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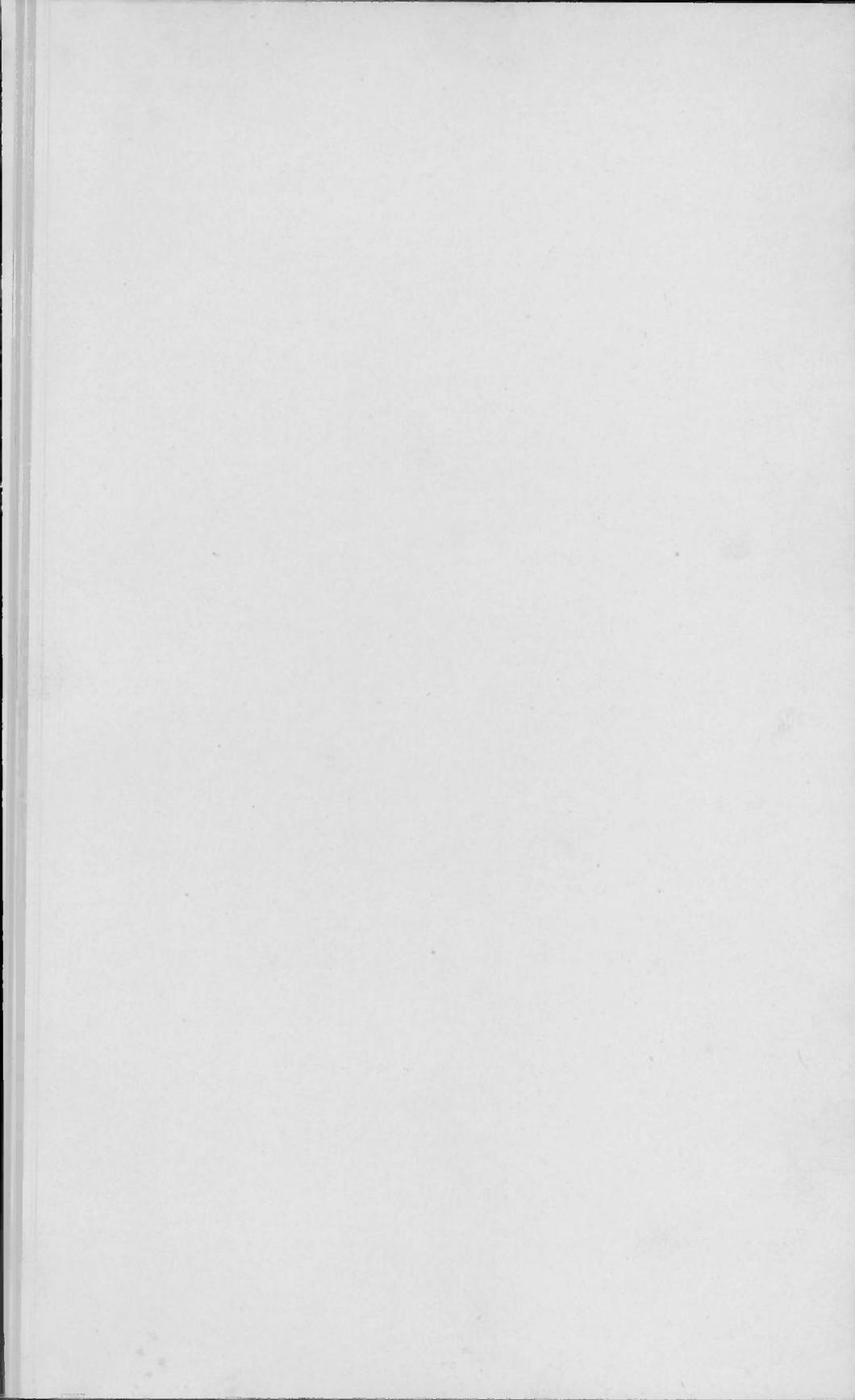
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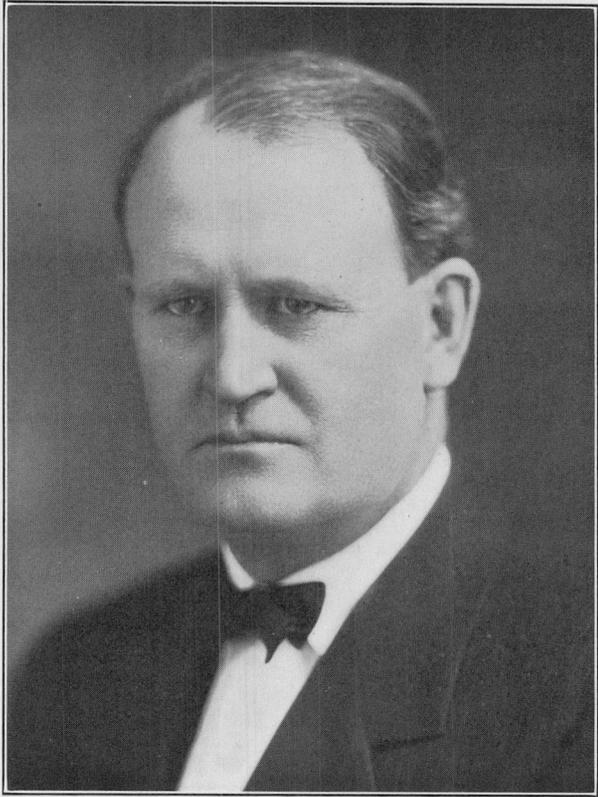
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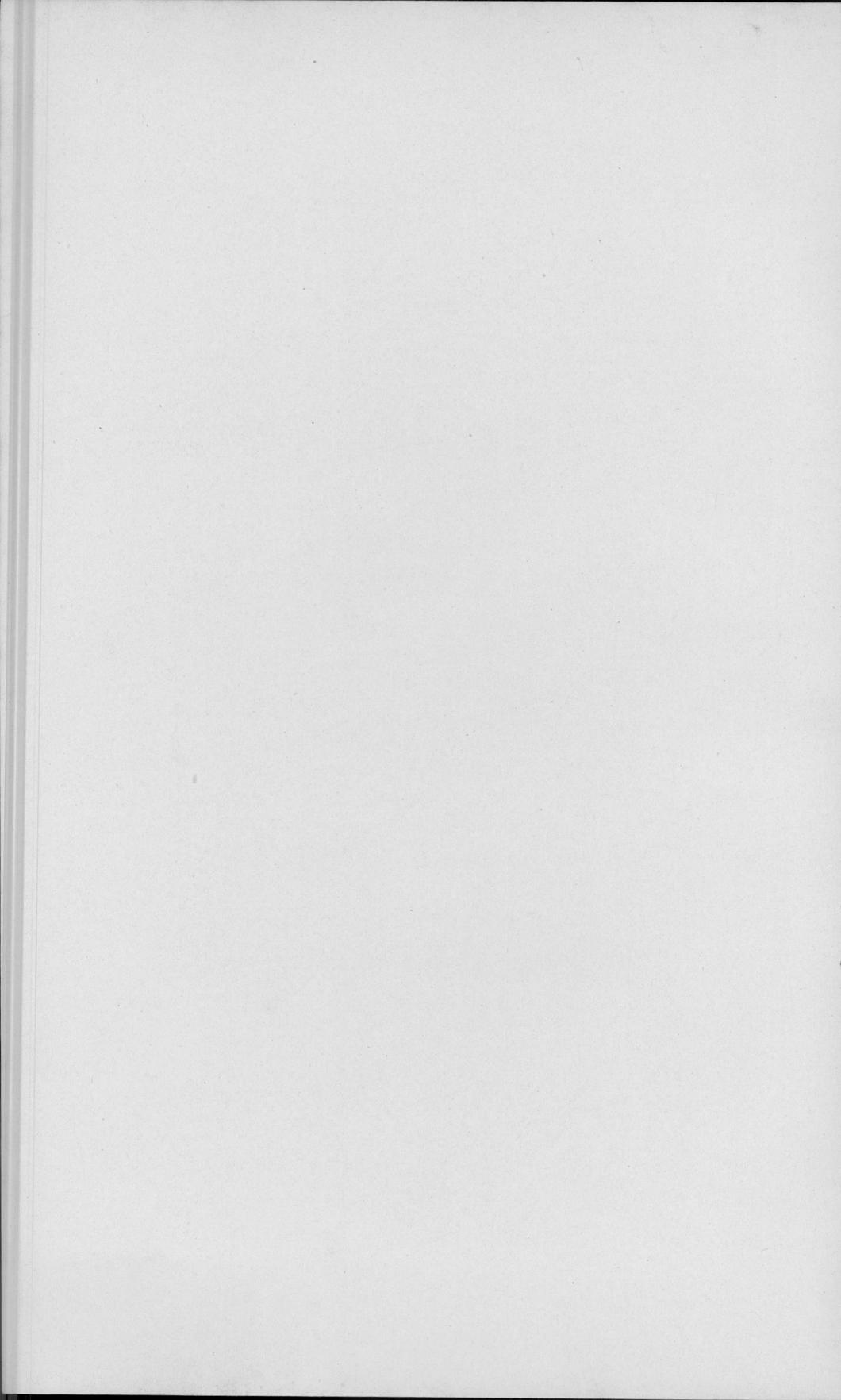




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OF THE
Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable
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OF NEBRASKA
AT THE
Seventieth Annual Communication,
Held in Omaha, June 7th, 8th and 9th, 1927.

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 7th, A. D. 1927, at 9:30 A. M.

There were present:

M. W. Edwin D. Crites.....	Grand Master.
R. W. Albert R. Davis.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Frank H. Woodland.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Ira C. Freet.....	Grand Junior Warden.
M. W. Lewis E. Smith.....	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Charles M. Shepherd.....	Grand Chaplain.
W. C. Petrus Peterson.....	Grand Orator.
W. Lute M. Savage.....	Grand Custodian.
W. Orville A. Andrews.....	Grand Marshal.
W. John R. Tapster.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. J. Dean Ringer.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. John W. Disbrow.....	Grand Tyler.

Preceding the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, Brother Harold H. Thom, 1, entertained the representatives and visitors from the various Lodges, with a group of fine selections on the pipe-organ.

Promptly at 9:30, a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. W. Albert R. Davis, Deputy Grand Master, the Invocation being given by V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain:

It seems to me, Brethren, that it will be good for us this morning, to open the Book lying here upon the Altar, reading from it a portion of the Word, as an inspiration for the day. I have always rejoiced in that first announcement of the book: "In the beginning God"—for this is the ancient faith of Masonry—"In the beginning God," our Creator, our Preserver, our Benefactor, our Father. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.—And God said, let there be light: and there was light. "In the grace of that light we are assembled; and now wait reverently on that God, in prayer.

INVOCATION.

Dear Lord, with grateful hearts we come into the communication of this beautiful morning. Thou hast in all thy works taught us that Thou art our God; and hast given us the joy of a great comradeship, a comradeship that calmly breasts the storms of the world; with Brothers and friends bringing love out of the deeps of their hearts, for every hour of human need; a love that comes with comfort and joy for those in suffering and sorrow; that comes with cheer and uplift, in the darkest hours that may be our portion; and that comes, with charm for this rare fellowship, as we revel together, over the achievements of our great Fraternity; over the gracious bonds that unite us, one to the other; and more than that, bonds that unite us with Thee, our overbrooding Father. We ask Dear Lord, that this gathering, may be, from the beginning to the close, altogether in harmony with Thy will. We shall have heart aches here, for some that may not be with us this morning, or any morning; on this side of the great eternal morning, that soon shall break for us all, on the shore of the other side; but we thank Thee, Dear Heavenly Father, for the faith they had in Thee; for that same faith that moves the depths of our own hearts, giving us an unshaken belief, that in some great day, our joyous fellowship with them shall be renewed. Bless our absent ones, and grant that, where sorrow has been, there may be joy; where trial has been, and weakness, perhaps, there may be strength; and so out of this coming together, may there result, the advancement of Masonry, the betterment of life wherever we shall touch human character, an enlargement of our own activities, and so direct and counsel us, that through it all "Thy will shall be done here as it is done in heaven;" We ask it for Thy names sake. Amen.

Most Worshipful Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, was then introduced, given the Grand Honors, and took his station in the Grand East.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of chartered Lodges. There being a constitutional number of Lodges represented, the Grand Master declared the Seventieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, opened in ample form, directing the Grand Marshal to make due proclamation thereof.

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS.

The following Past Grand Masters were introduced by the Grand Senior Deacon, according to their seniority:

George H. Thummel
 Samuel P. Davidson
 Henry H. Wilson
 Charles E. Burnham
 James R. Cain, Jr.
 Samuel S. Whiting

Ambrose C. Epperson
 Joseph B. Fradenburg
 Lewis E. Smith
 Charles A. Chappell
 Robert R. Dickson
 John Wright

WELCOME BY M.:W.:EDWIN D. CRITES, GRAND MASTER.

Most Worshipful Brethren:

There is nothing that I can say on this occasion which has not been much better said, on numerous former occasions.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, the Dean of this Corps of Past Grand Masters is Most Worshipful Brother Thummel, on the right, who was Grand Master, I think, of the Grand Lodge fifty-one years ago. Since that time he, and his successors in office, have never faltered in keeping up their interest in the affairs of our Fraternity. Year by year they come here, missing none, on any excuse ordinarily, and always taking interest in the growth and promotion of the Grand Lodge and the well being of all of us. These are the men on whose experience, gained by so many years of participation in our labors, we must all of us rely.

Brethren, Past Grand Masters, I am more than pleased to welcome you here again, and I may say that I hope my successors in office will be able to do so for many, many years.

We thank you for your attendance, and hope that you will find the things we do here to your liking.

REMARKS BY M.:W.:GEORGE H. THUMMEL, PAST GRAND MASTER.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

M.:W.:Brother Andrew H. Viele, Past Grand Master, who was to have responded on behalf of the Past Grand Masters, was unavoidably detained and he is not here. M.:W.:Brother Burnham will respond in his place.

REMARKS BY M.:W.:CHARLES E. BURNHAM, PAST GRAND MASTER.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I am going to use the words which Brother Viele composed for this occasion. He regretted very much that he was unable to be here, and it is the first time that he has missed a session of this Grand Lodge for twenty-two years. His words are as follows:

M. W. Grand Master, Officers of the Grand Lodge and Brethren:

It is with feelings of keenest gratitude that we, the Past Grand Masters, accept your truly fraternal greetings. We do not feel or think of this as a mere matter of form or something just to fill in a program, but as a sincere desire to express your appreciation of the services rendered by these Veteran Craftsmen, and in the same spirit which you welcomed us to this session of the Grand Lodge, we pledge to you our loyalty and brotherly affection.

In the long ago it became the custom and the law in this Grand Jurisdiction that the Past Grand Masters should compose the Jurisprudence Committee to recommend those things which in their judgment would be of benefit to the Craft and not in conflict with the ancient landmarks of Masonry, submitting them to the Grand Lodge for their approval or disapproval as you thought best.

And who would be better qualified to perform such a task than those who have given of their time and talent without thought of reward other than the happy reflection of a duty sincerely and honestly performed.

So it is with deepest gratitude we say, "Thank you" for your kindly greetings, and hope and trust that this session of the Grand Lodge will be one long to be remembered because of having been of vast benefit to our institution.

Twenty-two years ago at my first attendance of the Grand Lodge the one thing that stood out most prominent and made a lasting impression on my mind was when I saw who it was that composed the representatives of this Grand Lodge and realized that it was the out-standing men of our commonwealth; men known for their ability and integrity. I fully realized the truthfulness of that part of our monitor which says, "The greatest and best of men in all ages have been encouragers and promoters of the art, and have never deemed it derogatory to their dignity to level themselves with the Fraternity, extend their privileges and patronize their assemblies. It was the devotion of these men who oft times sacrificed their own personal affairs earnestly devoting their time and talent that the true principle of our beloved Institution should be implanted in the hearts of men. And so it seemed that the lives of such men would go on forever, forgetting for the moment our dependence on Divine Providence. But within the last year we have been reminded of the shortness of our earthly existence, when one morning there came ringing down the corridors of time, that voice which all men must recognize, and the name of Robert E. French, came ringing to earth, and Uncle Bob, stepped out of our lines, and laying down his working tools, methinks I hear him say in clear unhesitating voice, "Here am I." And then from out the Throne room of Heaven that same clear voice saying, "It is enough, come up higher." Then the mists of mystery drew its curtain around him and shut him out from our mortal ken. But while the tears of sympathy may fill our eyes and there is a tugging feeling at our heart-strings let us not forget that,

"Beyond the deep unknown
Standeth God within the shadows
Keeping watch above his own."
So my good Brethren we are all passing on.

"As leaf by leaf the roses fall,
So one by one beyond recall
These noble Craftmen one and all
Are answering the last great call."

It is then for us, the living, to take up the working tools that they laid down, carrying out the designs they have left on the trestleboard for us to complete.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Senior Deacon to present M. E. A. Sherman Pinto, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; R. E. George T. Sprecher, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska; Brother James M. Robertson, President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, W. Brother Edwin C. Yont, President of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and Brother Frank Cargill Patton, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, A. & A. S. R. These Brethren, being the presiding officers of the several Masonic Grand Bodies and Masonic Homes of Nebraska, were warmly welcomed by the Grand Master, and given seats of honor in the Grand Lodge.

Brother Harold T. Landeryou, 302, then entertained the Brethren and visitors with a very beautiful and well selected solo, accompanied by W. Brother Harold H. Thom, 1.

Rev. and Brother Clarence E. Allen, D.D., 1, welcomed the Grand Officers, Members and Guests of the Grand Lodge, to Omaha, for their Seventieth Annual Communication.

R. W. Ira C. Freet, Grand Junior Warden, gave the response to the address of welcome.

Greetings and regrets at being unable to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, were read, from Past Grand Masters Harry A. Cheney, Andrew H. Viele, and Frederic L. Temple. The Grand Master directed that suitable responses be sent by the Grand Secretary.

M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

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

Brethren:

Time is about to roll up the scroll of another Masonic year.

Before the word "finis" is written on it, and it is filed away, we must re-

view the things that have been done, discharge our present duties and inquire what hope there is of the future.

Seven decades have passed away since the formation of this Grand Lodge. This is its Seventieth Annual Communication. I welcome you to it, not as honored guests, but as the chosen representatives of the Lodges which compose it.

On you lies the duty to bring to the consideration of all of the problems here before us, the benefits of your experience and understanding, which necessitates your attendance at each session.

Great changes have occurred in the world in seventy years, and are reflected in our Order, although our Landmarks are eternal.

Such alterations in the business of the Grand Lodge must be made from time to time, as necessity requires. After mature consideration, I believe that we should make some changes in providing for the discharge of our obligations, and I commend these problems to your consideration, either along the lines suggested, or such others as may seem proper.

In view of the somewhat unfavorable condition of the rural sections of the State, the growth of the Fraternity has been satisfactory. Our net gain in membership is 649, within a few of last year's number.

The receipts of the Grand Lodge from the subordinate lodges are a little less than last year, owing to the fact that the charter of one of our Lodges has been suspended.

The institutional activities of the Grand Lodge have gone on satisfactorily, for the most part.

Year by year, the Fraternity extends itself, and becomes more solidly established. Year by year, its legitimate influence is greater. It is the one means available for the realization, all over the world, of those aspects of internationalism which all agree are desirable, among which may be mentioned universal understanding, peace, good will and confidence on the part of all in the good intentions of their neighbors, which, when realized, will go far toward ameliorating the evils which beset so much of the world. Men everywhere, may meet on the level of Masonic principles, principles which unite all, and with which none may quarrel.

In the discharge of my official duties, I have availed myself freely of the experience and advice of numerous of the Past Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Secretary Emeritus. The officers of the Grand Lodge have always been ready to assist. If there is anything of value in my year of service, others are entitled to the credit as much as I am, myself. My mistakes, I alone am responsible for.

NECROLOGY.

On February 16, 1927, died Robert Emmet French, Past Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, for more than 26 years Grand Custodian, and for 55 years a Mason.

He was a representative of that race of pioneers who made the west. His immense stature, flowing beard, and gentle, democratic ways, permitted him once known, never to be forgotten. No Mason ever had so wide an acquaintance in Nebraska, and none was ever so well loved.

He began his quarter century of service as Grand Custodian under Albert W. Crites, Grand Master, and terminated it as he had wished to do, under Edwin D. Crites, present incumbent of the office, and son of the former.

He died in the harness.

M. W. Brother French was a student, a mystic and something of a poet. His lectures were classics, and attracted great crowds to his schools. His verses lightened the days for many. The welfare of the Fraternity was his one thought. By his will he gave it his library.

He desired no funeral ceremony but the reading of a verse of which the following is a part:

"Not myself, but the truth that in life I have spoken,
Not myself, but the seed that in life I have sown,
Shall pass on to ages—all about me forgotten,
Save the truths I have spoken, the things I have done.

"So let my living be, so be my dying,
So let my name lie unblazoned, unknown,
Unpraised and unmissed, I shall still be remembered,
Yes, but remembered, by what I have done."

He died secure in the faith that the next is the land of the living. He consciously went to his death, knowing that it was not the last sleep, but the final awakening.

He directed that all metals be removed from his coffin, and that his body be burned. Did he believe that the flames purged him, as an initiate is purged, of the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting him for that spiritual building, that house not made of hands, eternal in the heavens?

He desired no memorial circular; but his memory belongs to the Craft, and it is entitled to perpetuate it.

"Peace be with thee, O our Brother,
In the spirit-land:
Vainly look we for another
In thy place to stand.
Unto Truth and Freedom giving
All thy earthly powers,
Be thy virtue with the living,
And thy spirit ours!"

And thus we say farewell, to Uncle Bob, the Veteran.

A simple and impressive funeral ceremony was conducted by the Grand Master with the assistance of the Grand Officers, in the Masonic Temple in Omaha. His ashes are deposited in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, near Omaha, beneath a monument, an ashlar, of his own design, following instructions confided to W. Brother Lute M. Savage, one of his trusted Deputy Custodians.

The last months of Uncle Bob's life were not without their problems, and the Grand Master takes this opportunity to record his appreciation of the faithful assistance of W. Brother John B. Lichtenwallner, Deputy Custodian and Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, without whose patient and wise counsel and help, he would have been, at times, at sea.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence is one of the most important of the Grand Lodge Committees. It ought to be, and is in touch with all of

the business of the Grand Lodge. In the death of W. Brother Frank L. Haycock, of Parian Lodge No. 207, A. F. & A. M. of Callaway, Nebraska, this Committee lost a most valued member. W. Brother Haycock for two years wrote the report of this committee, which involved a careful digest of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the United States and the British Dominions. His service to the Fraternity, was long and faithful and in many offices. In his death, which occurred in April of this year we experienced a loss which cannot be compensated. He lived respected and died regretted. I was unable to attend the funeral, but R. W. Brother Frank H. Woodland, Grand Senior Warden did so, and paid the respects, and offered the condolences of his brethren, to the surviving widow and family.

I officiated at other Masonic funerals during the year, among which should be mentioned that of W. Brother William G. Melchiorsen, W. Master of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 A. F. & A. M. of South Omaha, a man upon whom the precepts of the Fraternity had impressed themselves, and who had in turn benefited his brethren by employing his abilities for its advancement, as was testified by the general demonstration of respect and regard by his brethren at his funeral.

During the Masonic Year the Angel has stricken from the rolls Brethren to the number of 457. Let their passing be noted on a page of our proceedings, inscribed to their memory. In the language of Whittier:

“How strange it seems, with so much gone
Of life and love, to still live on!
Look where we may, the wide world o'er,
Those lighted faces smile no more.
We tread the paths their feet have worn,
We sit beneath their orchard trees,
We hear, like them, the hum of bees
And rustle of the bladed corn:
We turn the pages that they read,
Their written words we linger o'er,
But in the sun they cast no shade
No voice is heard, no sign is made,
No step is on the conscious floor!
Yet Love will dream and Faith will trust,
(Since He who knows our need is just,)
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must,
Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress trees!
Who hopeless, lays his dead away,
Nor looks to see the breaking day
Across the mournful marbles play!
Who hath not learned, in hours of faith,
The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That Life is ever lord of Death,
And Love can never lose its own!”

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND CUSTODIAN.

Upon the death of M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, I appointed W. Brother Lute M. Savage, for many years a Deputy Grand Custodian, acting Grand Custodian.

After allowing a sufficient interval to elapse to enable all brethren interested to make such representations as they desired to do, I, with the advice

and consent of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden, appointed W. Brother Savage, Grand Custodian for the unexpired term.

The salary of the Grand Custodian has been inadequate for many years, and in my opinion should be increased to an annual sum of not less than \$2400.00. On more than one occasion M. W. Brother French was offered an increase in salary over the sum at which it was placed more than a quarter century ago, but steadfastly refused it, for reasons which were respected because they were his, but which had nothing else to commend them. The duties of this office have increased from year to year, and will continue to do so in the future. They require the undivided attention of an able man, and I feel that we cannot expect to procure such services in the future for such compensation as has been paid in the past.

DISPENSATIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF NEW LODGES.

A number of inquiries were received from groups of brethren who had it in mind to petition for dispensations for the formation of new lodges. In all but two of these instances, preliminary investigation on my part, and mature consideration on the part of the brethren interested, resulted in the conclusion that it would be unwise to grant the dispensations, and the proposed petitions were not submitted.

A petition for a dispensation to form a new Lodge at College View, to be called "College View Lodge U. D.," signed by Brother Joseph B. Taylor and others, was submitted to me too late in the Masonic year, for it to be possible for the proposed Lodge to work for a reasonable time under a dispensation, so as to entitle it to a charter from this Grand Lodge. The necessary investigations have been made and requirements met in this case, and I therefore recommend that this dispensation be granted.

On February 10th, 1927, I received a petition for a dispensation to form a new Lodge in the city of Columbus, to be called "Two Rivers Lodge, U. D."; signed by W. Brother Charles Wurdeman, and 104 other brethren, which I have not acted on. Practically all of the petitioners are members of Lebanon Lodge No. 58, A. F. & A. M., of Columbus, the charter of which Lodge, I suspended, and the petition for this dispensation is the result of conditions in that Lodge, which I elsewhere refer to. I recommend that no dispensation be granted on this petition; further that none be granted to any body of petitioners from Columbus, until the lapse of at least another Masonic year. I am advised that a number of the petitioners for the dispensation last above referred to, have signed a subsequent petition, but it has not been received by me.

On May 18th, 1927, I received a petition for a dispensation to form a new Lodge in the town of Primrose, to be called "Cedar Valley Lodge, U. D.", signed by Brother Harry P. Hansen and 29 other brethren. The necessary investigations have been made, and requirements met in this case, and I therefore recommend that this dispensation be granted.

CHARTER SURRENDERED.

On April 10, 1927, I granted permission to Sincerity Lodge No. 244, A. F. & A. M., of Battle Creek, to surrender its charter, it having voted

unanimously so to do, at a regular meeting, of which special notice was given to all members. This Lodge has discharged its indebtedness to the Grand Lodge and others. At the time of writing this address, the charter had not actually been received at the Grand Secretary's office. The membership of the Lodge on March 21, 1926, was 26.

ORDERS GRANTING PERMISSION TO LODGES TO CHANGE THEIR PLACES OF MEETING.

Pursuant to the regulations of Section 71, of the law and other sections, permission was granted to the following named Lodges to remove from one building to another in the same or another town, namely:

Blue River Lodge No. 30, Milford.
Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island.
Bennett Lodge No. 94, Bennett.
Atkinson Lodge No. 164, Atkinson.
North Star Lodge No. 227, University Place.
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha.
Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island.

I approved the removal of Diamond Lodge No. 291, A. F. & A. M., of Royal, from its former location at Royal to Orchard, the proposition for removal having been carried by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, of which meeting prior notice had been given to all resident members.

Certain members of Diamond Lodge No. 291, A. F. & A. M. are dissatisfied with my action, and have filed a protest in which they request a review by the Grand Lodge. I have assembled the documents involved in this, and together with a statement of my findings and conclusions, have referred it to an appropriate committee.

CONSTITUTING NEW LODGES.

On June 28, 1926, with the assistance of such officers of the Grand Lodge as could be present, and of numerous sojourning brethren I constituted and installed the officers of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, A. F. & A. M. of Grand Island, and on June 29, 1926, I likewise constituted and installed the officers of Bladen Lodge No. 319, A. F. & A. M. of Bladen.

While the resources and population of these two communities differ widely, the fidelity and zeal of the members of the Fraternity there is of equal fervor and both of them in common with most of the other Masonic communities in the state are thoroughly alive both to their opportunities and responsibilities. The congratulations of the older Lodges are due to these two, the youngest of our family.

I, also, at the request of the W. Master of Fremont Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M. of Fremont, installed its officers, as it seems to have been the custom in the past that the Grand Master do so, and was most pleasantly received and entertained.

I also installed the officers of my own Lodge, Samaritan Lodge No. 158, A. F. & A. M. of Chadron.

CORNER-STONES LAID.

With the assistance of the Grand Lodge officers and the brethren composing the respective Masonic communities, I laid the following corner-stones:

On June 14th, 1926, I laid the corner-stone of the new Model Training School building of the Nebraska State Normal College, at my home town of Chadron.

On May 28th, 1927, I laid the corner-stone of the Public School building at Beaver Crossing, Nebraska.

On June 3rd, 1927, I laid the corner-stone of the Public High School building at Dorchester, Nebraska.

I believe that no opportunity should be overlooked to conduct these ceremonies under proper conditions and restrictions. Our public appearances are not numerous and should not be multiplied, but when they do occur should be dignified and of such character not only to elicit the interest, but to command the respect of any person who may witness them. A well executed ceremony of laying a corner-stone invariably results in the quickening of the Masonic spirit and is a benefit to the Masonic organization of the community in which it is laid. Opportunities of this description are too often lost through the negligence of public authorities having the responsibility for the construction of the building, or of the officers of the subordinate lodges in not concerning themselves with the arrangements until it is everlastingly too late to make them. In a number of instances inquiries were received by the Grand Master, two or three days before the progress of construction work required the laying of the corner-stone, so that it was impossible to do what was required to comply with our regulations. Indeed many of the officers of the subordinate lodges do not seem to have the energy necessary to arrange for such a ceremony, notwithstanding the fact the services of the Grand Marshal and the Deputy Custodians are at all times available. I urge the W. Masters of Lodges where such events are in prospect to take advantage of their opportunities.

DEDICATIONS OF MASONIC HALLS.

The new Masonic Temple at Grand Island, was dedicated on October 8, 1926; the new hall of Bennett Lodge No. 94, A. F. & A. M. of Bennett, was dedicated on December 31, 1926; the new hall of North Star Lodge No. 227, A. F. & A. M. of University Place, was dedicated on May 25, 1927, at which ceremonies I presided, with the exception that M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, was appointed and acted as proxy of the Grand Master at the dedication at Bennett.

At these dedications we were ably assisted by such of the Grand Lodge officers as could be present and by numerous well qualified and zealous Brethren of the respective Masonic communities. These Brethren are to be warmly congratulated on their enterprises and particularly on the business-like basis upon which their halls or buildings have been acquired.

The Freemasons of the city of Grand Island and the surrounding territory are particularly deserving of the congratulations of the Fraternity, upon the completion of their splendid new seven story, fire-proof building which contains Lodge rooms and other quarters arranged in the best of taste, of great con-

venience, and unexcelled in beauty by any other in the state of Nebraska, or any other city of many times its size, which the Grand Master has visited.

The attendance at the dedication taxed the capacity of even so large and fine a structure. The arrangements for the ceremony were elaborate and in every way suitable. These things were all fine, but it is finer still that the building is thoroughly and safely financed,—a condition that does not always exist.

VISITS.

On September 8 and 9, 1926, I visited the Fifty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Wyoming, at Casper, Wyoming. This Grand Lodge was instituted on the 15th day of December, 1874. One of the four constituent Lodges being Wyoming Lodge No. 28 at South Pass City, Sweetwater County, now Wyoming Lodge No. 2 of Lander, to which dispensation was granted on November 24, 1869, and which was chartered June 13, 1870, by the M. W. the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

Among the Brethren present at this communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, was Brother Finn G. Burnett, who pioneered the then Territory of Wyoming, in 1865, who was a member of Wyoming Lodge No. 28, while under its dispensation, and later its W. Master. He took an active part in the organization of the M. W. the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Wyoming. He was the oldest member in point of years in attendance, at the Grand Lodge.

At the request of M. W. Frank S. Knittle, Grand Master, I had the honor, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, to present to W. Brother Burnett, a handsome gift as a token of the affection in which this hardy pioneer, citizen and Mason was held by his Brethren; and to the congratulations of the Wyoming Grand Lodge, I added those of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which is entitled to honor so distinguished a member of a Lodge formerly under its authority. The occasion was a touching one and will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

On October 26, 27 and 28, 1926, in company with M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, I officially visited the 106th Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Missouri, which was also the occasion of the dedication of the new York Rite Temple, at 3637 Lindel Blvd., St. Louis, a structure which no doubt is correctly claimed to be the most beautiful of its kind in America, and which I have never seen surpassed anywhere. It has been completed at the expense of \$4,000,000.00, and was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies, in the course of which a parade was held, composed of 25,000 Masons. This Grand Jurisdiction numbers among its past and present Grand Officers some of the most distinguished and able citizens of the state of Missouri, and its rank and file is of such character as to command the respect and admiration of all men.

On October 24, 1926, I had the honor on behalf of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, to welcome the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, which held its even year session at Omaha. I

believe the Supreme Council was impressed with the fact that all is well with the Fraternity in Nebraska.

On November 16, 1926, I attended the Annual Conference of the Grand Masters of the United States, and the Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, also the Annual Meeting of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanitoria Association, at Chicago. I was accompanied at this time by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary and V. W. Brother Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain. These meetings are elsewhere referred to.

On February 21, 22 and 23, 1927, I attended the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and the 1927 conference of the Grand Masters of Masons of the United States, the former being held at Alexandria, Virginia, and the latter in the city of Washington, D. C. which visits are also referred to at another place in this address. On these visits I was accompanied by V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education, who gathered much material for use in the course of the activities of his committee.

I was invited to attend the Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Kansas, at Wichita, Kansas on February 23 and 24, but was unable to do so. At my request this visit was made by R. W. Brother Albert R. Davis, Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary.

In view of the time required and expense involved I was obliged to decline numerous invitations to visit other Grand Jurisdictions, and to be present at the laying of corner-stones of many large buildings dedicated to Masonic purposes exclusively, among which should be mentioned the new Masonic Temple at Detroit, than which no finer exists in the world, and the new Masonic Temple at New Orleans, La., also the new Consistory Cathedral and Shrine Temple, which are separate buildings, of which the corner-stones were laid at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 29, 1927. These tremendous buildings are monuments to the enterprise and resources of the Craft and when paid for, no doubt will justify themselves. However, I have sometimes felt that the resources of the Fraternity were too heavily taxed in erecting and maintaining them, in some instances.

I attended the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Omaha, on January 24, 1927, which is referred to at another place, also the 40th Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Veteran Free Masons Association on the same day, at which time I was privileged to become a member of this worthy organization.

I also attended the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar at Norfolk, on April 28, of this year and took particular pleasure in the honor and respect shown to R. E. James M. Robertson, Grand Commander, President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, and friend of the Grand Master from his infancy.

My official visits to subordinate Lodges have not been as numerous as might be desired owing to conflicts and other causes beyond my control, but I have endeavored to make all visits that were necessary to the proper dispatch of the business of the Grand Lodge and to respond to invitations received as far as it was possible to do so. Among the many pleasant occasions in the

course of such visits I must mention my official reception by my home Lodge, Samaritan Lodge No. 158, A. F. & A. M. of Chadron, on Wednesday, February 9, 1927, over which Lodge I presided as W. Master for two years, and over which my father before me presided as W. Master for a number of terms. I do not believe that a better or more loyal Masonic community exists in the state of Nebraska, than at Chadron. My home Lodge has supported me in every Masonic effort, and during my term as Grand Master has responded to official requests for contributions by making the heaviest ones in proportion to membership, of all of the Lodges of the state, as I am informed by the Grand Secretary.

An outstanding occasion was the celebration by Alliance Lodge No. 183, A. F. & A. M. of Alliance, at which this Lodge burned the notes and mortgages representing the indebtedness on its splendid Masonic Temple building. It is unusual to record the payment in full of all obligations incurred by a subordinate Lodge which has erected its new building in recent years, and the Brethren of Alliance Lodge are entitled to the congratulations of the Grand Lodge on this distinction.

I must also here mention my official visit to Garfield Lodge No. 95 A. F. & A. M. of O'Neill, Nebraska, the Lodge of M. W. Robert R. Dickson, Past Grand Master, where an unusually successful and well attended communication was held. I am indebted to Past Grand Master Dickson and the members of his Lodge for many courtesies extended to me while at O'Neill.

Other official visits are elsewhere referred to in this address.

MASONIC EDUCATION.

A committee on Masonic Education was appointed by M. W. Robert R. Dickson, Grand Master in 1924, of which V. W. Brother Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, was chairman, and has remained chairman of the succeeding committees. I am entirely satisfied with the work of this committee, which has been increasing in importance and efficiency year by year. During the past year at the suggestion of the committee, numerous celebrations of the birthday of George Washington were held in the subordinate Lodges, of a character outlined by the committee, or modifications thereof. I received numerous copies of splendid programs of these celebrations and many Brethren have commended them in verbal conversations. They are a good thing and should be continued. The idea of suggesting and outlining appropriate exercises and activities of an educational nature in the subordinate Lodges is an important one, and I believe the activities of this committee should be concentrated on that, to a large extent, although by no means should the lectures and other activities of the committee as heretofore conducted, be omitted. Such things afford welcome variety to the Lodge meetings and tend very greatly to stimulate interest in the common cause. I find that a number of the subordinate Lodges are ever eager to listen to well considered discussions on topics not necessarily ritualistic in their nature but legitimate concerns of Masonic institution, and topics of recent or current interest are the best ones. Every Lodge has among its membership, even if outside talent is not available, Brethren who are able to discuss the duties and responsibilities

of citizenship, our public schools and kindred topics, as well as the significance of matters embraced in the ritual. In my opinion this cannot be too much encouraged, within proper restrictions, generally to the effect that controversial topics, political and religious subjects should not be considered.

I recommend that the committee on Masonic Education be continued, and that its activities be supported to whatever extent may be required.

PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

My official visits have disclosed that the Brethren of this Jurisdiction stand high in proficiency in the work, and that this proficiency has been acquired in a regular way without any resort to improper practices.

This high state of proficiency is not found in the city Lodges alone,—indeed it exists in some country Lodges, to an extent that requires the city Brethren to look to their laurels. This enviable condition is due to the untiring efforts of our Grand Custodian and his able deputies.

I have consulted with some of these, among whom should be named W. Brothers John B. Lichtenwallner, Orville A. Andrews, Lute M. Savage, Andrew H. Viele, George A. Stephens, Alfred G. Hunt, and others as diligent and well informed, with whom I have not had an opportunity to consult to any great extent, and from what they tell me, the improvement in the work has been due, first to the appointment of the Deputy Custodians, second, to the granting of certificates of proficiency to Lodges and Brethren, third, to the interest which M. W. Brother Robert E. French, was always able to arouse in his field. These methods should be continued.

It has been further suggested that the State be districted into about twenty separate districts with a Deputy Custodian in each district, responsible for the efficiency of the Lodges in his district; further that each Lodge designate a Brother with the time, inclination and ability to attend central schools as they might be available, thus preparing themselves for the eventual receipt of certificates of proficiency and for the instruction of the officers and Brethren of their Lodges.

It is not beyond the hope of expectation that in time to come, each Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction will have at least one member who holds a certificate of proficiency. I am informed that M. W. Brother French had this end in view, and that had the number of his years permitted it, it might have been attained.

On August 27, 1926, I approved the report of the committee appointed to consider the question of proficiency certificates, dated August 21, 1926. This report was printed and circularized to all the Lodges by my order of October 20, 1926. I also approved the forms of application for examination or re-examination of Lodges and Brethren applying for certificates.

The committee above referred to was composed of W. Brothers John B. Lichtenwallner, Lute M. Savage and Orville A. Andrews, to whom with M. W. Robert E. French, credit is due for the efficiency of the present regulations.

RETURNS.

I issued an order that there be included with the annual returns made by the subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, a statement of the assets and

liabilities of the subordinate Lodges, the amounts charged for fees and for dues, and the amounts contributed for relief, individually or jointly with the Grand Lodge Relief Committee, both in sickness and in death.

These statements have been received and compiled, with very interesting results, which were not to be obtained heretofore. I recommend that these reports be authorized by the Grand Lodge and continued from year to year.

LODGE SEALS APPROVED.

I approved the designs for the seal of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, A. F. & A. M. of Grand Island, and of Bladen Lodge No. 319, A. F. & A. M. of Bladen, the designs being appropriate.

LODGE BY-LAWS APPROVED.

I approved the completed by-laws of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, A. F. & A. M. of Grand Island and of Bladen Lodge No. 319, A. F. & A. M. of Bladen.

I approved amendments to by-laws of the following Lodges:

Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice.
 Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward.
 Bennett Lodge No. 94, Bennett.
 Ponca Lodge No. 101, Ponca.
 Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore.
 Guide Rock Lodge No. 128, Guide Rock.
 Upright Lodge No. 137, Burchard.
 Temple Lodge No. 175, Filley.
 Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, South Omaha.
 Highland Lodge No. 194, Cortland.
 Plainview Lodge No. 204, Plainview.
 Gauge Lodge No. 208, Arcadia.
 Hildreth Lodge No. 252, Hildreth.
 Beemer Lodge No. 253, Beemer.
 Silver Lodge No. 266, Silver Creek.
 George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha.
 Sioux Lodge No. 277, Harrison.
 Wolbach Lodge No. 292, Wolbach.
 Right Angle Lodge No. 303, Omaha.
 Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, Lodge Pole.
 Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley.
 Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln.
 Midwest Lodge No. 317, Hastings.
 Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island.

OTHER BY-LAWS APPROVED.

I approved certain amendments to Sections I and III of the By-Laws of Nebraska Masonic Home, pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee under date of August 5, 1926, relating to meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED AND RECOMMENDED.

I appointed the following Representatives of the M. W. of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska near other Grand Jurisdictions:

W. Brother Charles N. Thurman, of Galata, near the Grand Lodge of Montana; W. Brother Herman Knoke of the city of New York, near the Grand Lodge of New York; W. Brother Phillip G. Ricks of New Orleans, near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; R. W. Brother Arthur W. Davis of Spokane, near the Grand Lodge of Washington.

I recommended the following Brethren as representatives of other Grand Lodges, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska: W. Brother William C. Ramsey of Omaha as representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; W. Brother William D. Spicknall of Spencer, representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah, to succeed M. W. Robert E. French, and W. Brother Theodore F. Goad of Ogalalla, representative of the Grand Lodge of Nevada to succeed W. Brother Frank L. Haycock.

I am happy to say that while the duties of the office of Grand Representative are not burdensome, in most instances our representatives near foreign Grand Lodges, carefully and intelligently perform the duties assigned to them. I have received a number of interesting letters from certain of them, which contain matters of considerable interest.

DISPENSATIONS.

I granted a dispensation to Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, A. F. & A. M. of Tecumseh, to ballot for and confer the Fellow Craft Mason and the Master Mason degrees upon Brother Arthur P. Davidson, a petitioner of that Lodge, without reference to time.

Brother Arthur P. Davidson is a mining engineer, employed in the Republic of Mexico, but retaining a residence at Tecumseh in the jurisdiction of this Lodge. The requirements of his employment demanded his return to Mexico before the degrees could be conferred with reference to time. He is a grandson of M. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Past Grand Master, who takes a natural pride in the fact that his grandson received all of his Masonic degrees in Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, A. F. & A. M., M. W. Brother Davidson acting as W. Master, and his maternal grandfather, Brother Arthur C. Sullivan, as Senior Deacon, in all of the degrees, it being an unusual distinction to be made a Mason by two grandfathers, one of them a Most Honored Past Grand Master.

Brother Arthur P. Davidson was duly posted, and passed the examination for proficiency in all of the degrees before returning to Mexico.

I granted a dispensation to Star Lodge No. 88, A. F. & A. M. of Decatur, to install its Senior Warden out of time.

I granted a dispensation to Utica Lodge No. 96, A. F. & A. M. of Utica, to confer the Master Mason's degree, without reference to time on Brother Arthur R. Greenwood, a resident of the jurisdiction of Utica Lodge, he being employed as a teacher in the public schools of South Dakota, and his employment resulting in it being impossible to confer this degree upon him in his home Lodge, with reference to time.

I granted a dispensation to Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, A. F. & A. M. of Gering, to install its Senior Warden, out of time.

I denied the request of Swastika Lodge No. 280, A. F. & A. M. of Sargent, for a dispensation to ballot for and confer the degrees upon Mr. Hugh H. Meyer, a petitioner to that Lodge, without reference to time, it appearing that he was on furlough from the U. S. Navy, and that it was proposed that these things be done without first referring his petition for investigation, and the circumstances being such that I felt it unwise to grant the dispensation.

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERS SUSPENDED FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS.

These applications have numbered about thirty-five, and most of them have been granted upon the favorable recommendation of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement. Some of them have been denied. Of those that have been denied little dissatisfaction seems to have resulted except in one case, which some successor may view in a different light.

I take the opportunity here to make a record of the faithful service of the committee on Applications for Reinstatement consisting of W. Brother Bernard N. Robertson, M. W. Brother Andrew H. Viele, and W. Brother Charles H. Marley. This committee has performed its duties, always somewhat tiresome, and often disagreeable, in a prompt and efficient and intelligent manner, and its assistance and advice have been invaluable.

REQUESTS FOR CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

Requests from subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction for the conferring of degrees by subordinate Lodges in other jurisdictions have been numerous. Our Lodges have responded to similar requests from other jurisdictions. These degrees are conferred simply as a matter of courtesy. I have adopted the policy of refusing requests for the conferring of all three of the degrees by a Lodge other than that of the petitioner. I have made this the subject of a recommendation, in which I have assigned my reasons therefor.

EXTENDING TIME FOR PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS.

Numerous requests have been made for orders granting an extension of time for these examinations, under the provisions of Section 66, of the law as amended.

I have granted these requests in every instance,—believing that the end to be accomplished is the proficiency of the Brother, and that if he is willing to become so, he should be afforded the opportunity regardless of what the reasons might be for his failure to do so promptly.

RECEIPTS FOR DUES.

The new form of receipts for dues was approved by me and is now in use by every Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

JEWELS.

Appropriate committees have adopted designs for the new jewels of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, and of the Past Grand Masters, which designs are submitted for approval to the Grand Lodge.

I recommend that the purchase of jewels of the new design, for the Grand Lodge officers who have not been provided with them, be authorized.

LEASE OF GRAND LODGE OFFICES.

The present lease of the Grand Lodge Offices being about to expire, I executed a renewal lease for a term of five years at the same rental and under the same covenants as heretofore, which rental and covenants had been approved by the proper committee.

The annual rental is \$1800.00.

OFFICIAL BONDS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY AND THE SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

As the result of investing certain Grand Lodge funds in U. S. Government bonds, which are in the care of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Master ordered the penalty of his official bond raised to the sum of \$50,000.00, and the coverage now amounts to that sum. All of the subordinate Lodges have been bonded under the blanket bond prescribed by the Grand Lodge law, at a very moderate rate of 20c per \$100.00, and the total coverage now amounting to \$358,900.00.

The Grand Master is thoroughly convinced that the methods now in force for bonding these officers are both certain and effective and that the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to the Grand Secretary, for his careful conduct of this business.

FINANCES.

The details of our financial condition will, of course, be covered by the reports of other officers and committees. It is sufficient for me to refer to these topics generally.

At the commencement of the Masonic year the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Wardens, acting collectively as provided by Section 7, of the Law, designated a bank as the depository of the Grand Lodge funds, and its current funds have been there deposited under the security of U. S. Government bonds.

From the time the returns from the subordinate Lodges are received early in April, until the adjournment of the succeeding communication of the Grand Lodge in June, when the appropriations are made, a considerable sum of money temporarily accumulates. As to these temporary accumulations it was decided, at a meeting of the above named Grand Officers, called for the purpose of considering the topic, proper to deposit the same in a large Omaha Bank, under proper restrictions, which was designated for that purpose, and which course has been followed. All unexpended Grand Lodge funds are now earning us interest.

The banks with which we have dealt have invariably met our requirements willingly, and promptly, and are entitled to the thanks of the Grand Lodge for advice and consideration, which I am happy to say has been disinterested, from the point of view of the banks.

Pursuant to the recommendations on Page 106 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska for 1926, to the effect that the

surplus money in the Building and Improvement Fund be invested in Government bonds, and the amendment thereto appearing on page 104, of said proceedings, to the effect that the investment might be either in registered or coupon bonds, with the consent of the officers named in the resolution, this fund was invested in U. S. Government coupon bonds, which have been placed in safety deposit with the other securities of the Grand Lodge, and a list of which has been handed to the proper committee for verification.

Investigation of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the present Masonic year, will disclose that the difference between our receipts and expenditures is practically nothing. We have been unable to accumulate any surplus or reserve, and I am told that this condition has existed for some years. The practice of increasing obligations and trusting to luck to find the money to meet them is altogether too prevalent in governmental affairs and also in the affairs of institutions such as ours.

The last Grand Lodge appropriated the sum of \$15,000.00, for the support of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, without making any adequate additional provisions to meet it. A makeshift was indulged in, designed to reach this difficulty in part by the adoption of a recommendation that 75% of the interest accrued to the Orphans Educational Fund be appropriated and used if necessary for the maintenance of said Home. The committee on the Joint Board of Managers of the Home drew on the Grand Lodge from time to time against this appropriation, but for several months prior to the first of April, the Grand Lodge funds were depleted to such an extent that these drafts could not be met. All of them were finally paid, but in order to meet them, resort was had to funds other than the general fund, from which logically this payment should be made. I paid none of them out of the Orphan's Educational Fund, as in my opinion, it is improper to use trust funds for educational purposes, to pay for maintenance of buildings, table expenses, and other outgoings of the home for children.

It appears impossible to increase the revenues of the Grand Lodge without increasing the Grand Lodge dues, and I feel that this is an inopportune time to suggest that, in view of the hardships experienced by many of our members in the agricultural districts south of the Platte River, during the last two years, and unsettled business conditions over the state generally, resulting from post war deflation, the results of which are still very apparent. This being the case, some definite provision must be made to meet the necessary appropriations for the support of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, other than our general fund. It is imperative, too, that some means be provided for the accumulation of a surplus or reserve with which to meet extraordinary and emergent demands, some of which may be foreseen and others of which, in the nature of things, may not be. No business concern having the assets, handling the money and transacting the business that we do, could exist, financed as we have been, with safety. The condition in the general fund as recited in the report of the committee to consider a certain recommendation of Grand Master, Robert R. Dickson, appearing at page 103 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1926, is as follows:

"Beginning on April 1, of each year the Lodges make their annual returns, and within approximately six weeks the general fund receives a trifle over

\$100,000.00. Of the \$2.00 per capita collected, 75c goes to the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home, and as soon as the Lodges have completed making their returns, this money is transferred to the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home. 50c of the per capita collected, together with \$5.00 of the initiation fee, and the \$10.00 affiliation fee, is, as soon as the Lodges have finished making their returns, transferred to the Building and Improvement Fund. This sum last year amounted to practically \$30,000.00, for the Nebraska Masonic Home, and nearly \$30,000, for the Building and Improvement Fund, leaving, as you will note, by the report of the Grand Secretary, slightly less than \$40,000, in the general fund. At this annual communication of the Grand Lodge, there will be allowed \$6,873.95, to the Committee on the Relief and Care of Orphans. The pay-roll of this session will run approximately \$4,900.00, which will leave the General Fund about \$27,000.00. This money will be needed for the running expenses of the Grand Lodge, buying supplies for sale and issue, etc. Last year \$13,000 was paid out of the General Fund for the maintenance of the Childrens Home at Fremont, so that, at the end of the year, the General Fund will probably be depleted."

This prediction of the committee was amply justified. But the estimated appropriations on which the report was based, were nevertheless exceeded by the Grand Lodge with the inevitable result that we face a deficit.

The Finance Committee has exact information as to the available funds for appropriations and should keep its appropriations for the coming year within that amount.

I have requested the Finance Committee to digest the financial reports in the Proceedings for the ten-year period immediately last past, for the purpose of comparison, and of finding the answer to the question: "Whither are we drifting?"

For the purpose of making necessary appropriation for the support of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, I recommend that resort be had to some one of our permanent funds, and an amendment to the law to permit of that has been suggested elsewhere in this address. The general fund must, under present conditions be relieved of this burden, which may be expected to increase rather than to diminish, as the accommodations at the Childrens Home are already inadequate to the demand, and the maintenance will increase with the increase in plant.

RELIEF.

Two great catastrophes have resulted in legitimate calls upon the Fraternity, wheresoever dispersed, for contributions for the relief of distressed worthy Brethren and their dependents during the past Masonic year, the first of these being the tornado in Florida, and the second the Mississippi floods. These calls have been heard and heeded by every Grand Jurisdiction in the United States, and the response has been generous. The Grand Lodge contributed \$500.00 in each case and in each case the Grand Master authorized the circularization of the subordinate Lodges for contributions for relief.

The total contribution for the relief of the Florida Brethren amounted to \$3016.50, and Nebraska stood very high in the list of states, in the percentage of contributions to membership.

The small balance remaining unexpended in this fund after the demand ceased, was applied to the relief of the flood sufferers. At the time of writing this address the total amount of the contribution to the sufferers from the Mississippi floods was not available.

Both of these relief funds were administered by the Grand Masters of the areas affected by these disasters; and the relief was most urgently required and most thankfully received. I have found nothing to criticize in the methods employed in administering relief in these cases. Other agencies have not been entirely free from criticism.

The charitable activities of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction grow year by year and so do the demands upon our resources.

The sums expended by the Grand Lodge for the support of the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, and by the Grand Lodge Relief Committee for general purposes, has been known and reported at each Grand Lodge. We have never had any accurate or even approximate knowledge of either the demands on the subordinate Lodges for relief, their ability to provide it, or the amounts afforded by them.

From a compilation made by W. Brother John B. Lichtenwallner, Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, made from the assets and liabilities reports of the subordinate Lodges referred to elsewhere, it appears, that during the past year the total benevolences of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges amounts to \$100,000.00, exclusive of the contributions to sufferers from the Mississippi floods.

We have no reason to be ashamed of this record. Our obligations have been met and we will continue to meet them as they may arise.

Our subordinate Lodges must realize that the first duty to extend relief to its members and their dependents, is on the Lodge. The resources of the Grand Lodge are not sufficient to bear this burden entirely. Our funds are only sufficient to supplement the relief afforded by the subordinate Lodges to its members in cases where the resources of the subordinate Lodges are insufficient. Such supplemental assistance afforded by the Grand Lodge grows in volume from year to year and the demand tends to exceed the ability to supply it. The time is not far distant when even larger sums must be appropriated by the Fraternity to Relief. This demand must be met to the exclusion of other requirements if necessary.

OUR HOMES.

As opportunities afforded themselves, I visited the Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont, and in the main feel well satisfied with the results there obtained.

I received and examined reports of the auditors employed to audit the accounts of both institutions and an examination of these reports show, particularly as to maintenance, that our wards are cared for at a very reasonable expense. On all of my visits I have found the Homes clean, the meals good, and the beds well made, and the persons in the Homes as contented as might be expected, and enjoying all of those things that characterize a home, as distinguished from an institution. As opportunities afforded themselves I visited similar homes in other Grand Jurisdictions and state without fear of contradiction, that ours compares with the best of them.

On July 8, 1926, I was called on to approve proposed changes in the form "Application for Admission to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children."

It appearing that the entire form should be revised, this was done, with the able assistance of R. W. Frank H. Woodland Grand Senior Warden, and in its final form, approved.

On March 12, 1927, I approved the plans for the proposed new unit, a cottage to be constructed at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, as adopted by the Board of Managers of the Home.

This approval was for the plans only, and not as to the specifications or the contract, as neither the specifications nor the contract were submitted to me.

At the request of the Nebraska Masonic Home I approved an amendment to the form of "Application for Admission to the Home," which eliminates the requirement that in case of death of the applicant, the Lodge pay all necessary funeral expenses. In the future the Nebraska Masonic Home will discharge these expenses.

THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Grand Master attended the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, held in Chicago, Illinois, on November 17 and 18, 1926, which meeting was preceded by the Annual Conference of the Grand Masters of the United States, and succeeded by the Annual Meeting of the National Board of Governors of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanitoria Association.

At its annual Communication in 1926, this Grand Lodge adopted a recommendation that membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States be not taken, and that the recommendation of the then M. W. Grand Master to the effect that the services of the Association be enlisted to assist in outlining and preparing a comprehensive educational program, be further considered at this Communication of the Grand Lodge. It is necessary to dispose of this recommendation.

After patient investigation and mature consideration, the Grand Master concludes that the affairs of the Association are not in a satisfactory condition, that it may well be inferred that it is not gaining ground in establishment or serviceability, and he therefore recommends that the Grand Lodge do not take membership in it.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Grand Master attended the 17th Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, at Alexandria, Virginia, on February 21, 1927, which was followed by the Annual Conference of the Grand Masters of the United States for the year 1927.

This Grand Lodge is a member of this Association, which has for its purpose the erection and maintenance of a great memorial to Washington, the Mason, now in course of construction on Shooters Hill, an eminence lying between the city of Washington and Alexandria, Va. It is an imposing edifice and its unusual architectural features are emphasized by its commanding situation.

From its site to the north, is the city of Washington; the Capitol building, the Washington monument and the Lincoln memorial are in plain view. To the south lies Mount Vernon, and at its foot is the city of Alexandria, in the municipal affairs of which, Washington was so actively interested.

The Memorial is modeled after the ancient towers which were erected in harbors to serve as beacons to guide the mariner safely to port, and it will symbolize the beneficent influence of the life and character of Washington on the Government of the United States. When completed a light will burn continuously from its summit, thus carrying out the symbolism of the permanent flares which inspired its style of architecture. It is built entirely of granite. It is 175 feet in width and 245 feet in length. Its summit will rise 325 feet above the surrounding country, and it will be visible as well from the city of Washington, as from Mount Vernon, the home of Washington. The highway from the city of Washington to Mount Vernon will pass at its foot, and hundreds of thousands of persons will visit it annually. In the opinion of the Grand Master it will, when completed, surpass the famed Lincoln memorial, erected by the Congress of the United States, and in addition to commemorating the man who as first President of the United States and W. Master of his Lodge, laid the corner-stone of the national Capitol, will serve to enable all to visualize the existence and power of an organization now numbering three and a quarter millions of men, whose members are to be found in every town and hamlet and which exists among other purposes for the establishment and maintenance of the freedom of our institutions.

To raise the funds for the completion of this memorial, the Association has solicited donations of \$1.00 per capita from the members of the subordinate Lodges in each grand jurisdiction. The collection of this quota was undertaken by a committee of this Grand Lodge some years ago, but owing to conditions apparently beyond its control, no progress has been made for three or four years. During the past year the ground has been cleared for a resumption of activity by future committees, and the Grand Master urgently requests the co-operation of the officers of the subordinate Lodges in bringing up the present Nebraska percentage of quota from 20.1% where it now is, to 100%.

Freemasonry may well be proud of this achievement.

NATIONAL MASONIC TUBERCULOSIS SANITORIA ASSOCIATION.

This Association is described in its literature, as one having broad powers, under its charter as a corporation of the state of New Mexico, for benevolent and charitable work. Its principal object and purpose appearing to be the relief and hospitalization of tuberculous Freemasons, and members of their families.

The charter of the Association provides for a national board of governors, one from each Masonic Grand Lodge Jurisdiction, and also one from each organization affiliated with Freemasonry. It is therefore intended to be national in scope, not a New Mexico undertaking, but designed to serve every State. The Grand Lodge of New Mexico it is said, pointed the way, created the agency, and has been active in inviting co-operative national action.

The Association has no hospital at the present time. Its main objective

is the building of one or more Masonic tuberculosis sanatoria, the location of which will be determined by the National Board of Governors, after a survey.

The Association, after some three or four years of incubation, appears to have been incorporated as a separate corporation in 1925, and since that time appeals for co-operation and funds have been active and persistent.

This Grand Lodge has been invited to participate in the organization, management and control of the Association, to become a part of it, to make the Association its agent in carrying out a national program for the relief and hospitalization of the sick and for the prevention of tuberculosis among American Freemasons and their families. The Grand Master has been asked to serve as one of its National Board of Governors. Application has been made to him for permission to circularize the subordinate Lodges and members of the Fraternity. Repeated appeals have been made for the appropriation of funds for its uses.

The time has come when this Grand Jurisdiction should decide whether or not it is to become a member of this Association, and to assume the resultant responsibilities in the way of financial support.

When first presented to the present Grand Master, the support requested contemplated an initial contribution of \$1.00 per capita for the purpose of establishing a building fund, and a successive annual contribution of a like sum for extensions and maintenance. It is needless to say that such contributions could not be made without increasing our revenues. Our revenues may not be substantially increased without a raise in Grand Lodge dues, which would mean a raise in the dues of the subordinate Lodges.

Our present income is barely sufficient for our requirements.

If demands for relief through our own institutions continue to grow, as may well be anticipated, the time is not far distant when the Grand Lodge dues will have to be increased to provide the funds to meet them.

Under these circumstances, and in view of the fact that the Grand Lodge has never taken action on the question, the Grand Master has refrained from becoming one of the National Board of Governors of the Association, from granting permission to circularize the subordinate Lodges and members, from advancing Grand Lodge funds to the Association, or from soliciting funds from the subordinate Lodges for it.

The object of the Association is a worthy one and has its appeal to the heart, as have other numerous and urgent calls upon us for participation in various charitable and benevolent activities; but the Association is an institutional activity not controlled by this Grand Lodge; to become a member of it is to assume contractual and moral responsibilities, the extent of which cannot now be determined, but which may become enormous.

For these reasons the Grand Master recommends that the Grand Lodge decline to become a member of, or to contribute to the Association.

DISCIPLINE.

Masonic trials have been fairly numerous. For the most part the W. M. Masters and Wardens of the Lodges in which they were tried were fully alive to their duties and responsibilities.

Some Lodges are not inclined to convict, no matter what the proof is, for certain offenses. I feel that it is better that decisions thought to be improper, be appealed to the Grand Lodge, rather than that new trials be ordered. Appeals have been voluntarily taken from a number of acquittals by the responsible officers of the subordinate Lodges without the necessity of any formal order on my part to do so, in all cases where I thought an appeal was required, and will be disposed of by this Grand Lodge on the report of the Grievance Committee.

The most important matter coming under this head involved the affairs of Lebanon Lodge No. 58, A. F. & A. M. of Columbus, Nebraska. This Lodge has had a history of intermittent discord for over thirty years. Its charter was arrested by M. W. Frank H. Young when Grand Master, but later restored. For more than ten years last past the discord has been fairly constant.

Its troubles were first brought to my attention in consequence of charges filed with me to the effect that the W. Master, the Senior Warden and the acting Junior Warden, pursuant to a preconceived plan, which had for its object the detection of persons suspected of casting black balls, declared a ballot clear when in fact it was not so.

I made two trips to Columbus, on the first one remaining there four days for the purpose of investigating and interviewing any member of Lebanon Lodge who desired to make representations to me. As far as it was possible I interviewed the officers of the Lodge, most of its resident Past Masters and many of its members. I found that the charges against the W. Master, the Senior Warden and acting Junior Warden were well founded and therefore, suspended the W. Master from the exercise of the powers and duties of his office. I would have suspended the Senior Warden of the Lodge had the law permitted it. I did not order the filing of charges against the Senior Warden and Acting Junior Warden for the reasons that a fair trial in this Lodge was impossible.

On my first visit I endeavored to find some common ground upon which the Brethren of this Lodge might meet and compose their difficulties but was unable to do so. However, I permitted matters to rest in the hope that they would voluntarily do this, but the delay resulted in matters becoming worse instead of better and being firmly convinced that this Lodge could not work I arrested its charter until this annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

I have compiled all of the information which I obtained, assembled all of the documents in this case and together with my findings of facts and conclusions therefrom have submitted them to the proper committee for consideration.

It may be fairly said that there are three elements in this Lodge, two of them very highly antagonistic to each other and the third a silent minority which holds with neither.

Petitions for dispensation to form a new Lodge have been circulated by each of the two active factions; one has been submitted to me and referred to the proper committee as I have not acted upon it; the other has not been received by me. Brethren belonging to the third faction seem to desire that the charter be restored to Lebanon Lodge.

My opinion, based upon a painstaking and deliberate investigation, is to the effect that Lebanon Lodge never can work, and there is no hope of its future. I further feel that neither of the two active factions are entitled to a dispensation to form a new Lodge at this time and that no possible good can come from granting one.

I, therefore recommend that the charter of Lebanon Lodge be cancelled and the Lodge determined and that no dispensation to form a new Lodge in Columbus be granted by this Grand Lodge.

DECISIONS.

Numberless requests were made for decisions, most of which were answered by simple reference to the sections of the Law which cover the question. It has been unnecessary except in a few instances to make legal decisions. A few that might be called such are summarized as follows:

1. I decided that petitioners who had the following physical disabilities were not eligible, namely: The loss of a right thumb, the loss of one leg, the loss of one arm, the loss of both one arm and one leg, the loss of a foot, and the stiffening of one leg so that the knee was rigid at the joint. The admission of petitioners who have experienced these misfortunes is contrary to one of the ancient land-marks. Some of our neighboring jurisdictions, by a process of legislation, which I can not see through, have worked around these land-marks and permit such Brethren to petition their Lodges. In some instances Nebraska Lodges have waived jurisdiction to Iowa Lodges for the purpose of enabling disabled men to petition Iowa Lodges, a practice which I think should be discontinued.

2. As to the questionnaire, I decided that under the law as it stands now, this document may be read in open Lodge at the time the petition is voted on, in the sound discretion of the W. Master, upon the request of a member of the Lodge. I think that it should not be read as a matter of course, and in cases where the W. Master in the exercise of his sound discretion should decide that for any reason it is not advisable so to do. This topic has been made the subject of a recommendation.

3. In response to an inquiry from Ashlar Lodge No. 33, A. F. & A. M., of Grand Island, I decided that a Brother is entitled to a demit if he is clear on the books of the Lodge and no charges are preferred against him, notwithstanding that he may owe an unpaid pledge to a Masonic building association which is incorporated as a separate concern, the subscription not being charged against the subscriber on the books of the Lodge but only on the books of the Building Association. Such an obligation is not one in the nature of either dues or of an assessment by the Lodge.

4. In response to a request of Gladstone Lodge No. 176, A. F. & A. M., I decided that under the law an objection by a Brother who afterwards became insane is not removed, as the law stands, by the fact of such insanity. I have made this situation the subject of a recommendation for legislation.

5. In response to a request from the Grand Secretary, I decided that, under the last two paragraphs of Section 81, addenda to the law governing exceptions to the rule requiring \$10.00 affiliation fee, no affiliation fees were required in the case of a petitioner to Mosaic Lodge No. 55, the demit of the affiliated Brother being dated December 11, 1924, and his petition being received on December 1, 1925, within one year from the date of his demit, and which petition was rejected, his second petition being received on June 1, 1926, within six months from the making of his first "application" as stated in the letter, his second petition being favorably disposed of by the Lodge;

also in the case submitted by Auburn Lodge No. 124, the date of the petitioner's demit being not given, but his first petition being received December 24, 1925, and on March 25, 1926, after being held a long time for investigation, rejected, he having repitioned on August 26, 1926, and been elected September 23, 1926, and it appearing that his first petition was within one year of the date of his demit, and his second petition within six months after the first one; and in the case submitted by John J. Mercer, Lodge No. 290, the demit being dated December 1, 1925, and the petition being filed with the Secretary of the Lodge in November, 1926, the Lodge not meeting however until December 7, 1926, a few days in excess of one year from the date of the demit, on which date the petition for affiliation was received and the petitioner elected on January 4, 1927, and it appearing to me that a Brother is in "good standing" within the meaning of the law, who petitions for affiliation accompanying his petition with his demit at any time within one year from the date of such demit, and who, if his petition for affiliation is rejected, re-petitions, or as the Section expresses it, "makes application," within six months after such rejection. In my opinion the filing of the petition accompanied by the demit, with the Secretary of the Lodge within one year from the time of the demit, or if the Brother has petitioned within one year and has been rejected, re-petitions within six months from such rejection, results in the holder of the demit remaining in "good standing" within the meaning of the law. The fact that the petition may not be acted upon by the Lodge within the period of one year, or six months, in case of a second petition, is immaterial.

6. In response to the request of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, I have decided that the Lodge may receive the petition of a demitted Brother of an extinct Lodge, who has lost his demit, which he obtained from the Lodge before it became extinct, upon being supplied with proof in the form of an affidavit to the effect that the demit in question was lost, and that the Brother had not in the meantime petitioned any other Lodge of Freemasons, said proof, and the good faith of the petitioner being established to the satisfaction of the three principal officers of the Lodge, and it appearing from the Grand Lodge records that the demit had been issued as stated. There is no law covering these specific cases.

7. At the request of Juniata Lodge No. 42, I decided that a Brother initiated in Hastings Lodge No. 50, over which Juniata Lodge No. 42, claimed jurisdiction, was the material of Juniata Lodge No. 42, and under the provisions of Section 99, "new paragraph" found in the addenda to the law of Freemasonry, appearing in the Proceedings for 1923, page 369, while the conferring of these degrees were irregular, they were not void, and that the Brother remained a member of Hastings Lodge No. 50. However, Hastings Lodge No. 50, was required to remit all of the fees for the degrees from this Brother, with the exception of the Grand Lodge fees, to Juniata Lodge No. 42. The matter was so disposed of, Juniata Lodge No. 42, executing a waiver of jurisdiction over the Brother to Hastings Lodge No. 50. In view of the fact that the question of the Brother's residence was such a close one, that the trigonometrical calculation was almost required to determine it, and in my opinion there was no intention on the part of Hastings Lodge No. 50, to violate the Grand Lodge law, and that Lodge abided by the decision of the Grand Master, I remitted the penalty, as provided that I might do under Section 99 of the law.

8. In response to more than one request I decided that it is improper for subordinate Lodges as such, to sponsor, or incur any liability for the obligations of a chapter of the Order of DeMolay, or to appropriate funds of the Lodges to these uses; individual members of the Fraternity may properly sponsor and contribute to the support of such a chapter of the Order of DeMolay.

9. In response to requests from the Grand Secretary, I decided that it was improper to send out copies of the proceedings or rosters of membership to applicants therefor, who intend to make use of them for business purposes,

or the purpose of soliciting or circularizing the subordinate Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction or the officers thereof, not being under the authority or control of the Grand Lodge.

10. Minden Lodge No. 127, received the petition of one who had previously petitioned another Nebraska Lodge, and had been rejected by it, without first procuring a waiver of jurisdiction over him; the petition was referred, voted on and the petitioner elected, whereupon Minden Lodge No. 127, requested the waiver, which was granted. I decided that Minden Lodge No. 127, should not have received, referred and balloted on this petition, without first obtaining the waiver; and that its action in doing so was erroneous but not void, that the error was cured by the waiver, and the Lodge might proceed to confer the degrees.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend the following legislation as necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Fraternity:

1st. That it be enacted that hereafter, life memberships shall not be granted.

My reason for this is, that the granting of such memberships is unsound financially, usually results in impairment of the resources of the Lodge, and in an unequal distribution of the burden of its support.

2nd. That it be enacted that hereafter, the Entered Apprentice Mason degree be not conferred by courtesy, and that the conferring of said degree by Lodges in foreign jurisdictions by courtesy, be not requested.

My reason for this is, that it is for the best interests of the candidate and his Lodge that the Entered Apprentice Mason degree be conferred in the home Lodge, and the candidate there be instructed. In such case the home Lodge has more opportunity to know the candidate, there is less chance of improper identification, and I feel that it is an imposition to request a Lodge to do all of the degree work necessary to make a Mason for another

3rd. That it be enacted, that hereafter, in all cases of inter-jurisdictional relief, emergency relief be administered in such amounts as within the discretion of the Lodge may seem necessary; that the Grand Master, through the office of the Grand Secretary be forthwith informed of the circumstances of the case, the amount of emergent relief afforded, and that thereafter all inter-jurisdictional communications on the subject shall be with the Grand Master, through the office of the Grand Secretary.

My reason for this is, that such a law will operate to protect the subordinate Lodges from imposition, excessive expenditure and duplication of relief measures.

4th. That it be enacted that penal jurisdiction over all members of the constituent Lodges of this Grand Lodge, wherever residing, and over all affiliated and un-affiliated Masons, residing or sojourning within the territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge (with the exception of the Grand Master and the Worshipful Master of Lodges) shall be vested in and exercised by the Grand Lodge, which shall cause to be brought to trial, every Mason charged with a Masonic offense, committed within this jurisdiction, before a standing commission of five members of the Fraternity, to be designated as the "Commissioners of Trials" and which is to be appointed by the Grand Master, and which shall have the power to fix the time and place of the trial, to summon the person charged, to command and enforce the attendance of witnesses, hear the evidence, make its findings of fact and conclusions of law and report the same to the Grand Lodge with its recommendations as to penalty in case of a finding of guilty, and the proceedings of which commission shall be reviewed by the Grand Lodge, which Grand Lodge shall determine the guilt

or innocence of the accused and assess the penalty, if guilty. That this recommendation be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for consideration with instructions to frame the necessary amendments to and repeals of the law, and by said Jurisprudence Committee to the Committee on Codification of the Law, which shall submit said proposed by-laws, amendments and repeals for the consideration of the next Grand Lodge.

My reason for this recommendation is, that such a method of trial is more expeditious, effective and results in surer justice, than do trials in Lodges. Because of the large membership in some of our Lodges, there is not room to accommodate a majority of the membership in the Lodge room, and most decisions are rendered by the preponderant vote of the minority attending the trial. The evil effects of hotly contested trials in Lodges, propaganda, the danger of the trial of a case to partisan cliques of the friends and enemies of the accused, instead of to impartial judges, of packed Lodges, of family and business influence, of the improbability of the conviction of a likeable, popular man, and of the occasional arbitrary action of a Worshipful Master in refusing a trial, will be avoided.

5th. That it be enacted that no collateral group or organization of Masons, not recognized by the Grand Lodge as a Masonic body, shall use the word "Masonic" or a word, or words of the same import, in the name of such group or organization; that the constitution and by-laws of any such collateral group or organization of Masons shall be submitted to and approved by the Grand Master before the same shall be organized, and that it shall be unlawful, and a Masonic offense, for any member of a subordinate Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction to form or belong to any such collateral group or organization, the constitution and by-laws of which have not been so submitted and approved.

My reasons for this are, that there is a vast difference between a Masonic organization, and an organization of Masons. The Grand Lodge has authority over the first, but none, as it is, over the second, although in many instances they are organized for the purpose, to some extent, of trading on the name and influence of the Fraternity. The heads of their organizations at times attempt to speak with Masonic authority, although representing only a small fraction of the membership. The conduct of their affairs is not always in line with Masonic principles, and their financial difficulties are not infrequently alleviated by resort to lotteries, raffles, and other money-making forms of entertainment which the Masonic institution cannot countenance. Some of them undertake large building projects, incur too much indebtedness, and become bankrupt, and their bills go unpaid, all of which tends to impair the good name of the Fraternity, and to erroneous impressions on the part of undiscriminating and uninformed non-members.

6th. That it be enacted that the Grand Lodge may not become a member of, obligated to, or participate in any institutional activity, not controlled by the Grand Lodge, or become a member of, or obligated to, or support relief programs, except those directed and controlled by the Grand Lodge; provided that it may voluntarily donate to charitable or benevolent undertakings for the relief of Masons and their immediate dependents distressed by great calamities or catastrophes.

My reasons for this so far as they do not appear in other portions of this address are well summed up in a statement made by some, that "Masonry has become a foundation for so many other things, that the foundation is in danger of crumbling."

Numerous persons are busy thinking up enterprises to be managed by themselves, but to trade on the influence of, and to be paid for by others. There are too many hands out-stretched for a part of the resources of the Fraternity.

We exist for the purposes recognized from time immemorial as Masonic ones, among which, as has been said many times, "is the training of the

individual Mason to participate in all worthy efforts in his individual capacity." "We cannot assume to finance his interests in outside institutional activities. Our dues are not assessed with any such end in view; were they so assessed the burden would be so great, the dues so high, that not only would we cease to grow, but we would lose in membership, as has been amply demonstrated in cases of subordinate Lodges whose dues were excessive.

