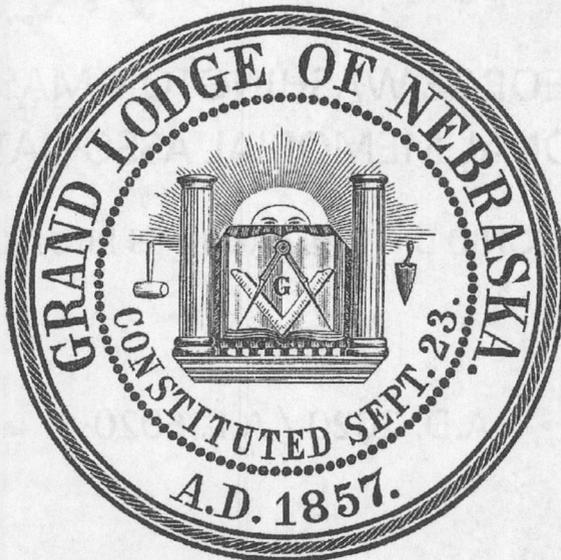


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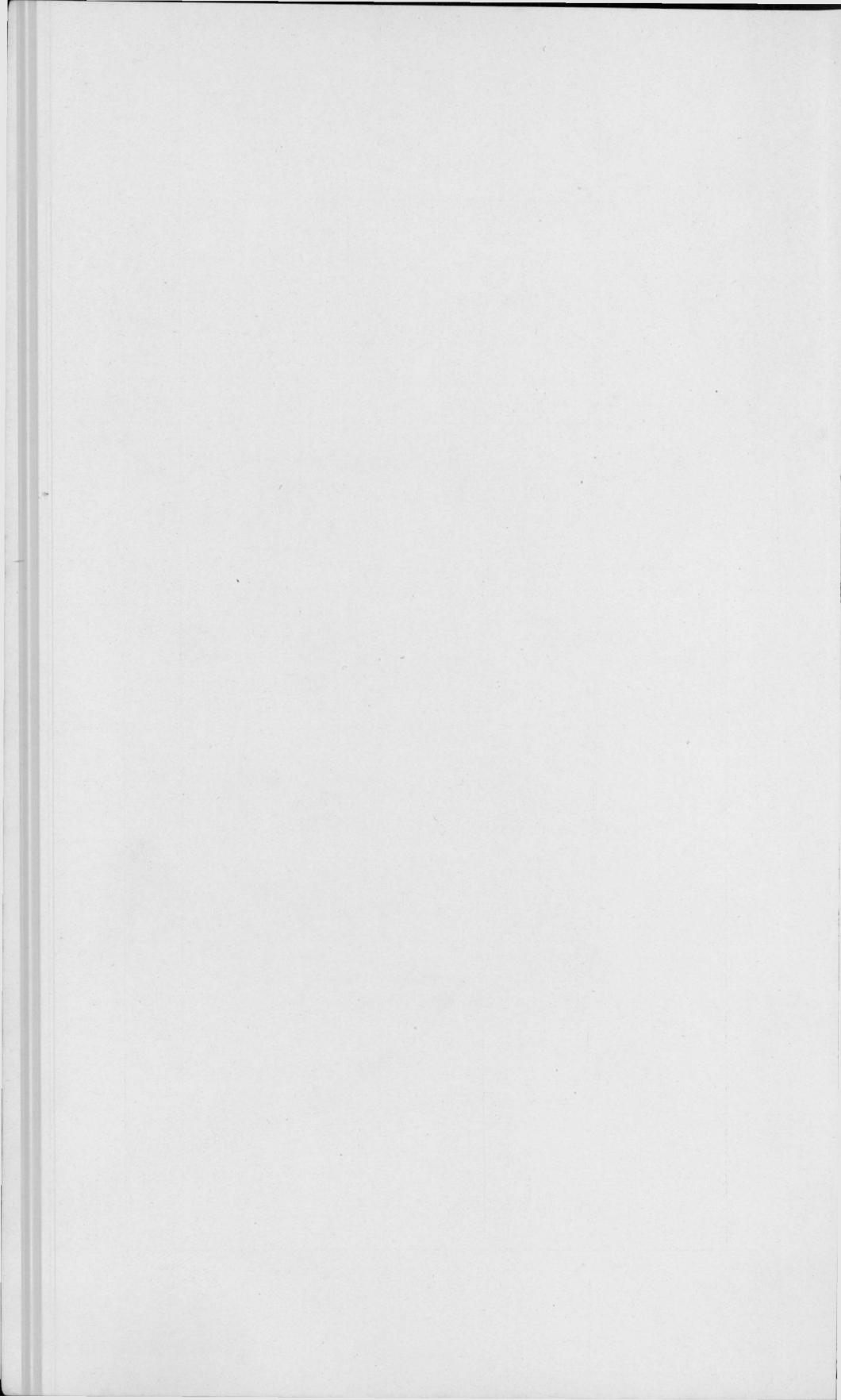
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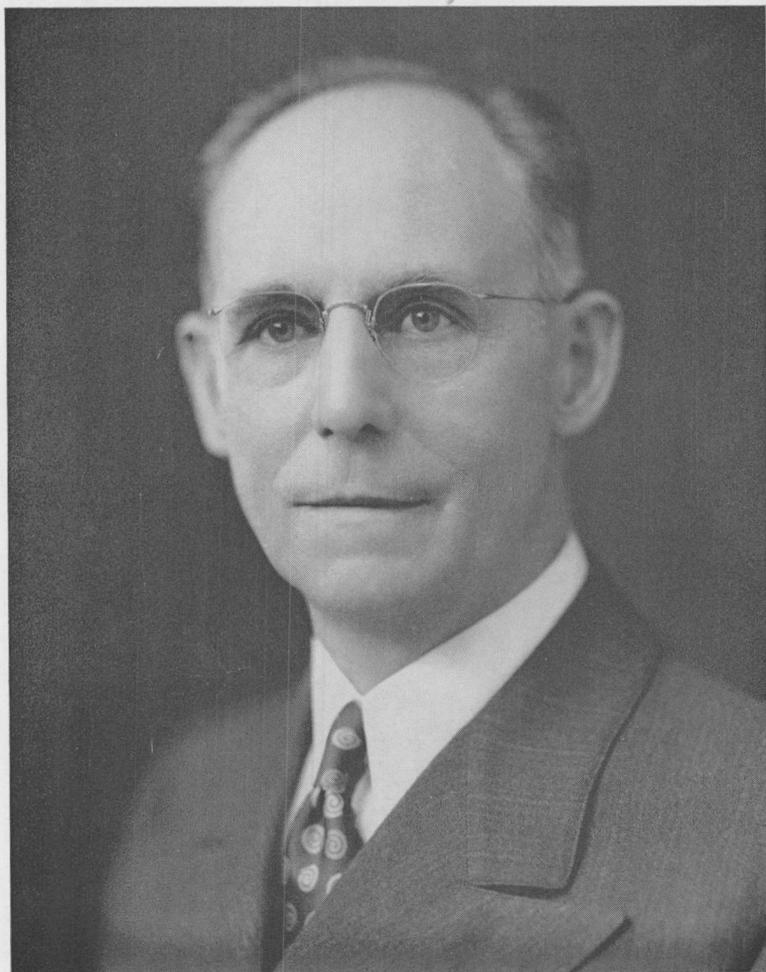
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George A. Hawk

