our present methods proven the statement? If not, where lieth the blame? Who is at fault? We know whereof we speak, and we hope that we have not spoken in vain. Masons are said to be truth-seekers, and that truth will be their reward. A few direct words of wisdom from the heart, which make men think mean more than volumes of superficial sentiment expressed in a multiplicity of words not comprehended.

The world trembles when God sends forth a thinker, and where is there a science or a philosophy of higher, grander, nobler thought for a thinker than Freemasonry when rightly understood and applied. Sublime truths that are worth knowing and worth remembering, truths that can be proven by demonstration. Will you give it a fair trial and let it prove itself? Give it a test that will establish it as a living fact, to all those who are duly and truly prepared in their hearts to receive it.

In order that it may not be truthfully said that I have intentionally or unintentionally camouflaged the true meaning of the foregoing statement, that to which I refer is APPLIED FREE MASONRY—from the basic principle upon which it is founded—TRUTH. The truth of life. Being, its origin, its purpose, its future, and the law governing life as revealed in the ancient mysteries, their rites and ceremonies, their legends, traditions, and symbols. But more especially in the great light of Masonry, "The Holy Bible."

The Great Light of Masonry conceals the word,
"Seek and ye shall find it," thus sayeth the Lord;
"Ask and ye shall receive, ye naked and poor,
"Knock and it shall be opened! Knock at God's door."

Free Masons in fact should be truth seekers. A Truth that will make them free. A Truth that can not be misconstrued or misapplied by the false statement that liberty-loving men are outlaws and that freedom is lawless license.

Has not the period of evolution arrived when there should be more time, talent, thought, energy, and effort put forth in the application and demonstration of the eternal principles of Truth as taught in Ancient Craft

Masonry, as concealed in its occult rites and its mystical arcanum of symbolic language?

This Grand Jurisdiction is becoming well supplied with able and experienced adepts in the letter of the work, the bud and blossom of its expression, in beautiful phraseology and sentiment. But is that to be the end of our labor? Are not true and loyal Craftsmen justly entitled to the rich, ripe fruits as a reward for their unwearied zeal in their labors for the cause of humanity, which is the mission of the Brotherhood of Man?

And rest assured, Craftsmen, whenever Masonry drags its anchor from the moorings of peace, harmony, and good fellowship, it has watered its own stock, and will never be able to pay dividends on the paper it has issued.

"Hate seed in the heart cannot produce a love flower in the life." "There must be good will in the heart or we cannot do good work with the head or hand."

SUMMARY.

Total number of Central Schools, by Grand Custodian.....	6
Total number of Regular Schools, by Grand Custodian.....	21
Total number of examination of lodges for certification, by Grand Custodian.....	14
Total number of examination of brethren for certification, by Grand Custodian.....	36
Total number of examination of Assistant Custodians for certification, by Grand Custodian.....	12
Total number of Special Visitations, by Grand Custodian.....	11
Total number of Grand Lodge Functions, by Grand Custodian.....	4
Total number of Regular Schools, by Assistant Custodians.....	86
Total number of Special Schools, by Assistant Custodians.....	2
Total number of sessions held by Grand Custodian.....	152
Total number of letters written by Grand Custodian.....	2,186
Total number of miles traveled by Grand Custodian.....	8,114

By reason of the adoption of the system of Assistant Custodians whose assignments and duties are all under the direction and control of the Grand Custodian;

And the method of issuing Proficiency Certificates to all lodges and brethren that strictly comply with the rules and regulations governing such matters;

By reason of the Grand Custodian having to make all of the formal examinations of all applicants, as well as reviewing the esoteric work at divers times and places with the Assistant Custodians by order of the Grand Master:

It becomes a physical impossibility for the Grand Custodian to devote as much time in the field as he did before all of the above named duties were assigned to him.

This fully explains the "why and the wherefore" which makes it impossible for the Grand Custodian to respond to the many calls made for him to attend special functions of any nature whatever. And the absolute neces-

sity that he strictly comply and adhere to the adoption of that part of the Grand Custodian's report as shown on page 486, proceedings of 1907.

To the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Assistant Custodians who by reason of our relations in the line of official duty, makes our association more intimate than it would be otherwise:

I appreciate your patience and kindly forbearance with many of my personal methods and singular ways; more than likely I am in a rut, both by nature and environment, and perhaps at times I try your good nature. However, it may not always be just and fair to judge the heart by the head, the interior by the exterior.

I know the deep feeling of friendship and high esteem that I hold in my heart for each and all you, and fully realize "that it is toward evening and the day is far spent."

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF GRAND CUSTODIAN.
CREDIT.

May 9th, balance in Peters National Bank, Omaha	\$ 5.81
June 7th, Grand Lodge appropriation	600.00
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Total	\$605.81

DEBIT.

By transportation expense account	\$216.03
By maintenance expense account	213.15
By printing and supply expense account	46.25
By telegram expense account	9.34
By telephone expense account	46.30
By taxi expense account	16.80
By postage expense account	32.65
By stenographer expense account	9.80
By promulgation expense account	15.00
By balance in Peters National Bank49
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Total	\$605.81

EXPLANATORY.

Paid by lodges to Assistant Custodians for 94 schools	\$1,461.99
Paid by Grand Lodge Assistant Custodians for 94 schools	997.91
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Total	2,459.90
Average cost pro rata	\$ 25.10
Average expense to lodges	15.10
Average expense to Grand Lodge	10.00

Total number Central Schools, 6. Total expense.....	\$115.99
Pro rata of each school.....	16.16

PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION.

Of lodges	14
Of Assistant Custodians.....	12
Of individual brethren.....	36
Total number	62
Average cost	\$ 1.88
Total expense	\$116.33

It is hereby certified by Robert E. French that the foregoing statement is correct to the best of his knowledge, and that the formal order of Grand Master Wellman has been strictly complied with in not expending any of the funds appropriated for the promulgation of the work for any other purpose than that for which it was intended, and that the appropriation has not been overdrawn.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

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, 1923, is fraternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

Securities on hand last report..... \$102,800.00

Purchased or renewed during the year:

No. 281, Thomas Nirison	5,000.00
No. 282 John Albertson	4,500.00
No. 283, Claus Schluter	2,500.00
No. 284, Edwin F. Cruggs.....	3,000.00
No. 285, Albert J. Wolff.....	3,000.00
No. 286, Stephen Dreesen	4,200.00
No. 287, Eva Lux	4,000.00
No. 288, Christ Hoeck	5,000.00
No. 289, Tony J. Copple.....	6,000.00
No. 290, John L. Goebel.....	8,500.00
No. 291, John L. Cox.....	5,000.00

Total

\$153,500.00

Securities renewed or paid off:

No. 279, Clinton Boucher	\$5,000.00
No. 240, Carl J. Addison.....	4,500.00

No. 242, William H. Kelley	\$5,000.00	
No. 262, Martin J. Beacon	2,400.00	
No. 236, Chauncey E. Whipperman	2,000.00	
No. 238, John Mark	4,000.00	
No. 280, Henry Kemp	4,300.00	
No. 263, J. I. Pendergast	3,000.00	
No. 273, Christ Hoeck	3,500.00	
No. 251, Henry Korff	5,000.00	
No. 267, H. Karre	3,000.00	\$41,700.00
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		\$111,800.00

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

Mortgages owned by the Orphans Educational Fund, May 20th, 1923 :

No.	Borrower	Property located in	Amount
208,	Goll	40 acres, Burt county	\$ 1,000.00
241,	First Liberty Loan Bonds		5,000.00
245,	Rafferty	159.05 acres, Thurston and Burt counties	2,500.00
246,	Nelson	128 acres, Douglas 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
266,	Fendrich	80 acres, Thurston county	3,000.00
268,	Kayl	80 acres, Dixon county	3,600.00
269,	Smith	70 acres, Dakota county	5,000.00
270,	Wilcox	120 acres, Thurston county	5,000.00
271,	Cornish	80 acres, Burt county	4,000.00
274,	Costello	40 acres, Thurston county	2,500.00
275,	Summers	92 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, Dawson county	3,000.00
276,	Morrison	80 acres, Cedar county	5,000.00
277,	Oliver	160 acres, Valley county	4,500.00
278,	Grabowski	160 acres, Knox county	5,000.00
281,	Nirison	160 acres, Boone county	5,000.00
282,	Albertson	180 acres, Knox county	4,500.00
283,	Schluter	80 acres, Thurston county	2,500.00
284,	Cruggs	160 acres, Boone county	3,000.00
285,	Wolff	80 acres, Johnson county	3,000.00
286,	Dreesen	76 acres, Cedar county	4,200.00
287,	Lux	162.19 acres, Dodge county	4,000.00
288,	Hoeck	160 acres, Dixon county	5,000.00
289,	Cople	80 acres, Thurston county	6,000.00
290,	Goebel	160 acres, Cedar county	8,500.00
291,	Cox	160 acres, Antelope county	5,000.00
	Cash in the Omaha National Bank		119.01

Total assets May 20th, 1923.....\$116,919.01

Total assets May 20th, 1922..... \$ 112,549.73

Net increase for the year..... \$4,369.28

CASH.

On hand in Omaha National Bank last report.....	\$ 4,749.73	
Interest on Government bonds.....	212.50	
Interest on mortgages and daily balances.....	6,892.74	
Securities paid off.....	41,700.00	
Interest due on mortgages when purchased.....		\$ 185.96
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....		2,550.00
Mortgages purchased.....		50,700.00
Cash in the Omaha National Bank, Omaha.....		119.01
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	\$53,554.97	\$53,554.97

Some of the securities paid off were paid under the option; some were renewed at a lower rate of interest. Interest on new loans or those renewed is at 5 or 5½ per cent.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,

*Secretary, Board of Trustees of the
Nebraska Masonic Home.*

REPORT OF EXAMINATION.

Omaha, Nebraska, May 22, 1923.

Auditing Committee,

Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions, we have made an audit and examination of the books and records of the Grand Secretary, Omaha, Nebraska, for the year ended May 20, 1923, and herewith submit report thereon.

Attached to and forming part of our report are the following statements, which reflect the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and the Orphans Educational Fund on May 20, 1923:

Exhibit A—Assets and Liabilities, May 20, 1923.

Schedule A-1—Analysis of Inventory, May 20, 1923.

Exhibit B—Receipts and Disbursements, year ended May 20, 1923.

Exhibit C—Resources and Liabilities, Orphans Educational Fund,
May 20, 1923.

Schedule C-1—Analysis of Inventory, Orphans Educational Fund,
May 20, 1923.

Exhibit D—Receipts and Disbursements, Orphans Educational Fund,
year ended May 20, 1923.

The cash in banks was reconciled with certificates secured from the depositories.

All receipts, as reflected by the books and records, were found to have been properly accounted for and deposited; all disbursements having been properly vouched and accounted for.

The securities listed were inspected and found to agree with the book reflection.

The Victory Loan Bonds carried on the books and reflected on Exhibit A as an asset at a book value of \$25,588.15, have a par value of \$26,700.00.

The books and records were found to have been neatly and accurately kept, and every courtesy and facility was accorded our representative during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GILCHRIST,
Certified Public Accountant.

Exhibit A:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.

Omaha, Nebraska.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

May 20, 1923.

ASSETS.

Stock Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 51,600.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,455.32
United States Liberty Bonds	10,000.00
Cash in Bank	83,215.49
Childrens Home, Fremont	108,500.00
Grand Lodge Jewels	233.00
Stock, O. E. S., Fremont	1,000.00
Monell Library	2,203.44
Grand Lodge Library	1,182.18
Victory Loans Bonds (par value \$26,700.00)	25,588.15
First Trust Company Certificate of Deposit	2,500.00
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	\$290,693.06

LIABILITIES.

Inventory	\$213,495.18
General Relief Fund	6,680.60
War Relief Fund	23,183.28
Building and Improvement Fund	42,334.00
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	\$290,693.06

Schedule A-1:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.

Omaha, Nebraska.

ANALYSIS OF INVENTORY.

May 20, 1923.

Balance May 20, 1923	\$201,792.13
Add Net Gain year ended May 20, 1923	11,703.05

Balance as per Exhibit A	\$213,495.18
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Exhibit B:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended May 20, 1923.

RECEIPTS.

Dues	\$93,405.00
Special Dispensation	120.00
Initiation Fees	10,850.00
Bank Interest	614.49
Charter Fees	150.00
Lodge Penalties	65.11
Bond Interest	425.00
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	\$105,629.60

DISBURSEMENTS.

Nebraska Masonic Home	\$27,978.00
Building and Improvement Fund	37,304.00
Exemptions	145.00
General Relief Fund	6,680.60
Supplies Issued Free	63.40
Sundry Expense Items	21,755.55
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	93,926.55

Net Gain for Year to Inventory, Exhibit A	\$11,703.05
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Exhibit C:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska.

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.
ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

May 20, 1923.

RESOURCES.

Cash in Bank	\$ 119.01
United States Government Bonds	5,000.00
Bills Receivable	111,800.00
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	\$116,919.01

LIABILITIES.

Inventory	\$116,919.01
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Exhibit D:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.
ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND
Year Ended May 20, 1923.

RECEIPTS.

Interest on Government Bonds	\$ 212.50
“ “ Mortgages, Loans and C. D.'s	6,787.33
“ “ Bank Balances	105.41
Mortgages, Loans and C. D.'s Paid	67,200.00
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	\$74,305.24

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mortgages, Loans and C. D.'s Purchased	\$76,200.00
Accrued Interest on Mortgages Purchased	185.96
Relief Committee, Childrens Home	2,000.00
Relief Committee, Rent on Fremont Cottage	550.00
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	78,935.96
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Decrease in Cash, May 20, 1923	\$4,630.72
Schedule C-1:	

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
Omaha, Nebraska.

ANALYSIS OF INVENTORY.
ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.
May 20, 1923.

Balance May 20, 1922	\$112,549.73
Add Securities Purchased	76,200.00
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	\$188,749.73
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Deduct Securities Paid Up	\$67,200.00

Deduct Decrease in Cash, year ended May 20, 1923 .. \$ 4,630.72	
	\$ 71,830.72
Balance as per Exhibit C	\$116,919.01

INVENTORY INCREASE.

Balance May 20, 1923	\$116,919.01
Deduct Balance May 20, 1922	112,549.73
Net Increase in Inventory This Year	\$4,369.28
Consisting of Increase in Securities Purchased	\$9,000.00
Consisting of Less Decrease in Cash	4,630.72

The following committees were announced by R. W. Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, and entered on the discharge of their duties:

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

Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts: Brothers David C. Hillton, 19; Robert E. Evans, 5; Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Frank Wilcox, 1.

Charters and Dispensations: Brothers Alfred G. Hunt, 33; Wilfred W. Ilgenfritz, 126; Osborne P. Simon, 174; Elmer Hollenbeck, 176; Ralph E. Fulton, 104.

Childrens Homes: Brothers O. Edwin Mickey, 65; Burlingame Walker, 119; Carroll D. Evans, 58; Charles B. Nicodemus, 15; Alpha Morgan, 148.

Codification of the Law: Brothers Frank H. Woodland, 25; Ira C. Freet, 56; Eugene R. Phillips, 158.

Credentials: Brothers Benjamin F. Thomas, 1; John W. Cronley, 19; Lawrence M. Nichols, 15; Charles B. Gourley, 60; Louis F. Schonlau, 302.

Doings of Grand Officers: Brothers George H. Thummel, 33; Theodore F. Goold, 159; George A. Haase, 220; Theodore W. McCullough, 3; Paul R. Mines, 120.

Finance: Brothers John R. Tapster, 119; Carl E. Peterson, 275; Leslie E. Martin, 305; Alva A. Baer, 54; Alexander McKie, 25.

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

Fraternal Dead: Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; J. Paul Keplar, 184.

George Washington Memorial Fund: Brothers Orville A. Andrews, 19; Henry H. Andrews, 207.

Grand Lodge Office: Brothers George H. Thummel, 33; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Francis E. White, 6.

Grievances: Brothers Ralph O. Canaday, 285; David Northup, 1; Robert Graham, Jr., 50; William D. Edson, 53; Reginald E. Davies, 96.

Jurisprudence: Brothers Lewis E. Smith, 136; Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3; John J. Tooley, 258; Ambrose C. Epperson, 139; Andrew H. Viele, 55; Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Alpha Morgan, 148; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Harry A. Cheney, 100; Charles E. Burnham, 166; Frank E. Bullard, 32; Robert E. Evans, 5; Henry H. Wilson, 19; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; Robert E. French, 46; George H. Thummel, 33.

Nebraska Masonic Hospital: Brothers Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3; Charles E. Burnham, 166; O. Edwin Mickey, 65; James R. Cain, Jr., 105.

Pay-Roll: Brothers Frank L. Haycock, 207; Christopher M. McCracken, 82; John Gerry Stark, 209; John R. Hughes, 184.

Plan to District the State: Brothers Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3; George H. Thummel, 33; John A. Ehrhardt, 41.

Promotion of the World's Peace: Brothers Henry H. Wilson, 19; Samuel P. Davidson, 17.

Questionnaire: Brothers Francis E. White, 6; Stanley P. Bostwick, 3; William McCormack, 268.

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

Returns: Brothers John B. Lichtenwallner, 272; Virgil Falloon, 9; Herman Schroeder, 75; Francis C. Dussell, 58; Frederic L. Schwab, 135.

Unfinished Business: Brothers Charles E. Burnham, 166; William E. Stewart, 49; Abner J. Wessberg, 32; James W. Easton, 250; Rufus A. Hirsch, 55.

Visiting Brethren: The Grand Custodian, the Assistants to the Grand Custodian, and Omaha brethren.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, for the committee, read the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

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

To the Grand Lodge:

Proficiency Examinations.

Masonic Home.

Childrens Home.

Masonic Charities, including the appointment of a committee to confer with a like committee on behalf of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery in re consolidation of all the Masonic charities and all of the funds connected therewith.

To the incoming Grand Master:

Plan to re-district the state.

Non-attendance by lodges.

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:
Necrology.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:
Questionnaire.
Jordan medals.
General, and the five suggestions thereunder.
All decisions.

To the Committee on Grievances:
All appeals.

To the Board of Masonic Annuities and Gifts:
Masonic annuities and gifts.

To the Committee on Codification of the Law:
Recommendations with directions to codify the recommendations as made by the Grand Master and submit the same to the Grand Lodge for its consideration and action.
Unauthorized communications, with like suggestion and recommendation as above.

To a Special Committee of Three, to be appointed by the Grand Master:
To confer with Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, regarding his library.
That all other acts and doings of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master not herein specially referred, be approved.

Your committee realizes the burdens that the untimely death of Grand Master Wellman so suddenly laid on the shoulders of the Deputy Grand Master, and we congratulate the Craft on the admirable manner in which the duties of the exalted station of Grand Master have been performed.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

That the Grand Secretary's address be referred as follows:

- To the Grand Lodge:
Authority to transfer bonds.
- To the Committee on Finance:
All matters relating to accounts.
- To the Craft throughout the jurisdiction:
A careful perusal of the Grand Secretary's report, that the Craft may be fully advised as to the expenditure of funds.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

An examination of the very comprehensive report of the Grand Custodian shows a year of hard work and of increasing proficiency on the part of lodges and of the brethren. The earnest, persistent efforts of your Grand Custodian in imparting the work to the brethren is ever bearing increasing fruit and the Grand Custodian and the Craft are to be congratulated on the results obtained.

W. . Brother Alfred G. Hunt, 33, read the following report, which was adopted as read:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND
DISPENSATIONS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of Craftsmen Lodge U. D., A. F. & A. M., of Lincoln, for a charter, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined all of the records and papers submitted to us, and we respectfully recommend that a charter be granted this lodge under the name of

Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.

In reference to the matter of duplicate charters for Sterling Lodge No. 70, of Sterling, Pythagoras Lodge No. 156, of Ewing, and Holbrook Lodge No. 257, of Holbrook, whose charters were destroyed by fire, and the said lodges have been empowered to work by virtue of dispensations regularly issued by Most Worshipful Edward M. Wellman, Grand Master, or Right Worshipful Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, said dispensations expiring at this communication of the Grand Lodge; we recommend that duplicate charters be granted to the above lodges, the charges for procuring the same to be paid by the lodges receiving the charters.

The following report, presented by W. Brother Henry H. Andrews, 207, for the committee, was read and adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON
NATIONAL MASONIC MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

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

We, your committee on the George Washington Memorial Fund, beg leave to report as of May 1st, 1923.

Eight thousand five hundred (\$8,500.00) dollars have been collected and remitted to the National Committee. There is a small balance now in the hands of the committee for stamps, stationery, etc.

The fact that our state has been passing through one of its most depressing times, financially, since this work has been before the Grand Lodge, will in a measure explain why responses have not been as voluntary as they would ordinarily have been under easier times. However, the many assurances of the hundreds of our brethren, who from time to time have kept up our hopes in the ultimate success of our efforts, incline us to the belief that it is only a matter of time when most all will have made their contributions to this great work.

Comparison of the work done in Nebraska with that as shown in the report of the National Committee will show that Nebraska is averaging up with the responses, so far, as most of the Grand Jurisdictions are doing, and were it possible to have this wonderful project explained, personally, in all of the lodges in our state, the brethren would be in better position to visualize the grandeur of its purpose and would feel honored, as many of them now do, in being allowed to participate in the one great tribute to Masonry that will stand, like our beloved Fraternity, as a symbol of good

government, backed by the world's picked men, and all loyal citizens who will stand firmly behind the greatest nation of all time.

With all of this before us, the committee, feeling that the outlook for the near future is hopeful for our part in the work, recommend that the work be continued, and that report be made from time to time of its progress.

The following resolution, signed by W. Brothers Edwin C. Yont, 162, and Harrison M. Smith, 281, was unanimously adopted:

Be It Resolved: That Charles A. Chappell, or Robert R. Dickson, be, and either of them is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and assign any or all United States Registered Bonds or Registered Bonds of any description, which are transferable on the books of the Treasury Department now standing, or which may hereafter stand, in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, or the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, and to appoint one or more attorneys for that purpose.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and it was ordered printed with the proceedings. M. W. Brother Ehrhardt also presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that we have further considered the conditions of Mexican Masonry, and the conditions existing in Masonry are practically the same as they were when we reported thereon at our last annual communication; and we would recommend that the recognition of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico be deferred until such time as in the opinion of this Grand Lodge recognition will be justified.

Reporting upon the application of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, your committee would report that this Grand Lodge was organized under a formal consent of the Grand Lodge of Peru. Not being in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Peru, we recommend that the application of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador for fraternal recognition be denied.

The Grand Lodge was called to attention, and remained standing during the singing of one stanza of "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and the reading of the following report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, presented by V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

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

Those hours are never lost which we devote to the memory of the friends from whom we have been separated, and every individual is better for the just consideration he gives to those qualities of heart and mind which graced his companions, and with cords of gold bound their lives into vital fellowship with his own; qualities which even in the separation we call death, have left impressions never to be effaced.

It may be that the words we speak over these dear ones cannot benefit them, but the withholding of our expressions of recognition will be the retaining of knowledge we owe the world—of tribute we owe to their influencing lives—and which unuttered must forever impoverish our own beings—here we gain what we give and lose forever what we retain. With hearts vitally moved we place here below the names of our departed brethren—what we record for one, we write down for all:

Our unceasing thankfulness that we were granted such companionship; our deepest sympathy for all the bereaved; but also our sacred promise to keep their memories sweet and fragrant; to carry forward in the relays of love, so far as we may, the tasks which they laid down.

We witness here, too, our abiding confidence in the God of their trust, and in the immortality of that which was most precious in their lives.

M. W. Edward McKenzie Wellman, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, went from us August 31st, 1922. Living, he was welcomed into the far recesses of all our hearts. Dying, he left a name without a stain; a record without a blight; a character unsullied—we shall cherish his memory for all our days.

M. W. William Winchester Keysor, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska 1899-1900, died at Kirkwood, Missouri, August 17th, 1922. We often say of our people that "they die well;" this noble brother died well, and more, he lived well. The story of his life is rich in the record of high character and splendid achievement. In the life he built there was marked independence and potent firmness, yet he was gracious and courteous to the full, in public and private life, a gentleman indeed. He achieved a high place in the estimation of the citizens of two great commonwealths, as jurist, teacher, and patriot.

We shall let the great home poet give a thought for all our departed ones:

"I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead—He is just away!

With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return.

Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here.

Mild and gentle, as he was brave,
When the sweetest love of his life he gave

To simple things. Where the violets grew
Blue as the eyes they were likened to.

The touches of his hands have strayed
As reverently as his lips have prayed.

When the little brown thrush that harshly chirpped
Was dear to him as the mocking-bird.

And he pitied as much as a man in pain
A writhing honey-bee wet with rain.

Think of him still the same, I say:
He is not dead. He is just away!"

With loving sympathy we record the names of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, notices of whose deaths have reached us:

M.·W.·	George Paul Harrison	Past Grand Master, Alabama.
W.·	William C. Bledsoe	Grand Chaplain, Alabama.
M.·W.·	James Buchanan Baker	Past Grand Master, Arkansas.
M.·W.·	George Thornburgh	Past Grand Master, Arkansas.
M.·W.·	Cornelius Joseph Hart	Past Grand Master, Colorado.
M.·W.·	Lawrence N. Greenleaf	Past Grand Master, Colorado.
R.·W.·	John M. Caldwell	Past Grand Orator, Florida.
R.·W.·	John Elza Sheppard	Grand Senior Warden, Georgia.
M.·W.·	Max Meyerhardt	Past Grand Master, Georgia.
R.·W.·	James M. Rushin	Grand Treasurer, Georgia.
M.·W.·	William H. Norris	Past Grand Master, Iowa.
M.·W.·	Cromwell Bowen	Past Grand Master, Iowa.
R.·W.·	John Appley Ferrell	Deputy Grand Master, Kansas.
M.·W.·	Robert R. Burnam	Past Grand Master, Kentucky.
M.·W.·	Oliver L. Spaulding	Past Grand Master, Michigan.
R.·W.·	Sidney C. Foster	Past Senior Grand Warden, Nevada.
W.·	William R. Bozarth	Grand Steward, Nevada.
M.·W.·	John Wheelan Eckley	Past Grand Master, Nevada.
Bro.·	George T. Montgomery	Trustee Masonic Hall Fund, New York.

M. W. Louis A. Jacobson	Past Grand Master, North Dakota.
M. W. Grant Sherman Hagar	Past Grand Master, North Dakota.
M. W. Silas M. Yorán	Past Grand Master, Oregon.
M. W. George B. Murphy	Past Grand Master, Saskatchewan.
M. W. Harvey James Rice	Past Grand Master, South Dakota.
M. W. James Roane	Past Grand Master, South Dakota.
M. W. Wilber Fisk Foster	Past Grand Master, Tennessee.
M. W. Henry Martyn Aiken	Past Grand Master, Tennessee.
M. W. Nathan S. Woodward	Past Grand Master, Tennessee.
M. W. Anson Rainey	Past Grand Master, Texas.
M. W. James J. Davis	Past Grand Master, Texas.
M. W. George Washington Wright	Past Grand Master, Virginia.
M. W. William W. Witherspoon	Past Grand Master, Washington.
M. W. Ervin F. Cheney	Past Grand Master, Wyoming.
M. W. William Daley	Past Grand Master, Wyoming.

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

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, June 5th, 1923.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, officers and members being present as at the previous sessions, R. W. Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, presiding.

The Deputy and Acting Grand Master introduced W. Brother Titus Lowe, 1, Grand Orator, to the brethren, and he delivered an oration, of which he has furnished a summary as follows:

ORATION.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brothers of the Craft:

I deem it a very great privilege indeed to have the opportunity of standing before the Grand Lodge and speaking to you at this time on the topic:

"THE DEMANDS OF OUR TIME UPON MASONRY."

Masonry is an order which reaches for its foundations back into the dim pages of antiquity. It has withstood many types of political changes and has endured when revolutionary storms have swept many other things out of existence. One great reason for this is its flexibility. Furthermore, it has had the unique distinction of being able to listen to, and in due measure respond to, the demand of the thought of the time.

In all men there is what might be termed "the inner urge," sometimes very pronounced, sometimes somewhat remote; a spirit always to be found in the human soul that is not completely jaundiced by unrighteousness; an urge to a higher and a more satisfactory line of life. During the days of the great

war, idealism burned high in the breasts of all the American people, and no section of our people acknowledged the demands of idealism more magnificently than did the members of the Masonic Order. We joined ourselves together in forgetfulness of the things of self and in remembrance of those ideals which made even life itself of no price. When we faced the Mount of Sacrifice, we never hesitated nor halted, but marched steadily up its slopes and we gave of our substance, and our total energy, and our lives, with prodigal abundance. Those were high days, the days of the war! Led by the prophetic phrases of Woodrow Wilson, we made war in order that war might cease. We put on the armor of unselfishness in order that the Teutonic incarnation of colossal selfishness might be utterly destroyed. We girded on the sword of justice in order that injustice might perish from the earth.

Sad to relate, the Armistice was not the panacea for the world's ills. Peace, like a river, did not flow again in the earth. Instead of this, suspicion, jealousy, envy, and hatred were very much alive all over the world. Our condition might be likened to a violent eruption of smallpox. The high vision that had led us became eclipsed. We traveled in a thorny wilderness of selfishness; in a dry, discouraging desert of desecration, lust, and greed. In our own country we have felt the same loosening of age-long standards as they have in other sections of the world. Property has become insecure through the multiplication of thieves and robbers; the divorce courts have been working overtime, due to the breakdown of the moral life of thousands of people. Human life has become exceedingly cheap and murder inexcusably common. A wave of lawlessness and discontent and concentrated selfishness has swept over the land, and it seems as though the time has come when some such great organization as Masonry must lift its voice in no uncertain tones in order that we may bring into the focus of our thinking certain great fundamentals which have ever been the basic considerations of our great order.

Embedded in the heart of Masonry is the sentiment of loyalty to pure and holy womanhood and, by one of the most solemn vows which men have ever taken, Masons have bound themselves to support this holy womanhood. I beg to remind you of these vows and to say to you that if these vows are simply words and words, then at least one link in the chain that binds the millions of Masons together is an exceedingly weak link and will one day break the chain. From the very moment a man enters the Masonic lodge he is taught the fundamental lesson of self-control and the honoring of womanhood, and for the sake of this loved land of America that note needs to be sounded from one end of our land to the other.

Another basic sentiment in our organization is that of tolerance. I think I need not remind you that we are face to face at this hour with what is nearly a bubonic plague of intolerance; that there has arisen amongst us what is called an "Invisible Empire" which, in the guise of being a defender of the law, is actually a disseminator of intolerance, hatred, and lawlessness. With all the strength of my being I want to declare that, in my judgment at least, Masonry needs no affiliation with men who must wear shrouds in order to

see that the law is carried out. We are a secret organization, but every man who has belonged to this organization has never been ashamed to have that fact known and our names are all recorded where those who run may read; and upon our persons we proudly wear the emblems of our Order. The great Masonic body does not need to carry its will into effect by wearing shrouds of any kind. We can definitely agree to fight our fights in the higher interests of America in the open. We can build up a sentiment for law and order which no other fraternal organization in this land will be able to do, and one of the solemn obligations of the Masonic Order is to insist on the supremacy of the law and also to insist on that larger tolerance of life which should be characteristic of modern civilization.

The third basic sentiment to which I desire to call your attention this evening is that of fraternity. Let it be understood that there is such a thing as manhood's claim to brotherhood. This sentiment is inherent in the very heart of humanity. If Almighty God be the Supreme Architect of the Universe, if He be the Builder of Souls, if He be God, the All Father, then we are bound by our most solemn obligation and faith in God to extend that principle of brotherhood throughout the length and breadth of our land. Nor, indeed, can we limit this sentiment of brotherhood to the confines of America. Kipling's great word in the ballad of "East and West" ought to find an echo in the heart of every thinking American who has had his mind illuminated by direct and repeated Masonic teachings. That word is as follows:

"Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet
Till earth and sky stand presently at God's great Judgment Seat.
But there is neither East nor West, Border, nor Breed, nor Birth,
When two strong men stand face to face, though they come from the
ends of the earth!"

Let me stress for a moment that phrase:

"There is neither East nor West, Border, nor Breed, nor Birth."

The final strength of Masonry will be in its ultimate success in making this sentiment of brotherhood dominate from one end of the world to the other, and indeed if we are not able to make this sentiment prevail then nothing is left for us but chaos and unbelievable confusion and war. The times demand that the Mason, as an individual in his own life, shall represent the very best thing there is in the community; that he shall be a man clean and wholesome, in magnificent self-control, who believes in himself and who believes in God and who regulates his life according to the holy vows he has taken. The times demand that Masons in the community and in the state shall stand together for those essentials of community justice and righteousness which make it just a little easier for the oncoming generation to be better men and better women than we have been in our day and generation. The times demand that Masonry in the nation shall be back of every movement which tends to the stabilization of the world's progress, which tends to a larger spirit of tolerance toward all sorts and conditions of men; which tends to the establishment of international justice and which tends to replace the

principle of expediency with the principle of square dealing and inflexible righteousness.

We are living in great days. Possibly never in the history of the human race were the forces of evil and the forces of righteousness in such sharp conflict as they are at this present hour. Human selfishness is organized today as possibly it has never been organized in any period of time, and the challenge is coming to our noble order to throw the total strength of its support and its present influence into every movement that looks toward the establishment of those principles upon which the foundation stones of true Masonry are laid. The outlook is encouraging. It is time for faith and a time for courage; faith that believes that tomorrow will be a better and a brighter day than today; courage that is determined, by the grace of the Almighty, to have a part in making that tomorrow a better and a brighter day. It is an hour for optimism—not that sentimental optimism which is unable to see the difficulties and the obstacles that are ahead, but that robust optimism which, seeing the difficulties, yet believes that there is enough strength in righteousness to usher in that better and brighter day. In the new hour that is now upon us there is no fraternal organization in the world so well equipped to render magnificent aid, and I think our great Order will not fail.

At the conclusion of the oration, W. . Brother Lowe was warmly thanked for his interesting and instructive oration, and he was asked to furnish a copy to be published with our proceedings.

At ten o'clock P. M. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 10 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 6th, 1923.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 6th, 1923.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at the appointed hour, officers and members being as at the previous sessions. R. . W. . Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, presided, and V. . W. . Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, asked for divine guidance in our deliberations.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt presented the following resolution and moved that it be received and referred to the Committee on Finance, which was agreed to:

Whereas, the resolution creating the War Relief Fund of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska did not fully set forth the purpose for which said fund should be applied; and

Whereas, 1,408 members of the constituent lodges of this jurisdiction were members of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps who were in active service during the World War; and

Whereas, with respect to the disposition of the fund and owing to the general treatment by the National Government of its wounded and disabled in the World War, calls upon this fund at this time are few, but as time passes and disabilities or needs develop not provided for by the National Bureau, the calls upon this fund will be greater and more insistent and ultimately many of the brethren in the service, their widows and children, will require aid and might probably be compelled to ask admission into the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth:

It Is Therefore Resolved, that the said resolution creating the War Relief fund of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska shall be construed to apply to and include all Nebraska Masons admitted to the Fraternity before the declaration of peace, July 2d, 1921, who were in active service in the armed forces of the United States between April 16th, 1917 (Declaration of War), and November 11th, 1918 (Armistice Day), or who served with our Allies in the World War prior to our entering the war; and that the principal of the fund shall be held intact and the accrued interest each year, or as much thereof as may be necessary to meet all approved calls of the fund shall be expended for that purpose, and the balance, if any, each year in the interest account shall be turned over to the Relief Fund to be expended by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

The following report of the Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace was presented by Past Grand Master Henry H. Wilson, and on his motion it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF THE WORLD'S PEACE.

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

Your Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace beg leave to make the following report:

Masons are taught to control their actions by reason and govern their conduct by the principles of justice and equity. This necessarily leads us to encourage the promotion of all practical means, that we believe to be wise and efficient to procure the settlement of disputes between nations without the necessity of resorting to armed force.

While we may differ radically as to the means and methods, reasonable minds no longer differ as to the desirability of the end sought to be accomplished. Indeed, war is becoming so destructive that unless mankind sets about it to destroy war, war will soon destroy mankind. We are therefore vitally interested in the efforts now being made to diminish the chances of war, and eventually make war improbable because unnecessary.

Your committee has deemed its proper function to be, not argument or advocacy, but rather to record the efforts now being made to promote the world's peace.

The League of Nations became effective upon the deposit of the ratification of the treaty of Versailles, on January 10th, 1920. It has therefore been

in existence nearly three and a half years, and today is binding on the people of fifty-two nations. We must contemplate with satisfaction the assembling of the representatives of more than eighty per cent of the world's population, about the council board, in an endeavor to settle their controversies by the rule of reason and justice.

Whether we shall ever join the League or not, no Mason can be indifferent to the success or failure of an institution whose purpose is so humane and whose object is so noble. While this institution has not prevented all wars since its organization, yet it has achieved some noteworthy successes.

In 1920, after direct negotiation had failed, the League settled the long-standing dispute between Finland and Sweden over the Aaland Islands—just such a quarrel as would naturally lead to armed conflict. This was done by peaceful means, without coercion and without bloodshed.

In 1921, the League settled the dispute between Yugoslavia and Albania and stayed the threatened invasion of the latter by the former and brought the contending parties to a peaceful adjustment of the cause of their armed conflict.

In 1922, the League settled the intricate and difficult dispute between Germany and Poland over Upper Silesia. In this controversy, France backed Poland while England sympathized with Germany. Direct negotiations failed. Because France and England were especially interested, by common consent, it was left to a committee composed of the representatives of four disinterested nations: Belgium, China, Brazil, and Spain, to study the problem and recommend a boundary line. This recommendation, under the League, was approved by the powers and resulted, last July, in the signing of a treaty between Germany and Poland at Geneva, longer than that of Versailles, settling peaceably one of the most dangerous disputes left by the war. Had war resulted over this dispute, it would inevitably have involved other nations than the original contending parties. This was a signal victory for international reason and world peace.

In September of last year, the League promoted a plan for the financial rehabilitation of Austria. Thus fifty nations, most of which had recently been in armed conflict with Austria, presented the extraordinary scene of gathering around the council board in Geneva to consider means to bind up the wounds of their late enemy. Austrian finance and industry have thus been placed on the road to recovery by the good Samaritans among the nations.

Perhaps the most permanent achievement of the League is the establishment of a Permanent Court of International Justice. The constitution of this court was the work of a commission of ten eminent international lawyers, of whom our own ex-senator and ex-secretary of state, Elihu Root, was one. This court held its first session at The Hague on January 30th, 1922, an American citizen, John Bassett Moore, sitting as one of its eleven judges.

Forty-six nations have already signed the protocol establishing this tribunal and binding their people to obey its judgments. This is the first international court of justice ever established by mankind.

January 30th, 1922, will for all time remain a red-letter day in the world's history. It marks the beginning of the judicial administration of international justice that must ultimately supercede the arbitrament of war.

Thus, this generation has been privileged to witness the establishment of the first world tribunal to which nations may resort for redress against other nations. We have lived to see the beginning of a world jurisprudence where brains, not brawn—where argument, not arms—where law, not lead, shall prevail.

We recommend the following resolution:

That the Masons of Nebraska most heartily sympathize with the efforts now being made to reduce the chances of war and to furnish mankind with the means for the judicial settlement of disputes among nations, and thus promote the world's peace.

The report of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, made by the chairman, W. Brother David C. Hilton, 19, was approved as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICE ANNUITIES
AND GIFTS.

To the Grand Lodge:

The Board has been convened in Omaha several times during the year. The Board has outlined its financial policy and its method of campaign to reach the brethren of the state. In drafting rules and by-laws to govern its actions, the Board wishes to take title to property in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to handle all moneys through the Grand Lodge and in every respect to act as the agent thereof. In order to accomplish this, the Board finds it necessary to await the action of this Grand Lodge in the following matter of legislation, to-wit: an addition to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, styled Section 16-A, hereto attached.

Brother Hilton thereupon presented the following amendment to the law and asked for unanimous consent to consider it; consent being granted, the amendment was considered and adopted and referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law:

Enact Section 16-A of the law, to read as follows.

Sec. 16-A.—The Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master, which board shall have full control of receiving, investing, managing, and disbursing the funds arising from annuities and gifts that shall be received by it to the uses of Masonry in this jurisdiction. The title to all funds and property shall be taken, held, and conveyed in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, all subject to the control of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in vacation.

The management of the fund shall be under the general direction of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Master in vacations, provided further that

the said Board shall have general power to disburse said funds without a specific appropriation by the Grand Lodge.

The following motion, presented by Brother Hilton, 19, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

"I move that this Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for incidental expenses of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, also that five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) be set aside for the purpose of a reserve to be drawn on from time to time by said Board as contracts under the special agreements require."

It was announced that M. W. Andrew L. Randell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was waiting in the reception room, and Deputy and Acting Grand Master Chappell appointed Past Grand Masters Ambrose C. Epperson, James R. Cain, Jr., and Charles E. Burnham a committee to escort the distinguished visitor to the lodge room. The committee retired and in due time returned with Most Worshipful Brother Randell, who was introduced by M. W. Brother Epperson, and escorted to the East, where R. W. Brother Chappell presented him to the brethren. He was saluted with the grand honors, and responded briefly, but in an entertaining and interesting manner.