Our income as it is, is barely adequate to the demands upon it.

The participation of the Grand Lodge in associations and institutions on a national or otherwise extensive plan, is not only not a good thing for Masonry, inconsistent with its fundamental scope and purpose, but impossible of financing. Many of them involve the Grand Lodge in vast programs for building and maintenance in the nature of a contract, the default of which might result in obligations to pay, that would have to be met at whatever cost, for the preservation of the good name of the Fraternity, and at the expense of its legitimate activities.

7th. That it be enacted that, hereafter, in all cases where an appropriation is requested of the Grand Lodge for building or construction purposes, and in all cases where the law requires the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master to approve of the construction, plans and specifications of any building or construction work, no such appropriation shall be made, and no such approval shall be granted unless the complete plans and specifications of such building or construction work shall have first been filed with the Grand Secretary, together with a certificate of the architect that such building or construction work can be entirely completed for the sum to be therein named, inclusive of fees for architect and engineering services. And unless the contractor shall give a construction bond with corporate surety, satisfactory to the Grand Master for the completion of the work for the sum agreed on according to the contract. No contract shall be let for a consideration in excess of the sum named in the architect's certificate. No appropriation shall be made or authorized by the Grand Lodge for building or construction purposes unless notice of the application therefor shall be given to the Grand Lodge, not later than 12 o'clock noon of the second day of its Communication.

My reasons for this recommendation are, that by these means the Grand Lodge will have full, timely and complete information as to what is intended. Too ambitious building plans will not be undertaken, buildings will not be erected at too great cost, and what is undertaken will be completed at a known price, and what is paid for will be received. These are ordinary business precautions, and should be taken. To give them the force of Grand Lodge Law will save much misunderstanding and embarrassment.

8th. That it be enacted that, hereafter, no subordinate Lodge shall erect any building or structure, for the construction of which it is necessary to borrow money, and to issue any evidence of indebtedness of the Lodge, without first obtaining the approval of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. This shall not apply to separately incorporated Temple crafts or building associations, the obligations of which are not liabilities of a Lodge.

My reason for this recommendation is that it is for the best interests of the subordinate Lodges that building operations on credit be supervised, to the end that Lodges be not permitted to obligate themselves in unreasonable amounts, probably resulting in loss of property, and the going out of existence of the Lodge owing such obligations which it is unable to pay, to the discredit of the good name of Freemasonry.

9th. That it be enacted that, hereafter, all Grand Lodge funds irrespective of by what committee administered shall be held in the name of the M. . . W. . the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. . of Nebraska, in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden acting collectively. The various funds of the Grand Lodge may be carried in separate accounts

subject to the order of the proper officers or committees, but until finally disbursed, legal title thereto shall at all times remain in said Grand Lodge.

My reason for this recommendation is, that I believe that the principal officers of the Grand Lodge should be advised at all times of the whereabouts, terms, condition and security of all Grand Lodge deposits of money, for the better and more systematic accounting for and protection thereof, and that no question should arise in case of litigation as to the legal title thereto.

10th. That it be enacted that subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction may consolidate, one with another, and that this recommendation be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for consideration, with instructions to frame the necessary by-law, and by said Jurisprudence Committee to the Committee on Codification of the Law, which shall submit the same for consideration by the next Grand Lodge.

My reason for this is that there is a tendency on the part of Lodges in small country places to abandon their charters, in consequence of the increased facility of transportation, the greater ease of attending Lodge in the larger towns and cities, the better facilities of the Lodges in such larger towns, and the increased expense of maintaining small Lodges in cross-road villages. This is in line with the tendency of the times towards consolidation. Our by-laws are defective as to regulations in the case of surrender of charters, and problems, such as disposition of Lodge property, arise in such cases, that are hard to dispose of.

11th. That Section 124 of the Law, governing the duration of an objection to initiation or advancement, or to a waiver of jurisdiction, be amended to provide that such objection becomes ineffective upon an adjudication of insanity of the objector, by the civil authorities.

12th. That Section 63 of the Law be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 63.—WHO MAY BE INSTALLED.—No Master of a Lodge shall be installed until he shall have been duly qualified by actually receiving the degree of a Past Master, which may be conferred in his own or any other subordinate Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction by a convocation of not less than three actual Past Masters, and none but such as are Past Masters may be present at such convocation, nor shall such installation be held until a certificate is presented to the installing officer showing the Master-elect to have so received such degree. Such certificate shall be recorded on the minute book of the Lodge, and then filed with the Grand Custodian. Royal Arch Chapter Past Masters, as such, are excluded from participation. The degree of a Past Master, shall not be conferred on a Master-elect while under charges.

“Arrearages of dues shall not prevent the installation of an officer elect.”

The object of this amendment is to avoid the trouble and expense of requiring the Masters-elect to go to Omaha to receive the Past Masters degree under the direction of the Grand Custodian.

13. That it be enacted that a reserve fund be set up and that \$10,000 of the Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds, now carried as assets of the Grand Lodge be credited to this fund together with interest thereon as the same accumulates.

14th. That a fund be set-up to be called “the Fund for the maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children,” and that to said fund be credited one-half of the amount in the Building and Improvement Fund, as of April 1, 1927, together with one-half of the subsequent accretions thereof, and that hereafter one-half of all of the items of income that would otherwise

be credited to said Building and Improvement Fund be credited to said fund for the Maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

15th. During the year it was suggested to me that the Grand Lodge would do well to purchase and operate a certain Omaha Hospital. In line with what I have said in this address as to institutional activities and finances, I recommend that no such enterprise be entered into at this time.

16th. That Section 119-A of the law be amended so as to provide that the questionnaire should not be read in open Lodge, but shall be for the confidential information of the three principal officers of the Lodge and of the committee on the petition.

My reason for this is, that many of the inquiries contained in the questionnaire are extremely personal in their nature. In many instances matters may properly be considered, which everyone must concede should be handled quietly and confidentially, where there are unfavorable circumstances which the committee on the petition is entitled to, and which are considered by me to be unwise to publish and debate over, in open Lodge. Certain matters may be learned to a moral certainty, for which legal proof, perhaps, might not be found, and the possible difficulties arising from publication and debate over such things might be serious. I find the practice in the best governed Lodges is not to read the questionnaire in open Lodge.

17th. To amend Section 68 of the Law to provide that a demitted former member of an extinct Lodge, who has lost the demit granted him by the Lodge before it became extinct, shall be entitled to a "Certificate of Demission" under the hand of the Grand Secretary and seal of the Grand Lodge, which may be used with like effect as the original demit might have been used, had the same not been lost.

In my opinion this covers a defect in the existing law which should be remedied to meet occasional cases of this kind.

18th. Amend Section 32 of the law as it appears in the addenda, Edition of 1922, to read as follows:

"Sec. 32.—INVESTIGATION AND PAYMENTS.—All applications for relief from the relief fund shall be referred to the standing committee on Relief and Care of Orphans; and the funds from time to time required, by demands on the committee, shall be paid over to it by warrants drawn upon the fund by order of the Grand Master."

This is in substance the old regulation. The object in reverting to it now is that, it is deemed inadvisable for the committee to have a deposit to its credit in unsecured bank accounts, the unused funds in which, at certain periods of the year, are considerable. The committee should be provided at all times with a moderate amount of money to take care of emergencies, but until required, its funds should remain in the name of the Grand Lodge, in the Grand Lodge depository and under the protection of the Grand Lodge regulations governing such depositories.

19th. Section 31 of the law provides that one-tenth of the gross income of the Grand Lodge from dues and fees each year be set apart and to be called "Grand Lodge Relief Fund." My information is that the practice has never conformed to the law, and this situation should be considered by the judiciary or other appropriate committee for the purpose of reconciling the same.

20th. I recommend that Section I of Article 10, Constitution of the Grand Lodge, be amended so as to give the Grand Master power to suspend not only the Master of any subordinate Lodge from the exercise of the powers and duties of his office, for good reasons shown, until the next annual Communication, but to likewise suspend any officer of any subordinate Lodge.

Under the letter of the law as it stands the Grand Master appears to have authority only to suspend the Master of the Lodge. Apparently even if there are good reasons for suspending any other officer he may be dealt with only by a trial upon charges filed in his Lodge. In case of removal of the Master from office, the Senior Warden and Junior Warden according to rank, succeeds to his duties.

I had a case of official misconduct this year of the W. Master, the Senior Warden and the acting Junior Warden. I suspended the Master, but was unable to do this in the case of the Senior Warden and the acting Junior Warden, the former of whom succeeded to the duties of the Master, although equally at fault with him. A fair trial of the Wardens of this Lodge in the Lodge, was impossible in my opinion.

21st. It will be proposed that the Grand Lodge issue a suitable badge or button to members of the Fraternity of 50 years standing, which proposition, I recommend to your favorable consideration.

CONCLUSION.

One year ago, I accepted, with misgivings, the office of Grand Master. The honor was a great one. I have tried to live up to it. In all things, I have striven to act conservatively, and for the good of the Order. I hope that the most of the things I have done will merit your approval, and that some of the measures I have suggested will operate for the benefit of the Fraternity. I lay the burden of the office down, grateful for the assistance and confidence that you have bestowed, and with the prayer that what we do here, we do well, and that the Supreme Architect of the Universe will forever guard us and guide our destinies as men and Masons.

EDWIN D. CRITES,
Grand Master.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

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

I submit herewith my annual report as Grand Secretary.

The work of the office this year has been extremely heavy. In addition to the ordinary routine duties, a new form of receipt for dues was prepared and has been furnished to every Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction. Surety bonds have been secured for the Treasurer and Secretary of all of our Lodges.

Two appeals for aid, one for the Florida hurricane sufferers, and one for the relief of the flood sufferers of the Mississippi Valley, have been issued. Every remittance has been promptly receipted for to the Lodges sending in the contributions, and the money has been forwarded to the Grand Lodges interested.

I cannot speak too highly of the fine co-operation which has existed between this office and our Grand Master, together with all Officers of the Grand Lodge, and the permanent Committees which have had business with this office during the year. There seems to be a growing sentiment of harmony among the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges, and during the entire year

we have met with a splendid spirit of co-operation in every request made of them, and I desire to express my sincere appreciation to the Brethren who are serving as Secretaries of our Lodges, for their many courtesies.

GRIEVANCES.

There have been seven cases appealed to the Grand Lodge. All appeals that were properly perfected have been forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances, together with two applications for restoration of Brethren who have been expelled.

CHARTERS FOR LODGES.

Immediately following the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1926, temporary charters were prepared for Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island, and Bladen Lodge No. 319, Bladen. As soon as these Lodges were constituted, parchment charters and three bond paper copies of each, were prepared and delivered to the proper Officer of each Lodge.

LEBANON LODGE NO. 58.

The charter of Lebanon Lodge No. 58, Columbus, having been arrested by M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master of Masons, and acting under his instructions, the amount due from this Lodge for Grand Lodge dues, supplies furnished, and bonds for the Treasurer and Secretary, amounting to \$485.40, is being carried on the ledger as an asset of the Grand Lodge.

DEGREES CONFERRED BY THE LODGES.

The number of degrees conferred by the Lodges this year compares very favorably with the amount of work done last year. Many of the Lodges that did not confer any degrees last year have conferred some degrees this year. Every Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction, with the exception of twenty-four, initiated one or more candidates. Ten Lodges did not confer any of the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.

VISITATIONS.

During the year it was my privilege to accompany M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri, October 28th and 29th, 1926, and to a conference of Grand Masters of the United States held in Chicago, November 16th, 1926.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, I accompanied R. W. Albert R. Davis, Deputy Grand Master, to Wichita, Kansas, to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Kansas, on February 25th, 1927.

It was also my pleasure to attend the following Grand Lodge functions: Constituting of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island; constituting of Bladen Lodge No. 319, Bladen; laying the corner-stone of the State Normal building at Chadron, and the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Grand Island.

It was my privilege to attend a reception given in honor of M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, by Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron, and a

reception given in honor of M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, by Long Pine Lodge No. 136, Long Pine.

I also attended a joint meeting of all the Lodges in Cedar County, at Randolph, a joint meeting of all the Lodges in Dixon County, at Ponca, installation of Officers of Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason degree by Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings.

SURETY BONDS FOR TREASURERS AND SECRETARIES OF LODGES.

The 291 Lodges have bonded their Treasurers and Secretaries under a blanket bond, in the amount of \$358,900.00. A rate of twenty cents per hundred dollars has been secured on these bonds.

These bonds will be renewed on July 1st, 1927, for the same amounts as now carried by the Lodges, unless this office is notified to change the amount of coverage by June 15th, 1927.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT OMAHA NATIONAL BANK.

Debit.

Received from 40,892 members net at \$2.00 each.....	\$ 81,784.00
Received from Penalties assessed 1926.....	37.13
Received from premium for surety bonds, Treasurers and Secretaries of Lodges.....	714.80
Received from supplies sold to Lodges.....	3,023.05
Received from 1447 Initiations at \$5.00.....	7,235.00
Received from 1444 Initiations at \$5.00.....	7,220.00
Received from 42 Affiliations at \$10.00.....	420.00
Received from 1 old Initiation.....	10.00
Received from overpayment by Lodges making returns.....	80.06
Received from interest daily balances this account for April.....	68.15
Total.....	\$100,592.19
Less amount due from Lebanon Lodge No. 58, (charter arrested).....	485.40
Total cash received from Lodges and interest.....	\$100,106.79

Credit.

Transferred to Norfolk National Bank.....	\$ 41,341.79
Paid Nebraska Masonic Home per capita.....	30,669.00
Transferred Building & Improvement Account.....	28,096.00
	\$100,106.79

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Debit.

Amount on hand May 20, 1926.....	\$ 39,327.05
Interest on daily balances, (including interest on special acc't)...	546.65
Interest on Government bonds.....	425.00
Special Dispensations.....	70.00

Charter Fee, Bladen Lodge No. 319.....	75.00
Unexpended balance, Grand Master Dickson expense.....	118.01
Interest on Masonic Service, Annuities & Gifts Mortgage.....	125.00
Cash received from special account, Omaha National Bank.....	41,273.64
	\$ 81,960.35

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND.

Cash Credit.

Paid Premium surety bonds, Treasurers and Secretaries of Lodges.....	\$ 714.80
Robert E. French.....	1,350.00
Francis E. White.....	1,200.00
Grand Secretary's Clerk hire.....	2,150.00
Grand Master's Expense.....	1,500.00
Grand Master's expense for Grand Lodge Officers attending Grand Lodge functions.....	600.00
Grand Master's clerk hire.....	600.00
Promulgation of the Work.....	953.66
Postage.....	380.25
Blanks.....	267.11
Stationery.....	191.55
Janitor.....	69.00
Incidental expense.....	199.92
Telephone.....	191.90
Expense Grand Chaplain.....	75.00
Lewis E. Smith.....	2,400.00
Masonic-Eastern Star Homes, maintenance.....	7,000.00
Stenographer & Expense Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	1,500.00
Committee on Masonic Education.....	2,000.00
Expense of Grand Custodian.....	600.00
Telegrams.....	50.10
Lute M. Savage.....	615.00
Typewriter.....	48.00
Unit Card Cabinet.....	160.00
Drawer section for Charters.....	45.25
Books for Library.....	28.90
Committee on Relief & Care of Orphans.....	6,873.95
Contingent Fund Grand Secretary.....	400.00
Paid David C. Hilton annuity.....	100.00
Supplies for sale to Lodges.....	2,143.06
Special Dispensation fee Lodge No. 159 returned by order of Grand Lodge.....	10.00
Special Dispensation fee Lodge No. 10, returned by order Grand Lodge.....	10.00
Entered Apprentice fee Lodge No. 281, paid twice, returned by order of Grand Lodge.....	15.00
Balance due Committee on Children's Homes.....	25.71
Pay-roll, session 1926.....	5,055.42

Grand Tyler, session 1926.	15.00
Grand Organist, session 1926.	10.00
Committee on Correspondence.	300.00
Masonic Relief Association of Omaha.	300.00
Audit Grand Lodge accounts.	25.00
Lewis E. Smith, expense Corner-stone laying, Chadron.	46.00
Entertaining distinguished guests, session 1926.	96.15
Reporting and Transcribing Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1926.	77.50
Rent to March 31st, 1927.	1,000.00
Printing Charter, Grand Island Lodge No. 318.	24.75
Printing Charter, Bladen Lodge No. 319.	17.50
Relief to Grand Lodge of Florida.	500.00
Relief to Grand Lodges of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.	428.62
Repair chairs in Library.	4.25
Premium, Grand Secretary's bond.	59.67
Lewis E. Smith, attending Grand Lodge of Missouri.	49.10
Lewis E. Smith, attending Grand Master's reception at Chadron and Long Pine.	48.35
Lewis E. Smith, attending Grand Master's Conference.	74.86
Printing Proceedings, advance reports, etc.	1,315.50
Four Jewels (Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, and Grand Chaplain) at \$60.00 each.	240.00
Cleaning rugs in Grand Secretary's office.	32.63
Fixing davenport in Grand Master's office.	1.50
Covers for leather furniture in Grand Master's office.	61.25
Floral piece, funeral of Robert E. French, Past Grand Master.	20.00
Cleaning and repairing pictures in all offices.	79.50
Jewel for M. W. John Wright.	100.00
Jewel for M. W. Edwin D. Crites.	100.00
Framing and hanging pictures, Past Grand Masters.	18.00
300 copies, List of Regular Lodges and mailing.	114.32
1926 per capita, Masonic Relief Association of United States and Canada, 40,287 members at ½ cent each.	201.44
Beatrice Lodge No. 26, return over-paid in making returns.	10.00
Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, return over-paid in making returns.	2.00
Fairmont Lodge No. 48, return over-paid in making returns.	1.78
Doniphan Lodge No. 86, return over-paid in making returns.	10.00
Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, return over-paid in making returns.	20.00
Upright Lodge No. 137, return over-paid in making returns. . . . .	.80
Curtis Lodge No. 168, return over-paid in making returns.	4.00
Signet Lodge No. 193, return over-paid in making returns.	2.00
Level Lodge No. 196, return over-paid in making returns.	2.00
Palisade Lodge No. 216, return over-paid in making returns.	1.70
Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, return over-paid in making returns.	1.00
Sincerity Lodge No. 244, return over-paid in making returns. . . . .	.78
Riverside Lodge No. 269, return over-paid in making returns.	4.00
Wallace Lodge No. 279, return over-paid in making returns.	10.00

Perkins Lodge No. 308, return over-paid in making returns.....	10.00
Cash on hand.....	36,995.82
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	\$ 81,960.35
Cash on hand, Relief Fund.....	\$ 6,857.30
Cash on hand, General Fund.....	30,138.52
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Total.....	\$36,995.82

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Cash Debit.

May 20, 1926, Cash on hand.....	\$ 30,870.74
Interest on daily balances.....	532.55
Interest on Government bonds.....	2,188.75
Over-payment on bonds purchased.....	64.28
Grand Lodge per capita, 40,892 members, net, at 50c.....	20,446.00
Grand Lodge, 1444 initiations at \$5.00.....	7,220.00
Grand Lodge, 42 affiliations at \$10.00.....	420.00
Grand Lodge, one old initiation.....	10.00
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	\$ 61,752.32

Cash Credit.

Liberty Bonds purchased (\$31,000.00 par value).....	31,000.00
Liberty Bonds, premium on above bonds.....	300.31
Liberty Bonds, accrued interest on above bonds.....	135.41
Liberty Bonds, over-paid Trust Company.....	64.28
Meginnis and Schaumberg, Architect's fees.....	250.00
Cash on hand, Omaha National Bank.....	30,002.32
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	\$ 61,752.32

Inventory.

Government Bonds, (\$67,000.00 par value) cost.....	66,899.10
Cash, Omaha National Bank.....	30,002.32
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	\$ 96,901.42

Trial Balance, May 20, 1927.

Government Bonds, (\$67,000.00 par value) cost.....	\$66,899.10
Cash, Omaha National Bank.....	30,002.32
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	\$96,901.42
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	\$ 96,901.42

Registered Bonds.

No. 280613—4¼% Gold Bond of 1928, (3rd).....	\$ 1,000.00
No. 24669—4¼% Gold Bond of 1927-42, (2nd).....	5,000.00
No. 41063—4¼% Gold Bond of 1933-38, (4th).....	10,000.00
No. 41064—4¼% Gold Bond of 1933-38, (4th).....	10,000.00
No. 41065—4¼% Gold Bond of 1933-38, (4th).....	10,000.00
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Cost—\$35,598.79	\$ 36,000.00

COUPON BONDS.

A00162951—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	\$ 10,000.00
D01104609—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
C00326098—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
D01418664—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
B00606752—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
E00525945—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
D00525944—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
A00525946—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
B00525207—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
B00525342—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
D01218289—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
B01024687—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
B01431067—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
C00473463—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
B00206407—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
A00566346—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
B01326432—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
A00356401—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
D00143604—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
B00062792—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
A01104191—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
D00326099—2nd Liberty Loan bonds, 4¼%	1,000.00
Cost—\$31,300.31	\$ 31,000.00
Total bonds on hand, par value	\$ 67,000.00

GENERAL RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand May 20th, 1926	\$ 6,873.95
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	\$ 6,873.95
May 20th, 1927, 10% on dues March 31, 1926— 40,892 members net at \$1.50 each	6,133.80
May 20th, 1927, 10% on fees March 31, 1927— 1,447 initiations at \$5.00 each	723.50
May 20th, 1927—Balance on hand	6,857.30
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	\$13,731.25
	\$ 13,731.25

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand May 20th, 1926	\$ 602.37
Supplies purchased during year	2,143.06
Supplies sold to Lodges year ending March 1st, 1927	3,023.05
By Balance on hand May 20th, 1927	277.62
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	\$ 3,023.05
	\$ 3,023.05

TRIAL BALANCE GRAND LODGE GENERAL LEDGER.

May 20th, 1927.

Inventory	\$272,591.39
Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home	\$151,600.00

U. S. Government bonds.....	10,000.00	
Supplies.....		277.62
Cash.....	36,995.82	
Grand Lodge Jewels.....	233.00	
Stock in The Nebraska Eastern Star Home.....	1,000.00	
Monell Library.....	2,281.04	
Grand Lodge Library.....	1,582.58	
Lebanon Lodge No. 58.....	485.40	
George W. Lininger Collection.....	89.65	
Masonic-Eastern Star Homes.....	70,000.00	
Masonic Service, Annuities & Gifts.....		2,500.00
Masonic Service, Annuities & Gifts Mortgage.....	2,500.00	
Masonic Service, Annuities & Gifts Active Account.....		25.00
General Relief.....		6,857.30
Furniture and Fixtures.....	5,083.82	
Contingent Fund—Grand Secretary.....	400.00	
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	\$282,251.31	\$282,251.31

INVENTORY.

Assets.

Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$151,600.00	
U. S. Government bonds.....	10,000.00	
Cash.....	36,995.82	
Grand Lodge Jewels.....	233.00	
Stock in the Nebraska Eastern Star Home.....	1,000.00	
Monell Library.....	2,281.04	
Grand Lodge Library.....	1,582.58	
Lebanon Lodge No. 58.....	485.40	
George W. Lininger Collection.....	89.65	
Masonic Eastern Star Homes.....	70,000.00	
Masonic Service, Annuities & Gifts Mortgage.....	2,500.00	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	5,083.82	
Contingent Fund—Grand Secretary.....	400.00	\$282,251.31

Liabilities.

Supplies.....	\$ 277.62	
Masonic Service Annuities & Gifts.....	2,500.00	
Masonic Service Annuities & Gifts Active Account..	25.00	
General Relief.....	6,857.30	9,659.92

Net Assets as shown by ledger..... \$272,591.39

During the year \$7,000.00 was paid out of the General Fund for the maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, which has been charged to profit and loss.

Pursuant to instructions as adopted by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication held in June, 1926, (found on page 127, Proceedings of that

year) I have charged \$52,000.00 carried as an asset under the title of Childrens Homes, to the profit and loss account. The title of this account has been changed to "The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children," to conform to the name as adopted by this Grand Lodge.

It has been suggested by M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, that a list of the actual liquid securities of the Grand Lodge and all monies in the various funds be made. Following out the suggestion, I have prepared a list or recapitulation of all the funds owned by this Grand Lodge, as follows:

General Fund, cash.....	\$ 30,138.52
Relief Fund, cash.....	6,857.30
Orphans Educational Fund, cash.....	958.18
Orphans Educational Fund, securities.....	139,500.00
War Relief Fund, cash.....	2,120.01
War Relief Fund, Government bonds, (par value, \$32,000.00).....	31,697.25
Building & Improvement Fund, cash.....	30,002.32
Building & Improvement Fund, Government bonds, (par value, \$67,000.00).....	66,899.10
General Fund, Liberty bonds.....	10,000.00
Real estate mortgage, Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.....	2,500.00
Total cash and securities in all funds.....	\$320,672.68

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

Conditions at the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont have not materially changed from last year, other than that we now have sixty residents at the Home at Plattsmouth, and more than fifty children in the Childrens Homes at Fremont, with an increasing number of applications every month. The Brethren should not lose sight of the fact that there is an increasing demand for assistance from those who are no longer able to care for themselves. If these conditions continue any considerable length of time, arrangements will have to be made for more buildings, both at Plattsmouth and Fremont.

A comparison of the amounts paid for maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home is as follows:

COMPARISON OF AMOUNTS PAID.

	1925	1926	Increase	Decrease
Printing, stationery, etc.....	\$ 226.39	\$ 280.97	\$ 54.58	\$.....
Postage.....	27.00	25.00	.....	2.00
Salaries and labor.....	6,169.00	7,172.00	1,003.00	.....
Fuel.....	3,809.16	2,177.74	.....	1,631.42
Light and power.....	724.46	846.36	121.90	.....
Water.....	390.72	417.40	26.68	.....
Maintenance.....	10,003.89	10,429.83	425.94	.....
Nursing.....	1,545.35	1,679.00	133.65	.....
Physician.....	365.00	501.00	136.00	.....
Medical supplies.....	803.89	602.38	.....	201.51

Expense visiting applicants for admission.....	228.80	404.78	175.98
Total.....	\$24,293.66	\$24,536.46	\$ 2,077.73	\$ 1,834.93
Increase.....				\$ 2,077.73
Decrease.....				1,834.93
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Net increase on the above items for the year.....				\$ 242.80
The same items cost in 1923.....				\$18,301.05
The same items cost in 1924.....				18,436.06
The same items cost in 1925.....				24,293.66
The same items cost in 1926.....				24,536.46

A comparison of the costs discloses the fact that in the year 1923 the increased cost of the above items was \$320.98; in 1924, \$135.01; in 1925, \$5,857.60; in 1926, \$242.80.

It should be taken into consideration that the Infirmary was not occupied until September, 1925, and that the report for that year would have the maintenance of the Infirmary charged against it for four months only; while this year the Infirmary has been operated during the entire year, with an increase of only \$242.80 over the preceding year.

In addition to this, there have been more patients in the Infirmary the last six months than ever before, and the number of residents at the Home is about equal to last year. This certainly bespeaks the exceeding watchful care of the President and Superintendent of the Home, and the Board of Trustees.

ENDOWMENTS, BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS OF \$100.00 OR MORE.

September 2, 1910, Samuel Johnson, Canopy Lodge No. 209.....	\$ 1,000.00
January 24, 1911, Miss Laura MacColl, for her brother.....	1,000.00
April, 1902, Henry E. Palmer, Covert Lodge No. 11.....	500.00
September 27, 1912, Thomas Wilkinson, Washington Lodge No. 21.....	1,000.00
February 27, 1913, Frank G. Recknor, Atkinson Lodge No. 164....	250.00
February 10, 1915, Edwin J. Carter, Temple Lodge No. 175.....	2,700.00
September 16, 1916, Past Grand Master William E. Hill, Western Star Lodge No. 2.....	1,000.00
December 5, 1917, Liberty Class, Hastings Consistory, A. A. S. R., Hastings (Liberty bond).....	100.00
December 5, 1917, Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 (Liberty bond).....	100.00
May 1, 1918, Orin A. H. Bruce, Creighton Lodge No. 100.....	270.00
March 7, 1919, George Tilden, Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	500.00
May 5, 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Houghton, Hampton Lodge No. 245.....	100.00
June 6, 1921, Northern Light Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., Stanton.....	300.00
1922, Mrs. Matilda J. Kolls, wife of member of Ashlar Lodge No. 33.....	100.00
July 27, 1923, Past Grand Master Henry Gibbons, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46.....	1,000.00

March 18, 1924, James R. Lochry, Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	1,000.00
April 24, 1924, Past Grand Commander Thomas G. Rees, McCook Lodge No. 135.....	1,178.03
April 12, 1925, George Willing, Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148..	500.00
February 13, 1926, Past Grand Commander Lewis M. Keene, mem- ber of Fremont Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M.....	5,000.00
Total.....	<u>\$17,598.03</u>

STOCK ISSUED DURING THE YEAR.

Jesse D. Whitmore, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island.....	1 share
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.....	13 shares
William A. Robertson, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth....	1 share
Total.....	<u>15 shares</u>

RETURNS.

Returns from all Lodges have been received, the cards have been made, the changes entered and the cards filed.

Lodges Nos. 30, 121, and 315 report carrying no insurance, Lodges Nos. 74 and 173 do not report whether they carry insurance or not.

All other Lodges report carrying insurance on buildings, if owned, or personal property.

The following Lodges do not report whether they have any delinquent dues or not: Nos. 30, 32, 56, 74, 81, 99, 157, 165, 172, 185, 248, 256, 279, 307 and 310.

The following Lodges report having no delinquent dues: Nos. 9, 11, 49, 62, 64, 67, 82, 85, 97, 100, 106, 116, 126, 146, 149, 158, 168, 182, 239, 275, 306, 311, 315, 317, 318 and 319, a total of twenty-six, seven less than last year.

Of these twenty-six, the following had no delinquent dues for 1926: Nos. 11, 49, 62, 64, 82, 100, 106, 126, 168, 182, 275, 306 and 317.

The number of delinquent members is reported to be 3,992 as compared to 3,314 for the previous year.

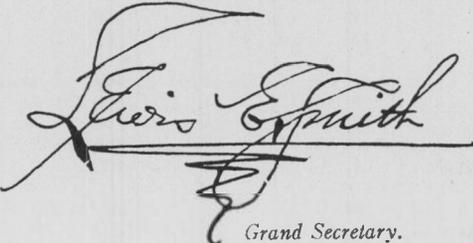
The amount delinquent is \$35,855.23 as compared with \$27,943.94 for 1926, \$29,012.99 for 1925, \$25,153.22 for 1924, and \$20,565.17 for 1923.

The average for each delinquent this year is \$8.98, which is fifty-five cents more than for 1926.

The following Lodges report no suspended members on hand: Nos. 245, 264, 272, 275, 276, 287, 292, 295, 306, 307, 308, 312, 315, 316, 317, 318 and 319.
Number of chartered Lodges..... 291

Number initiated during the year.....	1,447
Number passed during the year.....	1,516

Number raised during the year.....	1,551	
Number affiliated during the year.....	412	
Number reinstated during the year.....	157	
Number gained by other causes.....	126	
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Total gross increase.....		2,246
Number demitted during the year.....	573	
Number deceased during the year.....	457	
Number suspended during the year.....	555	
Number expelled during the year.....	7	
Number lost by other causes.....	5	
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Total loss.....		1,597
Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1927.....		649
Number of Master Masons on rolls April 1st, 1926...		40,937
Number of Master Masons on rolls April 1st, 1927...		41,586



 Lewis Esquith

 Grand Secretary.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31st, 1927.

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. of Lodge				
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927		No. on Rolls April 1, 1926	GAIN				Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927	
			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927		By Raising	By Admission		Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission	By Death		By Suspension		By Expulsion	Other Causes		
			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927		No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927															Total	Total Loss
Nebraska	1	26	73	31	22	30	140	1477	30	13	7	1527	7	11	30	1	49	1478	1			
Western Star	2	12	32	11	12	11	60	275	10	1	1	286	3	4	11	1	18	268	2			
Capitol	3	27	67	26	23	20	190	1110	25	7	5	1147	9	18	20	1	47	1100	3			
Nemaha Valley	4	2	9	2	2	5	32	57	3	1	1	60	1	5	1	1	6	54	4			
Omaha	5	1	20	2	6	1	36	111	2	1	2	116	4	2	1	1	6	110	5			
Plattsmouth	6	9	30	8	5	1	28	219	9	3	1	231	2	4	1	1	4	227	6			
Falls City	9	7	40	5	11	34	87	235	5	3	2	295	2	3	34	1	39	256	9			
Solomon	10	4	12	1	1	1	3	52	10	1	1	62	1	1	1	1	1	61	10			
Covert	11	16	75	27	30	12	187	1330	29	6	4	1369	8	15	12	1	35	1334	11			
Orient	13	1	4	1	1	1	6	66	1	1	1	68	1	1	1	1	1	67	13			
Peru	14	3	6	4	4	6	22	104	3	4	1	111	4	1	6	1	10	101	14			
Fremont	15	18	12	22	4	1	27	549	20	4	1	573	5	8	1	1	13	560	15			
Tecumseh	17	9	30	6	8	4	35	150	3	3	1	156	2	2	4	1	8	148	17			
Lincoln	19	33	74	35	18	1	195	1162	40	12	7	1221	23	14	1	1	37	1184	19			
Washington	21	8	5	8	5	1	18	130	9	2	1	141	2	1	1	1	4	137	21			
Pawnee	23	3	12	2	3	1	22	139	3	3	3	148	2	2	1	1	4	144	23			
Saint Johns	25	29	99	30	20	11	194	1300	31	6	3	1340	10	21	11	1	42	1298	25			
Beatrice	26	3	45	6	14	14	137	321	7	1	2	331	6	4	14	1	24	307	26			
Jordan	27	4	8	4	6	1	11	87	1	1	1	88	1	1	1	1	1	88	27			
Hope	29	1	10	1	4	1	21	42	1	1	1	43	1	1	1	1	1	42	29			
Blue River	30	2	6	1	1	1	14	104	3	1	1	108	2	1	1	1	3	105	30			
Tekamah	31	3	3	3	3	1	6	173	5	1	1	178	2	4	1	1	6	172	31			
Platte Valley	32	10	47	8	13	2	43	371	14	5	2	392	6	7	2	1	15	377	32			
Ashlar	33	24	45	32	13	1	60	727	39	1	1	767	14	11	1	1	26	741	33			
Acacia	34	6	14	5	5	3	28	121	5	1	1	127	2	2	3	1	7	120	34			
Fairbury	35	5	37	3	8	3	42	247	3	3	1	253	1	4	3	1	8	245	35			
Lone Tree	36	2	4	6	5	1	18	249	7	2	3	263	4	3	1	1	8	255	36			
Crete	37	7	15	5	7	2	28	186	5	1	1	192	7	2	2	1	11	181	37			
Oliver	38	6	17	9	6	1	32	189	7	1	1	196	2	2	1	1	2	194	38			
Papillion	39	10	13	11	1	1	18	101	7	1	1	108	2	1	1	1	3	105	39			
Humboldt	40	3	9	4	4	1	8	104	2	1	1	107	1	1	1	1	1	106	40			
Northern Light	41	3	4	4	4	1	21	104	4	1	1	110	1	2	1	1	3	107	41			
Juniata	42	7	1	1	1	1	23	50	1	1	1	52	1	1	1	1	1	52	42			
Hebron	43	2	12	3	4	1	36	110	2	1	1	113	3	3	1	1	6	107	43			
Harvard	44	6	10	4	2	1	9	88	4	2	1	94	1	1	1	1	2	92	44			
Rob Morris	46	17	39	19	7	1	65	370	22	4	2	398	7	8	1	1	15	383	46			
Fairmont	48	2	13	2	1	1	30	89	3	2	1	94	2	1	1	1	2	92	48			
Evening Star	49	5	7	5	3	1	14	132	3	2	1	137	4	2	1	1	6	131	49			
Hastings	50	35	43	37	13	18	68	513	34	3	9	559	9	5	18	1	32	527	50			
Fidelity	51	3	17	2	3	1	30	172	2	1	1	174	1	1	1	1	3	171	51			

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes		
Hiram	52	6	11	5	8	1	24	83	4	2			89	2	1	1		4	85	52
Charity	53	2	19	2	9		32	143	1	2			146	3	1			5	141	53
Lancaster	54	24	78	27	15	30	155	931	30	3	15		979	10	3	30		43	936	54
Mosaic	55	12	34	8	5	7	52	306	6	4			316	6	3	7		16	300	55
York	56	5	8	6	3		21	344	7	7			358	4	3			7	351	56
Mt. Moriah	57		17	1	3	2	17	103	2	1			106	3	1	2		6	100	57
Lebanon	58		22		7		23	239					239						239	58
Wahoo	59	16	13	15	4	1	18	239	17	3			259	3	3	1		7	252	59
Melrose	60	3	9	3	2		10	98	3				101						101	60
Thistle	61	5	10	5	5	5	29	159	6	2			167	2	2	5		9	158	61
Keystone	62	2	7	2	3		10	69	2	1			72	2	2			4	68	62
Riverton	63	5	7	4	1	1	12	61	3				64	1		1		2	62	63
Blue Valley	64	4	6	2	3		22	81	1	1			83	1	1			2	81	64
Osceola	65	3	6	3	4	2	18	127	3	2			132	4	5	2		11	121	65
Edgar	67	1	6		1		4	122					122	5	2			7	115	67
Aurora	68	10	19	10	7	4	46	186	6	2	1	3	198	1	1	4		6	192	68
Sterling	70	2	14	4	3	5	25	85	2				87	3	1	5		9	78	70
Trowel	71	2	15	1	8	4	29	121					121	2	4	4		10	111	71
Hooper	72	2	11	2	1	1	7	114	1	1			116			1		1	115	72
Friend	73	7	4	9	4		10	103	8		1		112	2	1			3	109	73
Alexandria	74		4	1			7	62	1		1		64	1	1			2	62	74
Frank Welch	75	2	14	3	7	12	53	291	1	3	3		298	4	1	12		17	281	75
Joppa	76	1	7	2	5	2	15	61	2	1			64	2		2		4	60	76
Nelson	77	3	7	5	3	3	22	100	4				104	2	2	3		7	97	77
Albion	78	5	11	6	6		17	140	6				146	3	1			4	142	78
Geneva	79	6	13	7	6	1	25	198	11	3			212		6	1		7	205	79
Composite	81	3	4	4	7		19	69	1	1			71						71	81
St. Paul	82	9	14	7	2	2	31	219	8	2			229	2	5	2		9	220	82
Corinthian	83	1	7	3	2	3	16	67	3	1			71	1	1	3		5	66	83
Fairfield	84		14		2		27	86		1	2		89	1	1			2	87	84
Tyre	85		15	1		2	23	52	2				54	1	1	2		4	50	85
Doniphan	86	2	8	2	4		20	45	2	1			48		2			2	46	86
Ionic	87	9	30	9	6		16	119	10	1			130	2	1			3	127	87
Star	88	4	9	4	1		9	92	4				96	1	1			2	94	88
Cedar River	89	3	8	4	1		29	121	4	2	1		128	2	4			6	122	89
Elk Creek	90		5	3	1	1	14	52	4				56	1		1		2	54	90
Oakland	91	4	7	3	1		4	132	2	1			135		3			3	132	91
Hubbell	92	1	9		3		8	29					29						29	92
Beaver City	93	2	8	2	4		31	131	4				135	1	5		1	7	128	93
Bennett	94	5	11	1	2	2	20	71			2		73	2	2	2		6	67	94

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									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes		Total Loss	
Garfield	95	2	8	2	...	23	82	3	3	...	88	...	2	...	2	86	95				
Utica	96	3	6	4	2	2	8	4	99	...	104	...	2	...	2	102	96				
Euclid	97	3	10	2	1	5	19	2	2	...	110	3	1	5	9	101	97				
Republican	98	...	9	1	4	...	10	2	...	...	71	3	...	...	3	68	98
Shelton	99	3	18	3	1	...	9	3	...	...	85	1	1	...	2	83	99		
Creighton	100	7	18	6	8	1	29	4	...	4	107	3	1	1	5	102	100				
Ponca	101	5	6	7	3	4	27	10	...	4	91	1	3	4	8	83	101				
Waterloo	102	4	11	5	...	2	23	7	...	...	112	...	2	...	2	110	102		
Ord	103	14	25	7	3	...	41	7	2	...	137	...	1	...	1	136	103				
Wymore	104	5	10	4	6	...	40	3	2	2	190	2	3	...	5	185	104				
Stella	105	6	7	9	2	5	14	8	...	...	85	2	1	5	8	77	105		
Porter	106	2	8	1	1	1	11	1	1	...	80	...	1	1	6	76	106				
Table Rock	108	1	1	1	4	...	12	2	...	...	77	4	1	1	6	71	108		
Pomegranate	110	10	7	8	6	6	16	6	2	...	189	6	4	6	16	173	110				
DeWitt	111	5	12	5	5	...	21	3	2	...	92	1	...	1	91	111					
Springfield	112	1	18	2	3	2	21	2	1	...	112	1	...	2	3	109	112				
Globe	113	7	11	4	2	3	16	7	...	...	84	...	1	3	4	80	113		
Wisner	114	3	10	4	2	...	16	3	1	...	115	...	1	...	1	114	114				
Harlan	116	1	9	1	5	...	15	1	...	...	91	1	2	...	3	88	116		
Hardy	117	1	6	1	...	...	8	1	...	...	64	...	1	...	1	63	117
Doric	118	...	8	...	1	...	9	...	...	...	48	4	...	...	1	44	118
North Bend	119	6	4	6	3	...	9	6	...	...	122	1	1	...	2	120	119		
Wayne	120	4	12	5	4	...	11	4	5	...	205	1	2	...	3	202	120				
Superior	121	7	14	8	2	1	23	8	2	...	202	1	3	1	5	197	121				
Auburn	124	2	8	1	1	2	18	1	1	...	140	1	...	2	3	137	124				
Mt. Nebo	125	5	10	4	4	4	40	4	...	3	105	4	1	4	9	96	125				
Stromsburg	126	1	2	1	3	...	11	1	2	...	129	2	2	...	4	125	126				
Minden	127	2	9	1	7	3	18	1	1	...	89	2	1	3	6	83	127				
Guide Rock	128	3	7	3	1	...	5	2	1	...	44	...	...	...	4	44	128	
Blue Hill	129	3	8	2	...	2	25	2	1	...	81	20	2	2	24	57	129				
Tuscan	130	2	3	2	1	2	5	4	1	...	75	...	1	2	3	72	130				
Scribner	132	3	3	3	6	...	7	...	1	...	79	...	...	...	...	79	132
Elm Creek	133	3	8	4	2	...	14	6	2	...	75	...	1	...	1	74	133				
Solar	134	3	7	3	1	...	12	7	3	...	79	1	1	...	2	77	134				
McCook	135	6	25	8	...	...	43	8	9	1	260	5	3	...	8	252	135		
Long Pine	136	2	12	...	2	3	21	...	...	...	86	1	1	3	5	81	136	
Upright	137	3	8	5	1	...	5	4	...	...	80	1	...	...	1	79	137
Rawalt	138	5	2	4	...	1	19	5	...	...	100	3	1	1	5	95	138		
Clay Centre	139	16	4	16	8	2	18	8	2	...	94	1	1	2	4	90	139				
Western	140	4	4	2	1	...	16	1	72	2	2	...	4	68	140				

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Crescent.....	143	4	10	6	3	5	14	105	8	113	..	2	5	..	7	106	143
Kenesaw.....	144	1	12	1	1	3	18	87	2	..	2	91	3	..	3	88	144
Bancroft.....	145	1	18	2	5	..	27	73	1	1	..	75	..	..	..	..	..	75	145
Jachin.....	146	6	14	7	5	2	40	160	6	3	..	169	5	2	2	..	9	160	146
Siloam.....	147	2	12	..	1	1	15	43	..	..	..	43	..	1	..	..	1	42	147
Emmet Crawford	148	5	19	11	6	6	26	200	11	2	..	213	6	2	6	..	14	199	148
Jewel.....	149	2	2	3	2	..	9	46	2	..	..	48	..	..	..	..	..	48	149
Cambridge.....	150	8	9	12	2	..	7	104	12	3	..	119	..	1	..	..	1	118	150
Square.....	151	5	15	3	4	5	22	76	3	1	..	80	2	5	..	..	7	73	151
Parallel.....	152	..	10	..	6	4	30	54	1	..	..	55	2	4	..	..	6	49	152
Evergreen.....	153	2	2	2	3	1	20	67	1	..	..	68	1	3	1	..	5	63	153
Lily.....	154	4	7	3	1	4	13	88	4	..	..	92	3	2	4	..	9	83	154
Hartington.....	155	6	21	6	2	2	18	109	8	2	1	120	1	1	2	..	4	116	155
Pythagoras.....	156	2	22	..	6	1	15	70	1	..	..	71	1	1	..	..	2	69	156
Valley.....	157	..	9	..	1	..	15	81	2	..	..	83	..	1	..	..	1	82	157
Samaritan.....	158	2	13	3	5	1	23	250	7	3	..	260	1	3	1	..	5	255	158
Ogalalla.....	159	6	25	5	8	..	13	145	6	..	..	151	2	..	..	..	2	149	159
Zeredatha.....	160	..	3	..	1	..	15	47	..	..	..	47	..	1	..	..	1	46	160
Mt. Zion.....	161	1	5	1	2	..	13	76	2	1	2	81	..	..	..	..	..	81	161
Trestle Board	162	9	4	7	1	1	5	98	7	..	..	105	1	1	1	..	3	102	162
Unity.....	163	3	13	1	2	..	8	98	4	..	..	102	1	..	..	..	1	101	163
Atkinson.....	164	1	10	2	1	..	8	65	1	..	..	66	1	1	..	..	2	64	164
Barneston.....	165	3	6	3	1	..	11	53	3	1	..	57	..	..	..	..	..	57	165
Mystic Tie.....	166	3	6	3	2	..	7	75	1	1	..	77	..	1	..	1	2	75	166
Elwood.....	167	1	6	2	2	3	15	75	3	..	..	78	1	1	3	..	5	73	167
Curtis.....	168	3	8	6	6	..	12	113	3	..	1	117	2	..	..	..	2	115	168
Amity.....	169	4	16	3	3	..	7	90	3	..	1	94	..	4	..	..	4	90	169
Mason City.....	170	1	5	2	7	..	16	79	5	2	..	86	3	..	..	..	3	83	170
Merna.....	171	3	18	3	2	6	24	115	3	..	2	120	3	1	6	..	10	110	171
Grafton.....	172	2	10	4	2	2	17	58	3	1	..	63	5	1	2	..	8	55	172
Robert Burns	173	3	12	2	1	..	13	56	2	1	..	59	3	..	..	..	3	56	173
Culbertson.....	174	3	6	8	1	..	11	56	8	2	..	66	..	1	..	..	1	65	174
Temple.....	175	2	8	2	4	..	20	67	2	1	2	72	3	..	..	..	3	69	175
Gladstone.....	176	7	13	5	1	5	17	144	5	2	..	151	1	1	5	..	7	144	176
Hay Springs.....	177	5	6	3	..	..	7	87	3	..	..	90	..	1	..	..	1	89	177
Prudence.....	179	1	12	1	1	..	26	81	1	..	..	82	2	2	..	..	4	78	179
Justice.....	180	1	9	1	11	..	14	116	1	1	..	118	..	1	..	..	1	117	180
Faith.....	181	2	15	4	3	..	48	167	6	2	2	177	..	..	..	..	..	177	181
Incense.....	182	1	9	1	1	..	13	53	1	55	55	182
Alliance.....	183	7	47	4	13	12	67	311	6	5	7	329	8	3	12	..	23	306	183

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Bee Hive.....	184	24	18	26	9	5	39	538	26	3			567	4	6	5		15	552	184	
Boaz.....	185	2	7	3	3	1	12	83	3				86	3	2	1		6	80	185	
Israel.....	187		3		2	4	29	60					60	3	4	4		7	53	187	
Meridian.....	188	3	8	3	2	4	13	137	3	3	1	1	145	4	3	4		11	134	188	
Granite.....	189	7	9	7	6		18	100	3				103		1			1	102	189	
Amethyst.....	190		8	1			1	67	3	1			71		2			2	69	190	
Crystal.....	191	2	15	2	6		3	11	9	3	2		100	1	1			2	98	191	
Minnekadusa.....	192	2	17	4	3	2	30	139	5	2	2		148	3	1	2		6	142	192	
Signet.....	193	1	12	2	3		15	95	3	1			99	1	1			2	97	193	
Highland.....	194	8	8	7	3		11	53	7	2			62	2	1			3	59	194	
Arcana.....	195	3	11	4	7	13	22	126	1	1			128	2	2	13		17	111	195	
Level.....	196	2	2	6	1	4	10	32	7				39	2	4			6	33	196	
Morning Star.....	197	1	5	1	2		9	77	2				79	2	2			2	77	197	
Purity.....	198	1	15		3	1	11	91	2	3			96	2	1	1	1	5	91	198	
Gavel.....	199		2				6	52					52						52	199	
Blazing Star.....	200	4	4	4	1		6	127	5	1			133	2	5			7	126	200	
Scotts Bluff.....	201	5	18	5	2	5	22	106	4	1			111	1	5			6	105	201	
Golden Sheaf.....	202	6	22	6	5		19	137	6				143	1	2			3	140	202	
Roman Eagle.....	203	2	15	2	3	2	30	63	3	3	1		70	2	1	2		5	65	203	
Plainview.....	204	6	7	5	4	2	12	108	3		1		112	2	2			6	106	204	
Golden Fleece.....	205	1	6	4	6		5	112	1	1			114	3				3	111	205	
Napthali.....	206	5	4	5	1		14	85	7	1			93	2				2	91	206	
Parian.....	207	2	4	3	1	2	8	97	4		1		102		1	2		3	99	207	
Gauge.....	208		10		2	2	24	63					63	1	1	2		4	59	208	
Canopy.....	209	4	9	3	6		10	153	2	2	1		158		1			1	157	209	
East Lincoln.....	210	33	28	40	14	7	59	686	37	10	3		736	10	6	7	1	24	712	210	
Cement.....	211	5	3	6	1		7	105	5				110		1			1	109	211	
Compass & Square	212	1	11	1	2	1	24	83	2	1			86			1		1	85	212	
Plumbline.....	214	1	2	1	2	2	15	67			2		69	1	2	2		5	64	214	
Occidental.....	215		3	1	1		9	96	1				97	1	3			4	93	215	
Palisade.....	216	5	6	6	3	1	19	81	5				86		1			1	85	216	
Wauneta.....	217	3	3	3	4		18	58	2	1			61	1	1			2	59	217	
Bloomfield.....	218	3	20	3	3		20	134	3	2			139	3	2			5	134	218	
Relief.....	219	3	9	3	3		4	74	1				75	2				2	73	219	
Magnolia.....	220	1	5	1			8	98	2	1			101	1	3			4	97	220	
Wood Lake.....	221	3	6	4	2	1	4	77	4				81	1	2	1		4	77	221	
Landmark.....	222	5		5	2		5	125	5	1			131	1	2			3	128	222	
Eminence.....	223	1	5	3	3	1	4	75	3	1			79			1		1	78	223	
Silver Cord.....	224	2	9	5	3	2	9	115	3	1			119	3	1	2		6	113	224	
Cable.....	225	3	7	4	1		4	102	6	1			109		2			2	107	225	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS MARCH 31st, 1927.

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927	No. of Lodge		
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927	No. on Rolls, April 1, 1926	GAIN				Total	LOSS							
									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Grace	226	2	3	2	2	10	50	2	1	1		54	1					1	53	226	
North Star	227	10	18	10	2	15	34	273	13	3	2	291	7	3	15			25	266	227	
Bartley	228	2	1	3			7	73	3	1		77							1	76	228
Comet	229	5	4	7	5		12	87	6			93	3	1					4	89	229
Delta	230	3	14	2			3	69	2	2	1	74		1					1	73	230
Mt. Hermon	231	3	5	2	3	7	14	73	2	1	1	77	1	2	7			10	67	231	
John S. Bowen	232	6	3	7	5		9	68	3		1	72	1						1	71	232
Gilead	233	2	19	1	5	2	13	55	3	1		59	1		2				3	56	233
Zion	234	7	14	3	4	1	11	112	3			115	1	2	1				4	111	234
Fraternity	235	2	5	2			9	65	4			69	1	1					2	67	235
Golden Rule	236	3	16	3	7		7	49	4			53	3						3	50	236
Cubit	237	2	2	2			8	75	3	1		79	2						2	77	237
Friendship	239	2	3	3	3		7	76	6			82		1					1	81	239
Pilot	240	6	4	7	5		12	102	5	1		108	1	2					3	105	240
George Armstrong	241	2	10	2	3	3	3	86	1			87		2	3				5	82	241
Tyrian	243	2	6	2	1	3	10	39	2			41		1	3				4	37	243
Sincerity	244		5		2		8	26		1		27	3						3	24	244
Hampton	245	4	10	10	2			87	10			97	2	3					5	92	245
Nehawka	246	2	2	1			4	102	1	1		104	1	1					2	102	246
Corner-stone	247	3	17	4	1	1	22	69	5	2	4	80	2	1	1				4	76	247
Laurel	248	6	18	9	2	5	23	120	9	1		130	1		5				6	124	248
Gothenburg	249	1	8	1	1		1	109	2	3		114	1	1					2	112	249
George Washing'n	250	9	12	13	3	8	36	240	11	1	6	258	5		8				13	245	250
Wausa	251	2	5	2	3	1	7	75	2			77	1	1					3	74	251
Hildreth	252		5	1			11	54	3		2	59	1						1	58	252
Beemer	253		4				6	65				65		1					1	64	253
Bassett	254	4	1	3	2		10	73	2			75		1					1	74	254
Bradshaw	255	2	4	2	3		4	45	1			46	2						2	44	255
Hickman	256	6	4	5	3		2	66	4	2		72	4						4	68	256
Holbrook	257	2	5	2			3	74	2			76	1	1					2	74	257
Anselmo	258	6	15	6	6	2	10	119	8		2	129			2				2	127	258
Bee	259		2				6	31				31		1					1	30	259
Oran	261	3	12	4	4		1	93	4	1		99								99	261
Endeavor	262	4	5	3			6	54	3			57		2					2	55	262
Mitchell	263	5	7	6	2		12	147	4	3		154	1	2					3	151	263
Franklin	264	3	4	3				94	3	2		99	2	1					3	96	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	9	21	4	1	7	14	181	4	9	1	195	6		7	1			14	181	265
Silver	266	9	7	9	5	1	5	60	5			65			1				1	64	266
James A. Tulleys	267	3	4	2	2	2	4	81	3	2		86	2		2				4	82	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	4	8	2	3		9	296	3	9		308	4	3					7	301	268

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. of Lodge		
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927	No. on Rolls, April 1, 1926	GAIN			Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1927			
									By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Riverside.....	269	1	5	1	1	2	58	1	1	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	60	269
Huntley.....	270	1	1	1	1	5	37	1	1	...	40	1	1	...	...	...	38	270
Oasis.....	271	13	12	13	6	5	116	13	...	...	129	1	1	...	...	...	127	271
Lee P. Gillette....	272	3	5	3	2	...	93	2	...	...	95	1	1	...	...	...	92	272
Crofton.....	273	3	7	4	1	2	92	4	...	...	96	2	2	2	...	...	90	273
Olive Branch.....	274	2	11	...	5	6	79	4	...	1	84	2	...	...	...	2	82	274
Ramah.....	275	1	1	1	1	...	49	...	...	...	49	...	...	...	...	...	49	275
Antelope.....	276	2	2	3	5	...	41	5	4	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	50	276
Sioux.....	277	...	...	...	1	3	51	...	...	...	51	...	1	...	...	1	50	277
Litchfield.....	278	1	4	2	1	3	67	2	...	...	69	...	1	...	...	1	68	278
Wallace.....	279	2	9	1	1	1	45	...	1	...	46	2	1	...	...	3	43	279
Swastika.....	280	4	8	3	1	3	5	70	4	1	75	...	1	3	...	4	71	280		
Florence.....	281	18	15	18	4	7	368	18	7	...	393	4	1	...	...	5	388	281
Mullen.....	282	7	7	5	...	2	74	5	...	...	79	1	1	...	...	2	77	282
Exeter.....	283	1	1	2	1	1	61	1	1	...	66	1	...	...	...	1	65	283
Seneca.....	284	1	8	...	4	4	93	1	...	...	94	2	1	...	...	3	91	284
Camp Clarke.....	285	3	16	3	5	3	136	2	1	...	139	1	...	3	...	4	135	285		
Oshkosh.....	286	12	10	15	3	1	107	15	1	...	123	1	...	...	...	1	122	286
Union.....	287	5	6	2	...	...	61	2	...	...	63	1	1	...	...	2	61	287
Omaha.....	288	18	23	19	5	4	622	19	5	1	647	10	1	4	...	15	632	288		
Lotus.....	289	6	3	6	3	4	9	162	7	...	169	1	1	4	...	6	163	289		
John J. Mercer....	290	28	8	26	2	6	11	271	28	16	315	3	...	6	...	9	306	290		
Diamond.....	291	1	3	4	2	4	57	4	...	...	61	1	...	...	...	1	60	291
Wolbach.....	292	2	2	2	2	...	69	2	...	1	72	2	...	...	...	3	69	292
Monument.....	293	5	2	5	...	1	77	6	1	...	84	...	...	...	...	...	84	293
Kimball.....	294	1	2	1	1	3	112	2	3	...	117	2	...	3	...	5	112	294		
Minatare.....	295	5	8	2	1	...	65	4	...	...	69	...	...	...	...	...	69	295
Cowles.....	296	1	4	...	2	5	39	2	...	...	41	1	1	2	...	4	37	296
Cotner.....	297	5	12	4	1	5	98	7	...	1	106	4	1	...	...	5	101	297
Chester.....	298	3	3	1	1	4	43	1	...	...	44	...	...	...	...	...	44	298
Sutherland.....	299	4	4	7	3	1	64	6	1	...	71	...	1	...	...	1	70	299
Liberty.....	300	9	7	10	3	7	29	291	10	1	303	8	2	7	...	17	286	300		
Bayard.....	301	5	8	2	4	1	3	76	1	1	78	1	...	1	...	2	76	301		
Mizpah.....	302	38	19	36	15	11	24	552	38	10	601	4	4	11	...	19	582	302		
Right Angle.....	303	19	12	22	6	9	307	22	7	...	336	1	2	...	...	3	333	303
Ruskin.....	304	2	2	4	2	1	5	43	4	...	47	1	1	1	...	3	44	304		
Newman Grove....	305	4	1	4	1	1	59	5	...	...	64	...	...	...	...	...	64	305
Golden Rod.....	306	...	...	...	...	...	48	1	...	...	49	...	2	...	...	2	47	306
William E. Hill...	307	2	...	2	...	...	56	2	...	...	58	...	...	...	...	...	58	307
Perkins.....	308	5	4	3	...	...	49	3	1	...	53	1	...	...	...	1	52	308

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LODGES FOR RELIEF OF THE FLORIDA
HURRICANE SUFFERERS.

Receipt	Lodge	Amount
No. 1—	Mount Moriah No. 57.....	\$ 10.00
No. 2—	Evening Star No. 49.....	15.00
No. 3—	George Washington No. 250.....	20.00
No. 4—	M. W. Robert E. French.....	1.00
No. 5—	North Bend No. 119.....	12.10
No. 6—	Wayne No. 120.....	20.00
No. 7—	Hildreth No. 252.....	5.40
No. 8—	Bassett No. 254.....	5.00
No. 9—	Mid-West No. 317.....	10.40
No. 10—	Relief No. 219.....	7.50
No. 11—	Solomon No. 10.....	5.00
No. 12—	Orient No. 13.....	6.60
No. 13—	Lone Tree No. 36.....	15.00
No. 14—	Juniata No. 42.....	5.00
No. 15—	Aurora No. 68.....	20.00
No. 16—	St. Paul No. 82.....	22.00
No. 17—	Utica No. 96.....	10.30
No. 18—	McCook No. 135.....	24.40
No. 19—	Jachin No. 146.....	16.00
No. 20—	Cambridge No. 150.....	10.00
No. 21—	Hartington No. 155.....	10.90
No. 22—	Ogalalla No. 159.....	15.00
No. 23—	Barneston No. 165.....	5.00
No. 24—	Mason City No. 170.....	7.50
No. 25—	Culbertson No. 174.....	6.00
No. 26—	Arcana No. 195.....	2.00
No. 27—	Gavel No. 199.....	5.20
No. 28—	Roman Eagle No. 203.....	10.00
No. 29—	Gauge No. 208.....	6.10
No. 30—	Plumbline No. 214.....	6.50
No. 31—	Landmark No. 222.....	15.00
No. 32—	Mt. Hermon No. 231.....	5.00
No. 33—	John S. Bowen No. 232.....	6.80
No. 34—	Ornan No. 261.....	10.00
No. 35—	Mullen No. 282.....	7.30
No. 36—	Wolbach No. 292.....	7.10
No. 37—	Minatare No. 295.....	7.70
No. 38—	Cowles No. 296.....	5.00
No. 39—	William E. Hill, No. 307.....	5.00
No. 40—	Western Star No. 2.....	10.00
No. 41—	Papillion No. 39.....	12.00
No. 42—	Osceola No. 65.....	12.00
No. 43—	Joppa No. 76.....	5.00
No. 44—	Composite No. 81.....	7.00
No. 45—	Bennett No. 94.....	7.00

No. 46—Ponca No. 101.....	10.00
No. 47—Guide Rock No. 128.....	5.00
No. 48—Emmet Crawford No. 148.....	20.00
No. 49—Lily No. 154.....	10.00
No. 50—Alliance No. 183.....	31.10
No. 51—Morning Star No. 197.....	7.50
No. 52—Cement No. 211.....	10.50
No. 53—Compass & Square No. 212.....	8.50
No. 54—Magnolia No. 220.....	10.00
No. 55—Bancroft No. 145.....	7.40
No. 56—Samaritan No. 158.....	76.75
No. 57—Robert Burns No. 173.....	8.70
No. 58—Golden Fleece No. 205.....	5.00
No. 59—Cable No. 225.....	10.20
No. 60—Lee P. Gillette No. 272.....	10.00
No. 61—Newman Grove No. 305.....	5.00
No. 62—Riverton No. 63.....	6.10
No. 63—Friend No. 73.....	5.00
No. 64—Wisner No. 114.....	11.30
No. 65—James A. Tulleys No. 267.....	8.00
No. 66—Edgar No. 67.....	12.50
No. 67—Wymore No. 104.....	18.30
No. 68—Porter No. 106.....	7.50
No. 69—Valley No. 157.....	10.00
No. 70—Palmer No. 315.....	2.50
No. 71—Ashlar No. 33.....	75.00
No. 72—Grafton No. 172.....	5.00
No. 73—York No. 56.....	35.00
No. 74—Northern Light No. 41.....	10.00
No. 75—Franklin No. 264.....	10.00
No. 76—Republican No. 98.....	5.00
No. 77—Kenesaw No. 144.....	5.00
No. 78—Incense No. 182.....	5.00
No. 79—Comet No. 229.....	5.00
No. 80—Pilot No. 240.....	10.50
No. 81—Covert No. 11.....	75.00
No. 82—Ionic No. 87.....	10.00
No. 83—Cedar River No. 89.....	12.00
No. 84—Mount Nebo No. 125.....	10.00
No. 85—Crofton No. 273.....	9.00
No. 86—Omadi No. 5.....	10.00
No. 87—Wahoo No. 59.....	25.00
No. 88—Tuscan No. 130.....	7.00
No. 89—Upright No. 137.....	7.50
No. 90—Atkinson No. 164.....	5.00
No. 91—East Lincoln No. 210.....	35.00
No. 92—Seneca No. 284.....	10.00
No. 93—Hebron No. 43.....	25.00

No. 94—Blazing Star No. 200.....	15.00
No. 95—Wood Lake No. 221.....	10.00
No. 96—Bartley No. 228.....	7.50
No. 97—Right Angle No. 303.....	35.00
No. 98—Capitol No. 3.....	111.00
No. 99—Oliver No. 38.....	20.00
No. 100—Geneva No. 79.....	20.50
No. 101—Lancaster No. 54.....	25.00
No. 102—Zeredatha No. 160.....	4.70
No. 103—Trestle Board No. 162.....	10.00
No. 104—Scotts Bluff No. 201.....	10.00
No. 105—Oshkosh No. 286.....	11.80
No. 106—Omaha No. 288.....	60.00
No. 107—Polk No. 311.....	6.75
No. 108—Plattsmouth No. 6.....	25.00
No. 109—Fremont No. 15.....	54.90
No. 110—Hastings No. 50.....	53.20
No. 111—Fidelity No. 51.....	18.00
No. 112—Alexandria No. 74.....	5.00
No. 113—Elk Creek No. 90.....	5.20
No. 114—Springfield No. 112.....	10.70
No. 115—Rawalt No. 138.....	10.00
No. 116—Granite No. 189.....	10.00
No. 117—Purity No. 198.....	10.00
No. 118—Silver Creek No. 266.....	6.00
No. 119—Lotus No. 289.....	15.00
No. 120—Cotner No. 297.....	10.40
No. 121—Mosaic No. 55.....	30.00
No. 122—Creighton No. 100.....	10.30
No. 123—Elm Creek No. 133.....	6.70
No. 124—Bee Hive No. 184.....	50.00
No. 125—Bloomfield No. 218.....	13.80
No. 126—Laurel No. 248.....	10.00
No. 127—Camp Clarke No. 285.....	5.58
No. 128—Craftsmen No. 314.....	10.60
No. 129—St. Johns No. 25.....	130.00
No. 130—Anselmo No. 258.....	5.00
No. 131—Nebraska No. 1.....	145.90
No. 132—John J. Mercer No. 290.....	30.00
No. 133—Minnekadusa No. 192.....	15.00
No. 134—Plainview No. 204.....	11.00
No. 135—Wauneta No. 217.....	5.00
No. 136—Gothenburg No. 249.....	10.90
No. 137—Grand Island No. 318.....	15.00
No. 138—Crete No. 37.....	19.00
No. 139—Albion No. 78.....	15.00
No. 140—Tyre No. 85.....	5.00
No. 141—Mitchell No. 263.....	14.70

No. 142—Potter No. 313.....	10.00
No. 143—Jordan No. 27.....	8.60
No. 144—Clay Centre No.139.....	10.00
No. 145—George W. Lininger No. 268.....	30.00
No. 146—Delta No. 230.....	6.00
No. 147—Golden Rod No. 306.....	5.00
No. 148—Thistle No. 61.....	16.50
No. 149—Nehawka No. 246.....	10.00
No. 150—Hickman No. 256.....	6.60
No. 151—Stromsburg No. 126.....	10.00
No. 152—Western No. 140.....	5.00
No. 153—Parallel No. 152.....	5.00
No. 154—Lebanon No. 58.....	10.00
No. 155—Doric No. 118.....	5.00
No. 156—Boaz No. 185.....	8.20
No. 157—Bee No. 259.....	9.00
No. 158—Minden No. 127.....	8.70
No. 159—Samaritan No. 158—Additional.....	4.00
No. 160—Signet No. 193.....	12.10
No. 161—Bladen No. 319.....	4.50
No. 162—Amity No. 169.....	10.00
No. 163—Tyrian No. 243.....	5.00
No. 164—Gladstone No. 176.....	5.00
No. 165—Grace No. 226.....	5.00
No. 166—Zion No. 234.....	10.00
No. 167—Alpha No. 316.....	5.00
No. 168—Jewel No. 149.....	5.00
No. 169—North Star No. 227.....	27.90
No. 170—Globe No. 113.....	10.00
No. 171—Liberty No. 300.....	14.00
No. 172—Mystic Tie No. 166.....	10.00
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	\$2,589.88

By check No. 1—to Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Florida.....	\$ 500.00
By check No. 2—to Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Florida.....	500.00
By check No. 3—to Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Florida.....	500.00
By check No. 4—to Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Florida.....	500.00
By check No. 5—to H. E. Ledyard, printing 350 circular letters....	18.50
By check No. 6—to Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Florida.....	500.00
By check No. 7—Transferred to Mississippi Valley Flood Relief Fund.....	71.38
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Total.....	\$2,589.88

RECAPITULATION.

Total cash from 170 Lodges.....	\$2,589.88
Grand Lodge General Fund.....	500.00

Cash sent to Grand Lodge of Florida.....	\$3,000.00
Paid for printing circulars.....	18.50
Transferred to Mississippi Valley Flood Relief Account..	71.38
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	\$3,089.88 \$3,089.88

In addition to the above, Riverside Lodge No. 269 subscribed \$5.00 and Merna Lodge No. 171 subscribed \$11.50, both of which amounts were sent direct to the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Florida, making the total amount of contributions, \$3,016.50 sent to the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Florida by this Jurisdiction.

LEWIS E. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LODGES FOR THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
FLOOD RELIEF FUND.

Receipt	Lodge	Amount
No. 1—	Covert No. 11.....	\$ 100.00
No. 2—	Wallace No. 279.....	25.00
No. 3—	Ruskin No. 304.....	10.00
No. 4—	Lotus No. 289.....	10.00
No. 5—	Capitol No. 3.....	100.00
No. 6—	Plattsmouth No. 6.....	125.00
No. 7—	Tecumseh No. 17.....	25.00
No. 8—	Pawnee No. 23.....	50.00
No. 9—	Tekamah No. 31.....	25.00
No. 10—	Lone Tree No. 36.....	50.00
No. 11—	Juniata No. 42.....	25.00
No. 12—	Riverton No. 63.....	25.00
No. 13—	Aurora No. 68.....	25.00
No. 14—	Trowel No. 71.....	25.00
No. 15—	Beaver City No. 93.....	33.82
No. 16—	DeWitt No. 111.....	50.00
No. 17—	Wayne No. 120.....	50.00
No. 18—	McCook No. 135.....	63.25
No. 19—	Amity No. 169.....	10.00
No. 20—	Golden Sheaf No. 202.....	50.00
No. 21—	Gauge No. 208.....	100.00
No. 22—	Plumblin No. 214.....	33.00
No. 23—	Tyrian No. 243.....	45.00
No. 24—	Beemer No. 253.....	10.00
No. 25—	Ornan No. 261.....	25.00
No. 26—	Lee P. Gillette No. 272.....	15.00
No. 27—	Chester No. 298.....	17.65
No. 28—	Palmer No. 315.....	16.50
No. 29—	St. Paul No. 82.....	51.00
No. 30—	Jachin No. 146.....	25.00

No. 31—John S. Bowen No. 232.....	25.00
No. 32—Hampton No. 245.....	50.00
No. 33—Sutherland No. 299.....	100.00
No. 34—Bradshaw No. 255.....	5.00
No. 35—Cable No. 225.....	50.00
No. 36—Gladstone No. 176.....	50.00
No. 37—Pilot No. 240.....	25.00
No. 38—Doric No. 118.....	20.00
No. 39—Golden Rod No. 306.....	54.00
No. 40—Grafton No. 172.....	10.00
No. 41—Culbertson No. 174.....	56.00
No. 42—Papillion No. 39.....	10.00
No. 43—Western Star No. 2.....	15.00
No. 44—Garfield No. 95.....	25.00
No. 45—Morning Star No. 197.....	5.00
No. 46—Emmet Crawford No. 148.....	50.00
No. 47—Fairfield No. 84.....	20.00
No. 48—Guide Rock No. 128.....	5.00
No. 49—Peru No. 14.....	25.00
No. 50—Osceola No. 65.....	50.00
No. 51—Keystone No. 62.....	50.00
No. 52—Mount Zion No. 161.....	10.00
No. 53—Meridian No. 188.....	48.50
No. 54—Oshkosh No. 286.....	25.00
No. 55—Nebraska No. 1.....	100.00
No. 56—Grace No. 226.....	55.00
No. 57—Arcana No. 195.....	25.00
No. 58—Platte Valley No. 32.....	25.00
No. 59—Hubbell No. 92.....	30.00
No. 60—Mount Nebo No. 125.....	15.00
No. 61—Jewel No. 149.....	10.00
No. 62—Barneston No. 165.....	5.40
No. 63—Curtis No. 168.....	25.00
No. 64—Edgar No. 67.....	25.00
No. 65—Clay Centre No. 139.....	65.74
No. 66—Bassett No. 254.....	10.00
No. 67—Newman Grove No. 305.....	10.00
No. 68—Jordan No. 27.....	25.00
No. 69—Fairbury No. 35.....	25.00
No. 70—Albion No. 78.....	25.00
No. 71—Wymore No. 104.....	25.00
No. 72—Blazing Star No. 200.....	25.00
No. 73—Scotts Bluff No. 201.....	25.00
No. 74—Eminence No. 223.....	25.00
No. 75—Laurel No. 248.....	10.00
No. 76—Evening Star No. 49.....	10.00
No. 77—Delta No. 230.....	10.00
No. 78—Franklin No. 264.....	25.00

No. 79—Wolbach No. 292.....	10.00
No. 80—R. H. Davison.....	10.00
No. 81—F. F. Mundil, Acacia Lodge No. 34.....	5.00
No. 82—Plattsmouth No. 6, additional.....	25.00
No. 83—York No. 56.....	50.00
No. 84—Cedar River No. 89.....	10.00
No. 85—Lily No. 154.....	30.00
No. 86—Comet No. 229.....	10.00
No. 87—Riverside No. 269.....	10.00
No. 88—Melrose No. 60.....	50.00
No. 89—Alexandria No. 74.....	10.00
No. 90—Plainview No. 204.....	50.00
No. 91—Gilead No. 233.....	25.00
No. 92—Harvard No. 44.....	10.00
No. 93—Wahoo No. 59.....	25.00
No. 94—Wood Lake No. 221.....	25.00
No. 95—Exeter No. 283.....	25.00
No. 96—Amethyst No. 190.....	100.00
No. 97—Wausa No. 251.....	25.00
No. 98—East Lincoln No. 210.....	35.00
No. 99—Geneva No. 79.....	50.00
No. 100—Samaritan No. 158.....	50.00
No. 101—Hooper No. 72.....	50.00
No. 102—Oliver No. 38.....	40.00
No. 103—Minatare No. 295.....	41.00
No. 104—Faith No. 181.....	50.00
No. 105—Polk No. 311.....	25.00
No. 106—North Star No. 227.....	50.00
No. 107—Lancaster No. 54.....	10.00
No. 108—George W. Linger No. 268.....	60.00
No. 109—Orient No. 13.....	47.00
No. 110—Parian No. 207.....	25.00
No. 111—Wisner No. 114.....	37.00
No. 112—Falls City No. 9.....	11.00
No. 113—Kimball No. 294.....	25.00
No. 114—Bee No. 259.....	18.00
No. 115—John J. Mercer No. 290.....	25.00
No. 116—Creighton No. 100.....	5.00
No. 117—Cement No. 211.....	10.00
No. 118—Mosaic No. 55.....	30.00
No. 119—Parallel No. 152.....	10.00
No. 120—Mystic Tie No. 166.....	20.00
No. 121—Papillion No. 39 (additional).....	15.00
No. 122—Lotus No. 289 (additional).....	25.00
No. 123—Craftsmen No. 314.....	10.00
No. 124—Fremont No. 15.....	50.00
No. 125—Fidelity No. 51.....	50.00
No. 126—James A. Tulleys No. 267.....	8.00

No. 127—Elk Creek No. 90.....	25.00
No. 128—Hay Springs No. 177.....	25.00
No. 129—Roman Eagle No. 203.....	25.00
No. 130—Alliance No. 183.....	30.00
No. 131—Saint Johns No. 25.....	130.00
No. 132—Frank Welch No. 75.....	142.00
No. 133—Wisner No. 114 (additional).....	5.00
No. 134—Corinthian No. 83.....	10.00
No. 135—Camp Clarke No. 285.....	15.00
No. 136—Omadi No. 5.....	25.00
No. 137—Hebron No. 43.....	50.00
No. 138—Canopy No. 209.....	50.00
No. 139—Blue Hill No. 129.....	5.00
No. 140—Bayard No. 301.....	10.50
No. 141—Occidental No. 215.....	20.00
No. 142—Globe No. 113.....	20.00
No. 143—North Bend No. 119.....	25.00
No. 144—Springfield No. 112.....	25.00
No. 145—Stromsburg No. 126.....	25.00
No. 146—Relief No. 219.....	36.50
No. 147—Lincoln No. 19.....	50.00
No. 148—Naphthali No. 206.....	10.00
No. 149—Minnekadusa No. 192.....	25.00
No. 150—Silver Cord No. 224.....	50.00
No. 151—Republican No. 98.....	10.00
No. 152—Utica No. 96.....	20.00
No. 153—Zeredatha No. 160.....	23.00
No. 154—Elm Creek No. 133.....	28.50
No. 155—Mitchell No. 263.....	25.00
No. 156—Hartington No. 155.....	25.00
No. 157—Liberty No. 300.....	30.00
No. 158—Signet No. 193.....	44.00
No. 159—Mount Hermon No. 231.....	10.00
No. 160—Minden No. 127.....	5.00
No. 161—Nehawka No. 246.....	10.00
No. 162—Washington No. 21.....	58.50
No. 163—Nemaha Valley No. 4.....	25.00
No. 164—Zion No. 234.....	50.00
No. 165—Seneca No. 284.....	10.00
No. 166—Boaz No. 185.....	15.00
No. 167—Anselmo No. 258.....	10.00
No. 168—Bennett No. 94.....	10.00
No. 169—Northern Light No. 41.....	25.00
No. 170—Swastika No. 280.....	50.00
No. 171—Potter No. 313.....	25.00
No. 172—Merna No. 171.....	5.75
No. 173—Fidelity No. 51 (additional).....	41.80
No. 174—Kenesaw No. 144.....	5.00

No. 175—Ionic No. 87.....	25.00
No. 176—Thistle No. 61.....	50.00
No. 177—Compass & Square No. 212.....	5.00
No. 178—Israel No. 187.....	10.00
No. 179—Rawalt No. 138.....	10.00
No. 180—Scribner No. 132.....	10.00
No. 181—Bloomfield No. 218.....	13.20
No. 182—Union No. 287.....	25.00
No. 183—Ogalalla No. 159.....	25.00
No. 184—Auburn No. 124.....	10.00
No. 185—Platte Valley No. 32.....	100.00
No. 186—Solomon No. 10.....	5.00
No. 187—Purity No. 198.....	10.00
No. 188—Fidelity No. 51 (2nd additional).....	17.50
No. 189—Hastings No. 50.....	50.00
No. 190—Star No. 88.....	15.00
No. 191—Incense No. 182.....	10.00
No. 192—Pomegranate No. 110.....	25.00
Total.....	<u>\$5,828.11</u>

By check No. 1—to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	\$ 100.00
By check No. 2—to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	500.00
By check No. 3—to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	500.00
By check No. 4—to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	500.00
By check No. 5—to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	500.00
By check No. 6—to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	500.00
By check No. 7—to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	500.00
By check No. 8—to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	500.00
By check No. 9—to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	500.00
By check No. 10—to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	500.00
By check No. 11—to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	500.00
By check No. 12—Peters National Bank, exchange.....	1.96
By check No. 13—John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	500.00
By check No. 14—Peters National Bank, exchange.....	2.30
By check No. 15—John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....	223.85
Total.....	<u>\$5,828.11</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Total cash received from 184 Lodges and 2 Brethren.....	\$5,828.11	
Balance received from Florida Relief Fund.....	71.38	
General Fund, Grand Lodge.....	428.62	
Paid exchange on checks.....		4.26
Cash sent to John A. Davilla, Grand Secretary.....		<u>6,323.85</u>
	<u>\$6,328.11</u>	<u>\$6,328.11</u>

The above statement of the Mississippi Valley Flood Relief Fund covers the remittances received at this office up to and including July 15th, 1927. If any further remittances are received, they will be receipted for in the regular way and a statement will be published in the Proceedings for next year.