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA
1942-1943



Biographical

George A. Kurk

GRAND MASTER 1942-1943

BROTHER GEORGE says that he is quite sure that November 14, 1886 was a happy day in the household of his parents, Herman Lambert Kurk and Mary Louise Brinkmeyer Kurk, as that was the day the doctor announced his birth, "It's a boy."

His father, of Dutch ancestry, immigrated to America at the age of twelve, and settled in Quincy, Illinois, where for many years until his death in 1916 he operated a grocery and drygoods business. It was in his father's store that George received his first business training. He was educated in the Quincy public schools and the Quincy College of Business.

On October 11, 1911 he was married to Elsie Elizabeth Breitstadt. To them three children were born, two daughters: Jessie Mae Kurk Toohey and Mary Louise Kurk Goodmanson, and one son: George John Kurk, now a senior in High School.

Brother Kurk came to Lincoln, Nebraska in June of 1911 as an accountant, and a few years later entered the wholesale ice cream manufacturing business for himself. To enlarge his business he purchased the Collins Ice Cream Company in 1918, and operated that company until 1933 when he consolidated with the Beatrice Creamery Company, continuing as Manager of the Ice Cream Department.

He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on March 17, 1908, passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft Mason on April 7, 1908, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 5, 1908, in Herman Lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M., Quincy, Illinois. He became active in Masonry immediately, and was appointed Senior Steward of Herman Lodge No. 39 in 1911. He demitted to Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M. on March 15, 1921, and served his Lodge as Master in 1931-32.

He was appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, in June, 1936, and served in the succeeding Grand Lodge offices, and was elected Grand Master on June 9, 1942.

He is a member of the following Masonic bodies:

Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M.

Herman Lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M., Quincy, Illinois. Elected an honorary member in June, 1943.

Lincoln Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 32°, K. C. C. H.

Capstone Chapter No. 64, Royal Arch Masons.

Lincoln Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters.

Couer de Lion Conclave No. 10, Red Cross of Constantine.

Grand Master's Council, Allied Masonic Degrees.

He is also a member of Temple Chapter No. 271, Order of Eastern Star, and Sesostris Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

He is a Trustee of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and is Vice President of the New Masonic Temple Association. He assisted in organizing the Lincoln Masters and Wardens Club in 1931, and served as its first Chairman.

He is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and is serving on the Board of Trustees.