The Deputy and Acting Grand Master announced that the hour set for the election of officers had arrived, and appointed the Grand Custodian and his assistants as tellers. The election resulted as follows:

Bro. Charles A. Chappell, 127	Grand Master.
Bro. Robert R. Dickson, 95	Deputy Grand Master.
Bro. John Wright, 19	Grand Senior Warden.
Bro. Edwin D. Crites, 158	Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Francis E. White, 6	Grand Secretary.
Bro. Lewis E. Smith, 136	Deputy Grand Secretary.

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Bro. Charles M. Shepherd, 54	Grand Chaplain.
Bro. Merrill B. Carman, 135	Grand Orator.
Bro. Robert E. French, 46	Grand Custodian.
Bro. Albert R. Davis, 120	Grand Marshal.
Bro. Frank H. Woodland, 25	Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. Ira C. Freet, 56	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. Alexander E. Porter, 19	Grand Tyler.

Brothers Ralph O. Canaday, 285; Ira C. Freet, 56; Tracy F. Tyler, 151; Committee on Codification of the Law.

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

Brothers Alpha Morgan, 148 (1 year); John A. Ehrhardt, 41 (2 years); Robert E. Evans, 5 (3 years); O. Edwin Mickey, 65 (4 years); Charles E. Burnham, 166 (5 years); Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Mark J. Lipman, 254; Theodore A. Frye, 234; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

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

Brothers George C. Mason, 300; Orville A. Andrews, 19; Robert O. Hodgman, 54; Henry H. Andrews, 207; Committee on George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association.

Brothers Samuel S. Whiting, 54 (5 years); Frank Wilcox, 1 (4 years); Henry H. Wilson, 19 (2 years); John R. Webster, 3 (1 year); David C. Hilton, 19 (3 years); Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.

Brothers Henry H. Wilson, 19; Bryant Howe, 61; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; Committee on the Promotion of the World's Peace.

Brothers Charles B. Nicodemus, 15 (5 years); Alpha Morgan, 148 (4 years); O. Edwin Mickey, 65 (3 years); Burlingame Walker, 119 (2 years); Carroll D. Evans, 58 (1 year); Committee on Childrens Homes.

Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Ambrose C. Epperson, 139; Edwin H. Gerhart, 305; Committee on Masonic Service Association of the United States.

Brothers Robert E. Evans, 5; Charles E. Burnham, 166; Alpha Morgan, 148; Committee on Consolidation of Masonic Charities.

Brothers Francis E. White, 6; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; John B. Lichtenwallner, 272; Committee on Subject of Bonding Secretaries and Treasurers.

Brothers Charles E. Burnham, 166; George Burgert, 46; John B. Lichtenwallner, 272; Committee on Library of Grand Custodian.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office would respectfully report the installation of the Monell collection of ancient armor, etc., on the east wall of the library room, fourth floor of the Masonic Temple, Omaha. Your committee congratulates the Craft on this collection and the artistic manner in which it has been displayed. Your committee also wishes to inform the Craft of an additional donation of valuable books from Mrs. Monell, which, with those heretofore received, will be catalogued and housed in our library.

Your committee also is pleased to inform the brethren that Mrs. George W. Lininger, widow of Past Grand Master Lininger, has signified her intention of loaning to us for an indefinite period a sufficient amount of in-

teresting curios from the Lininger collection to fill the upper portion of the cabinet.

Your committee trusts that the brethren will all visit the Monell collection and acquaint themselves with it; and should any of the brethren have any curios or material which would be of interest to the Craft, a suitable place will be found to exhibit the same in this collection, and proper credit will be given therefor.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt introduced the following amendment to the Grand Lodge law, which, under the rules, was received and laid over for consideration until the next session of the Grand Lodge:

Amend Section 1, Chapter I of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, by striking out the word "Omaha" in the third line, and inserting the following: "such place as the Grand Lodge may designate by majority vote."

The following report was presented by Past Grand Master Joseph B. Fradenburg, and on his motion was adopted as read:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA MASONIC HOSPITAL.

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

Your Committee on Nebraska Masonic Hospital begs leave to report as follows:

We secured the setting aside of one wing of a local hospital for the use of Masons and their families in order to ascertain if there was sentiment and need for a Masonic Hospital in this Grand Jurisdiction, and with the consent of the Grand Master the lodges of the state were advised of this fact. However, so little interest has been manifest that your committee deems it unwise to do anything further in the matter of establishing a Nebraska Masonic Hospital, and, therefore, asks that this committee be discharged.

W. O. Edwin Mickey, 65, presented the report of the Committee on Childrens Homes, and on his motion the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHILDRENS HOMES.

To the Grand Lodge:

Receipts.	
Balance on hand June 1st, 1922, as per report last year	\$ 870.09
Received from the Grand Lodge appropriation last year	5,000.00
Interest received on open account	115.22
Freight returned	16.56
Returned premium on insurance	168.73
Live stock and grain sold	1,069.49
Total	\$7,240.09

Expenditures.

Feed and seed	\$ 443.05
Extra labor	98.25
Telephone, freight and express	75.16
Improvements	1,547.57
Betterments and replacements	259.40
Repairs, supplies, and maintenance	1,461.80
Light and power	71.74
Insurance	599.05
Live stock bought	228.50
Machinery bought	506.00
Miscellaneous	186.00
Superintendent's salary	1,200.00

Total expenditures

\$6,676.52

Balance on hand

563.57

\$7,240.09

Bank balance shows

\$602.57

Less check No. 545 outstanding

39.00

\$563.57

Inventory of live stock and machinery on hand Masonic and Eastern Star Childrens Home, Fremont, Nebraska, June 1st, 1923:

1 team horses	\$ 200.00
1 Jersey cow, pure bred	\$150.00
2 Holstein cows, pure bred	400.00
2 Holstein bulls, pure bred	225.00
2 Holstein cows, high grade	250.00
1 Durham cow, high grade	100.00
2 Jersey Holstein heifers	150.00
1 Jersey heifer	125.00
2 veal calves (for sale)	30.00
25 hogs (average 200 lbs.)	350.00
5 brood sows	125.00
1 boar, pure bred	100.00
27 spring pigs	135.00
55 hens	55.00
260 chicks	35.00
Farm machinery	350.00
Harness and tools	50.00
Ford truck	400.00
Total	\$3,230.00
Farm products sold during the year:	
Corn	\$ 60.03

Calves	\$ 66.81
Cow	51.00
Hogs	891.65
	\$1,069.49

Value of food raised and used at Homes during the year :

Chickens	\$ 100.00
Eggs	75.00
Potatoes	150.00
Vegetables	200.00
Milk	1,022.00
	\$1,547.00
Value of alfalfa raised, 30 tons	\$ 360.00
Value of corn raised, 800 bushels	400.00
Donations, 4 pigs	55.00

Value of farm products raised, used and sold during year \$3,431.49

Number of resident children, 48.

Three pigs, valued at \$30.00 were given to three resident boys for entry in Dodge County Pig Club.

One pure bred boar given to the Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth, valued at \$25.00.

We are glad to report that three boys from the Home, Louis Roy, Alexander Calder, and Homer McFarland, entered the pig competition in Dodge County, and stood among the winners, and were all given transportation to the State Fair for their work, six boys being taken to the Fair for their work.

The needed improvements for next year are: \$800.00 for sidewalks; \$500.00 for grading and gravelling driveway; \$200.00 for trees and shrubbery around new Home; \$1,500.00 for alterations in Home No. 1 for the girls to accommodate a larger family than originally intended; \$1,000.00, insurance on all buildings for five years; \$300 for painting.

In view of these needed and necessary expenditures and the ordinary running expenses incident to the maintenance of the grounds and superintendent, we ask for an appropriation of \$8,500.00.

Brother Mickey also presented the following report of the Building Fund at the Childrens Homes :

Receipts.

Report to the Grand Lodge in 1922 showed receipts from the Grand Lodge of	\$30,000.00
Expenditures reported at that time	731.27

Leaving a balance on hand for this year	\$29,268.73
Received from the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., of Nebraska	28,000.00
Received from the Grand Lodge appropriation for 1922	10,000.00

Received for interest on account.....	\$	523.31
Temporary furnace sold.....		15.00
Total		<u>\$67,807.04</u>
Expenditures.		
Express	\$	3.70
Temporary furnace for heating building.....		18.70
Advertising for bids on contract.....		54.39
Engineering		2.50
Insurance		280.92
Superintendent of construction, W. M. Brightman.....		1,280.00
Architect, W. F. Gernandt.....		1,300.00
A. Dussell & Son, on plumbing, heating, and electrical work.....		12,394.71
Henry Ohlsen & Sons Co., on general contract.....		40,169.40
Total expenditures this year.....		<u>\$55,504.32</u>
Balance on hand.....		12,302.72
		<u>\$67,807.04</u>

The report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans was presented by the Secretary, Past Grand Master Alpha Morgan, and was adopted as follows:

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:

Brethren: Your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans fraternally reports on receipts and expenditures for the year ending May 31st, 1923, as per itemized statement herewith. It is the opinion of your committee that a greater amount will be required for relief for next year, as we find food and clothing to be much more expensive and there are many more applications for relief and care in sickness and destitution.

Receipts.

June 1st, 1922, balance on hand.....	\$	3,217.15
10 per cent fees and dues for 1922, Grand Lodge.....		6,573.00
Refund from Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.....		20.00
Interest on daily balances from Custer State Bank.....		230.59
Total		<u>\$10,040.74</u>

Expenditures.

Past Master, Western Star Lodge No. 2.....	\$	300.00
Widow of member of Western Star Lodge No. 2.....		120.00
Member of Capitol Lodge No. 3 and his wife.....		360.00

Widow of member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, and four children..	\$ 60.00
Member of Electa Chapter No. 8, O. E. S.....	196.41
Child of member of Covert Lodge No. 11.....	14.75
Member of Pawnee Lodge No. 23.....	60.00
Member of Blue River Lodge No. 30.....	45.00
Widow of member of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, and four children	
dren	120.00
Member of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36.....	60.00
Child of member of Wahoo Lodge No. 59.....	11.50
Widow of member of Beaver City Lodge No. 93.....	300.00
Widow of member of Prudence Lodge No. 179 and three children..	45.00
Widow of member of Atkinson Lodge No. 164 and four children..	330.00
Widow of member of Hardy Lodge No. 117 and four children...	200.00
Member of Evergreen Lodge No. 153, and his wife.....	120.00
Widow of member of Faith Lodge No. 181, and two children....	90.00
Member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210.....	60.00
Widow of member of Cubit Lodge No. 237 and six children.....	225.00
Printing 500 letterheads, Purcell Printing Co.....	3.50
Certified check to balance.....	7,319.58
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	\$10,040.74

The payment to the widow of a member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 will be discontinued by the committee, but all other applications which are reported herewith, together with an application from Lincoln Lodge No. 19, are approved by the committee for the next year, and we request that the payment of the amounts as stated, or as much as may be necessary, or the additional and further amounts which the committee may find necessary, be continued.

Your committee recommends that because of the numerous and increasing applications for relief, the amount on hand as reported by the committee, together with the ten per cent of the fees and dues to the Grand Lodge for 1923 and appropriated by the Grand Lodge at this session, be placed at the disposal of the committee for use as they may find needful and necessary.

The sum of two thousand dollars has been received from interest from the Orphans Educational Fund on warrants drawn by the order of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master, and has been paid to the Nebraska Masonic and Eastern Star Home, for food for the children at Fremont; the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars from this fund has been received and paid for rent for a cottage for the use of the children.

Brother James Tyler, 300, presented an amendment to the law, signed by eleven brethren, and asked for unanimous consent to consider it; consent was refused and it lies over for consideration until the next annual communication. The amendment as presented is as follows:

Amend Section 81 of the Grand Lodge law as follows:

That the words "fifteen dollars" in the third line of the first paragraph of said section be stricken out, and in lieu thereof there be inserted the words "seven dollars and fifty cents," and the figures "\$15.00" in parenthesis be changed to "\$7.50."

That the word "two" in the sixth line of the first paragraph of said Section 81 be stricken out, and in lieu thereof there be inserted the word "one" and the figures in parenthesis, "\$2.50," be changed to "\$1.50."

That said Section 81 be further amended by striking out the words "initiation and" in the first line of the second paragraph, and also the words "together with the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), from the two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50), Grand Lodge dues," and in lieu thereof there be inserted the following: "Together with the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) from each initiation."

So that the first and second paragraphs of said section as amended will read as follows:

Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 5th day of April, for each initiation, the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50), for each member, except those exempt from the payment of dues, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50), seventy-five cents (\$.75) of which shall be paid for the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home; and ten dollars (\$10.00) for each Master Mason affiliating therewith, save that a Nebraska Master Mason who carries his demit not over one year and complies with Section 136 shall not be liable for an affiliation fee.

The additional funds for each affiliation, together with the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for each initiation, shall be placed into a fund to be known as the Building and Improvement Fund. These increases to apply only on those initiated or affiliated on and after July 15th, 1923. Each lodge shall at the same time pay to the Grand Lodge for all supplies purchased from the Grand Lodge during the preceding year. Returns in duplicate and the amount due the Grand Lodge may be sent in at any time between March 31st and April 5th, and the Grand Secretary shall add as a penalty one cent per day for each member on the rolls as shown in the table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge, to all lodges that neglect to send in their returns complete as provided by Section 57, and pay their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge by the 10th of April.

W. Brother John B. Lichtenwallner, 272, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, and the same was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

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

We, your Committee on Returns, beg leave to submit the following report. We find the following named lodges subject to penalties for failure to send in their returns by April 10th, as provided in Chapter XI, Section 81 of the law of the Grand Lodge:

Lodge No.	Date Received.	No. of Members.	Amt. of Penalty.
64.....	April 11	88	\$.88
92.....	April 12	36	.72
139.....	April 11	80	.80
140.....	April 11	76	.76
145.....	April 17	78	5.46
149.....	April 16	42	2.52
150.....	April 11	98	.98
152.....	April 11	64	.64
160.....	April 21	38	4.18
183.....	April 11	330	3.30
190.....	April 11	58	.58
222.....	April 11	120	1.20
239.....	April 11	64	.64
244.....	April 25	38	5.70
292.....	April 11	56	.56
295.....	April 12	58	1.16
Total.....			\$30.08

In several instances there was a failure to send duplicate returns, but no penalty was imposed, nor was this done when returns were incomplete. The Deputy and Acting Grand Master was compelled to telephone to three of the lodges for information to complete the returns, and to send his representative to one lodge to get its return.

We are of the opinion that although considerable improvement has been made by the lodges in sending in their returns on time, the day has come when it should be impossible for three or four lodges to delay the completion of the statistical table by our Grand Secretary so that the same may be printed for the use of the Grand Lodge.

This year one of the lodges was twenty days late in getting its return in the hands of the Grand Secretary. Last year this same lodge was nearly one month late. Two other lodges this year were eleven and sixteen days late, respectively, and were each a week late last year. The present plan of penalizing delays has had a very good effect in general, but in the cases of an exceptionally few lodges it seems a farce, with the result that the printed reports are delayed, to the great annoyance and unnecessary additional labor for our Grand Secretary.

We would respectfully recommend that where there are no good reasons for delay, provision should be made for the imposing of greater penalties than at present, and more power given to the Grand Master to inflict the same, especially where delays have become a regular habit with some lodges.

A very voluminous correspondence has been submitted to us by our Grand Secretary, and has been carefully examined by us, with reference to the various lodges as to their rosters of membership. In the archives of our Grand Lodge there is a complete card index of every one of the nearly 40,000 Masons in Nebraska, as well as of those who have at any time petitioned a Ne-

braska lodge, showing the dates of initiation, passing, raising, demission, affiliation, expulsion, suspension, restoration, death, or rejection, and in order to keep this card index correct and up to date means an impossible task to our Grand Secretary unless he can have the hearty co-operation of the officers of all lodges. Several hundred letters have been written and received during the past two months by our Grand Secretary with reference to important data in these matters. In some instances he was compelled to write three or four letters before he could obtain the necessary information on some individual brother.

The returns received from the lodges and our Grand Secretary's correspondence disclose that seventy-six degrees were conferred and not reported, also thirty-seven demissions and affiliations, eighteen suspensions and restorations, and fifteen deaths—a total of nearly one hundred and fifty data not reported. There were twenty-four demits granted and not reported, and only discovered by our Grand Secretary when reported as affiliations in other lodges. These are matters of great importance and show neglect and inattention on the part of the officers of lodges, and mean much unnecessary burden on our Grand Secretary.

Your committee respectfully recommends that the attention of officers of lodges be called in a very emphatic manner to the necessity of recording correct data on every member of the lodge, and promptly reporting the same to the office of the Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., moved that the Grand Secretary be authorized to have the proceedings of other Grand Lodges bound in the same style as those already on our shelves. The motion prevailed.

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 6th, 1923.

Deputy and Acting Grand Master Charles A. Chappell called the Grand Lodge to order at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the preceding session. V.·W.·. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, led the members of the Grand Lodge in the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the American Flag, which was followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt moved that the Committee on Pay-Roll be instructed to provide for per diem for three days to the members in attendance, and the motion was carried.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented by W. John R. Tapster, 119, and on his motion was adopted as read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

We, your Committee on Finance, respectfully submit for your consideration and approval the following report and recommendations.

An audit of the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary has been made by a certified public accountant, and this has simplified the work of your committee considerably. We commend the Grand Officers in having the audit made, and recommend that the system be continued. We call your attention to the complete statement, as made by the public accountant, and printed in full in the reports of the Grand Officers in the advance proceedings.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary, and make report to you thereof (without going into detail, as you will find a very explicit statement in the report of the Grand Secretary), as follows:

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Receipts, including amount on hand June 6th, 1922	\$162,867.95
Disbursements	79,652.46

Leaving a balance of	\$ 83,215.49
Which sum includes the balance on hand in the General Relief Fund, amounting to	\$ 6,680.60
Also the balance to the credit of the Building and Improvement Fund of	\$ 42,334.00
Leaving a net balance of	\$ 34,200.89

We have examined the expense account of the Grand Custodian and have found it correct, and commend him for his vigilance and strict economy in the disposition of the funds. We find that the money was spent only for that for which it was appropriated, namely, holding schools of instruction, and we congratulate "Uncle Bob" for the splendid manner in which the affairs of his office are conducted.

We have checked and verified the securities on hand as shown by the report of the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in charge of the Orphans Educational Fund, and find that \$111,800.00 consists of real estate first mortgages, and \$5,000.00 of First Liberty Loan Bonds, and \$119.01 cash on hand, making a total of \$116,919.01.

The report of the Committee on Childrens Homes at Fremont has been checked and found correct, and reads as follows:

Receipts	\$7,240.09
Expenditures	6,676.52

Leaving a balance on hand of	\$ 563.57
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Building Fund:

Receipts	\$67,807.04
Expenditures	55,504.32

Leaving a balance on hand of \$12,302.72

We have checked the receipts and disbursements as shown by the report of the Grand Chaplain, and find the same to be correct.

He received	\$164.02
And disbursed	156.18

Leaving a balance on hand of \$ 7.84

We approve the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge relating to the War Relief Fund.

We recommend the following appropriations for the year ending June, 1924, or as much thereof as may be necessary:

Pay-roll	\$ 5,500.00
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	6,680.60
Printing Grand Officers' reports, proceedings, etc.	1,400.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue	4,000.00
Stenographer for the session	10.00
Grand Lodge office, rent, heat, and light, to June 30, 1924	1,000.00
Incidental expenses	250.00
Parchment charter for new lodge	30.00
Expenses of Grand Chaplain	150.00
Completing the furnishings in the Grand Secretary's office	200.00
Grand Master's expense	1,500.00
Grand Master's clerk hire	600.00
Grand Secretary's salary	2,400.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire	2,500.00
Deputy Grand Secretary's salary	2,400.00
Grand Custodian's salary	1,800.00
Grand Custodian's expense	600.00
Expenses of Assistants to the Grand Custodian	1,000.00
Grand Tyler, session of 1923	15.00
Organist, session of 1923	10.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence	200.00
Maintenance, Childrens Homes	8,500.00
Membership in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada	200.00
Library, purchasing and binding	600.00
Fire insurance, books, supplies, etc.	40.00
Grand Lodge office, janitor	100.00
Grand Lodge office, telephone	75.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage	500.00
Stationery	120.00
Blanks	350.00

Grand Secretary's surety bond	\$ 20.00
Incidental expenses, Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts	500.00
For the purpose of a reserve to be drawn on from time to time by said Board, as contracts under special agreements require	5,000.00
Towards the creation of a building fund for the erection of an infirmary at Plattsmouth	50,000.00
Franklin Lodge No. 264, refund of fee for special dispensation	10.00
For installing additional collection of ancient weapons if it is turned over to the Grand Lodge as promised	150.00
For certified public accountant	25.00
For engraving portrait of Grand Master Wellman for proceedings	125.00
For floral tributes for Grand Master Wellman's memorial	35.00
For mileage and per diem for 1922 to representative of Lily Lodge No. 154, omitted last year through error	13.92

We desire to congratulate the Grand Lodge Officers and Committees and to express our appreciation of their tireless efforts to make this one of the best and most economical, as well as one of the most efficient jurisdictions in this country.

Past Grand Master Lewis E. Smith presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the same was considered section by section; that portion considered at this session is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report as follows:

Decisions of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master:

Nos. I, II, and III, as reported, are approved.

No. IV. In considering this decision, your committee are of the opinion that Section 86 should remain as it is, and that Section 81 be amended as follows:

Strike out of the first paragraph of said Section 81 all after the words, "Nebraska Masonic Home" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Each subordinate lodge shall collect and transmit to the Grand Lodge with its annual returns, Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each Master Mason affiliating therewith during the year covered by said returns, provided that a Master Mason holding a Nebraska demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation, shall not be liable for this fee."

Referring to that part of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master's address under the heading of "General," we beg leave to report that we have considered the items No. 1 to No. 5, with the following results:

No. 1. No action thereon deemed necessary, as the committee are of the opinion that a simple letter from the Masonic relatives, to whom it may concern, that the writer thereof is a Master Mason in good standing, is sufficient.

No. 2. In the mind of the committee, this situation is so very rare that it deems it inexpedient to recommend any change in the law.

No. 3. Is approved.

No. 4. We approve, as same is fully covered by the law.

No. 5. Your committee approve the suggestions of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master that the question of propriety of bonding the secretaries and treasurers of subordinate lodges, that the expense be borne by the Grand Lodge, and recommend that the subject be referred to a special committee of three to investigate and report thereon at the next session of the Grand Lodge, with all details as to cost, copy of bond, etc.

Recommendations of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master:

We have considered the same and desire to report as follows:

Nos. I and II be approved and the Committee on Codification of the Law be requested to draft an amendment to the law and comply therewith; also to modify and re-codify Sections 30 and 32.

No. III. Your committee have had under consideration the action of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master on unauthorized communications and recommend the approval of his action thereon. It is, however, the sense of this committee that subordinate lodges should be encouraged in the study and consideration of and exchange of views on Masonic problems, policies, and proposed or completed legislation, but before such communication from one lodge shall be sent to another lodge, it shall be submitted to the Grand Master, who, if it contains nothing improper, shall authorize the circulation of the same among the subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, regardless of the fact that he may disagree with the views expressed therein, and that the Committee on Codification of the Law be directed to prepare and present an amendment in accordance therewith.

No. IV. Disapproved.

No. V. We approve, and ask that the Committee on Codification of the Law be requested to amend the law in conformity therewith.

Nos. VI and VII. Disapproved.

No. VIII. Is approved, and the Committee on Codification of the Law be requested to present an amendment to change the law in conformity therewith.

Nos. IX and X. Disapproved.

That part of the report referring to the decisions of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master, Nos. I, II, III, and IV, was adopted, as was that part referring to "General," Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 5. That part referring to No. 2 was withdrawn by the committee for the time being, to be presented later in different form.

That part of the report referring to "Recommendations" was disposed of as follows: The report as read was adopted on recommendations Nos. I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX and X. W. Brother Theodore W. McCullough, 3, moved and it was carried that recommendation No. VII of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master, be adopted in lieu of the report of the committee. Brother McCullough then moved that this recom-

mendation be referred to the Committee on Codification of the Law with instructions to codify the same and present it for the consideration of the Grand Lodge; the motion prevailed. The report on recommendation No. X was withdrawn by the committee for the purpose of reporting thereon later in a different form.

R. W. Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, announced that the hour set for the report of the Committee on Grievances having arrived, the report of the committee would be heard.

W. Brother Ralph O. Canaday, 285, presented the report of the committee and it was considered paragraph by paragraph. On motion of Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., a substitute was adopted for paragraph No. 3-A, and the first four paragraphs were adopted. Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt moved the substitution of the following for the last half of paragraph No. 5: "and that the brother be suspended until the first day of January, 1924." Remarks were made by Past Grand Masters Ambrose C. Epperson and Henry H. Wilson, and by Brothers John F. Poucher, 41, and Ira C. Freet, 56, but the substitute paragraph was not adopted, and the paragraph as reported by the committee was adopted, as was the report of the committee as a whole. As finally adopted the report of the committee is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

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

1. We have carefully considered the appeal of the Master and Wardens of Capitol Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M. of Omaha, from the decision of the lodge in passing sentence of definite suspension upon a brother, and we recommend that the appeal be sustained and that the brother be expelled.

2. We have carefully considered the appeal of a member of Covert Lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M. of Omaha, from the decision of said lodge finding a brother not guilty. We recommend that the appeal be sustained on the first and second grounds stated therein, and recommend that the brother be expelled.

3. We have carefully considered the appeal of a brother, a member of Fidelity Lodge No. 51, A. F. & A. M. of David City, from the decision of said lodge, finding a brother not guilty. We find the brother guilty on

all specifications as charged, and recommend that the appeal be sustained and that the brother be expelled.

3-A. We further report that the proceedings in this case indicate such a condition as to justify a full and complete investigation, and that the whole matter as to the conduct of the lodge be referred to the incoming Grand Master.

4. We have carefully considered the appeal of a member of Canopy Lodge No. 209, A. F. & A. M. of Elmwood, from the decision in imposing a sentence of indefinite suspension upon a brother, and also the application of the brother making the appeal to have the same withdrawn; together with the resolution of the lodge requesting its withdrawal. We recommend that the application to withdraw the appeal be denied; that the appeal be sustained, and the brother expelled.

5. We have carefully considered the appeal of a brother of York Lodge No. 56, A. F. & A. M. of York, from the decision of said lodge in expelling said brother; and we recommend that the appeal of said brother be denied, and that the decision of said lodge be affirmed.

At 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 6th, 1923.

The members of the Grand Lodge with some visiting brethren assembled in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple, at eight o'clock P. M. Owing to a severe rain storm that came up about the time the brethren were to assemble, the attendance was not as large as had been expected, only about four hundred members of the Grand Lodge and visiting brethren being present. The Deputy and Acting Grand Master concluded that the meeting would be informal and for Master Masons only, but announced that the Grand Lodge would not be tiled.

After a few remarks explaining why the meeting had been changed from a Grand Lodge meeting to an informal meeting of Master Masons, the Deputy and Acting Grand Master introduced to the brethren M. W. Andrew L. Randell, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Texas, and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

Brother Randell, after extending his thanks to the Grand Lodge for the courtesy and kindness received, and especially

for the privilege of appearing before the meeting of the brethren, for more than one hour forcibly and entertainingly explained what the Masonic Service Association was endeavoring to do by binding together in a compact association all of the Grand Lodges in the United States of America, whereby in case of a general disaster they could accomplish a great deal more than by working separately. Brother Randell gave some information in regard to why the Freemasons of the United States could not render the service that they desired to during the world war; the principal reason being that the government did not consider that it was in a position to confer with and care for so many separate jurisdictions, and he explained that one of the incentives for Nebraska joining the Masonic Service Association was the good we might all do in case of another world war, and that our large membership, if united, would be recognized.

At the conclusion of the address, the moving picture, "Who Best Can Serve," was thrown on the screen. The picture, like the address, conveyed a lesson that was interesting and well received.

At half past ten o'clock P. M., the informal meeting was closed.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, June 7th, 1923.

R. W. Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to order at the appointed hour, with officers and members present as at the previous session. Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That the Grand Lodge hereby expresses its appreciation of the scholarly and fraternal address given us by Past Grand Master Andrew L. Randell, of Texas, and extend to him the thanks of this body with fraternal greetings to his constituents, our brethren of Texas.

On motion that part of the Grand Secretary's report referring to returns was referred to the incoming Grand Master.

W. Brother Benjamin F. Thomas, 1, presented the fol-

lowing report of the Committee on Credentials, and it was adopted:

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 are represented at this annual communication, except the following: Nos. 30, 35, 76, 149, 152, 165, 166, 179, 185, 191, 200, 216, 223, 229, 259, 291, and 292; of these, Nos. 165 and 291 were not represented at the last annual communication and No. 165 was not represented at the sixty-fourth annual communication.

The following were present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

- Grand Master,
- R. W. Charles A. Chappell Deputy and Acting Grand Master,
- R. W. Robert R. Dickson Grand Senior Warden,
- R. W. John Wright Grand Junior Warden,
- R. W. Francis E. White Grand Secretary,
- M. W. Lewis E. Smith Deputy Grand Secretary,
- V. W. Charles M. Shepherd Grand Chaplain,
- W. Titus Lowe Grand Orator,
- M. W. Robert E. French Grand Custodian,
- W. Edwin D. Crites Grand Marshal,
- W. Albert R. Davis Grand Senior Deacon,
- W. Frank H. Woodland Grand Junior Deacon,
- W. Alexander E. Porter Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Masters: George H. Thummel, Robert E. French, Samuel P. Davidson, John A. Ehrhardt, Henry H. Wilson, Robert E. Evans, Frank E. Bullard, Charles E. Burnham, Harry A. Cheney, James R. Cain, Jr., Alpha Morgan, Samuel S. Whiting, Andrew H. Viele, Ambrose C. Epperson, John J. Tooley, Joseph B. Fradenburg, and Lewis E. Smith.

Assistants to the Grand Custodian: Walter W. Wells, Ensign J. Rix, James D. Phillips, Robert B. Walker, Alfred G. Hunt, Charles A. Eyre, Vincent S. Ramsey, Earl M. Bolen, Ira C. Freet, Lute M. Savage, Frank M. Johnson, Orville A. Andrews, Francis A. Robey, Lamont L. Stephens, John B. Lichtenwallner, Harry R. Belville, George R. Patterson; and Emeritus Assistants to the Grand Custodian Frank L. Haycock, Samuel S. Whiting, and Benjamin Wood.

Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska: Brothers Alpha Morgan, Alabama; Walter W. Wells, Arkansas; John Finch, British Columbia; Robert E. Evans, Colorado; Samuel P. Davidson, Connecticut; Charles W. Kraft, Cuba; Carroll D. Evans, Delaware; Harry A. Cheney, Egypt; Francis E. White, England; Ambrose C. Epperson, Florida; John A. Ehrhardt, Idaho; George H. Thummel, Illinois; John

Wright, Manitoba; Lewis E. Smith, Michigan; George A. Beecher, Minnesota; Samuel S. Whiting, Missouri; Charles S. McGill, Montana; Frank L. Haycock, Nevada; Albert R. Davis, New York; Henry H. Andrews, North Dakota; Henry H. Wilson, Nova Scotia; John J. Tooley, Philippine Islands; Charles E. Burnham, Prince Edward Island; Charles M. Shepherd, Porto Rico; Edwin D. Crites, Quebec; Robert B. Walker, Queensland; Alexander E. Porter, Rhode Island; William Cosh, Scotland; Joseph B. Fradenburg, South Australia; James R. Cain, Jr., South Carolina; Charles A. Chappell, South Dakota; Robert R. Dickson, Texas; Robert E. French, Utah; Andrew H. Viele, Washington, and Orville A. Andrews, Wisconsin.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	No. 1	David Northup	Chester C. Wells	* <i>Frank Wilcox</i>
Western Star	" 2			Lloyd R. Bouton
Capitol	" 3	Theodore W. McCullough	Lute M. Savage	Harry C. Stafford
Nemaha Valley	" 4	Abraham L. Lawrence	Cassius G. Kennedy	
Omadi	" 5		Sherman W. McKinley	
Plattsmouth	" 6	Leon L. McCarty	Leslie W. Niel	Ralph J. Haynie
Falls City	" 9	Virgil Falloon		
Solomon	" 10	* <i>Milton R. Cady</i>	* <i>Milton R. Cady</i>	* <i>Milton R. Cady</i>
Covert	" 11	John W. Disbrow	Royal D. Miller	* <i>John E. Simpson</i>
Orient	" 13		Emmett Gleason	
Peru	" 14	Spencer W. Hacker	Eli B. Vance	Ellis E. Good
Fremont	" 15	Lawrence M. Nichols	* <i>Lawrence M. Nichols</i>	David H. Ohlmutz
Tecumseh	" 17	James H. Cochran	Thomas J. Current	* <i>Harry S. Villars</i>
Lincoln	" 19	John W. Cronley	Curtis S. Mahaffey	
Washington	" 21	Walter Larsen	William F. Hemphill	Albae H. Nelson
Pawnee	" 23	J. Mervyn Haley		
St. Johns	" 25	Alexander McKie	C. Blake Erb	Harry G. Browne
Beatrice	" 26		Leon C. Crittenden	
Jordan	" 27		Robert R. Moodie	
Hope	" 29		James C. Handley	
Blue River	" 30			
Tekamah	" 31	William F. Hopley	Fred E. Ericson	
Platte Valley	" 32	Abner J. Wessberg	* <i>Olin H. Cressler</i>	Carl S. Bonner
Ashlar	" 33	Claude E. Reuting	Fred G. Christensen	* <i>Jesse D. Whitmore</i>
Acacia	" 34	Louis J. Michaelson	* <i>Walter B. Sadilek</i>	
Fairbury	" 35			
Lone Tree	" 36	* <i>Frank W. Farrand</i>		
Crete	" 37	* <i>Edward G. Campbell</i>	Edward G. Campbell	Reeves L. Blevins
Oliver	" 38	Fred O'Bannon	William J. Ashton	
Papillion	" 39		Fred R. Lamb	
Humboldt	" 40		Charles Watzek	
Northern Light	" 41		Edward Herbst	* <i>John F. Poucher</i>
Juniata	" 42	* <i>Edwin L. Kent</i>		
Hebron	" 43		Will Edwin Boyes	
Harvard	" 44		Joseph Everett Ingram	
Rob Morris	" 46	* <i>Robert E. French</i>		
Fairmont	" 48	Lewis H. Badger		
Evening Star	" 49	William A. Stewart		
Hastings	" 50	Robert Graham, Jr.	Peter H. Miller	Hubert F. Favinger
Fidelity	" 51	George D. Cooper	* <i>Egbert R. Watson</i>	W. Earl Tillma
Hiram	" 52	Herald D. Weber		Walter C. Bliss
Charity	" 53	William D. Edson		
Lancaster	" 54	Alva A. Baer	Leroy A. White	* <i>Jack Matthews</i>
Mosaic	" 55	* <i>Guy L. Evans</i>	Rufus A. Hirsch	Arthur B. Carpenter
York	" 56	Marion King	* <i>Marion King</i>	* <i>Ira C. Freet</i>
Mt. Moriah	" 57	* <i>Louis S. Fallers</i>		

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Lebanon	No. 58	Francis C. Dussell		
Wahoo	" 59		Henry L. Whitaker	
Melrose	" 60	Charley H. Gourley	Oscar H. Olson	
Thistle	" 61		William M. Cook	
Keystone	" 62	* <i>Emmett C. Arnett</i>		
Riverton	" 63	* <i>Rolland C. Shetler</i>		
Blue Valley	" 64		Benjamin V. Kohout	
Osceola	" 65	Clair L. LeMar		* <i>Oliver E. Mickey</i>
Edgar	" 67	* <i>Fred M. Harbaugh</i>	Fred M. Harbaugh	* <i>Fred M. Harbaugh</i>
Aurora	" 68	* <i>Otto J. Newman</i>		Otto J. Newman
Sterling	" 70	* <i>H. Paul Lehrack</i>		
Trowel	" 71	* <i>James C. Harris</i>	* <i>Robert G. Best</i>	* <i>Chauncey L. Wattles</i>
Hooper	" 72	* <i>Henry E. Schemmel</i>	Norman E. Shaffer	Marion E. Shipley
Friend	" 73	* <i>Alexander McFarlane</i>	* <i>Alexander McFarlane</i>	* <i>Alexander McFarlane</i>
Alexandria	" 74	* <i>Melvin A. Brinegar</i>		
Frank Welch	" 75	Herman Schroeder		
Joppa	" 76			
Nelson	" 77	Arthur F. Ely		
Albion	" 78	* <i>Edward B. Papez</i>	Edward B. Papez	Lonnie E. Cummins
Nelson	" 79		Guy A. Brown	
Composite	" 81	George A. Cooley	* <i>Luther J. Saylor</i>	
St. Paul	" 82	Christopher W. McCracken		
Corinthian	" 83	* <i>H. Alva Bowman</i>	H. Alva Bowman	
Fairfield	" 84	* <i>Roy E. Shaw</i>	* <i>Roy E. Shaw</i>	Roy E. Shaw
Tyre	" 85		Raymond E. Trump	
Doniphan	" 86	Charles H. Quigle		
Ionic	" 87	* <i>George J. Howe</i>	* <i>George J. Howe</i>	* <i>George J. Howe</i>
Star	" 88	Charles M. Ashley		
Cedar River	" 89	Gilbert F. Robinson		
Elk Creek	" 90		Ezra G. Gibbs	
Oakland	" 91		Charles W. Johnson	
Hubbell	" 92	* <i>Harold M. Smith</i>		Harold M. Smith
Beaver City	" 93		James M. Axtell	
Bennett	" 94	* <i>Henry F. May</i>		
Garfield	" 95	Elmer Surber	Leroy A. Burgess	
Utica	" 96		Charles F. Hurlburt	
Euclid	" 97			Sam J. Baker
Republican	" 98	William Chapman		
Shelton	" 99	Clyde S. Burkard		
Creighton	" 100		* <i>Seth Jones</i>	
Ponca	" 101	* <i>Franklin D. Fales</i>		
Waterloo	" 102	George E. King	Walter L. Bull	
Ord	" 103	* <i>Arthur B. Capron</i>		
Wymore	" 104	Ralph E. Fulton	William L. Jones	
Stella	" 105			Robert A. Tynan
Porter	" 106		Carl V. Norstedt	* <i>Lamont L. Stephens</i>
Table Rock	" 108		Ralph C. Cotton	
Pomegranate	" 110		Henry C. Landon	
DeWitt	" 111		Guy B. Cross	
Springfield	" 112	* <i>Will E. Miller</i>	John A. Elwell	James Davidson

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Globe	No. 113		Fred A. LeMar
Wisner	" 114	*Eugene F. Walker	
Harlan	" 116		Verle K. Doan
Hardy	" 117		
Doric	" 118		
North Bend	" 119	John R. Tapster	Clarence C. Sidner
Wayne	" 120	Paul R. Mines	
Superior	" 121	Floyd A. Lyman	*Frank A. Amy
Auburn	" 124	Charles B. Thompson	
Mt. Nebo	" 125	C. John Elm	Clarence M. Stenberg
Stromsburg	" 126	Wilfred W. Ilgenfritz	
Minden	" 127		Bartholdt O. Aabel
Guide Rock	" 128		Wilbur O. Ayer
Blue Hill	" 129	*Claude R. Laird	Claude R. Laird
Tuscan	" 130	*Jay C. Miller	
Scribner	" 132	Peter L. Bauer	
Elm Creek	" 133		Allen A. Wright
Solar	" 134	Charles A. Thomas	August E. Nordgren
McCook	" 135	Frederick L. Schwab	
Long Pine	" 136	*George R. Patterson	
Upright	" 137	*John F. Cox	
Rawalt	" 138	William F. Bendler	
Clay Center	" 139	*Ambrose C. Epperson	
Western	" 140	*Homer F. Smith	*Homer F. Smith
Crescent	" 143		Homer F. Smith
Kenesaw	" 144		Wesley G. Stigile
Bancroft	" 145		John C. Burns
Jachin	" 146	Clifford A. Baker	*Allen G. Burke
Siloam	" 147	John Shaal	*Harry R. Belville
Emmet Crawford	" 148	Emery F. Bush	*Edward P. Walter
Jewel	" 149		*Ben R. Walter
Cambridge	" 150	Lloyd C. Richardson	John W. Trenchard
Square	" 151		Tracy F. Tyler
Parallel	" 152		
Evergreen	" 153	Emmanuel D. Lundak	Thomas C. Anderson
Lily	" 154	Melvin M. Jennings	L. Clark Minard
Hartington	" 155	*Elmer F. Robinson	
Pythagoras	" 156		Harvey R. Porter
Valley	" 157	*John B. McGaw	
Samaritan	" 158	Eugene R. Phillips	Welcome W. Naylor
Ogalalla	" 159	Theodore F. Goold	*Eugene R. Phillips
Zeredatha	" 160		Joseph Richardson
Mt. Zion	" 161		Floyd D. Petteys
Trestle Board	" 162	Charles L. Yocum	*Frank E. Warren
Unity	" 163		*Charles L. Yocum
Atkinson	" 164	*Roy F. Griffin	*Edwin C. Yont
Barneston	" 165		Elmer E. Mathis
Mystic Tie	" 166		