LEWIS E. SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

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

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

The following report for the year ending May 20th, 1927, is fraternally submitted by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

Securities on hand last year.....\$125,100.00

Purchased or renewed during the year:

No. 307, Ernest J. Smith.....	8,500.00
No. 308, Adolph Weiler.....	6,000.00
No. 309, Ingebord E. Paulson.....	6,000.00
No. 310, Earl W. Cummings.....	4,000.00
No. 311, Charles B. Compton.....	2,800.00
No. 312, Otto Puls.....	6,000.00
No. 313, Anna M. Grunke.....	3,000.00
No. 314, Roy E. Johnson.....	2,600.00
No. 315, Luther L. Oliver, renewed former No. 277.....	4,500.00
Certificate of Deposit No. 706, Omaha Trust Company.....	4,500.00
Certificate of Deposit No. 707, Omaha Trust Company.....	1,500.00
Certificate of Deposit No. 1585, First Trust Company.....	2,500.00

Total.....\$177,000.00

Securities paid off or renewed:

No. 271, James E. Cornish.....	\$4,000.00
No. 304, Nygren Real Estate bond.....	2,000.00
No. 276, Howard Morrison.....	5,000.00
No. 294, Henry Kaiser.....	6,000.00
No. 282, John Albertson.....	4,500.00
No. 283, Claus Schluter.....	2,500.00
No. 296, Fred J. Whitehorn, payment on principal....	500.00
Certificate of Deposit No. 706, Omaha Trust Co.....	4,500.00
Certificate of Deposit No. 707, Omaha Trust Co.....	1,500.00
Certificate of Deposit No. 1585, First Trust Co.....	2,500.00

No. 277, Luther L. Oliver, renewal new No. 315.....	4,500.00	37,500.00
Total securities on hand.....		\$139,500.00

The following interest coupons are past due:

No. 290, John J. Goebel, April 1st, 1927.....	\$	233.75
No. 291, John L. Cox, May 1st, 1927.....		137.50

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

Mortgages owned by the Orphans Educational Fund, May 20th, 1927.

No.	Borrower	Property Located In	Amount
241—	First Liberty Bond.....		\$ 5,000.00
285—	Wolff..... 80	acres Johnson County.....	3,000.00
287—	Lux..... 162	acres Dodge County.....	4,000.00
288—	Hoeck..... 160	acres Dixon County.....	5,000.00
289—	Copple..... 160	acres Thurston County.....	6,000.00
290—	Goebel..... 160	acres Cedar County.....	8,500.00
291—	Cox..... 160	acres Antelope County.....	5,000.00
292—	Goll..... 40	acres Burt County.....	1,000.00
295—	Wineberger..... 158	acres Madison County.....	3,000.00
296—	Whitehorn..... 160	acres Cedar County.....	6,000.00
297—	Foley..... 99	acres Washington County.....	6,500.00
298—	Sandoe..... 320	acres Boyd County.....	5,000.00
299—	Pehrson..... 160	acres Cedar County.....	6,500.00
300—	DeWitt..... 80	acres Douglas County.....	5,000.00
301—	Schott..... 160	acres Pierce County.....	4,500.00
302—	Wortman..... 159½	acres Buffalo County.....	6,500.00
303—	Dedlow..... 160	acres Pierce County.....	7,000.00
305—	Kayl..... 80	acres Dixon County.....	3,600.00
306—	Smith..... 67	acres Dakota County.....	5,000.00
307—	Smith..... 127.75	acres Dakota County.....	8,500.00
308—	Weiler..... 80	acres Otoe County.....	6,000.00
309—	Paulson..... 154	acres Antelope County.....	6,000.00
310—	Cummings..... 124½	acres Nemaha County.....	4,000.00
311—	Compton..... 60.40	acres Douglas County.....	2,800.00
312—	Puls..... 80	acres Cass County.....	6,000.00
313—	Grunke..... 76	acres Nemaha County.....	3,000.00
314—	Johnson..... 35	acres Dixon County.....	2,600.00
315—	Luther L. Oliver..... 160	acres Valley County.....	4,500.00

Total Securities on hand.....	\$139,500.00
Cash on hand.....	958.18

Total Assets May 20, 1927.....	140,458.18
Total Assets May 20, 1926.....	133,038.83

Net Increase for the year.....	\$ 7,419.35
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CASH.

Cash Omaha National Bank, last report.....	\$ 7,938.83	
Interest on Government bonds.....	212.50	
Interest on mortgages and daily balances.....	7,667.36	
Securities paid off.....	24,500.00	
Certificates of Deposit paid.....	8,500.00	
Accrued interest on mortgages purchased.....		460.51
Mortgages purchased.....		38,900.00
Certificates of Deposit purchased.....		8,500.00
Cash on hand Omaha National Bank.....		958.18
	<u>\$48,818.69</u>	<u>\$ 48,818.69</u>

INVENTORY.

Bills Receivable.....	\$134,500.00
U. S. Government bonds.....	5,000.00
Cash Omaha National Bank.....	958.18
Total.....	<u>\$140,458.18</u>

TRIAL BALANCE MAY 20, 1927.

Bills Receivable.....	\$134,500.00
U. S. Government bonds.....	5,000.00
Cash Omaha National Bank.....	958.18
	<u>\$140,458.18</u>
	<u>\$140,458.18</u>

LEWIS E. SMITH,

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

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
IN CHARGE OF THE WAR RELIEF FUND.

CASH DEBIT.

May 20, 1926, Balance on hand.....	\$ 991.72
Interest on Government bonds.....	1,360.00
Interest on daily balances.....	33.29
	<u>\$ 2,385.01</u>

CASH CREDIT.

Paid relief for member of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184.....	\$ 115.00
Paid relief for member of Capitol Lodge No. 3.....	150.00
Cash on hand, Peters National Bank.....	2,120.01
	<u>\$ 2,385.01</u>

INVENTORY.

Government Bonds (par value, \$32,000.00).....	31,697.25
Cash, Peters National Bank.....	2,120.01

\$ 33,817.26

TRIAL BALANCE MAY 20, 1927.

Government Bonds (par value, \$32,000.00).....	\$31,697.25
Cash, Peters National Bank.....	2,120.01

\$33,817.26 \$ 33,817.26

WAR RELIEF FUND GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Bond numbers—	34505, par value.....	\$10,000.00
	34506, par value.....	10,000.00
	36810, par value.....	5,000.00
	425880, par value.....	1,000.00
	425881, par value.....	1,000.00
	425882, par value.....	1,000.00
	425883, par value.....	1,000.00
	351566, par value.....	500.00
	1606668, par value.....	100.00
	1606669, par value.....	100.00
	1649540, par value.....	100.00
	1649541, par value.....	100.00
	1649542, par value.....	100.00
	249503, par value.....	1,000.00
	249504, par value.....	1,000.00

Par value..... \$32,000.00

Cost—\$31,697.25.

LEWIS E. SMITH,

Secretary, Board of Trustees,

The Nebraska Masonic Home.

REPORT OF EXAMINATION.

GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M., OF NEBRASKA.

Year Ended May 20, 1927.

Omaha, Nebraska, May 24, 1927.

Auditing Committee,

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

Omaha, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions, we have examined the books and records of the Grand Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska for the year ended May 20, 1927, and herewith submit our report thereon.

Attached to and forming part of this report are the following statements, which reflect the financial condition of the Grand Lodge as of May 20, 1927:

Exhibit A—General Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 20, 1927.

Schedule A-1—General Fund, Income & Expense, Year Ended May 20, 1927.

Exhibit B—Building & Improvement Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 20, 1927.

Schedule B-1—Building & Improvement Fund, Receipts & Disbursements, Year Ended May 20, 1927.

Exhibit C—Orphans' Educational Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 20, 1927.

Schedule C-1—Orphans' Educational Fund, Receipts & Disbursements, Year Ended May 20, 1927.

Exhibit D—War Relief Fund, Resources & Liabilities, May 20, 1927.

Schedule D-1—War Relief Fund, Receipts & Disbursements, Year Ended May 20, 1927.

The Cash in Banks was reconciled with certificates received from the respective depositories. All Receipts and Disbursements were traced to the Ledger accounts.

All securities were examined by our representative, and found to be in agreement with the book accounts.

A Contingent Fund amounting to \$400.00 was set up during the year to take care of petty cash transactions. A separate accounting has been made of these transactions by the Grand Secretary and they have not been checked by our representative, as it is our understanding that the Auditing Committee will make this verification.

Supplies sold during the year exceeded purchases by \$277.62, which amount was included in Miscellaneous Income as the supplies are handled on a cash receipt and disbursement basis, inventories not being calculated.

The Income and Expense Schedule includes a \$52,000.00 charge off, reducing the account of the Children's Home at Fremont from \$122,000.00 to \$70,000.00. This obviously is not an operating expense of the year, but is a correct charge against the prior years in which the amount was capitalized.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary install columnar cash books covering both receipts and disbursements. This will simplify his work and will make his books conform to the best present day practice.

The books and records have been kept with neatness and care.

We wish to express our appreciation of the courtesies extended our representative during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GILCHRIST CO.,

Certified Public Accountant.

Exhibit A:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.

GENERAL FUND.
RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.
May 20, 1927.

RESOURCES.

Cash in Norfolk National Bank.

\$ 36,995.82

Liberty Bonds.....	10,000.00
Mortgage Note.....	2,500.00
Stocks:	
Masonic Home.....	\$151,600.00
Eastern Star Home.....	1,000.00

	152,600.00
Account Receivable, Lebanon Lodge.....	485.40
Children's Home at Fremont.....	70,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures.....	5,083.82
Grand Lodge Jewels.....	233.00
Monell Library.....	2,281.04
Grand Lodge Library.....	1,582.58
George W. Lininger Collection.....	89.65
Contingent Fund, Grand Secretary.....	400.00
	<u>\$282,251.31</u>

NET WORTH.

Reserves:	
General Relief.....	\$ 6,857.30
Service Annuities and Gifts.....	2,525.00
Surplus, May 20, 1926.....	\$326,643.41
Less Deficit for Year.....	53,774.40
	<u>\$272,869.01</u>
	\$282,251.31

Schedule A-1:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.,
of Nebraska.GENERAL FUND.
INCOME & EXPENSE.
Year Ended May 20, 1927.

Income:	
Dues, 40,913 Members at \$2.00.....	\$ 81,826.00
Initiations, 1,447 Members at \$5.00.....	7,235.00
Initiations, 1,444 Members at \$5.00.....	7,220.00
Initiation, (old) one at \$10.00.....	10.00
Affiliations, 42 at \$10.00.....	420.00
Special Dispensations.....	70.00
Exemptions.....	26.25
Penalties.....	37.13
Charter Fee.....	75.00
Interest, Government Bonds.....	425.00
Interest, Bank Balances.....	546.65
Miscellaneous.....	395.63

\$ 98,286.66

Expense:

Payments to Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$ 30,684.75
Payments to Building & Improvement Fund....	28,096.00
General Relief.....	6,857.30
Exemptions.....	52.50
Return of Fees.....	35.00
Salaries & Expenses, Grand Master and Grand Secretary.....	10,415.00
Promulgation of the Work.....	953.66
Postage, Telephone, Telegraph, etc.....	622.25
Stationery and Printing.....	458.66
Janitor.....	69.00
Expense, Grand Custodian.....	600.00
Expense, Grand Chaplain.....	75.00
Eastern Star Home Maintenance.....	7,000.00
Special Committee on Relief.....	1,500.00
Special Committee Masonic Education.....	2,000.00
General Expense.....	10,442.02
Incidental Expense.....	199.92
	\$100,061.06

Excess Operating Expenses over Income... 1,774.40

Add:

Amount Charged Off Children's Home at Fremont Account..... 52,000.00

Total Charge to Surplus for the Year. \$ 53,774.40

Exhibit B:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

BUILDING & IMPROVEMENT FUND.
RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.

May 20, 1927.

RESOURCES.

Cash in Omaha National Bank.....	\$ 30,002.32
Liberty Bonds (par value, \$67,000.00).....	66,899.10
	\$ 96,901.42

NET WORTH.

Surplus, May 20, 1926.....	\$ 66,469.53
Add Net Income for the Year.....	30,431.89
	\$ 96,901.48

Schedule B-1:

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.

Year Ended May 20, 1927.

Cash on Hand, May 20, 1926.....	\$ 30,870.74
Add Receipts:	
Interest on Bank Balances.....	\$ 532.55
Interest on Bonds.....	2,188.75
From Grand Lodge.....	28,096.00
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	\$ 30,817.30
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	\$ 61,688.04
Less Disbursements:	
Purchase Liberty Bonds.....	\$ 31,000.00
Premium Liberty Bonds.....	300.31
Accrued Interest.....	135.41
Architect's Fees.....	250.00
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	31,685.72
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Cash Balance, May 20, 1927—Omaha National Bank.....	\$ 30,002.32

Exhibit C:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.
RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.

May 20, 1927.

RESOURCES.

Cash in Omaha National Bank.....	\$ 958.18
U. S. Government Bonds.....	5,000.00
Mortgage Notes.....	134,500.00
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	\$140,458.18

NET WORTH.

Surplus, May 20, 1926.....	\$133,038.83
Increase for Year.....	7,419.35
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	\$140,458.18

Schedule C-1:

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.

Year Ended May 20, 1927.

Cash on Hand, May 20, 1926.....	\$ 7,938.83
Add Receipts:	
Loans Paid Up.....	\$ 24,500.00

Certificates of Deposit Paid.....	8,500.00	
Interest on Mortgages, etc.....	7,667.36	
Interest on Bonds.....	212.50	
		<u>40,879.86</u>
		\$ 48,818.69

Less Disbursements:		
Mortgages Purchased.....	\$ 38,900.00	
Accrued Interest on Mortgages Purchased.....	460.51	
Certificates of Deposit Purchased.....	8,500.00	
		<u>47,860.51</u>
Cash on Hand, May 20, 1927.....		\$ 958.18

Exhibit D:

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
of Nebraska.

WAR RELIEF FUND.
RESOURCES & LIABILITIES.

May 20, 1927.

RESOURCES.

Cash on Hand, Peters National Bank.....	\$ 2,120.01
Liberty Bonds (par value, \$32,000.00).....	31,697.25
	<u>\$ 33,817.26</u>

NET WORTH.

Surplus, May 20, 1926.....	\$ 32,688.97
Increase for Year.....	1,128.29
	<u>\$ 33,817.26</u>

Schedule D-1:

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS.

Year Ended May 20, 1927.

Cash on Hand May 20, 1926.....	\$ 991.72
Add Receipts:	
Interest.....	1,393.29
	<u>2,385.01</u>
Less Disbursements:	
Relief Paid.....	265.00
	<u>Cash on Hand May 20, 1927..... \$ 2,120.01</u>

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

It will be impossible to express in words or in print the love and esteem that is in my heart for "Uncle Bob" who has been called to his reward, and who has made the report for so many years, and the best tribute that I can pay to him is to carry on the work to the best of my ability, building on the foundations that he has so well laid and following the designs which were found upon the Trestle Board.

"We will catch the broken threads again
And finish what he here began.
Heaven will all the mysteries explain
And then, Ah; then we'll understand."

During the past year schools of instruction have been held in the following numbered lodges:

Nos. 2, 4, 5, 9, 21, 27, 30, 41, 43, 46, 56, 63, 67, 75, 78, 82, 83, 86, 87, 93, 95, 96, 97, 101, 108, 112, 120, 132, 136, 139, 144, 147, 150, 153, 156, 163, 172, 176, 177, 179, 192, 203, 205, 209, 216, 219, 222, 224, 225, 226, 229, 230, 231, 232, 235, 237, 240, 248, 251, 253, 254, 262, 264, 271, 286, 289, 296, 306, 309, 312.

Twenty-two other schools were assigned but for various reasons were cancelled and these are to be arranged for the coming year.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY.

A committee was appointed by M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master to formulate rules governing the issuance of Certificates of Proficiency.

This committee recommended that certificates should be in force only for the Masonic year in which issued and that all examinations be up to a grade of 99½%.

This recommendation was approved by M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master and the following named brethren and lodges have been examined and certified:

Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha.
Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha.
Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth.
Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha.
Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings.
Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud.
Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln.
Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo.
Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper.
Auburn Lodge No. 124, Auburn.
Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Brock.
Granite Lodge No. 189, Gibbon.
Wauneta Lodge No. 217, Wauneta.
Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley.
Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES WITH NAME AND NUMBER
OF LODGE:

- Norris F. Tym, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
Jesse W. Hazlett, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
Jonathan A. Frye, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
Benjamin F. Eyre, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
Wallace E. Linn, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
Otto G. Smersh, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
Lloyd F. Kilgore, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
Leo J. Kempf, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
George E. Mansell, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
Arthur H. Anderson, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
Luke L. Wiles, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
Willis R. Holmes, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
Leslie W. Niel, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
Raymond C. Cook, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
John M. Bennett, Lincoln Lodge No. 19.
Byron S. Peterson, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Albert F. Mueller, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Charles W. Reeve, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Clarence J. Balsler, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
John K. Durfee, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Glen N. Childs, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
John Britton, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Gustav E. Gran, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Carl A. Fried, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
Louis J. Michaelson, Acacia Lodge No. 34.
John R. Easley, Evening Star Lodge No. 49.
Harry L. F. Proffitt, Hastings Lodge No. 50.
Herman W. Aspergen, Hastings Lodge No. 50.
Glen N. Easton, Hastings Lodge No. 50.
Marion Bloom, Charity Lodge No. 53.
Alvin O. Gronquist, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
Oliver F. Smith, Lebanon Lodge No. 58.
George MacBerterton, Lebanon Lodge No. 58.
Charles Wurdeman, Lebanon Lodge No. 58.
Nile O. Walther, Wahoo Lodge No. 59.
Marion E. Shipley, Hooper Lodge No. 72.
Herman R. Meier, Hooper Lodge No. 72.
Henry E. Schemmel, Hooper Lodge No. 72.
William A. Lallman, Hooper Lodge No. 72.
Herman H. Lallman, Hooper Lodge No. 72.
Norman E. Shaffer, Hooper Lodge No. 72.
Christopher W. McCracken, Saint Paul Lodge No. 82.
Henry F. May, Bennett Lodge No. 94.
Elmer Surber, Garfield Lodge No. 95.
Carl L. Caldwell, Utica Lodge No. 96.

- Alfred J. White, Utica Lodge No. 96.
Chris Rasmussen, Euclid Lodge No. 97.
Sylvester Shumard, DeWitt Lodge No. 111.
Will E. Miller, Springfield Lodge No. 112.
Axel T. Danielson, Harlan Lodge No. 116.
Charles E. Alter, Harlan Lodge No. 116.
J. Allen Trowbridge, Superior Lodge No. 121.
Wilfred W. Ilgenfritz, Stromsburg Lodge No. 126.
Carl M. Kettler, McCook Lodge No. 135.
Charles B. Redfern, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162.
Hans Schultz, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
Frank C. Miller, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
George J. Anderson, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
William D. Redmond, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
John C. Spencer, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
Carl M. Anderson, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
Henning C. Johnson, Merna Lodge No. 171.
Osborne P. Simon, Culbertson Lodge No. 174.
Willie Burdett, Gladstone Lodge No. 176.
Leland H. Peterson, Wauneta Lodge No. 217.
D. Wayne McCallum, Wauneta Lodge No. 217.
George L. Carter, North Star Lodge No. 227.
Henry Butherus, Bartley Lodge No. 228.
Cassius M. Pfrimmer, Bartley Lodge No. 228.
Paul Anthes, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
Frederick S. Stott, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
Clarence T. Spier, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
Thomas F. Bourke, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
William H. Smails, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
John S. Hedelund, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.
James F. Baker, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272.
Earl E. Borcharding, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272.
Frank A. Hughes, Omaha Lodge No. 288.
Lemuel E. Fitch, Mizpah Lodge No. 302.
Anson L. Havens, Mizpah Lodge No. 302.
Samuel J. Potter, Right Angle Lodge No. 303.
Wallace A. Gerrie, Right Angle Lodge No. 303.
Elmer Norstrom, Right Angle Lodge No. 303.
Harry L. Mantor, Golden Rod Lodge No. 306.
Adolph C. Janzen, Victory Lodge No. 310.
George A. Harris, Victory Lodge No. 310.
George W. Stroup, Victory Lodge No. 310.
Floyd M. Field, Victory Lodge No. 310.
Carl A. Larsen, Potter Lodge No. 313.
William Kiewit, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.
William C. Steffensmeyer, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.
Ellsworth W. Stevens, Mid-West Lodge No. 317.

DEPUTY CUSTODIANS.

Commissions to Deputy Custodians were issued as follows:

Edwin H. Gerhart, Newman Grove Lodge No. 305, on August 23, 1926.

William McCormack, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, on October 1st, 1926.

LODGES U. D. I.

Pursuant to order of M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, I went to College View, Nebraska on April 13, 1927 and examined twenty-seven brethren and inspected the proposed rooms for a lodge U. D. I. The brethren having passed a creditable examination in conferring the three degrees and the rooms being suitable I made recommendation to the Grand Master that they be granted a Dispensation at the proper time.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S RECORDS.

Immediately after being appointed Acting Grand Custodian, M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, directed me to go to Kearney and take charge of the records of the Grand Custodian. These were all packed in cases and shipped to Omaha and have been carefully sorted, and those that were necessary to the conduct of the office have been filed where they are available. There are a great many records of schools and correspondence in connection with them that date back over a period of twenty-six years, and which seem to be of no value at this time. I therefore recommend that the records above mentioned be destroyed, retaining only those which are of value and which have been filed.

OFFICE FOR THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

I wish to gratefully acknowledge the courtesy shown by the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha in donating the use of a room in the Temple for an office.

This is a real benefit to the Craft and permits the work to be taken care of much easier than it could be at home.

I wish also, to thank the Deputy Custodians for the hearty support they have given me in taking care of the work and rendering real fraternal service to the Craft at a time when it was most needed.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS.

There seems to be a desire on the part of the Craft to have Central Schools and I recommend that a limited number be held during the Masonic year at points best adapted for them.

These Central Schools should not interfere with regular assigned schools in lodges where they are needed.

I feel highly honored in being appointed Grand Custodian and having served for a number of years as Deputy Custodian, I have a due regard for the responsibility attached to the office and fully realize that "Great powers do not bring privileges to their possessor, so much as they bring responsibilities." And it is with this thought in mind that I have performed the duties of the office.

Fraternally submitted,
LUTE M. SAVAGE,
Grand Custodian.

The Address of the Grand Master, the reports of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in charge of the Orphans Educational Fund, and of the War Relief Fund, and the report of examination of the Certified Public Accountant, were referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, for segregation and reference to the proper Committees.

M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, announced that the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association would hold their semi-annual meeting and dinner in the dining room, third floor, Masonic Temple, at 12:30 o'clock, and invited the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, and Distinguished Guests to be present.

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

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, June 7th, 1927.

At 2 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present, as at the preceding session.

The following Committees were announced by M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, and entered upon the discharge of their duties:

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT.

- W. Bernard N. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- W. Charles H. Marley, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- M. W. Andrew H. Viele, Mosaic Lodge No. 55.

BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICE ANNUITIES AND GIFTS.

- W. John R. Webster, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
- W. Frank Wilcox, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- Brother Luther M. Kuhns, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- W. Harold M. Smith, Hubbell Lodge No. 92.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

- W. Alfred G. Hunt, Ashlar Lodge No. 33.
- W. Harry L. F. Proffitt, Hastings Lodge No. 50.
- W. Robert W. Craig, Covert Lodge No. 11.
- W. Quinton V. Lively, Falls City Lodge No. 9.
- W. Arthur J. Denney, Fairbury Lodge No. 35.

CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

- W.: Ralph O. Canaday, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285.
- W.: Lester R. Stonecker, Mizpah Lodge No. 302.
- R.: W.: Frank H. Woodland, St. Johns Lodge No. 25.

CREDENTIALS.

- W.: Arthur B. Carpenter, Mosaic Lodge No. 55.
- W.: Carl R. Greisen, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32.
- W.: Ernest A. Schmidt, Washington Lodge No. 21.
- W.: George E. Thompson, Oshkosh Lodge No. 286.
- W.: Ralph S. Moseley, Liberty Lodge No. 300.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

- W.: Benjamin F. Thomas, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
- W.: Willis R. Holmes, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.
- W.: Jacob L. Kaley, St. Johns Lodge No. 25.
- W.: O. Edwin Mickey, Osceola Lodge No. 65.
- M.: W.: James R. Cain, Jr., Stella Lodge No. 105.

FINANCE.

- W.: Clendenen W. Mitchell, Samaritan Lodge No. 158.
- W.: Alexander R. Krause, Jordan Lodge No. 27.
- W.: Charles A. Smith, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166.
- W.: C. Ray Macy, Beatrice Lodge No. 26.
- W.: Nile O. Walther, Wahoo Lodge No. 59.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

- M.: W.: Lewis E. Smith, Long Pine Lodge No. 136.
- M.: W.: Charles A. Chappell, Minden Lodge No. 127.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

- V.: W.: Charles M. Shepherd, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
- W.: Mark J. Lipman, Bassett Lodge No. 254.
- W.: William C. Smith, Long Pine Lodge No. 136.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

- M.: W.: John Wright, Lincoln Lodge No. 19.
- W.: Henry H. Andrews, Parian Lodge No. 207.
- M.: W.: Ambrose C. Epperson, Clay Centre Lodge No. 139.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

- W.: Ralph A. Newell, Right Angle Lodge No. 303.
- W.: Claude D. Stowell, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.
- W.: Lonnie E. Cummins, Albion Lodge No. 78.
- W.: Robert M. Packard, Oakland Lodge No. 91.
- W.: Ralph J. Rhynalds, Rawalt Lodge No. 138.

GRIEVANCES.

- W. Archie M. Smith, Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203.
 W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.
 W. Joseph M. Elwell, Jr., Springfield Lodge No. 112.
 W. Theodore F. Goold, Ogalalla Lodge No. 159.
 W. Roy M. White, Oliver Lodge No. 38.

JURISPRUDENCE.

- M. W. John Wright, Chairman.
 All Past Grand Masters present.

MASONIC EDUCATION.

- V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
 M. W. Ambrose C. Epperson, Clay Center Lodge No. 139.
 W. Ralph O. Canaday, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285.
 W. Edwin H. Gerhart, Newman Grove Lodge No. 305.
 W. John R. Tapster, North Bend Lodge No. 119.

PAY-ROLL.

- W. Glenn O. Pope, Samaritan Lodge No. 158.
 W. Elmer Surber, Garfield Lodge No. 95.
 W. Arthur Still, Newman Grove Lodge No. 305.
 W. John R. Easley, Evening Star Lodge No. 49.
 W. George D. Meredith, Wolbach Lodge No. 292.

PROMOTION OF THE WORLD'S PEACE.

- M. W. Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln Lodge No. 19.
 W. John R. Webster, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
 M. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh Lodge No. 17.

RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.

- W. John B. Lichtenwallner, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272.
 W. Millard M. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
 W. Benjamin F. Pitman, Samaritan Lodge No. 158.
 M. W. Charles E. Burnham, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166.
 W. Edwin C. Yont, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162.

RETURNS.

- W. Stanley P. Bostwick, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
 W. Fred D. Tallon, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265.
 W. Guy W. Anderson, Lone Tree Lodge No. 36.
 W. Claude R. Davenport, Crete Lodge No. 37.
 W. Louis W. Rabold, Jachin Lodge No. 146.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN.

- Representing the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:
 W. Edwin C. Yont, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162—1929.
 Brother Frank C. Patton, Covert Lodge No. 11—1929.
 W. John B. Lichtenwallner, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272—1928.

- M. W. Charles E. Burnham, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166—1928.
- W. Benjamin F. Pitman, Samaritan Lodge No. 158—1927.
- W. Millard M. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3—1927.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- W. William D. Redmond, Mason City Lodge No. 170.
- W. Earl D. Weeks, Kenesaw Lodge No. 144.
- W. Eugene E. Clark, Blazing Star Lodge No. 200.
- W. Thomas C. Baker, Bloomfield Lodge No. 218.
- W. J. Frank Gardner, Fremont Lodge No. 15.

COMMITTEE TO ENTERTAIN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

- R. W. Frank H. Woodland, Saint Johns Lodge No. 25.
- W. Millard M. Robertson, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
- Brother Fred B. Dale, Capitol Lodge No. 3.

A letter was read from R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary Emeritus, extending fraternal greetings and good wishes to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge. M. W. Henry H. Wilson, Past Grand Master, moved that the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge be sent to R. W. Brother White, now residing in California. Motion carried.

W. Benjamin F. Thomas, 1, presented the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, and it was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers respectfully report and recommend, that the address of M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, under its designated heads, be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

By-laws approved, Dispensations, National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, Decisions, and Recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 21.

To the Committee on Finance:

Salary of the Grand Custodian, Purchase of Jewels, Lease of Grand Lodge offices, Official bonds of the Grand Secretary, and the Treasurers and Secretaries of subordinate Lodges, Finances, Recommendations Nos. 9, 13, 14, 15 and 18, and all matters in the Grand Secretary's report relating to finance.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

Dispensations for the formation of new Lodges, Charters surrendered, Orders granting permission for Lodges to change their places of meeting, and all matters pertaining to Lebanon Lodge No. 58, A. F. & A. M., Columbus, Nebraska, in arresting the charter of this Lodge.

- To the Committee on Grievances:
All trials, appeals, and grievances not otherwise referred.
- To the Committee on Returns:
Annual returns of subordinate Lodges.
- To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans:
All matters relating to Relief:
- To the Committee on Masonic Education:
The Masonic Service Association of the United States.
- To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:
Necrology.
- To the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association:
All matters relating to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.
- To the Craft:
A careful perusal of the address of the Grand Master.
That all other acts and doings of the Grand Master not herein specifically referred, be approved.

The address of the Grand Master is a clear and concise statement in detail of all his official acts during his term of office; is direct and to the point in expression, and shows that he has brought to his official position in the management of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, the wisdom, tact, and energy of an active, successful business man.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The report of the Grand Secretary contains 50 pages of carefully prepared statistics, and shows a natural and steady growth in our Jurisdiction, which is highly commendatory and very pleasing to all.

We say natural growth, because it is but natural to expect in the age of civilization that an institution founded upon the immutable principles of Truth; whose corner-stone is the belief in Almighty God, and whose every precept is an inspiration calling forth the noblest impulses of man's nature, should grow in strength in lands, where, as in our own, Freedom dwells, where Truth abides, where Intelligence reigns, where God is worshiped, and upon which His beneficence so constantly shines.

Let us not forget that the great cope stone of our Fraternity is Masonic Charity; not that Charity alone which contributes to the physical wants of our Brothers, but that other Charity which throws the broad mantle over our faults and imperfections; that Charity which reaches down and takes a fallen Brother by the hand and lifts him up, whispering in his ear words of true encouragement.

If we thus teach and exemplify in our daily lives these lessons of our noble institution, we will be marching to the music of the future. These principles are exemplified in the work of our Grand Secretary. His genial disposition, together with those other qualities of mind, heart and soul, which inspire his daily life with charity for errors and mistakes, causes him to grow in the hearts of his Brethren.

THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

For twenty-six years, your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers have promptly received for consideration at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, the annual report of Robert E. French, Grand Custodian. Then cometh the end. It is sad to reflect, and difficult to appreciate that after passing safely through the dangers incident to childhood and youth, and having arrived at man's estate in full possession of health and vigor, with mind enriched with knowledge and wisdom, well equipped to give others the benefit of his learning and richly stored mind, and all his rare attainments of mind achieved by years of study and experience, are lost to us. No! Not lost. We are consoled by the thought that all is not lost; the example of his noble life remaining as an incentive for the living to emulate. Thus, we perpetuate the memory of our Distinguished Brother, who, having devoted many years of his useful and busy life to the upbuilding of our beloved Order, has passed out from this life into the Great Beyond, since last we met, leaving his good deeds to shine as beacons to light the pathway of those whom he left behind.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

An examination of the detailed report of our Grand Custodian, W. W. Brother Lute M. Savage, indicates a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of his new duties. His long familiarity as Deputy Grand Custodian enables him to start active and effective organization. His recommendation that many Central Schools be held during the year will meet the unanimous approval of the Craft.

V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead. The Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to attention during the reading of the report, and the report of the Committee 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:

The Revelation of Beauty. As we pause today beside the vacant chairs, in loving recognition; despite the sorrow of our hearts, we are led to rejoice over what we have seen of symmetry, and beauty, in those from whom we have parted during the year; regretting that it should ever require the shock and jar of impending separation, to bring the discovery in them, of those noble elements of character long present, yet almost undreamed of before; and to reveal to our dulled sight the exquisite fineness, hidden in their inner natures. Our hearts are heavy now, that through our tears at parting, we behold for the first time, the exalted qualities of heart, and mind, so plainly marked in them; qualities, over which we would have revelled in high appreciation, had we known—had we known.

Sad indeed that just as the jewel passes from the casket, its facets of glory should flash back to us their lambent beauty. We are thrilled indeed that it was there, but we are saddened, that we saw it not, until the casket was breaking to set its tenant free. May we not breathe a prayer this hour, for a clarified vision, that shall not fail to see the radiance, that is ever, and forever, somewhere in the hearts of men.

Room enough for a Man. With this revelation, of the inner splendor which has come to us; and with our recognition of the limitations which so interfere with its full expression here, we wonder no longer over the yearning of those we have loved, for a better announcement, of the struggling greatness of the soul; nor over the spirit of high adventure, we had traced and well nigh forgotten; nor over the shackles thrown by the wayside in their forging toward a perfect liberty; nor over the peaceful strength, recorded on their faces, as the shores of the other world rose on the horizon to answer the faith, and hope, builded into their years of life. Despite all man's wondrous achievements here, the bewildering interferences with human progress, and the unfulfilled prophecies of time, warrant us in rejoicing with all these, that they shall in the widening sphere of eternity, through the kindly providence of our heavenly Father, have their larger opportunity.

Two voices. Two voices, are heard in every storm which sweeps the path of journeying men; one hears a message of fear, the other, sings above the tempest its psalm of triumph; and at last breathes out its note of mastery—"peace be still."

These two voices echoed across the Judean hills, and over the waves of old Galilee; one, held no note of cheer; it spoke out of a hopeless past, and brought no promise of a noble future; the other voice, calm, majestic, as sweet as mother's note by cradled love, as lofty as father's tone in high defense, vibrating in exquisite harmony, with the rare music of a long ago. It was the voice which halted the burial train on the Nain road, to give a son's strong arm back to a widowed mother—that spoke its word of power at the grave of Lazarus, from which death fled abashed; that was heard in the home of Jairus, strong—exultant—its music was as the music of many waters—as gentle as the harvest song 'mid garnered sheaves—giving heaven's comfort to human despair; "*She is not dead.*" That great brother of us all, disturbed every funeral cortege he met on its way to burial; Masonry echoes that last voice, and in its faith of all the centuries, bears it forward in behalf of all our countless Brethren gone; "*They are not dead,*" "*They are not dead.*"

OUR ANCIENT FAITH.

As "Dust to dust," in Hiram's day,
 Was toned above the honored clay;
 So over these, in turn were breathed,
 The solemn words by men bereaved.
 And is that all our ancient rite,
 Holds forth of hope, in death's dark night;
 A million voices answer, No;
 'Tis but the dust that sleeps below;
 As Judah's Lion then prevailed,
 Where oft the strength of man had failed;
 So still Jehovah's arm is bare,
 To answer ev'ry earnest prayer.

This is our faith, for ages held;
 And joyous hearts by it impelled;
 In calmness hold their onward way,
 Where ev'ry night is lost in day.

The Father's House. Deep in the souls of men, lies a sweet faith, that the lives so wondrously tabernacled here, in the intricacies of marvelous bodies; set down in this beautiful world of music, and color, shall have a rarer housing yet, in God's great tomorrow. In the kindness of our Father, the promise of another meeting, holds its place, where love is deepest, and hope is highest.

When the walls of Bedford jail fell before the vision of John Bunyan; he saw the entry of Christian—the Pilgrim of his far journey—into the celestial city; he beheld the beauty of its street, its walls and towers; and then in his raptured gaze he gathered the company of the redeemed, the mighty fathers—the deep-hearted mothers—and the sweet faced children, he could but say, "and when I had seen I wished myself among them." This is forever the voice of faith, as beyond the vacant chairs, and past the silent valley, we behold our immortals, and on their faces catch the glory of that light that never was on land or sea, we say again, "and when I had seen, I wished myself among them." We cannot answer again their wordless pleas for cheer and comfort, we cannot lift again the weary shoulders, or the tired hands, we cannot bring them back, but Brethren, we may still prove our unchanging love for them, by passing on the inheritance they left in this surpassing brotherhood, finer and stronger, than when it came from their consecrated toil; and farther toward the fulfillment of their aspirations, we can in their memories, give a higher fidelity, and comradeship to the companions plodding on beside us; and firmer footed journey on, to that sweet day of reunion.

They are not dead; they have but passed
 Beyond the mists that bind us here,
 Into the new and larger life
 Of that serener sphere.
 They have but dropped their robes of clay
 To put their shining garments on,
 They have not wandered far away,
 They are not "lost" nor "gone."

- M. W. William Eastin English Past Grand Master, Indiana.
- M. W. John H. Corscot Past Grand Master, Wisconsin.
- M. W. Bernard F. Keeler Past Grand Master, Wisconsin.
- M. W. Albert W. Gilchrist Past Grand Master, Florida.
- R. W. Harry Clinton Scofield Grand Junior Warden, Connecticut.
- M. W. John Erastus Cameron Grand Master, North California.
- M. W. Percy Blackett Dixon Past Grand Master, Alabama.
- M. W. Albert Wilson Gordon Past Grand Master, Idaho.
- M. W. Benjamin Lloyd James Past Grand Master, Colorado.
- M. W. Waldo Pettengill Past Grand Master, Maine.
- W. Winslow Emery Howell Grand Tyler, Maine.
- M. W. Charles Edwin Wolverton Past Grand Master, Oregon.
- R. W. William Columbus Hatfield Senior Grand Warden, Texas.
- M. W. Cromwell Tucker Past Grand Master, Colorado.
- M. W. Leonidas Kirby Past Grand Master, Arkansas.
- W. William I. Whitwell Past Grand Tyler, Arkansas.
- M. W. William Hill Bumpus Past Grand Master, Tennessee.
- M. W. John M. McConihay Past Grand Master, West Virginia.

M. W. Hugh P. Farrelly	Past Grand Master, Kansas.
M. W. James De Kalb Gamble	Past Grand Master, Iowa
V. W. Edward D. Vanderlieth	Grand Secretary, Nevada.
M. W. George B. Hynson	Past Grand Master, Delaware
M. W. Grenham Van Dusen	Past Grand Master, Oregon.
M. W. James Fullerton Robinson	Past Grand Master, Oregon.
M. W. John Albert Blake	Past Grand Master, Missouri.
M. W. Frank Bell	Past Grand Master, Nevada.
M. W. Ambrose D. Countryman	Past Grand Master, Minnesota.
M. W. John Arthur	Past Grand Master, Washington.
M. W. John Mills Maxwell	Past Grand Master, Colorado.
M. W. Edgar D. Brookman	Past Grand Master, So. Dakota.
M. W. Ike M. Robinson	Past Grand Master, Ohio.
M. W. William Murray Thompson	Past Grand Master, Saskatchewan.
M. W. George B. Orlady	Past Grand Master, Pennsylvania.
M. W. Henry Freeman Mason	Past Grand Master, Kansas.
M. W. John Rowson	Past Grand Master, Michigan.
M. W. Samuel W. Langhorne	Past Grand Master, Montana.

Brother Luther M. Kuhns, 3, for the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICE ANNUITIES AND GIFTS.

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

During the year the claims of this Board, as far as practicable, have been presented both to Lodges and to individual Masons. No increase either in annuities or gifts other than reported a year ago have been made to the funds.

The attention of the Grand Lodge again is called to this work. Its purpose is to solicit and receive bequests, devices, residuary estates and other gifts for this Grand Lodge, and for educational, charitable, or other institutions or activities operated by it, or in connection with it; to conduct the affairs relative to special gift agreements and annuity service bonds to be issued thereunder; and to take, hold, and convey title to funds and property in the name of a corporation, the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to disburse funds without a specific appropriation by the Grand Lodge.

Your Board recommends, that the Grand Master in his annual circular to the Lodges direct attention to the work of this Board, with the hope that encouragement on the part of the Brethren may be given, and a large and increasing number of Brethren may be interested in the Grand Lodge plan of annuities and gifts;

Also, that the Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for incidental expenses and imparting of information to the Lodges relative to the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts, and \$500.00 to be appropriated for the purpose of a reserve to be drawn upon from time to time by said Board as contracts under the special gift agreement required for the current year.

The Grand Secretary made a report of the contributions received from the Lodges, up to and including June 4th, 1927,

for the relief of the Mississippi Valley Flood sufferers, and advised the Brethren that the contributions received up to and including July 15th, 1927, would be included in the regular printed Proceedings.

W. Brother William D. Spicknall, 261, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Utah, presented the compliments of M. W. Dana T. Smith, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Utah, and conveyed the fraternal greetings of that Grand Jurisdiction to the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, requested W. Brother Spicknall to assure the M. W. Grand Master of Utah that his fraternal greetings and good wishes were fully reciprocated by this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Frank H. Woodland, Grand Senior Warden, for the Special Committee on Codification of the Law, presented the following report and moved that it be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Motion carried.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

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

Your committee, appointed pursuant to the adoption by the Grand Lodge of the first recommendation of the Grand Master at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, begs leave to submit the following report:

This committee was appointed pursuant to the recommendation that the incoming Grand Master "appoint a committee of three to re-codify the law and submit their findings to the Grand Lodge at the next annual communication for approval.

"In view of the numerous requests for interpretation and the seeming inability of the Brethren in the jurisdiction to locate the particular section or paragraph of the law which applies to the case they have in hand, I believe that to re-codify at this time is the possible solution of practically ninety-five per cent of all difficulties and misunderstandings relative to the interpretation of our law as it is at present."

In view of the fact that all changes in the law made from year to year are at the time codified by a standing committee appointed for that purpose, and a careful consideration of the language above quoted has led your committee to the conclusion that the difficulties pointed out by the then Grand Master grew out of the fact that no editions of the By-Laws of this Grand Jurisdiction have been published since 1922, and amendments subsequently adopted are scattered through the annual proceedings of the following years, except as they have been brought together in the publication of the proceedings for 1926 as found on the several pages commencing on page 131, and that the remedy the

Grand Master had in mind would be very largely affected by the publication of a new edition of the law. This, however, would involve merely the more or less perfunctory duty of collecting and placing in their proper place amendments adopted, generally inserting the same in the place of sections of the law repealed, and turning over to the printer the present law with the changes properly arranged. Such a proceeding would obviously require no action on the part of the Grand Lodge and, in the judgment of your committee, should be handled by the Grand Secretary.

Before a new edition of the law is published, however, it seems to your committee that certain changes in arrangement and in the language of a limited number of the sections of the law should be authorized by the Grand Lodge to correct certain seeming ambiguities and possible inconsistencies in the existing law, and with this in mind your committee has prepared and attach hereto certain suggested changes and begs leave to submit herewith brief explanations of the reasons for recommending such changes.

1. The first change is in Section 27-A, which will permit of making investments in well secured bonds. The existing law was adopted at a time when approved securities were largely limited to real estate mortgages and bonds of the Government, State and Municipalities. Inasmuch as first class bonds are now considered even more desirable and quite as safe as real estate mortgages, it is believed that authority should be granted as outlined in this recommendation.

2. Section 30-A is now found in a chapter entitled—Grand Lodge Funds. It has no reference to any Grand Lodge Funds. It has to do with the duties of the Grand Master and properly belongs under Chapter 2.

3. Section 31-A has to do with the War Relief Fund and is inserted between Sections 31 and 33, all three of which sections have to do with the Relief Fund, a separate fund entirely. Section 31-A should, when the law is again published, be placed either before Section 31 or after Section 33.

4. Section 81, as now found in the first two paragraphs on page 136 of the proceedings of 1926, pre-supposes a knowledge on the part of the reader of the history of the changes in this Section which such reader generally speaking does not possess. For the purpose of correcting this defect, a change in the language of the Section is recommended, and in making this change it has been thought well to bring out more clearly perhaps the way in which the receipts of the Grand Lodge are distributed among the several funds. No change in the substance of the law is made.

5. Section 97. There appears to be no reason for carrying a list of the individual Lodges in Lincoln in this section, nor in referring to the former towns of Florence, Benson and Dundee, particularly in view of the fact that there never was a lodge in Dundee.

6. Section 99 has been construed as preventing the Lodge from voting on a candidate not residing within its jurisdiction even though a waiver is first secured. The accepted practice is to permit a Lodge to ballot upon a petition for initiation where a waiver has been granted by the Lodge within which the candidate resides. It seems desirable that the exception noted should be stated in the law.

7. Section 101 (Second Paragraph). This is suggested as new legislation growing out of the uncertainty that seems to exist as to the proper method of securing a waiver and the situation that results therefrom.

8. Section 175. There seems to be no reason, after an accused has been found guilty by a two-thirds vote and no higher degree of punishment has been ordered, why the Master should not forthwith and without a further vote administer the only punishment left.

9. Section 184. This section, as it now reads, requires that all witnesses except Masons in good standing be examined by a committee. As a matter of practice, a committee is seldom appointed, and the section, in the judgment of your committee, should be changed so as to recognize the existing practice.

10. Section 185. The Lodge is opened in the highest degree attained by the accused for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee and argument of the parties, regardless of whether or not testimony is to be taken in open Lodge. The first clause of the existing section should therefore be omitted.

11. Section 201. Section 200 requires that the appeal shall be filed not more than sixty days after the imposition of sentence. Section 201, as it now is, gives the appellant sixty days within which to give notice of his intention to appeal after he receives notice of the decision. The two sections in this regard are inconsistent and there would seem to be no reason why the appellant should be not required to file his appeal within sixty days as provided by Section 200, nor is there any reason why he should not at the time he files his appeal transmit a copy to the Secretary of the Lodge, which will of itself amount to a notice to the Lodge of his intention to appeal.

Your committee has purposely refrained from recommending any changes in the substance of the law, except as noted above, not deeming this within the purpose of the Grand Master in recommending its appointment or of the Grand Lodge in accepting such recommendation. The great need of a new edition of the law has influenced the committee in making its recommendations as brief and simple as possible with the expectation that the Grand Lodge might feel justified in acting upon this report at this communication.

1. Section 27-A—*Funds—How Loaned*: Said funds may be invested in first mortgages on real estate in sums not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to any one person, nor to exceed Fifty Per Cent (50%) of the appraised value of such security, or in bonds of corporations secured by first mortgages on its tangible assets, or in approved public securities. All unloaned money may be deposited in solvent banks or trust companies on interest until required for the purpose of making loans. The applicant for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition and character of said land, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run and the rate of interest offered.

2. Transfer Section 30-A to Section 8.

3. Transfer Section 31-A to Section 30-A.

4. Section 81—*Grand Lodge Dues*: Each Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 5th day of April for each initiation the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member except those exempt from the pay-

ment of dues as provided for in Section 84 (which is now repealed) the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00), and Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each Master Mason affiliating therewith, save that a Master Mason who carries his demit not over one year and complies with Section 136 shall not be liable for an affiliation fee.

One-half of the initiation and all affiliation fees thus received, together with the sum of Fifty Cents (50c) of the dues received on account of each member, shall be transferred to the Building and Improvement Fund.

Seventy-five Cents (75c) of the dues received on account of each member shall be paid for the maintenance of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Each Lodge shall at the same time pay 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 (1c) 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.

5. Section 97—*How Measured*: A Lodge chartered or under dispensation has for all purposes exclusive territorial jurisdiction half way in an air line to each surrounding chartered Lodge, such distance to be measured from the corporate limits of the cities or towns in which the Lodges are located; and in case the residence of a petitioner is within a recognized town or village whose townsite has been regularly laid out and platted, whether incorporated or not, such petitioner shall be considered as within the jurisdiction of the Lodge nearest the limits of such town or village plat. Provided, all Lodges in cities wherein there are two or more shall have concurrent jurisdiction. Also Tyre Lodge No. 85 and Wymore Lodge No. 104. Also Victory Lodge No. 310, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Wahoo Lodge No. 59 and Pomegranate Lodge No. 110. Provided further, that Beehive Lodge No. 184 shall retain the same exclusive jurisdiction possessed prior to the annexation of South Omaha.

6. Section 99—*Residence Required*: Except as provided in Section 101, no Lodge shall ballot upon a petition for initiation from any person who has not resided continuously within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he petitions for the twelve months immediately preceding.

7. Section 101 (Second Paragraph). Whenever a Lodge shall receive a petition from one seeking initiation in a Lodge other than the Lodge or Lodges within whose jurisdiction he resides, before the petition is referred to a committee the Secretary shall forward to the Lodge or Lodges having jurisdiction a request under the seal of the Lodge for a waiver. If such waiver is granted, the petitioner shall thereafter be deemed material of such Lodge. In any event, the petition shall be retained by the Lodge receiving it.

8. Section 175—*Fixing Grade of Punishment*: If any charge or specification shall be sustained, the accused shall then and there be declared guilty and the Master shall put the question as to the degree of punishment beginning with the greatest, and if not sustained the next grade, and so on in the order as hereinafter provided. The vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to decide the degree of punishment, except that if no higher

degree of punishment is voted the Master shall reprimand the accused in open Lodge.

9. Section 184—*Examinations*: The testimony of witnesses who are Masons in good standing may be taken in open Lodge or by a special committee appointed by the Master if such committee be appointed. Other witnesses shall be examined by such committee if appointed. If such committee be not appointed, or whenever the witness, if a Mason, is unable to attend the trial, testimony may be taken by deposition before a properly authorized person, due notice of the time and place having first been given. The accused and the accuser in person or by attorney shall be entitled to be present and propound such relevant questions as they may desire.

10. Section 185—*Opening Lodge*: The Lodge shall be opened in the highest degree to which the accused has attained in Ancient Craft Masonry, but the decision as to guilt or innocence and the degree of punishment shall be severally determined by a Lodge of Master Masons.

11. Section 201—*Notice and Record*: At the time of filing his appeal, the appellant shall transmit a copy thereof to the Secretary of the Lodge. The Secretary, under the direction of the Master, shall at least thirty days before the communication of the Grand Lodge, transmit to the Grand Secretary an attested copy of all the charges, specifications, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case, and if requested furnish the appellant with a like attested copy. Provided, That if the periods hereinbefore specified shall not intervene before said next annual communication, said appeals shall either be disposed of by the Grand Master during the recess of the Grand Lodge or be heard by it at the next ensuing annual communication.

W. Bernard N. Robertson, 3, presented the report of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, and it was adopted.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT.

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

Your Advisory Committee on Applications for Reinstatement beg leave to report, that there have been quite a large number of applications for reinstatement referred to the Committee.

Our object has been to deal fairly with the suspended Brothers, and also guard as best we could the interests of the Grand Lodge. The average age of the petitioners was 53 years; eleven of these were past 60 years of age; six were past 65, and three past seventy. The average number of years these Brethren were suspended was 12 7-11 years. Eight were suspended for 15 years or more; four for more than 20 years and one for 31 years.

M. W. Henry H. Wilson, Past Grand Master, presented the report of the Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace, and it was adopted.

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

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

Your committee wishes to note in our record five events of prime importance, occurring during the last Masonic year, in the development of World Peace:

First—On September 19, 1926, Germany was admitted to the League of Nations. This brings the chief combatants in the late war, to a common council board as equals. Dr. Stressmann, the Premier of the German Republic at the March meeting, presided over the council of the League in which Germany now holds one of the permanent seats.

The admission of Germany to the League has a double significance because that admission *ipso facto* brought into operation the Locarno treaties, guaranteeing the peace of Europe and practically outlawing war as a means of settling international disputes. This was by far the most important international event of the year.

Second—On January 27, 1927, the United States Senate voted to adhere to the protocol, establishing the Permanent Court of International Justice, qualifying much adhesion with five reservations.

At a conference of the nations already members, held at Geneva, the first four reservations were unanimously agreed to and the United States was asked to give our interpretation of the fifth, which is therefore still pending.

It is believed that a common construction of this last reservation can be readily reached which will make our country a full member of the court organization.

Third.—There is now in session at Geneva, under the auspices of the League of Nations, a world wide economic conference to consider economic questions from an international point of view, especially as to the possession and distribution of raw materials. It is well known that economic and commercial competition have often been fruitful causes of war, and it is hoped that some just and equitable method of settlement of such questions may be found and thus reduce the chances of war.

The United States, while not a member of the League, is represented at this conference. It is generally believed that this will prove to be the most important conference held under the auspices of the League since its organization.

Fourth.—On April 6, 1927, the tenth anniversary of our entrance into the war, M. Briand, Premier of the French Republic, announced that France was ready to enter into a treaty with the United States, providing that all questions of dispute of every kind and nature without restriction, between the two Republics, should be settled by arbitral or judicial tribunals if they could not be otherwise adjusted. This is a plain proposal to outlaw war and apply reason, justice and equity to all international controversies, with an agreement to abide the result.

This is the most significant statement that has emanated from Paris since the Armistice. Our Secretary of State would do well to accept the offer and thus put the two Republics at the head of the procession on the march toward universal peace.

Fifth.—The fifth event of first importance is a surprising illustration of mass psychology and is too recent for us to realize its importance.

On Saturday evening, May 21, 1927, an American youth, a trained air mail pilot, landed in Paris after a non-stop flight from New York. The courage, daring, skill and endurance of Brother Charles A. Lindbergh has made him the idol of two hemispheres. The "dove of peace," by his lonely voyage in the air, has perhaps done more to promote international good will than could have been accomplished by a ship load of diplomats. This young aviator might well report in the laconic language of Julius Caesar, "veni, vidi, vici," I came, I saw, I conquered.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, stated as follows:

I will just make a verbal report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Brother Haycock has been writing this report for two years, and this was his third year. Brother Haycock, as you learned from the Grand Master's address died when his report was probably three-fourths finished, and I have decided, with the permission of the Grand Master, to publish just what he has written, and adding a short explanation so that the other jurisdictions will understand that he has left us, and let the matter rest that way for this year. I move that the report, as prepared by Brother Haycock, be printed in the published proceedings. Motion prevailed.

Upon motion, the Pay-roll Committee was instructed to pay the delegates per diem for 3 day's attendance at Grand Lodge.

W. Brother John B. Lichtenwallner, 272, for the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS.

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

We, your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, beg leave to submit the following report:

The members of this Committee are as follows: Wor. Brother Millard M. Robertson, Wor. Brother Benjamin F. Pitman, Wor. Brother Edwin C. Yont, Most Wor. Brother Charles E. Burnham, Secretary and Treasurer, and Wor. Brother John B. Lichtenwallner, Chairman. These Brethren and Brother Frank C. Patton, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite of Nebraska, are also the representatives of the Grand Lodge on the Joint Committee, who with a like number of members of the Order of the Eastern

Star, have the management and control of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, Nebraska, a report of which has been submitted for your consideration by the President of the Home, Wor. Brother Edwin C. Yont.

We desire to call the attention of this Grand Lodge and the Craft throughout the state, in as emphatic a way as possible, to the very evident fact that the relief and care of indigent Masons, their widows and orphans, in our Grand Jurisdiction is a very rapidly increasing work, and can only mean a continually increasing demand on the funds of the Grand Lodge.

The reports of this committee for a few years past disclose, that where five years ago the Relief Committee rendered financial assistance in 17 cases among the Lodges in the state, this year we have had 39 cases. Five years ago there were 33 residents in the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, 48 one year ago, and now there are 59. Five years ago there were 43 children in the Home at Fremont, now there are 53. A year and a half ago there were 7 patients in the Infirmary at Plattsmouth, now there are 23.

We should remember that ours is a comparatively young Jurisdiction, not yet seventy-five years old. Many of the older Jurisdictions about us with a membership not much larger than ours, have a far greater number of relief cases on their hands, in proportion to their membership, than we have, and we may therefore rightly conclude, that as the years come to us, there will be the need of continually increasing funds to adequately care for those in distress among our membership.

It is an interesting fact, in the work of our Grand Lodge, and possibly a surprise to many of our Brethren, that the total budget of benevolence of the Grand Lodge, including the relief given by the subordinate Lodges to their members, amounts to \$87,000.00 for the past Masonic year, as follows:

Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.....	\$34,400.00
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans and Masonic Eastern Star Home at Fremont.....	19,000.00
Individual Lodges in relief to members.....	27,000.00
Relief in Florida and flood districts.....	6,600.00
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	\$87,000.00

To this amount may rightfully be added the budget of the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Boys in Omaha, of which Wor. Brother James Noble is Superintendent, and which is almost entirely financed by the liberal donations from the Masons, Masonic Lodges and other Masonic Bodies of Omaha. This budget was about \$18,000.00 during the past year, and brings the total of our Masonic Benevolences budget in Nebraska for the year, to more than \$100,000.00.

This work of benevolence of Nebraska Masonry, should be exceedingly gratifying to all Masons in our Grand Jurisdiction, and is a record of which we may all feel proud. We are meeting our responsibilities in a wonderful way. It convinces us that one of the best interpretations of the true spirit of Freemasonry is that of a service of love and helpfulness to those of our number in want and distress.

We desire to commend the Lodges in the state for their liberal spirit of helpfulness to their own members in distress during the year. The supplementary reports show a total of \$27,000.00 for this purpose. In addition to this their response to appeals from our Grand Master for aid to the Brethren in Florida, and the flooded districts in the south, was most gratifying.

A few of the Lodges in the state need to be reminded, however, that the relief of members in distress, is primarily the function of the subordinate Lodge itself. Our Grand Lodge does not allow our Committee on Relief to usurp or supplant this function of the subordinate Lodge, but merely to supplement and assist the Lodges in their work of relief, where necessary.

MASONIC HOME AT PLATTSMOUTH.

In compliance with the usual custom of our Committee, we inspected the Home and Infirmary on Sunday, June 5th, and enjoyed a visit of several hours with the residents, finding them happy and contented, and enjoying the many comforts of a real home. Especially at this time of the year, the pleasure of the residents is much enhanced by the outlook upon the beautiful flowers, trees and shrubbery, and the wide expanse of a spacious and most beautiful lawn. Two years ago, the Board of Trustees provided for the planting of many trees and shrubs of different kinds on the acres of ground about the Home, under the supervision of a skilled landscape artist. The City of Plattsmouth set out a double row of Moline Elm trees, bordering the Webster Boulevard, which winds through our grounds, and which was named for the Chairman of our Building Committee, and one of the most liberal contributors to the Infirmary furnishings, Wor. Brother John R. Webster. As these trees and shrubbery come to the fullness of their growth, the grounds surrounding the Home and Infirmary will gradually develop into one of the most beautiful Parks in Nebraska.

The Home, and also the Infirmary, is very ably and efficiently managed under the skilful care of our Superintendent, Wor. Brother William F. Evers, and the Matron, Mrs. Ona Lawton. The President of the Home, Wor. Brother James M. Robertson, a resident of Plattsmouth, is also ever ready with his counsel and oversight, which means much for the best conditions in the Home. Dr. Raymond P. Westover of Plattsmouth is the Physician in charge, and is to be commended for his faithful service in the Home, and also in the Infirmary.

There are at the present time 59 residents in the Home and Infirmary, 30 men and 29 women. The oldest man in the Home is Maurice Tester who was 89 years of age last January. The oldest woman is Mary Peck who will be 93 years old in August. The next oldest woman is Emeline Mayfield, who will be 93 in October. There have been five deaths in the Home during the past year, all of them, men. There have been admitted to the Home during the past year, 11 men and 9 women, a total of 20.

THE MASONIC INFIRMARY AT PLATTSMOUTH.

Masonry in Nebraska is to be congratulated, and may well feel a just sense of pride, in having constructed and equipped as fine a Hospital as there

is in the state. The building is of stone, Gothic in architecture, fire proof throughout, and is furnished with the latest and most approved equipment for all hospital purposes. But it is not only a Hospital, as such, but by the convenience of its arrangements and the addition of spacious Parlor and Lounge Rooms, it partakes of the pleasures and attractions of a comfortable home as well. The Reception Parlor was very liberally and substantially furnished by the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Wor. Brother John R. Webster and his wife furnished and endowed the very attractive and comfortable Men's Lounge Room. Mt. Zion Commandery No. 51 Knights Templar, of Plattsmouth, completely furnished the Operating Room with all necessary and approved appliances. The Patient's Rooms are furnished with Simmons steel furniture, wardrobes, dressers, bed-side tables beds, chairs, etc., all in the walnut finish.

For the furnishings of the Infirmary, there have been received 110 cash donations from Individuals, Masonic Lodges, Chapters of the Eastern Star, and other Masonic Bodies, totaling gifts of \$14,295.00. There was a most liberal and creditable response to these furnishings, and we should very much wish to give the names of the donors, but time and space will not permit.

A complete list of the contributors appears in the record of the last Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Home. The cost of the Infirmary was as follows:

Construction of the Building.....	\$132,000.00
Furnishings and equipment.....	19,000.00
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	\$151,000.00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Grand Commandery K.T. of Nebraska.....	\$ 10,000.00
Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Nebraska.....	10,000.00
Donations for Furnishings.....	14,295.00

Our Grand Lodge is very fortunate in having this fine building constructed and furnished at the low cost to itself of \$117,000.00

We wish to remind any liberally minded Brother Mason or a Masonic Lodge or any other Masonic Body, that a "Flight of Winding Stairs" has been constructed on the grounds leading from the Infirmary to the Home. This is a very appropriate Symbol, and lacks just the one thing—the Jachin and Boaz Columns at the foot of these steps, and a contribution for the erection of these will be greatly appreciated.

The Employees of the Home and Infirmary, consist of the Superintendent Matron, Office girl, Engineer, Laundress and one man Laborer, who have duties in both places. In the Home there are employed one Chief Cook, one Assistant Cook, two Dining Room girls, two Maids. In the Infirmary, there are three Day Nurses, one Night Nurse, a Cook, a Diet Kitchen girl, and two Maids.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, June 10th, 1926, Norfolk National Bank.....	\$ 9,216.94
Interest on deposits.....	199.31

10% fees and dues from Grand Lodge.....	6,873.95
Returned from War Relief Fund.....	145.00
Received from Ionic Lodge No. 87.....	60.00
Refunds from Lodges.....	114.50

\$16,609.70

EXPENDITURES.

Oliver Lodge No. 38. Daughter of a member.....	\$ 29.00
Capitol Lodge No. 3. Member, wife and child.....	150.00
Lincoln Lodge No. 19. Widow and two children.....	90.00
Pawnee Lodge No. 23. Widow.....	120.00
St. John's Lodge No. 25. Widow and daughter.....	50.00
Platte Valley Lodge No. 32. Widow and four children.....	120.00
Hastings Lodge No. 50. Member, wife and two children.....	360.00
Euclid Lodge No. 97. Widow and two children.....	335.00
Wymore Lodge No. 104. Widow and one daughter.....	120.00
Cambridge Lodge No. 150. Two children. Orphans.....	180.00
Atkinson Lodge No. 164. Widow and four children.....	360.00
Signet Lodge No. 193. Widow.....	240.00
Arcana Lodge No. 195. Wife and four children.....	300.00
Cubit Lodge No. 237. Widow and four children.....	200.00
Crofton Lodge No. 273. Widow and four children.....	120.00
Seneca Lodge No. 284. Widow and one child.....	45.00
Beaver City Lodge No. 93. Widow.....	360.00
Ionic Lodge No. 87. Widow and three children.....	258.00
Nebraska Lodge No. 1. Wife and two children.....	230.00
Nelson Lodge No. 77. Part funeral expense of member.....	100.00
Covert Lodge No. 11. Widow and two children.....	165.00
Trowel Lodge No. 71. Sickness of member.....	14.28
Bee Hive Lodge No. 184. Half care of widow.....	180.00
Care of a Brother during illness.....	691.50
Nebraska Lodge No. 1. Member and wife.....	180.00
Wausa Lodge No. 251. Member and three children.....	123.45
Lone Tree Lodge No. 36. Member, wife and daughter.....	25.00
Ornan Lodge No. 261. Member and wife.....	120.00
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. Widow and four children.....	140.00
Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	6,000.00
Wahoo Lodge No. 59. Daughter of a member.....	20.80
Long Pine Lodge No. 136. Member and wife.....	53.00
Lone Tree Lodge No. 36. Member and wife.....	75.00
Crystal Lodge No. 191. Member.....	25.00
Nebraska Lodge No. 1. Member.....	80.00
St. John's Lodge No. 25. Widow.....	15.50
Capitol Lodge No. 3. Widow.....	45.00
Wauneta Lodge No. 217. Member, wife and child.....	40.00
Ord Lodge No. 103. Member, wife and four children.....	25.00

Total disbursements..... \$11,785.53

June 1st Balance on hand in Norfolk National Bank..... 4,824.17

\$16,609.70

In these 39 cases of relief as above enumerated, are included 43 adults and 53 children. This, with the 53 children cared for at the Fremont Home, makes a total of 106 children under Masonic care in our Jurisdiction. We have 59 adult Residents in the Plattsmouth Home, which with the 43 adults enumerated above, makes a total of 102 adults under our care, or a total of 208 adults and children.

W. Brother Stanley P. Bostwick, 3, for the Committee on Returns, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF 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:

From a careful examination of the returns we find all Lodges submitted their reports for the year ending March 31st, 1927.

Corrections have been made, changes entered and cards filed. Our law requires that insurance shall be carried on Lodge personal and real property. Lodges Nos. 30, 121 and 315 report carrying no insurance. Alexandria Lodge No. 74, and Robert Burns Lodge No. 173 do not report whether they carry insurance or not. We therefore recommend that these Lodges be required to comply with the law.

Section 81 of the Law provides that the Annual returns shall be in the office of the Grand Secretary not later than April 10th each year, or pay a penalty of one cent per day on each member after the 10th day of April.

The following Lodges failed to comply with the Law and are subject to the penalty:

No. of Lodge	Name of Lodge.	No. of Members.	Date Rec'd	Amts.
236	Golden Rule Lodge.....	49	April 14.....	\$1.96
244	Sincerity Lodge.....	26	April 14.....	1.04
279	Wallace Lodge.....	45	April 14.....	1.80
48	Fairmont Lodge.....	89	April 15.....	4.45
209	Canopy Lodge.....	153	April 15.....	7.65
259	Bee Lodge.....	31	April 20.....	3.10

Total penalty.....\$20.00

In 1925 the penalties for the above causes amounted to.....\$59.20

In 1926 the penalties were..... 37.13

In 1927 only..... 20.00

which shows that the Secretaries are doing better each year.

The Committee finds the Grand Secretary has spent quite a good deal of time in writing letters and sending telegrams and telephoning to the officers of these Lodges trying to get their reports in on time, and from our examination we can see no good reason why they should not be required to comply with the Law, we therefore recommend that these Lodges pay the penalty.

DELINQUENT DUES.

Section 57 of the Law requires the Secretary of each Lodge to include in his annual report the amount of delinquent dues, also the number of members who are delinquent.

The following Lodges do not report whether or not they have any delinquent dues: Nos. 30, 32, 56, 74, 81, 99, 157, 165, 172, 185, 248, 256, 279, 307, 310. We recommend that these Lodges be required to furnish the Grand Secretary this information.

NO DELINQUENT DUES.

The following Lodges report no Delinquent Dues:

Nos. 9, 11, 49, 62, 64, 67, 82, 85, 97, 100, 106, 116, 126, 146, 149, 158, 168, 182, 239, 275, 306, 311, 315, 317, 318 and 319, making a total of 26 Lodges reporting no delinquent dues. Last year 33 Lodges reported no delinquent dues. The number of delinquent members reported this year is 3992; last year 3314, an increase of 678.

The amount of delinquent dues reported by the returns for the year ending: March 31st, 1927, \$35,855.23; March 31st, 1926, \$27,943.94, an increase of \$7,911.29; March 31st, 1925, \$29,012.99; March 31st, 1924, \$25,153.22; March 31st, 1923, \$20,565.17, an increase over 1923 of \$15,290.06. We recommend that some action be taken to reduce this large amount of unpaid dues.

Number of chartered Lodges.....	291	
Number initiated during the year.....	1447	
Number passed during the year.....	1516	
Number raised during the year.....		1551
Number affiliated during the year.....		412
Number reinstated during the year.....		157
Number gained by other causes.....		126
Total gross increase.....		2246
Number demitted during the year.....		573
Number deceased during the year.....		457
Number suspended during the year.....		555
Number expelled during the year.....		7
Number lost by other causes.....		5
Total loss.....		1597
Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1927.....		649
Number of Master Masons on rolls March 31st, 1927.....	41,586	
Number of Master Masons on rolls April 1st, 1926.....	40,937	
Net gain of.....		649

The returns show that there were 1551 raisings during the year, compared to 1641 reported last year, a decrease of 90.

15 Lodges raised 20 or more Master Masons during the year as follows:

No. 1 raised 30, No. 3 raised 25, No. 11 raised 29, No. 15 raised 20, No. 19 raised 40, No. 25 raised 31, No. 33 raised 39, No. 50 raised 34, No. 54 raised 30, No. 184 raised 26, No. 210 raised 37, No. 290 raised 28, No. 302 raised 38, No. 303 raised 22, No. 314 raised 22.

The largest number raised by one Lodge was 40, by Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln.

Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, raised 39; and Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, raised 38.

16 Lodges had no raisings during the year.

39 Lodges had one raising each during the year.

49 Lodges had two raisings each during the year.

Your Committee believes that about 20% of the Lodges are dormant, inactive and more or less discouraged for want of instruction and encouragement. Every Lodge should show some progress each year, either by gain in membership or improvement in the ritualistic work or both. We recommend that the inactive Lodges be given encouragement and instruction, which will inspire them to greater activities; that the great fundamental principles of Masonry may be taught in every Masonic Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

We desire to mention here, that from a compilation of data from the supplementary reports sent in by the Lodges with their annual returns, at the request of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the following interesting information was disclosed with reference to the total assets and liabilities of all of the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction:

Real Estate including shares of stock in Temple Craft.....	\$1,293,333.00
Bonds, mostly Government.....	142,576.00
Furniture and paraphernalia.....	200,704.00
Cash.....	218,889.00
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Total Assets.....	\$1,855,502.00
Debts inclusive of mortgages on buildings.....	274,002.00
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Net Assets.....	\$1,581,500.00

V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION TO THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA,

In the very beginning of our relation to this Fraternity of our love, we found ourselves searching our hearts for the deeper reasons which impelled us to ask admittance to its ranks; and each of us has offered as our conclusion, that such reasons are "because of our favorable opinion of the institution—our desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish of being serviceable to our fellow creatures."

In pursuance of these promptings, and to aid in their fulfillment, the wide spread movement in the interest of Masonic Education was inaugurated, and is now being carried forward everywhere with increasing interest, and with gratifying results.

The Designs Upon the Trestle Board: The effort has been to forfend against any semblance of the condition which prevailed in that far off historic day—when 100,000 and more workmen found themselves thrown into confusion, and disorder, because “there were no designs upon the trestle board.” How important were the architect and his plans then, in the construction of the material temple. They are vastly more important now, as we toil as builders of men, in the rearing of the more splendid structures, which are to stand through the eternity of brotherhood.

The first design must ever be the preservation of this institution as it came to us out of the God-directed past, that it may not lose its rightful place in the world, with its comforting guidance for the hearts of men; and that its steady light of cheer may glow through the shadows of nights to come, as it did through nights agone. To this end we perfect ourselves in the letter of our work, but more than that we must endeavor to retain the spirit which so manifestly animated the Fathers. For back of the splendid ritual and its esoteric interlinings, which these men gave to us, there were richly stored minds, which gave unstintedly of their intellectual wealth—but mark you, minds dominated by Titan spiritual forces, agencies which inspired them to their best achievements, and without the presence of which, our lives will pay no lofty tribute to our ancestry.

The Age Long Hunger: Our second design upon the Trestle Board: is that which plans definitely for the increase of knowledge—knowledge of the fundamentals of Masonry, of the reasons why they so mightily controlled the lofty figures of our history—and some adequate measurement of the men involved, as well as the measures they bequeathed the world. But our activity must not end in mere attainment of understanding, to halt here is not only unbrotherly but is suicidal.

For Others: Albert Pike's lofty sentiment should always stir our hearts. “What we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” Masonry must put away from it all the sinister influences which tend to hold it back from rendering the most brotherly and unselfish service which can come from means—from numbers—and from unchanging faithfulness—yes, more than that, whatever is inspired by warm hearts moved to their profoundest depths. Some great day, from a far vantage ground, Masonry will look down with high thankfulness, upon the heart throbs, we have set into deeds, for those that needed, and this alone will give memories without regret, and an eternity, wondrously sweetened by that record.

The Past Year: In our movements of the past year we have aimed to concentrate the attention of the craft upon our vast indebtedness to the Brethren who have preceded us, and also to recognize in some measure the obligation which we owe to our sons, and daughters, by presenting to them the inspiring documents and lessons of history.