He has been a member of Lincoln Rotary Club since 1927 and served on its Board of Directors in 1929. He also belongs to the Y. M. C. A., and the Chamber of Commerce.

He has been active in Boy Scout work since 1920, and served as Scoutmaster for many years. At the present time he is Chairman of a Troop Committee and is a member of the Cornhusker Council, Boy Scouts of America.

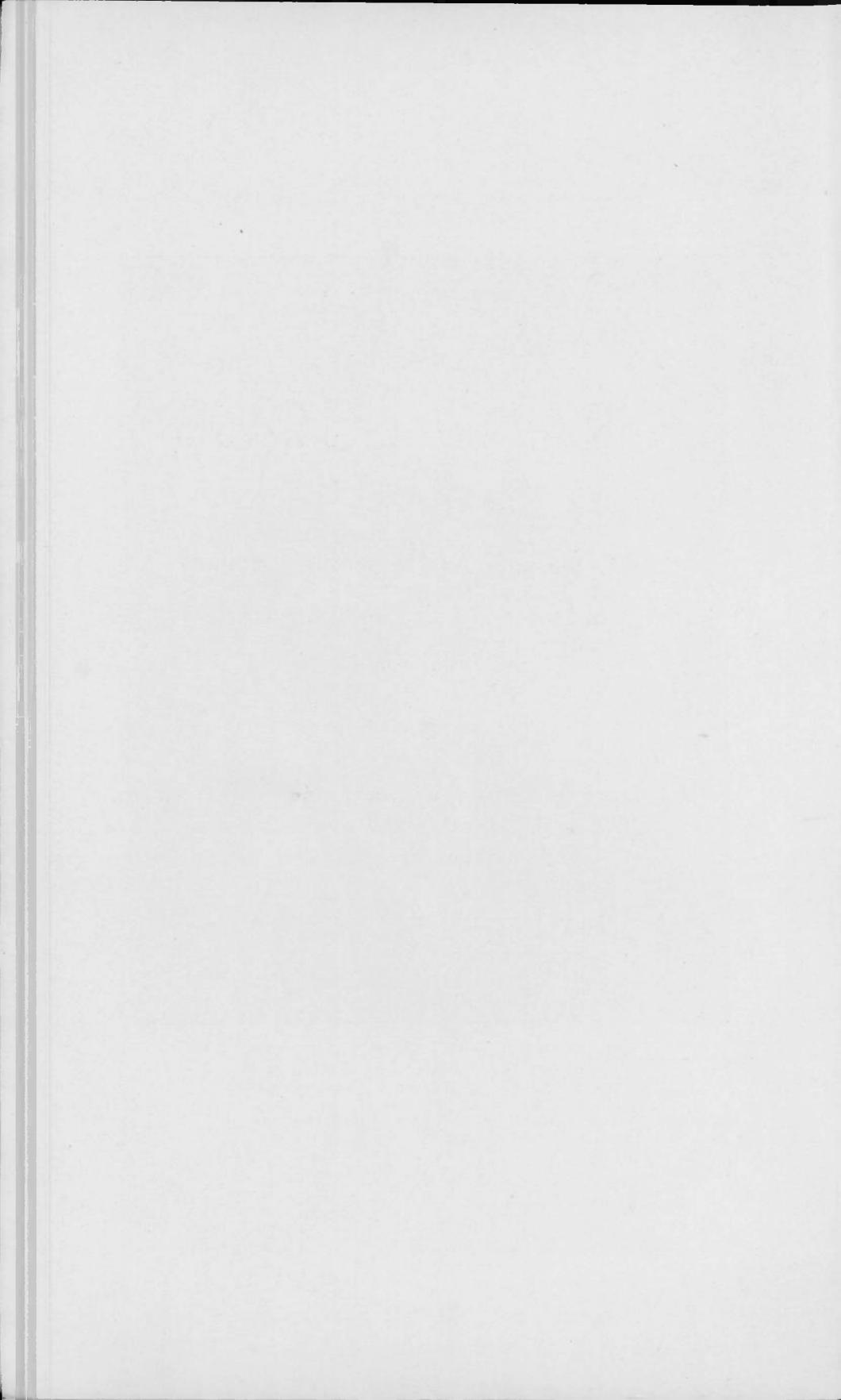
He served as President of the Nebraska Ice Cream Manufacturers Association for two years, 1934 and 1935, and is the Nebraska Representative on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers.

Our Most Worshipful Brother George A. Kurk leaves the office of Grand Master, after having given a full measure of devotion and conscientious effort during the past year, and carries with him the respect and affection of the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction.



William B. Hamner

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA
1943 - 1944



PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

at the

EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 8 and 9, 1943.



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 8, 1943

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, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, June 8, A. D. 1943, A. L. 5943.