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Elwood No. 167	Elmer H. Ledyard		
Curtis " 168		Melville C. Babington	
Amity " 169	*Joseph Bell		William D. Coffey
Mason City " 170		Hans Schultz	
Merna " 171	Walter V. Davis	Adelbert J. Reed	*Robert R. Duncan
Grafton " 172			Frank H. Conrad
Robert Burns " 173	Willis E. Stewart		Elias H. Bailey
Culbertson " 174	Osborne P. Simon		
Temple " 175	*Walter E. Erickson	Walter E. Erickson	
Gladstone " 176	Elmer F. Hollenbeck	George H. Welsh	*N. Dwight Ford
Hay Springs " 177		Henry Spalding	
Prudence " 179			
Justice " 180		Elmer E. Hester	
Faith " 181	Herman M. Houston	Charles W. Fritts	
Incense " 182		Paul J. Gundermann	
Alliance " 183	Clifford E. Sward		
Bee Hive " 184	John R. Hughes	James M. Patton	Robert H. Bishop
Boaz " 185			
Israel " 187	Leland J. Smith		
Meridian " 188			Charles H. Sheets
Granite " 189	Alvin C. Lund	George W. Codner	
Amethyst " 190	*John F. Kirby	John F. Kirby	
Crystal " 191			
Minnekadusa " 192	*Joseph H. May	Charles E. Swanson	*Walter W. Wells
Signet " 193	Joseph F. McKinley		John J. Linn
Highland " 194		David J. Miller	
Arcana " 195		Joel A. Boyles	
Level " 196	*George J. Dold		
Morning Star " 197	*Earl K. Husbands		
Purity " 198	*Thomas O. Bullock	*Thomas O. Bullock	*Thomas O. Bullock
Gavel " 199			Geo. H. Wrightsman
Blazing Star " 200			
Scotts Bluff " 201		William H. Heiss, Jr.	
Golden Sheaf " 202	*Marvin M. Bowles	*Marvin M. Bowles	
Roman Eagle " 203	Archie M. Smith		
Plainview " 204		Leslie A. Johnson	*Joseph E. Ruzicka
Golden Fleece " 205		Arthur J. Bracken	
Napthali " 206	*William G. Robertson	William G. Robertson	
Parian " 207	*Frank L. Haycock	*Henry H. Andrews	*Frank L. Haycock
Gauge " 208	Harold D. Weddel		
Canopy " 209	John Gerry Stark	Alva G. Reid	John E. Turner
East Lincoln " 210	James W. Simmons	*James W. Simmons	*Lorenzen P. Ronne
Cement " 211	Carl L. McGlasson		
Compass & Square " 212	*Ray W. Johnson		
Plumbline " 214	Joseph B. Steidley		
Occidental " 215	*Grover F. Smith	Leo H. Sholts	Fred E. Wehner
Palisade " 216			
Wauneta " 217	Otto E. Walker		
Bloomfield " 218			Ralph E. Clements
Relief " 219	*Frank H. Peck		

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Magnolia No. 220	George H. Haase	John W. Church	
Wood Lake " 221		Charles C. Hanna	
Landmark " 222	John H. Johnson		
Eminence " 223			
Silver Cord " 224	C. Milton Westlake		*George H. Thorley
Cable " 225	Ira P. Mills		*John Finch
Grace " 226	*Fred J. Mershon		
North Star " 227		George L. Carter	Otto A. Hudson
Bartley " 228		Robert J. Williams	
Comet " 229			
Delta " 230		D. Henry Burn	
Mt. Hermon " 231	*Louis Wiebke		
John S. Bowen " 232		Martin T. Cedarlind	
Gilead " 233			*Darley B. Raymer
Zion " 234	*Theodore A. Frye		
Fraternity " 235	*Lucas W. Needham		
Golden Rule " 236		Donald O. Travers	
Cubit " 237		Victor H. Goerke	
Friendship " 239	*Jesse Frimann	*Jesse Frimann	*Jesse Frimann
Pilot " 240		Clay E. Newmyer	
George Armstrong " 241		Frank F. McMullin	
Tyrian " 243			Eugene A. Follmer
Sincerity " 244	*Howard Miller	*William L. Boyer	
Hampton " 245	William H. McGuire		
Nehawka " 246	William B. Banning		
Corner-stone " 247	William F. Schroeder		
Laurel " 248	W. Frank Westrand	Chester W. Tolles	
Gothenburg " 249	Albert G. Wambach	Oliver N. Erixson	
Geo. Washington " 250	James W. Easton	Charles L. Munson	
Wausa " 251		Ernest L. Swanson	
Hildreth " 252	*George M. Myers		
Beemer " 253	Ernest L. Fried		*George W. Hubenthal
Bassett " 254	Mark J. Lipman		
Bradshaw " 255	*Amer L. Lincoln		
Hickman " 256	*Cyrus Black	*Cyrus Black	*Cyrus Black
Holbrook " 257	*Jacob C. VanCleave		
Anselmo " 258	Leonard V. Lindley	John F. Lewis	
Bee " 259			
Ornan " 261	Alfred Loomis		
Endeavor " 262	*Arthur C. Crabtree		
Mitchell " 263		Irvin J. Matthews	
Franklin " 264		Clarence L. Ottaway	
Robt. W. Furnas " 265	*Charley C. McElroy		
Silver " 266	Glenn D. MacQueen		
James A. Tulleys " 267		Ralph W. Wallace	
Geo. W. Lininger " 268	George W. Sumner	George F. Engler	Elza A. McGlasson
Riverside " 269	Bob Dopf	William J. Murray	
Huntley " 270		Elmer C. Combs	
Oasis " 271	Merritt C. Andrew		
Lee P. Gillette " 272	Edgar E. Ashton	*William G. Money	*William G. Money
Crofton " 273		Claus A. Johnson	Edwin M. Rissler

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Olive Branch No. 274		Sam U. G. Shaw	
Ramah " 275	Carl E. Peterson		
Antelope " 276		William C. Coupland	Henry W. Campbell
Sioux " 277		Archie C. Davis	
Litchfield " 278		Alva Lang	
Wallace " 279		Jefferson C. Newman	Charles R. Crozier
Swastika " 280	*Kenneth K. Crown-over		Kenneth K. Crown-over
Florence " 281	Harrison M. Smith	Hugo B. Wunrath	*Julius Dunn
Mullen " 282		Clarence E. Pecht	
Exeter " 283	*Joseph W. Crooker	Joseph W. Crooker	
Seneca " 284		Ira B. Spencer	
Camp Clarke " 285	Ralph O. Canaday	George W. Irwin	
Oshkosh " 286		Charles A. Harris	
Union " 287	Henry C. McKee		
Omaha " 288	Robert J. Jones	Andrew A. Murphy	
Lotus " 289		Joe Bacon	
John J. Mercer " 290	*Earl W. Dean		
Diamond " 291			
Wolbach " 292			
Monument " 293		Ralph E. Sohn	
Kimball " 294		David G. Mathews	
Minatare " 295	*Wayne L. Townsend	*Wayne L. Townsend	*Wayne L. Townsend
Cowles " 296	Fred J. Fuller		
Cotner " 297		*Arthur J. Bailey	*Arthur J. Bailey
Chester " 298	Cyrus E. Forell		
Sutherland " 299	*Harry M. Stewart	William J. Root	Harry M. Stewart
Liberty " 300	*James Tyler, Jr	Otto R. Newberg	Plumer P. Weston
Bayard " 301		D. Clyde Leach	
Mizpah " 302	*Walter McCue	Lester R. Slonecker	Henry F. Chapman
Right Angle " 303	Grant Parsons	Earl W. Cropper	John A. Niemann
Ruskin " 304	*William H. Nelson		
Newman Grove " 305	Leslie E. Martin	Carl J. Peterson	Charles E. Barrett
Golden Rod " 306	Harry L. Mantor	William H. Goettsche	
William E. Hill " 307	Schuyler H. Buck		
Perkins " 308	Firman M. Bell		
Winnebago " 309	Orville E. Buckley		
Victory " 310	George A. Harris	T. Frank Green	James E. Hanthorn
Polk " 311		Ernest F. Graff	
Oak Leaf " 312	George B. Tonner	George G. Shuber	*Harry D. Hurless
Potter " 313		*Peter Hansen	Carl J. Larsen

*Proxy.

M.:W.:Lewis E. Smith presented the supplemental report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.—(Cont.)

To the Grand Lodge:

In regard to "Recommendations" X of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master we recommend that Section 108 of the Grand Lodge law be amended by adding thereto the following:

"Provided, however, that this shall not apply to the petition of one who is found ineligible because of physical defects, or who is found not to be within the jurisdiction of the lodge."

Recommendation No. XI is approved, and we recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to put upon the record the name of any brother unintentionally omitted.

That part of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master's address entitled "Questionnaire," being referred to us for our consideration, we recommend that the questionnaire as presented, be approved, without restrictions on any subordinate lodge to add such other and further questions as such lodge may desire.

That part of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master's address entitled "Jordan Medal," after consideration, we report that it is the sense of this committee that hereafter the Custodian of the Gold Jordan Medal be requested to bestow the same upon the Master Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction who has been a Master Mason in good standing continuously for the longest time.

CHILDRENS HOMES.

The question as to the construction of Section 16 of our law governing the Committee on Childrens Homes, having arisen, it is the opinion of this committee that it is a proper construction of the section, that said committee is subject to the specific direction of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master in vacation.

WEAK LODGES.

We recommend that the action of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master in regard to Sincerity Lodge No. 244, Battle Creek, be approved, and that in the event that conditions in this lodge do not improve as promised, the charter of the lodge be arrested.

We approve of Decision No. VI as relates to Section 115 of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master's address.

Also we approve decision No. VII as to Section 81.

PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS.

That part of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master's address which relates to proficiency examinations, on page 9 of the report, we approve, but suggest the addition that the Grand Master shall have the power, upon investigation, to extend further time in case of necessity.

The report of the committee as to recommendations X and XI was adopted, also those portions of the report referring to the questionnaire, the Jordan medal, childrens homes, weak lodges, examinations for proficiency, decisions Nos. VI and VII, and proficiency examinations. In regard to decision No. III, on motion of the chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the action of the Grand Lodge taken at the session

of the previous day was reconsidered, and Past Grand Master Smith moved that the decision be referred back to the committee, to be reported on next year; the motion was lost, and the report as originally made was again adopted.

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

"We move that this Grand Lodge re-join the Masonic Service Association of the United States, and contribute financially to the support thereof; and that there be appropriated a sum therefor of an amount equal to five (5c) cents per member, to be paid as called for by the said association; and that a further sum equal to seven and one-half (7½c) cents per capita be appropriated for the purpose of furthering the educational work of said association in this jurisdiction. And that for the promulgation of such work the Grand Master appoint a committee of three to be known as the Committee on Masonic Education and Service, who may use such funds hereby appropriated for the promulgation of such work, but under the direction of the Grand Master; and further, that it be the sense of this Grand Lodge that the Grand Master attend the next regular meeting of the Masonic Service Association."

Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans objected to the consideration of the motion at this time; Past Grand Master Epperson raised the point of order that the law did not provide for an objection to a resolution, but only to laws or amendments thereto. Past Grand Master Harry A. Cheney called attention to the law requiring all resolutions or motions appropriating money to be referred to the Committee on Finance. R. W. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Senior Warden, who was presiding over the Grand Lodge, decided that the resolution should be referred to the Committee on Finance, and it was so ordered.

The following resolution, presented by W. O. Edwin Mickey, 65, was not adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Master be hereby directed to arrange for the Grand Lodge to visit the Home at Fremont during the session of the Grand Lodge in 1924, the expenses to be paid by this Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Lewis E. Smith presented the following additional report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and it was adopted as read:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.—(Additional).

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have carefully considered the important matter embraced in the resolution which I am about to offer, and same is submitted for the approval of this Grand Lodge by the unanimous vote of the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Whereas, It is currently reported and confidently believed that within the various parts of our country and within this Grand Jurisdiction an organization now exists known as the "Ku Klux Klan," and said to discriminate against certain of our inhabitants and citizens of our common country because of race, religion, and color, and, in carrying out its alleged purposes, makes charges, holds trials, makes findings, renders judgments, and imposes sentences against persons not members of its organization or in any way subject to the organization or its membership, all of such actions being done in secrecy without the presence, permission, or consent of those to be tried, without authority or semblance of law, and in violation of all lawful modes of procedure and of every principle of justice or equity and of the laws of both state and federal governments and repugnant to our system of government; and

Whereas, The Masonic fraternity has always stood for tolerance of religious beliefs, has always taught universal charity and promulgated the tenet which "unites men of every country, sect, and opinion" it is meet and proper that the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, for the benefit and information of its membership and to prevent as far as possible the results heretofore mentioned and feared, should make known its position and declare itself on this important question.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That, while this Grand Lodge recognizes the right of all Masons to join or adhere to such church, creed, political party, social or other lawful and moral organizations, not Masonic in character, as to them seems best, yet this Grand Lodge does most strongly urge upon the Masons within this jurisdiction and the members of its subordinate lodges to absolutely refrain from affiliation with or joining or giving countenance to the organization known as the "Ku Klux Klan" or to any like organization which partakes of the characteristics described above, and urges them to loyally support all lawful efforts to suppress such organizations and to aid in the lawful punishment of such as engage in these unlawful practices; and if any of our Masons have become members of the "Ku Klux Klan," we counsel them to at once withdraw therefrom and to have no further connection therewith.

One of the first lessons taught us as Masons, is loyalty to God, State, and Country, and to conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which we live and to which we, as Masons, owe so much.

Let us ever remember that a large majority of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the framers of the Constitution were Masons—to their teachings let us ever be true.

Past Grand Master George H. Thummel moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved: That as a matter of courtesy all members of the committees

of this Grand Lodge be entitled to seats therein, and a voice in the deliberations thereof on all matters relating to the reports from their committees, with the right to make motions relating thereto, but without the right to vote.

Past Grand Master John A. Ehrhardt offered as a substitute motion the adoption of the following amendment to Section 9 of the Grand Lodge Law, by adding as Section 9-A, the following:

Each member of a standing committee of the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to a seat and voice, but not vote, by virtue of such appointment, in the Grand Lodge.

Unanimous consent was asked for and granted to consider the above amendment to the law, and it was adopted.

The following motion, presented by Past Grand Master George H. Thummel, was adopted:

Resolved: That the Nebraska Masonic Home corporation submit all amendments to its by-laws to the Grand Lodge, or in vacation to the Grand Master, for formal approval before the same are put in force.

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

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, June 7th, 1923.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at two o'clock P. M., by R. W. Charles A. Chappell, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, with officers and members present as at the previous sessions.

On motion of Past Grand Master Lewis E. Smith, the incoming Grand Master was requested to appoint a committee of three to confer with Past Grand Master Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, in regard to his library, and to report to the Grand Lodge at the next session.

W. Brother Frank H. Woodland moved and it was carried that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of three to meet with like committees from the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska, and the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska, to consider the question of consolidating all of the Masonic charities in the state.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Grand Lodge:

We, the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the motion presented by Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson and signed by the representatives of sundry lodges, setting forth an appropriation for the purpose of this Grand Lodge re-joining the Masonic Service Association of the United States, recommend that this be referred back to the Grand Lodge for its action, this being a question of policy for the Grand Lodge to decide.

Thereupon Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson called up his motion, and Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans moved that further consideration thereof be postponed until the next annual communication. Remarks were made by Past Grand Masters Robert E. Evans, Ambrose C. Epperson, John A. Ehrhardt, Samuel P. Davidson, and Frank E. Bullard, and by W. .Brothers Lamont L. Stephens, 106, Alexander McFarlane, 73, Harrison M. Smith, 281, Ralph O. Canaday, 285, and William A. Stewart, 49, also by Past Grand Master Andrew L. Randell of Texas, after which the motion to postpone consideration was lost, and the resolution made by Past Grand Master Epperson was adopted.

W. .Brother John R. Tapster, 119, asked consideration of the following supplemental report of the Committee on Finance, relating to the Masonic Service Association, and the same was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—(Continued).

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

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit for your approval the following supplemental report:

That the sum of \$1,950.00 be appropriated to cover the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction in the Masonic Service Association of the United States, and the sum of \$2,975.00 for the promulgation of the work of said association in this Grand Jurisdiction.

It being announced that Brother William S. Wedge, a member of Covert Lodge No. 11, was celebrating his eighty-seventh birthday today, he was introduced to the Grand Senior Warden, who was presiding at that time, and by him congratulated and introduced to the brethren. Brother Wedge is known to all of the Omaha brethren, and his acquaintance

with the members in the entire jurisdiction is large, and he is highly thought of by all.

Brother Lester R. Slonecker, 302, gave some information in regard to the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Children, established in Omaha for boys who are in need of a home, and which had been given as a memorial by Brother George W. Megeath, a member of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, and his wife. The brethren were advised that the Home will care for one hundred boys, and that it is well adapted for the use to which it is being put. An invitation was extended to visit this Home when in the city.

The pay-roll, amounting to \$4,896.96, was presented, and ordered paid.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, as presented by Past Grand Master Charles E. Burnham, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that we have examined the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1922, and have closely followed the deliberations of this session, and find that there remains as unfinished business only the proposed amendments to the law, as follows:

Amendments to Section 148 and Section 96-A, action on which we recommend go over for one year.

W. Brother Frank H. Woodland, 25, presented the following report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

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

Your Committee on Codification of the Law begs leave to report as follows:

I.

In accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge, there will be a new section of the by-laws, which will be known as Section 16-A, and which shall read as follows:

The Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master, which Board shall have full control of receiving, investing, managing, and disbursing the funds arising

from annuities and gifts that shall be received by it to the uses of Masonry in this jurisdiction. The title to all funds and property shall be taken, held, and conveyed in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, all subject to the control of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in vacation.

The management of the funds shall be under the general direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in vacations. Provided, further, that the said Board shall have general power to disburse said funds without a specific appropriation from the Grand Lodge.

II.

Paragraph 1, of Section 81 of the by-laws as amended by the action of the Grand Lodge, shall read as follows:

Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge, on or before the 5th day of April, for each initiation, the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), and for each member, except those exempt from the payment of dues as provided for in Section 84 (which is now repealed), the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50), seventy-five cents (75c) of which shall be paid for the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Each subordinate lodge shall collect and transmit to the Grand Lodge with its annual returns ten dollars (\$10.00) from each Master Mason affiliating therewith during the year covered by said returns. Provided, that a Master Mason holding a Nebraska demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation, shall not be liable for this fee.

III.

Amend Section 89-A, by adding thereto the following:

No lodge shall send circular letters, copies of resolutions, or other communications of a similar character to other lodges without the consent or approval of the Grand Master, but his consent to or approval of all proper communications of such character between lodges shall not be withheld because he may disagree with the views expressed therein.

IV.

Amend Section 115 of the by-laws so that the last sentence thereof shall read as follows:

An interval of four weeks shall intervene between the conferring of degrees.

V.

Amend Section 191 of the by-laws so that such section shall read as follows:

When any Mason, after due trial, shall be found to be guilty of a Masonic offense, one of the penalties herein provided, adequate to the offense, and in the discretion of the lodge, shall be inflicted. Such penalties in the order of their severity are: Expulsion, indefinite suspension, definite suspension, reprimand, and censure.

VI.

Amend Section 108 of the by-laws so that it will read as follows:

After a petition has been read and formally accepted by a lodge, it cannot be withdrawn, and upon such acceptance, the petitioner becomes, and thereafter, unless a regular waiver is made, remains the material of such lodge. Provided, however, that this shall not apply to the petition of one who is found ineligible because of physical defects or who is found not to be within the jurisdiction of the lodge.

VII.

Amend paragraph *o* of Section 148 by striking from the fifth line the words "twelve regular" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "six."

VIII.

Amend Section 66 of the law by adding thereto the following:

Examination of all those hereafter raised to the degree of a Master Mason shall be had not later than ninety days following the conferring of said degree, but the lodge may for good cause shown extend the time, but for not more than six months after the degree is conferred; provided, that the Grand Master may extend the time for good cause shown.

Amend Section 66-A of the law so that said section shall read as follows:

A brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination as provided by Section 66 renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a demit, a diploma, nor to hold an office in a lodge, until he has complied with said section.

Amend Section 69-D of the law, so that said section shall read as follows:

Every Master Mason is entitled to a diploma of the form provided in this Grand Jurisdiction from the lodge of which he is a member upon his making request therefor, unless having been made a Master Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction after June 7th, 1923, he has failed to comply with the provisions of Section 66. Said diploma is to be granted without charge therefor and regardless of whether he became a member of said lodge by affiliation or by taking his degrees therein.

IX.

Amend Section 15 of the law by striking from the first paragraph thereof the words on page 24, to-wit:

"and upon approval of the committee warrants may be drawn upon the funds by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary."

Amend Section 30 of the law by repealing all after the word "orphans" in line 7, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, to-wit:

"and it so far as necessary shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to be disbursed on order of said committee.

Amend Section 32 of the law so that said section shall read as follows:

All applications for relief from this fund shall be referred to the stand-

ing Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans; said fund, when the amount thereof is ascertained each year, shall be transferred to said committee to be disbursed by it.

Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., assisted by Past Grand Master Harry A. Cheney, as Grand Marshal, installed all of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, except the appointed Grand Orator, who was not present. Authority was given the Grand Master to install or arrange for the installation of Brother Carman as Grand Orator at his convenience.

On motion of Past Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., the thanks of the brethren were extended to Brother Charles A. Chappell, who, as Deputy Grand Master, was called upon to take up the duties of Grand Master by the death of Most Worshipful Brother Edward M. Wellman, and who had filled the difficult position efficiently and well. Thanks were also extended to the brethren and the eleven lodges of Omaha for courtesies rendered during the session, on motion of Past Grand Master Ambrose C. Epperson.

At fifteen minutes after five o'clock P. M., no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, peace and harmony prevailing.

CHARLES A. CHAPPELL,
Grand Master.


Grand Secretary.

ADDENDA TO THE LAW.

Being Amendments to the Law adopted since the publication of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, edition of 1922.

Sec. 9-A.—Each member of a standing committee of the Grand Lodge shall be entitled to a seat and voice, but not vote, by virtue of such appointment, in the Grand Lodge. 1923—366.

Sec. 15.—RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.—The Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master (one to be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, and one to be appointed each year thereafter for five years). Said committee shall have entire charge of, shall receive, consider, and report upon all applications for relief from the Relief Fund of this Grand Lodge and appropriations from the Orphans Educational Fund interest. It shall be the duty of the committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application. 1923—370.

Sec. 16-A.—The Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master, which Board shall have full control of receiving, investing, managing, and disbursing the funds arising from annuities and gifts that shall be received by it to the uses of Masonry in this jurisdiction. The title to all funds and property shall be taken, held, and conveyed in the name of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, all subject to the control of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in vacation.

The management of the funds shall be under the general direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in vacations. Provided, further, that the said Board shall have general power to disburse said funds without a specific appropriation from the Grand Lodge. 1923—369.

Sec. 30.—ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—\$100,000.00 and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the Orphans Educational Endowment Fund and shall never be depleted below the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Seventy-five per cent of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings thereof for the preceding year, may be used for the care and education of orphans, and it so far as necessary shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to be disbursed on order of said committee. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds. 1923—370.

Sec. 32.—INVESTIGATION AND PAYMENTS.—All applications for relief from this fund shall be referred to the standing Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans; said fund, when the amount thereof is ascertained each year, shall be transferred to said committee to be disbursed by it. 1923—370.

Sec. 66.—MASTER MASONS' EXAMINATIONS.—All those hereafter initiated, passed, and raised shall become proficient in each degree, and shall give proof thereof by examination in open lodge. After such examination

the Master may, if there is no objection made, declare the brother proficient. If objection is made the Master shall put the question: "Is the brother proficient?" and the question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present. The Secretary shall make a record that the examination was had and the action of the lodge upon the same.

Examination of all those hereafter raised to the degree of a Master Mason shall be had not later than ninety days following the conferring of said degree, but the lodge may for good cause shown extend the time, but not for more than six months after the degree is conferred; provided, that the Grand Master may extend the time for good cause shown. 1923—370.

Sec. 66-A.—REFUSING EXAMINATION.—A brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination as provided by Section 66 renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a demit, a diploma, nor to hold an office in a lodge, until he has complied with said section. 1923—370.

Sec. 69-D.—Every Master Mason is entitled to a diploma of the form provided in this Grand Jurisdiction from the lodge of which he is a member, upon his making request therefor, unless having been made a Master Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction after June 7th, 1923, he has failed to comply with the provisions of Section 66. Said diploma is to be granted without charge therefor, and regardless of whether he became a member of said lodge by affiliation, or by taking the degrees therein. 1923—370.

Sec. 81.—(First paragraph.) Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge, on or before the 5th day of April, for each initiation, the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00), and for each member, except those exempt from the payment of dues as provided for in Section 84, (which is now repealed), the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50), seventy-five cents of which shall be paid for the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Each subordinate lodge shall collect and transmit to the Grand Lodge with its annual returns ten dollars (\$10.00) from each Master Mason affiliating therewith during the year covered by said returns. Provided, that a Master Mason holding a Nebraska demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation, shall not be liable for this fee. 1923—369.

Sec. 89-A.—(Second paragraph.) No lodge shall send circular letters, copies of resolutions, or other communications of a similar character to other lodges without the consent or approval of the Grand Master, but his consent to or approval of all proper communications of such character between lodges shall not be withheld because he may disagree with the views expressed therein. 1923—369.

Sec. 108.—NO WITHDRAWAL.—After a petition has been read and formally accepted by a lodge, it cannot be withdrawn. And upon such acceptance the petitioner becomes and thereafter, unless a regular waiver is made remains the material of the lodge. Provided, however, that this shall not apply to the petition of one who is found ineligible because of physical defects or who is found not to be within the jurisdiction of the lodge. 1923—370.

Sec. 115.—ESSENTIALS.—It is not necessary for an Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason to petition his lodge in writing for advancement, unless

he has been rejected, or a period of five years has elapsed since taking the preceding degree. But he must be examined in open lodge and show a thorough knowledge of at least the first section of the lecture of the preceding degree. An interval of four weeks shall intervene between the conferring of degrees. 1923—369.

Sec. 148-*o*.—To apply to any Scottish or York Rite Body for the degrees therein or to solicit such a petition from another until after the lapse of one year from the time said petitioner has been made a Master Mason, and shall have attended at least six meetings of a Master Masons lodge or lodges, and shall have complied with the provisions of Section 66 of the Grand Lodge law as to proficiency. 1923—370.

Sec. 191.—ENUMERATED.—When any Mason, after due trial, shall be found guilty of a Masonic offense, one of the penalties herein provided, adequate to the offense, and in the discretion of the lodge, shall be inflicted. Such penalties in the order of their severity are: Expulsion, indefinite suspension, definite suspension, reprimand, and censure. 1923—369.

The method of procedure in acting under the agreement regarding concurrent jurisdiction between the Grand Lodges of South Dakota and Nebraska is as follows:

“In case any petition shall be presented to a lodge of an adjoining state by a resident of South Dakota, the lodge receiving the petition shall immediately notify the lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction the petitioner shall reside, and take no further action for thirty days from such notification; and if the petitioner shall have been rejected by the lodge so notified, no action shall be taken upon such petition without the consent of such lodge.”

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GRAND MASTER, JUNE 9TH, A. L. L. 5899

TO JUNE 7TH, A. L. L. 5900.

Born June 9th, A. D. 1852, A. L. L. 5852.

Died August 17th, A. D. 1922, A. L. L. 5922.

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GRAND MASTER, JUNE 7TH, A. .L. . 5922

TO AUGUST 31ST, A. .L. . 5922.

Born April 8th, A. D. 1870, A. .L. . 5870.

Died August 31st, A. D. 1922, A. .L. . 5922.

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JOHN C. VIZZARD.....	Nebraska,	No. 1. April 9, 1922
SEYMOUR H. SMITH.....	Nebraska,	No. 1. April 18, 1922
ERNEST E. HEBERT.....	Nebraska,	No. 1. April 18, 1922
GOODLEY F. BRUCKER....	Nebraska,	No. 1. April 18, 1922
JAMES C. BISHOP.....	Nebraska,	No. 1. May 14, 1922
JAMES W. M'DOWELL.....	Nebraska,	No. 1. May 16, 1922
WILLIAM H. BAY.....	Nebraska,	No. 1. June 6, 1922
GEORGE M. REED.....	Nebraska,	No. 1. Aug. 27, 1922
EDWARD M. WELLMAN....	Nebraska,	No. 1. Aug. 31, 1922
JAMES G. FOLLANSBEE....	Nebraska,	No. 1. Dec. 7, 1922
ROSS W. WAY.....	Nebraska,	No. 1. Dec. 16, 1922
CHARLES WOOSTER.....	Nebraska,	No. 1. Dec. 30, 1922
JOHN W. MALONE.....	Nebraska,	No. 1. Febr. 4, 1923
HENRI H. CLAIBORNE....	Nebraska,	No. 1. Febr. 10, 1923
WILLIAM KRAGSKOW.....	Nebraska,	No. 1. Febr. 28, 1923
WILLIAM T. JOHNSON....	Nebraska,	No. 1. March 1, 1923
GEORGE R. ANDERSON....	Nebraska,	No. 1. March 15, 1923
GEORGE E. JEWETT.....	Nebraska,	No. 1. March 20, 1923
STEPHEN A. WHITE.....	Western Star,	No. 2. April 17, 1922
DAVID J. GOFF.....	Western Star,	No. 2. April 21, 1922
CASPER LAUER.....	Western Star,	No. 2. Oct. 28, 1922
GEORGE TILDEN.....	Capitol,	No. 3. Aug. 16, 1921
ALBERT F. RUST.....	Capitol,	No. 3. May 10, 1922
CHARLES E. SIEFKEN....	Capitol,	No. 3. May 20, 1922
MATTHEW BJORNSON.....	Capitol,	No. 3. Sept. 2, 1922
MATTHEW JORNSON.....	Capitol,	No. 3. Sept. 30, 1922
GEORGE E. CROSBY.....	Capitol,	No. 3. Oct. 7, 1922
CHESTER L. CLAGGETT....	Capitol,	No. 3. Oct. 16, 1922
H. F. JOHN		
MATTHIESSEN.....	Capitol,	No. 3. Dec. 24, 1922
EARL B. GADDIS.....	Capitol,	No. 3. Jan. 29, 1923
SHIRLEY H. WILSON.....	Capitol,	No. 3. Febr. 5, 1923
ARTHUR S. MIDLAM.....	Capitol,	No. 3. March 16, 1923
JEREMIAH O. BALLARD....	Nemaha Valley,	No. 4. Dec. 10, 1922
WILLIAM BOUTON.....	Omadi,	No. 5. June 23, 1922
MICHAEL ARCHER.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6. May 5, 1922
THOMAS S. C. DABB.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6. June 12, 1922
SAMUEL WAHL.....	Falls City,	No. 9. Aug. 9, 1922
HARRY C. ACHENBACH....	Falls City,	No. 9. Jan. 10, 1923
JOHN ALLEN COOK.....	Falls City,	No. 9. Febr. 28, 1923
GUSTAVE A. STREITZ.....	Covert,	No. 11. April 11, 1922
JOHN L. MAUER.....	Covert,	No. 11. April 30, 1922
JAMES T. DAUGHERTY....	Covert,	No. 11. June 1, 1922
LOUIS F. NADAL.....	Covert,	No. 11. June 13, 1922
WILLIAM J. BROATCH.....	Covert,	No. 11. June 16, 1922

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EBEN K. LONG.....	Covert,	No. 11 June 27, 1922
EDWARD B. KETTEL.....	Covert,	No. 11 July 10, 1922
SHERMAN G. CLAYTON.....	Covert,	No. 11 Aug. 19, 1922
MERRICK CUMINGS.....	Covert,	No. 11 Aug. 31, 1922
ALBERT A. PEARSON.....	Covert,	No. 11 Oct. 22, 1922
HENRY K. BURKET.....	Covert,	No. 11 Dec. 27, 1922
THOMAS H. JOHNSTON.....	Covert,	No. 11 Jan. 13, 1923
WESLEY G. TEMPLETON.....	Covert,	No. 11 Febr. 6, 1923
THOMAS W. READ.....	Covert,	No. 11 Febr. 17, 1923
C. HOMER SHEARER.....	Covert,	No. 11 Febr. 26, 1923
FOREST C. KIRK.....	Orient,	No. 13 June 15, 1922
JACOB ZARING.....	Peru,	No. 14 April 3, 1915
JAMES E. NEAL.....	Peru,	No. 14 Aug. 12, 1919
JOSEPH A. HAYS.....	Peru,	No. 14 May 23, 1922
IRENUS P. GAGE.....	Fremont,	No. 15 Sept. 25, 1922
GEORGE P. EDWARDS.....	Fremont,	No. 15 Oct. 27, 1922
EDWARD A. NEWLON.....	Fremont,	No. 15 Nov. 8, 1922
LEANDER B. SMITH.....	Fremont,	No. 15 Nov. 19, 1922
ALONZO WINTEROWD.....	Fremont,	No. 15 Febr. 2, 1923
AUSTIN W. BUFFUM.....	Tecumseh,	No. 17 June 6, 1922
JOSEPH T. CAMPBELL.....	Tecumseh,	No. 17 Oct. 27, 1922
JOHN S. HARMAN.....	Tecumseh,	No. 17 Dec. 29, 1922
EDWARD W. COLES.....	Tecumseh,	No. 17 Febr. 22, 1923
JOHN D. OLDS.....	Tecumseh,	No. 17 Febr. 23, 1923
CLINTON D. BAKER.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 April 1, 1922
JOHN E. DOUGLAS.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 June 7, 1922
JOHN W. BICKFORD.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 June 15, 1922
CHARLES E. CHOWINS.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 June 16, 1922
RICHARD S. O'NEILL.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 July 27, 1922
ELMER L. WILMETH.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 Aug. 21, 1922
FRANK B. HARRIS.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 Sept. 7, 1922
GEORGE W. PICKERING.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 Sept. 9, 1922
CHARLES D. MATTHEWS.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 Oct. 4, 1922
ARTHUR W. LANE.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 Oct. 8, 1922
ALFRED S. WOODARD.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 Nov. 17, 1922
JOHN S. DILLENBECK.....	Lincoln,	No. 19.....
NELSON E. STONESTROM.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 Dec. 10, 1922
FRANCIS M. UHLER.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 Febr. 23, 1923
JAMES A. GRIMISON.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 March 5, 1923
HOLLIS E. WOOD.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 March 20, 1923
MORRIS W. FOLSOM.....	Lincoln,	No. 19 March 21, 1923
WILLIAM H. PALMER.....	Washington,	No. 21 June 1, 1922
ELIHU C. PIERCE.....	Washington,	No. 21 June 25, 1922
LOUIS VAUGHN.....	Washington,	No. 21 Jan. 6, 1923
DAVID M. EDGERTON.....	Pawnee,	No. 23 Febr. 14, 1923

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JESSE B. CONNINGHAM	St. Johns,	No. 25. June 14, 1922
WILLIAM W. KEYSOR	St. Johns,	No. 25. Aug. 17, 1922
WALTER E. WOOD	St. Johns,	No. 25. Oct. 14, 1922
DYER O. CLARK	St. Johns,	No. 25. Oct. 21, 1922
GEORGE H. M'CLURE	St. Johns,	No. 25. Jan. 4, 1923
JOHN C. DAVIS	St. Johns,	No. 25. Jan. 10, 1923
ALBERT P. JOHNSON	St. Johns,	No. 25. Febr. 10, 1923
WILLIAM J. C. KENYON	St. Johns,	No. 25. March 18, 1923
FRANK FERRIN	St. Johns,	No. 25. March 29, 1923
MARTIN V. NICHOLS	Beatrice,	No. 26. Aug. 8, 1922
EDWARD C. SALISBURY	Beatrice,	No. 26. Jan. 24, 1923
JOHN U. LAWRENCE	Beatrice,	No. 26. Febr. 7, 1923
FRANK W. MATTOON	Beatrice,	No. 26. Febr. 23, 1923
HORTON S. CALLAND	Beatrice,	No. 26. March 3, 1923
WILLIAM HAWXBY	Hope,	No. 29. Oct. 21, 1922
CHARLES E. MOREFIELD	Blue River,	No. 30. Aug. 23, 1922
LELAND E. DANIELS	Blue River,	No. 30. Oct. 18, 1922
JOHN A. COCKLIN	Blue River,	No. 30. March 18, 1923
EMMETT W. HAMMOND	Platte Valley,	No. 32. 1920
JOHN F. HINMAN	Platte Valley,	No. 32. April 13, 1922
FRANKLIN PEALE	Platte Valley,	No. 32. April 13, 1922
ARCHIBALD ADAMSON	Platte Valley,	No. 32. Jan. 25, 1923
JOHN G. ANDERSON	Platte Valley,	No. 32. March 9, 1923
EDWARD G. WESTON	Platte Valley,	No. 32. March 9, 1923
WILLIAM H. C.		
WOODHURST	Platte Valley,	No. 32. March 27, 1923
SAMUEL HEXTER	Ashlar,	No. 33. June 9, 1922
JOHN C. FEZELL	Ashlar,	No. 33. July 12, 1922
EDWARD MINER	Ashlar,	No. 33. July 15, 1922
GEORGE L. ROUSE	Ashlar,	No. 33. July 25, 1922
WILLIAM T. PUTT	Ashlar,	No. 33. Sept. 18, 1922
CLAUDE W. THOMAS	Ashlar,	No. 33. Jan. 22, 1923
NAPOLEON C. FOY	Ashlar,	No. 33. Jan. 23, 1923
GEORGE H. ANDREWS	Ashlar,	No. 33. Febr. 17, 1923
GEORGE SPORER	Lone Tree,	No. 36. April 24, 1922
ELLIS T. WALDEN	Lone Tree,	No. 36. July 26, 1922
CHARLES J. BOWLBY	Crete,	No. 37. April 23, 1922
CHARLES A. HILL	Crete,	No. 37. Sept. 10, 1922
FRED W. MICKEL	Oliver,	No. 38. Sept. 18, 1922
DAVID B. PALMER	Oliver,	No. 38. Dec. 22, 1922
JOEL TISHUE	Oliver,	No. 38. Febr. 22, 1923
JOHN LANKTREE	Papillion,	No. 39. Dec. 6, 1922
HENRY BERGDORF	Papillion,	No. 39. Jan. 24, 1923
NORMAN C. BULLIS	Humboldt,	No. 40. Oct. 11, 1922
ORANGE L. BANTZ	Humboldt,	No. 40. Dec. 12, 1922

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J. ROCK WILLIAMSON.....	Humboldt,	No. 40 Febr. 1, 1923
HUGH E. BOYD.....	Humboldt,	No. 40 March 21, 1923
ORRIN A. COOPER.....	Humboldt,	No. 40 March 23, 1921
FRANK R. HUGHES.....	Juniata,	No. 42 Febr. 27, 1923
THOMAS D. BRISTOL.....	Hebron,	No. 43 Sept. 12, 1922
WILLIAM F. CROSSLEY....	Rob Morris,	No. 46 Oct. 3, 1922
CLAY SHEPARDSON.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46 Febr. 24, 1923
WILLIAM H. ROE.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46 March 6, 1923
WILLIAM H. CRISP.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46 March 22, 1923
DANIEL SCHWAB.....	Evening Star,	No. 49 April 24, 1922
ALBERT W. CLARK.....	Evening Star,	No. 49 Oct. 16, 1922
HUGH M. BAILEY.....	Hastings,	No. 50 April 13, 1922
WILLIAM O. WING.....	Hastings,	No. 50 June 15, 1922
GROVERNOR A. HARPER....	Hastings,	No. 50 Aug. 26, 1922
ALBERT S. PIERCE.....	Hastings,	No. 50 March 8, 1923
GILBERT L. MARYMEE....	Hastings,	No. 50 March 27, 1923
WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.....	Fidelity,	No. 51 April 15, 1922
GEORGE W. BECKER.....	Fidelity,	No. 51 April 23, 1922
SIMPSON S. REYNOLDS....	Fidelity,	No. 51 July 20, 1922
AUGUST MEYER.....	Hiram,	No. 52 June 26, 1922
GEORGE S. PERKINS.....	Hiram,	No. 52 July 15, 1922
CHARLES P. HAMILTON....	Lancaster,	No. 54 July 10, 1922
JOHN W. SCARBOROUGH....	Lancaster,	No. 54 July 11, 1922
ROBERT O. WOLF.....	Lancaster,	No. 54 Sept. 17, 1922
EZRA T. MILLER.....	Lancaster,	No. 54 Sept. 27, 1922
HENRY P. WEKESSER.....	Lancaster,	No. 54 Dec. 15, 1922
JOSEPH A. CAMPBELL.....	Lancaster,	No. 54 Dec. 28, 1922
SAMUEL M. MELICK.....	Lancaster,	No. 54 Jan. 22, 1923
SPENCER LINTNER.....	Lancaster,	No. 54 Febr. 8, 1923
SAMUEL W. GARVIN.....	Mosaic,	No. 55 Jan. 4, 1912
SAMUEL F. ERSKINE.....	Mosaic,	No. 55 Jan. 11, 1923
HARRY E. HARDY.....	Mosaic,	No. 55 Febr. 12, 1923
JAMES H. CHAIN.....	York,	No. 56 May 31, 1922
THEODORE CHEZUM.....	York,	No. 56 Dec. 30, 1922
DANIEL S. DAVIS.....	York,	No. 56 Jan. 1923
CLARENCE G. HILL.....	York,	No. 56 Febr. 9, 1923
HENRY E. BAKER.....	Mt. Moriah,	No. 57 Dec. 1, 1922
FRANK N. STEVENSON....	Lebanon,	No. 58 June 24, 1922
MAXMILLIAN M. ROTHLERTNER.....	Lebanon,	No. 58 Febr. 7, 1923
LOUIS HUEBOTTER.....	Wahoo,	No. 59 May 3, 1922
JAMES M'PRESTON.....	Melrose,	No. 60 July 6, 1922
JOHN L. MAY.....	Thistle,	No. 61 Oct. 16, 1922
DANIEL E. PRICE.....	Keystone,	No. 62 June 19, 1922
BENJAMIN F. HARVEY....	Keystone,	No. 62 Febr. 16, 1923