The three studies in Masonic and national history have had a fine reception. The meetings with two or three exceptions drew large attendance, and called forth more enthusiasm than ever before. We have held 70 meetings with attendance from 106 Lodges. In our “semi-public” gatherings many members of the order of the Eastern Star, De Molay, and patriotic organizations

have met with us, and about 500 teachers and 2000 students from our schools have attended as guests of the Lodges, and evidenced deep interest in our work.

A New Study: A fourth stereoptican study "The Call to the Colors" is now about completed and ready for use in Lodges which have had the first three studies. Such a gathering of great paintings of the Flag in history never has been available before—we are sure their study will give this great symbol a larger place in our affections.

Special Days: A larger number of the Lodges than ever before observed the anniversary of George Washington's birth, by suitable educational and patriotic services—the reaction from these meetings is of a very satisfactory nature; most of the Lodges used the program provided by your committee. We are hoping that the coming year a still larger number will take advantage of the interest in this day.

Literature: We have distributed a considerable quantity of literature in the past and now by the co-operation of New York and Michigan we can furnish any one of a large assortment of Masonic publications at a very modest expense.

The splendid little \$1.00 library of ten volumes is a remarkable production and covers in a simple manner a wide field of Masonic inquiry.

Speakers: We want to express our high appreciation of the assistance rendered by our volunteer speakers, and the kindly co-operation and reception given to our field work by the Lodges.

At 4:50 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, June 7th, 1927.

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

MEMORIAL TO DECEASED PAST GRAND MASTERS

Selections—Masonic Quartette, Plattsmouth.

The Grand Master announced that the Memorial Service was for the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Jurisdiction who had served their allotted time and had been called from their labors.

The Grand Secretary read the list of the Past Grand Masters, giving the year of their service. V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, during the service was stationed at the Altar, and conducted the following Memorial Service to Past Grand Masters:

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR PAST GRAND MASTERS

All attempts to adequately characterize these lives can only be partially successful at best; but since we were members of the same brotherhood; gave our thoughts to the same book; our consideration to the same lofty principles, and truths; asking and receiving guidance from the same Divine source; the recognition we give one of them, will be a recognition in large measure of each of these departed companions. So here in this room of sacred recollection, where to each of us, his gracious presence was so familiar; we bring our tribute of memory and love for,

Robert Emmet French, the Mason.

The Penetrating Mind. When that strong body passed from the anvil and forge, it carried the might of a colossal intellect, a mind which once roused, found no attraction for its operation, in the cheap, or superficial. But when he turned its light upon speculative Masonry, it furnished a field so richly productive, for that studious nature; that for the succeeding years of more than a half century, in content and persistency, he held his way among its splendors.

He was mastered by Masonry, and he in turn journeyed far into its responsive realms, up its mountains of stern heights, where mental power had its hardest tests; and into its rich valleys, where streams and forest sang, and where lilies blossomed in their beauty.

So deeply was his nature moved by these intellectual adventures, and achievements, that inevitably our Brother became a seer, and a prophet.

Prophet and Seer. We have seen him often, closing his eyes, as he spoke of what he saw, and then like one of the prophets of old, he would set out before us the wondrous results of his adventurous gatherings from that far field of vision where, because of this rare spiritual insight, his great soul found constant delight.

From Sinai he brought down the Divine law for our guidance, and from the valleys of peace, he brought the sweet comfort of kindly providence, and in it all, was revealed the infinite Father of his love.

A few days before his going away, in answer to our question as to the result of his years of research, he said, "The Entered Apprentice degree means spiritual light, the Fellowcraft degree means spiritual guidance, the Master Masons degree, means spiritual power, and spiritual progress, and this tells the result of my years of study." In some far day perhaps, we shall fathom the depths of that sublime statement, and measure these words of vast wisdom, but not yet—not yet.

So for him, Masonry was spiritualized in a marked degree, he felt in himself, the presence of the grace Divine, and always, endeavored to find permanent lodgment for it in the purposes, as well as the lives of his associates. He was never satisfied with less than exactness, in our ritualistic and esoteric work, but constantly emphasized their emptiness without a far reaching spiritual interpretation.

The Ripening of a Great Soul. Men speak slightly of age, at times, and it is well for us to remember, that Masonry has no age limit, and that it is neither a slight victory, nor a trifling achievement for a man to bear a soul

ever forward, on its life pilgrimage, for three-fourths or more of a century; bearing it out of infancy into maturity, out of crudeness into perfection, out of turbulence into calm, out of loneliness into imperishable comradeship, out of storms, over pathless wastes, unto the borders of another country, so much like this, when this is at its best; that you land in heaven, thus our comrade pressed toward the mark for the prize of his high calling.

Our Friend "Uncle Bob." But he was more to us than the dreamer—the thinker—the prophet—he was a friend and a Brother indeed; for that rugged nature, which had in its tides of mental, and spiritual power, so much of attraction for men, had also in rare degrees, those finer qualities of kindness, gentleness, and forbearance, which drew all classes, into vital intimacy with itself.

His own heart had grown so deep, that it always had room for one more in its tender warmth.

And out of our precious hours together, developed cords stronger than steel, richer than Ophir's gold, which bound us in inseparable union; until over this Jurisdiction, and beyond, every member of the Craft that had entered that inner circle, felt a personal loss in his departure.

A Father Indeed. We shall remember too, with increasing affection, how he grew in fatherliness, through the ripening years; and what words of counsel, sage, and profound, fell from his kindly lips, as he imparted knowledge, and wisdom, to listening youth; yet always in such self effacement, and gracious courtesy, that even criticism was received in love, and ever answered by un-failing confidence in his parental guidance.

Thankful to our Heavenly Father, that our Beloved Brother, was spared to us through the wonderful years, we will forever treasure his memory in the warmest centres of our love; with the firm faith, that some great day we shall meet again.

And now, taking up our tasks, let us move forward on duty's road, that way over which our Fathers have gone, and which is still alight, from the radiance of their passing.

'Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
 The touch of your hand and mine,
 For it means much more to a sorrowing heart,
 Than shelter, or bread or wine;
 For shelter is gone when the night is over,
 And bread lasts only a day,
 But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice,
 Live on in the soul, alway.

"THE EVERLASTING MEMORIAL."

"Up and away like the dew in the morning,
 That soars from the earth to its home in the sun;
 So let me steal away, gently and lovingly,
 Only remembered by what I have done.

My name and my place, and my tomb all forgotten,
 The brief race of time well and patiently run;
 So let me steal away, peacefully, silently,
 Only remembered by what I have done.

Gladly away from this toil, would I hasten,
 Up to the crown that for me has been won,
 Unthought of by men in rewards or in praises,
 Only remembered by what I have done.

Up and away like the odors of sunset,
 That sweeten the twilight as darkness comes on;
 So be my life—a thing felt, but not noticed,
 And I but remembered by what I have done.

Yes, like the fragrance that wanders in freshness,
 When the flowers that it came from are closed up and gone;
 So would I be to this world's weary dwellers,
 Only remembered by what I have done.

Needs then the praise of the low written record,
 The name and the epitaph graved on the stone?
 THE THINGS LIVED FOR,—let them be our Story,
 Ourselves but remembered by what we have done.

I need not be missed, if my life has been bearing,
 (As its summer and autumn moved silently on)
 The bloom, and the fruit, and the seed in its season,
 I shall still be remembered by what I have done.

I need not be missed, if another succeed me,
 To reap down these which in spring I have sown;
 He who plowed and who sowed is not missed by the reaper;
 He is only remembered by what he has done.

NOT MYSELF, but the TRUTH that in life I have spoken,
 Not MYSELF, but the seed that in life I have sown,
 Shall pass on to ages—all about me forgotten,
 SAVE THE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN, the THINGS
 I have done.

So let my living be, so be my dying,
 So let my name lie unblazoned, unknown;
 UNPRAISED AND UNMISSED, I shall still be remembered,
 Yes, but remembered by the good I have done."

—Bonar.

Kearney, Nebraska, July 23rd, 1921.

It is my request that the above true sentiment be read at the first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. & A. M., after my demise and if you think it proper you may do so. Use your own pleasure. It is not my composition but it is my sentiment.

Fraternally thine,
 (Signed) UNCLE BOB

Selections—Masonic Quartette, Plattsmouth.

M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Grand Master, introduced
 W. Brother C. Petrus Peterson, 19, Grand Orator, who delivered the following:

ORATION.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Honored as I feel because of the privilege of standing before you at this hour and pleasant as the task has seemed, I enter upon its performance with a good deal of hesitation. No finer setting could be afforded for an address than this gathering of chosen representatives of our honored fraternity.

But with the memorial services just concluded, wherein the roll of illustrious leaders has been called and special tribute rendered to the memory of one whom we all loved, one cannot but feel that silence should prevail rather than attempted oratory. Yet, the task has been assigned.

I have elected to speak on the topic:

THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE.

All human history is a record of adventure. From the time the first human being was commanded to stand on his feet, with his head erect, down through the centuries to our own time, humanity has sought to remember in legend, in song and in history the achievements of those who have ventured into the unknown and who have returned to tell of new discoveries.

Progress in civilization has been rapid or halting in the degree that the spirit of adventure has been dominant or subdued.

At all times there have been those who have sought to place arbitrary limitations and boundaries for humanity beyond which they should not seek to travel, lest they disturb the peace of mind of those who might be induced to remain satisfied with existing knowledge.

Recently I found a legend of a tribe living in a secluded valley surrounded by mountains on three sides and by the ocean on the fourth. In this tribe were all the ages of life from childhood to old age. They were in possession of a narrow valley in which they grew the necessary food on which to sustain life. In the tribe were certain wise men who were able to read from ancient books and in the ancient books it was written that God had placed the mountains about the valley and commanded that none should seek to scale their heights lest they be smitten by the wrath of the Almighty. From time to time, the legend recites, young men would defy the ancient writings and venture into the foothills never to return and their going was cited as conclusive proof of the verity of the writings in the ancient books. Then one year rain failed to fall in quantities sufficient to sustain vegetation and the members of the tribe grew hungry. A young man announced his determination to scale the mountains in search of a new country. The wise men read from the ancient books and warned him against his folly, but he persisted and was gone. During the weeks of his absence he was mourned as lost but in the evening twilight one day he stumbled back into camp, weary, footsore and bleeding. His young companions gathered around him and he whispered something in their ear and then died. The wise men read from the ancient books and announced his death as a further confirmation of the wrath of God. But the young companions had heard his message of a beautiful country lying beyond the mountains and, refusing to listen to the warnings of the ancient writings, they ventured forth along the path he had outlined and soon returned with tidings

of a beautiful country into which many of the tribe immediately went. The wise men lingered for a time but, driven by hunger, they too crossed the mountains and after some years an expedition came back into the little valley to gather up the bones of the discoverer and to place a monument at his grave on which was inscribed the record of his achievement.

Not unlike that has been the history of mankind and not infrequently have the members of our order been among those who ventured into the unknown.

Throughout its glorious history Masonry has been composed of those who have defied the limitations sought to be fixed for the human mind and soul. Many have suffered for their determination to follow the spirit of adventure.

Our history, as a nation, is peculiarly a record of adventure. From the time of the expedition of Columbus, leading to its discovery, down to 1927, adventure has been the dominant note of our national life. I love the story of the young dark-eyed lad, Martino Sanchez, who joined the expedition of Columbus. As he stood on the deck of *Sante Maria*, the flagship of the expedition, on the evening of the first day of that journey, and when, with the swells of the ocean tossing the little craft under his feet, he saw the shore lines of old Spain receding into the shadows at the east with the great unknown lying before him to the west, one can almost sense his thrill of adventure. And when, at length, Columbus was compelled to make terms with threatened mutiny and agree to a three-day limitation on further journeyings westward when the "three ships sailing west" would be turned back to the east, one can readily sense the heartbreaking disappointment of young Martino. But some great artist ought to paint the picture of the young lad on the morning of the third day when, standing by his chief at the prow of their vessel, he saw, in the dawn of that morning, the breakers rolling along the shoreline of a new world. From that day to the time when the young American aviator spanned the Atlantic in a single uninterrupted flight, our nation has been dominated by youthful ambition and unrestrained adventure.

In the founding of the Republic the love of adventure played its large part. The pathway of history had been strewn with the wreckage of governments. Some had failed because they were too strong and destroyed the liberties of the individual; others had failed because they were too weak and failed to guarantee the rights and liberties of the individual. The founders of the Republic, many of whom were members of our order, observing that the Creator had been able, out of two contending forces, centrifugal and centripetal, one pulling out and the other pulling in, to create a harmony so complete and so permanent as to keep the planets of the heavens within their orbits, conceived it to be possible to bring into harmony the contending forces of liberty and authority into a system in which those who govern are selected by the governed, but are not controlled by them. We are still a part of the great American adventure in government.

Not only was the discovery of our country and the founding of our government epochal adventures, but the migration from the Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific by American pioneers is perhaps the world's outstanding epic of human adventure. Every winter found the smoke rising from the open fire-

places of primitive cabins in the wilderness a little farther to the westward until at length the advance guard of the pioneers stood at the western edge of the timber country and saw the sun set, without shadows, among the rolling plains of the middle west. The generation of adventurers who, finding neither wood nor stone out of which to fashion a shelter for their families, broke the sods of the prairie and constructed therefrom the habitations of the plains, the generation of the sod houses and the covered wagon, is about passing from the field of activity and, not infrequently, young men and young women in our environment are disposed to think of the days of adventure as belonging to a bygone age. Nothing could be further from the truth. Adventure is not limited to journeys of exploration nor to the founding of governments nor to pioneering in unsettled areas of the world.

Our own era has been predominately an era of adventure in material science. When the "shepherds kept watch over their flocks by night" on the hills of ancient Palestine, astronomers gazed out into the starry heavens, with unaided eye, named and numbered the stars, learned of their coming and going, and were content. Their children invented a telescope and, directing it out into space, they learned the limitations of the human eye and found that numberless stars and planets lie beyond the limits of unaided human vision. Again their children made more powerful telescopes and by each successive step millions of miles of interstellar spaces were added with corresponding increase in the myriad solar systems previously unknown, and tonight scientists, sitting before their giant telescopes, more adequately realize the limitations of finite beings and the majesty of the infinite.

While astronomers were thus engaged other scientists were inverting the lenses and studying the minute details of the material world. Ultimately the atom was declared to be the final, indivisible and indestructible content of all that is. But, with better light and with increased capacity to see the little things, the atom itself exploded and instead of being a lump of inactive clay, it turns out to be a universe of planets revolving one about the other with spaces between, which, in comparison with the electrons, are interstellar spaces and scientists in the laboratory, bending over their microscopes, give humble recognition of the limitations of science in following the orderly processes of the created universe in its minute detail.

The adventurer in the laboratory has not been limited to a study of inorganic matter. By the same processes, life has been followed, step by step, and micro organisms so infinitesimal in dimension as to wholly escape detection, save by the most powerful microscope, have come within our line of vision and among them have been found many of the enemies of the human race and the sources of disease which in bygone centuries have swept millions of human beings into an untimely grave. Their isolation and the finding of means for their destruction form as striking an adventure as any journey of man into unexplored areas of the world.

While these adventures have been taking place, mankind has also been engaged in tremendous adventures in the development of mechanical power. When the pyramids were built, the only known source of power was the power of muscle either of man or of his beasts of burden. From the time of the building of the pyramids down to the time of the founding of our Republic,

there was added to the power of muscle of man and beast the power of water falling on the water-wheel and the pressure of wind on the Holland type of windmill. It remained for the more recent period to discover and develop the power of steam by means of which an untold amount of human drudgery was eliminated and the era of steam became the era of industrial development. Our own generation has seen new adventures in the field of power with that new and as yet almost unknown energy which we call electricity. Again this new power has been utilized to end other forms of human drudgery both in the mill and factory and in the smaller, but none the less irksome, tasks of the housewife in the home. The adventures in this field are yet of daily occurrence and no man dare venture to predict the undeveloped possibilities of this field. Its influence upon the social order has as yet been only remotely perceived. Where the power of steam produced congestion of population in the vicinity of gigantic plants, this new and more mobile power bids fair to accomplish a decentralization.

We have, then, the adventures of exploration lying largely behind us since most of the habitable surface of the world has been explored. The adventures in forms of government continue perhaps with less zest, but by no means without interest. The adventures of pioneer life in our own country belong largely to the yesterdays. The adventures in the laboratory continue with unabated interest and fascination. The adventures in the field of power development, with corresponding elimination of human drudgery, are in their infancy and, at most any moment, we may anticipate that some discoverer will announce the addition of some new source of energy as much in advance of the electric power, both in volume and adaptability, as electric power is beyond the power of muscle of man and beast.

The great field of adventure, however, for the coming generation is that field which lies beyond the realm of the material. Mankind has only begun to study and to comprehend the nonmaterial forces in the universe belonging to the realm of mind and of soul. Just as the contemporaries of Galileo scoffed at his new ideas and ultimately destroyed his life because he refused to conform to tradition, and just as the carpenter of Nazareth was ultimately crucified because he declined to be bound by forms and traditions, so we observe in our own environment a constant struggle between the old and the new. Wise men yet point to mountain ranges which they assert have been placed about us to limit our field of investigation. It happens that in our own time conservatism is not limited to a priesthood reading from ancient books. A conservatism is also developing in the scientific laboratory of material science; and, as we observe them, the bigotry of the priesthood finds quite its counterpart in the bigotry of the man in the laboratory. A spirit of intolerance, quite worthy of Clement V, may be found in both groups. The one says, "if it has not been written in the ancient books, it lies beyond the mountain range which the Creator has placed about his children, and those who undertake to search must inevitably come under the influence of the wrath of the Almighty." The other says, "unless it can be brought under the lense of the microscope or weighed or measured or demonstrated in the laboratory of material science, it lies beyond the realm of truth and should be treated as the vain vaporings of distorted minds."

An organization such as ours, dedicated to the defense of freedom of thought and of individual responsibility of man to his Maker, finds the intolerance of the one as reprehensible as the intolerance of the other.

When scientists by their painstaking methods read the wonderful story of the unfolding life on our planet, as recorded in the ancient hills and fossil beds, and when they reconstruct the tree of life and announce the relative positions occupied by the various branches and find that the human species fits into the tree of life and constitutes its topmost shoot, I find no difficulty in giving mental assent to their conclusions. On the contrary, the story they read in the laboratory and in the fossil beds, is so fully corroborative of what many of us have accepted from the lips of the prophets and seers of the race as inspired truth, that it appears as a glorious confirmation rather than a modification.

Bigotry has claimed many victims in ages past and there are those in our own time who would not be unwilling to light the fagots about the body of eminent scientists who, with the loftiest motives and highest integrity, are questioning nature and studying nature's laws with a view of finding the truth. Many of these men of science are like Linne, the great scientist of the northland, who, when he had studied the flowers of the field and found beneath their variety of form and color a unity of plan and system, said: "I saw God passing near me and I bowed my head in worship." Or with Tennyson, when he plucked the flower from among the ruins of the wall, they are prepared to say:

"Flower in the crannied wall,
I pluck you out of the crannies
I hold you here, root and all, in my hand,
Little flower—but if I could understand
What you are, root and all, and all in all,
I should know what God and Man is."

There can be no conflict between truth and truth; and if, as it appears, man is a part of the age-long development of animal life, those who bring to us confirmation thereof deserve to be heard whether what they find conforms to our preconceived notions, or to our interpretation of the writings in the ancient books.

The scientist has been a benefactor of the human race and still is. By long and tedious journey he has scaled the mountain heights and he has brought back to us the story of wonderful realms lying beyond with food and clothing and shelter and comfort for mankind. We have followed him into that country and we are the heirs and beneficiaries of his discoveries. Any priesthood which condemns him for having sought to break through the barriers which tradition has placed, will some day be among those who aid in the erection of monuments to commemorate the achievement of the man in the laboratory of material science.

It so happens, however, that some scientists who deal with material science are disposed, in turn, to announce other barriers beyond which humanity shall not travel. Recently I was told of a great and learned physician who announced that he had carefully dissected and analyzed every part of man but had not found a soul. If this learned man of material science expected to find

the human soul under the microscope in his laboratory, he might as well have expected to have found the manuscript of Shakespeare placed within the brain cavities of their author, or the paintings of Michael Angelo within the skull of the great artist, or the blueprints of the magnificent State Capitol, soon to be the source of legitimate pride for all Nebraskans, under the skull bones of Bertram Goodhue.

These have come, not out of the laboratory, but out of the dream stream of the ages, the ebb and flow of which does not yield to the observation, much less the control, of the laboratory.

There is a tone of finality about the statement of the present day scientist, particularly within the halls of learning where the youth of the nation is expected to obtain its inspiration, which may well be disconcerting to those who look for progress on the basis of free thought and high adventure. Youth is disposed to give credence to this finality not because it is unwilling to follow the spirit of adventure into new fields, but because it desires to imitate the attitude of those whose position indicates that they have been chosen to teach by reason of superior wisdom.

It was my privilege not long since to make an interesting contact with a group of these young people. This group of students from the University of Nebraska had organized what they called a Sunday evening club with the purpose of affording an opportunity for discussion on subjects of current interest. Among other topics they elected to discuss evolution and they secured one of the very learned scholars of the State University to present by lecture and by stereopticon slides the story of the evolution of man and the evidence supporting the hypothesis of his descent from lower orders of animal life. The young people found some difficulty in finding a spokesman to present another side and at length, for lack of anything better, requested that I present such criticism of the theory of evolution as I might find available. In approaching my subject I stated a desire to find the attitude of those who were in my audience and asked them to answer four questions. First, "How many of you believe in evolution?" And every hand went up, full arm's length, without hesitation. I said my second question is, "How many of you believe that you have descended from a lower order of animals?" And every hand went up—some full arm's length, some half way and some with hesitation, but all hands were up. I said, "You seem to constitute rather a one-sided audience, but I have two more questions. "How many of you believe that you have a soul?" All hands went up full arm's length save one. I asked him if he did not believe he had a soul and his answer was, "I don't know." I said: "Now for the fourth question, "How many of you believe that the soul you say you believe you have descended from a lower order of animals," and no hand went up.

We then proceeded on the theory that the learned scholar had accounted for the origin of the material body in which we live, but had not presumed to speak either for origin or for process of development of that part of man which constitutes his real self and which we confidentially anticipate shall have a continued existence after the bone and tissue, which constitutes the material body, shall have returned to its primitive elements.

The true scientists recognize the limitations imposed upon the material

laboratory and the existence of a field, not only equally important, but vastly more important lying beyond the realm which he is investigating.

Great as is our contempt for a priesthood and for the following of a priesthood which undertakes, on a basis of tradition, to inspire hatred and animosity toward the man of science who announces his findings in the laboratory, I have an even more supreme contempt for the man in the laboratory who, by his sneers and scoffing in the classroom, seeks to place a limitation upon the field of adventure which the boys and girls might investigate and who seeks on a basis of material findings, to deny the existence of that realm of truth and of life which his forms do not fit and his measurements cannot fathom because it is of the spirit and destined to an immortal life.

"We are such stuff as dreams are made of
And our little life is rounded with a sleep,
Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting,
The soul that rises with us, our life's star,
Has had elsewhere its setting and cometh from afar,
Not in entire forgetfulness nor yet in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we come from God who is our home."

So long as human life remains what it is, adventure will never cease for every life is a new adventure.

All credit to the scientist in his laboratory for his past achievements. We wish him well in his further search for truth. May his days be long and his spirit of adventure unrestrained! But we claim for the boys and girls of today and for their children the joy of life's sweetest experiences and the soul's supreme adventure,—a conscious relationship with a Supreme Intelligence. We want them to feel free to scale the mountain heights and, face to the wind, journey where they will in this spiritual realm of life.

The period before us gives promise of great things. Certain periods in history seem devoted to a breaking up of established conditions. These are plowing periods. Our recent past has been such a period. The plows of God moved over the surface of the earth in the world war. The crusts of tradition were broken up for new harvests. This is seeding time.

In our own environment we can not escape a consciousness of a new world in the making. A new people is emerging out of a strange mixture of people. Looking backward to the beginnings of recorded human history, we see a stream of humanity coming, millions upon millions, out of differing conditions of life, with differing traditions, with a variety of languages, coming from whence no one knows. From this stream have been singled out the venture-some of every tribe and nation to merge into a new composite race of Americans.

I love to think of this new race. When this new race emerges it will not be English, neither will it be French nor Irish, nor German nor Spanish, nor Italian nor Scandinavian, nor any other of the old established nationalities. But this new race will have the English love of free institutions; it will have the wit and sprightliness of the Irish; it will have the vivacity of the French; the Italian love of art and music; the sturdy, painstaking qualities of the German, laboriously at work in his laboratory, and I love to think it will have something of the blue eyes of the north with some of the Scandinavian quality

which loves music in a minor key. It will be the heir of the good qualities of all of its composite ancestry. Can you see them as they march on down the centuries of the future, strong, courageous, liberty loving, God-fearing men and women, like the gods and goddesses of which poets have sung, dominated by a spirit of high adventure?

The Charley Lindberghs of this new composite race will not only soar serenely along the ethereal spaces between the new and the old world, fearless as the eagles, meeting ancient royalty of kings and queens on a basis of equality and at the same time winning the warm hearted understanding and cordial affection of the humblest citizen, but, as naturally as the swallow returns to its last years' nest, as naturally as the homing pigeon wings its flight to its home, they will also launch out upon their supreme adventure of finding God, to know Whom is life eternal. The Spirit of Adventure shall lead them forever on.

The Masonic Quartette of Plattsmouth rendered several beautiful selections, which were generously applauded by the Brethren.

M. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Past Grand Master, moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to W. Brother C. Petrus Peterson, for his masterly oration, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication in the Proceedings. Motion carried.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master, moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the Masonic Quartette of Plattsmouth, for so generously giving of their time and talent for the entertainment of the Grand Lodge. Motion unanimously adopted.

At 10 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

June 8th, 1927.

At nine o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

R. W. E. E. Morris, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri, was introduced, and given a

hearty welcome by the Grand Master, conducted to the Grand East and given the Grand Honors. R. W. Brother Morris responded to the welcome in a way all his own, and quickly won his way into the hearts of the Masons of Nebraska, as he has in the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Senior Deacon to present Brother Garnet A. Bash, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, who was warmly welcomed by the Grand Master and invited to have a seat in the Grand East. Brother Bash expressed his appreciation and pleasure in being presented at the session of the Grand Lodge, and thanked the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge for the hearty welcome which he had received.

The Grand Master announced that the hour had arrived for the election of officers, and appointed the Deputy Grand Custodians to act as tellers. The following officers were elected:

Bro.: Albert R. Davis, 120.....	Grand Master.
Bro.: Frank H. Woodland, 25.....	Deputy Grand Master.
Bro.: Ira C. Freet, 56.....	Grand Senior Warden.
Bro.: Orville A. Andrews, 19.....	Grand Junior Warden.
Bro.: Lewis E. Smith, 136.....	Grand Secretary.

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Bro.: Charles M. Shepherd, 54.....	Grand Chaplain.
Bro.: William D. Redmond, 170.....	Grand Orator.
Bro.: Lute M. Savage, 3.....	Grand Custodian.
Bro.: John R. Tapster, 119.....	Grand Marshal.
Bro.: J. Dean Ringer, 184.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro.: Edwin B. Johnston, 33.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.: John W. Disbrow, 11.....	Grand Tyler.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Brothers Ralph O. Canaday, 285; Lester R. Slonecker, 302; J. Dean Ringer, 184; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Mark J. Lipman, 254; William C. Smith, 136; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Brothers Lewis E. Smith, 136, Edwin D. Crites, 158, Charles A. Chappell, 127; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brothers John B. Lichtenwallner, 272, Chairman (4 years); Edwin C. Yont, 162 (5 years); Millard M. Robertson, 3 (3 years); Benjamin F. Pitman, 158 (2 years); Charles E. Burnham, 166 (1 year); Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

Brothers Henry H. Wilson, 19; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; John R. Webster, 3; Committee on Promotion of the World's Peace.

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

Brothers Charles M. Shepherd, 54; Ambrose C. Epperson, 139; Ralph O. Canaday, 285; Edwin H. Gerhart, 305; John R. Tapster, 119; Committee on Masonic Education.

Brothers Edwin C. Yont, 162 (1929); Frederick Eiche, 54 (1929); John B. Lichtenwallner, 272 (1928); Charles E. Burnham, 166 (1928); Benjamin F. Pitman, 158 (1930); Millard M. Robertson, 3 (1930); Committee representing the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Brothers Frank Wilcox, 1 (5 years); Harold M. Smith, 92, (4 years); Luther M. Kuhns, 3 (3 years); John R. Webster, 3 (2 years); Samuel S. Whiting, 54 (1 year); Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts.

W. Brother Ralph A. Newell, 303, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge office, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

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

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office desires to submit the following report:

We have carefully inspected the Grand Lodge office and have conferred with your Grand Secretary, in this connection. We find that the equipment in the Grand Lodge office is in excellent condition and efficient for the carrying on of the work of this office, with the following exceptions:

The Grand Secretary is very much in need of an oak table and a steel filing cabinet, sufficient for filing legal sized reports and also for the filing of cards in index form.

The rugs in the Grand Lodge library are in need of cleaning and this should be done as soon as possible.

We recommend that an appropriation of not to exceed \$250.00 be made, for the improvement and care of the Grand Lodge office.

W. William D. Redmond, 170, for the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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 A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska for 1926, have checked the deliberations of that session, and find that there is no unfinished business claiming the attention of the Grand Lodge, except Recommendation No. 4 of Grand Master Wright, pertaining to demits.

This Recommendation was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, this Committee not having made a report, we recommend that the matter go over until next year.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND MASTER'S APRON.

Brother Luther M. Kuhns, 3, requested permission to address the Grand Lodge, and particularly the Grand Master-elect. Permission being granted, Brother Kuhns spoke as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

On the evening of the 14th day of May, it was my good fortune to be in the home of the Most Worshipful Grand Master-elect with one of his clients. We spent a pleasant evening in delightful fellowship in the home of Brother Davis, and there now comes to my mind some of the anecdotes and some of the stories that were told.

I was there, as you remember, in company with Brother John T. Bressler. Worshipful Brother John T. Bressler was made a Mason fifty years ago. He has been a charter member of two Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. He was made a Master Mason at West Point, and this coming December he will celebrate his "golden wedding" in Masonry. He is not simply a member; he is really a *Mason*.

It has been my privilege to know Brother Bressler for thirty-six years, even since I was but practically a stripling. In all these years that friendship has continued unabated. Today this friendship imposes upon me a most pleasant duty; that duty, Brother Davis, is on behalf of one of your clients who appreciates that because of the labors of this office you are liable to be impoverished, as you stated that evening, by its multifarious duties. As Brother Crites is just laying down the responsibilities of office, as a token of appreciation of your valued services, of his kind regard for you as both a friend and a Mason whom he has known for a long time; and because of his interest in Masonry, his love and affection for the Fraternity that means so much to him, Brother John T. Bressler presents, Sir, to you, as the incoming Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, a Grand Master's Apron. After your installation, we trust you will wear it on all official occasions, and when you, like Brother Crites, shall lay down the arduous duties of your office, you will pass it on to your successor, as this apron is to be the property of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Brother Bressler, will you kindly stand up.

Brethren, this is Brother John T. Bressler, and (holding up the apron) this is the apron and its case lies open before you. It is the best of its kind that money can buy. Brother Bressler is of the opinion that there is nothing too good for Brother Davis, and nothing too good for the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. As I hand it to you, I trust you will receive and wear it with the affectionate regard of Brother Bressler.

RESPONSE BY M. W. ALBERT R. DAVIS, GRAND MASTER
ELECT.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Kuhns, as the representative of Brother Bressler, and Brethren:

At this time I think I will apportion to myself one of the best compliments that can come to a lawyer; and that is, in having a client, after the relationship of lawyer and client is established, who can make gifts of this kind.

May I pause for just a moment to call your attention to the Democracy of Masonry. In 1901, coming from a neighboring State to this Jurisdiction, without a friend, and without money, I located in Northeastern Nebraska, at Wayne. I early made the acquaintance of this friend, this Brother, this client. Some time thereafter the Brethren of Wayne made me a Mason; by your vote this morning you have elected me to the highest office that is in your power to give, and now comes this splendid friend of mine and makes this splendid and wonderful gift.

Let me tell you something more about this Brother, in addition to what Brother Kuhns has already said. He is a homesteader of Wayne County; he is a Pioneer of Northeastern Nebraska; he has stood by and observed the making of most of the history of this Grand Lodge. I know it is a happy moment for him this morning, that his son sits in our midst, Master-elect of Wayne Lodge. When you go out upon the highways of Nebraska, you see the emblem of the covered wagon. Brother Bressler is one of the drivers of one of those covered wagons; his life has been rich in the community; his life has been rich among the fraternity.

Brother Bressler, on behalf of myself and the Grand Masters who shall follow me, I accept this gift with the deepest appreciation that its purity may be emblematic of the administration of these officers. May its richness be emblematic of the fruits of this Grand Lodge throughout the years to come.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, not on my behalf, but on behalf of the Grand Masters who shall follow me, may the Craft under your direction, extend to Brother Bressler the Grand Honors.

The Grand Honors were then given to Brother John T. Bressler.

W. Alfred G. Hunt, 33, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to which was referred the petition for a Lodge under dispensation at College View, Nebraska, the petition for a Lodge under dispensation at Primrose, Nebraska, and the 2 petitions for a Lodge under dispensation at Columbus, Nebraska.

Also to the change of location of Diamond Lodge No. 291 from Royal, Nebraska, to Orchard, Nebraska.

Also pertaining to the arrest of the charter of Lebanon Lodge No. 58, A. F. & A. M. of Columbus, Nebraska.

We beg leave to report that we have carefully examined all documents, reports and evidence submitted to us, and recommend:

No. 1.—That a dispensation be granted to College View, and that they hold concurrent jurisdiction with the Lincoln Lodges,

No. 2.—That after careful consideration and in due regard for the best interests of Masonry, we recommend, that the request of the Brethren at Primrose, Nebraska, for a Lodge under dispensation, be not granted.

No. 3.—That after carefully examining all documentary and hearing all oral evidence, it is the opinion of your Committee, that the deplorable condition now existing at Columbus, Nebraska, could not be cleared or solved by granting any dispensations, and we recommend that the two requests for Lodges under dispensation be not granted at this time.

No. 4.—That we approve the action of the Grand Master in moving the meeting place of Diamond Lodge No. 291, A. F. & A. M. from Royal, Nebraska, to Orchard, Nebraska, on account of not having a suitable place to meet at Royal, on condition that said change be deemed merely temporary, and for purposes of jurisdiction the home of the Lodge be considered as remaining at Royal, and we further recommend that the present jurisdiction of said Diamond Lodge No. 291, remain as it was when the meeting place was at Royal.

No. 5.—After taking into consideration the findings of the Grievance Committee and the thorough investigation of the Grand Master, we do approve the action of the Grand Master in arresting the charter of Lebanon Lodge No. 58, A. F. & A. M. of Columbus, Nebraska, and we therefore recommend that the charter of Lebanon Lodge be cancelled and the Lodge terminated.

Paragraphs Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 were, after discussion, adopted.

W. Archie M. Smith, 203, presented the Concurrence of Committee on Grievances, with report of Committee on Charters and Dispensations, as to Lebanon Lodge No. 58, Columbus.

CONCURRENCE OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES WITH REPORT
OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS AS
TO LEBANON LODGE NO. 58.

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

The Committee on Grievances having been called into consultation with the Committee on Charters and Dispensations with reference to the situation in Lebanon Lodge No. 58 of Columbus, hereby concur with the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations in that respect.

Past Grand Master Charles A. Chappell moved as a substitute to paragraph 5 of the report, as follows:

“That the matter be deferred until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and that it be presented for consideration and action at that time.”

The substitute motion prevailed, and the report as amended was then adopted as a whole.

At 11 o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

VISIT TO THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for the purpose of visiting the Childrens Homes located at Fremont, 45 miles north and west of Omaha. A fleet of approximately 125 automobiles, furnished by the Masons of Omaha, were assembled on 19th street, west of the Masonic Temple; ample provision having been made to convey the Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, Past Grand Masters, members of the Grand Lodge, and a number of ladies who accompanied the Brethren. A delightful drive over Military Highway, through one of the richest farming communities to be found anywhere, was enjoyed. The day was ideal; the crops were giving promise of a bountiful harvest, and nowhere could be found a more beautiful scene than the winding paved road through the fields of grain and corn.

On arriving at Fremont, the Grand Lodge, and its guests were welcomed by the members of Fremont Lodge No. 15, and conducted to the Methodist Episcopal Church, where a very bountiful dinner was quickly served and very much enjoyed by all present. The visitors were then taken to the Home grounds, where the afternoon was spent in inspecting the three Homes, the farm house, and the proposed site for the new cottage, which the Committee had recommended be built this year. It was a revelation to many of the Brethren to see the 53 well dressed, contented, and happy children, who form our family group at Fremont. The Superintendent and the three Matrons served as a reception committee, the larger girls and boys assisting by conducting the visitors through the cottages and over the grounds. The cottage where the small children live, seemed to be the center of attraction. 16 of these children are under 10 years of age; 6 being under school age. It is safe to say that the children enjoyed the afternoon fully as much as the Brethren who visited them.

At 5 o'clock P. M., the Brethren again entered the cars and were driven to Omaha over the Lincoln Highway. After arriving in Omaha, they were taken to the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Boys, where a splendid picnic supper was served, through the courtesy of the 11 Omaha Lodges. During the supper, Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. Band, and Chanters,

very delightfully entertained with selections. Later the Brethren were conducted to the Masonic Temple, following a most enjoyable and instructive afternoon.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, June 9th, 1927.

At 9 o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

It having been announced that M. W. John Pickard, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri, was in waiting, the Grand Master appointed Past Grand Master Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri, to escort the Distinguished Visitor to the Grand Lodge. He was received and warmly welcomed by the Grand Master, conducted to the Grand East and given the Grand Honors. M. W. Brother Pickard responded by giving a very interesting address, and thanked the Grand Master and the Brethren of the Grand Lodge for their very cordial welcome. In the course of Grand Master Pickard's remarks, he mentioned the fact that he represented a Grand Jurisdiction, one of whose members had just completed the first flight across the Atlantic, and stated that Brother Charles A. Lindbergh had been made a Mason in one of the St. Louis Lodges last year.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, presented a Resolution to clear the title to several lots in the city of Omaha, upon which the Orphans Educational Fund had held a mortgage which had been paid, but the records of the Grand Lodge did not show that the Committee that released the mortgage, had such authority. The Resolution was presented to clear any defect in the title that may have existed, so far as the releasing of this mortgage affects the title to the property.

RESOLUTION.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following preambles and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS heretofore and on June 21st, 1866, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, by resolution duly adopted, provided for and has since maintained through appointment by the Grand

Master of this Grand Lodge, a special committee of three members, constituting and known as the Board of Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, and,

WHEREAS on or about April 18th, 1900, said Board of Trustees of said Orphans Educational Fund in payment of a certain mortgage held by it, accepted a quit claim deed from Eleazer Wakeley to the premises in Douglas County, Nebraska, described as Lots Thirty-seven (37) and Thirty-eight (38) in Block Twelve (12), Briggs Place, an addition to the City of Omaha, Nebraska, which deed appears of record in Book 234, at Page 230, of the Deed Records of Douglas County, Nebraska, and,

WHEREAS on March 15th, 1906, Frank H. Young, Melville R. Hopewell, and Charles K. Coutant, the then acting Board of Trustees of said Orphans Educational Fund, sold to Julius Thiele said described Lots Thirty-seven (37) and Thirty-eight (38) in Block Twelve (12) in Briggs Place, an addition to the City of Omaha, Nebraska, for a consideration of \$1700.00, which deed was on April 20th, 1906, recorded in Book 294 at Page 199 of the Deed Records of Douglas County, Nebraska, and to secure part of the purchase price thereof, took back a mortgage on said described lots from Julius Thiele and Jessie Thiele, husband and wife, for the sum of \$1200.00, which mortgage was on April 20th, 1906, duly recorded in Book 322, at Page 81, of the Mortgage Records of Douglas County, Nebraska, and,

WHEREAS on March 30th, 1911, said mortgagors paid off said described \$1200.00 mortgage, and thereupon Frank H. Young, Melville R. Hopewell and M. Dowling, (the latter having succeeded Charles K. Coutant), the then acting Board of Trustees of said Orphans Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. & A. M., executed and delivered a release of said mortgage, which release was on April 27th, 1911, duly recorded in Book 384 at Page 72 of the Mortgage Records of Douglas County, Nebraska.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, in regular session assembled, that the acts and proceedings of said Board of Trustees of Orphans Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons be, and the same are hereby ratified, confirmed and in all things approved, and the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, is hereby authorized and directed to execute under the corporate seal of this Grand Lodge, and then deliver to the present record owners of said Lots Thirty-seven (37) and Thirty-eight (38), Block Twelve (12), Briggs Place, an addition to the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, as surveyed, platted and recorded, a proper certificate showing due adoption of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officers of this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby authorized and directed to execute under the corporate seal of this Grand Lodge, and then deliver to the present record owners of said Lots Thirty-seven (37) and Thirty-eight (38), Block Twelve (12), Briggs Place, an addition to the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, proper confirmatory deeds covering said described premises.

W. Arthur B. Carpenter, 55, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

REPORT OF 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. 4, 46, 77, 116, 140, 144, 168, 172, 219, 237, 269, 276, 277 and 301.

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Edwin D. Crites	Grand Master.
R. W. Albert R. Davis	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Frank H. Woodland	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Ira C. Freet	Grand Junior Warden.
M. W. Lewis E. Smith	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Charles M. Shepherd	Grand Chaplain.
W. C. Petrus Peterson	Grand Orator.
W. Lute M. Savage	Grand Custodian.
W. Orville A. Andrews	Grand Marshal.
W. John R. Tapster	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. J. Dean Ringer	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. John W. Disbrow	Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Masters: M. W. Brothers George H. Thummel, Samuel P. Davidson, Henry H. Wilson, Charles E. Burnham, James R. Cain, Jr., Samuel S. Whiting, Ambrose C. Epperson, John J. Tooley, Joseph B. Fradenburg, Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, Robert R. Dickson, and John Wright.

Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska: Brothers Earl M. Bolen, Alberta; John Finch, British Columbia; John R. Webster, Canada; Samuel P. Davidson, Connecticut; Ambrose C. Epperson, Florida; Frank H. Woodland, Georgia; George H. Thummel, Illinois; Ira C. Freet, Ireland; Henry H. Heiler, Kansas; John Wright, Manitoba; Frank Wilcox, Mexico; Lewis E. Smith, Michigan; Lamont L. Stephens, Mississippi; Samuel S. Whiting, Missouri; Charles S. McGill, Montana; Theodore F. Goold, Nevada; James W. Wynkoop, New Brunswick; Albert R. Davis, New York; Henry H. Andrews, North Dakota; Henry H. Wilson, Nova Scotia; Charles A. Eyre, Oregon; John J. Tooley, Philippine Islands; Charles E. Burnham, Prince Edward Island; Charles M. Shepherd, Puerto Rico; Edwin D. Crites, Quebec; Robert B. Walker, Queensland; John R. Tapster, 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; William D. Spicknall, Utah; Orville A. Andrews, Wisconsin.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska No. 1	Herman E. Reimers.	Jesse W. Hazlett.	*Frank Wilcox
Western Star. " 2	*Henry W. Carson.	Dudley I. Manrose.	George W. Smith
Capitol. " 3	*Lute M. Savage.	*Lute M. Savage.	*Lute M. Savage
Nemaha Valley " 4			
Omadi. " 5	*Henry H. Adair		
Plattsmouth. " 6	Willis R. Holmes.	Raymond C. Cook.	*Wm. A. Robertson
Falls City. " 9	Quinton V. Lively.	James S. Hillyard.	William B. Wannier
Solomon. " 10	Clemens B. Newman.	Bruce R. Cox.	Richard T. Sievers
Covert. " 11	Robert W. Craig.	Floyd H. Hoyt.	Arthur G. Bloom
Orient. " 13	*John C. Shepherd.		*John A. Hall
Peru. " 14	George W. Brown.	*Spencer W. Hacker.	Carroll Lewis
Fremont. " 15	*J. Frank Gardner.	Henry C. Meadows.	*J. Frank Gardner
Tecumseh. " 17	Harold S. Halsted.	*Harry S. Villars.	*Thomas J. Buckley
Lincoln. " 19	John M. Bennett.		
Washington. " 21	Ernest A. Schmidt.	Samuel Stevens.	John A. Carrigan
Pawnee. " 23		John Harold Wilson.	Maurice B. Becker
Saint Johns. " 25	Jacob L. Kaley.	Carl A. Fried.	Matthew I. Dolphin
Beatrice. " 26		Charles G. Baird.	
Jordan. " 27			Walter S. Crabtree
Hope. " 29	*Charles V. Harris.	*Charles V. Harris.	
Blue River. " 30		Thomas Swearingen.	
Tekamah. " 31	*Carl L. Holland.		Samuel E. McCurdy
Platte Valley. " 32	Carl R. Greisen.	Arnold F. Beeler.	*Samuel Goozee
Ashlar. " 33	*Edwin B. Johnston.	*Jesse D. Whitmore.	*Alfred G. Hunt
Acacia. " 34		*Fred F. Thomas.	
Fairbury. " 35	Arthur J. Denney.		J. Lyndon Thornton
Lone Tree. " 36	Guy W. Anderson.	Grant S. Moe.	*Seward E. Cogswell
Crete. " 37	*James A. Brownell.	Chauncey C. Lillibridge.	
Oliver. " 38	Roy M. White.	Samuel S. Weatherby.	
Papillion. " 39	Robert B. Armstrong.		
Humboldt. " 40		Erwin A. Lionberger.	
Northern Light " 41	*David C. Spangler.		
Juniata. " 42	*Edgar A. Buskirk.	*Edgar A. Buskirk.	*Tim N. Cannon
Hebron. " 43	*Harvey W. Hess.		
Harvard. " 44	George M. Porter.		
Rob Morris. " 46			
Fairmont. " 48	Ernest T. Parnell.	Sidney E. Atwood.	
Evening Star. " 49	John R. Easley.	Reuben F. Blacketer.	*Arthur N. Burlingame
Hastings. " 50	Guy L. Adcock.	Glenn L. Easton.	Herman W. Aspergren
Fidelity. " 51	*Egbert R. Watson.		
Hiram. " 52	Frederick W. Pfeifer.	Chester E. Pfeifer.	
Charity. " 53	Marion Bloom.		*William D. Edson
Lancaster. " 54	*Victor Seymour.	Jess T. Turner.	*Chauncey W. Smith
Mosaic. " 55	*Alfred A. Barnes.	Alfred A. Barnes.	*Alfred A. Barnes
York. " 56		Joseph J. Schneider.	Joseph P. Gillilan
Mount Moriah " 57	Ferdinand H. Reuter.	Loren W. Chandler.	
Lebanon. " 58			
Wahoo. " 59	*Charles J. Lehmkuhl.	*Nile O. Walther.	*John C. Hamilton
Melrose. " 60		Isaac N. Watkins.	
Thistle. " 61	*Fred C. Warnemunde.	James C. Smith.	*Charles F. Locke
Keystone. " 62		Lemuel W. Killian.	
Riverton. " 63	*George W. Thompson.		
Blue Valley. " 64		George D. Hiatt.	

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Osecola.....	65 *I. Donald Huston.....	Fred T. Butz.....	
Edgar.....	67 Charles H. Merrill.....	*Charles H. Merrill.....	*Charles H. Merrill
Aurora.....	68 *William T. Ronin.....		
Sterling.....	70	Leslie E. Yeast.....	
Trowel.....	71	Alfred J. Sellery.....	
Hooper.....	72 William A. Lallman.....	Herbert T. Ring.....	Herman H. Lallman
Friend.....	73 *Paul M. Rogers.....	Paul M. Rogers.....	John Krebs
Alexandria.....	74 *Henry C. Waltermath.....	*Ben L. Terry.....	
Frank Welch.....	75 Earl W. Ledbetter.....	Walter K. Hodgkin.....	
Joppa.....	76 George Farrington.....	William S. Payne.....	
Nelson.....	77		
Albion.....	78 Lonnie E. Cummins.....	Roger I. Blotter.....	Frank E. Clark
Geneva.....	79	Lee W. Thompson.....	Charles V. Glenn
Composite.....	81 Frank G. Osterreicher.....	*Pearl C. Hillegoss.....	
Saint Paul.....	82 *Harrison M. Klippel.....	F. Edward Thompson.....	
Corinthian.....	83 V. H. Robert Hanson.....		
Fairfield.....	84 *Edward B. Schmidt.....	*Edward B. Schmidt.....	Edward B. Schmidt
Tyre.....	85 *George N. Bragg.....		
Doniphan.....	86 *Will G. Smith.....		
Ionic.....	87	Ira C. Cook.....	
Star.....	88 Elber B. Beck.....	H. Chris Larson.....	*John G. Maryott
Cedar River.....	89	William M. Calhoun.....	
Elk Creek.....	90 *Ralph D. Hall.....	Ralph D. Hall.....	*Henry H. Brauer
Oakland.....	91 *Paul L. Nelson.....	Paul L. Nelson.....	*Paul L. Nelson
Hubbell.....	92 Earl D. Creswell.....		
Beaver City.....	93 William B. Whitney.....		
Bennett.....	94	Albert J. Kiplin.....	
Garfield.....	95 Ross E. Harris.....		
Utica.....	96 Alfred James White.....	Carl L. Caldwell.....	Wm Austin Richmond
Euclid.....	97 *Everett B. Taylor.....	*Everett B. Taylor.....	*Chris Rasmussen
Republican.....	98	Walter V. Houtz.....	
Shelton.....	99	Ferdinand J. Hansen.....	
Creighton.....	100 *H. Wilce Scoue.....		H. Wilce Scoue
Ponca.....	101 *William F. Richardson.....		
Waterloo.....	102 *James C. Robinson.....	Laurence C. Noyes.....	
Ord.....	103	William E. Walters.....	
Wymore.....	104 *Auberon B. McCarty.....	Auberon B. McCarty.....	*Auberon B. McCarty
Stella.....	105	Robert R. Draper.....	
Porter.....	106 Ira Daddow.....	Otis L. Blakeley.....	*Ernest Thode
Table Rock.....	108	Wm. B. Hastings.....	
Pomegranate.....	110	S. Frank Woodward.....	
DeWitt.....	111 John D. Quackenbush.....		
Springfield.....	112 Joseph M. Elwell, Jr.....	John L. Miller.....	
Globe.....	113		
Wisner.....	114	Otta A. Frentzel.....	
Harlan.....	116		
Hardy.....	117 Jacob E. Hart.....		
Doric.....	118	Oscar E. Semler.....	
North Bend.....	119 Frank E. Lehmer.....	James E. Cherny.....	*Leon Cherny
Wayne.....	120 Linn Bruce McClure.....	John T. Bressler, Jr.....	*James G. Mines
Superior.....	121 *Roy W. Hunter.....		
Auburn.....	124 *Ernest R. Reynolds.....	*Ernest R. Reynolds.....	LeRoy Scoville
Mount Nebo.....	125	John J. Reimers.....	
Stromsburg.....	126		Clayton A. Rystrom

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Minden.....	" 127 Roy T. Bang.....		
Guide Rock... "	128 *John H. Crary.....	*John H. Crary.....	*John H. Crary
Blue Hill..... "	129	Burrell H. Waterbury	
Tuscan..... "	130		*Charles Weaver
Scribner..... "	132 Clarence Ranslem....	Emil J. Wapelhorst...	
Elm Creek..... "	133 *Albert G. Lake.....	Albert G. Lake.....	*Albert G. Lake
Solar..... "	134 *August E. Nordgren...		
McCook..... "	135	Edward J. Lofenberg...	
Long Pine..... "	136 Thos. M. Hutchinson..	William C. Smith.....	*Lawrence C. Mandelko
Upright..... "	137	William P. Luthy.....	
Rawalt..... "	138	Neal L. Pettygrove....	
Clay Centre... "	139 John Ablott.....	*Stanley B. Fryar.....	*John Ablott
Western..... "	140		
Crescent..... "	143	Clay Finnell.....	
Kenesaw..... "	144		
Bancroft..... "	145	William Rembe.....	
Jachin..... "	146 *Earl Barnette.....		
Siloam..... "	147		Philip E. Johnson
Emmet Crawford	148 *Dwight I. Porter.....	Dwight I. Porter.....	*Augustin R. Humphrey
Jewel..... "	149 *John E. Mead.....	John E. Mead.....	
Cambridge... "	150	Roscoe J. Cole.....	
Square..... "	151 Franklin L. Spradling	*Bernhard G. Gerdes...	Herman J. Schmidt
Parallel..... "	152 Glenn G. Geer.....	Charles N. Burgett...	
Evergreen.... "	153 *Rudolph A. Turek....	*Anton Turek.....	
Lily..... "	154	C. Cass Camp.....	*L. Clark Minard
Hartington... "	155	William A. Grant.....	
Pythagoras... "	156	Clinton A. Townsend..	
Valley..... "	157	Cecil A. Odell.....	
Samaritan.... "	158 *Glenn O. Pope.....	Harry F. Meyer.....	*Clendenen W. Mitchell
Ogalalla..... "	159 Theodore F. Goold....		Nelson E. Rasdal
Zeredatha.... "	160		Russell Shoebbotham
Mount Zion... "	161	C. Guy Anderson.....	
Trestle Board	162 Clair C. Christy.....	Woodford S. Butterfield	Edwin C. Yont
Unity..... "	163	Frank Hoffman.....	
Atkinson..... "	164 *William C. Arnholt...		
Barneston... "	165 *George H. Hauer.....	Peter Bedwar.....	John O. Geer
Mystic Tie... "	166 George W. Irving.....		
Elwood..... "	167 Ludwig W. Gauger....		
Curtis..... "	168		
Amity..... "	169	Scott H. Brown.....	
Mason City... "	170 William D. Redmond..		
Merna..... "	171 Edion J. Olson.....		
Grafton..... "	172		
Robert Burns..	173 *Lionel B. Brown.....		
Culbertson... "	174	Oscar A. Huber.....	
Temple..... "	175 *Walter E. Erickson...	*Carl J. Saum.....	
Gladstone... "	176 Wilber B. Alexander..	Curtiss S. McCallister	*Wilber B. Alexander
Hay Springs... "	177	Richard Gustafson...	*Earl Zentmire
Prudence..... "	179	Benjamin F. Peck.....	
Justice..... "	180	Frank Walsh.....	
Faith..... "	181 Walter O. Barnes.....		*Frank C. Lewis
Incense..... "	182 Fred Walter.....	Earle L. Hill.....	
Alliance..... "	183 *Fred E. Feagens.....	Fred E. Feagens.....	*Fred E. Feagens
Bee Hive..... "	184 *Howard Auchmuty....		

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Boaz.....	" 185	Robert A. Puelz.....	
Israel.....	" 187	Edward Northway.....	
Meridian.....	" 188	Earl L. Godfrey.....	
Granite.....	" 189	*George W. Codner.....	John W. Shields.....
Amethyst.....	" 190	*Berl H. Smee.....	
Crystal.....	" 191		Chester A. Krebs.....
Minnekadusa..	" 192	Ivan E. Beckwith.....	*Joseph H. May.....
Signet.....	" 193	*Charles J. Novotny.....	
Highland.....	" 194		Frederick J. Boesiger.....
Arcana.....	" 195		Robert E. Johnson.....
Level.....	" 196	*Kenneth F. Williams.....	*Kenneth F. Williams.....
Morning Star..	" 197	*Samuel A. Tobey.....	Kenneth F. Williams
Purity.....	" 198		William A. Scheurich.....
Gavel.....	" 199	*James H. Bryant.....	
Blazing Star...	" 200		George Erwin Jenks.....
Scotts Bluff...	" 201	Clarence V. Brown.....	*Clarence V. Brown.....
Golden Sheaf..	" 202		Osborn H. Scott.....
Roman Eagle..	" 203	Archie M. Smith.....	Roy B. Carlberg.....
Plainview.....	" 204		John E. Marty.....
Golden Fleece..	" 205	*T. Everett Davis.....	*Charles C. Munson.....
Napthali.....	" 206		Harry Baker.....
Parian.....	" 207	Dota F. Sherril.....	*Henry H. Andrews.....
Gauge.....	" 208		William J. Ramsey.....
Canopy.....	" 209	Ralph L. Keckler.....	Charles L. Ayres.....
East Lincoln..	" 210	Harry O. Griffin.....	Harrison M. Adkins.....
Cement.....	" 211		*Olen Cougill.....
Compass&Square	" 212	*Joseph A. Peterson.....	
Plumbline.....	" 214	Joseph B. Steidley.....	
Occidental.....	" 215	Leo H. Sholts.....	
Palisade.....	" 216	Hugh B. Ashmore.....	
Wauneta.....	" 217	*George Almond.....	
Bloomfield.....	" 218	Thomas C. Baker.....	Leonard L. Shane.....
Relief.....	" 219		
Magnolia.....	" 220	John W. Church.....	A. Ira Davis.....
Wood Lake.....	" 221		Samuel M. Richardson.....
Landmark.....	" 222	Claude E. Clements.....	Theodore R. Swanson.....
Eminence.....	" 223	*Fred A. Moffat.....	John J. Jackson.....
Silver Cord....	" 224		Otha E. Swett.....
Cable.....	" 225	*John Finch.....	George Rath.....
Grace.....	" 226		*Richard E. Allen.....
North Star....	" 227	*George L. Carter.....	Albert Wendell.....
Bartley.....	" 228		Will M. Stoner.....
Comet.....	" 229	Charles A. Neff.....	Harry E. Smith.....
Delta.....	" 230	*Edward C. Hall.....	Lloyd Krone.....
Mount Hermon	" 231	*Wayne C. McDermitt..	Edward C. Hall.....
John S. Bowen	" 232	Fred N. Paulsen.....	*Edward C. Hall.....
Gilead.....	" 233		William B. McIntire.....
Zion.....	" 234	*LeRoy D. Perrin.....	Dan Christensen.....
Fraternity....	" 235		Lyman T. Wills.....
Golden Rule...	" 236	Oliver W. Money.....	LeRoy D. Perrin.....
Cubit.....	" 237		*LeRoy D. Perrin.....
Friendship....	" 239		Arthur H. Schmale.....
Pilot.....	" 240	*Fred G. Ingham.....	*Morris S. Zook.....
Geo. Armstrong	" 241		William B. Knight.....
			Fred G. Ingham.....
			Roy H. Thurber.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Tyrian.....	" 243 *Robert B. Montgomery	Eugene A. Follmer...	
Sincerity.....	" 244 *Frank E. Martin		
Hampton.....	" 245 And. N. Christianson.		
Nehawka.....	" 246 Oren M. Pollard	Arthur B. Crunk	
Corner-stone..	" 247	*Harley M. Rhodes	
Laurel.....	" 248 *Joseph H. Artman		
Gothenburg...	" 249 *John J. Jennings	John J. Jennings...	*John J. Jennings
Geo. Washington	" 250	Percy Sabler...	
Wausa.....	" 251 David F. Hult		
Hildreth.....	" 252	Walter G. Carpenter	
Beemer.....	" 253	Fred C. Buhk	
Bassett.....	" 254 *William E. Preble		
Bradshaw.....	" 255 *Cleon C. Lichtenberger	Cleon C. Lichtenberger	
Hickman.....	" 256		Charles W. Krull
Holbrook.....	" 257 *James W. Longbottom.		
Anselmo.....	" 258 Miles M. Kepler	*Chalmers G. Empfield.	
Bee.....	" 259 Vladimir Sabotka		
Ornan.....	" 261 Theodore Theman		
Endeavor.....	" 262	William Payne	
Mitchell.....	" 263	Vernard C. Anderson.	
Franklin.....	" 264 *Harold B. Long		
Rob't W. Furnas	" 265 *Lonnie R. Vickery		
Silver.....	" 266	Oliver K. Tickler...	
J. A. Tulleys..	" 267	John C. Haley	
Geo. W. Lininger	" 268 Frederick S. Stott	*William McCormack..	*Charles A. Eyre
Riverside.....	" 269		
Huntley.....	" 270	William Lowe	
Oasis.....	" 271 *Charles M. Kearney...		
Lee P. Gilette.	" 272 *Earl E. Borcharding..	Earl E. Borcharding..	
Crofton.....	" 273		John C. Mermann
Olive Branch..	" 274 *Lee B. Clement	Lee B. Clement	
Ramah.....	" 275 William B. Meeker		
Antelope.....	" 276		
Sioux.....	" 277		
Litchfield.....	" 278	John F. Lammers	
Wallace.....	" 279	Clarence A. Webb...	Ralph E. Cowles
Swastika.....	" 280 *J. Douglas Finley..	J. Douglas Finley	
Florence.....	" 281 *Robert H. Sutton...	*Robert H. Sutton...	*Robert H. Sutton
Mullen.....	" 282 *Greek B. Cox		
Exeter.....	" 283 *Joseph Crooker		
Seneca.....	" 284 *James C. Clary		
Camp Clarke..	" 285 *Thomas O. Haiston	Thomas O. Haiston....	*Ralph O. Canaday
Oshkosh.....	" 286	Rudolph J. Lorenzen	
Union.....	" 287	Johnnie C. Vickers	
Omaha.....	" 288 James A. Noble	Lloyd A. Barnes	*Robert J. Jones
Lotus.....	" 289	Emil W. Smaha	
John J. Mercer	" 290 Samuel G. Jones	E. Earl Spencer	
Diamond.....	" 291 Roy H. Knapp		
Wolbach.....	" 292 George D. Meredith..		Ernest Hansen
Monument....	" 293	C. Wesley Alstot	
Kimball.....	" 294 *Edward B. Saunders		
Minatare.....	" 295	Thomas W. Petty	
Cowles.....	" 296 *Stanley D. Long		
Cotner.....	" 297 *Frank H. Kiplin	Frank H. Kiplin	*Frank H. Kiplin

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Chester.....	" 298	Ralph W. Wilson.....
Sutherland....	" 299	Clement L. Pierson...	G. Byron Cochran....
Liberty.....	" 300	*James F. Thompson...	*James F. Thompson...
Bayard.....	" 301	.....	.....
Mizpah.....	" 302	.....	Charles C. Landeryou
Right Angle...	" 303	Ralph A. Newell.....	Samuel J. Potter.....
Ruskin.....	" 304	.....	John H. Jones.....
Newman Grove	" 305	Arthur Still.....	Ray S. Huston.....
Golden Rod...	" 306	.....	George W. Barlow....
William E. Hill	" 307	Samuel A. Naffzieger.	Edward Peoples.....
Perkins.....	" 308	.....	Walter V. Romine....
Winnebago....	" 309	*Clinton I. Lennen....	Gustave A. Olson.....
Victory.....	" 310	Adolph C. Janzen.....	.....
Polk.....	" 311	.....	C. Raymond Peterson
Oak Leaf.....	" 312	.....	Will T. Alford.....
Potter.....	" 313	.....	Clarence Johnson.....
Craftsmen....	" 314	*William Kiewitt.....	*William Kiewitt.....
Palmer.....	" 315	*Joseph H. McMonagle	Joseph H. McMonagle
Alpha.....	" 316	.....	Sherman W. McKinley
Mid-West.....	" 317	Ellsworth W. Stevens	Carl E. Pratt.....
Grand Island..	" 318	*Paul C. Holmberg....	Paul C. Holmberg....
Bladen.....	" 319	John R. Hall.....	.....
			James R. Chappell
			*Paul C. Holmberg
			William E. J. Denton

*Proxy.

W.:Charles J. Lehmkuhl, 59, presented the following amendment to Section 138, Chapter 19, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, with the proper number of signatures, and asked for unanimous consent, which being granted, the following amendment to the law was unanimously adopted.

"That Section 138, Chapter 19 of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska be amended by inserting after the words "record of such action," in paragraph 2, the following:

The Secretary by order of the Master, may upon the request of a Brother, (who is qualified to receive a demit) grant a certificate of membership, (said certificate to be upon a special blank furnished by the Grand Secretary) to be used by him in petitioning another Lodge for membership by affiliation, and upon notice of election by said Lodge, shall issue that Lodge a demit for the Brother.

V.:W.:Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Chaplain, presented the following supplemental report for the Committee on Masonic Education, which was unanimously adopted:

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

The Committee on Masonic Education upon consideration of the Grand Master's recommendation as to the Masonic Service Association of the United States, approves the same, and recommends that we do not take membership in that Association.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

It having been announced that M.:W.:B. S. Royster, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.:F.:& A.:M.: of North Carolina, was in waiting, the Grand Master appointed Past Grand Master George H. Thummel to escort the Distinguished Visitor to the Grand Lodge, where he was very cordially welcomed by the Grand Master, conducted to the Grand East and given the Grand Honors. M.:W.:Brother Royster responded in a very entertaining manner, giving the Brethren a brief history of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

W.:Clendenen W. Mitchell, 158, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A.:F.:& A.:M.: of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Finance, respectfully report as follows:

We have examined the statements of the Grand Secretary and the audit of the John M. Gilchrist Company pertaining to the resources, liabilities, income and expenses as shown in the General Fund of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 20th, 1927, the details of which appear in the printed statements of the Grand Secretary and the Auditor. These statements show a balance of \$36,995.82 on deposit in the Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk, Nebraska to the credit of the Grand Lodge and liberty bonds of \$10,000.00 par value.

We have examined the statements of the Grand Secretary and the audit of the John M. Gilchrist Company pertaining to the resources, liabilities, income and disbursements of the Building and Improvement Fund of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 20th, 1927, the details of which appear in the printed statements of the Grand Secretary and the auditor. These statements show a balance of \$30,002.32 on deposit in the Omaha National Bank, Omaha, to the credit of the Grand Lodge and liberty bonds of \$67,000.00 par value.

We have examined the statements of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home and the audit of the John M. Gilchrist Company pertaining to the resources, liabilities, receipts and disbursements of the Orphans Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 20th, 1927, the details of which appear in the printed statements of the Secretary and the auditor. These statements show a balance of \$958.18 on deposit in the Omaha National Bank, Omaha, to the credit of the Grand Lodge, \$5,000.00 in Liberty Bonds (par value), and \$134,500.00 in mortgage notes.

We have examined the statements of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home and the audit of the John M. Gilchrist Company pertaining to the resources, liabilities, receipts and disbursements of the War Relief Fund of the Grand Lodge for the year ending May 20th, 1927, the details of which appear in the printed statements of the Secretary and auditors. These statements show a balance of \$2120.01 on deposit in the Peters National Bank, Omaha, and \$32,000.00 in Liberty Bonds, par value.

The auditors have reconciled the cash on deposit in the General Fund, the Building and Improvement Fund, the Orphans Educational Fund, and the War Relief Fund as listed above and have also examined all securities and find that they check with the book accounts and so certify.

Last year a revolving fund for the payment of petty and incidental expense items running through the Grand Secretary's office was created by setting aside \$400.00 to be known as "Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Expense Account," this to be replenished quarterly. Your committee have audited this account and give the following statement:

RECEIPTS.

Transferred to this account during the year from General Fund	\$1,749.83
Paid to this account by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar as repayments of their share of telephone and telegraph bills	72.00
Total receipts	\$1,821.83

DISBURSEMENTS.

Postage.....	\$ 380.25
Office blanks and supplies.....	267.11
Stationery.....	191.55
Janitor.....	69.00
Telephone calls.....	191.90
Telegrams.....	50.10
Incidentals.....	199.92
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Total Expenses.....	\$1,349.83
Balance on hand in this Fund on deposit in the Peters National Bank, Omaha.....	472.00
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	\$1,821.83

We approve the continuation of this method of paying and accounting for these classes of items.

We have examined the Special Account of the Grand Lodge deposited in the Omaha National Bank, Omaha, covering items received during the months of March, April and May and the disbursements from this account to the General Fund, the Nebraska Masonic Home Fund and the Building and Improvement Fund. We approve the method employed and find the record and disbursements correct.

We have examined the list of disbursements from the General Fund and compared the classification of these items with the appropriations approved at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1926.

We tabulate herewith the instances where the expenditures did not equal the appropriation.

Classification	Appropriation	Expended	Net
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,143.06	\$ 356.94
Grand Chaplain's Expense.....	150.00	75.00	75.00
Grand Master's Expense.....	2,000.00	1,500.00	500.00
Grand Secretary's Clerk Hire.....	2,500.00	2,150.00	350.00
Deputy Grand Custodian's Expense.....	1,000.00	953.66	46.34
Maintenance—Masonic-Eastern Star Childrens Homes.....	15,000.00	7,000.00	8,000.00
Membership—Masonic Relief Ass'n of the United States and Canada.....	210.00	201.44	8.56
Library—purchasing and binding.....	50.00	28.90	21.10
Incidental expense—Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts.....	100.00	None	100.00
Reserve to cover contracts under special agreements—Board of Masonic Ser- vice, Annuities and Gifts.....	1,000.00	100.00	900.00
General Incidental Expense.....	1,400.00	1,349.83	50.17
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	\$25,910.00	\$15,501.89	\$10,408.11

The above tabulation shows the Grand Lodge General Fund a savings of \$10,408.11 on the items listed in last years appropriations.

We also tabulate the items that were expended over and above the authorized appropriations of last year and recognize that all of these items were proper items of expense which could not have been determined or foreseen at the time of the 1926 Grand Lodge Session.

Classification	Appropriated	Expended	Net
Printing Grand Officers Reports and Annual Proceedings.....	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,315.50	\$ 115.50
Grand Custodian's Salary.....	1,800.00	1,965.00	165.00
Grand Secretary's Surety Bond and blanket bonds for secretaries and treasurers of subordinate Lodges.....	700.00	774.47	74.47
Jewels for Four Grand Officers (3 Approved last year).....	180.00	240.00	60.00
Lewis E. Smith Grand Secretary traveling expense under direction of Grand Master.....	None	218.31	218.31
Reporting and Transcribing Grand Lodge Proceedings 1926.....	None	77.50	77.50
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests....	None	96.15	96.15
Printing of two new charters.....	None	42.25	42.25
Cleaning, repairing and covering office furniture and pictures in offices of Grand Master and Grand Secretary..	None	197.13	197.13
Floral Piece—Robert E. French funeral..	None	20.00	20.00
Purchase of lists of regular Lodges and mailing of same to subordinate Lodges.....	None	114.32	114.32
Relief to the Grand Lodge of Florida....	None	500.00	500.00
Relief to the Grand Lodges of Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas.....	None	428.62	428.62
Purchase of Past Grand Master's Jewel for retiring Grand Master Crites....	None	100.00	100.00
Equipment—Grand Lodge offices.....	250.00	253.20	3.20
	\$ 4,130.00	\$ 6,342.45	\$ 2,212.45

We recommend that the payment of the above expense items be ratified as a matter of form and that the records so show.

The two tabulations above given show a net savings to the general fund over appropriations of last year of \$8,195.66 and reflects the effort of Grand Officers and Committees in holding the spending power of this Grand Body to the minimum.

We have audited the Grand Secretary's account of the Contribution of Lodges to the Relief of the Florida Hurricane Sufferers and report as follows:

RECEIPTS.

From Subordinate Lodges	\$2,589.88
From the Grand Lodge General Fund	500.00
Total	<u>\$3,089.88</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sent to the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Florida	\$3,000.00
Paid for printing circulars	18.50
Transferred to Mississippi Valley Flood Relief	71.38
Total	<u>\$3,089.88</u>

We have audited the Grand Secretary's account of the Contributions from Lodges for Relief of the Mississippi Flood Sufferers up to and including June 4th, 1927. We recommend that the subscriptions be left open for further contributions and we report as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Received from Lodges	\$3,219.86
Transferred from the Florida Relief Fund	71.38
Received from Grand Lodge General Fund	428.62
Totals	<u>\$3,719.86</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sent to the Grand Secretary of Louisiana	\$3,600.00
Balance on hand	119.86
Totals	<u>\$3,719.86</u>

We have audited the statements of the Chairman, V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, and the Treasurer, Edwin H. Gerhart, of the Committee on Masonic Education and report as follows:

Cash on hand one year ago	\$ 44.78
Received from Grand Lodge appropriation	2,000.00

Totals	<u>\$2,044.78</u>
Paid out as compensation to Brother Shepherd	\$1,400.00
Paid out as expense of the committee	644.14
Balance on hand in the hands of the treasurer64

Totals

	<u>\$2,044.78</u>
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The report shows that the chairman has given 70 lectures in connection with the work of this committee throughout the state during the past year.

We have discussed the matter of the supply account in which is listed the items bought for sale and issue to the subordinate Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. It has been the custom in the past to authorize, annually, a certain amount from the general fund to purchase the estimated supplies of this nature and in turn crediting the General Fund Cash account with the cash received from subordinate Lodges as paid.

We believe, after discussing this matter in the committee and with the Grand Secretary, that the separation of this supplies account from the records of the General Fund will be advantageous to the Grand Lodge and the active officers thereof. We therefore recommend an appropriation of \$2,000.00 from the General Fund this year for this year's purchases and recommend that all sales to subordinate Lodges, when collected in the usual course of business, be credited to an account in some depository designated in the proper manner to be known as the "Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska Supply Account." If this is done it will eliminate to a very large extent the necessity of appropriations from the general Fund annually for the purchase of supplies.

The Grand Master's recommendation No. 13 has been referred to this Committee. It recommends that a Reserve Fund be set-up and that the \$10,000.00 in Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds now carried as an asset in the Inventory of the General Fund of this Grand Lodge be credited to this fund together with all interest accumulations thereon. We approve this recommendation and further recommend that the Grand Secretary make the necessary transfers on the books of the Grand Lodge and that, as cash enters this Reserve Fund that a separate account be started in some designated depository so that this account will continually be maintained separate from all other funds of the Grand Lodge.

In the Inventory of the Grand Lodge as listed in the statements of the Grand Secretary as well as in those of the Auditor we find four items of miscellaneous personal property namely:

Grand Lodge jewels.....	\$ 233.00
Monell Library.....	2,281.04
Grand Lodge Library.....	1,582.58
George W. Lininger Collection.....	89.65

Inasmuch as these items do not in any way represent liquid assets of this Grand Lodge we recommend that the accounts be eliminated from the Inventory of the Grand Lodge and that they be transferred into a permanent record outside of the ledger accounts. In this way the items that they represent will not be lost from the records of the Grand Lodge but merely transferred from the current liquid assets and ledgers.

Information leads us to believe that the value of the Furniture and Fixtures as shown in the Inventory of the Grand Lodge as \$5,083.82 is excessive from the fact that no method of proper depreciation has been charged off annually.

Consequently we recommend that the committee on Grand Lodge Office be asked to make a re-appraisal of this property, determining their proper present value, that the Grand Secretary be directed to then charge off the amount necessary to bring this item to its present proper value from the surplus account. We also recommend that a stated percentage of depreciation be determined by the Committee on Grand Lodge Office and that when this percentage is determined that the Grand Secretary be empowered annually to make proper depreciation charge as of May 1st.

We have examined the statement of the auditors of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children as to receipts and disbursements and refer the membership of the Grand Lodge to the printed statement of this Fund in the

annual report of the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children for the year ending December 31st, 1926, showing a balance on hand at that time of \$3,140.16.

We have examined the report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans as to receipts and disbursements which show a balance of \$4,824.17 on hand June 1st, 1927 on deposit in the Norfolk National Bank in an account called "Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Nebraska Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans." This account has also been reconciled with bank statement.

We have examined the report of the auditors of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Committee as offered by O. M. Campbell Co. of Lincoln, Nebraska, certified public accountants and auditors. This report covers the period 1920 to 1926 when Wor. Brother George C. Mason was Chairman of the Committee. It is a book of fully 200 pages and gives cash received and disbursements thereof, tabulation of expense of the committee, copies of letters sent to Masters and Brethren, and detailed list of Lodges and members donating to the fund. It appears to the committee that all items of the auditor must be correct and we recognize no reason for questioning a single item involved in the report. The facts remain, however, that the committee collected \$14,038.00, \$8,231.00 of which was sent to the National Organization. The balance of about \$5,800.00 was expended by the committee in the program that it adopted for raising this money. The expense is classified as follows: Stenographic labor, \$2,670.00; Printing, multigraphing, etc., \$382.22; Postage, \$2,557.14; Paper and envelopes, \$167.61; Typewriter repairs, etc., \$18.85; Extra work, Omaha Lodges, \$58.50. Of course at first glance these items of expense seem enormous. The committee employed a stenographer for 28 months, wrote 116,357 letters. Had the committee, by the method employed for raising this money, succeeded in raising the \$1.00 per capita it would have cost about 16 cents per \$1.00 raised. Inasmuch as it did only raise \$14,000.00 it has cost about 41 cents for every \$1.00 raised. Your committee after discussing this matter with Mr. Mason and the auditor are also willing to recognize that Mr. Mason must have spent a vast amount of time without compensation and possibly money of his own that has not entered into these accounts at all.