There were present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. George A. Kurk, 54.....	Grand Master
R. W. William B. Wanner, 9.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. William C. Schaper, 148.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.....	Grand Junior Warden
M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. George Allen Beecher, 268.....	Grand Chaplain
W. George W. Rosenlof, 77.....	Grand Orator
W. Lute M. Savage, 3.....	Grand Custodian
M. W. Virgil R. Johnson, 26.....	Grand Marshal
W. Edward Huwaldt, 318.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Carl B. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Perry J. Morton, 19.....	Acting Grand Tyler

Preceding the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, Brother Arthur N. Howe, 290, entertained the representatives and visitors from the various Lodges with a piano recital.

Promptly at 9:30 a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. W. William B. Wanner, Deputy Grand Master, the Invocation being given by V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain.

INVOCATION

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, grant that we may pass through this temple that we cannot lose at this eternal home, Thy mercy. We pray that Thou will prevail in these crucial days Thy divine Will, and that Thou will give us grace and strength to perform our duties in Thy sight.

Bless our President and Congress. Fit us and live with us to have that one universal desire to further the accomplishments of Thy will among men with whom we are associated and in our lives, we may, by precept and practice exert that influence that will make the world better for their having to live in it.

O, God, whose watchful care reaches unto the uttermost parts of the world, we humbly beseech Thy presence, and bless those whom we love, now absent from us, Grant that the way may be found to make our home the Communion of Thy holy spirit and in the fellowship of Saints. Bless our soldiers everywhere, in every branch of service, their love for home, for liberty, for justice, and bless those who are rendering their respective gifts of service in the Red Cross, the Doctors and Surgeons, those who minister to the sick and dying, and may we have in mind our own responsibilities on the Home front, and grant to us prayers for those we love.

O, God, bless all who are in trouble, and God of Mercy administer to them. And in all this give us grateful hearts as we proceed on our respective duties in the session of this Grand Lodge, that when we return to our respective fields of service we may prove ourselves worthy of having lived and having served unto our life's end, and that we may inherit the promise that is given to those who are faithful. Amen.

Most Worshipful George A. Kurk, Grand Master, was then introduced, given the Grand Honors, and escorted to his station in the Grand East.

M. . W. . George A. Kurk, Grand Master :

Brethren: I am pleased to see that there are so many Lodges represented here this morning as we gather to open the 86th Annual Communication.

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 Eighty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. . F. . & A. . M. . of Nebraska opened in ample form, and directed the Grand Marshal to make due proclamation thereof.

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Senior Deacon, then introduced the following Past Grand Masters, according to their seniority:

James R. Cain.....	(47th)..	1912
Joseph B. Fradenburg.....	(55th)..	1920
Lewis E. Smith.....	(56th)..	1921
Charles A. Chappell.....	(58th)..	1923
Edwin D. Crites.....	(61st)..	1926
Ira C. Freet.....	(64th)..	1929
Ralph O. Canaday	(68th)..	1933
Archie M. Smith.....	(69th)..	1933
Virgil R. Johnson.....	(70th)..	1934
William A. Robertson.....	(73rd)..	1937
Walter R. Raecke.....	(74th)..	1938
William J. Breckenridge.....	(75th)..	1939
Earl J. Lee.....	(76th)..	1940

who were received and presented to the Grand Lodge. Later in the session M. W. Edward F. Carter, (77th) 1941, was presented and introduced.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master:

My Most Worshipful Brethren:

One of the finest pleasures that comes to a man who is privileged to serve in this distinguished office, is the privilege and the honor of welcoming to the Annual Communication, the Past Grand Masters.

I want you to know that I am honored in exercising that privilege. My own administration will close in just a few short hours, and I know from my experience what you have given to this Grand Jurisdiction.

It has been my pleasure to have been inspired by every one of you. I think that I attended every communication since the term of Most Worshipful Brother Joseph B. Fradenburg. With many of you it has been my great privilege to have been more closely associated as an officer of the Grand Lodge.

Your presence here this morning is evidence of your continued interest in Masonry, and in the interest of the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska. I know that the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction appreciate your presence and they look to you for inspiration and counsel and guidance that this Grand Jurisdiction of ours may continue to prosper. You have already given much to Masonry and I know that it will have your continued interest in the future.

M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Past Grand Master, gave the

RESPONSE

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

Please be assured that we duly appreciate these words of welcome which have been so graciously extended to us.

We are happy to be present at another Annual Communication of our beloved Grand Lodge, and to give of our time and talents, as many as they may be, for the best interests of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

This morning we are somewhat saddened because of the fact that the Senior member of our group, Most Worshipful Brother John J. Wemple, only a few days ago was called from his labors on earth to everlasting refreshment, and has gone to that house not built with hands, eternal in the heavens.