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KEEN LUDDEN.....	Osceola,	No. 65 Aug. 31, 1922
SAMUEL G. PHEASANT.....	Osceola,	No. 65 Nov. 25, 1922
GUY O. PHELPS.....	Edgar,	No. 67 March 24, 1923
FRANK JOHNSON.....	Aurora,	No. 68 Oct. 1, 1922
WILLIAM L. STARK.....	Aurora,	No. 68 Nov. 11, 1922
JULIUS E. WILDER.....	Trowel,	No. 71 April 28, 1922
JOHN W. GETCHELL.....	Trowel,	No. 71 May 31, 1922
WILLIAM M. SANDERS.....	Hooper,	No. 72 May 25, 1922
LOUIS KELLER.....	Hooper,	No. 72 March 1923
MARTIN A. LUTHER.....	Hooper,	No. 72 March 29, 1923
JAMES B. BUTTER.....	Alexandria,	No. 74 Oct. 11, 1922
GUY DEDRICK.....	Frank Welch,	No. 75 Aug. 5, 1922
HORACE A. BROCKWAY.....	Frank Welch,	No. 75 Aug. 18, 1922
JOHN WALTER ROBY.....	Nelson,	No. 77 June 23, 1922
GROVER C. FEREBEE.....	Nelson,	No. 77 Sept. 5, 1922
EDGAR D. BROWN.....	Nelson,	No. 77 Febr. 25, 1923
JOHN A. PRICE.....	Albion,	No. 78 April 25, 1922
STEPHEN D. PHILLIPS.....	Albion,	No. 78 March 5, 1923
JOHN W. YATES.....	Geneva,	No. 79 Dec. 9, 1922
JOHN M. ASHBROOK.....	Geneva,	No. 79 March 9, 1923
CLYDE APPLGATE.....	St. Paul,	No. 82 July 17, 1922
MAHON D. SMITH.....	St. Paul,	No. 82 Febr. 13, 1923
JOSEPH C. BROWN.....	Tyre,	No. 85 April 4, 1922
JOHN S. STRATTON.....	Doniphan,	No. 86 March 12, 1923
LOUIS M. WALKER.....	Star,	No. 88 Oct. 14, 1922
LAFIE E. CHAPMAN.....	Cedar River,	No. 89 Febr. 17, 1923
JOHN W. PRESTON.....	Oakland,	No. 91 Sept. 10, 1922
ALEXANDER WILSON.....	Hubbell,	No. 92 July 3, 1918
JACOB L. LAIN.....	Hubbell,	No. 92 Aug. 22, 1919
FRED WILCOX.....	Hubbell,	No. 92 Febr. 12, 1923
THOMAS A. BOYD.....	Beaver City,	No. 93 Febr. 16, 1923
EDWIN W. WILCOX.....	Garfield,	No. 95 June 13, 1922
ALFRED G. ABART.....	Garfield,	No. 95 July 29, 1922
CHARLES H. STOWELL.....	Garfield,	No. 95 March 8, 1923
FRANK A. LAMDIN.....	Utica,	No. 96 Jan. 27, 1923
WILLIAM J. DOTY.....	Euclid,	No. 97 Febr. 7, 1923
WALTER S. ALLISON.....	Shelton,	No. 99 Oct. 25, 1922
JOHN F. RAMBO.....	Shelton,	No. 99 Febr. 1923
F. VERNON HENNINGER.....	Shelton,	No. 99 March 7, 1923
WILLIAM J. HOFERER.....	Creighton,	No. 100 April 6, 1919
CHARLES PEARCE.....	Creighton,	No. 100 Aug. 30, 1921
WILLIAM J. VANCAMP.....	Creighton,	No. 100 March 20, 1923
VERNON G. BEACH.....	Creighton,	No. 100 March 26, 1923
FRANKLIN W. CORLISS.....	Waterloo,	No. 102 Oct. 20, 1922
DAVID H. SQUIRES.....	Ord,	No. 103 Sept. 18, 1922

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JAMES H. WEBB.....	Wymore,	No. 104 July 28, 1922
OLIVER H. PERRY.....	Wymore,	No. 104 Aug. 17, 1922
SAMUEL L. PYLE.....	Wymore,	No. 104 Sept. 25, 1922
LYMAN W. ALGIRE.....	Wymore,	No. 104 March 16, 1923
JOHN W. CURTIS.....	Stella,	No. 105 Aug. 26, 1922
DORA C. ALLEN.....	Stella,	No. 105 Dec. 4, 1922
CHARLES H. FRENCH.....	Porter,	No. 106 April 30, 1922
HERMAN J. JOHANSEN....	Porter,	No. 106 May 9, 1922
GEORGE W. MEREDITH....	Pomegranate,	No. 110 June 15, 1922
CHARLES MILLER	Pomegranate,	No. 110 Aug. 26, 1922
NEWEL A. LEEPER.....	DeWitt,	No. 111 May 11, 1922
JAMES V. SASEK.....	DeWitt,	No. 111 Dec. 17, 1922
FRANK COMTE.....	Springfield,	No. 112 April 3, 1922
HARRY M. HARDIN.....	Springfield,	No. 112 July 21, 1922
WILLARD W. DOW.....	Springfield,	No. 112 Sept. 16, 1922
MORTIMOR L. STEWART....	Globe,	No. 113 March 24, 1923
WILLIAM R. F. WITTE....	Wisner,	No. 114 Sept. 1, 1922
ARTHUR D. HEDDEN.....	Harlan,	No. 116 Dec. 11, 1922
SAMUEL S. LICHTY.....	Hardy,	No. 117 Sept. 10, 1922
FRANK L. PARMELEE.....	Doric,	No. 118 March 5, 1923
WILLIAM H. MORRIS.....	Wayne,	No. 120 Febr. 13, 1923
CLAYTON E. BLESSING....	Auburn,	No. 124 May 4, 1922
NOAH J. KINSLEY.....	Auburn,	No. 124 Febr. 24, 1923
JOHN DREITZLER	Stromsburg,	No. 126
GEORGE RECORD.....	Stromsburg,	No. 126 April 26, 1920
JACOB H. COLEMAN.....	Stromsburg,	No. 126 July 27, 1922
JOHN A. JOHNSON.....	Stromsburg,	No. 126 Febr. 17, 1923
FRANZ C. BUSCHOW.....	Blue Hill,	No. 129 Dec. 16, 1922
CHARLES M. MERRIWETHER	Blue Hill,	No. 129 Febr. 25, 1923
JARVIS M. BOLEN.....	Tuscan,	No. 130 April 24, 1922
CHARLES INCHES.....	Scribner,	No. 132 Jan. 11, 1923
GEORGE RAGER.....	Elm Creek,	No. 133 July 18, 1922
MOLDEN WAGGONER.....	Solar,	No. 134 Febr. 8, 1923
JOHN M. HENDERSON, JR..	McCook,	No. 135 Jan. 29, 1923
THOMAS G. REES.....	McCook,	No. 135 March 29, 1923
URSA S. JESSUP.....	Rawalt,	No. 138 June 27, 1922
LOUIS F. FRYAR.....	Clay Centre,	No. 139 Sept. 12, 1922
ALONZO H. MURRAY.....	Clay Centre,	No. 139 March 4, 1923
WOODBURY D. AKINS.....	Western,	No. 140 Dec. 27, 1922
SILAS K. RHODES.....	Western,	No. 140 Febr. 26, 1923
JAMES H. HALL.....	Western,	No. 140 March 12, 1923
WILLIAM O. LYONS.....	Crescent,	No. 143 March 2, 1923
HARVEY EDSON ROSE.....	Kenesaw,	No. 144 Jan. 16, 1923
NELS NELSON.....	Jachin,	No. 146 May 2, 1922

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JOHN W. JACKSON.....	Jachin,	No. 146 June 4, 1922
JOHN P. NELSON.....	Jachin,	No. 146 Nov. 13, 1922
JOHN DAHLSTEAD.....	Jachin,	No. 146 Jan. 3, 1923
WALTER S. SCHNERINGER	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148 Febr. 3, 1923
STEPHEN H. SLOTHOWER.....	Square,	No. 151
SYLVESTER H. CURRY.....	Parallel,	No. 152 Aug. 6, 1920
WILBUR H. SMITH.....	Lily,	No. 154 Aug. 20, 1922
WILLIAM B. HAGLER.....	Lily,	No. 154 March 21, 1923
DANIEL L. WILSON.....	Hartington,	No. 155 July 31, 1922
JOHN SCHWABLAND	Hartington,	No. 155 Jan. 1, 1923
GARRETH H. BENSON, SR....	Pythagoras	No. 156 April 18, 1922
MILAN A. SWAIN.....	Pythagoras	No. 156 Jan. 10, 1923
FRED S. SOVERNS.....	Valley,	No. 157 March 28, 1923
CONLEY H. LENNINGTON.....	Samaritan,	No. 158 April 2, 1922
JAMES S. HALSTEAD.....	Samaritan,	No. 158 Oct. 24, 1922
LINDSAY D. HANNA.....	Ogalalla,	No. 159 March 10, 1923
JEROME E. BEACHLER.....	Zeredatha,	No. 160 April 19, 1922
ARTHUR N. RYAN.....	Mt. Zion	No. 161 Dec. 6, 1922
HENRY F. WASMUND.....	Amity,	No. 169 March 18, 1923
GUY H. HECKMAN.....	Merna,	No. 171 Oct. 14, 1922
WILLIAM R. RATCLIFF.....	Robert Burns,	No. 173 April 26, 1922
CARL B. WHIPPLE.....	Robert Burns,	No. 173 May 2, 1922
OTIS E. REYNOLDS.....	Culbertson,	No. 174 Sept. 1, 1922
JOSEPH M. LINSKOTT.....	Temple,	No. 175 May 13, 1921
JOHN V. CLARK.....	Temple,	No. 175 Dec. 3, 1922
CHARLES H. PARKER.....	Temple,	No. 175 March 12, 1923
ISRAEL R. BRAY.....	Hay Springs,	No. 177 Febr. 22, 1923
JAMES W. BURLEIGH.....	Faith,	No. 181 March 30, 1923
SIDNEW P. SHARP.....	Incense,	No. 182 May 1, 1922
GEORGE W. PHELPS.....	Incense,	No. 182 Aug. 31, 1922
ROBERT MUIR.....	Incense,	No. 182 March 1, 1923
BURT H. PERRY.....	Alliance,	No. 183 Nov. 17, 1922
HENRY J. ABERLY.....	Bee Hive,	No. 184 Jan. 20, 1923
HENRY M'COY	Israel,	No. 187 June 24, 1922
HOMER A. WEDGE.....	Meridian,	No. 188 Oct. 14, 1922
JOHN H. LONG.....	Crystal	No. 191 Jan. 10, 1923
WILLIAM A. BONSER.....	Minnekadusa	No. 192 April 10, 1922
JOHN P. M'VEY.....	Minnekadusa	No. 192 May 19, 1922
JEREMIAH H. HOWE.....	Minnekadusa	No. 192 June 14, 1922
JOHN C. ERWIN.....	Minnekadusa	No. 192 Sept. 8, 1922
SAMUEL H. LADD.....	Arcana,	No. 195 Aug. 6, 1922
BOYD S. LEEDOM.....	Arcana,	No. 195 Jan. 5, 1923
JOHN W. CROWDER.....	Arcana,	No. 195 March 16, 1923
JOHN N. SHRIVER.....	Level,	No. 196 April 1, 1922

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HORACE H. MILLER.....	Level,	No. 196 Aug. 14, 1922
PAUL H. GREEN.....	Blazing Star,	No. 200 April 30, 1922
ASA V. RICHARDSON.....	Scotts Bluff,	No. 201
CLARENCE E. WALDEN....	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202 May 2, 1922
ZACHARIAH BOUGHN.....	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202 June 3, 1922
ARTHUR H. TERRY.....	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202 Aug. 4, 1922
MILTON JAMES.....	Roman Eagle,	No. 203 April 20, 1922
MERTON N. SNYDER.....	Roman Eagle,	No. 203 Nov. 30, 1922
ROBERT THOMSEN.....	Plainview,	No. 204 Oct. 20, 1922
GEORGE M. MEYERS.....	Napthali,	No. 206 Dec. 19, 1922
ISAAC D. STEINER.....	Napthali,	No. 206 Aug. 20, 1922
MILO F. YOUNG.....	Parian,	No. 207 Febr. 9, 1923
ELIAS CLEVELAND.....	Gauge,	No. 208 Jan. 15, 1923
EDMUND DORR.....	Canopy,	No. 209 May 23, 1922
HENRY VICK.....	Canopy,	No. 209 March 12, 1923
EARL C. CRAWFORD.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210 April 10, 1922
CHARLES F. COLLINS.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210 April 13, 1922
DEAN F. STOKKE.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210 June 23, 1922
FRED H. VAN WIE.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210 June 30, 1922
FRANK C. RICHARDS.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210 July 22, 1922
ROBERT R. FRIEDMAN....	East Lincoln,	No. 210 Aug. 11, 1922
ORIN F. PETERS.....	East Lincoln,	No. 210 Sept. 17, 1922
CHARLES E. HAMILTON...	East Lincoln,	No. 210 Dec. 18, 1922
WILLIAM W. MITCHELL...	Cement,	No. 211 Jan. 27, 1923
ERIE W. NORTHUP.....	Compass & Square,	No. 212 Jan. 3, 1923
WILLIAM M. DAVIS.....	Compass & Square,	No. 212 Jan. 16, 1923
LOUIS J. SCHERE.....	Occidental,	No. 215 Sept. 11, 1922
WILLIAM F.		
BOECKMUEHL.....	Occidental,	No. 215 Oct. 26, 1922
VERNON B. NEWKIRK.....	Occidental,	No. 215 Dec. 16, 1922
BERTOLETTE Y. HIGH....	Bloomfield,	No. 218 April 24, 1922
FRED A. GRECKEL.....	Bloomfield,	No. 218 Febr. 10, 1923
SMITH WAIT.....	Relief,	No. 219 Sept. 30, 1922
WILLIAM V. JOHNSON....	Wood Lake,	No. 221 Aug. 5, 1922
HARRY A. LYONS.....	Wood Lake,	No. 221 Sept. 12, 1922
ALVIN M. ISENHART.....	Wood Lake,	No. 221 Nov. 1, 1922
JAMES R. CHRISTIANSEN..	Landmark,	No. 222 July 24, 1922
HERBEAU HIPPOLYTE....	Eminence,	No. 223 June 28, 1921
CYRUS W. WRIGHT.....	Eminence,	No. 223 Nov. 3, 1922
CHARLES H. SHORT.....	Silver Cord,	No. 224 May 8, 1921
CHARLES S. ROBINSON....	Silver Cord,	No. 224
RICHARD L. WILSON.....	Silver Cord,	No. 224 July 20, 1922
DAVID M. HOUSTON.....	Grace,	No. 226 Dec. 25, 1922
CHARLES J. GIBBS.....	Comet,	No. 229 March 23, 1923
JAMES NICKERSON.....	Delta,	No. 230 March 4, 1923

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PETER JACOBSEN.....	John S. Bowen,	No. 232 July 21, 1922
EDWARD SCHLOATMAN ...	Zion,	No. 234 Oct. 10, 1922
JOHN DIEMER.....	Zion,	No. 234 March 20, 1923
AUGUSTUS H. SURBER....	Golden Rule,	No. 236 June 15, 1922
CHARLES A. PARADIES....	Cubit,	No. 237 April 16, 1922
JOHN J. M'PHERSON.....	Cubit,	No. 237 Nov. 27, 1922
CLAUDE H. WORLAND....	Friendship,	No. 239 Dec. 9, 1922
ALEXANDER W. HOPKINS.	Pilot,	No. 240 April 10, 1918
ANDREW J. WHITE.....	Pilot,	No. 240 July 9, 1921
ALVARADO W. CRAIG.....	Pilot,	No. 240 July 3, 1922
BENJAMIN S. RUSCO.....	Pilot,	No. 240 Jan. 14, 1923
ERNEST M. THURBER.....	George Armstrong,	No. 241 July 13, 1922
JOSEPH E. HUTSELL.....	Hampton,	No. 245 Aug. 1, 1922
HENRY F. KROPP.....	Nehawka,	No. 246 July 3, 1922
BURTON BUCHANAN	Corner-stone,	No. 247 Sept. 4, 1922
JAMES A. HAMER.....	Corner-stone,	No. 247 Dec. 30, 1922
THOMAS R. STANEIFORTH.	George Washington,	No. 250 March 31, 1923
SAMUEL GUSS.....	Wausa,	No. 251 April 22, 1922
CHRIS LARSON.....	Wausa,	No. 251 Febr. 16, 1923
BERLIN J. GLENN.....	Hildreth,	No. 252 May 10, 1922
WILLIAM A. SHADDUCK...	Hildreth,	No. 252 March 3, 1923
EDWIN ALBRIGHT.....	Becmer,	No. 253 Febr. 1, 1923
BENJAMIN F. LEONARD....	Bassett,	No. 254 Dec. 26, 1922
JOHN B. MENUHEY.....	Bassett,	No. 254 Febr. 25, 1923
WILLIAM KOPP.....	Bassett,	No. 254 March 5, 1923
JOHN B. DEY.....	Bradshaw,	No. 255 Oct. 18, 1922
JOHN H. CURRIE.....	Bradshaw,	No. 255 Dec. 24, 1922
JAMES W. JONES.....	Hickman,	No. 256 Jan. 11, 1923
CHARLES DUNLAP.....	Holbrook,	No. 257 Oct. 28, 1922
FRED MOLER.....	Bee,	No. 259 Febr. 9, 1923
JAMES T. WOODS.....	Ornan,	No. 261 Nov. 16, 1922
CLARENCE E. FURST.....	Ornan,	No. 261 Febr. 13, 1923
NATHAN P. COLLINS.....	Mitchell,	No. 263 March 23, 1923
WILLIAM H. BYERLY	Franklin,	No. 264—Oct. 18, 1922
SAMUEL D. HAYES.....	Franklin,	No. 264 Dec. 23, 1922
HENDERSON MURRAY.....	Franklin,	No. 264 March 16, 1923
MERL O. GROVER.....	Robert W. Furnas,	No. 265 Jan. 26, 1923
MATTHEW WILSON.....	James A. Tulleys,	No. 267 Jan. 28, 1923
FRANK L. HALLER.....	George W. Lininger,	No. 268 Sept. 26, 1922
JAMES S. WHITE.....	George W. Lininger,	No. 268 Nov. 19, 1922
H. BEECHER WARD.....	Riverside,	No. 269 June 2, 1922
GEORGE S. M'CHESNEY....	Riverside,	No. 269 Febr. 2, 1923
ALBERT DICKERSON	Litchfield,	No. 278 Dec. 6, 1922
FRANK J. NICHOLS.....	Wallace,	No. 279 April 26, 1922
ISAAC W. REES.....	Wallace,	No. 279 Aug. 28, 1922

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PAUL A. HASKELL.....	Florence,	No. 281.. Nov. 7, 1922
KELSEY F. KIME.....	Mullen,	No. 282.. Febr. 1, 1923
JOHN VAIL AINSWORTH...	Exeter,	No. 283.. March 3, 1923
JOHN R. M'KEE.....	Union,	No. 287.. June 22, 1922
JAMES T. CHILD.....	Omaha,	No. 288.. April 10, 1922
HARRY D. RICE.....	Omaha,	No. 288.. April 28, 1922
WILLIAM H. SHERRADEN..	Omaha,	No. 288.. Dec. 8, 1922
JOHN W. VAN NESS.....	John J. Mercer,	No. 290.. May 20, 1922
GEORGE J. NESLADEK	John J. Mercer,	No. 290.. June 4, 1922
JOSEPH A. YOUNG.....	John J. Mercer,	No. 290.. Aug. 1, 1922
WILLIAM ALDRICH	Wolbach,	No. 292.. March 16, 1923
HIRAM B. YOUNG.....	Cotner,	No. 297.. Nov. 18, 1922
MERIT E. GORDON.....	Sutherland,	No. 299.. March 19, 1923
HARRY R. HARRIS.....	Polk,	No. 311.. Jan. 28, 1923
GEORGE W. IRA.....	Oak Leaf,	No. 312.. Aug. 24, 1922
PERRY M. DE KAY.....	Oak Leaf,	No. 312.. Nov. 24, 1922

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(Additions and Corrections)

Name	Lodge	Branch of Service
David C. Hilton.....	Lincoln, No. 19.....	Medical Corps.
Walter F. Wilson.....	Lincoln, No. 19.....	Navy.
A. Ray Findley.....	Arcana, No. 195.....	Artillery.

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Francis E. White 51 Years.	1871-72-74-75-76-77-78-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88- 89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03- 04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23.
Samuel P. Davidson, 41 Years.	1875-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94- 96-97-98-99-00-01-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-12-13- 14-15-16-17-19-20-21-22-23.
George H. Thummel, 39 Years.	1872-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-81-85-89-90-94-97-98-99- 00-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23.
Robert E. French, 39 Years.	1885-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00- 01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23.
John A. Ehrhardt, 38 Years.	1881-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99- 00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23.
Edwin F. Warren, 37 Years.	1873-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-89-92- 93-94-96-97-98-99-00-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09- 10-13-15-16-17-18.
Robert E. Evans, 31 Years.	1889-92-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07- 08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-20-21-22-23.
Henry H. Wilson, 29 Years.	1888-89-90-92-93-94-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05- 06-07-08-10-12-13-14-15-16-17-19-23.
Frank E. Bullard, 29 Years.	1877-78-79-80-81-82-90-91-92-95-96-97-98-99-00-01- 02-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-11-14-15-21-23.
Henry Gibbons, 27 Years.	1879-80-81-85-87-90-92-97-98-99-01-02-03-04-05-06- 07-08-09-10-11-12-14-15-17-21-22.
John Finch, 25 Years.	1898-99-00-01-02-03-04-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23.
Charles E. Burnham, 24 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23.
Benjamin F. Pitman, 24 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23.
Samuel S. Whiting, 23 Years.	1901-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23.
Harry A. Cheney, 23 Years.	1897-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-22-23.
James R. Cain, Jr., 22 Years.	1902-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17- 18-19-20-21-22-23.
Frank L. Haycock 21 Years.	1892-93-94-95-96-97-99-00-04-06-07-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23.
Lewis E. Smith, 21 Years.	1901-02-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23.

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.	1881
Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City	1882
*Samuel W. Hayes	1883
John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 710 Prospect Ave	1884
*Manoah B. Reese	1885
*Charles K. Coutant	1886
Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., The Iowa, 13th & O Sts. 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	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	1909
Harry A. Cheney, Creighton	1910

*Deceased.

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, North Platte.....	1917
Ambrose C. Epperson, Clay Center	1918
John J. Tooley, Broken Bow	1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg, Omaha, 601 Keeline Bldg.	1920
Lewis E. Smith, Masonic Temple, Omaha.....	1921
*Edward M. Wellman.....	1922

*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. Roskrue.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	William A. DeWolf-Smith.....	New Westminster.
California.....	John Whicher.....	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada.....	William M. Logan.....	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado.....	William W. Cooper.....	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut.....	George A. Kies.....	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	Jose Fabio Garnier.....	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.....	Abdel Maguid Younis.....	P. O. Box 148, Cairo.
England.....	Philip Colville Smith.....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Francis F. Baker.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Curtis F. Pike.....	Masonic Temple, Boise.
Illinois.....	Owen Scott.....	Decatur.
Indiana.....	William H. Swintz.....	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Newton R. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Henry C. Shellerd.....	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Fred W. Hardwick.....	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.....	Edward L. Faucette.....	Meridian.
Missouri.....	Frank R. Jesse.....	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.....	George Barclay.....	P. O. Box 649, Christ Church.
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, Guthrie.
Oregon.....	Darwin R. Cheney.....	Masonic Hdqts., Multnomah Hotel, Portland.
Pennsylvania.....	John A. Perry.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	P. O. Box 990, Manila.
Prince Edward Island.....	Edward T. Carbonell.....	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico.....	Jose G. Torres.....	San Juan.
Quebec.....	W. W. Williamson.....	P. O. Box 3172, Montreal.
Queensland.....	Charles H. Harley.....	Box 675, 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.....	Sam H. Goodwin.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	William Stewart.....	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.....	Masonic Temple, Casper.

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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.....	Mitchell.....	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, 288.....	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
Idaho.....	John A. Ehrhardt, 41.....	Stanton.....	March 28, 1923
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.....	Beatrice.....	Dec. 18, 1915
Maine.....	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25.....	Omaha.....	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba.....	John Wright, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Nov. 25, 1921
Maryland.....	Charles L. Fahnestock, 135.....	Lincoln.....	March 8, 1911
Michigan.....	Lewis E. Smith, 136.....	Omaha.....	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.....	North Platte.....	Oct. 11, 1910
New Jersey.....	Edwin G. Whitford, 9.....	Falls City.....	March 21, 1921
New So. Wales.....	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78.....	Albion.....	July 26, 1905
New York.....	Albert R. Davis, 120.....	Wayne.....	April 10, 1923
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.....	Charles M. Shepherd, 54.....	Lincoln.....	August 20, 1921
Quebec.....	Edwin D. Crites, 158.....	Chadron.....	April 20, 1920
Queensland.....	Robert B. Walker, 170.....	Mason City.....	April 4, 1923
Rhode Island.....	Alexander R. Porter, 19.....	Lincoln.....	June 20, 1921
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.....	April 20, 1920
South Carolina.....	James R. Cain, Jr., 105.....	Omaha.....	July 12, 1907
South Dakota.....	Charles A. Chappell, 127.....	Minden.....	Aug. 26, 1918
Tennessee.....	Charles E. Allen, 188.....	Cozad.....	July 25, 1917
Texas.....	Robert B. Dickson, 95.....	O'Neill.....	May 3, 1915
Utah.....	Robert E. French, 46.....	Kearney.....	May 4, 1888
Vermont.....	Fred H. Barclay, 23.....	Pawnee City.....	Aug. 17, 1919
Victoria.....	John S. Bishop, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Feb. 19, 1904
Virginia.....	John S. Davison, 136.....	Omaha.....	July 14, 1900
Washington.....	Andrew H. Viele, 55.....	Norfolk.....	Oct. 10, 1910
West Australia.....	Ornan J. King, 54.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 26, 1904
West Virginia.....	Frank M. Knight, 183.....	Alliance.....	July 3, 1900
Wisconsin.....	Orville A. Andrews, 19.....	Lincoln.....	Jan. 4, 1923

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Alabama.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Montgomery.....	July 30, 1909
Alberta.....	Frank Barnhouse.....	Edmonton.....	May 2, 1921
Arizona.....	John Herbert Harper.....	Globe.....	July 27, 1923
Arkansas.....	Lewis C. Hall.....	Dardanelle.....	Feb. 15, 1911
British Columbia.....	Edward B. Paul.....	Victoria.....	Oct. 26, 1903
Canada.....	Henry T. Smith.....	Toronto.....	July 28, 1921
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.....	Wallace W. Bibb.....	Adairsville.....	Dec. 9, 1922
Idaho.....	Francis Jenkins.....	Moscow.....	Dec. 21, 1918
Illinois.....	Francis H. Bradley.....	Princeton.....	Sept. 5, 1922
Indiana.....	Omar B. Smith.....	Rochester.....	Sept. 16, 1908
Ireland.....	John Morgan.....	Dublin.....	March 22, 1923
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 C. Pinkham.....	St. Paul.....	April 7, 1906
Mississippi.....	James Finis Hill.....	Meridian.....	June 20, 1919
Missouri.....	Arthur H. Cole.....	Kansas City.....	Sept. 12, 1921
Montana.....	Henry M. Parchen.....	Helena.....	March 18, 1892
Nevada.....	Harry H. Atkinson.....	Tonopah.....	June 19, 1911
New Brunswick.....	LeBaron Wilson.....	St. John.....	March 7, 1921
New Hampshire.....	Justin O. Wellman.....	Newmarket.....	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.....	Henry Herz.....	New York City, 29 Nassau St.....	June 5, 1921
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.....	John K. Kollock.....	Portland.....	Apr. 21, 1922
Philippine Islands.....	Newton C. Comfort.....	Manila.....	Nov. 14, 1913
P. Edward Island.....	James D. Stewart.....	Georgetown.....	July 5, 1915
Puerto Rico.....	Manuel del Valle Atiles.....	San Juan.....	July 5, 1915
Quebec.....	Alex J. McRobie.....	Westmount, 453 Claremont Ave.....	March 23, 1910
Queensland.....	Harry Hill.....	Brisbane.....	May 31, 1923
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.....	George S. Larson, Jr.....	Tulahoma.....	Jan. 21, 1922
Texas.....	James D. Greshaw.....	San Antonio.....	Dec. 3, 1901
Utah.....	Thomas W. Charlton.....	Salt Lake City.....	June 16, 1923
Vermont.....	Edward C. Woodworth.....	Arlington.....	Aug. 9, 1907
Victoria.....	Francis W. W. Morton.....	Melbourne, Collins St.....	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia.....	Sol Cutchins.....	Richmond.....	April 20, 1901
Washington.....	Archibald W. Frater.....	Seattle.....	April 13, 1900
West Australia.....	Thomas W. Paisley.....	Bunbury.....	July 19, 1902
West Virginia.....	Charles E. Bailey.....	Sistersville.....	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin.....	Frank E. Noyes.....	Marinette.....	Dec. 23, 1904

NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Acacia, 34.
 Adams, U. D., (extinct).
 Adoniram, 159.
 Ainsworth, U. D., (131).
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, U. D., (236).
 Alliance, 183.
 Amethyst, 190.
 Amity, 169.
 Anchor, 142, (extinct).
 Anselmo, 258.
 Antelope, 276.
 Arapahoe, 109, (extinct).
 Arcana, 195.
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)
 Armada, U. D., (extinct).
 Ashland, 18, (extinct).
 Ashlar, 33.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.
 Bancroft, 145.
 Bannaek 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).
 Bell 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).
 Bromfield, 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, 3.
 Carleton, U. D., (199).
 Cedar, U. D., (13).
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215).
 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143).
 Cedar River, 89.
 Cement, 211.
 Central City, U. D., (ext.)
 Ceresco, U. D., (229).
 Chadron, U. D., (158).
 Chapman, U. D., (239).
 Charity, 53.
 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).
 Craftsmen, 314.
 Crawford, U. D., (181).
 Creighton, 100.
 Crescent, 143.
 Crete, 37.
 Crofton, 273.
 Crystal, 191.
 Cubit, 237.
 Culbertson, 174.
 Cuming City, U. D., (21).
 Curtis, 168.
 Custer, U. D., (148).
 Dakota, (5).
 Danbury, U. D., (185).
 Davenport, U. D., (154).
 Decatur, 7, (extinct).
 Delta, 230.
 DeWitt, 111.
 Diamond, 291.
 Doniphan, 86.
 Doric, 118.
 Douglas, U. D., (237).
 East Lincoln, 210.
 Edgar, 67.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 133.
 Elwood, 167.
 Eminence, 223.
 Emmet Crawford, 148.
 Endeavor, 262.
 Euclid, 97.
 Eureka, 16, (extinct).
 Evening Star, 49.
 Evergreen, 153.
 Ewing, U. D., (156).
 Exeter, U. D., (extinct).
 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. Liminger, 268.
 Gibbon, (see 46).
 Gibbon, U. D., (189).
 Giddings, (2).
 Gilead, 233.
 Gladstone, 176.
 Globe, 113.
 Golden Fleece, 205.
 Golden Rod, 306.
 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.
 Hermon, U. D., (231).
 Hesperia, 178, (extinct).
 Hickman, 256.
 Highland, 194.
 Hildreth, 252.
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29).
 Hiram, 52.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Holdrege, U. D., (146).
 Hooper, 72.
 Hope, 29.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humboldt, 40.
 Huntley, 270.
 Hyannis, U. D., (234).
 Idaho, U. D., (extinct).
 Imperial, U. D., (198).
 Incense, 182.
 Indianola, 123, (extinct).
 Ionic, 87.
 Israel, 187.
 Ithmar, 238, (extinct).
 Jachin, 146.
 James A. Tulleys, 267.
 Jasper, 122, (extinct).
 Jephtha, U. D., (264).
 Jewel, 149.
 John 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).
 Macoy, 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, ext.)
 North Star, 227.
- Oakland, 91.
 Oak Leaf, 312.
 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, 103.
 Orient, 13.
 Orion, 242, (extinct).
- Orman, 261.
 Oshkosh, 286.
 Overton, U. D., (267).
 Oxford, U. D., (138).
- Pacific, U. D., (310).
 Palestine, U. D., (extinct).
 Palisade, 216.
 Palmyra, 45, (extinct).
 Papillion, 39.
 Parallel, 152.
 Parian, 207.
 Pawnee, 23.
 Pawnee City, U. D., (23).
 Perkins, 308.
 Peru, U. D., (extinct).
 Peru, 14.
 Pilot, 240.
 Plainview, 204.
 Platte Valley, 32.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Plumb, 186, (extinct).
 Plumblin, 214.
 Polk, 311.
 Pomegranate, 110.
 Ponca, 101.
 Porter, 106.
 Potter, 313.
 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, ext.)
 Riverside, 269.
 Riverton, 63.
 Robert Burns, 173.
 Robert W. Furnas, 265.
 Rob Morris, 46.
 Rock Bluff, 20, (extinct).
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred).
 Roman Eagle, 203.
 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.
 Square, 151.
 Square & Compass, 213, (ext.)
 Stanton, U. D., (41).
 Star, 88.
 Steele City, 107, (extinct).
 Stella, 105.
 Sterling, 70.
 Stockville, U. D., (106).
 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).
 Victory, 310.
- 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).
 William E. Hill, 307.
 Winnebago, 309.
 Winside, U. D., (235).
 Winter Creek, U. D., (265).
 Wisner, 114.
 Wolbach, 292.
 Wood Lake, 221.
 Wymore, 104.
 Wyoming, 28, (transferred).
- York, 56.
- Zeredatha, U. D., (98).
 Zeredatha, 160.
 Zion, 234.

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- Adams, 214.
Ainsworth, 224.
Albion, 78.
Alexandria, 74.
Allen, 236.
Alliance, 183.
Alma, 116.
Anselmo, 258.
Ansley, 176.
Arapahoe, 293.
Arcadia, 208.
Arlington, 52.
Arnold, 225.
Ashland, 110.
Atkinson, 164.
Auburn, 124.
Aurora, 68.
- Bancroft, 145.
Barneston, 165.
Bartley, 228.
Bassett, 254.
Battle Creek, 244.
Bayard, 301.
Beatrice, 26.
Beaver City, 93.
Beaver Crossing, 179.
Bee, 259.
Beemer, 253.
Belgrade, 269.
Benkelman, 180.
Bennett, 94.
Benson, (Omaha) 200.
Bertrand, 275.
Bethany, 297.
Blair, 21.
Bloomfield, 218.
Bloomington, 76.
Blue Hill, 129.
Blue Springs, 85.
Bradshaw, 255.
Bridgeport, 285.
Brock, 162.
Broken Bow, 148.
Brownville, 4.
Burchard, 137.
Burwell, 200.
Butte, 233.
- Callaway, 207.
Cambridge, 150.
Carleton, 199.
Cedar Bluffs, 215.
Cedar Rapids, 143.
Central City, 36.
Ceresco, 229.
Chadron, 158.
Chapman, 239.
Chappell, 205.
Chester, 298.
Clarks, 134.
Clay Center, 139.
Coleridge, 219.
Columbus, 58.
Cook, 231.
Cortland, 194.
Cowles, 296.
Cozad, 188.
Craig, 241.
Drawford, 181.
- Creighton, 100.
Crete, 37.
Crofton, 273.
Culbertson, 174.
Curtis, 168.
- Dakota City, 5.
Danbury, 185.
Davenport, 154.
David City, 51.
Decatur, 88.
DeWitt, 111.
Diller, 206.
Doniphan, 86.
Dorchester, 118.
Douglas, 237.
Dunbar, 272.
- Edgar, 67.
Elgin, 276.
Elk Creek, 90.
Elm Creek, 133.
Elmwood, 209.
Elwood, 167.
Emerson, 220.
Ewing, 156.
Exeter, 283.
- Fairbury, 35.
Fairfield, 84.
Fairmont, 48.
Falls City, 9.
Fillee, 175.
Florence, (Omaha) 281.
Fort Calhoun, 10.
Franklin, 264.
Fremont, 15.
Friend, 73.
Fullerton, 89.
- Gandy, 190.
Geneva, 79.
Genoa, 125.
Gothenburg, 249.
Gordon, 195.
Gering, 201.
Gibbon, 189.
Giltner, 223.
Grafton, 172.
Grand Island, 33.
Grant, 308.
Greenwood, 163.
Gresham, 197.
Guide Rock, 128.
- Hampton, 245.
Hardy, 117.
Harrison, 277.
Hartington, 155.
Harvard, 44.
Hastings, 50.
Havelock, 250.
Hay Springs, 177.
Hebron, 43.
Herman, 222.
Hickman, 256.
Hildreth, 252.
Holbrook, 257.
Holdrege, 146.
- Hooper, 72.
Hubbell, 92.
Hyannis, 234.
Humboldt, 40.
Huntley, 270.
- Imperial, 198.
Indianola, 262.
- Juniata, 42.
- Kearney, 46.
Kenesaw, 144.
Kennard, 232.
Kimball, 294.
- Laurel, 248.
Leigh, 193.
Lexington, 61.
Liberty, 152.
Lincoln, 19, 54, 210, 300, 314.
Litchfield, 278.
Lodgepole, 306.
Long Pine, 136.
Loup City, 106.
Lynch, 312.
Lyons, 240.
- Madison, 113.
Mason City, 170.
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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska,	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Chester C. Wells.....	Frank Wilcox
Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	Third Friday.....	Varro E. Tyler.....	Henry W. Carson
Capitol,	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	Lute M. Savage.....	Walter Willis
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Cassius Kennedy.....	Don Lawrence
5 Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Sherman W. McKinley.....	John H. Ream
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	First and third Mondays.....	Leslie W. Niel.....	Frank A. Cloidt
Falls City,	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Quinton V. Lively.....	Otto L. Lewis
Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun.....	Washington.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	David W. Marr.....	J. Howard Beales
Covert,	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Wednesday.....	Royal D. Miller.....	George R. Porter
10 Orient,	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	First and third Mondays.....	Emmett Gleason.....	John C. Shepherd
Peru,	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	Second Monday.....	Eli B. Vance.....	John B. Lewis
Fremont,	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	First Tuesday.....	Harold D. Keene.....	Matthew A. Priestley
Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	First and third Saturdays.....	Thomas J. Current.....	Leo B. Heskett
Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	Curtis S. Mahaffey.....	John Wright
15 Washington,	" 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	Second Tuesday.....	William T. Hemphill.....	William Kelly
Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	J. Mervyn Haley.....	John H. Tracy
Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	C. Blake Erb.....	Frank E. Underwood
Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Leon C. Crittenden.....	James B. High
Jordan,	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Robert R. Moodie.....	Peter Poellot
20 Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City.....	Nemaha.....	Friday on or before○.....	James C. Handley.....	William E. Seid
Blue River	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	First Thursday.....	William N. Derby.....	Davison F. Todd
Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Fred E. Ericson.....	William T. Poucher
Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Carl S. Bonner.....	Abner J. Wessberg
Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	Second Thursday.....	Fred G. Christensen.....	Robert R. Watson
25 Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	First Tuesday.....	Bertie B. Conrad.....	Walter B. Sadilek
Fairbury,	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	First and third Mondays.....	Frank R. Wallace.....	Arthur J. Denney
Lone Tree,	" 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Frank W. Jefferson.....	Thomas H. Line
Crete,	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	First Friday.....	Edward G. Campbell.....	Claude R. Davenport
Oliver,	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	First Friday.....	William J. Ashton.....	Smith D. Atkins
30 Papillion,	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	First and third Saturdays.....	Fred R. Lamb.....	James O. Spearman
Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.....	Charles Watsek.....	J. Frank Sneathen
Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Edward Herbst.....	Frank S. Boals
Junjata,	" 42	Junjata.....	Adams.....	Monday on or before○.....	Edwin L. Kent.....	Joseph Ormond
Hebron,	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	First Thursday.....	William E. Boyes.....	William M. Wilson
35 Harvard,	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	J. Everett Ingram.....	Griffith J. Thomas

Rob Morris,	No. 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	First Wednesday.....	Edward F. Reed.....	Raymond H. Haase.....
Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Second Wednesday.....	Charles D. Woods.....	Pearl N. Frame.....
Evening Star,	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.....	William A. Stewart.....	Arthur W. Burlingame, act.
Hastings,	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Tuesday.....	Peter H. Miller.....	Henry H. Heiler.....
Fidelity,	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	W. Earl Tillma.....	Marion A. Shaw.....
Hiram,	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	Thursday on or before O.....	Floyd L. Newcom.....	Chester G. Marshall.....
Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	First and third Fridays.....	Floyd A. Turnure.....	Benjamin F. Perry.....
Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	Leroy A. White.....	Jack Matthews.....
Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Rufus A. Hirsch.....	Harold S. Gow.....
45 York,	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Marion King.....	John Muir.....
Mount Moriah,	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before O.....	Dwight W. VanHorne.....	William N. Hunter.....
Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus.....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Charles Wurdeman.....	Clarence A. Pittman.....
Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Henry L. Whitaker.....	Arthur M. Horan.....
Melrose,	" 60	Oreans.....	Harlan.....	Wednesday on or before O*.....	Oscar H. Olson.....	Albert J. Olson.....
50 Thistle,	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	William M. Cook.....	Hanford D. Smith.....
Keystone,	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Saturday on or before O.....	Emmett C. Arnett.....	Scott E. Heinzman.....
Riverton,	" 63	Riverton.....	Franklin.....	Monday on or before O.....	Vern C. Cady.....	Rolland C. Shetler.....
Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	Tuesday on or before O*.....	Benjamin V. Kohout.....	Joseph M. Korbel.....
Osceola,	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	First and third Fridays.....	Fred W. Schuman.....	Joel Hanson.....
55 Edgar,	" 66	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	James G. Walley.....	William J. Breckenridge.....
Aurora,	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Jesse W. Melton.....	George E. Funk.....
Sterling,	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	Tuesday on or before O.....	H. Paul Lehrack.....	Otto H. Stuve.....
Trowel,	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Fred Olmsted.....	John W. Lamson.....
Hooper,	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	First Friday.....	Norman E. Shaffer.....	William M. Zellers.....
60 Friend,	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Edward C. Wagner.....	Malcolm L. McFarlane.....
Alexandria,	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	McKinley Hubbard.....	Benjamin L. Terry.....
Frank Welch,	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	First Tuesday.....	Ray E. Witham.....	Leslie Neubauer.....
Joppa,	" 76	Bloomington.....	Franklin.....	Friday on or before O.....	Verue L. Dunn.....	Edward D. Paulson.....
Nelson,	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before O.....	Arthur E. Ely.....	Lee Sage.....
65 Albion,	" 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Robert T. Floree.....	Albert N. Lamb.....
Geneva,	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	Friday on or before O*.....	Guy A. Brown.....	George H. Nelson.....
Composite,	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	George A. Cooley.....	Luther J. Saylor.....
Saint Paul,	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	Third Thursday.....	Ralph A. Haggart.....	Fred R. Haggart.....
Corinthian,	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	Friday on or before O.....	H. Alva Bowman.....	Carl M. Howard.....
70 Fairfield,	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	First and third Mondays.....	Roy E. Shaw.....	Rolland H. Potter.....
Tyre,	" 85	Blue Springs.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before O.....	Raymond E. Trump.....	James W. Marples.....
Doniphan,	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	First Friday.....	Alvie L. Johnson.....	William C. Priestley.....
Ionic,	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before O.....	Justus P. Lessor.....	George J. Howe.....
Star,	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	Charley M. Ashley.....	John G. Maryott.....
75 Cedar River,	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays.....	Albert E. Pepper.....	Fred E. Ward.....
Elk Creek,	" 90	Elk Creek.....	Johnson.....	First Thursday.....	Ezra G. Gibbs.....	Frank A. Anderson.....
Oakland,	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays.....	Charles W. Johnson.....	Arthur B. Peden.....
Hubbell,	" 92	Hubbell.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	James A. Miles.....	William B. Irwin.....
Beaver City,	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	Monday on or before O.....	James W. Axtell.....	Harry B. Hall.....