We feel, in summing this matter up, that if the Grand Lodge of Nebraska wants to be 100% in the matter of the George Washington National Memorial and contribute their share to this great monument across the river from the seat of our government along with other Grand Lodges, that it is necessary to radically change the method employed for collecting the \$1.00 per capita. Perhaps an assessment of \$1.00 collected either in one year, two years or four years along with Grand Lodge dues, as other Grand Jurisdictions have done, giving due credit to those who have already subscribed would be a wise method of collection. This is a suggestion only inasmuch as this matter will undoubtedly be referred to a standing committee.

We are turning over with this report the bill of the auditor appointed by the retiring Grand Master. It calls for \$952.50. It is based on a charge of \$15.00 per day for the days spent in preparing the report. We are told by the auditor that the records of Mr. Mason were placed by him in box in business

building in Lincoln in a place that he thought was safe and permanent. The records were destroyed and the audit has been prepared by obtaining, to a very large measure, copies of Mr. Mason's correspondence with subordinate Lodges and individuals, checking the statement made by Mr. Mason in 1924 at Grand Lodge. In fact the present statement prepared by the auditor does not differ very much from the report as shown in the proceedings of 1924.

We recommend that the matter be closed, that the work continue as the incoming Grand Master may direct, that the bill of the auditor be referred to the incoming Grand Master for possible adjudication and that he be authorized to make such payment of the same as is proper in his judgment from the General Fund of the Grand Lodge and that said payment be refunded to the Grand Lodge General Fund out of the future collected funds of the committee created to continue this work of collecting for this worthy cause.

We find that the government has called for payment all Second Liberty Bonds as of November 15th, 1927. The Building and Improvement Fund has \$36,000.00 par value of these bonds. The War Relief Fund has \$2,000.00 par value of these bonds. We desire to see that the proper steps are taken so that the officers of the Grand Lodge can be placed in position to be able to cash these bonds at the proper time for most of them are registered bonds. To accomplish this result we offer the following resolution and ask for its adoption:

"Be It Resolved, That Albert R. Davis or Frank H. Woodland, 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, and to appoint one or more attorneys for that purpose."

We recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden and the Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden acting collectively, be empowered and authorized to invest the surplus monies in the Building and Improvement and any other funds of the Grand Lodge in government bonds, registered or coupon, as such surplus funds may appear.

We recommend the return of the following Dispensation fees which have been paid to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge according to law, recognizing in each instance that the facts show unavoidable circumstances in every instance:

Scottsbluff Lodge No. 201, Gering, Nebraska.....	\$10.00
Nehawka Lodge No. 246, Nehawka, Nebraska.....	10.00
Euclid Lodge No. 97, Weeping Water, Nebraska....	10.00

We approve the action of the Grand Officers in re-leasing the Grand Lodge offices for a period of years, said lease costing the Grand Lodge \$1,000.00 per annum.

We recommend that the Bond of the Grand Secretary be continued at \$50,000.00 and that, if in the judgment of the Grand Master, it should be increased during the year for reasons of increased finances or securities, that he be empowered to increase said bond.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary and the Grand Master be authorized to purchase the seven additional jewels that the officers of the

Grand Lodge need to complete a full set. Said jewels to cost not to exceed \$60.00 each and to conform to the present approved design.

We approve recommendation No. 9 of the Grand Master and to accomplish this in an orderly manner we recommend that all funds and securities of all committees of this Grand Lodge be immediately turned over to the Grand Secretary to be again redeposited to the use of the respective committees under the direction of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge as the recommendation recites.

We recommend that the present plan of bonding Secretaries and Treasurers of subordinate Lodges be continued.

We approve recommendation No. 14 of the Grand Master.

We approve the recommendation No. 15 of the Grand Master, for in our judgment the finances of the Grand Lodge at this time do not warrant consideration of this activity.

We approve recommendation No. 18 of the Grand Master.

We have given considerable time to the discussion of the proper salary to be paid to the incoming Grand Custodian and have called several members of the Grand Lodge before us to assist us in determining this matter. Our recommendation is that the salary of the Grand Custodian be \$2,400.00 per annum, payable monthly.

We recommend the following appropriations, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the year ending May 20th, 1928.

GENERAL FUND.

Expenses of 1927 Grand Session:

Pay Roll.....	\$ 5,138.18
Printing Grand Officers reports and proceedings, etc.....	1,200.00
Grand Tyler session of 1927.....	15.00
Organist session, 1927.....	10.00
Reporting and transcribing Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1927....	100.00
Entertainment of distinguished guests.....	100.00

Grand Lodge activities during coming year:

Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	\$ 6,857.30
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	2,000.00
Grand Lodge office rent, heat and light.....	1,000.00
Grand Chaplain's expense.....	150.00
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
Grand Custodian's salary.....	2,400.00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	750.00
Deputy Grand Custodian's expense.....	1,200.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	300.00
Expense of Grand Lodge Officers attending Grand Lodge Functions under direction of Grand Master.....	600.00
Grand Secretary's Surety Bond.....	100.00
Blanket Bond for Secretary and Treasurer of subordinate Lodges.....	725.00

Incidental Expenses of Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts.....	300.00
Reserve—payment of contracts under special agreements with Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts.....	500.00
For Certified Public Accountant.....	25.00
Expense of Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	750.00
Committee on Masonic Education.....	2,000.00
Salary of Grand Secretary Emeritus.....	1,200.00
Masonic Relief and Employment Bureau.....	300.00
Incidental expenses, including Grand Lodge Office Janitor, Telephone, Postage, Toll Calls, Telegrams, Express, Stationery, Blanks, etc.....	1,400.00
Purchase of lists of regular Lodges and mailing same to subordinate Lodges.....	115.00
New Equipment or Property:	
7 new Grand Officer's Jewels, at \$60.00.....	\$ 420.00
Purchase of Grand Secretary's office equipment.....	250.00
Purchase of Past Grand Master's Jewel for retiring Grand Master 1928.....	100.00
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	\$37,005.48

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Preliminary Expense—Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Homes—connection with new building.....	\$ 750.00
Building of new Home at Fremont—payments to be made only on architect's certificates and always withholding 15% until approved completion.....	17,500.00
Furniture and equipment for new home at Fremont.....	2,500.00
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	\$20,750.00

FUND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN.

Estimated maintenance for the coming fiscal year.....\$18,000.00

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be empowered to ascertain such a modern accounting system for his office and accounts as he thinks best designed for the work of the office.

That his Recommendation be referred to the Finance Committee at the session in 1928, and by them presented to the Grand Lodge.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

It having been announced that R. W. Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa, was in waiting, the Grand Master appointed M. W. Lewis E. Smith, to escort the Distinguished Visitor to the Grand Lodge, where he was given a very cordial and fraternal welcome by the Grand Master, and conducted to the Grand East.

W. Archie M. Smith, 203, presented the following report of the Committee on Grievances, which was under consideration when the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, at 12 o'clock M.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

The Committee on Grievances respectfully submits the following report:

1. We have carefully considered the appeal of the Worshipful Master, Wardens and certain Past Masters of Hastings Lodge No. 50, from a verdict finding an accused Brother "not guilty," and we recommend that the appeal be sustained, that the finding of "not guilty" be set aside, that the accused Brother be declared "guilty," and that he be expelled.

2. We have carefully considered the appeal of three Past Masters and other Brethren of Hastings Lodge No. 50, from a six month's sentence imposed upon a Brother who pleaded "guilty," and we recommend that the appeal be sustained, that the sentence be set aside, and that the accused Brother be expelled.

3. We have carefully considered the appeal from a sentence of indefinite suspension of a Brother who pleaded "guilty" in Silver Lodge No. 266, and we recommend that the sentence of indefinite suspension be set aside, and that the accused Brother be expelled.

4. We have carefully considered the appeal of a Past Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 from a sentence of seven months imposed upon a Brother who entered a plea of "guilty," and we recommend that the appeal be sustained, that the sentence be set aside, and that the accused Brother be expelled.

5. We have carefully considered the appeal of an accused Brother of Washington Lodge No. 21 from a finding of "guilty" and a sentence of expulsion, and we recommend that the decision of the Lodge be affirmed.

6. We have carefully considered the appeal of a complaining Brother of Joppa Lodge No. 76 from a verdict finding an accused Brother "not guilty," and we recommend that the appeal be sustained, that the finding of "not guilty" be set aside, and the accused Brother be declared "guilty," and that he be suspended for twelve months from this date.

7. We have carefully considered the appeal from a verdict of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, finding an accused Brother "not guilty," and we recommend that the finding of "not guilty" be set aside and that the accused Brother be declared "guilty" and that he be expelled.

8. We have carefully considered the petition for restoration of an expelled Brother of Tecumseh Lodge No. 17 and the recommendation of the Lodge therefor, and we recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that the expelled Brother be restored to membership.

9. We have carefully considered the petition for restoration of an expelled Brother of Lotus Lodge No. 289 and the recommendation of the Lodge therefor, and we recommend that action on this petition be withheld until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, that opportunity may be had for a complete investigation.

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

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, June 9th, 1927.

At 1:30 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

W. Glenn O. Pope, 158, for the Committee on Pay-roll, reported that the pay-roll for the session amounted to \$5,138.18, and the report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

M. W. George H. Thummel, Past Grand Master, presented the following report of the Committee to consider amending the by-laws of the Nebraska Eastern Star Home, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee appointed by the Grand Master to meet with a like Committee on behalf of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and a like Committee of the Nebraska Eastern Star Home to consider Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of The Nebraska Eastern Star Home, met on the afternoon of January 24th, 1927, at the office of the Grand Secretary and there were present, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Carrie M. Spellman of Beatrice, Mrs. Harriet E. Willets of McCook, and Mrs. Ethel Thorpe of Omaha; on behalf of the Eastern Star Corporation there were present: James E. Bednar, Omaha; Mrs. Lou A. Conklin, Hubbel, and John S. Jones, Wymore; on behalf of the Grand Lodge: George H. Thummel, Omaha; Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln, and Frank H. Woodland, Omaha. Brother O. Edwin Mickey being present, was invited to preside at the joint session of the three Committees. After a general discussion and with a full understanding of the difficulties to be overcome in amending the present Articles of Incorporation of the Eastern Star Home Incorporation, it was deemed practically impossible to amend the Articles. Brother Mickey was still of the opinion that something could be worked out in the nature of an Amendment to the Articles along the lines proposed, and the meeting adjourned to give Brother Mickey a chance to work same out if possible. Up to the present time we have had no report from Brother Mickey regarding any progress that he may have made in this direction.

Your Committee are fully satisfied that new Articles of Incorporation must be framed and adopted. Your Committee therefore recommend that the committee be continued for another year and that when the Articles of Incorporation have been framed satisfactory to the parties interested, that the same be submitted to the Incoming Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge, for approval, and when so approved by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master and the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, that the Articles be filed and used in the management of the Home as the Grand Lodge may direct.

W. Brother Edwin C. Yont, President of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, presented the following report, which was adopted:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MASONIC-
EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN AT FREMONT,
NEBRASKA.

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

We entered upon the year with the Home comfortably filled with children and applications for further admissions continued throughout the year. Early in February the Homes became so crowded that it was deemed advisable to seek additional room to relieve the congestion. After mature deliberation, it was decided that the best, most feasible and inexpensive method of relieving the situation was to place some of the larger boys in the home of the superintendent with his wife acting as matron over them. This was done and the plan is working satisfactorily.

During the latter part of the year an unusual number of infants were admitted to the Home. If this demand continues and the Home is expected to receive them, the matter of better facilities for their care and attention should receive consideration in the near future.

To carry out the visions of the founders of the Home, who by devoted attention and experience became conscious of the fact that no enterprise could be successfully operated that had several independent heads and directed by remote control, we employed and placed in charge on November 1st last, a superintendent with limited authority. His authority has since been extended and as he grows into the work his duties and responsibilities will be further extended.

At the last communications of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, resolutions were adopted favoring the construction of another unit at the Fremont Home. In compliance with this action, your committee adopted plans for the proposed building and obtained permission from the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron to order final plans and specifications and to advertise for and receive bids, prior to the annual communications of the Grand Bodies, for the construction and completion of the building. This method was decided upon to better enable the Grand Bodies to make the necessary appropriations with full assurance that no further funds would be required for the completion of the building, and with the further idea of hastening commencement of construction of the building.

At the close of the year, December 31st, 1926, there were 16 children in the Childrens Home, 9 boys and 7 girls; 19 boys in the Boys Home; 15 girls in the Girls Home, or a total of 50 children. The average age of children in the Childrens Home was 9 years, the average age of boys in the Boys Home was 14 years, and the average age of girls in the Girls Home was 14 years. The youngest child was a boy two and a half years old and the oldest, a girl seventeen years old.

In the Secretary-Treasurer's report will be found a complete and exhaustive financial statement, the names of those admitted and those who have

left the Home, together with all social activities held in connection with the Home during the year.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

February 1, 1927.

Mr. E. C. Yont, President,
The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children,
Fremont, Nebraska.

Sir: As per instructions received we have examined the books of financial record of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, for the year ended December 31, 1926, and submit herewith the results of our investigations in the following schedules:

Schedule 1—Statement of receipts and disbursements.

Schedule 2—Detailed statement of disbursements.

Schedule 3—Expenditures for Homes.

Schedule 4—Statement showing cost of food per person per meal.

The disbursements in payment of December accounts were made during the early part of January and have been included in this report.

The bank balance was verified as of January 19, 1927.

Capital expenditures have been shown under that caption in our statement of disbursements.

In our opinion all receipts for the year ended December 31, 1926, have been accounted for and all disbursements have been made for the benefit of the Homes.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. GREENFIELD,

Certified Public Accountant.

Schedule 1.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ended December 31, 1926.
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1926.....\$ 5,300.10

RECEIPTS.

From Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.....	\$13,000.00	
From Grand Chapter, O. E. S.....	13,000.00	
From Parents.....	1,463.50	
From Chapters, O. E. S.....	213.81	
From Masonic Lodges and other Masonic bodies.....	773.53	
From Kensingtons, O. E. S.....	25.00	
From Interest received.....	49.15	
From Individuals.....	117.11	
From Insurance Premiums.....	75.84	
From sale of Live Stock.....	486.67	
From Miscellaneous sources.....	235.25	29,439.86
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		\$34,739.96
Disbursements, Schedule 2.....		32,249.80
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Balance on hand December 31, 1926.....		\$ 2,490.16

Add:

Petty Cash Funds:

Matron—Childrens Home.....	\$ 150.00	
Matron—Boys Home.....	150.00	
Matron—Girls Home.....	150.00	
Superintendent.....	200.00	650.00

Total Cash accounted for.....\$ 3,140.16

Schedule 2.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN
DISBURSEMENTS.

Year Ended December 31, 1926.

PETTY CASH FUNDS.

Superintendent.....\$ 200.00

ADMINISTRATION.

Salary.....	\$ 600.00	
Printing, Stationery and Office Supplies.....	153.85	
Postage.....	26.95	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	2.40	
Miscellaneous.....	176.17	
Special Allowance (Doris Palmer).....	10.00	969.37

GENERAL MAINTENANCE.

Heat.....	\$ 2,152.88	
Insurance.....	529.81	
Auto Expense.....	219.66	
Care of Grounds.....	320.34	3,222.69

HOSPITAL EXPENSES.

Labor.....	\$ 18.55	
Telephone.....	9.00	
Laundry.....	11.00	
Light.....	5.00	
Ice.....	2.10	
Miscellaneous.....	13.02	58.67

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

New Ford Sedan.....	\$ 540.00	
Bunk House for Boys.....	861.49	
Machinery.....	74.71	
Live Stock and Poultry.....	1,113.58	
Bridge.....	95.88	2,685.66

FARM.

Salary—Superintendent.....	\$ 1,280.00	
Miscellaneous Labor.....	61.50	

Light and Power.....	46.52	
Telephone.....	34.45	
Repairs and Replacements.....	71.90	
Miscellaneous.....	153.66	
Repairs—Buildings.....	143.33	
Truck Expense.....	247.43	
Feed.....	302.63	
Seed.....	108.60	
Supplies.....	89.25	
Labor—Silo.....	170.55	
Veterinary.....	30.60	2,740.42

MAINTENANCE OF HOMES.

Schedule 3.....		\$22,372.99
Total Expenditures.....		<u>\$32,249.80</u>

Schedule 4.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN
STATEMENT SHOWING COST OF FOOD PER PERSON PER MEAL.

Year Ended December 31, 1926.

CHILDREN'S HOME.

Children Served.....	15,787	
Employees Served.....	2,433	
Visitors Served.....	318	
Total.....	18,538	
Cost of Food Purchased.....		\$ 1,056.05
Cost per Person per Meal.....		.057

BOYS' HOME.

Boys Served.....	18,168	
Employees Served.....	2,717	
Visitors Served.....	278	
Total.....	21,163	
Cost of Food Purchased.....		\$ 1,620.20
Cost per Person per Meal.....		.077

GIRLS' HOME.

Girls Served.....	14,970	
Employees Served.....	1,316	
Visitors Served.....	214	
Total.....	16,500	
Cost of Food Purchased.....		\$ 1,526.32
Cost per Person per Meal.....		.092

Schedule 3.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN
EXPENDITURES FOR HOMES.
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1926.

	CHILDREN'S HOME		BOYS' HOME		GIRLS' HOME		Total	
	Amount	Cost per Child per Day	Amount	Cost per Child per Day	Amount	Cost per Child per Day		
1 Food.....	\$ 1,056.05	\$.195	\$1,620.20	\$.259	\$1,526.32	\$.308	\$4,202.57	1
2 Clothing.....	1,014.20	.188	1,047.14	.167	1,283.87	.259	3,345.21	2
3 Doctors and Medicine.....	468.68	.087	497.58	.079	710.85	.143	1,677.11	3
4 Amusement.....	224.92	.042	328.32	.052	324.20	.065	877.44	4
5 Salaries.....	1,387.50	.257	1,678.50	.268	1,049.68	.212	4,115.68	5
6 Miscellaneous Labor.....	252.77	.047	253.09	.040	57.02	.011	562.88	6
7 Gas.....	180.90	.033	180.45	.029	346.05	.070	707.40	7
8 Light and Power.....	144.42	.027	154.47	.025	155.21	.031	454.10	8
9 Water.....	57.84	.011	74.19	.012	56.54	.011	188.57	9
10 Telephone.....	39.60	.007	60.65	.010	57.35	.012	157.60	10
11 Ice.....	74.90	.013	149.70	.024	99.60	.020	324.20	11
12 Repairs and Replacements..	135.97	.025	254.16	.041	525.12	.106	915.25	12
13 Laundry Supplies.....	98.12	.018	110.98	.018	93.27	.019	302.37	13
14 Laundry.....	361.71	.067	362.82	.058	333.34	.067	1,057.87	14
15 Laundry Repairs.....	15.71	.003	3.15	.001	12.64	.003	31.50	15
16 School Expense and Supplies	25.24	.005	76.65	.012	119.36	.024	221.25	16
17 Allowances.....	87.50	.016	135.90	.022	118.50	.024	341.90	17
18 Miscellaneous.....	310.98	.058	373.40	.060	407.95	.082	1,092.33	18
19 Postage.....	13.50	.002	18.00	.003	20.81	.004	52.31	19
20 Repairs—Buildings.....	199.84	.037	1,171.81	.187	373.80	.075	1,745.45	20
Totals.....	\$ 6,150.35	\$1.138	\$8,551.16	\$1.367	\$7,671.48	\$1.546	\$22,372.99	
Number of Child Days.....	5,402		6,262		4,960			

NOTE: Repairs—Boys' Home, includes an extraordinary expense for redecorating. This accounts for the large amount of Repairs—Buildings. It is not an expense which will occur annually.

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The report of the Grievance Committee was again considered by the Grand Lodge. After a lengthy discussion, the report was considered section by section.

No. 1, adopted; No. 2, adopted; No. 3, adopted; No. 4, adopted; No. 5, adopted; No. 6, adopted; No. 7, not adopted.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell, moved that Section 7 of the report be amended to read as follows:

"That it be the consensus of opinion that the action of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 be approved in this matter."

Motion prevailed.

No. 8, adopted; No. 9, adopted.

The entire report of the Committee on Grievances as amended was then adopted.

M. W. John Wright, presented the following amendment to the Constitution, having the required number of signatures thereto:

"Amend Section 1, Article 10 of the Constitution, to suspend any officer of any Lodge, from the exercise of the powers or duties of his office, for good reasons shown, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge."

An amendment to the Constitution, under the law, must lie over until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. John Wright, Past Grand Master, presented the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence fraternally make the following report relating to the several subjects in the Grand Master's address which have been referred to us through the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

We have carefully considered the decisions of the Grand Master and beg leave to report that we approve of Decisions Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

That No. 2 be approved, but reconstructed as follows:

"As to the questionnaire, I decided that under the law as it stands now, this document may be read in open Lodge at the time the petition is voted on * * * upon the request of a member of the Lodge" and that the other matter in this decision be expunged.

No. 10. Be approved, but that this decision be not considered as a precedent for any Lodge in future, and that all Lodges be admonished to conform strictly to the law as it now stands.

We have carefully considered the recommendations of the Grand Master, and recommend the following:

No. 1. "Life membership," be approved.

No. 2. "Conferring degree of Entered Apprentice," That consideration of this go over for one year to be reported upon next session.

No. 3. "Inter-jurisdictional relief," be approved.

No. 4. "Trial commission." We recommend that a sub-committee of five members of the Committee on Jurisprudence be appointed by the present chairman of that Committee to study this subject and report to the Committee next year, their recommendations and such proposed amendments to the law, if any, as they deem proper, and that a copy of the report be presented to each member of this Committee not less than 90 days prior to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and to the subordinate Lodges 60 days before the next Annual Communication.

No. 5. "Use of word Masonic in group organizations and otherwise," be not concurred in.

No. 6. Be deferred until the next Annual Communication.

No. 7. "Appropriation by the Grand Lodge," That this be referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Epperson, Fradenburg and Burnham, to prepare and present at the next session of this Grand Lodge, an amendment to the law covering this recommendation, and copy of report presented to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee, 90 days prior to the session.

No. 8. Be approved, after adding to the first line after the word "shall," the words "purchase or," and striking out the words "for the construction of," and substituting the word "for" for "of."

No. 10. "Consolidation of Lodges," be approved.

No. 11. "Objections," be approved, after adding immediately after the word "ineffective," the words, "after one year."

No. 12. Amendment to Section 63 of the law, "Who may be installed." We recommend that this be not concurred in.

No. 16. "Reading the questionnaire in open Lodge," be not concurred in.

No. 17. Amendment to Section 68 of the law, "lost demit," be approved.

No. 19. "Revenue from gross income from Grand Lodge from fees and dues to be called Grand Lodge Relief Fund," recommendation be approved and referred to the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to carry out this recommendation.

No. 20. "Amend Section 1, Article 10 of the Constitution." We approve of this recommendation and ask that the present chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence prepare and submit an amendment to our Constitution at this session of the Grand Lodge.

No. 21. "Badge for Mason of fifty years." We approve this recommendation: That the question of a design and the quality and size of the badge to be presented, together with gathering the information as to the number of Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction who have been members in good standing for 50 years or more, be referred to the Grand Secretary with full power to act.

M. W. John Wright, Past Grand Master, presented the following supplementary report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted:

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
JURISPRUDENCE.

In the matter of jurisdiction of Ogallala Lodge No. 159, and Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell, referred to us direct by the Grand Master, we recommend that concurrent jurisdiction be granted over the territory within the incorporation limits of Big Springs, at the time petition is received.

That the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Codification of Law be referred until the next Annual Communication and that the Grand Secretary be required to furnish each member of the Committee on Jurisprudence, with a type-written copy of the report by September 1st, 1927.

In the matter of National Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association referred to us, the recommendation of the Grand Master is approved.

W. Brother Lester R. Slonecker, 302, presented the following amendments to the law, which lie over until the next Annual Communication.

Amend Section 123 of Chapter 16 of the By-Laws by adding after the word "obligation" in the second line, the following words: "in the entered apprentice degree" and by striking out the words "or advancement" appearing in the fourth and fifth lines, so that said Section, when amended, will read as follows:

"Section 123. At any time prior to the obligation in the entered apprentice degree, an objection communicated to the Master or to the Lodge by a Master Mason belonging to said Lodge and in good standing, against the initiation of a candidate, or an objection so made to the admission of a Brother prior to the ballot upon his application, must be respected; and when objection is made, either verbally or otherwise, the Master shall declare the candidate rejected without ballot and the fact should be recorded; and a new petition must be presented before the Lodge can act further upon the matter, and such new petition must be referred, balloted upon, and in all things take the course of an original petition, but such new petition may be presented to the Lodge at any time after the objection is removed. In all such cases of objection the Lodge holds jurisdiction over the candidate the same as though he had been rejected by ballot. The objector need not give his reasons, and no demand shall be made upon him therefor, nor is he bound to prefer charges. His identity shall not be disclosed until the Master's retirement from office, and then shall be disclosed to the incoming Master only, except in case of the Master's removal from the jurisdiction, and shall then be disclosed only to the ranking Warden."

Amend Section 124 of Chapter 16 of the By-Laws by striking out the word "or" in the first line, the word "advancement" in the second line and the word "remaining" in the tenth line; so that said Section when amended will read as follows:

"Section 124. An objection to initiation or to a waiver of jurisdiction, remains effective until the objector withdraws it, dies, or ceases to be a member

of the Lodge in good standing. Nor can any Lodge by waiver of jurisdiction in favor of another Lodge destroy the force of an objection. Where from failure of a Master to communicate the name of an objector to his successor, or from any other cause, a Master does not know the name of an objector, the candidate may petition for the degrees in the regular manner."

"An objection to a petitioner for affiliation remains effective until the objector withdraws it, dies, or ceases to be a member in good standing of the Lodge. But neither an objection, nor an unfavorable ballot upon a petition for affiliation can preclude the petitioner's right to petition any other Lodge for admission."

Amend Section 125 of Chapter 16 of the By-Laws by inserting after the word "admission" in the fourth line the following words "or when objections to advancement are communicated to the Master by a Master Mason belonging to said Lodge and in good standing after the obligation in the entered-apprentice degree" and by adding to said Section after the word "candidate" in the last line the following words: "In the event such objection is later upon further investigation found to be invalid, the candidate may take the degrees or the remaining degrees without further petition," so that said Section when amended will read as follows:

"Section 125. When objections are communicated to the Master by any Master Mason in good standing and not a member of the Lodge or by another Lodge to initiation, advancement or admission, or when objections to advancement are communicated to the Master by a Master Mason belonging to said Lodge and in good standing, after the obligation in the entered-apprentice degree, there must be a suspension of further proceedings, and the Master must fully state to the Lodge the objections made, withholding the name of the objector; an investigation must be made and the objection, if found valid, must be respected. Objections should in all cases be presented to and can be passed upon only by the Lodge having jurisdiction over the candidate. In the event such objection is later upon further investigation found to be invalid, the candidate may take the degrees or the remaining degrees without further petition."

M. W. Ambrose C. Epperson, Past Grand Master, moved that the thanks of this Grand Body be extended to the different Omaha Lodges, and also to those Brethren who have been active individually in making this Communication of the Grand Lodge pleasant and agreeable, and to the membership of this Grand Lodge for the courtesies they have extended and for the help that they have given to us, and I want to say that I know that the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction appreciate all of the good things that Omaha has done for the Grand Jurisdiction. I did not go to Fremont, but I am reminded by Brother Chappell that many courtesies and fraternal assistances were rendered by the Fremont Brethren, and I include them in my motion. Motion prevailed.

W. Ralph O. Canaday, 285, presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

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

Your committee on Codification of the Law has carefully digested the approved decisions and recommendations of the Grand Master and the approved reports of the Committee on Jurisprudence and has codified such of them as suggest changes in the laws as follows.

1. Pursuant to approved decision number 5 we recommend that the last sentence in the first paragraph of section 81 of the law as found on page 136 of the 1926 proceedings be amended to read as follows:

"By the phrase 'good standing' is meant one who has petitioned for affiliation within one year after receiving his demit, or having petitioned for affiliation and having been rejected, has renewed his petition as often as once in each six months after each rejection."

2. Pursuant to approved decision number 9 we recommend that a new section of the law, to be known as 92-A, be enacted as follows:

"The Grand Secretary or the subordinate Lodges shall not furnish any person, who intends to use the same for business purposes or for soliciting or circularizing subordinate lodges or the members thereof with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge or a roster of subordinate lodges or the members thereof."

3. Pursuant to approved recommendation number 1 we recommend the enactment of a new Section of the law to be known as Section 67-A to read as follows:

"Hereafter life membership shall not be issued by a subordinate lodge."

4. Pursuant to recommendation number 3 we recommend a new Section to be known as Section 89-B, be enacted to read as follows:

"In all cases of inter-jurisdictional relief (relief granted by a Nebraska lodge to a brother from a foreign jurisdiction) emergency relief may be administered by the local lodge in such amounts as within the discretion of said lodge may seem necessary. The local lodge, shall forthwith notify the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary's office of the facts and circumstances in the case and the amount of the emergency relief afforded and all inter-jurisdictional communications on the subject shall be with the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary's office."

5. Pursuant to recommendation number 8 as amended by the committee on Jurisprudence we recommend that a new Section of the law to be known as 89-C, be enacted to read as follows:

"No subordinate lodge shall purchase or erect any building or structure for which it is necessary to borrow money, and to issue any evidence of indebtedness of the lodge without first obtaining the approval of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. This shall not apply to separately incorporated temple crafts or building associations, the obligations of which are not liabilities of the lodge.

6. Recommendation number 10 which was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee did not frame the necessary legislation and there is nothing to codify. The Codification Committee has no jurisdiction to enact legislation. Since it will take legislation to carry this recommendation and no legislation

is proposed there is nothing to do. The Codification Committee's only duty is to see that legislation which is enacted fits in harmoniously with existing law.

7. Pursuant to recommendation number 11 as amended by the Jurisprudence Committee we recommend that Section 124 be amended to read as follows:

"An objection to initiation or advancement, or a waiver of jurisdiction, remains effective until the objector withdraws it, dies, or ceases to be a member in good standing of the Lodge, or until said objector has been adjudged insane by the proper civil authorities and has remained insane for one year after said adjudication. Nor can any Lodge by waiver of jurisdiction in favor of another Lodge destroy the force of an objection. Where from failure of a Master to communicate the name of an objector to his successor, or from any other cause, a Master does not know the name of an objector, the candidate may petition for the remaining degrees in the regular manner. An objection to a petitioner for affiliation remains effective until the objector withdraws it, dies, or ceases to be a member in good standing of the Lodge. But neither an objection, nor an unfavorable ballot upon a petition for affiliation can preclude the petitioner's right to petition any other Lodge for admission."

8. Pursuant to recommendation number 17 as amended by the Jurisprudence Committee we recommend that Section 133 be enacted to read as follows:

"A Lodge cannot consider a petition for affiliation unless accompanied by a certificate of membership, as hereinafter provided, or a demit or its equivalent, provided that when the petitioner has lost his demit or certificate of membership which has been issued him from a Lodge which has become extinct, he may make application to the Grand Secretary and upon proper showing receive from him a certificate of demission which certificate shall accompany the petition for application in lieu of the original demit or certificate of membership. A petitioner who presents with his petition a certificate of membership from a subordinate Lodge of this jurisdiction or one authorized by law of another Grand Jurisdiction shall not become a member of the Lodge petitioned until he is elected and has obtained and presented to said Lodge his demit or its equivalent."

9. Pursuant to the recommendation of the Grand Master found on page 4 of his address, which recommendation was duly approved of by the Grand Lodge, we recommend that the last sentence of Section 8 of the law be amended to read as follows:

"He shall make a full and detailed report to the Grand Lodge of his official visits and acts and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of Twenty-four Hundred (\$2400) Dollars per year; payable monthly, together with all necessary expenses in and about such work."

10. Pursuant to recommendation No. 9, we recommend that a new Section of the law to be known as Section 27-B be enacted to read as follows:

"All Grand Lodge Funds irrespective of by what committee administered shall be held in the name of the M. W. of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Nebraska in such Bank or Banks as may be designated by the Grand Master, the deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand

Junior Warden acting collectively. The various funds of the Grand Lodge may be carried in separate accounts, subject to the order of the proper officers or committees, but until finally disbursed, legal title thereto shall at all times remain in said Grand Lodge."

11. Pursuant to recommendation No. 14, we recommend the enactment of a new Section of the law to be known as Section 31-C to read as follows:

"A fund to be known as the fund for the maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children is hereby created. One-half of the monies in the Building and Improvement Fund as of April 1, 1927, together with one-half of the subsequent accretions thereto shall be credited to said fund. One-half of all the items of income that would otherwise be credited to the Building and Improvement Fund shall be credited to this fund, and the same shall be used for the maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children."

12. Pursuant to Recommendation No. 13, we recommend the enactment of a new Section of the law to be known as Section 31-B to read as follows:

"PERMANENT RESERVE FUND. A Fund to be known as Permanent Reserve Fund is hereby created. Ten Thousand Dollars (par value) in Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds now owned by the Grand Lodge shall be credited thereto. Such credit together with all interest accumulations thereon shall constitute such fund."

13. Pursuant to Recommendation No. 18, we recommend that Section 32 of the by-laws be amended to read as follows:

"Section 32, INVESTIGATION AND PAYMENTS. All applications for relief from the relief fund shall be referred to the standing committee on Relief and care of Orphans and the funds from time to time required by demands on the committee shall be paid over to it by warrants drawn upon the fund by order of the Grand Master."

14. Pursuant to Recommendation No. 21, we recommend the enactment of a new Section of the law to be known as Section 89-D to read as follows:

"BADGE FOR MASON OF 50 YEARS. All Master Masons who have been such for a period of Fifty years and who are members of subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction shall be entitled upon application to receive from the Grand Lodge a suitable badge or button, which badge or button shall be selected and provided by the Grand Secretary and paid for out of the Grand Lodge Funds."

15. Pursuant to Approved Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, we recommend that Section 97 of the by-laws be amended by adding thereto the following words:

"Provided further that Ogalalla Lodge No. 159 and Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory within the incorporation limits of Big Springs at the time the petition is received."

M. W. John Pickard, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri, assisted by M. W. Ambrose C. Epperson, as Grand Marshal, installed all of the officers for the ensuing year.

M. W. Edwin D. Crites, who had just retired as Grand Master, pinned the Grand Master's jewel upon his successor, saying: "Most Worshipful Brother Davis, I have taken this opportunity to vary the ceremony just a trifle, in the respect, that I wish, with my own hands, to pin on you this jewel which I have worn the past year, and which has been worn by my predecessors in office from year to year with so much distinction, so far as they are concerned. My Brother, you belong to a contentious fraternity. You are entitled to have men dislike you, but my Brother, I want to say that during this year, I have yet to find a man who has an evil word to say of you, or to offer the slightest criticism. During the year in which we have been associated more or less, I have learned to know that your character and understanding are such as to fit you in every way for the responsible and dignified office that you now hold, and it is with pleasure that I place this jewel upon you, and I know that you will wear it with equal credit to yourself and benefit to the Fraternity."

M. W. John Pickard, Grand Master of Missouri, in closing the installation, again very cordially invited the Grand Master and his associate Grand Officers to attend the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

M. W. Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, made a few remarks to the Grand Lodge, expressing his deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon him, and assured the Grand Master of Missouri that he hoped to be able to attend that Grand Lodge, and announced his intention to visit the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa, the next week, saying that as he was a native of that great commonwealth, he could not miss that occasion.

Moved by M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master, that the thanks of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, be extended to Most Worshipful Brother Edwin D. Crites, for his faithful, efficient, and conscientious service to this Grand Lodge, and to Masonry at large, during the past Masonic year. Motion unanimously adopted.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master, presented a Past Grand Master's jewel to M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Past Grand Master.

M. W. Brother Crites, in accepting the jewel expressed his deep appreciation of the gift of a handsome Past Grand Master's jewel, and thanked the Brethren who had so faithfully served with him during his year as Grand Master.

Ay 4:15 o'clock P. M., no further business appearing, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

ALBERT R. DAVIS,
Grand Master.

ATTEST:



Lewis Smith
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.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS.—The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Francis E. White as Grand Secretary Emeritus, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, and Grand Tyler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of a subordinate lodge.

1925—815.

ARTICLE XI. THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER AND GRAND WARDENS.

1. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties at all communications of the Grand Lodge, and, in his absence, to preside therein; and, in the event of the death of the Grand Master, or of his permanent absence from the state, or of his inability from any cause to perform the functions of his office, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Junior Warden, in the order of their rank, shall succeed to the office of Grand Master, and, upon being installed by any Past Grand Master, shall thereupon assume the duties of Grand Master and be entitled to all of the rights and prerogatives of a Grand Master.

1925—816.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW.

Section 7, lines 23-27, page 20, of the law, edition of 1922.

He shall give a surety bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in the sum of \$10,000.00, to be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the premium paid by the Grand Lodge. Said coverage may be included in a blanket bond, also covering secretaries and treasurers of subordinate lodges.

1925—832.

Section 8, lines 4, page 22, of the law, edition of 1922.

Section 8.—He shall make a full and detailed report to the Grand Lodge of his official visits and acts and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of Twenty-four Hundred (\$2400) Dollars per year; payable monthly, together with all necessary expenses in and about such work.

1927—393.

Section 9 of the law, strike therefrom in line 10, the words: "Childrens Homes," and insert in lieu thereof the following:

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

1925—834.

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.—The Committee on Joint Board of Managers of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children shall consist of six members to be appointed by the Grand Master, 2 for 1 year, 2 for 2 years, and 2 for 3 years, and 2 for 3 years each year thereafter. Said committee in conjunction with six members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, shall have the control and management of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, Nebraska. They shall select their own officers and organize their own committees. They shall adopt rules for their government, and of their employees, and of the children in the Home, and submit the same to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, which rules shall not go into effect until approved by the Grand Master, and the Worthy Grand Matron, and any amendments to said rules shall go into effect only after receiving the approval of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron.

That on or before March 1st of each year, they shall make a full and detailed report to the two Grand Bodies embodying a complete financial report and the number of children cared for, the dates of admission and dismissal of each child, and the per capita expense of caring for the children in the Home, which report shall be presented annually to the two Grand Bodies, and printed in such numbers and be so distributed as the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron shall from time to time determine.

That the duty and responsibility of passing on applications to the Home of all children claiming Masonic relationship, shall be continued in the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans of the Grand Lodge; a like duty and responsibility of passing upon applications with relationship to the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, shall be vested in a corresponding committee of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; and the Board of Managers shall be required to accept children recommended by said committees, so far as the capacity of the cottages at the Home will permit.

That the name of the Home shall be The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and such name shall be used in all publications of these Grand Bodies and their Board of Managers, and wherever else the name of such Home may be used. That the expense involved in the conduct of the Home and the upkeep of the buildings, shall be shared equally by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter; that in arriving at such expense, donations or contributions to the Home or the Board of Managers for the benefit of the Home be not

considered; that at their meetings in 1925, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge appropriate for the benefit of the Home, sums estimated to be sufficient for the current year, the same to be available as required upon written order of the President and Secretary elected by said Board of Managers, and the affairs of the Board of Managers shall be so arranged that requisitions upon the Grand Bodies may be made quarterly, and that the Board of Managers report to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Chapter, and to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter the date and amount of all sums received from the Grand Lodge.

That all recommendations for additional cottages or other capital investments shall be submitted in writing by the Board of Managers and the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, with detailed explanations for such recommendations to the Worthy Grand Matron and to the Grand Master sixty days before the convening of the first Grand Body to meet thereafter, so that joint recommendations thereon to the respective Grand Bodies may be submitted in the discretion of the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron, said recommendations to include the respective share each Grand Body shall assume in the expense involved.

1925—833.

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

Section 27-B.—All Grand Lodge Funds irrespective of by what committee administered shall be held in the name of the M. W. of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska in such Bank or Banks as may be designated by the Grand Master, the deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden acting collectively. The various funds of Grand Lodge may be carried in separate accounts, subject to the order of the proper officers or committees, but until finally disbursed, legal title thereto shall at all times remain in said Grand Lodge.

1927—393.

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 31-A.—WAR RELIEF FUND.—\$30,000.00, the result of the resolution of June 5th, A. L. 5918, and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the WAR RELIEF FUND, and except by direct action of the Grand Lodge and for the purpose expressed in the resolution of June 6th, A. L. 5923, with reference thereto, no part of the principal of said fund shall be used.

The annual interest earned by said fund in any year may be expended for the purpose set forth in the resolution of June 6th, A. L. 5923, with reference thereto, and shall be disbursed on order of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, as are other relief funds.

The 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.

1924—585.

Section 31-B.—PERMANENT RESERVE FUND. A Fund to be known as Permanent Reserve Fund is hereby created. Ten Thousand Dollars (par value) in Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds now owned by the Grand Lodge shall be credited thereto. Such credit together with all interest accumulations thereon shall constitute such fund."

1927—394.

Section 31-C.—A fund to be known as the fund for the maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children is hereby created. One-half of the monies in the Building and Improvement Fund as of April 1, 1927, together with one-half of the subsequent accretions thereto shall be credited to said fund. One-half of all the items of income that would otherwise be credited to the Building and Improvement Fund shall be credited to this fund, and the same shall be used for the maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

1927—394.

Section 32.—INVESTIGATION AND PAYMENTS. All applications for relief from the relief fund shall be referred to the standing committee on Relief and Care of Orphans and the funds from time to time required by demands on the committee shall be paid over to it by warrants drawn upon the fund by order of the Grand Master.

1927—394.

Sec. 47-A.—No person shall be elected or appointed to any office who has not complied with Section 66 of the law.

1925—833.

Sec. 59-A.—All secretaries and treasurers of subordinate lodges shall be bonded by a surety bond of an approved corporate surety bonding company, in amounts sufficient to cover their respective needs. Each lodge shall determine the amount of coverage requested by it, and said amounts shall be

certified to the Grand Secretary, annually, and he shall obtain a blanket bond covering all of said amounts, together with the bond required of the Grand Secretary. The cost of said blanket bond shall be pro rated among, and collected from the several lodges according to the amount of the coverage required by said lodges.

1925—832.

Sec. 60.—**TIME: DISPENSATION.**—The officers shall be installed during the month of June, and after the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. Installation at other times, except by dispensation, is irregular, and any Master permitting it is subject to Masonic discipline. The fee for dispensation to elect or install, or both, at any other than the prescribed time shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00), which must accompany the petition, which petition must be under the seal of the requesting lodge.

1924—605.

Sec. 60-A.—No officer shall hold over another year on account of failure to install his successor. But where an officer-elect is not installed within time, the lodge shall proceed under dispensation to install. In the event the officer declines installation, the lodge shall proceed to elect and install under dispensation. In the event the Master-elect is not installed, the duly installed Warden, according to rank, shall discharge all of the duties of the office of Master until the Master is elected and installed.

1924—605.

Sec. 63.—**WHO MAY BE INSTALLED.**—No Master shall be installed until he shall have been duly qualified by actually receiving the degree of Past Master, which shall be conferred, under the direction of the Grand Custodian, by a convocation of not less than three actual Past Masters, and none but such Past Masters can be present at such convocation, nor shall such installation be had until a certificate is presented to the installing officer showing the Master-elect to have so received the degree of Past Master. Chapter Past Masters, as such, are excluded from participation. The degree of Past Master shall not be conferred upon any Master-elect while under charges. Arrearages for dues shall not prevent the installation of an officer-elect.

1924—609.

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.

An unaffiliated Master Mason in good standing in the Fraternity is entitled to be instructed and examined in any lodge as to his proficiency in the degree of a Master Mason, and upon being found proficient, this fact should be certified to the lodge electing him to membership.

1924—605.

Provided, that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this section.

1925—833.

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.

Section 67-A.—Hereafter life membership shall not be issued by a subordinate Lodge.

1927—392.

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. 75.—ATTENDING CHURCH: MASONIC CLOTHING.—Members of a lodge may attend church services in procession without dispensation. But Masonic clothing should be worn only when the lodge is at work or upon some Masonic occasion.

1924—610.

Sec. 76-B.—A lodge may hold a meeting on St. John's Day, to which the Order of the Eastern Star and members of Masonic and Eastern Star families may be admitted, in like manner as they are admitted to a public installation of officers of the lodge.

1924—606.

Section 77.—(New paragraph).—Pall-bearers who are not Master Masons should not have a place in the part of the procession formed by the lodge of Freemasons. None but Master Masons should be in line between the Tyler and the Master.

1925—831.

Sec. 80.—(First paragraph.) ASSESSMENT.—Chartered lodges shall have discretionary power to assess dues upon members who are Master Masons in good standing, and their by-laws shall designate the amount so assessed and the time for its payment. All such dues, and special assessments, shall be uniform upon the members. All lodges in fixing the dues of their members shall include the amount of Grand Lodge dues with the lodge dues. A

Brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the lodge, that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted, and shall be required to pay in full all special assessments.

1924—606.

Sec. 81.—(First two paragraphs.) Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge, on or before the 5th day of April, for each initiation, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), 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 (\$2.00), 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 this shall not apply to any Master Mason holding a demit and being in good standing at the time he presents his petition for affiliation.

By the phrase 'good standing' is meant one who has petitioned for affiliation within one year after receiving his demit, or having petitioned for affiliation and having been rejected, has renewed his petition as often as once in each six months after each rejection.

The additional funds for each initiation and affiliation fee, together with the sum of fifty cents, from the Two Dollars, (\$2.00) Grand Lodge dues, 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, 1922. 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 tenth of April.

1923—369. 1924—603. 1925—830. 1927—392.

Sec. 84.—The receipt for dues, adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction shall contain all the information contained in the form of receipt found on page 102 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1913, except that all receipts shall be printed on cards of convenient size to fit in the ordinary card case. Said receipts shall be consecutively numbered, and all blank receipts for dues be procured through the office of the Grand Secretary.

1926—113.

Section 88A.—That hereafter, no Lodge or Lodges shall establish a Masonic charitable institution, or undertake a continuing Masonic charitable work, or become obligated for continuing contributions for charitable purposes, nor shall any Lodge or Lodges, or person or persons, use the word "Masonic," or other term indicating Masonic activities, regarding any such institution or work, which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of the Grand Lodge so to do; Provided, that the pro-

visions of this section shall not apply to the Masonic Home for Children at Omaha, commonly known as the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Boys; and Provided further that this section shall not in any way be construed as an assumption of any responsibility for said Home by this Grand Lodge.

1926—127.

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.

Section 89-B.—In all cases of inter-jurisdictional relief (relief granted by a Nebraska Lodge to a Brother from a foreign jurisdiction) emergency relief may be administered by the local Lodge in such amounts as within the discretion of said Lodge may seem necessary. The local Lodge, shall forthwith notify the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary's office of the facts and circumstances in the case and the amount of the emergency relief afforded and all inter-jurisdictional communications on the subject shall be with the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary's office.

1927—392.

Section 89-C.—No subordinate Lodge shall purchase or erect any building or structure for which it is necessary to borrow money, and to issue any evidence of indebtedness of the Lodge without first obtaining the approval of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. This shall not apply to separately incorporated temple crafts or building associations, the obligations of which are not liabilities of the Lodge.

1927—392.

Section 89-D.—BADGE FOR MASON OF 50 YEARS. All Master Masons who have been such for a period of Fifty years and who are members of subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction shall be entitled upon application to receive from the Grand Lodge a suitable badge or button, which badge or button shall be selected and provided by the Grand Secretary and paid for out of the Grand Lodge Funds.

1927—394.

Section 92-A.—The Grand Secretary or the subordinate Lodges shall not furnish any person, who intends to use the same for business purposes or for soliciting or circularizing subordinate Lodges or the members thereof with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge or a roster of subordinate Lodges or the members thereof.

1927—392.

Sec. 97.—HOW MEASURED.—A Lodge chartered or under dispensation has, for all purposes, exclusive territorial jurisdiction half way in an air line to each surrounding chartered Lodge. Such distance to be measured from the corporate limits of the cities or towns in which the Lodges are located; and in case the residence of a petitioner is within a recognized town or village, whose townsite has been regularly laid out and platted, whether incorporated or not,

such petitioner shall be considered as within the jurisdiction of the Lodge nearest the limits of such town or village plat. Provided, that Tyre Lodge No. 85, and Wymore Lodge No. 104, and all Lodges in cities where there are two or more, shall have concurrent jurisdiction. Provided further that all Lodges located in the city of Omaha, and the towns of Florence, Benson and Dundee shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners for the mysteries of Freemasonry who reside within the corporate limits of the above named city and towns. Provided further that Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Liberty Lodge No. 300, North Star Lodge No. 227, George Washington Lodge No. 250, Cotner Lodge No. 297, and Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory now held by the above named Lodges. Provided further that Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, of South Omaha shall retain the same exclusive jurisdiction as heretofore, notwithstanding any consolidation of the cities of Omaha and South Omaha. Provided further that Victory Lodge No. 310, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Wahoo Lodge No. 59 and Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory now held by the above named Lodges.

Provided further that Ogalalla Lodge No. 159 and Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory within the incorporation limits of Big Springs at the time the petition is received.

1927—394.

Sec. 99.—(New paragraph.) The conferring of a degree, or degrees, in violation of this section is irregular but not void, and any lodge so conferring any such degree shall not proceed with the degrees but shall immediately certify its action to the lodge having jurisdiction over the petitioner, or if no lodge has such jurisdiction, then to the Grand Secretary, and the total fees collected, less the amount due the Grand Lodge, shall be paid to the lodge having jurisdiction, or in the event no lodge has jurisdiction shall be paid to the Grand Lodge and placed in the Building and Improvement Fund. The lodge conferring the degrees without jurisdiction shall also pay to the Grand Lodge, as a penalty, double the amount of prescribed fees, and at the option of the Grand Master, its charter may be arrested.

1924—608.

Provided the Grand Master is hereby vested with power to remit the penalty or any portion of the penalty provided by the section, upon a clear showing by the lodge that in receiving the petition and subsequent action thereunder, the lodge made diligent investigation and acted in good faith throughout, and without any knowledge or any reason to believe it did not have jurisdiction, and the Grand Master is empowered to make such investigation as he deems necessary to a correct determination of the question.

1925—831.

Sec. 103.—PETITIONS TO ADJOINING GRAND JURISDICTIONS.—Whenever citizens of Nebraska who are desirous of petitioning for the degrees shall reside nearer some subordinate lodge in any adjoining Grand Jurisdiction, and shall wish to petition such lodge for the degrees, they shall be allowed to do so without first obtaining permission of the Grand Master of this Grand

Jurisdiction: Provided, that this regulation shall take effect and be in force only upon, and after, receipt of official information from such adjoining Grand Jurisdiction that similar permission is given residents thereof to apply for the degrees in neighboring lodges located in Nebraska; Provided further, that the lodge in the adjoining Jurisdiction shall immediately notify the lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction in whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides, and shall take no further action for thirty days after such notification, and if the petitioner has been rejected by a Nebraska lodge no further procedure may be had in the lodge in the adjoining Grand Jurisdiction without the consent, lawfully given, of the Nebraska lodge having jurisdiction. A Nebraska lodge receiving a like petition from a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction shall proceed in like manner. 1924—610.

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, in which event, the petition for advancement must set out the dates of receiving the preceding degree, or degrees, and shall follow the usual course, or unless he has been elected and received either of said degrees in a lodge not having jurisdiction. 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. The fees to be charged for the succeeding degrees shall be the fees in force at the time the petition for advancement is received by the lodge. An interval of four weeks shall intervene between the conferring of degrees.

If he has received any of these degrees in a lodge not having jurisdiction, and desires to be advanced, he must petition the lodge having jurisdiction for advancement, setting forth the facts of his petition to the lodge without jurisdiction and its action thereon. The petition shall take its regular course and upon favorable action thereon in the lodge having jurisdiction, the irregularity in the conferring of the degrees by the lodge without jurisdiction to be healed and the work thereafter to proceed in the lodge in the regular manner. 1923—369. 1924—608.

Sec. 119-A.—A ballot should be spread only for one candidate and not for several collectively. The ballot can not be divided and but one ballot box can be used in voting on a petition. The ballot shall not be spread on a petition for initiation until the questionnaire provided by the Grand Lodge has been filled out in full, signed and returned, and if not done within four months, the petitioner shall be declared rejected without ballot. 1924—606. 1925—831.

Sec. 121.—(New paragraph.) It is unlawful to discuss a petition for affiliation or for the degrees after the ballot thereon, but pertinent and judicious inquiry as to the qualifications of the candidate before ballot is proper.

1924—609.

Section 124.—DURATION. An objection to initiation or advancement, or a waiver of jurisdiction, remains effective until the objector withdraws it, dies, or ceases to be a member in good standing of the Lodge, or until said objector has been adjudged insane by the proper civil authorities and has remained insane for one year after said adjudication. Nor can any Lodge by waiver of jurisdiction in favor of another Lodge destroy the force of an objection. Where from failure of a Master to communicate the name of an objector to his successor, or from any other cause, a Master does not know the name of an objector, the candidate may petition for the remaining degrees in the regular manner.

An objection to a petitioner for affiliation remains effective until the objector withdraws it, dies, or ceases to be a member in good standing of the Lodge. But neither an objection, nor an unfavorable ballot upon a petition for affiliation can preclude the petitioner's right to petition any other Lodge for admission.

1927—393.

Section 133.—A Lodge cannot consider a petition for affiliation unless accompanied by a certificate of membership, as hereinafter provided, or demit or its equivalent, provided that when the petitioner has lost his demit or certificate of membership which has been issued him from a Lodge which has become extinct, he may make application to the Grand Secretary and upon proper showing receive from him a certificate of demission which certificate shall accompany the petition for application in lieu of the original demit or certificate of membership. A petitioner who presents with his petition a certificate of membership from a subordinate Lodge of this jurisdiction or one authorized by law of another Grand Jurisdiction shall not become a member of the Lodge petitioned until he is elected and has obtained and presented to said Lodge his demit or its equivalent.

1927—393.

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

Such petition must be received and read at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and if, after opportunity is given, no charges are preferred against the petitioner, and if the Brother is clear on the books, and has complied with Section 66 of the law, the Master shall order that a demit be issued, and the Secretary shall make a record of such action. The Secretary by order of the Master, may upon the request of a Brother, (who is qualified to receive a demit) grant a certificate of membership, (said certificate to be upon a special blank furnished by the Grand Secretary) to be used by him in petitioning another Lodge for membership by affiliation, and upon notice of election by said Lodge, shall issue that Lodge a demit for the Brother. A demit may be issued to any

Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason who shall have permanently removed from the jurisdiction of the Lodge in which he received the degree or degrees, if an application for such demit shall be made within two years after the degrees of an Entered Apprentice Mason, or of a Fellow Craft Mason, as the case may be shall have been received, provided no charges are pending against him or objections filed to his advancement.

1925—833.

Sec. 146-A.—VISITORS—CERTIFICATES—RECEIPTS.—No lodge in this jurisdiction shall receive a visitor unless a Master Mason, known as such in the lodge, shall vouch for the visitor as a Master Mason in good standing, or until the visitor, after strict examination, shall prove himself to be a Mason in good standing in some lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, or under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge; and no such visitor shall be examined until he produces to the Worshipful Master of the lodge, or to the committee of examination appointed by him, a certificate under the seal of his lodge, authenticated by the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction whence the visitor comes, which certificate must show that he is a member of said lodge in good standing. Such diplomas and certificates as are authorized by the law of the Grand Jurisdiction whence the visitor comes may be accepted as filling the requirements of this section in that respect. And the Master and committee must be satisfied that the lodge giving the certificate is a regular lodge, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or of a regular Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. And unless such certificate is dated within one year prior to the date of such examination, the visiting Brother must also present some receipt or documentary evidence from his lodge, bearing a date not to exceed twelve months prior to the date of such examination, showing that he remains a member of said lodge in good standing.

No lodge shall permit a Brother holding membership in a lodge outside of this Grand Jurisdiction to visit a Nebraska lodge, who does not exhibit a proper diploma or receipt for dues dated within one year prior to such visitation.

1924—607.

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 Mason's lodge or lodges, and shall have complied with the provisions of Section 66 of the Grand Lodge law as to proficiency.

1923—370.

Sec. 180.—ACCUSER AND ACCUSED.—The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received in any Masonic trial. The status, rights, and privileges of a Mason under charges are not affected until conviction. No affidavit shall be received in evidence over objection.

1924—607.

Sec. 184.—EXAMINATIONS.—The testimony of witnesses who are Masons in good standing may be taken in open lodge, or by a special committee ap-

pointed by the Master. Other witnesses shall be examined by such committee. In either case the accused and the accuser, in person or by attorney, who must be a Master Mason in good standing, shall be entitled to be present and propound such relevant questions as they may desire.

1924—607.

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.

Sec. 210-A.—The record of a Brother's suspension for non-payment of dues can not be changed, vacated, or annulled by the lodge suspending him, after the Brother's death. But when the action of the lodge was illegal, the sentence of suspension may be declared null and void by the Grand Master, provided, that if the so-called suspension occurred more than one year prior to the decease of said Brother, and no attempt has been made by himself or his relations for restoration to good standing in that length of time, he shall be deemed to have had full knowledge thereof, and to have concurred therein, and the action of the lodge shall not be changed, but shall be final.

1925—830.

Amend Section 210-A by changing its number to 210-B.

1925—830.

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FRANK R. PERKINS.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. May 7, 1926
ARNOLD M. BROWAR.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. June 8, 1926
JAMES E. CARNAL.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. June 14, 1926
FRANK R. STRAIGHT.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Sept. 15, 1926
WILLIS E. AYRES.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Oct. 22, 1926
RASMUS P. ANDERSON.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Nov. 17, 1926
WILLIAM C. PAEPER.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Nov. 27, 1926
FRED E. HALL.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Feb. 7, 1927
WILLIAM E. HAWLEY.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Feb. 2, 1927
HARRY A. LOWE.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Jan. 29, 1927
YUGOE NELSON.....	Nebraska,	No. 1.. Feb. 8, 1927
JOHN W. DIXON.....	Western Star,	No. 2.. July 22, 1926
WILEY S. CORNUTT.....	Western Star,	No. 2.. Sept. 12, 1926
LUTHER E. CARTER.....	Western Star,	No. 2.. Oct. 26, 1926
J. PETER TAYLOR.....	Western Star,	No. 2.. 1917
FRANTZ W. CURREY.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. April 29, 1926
JESSE H. PENNEWIT.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. May 18, 1926
ENNIS T. BOYNTON.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. July 24, 1926
HAROLD V. JOHNSON.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. July 24, 1926
JOHN PRAY.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. July 25, 1926
PAUL J. BLACKWOOD.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. July 28, 1926
DANIEL CORTE.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Sept. 10, 1926
MAURICE GARRISON.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Sept. 19, 1926
ROY M. NOBLETT.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Aug. 12, 1926
JOHN POSPICHAL.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Oct. 1, 1926
THEODORE WOLF.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Oct. 15, 1926
RICHARD PRAWITZ.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Nov. 19, 1926
WILLIAM S. ASKWITH.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Jan. 5, 1927
ROBERT S. ANGLIN.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Jan. 19, 1927
NAT L. BRYSON.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Jan. 30, 1927
JOHN STREETER, JR.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Feb. 1, 1927
AUGUST FINKE.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Mar. 15, 1927
ALBERT F. HOWK.....	Capitol,	No. 3.. Mar. 17, 1927
WILLIAM BAGLEY.....	Nemaha Valley,	No. 4..
WALTER D. SMITH.....	Omadi,	No. 5.. April 9, 1926
SAMUEL A. COMBS.....	Omadi,	No. 5.. July 11, 1926

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GLEN PERRY.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6.. Aug. 25, 1926
JULIUS PEPPERBERG.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6.. Sept. 27, 1926
HENRY J. HELPS.....	Plattsmouth,	No. 6.. Jan. 23, 1927
JOHN M. EVANS.....	Falls City,	No. 9.. June 8, 1926
EDWIN W. MORGAN.....	Falls City,	No. 9.. July 20, 1926
EDWIN S. JONES.....	Falls City,	No. 9.. Oct. 30, 1926
NICHOLAS RATHYEN.....	Solomon,	No. 10.. Feb. 27, 1927
FREDERICK E. WINNING.....	Covert,	No. 11.. April 10, 1926
RICHARD W. CASE.....	Covert,	No. 11.. April 16, 1926
NORMAN A. ARMSTRONG.....	Covert,	No. 11.. June 1, 1926
FRED L. HEYN.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Aug. 4, 1926
EDWIN P. BAKER.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Sept. 5, 1926
HENRY F. PETRIE.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Oct. 9, 1926
OSCAR G. CARTER.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Oct. 21, 1926
CHARLES D. BORGER.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Oct. 24, 1926
ALBERT L. KELLER.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Oct. 27, 1926
EDWARD R. WILSON.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Jan. 1, 1927
CLARKE R. HUTTON.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Jan. 24, 1927
WILLIAM S. WEDGE.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Jan. 25, 1927
EDWIN R. PERFECT.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Jan. 29, 1927
VON COLLINS SHAFFER.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Feb. 16, 1927
CHARLES E. LANSTROM.....	Covert,	No. 11.. Feb. 24, 1927
WILLIAM O. AMSLER.....	Orient,	No. 13.. Jan. 12, 1927
LUCIUS R. HAMMOND.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. April 12, 1926
OSCAR N. WIDMAN, JR.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. June 20, 1926
LEE MARTYN.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. Aug. 27, 1926
OTTO HUETTE.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. Oct. 22, 1926
ANDREW P. SHEPHARD.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. Nov. 14, 1926
JOHN W. OMSTEAD.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. Dec. 1, 1926
GEORGE L. WELCH.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. Jan. 8, 1927
OTTO H. SCHURMAN.....	Fremont,	No. 15.. Mar. 11, 1927
JOHN H. LALACKER.....	Tecumseh,	No. 17.. June 30, 1926
HENRY B. VILLARS.....	Tecumseh,	No. 17.. Oct. 31, 1926
FRED L. HALL.....	Lincoln,	No. 19.. July 18, 1926
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Otis R. Paist	Lincoln,	No. 19..Aug. 19, 1926
Daniel Worth	Lincoln,	No. 19..Oct. 7, 1926
Henry C. McArthur	Lincoln,	No. 19..April 27, 1926
Charles Dickinson	Lincoln,	No. 19..Nov. 17, 1926
Charles B. Copeland	Lincoln,	No. 19..Oct. 28, 1926
George E. Rolfsmeyer	Lincoln,	No. 19..Jan. 4, 1927
Eugene P. Leonard	Lincoln,	No. 19..Jan. 13, 1927
Daniel Swab	Lincoln,	No. 19..Jan. 26, 1927
George Cook	Lincoln,	No. 19..Feb. 1, 1927
Abraham P. Kempton	Lincoln,	No. 19..Mar. 21, 1927
Luzene P. Haning	Lincoln,	No. 19..Mar. 31, 1927
Frank M. Stanfield	Washington,	No. 21..Dec. 31, 1926
Chester F. Nye	Pawnee,	No. 23..May 31, 1926
Edward D. Smith	Pawnee,	No. 23..July 7, 1926
John J. Points	Saint Johns,	No. 25..April 21, 1926
Tom Markowitz	Saint Johns,	No. 25..April 2, 1926
William H. Ijams	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Oct. 29, 1914
Charles H. Youngers	Saint Johns,	No. 25..May 29, 1926
Otto Nielsen	Saint Johns,	No. 25..June 4, 1926
Louis F. De Lorimier	Saint Johns,	No. 25..July 19, 1926
Almond L. Fitch	Saint Johns,	No. 25..July 30, 1926
Amandus A. Holtman	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Oct. 10, 1926
Henry Van Deusen	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Oct. 16, 1926
John T. Miller	Saint Johns,	No. 25..May 28, 1926
Frederick F. Pitts	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Dec. 12, 1926
Edgar A. Doran	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Jan. 1, 1927
Edwin M. McCray	Saint Johns,	No. 25..July 15, 1926
Latham Davis	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Jan. 20, 1927
Charles A. Patterson	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Feb. 22, 1927
Charles Grotte	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Feb. 28, 1927
David Cole	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Mar. 2, 1927
Joseph Mallinson	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Mar. 5, 1927
David M. Haverly	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Mar. 23, 1927
John H. Laughren	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Mar. 26, 1927
Edgar B. Treat	Saint Johns,	No. 25..Mar. 27, 1927

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FRANK M. PROPHET.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Sept. 28, 1926
GEORGE W. MAURER.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Feb. 8, 1927
CHARLES L. SPRAGUE.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..Feb. 22, 1927
FREDERICK W. RANDELL.....	Beatrice,	No. 26..May 28, 1926
JASON F. ELLIS.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..June 30, 1926
GEORGE W. BAKER.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..Aug. 1, 1926
JOHN F. NESBIT.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..Oct. 30, 1926
JAMES R. SUTHERLAND.....	Tekamah,	No. 31..Nov. 23, 1926
BUTLER BUCHANAN.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..April 3, 1926
FREDERICK W. ORTH.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Aug. 26, 1926
EVERETT O. COOL.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Dec. 10, 1926
GEORGE R. HAMMOND.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Dec. 30, 1926
EDWIN S. HOGG.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Mar. 10, 1927
LEONARD O. JOHNSTON.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Mar. 20, 1927
CHARLES H. WATTS.....	Platte Valley,	No. 32..Mar. 25, 1927
CHARLES N. BISHOP.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..June 13, 1926
HAROLD W. MICHELSON.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..June 30, 1926
OSWALD LESCHINSKY.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..July 14, 1926
ADOLPH W. STERNE.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Sept. 15, 1926
GEORGE P. DEAN.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Sept. 30, 1926
WILLIAM L. BURNETT.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Nov. 22, 1926
FREDERICK C. DRYER.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Dec. 11, 1926
HENRY BOHN.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Dec. 22, 1926
EDWARD H. EDSON.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Jan. 12, 1927
STEPHEN A. CLAPPER.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Jan. 31, 1927
LOUIS B. STRINGER.....	Ashlar,	No. 33..Dec. 12, 1926
LUKE E. WELLMAN.....	Acacia,	No. 34..Jan. 24, 1927
JOHN C. KOHL.....	Acacia,	No. 34..April 28, 1926
WARREN J. SCOTT.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..June 2, 1926
HENRY L. DUVAL.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..June 11, 1926
JOE O. EVANS.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..Nov. 26, 1926
JOHN C. MCLUCAS.....	Fairbury,	No. 35..Dec. 8, 1926
JOHN C. LOGUE.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..July 25, 1926
JOSEPH W. VIERIGG.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..Oct. 10, 1926
GEORGE W. LINDGREEN.....	Lone Tree,	No. 36..Nov. 21, 1926
GEORGE H. HASTINGS.....	Crete,	No. 37..July 18, 1926

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WILLIAM T. BUCHANAN.....	Crete,	No. 37..Jan. 20, 1927
WREN MORROW.....	Oliver,	No. 38..Nov. 18, 1926
ELMER E. BETZER.....	Oliver,	No. 38..Feb. 28, 1927
ISAAC D. CLARKE.....	Papillion,	No. 39..June 19, 1926
WILLIAM A. PETERS.....	Northern Light,	No. 41..April 16, 1926
JOHN W. TYLER.....	Northern Light,	No. 41..Mar. 23, 1927
CHARLES L. RICHARDS.....	Hebron,	No. 43..Jan. 5, 1927
JACOB J. WERNER.....	Hebron,	No. 43..Jan. 16, 1927
EDWIN J. WHITE.....	Hebron,	No. 43..Feb. 23, 1927
COLUMBUS KILGORE.....	Harvard,	No. 44..April 25, 1926
CHARLES B. FINCH.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..April 3, 1926
ROY W. BODINSON.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..July 2, 1926
MARTIN OARD.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Aug. 4, 1926
MOSE E. CHIDESTER.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Sept. 21, 1926
GEORGE W. SEAMSTER.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..June 3, 1926
ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Feb. 16, 1927
CHARLES A. CONNER.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Mar. 19, 1927
JAMES W. WILSON.....	Rob Morris,	No. 46..Mar. 28, 1927
PHILIP C. HOUSEL.....	Evening Star,	No. 49..July 1, 1926
JOHN W. THOMPSON.....	Evening Star,	No. 49..Nov. 13, 1926
WILLIAM GAY.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Aug. 23, 1926
ISAAC M. GRUBB.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Nov. 22, 1926
WILLIAM KEAL.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Dec. 17, 1926
JOHN W. SHAW.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Dec. 29, 1926
SAMUEL R. ALEXANDER.....	Hastings,	No. 50..Jan. 1, 1927
ALFRED H. ETTING.....	Fidelity,	No. 51..Dec. 17, 1926
MARK B. TURNER.....	Hiram,	No. 52..Nov. 13, 1926
MELVILLE BIRNEY.....	Charity,	No. 53..April 17, 1926
HARRY B. GRAINGER.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Sept. 2, 1926
SAMUEL J. TUTTLE.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Feb. 14, 1927
PERCY B. BARKER.....	Lancaster,	No. 54..Feb. 23, 1927
GORDON E. VAN EVERY.....	Mosaic,	No. 55..Feb. 7, 1926
CLYDE V. BASKETT.....	Mosaic,	No. 55..June 19, 1926
SAMUEL J. REYNOLDS.....	Mosaic,	No. 55..July 26, 1926
JOSEPH Q. OVIATT.....	York,	No. 56..April 1926
LINCOLN J. BAYLEY.....	York,	No. 56..