In manhood's time, men come and go, the line ahead of us shortens, but in spite of this we move serenely forward with faith and confidence in the future of the Craft. We are here to serve as best we can this Grand Lodge and its constituent Lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

We have met today at a time when this world of ours is in turmoil, when it is seething in the throes of a global war, and we find that in a time such as this it is necessary for individuals to give up many of the things which they have thought were theirs by right. We find that even a Democratic Nation, such as this, at a time like this, must require of the members of its armed forces that they become a cog in a mighty machine, all doing their part for the best interest of the United Nations; we find also that those who remain in civilian life must submit to regimentation, restriction and regulation. All of these things we cheerfully submit to as temporary measures, but as we do, we must keep in mind that we must be challenged by the fact that it is through the efforts of the individual that final success must be obtained.

The designs on the trestleboard of our Institution are such that it is necessary to implant into the hearts of one after another of our voters those high ideals of principle and truth which our Order teaches. We cannot implant those truths into groups or into Nations as a whole, and we find that only as the members of a Nation, and as members of a Masonic institution have more stamina, and as they themselves believe in ideals and high purposes, and only as each of them not only believe in those things, but live them day by day, is it possible for a Nation or an institution itself to have any more stamina, and so we, who have served this Grand Lodge in the honored position which you occupy this morning, are here working in the ranks ready and willing to have you and your successors call upon us for such services as you may desire to ask of us in furthering the great principles for which the Masonic institution has always stood.

Again I assure you we are happy to be here once more.

M. . W. . George A. Kurk, Grand Master :

Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Raecke. Your most inspiring response of welcome is indeed appreciated by all the brethren here assembled.

Brother Grand Senior Deacon, you will conduct our distinguished Past Grand Masters to the East.

Brethren: I consider this honor of introducing to you our distinguished Past Grand Masters one of the greatest pleasures of my year. I assure you it is an honor to present these men who have labored so faithfully and so long in this Grand Jurisdiction

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following Distinguished Guests were presented, and very cordially welcomed by M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master, who introduced them to the Grand Lodge, and invited them to seats in the Grand East:

M. W. Harry F. Robinson, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland;

M. W. George C. Twombly, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Colorado;

R. W. Edward E. Morris, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer and personal representative of Most Worshipful Forrest C. Donnell, Grand Master of Missouri;

M. W. Charles A. Patton, Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

Later in the session, the following Distinguished Guests were presented, and very cordially welcomed by M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master, and invited to a seat in the Grand East:

M. W. Elmer F. Strain, Past Grand Master, and present Grand Secretary of Kansas.

R. W. George S. Sloan, Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of Montana.

RECEPTION OF OUR OWN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following Distinguished Guests from our own Grand Jurisdiction were presented, introduced, cordially welcomed by M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master, and conducted to seats in the Grand East:

M. E. Earld M. Boyington, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

R. E. Clarence O. Wilson, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska.

M. W. William A. Robertson, President, The Nebraska Masonic Home.

W. Brother James C. Suttie, President, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

Illustrious Brother Frank C. Patton, Venerable Grand Prior, and Acting Lt. Grand Commander, of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. R., of the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

W. Brother Clinton C. McCracken, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O. E. S., of Nebraska.

Later in the session, Veteran Brother George A. Eberly, President of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association, was presented, introduced, cordially welcomed by M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master, and conducted to a seat in the Grand East.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master :

Brethren:

I want you to know that your presence here adds to the prestige of this Annual Communication, and it is an honor and privilege to receive you.

Each of you has given much of yourself to Masonry, and at the present time you are serving in your respective bodies with distinction. Not one of you has lost any interest in what we consider the foundation of all Masonry, and which is referred to as the Blue Lodge.

I want you to know that we are very, very happy to have you with us, and hope that you will enjoy these two days with us.

Brother Grand Marshal, you will conduct Brother McCracken, Worthy Grand Patron of the Eastern Star, to the Grand East. Brethren: It is my happy privilege to present Brother Clinton C. McCracken, Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska. I believe Brother McCracken has a word or two for us.

Brother Clinton C. McCracken, Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska :

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Other Distinguished Brothers and Brethren:

I bring greetings from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, from our Worthy Grand Matron and from more than 30,000 members of this Order in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Order of the Eastern Star is no part of this Ancient Institution, yet its members are related by the dearest tie to the Masonic Fraternity. Their efforts and interests to promulgate the principles of Relief and brotherly love is being demonstrated daily and yearly in their complete cooperation in the care and maintenance of our Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont.

There is still another Masonic Institution in this State, in which the Order of the Eastern Star has a deep and lasting interest, this Institution being our Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. Many Chapters throughout this Grand Jurisdiction bring and send gifts of different nature to this Home throughout each year, and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Nebraska, brings to the Nebraska Masonic Home suitable gifts in their appreciation of the demonstration that

brotherly love is extended to the members of our Order when they come to the Plattsmouth Home to live.

At the last session of the Grand Chapter in Nebraska there was voted a gift of \$1,000 to the Nebraska Masonic Home. Brother Robertson, I have this check with me this morning, and I present it to you for use at the Home. The Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star joins with me in appreciating this courtesy which you have extended, in inviting me to be present here this morning, and I wish to thank you very much personally for this honor.