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

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80 Bennett,	No. 94 Bennett.....	Lancaster.....	Tuesday on or before○	Clifford C. Coale.....	Henry F. May
Garfield,	" 95 O'Neill.....	Holt.....	First and third Thursdays.	Leroy A. Burgess.....	David H. Clauson
Utica,	" 96 Utica.....	Seward.....	Wednesday on or before○	Charles F. Hurlbert.....	Fred H. Pieper
Euclid,	" 97 Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	First Monday.....	Marion U. Thomas.....	Everett B. Taylor
Republican,	" 98 Republican City.....	Harlan.....	Wednesday on or before○	Denn Drummond.....	Leonard L. Johnson
85 Shelton,	" 99 Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	Friday on or before○	Clyde S. Burkard.....	Ralph E. Soderstrom
Creighton,	" 100 Creighton.....	Knox.....	Tuesday on or before○	George Johnson.....	Walter T. Philbrick
Ponca,	" 101 Ponca.....	Dixon.....	Friday on or before○	Lloyd Lynde.....	Arthur H. Logan
Waterloo,	" 102 Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Walter L. Bull.....	Charles C. Peabody
Ord,	" 103 Ord.....	Valley.....	Wednesday on or before○	Frank T. Johnson.....	Ernest C. James
90 Wymore,	" 104 Wymore.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays.	William L. Jones.....	Ralph E. Fulton
Stella,	" 105 Stella.....	Richardson.....	First Thursday.....	Robert A. Tynan.....	John F. Weddle
Porter,	" 106 Loup City.....	Sherman.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Carl V. Norstedt.....	Lamont L. Stephens
Table Rock,	" 108 Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Ralph C. Cotton.....	Edgar J. Norris
Pomegranate,	" 110 Ashland.....	Saunders.....	First Friday.....	Henry C. Landon.....	S. Frank Woodward
95 DeWitt,	" 111 DeWitt.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before○	Guy B. Cross.....	Charles A. Rowilson
Springfield,	" 112 Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	Second Tuesday, fourth Sat'days	James Davidson.....	Earl J. Haney
Globe,	" 113 Madison.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Fred C. Lemar.....	Preston S. Palmer
Wiener,	" 114 Wisner.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays.	Russell J. Strahl.....	Neil D. Saville
100 Harlan,	" 116 Alma.....	Harlan.....	First and third Fridays.....	Everet E. McKee.....	H. Jay Egelston
Hardy,	" 117 Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	Thursday on or before○	Jacob E. Hart.....	James H. Fair
Doric,	" 118 Dorchester.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before○	William E. Nelson.....	J. Frank Longanecker
North Bend,	" 119 North Bend.....	Dodge.....	Second Tuesday.....	Edward L. Knight.....	Charles A. Miller
Wayne,	" 120 Wayne.....	Wayne.....	Second and fourth Fridays.	Charles E. Gildersleeve.....	J. Murray Cherry
Superior,	" 121 Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	Wednesday on or before○	Herbert S. Nelson.....	William F. Gingrich
105 Auburn,	" 124 Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	Monday on or before○	Emory T. Avey.....	Homer L. Combs
Mount Nebo,	" 125 Genoa.....	Nance.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Clarence M. Stenberg.....	William J. Kelley
Stromsburg,	" 126 Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	Second Tuesday.....	Arthur M. Woodhead.....	Albin E. Rodine
Minden,	" 127 Minden.....	Kearney.....	Wednesday on or before○	Bartholdt O. Aabel.....	Raymond D. Lent
Guide Rock,	" 128 Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	Thursday on or before○	Wilber O. Ayer.....	John H. Crary
110 Blue Hill,	" 129 Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.	Claude R. Laird.....	Frank M. Delebohy
Tuscan,	" 130 Surprise.....	Butler.....	Thursday on or before○	William Kunzman, Jr.....	Amasa S. Chapman
Scribner,	" 132 Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	John Beaver.....	Herman F. Meyer
Elm Creek,	" 133 Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Allen A. Wright.....	William A. Clarke
Solar,	" 134 Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Tuesday on or before○	August E. Nordgren.....	Charles E. Souser, Jr.
115 McCook,	" 135 McCook.....	Red Willow.....	First and third Tuesdays.	Marion O. McClure.....	Jesse S. Chambers
Long Pine,	" 136 Long Pine.....	Brown.....	Second Monday.....	Harley A. Twitchell.....	Thomas M. Hutchinson,
Upright,	" 137 Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	Wednesday on or before○*	Carl A. Yarpe.....	Acting
Rawalt,	" 138 Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Thursday on or before○†	James W. Anderson.....	Clay E. Cox
					William F. Bendler

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	Clay, Centre,	No. 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Harry V. Ellis.....	Earl Fryar
120	Western,	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Frank H. Beer	Edward Timmel
	Crescent,	" 143	Cedar Rapids.....	Boone.....	Third Wednesday.....	Wesley G. Stigile	William A. Gibson
	Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before○.....	John C. Burns	Niels Mikkelsen
	Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Charles S. Steuert	Arthur A. Kolpwick
	Jacin,	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Earl Barnette.....	Harry R. Belleville
125	Siloam,	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or after○.....	Dale K. Stuart	Philip E. Johnson
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	F. Luther Sheppard	James W. Yockey
	Jewel,	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Archie S. Mumau	Charles V. Boggs
	Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	J. William Trenchard	Arthur C. Easton
	Square,	" 151	Valparaiso.....	Saunders.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Tracey F. Tyler.....	William J. Butler
130	Parallel,	" 152	Liberty.....	Gage.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Harley E. Bowhay	Rufus G. McCue
	Evergreen,	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Thomas C. Anderson	Edward B. Fanske
	Lily,	" 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	Friday on or before○.....	L. Clark Minard	Robert B. Walker
	Hartington,	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Elmer F. Robinson	Rudolph H. Jenny
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing.....	Holt.....	First Wednesday.....	Harvey R. Porter	Garry Benson
135	Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville.....	Furnas.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	John Edwin Loar	Thaddeus E. Cline
	Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Welcome W. Naylor	Harry F. Meyer
	Ogallala,	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Theodore F. Gould	Harry J. Antrim
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Joseph C. Richardson	Harry D. Hazlett
	Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Floyd D. Peteys	Richard T. Buelow
140	Trestle Board,	" 162	Brook.....	Nemaha.....	First Saturday.....	W. Fred Stewart	Almon C. DePue
	Unity,	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	Friday on or before○*.....	Elmer E. Mathis	Watson Howard
	Atkinson,	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Carroll C. Raymer	Roy F. Griffin
	Barneston,	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○*.....	John Novotny	Roy A. Roberts
	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	Fourth Thursday.....	George W. Irving	George D. Osborn
145	Elwood,	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Floyd J. Bean	Charles A. Yeoman
	Curtis,	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Melville C. Babington	Edgar L. Keith
	Amity,	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	William D. Coffey	George Greer
	Mason City,	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Hons Schultz	Ralph F. McCloughan
	Merna,	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	Saturday on or after○.....	Adelbert J. Read	Francis Jacquet
150	Grafton,	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	William A. Conrad	William A. Stuckey
	Robert Burns,	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Elias H. Bailey	Bert G. Shillington
	Culbertson,	" 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Osborne P. Simon	Arvene C. Eisenhart
	Temple,	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Walter E. Ericksen	John L. Noakes
	Gladstone,	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	Thursday on or after○.....	George H. Welsh	Wilbur B. Alexander
155	Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	Henry Spalding	Albert E. Johansen
	Prudence,	" 179	Beaver Crossing.....	Seward.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Orin S. Hunkins	Philip Maurer
	Justice,	" 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	Friday on or before○.....	Elmer E. Hester	Lee R. Balderson
	Faith,	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Charles W. Fritts	Hamilton F. Wertenberger
	Incese,	" 182	Ohioa.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Thursdays.....	William H. Wiess	William L. Domeier
160	Alliance,	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Forest A. Lape	Perley I. Beach
	Dee Hlve,	" 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	James M. Patton	William N. Paxton
	Bonz,	" 185	Red Butte.....	Danbury.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	McDonald Ryan	George B. Morgan

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
		Olysses	Butler	Tuesday on or before○	Leland J. Smith	Anson B. Andrew
	No. 187	Cozad	Dawson	Third Tuesday	Charles H. Sheets	William M. Ruupettes
165	" 188	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Tuesday	George W. Codner	Ira A. Kirk
	" 189	Gandy	Logan	Second and fourth Saturdays	John F. Kirby	William M. Baskin, act.
	" 190	Scotia	Greeley	Thursday on or before○	J. Russell Mitchell	Theodore J. Stoetzel
	" 191	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	Charles E. Swanson	Luke M. Bates
	" 192	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before○	Johnnie J. Linn	John A. Glandt
170	" 193	Corland	Gage	First Monday	David J. Miller	Irvin H. Johnston
	" 194	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays	Joel A. Boyles	Roy S. Ross
	" 195	Stockville	Frontier	Saturday on or before○	George J. Bold	Arlo J. Lindsey
	" 196	Gresham	York	Friday on or before○	Earl K. Husbands	Samuel A. Tobey
	" 197	Imperial	Chase	Friday on or before○	Edmund D. Shipley	Joseph F. McLain
	" 198	Carleton	Thayer	Tuesday on or before○	George H. Wrightsman	James H. Bryant
175	" 199	Burwell	Garfield	Thursday on or after○	Guy T. Gerber	Gould B. Flagg
	" 200	Gering	Scotts Bluff	First and third Fridays	Lloyd Wiggins	James W. Ponder
	" 201	Randolph	Cedar	Monday on or before○	Charles C. Bacon	Marvin M. Bowles
	" 202	Pender	Thurston	Tuesday on or before○	Archie M. Smith	Clyde K. Moseman
180	" 203	Plainview	Pierce	First Tuesday	Leslie A. Johnson	Andy Hansen
	" 204	Chappell	Deuel	Thursday on or before○	Arthur J. Bracken	Jack G. McCormick
	" 205	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Charles E. Waggoner	Harry K. Shutt
	" 206	Callaway	Custer	Thursday on or before○	Robert D. Wieland	Arthur J. Higbee
	" 207	Arcadia	Valley	Tuesday after○*	Harold D. Weddel	Charles H. Downing
185	" 208	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before○	Alva G. Reid	John H. Rogge
	" 209	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Walter A. Schein	Lorenzen P. Ronne
	" 210	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before○	Arthur E. Hauke	Edward W. Persson
	" 211	Sunner	Dawson	Tuesday on or before○	Mareus E. Bush	Jacob P. Serr
	" 212	Adams	Gage	Monday on or before○	Joseph B. Steidley	John E. Killen
190	" 213	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	Tuesday on or before○	David K. Miller	Oscar M. Feustermacher
	" 214	Palisade	Hitchcock	Tuesday on or before○	Hugh B. Ashmore	Carl W. Moss
	" 215	Wauweta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Henry O. Peterson	Clarence G. Walker
	" 216	Bloomfield	Knox	Tuesday on or before○	Walter P. Hiebsenthal	Cornelius T. Heckt
	" 217	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday	Erayneus E. Larson	George R. Stone
195	" 218	Emerson	Dixon	Wednesday on or before○	John W. Church	George H. Haase
	" 219	Wood Lake	Cherry	Fourth Saturday	Charles C. Hanna	Henry Lausen
	" 220	Herman	Washington	Tuesday on or before○	Fred Horn	Harry L. Swan
	" 221	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Lloyd B. Campbell	Murlin E. Brock
	" 222	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Tuesday	Andrew Jackson	George A. Farman, Jr.
200	" 223	Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturdays	Ira P. Mills	George Rath
	" 224	Wilcox	Kearney	Monday on or before○*	Thorvald M. Jorgensen	George W. McCullough

*And two weeks thereafter.

	North Star,	No. 227,	University Place.	Lancaster	First Wednesday	George L. Carter	Leslie A. Thomas
	Bartley,	" 228	Bartley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before	Robert J. Williams	Floyd Cochran
	Comet,	" 229	Cresco	Saunders	Thursday on or before*	Ralph W. Dotson	Rance Blodgett
205	Delta,	" 230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	D. Henry Burn	Alfred Powell
	Mount Hermon,	" 231	Cook	Johnson	Tuesday on or before	Lewis Richards	Ralph D. Mershon
	John S. Bowen,	" 232	Kenard	Washington	Third Saturday	Martin T. Cedarlind	John A. Burgess
	Gilead,	" 233	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays	Darley B. Raymer	Stephen A. Richardson
	Zion,	" 234	Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before	Theodore A. Frye	Raymond R. Gentry
210	Fraternity,	" 235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Wednesday	Lucas W. Needham	Irving F. Gaebler
	Golden Rule,	" 236	Allen	Dixon	Tuesday on or before*	Donald O. Travers	Vernon W. McDonald
	Oubit,	" 237	Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before	Victor Goerke	Nathaniel C. Newlin
	Friendship,	" 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays	John P. Laub	Samuel W. Calhoun
	Pilot,	" 240	Lyons	Burt	Third Friday	Clay E. Newmyer	John E. Buckley
215	George Armstrong,	" 241	Craig	Burt	First and third Tuesdays	Frank F. McMullin	John T. Davis
	Tyrian,	" 243	Oak	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays	Eugene A. Follner	Ullman L. Davis
	Sincerity,	" 244	Battle Creek	Madison	Second Tuesday	Howard Miller	Frank E. Martin
	Hampton,	" 245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	William H. McGuire	George E. Plotts
	Nehawka,	" 246	Nehawka	Cass	Wednesday on or before	Robert H. Chapman	Herman L. Thomas
220	Corner-stone,	" 247	Osmond	Pierce	Friday on or before	William F. Schroeder	James Cizek
	Laurel,	" 248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Chester W. Tolles	Joseph H. Artman
	Gothenburg,	" 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	Oliver N. Erixon	John J. Jennings
	George Washington,	" 250	Havelock	Lancaster	Second and fourth Thursdays	Charles L. Munson	Frank B. Young
	Wausa,	" 251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	Ernst L. Swanson	Frank C. Genung
225	Hildreth,	" 252	Hildreth	Franklin	Wednesday on or before*	Alfred H. Vannier	George M. Myers
	Beemer,	" 253	Beemer	Cuming	First and third Wednesdays	Ernst L. Fried	John Skala
	Bassett,	" 254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	John Cousineau	Roy H. Patitz
	Bradshaw,	" 255	Bradshaw	York	First and third Mondays	Charles A. Singier	Emile C. Roggy
	Hickman,	" 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before	Robert W. Skelton	Cyrus Black
230	Holbrook,	" 257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Fridays	Albert M. Keyes	Albert Phillipson
	Anselmo,	" 258	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before	Albert A. Nichols	Chalmers G. Eapfield
	Bee,	" 259	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before	Emery A. Hall	Vladimer Sedlacek
	Ornan,	" 261	Spencer	Boyd	First, Third and Fifth Mondays	Charles M. Sturdevant	William D. Spicknall
	Endeavor	" 262	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before	George E. Mick	Arthur C. Crabtree
235	Mitchell,	" 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Irvin J. Matthews	Oliver P. Burrows
	Franklin,	" 264	Franklin	Franklin	Second and fourth Mondays	Clarence L. Ottaway	Henry Plank, Sr.
	Robert W. Furnas,	" 265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Mondays	Clarence G. Steen	Victor Fuehring
	Silver,	" 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	First Wednesday	Ephriam O. Hutchison	Paul V. Hobart
	James A. Tulleys,	" 267	Overton	Dawson	Fourth Monday	Ralph W. Wallace	Joseph R. Wilson
240	George W. Liminger,	" 268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	George F. Engler	Charles A. Eyre
	Riverside,	" 269	Belgrade	Nance	Friday before*	William J. Murrey	Bob Dopf
	Huntley,	" 270	Huntley	Harlan	Tuesday on or before*	Elmer C. Combs	Charles L. Ray
	Oasis,	" 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Thursday on or before	Oliver T. Attebery	J. Henry Kaman
	Lee P. Gillette,	" 272	Dunbar	Otoe	Monday on or before	Edward E. Gess	William G. Money

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

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

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY	
245	Crofton,	No. 273	Crofton	Knox	Thursday on or before○	Claus A. Johnson	Charles Ruden
	Olive Branch,	" 274	Walther	Thurston	Second Monday	Carrol Breatman	Wiley L. Harris
	Ramah,	" 275	Bertrand	Phelps	First Thursday	William B. Meeker	Hugh C. Thomas
	Antelope,	" 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	William C. Coupland	Rollie C. Huffman
	Sioux,	" 277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	Archie C. Davis	Philip H. Unitt
	Litchfield,	" 278	Litchfield	Sherman	Thursday on or before○	Alva Lang	James W. Thompson
250	Wallace,	" 279	Wallace	Lincoln	Tuesday on or before○	Jefferson C. Newman	James H. Howe
	Swastika,	" 280	Sargent	Custer	Second Tuesday	Kenneth K. Crownover	Frank L. Hicks
	Florence,	" 281	Omaha†	Douglas	First Monday	Hugo B. Wunrath	Robert H. Sutton
	Mullen,	" 282	Mullen	Hooker	Tuesday on or before○	Clarence E. Pecht	Arthur G. Humphrey
255	Exeter,	" 283	Exeter	Fillmore	Second and fourth Fridays	William S. Wiggins	Rex O. Alley
	Seneca,	" 284	Seneca	Thomas	Wednesday on or before○	Ira B. Spencer	Edgar T. Lay
	Camp Clarke,	" 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	George W. Irwin	Edward K. Milmine
	Oshkosh,	" 286	Oshkosh	Garden	Wednesday on or after○	Charles A. Harris	Clyde H. Sudman
	Union,	" 287	Palmira	Otoe	Wednesday on or before○	Henry C. McKee	Albert T. Cassel
260	Omaha,	" 288	Omaha	Douglas	First Saturday	Andrew A. Murphy	Edward L. Cain
	Lotus,	" 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Joe J. Bacon	Archie A. Meek
	John J. Mercer,	" 290	Omaha†	Douglas	First Monday	Charles M. Nye	Earl W. Dean
	Diamond,	" 291	Royal	Antelope	First and third Wednesdays	John L. Harmon	Bedric D. Lucas
	Wolbach,	" 292	Wolbach	Greeley	Second and fourth Mondays	George D. Meredith	Edwin L. Johnson
265	Monument,	" 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	First Monday	Ralph E. Sohn	Clyde E. Toler
	Kimball,	" 294	Kimball	Kimball	Second and fourth Fridays	David G. Mathers	Irving S. Walker
	Minatare,	" 295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	First and third Wednesdays	Amzi A. Jessup	Fred W. Smith
	Cowles,	" 296	Cowles	Webster	Fourth Friday	Hiram W. Arnold	Horace G. Morse
	Cotner,	" 297	Bethany	Lancaster	First and third Mondays	Charles W. McIntyre	Cecil C. Donley
270	Chester,	" 298	Chester	Thayer	First Wednesday	Cyrus E. Forell	Clarence E. Coates
	Sutherland,	" 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	First Thursday	William J. Root	Harold P. Wiig
	Liberty,	" 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Otto R. Newberg	James F. Thompson
	Bayard,	" 301	Bayard	Morrill	First Friday	D. Clyde Leach	James A. Stockwell
	Mizpah,	" 302	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Lester R. Slonecker	Lemuel E. Fitch
275	Right Angle,	" 303	Omaha	Douglas	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Earl W. Cropper	Paul F. Griswold
	Ruskin,	" 304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Mondays	Chauncey O. Hull	William H. Nelson
	Newman Grove,	" 305	Newman Grove	Madison	Second Tuesday	Carl J. Peterson	Leslie E. Martin
	Golden Rod,	" 306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	Third Tuesday	William H. Goettsche	Sydney E. Vogler
	William E. Hill,	" 307	Otoe	Otoe	First Monday	Samuel A. Naffsiger	Alvin H. Roettger
280	Perkins,	" 308	Grant	Perkins	First Thursday	John S. Myers	Oscar W. Bauer
	Winnebago,	" 309	Winnebago	Thurston	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	Clinton I. Lennon	Bert Boyd
	Victory,	" 310	Valley	Douglas	First Monday	T. Frank Green	Floyd M. Field
	Polk,	" 311	Polk	Polk	Second Thursday	Ernest F. Graff	Isaac T. Samuelson
	Oak Leaf,	" 312	Lynch	Boyd	Second Tuesday	George G. Shuber	Hugh E. McGinitie
285	Potter,	" 313	Potter	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Carl A. Larsen	Peter Hansen
	Craftsmen,	" 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	William A. Robbins	Ethuer L. Farmer

† Florence Station.

‡ Benson Station.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submits the review of sixty-two proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges that have come to his table during the past Masonic year.

The preparation of the review was attended by rather unfavorable circumstances, owing to the indisposition of the reviewer.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. EHRHARDT,

For the Committee.

Alabama, 1922.	New Jersey, 1922.
Alberta, 1922.	New Mexico, 1922.
Arizona, 1922.	New York, 1922.
Arkansas, 1922.	North Carolina, 1922.
British Columbia, 1922.	North Dakota, 1922.
California, 1922.	Nova Scotia, 1922.
Canada, 1922.	Ohio, 1922.
Colorado, 1922.	Oklahoma, 1922.
Delaware, 1922.	Oregon, 1922.
District of Columbia, 1922.	Pennsylvania, 1921-1922.
England, 1922.	Philippine Islands, 1922.
Florida, 1922.	Prince Edward Island, 1922.
Georgia, 1921-1922.	Quebec, 1922.
Idaho, 1922.	Queensland, 1922.
Illinois, 1922.	Rhode Island, 1922.
Indiana, 1922.	Saskatchewan, 1922.
Iowa, 1922.	South Australia, 1921.
Ireland, 1922.	South Carolina, 1921.
Kansas, 1923.	South Dakota, 1922.
Kentucky, 1921-1922.	Tennessee, 1923.
Louisiana, 1922.	Texas, 1922.
Maine, 1922.	Vermont, 1922.
Manitoba, 1922.	Victoria, 1921.
Maryland, 1922.	Virginia, 1922.
Massachusetts, 1921.	Washington, 1922.
Michigan, 1922.	Western Australia, 1922.
Mississippi, 1922.	West Virginia, 1922.
Missouri, 1922.	Wisconsin, 1922.
Nevada, 1922.	Wyoming, 1922.
New Hampshire, 1922.	

ALABAMA.

December 6th, 1922.

Montgomery.

102d Annual.

M. W. Grand Master Julian F. Spearman in his address pays tribute to the memory of P. G. M. George Paul Harrison and the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions, noting the death of P. G. M. Keysor and Grand Master Wellman, of Nebraska. He reports ten decisions, and makes a number of recommendations of local interest. He makes a full report as to the Masonic Home, and suggests that they adopt a rule for the government of the Home providing the obligations incurred should not exceed the income, and that they adopt a budget system, the estimates of the amount required to be submitted to the Grand Lodge for its approval, and that a competent accountant be appointed to audit the books of the home. He also makes a number of other valuable recommendations all of which were adopted by the Grand Lodge. He reports attending the annual session of the George Washington Memorial Association. He reports assigning ten charters, consolidated two, arrested the charter of five lodges, approved the Order of De Molay, and "side-steps" the Ku Klux Klan. He says that the drive for the Masonic Home has not been completely successful, but hopes the necessary funds will be provided for by the end of the year. He reports attending the session of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at Washington and the Grand Chapter of Alabama. He reports receiving a \$35,000.00 building, donated to the Masonic Home by the Order of the Eastern Star.

The special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother Oliver Day Street, Chairman, and recommends the recognition of the Grand Orient of Brazil, the Grand Lodge of Peru, the Grand Lodge of Honduras, the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, the Grand Lodge of Czecho-Slovakia, and the Supreme Council at Luxembourg; the report contains a resolution expressing sympathy for the Masons of Hungary. The resolutions were adopted and recognition accorded.

R. W. Brother Oliver Day Street, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a letter resigning his place as Chairman of the committee, which was regretfully accepted, and the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Lodge were expressed for the able and brilliant manner in which he had discharged the duties incumbent upon him.

The Superintendent of the Home reported 346 residents of the home, 16 being men, 52 women, 148 boys, and 130 girls.

The Grand Orator, R. W. Brother George Fleming Moore, addressed the Grand Lodge. The address being extemporaneous no copy could be obtained for its publication.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by Brother Oliver Day Street was of 363 pages and was one of the most valuable contributions to Masonry, and one that is valuable for any Masonic student. It is upon the status of Freemasonry in the various countries of the world, and

must have required a vast amount of research work by Brother Street in the four years that he has given to the preparation of the report.

JULIAN F. SPEARMAN, Grand Master, Anniston.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary, Montgomery.

ALBERTA.

June 14th, 1922.

Edmonton.

17th Annual.

W. L. Brother Frank Barnhouse, representing Nebraska, was among the representatives present. The Grand Master reports on the year's progress, shows a net numerical growth of 920, and reports the finances of the Grand Lodge in splendid condition; he says:

Not only have we made progress numerically and financially, but we are quite convinced that the Craft throughout the Province has grown in a moral capacity, in the broader conception of what Masonic Service should be and in the desire to live up to the teachings and meet the requirements of true Masonry.

And also:

Our strength lies not in the conferring of Degrees, but in instilling into our members a desire and a resolve to live up to the teachings of the Fraternity, as applied to the Creator of the Universe, to mankind and to ourselves.

He reports a number of dispensations, all for good reasons, but was rather chary in granting them and refused to sanction a Masonic Club at a point where a lodge was in existence.

A communication was presented and read from the Supreme Guardian of the Supreme Council of Job's Daughters, asking for the name of some one who would be interested in promoting this organization in the Province of Alberta. The communication was ordered to be filed.

Past Grand Master Stephen Y. Taylor submits a report on fraternal correspondence, reviewing 38 Grand Lodges, Nebraska not being among them. In his conclusion he says:

Our Fraternity prohibits its members from soliciting candidates for the Order, and, generally speaking, this seems to be observed by the Brethren, and the only conclusion one can come to is that men are knocking at the portals of our Lodges because they have formed a favorable opinion of the Fraternity and want to be associated with it.

It has occurred to the writer that while perhaps in most cases the candidates knocking at the portals of our lodges come of their own free will and accord, yet many of them have their eye on the fez and the beautiful charm they are permitted to wear to let the world know that they are members of this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD, Grand Master, Calgary.

STEPHEN Y. TAYLOR, Grand Secretary, Calgary.

ARIZONA.

February 14th, 1922.

Tucson.

40th Annual.

Grand Master Frank Goldwin Brown, in his address says:

I am convinced, after covering practically the whole State on my journeyings during the year, that we need education in connection with our existing

laws far more than we need additional legislation. If some means could be devised to arouse sufficient interest among the Brethren, particularly the officers of our Lodges, in our Constitution that they might become familiar with our present laws and regulations, there would be little need of decisions, new regulations or new legislation.

He endorses the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and the Masonic Service Association. Their fees are seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for the three degrees in some of the lodges and their dues one dollar a month, payable in advance or semi-annually.

The Committee on Masonic Education recommend that a committee be appointed to inspire and stimulate the work from time to time. They want a majority of the committee appointed from one place so as to enable the committee to meet.

The Towner-Sterling Educational Bill received hearty endorsement.

The Grand Lodge refused to loan any of its funds to aid lodges in building Masonic Halls.

The constitution was amended so that in addition to the fees required by the by-laws the lodge shall collect from each petitioner or applicant the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) for the Home Endowment Fund.

The committee reported and the report was adopted that the Grand Lodge pay the sum of \$200.00 annually to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, until their quota is completed.

The Grand Lodge voted to continue its membership in the Masonic Service Association.

There is no report on correspondence.

LOUIS GWALTNEY MOYERS, Grand Master, Globe.

GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, Grand Secretary, Tucson.

ARKANSAS.

November 21st, 1922.

Little Rock.

81st Annual.

The Grand Master in his address says:

As we look back upon the past, the good we have done will be to us a benediction the better to prepare us for future duties. The evil, if any may have it wrought—learn it "springs up and flowers, but brings forth no fruit"—only decay.

He reports ten decisions of local interest and makes a number of recommendations. The Order of the Eastern Star was invited to be present at the evening session to hear the address of the Grand Orator. The Grand Secretary reported that during the year to November 1st, he had received \$1,348.30 contributed by 41 lodges for the pension fund.

The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Orphans Home and School made full report of their proceedings. The Grand Orator, R. W. Brother Edward F. McDonald, delivered an address on Service that was well received and for which a vote of thanks was extended, and the oration directed printed in the proceedings.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence by its chairman presented a report according recognition to the following Grand Lodges: Sovereign

Grand Lodge, Symbolic Degrees, State of Honduras; Grand Lodge Republic, Argentina; Grand Logia "Cuscatlan," Del Estado De El Salvador; and Grand Logia De La Republica De Colombia.

The committee in its general report, says:

We also note in most of the addresses of the Grand Masters, before their various Grand Lodges, a note of warning regarding those who seem to care more for charms and buttons, and their ability to boast of the degrees they have received, than they boast or think of the beautiful lessons taught in the various degrees.

The committee further says:

We believe the time has arrived when every Masonic Lodge, in addition to conferring degrees, should find and take time to educate our members on the beauties Freemasonry has, and thus cultivate the better side of men, pointing them to the future and that the world is looking at each individual Mason for WHAT HE IS and DOES, not for the numerous emblems he might wear upon his person.

After the Grand Lodge closed many of the members of the Grand Lodge were present to see the Order of De Molay, of Little Rock, confer the order on their class of candidates.

There is no review.

JOHN D. WOLF, Grand Master, Batesville.

FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Secretary, Little Rock.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

June 22d, 1922.

Prince Rupert.

51st Annual.

WALLACE S. TERRY, Grand Master.

There was an address of welcome by R. W. Brother, Cyril H. Orme, on behalf of the lodges of the District and a response by Brother Andrew McC. Creery, Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master, after paying a tribute to the fraternal dead, submitted a number of rulings among them being some on physical qualifications, where the rule is rather relaxed. He reports a large number of visitations to the different lodges; says the Charity Fund is not receiving the attention and the active interest of the brethren that it should; and thinks the Grand Lodge ought to actively and earnestly take up the matter of increasing the Charity Fund. He reports that the Masonic Relief Fund has had many calls upon it during the year. He observes the amendment or by-law increasing the annual dues, and says that it is in accord with the spirit of the times, and that the dues ought to be commensurate with the fixed charges of a lodge.

The question of the increase of the Charity Fund was endorsed by the Grand Lodge, and a committee was appointed to work out or perfect plans for increasing it. The War Relief Fund disbursed something over \$4,000.00 during the year.

The Committee on Finances reported that they strongly recommended that the Relief Fund be kept as it is.

The report on correspondence is by William A. DeWolf-Smith, who says

that the year has been one of peaceful progress, its most noticeable feature being the unification of the Craft in Queensland by the establishment of the United Grand Lodge.

ANDREW McC. CREERY, Grand Master, Vancouver.

WILLIAM A. DEWOLF-SMITH, Grand Secretary, New Westminster.

CALIFORNIA.

October 10th, 1922.

San Francisco.

73d Annual.

M. W. Samuel E. Burke, Grand Master, in his address says:

It has been a wonderful year, a marvelous experience, one of the happiest years in my life.

Also that:

It had been necessary for him to render no decisions during the year.

He reports the death of Past Grand Master Alonzo Judson Monroe, and Samuel David Mayer, the veteran Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge.

On the question of physical requirements he reports having without exception denied the requested dispensation in all cases, holding closely to the fifteen articles of the York Constitution of 926 A. D.

Speaking of extraneous organizations which profess to be Masonic wherein their only kinship lies in the prerequisite to membership in a Masonic lodge, he says:

I may safely prophesy that if these bodies are not curbed by other means, it will eventually be necessary for this Grand Lodge to enact some form of legislation looking toward the control or retirement of these extraneous organizations.

He says that the most enduring monument of the Grand Lodge is the Masonic Homes at Covina and Decoto. In conclusion he would like to summarize the strides made by the fraternity during the past year. His doctrine has been more lodges and fewer members, and he expressed pleasure in granting twenty-six dispensations for the formation of new lodges and others on the way.

There was disbursed during the year for the two Homes over \$535,000.00. The Order of De Molay for boys was endorsed and the members of the fraternity requested to lend their moral and personal support.

The proposition to repeal the twenty dollar Home tax from affiliates for their Masonic Home Fund failed, as the Committee on Policy and General Purposes reported against the proposition. There was a proposition to pay instructors which did not receive the approval either of the committee to which it was referred or the Grand Lodge.

Requests for recognition were received from Sob. Gr. Log, Sim. del Estado de Honduras; National Grand Lodge of Italy; Gran Logia de Panama; Gran Logia Simbolica Estados Unidos de Venezuela; Gran Logia de la Republica del Ecuador; Gran Logia Cuscatlan de la Republica de el Salvador; Grand Logia de la Republica de Colombia; and Gran Logia de el Republica del Peru, whereon the Committee on Policy and General Purposes reported as follows:

The time at the disposal of your Committee is wholly insufficient for proper consideration prior to the closing of this session of the Grand Lodge of the claims for recognition of these bodies, and your Committee is disposed to make a careful examination into the merits of each of these requests and, therefore, recommends that no action be taken at this time, but that the subject of the recognition of these bodies be continued until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

The committee reported in favor of joining the Masonic Service Association, and the report was adopted.

The form of the petition for degrees was amended to include the following question:

Do you promise that you will not, within six months after receiving the degree of Master Mason, petition for or receive any degree or be initiated in any body, or organization the prerequisite of membership wherein is that a person be a Master Mason?

The action of the Grand Master in refusing dispensations on the grounds of physical disqualification was approved. They are going to have a distinctive apron for inspectors.

The resolution endorsing the George Washington National Memorial Association was referred to the Committee on Policy and General Purposes and reported back, recommending its reference to their successors.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence covering 100 pages was presented by Brother John Franklin West, who in his foreword quotes the following.

The rapid growth in membership has brought into our ranks many who have not yet found their way into the spirit of Masonry. Here, no doubt, is to be found one chief reason for the restless searching after strange fields of endeavor.

While Nebraska is among the list covered by the review, the copy must have been lost on its way to the printer as no reference thereto is found in the body of the review.

WILLIAM A. SHERMAN, Grand Master, San Francisco.

JOHN WHICHER, Grand Secretary, San Francisco.

CANADA (Ontario).

July 19th, 1922.

Fort William and Port Arthur.

67th Annual.

M. W. Brother William N. Ponton, Grand Master, Mayor Edmeston of Fort William and Mayor Matthews of Port Arthur were formally introduced and each delivered an address of welcome which was followed by a brief reply by the Grand Master. There was a reception of Grand Representatives after which the Grand Master delivered his address. He reports the consecration of sixteen lodges; urges a more constant attendance at lodge meetings; suggests that at every regular meeting a half hour be devoted to educational or inspirational lines, and says that it is not necessary to secure good attendance to have buffoonery or vaudeville at the refreshment table, not to mistake vulgarity for vivacity, and excitement for refined and happy pleasure. He advises that they do not go beyond the bounds of the Craft for talent,

except in rare cases where an outstanding public man, who is not a Mason, may be desirous of propagating the knowledge of some subject of general interest which he has made peculiarly his own. He devotes some time to paying tribute to the illustrious dead. He suggested that a library and reading room should be an adjunct and auxiliary of every Masonic lodge. He urges the purchasing of a large and central site or estate for a Masonic Home and hospital and school. He refers feelingly to the King's pilgrimage in France and the King's speech over the French and British dead.

The report on fraternal correspondence is by R. W. Brother Edward B. Brown, chairman of the committee. The committee shows that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico is a legitimate body and the only Masonic Grand Lodge in Mexico which at present can well be accorded fraternal recognition by foreign Grand Lodges, but that this should be deferred until further information has been obtained, and recommend that their present policy of non-interference in Masonic affairs in the Federal District of Mexico be maintained until the next annual communication of their Grand Lodge. The United Grand Lodge of Queensland received recognition. As to the application of the National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France and the French Colonies, they submit a report showing that they have not sufficient information to warrant a conclusion, and recommend that consideration be deferred until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

The report of the Board of General Purposes, through the Committee, on the condition of Masonry, say of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence:

They give evidence of careful preparation and are a treasure-house of information for the investigator searching for the masterpieces of current Masonic literature, or for the student seeking to separate the substantial facts of our history from the myths and fancies of tradition.

They say of the proceedings of New South Wales:

It might easily be "boiled down" a bit. Cut all the "flatteries and gush" out and leave plain figures, and the report would be more appreciated.

The special Committee on the Grotto, the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, recommended the following amendment:

That as regards any organization, Lodge or Society unaffiliated with, or not now recognized by Masonry in our jurisdiction, it shall be and is hereby declared to be improper and unlawful for any Freemason under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to become a member of such an organization, lodge or society, if membership in the Craft is in any way or to any extent a prerequisite to membership therein, unless such organization, lodge or society at the time has received and continues to possess the express recognition and approval of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address found nothing to criticise, and pronounced it one of the finest deliverances ever presented to Grand Lodge by any Grand Master.