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HIRAM M. MISNER.....	York,	No. 56..Jan. 26, 1927
ELIJAH COX.....	Mount Moriah,	No. 57..Sept. 23, 1926
WILLIAM H. DECH.....	Wahoo.....	No. 59..Aug. 31, 1926
JAMES S. LIVESAY.....	Wahoo,	No. 59..Jan. 10, 1927
ROBERT A. HEATON.....	Wahoo,	No. 59..Jan. 26, 1927
WILLIAM M. BANCROFT.....	Thistle,	No. 61..Aug. 16, 1926
HUGH J. GUNN.....	Thistle,	No. 61..Aug. 30, 1926
ROBERT H. KILLION.....	Keystone,	No. 62..Sept. 16, 1926
WILLIAM J. CARVER.....	Keystone,	No. 62..Oct. 25, 1926
JAMES C. GREER.....	Blue Valley,	No. 64..Feb. 25, 1927
WILLIAM COURTNEY.....	Osceola,	No. 65..April 14, 1926
JOSIAH LOCKE.....	Osceola,	No. 65..April 24, 1926
CHARLES DUNN.....	Osceola,	No. 65..Aug. 23, 1926
FREDERICK H. BALL.....	Osceola,	No. 65..Aug. 26, 1926
HENRY C. HUGHES.....	Osceola,	No. 65..Feb. 22, 1927
JOHN L. WARD.....	Edgar,	No. 67..Aug. 26, 1926
CLYDE C. CANFIELD.....	Edgar,	No. 67..Feb. 4, 1927
CLARK E. NEIR.....	Aurora,	No. 68..Mar. 10, 1927
ALLEN B. SANFORD.....	Sterling,	No. 70..Jan. 18, 1927
OSCAR E. ROBEN.....	Trowel,	No. 71..June 7, 1926
VERN W. FETZ.....	Trowel,	No. 71..June 14, 1926
EDWARD W. WRIGHT.....	Trowel,	No. 71..Dec. 14, 1926
HUGH L. MCGINITIE.....	Trowel,	No. 71..Jan. 5, 1927
MALCOLM LUSK.....	Friend,	No. 73..Nov. 1926
GUY B. ROSS.....	Alexandria,	No. 74..Jan. 8, 1927
AUGUST GRANNAMAN.....	Frank Welch,	No. 75..April 7, 1926
JOHN C. BATEMAN.....	Nelson.....	No. 77..June 27, 1926
JOHN VEACH.....	Nelson,	No. 77..Jan. 25, 1927
ARLIE L. STEELE.....	Albion,	No. 78..Sept. 5, 1925
HENRY C. MOUNTS.....	Geneva,	No. 79..
CHARLES E. SUMMERS.....	Geneva,	No. 79..Sept. 19, 1926
CHARLES CHARLTON.....	Geneva,	No. 79..Oct. 3, 1926
WILLIAM G. MATZKE.....	Geneva,	No. 79..Dec. 3, 1926
BARTHOLD KOEHLER.....	Geneva,	No. 79..Dec. 11, 1926
FRANK W. SLOAN.....	Geneva,	No. 79..Feb. 13, 1927
SANKEY V. HANNIBAL.....	St. Paul,	No. 82..April 23, 1926

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JOHN CHARLES.....	St. Paul,	No. 82..Sept. 23, 1926
JACOB O. STEWART.....	St. Paul,	No. 82..Dec. 14, 1926
JOHN A. FRANDSEN.....	St. Paul,	No. 82..Jan. 4, 1927
CHARLES H. STEWART.....	St. Paul,	No. 82..Jan. 25, 1927
GEORGE W. PACKER.....	Corinthian,	No. 83..Mar. 28, 1927
MOMMOUTH BRODERICK.....	Fairfield,	No. 84..July 21, 1922
ROBERT N. SCOTT.....	Tyre,	No. 85..Jan. 29, 1927
ALBERT B. SMITH.....	Doniphan,	No. 86..Dec. 29, 1926
THOMAS T. HACKLER.....	Doniphan,	No. 86..Jan. 9, 1927
CHARLES E. BROWNLEE.....	Ionic,	No. 87..June 18, 1926
ALBERT WEBSTER.....	Star,	No. 88..April 5, 1926
CASS D. CHRISTENSEN.....	Cedar River,	No. 89..Aug. 16, 1926
WILLIAM L. ANDERSON.....	Cedar River,	No. 89..Dec. 7, 1926
NAYLER T. CLAGETT.....	Cedar River,	No. 89..Aug. 20, 1926
JOHN F. JOHNSON.....	Cedar River,	No. 89..May 23, 1926
HARRY E. ANDERSON.....	Oakland,	No. 91..April 13, 1926
CARL G. CARLTON.....	Oakland,	No. 91..Sept. 10, 1926
AXEL E. HEDLUND.....	Oakland,	No. 91..Feb. 11, 1927
CLARENCE C. GREEN.....	Beaver City,	No. 93..May 23, 1926
NOON McMURRAN.....	Beaver City,	No. 93..June 15, 1926
WILLIAM J. LUTTON.....	Beaver City,	No. 93..June 24, 1926
MALVIN H. FREAS.....	Beaver City,	No. 93..Aug. 4, 1926
CHARLES E. LAVERACK.....	Beaver City,	No. 93..Oct. 8, 1926
GEORGE W. EGGLESTON.....	Bennett,	No. 94..Feb. 5, 1927
THOMAS HULBERT.....	Bennett,	No. 94..Feb. 28, 1927
GEORGE W. MEALS.....	Garfield,	No. 95..Nov. 17, 1924
WILLIAM A. GANNON.....	Garfield,	No. 95..Feb. 15, 1927
WESLEY A. DAVIS.....	Euclid,	No. 97..Feb. 19, 1927
FRED H. REDINGTON.....	Shelton,	No. 99..Nov. 15, 1926
CHARLES W. METTEER.....	Creighton,	No. 100..Mar. 28, 1927
JOHN A. WILBUR.....	Ponca,	No. 101..June 30, 1926
JAMES F. DOAN.....	Ponca,	No. 101..Oct. 12, 1926
EDWARD J. BERRY.....	Ponca,	No. 101..Mar. 14, 1927
JAMES F. COLBY.....	Ord,	No. 103..Feb. 15, 1927
WALTER SMITH.....	Wymore,	No. 104..Sept. 22, 1926
JOHN SIMMONS.....	Wymore,	No. 104..Dec. 7, 1926

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PAUL U. NORTON	Wymore,	No. 104 . Mar. 6, 1927
ARTHUR ALLEN	Stella,	No. 105 . Nov. 6, 1926
JOHN OHLSEN	Porter,	No. 106 . Oct. 15, 1926
PETER STEVENS	Table Rock,	No. 108 . Mar. 3, 1927
JACOB AUGHE	Pomegranate,	No. 110 . April 15, 1926
VERNON A. RAIKES	Pomegranate,	No. 110 . July 1, 1926
MORTON L. MEAD	Pomegranate,	No. 110 . Jan. 13, 1927
JAMES A. HAGAN	Pomegranate,	No. 110 . Feb. 23, 1927
JESSE C. REEVES	Globe,	No. 113 . Jan. 16, 1927
FREDERIC J. BUCK	Wisner,	No. 114 . Feb. 20, 1927
JOHN F. MORGAN	Harlan,	No. 116 . Jan. 16, 1927
HENRY J. EGELSTON	Harlan,	No. 116 . Mar. 1, 1927
JOHN KLINGENBERGER	Hardy,	No. 117 . Mar. 16, 1927
PHILLIP H. HIETT	North Bend,	No. 119 . Mar. 4, 1925
FRANK A. DEARBORN	Wayne,	No. 120 . July 20, 1926
DAVID C. PATTERSON	Wayne,	No. 120 . Feb. 21, 1927
FRANK JOHNSON	Superior,	No. 121 . Feb. 8, 1927
ELI VALE	Superior,	No. 121 . July 10, 1926
SEPHUS C. HARRIS	Superior,	No. 121 . Nov. 3, 1926
PIERRE L. BRINK	Mount Nebo,	No. 125 . Nov. 24, 1926
JOHN F. STEEVER	Stromsburg,	No. 126 . Oct. 29, 1926
EDWARD P. PIKE	Stromsburg,	No. 126 . Nov. 30, 1926
LOWELL M. MILLER	Minden,	No. 127 . Jan. 29, 1927
JOTHAM K. MARTIN	Blue Hill,	No. 129 . Nov. 8, 1926
CHARLES E. STEVENS	Blue Hill,	No. 129 . Dec. 13, 1926
DON SEVERNS	Tuscan,	No. 130 . Mar. 24, 1927
FRANK PETTETT	Elm Creek,	No. 133 . May 17, 1926
WILLIAM W. FERGUSON	Solar,	No. 134 . Nov. 24, 1926
THOMAS MOORE	McCook,	No. 135 . April 25, 1926
JOHN F. WALSH	McCook,	No. 135 . April 6, 1926
CHARLES A. FISHER	McCook,	No. 135 . Oct. 29, 1926
FRANK SEDERSTROM	Long Pine,	No. 136 . Jan. 20, 1927
HOWARD M. FINITY	Rawalt,	No. 138 . Sept. 15, 1926
JOHN D. WINSLOW	Clay Centre,	No. 139 . Nov. 28, 1926
WILLIAM McMASTER	Western,	No. 140 . Feb. 6, 1927
JOHN H. RIFE	Western,	No. 140 . Aug. 1, 1926

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AUGUST PETERSON	Crescent,	No. 143..Aug. 26, 1926
GEORGE A. RINE	Crescent,	No. 143..Oct. 29, 1926
RUDOLPH G. BORCHERT	Jachin,	No. 146..May 22, 1926
FRANK A. DEAN	Jachin,	No. 146..Mar. 31, 1927
GAYLORD H. THORP	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148..Jan. 7, 1927
GEORGE AYERS	Emmet Crawford,	No. 148..Feb. 6, 1927
GEORGE W. MCKEAN	Cambridge,	No. 150..June 25, 1926
NIELS M. NELSON	Evergreen,	No. 153..April 25, 1926
THOMAS A. LEA	Evergreen,	No. 153..Aug. 4, 1926
JAMES H. BROWN	Evergreen,	No. 153..
CHARLES D. KEIM	Lily,	No. 154..July 22, 1926
GEORGE W. BEARNES	Lily,	No. 154..Nov. 24, 1926
HOMER E. MCKENZIE	Hartington,	No. 155..Oct. 5, 1926
STEPHEN A. AUSTIN	Valley,	No. 157..Dec. 3, 1926
CHARLES S. MARRIOTT	Samaritan,	No. 158..May 25, 1926
LOUIS N. COSTLEY	Samaritan,	No. 158..Dec. 17, 1926
JAMES A. EDABURN	Samaritan,	No. 158..Jan. 10, 1927
FRANK A. HOWARD	Zeredatha,	No. 160..Dec. 22, 1926
JESSE G. YONT	Trestle Board,	No. 162..Feb. 9, 1927
JOSEPH F. BARTLEY	Atkinson,	No. 164..Sept. 18, 1926
CHARLES M. WURZBACHER	Mystic Tie,	No. 166..Oct. 24, 1926
LUTHER B. THOMAS	Elwood,	No. 167..Dec. 18, 1926
EDWIN T. DAVISON	Amity,	No. 169..Sept. 4, 1926
JOSEPH BELL	Amity,	No. 169..Sept. 4, 1926
WILLIAM H. WESTOVER	Amity,	No. 169..Dec. 5, 1926
BENNETT S. GILLESPIE	Amity,	No. 169..Jan. 22, 1927
RALPH A. STANFORD	Merna,	No. 171..Feb. 26, 1927
PETER WALTERS	Grafton,	No. 172..Feb. 12, 1927
TENANT BEDELL	Culbertson,	No. 174..Sept. 2, 1926
GEORGE H. WELSH	Gladstone,	No. 176..May 24, 1926
WILLIAM WATERMAN	Hay Springs,	No. 177..July 5, 1926
JOHN L. EVANS	Prudence,	No. 179..April 17, 1925
PHILIP G. TYLER	Prudence,	No. 179..Dec. 10, 1926
ELWOOD M. STINSMAN	Justice,	No. 180..Nov. 14, 1926
HORACE J. KUHN	Alliance,	No. 183..Oct. 25, 1926
EARL W. MAYFIELD	Alliance,	No. 183..April 10, 1926

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CHARLES E. McFERRON	Alliance,	No. 183 . Nov. 23, 1926
WILLIAM G. MELCHOIRSEN	Bee Hive,	No. 184 . Oct. 19, 1926
FRANK R. MOCKLER	Bee Hive,	No. 184 . Aug. 30, 1926
RUDOLPH H. JOHNSON	Bee Hive,	No. 184 . Mar. 4, 1927
CHARLES C. STANLEY	Bee Hive,	No. 184 . May 17, 1926
ABRAHAM L. SUTTON	Bee Hive,	No. 184 . Feb. 10, 1927
WALLACE J. JAKA	Bee Hive	No. 184 . Mar. 4, 1927
LEWIS W. ROBINSON	Boaz,	No. 185 . Nov. 17, 1926
EVAN MCKINNEY	Boaz,	No. 185 . Mar. 26, 1927
ANDREW O. BERG	Meridian,	No. 188 . June 6, 1926
DARIUS P. WILCOX	Meridian,	No. 188 . Jan. 28, 1927
JOHN T. BUCKLEY	Meridian,	No. 188 . May 12, 1923
LEROY J. BABCOCK	Granite,	No. 189 . July 6, 1926
JOHN E. CASSELL	Amethyst,	No. 190 . Oct. 4, 1926
MILTON S. CHAPPELL	Amethyst,	No. 190 . Jan. 4, 1927
EATON S. SEARS	Crystal,	No. 191 . Nov. 12, 1926
JAMES RICHARDS	Minnekadusa,	No. 192 . June 20, 1926
ARNOLD H. WEIBOLDT	Signet,	No. 193 . May 16, 1926
CALVIN POTTS	Highland,	No. 194 . Nov. 26, 1926
ROBERT McCARTY	Arcana,	No. 195 . Sept. 28, 1926
JOHN T. BAYLIFF	Arcana,	No. 195 . Oct. 14, 1926
HERMAN DIERS	Morning Star,	No. 197 . April 6, 1926
THOMAS P. OWENS	Morning Star,	No. 197 . July 22, 1926
ERNEST F. OSWALD	Purity,	No. 198 . Mar. 13, 1927
GEORGE P. EMIG	Blazing Star,	No. 200 . May 26, 1926
ALFRED T. POPPLE	Blazing Star,	No. 200 . Oct. 20, 1926
DAVID S. BEYNON	Blazing Star,	No. 200 . July 9, 1926
WILLIAM W. HEMMETT	Blazing Star,	No. 200 . Feb. 17, 1927
ROBERT W. HANNA	Blazing Star,	No. 200 . Mar. 6, 1927
HENRY HAWE	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202 . July 31, 1926
BENJAMIN A. JONES	Golden Sheaf,	No. 202 . Jan. 28, 1927
MILO B. HARDIN	Roman Eagle,	No. 203 . Nov. 6, 1926
EDWIN B. HALL	Plainview,	No. 204 . Nov. 5, 1926
JACOB DEMMER	Plainview,	No. 204 . Jan. 10, 1927
NICHOLAS B. TROYER	Parian,	No. 207 . Dec. 20, 1926
FRED J. WHITE	Gauge,	No. 208 . Aug. 18, 1926

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DAVID R. MITCHELL	Canopy,	No. 209 .. Dec. 3, 1926
WILLIAM A. CAMPBELL	East Lincoln,	No. 210 .. May 1, 1926
CHARLES P. RECTOR	East Lincoln,	No. 210 .. Sept. 20, 1926
GEORGE H. MCCAIN	East Lincoln,	No. 210 .. Oct. 2, 1926
JAMES J. BRISTOW	East Lincoln,	No. 210 .. Oct. 4, 1926
JOHN W. HITCHCOCK	East Lincoln,	No. 210 .. Oct. 7, 1926
HOWARD T. DOUGLAS	East Lincoln,	No. 210 .. Mar. 8, 1927
ALBERT J. FELSINGER	Cement,	No. 211 .. July 2, 1926
RUPERT C. PEARSON	Plumblin,	No. 214 .. May 3, 1926
FRED B. DRAPER	Plumblin,	No. 214 .. Mar. 12, 1927
SOREN MILLER	Occidental,	No. 215 .. Aug. 16, 1926
JOSHUA B. BRAINARD	Occidental,	No. 215 .. Feb. 4, 1927
CARL L. LICHTENBERG	Occidental,	No. 215 .. Mar. 29, 1927
SAMUEL W. SMITH	Wauneta,	No. 217 .. Jan. 11, 1927
LEWIS G. HUTTON	Bloomfield,	No. 218 .. Mar. 25, 1927
EPHRAIM LAUVER	Bloomfield,	No. 218 .. April 16, 1926
GEORGE W. STEWART	Magnolia,	No. 220 .. April 8, 1926
BENJAMIN F. PEARCE	Magnolia,	No. 220 .. June 5, 1926
HERMAN F. MOSEMAN	Magnolia,	No. 220 .. June 15, 1926
WILHELM E. MICHEEL	Wood Lake,	No. 221 .. Aug. 21, 1926
WASHINGTON HONEY	Wood Lake,	No. 221 .. Feb. 11, 1927
FORREST W. LOWE	Landmark,	No. 222 .. Dec. 20, 1926
HERBERT H. HERZOG	Landmark,	No. 222 .. Feb. 3, 1927
ELBERT J. DANNATT	Silver Cord	No. 224 .. Nov. 12, 1926
CHARLES M. BLOWERS	Cable,	No. 225 .. July 27, 1926
LEWIS A. SIMONS	Cable,	No. 225 .. Mar. 24, 1927
ALONZO P. TARBOX	North Star,	No. 227 .. May 6, 1926
GEORGE F. MOUNT	North Star,	No. 227 .. Sept. 28, 1926
JOHN A. RANDALL	North Star,	No. 227 .. 1925
WILLIAM DEVOE	Bartley,	No. 228 .. July 12, 1926
SOREN SORENSON	Comet,	No. 229 .. Aug. 7, 1926
ALFRED POWELL	Delta,	No. 230 .. May 26, 1926
JOHN J. BROWN	Mount Hermon,	No. 231 .. Oct. 11, 1926
JAMES KINNEBURGH	Mount Hermon,	No. 231 .. Mar. 20, 1927
WILLIAM H. NICKLES	Zion,	No. 234 .. Sept. 19, 1926
ISADORE D. WHALEY	Zion,	No. 234 .. Jan. 1, 1927

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JENS P. JENSEN	Fraternity,	No. 235 .. Mar. 3, 1926
JAMES M. OGDEN	Friendship,	No. 239 .. May 10, 1926
GEORGE W. LITTLE	Pilot,	No. 240 .. July 26, 1926
EUGENE S. EVERETT	Pilot,	No. 240 .. Nov. 16, 1926
HERBERT COOPER	George Armstrong,	No. 241 .. Mar. 21, 1927
LESLIE WATSON	George Armstrong,	No. 241 ..
CHARLES O. ROBINSON	Tyrian,	No. 243 .. Dec. 22, 1926
CHRIS NEWMAN	Hampton,	No. 245 .. June 29, 1926
MARCUS L. MASON	Hampton,	No. 245 .. April 6, 1926
PHILIP KLINE	Hampton,	No. 245 .. June 1, 1926
JAMES M. STONE	Nehawka,	No. 246 .. Oct. 7, 1926
ANDY C. GREGERSON	Corner-stone,	No. 247 .. May 2, 1926
JOHN H. KELLY	Gothenburg,	No. 249 .. Aug. 19, 1926
WILLIAM H. DELOZIER	Wausa,	No. 251 .. Feb. 25, 1927
ROBERT FEHLIMAN	Beemer,	No. 253 .. Nov. 30, 1926
FRED M. HOPKINS	Bassett	No. 254 .. Nov. 19, 1926
JOHN M. LEWIS	Holbrook,	No. 257 .. Dec. 26, 1926
MICHAEL DUNIGAN	Bee,	No. 259 .. May 22, 1926
CHARLES H. RUSSELL	Endeavor,	No. 262 .. Aug. 1, 1926
ORA E. HATCHER	Endeavor,	No. 262 .. Aug. 19, 1926
PERRY BRAZIEL	Mitchell,	No. 263 .. June 14, 1926
JOHN W. CORMACK	Mitchell,	No. 263 .. Feb. 17, 1927
ARTHUR H. PLATT	Franklin,	No. 264 .. Nov. 13, 1926
JOSEPH KELLY	George W. Lininger,	No. 268 .. May 4, 1926
J. FRANK DIETZ	George W. Lininger,	No. 268 .. Sept. 10, 1926
CHARLES F. JUNOD	George W. Lininger,	No. 268 .. Dec. 9, 1925
MONROE J. COMBS	Huntley,	No. 270 .. July 5, 1926
JAMES S. RIGGS	Oasis,	No. 271 .. Aug. 21, 1926
LYMAN T. HORRUM	Lee P. Gillette,	No. 272 .. Dec. 16, 1926
CHARLES A. OLSON	Crofton,	No. 273 .. July 11, 1926
JOHN D. BRANDFAS	Crofton,	No. 273 .. Nov. 18, 1926
SYLVESTER BROWER	Litchfield,	No. 278 .. April 19, 1926
ORISON SCOFIELD	Wallace,	No. 279 .. Oct. 15, 1926
JAMES E. WERBER	Swastika,	No. 280 .. Feb. 7, 1927
WILLIAM BELL	Florence,	No. 281 .. Oct. 18, 1926
GEORGE H. MEYER	Mullen,	No. 282 .. Feb. 7, 1927

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BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE

At Rest

NAME	LODGE	DATE OF DEATH
AMEL ORR.....	Seneca,	No. 284..Oct. 16, 1926
HERMAN R. HALVORSEN.....	Union,	No. 287..Nov. 12, 1926
WALTER ROWLEY.....	Omaha,	No. 288..Sept. 27, 1926
JASPER D. HAINES.....	Lotus,	No. 289..Nov. 20, 1926
JAMES N. MITCHELL.....	Cowles,	No. 296..May 16, 1926
JOHN R. ROBERTS.....	Cotner,	No. 297..July 11, 1926
GARD L. MAYHEW.....	Sutherland,	No. 299..Feb. 21, 1927
STEPHEN A. DOWLING.....	Liberty,	No. 300..Oct. 19, 1926
THOMAS E. DEAKIN.....	Liberty,	No. 300..Jan. 10, 1927
FRANK E. HAISTAN.....	Mizpah,	No. 302..Dec. 5, 1926
ERVEN E. COLE.....	Mizpah,	No. 302..Oct. 23, 1926
GEORGE O. FORMAN.....	Mizpah,	No. 302..Sept. 11, 1926
ELMER FORDICE.....	Mizpah,	No. 302..Mar. 11, 1927
H. FRED FISCHER.....	Right Angle,	No. 303..Nov. 11, 1926
J. ARTHUR ROSENGREN.....	Right Angle,	No. 303..Dec. 27, 1926
JAMES C. LANHAM.....	Ruskin,	No. 304..July 24, 1926
CHARLES E. VAUGHAN.....	Golden Rod,	No. 306..Feb. 7, 1927
JAMES G. CARTER.....	Golden Rod,	No. 306..Feb. 24, 1927
ARCHER SWEET.....	Victory,	No. 310..April 13, 1926
SAMUEL H. HOWARD.....	Victory,	No. 310..April 11, 1926
OLA ANDERSON.....	Victory,	No. 310..Feb. 22, 1927
ZACHARIAH T. MILLER.....	Oak Leaf,	No. 312..Mar. 12, 1927
CHARLES S. MINNICH.....	Palmer,	No. 315..July 4, 1926
WILLIAM S. FAST.....	Mid-West,	No. 317..June 27, 1926
WILLIAM E. SMITH.....	Grand Island,	No. 318..Nov. 3, 1926

ROLL OF HONOR

Lodges Reporting No Delinquent Dues for the Year 1926

Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City.
Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha.
Evening Star Lodge No. 49, Sutton.
Hastings Lodge No. 50, Hastings.
Keystone Lodge No. 62, Phillips.
Blue Valley Lodge No. 64, Wilber.
Edgar Lodge No. 67, Edgar.
Saint Paul Lodge No. 82, Saint Paul.
Tyre Lodge No. 85, Blue Springs.
Euclid Lodge No. 97, Weeping Water.
Creighton Lodge No. 100, Creighton.
Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City.
Harlan Lodge No. 116, Alma.
Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, Stromsburg .
Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege.
Jewel Lodge No. 149, Tobias.
Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron.
Curtis Lodge No. 168, Curtis.
Incense Lodge No. 182, Ohioa.
Friendship Lodge No. 239, Chapman.
Ramah Lodge No. 275, Bertrand.
Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, Lodgepole.
Polk Lodge No. 311, Polk.
Palmer Lodge No. 315, Palmer.
Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings.
Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island.
Bladen Lodge No. 319, Bladen.

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Francis E. White, 54 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- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26.
Samuel P. Davidson, 45 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- 14-15-16-17-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27.
George H. Thummel, 43 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- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27.
Henry H. Wilson, 32 Years.	1888-89-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04- 05-06-07-08-10-12-13-14-15-16-17-19-23-25-26- 27.
Frank E. Bullard, 30 Years.	1877-78-79-80-81-82-90-91-92-95-96-97-98-99-00-01- 02-03-04-05-07-08-09-10-11-14-15-21-23-26.
John Finch, 29 Years.	1898-99-00-01-02-03-04-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27.
Charles E. Burnham, 28 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27.
Benjamin F. Pitman, 28 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27.
Samuel S. Whiting, 27 Years.	1901-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27.
Harry A. Cheney, 25 Years.	1897-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-22-23-24-25.
Edwin C. Yont, 26 Years.	1897-98-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-26-27.
James R. Cain, Jr., 26 Years.	1902-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17- 18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27.
Lewis E. Smith, 25 Years.	1901-02-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27.
George C. Mason, 23 Years.	1902-03-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-24-25-27.
Henry H. Andrews, 23 Years	1898-99-00-01-03-08-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20- 21-22-23-24-25-26-27.

WE HAVE SET APART THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE PASSED
BEYOND THE VEIL.

ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Died Jan. 9th, 1899.....	(1st) ..	1857-58-59
GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Died Nov. 12th, 1896.....	(2nd) ..	1860-61-62
DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Died Nov. 27th, 1912.....	(3rd) ..	1863-64
ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	Died June 1st, 1905.....	(4th) ..	1865-66
ORSAMUS H. IRISH.....	Died Jan. 27th, 1883.....	(5th) ..	1867-68
HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Died Nov. 23rd, 1914.....	(6th) ..	1869-70
WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Died Dec. 29th, 1917.....	(7th) ..	1871-72
MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Died Feb. 18th, 1915.....	(8th) ..	1873
FRANK WELCH.....	Died Sept. 4th, 1878.....	(9th) ..	1874
ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	Died July 10th, 1894.....	(10th) ..	1875
GEORGE W. LININGER.....	Died June 8th, 1907.....	(12th) ..	1877
EDWARD K. VALENTINE.....	Died April 11th, 1916.....	(13th) ..	1878
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Died Feb. 2nd, 1904.....	(14th) ..	1879
JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Died Jan. 21st, 1901.....	(15th) ..	1880
JAMES R. CAIN, SR.....	Died Nov. 24th, 1920.....	(16th) ..	1881
EDWIN F. WARREN.....	Died July 9th, 1923.....	(17th) ..	1882
SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Died Nov. 15th, 1913.....	(18th) ..	1883
MANOAH B. REESE.....	Died Sept. 28th, 1917.....	(20th) ..	1885
CHARLES K. COUTANT.....	Died Aug. 23rd, 1910.....	(21st) ..	1886
MILTON J. HULL.....	Died Sept. 18th, 1923.....	(22nd) ..	1887
GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	Died Aug. 16th, 1914.....	(23rd) ..	1888
JOHN J. MERCER.....	Died Feb. 25th, 1915.....	(24th) ..	1889
ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Died Feb. 16th, 1927.....	(25th) ..	1890
BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER.....	Died May 8th, 1909.....	(26th) ..	1891
JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Died Nov. 12th, 1918.....	(28th) ..	1893
JOHN A. EHRHARDT.....	Died Nov. 1st, 1925.....	(29th) ..	1894
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Died Aug. 24th, 1915.....	(31st) ..	1896
JOHN B. DINSMORE.....	Died Oct. 6th, 1915.....	(32nd) ..	1897
FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Died Dec. 24th, 1917.....	(33rd) ..	1898
WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....	Died Aug. 17th, 1922.....	(34th) ..	1899
ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Died Aug. 23rd, 1915.....	(35th) ..	1900
ROBERT E. EVANS.....	Died July 8th, 1925.....	(36th) ..	1901
NATHANIEL M. AYERS.....	Died Nov. 19th, 1913.....	(37th) ..	1902
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL.....	Died May 2nd, 1911.....	(40th) ..	1905
ZUINGLE M. BAIRD.....	Died Dec. 17th, 1916.....	(41st) ..	1906
WILLIAM A. DEBORD.....	Died May 17th, 1916.....	(43rd) ..	1908
MICHAEL DOWLING.....	Died May 5th, 1921.....	(44th) ..	1909
HENRY GIBBONS.....	Died Aug. 22nd, 1923.....	(46th) ..	1911
ALPHA MORGAN.....	Died April 17th, 1924.....	(48th) ..	1913
THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Died Aug. 12th, 1919.....	(49th) ..	1914
EDWARD M. WELLMAN.....	Died Aug. 31st, 1922.....	(57th) ..	1922

PAST GRAND MASTERS
 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE,
 A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

GEORGE H. THUMMEL.....	(11th) ..	1876
404 South 38th Ave., Omaha		
JOHN J. WEMPLE.....	(19th) ..	1884
710 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio		
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON.....	(27th) ..	1892
Tecumseh		
HENRY H. WILSON.....	(30th) ..	1895
First Nat'l Bank Bldg., Lincoln		
FRANK E. BULLARD.....	(38th) ..	1903
1001 So. 46th St., Philadelphia, Penn.		
CHARLES E. BURNHAM.....	(39th) ..	1904
Norfolk		
ORNAN J. KING.....	(42nd) ..	1907
1126 N St., Lincoln		
HARRY A. CHENEY.....	(45th) ..	1910
Creighton		
JAMES R. CAIN, JR.....	(47th) ..	1912
1039 So. 30th Ave., Omaha		
SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	(50th) ..	1915
First Nat'l Bank Bldg., Lincoln		
ANDREW H. VIELE.....	(51st) ..	1916
400 So. 8th St., Norfolk		
FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....	(52nd) ..	1917
North Platte		
AMBROSE C. EPPERSON.....	(53rd) ..	1918
Federal Bldg., Omaha		
JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	(54th) ..	1919
4515 Spencer St., Omaha		
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG.....	(55th) ..	1920
601 Keeline Bldg., Omaha		
LEWIS E. SMITH.....	(56th) ..	1921
401 Masonic Temple, Omaha		
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL.....	(58th) ..	1923
Minden		
ROBERT R. DICKSON.....	(59th) ..	1924
O'Neill		
JOHN WRIGHT.....	(60th) ..	1925
211 So. 19th St., Lincoln		
EDWIN D. CRITES.....	(61st) ..	1926
Chadron		

GRAND SECRETARIES.

*GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Sept. 23, 1857, to June 2, 1858
*ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	June 2, 1858, to June 4, 1862
*ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	June 4, 1862, to June 24, 1863
*STEPHEN D. BANGS.....	June 24, 1863, to June 24, 1865
*J. NEWTON WISE.....	June 24, 1865, to Oct. 27, 1869
*ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	Oct. 27, 1869, to June 21, 1872
*WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	June 21, 1872, to May 6, 1899
*FRANK H. YOUNG, Acting.....	May 6, 1899, to June 9, 1899
FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	June 9, 1899, to June 11, 1925
LEWIS E. SMITH.....	June 11, 1925, to date

*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. Roskrige	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	George F. Bowden	Apartado 72, San Jose.
Cuba	Felix V. Preval Perez	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware	John F. Robinson	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	J. Claude Keiper	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Egypt	Abdel Maguid Vounis	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	Charles C. Hunt	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.
Mexico (York Gr. Ldge)	C. I. Arnold	P. O. Box 1986, Mexico, D. F.
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	John Fishel	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Edward L. Faucette	Meridian.
Missouri	Frank R. Jesse	Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Box 896, Helena.
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Nevada	Frank D. King	Reno.
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	David Cunningham	Masonic Temple, Sydney.
New York	Robert J. Kenworthy	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand	George Barclay	P. O. Box 322, Wellington.
North Carolina	William W. Willson	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	James C. Jones	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	224 Central Office Bldg., Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	William M. Anderson	Masonic Temple, Guthrie.
Oregon	Darwin R. Cheney	Masonic Temple, Portland, Ore.
Pennsylvania	John A. Ferry	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands	Newton C. Comfort	P. O. Box 990, Manila.
Prince Edward Island	Ernest Kemp	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	Harold L. McAuslan	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	Freemasons Hall, Adelaide.
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania	William H. Strutt	117 Macquarie St., Hobart.
Tennessee	Stith M. Cain	Nashville.
Texas	William B. Pearson	Waco.
Utah	Sam H. Goodwin	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
Victoria	William Stewart	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St., Melbourne.
Virginia	James M. Clift	Richmond.
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia	George S. Laidley	Charleston.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Joseph M. Lowndes	Masonic Temple, Casper.

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTM'T
Alabama	O. Edwin Mickey, 65	Osceola	May 1, 1924
Alberta	Earl M. Bolen, 130	Ulysses	May 2, 1924
Arizona	Charles E. Gallagher, 251	Coleridge	Aug. 22, 1906
Arkansas	Chester C. Wells, 1	Omaha	May 9, 1924
British Columbia	John Finch, 225	Arnold	Oct. 15, 1920
Canada	John R. Webster, 3	Omaha	Aug. 21, 1918
Colorado	Edgar F. Snively, 19	Lincoln	Aug. 21, 1925
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	Omaha	Sept. 20, 1912
Georgia	Frank H. Woodland, 25	Omaha	Oct. 26, 1923
Idaho	David C. Spangler, 41	Stanton	Dec. 7, 1925
Illinois	George H. Thummel, 33	Omaha	Jan. 1, 1915
Indiana	Earl B. Brooks, 23	Pawnee City	March 1, 1915
Ireland	Ira C. Freet, 56	York	Dec. 7, 1923
Kansas	Henry H. Heiler, 50	Hastings	April 10, 1919
Kentucky	William C. Ramsey, 268	Omaha	June 24, 1927
Louisiana	Adam McMullen, 104	Beatrice	Dec. 18, 1915
Maine	Archie M. Smith, 203	Pender	June 25, 1927
Manitoba	John Wright, 19	Lincoln	Nov. 25, 1921
Maryland	Charles L. Fahnestock, 135	Lincoln	March 8, 1911
Mexico	Frank Wilcox, 1	Omaha	Aug. 25, 1925
Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Omaha	Aug. 29, 1917
Minnesota	George A. Beecher, 268	Hastings	March 17, 1904
Mississippi	Lamont L. Stephens, 106	Loup City	May 1, 1924
Missouri	Samuel S. Whiting, 54	Lincoln	Sept. 10, 1914
Montana	Charles S. McGill, 11	Omaha	April 9, 1915
Nevada	Theodore F. Goold, 159	Ogallala	May 5, 1927
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	Tekamah	July 22, 1905
North Carolina	Walter M. Hopewell, 31	Tekamah	June 8, 1911
North Dakota	Henry H. Andrews, 207	Callaway	June 27, 1913
Nova Scotia	Henry H. Wilson, 19	Lincoln	Feb. 26, 1892
Ohio	John H. Kemp, 120	Wayne	July 7, 1927
Oklahoma	Louis P. Tonner, 153	Pierce	Jan. 13, 1917
Oregon	Charles A. Eyre, 268	Omaha	Nov. 18, 1925
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	Aug. 20, 1921
Quebec	Edwin D. Crites, 158	Chadron	April 20, 1920
Queensland	Robert B. Walker, 170	Mason City	April 4, 1923
Rhode Island	John R. Tapster, 119	North Bend	April 6, 1925
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 R. Dickson, 95	O'Neill	May 3, 1915
Utah	William D. Spicknall, 261	Spencer	March 25, 1927
Vermont	Fred H. Barclay, 23	Pawnee City	Aug. 17, 1918
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

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

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTM'T
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. Hufferd	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	George J. Middleton	Wilmington	Sept. 28, 1923
Dist. of Columbia	John Linn McGrew	Washington, 3168 18th St. N. W.	July 6, 1917
Egypt	Mahmoud Rasmi	Cario, 3 Sharia Zaghlul	Nov. 3, 1924
England	John Ferguson	71 Lombard St., London	May 20, 1926
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	Wentworth A. King-Harman	Newcastle, Ballymahon	Nov. 14, 1924
Kansas	Earl T. Pyle	Clay Center	Dec. 15, 1925
Kentucky	Virgil P. Smith	Somerset	Aug. 19, 1927
Louisiana	Philip G. Ricks	New Orleans	July 8, 1926
Maine	James A. Richan	Rockland	Nov. 25, 1925
Manitoba	Henry E. Bletcher	Winnipeg	June 11, 1913
Maryland	William F. Broenning	Baltimore	July 25, 1919
Mexico	Herbert A. Denny	Box 281 Tampico Tamps, Mexico	Sept. 10, 1925
Michigan	Frank W. Richey	Dowagiac	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota	Alfred G. Pinkham	St. Paul	April 7, 1906
Mississippi	James Finis Hill	Meridian	June 20, 1919
Missouri	Olaf A. Lucas	Kansas City	Sept. 23, 1923
Montana	Charles N. Thurman	Galata	Jan. 10, 1927
Nevada	Harry H. Atkinson	Carson	June 19, 1911
New Brunswick	LeBaron Wilson	St. John	March 7, 1921
New Hampshire	Justin O. Wellman	Amesbury, Mass.	March 15, 1916
New Jersey	Robert J. Hanna	Clifton	Oct. 25, 1916
New So. Wales	John James	209 Trafalgar St., Petersham	May 13, 1926
New York	Herman Knoke	Chase Nat'l Bk., N. Y.	Feb. 8, 1927
New Zealand	William Grant Hay	Box 108 Dunedin	Jan. 6, 1926
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	B. Frank Thomas	Youngstown	Sept. 30, 1925
Oklahoma	Randall U. Livesay	Oklahoma City	July 31, 1916
Oregon	John K. Kollock	Portland, Corbett Bldg.	April 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 Haddrick	Adelaide	June 9, 1910
South Carolina	George W. Williams	York	May 2, 1924
South Dakota	Marshall R. Brown	Sioux Falls	Aug. 6, 1908
Tennessee	George S. Lannon, 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	Harry K. Green	Clarendon	Aug. 19, 1927
Washington	Arthur W. Davis	Ziegler Bk, Spokane	May 14, 1927
West Australia	Thomas W. Paisley	Bunbury	July 19, 1902
West Virginia	Charles E. Bailey	Sisterville	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin	Frank E. Noyes	Marinette	Dec. 23, 1904

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- Acacia, 34.
 Adams, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Adoniram, 159.
 Ainsworth, U.:D.:, (131).ext.
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, U.:D.:, (236).
 Alliance, 183.
 Alpha, 316.
 Amethyst, 190.
 Amity, 169.
 Anchor, 142, (extinct).
 Anselmo, 258.
 Antelope, 276.
 Arapahoe, 109, (extinct).
 Arcana, 195.
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)
 Armada, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Ashland, 18, (extinct).
 Ashlar, 33.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.
 Bancroft, 145.
 Bannack City, U.:D.:, (ext.)
 Barneston, 165.
 Bartley, 228.
 Bassett, 254.
 Battle Creek, U.:D.:, (ext.)
 Bayard, 301.
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver, U.:D.:, (179).
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Valley, U.:D.:, (230).
 Bee, 259.
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Beemer, 253.
 Belgrade, U.:D.:, (269).
 Bell Creek, U.:D.:, (241).
 Benkelman, U.:D.:, (180).
 Bennett, 94.
 Benson, U.:D.:, (290).
 Bladen, 319.
 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).ext.
 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, (extinct).
 Florence, 281.
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct).
 Franklin, 264.
 Frank Welch, 75.
 Fraternity, 235.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Friendship, 239.
 Garfield, 95.
 Gauge, 208.
 Gavel, 199.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, U.:D.:, (125).
 George Armstrong, 241.
 George Washington, 250.
 George W. Lininger, 268.
 Gibbon, (see 46).
 Gibbon, U.:D.:, (189).
 Giddings, (2).
 Gilead, 233.
 Gladstone, 176.
 Globe, 113.
 Golden Fleece, 205.
 Golden Rod, 306.
 Golden Rule, 236.
 Golden Sheaf, 202.
 Gothenburg, 249.
 Grace, 226.
 Grafton, 172.
 Grand Island, 318.
 Granite, 189.
 Grant, U.:D.:, (34).
 Grant, U.:D.:, (186).
 Greenwood, U.:D.:, (163).
 Gresham, U.:D.:, (197).
 Guide Rock, 128.
 Hamilton, U.:D.:, (68).
 Hampton, 245.
 Hardy, 117.
 Harlan, 116.
 Harmony, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Harmony, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Hermon, U.:D.:, (231).
 Hesperia, 178, (extinct).
 Hickman, 256.
 Highland, 194.
 Hildreth, 252.
 Hillsdale, U.:D.:, (29).
 Hiram, 52.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Holdrege, U.:D.:, (146).
 Hooper, 72.
 Hope, 29.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humboldt, 40.
 Huntley, 270.
 Hyannis, U.:D.:, (234).
 Idaho, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Imperial, U.:D.:, (198).
 Incense, 182.
 Indianola, 123, (extinct).
 Ionic, 87.
 Israel, 187.
 Ithmar, 238, (extinct).
 Jachin, 146.
 James A. Tulleys, 267.
 Jasper, 122, (extinct).
 Jephtha, U.:D.:, (264).
 Jewel, 149.
 John 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.
 Mid-West, 317.
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 Minatare, 295.
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 Minnekadusa, 192.
 Mitchell, 263.
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 Monitor, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Monument, 293.
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 Morrill, U.:D.:, (271).
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 Mount Nebo, 125.
 Mount Zion, 161.
 Mullen, 282.
 Mystic Tie, 166.
- Napthali, 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, (extinct).
 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.
 Palmer, 315.
 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).
 Plumbline, 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.:, (196).
 Stromsburg, 126.
 Summit, 7, (transferred).
 Summit, 141, (extinct).
 Superior, 121.
 Sutherland, 299.
 Swastika, 280.
 Syracuse, U.:D.:, (57).
- Table Rock, 108.
 Talmage, U.:D.:, (162).
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
 Temple, U.:D.:, (5).
 Temple, 175.
 Thistle, 61.
 Tobias, U.:D.:, (149).
 Trenton, U.:D.:, (extinct).
 Trestle Board, 162.
 Trilumular, U.:D.:, (210).
 Trowel, 71.
 Tuscan, 130.
 Tyre, 85.
 Tyrian, 243.
- Ulysses, U.:D.:, (187).
 Union, 287.
 Unity, 163.
 Upright, 137.
 Utica, 96.
- Valentine, U.:D.:, (113).
 Valley, 157.
 Valparaiso, U.:D.:, (151).
 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.
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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), 290.
Bertrand, 275.
Bethany, 297.
Bladen, 319.
Blair, 21.
Bloomfield, 218.
Boonville, 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.
Crawford, 181.
Creighton, 100.
Crete, 37.
Crofton, 273.
Culbertson, 174.
Curtis, 168.
Dakota City, 5.
Danbury, 185.
Davenport, 154.
David City, 51.
Decatur, 88.
DeWitt, 111.
Diller, 206.
Doniphan, 86.
Dorchester, 118.
Douglas, 237.
Dunbar, 272.
Edgar, 67.
Elgin, 276.
Elk Creek, 90.
Elm Creek, 133.
Elmwood, 209.
Elwood, 167.
Emerson, 220.
Ewing, 156.
Exeter, 283.
Fairbury, 35.
Fairfield, 84.
Fairmont, 48.
Falls City, 9.
Filley, 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.
Grant Island, 33, 318.
Grant, 308.
Greenwood, 163.
Gresham, 197.
Guide Rock, 128.
Hampton, 245.
Hardy, 117.
Harrison, 277.
Hartington, 155.
Harvard, 44.
Hastings, 50, 317.
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.
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Kearney, 46.
Kenesaw, 144.
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Kimball, 294.
Laurel, 248.
Leigh, 193.
Lexington, 61.
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Lodgepole, 306.
Long Pine, 136.
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Lyons, 240.
Madison, 113.
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Milford, 30.
Minatare, 295.
Minden, 127.
Mitchell, 263.
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Newman Grove, 305.
Nehawka, 246.
Neligh, 71.
Nelson, 77.
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Niobrara, 87.
Norfolk, 55.
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Oak, 243.
Oakland, 91.
Ogallala, 159.
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281, 288, 290, 302, 303.
O'Neill, 95.
Ord, 103.
Orleans, 60.
Osceola, 65.
Oshkosh, 286.
Osmond, 247.
Otoe, 207.
Overton, 267.
Oxford, 138.
Palisade, 216.
Palmer, 315.
Palmyra, 287.
Papillion, 39.
Pawnee City, 23.
Pender, 203.
Peru, 14.
Phillips, 62.
Pierce, 153.
Plainview, 204.
Plattsmouth, 6.
Poik, 311.
Ponca, 101.
Potter, 313.
Randolph, 202.
Ravenna, 289.
Red Cloud, 53.
Republican City, 98.
Reynolds, 160.
Rising City, 81.

- Riverton, 63.
 Royal, 291.
 Rulo, 13.
 Rushville, 169.
 Ruskin, 304.
- Saint Edward, 230.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Sargent, 280.
 Schuyler, 34.
 Scotia, 191.
 Scottsbluff, 265.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seneca, 284.
 Seward, 38.
 Shelby, 161.
 Shelton, 99.
 Sidney, 75.
 Silver Creek, 266.
 South Side, (Omaha), 184.
 South Sioux City, 316.
 Spencer, 261.
 Springfield, 112.
 Stanton, 41.
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- Sterling, 70.
 Stockville, 196.
 Stratton, 173.
 Stromsburg, 126.
 Stuart, 147.
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 Superior, 121.
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 Sutherland, 299.
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 Syracuse, 57.
- Table Rock, 108.
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
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- Ulysses, 187.
 University Place, 227.
 Utica, 96.
 Valentine, 192.
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- Wahoo, 59.
 Wakefield, 83.
 Wallace, 279.
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 Wauneta, 217.
 Wausa, 251.
 Wayne, 120.
 Weeping Water, 97.
 Western, 140.
 West Point, 27.
 Wilber, 64.
 Wilcox, 226.
 Wilsonville, 157.
 Winnebago, 309.
 Winside, 235.
 Wisner, 114.
 Wolbach, 292.
 Wood Lake, 221.
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 Brown, 136, 224.
 Buffalo, 46, 99, 133, 189, 289.
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- Cass, 6, 97, 163, 209, 246.
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 Furnas, 93, 138, 150, 157,
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- Gage, 26, 85, 104, 152, 165,
 175, 194, 214.
 Garden, 286.
 Garfield, 200.
 Gosper, 167.
 Grant, 234.
 Greeley, 191, 292.
- Hall, 33, 86, 211, 318.
 Hamilton, 62, 68, 223, 245.
 Harlan, 60, 98, 116, 270.
 Hitchcock, 173, 174, 216.
 Holt, 95, 147, 156, 164.
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 Howard, 82.
- Jefferson, 35, 160, 206.
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- Kearney, 127, 226.
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- Lancaster, 19, 54, 94, 210,
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ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES,
WITH LOCATIONS, DATES OF REGULAR MEETINGS, OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1927-1928, ETC.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Jesse W. Hazlett	Frank Wilcox
Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Dudley I. Manrose	Henry W. Carson
Capitol,	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Arthur H. Anderson	Stanley P. Bostwick
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	George L. Kennedy	Don Lawrence
5 Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City	Dakota	Saturday on or before O	Lloyd D. Bridenbaugh	John H. Ream
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	Raymond C. Cook	Leslie W. Niel
Falls City,	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Second and fourth Mondays	James S. Hillyard	Thomas L. Garvey
Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	Bruce R. Cox	Milton R. Cady
Covert,	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Floyd H. Hoyt	George R. Porter
10 Orient,	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	Peter N. Frederick	John C. Shepherd
Peru,	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	L. Donald Redfern	Horton W. Bedell
Fremont,	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Henry C. Meadows	Matthew A. Priestley
Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Dale R. Bush	Leo B. Heskett
Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Howard C. Barrett	John Wright
15 Washington,	" 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Samuel Stevens	Raymond C. Hitchman
Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	J. Harold Wilson	John H. Tracy
Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Carl A. Fried	Frank E. Underwood
Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second and fourth Mondays	Charles G. Baird	James B. High
Jordan,	" 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Walter S. Crabtree	Peter Poellot
20 Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	Carl Skeen	William E. Seid
Blue River,	" 30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	Thomas Swearingen	Davison F. Todd
Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	First and third Wednesdays	Samuel E. McCurdy	William T. Poucher
Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Arnold F. Beeler	Edward W. Cross
Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Francis W. Wilcox	Arthur A. Wilson
25 Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	First Tuesday	Fred F. Thomas	Harry B. Chronister
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	J. Lyndon Thornton	Charles H. McGee
Lone Tree,	" 36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Grant S. Moe	Seward E. Cogswell
Crete,	" 37	Crete	Saline	First Friday	Chauncey C. Lillibridge	Charles W. Keal
Oliver,	" 38	Seward	Seward	First Friday	Samuel S. Weatherby	Thelbert H. Ramsey
30 Papillion,	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	First and third Saturdays	Frank A. Bartel	Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Erwin A. Lionberger	J. Frank Snethen
Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Wednesday on or before O	Richard J. Strahle	Leo Pilger
Juniata,	" 42	Juniata	Adams	Monday on or before O	Edgar A. Buskirk	Tim N. Cannon
Hebron,	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Clarence E. Stauber	John R. Sutton
35 Harvard,	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	George M. Porter	Carl H. Worley

Rob Morris, Fairmont, Evening Star, Hastings, 40 Fidelity,	No. 46 48 49 50 51	Kearney Fairmont Sutton Hastings David City	Buffalo Fillmore Clay Adams Butler	First Wednesday Second Wednesday Second and fourth Thursdays First Tuesday First Tuesday	John F. Martin Sidney E. Atwood Reuben F. Blacketer Glenn L. Easton Roy W. Becker	Raymond H. Haase Myron Gibson Arthur W. Burlingame Walter A. Knicely Eldon B. Johnson
Hiram, Charity, Lancaster, Mosaic, 45 York,	52 53 54 55 56	Arlington Red Cloud Lincoln Norfolk York	Washington Webster Lancaster Madison York	Thursday on or before○ First and third Fridays First Friday First Tuesday Last Friday	Chester E. Pfeiffer H. Chalmers Gellatly Jess T. Turner Alfred A. Barnes Joseph J. Schneider	Ernest Wager Benjamin F. Perry Victor Seymour Otto Burkhardt John Muir
Mount Moriah, Lebanon Wahoo, Melrose, 50 Thistle,	57 58 59 60 61	Syracuse Columbus Wahoo Orleans Lexington	Otoe Platte Saunders Harlan Dawson	Thursday on or before○ Second Wednesday First Wednesday Wednesday on or before○* Second Tuesday	Loren W. Chandler Charles J. Lehmkuhl Isaac N. Watkind James C. Smith	William N. Hunter Nile O. Walther George W. Littrell Hanford D. Smith
Keystone Riverton, Blue Valley, Osceola, 55 Edgar,	62 63 64 65 67	Phillips Riverton Wilber Osceola Edgar	Hamilton Franklin Saline Polk Clay	Saturday on or before○ Monday on or before○ Tuesday on or before○* First and third Fridays Second and fourth Mondays	Lemuel W. Killion Charles McClintock George D. Hiatt Fred T. Butz Charles H. Merrill	Scott E. Heinzman Rolland C. Shetler Anton W. Fridrich Joel Hanson Clair S. Voorhees
Aurora, Sterling, Trowel, Hooper, 60 Friend,	68 70 71 72 73	Aurora Sterling Neligh Hooper Friend	Hamilton Johnson Antelope Dodge Saline	First and third Tuesdays Tuesday on or before○ First and third Tuesdays First Friday First and third Thursdays	Frank E. Edgerton Leslie E. Yeast Alfred J. Sellery Herbert T. Ring Paul M. Rogers	George E. Funk T. Glen Roberts John W. Lamson William M. Zellers Malcolm L. McFarlane
Alexandria, Frank Welch, Joppa, Nelson, 65 Albion,	74 75 76 77 78	Alexandria Sidney Bloomington Nelson Albion	Thayer Cheyenne Franklin Nuckolls Boone	Second and fourth Mondays First Tuesday Friday on or before○ Thursday on or before○ Second and fourth Tuesdays	Henry C. Woltemath Walter K. Hodgkin William S. Payne Major F. Long Roger I. Blatter	Charles W. Beer Leslie Neubauer Charles C. Brown Homer Mercier Arthur W. Lamb
Geneva, Composite, Saint Paul, Corinthian, 70 Fairfield,	79 81 82 83 84	Geneva Rising City Saint Paul Wakefield Fairfield	Fillmore Butler Howard Dixon Clay	Friday on or before○* Tuesday on or before○ Third Thursday Third Friday First and third Mondays	Lee W. Thompson Frank G. Oesterreicher F. Edward Thompson V. H. Robert Hanson Edward B. Schmidt	Percy C. Bedford Fredolph C. Chalquist Fred R. Haggart C. J. Arthur Larson Arthur H. Swanson
Tyre, Doniphan, Ionic, Star, 75 Cedar River,	85 86 87 88 89	Blue Springs Doniphan Niobrara Decatur Fullerton	Gage Hall Knox Burt Nance	Tuesday on or before○ First Friday† Thursday on or before○ First Tuesday First and third Mondays	George N. Bragg Charles H. Quigle Ira C. Cook Elver D. Beck William M. Calhoun	Horace G. Vernon Fremont C. Glazier John E. Vlasnik John G. Maryott Frank R. Newman

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Elk Creek,	No. 90	Elk Creek	Johnson	First Thursday	Ralph D. Hall	Frank A. Anderson
Oakland,	" 91	Oakland	Burt	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Paul L. Nelson	Nevin W. Hopkins
Hubbell,	" 92	Hubbell	Thayer	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Odes F. Brown	J. E. Conklin
Beaver City,	" 93	Beaver City	Furnas	Monday on or before O	Villiers D. Smith	Harry B. Hall
80 Bennett,	" 94	Bennett	Lancaster	Tuesday on or before O	Albert J. Kiplin	Henry F. May
Garfield,	" 95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays	Ross E. Harris	Elmer Surber
Utica,	" 96	Utica	Seward	Wednesday on or before O	Carl L. Caldwell	Fred H. Pieper
Euclid,	" 97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	Arnold O. Specht	Everett B. Taylor
Republican,	" 98	Republican City	Harlan	Wednesday on or before O	Walter V. Houtz	Leonard L. Johnson
85 Shelton,	" 99	Shelton	Buffalo	Friday on or before O	Ferdinand J. Hansen	Samuel F. Spahr
Creighton,	" 100	Creighton	Knox	Tuesday on or before O	H. Wilce Sconce	Walter T. Philbrick
Ponca,	" 101	Ponca	Dixon	Thursday on or before O	William F. Richardson	Arthur H. Logan
Waterloo,	" 102	Waterloo	Douglas	First Tuesday	Laurence C. Noyes	Charles C. Peabody
Ord,	" 103	Ord	Valley	Wednesday on or before O	William E. Wolters	Frank T. Johnson
90 Wymore,	" 104	Wymore	Gage	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Auberon B. McCarty	Samuel R. Youds
Stella,	" 105	Stella	Richardson	First Thursday	Robert R. Draper	Robert A. Tynan
Porter,	" 106	Loup City	Sherman	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Otis L. Blakeley	Lamont L. Stephens
Table Rock,	" 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William B. Hastings	Edward L. Dorland
Pomegranate,	" 110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	S. Frank Woodward	Howard F. Anderson
95 DeWitt,	" 111	DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before O	Thomas U. Whiffen	James M. Norton
Springfield,	" 112	Springfield	Sarpy	2nd Tuesday, 4th Saturday	John L. Miller	James C. Miller
Globe,	" 113	Madison	Madison	First Tuesday	Fred W. Collins	Preston S. Palmer
Wisner,	" 114	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Otto A. Frentzel	Neil D. Saville
Harlan,	" 116	Alma	Harlan	First and third Fridays	Axel T. Danielson	Elden G. Carter
100 Hardy,	" 117	Hardy	Nuckolls	Thursday on or before O	George B. McDowell	James H. Fair
Doric,	" 118	Dorchester	Saline	Monday on or before O	Oscar E. Semler	William E. Sanborn
North Bend,	" 119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	James E. Cherny	John R. Tapster
Wayne,	" 120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Fridays	John T. Bressler, Jr.	J. Murray Cherry
Superior,	" 121	Superior	Nuckolls	Wednesday on or before O	J. Dee Shank	William F. Gingrich
105 Auburn,	" 124	Auburn	Nemaha	Monday on or before O	LeRoy Scoville	Fred. G. Bosshammer
Mount Nebo,	" 125	Genoa	Nance	Second and fourth Tuesdays	John J. Reimers	William J. Kelly
Stromsburg,	" 126	Stromsburg	Polk	Second Tuesday	Clayton A. Rystrom	Andrew N. Lund
Minden,	" 127	Minden	Kearney	Wednesday on or before O	Roy T. Bang	Bert F. Darnell
Guide Rock,	" 128	Guide Rock	Webster	Thursday on or before O	Dana L. Burr	John H. Crary
110 Blue Hill,	" 129	Blue Hill	Webster	Second and fourth Thursdays	Burrell H. Waterbury	Frank E. Britton

Tuscan,	No. 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	Thursday on or before○.....	William Kunzman, Jr.....	Amasa S. Chapman
Scribner,	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	Emil J. Wapelhorst.....	John Beaver
Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Ralph S. Buchtel.....	Rufy W. Price
Solar,	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Fred B. Philbrook.....	Charles E. Souser, Jr.
115 McCook,	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Edward J. Lofenberg.....	Jesse S. Chambers
Long Pine,	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	Second Monday.....	William C. Smith.....	Walter E. Patterson
Upright,	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	Wednesday on or before○*	William P. Luthy.....	Ellis L. Butcher
Rawalt,	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Neal L. Pettygrove.....	Merle E. Duryee
Clay Centre,	" 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Stanley B. Fryar.....	Leslie R. Rudd
120 Western,	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	William B. Winter.....	Frank H. Beer
Crescent,	" 143	Cedar Rapids.....	Boone.....	Third Wednesday.....	Clay Finnell.....	Newell F. Lowe
Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before○.....	John S. Ramsey.....	Liberty M. Robinson
Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	William Rembe.....	William F. Koepnick
Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Frank A. Anderson.....	Earl Barnette
125 Siloam,	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or after○.....	Philip E. Johnson.....	Frank P. Wilson
Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	Dwight I. Porter.....	Joe C. Kiker
Jewel,	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	John E. Mead.....	Richard G. Drysdale
Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Roscoe J. Cole.....	Kenneth R. Newcomb
Square,	" 151	Valparaiso.....	Saunders.....	Second Tuesday.....	Herman J. Schmidt.....	William J. Butler
130 Parallel,	" 152	Liberty.....	Gage.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Charles N. Burgett.....	W. Gordon Smith
Evergreen,	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second Tuesday.....	Rudolph A. Turek.....	Edward B. Fanske
Lily,	" 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	Friday on or before○.....	C. Cass Camp.....	Melvin M. Jennings
Hartington,	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	William A. Grant.....	Rudolph H. Jenny
Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing.....	Holt.....	First Wednesday.....	Clinton A. Townsend.....	Garry Benson
135 Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville.....	Furnas.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Cecil A. O'Dell.....	J. Edwin Loar
Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Harry F. Meyer.....	L. Edgar Sprague
Ogallala,	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Melvin E. Rasdal.....	Harry J. Antrim
Zeredatha,	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Russell Shoebottom.....	George E. Warren
Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Second and fourth Mondays.....	C. Guy Anderson.....	Thomas A. Reece
140 Trestle Board,	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	First Saturday.....	Woodford S. Butterfield.....	Almon C. DePue
Unity,	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	Friday on or before○*.....	Frank Hoffman.....	Charles E. Calfee
Atkinson,	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	William C. Arnholt.....	Harry A. Snyder
Barneston,	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○*.....	Peter Bednar.....	George H. Hauer
Mystic Tie,	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	Fourth Thursday.....	George W. Irving.....	Earl L. Jenkins
145 Elwood,	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	John R. Gano.....	Charles A. Yeoman
Curtis,	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Merrill C. Smith.....	Harry R. Wilkinson
Amity,	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Scott H. Brown.....	George Greer
Mason City,	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Hans Schultz.....	Ralph F. McCloughan
Merna,	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	Saturday on or after○.....	Edwin J. Olson.....	Lester J. Corlett
150 Grafton,	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	George C. Pflug.....	Carl A. Anderson

*And two weeks thereafter.

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Robert Burns,	No. 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Lionel B. Brown.....	Ralph E. Jones
Culbertson,	" 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	First and third Wednesdays	Oscar A. Huber.....	Arvene C. Eisenhart
Temple,	" 175	Filly.....	Gage.....	First and third Thursdays	William J. Jobman.....	Walter E. Erikson
Gladstone,	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	Thursday on or after○	Curtis S. McCallister.....	Wilbur B. Alexander
155 Hay Springs,	" 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Richard Gustafson.....	James E. Plummer
Prudence,	" 179	Beaver Crossing.	Seward.....	Tuesday on or before○	Benjamin F. Peck.....	Philip Maurer
Justice,	" 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	Friday on or before○	Frank Walsh.....	Victor Westermark
Faith,	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays	Ray H. Moss.....	Harvey W. Taylor
Incense,	" 182	Ohioa.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Thursdays	Earle L. Hill.....	William H. Weiss
160 Alliance,	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	Thursday on or before○	Fred E. Feagins.....	James H. H. Hewett
Bee Hive,	" 184	Omaha†.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Howard C. Auchmuty.....	Jos. H. Randolph, Acting
Boaz,	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	Wednesday on or before○	Robert A. Puelz.....	George B. Morgan
Israel,	" 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before○	Edward Northway.....	Anson B. Andrew
Meridan,	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	Third Tuesday.....	Earl L. Godfrey.....	Gerald V. Inslie
165 Granite,	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	John W. Shields.....	Ira A. Kirk
Amethyst,	" 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	Second and fourth Saturdays	Bert H. Smee.....	Henry A. Tunnell
Crystal,	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	Thursday on or before○	Chester A. Krebs.....	Theodore J. Stoetzel
Minnekadusa,	" 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	Third Tuesday.....	Neal S. Coleman.....	Luke M. Bates
Signet,	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	Friday on or before○	Ernest M. Nelson.....	Oliver W. Fleming
170 Highland,	" 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	First Monday.....	Frederick J. Boesiger.....	Irvin H. Johnston
Arcana,	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	First and third Mondays	Robert E. Johnson.....	William A. Morey
Level,	" 196	Stockville.....	Frontier.....	Saturday on or before○	Kenneth F. Williams.....	George J. Dold
Morning Star,	" 197	Gresham.....	York.....	Friday on or before○	William H. Diers.....	Samuel A. Tobey
Purity,	" 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	Friday on or before○	William A. Scheurich.....	Herman W. Dettman
175 Gavel,	" 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	Tuesday on or before○	Russell C. Smith.....	James H. Bryant
Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	Thursday on or after○	George E. Jenks.....	George R. Froeblich
Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.....	First and third Fridays	William F. Prohs.....	George Goldfain
Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	Monday on or before○	Osborne H. Scott.....	Leonard Waggoner
Roman Eagle,	" 203	Pender.....	Thurston.....	First Tuesday†	Roy B. Carlberg.....	Verne M. Tyrrell
180 Plainview,	" 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	First Tuesday.....	John E. Marty.....	Martin Sorenson
Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappell.....	Deuel.....	Thursday on or before○	T. Everett Davis.....	Arthur J. Bracken
Napthali,	" 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Harry Baker.....	Harry K. Shutt
Parian,	" 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	First and third Thursdays	Willis F. Haycock.....	Henry H. Andrews
Gauge,	" 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	Tuesday after○*	William J. Ramsey.....	Charles H. Downing
185 Canopy,	" 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	Saturday on or before○	Charles L. Ayers.....	John H. Rogge

†South Side Station.

*And two weeks thereafter.

‡And first and third Tuesdays from October 1st to April 1st.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

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East Lincoln,	No. 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Harrison M. Adkins	Lorenzen P. Ronne
Cement,	" 211	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before○	Franklin L. Bald	Edward B. Persson
Compass & Square,	" 212	Sumner	Dawson	Tuesday on or before	George F. Brown	Beryl E. Irwin
Plumblin,	" 214	Adams	Gage	Monday on or before○	Joseph B. Steidley	John E. Killen
190 Occidental,	" 215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	Tuesday on or before○	John H. Mackprang	O. M. Fenstermacher
Palisade,	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	Tuesday on or before○	Jess B. Egle	Stanton A. Troutman
Wauneta,	" 217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Lee Hartzler	William M. Frasier
Bloomfield,	" 218	Bloomfield	Knox	First Tuesday	Leonard L. Shane	Cornelius T. Heckt
Relief,	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday	Frank T. Miller	George R. Stone
195 Magnolia,	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	Wednesday on or before○	A. Ira Davis	George H. Haase
Wood Lake,	" 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	Fourth Saturday	Samuel M. Richardson	Henry Lausen
Landmark,	" 222	Herman	Washington	Tuesday on or before○	Claude E. Clements	Charles R. Gray
Eminence,	" 223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Murlin F. Brock	Perry O. Marvel
Silver Cord,	" 224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Tuesday	Otha E. Swett	George A. Farman, Jr.
200 Cable,	" 225	Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturdays	George Rath	Charles M. Fisher
Grace,	" 226	Wilcox	Kearney	Monday on or before○*	Albert Wendell	Arthur E. Newton
North Star,	" 227	University Place	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Will M. Stoner	Leslie A. Thomas
Bartley,	" 228	Bartley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○	Harry E. Smith	Daniel L. Mitchell
Comet,	" 229	Ceresco	Saunders	Thursday on or before○*	Lloyd Krone	George E. Siegrist
205 Delta,	" 230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Edward C. Hall	Wesley A. Condreay
Mount Hermon,	" 231	Cook	Johnson	Tuesday on or before○	Eldo G. Tucker	Wayne U. McDermitt
John S. Bowen,	" 232	Kennard	Washington	Third Thursday	Lillard S. Jensen	Homer E. Ward
Gilead,	" 233	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays	Charles J. Tomek	Stephen A. Richardson
Zion,	" 234	Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before○	Leroy D. Perrin	Howard E. Lichty
210 Fraternity,	" 235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Wednesday	Arthur H. Schmale	Irving F. Gaebler
Golden Rule,	" 236	Allen	Dixon	Tuesday on or before○*	Oliver W. Money	Morris S. Zook
Cubit,	" 237	Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before○	Lloyd Ferguson	Nathaniel C. Newlin
Friendship,	" 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays	William B. Knight	David E. Magnuson
Pilot,	" 240	Lyons	Burt	Third Friday	Fred G. Ingham	John E. Buckley
215 George Armstrong,	" 241	Craig	Burt	First and third Tuesdays	Ray H. Thurber	John T. Davis
Tyrian,	" 243	Oak	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays	Robert D. Montgomery	Eugene A. Follmer
Sincerity,	" 244	Battle Creek	Madison	Second Tuesday		
Hampton,	" 245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	Andrew N. Christiansen	George E. Plotts
Nehawka,	" 246	Nehawka	Cass	Wednesday on or before○	Marion N. Tucker	Robert H. Chapman
220 Corner-stone,	" 247	Osmond	Pierce	Friday on or before○	Alfred Lundstrom	Charles B. Rosberg
Laurel	" 248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Clarence E. Marvin	Joseph H. Artman
Gothenburg,	" 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	John J. Jennings	Clifford T. Winters
George Washington,	" 250	Havelock	Lancaster	Second and fourth Thursdays	Robert Kennedy	Frank B. Young
Wausa,	" 251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	David Hult	Ralph W. Berridge
225 Hildreth,	" 252	Hildreth	Franklin	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Walter G. Carpenter	George M. Myers

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	MASTER	SECRETARY
Beemer,	No. 253	Beemer	Cuming	First and fourth Wednesdays.	Frederick C. Buhk	Ernest L. Fried
Bassett,	" 254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday.	John Abart	William E. Preble
Bradshaw,	" 255	Bradshaw	York	First and third Mondays.	Cleon C. Lichtenberger	Emile C. Regby
Hickman,	" 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before O.	Thomas Coyne	Cyrus Black
230 Holbrook,	" 257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Fridays.	James W. Longbottom	Albert Phillippson
Anselmo,	" 258	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before O.	Rudolph H. Schmidt	Chalmers G. Empfield
Bee,	" 259	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before O.	Calvin W. Noxon	Frank W. Opocensky
Ornan,	" 261	Spencer	Boyd	First, third and fifth Mondays.	William Lamb	William D. Spicknall
Endeavor,	" 262	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before O.	William Payne	Arthur C. Crabtree
235 Mitchell,	" 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday.	Vernard C. Anderson	Oliver P. Burrows
Franklin,	" 264	Franklin	Franklin	Second and fourth Mondays.	Harold B. Long	Paul Spence
Robert W. Furnas,	" 265	Scotts Bluff	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Mondays.	Harold F. Davies	John M. Finley
Silver,	" 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	First Wednesday.	Oliver K. Tickler	Paul V. Hobert
James A. Tulleys,	" 267	Overton	Dawson	Fourth Monday.	John C. Haley	Joseph R. Wilson
240 George W. Lininger,	" 268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday.	Walter C. Johnson	William McCormack
Riverside,	" 269	Belgrade	Nance	Friday before O*.	Vernon Haun	E. Earl Nickerson
Huntley,	" 270	Huntley	Harlan	Tuesday on or before O*.	William Lowe	Elmer C. Combs
Oasis,	" 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Thursday on or before O.	I. Maurice Gibson	Elbert W. Berry
Lee P. Gillette,	" 272	Dunbar	Otoe	Monday on or before O.	Earl E. Borcharding	Wilber H. Harpster
245 Crofton,	" 273	Crofton	Knox	Thursday on or before O.	John C. Mormann	Charles Ruden
Olive Branch,	" 274	Walthill	Thurston	Second Monday.	Lee B. Clement	Alva L. Rousey
Ramah,	" 275	Bertrand	Phelps	First Thursday.	Charles H. Graham	William B. Meeker
Antelope,	" 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays.	Alva D. Nicholas	Arthur E. Bergman
Sioux,	" 277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday.	James A. McClarey	George L. Gerlach
250 Litchfield,	" 278	Litchfield	Sherman	Thursday on or before O.	John F. Lammers	Harvey I. Lang
Wallace,	" 279	Wallace	Lincoln	Tuesday on or before O.	Clarence A. Webb	William H. Daly
Swastika,	" 280	Sargent	Custer	Second Tuesday.	J. Douglas Finley	Frank L. Hicks
Florence,	" 281	Omaha†	Douglas	First Monday.	Winford H. Schulze	Hugo B. Wunrath
Mullen,	" 282	Mullen	Hooker	Tuesday on or before O.	Jesse L. McKinnie	Arthur G. Humphrey
255 Exeter,	" 283	Exeter	Fillmore	Second and fourth Fridays.	Joseph W. Crooker	Frank A. Ainsworth
Seneca,	" 284	Seneca	Thomas	Wednesday on or before O.	James C. Clary	Edgar T. Lay
Camp Clarke,	" 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday.	Thomas O. Haiston	George W. Irwin
Oshkosh,	" 286	Garden	Garden	Wednesday on or after O.	Rudolph J. Lorenzen	William A. Overman
Union,	" 287	Palmyra	Otoe	Wednesday on or before O.	John C. Vickers	Harley H. Thomas
260 Omaha,	" 288	Omaha	Douglas	First Saturday.	Lloyd A. Barnes	Edward L. Cain

†Florence Station.

Lotus,	No. 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Emil W. Smaha	Archie A. Meek
John J. Mercer,	" 290	Omaha†	Douglas	First Tuesday	E. Earl Spencer	Earl W. Dean
Diamond,	" 291	Royal	Antelope	First Monday	Roy H. Knapp	Edward H. Hering
Wolbach,	" 292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	Ernest Hansen	Edwin L. Johnson
265 Monument,	" 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	T. Wesley Alstot	Arthur P. Singley
Kimball,	" 294	Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	Edward B. Souders	Irving S. Walker
Minatare,	" 295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Fridays	Thomas W. Petty	Fred W. Smith
Cowles,	" 296	Cowles	Webster	First and third Wednesdays	William H. Thompson	Horace G. Morse
Cotner,	" 297	Bethany	Lancaster	First Friday	Frank H. Kiplin	Imon T. Hensley
270 Chester,	" 298	Chester	Thayer	First and third Mondays	Ralph W. Wilson	Ernest F. Woodard
Sutherland,	" 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	First Wednesday	G. Byron Cochran	Harold P. Wiig
Liberty,	" 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	John H. Strayer	Ralph S. Moseley
Bayard,	" 301	Bayard	Morrill	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Earl C. Heyl	Alexander H. Keyes
Mizpah,	" 302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Charles C. Landeryou	Lemuel E. Fitch
275 Right Angle,	" 303	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Samuel J. Potter	Paul F. Griswold
Ruskin,	" 304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Tuesdays	John H. Jones	Frank Hopkirk
Newman Grove,	" 305	Newman Grove	Madison	Second and fourth Mondays	Ray S. Huston	Alexis R. Gust vson
Golden Rod,	" 306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	George W. Barlow	William H. Goettsche
William E. Hill,	" 307	Otoe	Otoe	Third Tuesday	Edward B. Peoples	Allen R. Buck
280 Perkins,	" 308	Grant	Perkins	First Monday	Walter V. Romine	Bruce K. Lyon
Winnebago,	" 309	Winnebago	Thurston	First Thursday	Gustave A. Olson	Claude D. Myers
Victory,	" 310	Valley	Douglas	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Howard L. Yeager	Adolph C. Janzen
Polk,	" 311	Polk	Polk	First Friday	C. Raymond Peterson	Walter A. Carnine
Oak Leaf,	" 312	Lynch	Boyd	Second Thursday	Will T. Alford	Clifford J. Hurlless
285 Potter,	" 313	Potter	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Clarence Johnson	Elmer H. Seyfang
Craftsmen,	" 314	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Wm. C. Steffensmeyer	Elmer L. Farmer
Palmer,	" 315	Palmer	Merrick	Second and fourth Mondays	Joseph H. McGonagle	Raymond Strong
Alpha,	" 316	South Sioux City	Dakota	Fourth Thursday	Sherman W. McKinley	Mell A. Schmed
Mid-West,	" 317	Hastings	Adams	Second Friday	Carl E. Pratt	Wm. J. Breckenridge
290 Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island	Hall	First Tuesday	Paul C. Holmberg	Kurt O. Pronske
Bladen	" 319	Bladen	Webster	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	John R. Hall	Lloyd S. Easterly

†Benson Station.

Frank L. Haycock

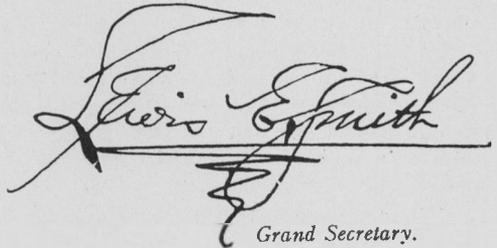
Born December 3rd, 1866

Died April 6th, 1927.

For the second time within a period of three years, it is necessary to announce the death of the writer of the report on correspondence of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

W. Brother Frank L. Haycock had taken up this work, following the death of M. W. John A. Ehrhardt, and this year had been requested to prepare his report in advance, in order that the Brethren who attended Grand Lodge might have the privilege of enjoying what he had written. His report was not quite finished, when, without warning, he was taken from us, and his report is published as he laid it down. The report for a few jurisdictions was not written, but the other members of the Committee felt that his work should not be added to nor taken from. In other words, this report as it appears, is his last written message to his Brethren.

How feeble are words when we try to speak or write of our Brethren who have been called from us. Brother Haycock, born in the rugged hills of Maine, early came west, and was one of the pioneers who helped to develop this commonwealth. He was the type of man we read about; a tall man, rugged and silent; a man who thought deeply, courageously and honestly, and who was beloved by his Brethren and his friends. His passing is a loss to this Grand Jurisdiction. He will be missed and he will be mourned.



Lewis Esquith

Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.
BY FRANK L. HAYCOCK.
FOR THE COMMITTEE.

PREFACE.

To My Brother Masons in Nebraska:

On beginning this, my third annual review, I wish first to thank those who have been instrumental in having accorded me this honor and privilege. I trust that there is sufficient appreciation of the work to warrant my continuance in this capacity. I would dislike to think that any other motive determined the choice.

Our Grand Secretary, who is also the constitutional Chairman of this Committee on Foreign Correspondence, intimates to me a departure from our past custom. He requests that the copy of the review be ready for the printer by the fifteenth of May, in order that it may be printed and distributed to the members of Grand Lodge at the annual communication in June. It is most gratifying to me, if it is the consensus of opinion of those in command, that the work is of sufficient importance to deserve this compliment and expense.

To you of the non-commissioned class of officers, who have perhaps not heretofore read this feature of our Grand Lodge publication, I beg you to consider that this move is intended for your own instruction, as putting before you the activities of the other Grand Lodges of the world with whom we are in fraternal intercourse.

It will make our way more pleasant and inspire us to better effort, if you of the unknown and unseen audience, as the "mike" men of the radio say, will freely tell us by letter or otherwise just how our stuff takes with you. Be candid.

Under this new plan, it will be you I'll try to please—the Grand Lodge officers have access to the same material from which this is gathered, which is also accessible to you for the price of a visit to the Grand Lodge library if my comments prove too brief for your satisfaction.

It is a remarkable education for you, as it is for me, to scan the Masonic world. In a way it is like a journey afar to strange lands and new scenes. There is much that is different—some that is unexpected and strange. It will seem to intrude upon and contradict your belief that Masonry is universal and the same everywhere. You will gather interesting facts from trivial features, that is, you will if I do my part.

Thus commending the following pages for your consideration, with a plea for its perusal,

I remain

Truly and fraternally,

FRANK L. HAYCOCK.

Callaway, Nebraska—Sept. 25th, 1926.

ALABAMA.

Montgomery.

November 30th, 1926.

106th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Oliver Day Street, Grand Master.

His portrait greets us from the front pages.

Lawrence H. Lee, Past Grand Master, representing Nebraska, is in attendance.

The Grand Master's address contains the usual reports on official acts with a review and recommendations on outstanding subjects that present themselves to his notice. From his introduction we cull the following, with an admonition to our own delegates to take notice:

Another thing I should like to impress upon them is that all the wisdom or knowledge of Masonry is not contained in any one head or number of heads. It often happens that those who are least conspicuous in assemblages like this could offer the most useful suggestions but for the supposition on their part that the talkative ones know it all. To each member and delegate I wish to say the floor is yours at all proper times and for all proper purposes. Give us the benefit of your views. Do not hesitate for fear they may not prove acceptable. Grand Lodges have been known to reject what is good. So, if you have any grist, do not hesitate to put it into the mill and meanwhile let us all hope that the turn out will be good. What I am trying to get home to you is that this is your Grand Lodge as well as ours.

In declining an invitation to attend the conference of Grand Masters he explains that it was on account of the press of other duties and recites this disclaimer:

It was not a feeling that this conference may contain the embryo of a general Grand Lodge that caused me not to accept the invitation. I do not believe that the Brethren who are promoting this annual gathering entertain in the remotest degree the idea of forming a General Grand Lodge. On the contrary, I believe that with practical unanimity they would oppose such a measure.

An enlightening chapter on the tubercular movement appears, and we mention it for the benefit of those of our Brethren who may be called upon to consider the matter.

Of forty-four decisions of the Grand Master, all are approved but one; this query was submitted:

Is it proper and in accordance with Masonic law and tenets to offer prayer in a Lodge in the name of Christ or Jesus?

The Grand Master held in part:

That it is improper for the leader of the Lodge in prayer to address the prayer of the Lodge or its invocations to any other than God or Deity.

And the Grand Lodge decided:

A Mason offering prayer in the Lodge may pray to his God—observing his own conception of Deity. It is, therefore, proper and in accordance with Masonic law and tenets for a Mason who believes in the Christ or Jesus to offer prayer in the Lodge in His name.

It seems a matter of little formality for an Alabama Mason to terminate membership:

Renunciation. A Master Mason in writing requested that his "name be stricken from the roster of all Masonic bodies of which he was a member." *Held*, that this amounts to a renunciation by him of Masonry, that he had this right and that this action strips him of all the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Brother Fred Wall again furnishes the report on Foreign Correspondence, this time more complete, and we congratulate him on his recovery from the severe illness of the former year. Nebraska, 1926, he reviews briefly with complimentary quotations.

M. W. OLIVER DAY STREET, Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA.

Banff.

June 9th, 1926.

21st Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Norman E. Carruthers, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is short, almost entirely of domestic features upon which we are not inclined to intrude, and discloses no outstanding matters of interest. And, lest it so appears, this is not intended as discourteous or uncomplimentary.

In the report of one of the District Deputy Grand Masters we find this splendid compliment, and commend it as a valuable suggestion:

I found the historical register beautifully kept and I am sure this valuable record will prove a source of useful information, when some skilled Brother undertakes the work of uniting the history of Masonry in this province. In the front pages of the By-Laws of this Lodge may be found a brief history of the Lodge, which I think is a capital plan and one that might well be imitated by all Lodges, as it furnishes all members with valuable information.

The Committee on Benevolence report in part:

Your committee on reviewing the work for the past year feel that there is much cause for gratification in that they are able to report that every case and every application for assistance which came within their jurisdiction has been met and satisfactorily dealt with. No extraordinary emergency has arisen within our borders and it would seem that conditions are now more nearly normal than they have been for some years.

Congratulations.

The proceedings furnish evidence of a smooth running Grand Lodge with little to obstruct its quiet flow.

M. W. Brother F. S. Selwood makes the report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The actual review is divided among a number of distinguished Brethren, and R. W. Brother Alexander M. Mitchell, Senior Grand Warden, reviews Nebraska, 1925. Brother Dickson is extensively quoted.

M. W. THOMAS F. ENGLISH, Grand Master.

M. W. STEPHEN Y. TAYLOR, Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA.

Tucson.

February 9th, 1926.

44th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Clement H. Colman, Grand Master.

The Grand Master recounts a visit, accompanied by some of his officers, to Guaymas to the session of the Grand Lodge Pacifico, and speaks highly of the institution over the border.

He refers to the Masonic Home at Oracle, remarks that the need for a Masonic Home is not immediately apparent, and suggests co-operation with

other organizations and making use of it as a tubercular sanatorium, and this is agreed to.