**M. W. William A. Robertson, Past Grand Master :
Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren and Brother McCracken:**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home I wish to express our appreciation for this splendid gift from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

I want to assure you that the charity in the hearts of the Masons in Nebraska and of the members of the Eastern Star, has made it possible for us to continue this great work of charity at Plattsmouth, and we pledge to you our intense endeavor to continue to make this charity reach the natural objects of the bounty of both the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and the Order of the Eastern Star, and we hope that with your assistance we may continue and improve this work.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master :

Brother McCracken, I want to add my personal thanks, not only for this fine gift of \$1,000 to our Nebraska Masonic Home, but for your fine words to me. It was my great honor to visit the Order of the Eastern Star at its Annual session, at which you were elevated to the Station of Worthy Grand Patron. During the year I had the privilege of working quite closely on numerous occasions with the Past Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Mary Finch did a magnificent job during her year. The membership of the Eastern Star in Nebraska contributed to the war effort, a donation of five Clubmobile-ambulances, which should be an inspiration to all Masons when we make our own contribution. I don't know whether you know it, but the Order of the Eastern Star set out to donate an ambulance and they got so much money by voluntary appeal that they purchased five Clubmobile-ambulances. These are cars which can be converted into field ambulances in just a few moments.

The interest of our Sisters of the Order of the Eastern Star in our Home at Plattsmouth, has always been manifested by their gifts during the year, particularly at Thanksgiving time, and now this very generous gift of \$1,000 is additional evidence of their interest in this great charity of ours, where we take care of the aged brothers and sisters, who through no fault of their own must come to us in the sunset days of their lives.

Please convey to Mrs. Ola M. Scheurich, Worthy Grand Matron, Miss Rose M. Owens, Grand Secretary, and also the other Grand officers of the Order of the Eastern Star, and to Sister Mary Finch, Past Worthy Grand Matron, the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master :

Brethren:

Each year we are fortunate in being able to secure the Military Officers of Fort Crook of the City of Omaha, to present the flag of our country. It is always a thrilling ceremony, and we shall now have that honor and pleasure at this time.

Brother Grand Junior Deacon, will you admit the brothers with the flag of our country.

Presentation of the Flag, by Major Earl W. Haefner, Captain Lee Huff, Jr., and Captain Robert R. Hufstaddr, United States Army, stationed at Fort Crook, Nebraska.

The Star Spangled Banner was sung by Brother Harold T. Landeryou, 302.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master :

Brethren:

Before dismissing you, may I express to you the deep appreciation of this Grand Lodge for this beautiful ceremony in presenting the Flag of the United States. The Flag today means more than it ever did.

Just a couple of weeks ago it was my great pleasure to visit the Grand Jurisdiction of Maryland in the City of Baltimore. The day I went out to Fort McHenry where the Star Spangled Banner was inspired, my thoughts turned to the words of the last stanza:

For conquer we must,
When our cause it is just;
Let this be our motto,
In God is our trust.

Brethren, I thank you sincerely.

Brethren, we are to be favored at this time with a song by Brother Harold T. Landeryou.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master :

Thank you very much, Brother Landeryou, for those beautiful songs which were very appropriate following the presentation of the Flag.

Brethren, before asking Brother Huggenberger to welcome us, I now want to say what I should have said before, our Grand Tyler, W. Brother Henry W. Carson, is in the hospital at Nebraska City. I sent him a telegram this morning expressing regret that he could not be with us, and tendering the good wishes of this Grand Lodge for his speedy recovery.

Our Past Grand Master M. W. Ambrose C. Epperson, who lives right here in the City of Omaha, is also unable to be with us because he has been ill for a long period of time. I also sent him a telegram, expressing our regret that he is unable to be present, and extending our best wishes.

Worshipful Brother Huggenberger will now give the Address of Welcome.

W. Brother Felix A. Huggenberger, 1, on behalf of the eleven Masonic Lodges of Omaha, gave the address of welcome. The response was given by W. Brother Fred M. Perrigo, 55.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary:

I have a letter addressed to the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge, dated June 7th, from Lotus Lodge, No. 289, Ravenna, Nebraska, requesting the Grand Lodge to have a new charter prepared for the Lodge, their charter having been lost.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the request was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES

The following Committees were announced by M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master, and entered upon the discharge of their duties:

Charters and Dispensations: W. James W. Robertson, 113; W. John E. Laurie, 204; W. August E. Elam, 9; W. Quentin Dean, 201; W. William A. Hollstein, Jr., 177.

Credentials: W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81; W. Edwin R. Levin, 59; W. Folsom H. Gates, 195; W. August M. Delfs, 190; W. Alfred G. Taylor, 205.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. Emery E. Davis, 290; W. E. George Crooker, 250; W. Glenn A. Etter, 265; W. Fay Baker, 216; W. Lester J. Caulkins, 68.