The review is by Edward B. Brown, Chairman, Nebraska for 1921 being accorded two pages of the excellent review.

WILLIAM N. PONTON, Grand Master, Belleville.

WILLIAM M. LOGAN, Grand Secretary, Hamilton.

COLORADO.

September 19th, 1922.

Denver.

62d Annual.

Grand Master Marshall H. Van Fleet, after an address of welcome by the Grand Master and the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions and a response by Brother Ralph E. Stevens, delivered his address. He reports his inability to attend the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and that he appointed Haslett P. Burke, P. G. M., as his representative, but owing to business engagements he was unable to attend. He recommended that the Grand Lodge be represented at the laying of the corner-stone in October. He calls attention to the fact that in 1888, the Grand Lodge of Colorado adopted a law recognizing as Masonic certain organizations named therein, according to our understanding, principally for the benefit of the Ancient and Accepted Freemasonry. He says within the past few years there has been a disgraceful scramble for members by these organizations, which two years before had reached the proportions of a Masonic scandal. He presents the report of the commission of five which recommended that recognition be withdrawn from Rocky Mountain Consistory No. 2, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, with the recommendation that they take such steps as will forever prevent the recurrence of the experience the Masonic Fraternity in Colorado has had in such matter within the past few years. He recommends that the Custodians of the Work prepare a ceremony, to be used at the cremation of the body of a Master Mason, also recommends that the committee on correspondence be requested to investigate the Grand Lodges of Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands. He also recommends the appointment of a committee to take under consideration and report at the next annual communication as to the advisability of limiting the membership of lodges in their jurisdiction to not more than five hundred members to a lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported in favor of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland; as to Latin Masonry, the committee says:

The question of the recognition of Latin Masonry and Latin Grand Lodges has received considerable attention during the year in a number of the different Jurisdictions throughout the United States. Civic and Masonic conditions in many of the Latin countries are as yet so unsettled that your Committee has not deemed it advisable to suggest the recognition at this time of any of these Grand Lodges. In fact, your Committee has no opportunity to form an opinion upon the subject, and suggests further delay before taking any action thereon.

They say of the Masonic Service Association that its work seems to have been changed largely from charitable to educational.

The Grand Orator, R. W. Brother Frank G. Mirick, delivered an oration on Love.

M. W. Edward P. Hufferd of Colorado Springs, and representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near that of Colorado, was elected Grand Master.

The Committee, or rather, Board of Control of the Colorado Soldier Masons War Relief Fund in their report say:

The Masonic year just closing has demonstrated the wisdom of the Grand Bodies in prolonging the life of the fund. The number of calls for assistance from the fund is increasing, and your Board of Control recommends the further continuance of the fund as provided by the Grand Bodies at their Annual Meetings in 1921.

The report on correspondence by Brother Stanley C. Warner is interesting reading and Nebraska is accorded two full pages with liberal quotations from the address of the Grand Master. He notes the amendment offered by Past Grand Master Evans.

EDWARD P. HUFFERD, Grand Master, Colorado Springs.

WILLIAM W. COOPER, Grand Secretary, Denver.

DELAWARE.

October 4th, 1922.

Wilmington.

117th Annual.

The Grand Master in his address reported his attendance at the Masonic Service Association, Chicago, and says:

Composed as it is, of men who are thoroughly in love with the principles of our Fraternity, prompted by the purest motives. . . . It is our candid opinion that we should make more use of this splendid organization."

And he adds:

If we could only see our way clear to place at the disposal of our Committee on Masonic Service Association sufficient funds for the work, I am sure we would see in the next five years the wisdom of the expenditure.

He endorses the George Washington Memorial Association. He thinks that Masonry is suffering in these modern days from two serious diseases. The first of these is the anxiety on the part of the majority of the members of the Craft to know the mysteries of the so-called higher degrees, and he says:

It is a serious mistake for the members to come into our Lodges and immediately upon receiving the Master Mason's degree, rush a petition into the Chapter, or the Consistory, and on into the Mystic Shrine, before they become acquainted with the basic principles of Masonry, all of which are to be found in the Blue Lodge.

The Grand Master reports fully the activities in the new building of the Masonic Home, and concludes his address as follows:

Masonry is not a toy to be played with, nor a pastime merely to be enjoyed, nor yet a society of like minded spirits organized that the idle moments of the day may be spent in pleasurable conversation or in the exchange of witicisms. Masonry is an attractive force, which brings together in one body, men of different occupation and attainments, from the different avenues of life, and unites them into a moving, active, creative, aggressive body, where as one they become a dynamic power for the intellectual, political, moral and spiritual elevation of the human race.

The Committee on Masonic Service Association made a report and give their hearty approval to the association. There was a proposal to amend the

resolution in regard to the Grand Secretary's office, that the office should be open any evening by appointment, except Sunday.

A condensed report on correspondence is by Past Grand Master Thomas J. Day, presenting his third annual review wherein he gives an interesting and instructive report of 72 volumes of 62 Grand Lodges that have been received during the year, Nebraska being accorded its due portion.

CHARLES A. BAMBERGER, Grand Master, Wilmington.

JOHN F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary, Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

December 20th, 1922.

Washington.

112th Annual.

M. W. Charles C. Coombs, Grand Master, in his address expresses his gratitude to R. W. Brother Arvine W. Johnston, Grand Secretary, for the invaluable support he has given and for his unfailing courtesy and fatherly counsel and guidance. Knowing Brother Johnston as we do we can fully appreciate his assistance to any Grand Master in the discharge of his office.

The Grand Master pays a tribute to the dead, reporting the death of Past Grand Master Landan C. Williamson, and the Grand Tiler, Warren C. Bickford, together with that of Samuel R. Bond, Past Master, the Nestor of the Grand Lodge, and many of the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions, among them Past Grand Master Keysor and Grand Master Wellman of Nebraska.

He reports having consistently declined to depart in any way from the well-established fundamental regulation that no lodge can initiate a candidate who can not literally conform to all the requirements of the Eighteenth Landmark. He is of the opinion that the fees for the degrees are too low and recommends that the minimum fee for the degrees should be placed at \$75.00, and that \$20.00 shall be paid to the fund for the erection and maintenance of their temple. They have a Masters' Association in the jurisdiction that is a clearing house for Masonic information and seems to serve a good purpose.

The Grand Master reports the conditions of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association and gives it his endorsement. He reports the observance of the Masonic birthday of Brother George Washington, held November 4th, 1922, at the auditorium of the Central High School. He reports fully on the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and the work of the Masonic Board of Relief. He appointed a representative to attend meetings of the Masonic Service Association and gives it his unqualified endorsement.

They are preparing to erect a United Masonic Temple on Temple Heights, and are endeavoring to raise a two million dollar fund by voluntary contributions. The site cost \$900,000.00. This fund was assessed to the lodges on a per capita basis to be paid in annual installments of \$20.00 per annum per capita covering a period of five years.

The Grand Lodge of Ecuador and the Grand Lodge of Panama were, on

the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence given fraternal recognition, while the Grand Lodges of Turkey and Venezuela together with the Grand Lodge of Colombia were deferred.

The committee on the new Masonic Temple reported that subscriptions numbering 10,556, amounting to \$874,376.00 had been secured by the committee, and designated a gift fund and the committee reported their purpose to continue their campaign until subscriptions had reached the two million dollar mark.

The committee or the representative appointed by the Grand Master to attend the fourth annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association made a full report. It says the association merits the continued membership of the Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Past Grand Master George W. Baird, chairman, who presents a readable review of 175 pages, Nebraska for 1922, receiving more than its share of fraternal consideration. His conclusion is well worthy the serious consideration of all true Masons.

MARK F. FINLEY, Grand Master, Washington.

ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, Grand Secretary, Washington.

ENGLAND.

The sessions of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England were held October 25th, 1922, and December 6th of the same year. At the special meeting held at Royal Albert Hall on October 25th, the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn presided and announced that it was held for the purpose of the investiture of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England, and there was also unveiled a portrait of the Grand Master, which is to be hung in Freemasons' Hall as a perpetual memorial of the loyalty and devotion of the Craft to a Grand Master distinguished in life-long service to Empire as soldier and statesman, and for consistent exemplification of the highest principles of Freemasonry.

The important business transacted at the quarterly communication December 6th, 1922, was first a change in the book of constitutions whereby the quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge are to be held in London, except the September communication, which is to be held at such place as from time to time to be determined by the Grand Master. It was considerably discussed but the amendment to the constitution was practically carried by unanimous vote. There was a cordial vote of thanks to V. W. Brother J. S. Granville Grenfell, Grand Director of Ceremonies, for the patience, zeal, and great ability he has once more displayed in assisting to organize and successfully superintend the arrangements for an Especial Grand Lodge at the Royal Albert Hall on October 25th. Those of us who had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Brother J. S. Granville Grenfell while attending the Great Peace Meeting in London somewhat appreciate the ability of this great, good brother in directing a gathering of nine thousand Masons in

Albert Hall, and know that the resolution of thanks together with the commendation of the Grand Master were worthily bestowed.

Another important question determined at this session was the resolution of a site for the Great Masonic Peace Memorial. It was considerably discussed as to whether this great building should be erected on the present site on Great Queen Street, where the Masons in London have been meeting for a period of 150 years, or whether it should be erected on the Adelphi Terrace site practically over the Adelphi arches. After full discussion the site on Queen Street was selected by practically a unanimous vote.

FLORIDA.

January 16th, 1923.

Jacksonville.

94th Annual.

M. W. Charles H. Ketchum, Grand Master, in his address, after discussing very fully the educational questions before the country, reports very fully on the distinguished dead of his own and other jurisdictions. He reports the constitution by special dispensations of three new lodges, and he granted four dispensations for new lodges. He reports carrying out the instructions of the Grand Lodge in having erected a monument to the first Grand Master, General John Pope Duval. The Grand Master tells of the laying of many corner-stones, and he refused to lay one for a church when he found that the space had been left for the corner-stone and that the steel structure for the second story of the church was already in place and all the window frames were in the building, the same being more than half completed. He held that there are no "side degrees" in Masonry and that if the wives and daughters of Master Masons are desirous of joining a society of women they should take advantage of the Eastern Star. He held that the Masonic Order stands for freedom of speech and liberty of conscience. He says they have no right to forbid a man to join the Ku Klux Klan, the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, or any other fraternal order, and that the lodge is the sole judge of who shall constitute its members and should be governed accordingly. He reports attending the 12th annual meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association, makes a very full report of the work of the association, and says the total cost of the memorial, according to estimate will be approximately \$1,600,000.00. He reports sending out a circular letter to all the lodges and a tentative program for lodges holding individual meetings. He recommends that a cipher code be prepared and left in the custody of the Grand Secretary for reference.

The report on correspondence is by Past Grand Master Silas B. Wright who presents a review of 235 pages, Nebraska being accorded five pages of his valuable report. Brother Wright is not given very much to scissors. In his conclusion he gives a very full account of the organization of the Order of De Molay for Boys and gives us something new in reference to the earliest account of the introduction of Masonry into the United States, showing the record of the organization of the Grand Lodge in Rhode Island in 1658, or

fifty-nine years before the revival in England and seventy-five years before the establishment of the first lodge in Massachusetts.

JOHN L. HALL, Grand Master, Jacksonville.

WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.

GEORGIA.

October 25th, 1921.

Macon.

135th Annual.

M. W. Grand Master Charles L. Bass opened the Grand Lodge and attention was called to the fact that Past Grand Master James W. Taylor was celebrating the eighty-eighth anniversary of his birth and the sixty-second of his continuous attendance at the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master paid a beautiful tribute to Past Grand Master Taylor. The Grand Master in his address reports the Masonic Home in splendid condition; he says the Superintendent and his wife deserve high praise for their fidelity.

The Endowment Fund of the Home amounts to \$140,000.00. He commends highly the Scottish Rite Hospital for their wonderful and marvelous work in behalf of crippled children. He rendered a number of decisions of local interest, constituted seven new lodges, and personally attended a number of district conventions. He endorses the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association. He appointed a committee to study the Masonic Service Association and to report on the advisability of continuing membership. He thinks that there is a great difference in making members and making Masons. He says the real Master Mason, who has been made such in his heart, and who has the true spirit of the fraternity is numbered among those whom the Psalmist describes as the man who shall abide in the Tabernacle and dwell in the Holy Hills. "The real Mason is one that 'walketh uprightly, worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart.' This is the picture of a real Master Mason, such can not be made too rapidly, let us see to it that we make real Masons and not merely members of the fraternity." He describes the tendency to make the symbolic lodge but the stepping-stone of the higher degrees, and thinks that too often men hurry through the Masonic lodge merely for the purpose of ultimately reaching the Shrine.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence through its chairman, Raymund Daniel, reported recommending recognition to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association reported hoping that Georgia Masonry will acquit itself honorably by raising its quota required to carry on this enterprise.

Strong resolutions were passed endorsing the work of the Y. M. C. A. during the war.

The Committee on General Welfare reported among other things the recommendation to establish a permanent and revolving loan fund, and \$500.00 was appropriated and paid out of the treasury for that purpose.

There is a review by that master reviewer, Raymund Daniel, who, in his foreward says:

It has been a full year.

He spoke of the dawning of a new and better day, and says:

The pendulum has swung from Hysteria.

He notes the big increase in membership, and the curbing of higher bodies' solicitations and in fact covers the entire field of Masonic endeavor in the several Grand Lodges. He says in reviewing Nebraska that the action in the Nebraska Grand Lodge is one of the most progressive steps for the purification of Freemasonry that he had seen for many years, Nebraska being accorded five pages of his excellent report.

JOE P. BOWDOIN, Grand Master, Atlanta.

FRANCIS F. BAKER, Grand Secretary, Macon.

GEORGIA.

October 31st, 1922.

Macon.

136th Annual.

Grand Lodge was opened in due form by M. W. Grand Master Joe P. Bowdoin, some six hundred lodges being represented. He notes the death of the Grand Senior Warden John E. Sheppard, and the third Grand Steward, Henry R. Palmer, and the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions including that of Past Grand Master Keysor, of Nebraska. He recommends that the office of Historian that was created by resolution by the Grand Lodge in 1920 be made permanent. Worshipful Brother Raymund Daniel had been appointed, but owing to the state of his health at that time and thinking that he could not give the time and labor necessary to do the work he declined, but finally consented, and the Grand Master recommends that a sufficient appropriation be made for the necessary expenses. He advocates the organization of some system of education along Masonic lines by the proper and careful preparation of articles to be read in open lodge or a circulating library. He strongly recommends the Educational Fund that is a revolving student loan fund, and says that the fund should be increased from year to year until it has sufficient money to properly function. They have a Masonic Relief Board that is doing good work. He reports 38 decisions, and granted two changes of venue.

He reports a case like one that was of some interest in this jurisdiction a few years ago. A brother asking for a demit to affiliate with another lodge files the demit, but before action can be had on it he dies. The question is to what lodge does he belong, what are his rights and those of his widow and orphans? He recommends that it would be proper for the Grand Lodge to present to the Grand Masters on retiring a Past Grand Master's apron as well as a jewel. He approves the questionnaire to accompany the application for initiation. The Eastern Star and the De Molay for boys meet his approval. He urges the observance of St. Johns Days, both on the 24th of June and the 27th of December. He reports laying many corner-stones and says it is one of the most important and impressive ceremonies that Masons have, one of wonderful opportunity to impress upon the public the beauties of our institution and what it stands for. Three Masonic Halls were dedicated

and consecrated. He reports many visitations and attended nine district conventions.

He condemns Masonic parasites. There is an attempt being made to procure a charter for an institution calling itself the Great American Fraternity wherein they propose to unite the orders of Guardians of Liberty, the Junior Order of the United Mechanics, Free and Accepted Masons, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and Daughters of America. He says of the Ku Klux Klan that they do not deserve consideration; that Masonry has nothing to do with any clan or society or organization, or denomination. He says Masonry stands alone, fearless and unafraid, not courting any affiliation and denouncing no other organization. As to so-called higher degrees, after noting what some of the other jurisdictions have done in the way of legislation, thinking it might be well to consider the problems he thinks it would be better for such legislation to originate in the so-called higher degrees. He has this to say of the Foreign Correspondent, every word of which meets the "Amen" of this writer:

The many favorable comments made by foreign correspondents and the nice things they say about W. Raymund Daniel, our lovable and most efficient Foreign Correspondent, are to be expected by all of us who know Raymund. He is indeed, and in truth, a gem of the first water. To say a word of praise about him would be like trying to add brightness to the sun. Few, indeed, are like him; we love him because he first loved us; Raymund just loves everybody. So long as we are guided by him in our foreign relations we are safe. May our good Grand Master grant him many years of usefulness to Masonry. It is useless to say that I reappointed him.

The Committee on Re-districting the State divided the state into thirty districts. A resolution offered by Past Grand Master Robert J. Travis prohibits the use of the word Masonic or Masons by any corporation, co-partnership, association, or individual, in connection with any business venture or occupation carried on for gain, other than the publishing of Masonic books or periodicals. A resolution was adopted instructing the secretaries of subordinate lodges to collect 25 cents per annum from each active member for the ensuing four years, for the purpose of meeting the pledge of the jurisdiction toward the building fund of the Washington Memorial Association.

The review of 190 pages, reviewing sixty-eight proceedings of sixty-one Grand Jurisdictions, is by that master reviewer, Brother Raymund Daniel, Nebraska being accorded fraternal consideration. He quotes liberally from the Grand Secretary's report of the history of Monitor Lodge U. D. ., and from the oration of Brother Bishop Beecher.

JOE P. BOWDOIN, Grand Master, Atlanta.
FRANCIS F. BAKER, Grand Secretary, Macon.

IDAHO.

September 12th, 1922.

Idaho Falls.

55th Annual.

The Grand Master, Fletcher A. Jetter, in delivering his address notes the receipt of a communication from the New York *World*, requesting him to state his official attitude towards the Ku Klux Klan as enjoying Masonic sympathy. He says:

It is needless to say that no reply was made to the above. Whatever may be the merits or demerits of this ephemeral organization, this one fact stands out most clearly—it is un-Masonic. With its aims and purposes Masonry can have no affiliation. Masonry, in the nature of things, must keep clear of entangling alliances. A Mason who joins any so-called reform movement must do so as an individual and in no way try to make it appear that he has the backing of his lodge. If he is an officer in the Klan or any other organization, it is in bad taste, if not a Masonic crime, to proclaim his prominent standing in the Masonic Order, thus trying to make it appear that his actions have Masonic sanction. This has been done in several cases outside of Idaho.

Let us devote our attention to doing good. Let us pay less attention to what the opposition is doing and we shall have nothing to fear. Actions speak louder than words.

In reply to a request for a dispensation to confer degrees out of time, he says he has no authority to set aside a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge, that the candidate must wait four weeks as the resolution requires. He devoted considerable time to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, reports having made a special trip to Alexandria, has been on the ground and examined the proposed memorial at first hand, and is prepared to say that this tribute to Washington in the form proposed will bind the Masonic fraternity together more closely than any other conceivable Masonic action. He says the Grand Masters all over the country have been urging that courses of study be worked out and that the Grand Lodges usually act favorably on the suggestions, and there the matter ends. He thinks what is needed in Idaho at this time is a well-balanced man at the helm who has ideas for the training of our future leaders, that an educational revival can be inaugurated in Idaho if they would have the courage to go forward.

A beautiful oration on present day problems was delivered by the Grand Orator, Will H. Gibson.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported a resolution recognizing the Grand Lodge of Panama as a regularly and legally constituted Grand Lodge and requested the Grand Master to arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Jurisprudence concurred with the statement of the Grand Master regarding the Washington Memorial Temple and recommended that subordinate lodges be urged to contribute at least \$1.00 per member for this great and noble Masonic undertaking.

A resolution was adopted increasing the amount to be allowed to indigent Masons or orphans from fifty to sixty dollars per month for any one applicant.

The report on correspondence is by Brother George E. Knepper, who reviews the proceedings, Nebraska being among the number. He notes all our activities and on the report on correspondence says:

Brother John A. Ehrhardt is the author of the report. It is his first offense.

We were under the impression that it was a repetition of a number of previous efforts.

GEORGE M. SCOTT, Grand Master, Idaho Falls.

CURTIS F. PIKE, Grand Secretary, Boise.

ILLINOIS.

October 10th, 1922.

Chicago.

83d Annual.

Previous to the opening of the Grand Lodge they were entertained with a musical program by the Boys' and Girls' Band of the Illinois Masonic Home and some local talent. After the presentation of the flag and the report of the Committee on Credentials Grand Master Elmer E. Beach made his report. He says he is profoundly impressed, indeed oppressed, by the conviction that the spirit of unrest, doubt, suspicion, and discontent which might reasonably have been expected immediately following the world war, has not been diminishing as time has passed, and that class hatred and jealousy are more pronounced than ever before. We would like very much to quote all that he says in his opening address, but give space to the following only:

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are guaranteed to us by the Constitution. Every individual has the fundamental and inalienable right, not only to refuse to work or render service against his will, in other words to refrain from or to quit work when he chooses, but also has an equal right to seek employment and to work when, where and upon whatever terms or conditions he can obtain employment. A forcible denial of this right by any body or combination of men, no matter how numerically strong or powerful they may be, if allowed by the government, can result only in the crumbling of the foundations of the Republic, the certain destruction of all liberty and independence and a return to chaos. The tenets of Freemasonry and the cardinal virtues taught us in every lodge, a sense of justice and the moral fibre of our Universal Institution, must form a stabilizing influence which shall lead to the destruction—the utter annihilation—of the pernicious doctrine that, when a group, organization, or combination of men voluntarily give up and abandon their employment, any right exists to resort to violence and bloodshed to prevent other men, who are willing to do so, from entering the employment thus abandoned.

He condemns the violation of the law forbidding smoking in open lodge. He recommends an additional donation of \$6,000.00 to the Board of Education of the school district at LaGrange in addition to the \$6,000.00 donated at the last session for the new school building, this second donation to be used for equipping playgrounds, an athletic field, gymnasium, and some like purpose. He reports that Adelphi Lodge No. 1029, pledged themselves to give \$1.00 annually for five years for each member for vocational education at the Home, and notes that Medinah Temple made a donation of \$20,000.00, which financed the purchase of a large addition to the grounds adjoining the Childrens' Home at LaGrange. Although empowered to do so he has declined to issue dispensations waiving physical defects which the Grand Lodge itself has declined to do. He believes that the spirit of our law really contemplates that none but citizens of this country may receive the degrees in our lodges. He says that baseball and other clubs in the lodges, instead of

promoting the generous and brotherly emulation which was expected, have degenerated into the keenest and bitterest rivalry which in many cases has led the players and their adherents into the most disgraceful quarrels, some of them resulting even in fistic encounters, and he has advised that the clubs can not properly be called Masonic and are therefore illegal.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows that there has been over \$73,000.00 collected for the Washington Memorial.

There was an oration by Brother Frank O. Lowden, the Grand Orator. The report of the Board of Managers of the Masonic Home at Sullivan shows that the average membership for 1922 was 140.

The Committee on Legislation on the recommendation of the Grand Master relating to the creation of a Board of Legal Examiners and the requirements that a brother, to be eligible to the office of Master, shall pass a thorough examination before such board and secure from it a commission or certificate attesting his knowledge of Masonic law, say it is commendable in principle, but they recommend that the subject be referred to a special committee to be appointed by the Grand Master.

The Board of Managers of the Masonic Home at LaGrange made a report showing that the \$56,000.00 appropriated by the Grand Lodge together with the \$39,000.00 that they had on hand was used in the erection of a new wing to the home. They report a bequest of \$25,000.00 under the will of a deceased brother.

\$4,000.00 was appropriated for the Near East Relief.

There was a net gain of over 16,000 during the past year.

The report on correspondence is by Delmar D. Darrah. In his point of view he discusses the decadence of work, more revenue, the so-called higher bodies, and the third degree catechism. He says that the average candidate will be required to learn the catechism of three degrees, but it is only the active lodge worker who retains them and can make any use of them whatsoever. He believes in intellectual Masonry but wants that intellectuality to be derived outside of the ritual. A splendid review of the proceedings.

Nebraska for 1921 is given due consideration and he noted about everything that transpired at that session of the Grand Lodge.

ELMER E. BEACH, Grand Master, Chicago.

OWEN SCOTT, Grand Secretary, Decatur.

INDIANA.

May 23d, 1922.

Indianapolis.

105th Annual.

The kindly face of Grand Secretary William H. Swintz faces the title page of the proceedings. The Grand Master, Omar B. Smith, after the opening of the Grand Lodge, reports issuing a letter urging special observance of June 24th which has been set aside in Indiana as Masonic Home day, and he reports that the day was generally observed by the lodges. He attended the 12th Annual Convention of the George Washington Memorial Association, and is of the opinion that the easiest and surest way, and the way to distribute

the amount equally upon all to meet the one dollar per capita, was to make an assessment on the local lodges.

He reports removing the suspension of a number of lodges. Under their law if a lodge does imperfect work in conferring degrees the Grand Master simply suspends the lodge from doing any work until the officers show suitable proficiency in their work, and under this rule a number of the lodges had been suspended by his predecessor and after the officers had qualified themselves they were examined by the Grand Instructor, and if he reported as to the proficiency and recommended such action, the suspension was removed. He reports the arrest of a charter of a lodge whose building was not in a proper place to hold their meetings, a preparation room was used for a fuel room, the records improperly kept, dues not collected, and brothers unable to confer the degrees. Some other lodges were partially suspended and some put on probation. The brethren of Indiana know how to do things.

He recommends the erection of a memorial or a monument to the memory of General Washington Johnson. The Committee of Ways and Means reported adversely upon the recommendation of the Grand Master in reference to the assessment of the lodges for the George Washington Memorial Association, saying that the Grand Lodge had obligated itself for no fixed amount and for no definite time for the payment and therefore recommended that that part of the Grand Master's address be not adopted, which recommendation was approved by the Grand Lodge. They also reported adversely on the purchase of a pipe organ for the temple.

The committee on correspondence reported adversely on the request from the Grand Lodge of Ecuador for official recognition and their report was referred back to the committee for further investigation.

The annual review by M. W. Elmer F. Gay, Reviewer, furnishes an interesting table of membership of the jurisdictions in the United States and Canada, showing a total membership in the jurisdictions of the United States of 2,549,911, and the total membership in Canada of 152,484. He reviewed the proceedings of Nebraska for 1921 and quotes fully the action of this Grand Lodge in the legislation enacted in reference to membership in so-called higher Masonic bodies.

ROBERT W. PHILLIPS, Grand Master, Richmond.

WILLIAM H. SWINTZ, Grand Secretary, Indianapolis.

IOWA.

June 13th, 1922.

Des Moines.

79th Annual.

A fine steel engraving of M. W. Amos N. Alberson, Grand Master, with a short sketch of his life story, together with a picture of the Past Grand Masters and a record of the public exercises prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge wherein there was an address of welcome by the Governor, Brother Nate E. Kendall, and a response by Brother J. Ray Nyemaster, Deputy Grand Master, present a fitting introduction to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master in his address says:

Never before this past year have we had so many Schools of Instruction upon the ritual and never before have we had so many good brethren proficient in the work and capable of imparting the necessary instruction.

He commends very strongly the continuance of their membership in the Masonic Service Association. He was unable to attend the meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association so commissioned Grand Chaplain J. B. Rendall as the special representative. He refers to the proceedings in the United States District Court at Salt Lake City wherein the leaders in the so-called American Masonic Federation were found guilty of using the mails to defraud, and refers to the part that the jurisdiction had in furnishing proof of the false claims set forth by this clandestine organization, and that Brother Charles C. Hunt, Deputy Grand Secretary, was delegated to proceed to Salt Lake City where he assisted both as counsel and witness in the prosecution of said case.

The Grand Master reports the constitution of eight new lodges, three of them in the city of Des Moines with a total membership of 248, and he issued nine dispensations to form new lodges. His report on the Grand Charity Fund shows that during the past two years the permanent fund has been accumulating through the accretion of the sum of \$10.00 as a special contribution to this fund from each petitioner elected to receive the degrees as provided by their law. He is convinced that this was a wise regulation and should be continued. He thinks the organization of De Molay for boys is mutually helpful and is worthy of the support of every Mason.

He reports appointing 97 special representatives to visit the several lodges of the jurisdiction, the object of which was to afford the Grand Master such information as will enable him to stimulate every legitimate activity of each lodge and establish unanimity of Masonic spirit as well as uniformity of ritualistic work and equipment. He appointed a committee to report on the subject of a Masonic Sanitarium in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master of the previous year. He approves the organization of County and City Associations. He recommends that in every city or county a "Has-Been Club" or similar combination be formed to embrace all Past Masters and the elective officers of the lodges, these brethren to interchange ideas and experience for the practical side of Masonry and renew their interest in all the labors of the Craft.

The Committee on Grand Master's address in commending the work of the Grand Master says, "that kindly but firm counsel is given in that portion of the address. While the integrity and sovereign powers of the respective Grand Lodges must be maintained, the cultivation of a greater friendly and fraternal intercourse is encouraged, as we are pleased to note and commend." They commend the Order of De Molay for Boys. Past Grand Master William A. Westfall and Brother J. B. Rendall made full reports of their attendance at the George Washington Memorial Association but no action was taken upon either of the reports. The Committee on Masonic Service made an elaborate report all of which was adopted, except that referring to finances which was referred to the Finance Committee. There is a proposed amendment to the code that no new lodge shall receive the name or number

of any lodge of the jurisdiction whether extinct or otherwise; nor shall a new lodge be named for the town or city where located, nor in honor of any known living Mason. The Committee on Masonic Sanitarium reported progress and recommended that the committee be continued to further investigate the subject.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by Past Grand Master Louis Block, who in 210 pages reviews the several jurisdictions of the United States and Canada, and in his foreword and afterword discusses Iowa Masonry as notably fulfilling its three functions of ritual, research, and relief. He quotes from the report of Grand Master Fradenburg of Nebraska on weak lodges, his commending of the Masonic Home, and his discussion of the growth of Freemasonry. He thinks that the law enacted which deals with the Shrine flies in the face of that provision of our National Constitution which forbids the imposition of cruel and unusual punishment. He publishes the two beautiful poems quoted by Brother Frank G. Smith, Grand Orator. He says some nice things about the writer, and attempts to answer by saying that we jumped to a conclusion when we say that the Grand Orient of France is admittedly atheistic. The question is not between the good brother and the writer but between the good brother and the Masonic Historian, Robert Freke Gould, who in his Concise History of Freemasonry, at page 360, says the atheistical doctrine of the Grand Orient "of France" is not shared by the Supreme Council of France.

FRANK W. GLAZE, Grand Master, Oskaloosa.

NEWTON R. PARVIN, Grand Secretary, Cedar Rapids.

IRELAND.

December 27th, 1922.

Dublin.

The Deputy Grand Master, Col. Claude Cane, delivered an address calling attention to the changes that they have made in the Grand Lodge during the previous year, the most notable being promoting the Deputy Grand Secretary to Grand Secretary, and the retirement of the Grand Treasurer on account of the changes taking place in the country, and he also reports the death of the distinguished Masons of the jurisdiction. They had a strenuous year on account of the unsettled conditions. Even their hall was invaded by armed men who took forcible possession, but they having heard of the trouble had removed all the archives that contained the history of the Grand Lodge of Ireland from the doubtful security of their strong room to a place where they were absolutely safe during the time of the disturbance. He notes the installation of the Prince of Wales in October last as Senior Grand Warden of England. He reports fully on Masonic charities and while there was some loss of the amount collected in 1922 compared with the previous year, the Victoria Jubilee Annuity Fund collected more money in that year than the year before.

The Grand Secretary made a very full report. He notes the addition to the Grand Lodge laws wherein it is provided that "No member of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland shall be a member of or

attend any meetings of any body or Society which requires Freemasonry as a basis of or qualification for membership, except of such bodies as are included in the Calendar published annually by the authority of Grand Lodge." They also make it a Masonic offense to give information as to the standing of a member in reply to an inquiry from any such non-recognized body, and the members of the lodges are forbidden to join or belong to clubs or other bodies purporting to be or calling themselves Masonic, unless such clubs or bodies have been sanctioned by the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master, or if in a Masonic Province, by the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy. He reports the issuing of warrants for twenty-three new lodges.

THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF DONOUGHMORE, K. P. Grand Master.
HENRY C. SHELLARD, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

February 28th, 1923.

Wichita.

67th Annual.

M. W. John McCullagh, Grand Master, in his address calls attention to the great danger of human security in their disregard for law which seems so prevalent among all classes of people today. He thinks world conditions are alarming and feels that in this great crisis of the world the Masonic Fraternity is destined to play an important part, made up as it is in our own nation of over two million men, scattered the length and breadth of the land. He reports the death of R. W. John A. Ferrell, Deputy Grand Master. He commends very highly the district meetings and in accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge at the previous communication he arranged for ten meetings for the Masonic Service Association, but the meetings were not a success and after holding four of them they were abandoned. He attended the meeting of the Masonic Service Association at Kansas City and he reports that he is in favor of the Grand Lodge of Kansas becoming a member of it. He reports 203 residents of the Masonic Home and against the certificate for transfer of membership, as it rather tends to duplication in their records.

There is some trouble between the Grand Lodges of Kansas and New Hampshire growing out of the refusal of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire to receive the official receipt for dues as documentary evidence to entitle a brother belonging to a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kansas to visit any of the lodges in New Hampshire. Fraternal relations were severed.

The members of the subordinate lodges pay the same amount for the Masonic Home that they do for Grand Lodge dues. The receipts of the Grand Lodge for dues were \$35,000.00, and fees on raisings, \$20,000.00; for the Masonic Home \$35,000.00. Food for thought for some of our members in this jurisdiction who like to receive benefits from our Masonic benevolent work but object to furnishing sufficient funds to carry on.

The oration was by Brother William A. Lewis, President of the Kansas State Teachers' College. A special address on the Fundamentals of Freemasonry was prepared by Robert P. McColloch, Past Master of Anthony

Lodge No. 200, which was to be read at all district meetings and afterwards in all lodges.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended recognition to the Grand Lodge of Panama and the Grand Lodge of Honduras which recommendation was adopted and fraternal relations established. An assessment upon the membership for the construction of additional buildings to the Masonic Home after a thorough discussion was carried by an almost unanimous vote. The report of the special committee on usages and customs reported against becoming a member of the Masonic Service Association and reported in favor of a repeal of a standard regulation modifying the physical qualifications required of a candidate for initiation.

The report on correspondence is by Brother Albert K. Wilson, Nebraska, receiving fraternal consideration. He says that our report is entirely too brief. At the close of his review of Nebraska he notes the death of M. W. Brother Wellman, Grand Master.

RICHARD F. BIRD, Grand Master, Wichita.

ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary, Topcka.

KENTUCKY.

October 18th, 1921.

Louisville.

121st Annual.

Grand Master Fred Acker, in his address to the Grand Lodge, shows an active year, reporting a number of visitations, granting many dispensations, and refusing eighteen. He recommends an amendment to the constitution in reference to dual membership, and wants the resolution heretofore required in carrying the flag around the lodge room during the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" modified. He also recommends the continuing of the practice of donating \$15,000.00 to the Educational Trustees and the appropriation of \$125.00 to enable the Grand Master to attend the Washington Memorial Association, and recommends that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased \$500.00, and wants drastic measures taken to prohibit the use in the lodges of cipher work and unauthorized rituals, etc. He says that the Grand Master is not authority on the qualifications of candidates, nor can he issue a dispensation to a lodge for one to be initiated, passed, or raised if he be considered physically disqualified by the lodge, and that every lodge is sole judge of its material.

He hopes that none of the members of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will participate in any unlawful gathering that will cause any blot upon their names or bring reproach upon this great order. He says that the members of the Ku Klux Klan are quoted as approximately 700,000, and that it is a small number of citizens to presume themselves above the law of country and state. He thinks that any man, or body of men, who presume to take the law in their own hands, is considered by law a mob and therefore subject for prosecution by the laws of the land, and any Mason who is connected in any manner whatever in such unlawful practice is violating the principles of

the great order of Masonry, and should, if known, be dealt with by having the severest penalty known to Masonry inflicted upon him or them.

He commends the work of the Million Dollar Committee, says the work is not finished, and recommends that the splendid committee be retained in office indefinitely.

He reports the arrest of charters of two lodges.

The Million Dollar Committee reported a plan and said subscriptions had been turned in to the committee aggregating \$970,632.00, of which \$387,622.00 has been paid. On motion, the report of the Million Dollar Committee was approved and the committee continued. The thanks of the Grand Lodge were extended to the Million Dollar Committee by a rising vote.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand Master William W. Clarke, covering seventy-three pages, Nebraska being accorded fraternal consideration.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Master, Louisville.

DAVE JACKSON, Grand Secretary, Louisville.

KENTUCKY.

October 17th, 1922.

Louisville.

122d Annual.

The Grand Master, M.:W.:Fred W. Hardwick, in his address, says :

There has been also a growing tendency to use the Symbolic Lodges, the foundation of Masonry, as a stepping stone for the so-called higher degrees. This hurry and display of buttons does not make men real Masons. Unless the fundamental tenets of Blue Lodge Masonry sink so deeply into their hearts that they exemplify them in their daily lives, they miss altogether the luxuries of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and the Joy of Sacrifice born of Service to their fellowmen.

He reports the death of Grand Secretary Brother Dave Jackson.

The Grand Master endorses the George Washington National Memorial Association, and says that he attended nearly all of the meetings of the Widows and Orphans Home Board and reports it in excellent condition and well managed. He recommends the increasing of the minimum fee for the degrees from twenty dollars to thirty and putting the ten dollars into the Endowment Fund. The total expenses of the Widows and Orphans Home are \$36,000.00, and those of the Old Masons Home are \$23,000.00, and higher education \$37,000.00.

They have a Million Dollar Committee working. That is a committee to raise a million dollars for the Homes, and the committee reported that they had reached and passed the original goal of one million dollars, and the estimate of the architects for seventeen buildings which they propose to erect is \$1,200,000.00, and that they will require an additional \$500,000.00 before the work of the committee is complete.

The Grand Lodge dedicated the hospital for the Old Masons Home. A beautiful letter was read from Mrs. Dave Jackson in appreciation for the kindness shown her during the last sickness and death of her husband, their beloved Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported an amendment of the constitution touching the qualifications of persons eligible to office in the Grand Lodge, and reported in favor of the amendment increasing the fees and placing the extra ten dollars in the Endowment Fund.

The Committee on the Million Dollar Fund reported subscriptions to the amount of \$1,130,053.56, of which sum more than one-half million had been paid in cash.

The Kentucky brethren know how to provide for their charities.

Sixty-eight pages of review are presented by Past Grand Master William W. Clarke, Nebraska not being one of the jurisdictions reviewed.

EMERSON E. NELSON, Grand Master, Williamsburg.

FRED W. HARDWICK, Grand Secretary, Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

February 5th, 1922.

New Orleans.

112th Annual.

Grand Master Ira W. Sylvester, in his address, refers feelingly to the death of Past Grand Masters David R. Graham and Robert R. Reid. He reports granting eighty-eight dispensations, and denied four. Speaking of the Masonic Service Association, he says:

In its evolution the Association appears to trend away from the original idea of relief service and toward development into a great central lecture bureau absorbed in the preparation and dissemination of Masonic literature, lectures and movies. While I was not favorably impressed, it appears wise to suspend judgment until their work may be more fully developed and a fair appraisal of the benefits made.

There was an oration by R. W. Brother W. S. Black, on the Tolerance of Masonry, the Teachings of Masonry in respect to constituted authority, and Masonry's duty to the Orphans of Masonry.

They selected Alexandria as the site for their new Masonic Orphans Home. The Grand Lodge decided that they would maintain an attitude of non-interference in Mexican affairs until the different lodges agree upon some plan of union and concerted action. They appropriated \$1,000.00 to the Anti-Tuberculosis League of Louisiana. The organization of the Masonic Athletic Association was sanctioned and approved.

There is a short topical report on Foreign Correspondence.

JOSEPH SINAI, Grand Master, New Orleans.

JOHN A. DAVILLA, Grand Secretary, New Orleans.

MAINE.

May 2d, 1922.

Portland.

103rd Annual.

Grand Master Edward W. Wheeler, in his address, says:

We are all inclined to boast of our liberties, but are apt to ignore the responsibilities which such liberties impose. Liberty, which is the freedom and privilege of the individual, is granted and secured to us by law. Without this protection which the law affords, the primitive doctrine that might makes right would hold an undisputed sway.

The Masonic fraternity seeks no control over the processes of government and the enforcement of the law, and, as an organization, it takes no part in the solution of industrial and social problems except through the influence of its teachings upon the character and conduct of its members. The primary purposes of Masonry are to enlighten the mind, arouse the conscience and stimulate the noble and generous impulses of the human heart. It seeks to promote the best type of manhood and citizenship based upon the practice of brotherly love and the Golden Rule. When these results have been accomplished, the mission of Masonry has been achieved.

He notes the death of M.'W.'.Brother Albro E. Chase, Past Grand Master. He thinks that while we must not lower the high moral standard we have established, he is more than ever convinced that some modification may properly be made in our ancient decisions and regulations regarding physical disqualifications, which are more appropriate for operative than for speculative Masonry.