The grand oration by W. Brother James R. Malott is on "Modern Masonry." We quote the following for the historical aspect therein contained and as noting some changes Masonry has experienced:

Shortly after the creation of the Grand Lodge (1717) it took a step which changed the entire course of Masonry in my opinion. That step was the change in the charge on God and religion. Theretofore Christianity, in its theological sense, had been a test or a qualification for Masonic membership. Unless you were a Christian, you could not become a Mason. Thereafter, however, the craft broke away from religious qualifications and placed the fraternity upon a broader basis, where we could include all religions and oppose none. We accepted each qualified individual, irrespective of his religion, so long as he believed in the existence of a Supreme Being and the immortality of the soul. By reason of this change Masonry ceased to be a mere sectarian organization and was able to develop into the all inclusive fraternity that it is today.

This great change was not without opposition in the craft. In fact it was one of the principal causes of the great schism which culminated in the organization of a rival Grand Lodge. That breach was not healed until 1813. But on St. John's Day, 1813, there was a reconciliation and merger of the so-called "Moderns" and "Ancients" and the offending article was finally adopted by both bodies as follows:

"Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believes in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth and practices the sacred duties of Morality."

Today the Modernist, the Fundamentalist, the Gentile, the Jew and the Mohammedan can gather in our Lodge rooms, each knowing full well, not only that his right to worship his God in his own way will never be impugned by a Brother but that right will be protected by the strength of our whole fraternity.

Among our members to whom the religious characteristics of Masonry appeal we find many who say that Masonry is their religion; that, after all, the important thing in all religions is the creed of Masonry—the belief in a Supreme Being and in the immortality of the soul. With that basis truly man is ready to start forth on his quest for his God. But Masonry differs from religion in that all religions base their origin and existence upon Divine authority. The Christian believes in the Divinity of Christ; the Mohammedan says there is no God but Allah, and Mohammed was his prophet; the Hebrew goes back to Moses; but Masonry does not point to any man or prophet and say that through him we secured our teachings direct from God.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Pacifico (Mexico), accompanied by several of his officers and Brethren, was announced and accorded a hearty welcome. He addressed the Grand Lodge in Spanish, a translation of which is given. From it we quote this short statement:

In order that the existence of Mexican Masonic Lodges organized since the last century, be not ignored or misunderstood, I take occasion to state that there are twelve regular Grand Lodges in Mexico, all of them are working harmoniously, and from present indications, three more will come into being within a very short time.

The text of the address covers eleven pages and the reader obtains much inside information on Mexican Masonry, although not in a technical sense.

The educational program, augmented by their Masonic Service Association affiliation, seems well carried on by a competent committee.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presents an interesting statement on Masonry in Mexico, the sentiment of which is unanimously adopted. It is principally their reasons for recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Pacific and a plea to other grand bodies to fall in line, and is not such a bad argument either.

There is no review published.

M. W. NELSON C. BLEDSOE, Grand Master.

V. W. GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, Grand Secretary.

Never yet
Share of Truth was vainly set
In the world's wide fallow;
After hands shall sow the seed,
After hands, from hill and mead,
Reap the harvest yellow.
—Whittier.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Victoria.

June 17th, 1926.

55th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Alex. M. Manson, Grand Master.

M. W. Brother E. B. Paul, representing Nebraska.

The Grand Master addresses the Grand Lodge at length, the prelude a very able lecture on the aims, purposes, and character of the ideal Masonry, with kindly suggestions and precepts for the uninformed. His reported activities indicate a busy year for himself and a prosperous period in the jurisdiction. He congratulates his Brethren on an accelerating increase in the benevolent fund by voluntary contribution.

Forty-eight pages of the proceedings are used to record the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, fifteen in number. As is usual, the matter of these reports is of so domestic a nature as not to furnish desirable features for review. The record, however, shows that this admirable body of men are whole-heartedly doing a great work for their jurisdiction, and their reports are of no small importance to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. No case has come under our observation of this system once inaugurated being abandoned.

What must be an interesting feature to the Brethren is the report of the Grand Historian, with short historical essays of Lodges, places, and persons.

William A. DeWolf-Smith, the V. W. Grand Secretary, in his capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, writes the annual review, and in his 141 pages he serves us with a delightful digest of proceedings excellently written.

We are unable to determine if in his "Alberta, 1925" he indulges in a pleasant sarcasm or if there be a misconception of the intended word—rather think that Alberta's Grand Master used the word "uninformed," and not "uniformed" and it was the composer's error.

He gives Nebraska its full quota of space and perhaps more, with intelligent comment and liberal quotation. To ourself he gives a full page, and we wish to express our appreciation therefor even if some of it partakes of criti-

cism. We have no apology to make for our Quebec remarks. It merely backed up what their eminent Grand Master, Canon Shatford, had proclaimed, and we did not say that a Mason could *claim* relief "as a right" or otherwise. The worst and perhaps only thing we can offer in retaliation in the way of criticism is his absence of given names. It offends our Nebraska tradition to be compelled to have access to initials only. His custom of bestowing the given name after the Brother has died is too late for our purpose, all of which is respectfully submitted.

M. W. DANIEL W. SUTHERLAND, Grand Master.

V. W. WILLIAM A. DeWOLF-SMITH, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco.

October 12th, 1926.

77th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Albert E. Boynton, Grand Master.

His message is an able review of official acts, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction as required by their constitution. The following extracts from different chapters are worthy of note:

The condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction, in the main, is good. We are prospering probably as never before, both in material resources and in the character of our novitiates. We are living in an age of marvelous scientific development and in a land favored above most of the earth, and Peace and Plenty are smiling at our doors. The blessings which have been showered upon us should make us rejoice as with David of old.

There seems to be a tendency on the part of some misguided and overzealous members of our fraternity—and happily they are few in number—to lose sight of the scheme of our ancient institution by trying to inject partisan politics into the Lodges.

Complaints of the activities of life insurance companies that profess to confine their business to Masons only, seem to be perennial. By reference to the annual messages of Grand Masters for many years back, my Brethren will note that the subject has been one of much concern, and a difficult problem to satisfactorily solve. The past year's experience in this respect has been but a repetition of the complaints which have heretofore been made and I believe that Grand Lodge should at this Communication take affirmative and definite action to put a stop to a condition which ought to be determined as intolerable and without the pale of legitimate Masonic ethics.

He has occasion to rebuke an instance of Masons connected with one of our appendant bodies conducting a raffle to defray the expenses of a convention, and quotes his circular letter issued to the Lodges on the subject, which is straight and to the point. We imagine from the tone of it that the offense will not be repeated.

He is called upon for but few decisions and supports them with quotations from the law.

In September, 1926, at the Covina Masonic Home for Children, the Grand Lodge was presented with a hospital completely furnished by the Grand Commandery.

The Committee on Masonic Education give evidence of their worth. The Grand Master comments as follows:

This is a record of achievement for one year which I believe is unequalled in any similar movement. Amongst it all, the feature most prominent to my mind is the organizing of local Lodge educational committees with a chairman

who is the representative from the Lodge to the Grand Lodge Committee. This group of energetic and interested Masons will in time become a source from which can be obtained true and genuine leadership in spreading the light of knowledge and information.

One institution of which they seem proud is the Masonic Clubhouse at the University of California under the control and supervision of the Grand Lodge acting through a board of trustees. The activities for the old and young of both sexes are directed by a clubhouse council.

The De Molay is complimented in the following:

In 1922 this Grand Lodge placed itself on record regarding the Order of De Molay, and again reaffirmed its position in 1924. In its inception the organization was an experiment, but the numerical growth of this wonderful movement and the results of its efforts among the young men of our land has justified its existence and warranted the confidence that we reposed in those who were inspired to found the Order and have governed it to the present time.

While it is not a Masonic organization, its importance in the future of the Craft is one that we cannot overlook. I bespeak for the Order of De Molay a continued interest by the Masons of this jurisdiction along the lines embodied in the resolutions above referred to. Our future membership must come from the young man of today. If he is thoroughly conversant with the principles and teachings of the Masonic Fraternity, even though taught to him in an organization that is not Masonic but labors under its shadow, just so far will our future strength and efficiency be multiplied.

The oration is by W. Brother Ezra W. Decoto, Grand Orator. He disclaims ability to discourse upon the history, aims, or symbolism of Masonry, in which, we think, he shows a rare wisdom, and takes "Friendship" for his theme. We quote in part from his first paragraph:

But I have been permitted, through my profession and my public service for the last twenty years, as permitted few men, to delve into the lives and motives of many men, to peer into the minds of many people, to weigh what is worth while in life, to see the failure of those who strive for false things and to measure the happiness of those who, from instinct or reasoning, seek the real things of life, and when found, treasure them as they should be treasured.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we cull the following valuable suggestion:

I would recommend that some definite plan be adopted for the examination of visitors, whereby the Master of the Lodge shall appoint a selected committee to conduct the examination, they to find out if the Brother is a Master Mason, and not try to find out how much he knows. Too often committees will keep a visitor answering propounded questions for a half hour or more. Any visitor should be able to convince a committee in not over fifteen minutes if he knows anything at all. This may be done simply by the visitor telling the story in his own way and words, and not by any method of interrogation or catechism.

As a result of our travels in many other jurisdictions and being subject to many different forms of examination, we find on analysis that we have the most respect for those localities where the examination was conducted in the fewest words. And never yet, in conducting numerous examinations, have we found a visitor able to answer the question, "What jewels do each of the seven principal officers of a Lodge wear?"

From scanning the records of the different boards of relief of California we find that funerals have been conducted for eight Nebraska Brethren.

The Masonic and conservative attitude of California on politics is reflected in the following adopted report:

There have been referred to your Committee on Policy and General Purposes several resolutions which seek to commit this Grand Lodge to the approval or disapproval of subjects of legislation which will be acted upon by the California electorate at the forthcoming general election. The Grand Lodge is not a political body, and its policy during all the years of its existence has been to refrain from any participation in political controversies, and from this policy it should never depart.

Your committee therefore recommends that Grand Lodge refuse to indorse or condemn any measure of legislation pending before the people of California.

The Grand Lodge declines to join with the other jurisdictions of the Southwest in the tubercular association.

Brother Jesse M. Whited again assumes responsibility for a topical review. Whether we like it or not need not concern him—it is full of valuable information for his Brethren. Among twenty orations or papers listed as interesting reading we find Brother Hall's (Nebraska, 1925) oration. In his chapter on "Bouquets and Brickbats" the writer is accorded four notices.

M. W. GEORGE L. JONES, Grand Master.

V. W. JOHN WHICHER, Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

In the Province of Ontario.

Fort William and Port Arthur.

July 21st, 1926.

71st Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother John A. Rowland, Grand Master.

The first in order are the addresses of the Mayors of the cities of the place of meeting.

The Grand Master's address is brief and deals concisely with matters demanding his attention. In line with the principal and burning question of the period, he comments:

But numbers and wealth are not the only or indeed the final test of increasing strength. Greater than either of these is the evidence everywhere of a deeper interest in Masonry itself and a keener desire to understand more of its meaning, its value and its place in the complexity of our modern life.

It is well that it is so. We often repeat the time-honored warning "Guard well the portals of your Lodge," but the surest safeguard for Masonry is the knowledge of Masonry itself. I sometimes ask myself why it is that unworthy men seek admission to our ranks. What is there to attract them? We require from every candidate a declaration that he has come from a favorable opinion of the institution and a general desire for knowledge. What is this "favorable opinion," and on what is it based? If at times we find among our members those who are thinking chiefly of the Benevolent Fund and the banquet table is not the fault largely with ourselves, and particularly with those of us who are charged with the duty of giving instruction in the aims and purposes of the Order? The greatest danger to Masonry today is from the faulty and partial interpretation of it, given by some of its membership and by bodies which have or claim to have a sort of connection with it. I venture to suggest that if the moral and educational purposes of the order were more in evidence there would be little to attract the undesirable person. But if the convivial and benevolent sides are all that the profane can see, we cannot be surprised "if the temple is invaded by outsiders, and the Lodge is put upon its last lines of defense to keep them out."

For two reasons we quote extensively from the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry, presented by R. W. Brother Thomas Shanks. First,

it is admirable material for perusal, and second, we feel no compunction in thus using it to the exclusion of other matters on account of lack of allotted space.

While our progress has been satisfactory, and while we have just cause for exultation, it is well to remember that our path has been comparatively free from the difficulties that our predecessors had to meet and overcome, and which even at the present day beset our Brethren in some of the jurisdictions with whom we hold fraternal intercourse. Our opportunities for success have been many, for our lines have fallen in pleasant places, free from many of the influences that create disorder and discontent, and it is only proper that our progress should be commensurate with the privileges of freedom and of ordered government that we sometimes thoughtlessly accept without giving due thanks therefor. We are fortunate in the enjoyment of almost absolute immunity from anything savoring of general condemnation, and to speak of persecution, or of any sort of organized opposition to our activities, is to conjure up a bogey which exists only in a timid or a troubled imagination.

And now, as always, the greatest menace is not from our exposure to external opposition, but rather from the weaknesses inherent in an organization which can hardly hope to achieve perfection so long as it draws its members from among human beings. We can do much to help or hinder, but our greatest peril must always be from the influence of those who are Masons in name only, and who find it more expedient to drag Masonry down to their own level than to elevate themselves to a conformity with its higher standards of truth and morality.

If one were to be allowed a measure of freedom in defining its broad outlines, it might not be out of place to say that the Masonry of England is differentiated from the others by its air of dignified seclusion, by its emphasis on the social side of the Order, by its conservative adherence to the original plan of Craft Masonry, by its refusal to accord official recognition or approval to concordant or auxiliary societies, and by its princely grants for the education of the young, and for the care of the aged and indigent. The English Lodge has usually a small membership, and its place of meeting is seldom notable for pretentious appearance, but a sense of magnitude is subordinated to the cultivation of a more intimate relationship among Lodge members, to the exercise of a generous benevolence, and to the amenities of social intercourse.

In the United States of America a Masonry quite different from that of the old land has developed. There we find a tendency to elaborate expansion and to the growth and fostering of auxiliary organizations; a remarkable numerical strength throughout the country and a surprisingly large membership in some of the constituent Lodges; a fondness for palatial and costly temples; a rather dangerous inclination in some cases towards taking sides in public questions that border closely on the political; and a very commendable use of great wealth in the building and maintenance of Masonic homes and hospitals. With a sovereign Grand Lodge in each State of the Union it was only to be expected that minor differences would arise, but in general there is a very harmonious co-operation among the Grand Bodies and the Masonry of the United States has every reason to be proud of its consistent and substantial growth, and of its many splendid achievements in promoting the best ideals of Masonic teaching.

The Masonry of Canada has inherited much from the Mother Grand Lodges from which it derived its origin, but it has undoubtedly been influenced in the gradual growth of its distinctive character by the facilities for fraternal intercourse with the Masonry of the United States. We have had the opportunity of learning not only from the steady prudence of the parent, but also from the enterprising vigor of her progeny; we have profited by the lessons of experience of both old and new, and we have tried to cultivate in due

proportion the vigilant caution that guards against dangerous innovation, and the forward vision that prevents a lapse into indolence and inactivity.

Outside the English speaking world there exists a great diversity in the outward observances of the organizations which have adopted the name of Freemasonry, and in the tendencies towards digression from the original plan. The policy and practice of the Order in some countries are so different from what we have learned to regard as legitimate that we should not be over anxious when we learn that its attitude towards Church and State has engendered opposition, and in some cases has led to measures of reprisal. Where Masonry has entered the turmoil of party politics and of sectarian disputes it has suffered the penalty of being regarded as a political or sectarian machine, controlled by ambitious schemers and malcontents, and even by revolutionary agitators.

Another committee voices a timely warning:

The Committee recommend that the Craft in this prosperous Province should carefully read and take to heart the Grand Master's warning of the danger to the Masonry of today, by reason of the faulty and partial interpretation of Masonry given by some of its members and of bodies which have, or claim to have a sort of connection with it.

The review, a lengthy and valuable work of 350 pages, is by M. W. Brother William N. Ponton, P.G.M. Nebraska, 1925, is cordially and efficiently reviewed.

We are pleased to note that he correctly interprets our remarks in re M. W. Brother Shatford's comments on relief in the Quebec proceedings. We regret to say that one other of our Canadian associates did not.

It is not often that your humble reviewer is accorded the notice Brother Ponton gives us. A whole page including four quotations is what we are graciously allotted, and we are grateful.

M. W. JOHN A. ROWLAND, Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM M. LOGAN, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

Denver.

September 21st, 1926.

66th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Frank G. Mirick, Grand Master.

Nebraska's representative, M. W. Brother Edward P. Hufferd, is in attendance.

With a brief introduction the Grand Master gives an address abounding in report of official activities indicating an industrious year.

His decision that a Lodge may not "hold and conduct a funeral of a Brother from a Masonic Lodge room while Lodge is open and profanes in attendance, the Lodge being at ease" is over-ruled by the adopted report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. But why the term "being at ease?" Are they at ease when conducting the service at the grave, or what?

The request from New Mexico to co-operate in the work of the National Masonic Tubercular Association is answered in part in the following:

Colorado is not only blessed with a fine healing climate for tuberculosis, but, also, has a number of high class Tubercular Sanitariums and camps scattered throughout the state. In many of these institutions we can enter patients at a very minimum of cost.

Therefore, while I appreciate the difficulties you are experiencing in the care of these unfortunates, and while my sympathy is with you in your pro-

posed solution of the problem, we are so situated in Colorado that I cannot persuade myself to commit the Grand Lodge of Colorado to your support at this time.

We think we can appreciate Colorado's position in this.

He frowns upon Masonic clubs in line with Colorado's declaration on "parasites" since 1921, takes exceptions to their activities, and contends that it "blurs the vision of our ideals." A former suggestion of ours that a compromise might be effected by the clubs desisting from the use of the word "Masonic" may have value. If the word is adopted and used for advertising value, it should be deplored—if not, then "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

He expresses grateful acknowledgment to M. W. Brother Wright and associates for welcome and kindnesses on the occasion of his visit to Nebraska's Grand Lodge in June.

He is pleased to report "that the ominous cloud of an un-Masonic organization, which has been hovering over our Masonic Lodges for the past few years, disturbing the peace and harmony of the Craft, is fast passing away."

Colorado's Grand Master of the year 1866, M. W. Brother Chase Withrow, is in attendance and is accorded cordial welcome. He gives the Brethren an interesting historical talk.

The subject of the "Oration" by R. W. Brother Horace H. Mitchell, Grand Orator, is "The Brotherhood of Man." The theme is supported principally by Biblical quotation, which renders it more a sermon than an oration.

Unanimous consent having been given, the following amendment to the constitution was adopted:

A dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge may be granted by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, subject to the provisions of these laws, upon the petition of at least twenty-five Master Masons in good standing; each of whom shall be a resident as herein defined, within the jurisdiction of the proposed Lodge, and each of whom shall sign his full name to such petition, and state the Lodge to which he belongs or from which he holds a dimit; and each of whom shall pay ten dollars into a common fund to be used for the expense of organization of said Lodge.

The Review of Proceedings is by W. Brother Stanley C. Warner. He gives us no foreword this time from which to quote. Nebraska, 1925, is covered in his brief and direct manner.

M. W. FRANK J. REINHARD, Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM W. COOPER, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication convened at the city of Hartford on February 3rd, 1926, M. W. Walter T. Arnold, Grand Master, presiding.

During the year the Grand Lodge had held five emergent communications; at one of which a fine new Temple was dedicated at New Haven; at another, a new Hall was dedicated at South Norwalk; at another, a new Temple was dedicated at Hamden; at another, the Corner Stone for a new Temple was laid at Ansonia; and at the other, the Date Stone was laid and a new Temple was dedicated at Middletown.

At this annual communication all the Grand Officers were present, all of the 120 Lodges were represented, and the representative of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge, Brother Henry H. Brautigam, was also present.

The Grand Master delivered a very full and instructive address.

He reports that he had issued thirty-two special dispensations. It seems to us that is going some. He decides that in determining the residence of a petitioner for the degrees, his legal residence controls. This is the law of our Grand Lodge also. But in a case where a petitioner had applied for the degrees in a Lodge at Sandy Hook on January 3rd, 1917, while residing there, and was elected, but before receiving any of the degrees removed to Bridgeport, and about October 1st, 1925, requested the Lodge at Sandy Hook to proceed to confer the degrees, while he still resided at Bridgeport, the Grand Master decided that the petitioner having gained a residence at Bridgeport he must make application to a Lodge having jurisdiction over his place of residence, and that by reason of lapse of time and change of residence, he had forfeited his claim for admission in the Lodge at Sandy Hook. This decision is not in accordance with our law. This petitioner would remain the material of the Lodge at Sandy Hook until that Lodge should waive its jurisdiction.

During his term, the Grand Master visited 16 constituent Lodges, and held 106 conferences in his office on Masonic matters. On February 23rd and 24th, 1925, he attended the fifteenth annual meeting of the Washington Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia, at which 39 of the Grand Jurisdictions were represented.

In referring to the splendid work and service of their Masonic Home, he commends the efficient service of the O. E. S., and calls attention to the fact that that efficient and useful Order assumed the task and expense of equipping the hospital part of the new building of the Home with every modern utility, and has maintained such equipment ever since.

We noticed that the work of the Grand Lodge was digested and prepared by the committee to which each subject was submitted, and in every case the recommendation of each committee was approved, apparently without much discussion. But a study of these recommendations so submitted, clearly discloses that real Masonic interests are safely guarded, and the objects and purposes of Masonry are being wisely promoted by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

The review is by that veteran master of reviewers, George A. Kies. Nebraska for 1925 is very satisfactorily reviewed, and the more important recommendations of our then Grand Master, Robert R. Dickson, are favorably commented upon. He approvingly mentions the action of the Grand Lodge in adopting the recommendation of the Grand Master in reference to arranging a system of managing all the funds of the Grand Lodge.

He also favorably refers to the able address of our Grand Orator, Matthew A. Hall, upon the subject "According to Law." That address was certainly worthy of the most favorable mention.

M. W. Brother George A. Kies was, of course, unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary, and M. W. Brother Arthur N. Nash, of Pawcatuck, was elected and installed Grand Master.

(The above review was written by M. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Grand Representative of Connecticut.)

DELAWARE.

Wilmington.

October 6th, 1926.

121st Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother James P. Pierce, Grand Master.

Our Grand Representative, W. Brother George J. Middleton, is present.

From the address of the Grand Master we gather that nothing has occurred to disrupt or change their settled policies on domestic affairs or national alliances. There is no note of disharmony.

On report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternal recognition is extended to the United Grand Lodge of Queensland, the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

The few recommendations and decisions which the Grand Master has occasion to present are all approved by Jurisprudence and Grand Lodge.

The Gunning Bedford, Junior, Masonic Scholarship Fund and its administration is one of their activities and is supported by a fifteen cent per capita tax.

The report on the review of Foreign Correspondence is again by M. W. Brother Thomas J. Day. For Nebraska, 1926, he quotes nearly all of the address by Brother Thummel, our senior Past Grand Master.

M. W. HARRY GALBRAITH, Grand Master.

R. W. JOHN F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

St. Petersburg.

April 20th, 1926.

97th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Lamar G. Carter, Grand Master.

We must first note the fact that the annual communication was held at the Masonic Home, the first instance of the kind coming under our observation.

The Grand Master's address bristles with unalloyed optimism, and we must believe that Florida is a prosperous and efficient jurisdiction. We quote his glad tidings to the Craft and to the world:

I am glad to report to you that the Craft throughout the Grand Jurisdiction is in a most prosperous condition, and reports from every part of the State show that Masonry is flourishing. Great enthusiasm is shown by the membership and many large and excellent plans are not only being laid, but are actually being carried out and put into effect for the advancement and up-building of the Particular Lodges, as well as the sending out and spreading of Masonic light and knowledge throughout the jurisdiction.

Another Past Grand Master has gone to his reward, M. W. Brother Reginald H. Cooper.

M. W. Brother Carter presents a report of personal activities in his work for the jurisdiction which is a model and indicates a busy year. He was beset with queries on many subjects, and reports forty-nine rulings, forty-one of which are approved. One not approved is his ruling that Masonic ceremonies require absolutely the corner stone of a building to be placed in the northeast corner. Jurisprudence reports:

Under our practice, observed for many years the corner stones have usually been laid in the north-east corner of the buildings and where practicable, should always be laid there. When occasion requires, the Grand

Master may permit the corner stone to be laid in any other corner of the building.

He has chapters on the Masonic Service Association, and recommends retaining membership therein, and on the Washington Memorial, for which he urges further contributions.

He approves of the Grand Master's Conference and recommends financial assistance to the Tuberculosis Association.

Early in his address he makes this announcement:

There is a special reason why this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge is a notable one, and that is from the fact that it marks the fiftieth consecutive time that our esteemed and well beloved Brother, M. W. Past Grand Master Marcus Endel, has attended the Annual Communication of this Grand Body, and his forty-eighth year as a member of the Committee on Work. This is a record which no other Mason in Florida can claim, and so far as I have been able to ascertain, no other State can boast.

Florida has evidently acquired the faculty of "brag" that we all used to attribute to California. The good Brother should, however, verify his assertions lest he go astray. Had he asked his reviewer for the figures, he would no doubt have been informed that Nebraska has a Grand Secretary Emeritus, Francis E. White, with a record of *fifty-four* years Grand Lodge attendance; also that our Senior Past Grand Master, George H. Thummel, was installed Grand Master in 1876, and our 1926 proceedings give his speech to Grand Lodge on his completion of fifty years and more of service. On *consecutive* service, however, we must yield the palm to Florida.

On report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, recognition is extended to the Grand Lodges of Mexico (York) and of Panama.

This adopted report puts what we in the West would term "some job" up to the Grand Master:

That the Grand Master appoint a Committee of one, qualified as speaker and able to interpret Masonry in relation to the affairs of life, to carry out the programme of the Masonic Service Association in Florida.

We wonder if that superman is to be found.

The following, a part of the Grand Oration by W. Brother Albert A. Murphree, is probably as good a treatise in the few words quoted as can be found on the origin or genesis of Masonry; from there he traces the transformation from the operative into the symbolic:

Thornburch's History of Masonry tells us that "skilled operative Masons pursued their trade in England, France and Italy during the Middle Ages. They stamped their individuality on every building. They had so far advanced as skilled Masons as to be a privileged class, free to travel and to plan and erect buildings, exempt from taxes and limitations imposed upon less skilled workmen. Being free as to territory and taxes and free as to the character of the work they undertook they were called Free Masons. They built many churches, cathedrals and other stately edifices, some of which still exist. These operatives traveled far and wide in pursuance of their work. In those days writing was not common, so in order to be accredited by each other as craftsmen a system of pass words and signs were adopted which enabled each to prove to the other that he had been regularly taught his trade, and was no imposter or cowan. These early operative Masons had their regulations by which a young man was admitted as an apprentice, taught his work and became entitled to practice his trade. They easily and early fell into the custom of meeting in Lodges from time to time, ceremonies for receiving members were adopted and a ritual was formulated.

In 926 A. D. operative Masons in England were granted a charter for a regular organization empowering them to meet annually at the City of York, where the first Grand Lodge was organized. Henceforth, for eight centuries, Masonry continued an operative fraternity, producing both in England and on the continent those grand and unapproachable specimens of art which are the pride of central Europe and the admiration of the traveler.

In some Masonic circles this year (with some reservations) is observed as one thousand years of Masonry. It is like the theory of evolution and about as easy or difficult to prove. We say, sufficient it is that we have it. It is a good Masonic oration anyway.

Florida maintains our system of conferring the Past Master's degree at Grand Lodge.

The Correspondence Report is again from the pen of Brother Ely P. Hubbell. He says: "Controversial matters, though possibly valuable, are purposely omitted. Perhaps he is wise. The report therefore is mostly summarizing with selected quotations and, if he cares for the opinion of a novice like himself, altogether meets our approval.

Nebraska, 1926, he adequately reviews. In reply to his implied query we may answer, Section 69-A of our law reads:

Membership Terminated.—Membership in a Lodge may be terminated by suspension, expulsion, demission or death, and in no other way, except that any Master Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, or Entered Apprentice Mason who is in good standing in his Lodge, and against whom no charge is preferred nor objection filed and pending and who desires to withdraw from the Masonic Fraternity on account of religious scruples entertained by himself or by immediate members of his family, may petition his Lodge to withdraw from the Masonic Fraternity. The petition must be presented at a regular meeting and take the same course of procedure as a petition for initiation, and if it is approved by two-thirds of the members present, thereafter the petitioner's relation to the Masonic Fraternity as far as receiving benefits therefrom, the right of visitation, and any and all other rights are concerned, shall cease and terminate to the same extent as though he had never been a member.

His compliments to our Grand Master Dickson are delicately sincere—
Thanks.

M. W. CARY B. FISH, Grand Master.

R. W. WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

Macon.

October 26th, 1926

140th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother William S. Richardson, Grand Master.

W. Brother Wallace W. Bibb, representing Nebraska, present.

The Grand Master's address is a most complete document abounding in references to all Masonic activity. He makes one recommendation on which appears no action. It is a question that has been subject to debate for ages. The best pronouncement is of course "that a Mason should belong to some Lodge." The Brother surely understands that a demit severs membership, and that while holding it he has no rights except that of visitation, and even that is a doubtful right:

Your Grand Master would recommend that some legislation be enacted which would grant protection in the case of death to a non-affiliated Mason

who had procured his dimit with the purpose of affiliating with another Lodge, but died before his petition could be acted upon. A non-affiliated Master Mason, who is acting in good faith, and died, is not only deprived of Masonic funeral rights, but his dependents have no claim upon the Fraternity, however worthy the Brother may have been. I would recommend that legislation be enacted which would allow an unaffiliated Mason to be in proper Masonic standing during a reasonable period for the presentation of his dimit to another Lodge.

One decision which the Committee on Jurisprudence approves and the Grand Lodge adopts is of doubtful merit:

A Masonic hall may be rented to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan for their regular meetings, the closing paragraph of Section 275 of the Masonic Manual and Code reading as follows: "A Lodge shall not rent its Masonic hall for other than Masonic purposes except for benevolent, charitable or other secret organizations, nor shall it be used for dancing." The Klan being both a secret and a charitable organization, therefore, comes under the exceptions specified as being eligible to meet in the Masonic hall.

The report of the Director of Masonic Welfare, Charles L. Bass, Past Grand Master, furnishes interesting reading. What he recites in the following is but incidental to his regular and arduous duties:

I, as your Representative, laid two cornerstones. One, a school at Molena, and a consolidated school at Durand. Upon both occasions I made a public address. I have delivered thirty-six public Masonic addresses upon various occasions; preached eight Masonic sermons; conducted three Masonic funerals and conducted two Lodges of Sorrow.

Blessed is the Grand Lodge which has a Charlie Bass. His big work is in the administration of Masonic Home affairs. That he is qualified for his place is evidenced by his point of view as expressed in the following:

The great problem with every Institution is to get away from the Institutional atmosphere, to send out children as normal, ordinary children, not handicapped with the routine or system of an Institution or embarrassed by the idea that they are different from other children; to bridge the gap between orphanages and normal homes and enable the child to start out in the world on an equal footing and with the same ease as the boy or girl out of the ordinary homes. This, you are doing more successfully than ever before; and more so than most like Institutions.

The standard as to culture, training and comfort is high and has by some been criticized. I am aware that we have children at the Home enjoying opportunities and comforts they never would have had in their own homes; but the standard of living aimed at is not what the most unfortunate might have had but what the most fortunate enjoyed. The Home should be of such a character that any Mason in Georgia might feel that should misfortune come his way he would be glad a Home was provided for his own that he would be willing to have them in. This standard is our aim though our means have not enabled us to accomplish it in full. None should object to a policy that aims to send out into the world boys and girls able and equipped to contend in the battle of life on equal terms, as nearly as possible, with those who have the aid and support of living fathers and the privileges of family assistance.

To those who criticize on this line or begrudge our children anything we do for them I would remind them, that do what we may, we can never supply them the loss of a mother's love or a father's tender care.

The Masonic Home print shop seems to flourish. Besides doing all of the Grand Lodge printing, proceedings included, it furnishes an admirable training for the orphans, and we know that in years to come Georgia will have cause to become increasingly proud of this splendid feature of their institutional work.

Georgia has a regrettable problem in the number of small weak Lodges. It appears from the report of the Committee on Charters, adopted, that five Lodges have surrendered their charters, ten others are suspended until they shall make their reports and pay up their indebtedness, and that no dispensations or charters shall issue unless on petition of fifty Master Masons in good standing.

A rather novel feature is their custom of conferring the Distinguished Service Jewel. The Grand Master and the Past Grand Masters may annually designate five members of the Craft for this honor although but one is selected by custom. This year it falls to William B. Clarke, who has been active in historical Masonic work, and he is also appointed one of the Grand Stewards.

The Grand Correspondent, R. W. Brother Raymund Daniel, elected Deputy Grand Master (congratulations), under the head of "Fraternal Reviews," published in a separate volume, gives as usual a good account of himself. His foreword is on "The Citizenship of Freemasonry." It contains sentiment in accord with the best thought of those who go out in front for humanity's sake. From it we quote:

The efforts of our service today are for the making of a better tomorrow. The ideal in every struggle is the final attainment of a triumphant accomplishment. Even now, if we but carry on and look with eyes of faith in ourselves and our fellowman, we can see the morning break. Out of the problems and perplexities, we have the vision of a more beneficial association growing greater and greater on account of our new endeavors—can see down the vista of the years the establishment of mutual understanding and enduring service.

M. W. AUGUSTUS G. MILLER, Grand Master.

R. W. FRANK F. BAKER, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis.

May 25th, 1926.

109th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Albert W. Funkhouser, Grand Master.

M. W. Brother Omar B. Smith, present, representing Nebraska.

The portraits of four of the Grand Lodge officers adorn the opening pages.

A foreword by the Grand Secretary describes the preliminary entertainment.

There is a roll call of Grand Representatives, and some of them improve the opportunity offered to enlighten the Grand Lodge with a verbal review which in cases has historical value.

The Grand Master in his address submits a masterly review of the year's happenings and reports on official acts. He is called upon to determine the law in a few knotty problems, and his decisions are generally approved. One decision is of interest:

Order of the Eastern Star.—Since the last amendment of Section 122, the right of the Order of Eastern Star to use the Masonic Lodge rooms is more or less problematical. In view of the fact that this privilege has been freely extended from time out of mind, I am sure that the Grand Lodge did not intend to withdraw it. And in consideration of the very great services rendered by this Order, I have permitted the Eastern Star to continue to use our Lodge rooms as in the past.

And he recommends:

I, therefore, recommend that Section 122 be so amended as to expressly permit the use of our Lodge rooms by the Order of the Eastern Star.

And the Grand Lodge adopts the following amendment:

Every Lodge is prohibited from using its Lodge room, or permitting the same to be used, for any purpose whatever except for legitimate Masonic purposes, or for use by the Order of the Eastern Star for strictly legitimate Eastern Star purposes, under penalty of the forfeiture of its Charter.

Two things suggest themselves from the above—first, it would seem to prohibit joint occupancy with other orders, and second, that they may have no De Molay problem.

From the Grand Master's address we quote this chapter:

MASONRY, MORALS AND THE LAW.

The character and efficiency of Freemasonry is determined by the character and efficiency of the individual Master Mason. Therefore, a petition for our degrees should not be accepted from any man unless he is a moral, upright man, and a loyal, law-abiding citizen.

The only danger we need apprehend will be from within and not from without our Order. The assaults of our traditional enemies we can view with monumental calm, but we will do well to carefully guard our own gates. Duty, honor and gratitude requires each of us to preserve the good name of the Fraternity unsullied. This must be our constant care. We can best serve by example rather than by precept.

To be a Mason is a privilege that carries a corresponding responsibility. In this age of jazz, fast living, banditry and bootlegging, it behooves each of us as Masons to stand foursquare for sound morals and good government. We can do neither by violating the laws of the land.

In this great republic the law is the voice of the people, and it rests, not upon bayonets, but upon the heart and conscience of our citizens. Law enforcement and obedience to the law is, therefore, a moral as well as a legal duty, clothed with a very real spiritual significance. Indeed, upon this question and the underlying principles depends the very life or death of the American ideal of self-government.

It is a shameful fact that the gun-toting bootlegger is kept in business by the so-called upper classes in America. His best customer is not the tough of the underworld, but the fashionable clubman.

Thus does the upperworld support and enlarge the underworld.

The gunman, whether bandit or bootlegger, will be above the law so long as the clubman and the bridge player are allowed to flaunt and defy it, and the workingman will demand his beer as long as the four hundred are allowed their cocktails.

We all rejoice in the knowledge that on these vital questions of morality and patriotism there is not now and has never been any reason to doubt or question the attitude of Freemasonry.

The spirit and genius of the republic, enshrined in Old Glory, will endure so long as the three and a half millions of Masons in America feel and exercise a keen sense of personal responsibility for our laws and institutions.

History repeats itself, and Masonry is again, as it has been many times in the past, the Reserve Army of Civilization.

The directors of the Masonic Home make a splendid report on a splendid institution. It is a plant representing a million and a half dollars, completely paid for.

As a sample of the sometimes "Much ado about nothing" features with which legislative bodies have to contend, we submit this:

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred an amendment to Section 84 of the General Regulations of the Grand Lodge, providing that upon the written request of any Lodge, accompanied by competent evidence, signed by the Worshipful Master of such Lodge, and seal of said Lodge affixed thereto, the Grand Master may by special order, with the consent of the Committee on Jurisprudence endorsed thereon, permit such Lodge to receive and ballot on a petition for membership by a friendly alien, who has lived at least six months within the jurisdiction of said Lodge and is otherwise duly qualified for membership; however, no special order shall establish a precedent, but each request shall be acted upon separately; beg leave to report that we have given this matter careful consideration, and recommend that said amendment be not passed, for the reason that under the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, as now constituted, an alien can apply for and receive the degrees and become a member of a Lodge without ever having been naturalized as a citizen of the country in which the Lodge is located.

There is nothing in the Constitution or General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Indiana that requires a petitioner for the degrees to be a citizen of the United States, or that, if an alien, he shall declare his intention to become so. Our Constitution was so interpreted by this Grand Lodge in 1894 and again in 1895.

M. W. Brother Elmer F. Gay, Past Grand Master, again writes the "Annual Masonic Review." The well selected quotations make interesting reading—there is little comment. His valuable statistics appear as usual. He terms our maiden effort "clear and comprehensive," and we are truly grateful.

M. W. WILLIAM C. GEAKE, Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM H. SWINTZ, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Des Moines.

June 8th, 1926.

83rd Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Thomas W. Wellington, Grand Master.

In his response to the address of welcome by the mayor, the Deputy Grand Master in language eloquent, discourses on Masonry in its relation to government, education, and the exercise of the franchise. He greatly deplors the indifference manifest in the electorate when called upon to choose their public servants. He terms it a "great weakness with which we have to contend." He is no doubt right all the way through, and yet it all falls back on the old query: "What are you going to do about it?"

The Grand Master in thirty-three pages, few of which are given to stilted reports of activities, presents his jurisdiction an able document. The several chapters on outstanding subjects concerning Masonry are handled in a manner showing intelligent perception.

On "General Grand Lodge," he says in part:

Now what are the reasons given for the establishment of a General Grand Lodge? Have you ever heard more than one reason given; namely, that once in the history of the world, at the time of the World War Masonry was handicapped because it had no national organization? The Masonic Service Association of the United States was organized to meet any such an emergency that may arise in the future. It may be argued that this Association has wandered somewhat away from its original purpose. Does any one suppose that there would be no danger that a General Grand Lodge might not wander

far afield while waiting for another World War? My Brethren, let me say that I am convinced that no greater calamity could befall our Fraternity in the United States than would result from the establishment of a General Grand Lodge. The several Grand Lodges of the United States are now bound together by our ancient laws, customs, and landmarks. The most pleasant relations exist among them. It is realized by the leaders of Masonry that a general organization endowed with any power at all would inevitably lead to discord and strife and contention and dissatisfaction and confusion. In Iowa there are 86,000 Masons, 550 Lodges. Do we need some super-organization to lead our footsteps aright, to dictate to us the wording of our ritual, to force upon us laws and customs unfitted to our experience?

We quote the following from "Masonic Service Association," showing a broad and unprejudiced view:

This Association was organized as a result of conditions which arose during the World War. Its primary purpose was to give Masonry a national voice, to enable all the jurisdictions to unite in extending aid and relief in case of war or other national calamity. Although it has wandered somewhat away from its original purpose, and has devoted itself to Masonic educational work and the publication of books and Masonic literature, nevertheless it still possesses the power to perform those functions of national relief for which it was created.

Last year my predecessor informed you that he had served notice on the Association of the intention of this Grand Lodge to withdraw from membership in the Association, and the matter was referred to me, to act with the approval of an Advisory Committee to be appointed by me, to continue membership or to consummate our withdrawal. The Advisory Committee appointed under this authority is composed of Most Worshipful Brothers Louis Block and Charles C. Clark. As this committee could not wholly agree as to what action should be taken the notice of withdrawal was permitted to go by default, and our membership in the Association continues. While the affairs of the Association are not conducted in a manner entirely satisfactory, still its possibilities for achievement are such that our withdrawal at this time would be unwise.

His chapter on "Charity" is largely a defense of the "Iowa Plan" of relief, which is, except for their Sanitarium project, managed without an institution, or as we term it—Home. Nebraska's Home and Infirmary are alluded to in comparison. We commend a reading of it to those of our committees interested.

R. W. Brother Charles C. Hunt, who is Grand Secretary and Librarian, makes an extended and efficient report on his office, showing himself to be a "splendid official" well justifying the choice of the Iowa Brethren. His duties in this large jurisdiction make it the job of a real man and his pages prove his worth.

Iowa's pages are replete with interest and one is overwhelmed with the matters demanding attention and review. The space at our disposal precludes the possibility of doing it all full justice. To be fully appreciated it should be read.

Past Grand Master Louis Block, who writes their report on Fraternal Correspondence, is head and shoulders above the great majority of us poor scribes in style, ability, and in Masonic lore. Seven of his pages devoted to his "Foreword," entitled "Two Masonic Essentials," deal with the aspects of learning, knowing, and teaching the Masonic ritual, especially "knowing."

Nebraska, 1925, is adequately reviewed with complimentary references, especially to Uncle Bob.

M. W. HARRY MILTON BELT, Grand Master.

R. W. CHARLES C. HUNT, Grand Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE.

Portland.

May 4th, 1926.

107th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother David E. Moulton, Grand Master.

His address bristles with much sound common sense, indicating that Masonic affairs have been in good hands for the two years past. No decisions have been made necessary, the revised Text Book with its digest having been sufficient and proving a boon to the Grand Master. No outstanding features for review are in evidence. On the Washington Memorial he says:

Nothing measures the general character and intelligence of a people more than the reverence and respect it shows for those of its leaders who have best exemplified the virtues of citizenship, and in the erection of the memorial to Washington the Mason, the Craft can add no luster to his name, but it may dedicate itself anew to those great principles of Masonry in whose light he lived and wrought and through which the Republic itself was born.

We consider the following worthy of publication in our proceedings;

In some closing addresses, Grand Masters have most eloquently discussed the beauties of Masonry and pointed out the great benefits to mankind that must follow if it would adapt itself to modern conditions and exert its mighty influence in the general uplift of society. I confess that as Grand Master, I have had no such aspirations. If, during my term of office, the Ancient Landmarks have been preserved, I am content. No act of mine has contributed or will contribute to the reformation of Masonry in an attempt to adapt it to the present age or time. In my conception, it is not an order or society susceptible to amendment or change. It has not, nor never should have, any connection with so called schools of reform, however meritorious these may be, any of which may well adapt themselves to changes in the conditions which they attempt to control. "Masonry is an Institution, and its Usages, Customs, Laws and Ancient Regulations are fixed and unalterable." It is not within the power, and should never be the attempt of any body of men to make innovations therein. They make Masonry what it is, and when they are changed there is no Masonry. The only progress that is permissible is a better understanding of the nature of Masonry and a more perfect knowledge of its sublime truths. I have no sympathy for the individual Mason who is not ready and willing to do his full duty as he sees it in all civil, social and religious matters. He is not a good Mason if he fails to do so, but I have no good word for the misguided Mason who thinks it necessary and proper for Masonry as an organization, to give its support to the same civil, social, and religious cause, for the very good reason that some other Mason equally conscientious and eager to discharge his duties in like matters may feel that a contrary action should be taken. Each should act as his conscience directs and neither has any right to commit the institution as such to the support of any plan or program in any cause, however meritorious.

Masonry was handed down to us by our forefathers as a sacred trust. We received it as Ancient Craft Masonry, and so it should ever remain, free and unadulterated.

In the words of our illustrious Brother M. W. Josiah H. Drummond in closing his oration on the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of this Grand Lodge, words again repeated by our lamented Brother M. W. Albro E. Chase at its Centennial Anniversary:

"As you love Masonry, whatever betide, come prosperity, or come adversity, adhere with unflinching tenacity to the ancient usages of the Craft."

A substantial sum was appropriated as a contribution to the work of the National Masonic Tubercular Association.

Hereafter in Maine the Entered Apprentice degree will not be conferred for a Lodge of another jurisdiction, nor will Maine request it of others.

It seems to have been a tranquil and harmonious session. An improvement is noted in financial condition.

Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Past Grand Master, again reports on correspondence with a review in his own admirable style. Nebraska, 1925, is adequately reviewed, and, as is his custom, with little quotation.

He extends a gracious and cordial welcome to the writer in words that make this work seem worth while. In fact, about the only words we do get admitting our existence come from our fellow reviewers, so we hope we may be pardoned for our consolation derived from these little visits.

M. W. DAVID L. WILSON, Grand Master.

R. W. CHARLES B. DAVIS, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston.

December 28th, 1925.

The One Hundred and Ninety-second Anniversary, Stated Communication.

M. W. Brother Dudley H. Ferrell, Grand Master.

In the proceedings of the Quarterly of June 10th, the Grand Master gives an account of his official visits to the Massachusetts Lodges in Chili and in the Canal Zone. The trip consumed over two months and it was the first time in thirteen years that his Lodges in Chili had received visitation from their Grand Master.

The per capita tax of \$2.00, recently adopted, has meant an immense increase in income, and the financial statement shows an excellent condition with a reserve fund for the first time in many years. Voluntary contributions for so many years the order, has yielded to the wiser plan.

The last Quarterly, December 9th, seems to bring out the outstanding features of the day, and also records the principal address of the Grand Master. He has chapters on the Washington Memorial and the National Tubercular question, and has words of commendation for them all. From his conclusion we quote:

We have gone far in relieving Freemasonry of the charge of being a purely speculative philosophy and have revealed that which it has always had, namely, the tangible substance of an operative science. Practical demonstrations of our ideals have increased the reality of our hopes and added reinforcing proof of the validity and integrity of our purposes. What has been done in this fashion is only a promise of what may be done. Our present knowledge of the possibilities and imperatives of our profession is only a forerunner of the understanding and consequent action which may distinguish us. In the fulfillment of this promise, Masonry needs to be concerned only with herself. Nothing in this world can check our progress toward larger growth and a more effective usefulness to the society of men; nothing can stand in the way of our achieving greater honor as a vital factor in the soul life of America, except ourselves.

M. W. FRANK L. SIMPSON, Grand Master.

R. W. FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, Grand Secretary.

MEXICO.
York Grand Lodge.

Mexico.

April 1st, 1926.

66th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother John I. Newell, Grand Master.
He has this to say to his Brethren with pardonable pride:

Yet though few in numbers and unimposing in strength as we may seem to be, we have kept the faith and followed the precepts of Freemasonry through troubled times and upon all occasions. It is a fine thing to be a member of this Grand Jurisdiction, which has made its way safely through years of anxiety and of troubles, without yielding to foes or whining to friends. It is fine to know that those who wish us well and esteem our labors grow daily more numerous, and that those who do not yet accord to us their full confidence are gradually inclining to do so.

The breach between the Supreme Council 33° and the York Grand Lodge has been repaired and healed. Their respective edicts of November, 1919, and December, 1919, have been annulled, and all prohibitions of reciprocal intercourse and affiliation removed. The circular of the Supreme Council 33° of July 8th, 1925, reads as follows:

The satisfaction experienced by the Supreme Council, over which I have the honor to preside, in respect to the years that the York Grand Lodge in the Orient of Mexico has been working exclusively in the English language, without there being during that long period of time the slightest friction or difficulties of any kind between these Masons and those working in Spanish within the same jurisdiction, we have decided to put an end to the exception made in respect of these Brethren according to Balustre 79, decreeing that from this date they can be accepted as regular Masons in the Bodies under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, so that those so desiring may be in a position to fully acquire the degrees of our Rite.

We quote it partly for the benefit of those who have withheld recognition on the grounds of friction between the Mexican symbolic bodies. (Maine and New Brunswick take notice.)

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reports nothing presented for their consideration during the past year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. W. Brother Stephen Motta. It is necessarily short under their present status, but he views the future with a confident optimism. His review of Mexico is principally a reproduction of a manifesto issued by the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico bearing the heading:

MEXICAN MASONRY TO THE NATION.
THE GRAND LODGES OF THE REPUBLIC REAFFIRM THEIR
FULL ADHESION TO THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.
And they decidedly support the energetic attitude of the Government
headed by the citizen General Plutarco Elias Calles in main-
taining intact the vigor of the law. Thus counter-
acting the illegitimate and antipatriotic
plans disclosed recently by the
episcopacy and Roman
Catholic Clergy of
this country.

We deem it best to abstain from further quoting or commenting upon the text.

He reviews Nebraska, 1925, with items of information, probably of interest to his Brethren.

M. W. C. C. JAMES, Grand Master.

R. W. C. I. ARNOLD, Grand Secretary.

(NOTE—We regret the absence of given names. It forces us to break the Nebraska rule.)

MISSISSIPPI.

Meridian.

February 23rd, 1926.

108th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Thomas Q. Ellis, Grand Master.

James F. Hill, P.D.G.M., representing Nebraska.

The Grand Master entitles his address "Roses and Thorns." His picture appears among the first pages of the proceedings; a young appearing man. He is a train dispatcher. He quotes Staunton's happy lines:

"This old world we're livin' in
Is mighty hard to beat;
'Tis true the roses have their thorns,
But ain't the roses sweet?"

Prefacing remarks on necrology he says:

The decree of death is sovereign; to its mandates no stay bond of relief may be interposed. Humanity flourishes and fades as the forest leaves. The blossoms that bloom, wither and fall in a day really have as much hold on this life as an Alexander, a Caesar or a Napoleon. Few of us think of the great event of death until the shadows fall athwart our own pathway, hiding from our eyes the faces of loved ones whose living smile meant sunlight and happiness to us.

He forbids Lodge quarters on the ground floor; declines to introduce solicitors to officers of Lodges; rules that itinerant lecturers are not allowed, that Lodge charters must be framed and hung in Lodge, that dispensation is not necessary to permanently change Lodge quarters from one building to another within the town designated in the charter; and there are other decisions that seem sound.

His chapter on "State of the Craft" is as follows:

My candid opinion, based on twelve months experience, is that the real spirit of Freemasonry is truly in the ascendancy. Masons everywhere seem to be gaining a clearer vision, and making a more practical application of the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." Through the Masonic Service Association and other agencies our Brethren are getting higher conceptions of Masonic duty. Ignorance, Religious Bigotry, Intolerance, are being taken without the gates for execution. While our growth has not been phenomenal from a numerical standpoint, Masons everywhere seem to realize that greater than our need for more men in Masonry is our need for more Masonry in men.

On "Masonic Homes" he remarks:

To no activity can we point with more just pride as being truly Masonic work than to our two Homes. Here indeed are we earning the title of Master Masons, Master workmen, by surrounding these children of ours with influences and advantages that go into the moulding of real character; building for Eternity!

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Mississippi has planned, and is raising a fund with which, to build a Home for aged members; and

Whereas the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, when the Masonic Home was started planned to have at some time in connection therewith, a Home for the widows of Masons; and

Whereas it would be undesirable for these two institutions to duplicate efforts along these lines, therefore

Be it Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master be requested to appoint a committee of three to confer with a like committee of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star to make a thorough-going investigation of the conditions involved and make recommendations to the next meeting of this Grand Lodge in regard to, and the desirability of, joint action by these institutions in establishing some plan for taking care of aged Masons, their widows, and aged dependents.

Brother William C. Walker reports on Foreign Correspondence. His comments are brief and he is not chary with quotation.

Nebraska, 1924 (Why not 1925?), is accorded a brief review.

M. W. JOHN R. TALLY, Grand Master.

R. W. EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

St. Louis.

October 26th, 1926.

106th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother William W. Martin, Grand Master.

Among the varied accomplishments of the estimable and venerable and M. W. Brother Charles C. Woods we note that of vocal talent, as the following would indicate:

After singing "While the Days Are Going By," M. W. Brother C. C. Woods, P. G. M., acting as Grand Chaplain, invoked divine blessing on the deliberations.

The Grand Master, commenting on the smallest gain in fifteen years, says:

Many Masonic writers feel that the Fraternity is growing too rapidly. The right of an institution to live is not measured by numbers, but by the good it does. Only those who really have a desire for knowledge and are seeking an opportunity to be of real service to the generation in which they live are an asset to the Fraternity. The world is not interested in numbers, but in deeds. The size of an army does not measure its efficiency. Gideon of old sent home the fearful, and reduced his army to only those who swore that they would not sit down to eat bread or even lie down to drink water out of a river so long as an enemy remained in the land. Freemasons do not need to worry about the size of their army, but they should be gravely concerned about the opportunities of the passing years.

It is well to consider that all the best work and all the best warfare of the world is done still as it was done in days of old by those men who are more intent on their work than on their wages; who think more about their armor than about their rations; who eat less that they may work more; and who lap up a mouthful and lose not a moment as they pass the river on their way to meet the enemy.

In his chapter on the Masonic Service Association a new thought is presented:

The needs of a National Organization that could function quickly in time of war or any great National calamity are fully met in the George Washington

Masonic National Memorial Association. This Association also furnishes perhaps the best opportunity for annual National contacts, as more Grand Jurisdictions are co-operating in this movement than any movement that has ever been fostered by American Freemasons.

And we answer, why not?

He recommends that they remain out of the Masonic Service Association, and the special committee and Grand Lodge concur.

On the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, of which he thoroughly approves, he says:

I believe the Freemasons in America will unite in an effort to meet this vital, tragic problem and will provide sanatoria for the sick.

The Modern Woodmen have already established a camp at Colorado Springs that is doing a great work and we can't afford to be behind in any great charitable movement.

This country isn't half as much interested in our doctrines as it is in our deeds. I find that a great many Freemasons are greatly disturbed about the activities of certain national organizations. I am not afraid, however, of the standing of Freemasonry in the world or of the opposition of any organization, religious or fraternal, so long as our Fraternity excels them in doing good. It would be a great help to the cause, if Missouri would take the lead in this movement and adopt a definite program at this time. I feel that this Grand Lodge is ready to act, because Freemasons from all sections of our Grand Jurisdiction have called my attention to this movement and urged me to make a recommendation at this session of the Grand Lodge.

He also recommends a committee be appointed to report at the next Annual, and it is done, Past Grand Master Joseph S. McIntyre being named as Chairman.

He says, "The Masonic Home is the greatest single reason for our existence," and "It is of the greatest importance that we keep in touch with this rapidly growing institution."

He has the usual number of trivial queries to decide. He decides that it is not a violation of their law to exhibit the square and compass on the radiator of an automobile unless it is used for commercial or other business enterprises. Our English Brethren would not consider it good law, and there are many others who would deem it in bad taste.

The new Masonic Temple at St. Louis, dedicated the afternoon of the first day of the communication, a picture of which appears, is a truly wonderful edifice. It has been erected by the Masons of St. Louis at a cost when completed of over four million dollars.

Missouri is rich in many things, Masonic and otherwise, and this extends to their Grand Orators. They have three of them. Two are permitted to address Grand Lodge the evening of the first day; R. W. Brother Stratton D. Brooks and R. W. and Rev. Brother David Jones Evans. Both are excellent, but aside from the stories incorporated we find little that is new to record, and this is not unusual. From Brother Jones' address we quote the following:

I believe that if we were willing simply to think of Masonry as a system of morals clothed in allegory and illustrated by symbols, and forget the emphasis on the morals and emphasize the symbols and the allegory, that we can not be true Masons in so doing. It is a beautiful system of morals, and our task as Masons is to deepen that moral sense and deepen that obligation of every Mason by means of the ritual.

There are so many things we come in contact with! Those symbols, these lights, these jewels, the Holy Bible, the square, the compass, the level, the plumb, the gauge, the trowel; all of these things are so suggestive, that if we think of them only as things represented while we are passing through our initiation and while we are being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, it means that we are losing our privileges and not allowing them, these symbols, to have on our lives the polishing effect, the modifying effect, the controlling effect, the guiding effect, that they ought to have.

When we went through, we said to ourselves in a great many cases, "That was a great sermon, wasn't it?" And I think we felt it at the time. But I am afraid we paid the whole scheme of ritual a very sorry compliment when we said that it was a great sermon, for in my experience with sermons—and I have had some thirty years of experience—having been told every Sunday for thirty years that I have preached a great sermon I have begun to suspect that all men are liars, especially church members.

At the opening of the morning session on the second day the Grand Master announced that M. W. Brother David M. Wilson, who had been with them the day before and taken part in the proceedings, had passed away that morning.

Again our Rev. and R. W. Brother Arthur Mather reports the Correspondence, and he has our thanks for a brief review of Nebraska, 1925. Two of his "Observations" are as follows:

The Masonic Service Association of the United States. Just what the future will reveal in regard to it is not certain. It would seem never to have commanded the whole-hearted co-operation of the Craft, or even of those Jurisdictions which have remained in it. Like other movements, it may have served its purpose in that it has brought to the attention of the Craft certain things which needed emphasis. If so, the time will come when it will give way to some other movement which will take its place in the order of the day.

THE TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIA ASSOCIATION

of New Mexico is, perhaps, the most significant movement before the Masonic public, and unless we are very much mistaken, this enterprise will soon capture the imagination of the entire Fraternity. If it succeeds in doing this, we may look for the largest outburst of Masonic philanthropy that has ever been witnessed in this or any other country.

M. W. JOHN PICKARD, Grand Master.

M. W. FRANK R. JESSE, Grand Secretary.

There must be refuge! Men
Perished in winter winds till one smote fire
From flint stones coldly hiding what they held,
The red spark treasured from the kindling sun;
They gorged on flesh like wolves, till one sowed corn,
Which grew a weed, yet makes the life of man:
They mowed and babbled until some tongue struck speech,
And patient fingers framed the lettered sound.
What good gifts have my brothers, but it came
From search and strife and loving sacrifice?

—Edwin Arnold.

NEVADA.

Reno.

June 10th, 1926

62nd Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Clarence L. Young, Grand Master.

From his address we quote his observations on the Masonic Service Association.

As a general rule I find that the Craft are not getting the benefits they should from the Masonic Service Association material, and I do not believe it is the fault of the Association. Therefore I recommend that the Masonic Service Committee call on the Past Grand Officers, all ranks, for their assistance, on suitable occasions, such as Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and Armistice Day, and all other National holidays, and arrange to have some one of them speak or discuss in the various Lodges on some appropriate subject, thus spreading more Masonic light whereby the Brethren will be better enabled to earn their wages, and receive them, if any be due.

While paying my official visits to the constituent Lodges I made inquiries relative to the use of the Masonic Service Association material, and was very much disappointed to learn that ninety (90%) per cent of the Lodges are not deriving the benefits intended. I emphasized the fact that the monthly bulletins contained valuable information on different Masonic subjects, and that if the Lodges failed to derive benefits therefrom by not reading or discussing them that the service should be discontinued. Nearly all, however, favored a continuance of our membership in the Masonic Service Association, realizing that it was doing a good work in spreading "Masonic Light."

He recommends that the Grand Lodge retain membership therein and it is done.

He has rather a fine chapter on "Obedience to Our Laws."

The oration is by Brother Charles L. Richards. He very modestly says:

All fraternal talks of the character you are to hear are advisory—they must be such—based upon the individual interpretations of the lessons as seen by the speaker. I am willing to give you my own impressions for what they are worth, and sincerely hope they carry some value to you.

His theme is "Service"—we quote:

We are taught to render the same because they make both for our individual welfare and happiness, and for the good of all. To begin with, our social fabric is such a knotted skein of counteracting sentiments, emotions and ideas that if each is to play his or her part in its unraveling, we must constantly make an individual effort of unselfish service.

The report of the Jurisprudence Committee contains the following (adopted):

We do not approve of changing the time limit of one year before application for membership can be made in any organization or order where membership in Masonry is prerequisite.

The review of correspondence, by Edward D. Vanderlieth, Commissioner of Review and Grand Secretary, is of course in his own admirable style so much admired by our contemporaries, and for good reasons. Nebraska, 1925, is reviewed briefly with excellent comments.

M. W. WENDELL H. CHURCHYARD, Grand Master.

V. W. EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Saint John.

August 26th, 1926.

59th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother George D. Ellis, Grand Master.

In a short address matters of interest are brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge. "Physical qualifications" is given much space in comment and quotation, and England's circular letter of February, 1918, is given in full. He concludes:

Because of this changed view of so many English-speaking Grand Lodges, and particularly because of this circular of the Board of General Purposes of The United Grand Lodge of England, I would recommend to Grand Lodge that in future this matter be left to the members of the Lodge to whom the application is made, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

Another matter of interest we see little comment upon in American Grand Lodges, possibly because of the unaccepted tradition, is alluded to in the following:

I am reminded that the early Masonic Lodges in the Province of New Brunswick, with few exceptions, held their meetings under authority of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, which claimed to be carrying on its work according to the old constitutions granted by His Royal Highness, Prince Edwin at York, A. D., 926. Just what rights were conferred upon the Fraternity by Prince Edwin, who is said to have "loved Masons well," and just what was meant by the old constitutions, or old institutions, are matters of debate, but the One Thousandth Anniversary of the traditional date of their origin should not be allowed to pass without mention.

The Committee on Foreign Relations, R. W. James Vroom, chairman, report their views on the Mexican situation in the following:

Your Committee on Relations with Foreign Grand Bodies, having called your attention last year to the want of harmony between York Grand Lodge of Mexico, working exclusively in the English language, and the Grand Lodge of the Valley of Mexico and other Mexican Masonic bodies working in Spanish within the same jurisdiction, now have pleasure in reporting a very great improvement in the situation.

The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite in Mexico issued in 1919 an edict in which it declared York Grand Lodge to be an irregular body, and forbade its members and adherents, including Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, to hold any Masonic communication with the Foreign Grand Lodge or with Masons of its obedience. York Grand Lodge retaliated by forbidding its adherents to hold communication with the Supreme Council or any of the bodies working under it. This practically meant non-intercourse with all Mexican Lodges working in the Spanish language.

Last year the Scottish Rite authorities relented. With expressions of brotherly kindness, they annulled the edict of 1919, and decreed that from the date of the new edict, July 8 of last year, Brethren in good standing under York Grand Lodge could be accepted as regular Masons. York Grand Lodge was quick to respond by releasing its members from the prohibitions imposed upon them; and there has been much gratifying evidence of friendly feeling between the Mexicans and the Foreigners within the last twelve months. Nevertheless, York Grand Lodge does not as yet recognize any of the Mexican Grand Bodies as regular; though its Grand Master, in his address to Grand Lodge in April last, expressed a hope that in process of time a closer connection with them might become both possible and desirable. Where kindness and tolerance are taking the place of contention, this hope may well be indulged.

A special Communication was called by summons to meet at Fredericton on Sunday, October 24th. After opening the M. W. Grand Master announced:

Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden and Brethren:

This Special Communication has been called for public worship at Christ Church Cathedral, which our Very Reverend and Very Worshipful Brother the Dean has kindly permitted us to use for the occasion.

It is fitting that we should from time to time thus publicly acknowledge our belief in T. G. A. O. T. U., and pay that homage which our ritual enjoins. It seems to me peculiarly fitting that this should take place in the capital city of our Province, an early centre of Masonic influence, and at this particular time.

There is nothing in our present organization which we can definitely trace to the charter said to have been granted by King Athelstan in 926, or to the good offices of Prince Edwin, who was the King's half-brother; but the date unquestionably marks an important event in the history of Operative Masonry. The period which has elapsed since that date we may roughly divide into two—five hundred years of the growth of Operative Masonry, in the glorious days of the cathedral builders, and five hundred years of colonial expansion and the development and spread of Speculative Masonry, in the age now drawing to a close.

It is a marvelous tale, full of tantalizing uncertainties, as everyone knows who has tried to read it; but thus looking back upon a thousand years of English Masonry, we may well thank God and take courage.

The sermon was by the Grand Chaplain, V. W. C. Gordon Lawrence, M.A.—The text—"Understandest thou what thou readest?" The service and sermon in this environment, which this writer has been privileged to visit and observe, must have been altogether beautiful and impressive.

New Brunswick publishes no review.

M. W. JAMES VROOM, M.A., Grand Master.

R. W. J. TWINING HARTT, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Concord.

May 19th, 1926.

137th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Bela Kingman, Grand Master.

At the semi-annual communication held in Manchester in December, various social features were enjoyed. Work on actual candidates in the three degrees was demonstrated by picked Lodges, followed by criticisms by the Grand Lecturer, R. W. Brother Herbert E. Richardson.

The first order of business following the opening of Grand Lodge at the annual communication is the roll-call of Lodges in accordance with a recent law adopted, which law also provides for another roll-call as the last thing before closing. The record shows that only five Lodges failed to answer at opening and seven at closing. We would characterize this as a truly remarkable record, in view of the fact that New Hampshire pays neither mileage nor per diem to Lodge representatives.

The Grand Master's address is a business document and plain record of duties performed.

From by-laws approved we gather that the Brethren are keeping pace with the financial demands. In fourteen cases dues and fees have been increased.

New Hampshire's present standing on contribution to the George Washington Memorial is 186%. The Grand Master pleads for a "head of the list" figure of 200%.

The Masonic Home with its recently completed hospital ward, as the Grand Master says, "stands out as a monument to the Masonic charity of our state and should be the joy and pride of every Mason."

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, providing for the deferring of the request of the Grand Lodge of Vienna for fraternal recognition. Nebraska has taken the same stand and for the same reason—that of insufficient evidence of sovereignty.

Other than the above we find no matters of legislation demanding the attention of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and there are no "decisions" reported for approval or disapproval. Neither do grievances nor appeals appear in any form.

New Hampshire is to be congratulated on the even tenor of her way she presents, and envied for the peace that reigns and the harmony that prevails. We are better pleased to have this to report than to have to read of infractions of some of the ten commandments and constitutional amendments and find a charitable way of presenting them to our readers.

M. W. Brother Harry M. Cheney presents his twentieth consecutive annual Report on Foreign Correspondence, and, as usual, it is thorough and readable in a style all his own. Nebraska, 1925, receives proper fraternal mention.

To assist his understanding we may mention that our Deputy Grand Master opens a Lodge of Master Masons in due form, as our record reads—the Grand Master then appears and opens *Grand Lodge* in ample form. We are presuming that the same was the case in 1926, although we can not prove it from the record. We were not there. Other duties precluded the possibility of our participation. He concludes, however, our unquestioned right to do it in our own way, and does it kindly.

His salute to the writer and our maiden effort brings to our eyes tears of joy.

M. W. BELA KINGMAN, Grand Master.

R. W. HARRY M. CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Trenton.

April 21st, 1926.

139th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Ralph E. Lum, Grand Master.

R. W. Brother Robert J. Hanna, representing Nebraska.

The Grand Master reports eight new Lodges constituted, seven cornerstones laid, and six dispensations to form new Lodges.

Of the Masonic Service Association the Grand Master remarks:

Your Grand Lodge has continued to share and enjoy the great privileges, advantages and responsibilities of this united effort of a practical Brotherhood.

And he discourses at length in loyal support of its aims and purposes.

His "conclusion" is a treatise on the value to universal brotherhood attained in the symbolism of the ritual of the three degrees, very ably set forth.

M. W. Brother Arthur D. Prince, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, addressed the Grand Lodge with an interesting talk on the missionary features in foreign lands of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Among their foreign Lodges of which he speaks there is mention of three in Chile, one of which is seventy-five years old, and nine in China, one sixty-five years old.

We judge from the language of their report that the Committee on Constitution and By-laws have full power to act and approve and are in continuous session. In most jurisdictions this devolves upon the Grand Master.

The Masonic Bureau, organized in 1914 and now under Grand Lodge supervision, is reported on by a special committee. It has not yet reached the stage of a fully recognized employment agency, although its functions include that feature as well as many other incidents of service with altruistic purpose.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Service, Past Grand Master Andrew Foulds, Jr., Chairman, makes interesting reading. New Jersey is well up in the van in this work which is under the direction of an apparently efficient committee assisted by the Grand Secretary. They mention that practically all of the Lodges have had Masonic addresses during the year. The budget accords this work \$12,000.

On report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the fraternal relations entered into with Hayti in 1921 are formally terminated.

New Jersey's contribution to the George Washington Memorial equals 111%. The report of that committee includes a reproduction of the reports of the officers of the national association. The latter contains much valuable information. Thirteen states have contributed 100% or more, and thirteen states have contributed less than 50% of their Masonic population.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Grand Lodge hereby approves the action of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico in the organization and incorporation of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association and also approves the objects and purposes of the Sanatoria Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Grand Lodge hereby accepts the invitation extended to us by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico to participate in the organization, management and control of this movement, and hereby authorizes the Grand Master, or such person as he appoints, to serve as the representative of this Grand Jurisdiction as a member of the Board of Governors of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

The review of Foreign Correspondence is prepared by M. W. Brother Ernest A. Reed. Sixty-two grand jurisdictions are included, Nebraska, 1925, among them. He characterizes Past Grand Master Wilson's remarks when introducing individually our sixteen Past Grand Masters, "both humorous and serious."

M. W. WILLIAM B. MACKEY, Grand Master.

R. W. ISAAC CHERRY, Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

Roswell.

February 15th, 1926.

48th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Jaffa Miller, Grand Master.

Five special communications have been held during the year.

M. W. Brother Ed R. Bryan, Grand Master of Texas, is a distinguished guest.

The principal subject of the Grand Master's address deals with the tuberculosis relief situation, particularly as it relates to and affects the southwest. This undertaking is an effort to concentrate the resources of all Grand Lodges in a national movement, and the support of the Masonic Service Association is enlisted in co-operation. Some little progress has been made, and the hope is held that the idea will crystallize eventually. Let us hope so.

Educational service has been carried on with good results at small expense.

The address gives adequate space to the Grand Master's Conference and to the Masonic Service Association, both movements meeting with his approbation. He recommends continuance of membership in the latter, and the Grand Lodge supports the recommendation.

To those of our readers who are interested in the movement of a national organization to combat the tuberculosis evil as concerns Masons, we strongly recommend a perusal of these proceedings of New Mexico, as containing a rather full and complete resume of the situation to date.

The report on Correspondence is by John Milne, who submits outstanding features culled from his sister Grand Lodge proceedings in brief and interesting style.

M. W. HERBERT B. HOLT, Grand Master.

R. W. ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

37th Year, ending

Sydney.

June 10th, 1925.

M. W. Brother John Goulston, Grand Master.

The volume contains reports of the Grand Lodge proceedings of four Quarterly and two Special Communications.

The first Special Communication, that of July 23rd, 1924, records the installation of the Grand Master Elect, M. W. Brother John Goulston, and the investiture of the other Grand Lodge officers. The retiring Grand Master, M. W. Brother William Thompson, who has concluded a ten year period as their Grand Master, acts as Installing Grand Master.

The addresses on this occasion are of the intimate kind, with little reference to the many outstanding features so common with us of America. There is evidence, however, of the present almost universal tendency towards enlightenment. The Grand Master says:

In connection with our remarkable progress during the past few years, one thought is ever in my mind. Are we making quantity and not quality the watchword of our Institution? Is our Masonry progressive, or are we only making it a factor inside our Lodge Rooms? Are we to be content to make Masons, bind our members insofar as our Secrets are concerned, without having taught those deep underlying truths inculcated in our beautiful Ritual—those tenets and principles of Freemasonry that should appeal to all men? We must see that our tendency is towards our ideals and traditions; otherwise our vitality will surely decrease, and our Institution will lose its great moral influence, and cease to appeal to intelligent men. Masonry is a wonderful institution, in which neither religion nor politics enter, where men of all sects and creeds can meet and fraternize together on common ground; but the making of Masons will be for naught if we only impress our Initiates with its secrets and mysteries.

We note the presence of W. Brother William T. Wearne, Representative of Nebraska.

Administration and supervision are largely in the hands of the Grand Inspector of Workings and his many District Grand Inspectors, and their reports are recorded.

We find in one of the Special Reports of the Board of General Purposes an instance of a Brother who had been convicted of a felony in the Courts expelled from Masonry on the recommendation of the Board (adopted) and the declaration of the Grand Master. It seems that according to their code no Masonic trial was necessary. Most American jurisdictions will not agree that this is good law.

From one of the Grand Master's addresses we quote the following and at the same time confess our ignorance as to its meaning, and furthermore will appreciate enlightenment:

I think we have all noticed the dearth of suitable honours in connection with our South, the result being that many Lodges have introduced honours of their own. This is especially noticeable in many country Lodges, some honours being given which are simply ludicrous, and not in keeping with our Institution. There are several beautiful musical honours used in the Grand Lodge of England. I am having four of these printed, and will have them distributed to the Lodges in the near future, when I trust they will soon be in general use in our Lodges.

The Grand Secretary is evidently chosen for longer than a one year period, as there is no mention of either the nomination or election of a Grand Secretary at the end of the year; and yet they have one and a good one too, we opine.

We want our Brethren to read this:

Brethren, especially new Brethren, frequently complain that they do not know where to turn for the means to make daily progress in the acquisition of Masonic knowledge. We venture to think that if they will study the Volume of the Sacred Law, the Book of Constitutions, and the Proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales (with special attention to the Grand Masters' Addresses and the Reports of the Committees on Foreign Correspondence), they will realize that the difficulty is not to find information, but to assimilate it.

It is from the preface to the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by W. Brother C. A. Elliott. He furnishes the review in topical form and is assisted by three other eminent Brethren. We do not get the kick out of it that we do from the old time form; but we admire the authors for their industry in compiling, though Uncle Joe of Virginia says he puts in twenty times as much work on his reviews.

Nebraska is complimented in frequent mention.

M. W. JOHN GOULSTON, Grand Master.

R. W. DAVID CUNNINGHAM, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

New York.

May 4th, 1926.

145th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother William A. Rowan, Grand Master.

R. W. Brother Edward Vreeland, representing Nebraska.

Believing that the fullest publicity should be given the movement for

tubercular relief, in its different phases, for the information of our Brethren, we reproduce in full from the Grand Master's address his chapter on the subject. New York as the Empire State has ever felt the obligation for extending relief without her jurisdiction when the emergency should arise, and we may well consider her future action on this subject as a dependable guide. Following is his chapter on:

NATIONAL MASONIC TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIA ASSOCIATION.

We received a letter from M. W. JOFFA MILLER, Grand Master of New Mexico, and one from his successor, M. W. H. B. HOLT, both dealing with the tubercular situation in the Southwest. We have also received printed matter, sent to us from that Jurisdiction, reciting: that "for more than a generation sick men and women from other states have migrated to the Southwest due to the fact that its climatic conditions are far more favorable to persons afflicted with tuberculosis than the climate of any other part of the country," and that "the majority of these people, sooner or later, become charges upon public or private charity, and because of the lack of money to secure adequate care and treatment, die lingering deaths without hope," that migration to the Southwest is increasing; that Masons form a part of the migration of the sick to the Southwest; that "a few states only were responsible for most of it" (migration), New York being second on the list; "that these health seekers come without funds for caring for themselves, expecting that they will be miraculously cared for, or will be able to get 'light work,' which is non-existent, is shown by the fact that one-third had applied for aid before they had been in the Southwest three months;" that "to be successful in his quest for cure, the patient must have rest, proper food, clothing and housing, and freedom from worry, as well as the benefit of climate;" that "the indigent tuberculous come to the Southwest with none of those necessary aids;" that "members of Lodges in the East will arrive in the resort towns with cards to the local Lodge, which is obliged to interest itself in their welfare;" "that 5,347 children under sixteen years of age, are exposed to a deadly communicable disease, and living under conditions favorable to their infection, most of them undernourished all of the time;" that "many tuberculous Masons fail to make their identity known to the local Lodges, and frequently fail to make known their needs to their own Home Lodge;" that "there are far more Masons than is commonly realized among those afflicted tuberculous health-seekers, who have come to the Southwest for relief." "New York furnishes a large part of the migration to the Southwest." "It will cost about \$2,500 a bed to build a sanatorium, including all service buildings. It will cost \$1,000 a year to care for a sick man. From \$1,000 to \$2,000 will restore him to health. Until we can build a hospital, we can take care of some of them in existing institutions, and later build our own Masonic Sanatorium, wherever the need for it is greater."