Finance: W. Ernest E. James, 1; W. C. Ray Macy, 26; W. Edward M. Knight, 183; W. Fred D. Moshier, 281.

Grievances: W. John J. Wilson, 54; W. Dwight Griffiths, 124; W. Mahlon C. Morgan, 322; W. Dean H. Ehle, 101; W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288.

Jurisprudence: All Past Grand Masters present, M. W. Edward F. Carter, Chairman.

Pay-Roll: W. M. H. Pollard, Jr., 314; W. William C. Smith, Sr., 136; W. Louis J. Bishop, 184; W. Ivan H. Cunningham, 300; W. Vernon Rice, 33.

Returns: W. Warren R. Wicks, 43; W. Floyd V. Hadsell, 104; W. Clarence A. Newman, 79; W. Jack B. Henney, 35; W. John J. Carter, Jr., 211.

Unfinished Business: W. Gordon F. Gardner, 301; W. Edward C. Noren, 121; W. Richard W. Keckler, 97; W. George S. Thirlwall, 313; W. Oscar J. Carlson, 15.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: W. Edward A. Hoagland, 25; W. Frank L. Burbridge, 11; W. Frank H. McCall, 3.

Codification of the Law: W. Wade Stevens, 93; W. Perry W. Phillips, 150; W. Robert W. Moodie, 27.

Committee On Fraternal Dead: W. Homer L. Kyle, 300; W. Julius I. Christiansen, 207; W. Howard M. Jones, 36.

Committee On Foreign Correspondence: M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136; M. W. Edwin D. Crites, 158; W. Arthur Lyman, 15.

Applications for Reinstatement: W. Frank R. Pendleton, 11; W. George J. Storms, 290; W. Henry M. Edwards, 303.

Committee On Masonic Education: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201; W. George W. Rosenlof, 77; W. Walter L. Schnabel, 148; Bro. Francis L. Bouquet, 268; W. Clarence H. Cooper, 19.

Committee On Relief and Care of Orphans: W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1; W. Edwin C. Yont, 162; W. Alvin H. Miller, 19; W. Benjamin F. Pitman, 158; W. John R. Hughes, 184.

Temple Building Advisory Committee: W. Ellis W. Cass, 302; W. Otto Nelsen, 300; W. A. Victor Bryan, 263.

Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts: W. Harold M. Smith, 92; W. Charles B. Nicodemus, 15; W. Norris Chadderdon, 146.

Committee On Education-Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund: W. Merle M. Hale, 54; Bro. Lynn W. McMillan, 54; W. Thomas J. Aron, 37.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial: W. Barton H. Kuhns, 268; W. Robert E. Lund, 323; W. Warren W. Connell, 318.

Omaha Masonic Home for Boys: W. Albert S. Johnson, 19; W. John B. Lichtenwallner, Jr., 1; W. Lloyd F. Kilgore, 3.

Committee on Masonic Code: M. W. Earl J. Lee, 15; W. Clarence T. Spier, 268; W. Robert W. Patterson, 265; W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59; W. Harry A. Spencer, 227.

Committee On Revision of Funeral Service: M. W. George A. Kurk, 54; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136; W. Lute M. Savage, 3.

Committee to Report on Uniform Bookkeeping System: W. Lester M. Buckley, 54; W. Irl J. Devoe, 300; W. Max Meyer, 54.

Nebraska Masonic War Service Committee: Bro. Thomas A. Barton, 210; W. Otis W. Cave, 250; W. Mark Simons, 19; W. Merrill C. Babbitt, 297; W. Francis W. Albrecht, 300.

Special Committee Regarding Finance: W. Leslie E. Martin, 281; Bro. W. Dale Clark, 268; W. Alex McKie, Jr., 25; W. Ernest E. James, 1; W. Edward Huwaldt, 318.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master, read his address. R. W. William B. Wanner, Deputy Grand Master, presided during the reading of the address.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

How true is the lesson taught by the Hour Glass. Though the sands pass almost imperceptibly, yet within the hour they are all gone from one chamber to the other. Truly the sands in the hour glass make us conscious of the old Latin expression—Tempus fugit.

The sands have run swiftly since the highest honor within your gift was bestowed upon me. It hardly seems possible that the time has come for me to now make an accounting for the stewardship entrusted to me.

A short six months before my elevation to this honored position, our Nation was plunged into war by the treacherous attack at Pearl Harbor. As we meet in this Eighty-sixth Annual Communication, our Nation is in the second year of that war thus begun, and which has now engulfed most of the nations of the world. There can be no compromise in this struggle. Only by annihilation of the Dictator powers who thrust this war upon the world, can the philosophy that governments are created to serve the people prevail.

The Declaration of Independence proclaimed that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. History has proved that men must fight and blood must be shed to preserve these rights.