He approves the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Brother Charles B. Davis presented a beautiful memorial to M.'W.'.Brother Albro E. Chase.

The Grand Lodge adopted the following standing resolution:

No building shall be purchased, erected or extensively reconstructed at the expense, in whole or in part, of any lodge in this jurisdiction until the plans of the same, and terms and conditions of its construction or acquisition shall have been approved by the Grand Master.

The Committee on Correspondence presented 109 pages, Nebraska for 1921 receiving fraternal consideration.

ALBERT M. SPEAR, Grand Master, Augusta.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, Grand Secretary, Portland.

MANITOBA.

June 14th, 1922.

Winnipeg.

47th Annual.

M.'W.'.George N. Jackson, Grand Master, in his address, speaking of the annual communications, says that is where new friendships are made resulting, in time, in ties of love and esteem that last as long as life itself. He reports a prosperous year and sets out fully the proceedings at the International Celebration at Pembina, North Dakota. He pleads for clean lodge rooms, and urges patriotism.

M.'W.'.Brother George M. Weir, Grand Master of Saskatchewan, delivered an interesting address on "Freemasonry in Action."

On the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, fraternal recognition was accorded to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. The question of the application of the Grand Lodge of Venezuela was deferred until the next communication. The Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence on Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges reported that following in the footsteps of their illustrious predecessors and also carrying out what they believe is the expressed wish of the Grand Lodge they have arranged the report topically, and say:

Personally, this form does not appeal to me, as I do not believe a com-

plete or even educational review can be given of each Grand Jurisdiction without dealing with each one separately. In many cases the problems are the same, yet there are different phases and angles in each, due to local conditions, and in addition those problems peculiar to each, due in many cases to environment or constitutional causes. It might be possible for a reviewer of current books to produce a report that would in some measure give his readers an idea of the literature he had been reading, but I can hardly imagine a synopsis of that nature being as satisfactory as a review of each work separately.

Speaking of French Masonry, the committee quotes:

Thirty-two Grand Jurisdictions are not in fraternal relations with any of the French bodies. Five Grand Lodges, Alabama, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, and Rhode Island, recognize the Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge of France. Nine Grand Lodges recognize only the Grand Lodge of France, and one, North Dakota, is in fraternal relationship with the Grand Orient, allowing visitation with the lodges of the Grand Lodge of France. Two Grand Lodges allow visitation with lodges under the Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge of France, and three Grand Jurisdictions have rescinded their edicts of non-intercourse with the Grand Orient. The Grand Lodge of Missouri recognizes the third French Grand Lodge, known as the National Independent Grand Lodge of France, a small body of three or four lodges.

The Board of General Purposes was required to investigate the Order of De Molay, and if in their opinion the movement is deserving of the support of the Craft, make such recommendation to the lodges.

ANDREW B. BAIRD, Grand Master, Winnipeg.

JAMES A. OVAS, Grand Secretary, Winnipeg.

MARYLAND.

May 9th, and November 21st, 1922.

Baltimore.

259th Semi-Annual and 136th Annual.

At the semi-annual meeting the Grand Master, in his address, devotes most of the space to reporting the death of Past Grand Master Charles C. Homer, Jr.

At the annual meeting he reports fully on the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington National Memorial Association. He outlines a plan so that the individual lodges could adopt a system used by one of their lodges who organized a welfare committee, classified the members, and assigned them in groups so that the membership could be looked after and the interests of Masonry and lodge attendance of its members would be greatly enhanced.

He recommended that some change be made in the degree work so as to confer the first section on five or more at a time. There was a resolution submitted that in cities of a certain population the minimum fee for the degrees should be not less than \$100.00, this matter to come up at the next annual communication. They established a committee of five to purchase property upon which to erect a Masonic Home and appropriated \$20,000.00, or as much as may be necessary, for the first payment towards the purchase of the property, and also made an assessment of one dollar per member per year in addition to the regular dues to be appropriated for the main-

tenance and operation of the Home. They also authorized a committee to draft by-laws and regulations.

The report on correspondence is by R. W. Brother Henry Branch, chairman of the committee, Nebraska being fraternally reviewed.

WARREN S. SEIPP, Grand Master, Baltimore.

GEORGE COOK, Grand Secretary, Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

December 14th, 1921.

Boston.

108th Annual.

At the quarterly meeting, held on March 9th, an address was delivered by the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master at the time being on an official visit to the lodges of Massachusetts and in the Canal Zone, where he took over some weak lodges from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He endorses the question of plural membership, and calls attention to the necessity for more care in the investigation of applicants for the degrees. The committee that had the matter in hand of amending the constitution regarding the size of lodges reported against any action being taken to limit the membership. There was a rule adopted that all Masonic notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.

Another quarterly communication was held June 8th, at Boston, at which the Grand Master was present. He reports fully his official visit to the Canal Zone; endorses the Washington Memorial Association; says while a number of lodges have made use of the Masonic Service Association, he feels that the majority of the Masters are letting go by a golden opportunity to accomplish good. He reports that from time to time Masters, when pushed for time, omit certain portions of the Standard Work.

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Frederick W. Hamilton, presented a memorandum showing that neither John Adams or John Quincy Adams were ever members of the Masonic Fraternity. While there was a John Adams who took his degrees in a lodge, it was not the John Adams who was afterwards President of the United States.

They have a Masonic club in Boston with a membership of 2,500 and a waiting list, which is on a sound financial basis. The campaigners for the George Washington National Memorial Association had been successful, over \$110,000.00 having been collected for that purpose. There were many addresses of considerable interest all through the proceedings. The United Grand Lodge of Queensland received recognition, and also the Grand Lodge of the United States of Venezuela. There is no report on correspondence.

ARTHUR D. PRINCE, Grand Master, Boston.

FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, Grand Secretary, Boston.

MICHIGAN.

May 23d, 1922.

Grand Rapids.

78th Annual.

There was an address of welcome by Julius Tisch, one of the city commission of Grand Rapids, and a response by Past Grand Master Louis H. Fead. The Roll of Honor was called by the Grand Secretary of all the

Grand Masters from Brother Lewis Cass, first Grand Master, 1826, to Brother Francis D. Clark, who was Grand Master in 1913.

Grand Master Robert P. Anderson, in his address, says that while they have been called upon to mourn with many other jurisdictions, none of the present officers have been called to answer the summons. He notes the death of Brother Michael Dowling among the distinguished dead.

He reports attending the meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, and delivered an address on Masonic Relief. He attended the meeting of the Masonic Service Association at Chicago and sets forth its purpose and functions.

He suggests the equipping of the Masonic Home with more adequate fire protection, and advises the installation immediately of a tank sprinkler system and to replace the present fire escape ladders with more modern fire escape stairways.

He endorses the Michigan Children's Aid Society and the Near East Relief, and recommends an appropriation of \$5,000.00 for the latter.

Fraternal recognition was granted to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made a report, which was adopted, recommending that each of the constituent lodges of the jurisdiction who have not done so should contribute either by assessment of its members or by voting it out of the treasury, so as to equal \$1.00 for each member, for the Washington Memorial Association.

For the purpose of providing an additional amount for outside charity, the Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the law be amended so that \$5.00 by each member on whom has been conferred the Master Masons degree, should be paid for the outside Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge.

The special Committee on Masonic Service Association on the question of campaign for education among Masons says that the plan of the association is worth a trial, but the committee feel that the work in the state should be tried out, not committing the Grand Lodge to a permanent and expensive proposition before it is assured that the results will so warrant the expenditure.

The special committee having charge of the installation of the sprinkler system for the Masonic Home reported in favor of its establishment, and the work was ordered done and at as early a date as is consistent with good workmanship.

They adopted a report in favor of a bond for all Secretaries and Treasurers of the several constituent lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction together with the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, the cost to be apportioned in accordance with the protection furnished each lodge.

There was the usual presentation of apron and jewel to the retiring Grand Master.

The report on correspondence is by Past Grand Master Lou B. Winsor, who presents a report of 280 pages, Nebraska being given due consideration with liberal quotations from the address of Grand Master Fradenburg, and

also the report of the special committee on the question of recognition of Grand Lodges.

CLARK W. MCKENZIE, Grand Master, Kalamazoo.

LOU B. WINSOR, Grand Secretary, Grand Rapids.

MISSISSIPPI.

The proceedings received by the writer is Part Second of the transactions of the Grand Lodge, and is entirely occupied by a roster of the membership, consisting of 427 pages, and fifty-six pages of review, the report on foreign correspondence, Nebraska for 1921 receiving due consideration.

The reviewer quotes the recommendation of Grand Master Fradenburg and the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence in reference to the petitioning for so-called higher degrees. We are sorry that we are not in possession of Part One of the proceedings, so that we could review the activities of the Grand Lodge.

PAUL H. MURPHY, Grand Master, Lexington.

EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, Grand Secretary, Meridian.

MISSOURI.

October 17th, 1922.

St. Louis.

102nd Annual.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:

There never was a time, in my judgment, when those outside the fraternity looked to it as a great power for good and a stabilizing influence in the fitful times through which our old world seems to be passing. Our ideals are high, our teaching constructive. We must live Freemasonry, not talk it. Let us practice out of the lodge those duties we are taught in it, stand firm on the rock of the brotherhood of man.

He reports thirty-six decisions. They have a committee of eighteen on the Grand Master's address, who submitted a careful report in referring the different subjects to appropriate committees.

Past Grand Master William F. Kuhn read an interesting historical paper, which was ordered to be printed, referring to the organization of a lodge in Missouri by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

A resolution recommending the observance of November 4th, by the Masonic Fraternity of Missouri, Washington's Masonic birthday, was adopted.

Their laws were amended providing that all degrees and ceremonials of any lodge shall be conducted in the English language and making it unlawful for any lodge to do any degree work or hold any ceremonial in any other language.

An oration by Rev. Brother Burris A. Jenkins, Grand Orator, was well worthy the occasion and was received with applause and approbation.

The National Grand Lodge of Italy was accorded fraternal recognition.

The Committee on Obituaries, through M. W. Brother Corona H. Briggs, presented a report of fifteen pages, and they note the death of

Brother Eben K. Long and M. W. Brother William W. Keysor, Past Grand Master.

The Committee on Masonic Service Association, through Arthur Mather, presented a report and recommended that the committee be allowed the necessary expenses of its members and that an amount be allowed for clerical, field, and other help, not to exceed \$1,000.00; that they be authorized to purchase picture machines and that they be allowed a per capita of two and one-half cents per member based on the returns of the membership, for its work during the coming year.

The report on correspondence by Past Grand Master Charles C. Wood, reviewing the proceedings of fifty Grand Lodges, occupies 200 pages of very interesting review. In his introduction Brother Wood says:

It is also a matter of sincere regret to observe personally and by information the fact that many who enter our lodge rooms do so with their eyes fixed upon something that they consider higher and better than the Blue Lodge.

He says that he is loyal to the chapter, the council, the temple, the Scottish Rite, and to the Shrine (with some reservations), but is altogether unwilling that the lodge should be considered and used as a mere ante-room, or a place of preparation, for something that is deemed higher or more desirable, if not diviner, in character. He says there should be and there must be an increased appreciation of Ancient Craft Masonry as revealed in its three degrees, or the result will be unfortunate for our Order.

BERT S. LEE, Grand Master, Springfield.

FRANK R. JESSE, Grand Secretary, St. Louis.

NEVADA.

June 14th, 1922.

Reno.

58th Annual.

The Grand Master, Louis G. Campbell, in his address, says that for years past the study of Masonry and its history has been a subject close to his heart, but that with the more intensive study and closer contact with it by reason of his official duties during the past year, he finds himself prouder than ever to have his name on the roster.

He pays tribute to their illustrious dead, noting particularly the death of Past Grand Masters Adolphus L. Fitzgerald and Robert Lewers, and a number of other distinguished brethren of his jurisdiction. He endorses the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association and hopes his Grand Jurisdiction may speedily contribute its full quota to that worthy purpose.

He approves the Masonic Service Association; says it is the most powerful instrument at hand by which may be brought about nation-wide Masonic morale. He gives the Order of De Molay his hearty support. They have a rule that certain portions of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge shall be read in all lodges. He said that there is a failure to comply with the requirement, and he recommends that provision be made by the Grand Lodge, for the preparation of a brief abstract of the proceedings touching directly upon

those portions that should be brought to the attention of the constituent lodges, and that such abstract be typewritten and sent to the lodges and read at a regular communication.

He recommends that the Grand Lodge adopt legislation requiring that at least four months shall elapse between the conferring of the Entered Apprentice Degree and the Fellow Craft Degree, and at least six months shall elapse between the conferring of the Fellow Craft Degree and the Master Masons Degree.

There was a reception of the Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges, Brother Harry H. Atkinson, representing the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, being among them.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the action of the Grand Master holding that a young man under twenty-one years of age, but who would become of age before his petition was balloted upon, could petition for the degrees, but held that in the future no lodge should receive a petition for the degrees until after the petitioner has attained the age of twenty-one years.

The Committee on Correspondence is Brother Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Commissioner of Review, and he submits a report of forty-seven proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the United States, nine in the Dominion of Canada, and twenty-one of other Grand Lodges. Nebraska for 1921 received due consideration.

EDWARD C. PETERSON, Grand Master, Carson City.

EDWARD D. VANDERLEITH, Grand Secretary, Reno.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

May 17th, 1922.

Concord.

133rd Annual.

M. W. Brother Walter G. Africa, Grand Master, in opening his address, pays a tribute to Past Grand Master Edward Oren Fifield, and other distinguished Masons of his own and other jurisdictions, who passed away during the previous year; and notes that he, with Brother Cheney, attended the meeting of the Masonic Service Association, which he approves, as he does also the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. He reports fourteen guests at the Masonic Home, nine of whom are over eighty years of age. He recommends a per capita tax of fifty cents per member in addition to the present amount for the support of the Home. Among their other business the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge grants permission for any lodge under its jurisdiction to permit Chapters of De Molay for boys to meet in its rooms, should such lodge deem it for the best good of Masonry.

The special committee to whom was referred the question of dual membership approved the action of the Grand Lodge in 1907 and 1908, when it was voted that they did not favor the principle of dual membership. As to the application of the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico for recognition, the committee reported, which report was adopted:

That having already recognized the York Grand Lodge of Mexico no action be taken upon the request of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

As to the request of the Grand Lodge of Italy, they say that they are unable to decide whether recognition should be granted and more information should be furnished the committee. The question was deferred until the Grand Secretary is furnished with further evidence.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland received recognition and they approved the appointment of Grand Representatives.

The report on correspondence is by Harry M. Cheney. In reviewing Nebraska he quotes the action of the Grand Lodge in regard to the amendment to the petition and says in that connection:

It shows how the air-brakes are being applied to stop high speed.

He says while this action is radical, we shall have more good Master Masons, and that means, ultimately, that they will be better all along the line. Of our petition for the degrees, he says:

Read this carefully, a couple of times will do no harm.

WALTER G. AFRICA, Grand Master, Manchester.

HARRY M. CHENEY, Grand Secretary, Concord.

NEW JERSEY.

April 19th, 1922.

Trenton.

135th Annual.

An emergent communication was held at Trenton October 5th, 1921. The business was the trial of Schiller Lodge No. 66, on charges of insubordination, violation of the provisions of its warrant and of the laws of the Grand Lodge. There was a full attendance, a trial was held, and a verdict of guilty rendered, and the charter was annulled, by a vote of 476 against 33.

The annual communication was held April 19th, 1922, with M. W. Ernest A. Reed, Grand Master, presiding. The Grand Master reports many emergent communications for the purpose of laying corner-stones and dedicating halls, etc. He reports attending the meeting of the Masonic Service Association in Chicago, and also that of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria; he approves both. He says 224 cases of visible defects have been brought to his attention, and that all but twenty have been favorably acted on. He thinks that George Washington's Masonic Birthday should be generally observed. He reports recommending \$100.00 for the "Sojourners' Club" at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, and recommends an additional sum of \$500.00 to be sent when required. He calls attention to the needs of the Masonic Home; approves the DeMolay movement. The Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation of the Grand Master that the 4th day of November of each year be established by the Grand Lodge to commemorate the birthday of Washington.

The Committee on Masonic Home report 116 guests at the Home.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report fully on the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and also of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, as well as the National Grand Lodge of Columbia and the Grand

Lodge of Italy, recommending that the application of the Grand Lodge of Chile be deferred.

The Committee on the George Washington Memorial Association fully endorsed the project, and they want New Jersey to stand Masonically the best in the country and hope to be able to announce at the next annual communication that the jurisdiction has submitted 100 per cent of the sum required.

There is a proposition that was presented for consideration at the next annual communication to abolish the present Masonic Home Committee and that five trustees be elected in its place. There was a resolution presented that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey enter into conference with the other Grand Lodges of the United States, to the end that a National Masonic University be established in Washington, D. C., which resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Service Association made a very full report, giving the association their hearty endorsement. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence endorsed the opinion of the Grand Master and recommended that there should be no smoking during the conferring of degrees. The recommendation of the Grand Master for an appropriation of \$500.00 to the Sojourners' Club at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, was approved.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Robert A. Shirrefs, Nebraska not being among the proceedings reviewed.

ARTHUR POTTERTON, Grand Master, Trenton.

ISAAC CHERRY, Grand Secretary, Trenton.

NEW MEXICO.

February 20th, 1922.

Albuquerque.

44th Annual.

Francis E. Lester, Grand Master, reports the Grand Lodge in excellent condition, and quotes the following:

“When I am gone,
 And other men are trying where I tried
 To stem the billows of life's rushing tide,
 If those who knew me best may pause to toss
 From memory but a rose upon the moss,
 And say, 'He strove with earnestness of heart
 To do whatever was his given part,'
 Then will I not have lived entirely in vain,
 And dying, will have left a sweet refrain—
 When I am gone.

“When I am gone,
 If some true man or buoyant-hearted soul,
 May stop beside my grave to read the scroll,
 And reading, think of how I cheered the weak,
 And helped the sick and weary climb the bleak
 And jagged stones, to rest and hope anew,
 Or shielded aught from stormy winds that blew,
 Then will my living have been right, indeed;
 Replete with greatness, in a world of need—
 When I am gone.”

He notes the death of the distinguished Masons of other jurisdictions, among them Past Grand Master Dowling of Nebraska. They do not recognize perpetual jurisdiction. He reports twenty-four decisions, all of local interest.

He says he has been confronted by evidence that supports a conviction that sufficient care is not taken by some of our constituent lodges in the selection of competent brethren for officers of such lodges. I think this would apply to a number of other jurisdictions, especially Nebraska.

He approves the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association; condemns the Ku Klux Klan; says they left the question of physical qualification to the constituent lodges; reports very fully on the Masonic conditions at Fort Bayard, New Mexico; quotes Paul Lawrence Dunbar's lines, on "The Lord Had a Job for Me;" and commends the Education Service and the Masonic Service Association.

He makes a number of recommendations, among them that the constituent lodges display the flag.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a report. They say that "something for a Master Mason to do in his Blue Lodge as suggested by the Masonic Service Association and by New York in its educational bulletins ought, and will, in our opinion, make legislation unnecessary" for Master Masons seeking the so-called higher degrees. On the question of Masonry in Mexico there was an effort made to withdraw recognition from the York Grand Lodge and grant recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. After considerable discussion the entire matter was referred to a committee to report at the next annual communication. The Towner-Sterling Educational Bill was approved.

A topical report by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of eighty pages is presented by Brother John Milne.

LUCIUS DILLS, Grand Master, Santa Fe.

ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Grand Secretary, Albuquerque.

NEW YORK.

May 2d, 1922.

New York City.

141st Annual.

M. W. Grand Master Robert H. Robinson, after referring to the illustrious dead of his jurisdiction, reports the activities of the year. He reports the erection of the Scottish Rite Cottage at Utica, together with a full report of the special committee on this Scottish Rite Memorial. He calls attention to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association; recommends that the committee on the Memorial be continued; and also the dedication of the new hospital on the Home grounds at Utica, and urges the completion of the payment to the hospital fund. He made an appeal to a few of the lodges who in their tardiness or stubbornness failed to respond to the request, and says it will be necessary to make the quota of each lodge an assessment and therefore an obligation, but that inasmuch as the majority of the lodges have paid this will be a simple undertaking,

although he hopes that the course will not be necessary. The capacity of the hospital is 232 beds, and they estimate that it will require \$1,000.00 per year to properly care for each patient. They have 272,000 members in the jurisdiction. The Grand Master says that the brethren have responded splendidly and many are doing telling work in connection with the raising of this fund.

He endorses the Towner-Sterling Educational Bill, and calls attention to the fact that there are those who do not want the American public school strengthened; endorses the Masonic Service Association, and the Geneva Conference, and he recommends the payment of \$1,000.00 for organization expenses of the Masonic International Association.

The Committee on Outside Relief made a report that they had granted outside relief to seven indigent brethren and four widows. In this they are simply carrying out what has been the policy of the Masonic Home Board and the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphan Children in this jurisdiction for a number of years. The superintendent of the Home reports that during the year forty-four men, twenty-six women, eighteen boys, and ten girls, a total of ninety-eight, have been added to the Home family, and that there has been a loss of sixty-seven members, forty-seven members by death, and twenty by withdrawals. The present membership in the Home consists of 163 men, 119 women, 110 boys, and 91 girls.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported in favor of the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland and the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, the Grand Lodge of Czecho-Slovakia, and the Grand Lodge of Vienna; while on the requests for recognition and exchange of representatives from the Grand Lodge of Guatemala, the Grand Lodge of Venezuela, and the Grand Lodge of Columbia, the committee reported that no action be taken until sufficient data has been obtained. The Grand Lodge of Syria, like the one of Luxembourg; consisting of only one lodge each, the committee reported against recognizing. They reported against the recognition of the National Grand Lodge of Italy.

The Committee on the George Washington Memorial presented a very full report endorsing the project, which was ordered printed in the proceedings and a copy of the report sent to each Master of the jurisdiction. The report of the Committee on War Relief shows that there was contributed by the Masons of the jurisdiction about one million dollars, all of which has been expended except something over \$25,000.00, over \$900,000.00 having been used for the erection of a Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital.

R. W. Brother Ossian H. Lang, the Grand Historian, presents another one of his very interesting reports, giving a full history of the Grand Lodge of the Ancients, and comparing the same with the modern Grand Lodge. The Committee on the Geneva Conference submitted an elaborate report, giving the articles of the association and the declaration of principles.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with Brother Nelson Sawyer as chairman, submitted a report in which Nebraska is fraternally consid-

ered and the action of this Grand Lodge in reference to so-called higher degrees is fully set forth.

ARTHUR S. TOMPKINS, Grand Master, Nyack.

ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Secretary, New York.

NORTH CAROLINA.

January 17th, 1922.

Raleigh.

135th Annual.

M. W. J. Bailey Owen, Grand Master, after the opening of the Grand Lodge, delivered his address. He reports an arduous but happy year. They have adopted a course of study for Masonic education and he urges the continuance of the effort. He commends the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and urges as large an appropriation as the financial condition of the Grand Lodge will warrant. He also commends the Oxford Orphan Asylum that furnishes good clothes, homes, and a splendid education for 394 orphans, 75 per cent of the children being of non-masonic parentage. They have pledged over \$50,000.00 for the hospital facilities for the Orphans Asylum, \$23,000.00 of which was on hand.

The Grand Master of Delaware, M. W. George C. Williams, was received as a distinguished visitor. A splendid oration on the "Human Cry and Masonry's Answer" was delivered by Brother S. R. Harris, for which a standing vote of thanks was rendered. The Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum reported the needs of the institution, and asked for an appropriation of \$50,000.00 for the maintenance of the home, calling attention to the fact that they had 400 children to feed, clothe, and educate, and in addition insure the property from loss by decay and fire, and in closing, say:

We are asking not for ourselves, but for our own "four hundred." "Do good with what thou hast, or it will do thee no good."

The per capita cost per child per month was \$17.63. The total appropriation made by the Grand Lodge for all purposes was \$63,650.00, \$42,500.00 for the Orphan Asylum and Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and \$1,850.00 for the Masonic Service Association. There was considerable discussion on the Towner-Sterling Educational Bill, but it was finally endorsed.

The Finance Committee reported appropriating \$1,000.00 to the Educational Committee for the purpose of buying equipment and the putting on of the campaign for education, and also \$1,000.00 in an Educational Fund to be loaned to students to enable them to procure a higher education.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a brief report, saying that the detailed report was being prepared and would be filed with the Grand Secretary before the proceedings of that annual communication go to press, but we fail to find any detailed review with the proceedings.

The committee recommends recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, basing this upon acquaintance with Grand Master Randell of Texas and his report, and this was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and adopted by the Grand Lodge.

It reports against the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador saying that inasmuch as it is the child of the Grand Lodge of Peru, with which they are not in fraternal relations, they could not accord recognition to the Grand Lodge of Ecuador.

JAMES H. WEBB, Grand Master, Hillsboro.

WILLIAM W. WILLSON, Grand Secretary, Raleigh.

NORTH DAKOTA.

June 20th, 1922.

Fargo.

33rd Annual.

M.:W.:Henry E. Byorum, Grand Master, presiding. There was a reception of a number of prominent Masons, after which the Grand Master delivered his address. He notes the death of the Senior Grand Warden, Brother Oscar St. C. Chenery, and a number of other distinguished Masons. He approves of the questionnaire adopted by the Grand Lodge and recommends that it be made a part of the blank petition. He also approves the George Washington National Memorial Association, the Masonic Service Association, and the Fort Bayard Sanitorium. He recommends the establishment of Masonic scholarships, condemns the Ku Klux Klan, and closes his report by saying the year has been the most interesting of his life.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in presenting their report, approved the suggestion of the Grand Master in reference to the questionnaire, and his condemnation of the Ku Klux Klan and prohibiting their members from joining it

There is a full report of trials of the officers of the American Masonic Federation in the United States Court at Salt Lake. The Frank Jared Thompson Memorial Prize Oration was delivered by Harold D. Shaft, on the "College Man's Creed."

Nebraska for 1921 is fully reviewed. Grant S. Hager, P.:G.:M.:., reviewer, says some very nice things of this reviewer and we are only sorry that we cannot give the space that his review merits.

EDWIN A. RIPLEY, Grand Master, Mandan.

WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary, Fargo.

NOVA SCOTIA.

June 14th, 1922.

Lunenburg.

57th Annual.

M.:W.:Grand Master John Murray Lawson presiding.

The first thing in order was to form a procession and march to the church where they heard a sermon by the Grand Chaplain, who took as his text Romans 14:7. "None of us lives to himself." The sermon was a fine one and was published in the proceedings.

The Grand Master, after paying a tribute to the dead, reported a number of visitations, and a memorable event in the history of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia at the regular communication of St. Andrew's Lodge, which received

an official visit from the Grand Master and certain Masonic jewels were distributed. He gives a minute detail of his official acts.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home reported sixteen guests in the Home during the past year. The Endowment Fund for the Home has reached about \$40,000.00.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported against the decision on physical qualification that a candidate who lost his right foot four inches above the ankle in the last great war was eligible, reversing the ruling of the Grand Master, but the Grand Lodge reversed the Committee on Jurisprudence, endorsing the ruling of the Grand Master.

The report on correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and he says:

From all quarters come warnings of Grand Masters to subordinate lodges to take more care in selecting new members and to aim for quality rather than quantity. "Back to Masonry" should be our slogan and stick out for the original Landmarks of our order to the best of our ability.

Nebraska for 1921 received fraternal consideration.

JAMES HENRY WINFIELD, Grand Master, Halifax.

JAMES C. JONES, Grand Secretary, Halifax.

OHIO.

October 18th, 1922.

Columbus.

113th Annual.

There was an address of welcome by Hon. James J. Thomas, Mayor of Columbus, followed by an address by M.:W.:Brother Charles J. Pretzman, P.:G.:M.:., on behalf of the Masons of Columbus, and a response by P.:G.:M.:Allen Andrews. After the opening of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, M.:W.:Brother Frank M. Ransbottom, in his address, reports a year of prosperity with a net gain of 8,684, making a total of 172,341 Masons in their Grand Jurisdiction. He pays a tribute to their dead, and notes the death of M.:W.:Brother Carroll F. Clapp. It is only a few years ago that they had an unbroken line of twenty-eight Past Grand Masters, but in the past few years a number of them have passed away.

The Grand Master said that he had a number of requests for permission to confer degrees by organizations claiming to be Masonic from the fact that they make membership in this Fraternity a prerequisite to admission. He says all such requests have been refused. He received a request from the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association for the appointment of a State Chairman, through which they might send data and information, and through whom the brethren of this jurisdiction might become interested in the movement, but in view of the action of the Grand Lodge he would not deem it proper to take such action. He calls attention to the code prohibiting the use of Masonic emblems and devices on business cards or by way of advertisements, and condemns some of the brethren belonging to lodges in Cincinnati who had signed their names to a circular endorsing the candidacy of a brother Mason for political office.

He reports laying the corner-stone of the Rickly Memorial Hospital on the Masonic grounds at Springfield. When completed, the same is to cost

about \$750,000.00. Speaking of the Masonic Home, he says the enterprise was conceived back in the eighties; its corner-stone was laid in 1892, and says it was the first real test of that true Masonic charity which has ever characterized the Masons of Ohio. He recommends that two sets of jewels and regalia for the Grand Lodge be procured, which recommendation was approved by the committee and the incoming Grand Master authorized to procure the same.

An amendment to the code provided that all candidates for the degrees of Masonry must be able to read and write the English language.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the official recognition of Panama, Columbia, and Ecuador. As to the Grand Lodge of Italy, that is to be deferred until the next annual communication, and on Mexican Masonry they say:

Your committee is informed that for a number of years the Grand Lodge of Ohio has extended fraternal recognition to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico. Action confirming this position was taken by Grand Lodge at its annual communication in 1911. We therefore recommend that this action and recognition be continued, and that nothing be done in the matter of granting the request for fraternal recognition made by the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

The report on foreign correspondence, by P. G. M. O. P. Sperra, consists of seventy-nine proceedings, Nebraska for 1922 receiving fraternal recognition. Brother Sperra quotes at considerable length the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

HARRY S. JOHNSON, Grand Master, Cincinnati.

JACOB H. BROMWELL, Grand Secretary, Cincinnati.

OKLAHOMA.

February 28th, 1922.

Guthrie.

14th Annual.

James Henry Patterson, Grand Master. There was a presentation of an apron to the Grand Master, an address of welcome by Brother Frank H. McGuire, and a response by Past Grand Master Thomas C. Humphry, after which the Grand Master read his address. He reports granting a number of dispensations to confer degrees without regard to statutory time, and says he attended every meeting of the Board of Control of the Masonic Home. He regrets not attending the meeting of the Masonic Service Association, and thinks it is the greatest work Masons have undertaken in many years, and hopes that the Grand Lodge will endorse the program as presented by the committee, and that the work will be prosecuted with vigor during the coming year. He reports four decisions, recommends the division of the Grand Jurisdiction into forty-five districts so that the District Deputy Grand Masters may have more time to attend to the business of the Masonic Service Association. Past Grand Master Choate, who had been expelled fourteen years before, was reinstated by unanimous vote by the Grand Lodge.

An address was delivered by Rev. Edgar D. Salkeld on "Washington

the Unifier." The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, after reporting on the several cases coming before them, presents some wise recommendations, among them the following:

Your committee in its work finds that oftentimes an accused Brother is charged with one offense and convicted on general specifications. It is the recommendation of your committee that in all trials for Masonic offense that any brother accused shall be specifically informed against and that the trials be confined to the specific charges and specifications as set forth in the accusation against the brother.

The Committee on Correspondence reported in favor of the recognition of the National Grand Lodge of Italy, and that the Grand Orient of Italy is irregular and should not be recognized by the Grand Lodge; recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, and on the recommendation of the committee they followed the action of Texas and granted recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

The Masonic Home was moved to Guthrie. The address of the Grand Orator, Henry S. Johnston, was on the "Symbolism of the Third Degree," and the report says that this was an address of such a nature that it could only be delivered within the tiled recesses of the lodge, and it could therefore not be shown in the printed proceedings.

P. G. M. Frank A. Derr, chairman, presented a very full report on the Masonic Service Association, recommending an appropriation of \$8,500.00 to carry on the work.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Past Grand Master Thomas Chancey Humphry, Nebraska for 1921 being fraternally reviewed.

LESLIE H. SWAN, Grand Master, Oklahoma City.

WILLIAM M. ANDERSON, Grand Secretary, Oklahoma City.

OREGON.

June 14th, 1922.

Portland.

72nd Annual.

The Grand Master in his address says:

As I read this turning page, I see before me our happy and harmonious meeting of a year ago, when you placed in my charge as your chief executive the responsibilities of this Grand Lodge. In some quarters, I was hailed as the "Business Moses" who would lead the Grand Lodge out of its existing morass and unbusinesslike conditions into sound business footings. In other quarters, I was expected to erect and complete our Masonic Home without money and without law. While in still others and, probably with much truth, I was looked upon as one stubbornly riding a hobby and charging the strongly rotted windmills of custom with the sharp lance of knowledge and truth.

He seems to have carried with him into office a thorough organization of the Board of Trustees by dividing the work or business of the Grand Lodge as follows:

1. To Junior Past Grand Master Kerr—The Masonic Home and all relating business.
2. To Deputy Grand Master Brown—Finance; the approval of all bills and claims against the Grand Lodge.

3. To Senior Grand Warden Cochran—Law, both Masonic and general; contracts and leases.

4. To Junior Grand Warden Coshow—Relief, general, special; and educational assistance.

5. To Grand Master Bailie—General organization.

In this he seems to have injected into the business of the Grand Lodge the thought that the Deputy Grand Master, and the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens should have some part in carrying out the business of the Craft and fitting them for the position of Grand Master in the years following, should the brethren see fit to promote them to that exalted position.

He says the youngest financial child is the Home Fund; born with a golden spoon of plenty, it has waxed fat despite the doleful sound of committee nurse, or Grand Lodge sponsor, and reports the fund to have the following sources of income: From all Master Masons for maintenance, \$1.00; from all Entered Apprentice degrees conferred, \$5.00; from all affiliations from other jurisdictions, \$5.00; from contributions and bequests. He suggests the sub-division of this fund, first into Endowment, second into Building, and third into Maintenance.

He says the Masonic lodges in the jurisdiction in most cases have been able to properly care for the direct calls on them for assistance. He reports progress in the Masonic Home Building and reports the expenditure of \$273,539.13, in the acquisition of land, construction of buildings, and furnishings, with all bills paid and a balance of over \$37,000.00 as a surplus in the building fund. Speaking of appendant orders or organizations based on Masonic membership, he says:

The very romantic history of the medical fraternity advised us years ago that we had an organ in our interior called the appendix. We were told that it was a perfectly useless organ, but, so long as it behaved, it was also a perfectly harmless one; but when it began to misbehave, it could only be cured by absolute removal through the surgeon's knife. In recent years this country has been afflicted with an increasing number of so-called secret fraternal or appendant organizations which make membership in a Masonic lodge a requisite for membership therein.

Born without cause, reared in selfish interest, the effect is well known—trouble and disorder. Claiming to be a "little brother" to the Masonic fraternity, it leaves to that organization its troubles, while the organizer goes on to pastures still more green. The time is present when this Grand Lodge should stop this imposition and use the surgeon's knife of removal. Masonry is complete within itself. It needs no side organizations to develop its principles or support its growth among its membership. This Grand Lodge should demand a thorough investigation of all such organizations, and only until such organizations are recommended by the Grand Master and approved by the Grand Lodge should membership therein be permitted. I trust that the time is close at hand when it shall be declared a Masonic offense for any Master Mason to petition for additional work in Masonry until three years have elapsed after his raising.

The Deputy Grand Master, for the Grand Lodge Trustees, reported the expenditure of over \$385,000.00 for all purposes. An effort was made to increase the limit on the number of candidates at one communication from five to ten. The effort failed and the amendment was rejected. An amendment was proposed as follows:

No Master Mason, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall petition for membership in any order or fraternal society, the qualification for membership therein being that of Master Mason, until after the expiration of one year from the date of his having been raised to the degree of Master Mason.

Which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to be reported on in 1923.

The report on foreign correspondence is by David P. Mason, who presents a very interesting report of something over 200 pages, Nebraska for 1921 being accorded four pages.

C. G. BROWN, Grand Master, Salem.

DAVID R. CHENEY, Grand Secretary, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA.

December 27th, 1921.

Philadelphia.

Grand Master John S. Sell, in his address to the Grand Lodge, says that Freemasonry in Pennsylvania is a Fraternity, not a religious body, not a political or social affair. He thinks Freemasonry should not be made a test of membership for any other organizations; and says all such organizations are parasitical and inimical to Freemasonry. He decided it required absolute obedience to the edict of Past Grand Master Watres, wherein it was required that in case of every petitioner, the committee, or one of them, shall certify to the Worshipful Master in his own handwriting, written on the margin of the petition, that he, or they, personally visited the home of the petitioner, and that the home conditions of the petitioner are such as consistently belong in the home of a Master Mason. He says that in a number of instances he has prohibited lodges from "carrying out a program arranged in connection with a banquet or other lodge, or assumed lodge occasion." He thinks the Masonic burial service should be changed and a service prepared for use when the body is incinerated in a crematory; and that the question of physical qualification should be left to the officers and members of the lodge.

He pleads for an adequate endowment fund for the Home, and says that \$2,000,000.00 invested in United States Government Bonds, or other equally safe securities, would be about the right thing to have in the shape of an endowment. He reports that during the past two years there has been paid into the Grand Lodge by those initiated and becoming members, \$128,000.00 for the Home. He reports 365 guests, and says that the Homes are rightfully the pride of Masons in Pennsylvania, but not only is the maintenance from year to year but the establishment of a liberal endowment fund most earnestly recommended.

Speaking of the Masonic Service Association, he says:

It seems to me, however, that since the purpose of this Association, as originally defined, has been enlarged so as to include certain activities and functions entirely beyond those originally announced, and entirely foreign to our traditional and well-defined policy, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with its vast resources and its large and responsive membership, could well afford to resume and from henceforth retain its sovereignty in all things.

To my mind, we should conduct our own household in our own way, and I venture the prediction that in the future as in the past, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will never be found delinquent in its response to all meritorious demands.

The Grand Master reports the collection of funds for the Washington Memorial Association as progressing most satisfactorily. He reports an increase of membership in the two years that he was Grand Master, of 32,500, a net accumulation of approximately \$760,000.00, of which sum \$626,000.00 has been placed in the custody of the Sinking Fund, and \$134,000.00 in the Masonic Home Reserve Fund.

After the installation of the officers, the Grand Master, Abraham M. Beitler, delivered an address calling the attention of the brethren to the individual responsibility resting upon each one; he says Masonry is a living force, and that there are two quite distinct kinds of Masons. One regards the lodge as a club composed of select men, admission to which is a most desirable thing, but membership in which means only that all shall have a good time. They look upon petitioners as contributors to the fund for the common enjoyment of all. They look not into the future, but concern themselves with the present and are content to spend the receipts of the lodge for entertainments—these are Club Masons. The Club Mason sees nothing in Masonry but the chance to enjoy himself, while the true Mason is a service man, giving of himself that others may benefit. He thinks that the amount of money expended by many of our lodges for banquets has grown to be a scandal, and pleads for the support of the Masonic Home and a Masonic Endowment Fund.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted a report of 154 pages, Nebraska being accorded fraternal attention.

ABRAHAM M. BEITLER, Grand Master, Philadelphia.
JOHN A. PERRY, Grand Secretary, Philadelphia.

PENNSYLVANIA.

A quarterly communication, March 1st, 1922, was devoted to the reports of the Committees on Appeals, By-Laws, War Relief Fund, and the Washington Memorial Association. The War Relief Fund amounts to something over \$273,000.00. A resolution was passed that the resolution creating the fund was to be construed to apply to and include all Pennsylvania Masons admitted to the Fraternity before the declaration of peace, July 2d, 1921, who were in active service in the armed service of the United States between April 6th, 1917, (Declaration of War) and November 11th, 1918 (Armistice Day), or who served with our Allies in the world war prior to our entering into the war. This resolution was finally adopted at a subsequent meeting.

The quarterly communication of June 7th, 1922, was taken up with amendments to by-laws, the report of the Committee on Appeals, and resolutions in regard to some bequests.

The quarterly communication of September 6th, 1922, was largely devoted to reports of bequests made to the Masonic Home.

At the quarterly communication, December 6th, 1922, was held the election of officers and the report of the Trustees of the Charity Funds that amount to millions. The Committee on Masonic Home presented an elaborate report as to the work of the Home, the average number of guests for the year being 346. They report that they had been advised by the Central Trust Company of Harrisburg that securities to the amount of \$50,000.00 had been deposited with them, the income of which was to be paid or applied by the said company, as Trustees, to education in academies, colleges or technical schools, of sons and daughters of Master Masons of Pennsylvania. The donor requested that his identity be not disclosed. More than one-third of a million dollars was bequeathed for various relief and charitable purposes by brethren of Pennsylvania to the Grand Lodge and Trustees of the Masonic charities.

At the annual communication, December 27th, 1922, on recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, recognition was given the United Grand Lodge of Queensland.