In a letter from M. W. Brother HOLT he states: "The need for the contemplated Masonic service is immediate and urgent, and it is my sincere hope that we may be able to secure united action by American Freemasonry in the care and treatment of our unfortunate Brethren. The burden will be easy to bear if shared by all. An annual per capita contribution of so small a sum as one dollar would amply finance the work; such an individual contribution would be insignificant, but the beneficent power of the aggregate of such donations cannot be measured. Our strength will lie in the union of the individual annual contributions of our three and a quarter million Masons."

In a letter from Brother FRANCIS E. LESTER, Executive Secretary, he says: "In the matter previously sent you, I have tried to show the urgent need for action; to tell you of the plain sad facts as to those members of the Fraternity who have died, or who face death, for lack of aid in their fight against tuberculosis. We of the Southwest have known of these conditions for years, but our appeal for action has always been met by the statement, 'Create the necessary legal agency to do this job, and we will help you'."

To meet the situation above outlined, the Grand Lodge of New Mexico caused to be formed and incorporated the National Masonic Tuberculous Sanatoria Association. Past Grand Master, JAFFA MILLER, says its charter is broad and national in scope, and provides for a representative of each jurisdiction on the Board of Governors, and asking me to serve, and also to present "their appeal for help, for the Brethren who stand in the Northwest corner, to the Masons of your Grand Jurisdiction, and solicit their approval and assistance." M. W. Brother HOLT, Grand Master, renews the invitation, and states, "obviously, it is the duty of other Grand Jurisdictions to aid us in caring for their sick who have sought, and are seeking the climatic advantages of the semi-arid Southwest, and we feel assured that the clarion call to real, actual service will not be in vain."

Inasmuch as New York is mentioned as being second on the list of the six states furnishing the most migrants, and that New York furnishes a large part of the migration to the Southwest, and that Masons form a part of the migration of the sick to the Southwest, I sent to the Master of each Lodge a letter requesting him to have the secretary send to the Grand Secretary at once a list giving all the names and addresses of the members of his Lodge at present residing in Arizona, Texas and New Mexico, and have the secretary, where it is known that the Brother was afflicted with tuberculosis, to so indicate on his list, and advise what has been done in his case; at the same time a copy was sent to the District Deputy Grand Master of each District, with a request that he follow the matter up. Out of 965 Lodges, reports have been received from 884. These reports show there are 217 of their members residing in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico; 192 of this number are in good health as far as the Lodge records show; two were afflicted with tuberculosis, but have recovered, and 23 are at present afflicted, and are there for their health; some of these are in good circumstances; some being cared for by their relatives; none apparently have asked for assistance at home. These reports are not to be taken as final, for the reason that reports from 81 Lodges are missing, and for the further reason that the present physical condition of each member will have to be checked up, and should any of them be unable to meet the expenses of the treatment they require, and in the proper way, assistance should be promptly furnished them in the same manner as though they were residents here, together with the expense of distribution to the individuals through whatever agency may be selected in each state, whether it be the Association referred to, or otherwise, and as the Trustees of the Masonic Hall & Asylum Fund do not have the necessary funds, I recommend they be supplied with such funds as they may find to be necessary. This would seem to meet the following requirement in a publication of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, sent by M. W. Brother MILLER, reading as follows: "We propose to make an effort, which we have faith to believe will be successful, to interest Masons of the United States in this problem to secure their help to meet this need. The Masons of the Southwest will give their time, what money they can afford, and their talents, to work out this problem in the future, as they have in the past, if our Brethren in the North, South, East and West will help us to take care of their own members who come out here and sooner or later appeal to our local Lodges for help."

Now, as to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association; Before making any recommendation with respect to this, I wish to discuss the matter with a joint committee, composed of the Committee on Jurisprudence, Committee on Constitution, and the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Hall & Asylum Fund, with whom I have not heretofore had opportunity to discuss the same. The Joint Committee will meet in the Grand Secretary's Office with the elective Grand Officers, Judge Advocate and Chief Commissioner of Appeals, immediately after we adjourn.

These resolutions appearing later in the proceedings are adopted:

I. RESOLVED, That the sum of Ten thousand dollars be placed in the possession of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund to be used

by them for tubercular relief and that the Grand Lodge be requested to make said appropriation for that purpose from the Permanent Fund.

II. RESOLVED, That the matter of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association be referred to the Elective Grand Lodge Officers and the Committee on Jurisprudence for consideration and report.

From the conclusion of the Grand Master's address we quote the following:

During the past year the thought of the Craft was turned toward our belief and our Masonic teachings, to the Constitution and Ancient Charges, and to the governing authority of Grand Lodge, the "Landmarks." Action in conformity with these gives us our strength, complete compliance is not to be expected; we have the human equation to consider; we must, however, see that the foundation of our Institution, composed of the fundamentals of Masonry, remain undisturbed; deviation therefrom is weakness, a weakness that will beget further weakness. Therein lies the work of the Craft, so that each succeeding generation may move a little closer to the attainment of our ideal of Brotherhood, a little closer to God.

We are moved to follow this with these remarks from the Committee on Grand Master's Address (adopted):

Our Grand Master sounds the call to Masons to stand by the ancient Landmarks of the Craft. We live in an age that takes pleasure in casting off the standards, customs and conventions of the fathers, in home, society and religion. In maintaining our Landmarks, we not only preserve the character and strength of Masonry, but thereby we also radiate into the community at large, through Master Masons, a steadying and balancing influence that should help preserve the ideals and institutions of Religion and State. Therefore, we cannot but feel that the leadership which has turned the Craft toward greater appreciation of and loyalty to its standards, has been one of great benefit and blessing to Masonry.

Following up the matter of clandestine Masonry reported from New York proceedings of a year ago, we find this report adopted:

At the last Communication of Grand Lodge your Committee made a report concerning clandestine Lodges operating in this Grand Jurisdiction and a Resolution was adopted authorizing this Committee to take appropriate action and proceedings to prevent these bogus Lodges from continuing their activities in the name of Freemasonry.

The wide newspaper publicity given to that report and the action of the Grand Lodge thereon, resulted in the disbanding of many of these spurious Lodges, of which many innocent men had become members believing that they were thereby made genuine Masons.

The chief offender was an organization called The Grand Orient of North America with no Masonic origin and existing only by virtue of a certificate of incorporation under the laws of the State of New York.

A year ago it had seven so-called Lodges under its jurisdiction. Since then six of these Lodges have surrendered their charters to us and they are now in the possession of our Grand Secretary. The one charter that has not been surrendered is held by America Lodge, a majority of whose members have signed an agreement to surrender the charter, and a majority of the officers of the Grand Orient of North America, the parent body, have agreed that a court order or judgment may be made dissolving the corporation.

More than three hundred members of these bogus Lodges have petitioned various Masonic Lodges in this jurisdiction for membership—about twenty-five of these, including the former Grand Master of the Grand Orient of North America, have been made members of different Lodges. So that as a result of our action a year ago clandestine Masonry is practically extinct in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Historian, R. W. Ossian Lang, presents as a matter of general interest a historical review of "Freemasonry in the Kingdom of Rumania."

The report on Foreign Correspondence recites:

The Masonic education of the membership of the Fraternity is everywhere insisted upon as never before, we know of no more effective means of promoting this desirable end than a thoughtful reading of the reports of what is being said and done at the annual communications of our own Grand Lodge and the regular jurisdictions with which this is in fraternal relationship, supplemented by constant reference to our Constitution and comparison with the teachings and work in the Lodges.

Nebraska, 1925, is sufficiently covered in the review, and we thank the author for the complimentary allusion to our maiden effort.

M. W. HAROLD J. RICHARDSON, Grand Master.

M. W. ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Bismarck.

June 15th, 1926.

37th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Theodore B. Elton, Grand Master.

In addition to being an able review of local and administrative conditions and duties, his address contains intelligent and instructive remarks on the Grand Master's Conference, the Masonic Service Association, particularly in its relation to the tubercular relief movement, and on the George Washington Memorial. He admonishes the Brethren, in regard to the latter, to keep the jurisdiction in the 100% column.

From his conclusion we quote the following:

That Masonry is not only thriving in North Dakota but prospering and advancing, is manifested on every hand. The spirit of service is implanted firmly in practically every section of the jurisdiction, and the fraternalism of Masonry has become a fraternalism of the heart rather than a fraternalism merely of good fellowship. So let us thank God for the fraternalism of the heart that makes it possible for every human being to do something to make life worth living while he lives, and the world better for his existence in it. Mathematicians are able to calculate how far it is from the farthest star to the earth, but no one has yet been able to calculate the influence for good of one kind word or one kind act. Through fraternalism life comes into contact with the lives about it, and through this generation it reaches on through countless generations to come.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Service and Education is a truly remarkable document, and reviews in multitudinous array the activities and admonitions of this very efficient body. Other committees of like character may well study its text and profit thereby.

The report of the finance committee, appropriating \$500 to the National Masonic Tubercular Association, was adopted. This action is excellent and reflects credit. The brave pioneers of this movement in our southwestern jurisdictions, who are bearing an undue burden arising from this dread affliction, deserve encouragement. May the good work spread and contributions multiply.

The law is amended to allow Past Masters a vote in Grand Lodge.

Rather drastic penalties, heretofore adopted, in the matter of requiring proficiency in the lecture of the Master Mason degree are repealed on report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Brother George Hovey Phelps, Fraternal Correspondent, presents the review of Grand Lodges, sixty-one in number. A topical review of three pages in rather pleasing style also appears in the proceedings.

Nebraska, 1925, is courteously treated with complimentary quotation, and he concludes with a gracious bouquet to your reviewer, for which as a novice we are truly grateful.

M. W. FRANK C. FALKENSTEIN, Grand Master.
M. W. WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax.

June 9th, 1926.

61st Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Arthur James Davis, Grand Master.

W. Brother Marston Guillod, representing Nebraska.

The principal feature after the opening and introductions was the forming the Craft in procession and attendance on Divine service at St. Paul's Church. The Grand Chaplain preached the sermon.

The Grand Master's address consumes but little space in dissertation—principally recites official acts—and shows no outstanding features. From the introduction we quote the following:

There are many reasons why we as men and Masons should love and respect Masonry; but the principal one is because it stands for everything that tends towards the building up of manly men, good, broad minded, square acting men. We may be weak, but Masonry is strong. We may be timid, but Masonry is fearless. We may grow weary—Masonry needs no rest. We may lose heart—Masonry knows no despair. Therefore, with Masonry to support, to sustain and to encourage, we can conquer, even as Buddha subdued the evil spirit in the days long before the smile of a loving Christ lighted up the darkness of the world. We need stalwart Masons, so steadfast in the faith that they will uphold the teachings of the Craft, at all times in and out of the Lodge room. Masons, who will see the inner meaning of the obligations of Masonry and who will carry out those obligations with charity to all—not only in the spirit of charity as we use that word today, but also in the sense in which St. Paul used it, and as modern translators use it, to mean love and good will. I urge you to think of these things for I earnestly believe that "Love and good will" are the key note to all the teachings of our Divine Master. It is not what we can get out of Masonry that will count—rather it is what you through the collective influence of the Lodge can give to the community in which you live.

From decisions rendered, and acted on through the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, we find that no degrees may be conferred by any Brother who is below the rank of Master or Past Master.

We think a very wise admonition is contained in the following extract from the report:

Your Board not being aware of any enactment or ruling on the subject, are of opinion that any Masonic Apron recognized or approved by our Constitution is in order to wear at a funeral parade, but would suggest for all the Brethren to wear a plain white apron not so much as "preferable" as for the sake of uniformity.

No objection may be entered against wearing brilliant and ornamental regalia in the confines of the Lodge, if permitted; but the wearing of it in public, besides detracting from uniformity, seems ostentatious and in bad taste. We should meet upon the level.

Dual membership, being the recognized custom in this jurisdiction, brings in its wake some difficult situations. The matter is clarified thoroughly in one respect by concurrence with five of the Grand Master's decisions ruling that a member of one Lodge suspended for cause becomes automatically suspended "from the whole Craft," and this means from the other Lodge.

A further report submitted by the Committee on Jurisprudence, Charles R. Smith, K.C., P.G.M., Chairman, recognizes the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

The Grand Historian's report, with his synopsis of his proposed History of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia, to be completed in about two more years, promises us a very valuable contribution to American Masonic history.

Vague traces exist through the "Masonic Stone of 1606" that Masonry was known among the first French settlers of that period in what has, through Longfellow's poem, been known as Arcadia, the land of Evangeline. These same French settlers had in 1604 landed on Isle St. Croix in the St. Croix River near Calais, Maine. Together with fighting Indians, famine, and cold, they probably had no time to record Masonic emblems, and after one winter there departed for the more happy clime of Port Royal, Nova Scotia.

The writer takes especial pleasure in reading the report of the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 6, for in Parrsboro in this district he once lived.

A motion to permit the son of a Mason by special dispensation of the Grand Lodge to become a Mason at the age of eighteen was lost.

The Report on Correspondence is by R. W. Brother James C. Jones, Grand Secretary, his twelfth annual. His 135 pages abound in liberal quotation and worth-while information; but he makes few comments.

Nebraska, 1925, is adequately reviewed. His cordial and complimentary welcome to the writer confers the rank of R. W., which we do not deserve.

M. W. ARTHUR J. DAVIS, Grand Master.

R. W. JAMES C. JONES, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

Cincinnati.

October 20th, 1926.

117th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Earle Stewart, Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge convened on the roof garden of the Hotel Gibson.

The address of welcome is given by Brother Sherrill, City Manager of the city. The response is by M. W. Brother Griffiths of Cleveland. We call the following from his introduction by the Grand Master:

Recently he took as his guests eighty men singers to a little country in Europe called Wales, that he has a great interest in for some reason or other, and entered these singers in the Eisteddfod there, and they brought back for him to Cleveland the grand prize, which was the first time in the many hundred years of these festivals that the grand prize was ever taken out of Wales. They say he is contemplating founding a college over there some time in order to teach the people of Wales how to speak Welch. I have at this time the very great pleasure of introducing to you Past Grand Master Griffiths, who, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, will respond to this very cordial greeting.

We find little for review in the Grand Master's address; there is evidence of a busy year and official duties well performed. He reports attending the Grand Master's Conference and the meeting of the Masonic Service Association.

The charter of one Lodge has been arrested for imposing insufficient penalty on a member found guilty. While being inclined to do so, he is forced to concur in the opinion of the Jurisprudence Committee to not grant to this Lodge a dispensation to resume work. This after the members of the Lodge have promised, if permitted, to enforce the extreme penalty. He recommends:

My recommendation in this matter is that the Charter of Vattier Lodge be restored, subject to the condition: that if said Lodge does not, at its first stated meeting thereafter, reconsider the matter of the penalty to be inflicted in the case of Howard A. Hartley, and inflict the proper penalty, to-wit: that of expulsion, then the Charter of said Vattier Lodge be forfeited by the Grand Master.

And in this the Grand Lodge concurs.

The afternoon of the first day is occupied in laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple, which, from the description furnished, is a magnificent building. Over nine thousand Masons marched in parade to the site of the Temple for the ceremony.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Service Association furnishes an enlightening chapter of the proceedings, and we commend it to our readers who care to further investigate along this line.

In the Appendix we find from the pen of Brother Charles S. Plumb, Grand Historian, an exhaustive report entitled: "A Survey of Masonic Education in Ohio." It makes interesting reading, but is too long to quote.

Another interesting chapter of the Appendix is the account of the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of American Union Lodge No. 1, at Marietta on June 24th, 1926. This Lodge was organized at Roxbury, Massachusetts, in Revolutionary times with a traveling charter, and became Ohio's first Lodge, and from it grew their Grand Lodge. One hundred and eighty-five Ohio Lodges participated in the celebration. Brethren from the Buckeye State would be entertained by reading it.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is prepared by Past Grand Master O. P. Sperra, Chairman of the Committee. He takes space to set out all that may be of interest to his Brethren and does not stint his quotations. He reviews Nebraska, 1926, ably, and quotes the invocation by Brother Shepherd and much of Brother Reavis' oration. That we have gained his attention is evidenced in the following:

Your Scribe was impressed with the work and the progress made by this Grand Lodge and its reports for future advancement, and could say much more that was disclosed in the printed Proceedings, but space forbids and we leave to our successor the opportunity of making a good report of Nebraska Masonry.

We are pleased, however, to observe that we will hear from him again.

M. W. CHARLES L. MINOR, Grand Master.

M. W. HARRY S. JOHNSON, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

Portland.

June 16th, 1926.

76th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Percy R. Kelly, Grand Master.

He uses twenty-one pages for his address to Grand Lodge. It is principally informatory on local matters, and there is much advice clarifying the law given in reply to queries. We quote this opening dissertation:

The Masonic order is a society of friends and Brothers among whom no contention should exist save only that noble contention, or emulation rather, as to who may best serve and best agree. In this spirit, I address you as your retiring Grand Master.

If this conception of our fraternity is effaced, if one at variance therewith is substituted, it matters not how well your various funds may have been administered, it matters not what splendid temples may have been erected, it matters not how eloquent the speeches of your leaders may have been, Masonry is a failure.

You will seek in vain to find in ritual, monitor or other writings; you will seek in vain to find in dollars, dress or display; you will seek in vain to find in form, magnitude or munificence the real, the actual, the genuine essence of true Masonry. It abides only in the hearts and minds of Masons. It is manifested by the life, the work and the character of those who possess it. They live to serve, and their service is one of love.

This Grand jurisdiction abounds with such Masons. When first I came to this Grand Lodge, I thought I discerned here a caste arrogating to itself assumed superiority. I surmised that the Past Grand Masters constituted an heirarchy before whose juggernaut all independence of Masonic thought and action must give way. Wholly refuting this absurd fallacy, I have found the truth to be that all of these Brethren whom I know and with whom I have come in contact, who have heretofore presided in the Grand East are simply the embodiment and personification of the true Masonic principle, the principle of seeking how best to serve, how best to agree.

W. Brother John K. Kollock, the Grand Orator, gives us an oration truly worthy of the name. He answers the question, "Why has the Masonic institution survived?" and he does it well, does it eloquently and with logic. We would like to quote it all; but will rest content with quoting the conclusion:

And so, I think we have here at last the full answer to our question. Masonry has survived because it led the van of the great march toward a new and better civilization—leaving as milestones in its progress great works which have held the attention of mankind throughout the ages—an inspiration to higher, nobler thoughts and deeds, and because it had, bred into its very being, bone of its bone, and flesh of its flesh, a love of liberty, within the law which no tyranny could crush and no anarchy destroy, which through the centuries has been the guiding star, the column of fire by night and smoke by day, to every people struggling toward a greater freedom.

We must recommend the whole text to our Committee on Education. We can think of no more interesting matter with which to entertain the average Lodge.

At the opening of Grand Lodge is disclosed a wonderful record of personal service. It is perhaps and most probably a record never equalled in the annals of Masonry. It is recorded:

Loud and continued applause greeted the response of our R. R. Grand Chaplain and M. W. Honorary Part Grand Master, J. R. N. Bell, to the calling of his name by the Grand Secretary.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced that this being the jubilee year for our revered R. R. Grand Chaplain and the completion of fifty years' continuous service as Grand Chaplain.

Nebraska is honored by the presence of W. Brother John K. Kollock, representative.

On report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Grand Lodges of Vienna and of Columbia are recognized.

A resolution recording the Grand Lodge in favor of free text books in public schools failed of adoption. As the resolution provided for publicity through the press, the committee very wisely reported:

Your committee feels that the matter of presenting the views of the Grand Lodge upon the subject of free text books in our public schools through the public press of the state would be an unwise procedure, and suggest that such publicity be not followed and recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

We think it a very wise committee on Masonic Education that incorporate the following common-sense matter in their (adopted) report:

Constituent Lodges desiring to advance further in Masonic learning could use with good effect the material published by J. H. Tatsh, curator of the Iowa Masonic Library, and the Masonic Research Society of St. Louis, Missouri, and other publications such as the Masonic Analyst. These publications can be procured at small expense, and if Masons can be interested in Masonic history and activities from early time, such publications will either contain the necessary information or disclose where any required material may be obtained.

And still they come knocking at our doors; this time the A.E.O. of Scots, asking us to approve of their aims, objects, and purposes and to grant to Masons permission to become members. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions, which committee made no report.

Like Nebraska they have a Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and have come to realize as we did that the old people and the children must be separated. The plans in embryo contemplate the colony system of cottages for the children, and of placing them in private homes with the motto, "A real home for every child." It seems to be a burning question, as there are pages of debate and speeches on the subject and some confusion of objective. It ends in the adoption of an amended report of the Child Welfare Committee on a roll-call vote, and as an afterclap the resignation of one member of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Committee is tendered, though a motion to accept same is lost.

Oregon goes on record as authorizing Low Twelve Clubs, providing the Grand Master approves their rules and regulations.

M. W. David P. Mason, dean of Oregon's Past Grand Master brigade, again writes the review. His first observation is:

The perusal of pages and pages of *Proceedings* in writing this correspondence report leaves the conviction that during the year much good has been accomplished by the Craft in Masonic education and social service through institutions of relief and through educational funds which provide an opportunity for higher and vocational training for those who otherwise might not be able to secure it.

He makes brief and gentle comments in his work of review and intrudes his opinions but little.

Nebraska, 1925, is liberally covered and with full share of quotation. We thank him for his cordial welcome to the writer and his pretty compliment.

M. W. EDGAR H. SENSENICH, Grand Master.

R. W. D. RUFUS CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

Montreal.

February 10th, 1926.

56th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother William J. Ewing, Grand Master.

The Grand Master gives a brief address devoted principally to reports of visitations. It is entirely businesslike with no attempt at rhetorical flight. Several things we are accustomed to peruse are conspicuous by their absence, viz: decisions and recommendations. There is no mention of national outstanding features so common with us on this side of the border, and in some respects Quebec is fortunate in being exempt from their influence.

Steady and substantial progress is reported with no disharmonious events. That there is a tendency towards the modern trend of thought is evidenced in this short passage from his conclusion:

Masonry is but a form of Service, and should be judged, not so much by the progress it is making, either numerically or financially, as by the amount of Service it is rendering, 1st, to those composing its membership, 2nd, to the community in which it is placed, and 3rd, to mankind in general.

The Grand Chaplain's address is really the Grand Oration. It is by one of the many District Grand Chaplains, R. W. Brother C. Abbott-Smith, and his subject is, "Builders of Destiny." We quote from the early paragraphs:

How large the work of the Mason bulks in the picturesque legends and folk-lore of pre-historic times. Nimrod, the mighty hunter before the Lord, who built the oldest cities of Assyria. The men of Shinar, who on the Babylonian plain, reared an edifice of ambition and defiance of the Great Architect himself and left behind them nothing but the story of Babel. Then, as the dawn of history begins, we find its first records written in the indestructible Masonry of those Egyptian Kings whose work, for its stability and massive strength, is still the wonder of the world. Taught by the craftsmen of Egypt and of Tyre, the men of Isreal reared that splendid Temple in which there centre so many of the traditions of our Craft—a shrine of the pure and ethical monotheism—belief in one Great, Supreme and Holy Artificer and Ruler of the Universe, which, inherited from ancient Israel has become the foundation stone of our modern civilization. Then, greatest of all for beauty and for charm, the creative genius of the Greeks produced those works which exhibit the *ne plus ultra* of the builder's art, which are the three great architectural orders of which are commended to the study of the initiate in our speculative Craft.

and from the conclusion:

Build wisely, then, ye master builders. Seek to erect in this land we love a home for the souls of men which will help to prepare them to enter, at the call of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, when the time of the great adventure shall have come for each, within those wider portals which admit to the Grand Lodge above.

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother William W. Williamson, with whom it has been our good fortune to visit in Montreal, makes a report cover-

ing in a few words the necessary features of finance, statistics, and administration.

M. W. Brother E. T. D. Chambers makes his thirty-ninth report on Foreign Correspondence. We quote this observation from his foreword:

That Freemasonry remains true to her mission of the moral betterment, not only of her initiates, but also of the world at large, needs no further evidence than that supplied by the lives of her representative men and the teachings and conduct of her recognized leaders.

His reviews are all brief and Nebraska, 1925, is covered in characteristic manner, concluding with a gratefully accepted compliment to your reviewer.

M. W. Brother Ehrhardt will, unfortunately, write for us no more, as Quebec's necrology list will verify.

We wish Brother Chambers to convey our respects and best wishes to V. W. Brother A. B. Haycock, P.G.J.D., a member of Royal Victoria, No. 57.

M. W. WILLIAM J. EWING, Grand Master.

M. W. WILLIAM W. WILLIAMSON, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence.

May 17th, 1926.

136th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Howard Knight, Grand Master.

Representatives of thirty-eight Lodges were present at the Annual, with distinguished visitors from Maine, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey.

A semi-annual communication had been held in November, at which fraternal relations with France were terminated, and important matters relating to amendments to the Constitution considered.

The Grand Master's address at the annual communication makes a truly efficient document. It shows conscientious application to the duties of the office to a remarkable degree, and covers apparently all that could be desired. Two recommendations he makes might well be heeded in most jurisdictions; one is for a paid secretary to the Grand Master, the other is for a two-year term for the Grand Master. Concerning the latter he comments in part as follows:

Any legislation that a Grand Master thinks desirable has to be done hurriedly under the present custom or else worked out in conjunction with his successor in office, or through a confidential preliminary report to the Committee on Jurisprudence. While this latter procedure has been adopted in recent years, I feel that it is ill advised because it does not give the membership of Grand Lodge sufficient time to consider the subjects presented, and hasty action by this supreme deliberative body is unwise.

Three other recommendations recorded are to the effect that no one shall serve on more than one standing committee in Grand Lodge, no one to serve on the same committee for more than five consecutive years, and that officers of the line need not be Past Masters. It is impracticable to give his full argument in support of the above, but there is merit in evidence and food for thought therein.

The Committee on Jurisprudence has disagreed with the Grand Master in his contention that committee members *need* not be members of the Grand Lodge; and the Grand Master wisely contends:

There are instances where desirable Brethren would work for the Masonic Service Board, serving on or for that Committee, either in its employment, charitable, or its educational divisions. In my opinion, the Craft might at times be better served were it possible to select somebody not a member of Grand Lodge. There are a number of Masons in this Jurisdiction, good Masons, ardent workers who have never sat in the East, of a subordinate Lodge, and I very much desire to see no provision made that automatically bars Grand Lodge from the benefit of their service when and if occasion requires.

Again I would remind you, that I believe the Grand Master has an inherent right, based upon precedent and custom since the formation of the Craft, to select any Mason in his jurisdiction to serve him when and in such capacity as he may deem wise, and I question the wisdom and legality of limiting that right.

Nebraska will support M. W. Brother Knight in his recommendation.

His chapter on the Masonic Service Association is devoted principally to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association feature, upon which we do not wish to comment other than to say that it contains a rich fund of information.

On report of the Committee on Finance \$2,000 is appropriated to the Grand Master for clerical assistance.

For its bearing upon our own much mooted question, the "Past Master's" degree, which we hope in the near future to see abolished, we may remark that in this jurisdiction they hold the election and installation at the same meeting; and if they have the Past Master's degree there is no mention of it.

The recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, in the matter of legislation requiring bonds of officers of subordinate Lodges, heads off or at least postpones action. They remark: "The Committee does not believe that such legislation is advisable or necessary," and "The matter appears to be one for executive rather than legislative action." So the matter remains in local option status.

There is no review of other Grand Lodge proceedings.

M. W. WILLIAM L. SWEET, Grand Master.

R. W. S. PENROSE WILLIAMS, Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN.

Regina.

June 16th, 1926.

20th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Gilbert Swain, Grand Master.

From his address we extract the following:

In conclusion Brethren, let me exhort you to carry on the good work of Freemasonry in the future, with even greater zeal than you have done in the past. Let us carry the principles and teachings of our beloved Craft down through the years to come. We as Masons have a great mission to perform; we can do much to restore the equilibrium of the universe. It is our duty to do this, and further it is our individual duty to find for ourselves how best we can severally accomplish this end. Since the end of the great war, the civilized world has been more or less in a turmoil. Various schemes have been advanced by recognized authorities to ameliorate all difficulties and differences that have arisen, but in some respects we do not appear to be getting much closer to real solid, permanent peace. It is my opinion that we as Masons in the practice of our ideals throughout our daily life, and by the religious performance of our teachings and lessons can do much to solve the problems which

have been so much before the public during the past years, and which problems are before us today.

As usual we find nothing upon which to comment in the reports of the numerous District Deputy Grand Masters. They evidently serve the Grand Lodge well and are to be commended for unselfish effort.

The almost universal thirst for knowledge, here as well as elsewhere, manifests itself in an increasing degree, and efforts are made to supply the growing demand. The committee reports:

From the favorable comments of the D. D. G. Ms. in their report and from the ever increasing enquiries and letters your Committee are led to believe that their efforts to help out along the line of Masonic Education and Research are being appreciated by the members of the Craft throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

The review of proceedings is presented by M. W. Brother Thomson, and Nebraska, 1925, receives her full share of comment and quotation.

M. W. W. J. SMITH, Grand Master.

M. W. WILLIAM B. TATE, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Yankton.

June 8th, 1926.

52nd Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother John K. Kutnewsky, Grand Master.

We must first compliment South Dakota on the book itself, nice sewn binding and clear heavy print, all gratefully acceptable to the investigating scribe with tired eyes.

Past Grand Master Marshall R. Brown is present in his official capacity, also representing Nebraska.

Three more Past Grand Masters during the year have fallen from the ranks to journey to the Great Beyond—George A. Johnston, Charles L. Brockway, and John L. Turner. The latter was among the early pioneers of Masonry in this jurisdiction and was elected Honorary Grand Master in 1914, conferred by reason of his long and meritorious record, an honor that comes to but few.

On a visit of the Grand Master in June to Kampeska Lodge No. 13, an outdoor meeting was held. Automobiles were used to surround a space on the banks of a beautiful lake to form a lodge, and the Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates.

The Grand Master's address is brief and almost wholly of routine affairs.

Their library and museum continue to grow and bids fair to become famous. They have a most valuable collection of Indian material.

Brother Charles S. Hall, again Grand Orator, delivered a splendid oration—"Leaders of Light." It is both patriotic and reverent.

The Grand Lodge, on report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, refuse to adopt legislation exempting Lodge members of thirty-five years good standing from dues. It is contended that it is a matter for the subordinate Lodge by-laws submitted for approval, and not for Grand Lodge legislation. Much of this kind of proposition arises through a misconception of the requirements of an order such as ours of "the power to do good." One of our Yankee

Brethren remarked to the effect that the tendency towards insufficient dues made Masonry, in some respects, nearly as cheap as religion. The Grand Lodge has its work to do and the burden must be borne.

Brother Arthur H. Tufts, a former member of the round table, succeeds Brother Brockway, deceased, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He introduces himself with modesty and furnishes a prelude with terse and intelligent comment on topical matters. His review is largely informative, to our mind the principal object to be attained, and is interspersed with interesting quotation.

A part of the review was compiled by M.:W.:Brother Brockway before his death, and Nebraska, 1925, is among those reviewed by that beloved Brother.

M.:W.:LEONARD M. SIMONS, Grand Master.

M.:W.:GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Grand Secretary.

TASMANIA.

Hobart.

February 27th, 1926.

35th Annual Communication.

M.:W.:Brother Henry L. D'Emden, Grand Master.

A new regulation is adopted providing:

Unless a Dispensation be granted by the Grand Master on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, a Brother shall not be eligible for election to the Office of Treasurer, Secretary, Deacon, Inner Guard, or Tyler of a Lodge until such Brother has been a Master Mason for a period of two years, nor to the Office of a Warden of a Lodge until such Brother has been a Master Mason for a period of at least five years.

A regulation raising the minimum initiation fee from seven to ten guineas (about \$50.00) was adopted.

The following recommendation of the second Australian conference, held in Adelaide, was agreed to:

That this Conference affirms the desirability of uniformity of signs, tokens, and words in the various Degrees, and recommends that a Sub-Committee be appointed to obtain all available information for consideration at the next Conference, such Sub-Committee to consist of the Grand Secretaries of the various Grand Lodges represented at this Conference, and that this Sub-Committee submit recommendations to the next Conference.

Six other recommendations, all tending towards uniformity, are also agreed to.

The rank of Past Grand Warden is conferred upon V.:W.:Brother W. H. Strutt, Grand Secretary.

We note the omission of an exchange of Grand Lodge representatives between Tasmania and Nebraska.

We have also a report of the half-yearly communication held in August, 1926, at which were present the Grand Master, M.:W.:Brother Claude James, M.H.A., a full complement of Grand Officers, and 84 representatives of 18 Lodges.

We find nothing of importance for review except a paragraph which anticipates a "Home for Aged Freemasons" some time in the future.

M.:W.:CLAUDE E. W. JAMES, M.H.A., Grand Master.

R.:W.:W. H. STRUTT, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

Nashville.

January 26th, 1927.

113th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Andrew E. McCulloch, Grand Master.

The Grand Master recites the doings of the year, and sets forth his administration of affairs in concise and conscientious manner. His rulings seem meritorious in the main, although some of them are not concurred in by Grand Lodge.

His recommendation to withdraw from the Masonic Service Association is concurred in.

The Ways and Means Committee decline his request for an appropriation to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association. (While this title complies with the requirement of being descriptive, we imagine the reviewer would give it larger publicity if it had a shorter one.)

He asks for a new Grand Lodge office, "Judge Advocate," as in New York; but the Jurisprudence Committee and Grand Lodge do not see the necessity.

He cites an inconsistency in the law and asks for correction or repeal. The answer of the Jurisprudence Committee (adopted) divulges what law is referred to and expresses this very commendable opinion:

While recognizing the apparent conflict between Edict 50 and Edict 16, we recommend that they remain unchanged. If the circumstances are such that two-thirds of the members present at a meeting called for the purpose, express themselves willing to bury a non-affiliate with Masonic honors, we do not feel that a harsh rule of estoppel should be made to interfere. Certainly there are circumstances in life and death which may not be covered by precise provisions and this seems to be one of them.

As Joe Eggleston says: "Bury him first and discuss it afterward."

We insist that beginners in review work should be properly introduced, with pedigree, biography, and previous condition of servitude; otherwise, other beginners will probably spill the beans, as we did in alluding to the combative, lovable and W. Brother C. H. Smart as a "beginner from the ranks," whereas he had been engaged in the same kind of work for seven years. In this we are correct, as he admits it. And we insist that the initials "P.M." after our names designate us as "from the ranks" of those

"Who will not take
From palace, priest or code,
A meaner law than brotherhood,
A lower Lord than God."

He reviews Nebraska, 1926, in pleasant manner, saving his caustic remarks for your reviewer. But we are fortunate indeed compared with California and Montana. There he does raise h—.

M. W. H. LEE FOX, Grand Master.

R. W. STITH M. CAIN, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

Waco.

December 1st, 1926.

91st Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Ed R. Bryan, Grand Master.

The chairs of the Grand Senior Warden and of the Grand Marshal have been made vacant by that grim reaper who wields the all devouring scythe of time.

Much time is given at the opening to complimentary speeches, and a long string of veteran Masons are introduced individually.

Past Grand Master Fly brings a message from a member of his Lodge who is 100 years old and a Mason for 78 years.

The Grand Master's address presents a sharp contrast to the one of a year ago. We are pleased to note the justifiable optimism contained in the following:

It is with a great deal of pleasure, based upon reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Committee on Masonic Service and Education, and my own observation, that I am able to report to you that whatever may have been the confusion existing in the past, with but few exceptions, peace and harmony now prevail among the Brethren throughout the state, and Masonry is now functioning as it should. Let us, then, do everything in our power during our present meeting, to heal the breaches of the past, to forget the things of the past, and look forward to the future with a view only of accomplishing the ideals of Masonry.

His chapter on "Using Masonry for Political and Commercial Purposes" contains some well meant admonition. He pleads with the Brethren to stop and think and not bring Masonry into disrepute. The matter of insurance companies with Masonic names also gives him concern. No matter what claims these companies may make, they seek an unfair advantage, and Masons should not fall for this insidious method of producing business.

The National Masonic Tuberculosis matter engages his sincere attention, and he reports correspondence to and from the Masonic Service Association on the subject. The chapter concludes:

I will say that this question is very near and dear to my heart, and I sincerely hope that the National Masonic Service Association will formulate a plan, by which at least a number of Grand Jurisdictions can co-operate and begin at once, to grant relief to these unfortunate Brethren.

If the plan furnished by the National Masonic Service Association does not meet with approval, then let us join with our New Mexico Brethren, and co-operate with them.

If you think best not to do this, then let us build for ourselves. Let us do something, for thousands are dying of this dread disease, for the want of hospital facilities, while we are debating.

On "Masonry in Mexico" he has six pages, including some illuminating quotations. We commend it to our readers who are interested. It is too much to quote.

From his conclusion we quote this paragraph:

During the year I have touched every angle of Masonry, and have found it very human, very liable to err, and ever striving for something higher, something nobler. I have touched elbows with those who constantly strive after the material things of life, and who to a large extent are wrapped up in self. And again I have touched elbows with those who seemed to have forgotten

self, those who use the gift that God has given them for service of others, caring little for the material things of the world, but who look beyond the veils and long for a greater sphere in which to enlarge their service to God and to humanity.

The Grand Orator, R. W. Brother J. J. Gallaher, delivered a very beautiful and inspiring address. It is of the modern trend towards education.

We find lots of good stuff in the reports of the Committee on Grand Officers Reports and on Jurisprudence. Past Grand Masters W. M. Fly and W. S. Fly are the respective chairmen of these committees and they make a fine matched team in Masonic harness. We wish we had space to quote all they both say. In the first named report is a particularly pungent and complete chapter on commercializing the word Masonry, in which a center shot is thrown at the Grand Master's attitude of soft pedaling the subject in regard to insurance companies.

From Jurisprudence we quote these words of wisdom:

The Grand Master decided in effect that where a Lodge does not take charge of the funeral of a Brother until the body reaches the cemetery, that the pallbearers must all be Masons, but we are of opinion that the friends or relatives of a deceased Mason would have the absolute right to name the pallbearers and have absolute control of the funeral until the body is placed in charge of the Masons for burial. In other words, the authority of the Lodge begins when the body is placed in its charge and after once being given control of the body, whether at the residence or other place, or at the grave, its authority over the funeral is absolute and exclusive.

And this, to which we will not all agree:

We do not favor the recommendations as to changing the laws as to the election of candidates for the degrees, by taking one ballot for all the degrees at one time. The right to vote for or against the advancement of a Brother to a higher degree is too well settled and has been done for so long a time that this committee does not feel disposed to recommend the innovations suggested by the Grand Master.

The recommendations of the Grand Master as to requiring a Brother who votes or protests against the advancement of an E. A. or F. C. to give his reasons therefor, would be an invasion of the right of every Brother to give a secret ballot on the initiation, passing or raising of an applicant, and it would be an innovation into the customs and laws of Freemasonry that should not be tolerated in this Jurisdiction. If the spirit of changes and innovations is encouraged by the officers and committees of this Grand Lodge it will in a short time present a type of Masonry that is unknown in any part of America, and the Jurisprudence Committee deems it its duty to guard against innovations which do not seem to add anything to, but rather to detract from, the strength of the principles of Freemasonry.

A resolution offered, providing withdrawal from the Masonic Service Association, is, on recommendation, laid over for consideration at the next Annual.

W. Brother James D. Crenshaw, Nebraska's representative, is reported as present by the Credentials Committee.

It is seldom that the abundance of Grand Lodge activity presents itself as in these proceedings. We have not half covered it. This big jurisdiction requires administrative talent of the highest order to conduct its affairs, and it is in evidence all through the book. They team up well and their wheel horses are legion. Among them we must mention again M. W. W. M. Fly, Past Grand Master, who is drafted as Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence

Committee and writes his initial review. From his presentation of the report we take this:

Amid the many activities daily presented to the altruistic appeals of our Brethren everywhere it is a satisfaction and a pleasure to record that almost universally the old Fraternity is functioning with the vigor and enthusiasm of a new and hopeful solidarity in those great and imperishable watchwords of our fathers and predecessors in the remotest times.

Wherever we turn there are homes for the aged, homes and schools for the orphan children, hospitals for crippled children, provision for the victim of the great white plague, and great relief organizations for the unfortunate sojourner stranded upon the barren shores of life's uncertain seas.

We do not presume to comment upon the work of so eminent a Brother, except to say that intrusion of his own opinions is noticeable by their absence, and we know he has opinions. We regret that Nebraska has escaped his notice.

M. W. M. A. CHILDERS, Grand Master.

R. W. WILLIAM B. PEARSON, Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

Salt Lake City.

January 19th, 1926.

55th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Benjamin Rogers Howell, Grand Master.

Under his chapter on "Decisions" we note in the Grand Master's address what has never before claimed our attention. Charges of un-Masonic conduct were brought against a Brother, alleging embezzlement. Representations were made to the Master of the Lodge that a conviction on the charge would prejudice the accused in the criminal proceedings brought by the State for the same offense through the possibility of a "leak." The Master postponed the hearing. On its reference to the Grand Master his language is in part as follows:

I think it is perfectly proper, for several reasons, to delay trial of Masonic charges based upon matters which are to be tried by the civil courts. One of these reasons is because a finding by the courts lends assurance and security to Masonic proceedings. However, I do not think that the trial of Masonic charges ought to be unduly delayed because the court proceeding, for some reason or other, is not finished promptly.

Regarding the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, incorporated by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, he says:

I learn from - - - sources that Masonic Lodges in those sections of the southwest whose climate is favorable to the health of persons afflicted with tuberculosis are confronted with a very serious problem as to how to deal with the great number of Masons who flock to those states for their health and whose condition both physical and financial is often such as to require the assistance of their Brother Masons. It seems to me that as neighbors of the Grand Lodges who are struggling with this problem we cannot do otherwise than inform ourselves as to the situation and if need be assist. I therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge authorize the appointment of a committee to consider whether this Grand Lodge should join in this humanitarian movement, to report to the Communication, if possible.

This movement is getting into the limelight with an increasing intensity, fast claiming attention as an outstanding subject for consideration of the American Grand Lodges, and should be met in a spirit of fairness.

The following is good philosophy:

In general the statistics for the year, so far as I have been able to study them, do not show as great a gain in numbers as we have been making for several years past. This is not surprising nor particularly disconcerting to me. We share in a condition of reaction that prevails more or less over the world and I rather welcome the opportunity it gives our Lodges to rest from an undue amount of ritualistic work and our members to become acquainted with each other. After all our institution is a fraternity and Brothers should know each other.

This jurisdiction continues its membership in the Masonic Service Association and there is much in the proceedings showing satisfaction with the alliance.

The Grand Secretary's report contains a fund of excellent information and interest, as does also his report as Grand Librarian.

The report on correspondence by Past Grand Master Sam H. Goodwin is altogether refreshing. As we have before mentioned, he is brave and honest and his courage expresses itself in vigorous print. Our ambition should be to acquire the same confidence of expression.

He is particularly caustic with those who would attribute to Masonry an antediluvian origin, and we say "Amen," Brother. In the following is a hint and a warning to those granted the opportunity and who use the mysterious theme as a vehicle for their undoubted eloquence:

But why disseminate such unmitigated nonsense? There is so much in our history, and symbolism, and philosophy, and rituals, that is beautiful, and sane, and elevating, that could be presented, why should we have our intelligence insulted and our eyes filled with dust from the stirring of such worthless rubbish!

If these irresponsible excursions into the "land of no-where" concerned, or affected, only those who undertake them, the situation would be different. But such is not the case. Often the atrocious caricatures of Craft history referred to above, come from men who have been honored by the Fraternity, and who, presumably, are men of sound sense and wisdom, and who have given time to study, and research, and meditation, and hence their words carry weight with the inexperienced and uninformed Mason. That is the pathetic, deplorable feature of the situation.

Nebraska, 1925, is reviewed at length, with comment on the high spots and "Wi admonition due." We ask him to accept our compliment, sincerely intended, and excuse us for declining to make of these reviews a debating platform.

M. W. FRED MORGAN NYE, Grand Master.

M. W. SAM HENRY GOODWIN, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

Burlington.

June 9th, 1926.

132nd Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Christie B. Crowell, Grand Master.

Nebraska's representative, W. Brother Edward C. Woodworth, is present.

In the report of the Committee on Credentials we find listed as entitled to vote nine "Last Past Masters."

The Grand Master submits an able address dealing with the many noticeable features of Masonic interest. He is particularly concerned with non-representation at Grand Lodge of the subordinate Lodges, and demands a better condition. Most Grand Lodges would not tolerate the condition he recites. The omission of one little "or" in the Grand Lodge By-laws is partly responsible.

The requirement of the Past Master's degree before installation has been largely ignored, and the following is quoted as showing the pro and con opinions:

In 1922 Past Grand Master Harriman said:

"Our law provides that every W. M. elect before he is installed shall receive the Past Master's Degree.

Yet in every issue of our Annual Proceedings is given a list of W. M.'s who have not been invested with the Past Master's Degree.

I venture to say that in nearly one-third of all our Lodges the W. M. elect is installed without having received the degree. In many of our Lodges there is no one who can confer the degree or even read the ritual. Either our law should be changed or some effective means should be found for its enforcement. I doubt if such means can be found. Under the conditions I have no hesitation in recommending that the requirement of the Past Master's Degree as precedent to installation be abrogated. And if it seems necessary that the W. M. be instructed in any of the requirements of his office, I would suggest that such instructions could be embodied in a charge to be given to the W. M. by his predecessor."

I have quoted these paragraphs in full because they express views which are held by others besides M. W. Brother Harriman and with which I have been inclined to agree. Further study of the question and discussion with those wiser than myself have led to the opinion that a better course of action is to enforce the law as laid down by Past Grand Master Park Davis in 1872 when he said with the later endorsement of Grand Lodge: "A person cannot be duly installed as Master of a Lodge without the Past Master's Degree." I submit for the consideration of the Jurisprudence Committee the statement that under the law above quoted, in force in our legal system since 1872, no Master elect has the right to go through the installation ceremonies or to preside over his Lodge until he has received the Past Master's Degree and that any Lodge which permits this law to be violated lays itself open to the imposing of drastic penalties by the Grand Master or by Grand Lodge.

I recommend that hereafter no Master elect be allowed to preside over his Lodge until the law above quoted has been complied with and duplicate reports have been mailed by the Secretary of the Past Masters' Lodge conferring the degree upon him to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, which reports shall give the names of the Master elect, the officers conferring the degree and the number of the Past Masters present when the degree is conferred.

The writer's opinion is that the time has come to dispense with it and include the practical points of the lesson therein contained in the installation ceremony.

The organized tuberculosis movement receives his approbation and support with some startling figures quoted. \$200 is appropriated.

He reports the Washington Memorial 100 per cent, and praises the undertaking.

Although the special committee make a favorable report on the Masonic Service Association and recommend affiliation therewith, the motion by the chairman of the committee that action be deferred until the next annual communication is adopted.

No matter which could properly be termed a "grievance" was submitted to that committee for consideration, and the committee were glad to report that harmony prevailed.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters made the following report which was adopted:

That no Lodges from other Jurisdictions may exemplify the work of their Jurisdictions—within the Jurisdictions of Vermont—except upon a candidate of their own, and when the Lodge is at refreshment or closed.

We wonder what jurisdiction would visit Vermont and exemplify their work on a candidate when the Lodge is at refreshment or closed.

At the 1925 communication this resolution was introduced:

A chapter of the Order of DeMolay may with the consent of a lodge occupy its hall for meetings.

At this time Standing Resolution No. 10 was in effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the practice of renting or allowing their rooms, which have been erected and consecrated to Masonic use, to be used for other than Masonic purposes, be discontinued.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

In the opinion of your Committee one year ago under that Standing Resolution, it would be necessary to determine that the use of a Lodge room for the Order of DeMolay must be a Masonic use, in order that the resolution then before your Committee for consideration, could be recommended.

Your Committee was then not prepared to determine that the use of the Lodge rooms for the Order of DeMolay was a Masonic purpose, and the mover of the resolution thereupon withdrew the same and offered the following amendment to said Standing Resolution No. 10, to-wit:

"Except a Lodge may permit the use of its rooms to the Order of DeMolay."

Then follows a little history and description of the order in question, and the committee say further:

With respect to the use of Lodge rooms by the DeMolay the order does not claim for itself to be a Masonic order or serving a strictly Masonic purpose.

Your Committee is, therefore, bound to state to this Grand Lodge that the use of Lodge rooms dedicated to Freemasonry by the Order of DeMolay would not be a Masonic use or purpose.

and conclude with:

The purposes of the Order is not a Masonic purpose and the use of the Lodge rooms by the Order would not be a Masonic purpose. With these findings your Committee submits its report to this Grand Lodge.

This report was adopted:

Then:

On motion of Brother Aaron H. Grout, the resolution amending Standing Resolution No. 10, by adding thereto: "Except a Lodge may permit the use of its rooms to the Order of DeMolay," which was introduced at the annual communication of 1925 was adopted.

To comment on the above without quoting the report in full would be unwise and unfair. We furnish it for information only.

Past Grand Master Harriman again, and for the third time, writes the annual review of proceedings. In his preface he says in part:

Grand Masters and Grand Lodges are still seeking just and reasonable means to handle the increasing efforts of organizations to attach themselves to

the good ship Masonry for the special benefit to be derived from such relationship. DeMolay, and the several girls' organizations have tried for recognition to such *quasi* attachment as the Eastern Star years ago achieved. In some Jurisdictions, they have made headway, but generally Grand Lodges have been slow to adopt these organizations as sufficiently Masonic to entitle them to hold their meetings in Masonic Halls.

He reviews Nebraska, 1925, in a manner altogether commendable and with impartial quotation.

M. W. FREDERICK H. BABBITT, Grand Master.

M. W. HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

Richmond.

February 9th, 1926.

148th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Charles H. Callahan, Grand Master.

Nebraska's seat at the court is vacant; our representative, M. W. Brother Sol Cutchins, departed to pay his respects at the Higher Throne on May fourteenth. A prominent figure is thus removed from Virginia's stage.

For the second consecutive year we are privileged to quote from the same masterly Grand Master. He begins his address:

To the observant and critical mind speculative Freemasonry, which began in a distinct sense with the organization of the Grand Lodge of England, furnishes the most remarkable record of achievement in the history of temporal institutions. Born in an humble environment and in an age of dire superstition it has come down to us through the turbulent and transitory scenes of two centuries bearing a message of hope and good will towards men. Conscious of its exalted mission, with a righteous contempt for its traducers and clothed in the mantle of high purpose, it stands out in all lands where religious freedom obtains among the leading benefactors of mankind outside of the church of God. It challenges no man's political or religious affiliations, wages no campaign for supremacy among its contemporary fraternal orders and in an exemplification of its cardinal virtues and a conservative application of true benevolence seeks to render unselfish service to the cause of humanity.

How comparable are his words we underline for italics with Francis Bacon's "The power to do good is the true and lawful end of aspiring."

His report on Old Folks' Home, tubercular relief, and Young Folks' Home is evidence that Virginia is well to the forefront in institutional relief matters and going strong.

On "Masonic Literature," with no soft pedal movement, he expresses himself thus:

After centuries of insidious determined opposition it stands out now in the light of the grandest civilization the world has ever known *a veritable giant in strength and a true samaritan in spirit*. Abreast of the times in all philanthropic work it deserves and receives in a fuller measure than ever before the endorsement and admiration of the most enlightened leaders in every calling and profession of world affairs.

Many of the so-called Masonic publications of today possess little, if any, merit from either a literary or educational standpoint. Most of such publications are purely commercial enterprises operated for selfish gain and are generally of an inflammatory or sensational character. To subscribe to such literature encourages radicalism, a spirit foreign to the true purpose of Freemasonry and should be avoided with utmost care. While Virginia is not a member of the Masonic Service Association and I am not recommending that

we become such, nevertheless, after personal investigation, I am convinced that this Association is furnishing at minimum cost as clean, instructive and reliable class of literature as can be obtained from any source in this country and this applies to their books, bulletins and magazine, "The Master Mason." Their editorial staff is composed of J. Fort Newton, an eminent Divine, assisted by a corps of able investigators and writers, some of whom generously contribute their services for the benefit of the common cause. Membership of the Grand Lodge is not a prerequisite for subscription to this literature.

A report by the finance committee, apparently adopted, appoints M. W. Brother Eggleston Grand Treasurer emeritus ad vitam with salary continued. We may logically expect of this good Brother, relieved of the duties of that office, an improvement in his review work.

Virginia is well served by the activities of fifty-nine District Deputy Grand Masters, most of whom report to Grand Lodge on domestic affairs.

Virginia persists in publishing as a 475 page appendix in the proceedings a complete roster of over 47,000 members by Lodges. It is their custom and their business. It is frowned upon in some jurisdictions although it may have proven virtue.

Joseph W. Eggleston, P.G.M., again and for the (?) time writes the report on Foreign Correspondence. His many years of service in Grand Lodge affairs in numerous capacities qualify him eminently for this job, and he attacks it confidently with an apparent pride of power that we envy.

He contends in the following language in reply to our criticism of his liberal quotations:

Of our report he said that the pages "are more than half supplied by the scissors." Once more we indignantly deny the charge. We possess no scissors at all. We keep a sharp knife which works much better. We submit to his judgment the proposition that when we quote matter far better than we can compose we have served our own Brethren better than we could have done otherwise. These reports purport to be reviews of the doings and sayings of others and should not be mere essays. Besides Virginia Masons have been patiently (or otherwise) listening to what we have had to say so long they are entitled to a rest.

Nebraska, 1925, is thoroughly reviewed in his admirable style, and he is particularly complimentary to our Grand Master Dickson in comment and quotation. Heartily agreeing with Brother Dickson in his attitude on pallbearers, he says:

We have long held that there should always be great breadth in all matters connected with Masonic burial. Do all possible to soothe the feelings of the bereaved even to the extent of never refusing anything they ask, and in any case bury the dead man whether or not he had any claim whatever. Certainly the family should have any pallbearers they wish. Masonry can never suffer thereby.

Another pronouncement of his on this subject of Masonic burial is:

This has been a hobby of ours for many years. Masonic burial stands by itself. When a man, any man, is dead all debate is at an end and if the family claim a right to, and ask for a Masonic burial it should be granted, not necessarily, as a matter of right, but the request should never be denied. No matter what the situation no possible harm is done and sore hearts are soothed by a kindly act. All a man's faults, failings and disabilities should be buried, without discussion, in the ground with the body which he had inhabited. Once when asked the question in a doubtful case, and asked officially, we replied, "Bury him first and discuss it afterward."

It calls to our mind an instance of the writer being summoned to a remote locality to conduct a Masonic funeral, and, on arriving, finding that the deceased was a suspended Mason of goodly age. The ceremony proceeded regardless; bereaved hearts were gladdened and no one suffered.

We again rise to remark that we wish our Brethren would borrow our copy of Virginia and read it.

M. W. BEN W. BEACH, Grand Master.

R. W. CHARLES A. NESBITT, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

Spokane.

June 15th, 1926.

69th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Morton Gregory, Grand Master.

Nebraska's representative is in attendance, the immediate Past Grand Master.

Address of welcome by the spokesman of the Spokane Lodges and the response thereto are made in happy and fitting speech.

The "Message" of the Grand Master is mostly the usual routine report of official acts.

He has a very eloquent chapter on "Law and Order." The concluding paragraph is as follows:

There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of people generally to want to obey such laws as they, individually, approve. Such persons are not thinking straight, and "Straight thinking is necessary to straight doing." "There can be no true liberty without law." This nation—any nation—must be law ruled or mob ruled. As men and Masons, as individuals, there is only one course to follow if we are to be worthy of our fathers, if we are to remedy the evils that now confront us. That is the straight forward, manly honest course of endeavoring to obey the law—ALL LAW, and by the force of our voice and the influence of our numbers make it decidedly unpopular to do otherwise.

Under "Condition of the Craft," he says in part:

There is a so-called prosperity as a result of influx of numbers. Whether it is a bane or a blessing depends. Under the stress of patriotic emotion we failed to fan the wheat sown while Mars was in ascendancy. And now in saner hours, we view our fields marred by harmful thistles, and one of these greedy thistles overshadows a thousand stalks of golden grain. They are in our field for what they can get, not what they yield. Even our neighbors, as they pass by, remark, how careless we have become of late.

He cites instances of and rebukes severely the many cases of downright negligence or worse on the part of investigating committees.

He writes a pleasing chapter on "Masonic Education," and we would be ungrateful did we not quote the following splendid complimentary extract therefrom:

The next important thing is to study the institution at work. No Masonic Education is comparable to that which may be obtained by a careful study of the correspondence reports published by the various Grand Jurisdictions, the writers of which are among the brightest minds in the fraternity.

They are the men who know the compass and chart of Masonry and hold us to our ancient and traditional moorings. They are the writers and thinkers who give stability to our institution and lend charm to our Masonic literature.

In these reports you will find Masonry in action. There you will find the views and opinions of Masonic authorities throughout this and every country

in the world. There, the Mason who desires a Masonic Education, using his knowledge of the ritual and work of his own jurisdiction, as a foundation and guide, will uncover a wealth of symbolism, history and jurisprudence and a fundamental knowledge of Masonic practice and customs.

The Spokane Lodge, B.P.O. Elks, tendered the Grand Lodge sojourners the club features of their Temple for the communication.

The Committee on Masonic Education make a report showing evidence of efficient and active effort during the year. The work is supervised by a paid executive secretary and carries a budget of \$7,000.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Grand Orator, the Grand Master, who has heretofore demonstrated his ability in this respect, is called on to fill the vacancy. He in happy manner graciously responds with an address entitled "Fundamentals of Masonry." With the statement that the institution, as such, is to the world at large absolutely nothing, he emphasizes the relationship of the individual, the Mason, as absolutely everything.

The Grand Historian entertains the Grand Lodge with a report of thirteen pages, which he terms a "brief account of the beginning of our standard work," and he traces its origin and development. In those days of difficult travel back in the 50s and 60s, one may imagine the obstacles confronting their efforts to determine standards and to inaugurate and preserve uniformity. At any rate it took them twenty-eight years, and it is remarked that the subsequent history has not been altogether smooth sailing. There are others.

Charters were granted to six new Lodges.

The Committee on Jurisprudence was burdened with a remarkable amount of work; but it seems to have been made easy through the Grand Lodge agreeing generally with their reports.

The choice of a year ago is continued, our motion prevailing, and M. W. B. Brother Edwin H. Van Patten again writes the report on Foreign Correspondence. He prints a foreword with some trite remarks on the "education" program and allied activities. We feel that the plea for prudence in the following entitles it to due notice:

Already our local Lodges are beginning to have a feeling of resentment against the taxation placed upon them by the Grand Lodges for various purposes, although said purposes are good in themselves. Magnificent temples are being built, greater Masonic Homes being planned, and even hospitals for the use of the public are spoken of, to say nothing of the needs for higher education. The question naturally arises, where will all this end? Is there not danger of swamping the smaller groups of Masonic interest? The extravagance which followed the late war, evidently has had something to do with this expansive effort among Masons, and it is now time for all of us to take account of the effect that all this will eventually have on the Fraternity at large. We have enough, as an institution, for our natural activities, without taking on those extraneous matters which, while splendid in and of themselves, yet do not pertain especially to Masonry.

Nebraska, 1925, is reviewed at length, M. W. B. Brother Dickson fairly quoted, and pertinent comment made on all he finds. Your reviewer is honored by kindly compliment.

M. W. WALTER F. MEIER, Grand Master.

R. W. HORACE W. TYLER, Grand Secretary.

NOTE: The Grand Master's father was a Nebraska pioneer and homesteaded in Lancaster County over fifty years ago.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Perth.

May 25th, 1926.

27th Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother the Most Rev. Charles O. L. Riley, D.D., LL.D., O.B.E., V.D. (Archbishop of Perth), Grand Master, re-elected.

Quarterly communications are held during the Masonic year, August 27th, 1925, November 26th, 1925, and February 25th, 1926.

The efforts of past years to bring about a union with the Lodges of the Scottish District have been brought to a halt by the refusal of the Scottish Lodges to appoint an unofficial committee for conference on the subject. In the meantime, the Lodges of the two constitutions fraternize amicably.

M. W. Brother T. F. Jolly has attended the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and makes an interesting report of the visit. From it we gather the following matter of interest:

Early Freemasonry in Ireland is shrouded in mystery, and how long it existed before the Grand Lodge era no one knows, but ample evidence is forthcoming to prove its great antiquity. An old brass Square was discovered many years ago in an ancient bridge in Limerick, on which was inscribed a Masonic phrase—"I will strive to live with love and care upon the level by the square," together with the date 1507. There is a tablet on the walls of the Carrickfergus Church announcing that the work was begun in 1614 by Thomas Paps, Freemason. There are tombstones in Antrim erected to the memory of Freemasons and dated as far back as 1626. Trinity College, Dublin, possesses two manuscripts, one dated 1688, making it clear that the Fraternity was then known to the College Students; the other, dated 1711, purports to be a Masonic ritual and is said to be the earliest known of its kind.

There is a special report of the Board of General Purposes on the Australian Masonic Conference which they attended as delegates. This is on the order of our Grand Masters' Conference. No powers are assumed except that of proposal and debate, with the result that all resolutions adopted are as recommendations only. No attempts toward the forming of a general Grand Lodge are in evidence and innovations meet with more or less opposition. Among the questions dealt with we record the following:

- Uniformity of Modes of Recognition.
- Intervals between Degrees.
- Qualifications of Candidates.
- Lodges meeting in Unsuitable Rooms.
- Minimum Fees and Dues.
- Annual Dues.
- Uniformity of Ritual.
- Limitation of Membership.
- Admission of Visitors.

And we quote all of the few resolutions adopted:

That this Conference affirms the desirability of uniformity of signs, tokens and words in the various degrees and recommends that a Sub-Committee be appointed to obtain all available information for consideration at the next Conference, such Sub-Committee to consist of the Grand Secretaries of the various Grand Lodges represented at this Conference, and that this Sub-Committee submit recommendations to the next Conference.

The necessity for the most stringent enquiries and written reports on the qualifications of candidates for initiation prior to the taking of the ballot.

That the Committee on Enquiry when investigating proposals for membership in the Craft take into consideration the financial position of the Candidate with respect to life insurance or other provision for himself or dependents.

That it be a recommendation to Grand Lodges represented at this Conference that the minimum fee for initiation be Ten Pounds and Ten Shillings.

That Lodges be recommended to fix their annual contributions at such an amount as to cover expenses without taking initiation fees into consideration.

That in the judgment of this Conference it is not desirable that Lodges should become so large in numbers as to imperil the fraternal fellowship of their members.

That the method of admission of visitors to subordinate Lodges should be improved.

A new regulation is adopted as follows:

A Brother convicted of a crime by a Court of competent jurisdiction may, upon proof thereof to the satisfaction of the Board of General Purposes, and without notice be declared by Grand Lodge expelled from Freemasonry.

They observe the custom of what is termed the "Festive Board." It is as much a necessary part of Lodge proceedings as the ritual, and is conducted with dignity and purpose. The Massachusetts Grand Lodge observes it annually; but our Virginia contemporary says it is no longer festive since the passage of a recent federal amendment, and we hope for our Australian Brethren no such bad luck. As indicating the importance in which this feature is held (and he is speaking of Lodges, remember), the Grand Inspector of Workings reports:

There is a distinct improvement in the general conduct of the Festive Board. Nothing detracts more from the dignity which should always characterize our proceedings than the rattling of eating utensils when honours to a toast are given, and sometimes even when a toast is being proposed. The time-honored custom of not smoking in the South before permission is given is not always observed. Much valuable time could be saved at the Festive Board if the Junior Warden or the Organist made arrangements for the harmony of the evening, before the Festive Board proceedings commenced. This should be quite an easy matter, as they could ascertain from the Master what toasts he had arranged for and the number of harmony items he wished to be rendered.

MASONS OF NEBRASKA, TAKE NOTICE. Here is the opinion of their Grand Secretary regarding the review work:

The reviews are of increasing interest every year, and as they contain a resume of all that is taking place in the world of Masonry, the volume is strongly recommended to those Brethren who take an intelligent interest in the affairs of the Craft. In my capacity of Grand Secretary I am often approached by Masters of Lodges with the request for the services of a lecturer, or some suggestion whereby the Brethren may be enabled to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge as enjoined in our Ritual. For this purpose and as a means of education I would strongly recommend the review work of the Committee. A simple plan would be for the Master to select certain members, who would read such extracts from the reviews as appeared to them as being of interest, such as portions of Grand Masters' Addresses, important Masonic decisions, interesting occurrences and so on, followed by a general discussion. By this means the Brethren would get a mass of useful information which they could not acquire from any other source. It is one of the best means known for the education of the young Freemason as to the nature and work of the Craft and its mission in the world at the present time.

Modesty forbids comment; but do *you*, my Brother, who could go further afield, first improve the opportunities close at hand.

No election of Grand Officers is held; there being no other nominations for Grand Master the incumbent is declared re-elected, and *he appoints ALL* of the rest from Deputy Grand Master to Grand Stewards, a list of forty-one in total.

The review of Foreign Correspondence is participated in by a number of well qualified Brethren and covers the English speaking Masonic world. Nebraska, 1925, is amply reviewed by W. Brother James W. E. Archdeacon, Past Senior Grand Deacon. He beats us to it (and as he has traveled in America he will be able to identify our meaning) in recommending to his Masters and Brethren the seeking of Masonic knowledge in the reviews as suggested in V. W. Brother Shepherd's report. We take the liberty to criticize his clipping of titles and given names as not conforming to a custom Nebraska much revere. We also wish he had spelled our name aright.

R. W. J. D. STEVENSON, P.D.G.M., Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Martinsburg.

November 10th, 1926.

62nd Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Albert B. C. Bray, Grand Master.

He makes his address short and confines it to matters of Masonic concern. Seven requests from as many congregations, to lay the corner-stones of their respective churches on Sunday, are declined. He cites more than Biblical quotations in justification.

The following brings to light, in view of Nebraska procedure, a novel condition in two jurisdictions:

"One of our members who has moved to Pennsylvania is desirous of taking the Chapter Degrees there and he advises that before these degrees can be given him it is necessary that he take the Past Master's degree in his own Lodge, which, of course, would be Riverside Lodge at Cass. I admit that I am somewhat at a loss to understand this kind of a ruling, but would like to know whether or not it is proper to administer the Past Master's degree to this member here at Cass, he not having been elected to fill any of the Chairs." To which I replied as follows: "The only Master Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction eligible to receive the Past Master's degree are the Worshipful Master-elect and Wardens-elect, - - - and as you state he has never been elected to fill any of the Chairs, he is, of course, ineligible."

And our query is: if we abolish the Past Master's degree in Nebraska, as has been suggested, how may we take the Chapter degrees if we move to Pennsylvania?

It seems that the Grand Lodge has never designated the time at which the subordinate Lodges should hold their election of officers, and it has been left for the Lodge by-laws to determine, and even now the best thing offered to cure the resultant confusion is a recommendation that elections be held in the month preceding the annual communication of Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Lewis N. Tavenner again writes the review. He submits one hundred pages of good readable matter. In his Nebraska, 1925, he says:

The Grand Custodian's report is his 25th and a good one it is; it does one good to read of his troubles and trials and enjoy his independence of character. That Grand Custodian, M. W. Brother Robert E. French, is deserving of all Honor and may he live long to honor his Grand Lodge and render service to his fellow men.

No more will troubles and trials vex the spirit of that good man; he went to his long rest just a few days before we write these words. But "Uncle Bob" will live long within our hearts.

We are complimented by being even briefly quoted—thanks.

M. W. WILLIAM TAYLOR WORKMAN, Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE S. LAIDLEY, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Milwaukee.

June 8th, 1926.

82nd Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Fred J. Marien, Grand Master.

M. W. Brother William W. Perry, the Grand Secretary, was unable to be present on account of illness.

From the introduction to the Grand Master's address we cull the following very pretty language—in it he stretches tradition into truth—he who would make extravagant statements as to the birth and antiquity of Freemasonry labors under a burden that few of our historians care to assume:

Throughout the history of more than sixty centuries, Masonry has been the warden of a priceless talisman which has brought not only to those who have possessed it, but to those with whom these have come into contact, a refining influence. Masons of all times have represented, and Masons of today, everywhere represent the best in civic and patriotic endeavor. Fidelity to home and loved ones, patriotism and righteous living are the result of adherence to Masonic teachings. Masonry has been the pulse beat in the onward march of civilization.

The founders of Freemasonry erected, quietly and efficiently, a magnificent physical temple to the Sublime Jehovah. Repeated destruction of that physical temple did not in the least thwart the growth of speculative Masonry, which has held fast to the faith. Martyrs gave their lives for that faith.

We commend his remarks on Masonic trials to our readers:

Masonic trials by commission have in my opinion resulted in great good to the Craft. Thereby has been avoided the cumbersome, unduly lengthy trial by the Brethren of the subordinate Lodges who were within the length of the cable tow. Brethren of good judgment and learning, who are unswayed by sentiment, have been selected by your Grand Master to constitute commissions for the trial cases in which charges have been duly preferred against Masons for violation of their obligations and Masonic laws.

From close observation I believe that trial by commission has resulted in the conviction and punishment of Masonic offenses which might otherwise, in a trial by a subordinate Lodge, have been unjustly condoned.

The Grand Master, supported by Jurisprudence and Grand Lodge, very properly decides:

"No. A Lodge cannot subscribe and pay for shares of stock in a community memorial hospital, nor hold yearly membership therein."

His recommendation that all Past Masters be made members of the Grand Lodge with voice and vote is declined.

We note that copies of the Report on Correspondence by Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks were distributed to the Brethren present.

On motion, the Grand Lodge became a member of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

As noting the attitude of Wisconsin on the subject, we quote the following from the report of Jurisprudence in a case of discipline:

The Grand Master, however, not only arrested the jewel of his office, but declared him suspended from the Craft until the present time. In this the Grand Master exceeded his powers and prerogatives. A Mason cannot be suspended from the Craft by the fiat of the Grand Master. Such suspension can only come as a result of a Masonic trial.

The Grand Lodge appropriates three thousand dollars to help carry on the work of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association.

Instead of the committee recommendation for a dollar per capita tax for the Washington Memorial, the Grand Lodge appropriates \$5,000, to be paid in two annual installments.

M. W. Brother Aldro Jenks again and for the twenty-ninth year writes the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He uses one hundred forty-nine pages, which he fills with interesting matter written in an instructive manner. His comments on jurisprudence are especially valuable. It is mostly original text, though well selected quotations are not lacking.

Nebraska, 1925, is cordially reviewed with no quotation except a little from Brother Wilson's introduction to the Past Grand Masters. Commenting on our recently adopted regulation regarding pallbearers, he says:

We honor Nebraska for the change. The rule that would prevent the immediate relatives of the deceased from naming one or more of the relatives or friends of the deceased from serving as pallbearers is illiberal and unnecessary and frequently tends to impair the estimation in which the Institution of Freemasonry is held. What harm can possibly come to the Craft by permitting a profane to assist in placing the remains of a departed Brother in the tomb?

We thank him for the confirmation.

He assumes a lot when he states that Brother Frank White was retired on account of infirmities. First his retirement was voluntary; second he isn't and never has been infirm; and third, there is another misstatement we won't mention.

M. W. DANIEL H. MOONEY, Grand Master.

M. W. WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

Casper.

September 8th, 1926.

52nd Annual Communication.

M. W. Brother Frank S. Knittle, Grand Master.

He makes his address short and covers official acts and matters generally concerning the Craft with no attempt at oratory.

It is noted that he had occasion to postpone the date of the 1926 annual communication from August 18th to September 8th, the former date conflicting with the state primary election. This was done that the Brethren might be at home to exercise their right of ballot.

The following query and answer is quoted as showing the spirit of fairness prevailing:

Shall the Lodge retain or return to the heirs, \$45.00 paid upon delinquent dues by a suspended Brother, who died before a committee on reinstatement was appointed.

Answer. It is my belief that as it is probable that the Brother throughout the period of his delinquency did not or could not avail himself of the privileges

of Masonry, that his reinstatement after payment of dues was delayed through oversight on the part of the Lodge, and that therefore the Brother upon his death could not receive Masonic burial, the money should, as a matter of justice, be returned to his heirs. (*Approved.*)

Had the matter of Masonic burial been claimed and pressed by the relatives, it might have been well to hold the money in abeyance, bury him Masonically first, and discuss reinstatement afterwards. (See Virginia.)

With the comparatively small resources at their disposal the trustees of the Masonic Home Fund have administered relief in twelve cases, all in substantial amounts.

The Grand Historian's report is interesting and deals principally with a description of the Washington Memorial and surroundings. He also recites as addenda to the already published history:

The dedication of a tablet by Wyoming Lodge No. 2 (Lander) at South Pass City on August 21st, 1926, designating the original site of the first Masonic Lodge in Wyoming under the jurisdiction of Nebraska, and the second Lodge to be organized in the State.

This was Nebraska's Lodge No. 28, created on November 24th, 1869, chartered June 23rd, 1870, and transferred to the Grand Lodge of Wyoming December 15th, 1874. In connection therewith the Grand Historian further relates:

When the Masonic Lodge was organized in South Pass City on December 6, 1869, the meetings were held in the upper part of a two-story log building. This Lodge room had none of the luxuries and comforts of the present day Lodges. Only the officers were provided with chairs, the other members being seated upon wooden benches. The furniture and implements were crude, but those pioneer Masons who set up their Lodge room in a temple built of logs, manifested the spirit of Masonry and the sacredness of the Masonic lessons then fully as much as we today in our finest temples. After nine years of vicissitudes the furniture and implements of this Lodge were moved to Lander, and on the evening of January 4, 1879, the first Masonic meeting in that village was opened in due form and thus the Lodge formed on the crest of the Rocky Mountains fifty-seven years ago was preserved and still lives, and will never die.

There are still some few American Grand Lodges with subordinate Lodges without their territorial boundaries, but Nebraska is not one of them any more. In the past we have had three in Colorado, two in Idaho, besides the United States Army Lodge, Monitor Lodge U. D. G., and the Wyoming Lodge above mentioned.

Brother Edward D. Edwards entertained the Grand Lodge with an address on the early history of Masonry. As is usual with those attempting this subject, he furnishes an interesting address but oversteps the mark in spots with statements unsubstantial. He does not make the common error of going too far back and getting classed with those whom Sam Goodwin (Utah, 1926) so severely derides, but he makes the mistake of assuming and stating for a fact the fundamental idea in the minds of our ancient Brethren of two hundred and ten years ago—he says:

The fundamental idea of Freemasonry was to establish a society on purely moral principles, with a creedless or undogmatic belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, which should serve as a bond of union for all civilized mankind.

It is not for us to interpret what those organizers of modern Masonry had in mind; but we don't believe *that* was it. It is his privilege, however, to present his views, *as* views or otherwise.

The Jurisprudence Committee in an admirable report (adopted) clarify, in its relation to the Grand Lodge Code, the terms of "use" and "intemperate use" of intoxicants. Most Grand Lodges have their ultra dries addicted to the use of intemperate intolerance which does not conduce to harmony. The theory of the committee seems to be to let well enough alone. After reciting the provisions of the Code, which seem to go as far as most, they say:

These provisions surely show that this Grand Lodge has already taken a position of unquestioned loyalty to the laws of the country, and especially the prohibition laws; and so emphatically that any resolution of the character proposed ought to be regarded as entirely unnecessary.

A rather enjoyable occasion was the presentation of a gift of the Past Grand Masters to W. Brother F. G. Burnett, a member of Nebraska's Wyoming Lodge in pioneer days. The presentation was made in an address by our M. W. Brother Crites, the present Grand Master of Nebraska.

Again we have the report of Foreign Correspondence from the pen of R. W. Brother Joseph M. Lowndes. We reproduce an extract from his special report as a matter of news only:

A special committee was appointed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to investigate the workings of the Order of the Eastern Star. Their report recommended that the Order be given a certain time to alter its constitutions, if it desired to exist in Scotland, in such a way that no reference be made to their having any connection with Freemasonry, and that there be no necessity for the presence of a Master Mason at their ceremonies. If they failed to do this within a reasonable time, other methods should be adopted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to prohibit its members from using their connection with the Masonic Craft as an essential for their admittance to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Nebraska, 1925, receives fraternal comment with extensive quotation from Brother Dickson's address and from Uncle Bob's report.

He makes little comment, and confines himself to informative features, which is perhaps just as well.

M. W. OSCAR O. NATWICK, Grand Master.

R. W. JOSEPH M. LOWNDES, Grand Secretary.

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