The Grand Master, in his address, reported very fully on the Masonic Home, gifts, and bequests, urging that no more bequests be made for the erection of the building fund and urging members who had in mind to make bequests for the Home to make them for the Endowment Fund, and he also asked the lodges of the jurisdiction to make the giving of a donation to the Endowment Fund an annual event. He thinks the fee attached to the initiation fee should be made \$40.00 instead of \$20.00, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Speaking of the Masonic Service Association, he says he does not know what the future of the association is to be, and thinks that if the jurisdiction would withdraw just at this time it would seriously cripple the association. He thinks they should give their assistance yet awhile until it is found out just what the association is to be, when Pennsylvania can better determine whether it should sever its connection with it or not. The Grand Master reports he attended the meeting of the Mother Chapter of the Order of De Molay for Boys and says the Order teaches love of parents, reverence, patriotism, clean living, courtesy, especially to the old and to women, comradeship, and fidelity, and that the ritual is beautiful. He reports very fully on the Washington Memorial Association. He notes the deaths of Past Grand Masters John S. Sell and John Wanamaker. He decided that a Secretary of the lodge should not under any circumstances furnish, for the use of the "Tall Cedars," a list of the membership of the lodge. This "Tall Cedars" is another barnacle trying to attach itself to the Masonic body. He decided that in the burial service, where the body is cremated, the service can be either before the body is cremated or over the ashes of the departed.

Nebraska for 1922, received fraternal recognition, in the report of the Committee on Correspondence, which is by Thomas F. Penman, Chairman. He quotes fully from the Grand Master's address and they say the sky is the limit of their demands for funds for Masonic relief, and that they are

trying to do a great Masonic work in Pennsylvania is clearly shown by the reports of the several benevolences. Their report closes with a condemnation of the Ku Klux Klan. In their review of Texas they devote considerable space to these "Knights of the Night Shirt."

ABRAHAM M. BEITLER, Grand Master, Philadelphia.

JOHN A. PERRY, Grand Secretary, Philadelphia.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

January 24th, 1922.

Manila.

10th Annual.

There were sixty-three chartered lodges represented, and seven of the nine lodges under dispensation, and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. Grand Master Edwin E. Elser reported granting many dispensations for the initiation of Army and Navy officers. The Grand Master held in one of his decisions that as the Master of the lodge had preferred charges against a brother he is disqualified to preside at the trial. Grand Master Elser, after sending out a circular letter dealing with illegal, irregular, and clandestine Masons in his jurisdiction, especially calling attention to and protesting the action of the Grand Orient Espanol against her unwarranted and un-masonic and harmful trespass of the jurisdiction, lays down the rule of the legitimacy of a Grand Lodge—that is, that it must trace its origin to regular and legitimate Ancient Craft Masonry, with which we are in perfect accord.

He reports constituting fourteen lodges and many visits. They are proud to be members of the Masonic Service Association. He reports that the solicitations among the members has been very active on behalf of the so-called higher degrees, in fact that seems to have been the bane of Masonry in about all the jurisdictions in these later years. He recommends that they join in the movement founded at the International Masonic Congress held in Geneva, Switzerland, in October, 1921, and says that the Grand Lodge should be a member of this Association. It occurs to the writer that to become a member of the International Masonic Association will place them in fraternal relation with some Grand Orients and Supreme Councils with which they have no direct fraternal intercourse. He closes his address by quoting, "The heaviest debt is that of gratitude when 'tis not in our power to repay it."

The following proposition was proposed:

An Annual Convention of Worshipful Masters of all Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands shall be held for the purpose of the adoption by such Masters, in the exercise of the autonomy with which they are vested and in accordance with the precepts and spirit of the Constitution, of measures for the standardization and co-ordination of the policy and government of all the lodges, tending to— (a) Prevent disruptions; (b) Further the progress of the Lodges, and (c) Establish due correspondence and co-operation between the same.

Organizing a wheel within a wheel. The same was referred to a committee of three, who reported favorably on the resolution, and the report was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported ad-

versely on the adoption of the resolution, and the report of the committee was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Past Master George R. Harvey, Nebraska for 1921 receiving fraternal consideration.

QUINTIN PAREDES, Grand Master, Manila.

NEWTON C. COMFORT, Grand Secretary, Manila.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

June 28th, 1922.

Summerside.

47th Annual.

The picture of the incoming Grand Master, M. W. James M. Murley, faces the title page of the proceedings.

The Grand Master, M. W. John McNevin, reports a very successful year from the viewpoint of work performed and the standpoint of results achieved. He says:

As the world gradually swings back into the pre-war conditions of normal advancement, our Craft—always in the forefront of advanced civilization—has settled into a steady stride of progress; nothing abnormal, nothing wonderful, but a steady and satisfactory growth and development.

He thinks we little realize the responsibilities which rest upon us as individual Masons, and adds:

The opinion of the world is that Masons are a carefully selected class of men and as such when they are known to be Masons there is more expected of them in private and public character. Why should they not so judge us? We are supposed to recommend only the best citizens for membership.

He recommends aid to the Protestant Orphanage Fund founded by the Orange Order but which has outgrown their ability to provide all the financial aid required.

The Trustees of the Benevolent Fund reported their fund in a very satisfactory condition. All calls on the fund have been met without trespassing on the principal.

There is no report on correspondence. The net gain of membership during the year was forty-nine.

JAMES MERRILL MURLEY, Grand Master, Charlottetown.

EDWARD T. CARBONELL, Grand Secretary, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC.

February 8th, 1922.

Montreal.

52nd Annual.

The Grand Master, M. W. Charles McBurney, reports that his first official act as Grand Master was to perform the funeral rites over their Senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Isaac H. Sterns, who left a request that his life-long friend, M. W. E. T. D. Chambers should write about his Masonic career.

The Grand Master also reports the distinguished dead of other juris-

ditions, among them our own M. W. Brother Michael Dowling. He reports refusing to issue dispensations for candidates who had not full physical qualifications. He thinks there should be established at their Masonic headquarters a well-equipped and well arranged library, but that the most pressing need in the Masonic organization of the Province is a Grand Secretary whose full time will be given to the work of the Craft, who will have regular office hours, and an office in the Temple where any brother may, within those hours feel free to come and consult him on any Masonic matter upon which he needs advice or guidance.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an interesting address for which he received the thanks of the Grand Lodge. There was a special committee appointed to consider the advisability of joining the Wales Home at Richmond in proposing an undertaking to erect and maintain a Home for Protestant Old People, which reported against the proposition of allocating \$25,000.00 from either the Benevolent Fund or the permanent Benevolent Fund.

The United Grand Lodge of Queensland received fraternal recognition.

Another splendid report on correspondence is by M. W. Brother E. D. T. Chambers, Past Grand Master. Nebraska for 1921 was reviewed, from which he quotes liberally from the address of Brother Fradenburg.

CHARLES McBURNEY, Grand Master, Lachute.
W. W. WILLIAMSON, Grand Secretary, Montreal.

QUEENSLAND.

A joint meeting of the Grand Lodge of Queensland and the Queensland Grand Lodge was held at Brisbane, Wednesday, April 27th, 1921, when articles of union were adopted and the United Grand Lodge organized and opened in form by M. W. Brother Thomas S. Burstow. Grand officers were elected, appointed, and installed.

On June 1st, 1921, a quarterly communication was held, when the articles of union were ratified and considerable discussion was held, all pertaining to the articles. A report was made setting forth fully the conclusions of the conference of all the Australian Grand Lodges, held at Melbourne, November 9th, 10th, 1921, when the following subjects were discussed: Maimed or blind candidates; rejected candidates; inquiries in regard to candidates; expelled brethren; Masonic relief; list of relief granted; right of visitation and exclusion of undesirable members; Masonic emblems; rank of representatives; loyalty; attacks from outside; Masonic funerals; uniformity of clothing; statement for candidates; uniformity of ritual and ceremonial; Grand Lodge of Australia or Australasia, and general business.

They determined that totally blind and deaf and dumb should not be admitted; that precaution should be taken in case of a candidate who had not resided for the period of three years in the state; on Masonic relief, that that rests primarily upon the Grand Lodge to which the brother owes allegiance; that the wearing of Masonic emblems be discountenanced outside of Masonic lodges except at Masonic functions; that no public reply should be made to any outside attack on Freemasonry; and that the wearing of regalia at Masonic funerals or in public be discouraged.

A resolution was passed that it was inadvisable at present to establish a Supreme Grand Lodge of Australia.

ALEXANDER CORRIE, Grand Master.

CHARLES H. HARLEY, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

May 15th, 1922.

Providence.

132nd Annual.

The Grand Master, Joseph Lawton, delivered his address, and notes the death of Past Grand Master Edward P. Lowden. He recommends the increase in the per capita tax from 60 cents to 75 cents; says he has not been called upon to make any official decisions; granted a number of dispensations to attend divine service; reported many visitations; endorses the Masonic Service Association and the Masonic Service Board.

There is no report on foreign correspondence.

NORRIS G. ABBOTT, Grand Master, Providence.

S. PENROSE WILLIAMS, Grand Secretary, Providence.

SASKATCHEWAN.

June 21st, 1922.

Regina.

16th Annual.

An address of welcome by M. J. Coldwell, deputy mayor, was followed by a response by Brother W. J. McKay. A reception of the representatives was held, and the regulations governing the Grand Lodge during sessions were taken as read, after which the Grand Master delivered his address, in which he made a full report of the International meeting at Estevan. He reports one ruling. He dedicated a number of Masonic temples, made a number of visits, and concludes his report with thanks to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Chaplain, V. W. Brother Rev. H. D. Leitch, delivered an address on "Masonry and Citizenship," for which on motion a vote of thanks was extended and the address ordered printed in the proceedings.

A short review on foreign correspondence is presented, wherein Nebraska is fraternally noted.

The Grand Master in closing his address says:

That the brethren of this grand jurisdiction have caught the vision of the great truth of progress and service to humanity is evidenced by the record of achievement since the formation of the Grand Lodge only sixteen years ago.

ALEX. SHEPPHARD, Grand Master, Regina.

WILLIAM B. TATE, Grand Secretary, Regina.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

October 19th, 1921.

Adelaide.

The Board of General Purposes made a report recommending that £1,000.00 be voted from the General Fund for the New Masonic Hall Building Fund. The Grand Master delivered a short address of special interest

to the local lodges. The Grand Secretary proposed that in his opinion they should be prepared to spend from eighty to one hundred thousand pounds for the new Temple, and he reported £17,305 on hand. He recommends that a building fund levy of one shilling per member per quarter be made, and that the registration fee for all lodges should be two pounds and two shillings, one-half of which should be devoted to the building fund, paying the interest on money borrowed for building purposes, and also to provide for a sinking fund.

A report was made by the delegates who attended the Australia Masonic Conference called by the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

The Grand Secretary made a very full report of a trip that he made through the Orient and also over the United States. He examined many of the Masonic Temples, starting at Vancouver, a city of 200,000, and gives a very vivid description of all the fine temples erected by the brethren in America.

The Grand Master, M. W. Arthur William Piper, K. C., was re-elected Grand Master.

There is a report on correspondence by Brother W. Simmons, reviewer, of 115 pages, Nebraska for 1921 receiving fraternal consideration.

ARTHUR WILLIAM PIPER, Grand Master, Adelaide.

CHARLES R. J. GLOVER, Grand Secretary, Adelaide.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

March 8th, 1922.

Charleston.

185th Annual.

M. W. Samuel T. Lanham, Grand Master, in reviewing the conditions existing, says that they have not been greatly changed by the onward march of events and he did not expect the improvement would be otherwise than gradual and slow, but he notes the fact that some progress has been made in reconstruction. He refers to the Armament Conference at Washington and the agreement in regard to the status of fortification in the Pacific, and the compact to resume the open door policy in China.

He notes with approval the additional Federal district judgeships, and says: "These are the times that try men's souls."

He reports the death of Past Grand Master Dowling of Nebraska. He is still keenly interested in the project of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and thinks that the Masonic Service Association is one of the most constructive Masonic movements of recent years. He reports the appointment of a commission of one hundred brethren as a Speakers' Bureau, and thinks the commission has rendered service of some value.

He reports the contribution of \$100.00 to the International Bureau of Masonic Affairs, and says that the brethren of Switzerland understand the reasons why they of South Carolina can not give their "adhesion" to the Masonic Federation of patronizing Grand Lodges which maintain this Bureau. I presume it would place them in fraternal relation with a number of Grand Lodges that they do not care to be related with.

As to the correspondence reports, he says:

I desire once more to call your attention to the very interesting annual reports of our Foreign Correspondent, M. W. Brother James L. Michie. It is only through reading these reports that most of us find any opportunity to learn something about important Masonic happenings outside of our own State; they are well worth the consideration of an intelligent craftsman, and I commend them to your careful study."

He recommends the payment of their proportionate share for operating expenses of the Masonic Service Association, and the Masonic Relief Association.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence say:

Your Committee has had referred to it communications from various Latin language Grand Lodges in both the eastern and western hemispheres requesting that fraternal relations be established between them and our M. W. Grand Lodge. Being unfamiliar with these various languages and uninformed as to the justness or legality of these purported Grand Lodges, your Committee is unwilling, at present, to recommend a recognition and establishment of fraternal relations.

The following resolution was enthusiastically and unanimously adopted:

We approve and assert our belief in the free and compulsory education of the children of our nation in public, primary schools supported by public taxation, on which all children shall attend and be instructed in the English language only, without regard to race or creed, and we pledge the efforts of the membership of the Grand Lodge to promote by all lawful means the organization, extension and development to the highest degree of such schools, and to continually oppose the efforts of any and all who seek to limit, curtail, hinder or destroy the public school system of our land.

The Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution on the Order of DeMolay for Boys:

Be it Resolved, That this Grand Lodge of A. F. M. do heartily indorse the Order of DeMolay for Boys, and

Be it Resolved, That each Subordinate Lodge be urged to promote and sponsor a Chapter of the Order of DeMolay for Boys whenever possible.

Another one of the excellent reviews is by M. W. Brother James L. Michie, including the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Jurisdictions, Nebraska being fully reviewed and accorded two and one-half pages of his valuable review. His conclusion gives us the conditions in France in regard to the admission of women. He quotes very fully from Brother Raymund Daniels, Grand Correspondent of Georgia, and concluded with a statement of the condition of French Masonry in the several jurisdictions of the United States, and says that he sincerely hopes that he shall not live to see the day when French Masonry is recognized by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina while present conditions last. He gives an interesting table of the welfare work done by the Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, and Jewish Welfare Board, during the war, showing the estimated proportions of welfare work by these organizations, based on available figures, is: Y. M. C. A., 90.55%; Knights of Columbus, 7.18%; Salvation Army, 1.73%; Jewish Welfare Board, .54%.

He refers to New York's ominous claim of taking jurisdiction of all men serving in the United States army and navy. He refers to the fact that something new has come up in some of the jurisdictions making Novem-

ber 4th, the date George Washington was initiated as an Entered Apprentice, a Masonic anniversary.

He wants the brethren of South Carolina to give the Masonic Service Association their whole-hearted encouragement and support; approves very strongly the Washington Memorial Association, and gives a full report of the amount paid and pledged. Says there is more than half a million dollars paid, or underwritten, to the Association, although only \$477,801.63 has been reported received by the treasurer of the association.

J. CAMPBELL BISSELL, Grand Master, Charleston.

O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary, Columbia.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

June 13th, 1922.

Huron.

48th Annual.

After the opening of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary of North Dakota, and Commissioner of the Corn Belt Division of the Masonic Service Association, was received with Grand Honors. There was an address of welcome by the Master of Huron Lodge No. 26, and a response by the Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Stewards brought in the United States Flag, which was presented at the Altar, the brethren standing and singing "America," after which the Flag was placed in the East, where it remained during the sessions.

The Grand Master, M. W. William F. R. Whorton, in his address, reports a substantial growth in numbers during the year. He reports the death of Past Grand Master Thomas H. Brown, who was the first Grand Master of the jurisdiction, and of M. W. John H. McCord, their last Past Grand Master, and says that so far as he knows this is the first time in the history of Masonry that a Grand Master has been called upon to perform these services for the last and the first Grand Masters of a jurisdiction.

He reports on the question of physical qualifications, and in every case he held that if the applicant can take the steps and give the signs and grips, he is eligible, providing that he is not crippled to such an extent that he might become a charge upon the lodge. He sent a letter to the lodges requesting that they observe November 4th as the birthday of Brother George Washington into Masonry. He reports attending the meeting of the Masonic Service Association and commends its work. The Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund report the assistance they are giving to a number of the members.

The Committee on Correspondence reported in favor of the recognition of and exchange of representatives with the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. The Committee, after the examination of a large number of documents relative to Masonry in Mexico, particularly the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, recommended that the former action in the recognition of the York Grand Lodge heretofore granted be affirmed and continued.

The Square and Compass Club of the University of South Dakota pre-

sented a memorial to the Grand Lodge, stating its plan of meetings and work, the club being composed of students attending the university and members of the faculty, and asked examination, sanction and approval of the same, which was given by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge repaired to the theater and listened to an address by M.:W.:Brother Walter L. Stockwell, an interpretation of Bulletin No. 3 of the Masonic Service Association, "The Brotherhood of Man." M.:W.:Brother William F. Kuhn, P.:G.:M.: of Missouri, was unanimously elected an Honorary member of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence expressed the opinion that the decision of the Grand Master on physical qualifications does not fully cover all the requirements of their law.

The report on foreign correspondence is by M.:W.:Brother Charles L. Brockway. He gives a very full review of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1921, and closes his report with the suggestion that:

The movement to hold the Master Mason to the work of knowing something of the Masonry of the Blue Lodge before being hurried forward into the "higher" degrees is spreading and will have to be reckoned with. It is right in principle. So also the multiplication of societies or bodies making Masonry a prerequisite to membership has called out much adverse criticism.

THEORUS R. STONER, Grand Master, Lead.

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Grand Secretary, Sioux Falls.

TENNESSEE.

January 31st, 1923.

Nashville.

109th Annual.

The Grand Master in his address says:

The world at large is still a riot of conflicting emotions and will continue to be until it returns to a reverence for sacred things, until honest work is a pleasure, and there is re-created a proper respect for constituted authority. No institution is better qualified to bring about this happy result than is our noble fraternity. Masonry accepts this responsibility—this duty we owe to our God, our country, and to humanity. Someone has said, "It has been the lot of many to govern, but to govern well has been the lot of few."

He announced the death of Past Grand Master Wilbur F. Foster. It was the pleasure of the writer in 1895, while spending a few hours in the Masonic Temple at Nashville to meet this good brother and in all the years I have remembered with pleasure the courtesy shown me by the good brother on that occasion.

The Grand Master recommends the continuance of membership in the Masonic Service Association. He reports the needs of the Home, and says that they have thirty or forty on the waiting list who can not be admitted for lack of sleeping quarters. He recommends the establishment of a building fund by an assessment of one dollar a member for five years on the membership, and ten dollars for each applicant for the degrees. This recommendation was not concurred in, but a substitute plan was adopted making an appeal to the subordinate lodges for voluntary subscriptions amounting to one dollar per capita. He gives considerable credit to the Order of the Eastern Star, and says:

I have invariably found, where the Eastern Star hold their meetings in the lodge rooms, that the rooms were clean and well kept and there existed a more earnest activity on the part of the Masonic brethren.

The report on the Masonic Service Association is by Brother S. W. Williams, delegate. We note that the Committee on Ways and Means recommended an appropriation of \$6,500.00, to be used by the Board of Custodians for the purpose of inaugurating a system of lecturers in accordance with their recommendations to this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence on the question of recognition of certain foreign jurisdictions, reported:

With regard to the official recognition by this Grand Lodge of certain Latin speaking Grand Lodges, and with the light before us, do not advise the official recognition of any of these Grand Bodies until further reliable and satisfactory information can be received in regard to them.

And further says:

We are strengthened in this recommendation because the Masonic Service Association of the United States has appointed an able committee expressly "to deal with the preparation of information for the use of the Grand Lodges of this country concerning the recognition of the foreign Grand Lodges."

It seems to the writer that this is another attempt of the Masonic Service Association to take from the several Grand Lodges one of their functions, in fact another small attempt in the organization of a General Grand Lodge.

The subordinate lodges were urged to celebrate the Masonic birthday of George Washington.

A report of 129 pages was made by Henry A. Chambers, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Nebraska being accorded two full pages of this valuable report.

GEORGE L. HARDWICK, Grand Master, Cleveland.

STITH M. CAIN, Grand Secretary, Nashville.

TEXAS.

December 5th, 1922.

Waco.

87th Annual.

A considerable program for the opening of the Grand Lodge was held which included a number of addresses of welcome and responses made by distinguished brethren, after which the Grand Master, M. W. D. Frank Johnson, delivered his address. In his opening, he says:

Owing to the great spirit of unrest, which I believe to be largely due to a "back wash" of the war, I have at no time endeavored to adopt any pet policies or schemes or carry additional ideas into my work as Grand Master, but have endeavored at all times to maintain the Ancient Landmarks and carry out the work outlined by the Constitution, laws and resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

He reports the issuing of a dispensation to form a lodge at Coblenz, Germany, and makes a full report as to its establishment. He frowns upon advertising Masonry for business and political propositions, has denied appeals for aid in building lodge rooms destroyed by fire, refused to confer degrees out of time, and reports the death of distinguished Masons of his

jurisdiction, and says he could find no authority under our present law for any lodge to sponsor or be responsible as a lodge for any other organization of any nature, even whose membership might be limited to that of the families of Masons. This was in reference to the lodges taking supervision of the Order of DeMolay.

He reports the fact that some Masons at Fort Worth were trying to form an organization to be known as the Egyptian Mystics, similar in nature to the order of Sciots of California, whose membership was to be limited to Master Masons. He says:

In this connection I am fully convinced that the time is near at hand when the Grand Lodge must place a restraining hand on all organizations which base their membership on Masonry.

He recommends that the expenses of the Board of Directors going to and returning from Board meetings be paid out of the Maintenance Fund of the Home. He commends the Masonic Service Association. He complained somewhat that there is still a propaganda going on in the jurisdiction on the question of Mexican Masonry, in the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and says he has heard that the commission was influenced by a question of "Rites" more than they were by a question of "Rights." He has given the question of physical defects liberal construction, and reports 107 decisions.

He recommends an amendment to the law permitting Grand Masters to issue dispensations to form new lodges in cities where there are already existing lodges, but where crowded conditions exist, and while making no specific recommendations he asks that careful consideration be given the necessity of limiting the membership of any lodge and making it necessary to form new lodges when the membership reaches certain figures.

On motion, a resolution was adopted requesting Waco Chapter of the Order of DeMolay to confer the degrees in the Grand Lodge building for the benefit of visiting brethren.

An address by the Grand Orator, Lynn B. Milam, on the subject "My Brethren," was well received, for which thanks were returned, and the oration ordered printed in the proceedings.

Past Grand Master Randell delivered an address to the Grand Lodge on behalf of Masonic Home and School and the executives thereof, and there was also an address by C. W. Bailey, First Worshipful Master of Lahneck Lodge of Coblenz, Germany.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that since the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, the relations have been harmonious and they did not find any occasion for any change in the relationship.

There was a resolution permitting the "Order of the Rainbow" to meet in the Masonic lodge rooms, the membership of which is restricted to the daughters of Master Masons, the daughters of Eastern Stars, and their girl friends, between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. The Order of DeMolay was also permitted to use the basement of the Grand Lodge building. What next?

The report on correspondence is by Past Grand Master S. M. Bradley, chairman, and consists of 200 pages, Nebraska for 1921 being accorded three full pages.

MIKE H. THOMAS, Grand Master, Dallas.

WILLIAM B. PEARSON, Grand Secretary, Waco.

VERMONT.

June 14th, 1922.

Burlington.

129th Annual.

M. W. Archie S. Harriman, Grand Master, opened his address by paying a tribute to the illustrious dead. He reports a number of decisions, approves the Washington Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association, recommends the recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, as well as the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, and recommends that no action be taken on the request of the National Grand Lodge of Italy. The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be authorized to adopt its own form in making its report.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported against the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador, and in favor of the Grand Lodge of Panama, and the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, and say that sufficient data has not been received as to the Grand Lodge of Italy and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, and recommended that such recognition be deferred. The report of the committee was adopted. They adopted a resolution to authorize the Grand Master to appoint a committee of not less than three members which shall be known and designated as a Board of General Purposes.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand Master Eugene S. Weston. It is a topical report of sixty-nine pages, where he discusses all matters interesting the Craft generally.

GEORGE I. WHITNEY, Grand Master, Bellows Falls.

HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Secretary, Burlington.

VICTORIA.

March 16th, 1921.

Melbourne.

Quarterly Communication.

The Board of Benevolence report £416 granted during the quarter.

The Grand Master, in his address, reports the visit of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, and says:

Fifteen thousand Freemasons in the Exhibition Building last June was a striking evidence of the loyalty of Freemasons to the Throne which represents the concrete unity of the British race. Unity is the essential condition of national stability.

After the address and the installation of officers the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The second quarterly communication was held June 15th, 1921, and the Grand Lodge of Queensland received recognition, and the Board of General

Purposes reported the activities. The Board of Benevolence reported the relief of thirty-two cases.

The third quarterly communication was held September 30th, 1921. Most of the proceedings are taken up with the record of the names and apologies, together with the report of the Board of General Purposes, and among the actions taken was that Master Masons of less than three years' standing should not sign a petition for a warrant for a new lodge. This is under their dual membership proposition. There is published with the proceedings the transactions of the First Australian Conference, consisting of representatives from South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Western Australia, and Queensland. There was a long discussion on the first question considered, being that of maimed or blind candidates, and it was determined:

In case of a candidate who has been injured or incapacitated a Dispensation may be granted to waive such disabilities as will not prevent a substantial compliance with the requirements of initiation, passing, and raising; provided, that such Dispensation shall not be granted to a candidate who is: (a) Totally blind. (b) Totally deaf. (c) Dumb.

The question of how long a candidate should reside within the jurisdiction of the lodge was discussed at considerable length. Masonic Relief took up some time. A resolution against wearing emblems was passed. They finally determined that it was not advisable to establish a General Grand Lodge for Australia.

FREDERICK THOMAS HICKFORD, Grand Master, Melbourne.

WILLIAM STEWART, P.:S.:G.:W.:., Grand Secretary, Melbourne.

VIRGINIA.

February 14th, 1922.

Richmond.

144th Annual.

Grand Master John S. Bottimore in his address says it has been gratifying to learn of the efforts being made in some parts of the state to instill into the members a deeper knowledge of the greatness of Masonry, efforts which are tending to make Masons out of members, and he says these efforts should be encouraged. He notes the death of distinguished dead of his own and other jurisdictions.

In his decisions, he says that as North Carolina does not allow dual membership, a member of a North Carolina lodge can not be elected a member of a Virginia lodge, without first withdrawing his membership from the North Carolina lodge. He says that Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Virginia are the only Grand Jurisdictions allowing multiple membership. An applicant for membership in a lodge, may, himself, or through any member authorized to act for him, withdraw his application at any time previous to spreading the ballot thereon.

The Grand Master says:

I wish also to urge the members of the Craft to read, mark, and inwardly digest the Report on Foreign Correspondence which is printed annually with the *Proceedings* of the Grand Lodge. Here will be found a well-spring of information and inspiration which will do much to educate us. Virginia is

indeed fortunate in having such a compilation furnished annually. Do not neglect its use.

Under the head of Recommendations, he says:

I have not recommended any changes in our law. I think that it is easily possible to legislate too much. The laws that we now have, have grown out of the experience of the past, and the conditions are, and will be, rare, when the laws we now have, cannot be satisfactorily applied to meet those conditions, and if some new condition should confront us, not now provided for, the powers inherent in the office of Grand Master can be invoked to meet these new conditions until the legislative body is again called into being.

In one decision he held that it was in violation of the law to hold a special communication and make five Entered Apprentices, and after the same is closed for the Worshipful Master to then call, and hold, another special communication on the same day and make other Entered Apprentices not exceeding five, but the decision was disapproved by the Grand Lodge.

The report on correspondence is by Joseph W. Eggleston, chairman of the committee, who reviews seventy proceedings. He copies in full the recommendation of our Grand Master on petitioning for other bodies, and also the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence on the same subject. He says he admired the closing words of the address of Grand Master Fradenburg as being modest and in no sense arrogant. He regrets that Virginia had no place in the foreign correspondence report.

JAMES H. PRICE, Grand Master, Richmond.

CHARLES A. NESBITT, Grand Secretary, Richmond.

WASHINGTON.

June 13th, 1922.

Seattle.

65th Annual.

There was an address of welcome by Walter F. Meier, which was responded to by R. W. Brother Robert C. McCroskey, Jr., Junior Grand Warden.

The Grand Master in his address commends the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, approves the work of the Board of Trustees of the Home, and reports a very busy year.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home Fund reported that they had expended \$2,665.00 for allowances outside of the Home, and the estimates for the ensuing year totalled \$109,000.00.

Worshipful Brother Louis F. Hart, governor of the state, delivered an eloquent address on the "Responsibilities of Masons as Citizens."

The National Grand Lodge of Italy received fraternal recognition.

A topical report on correspondence of forty pages is submitted by Brother Ralph C. McAllaster.

JAMES McCORMACK, Grand Master, Tacoma.

HORACE W. TYLER, Grand Secretary, Tacoma.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

May 25th, 1922.

Perth.

At the quarterly communication, held August 21st, 1921, the Grand

Master reports two special dispensations issued. There is a full report of the Australia Conference, and the proceedings also contain a roll of honor of all the brethren who served in the great war from 1914 to 1918.

The annual communication was held at Perth on May 25th, 1922. The Grand Master seems to have approved the suggestion of the Grand Inspector that a Metropolitan or Central Lodge of Instruction should be established for the purpose of exemplifying the working of the various degrees. He reports against the proposition of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts visiting lodges. He reports the memorial panels of fallen brethren nearing completion.

The Grand Inspector of Workings made full report of his activities during the year.

There are 157 pages of their report on correspondence, Nebraska for 1921 being reviewed.

C. O. L. RILEY, Grand Master, Perth.

J. D. STEVENSON, Grand Secretary, Perth.

WEST VIRGINIA.

November 15th, 1922.

Fairmont.

58th Annual.

The Grand Master, M. W. Samuel T. Spears, in his address, reports attending the meeting of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association at Alexandria, and commends the same to the membership of the Grand Lodge. He held that a Master who lacked proficiency in the work had been improperly installed and directed that the last Master hold over. He reports a large number of dispensations. He decided that a resolution adopted at the annual communication levying a special emergency assessment to conduct the work of the Masonic Home was valid. He holds "that neither the Grand Lodge nor any subordinate lodge has the power to lay a special assessment against the members of a lodge and the special assessment laid by the Grand Lodge for work on the Masonic Home is an assessment against the subordinate lodge for a sum equal to \$2.00 per member, but is not against the members of said lodge. It is to be paid from the general funds of the lodge and left to the subordinate lodge to raise the money, which, if its present dues do not prove sufficient, it may amend its by-laws and increase the same without the approval of the Grand Lodge." The writer always thought that the Grand Lodge had supreme power, executive, legislative, and judicial.

Permission was asked for meeting in the Masonic lodge rooms by a Grotto of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, which was refused, as the Grand Master could see no difference between that and any other show. He thinks we are drifting to the building of great cathedrals and the expenditure of great sums of money for sumptuous banquets, while overlooking the one really fundamental principle of Masonry, namely charity. He fears, as evidenced by the reception of the assessment laid at the last annual communication for homes, that the brethren are receiving this more as a burden than as an opportunity, and says even with

all that this stands for it is a small item in relieving the needs of those to whom we owe particular obligations.

He says:

I fear that the glitter and glamour of big Masonic affairs, magnificent temples and fine furniture have caused us to forget in large measure our duty to the cause of charity. Indeed, take charity out of Masonry and it stands as an empty shell, and I must say that from an outward appearance a very large number of Masons seem to be concerned in nothing else than the so-called social stunts which are being tacked on to this great Order.

Brother John H. Weymouth, District Deputy Grand Master, delivered an address, commemorating his fiftieth year in Masonry and the Grand Lodge. To show that the brethren of West Virginia are careful in guarding the portals, the records show 1,859 initiations and 1,225 rejections.

The report on foreign correspondence is by that veteran Past Grand Master, George W. Atkinson, who presents his thirty-first annual report, Nebraska for 1922 being accorded recognition. He quotes liberally from the address of the Grand Master and from the address of Brother Bishop George A. Beecher. In his concluding remarks, speaking of the good work done by the Masonic Service Association, he says:

The expense of maintaining the institution is shockingly large, and is still increasing every year.

He objects to the large salaries being paid to some of the officers of the association, and another objection that he voices is the danger that a Central Grand Lodge might ultimately result from its organization, when it grows strong enough, if it desired to do so, which would be simply to change its name. He believes fully in research work, but thinks that the Grand Jurisdiction could work out its own scheme for Masonic study without a great expense added to the functioning of the Masonic Service Association—with all of which the writer heartily agrees. His conclusions on Mexican Masonry and physical qualifications are in harmony with the views expressed by this Grand Lodge whenever the subject has come before it.

E. CARL FRAME, Grand Master, Fairmont.

JOHN M. COLLINS, Grand Secretary, Charleston.

WISCONSIN.

June 13th, 1922.

Milwaukee.

78th Annual.

The Grand Master in his address says that today we need a positive, practical, and applied Freemasonry. He thinks the conferring of degrees, the building of costly and spacious temples towering to the sky, or the partaking of sumptuous banquets will not long suffice, but that we ought to become imbued with the great spirit of Masonry, which is the true spirit of service to humanity. Among his decisions is one in answer to a question of what number legally constitutes a lodge of Master Masons, to which he states that three Master Masons, one of whom must be the Worshipful Master or a Warden; of course, under our law, it requires eight. He re-

ported writing a letter to the Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the subordinate lodges on the Ku Klux Klan.

He endorses the Order of DeMolay, the Masonic Service Association, and the Masonic Research Committee. He thinks it would be a mistake for the Grand Lodge to assume greater financial obligations in undertaking to have a part in the Washington Memorial Association. He reports the work on the building of the new Masonic Home as progressing as rapidly as could be expected.

On recommendation of a special report of the Committee on Correspondence recognition was given the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. There is a long report of the Committee on Masonic Research that is well worth reading.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by M.:W.:Brother Aldro Jenks, it being his twenty-fifth annual. He notes the fact that there are only three reviewers remaining of all who were engaged in preparing reports twenty-five years ago, these being Clarke of Kentucky, Chambers of Quebec, and Atkinson of West Virginia. Nebraska is given due consideration, and he says he is highly gratified that the Grand Lodge by resolution declared that it adhered to its settled policy of not recognizing a Grand Lodge not formed by at least three regularly chartered lodges in obedience to regular Grand Lodges, and that a Supreme Council or other Supreme Body claiming to be Masonic could not be considered a sufficient source of Masonic authority for the formation of a lodge or a Grand Lodge.

JOHN E. LANGDON, Grand Master, La Crosse.

WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary, Milwaukee.

WYOMING.

September 13th, 1922.

Rawlins.

48th Annual.

The Grand Master, M.:W.:Frank A. Holliday, in his address quotes the three questions propounded by the Grand Master of New York as follows:

Do you believe that our fraternity should be a more active force for good in our community and in our nation?

Do you believe that Masonic principles could be well applied for our civic and national welfare?

Are you in favor of an applied Masonic Service to God, to Country, and to Humanity?

He says that the members are asking similar questions, and that Masons should do more in a practical way for mankind. He says that Masons everywhere agree, "We must make our Fraternity a more active force for good by an interpretation of Masonic principles that will make for applied Masonic Service to God, to Country, and to Humanity."

He says the Masons of Wyoming should do their part in the great work of the George Washington National Memorial Association. He thinks the past year has been one of material benefit to Masonry in Wyoming, and that they have instituted new lodges, increased the number of members, and are

prosperous financially, nor is that all they have accomplished. "To increase the number of members is a thing to be commended, but to improve the members is much more commendable," and he thinks it is more important to teach brethren how to live than to teach him a lecture in perfect form. He commends the work of the Masonic Service Association, and suggests the appointment of a Grand Lecturer to give Masonic Service Association talks and also instruct the lodges in the degree work. He recommends among other things that provision be made to take care of Wyoming's share of the expenses of the George Washington National Memorial Association.

A full report of the Committee on the George Washington National Memorial Association was presented by Past Grand Master Arthur K. Lee, and he suggests that the jurisdiction pledge the whole amount with a payment of one-fourth each year. On the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, the sum of \$5,000.00 in Liberty Bonds was turned over to Brother Lee, for disposal, with instructions to remit the proceeds to the association. The Grand Lodge passed a resolution endorsing the principles of the Order of DeMolay for Boys and recommended that the subordinate lodges do all in their power to further the establishing of DeMolay chapters within their borders. There was a resolution passed endorsing the Towner-Sterling educational bill.

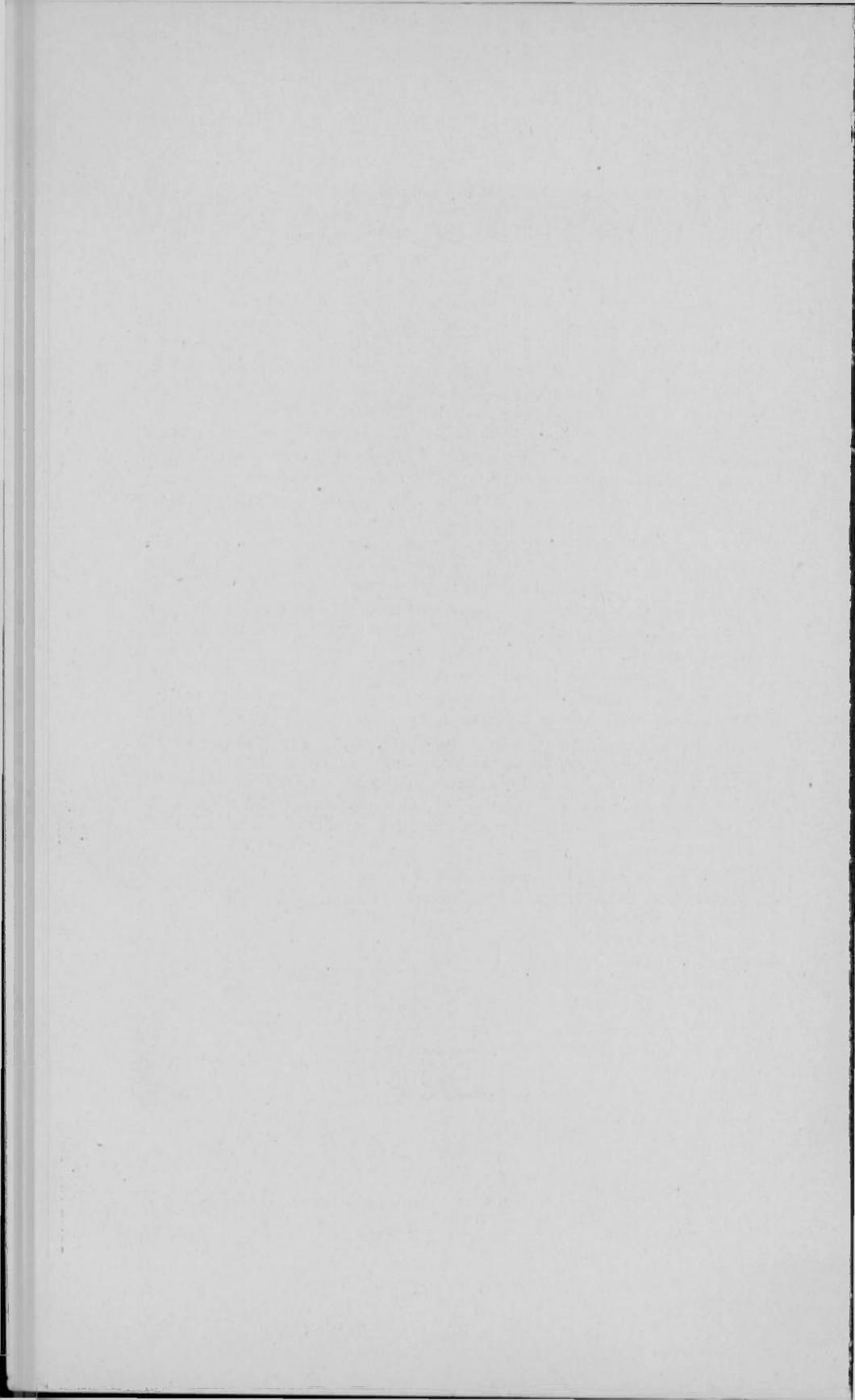
The Committee on Jurisprudence reported with approval an amendment to their law requiring raising the fee for the three degrees to fifty dollars, fifty per cent to accompany the petition, thirty per cent to be paid prior to the conferring of the Fellow Craft degree, and twenty per cent to be paid prior to the conferring of the Master Masons degree.

The report on fraternal correspondence reviews sixty-two proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges, Nebraska for 1921 being among the number, with liberal quotations from the action of the Grand Lodge on the so-called higher degrees.

WILLIAM A. RINER, Grand Master, Cheyenne.

JOSEPH M. LOWNDES, Grand Secretary, Casper.





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