The right to meet as free men, as we meet here today, actually protected in that right by a government of our own creation, is only one of the freedoms for which this war is being waged.

Victory is nearer and more certain than it was a year ago, but before it is finally attained it will demand sacrifices in blood and toil and tears beyond our present comprehension. Thousands of our brethren are serving along side of hundreds of thousands of comrades from all walks of life, ready and willing to lay down their lives to preserve the principles for which Freemasonry stands—the principles of Christianity and Democracy. The blood of many will stain the sands in all parts of the world that we and millions yet unborn might enjoy the freedoms that have been ours. Let us pause then while our thoughts turn to these brethren and to their comrades, and our Grand Chaplain offers prayer.

Prayer by V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain.

In the waning days of my year as your Grand Master, I occasionally found myself regretting that I had not been able to accomplish all that I had planned when I first took office. Whenever such thoughts entered my mind, however, I was brought to the present by recalling the words of the Persian Poet:

The moving finger writes; and having writ
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all your Tears wash out a word of it.

With this preamble I present to you the report of my year as your Grand Master. A year ago I pledged to you my best endeavors in fulfilling the duties of this important trust. I have tried to the best of my ability to keep that pledge.

CALLED FROM THEIR LABORS

It is not death to die,
To leave this weary road,
And 'mid the brotherhood on high,
To be at home with God.

During the past year five hundred and sixty-three of our brethren were called to "that Land from whence bourne no traveler e'er returns." As we see those we love passing one by one from among us, we ponder more deeply the mysteries of the shadow land which lies so far beyond us, and to which so many of our loved ones have already gone. Death is the inevitable destiny of all our race. It knows no time nor season; shows no favors to wealth or honor; nor can the innocence of youth propitiate its purpose.

On January 14, 1943 I received the sad news of the death of worshipful Brother George E. Hastings, who was holder of the Gold Jordan Medal which was presented to him by M. W. Brother Edward F. Carter on August 28, 1941.

Brother Hastings was born December 9, 1847 at Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and died at Ord, Nebraska on January 14, 1943. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on July 22, 1869 in Montgomery Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Milford, Massachusetts, from which lodge he demitted to Gauge Lodge No. 208, Arcadia, Nebraska, February 23, 1909. At the time of his death he had been a devoted Master Mason for nearly seventy-four years.

His remains were laid at rest in Arcadia cemetery, Arcadia, Nebraska, on January 17, 1943, with the time-honored Masonic ceremonies conducted by Gauge Lodge No. 208.

As it was impossible for me to attend the funeral I asked R. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Senior Warden, to represent the Grand Lodge, and to express our sympathy to the bereaved family.

TRIBUTE TO M. W. JOHN J. WEMPLE AND
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE

M. W. JOHN J. WEMPLE

M. W. John J. Wemple was born at Ashville, Chautauqua County, New York, on August 23, 1849. He was made a Master Mason on November 27, 1875, and served as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska in 1884-85. On the occasion of his ninety-third birthday it was my pleasure to send him greetings and congratulations on behalf of the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction.

On our return from the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, R. W. William B. Wanner, Deputy Grand Master, and I stopped in Cleveland, Ohio to see Brother Wemple. I shall always remember this inspiring visit with our venerable brother. Almost totally blind and quite deaf, he is still cheerful and his mind is alert and active. His memory of brethren and Masonic events of his early days in Nebraska make one realize that Masonry has an important part in the history of Nebraska.

I received a lovely letter of appreciation from his niece, Miss Flora E. Wemple, following our visit.

R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE

Nearly a century ago, on January 20, 1848, to be exact, R. W. Francis E. White was born at Doncaster, Yorkshire, England. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on May 10, 1869, consequently has been a member continuously for more than three quarters of a century. He served this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Secretary from June 9, 1899 to June 11, 1925, and was a Grand Lodge officer for three years before his election as Grand Secretary.

It was my pleasure on his ninety-fifth birthday to extend to him the greetings and congratulations of the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. His reply touched me deeply and will always be one of the treasures of my year as Grand Master. In part he said:

"Your very good letter of the 16th inst. reached me in time for my ninety-fifth birthday. There are few times in the lives of the most of us when emotions cannot be held back, and this emotion I felt when I read your letter, but I cannot put my feelings into words. The honors given me by my Nebraska brethren called for the best that I had, and it is not true that you can only get back what you put into the Fraternity. With this I send greetings to all of my beloved brethren."

The Masonic lives of these beloved brethren should be an inspiration to all Masons. The services which they rendered to Freemasonry, and to the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska in particular, cannot be measured in words, but will be remembered until time shall be no more.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

On March 31, 1943, it was my pleasure and privilege to bestow the Gold Jordan Medal upon Brother Nicholas Schoenholz, a member of Wy-

more Lodge No. 104, Wymore, Nebraska. Following a delightful banquet in honor of the brother, I was received by Wymore Lodge No. 104, and given the Grand Honors. I immediately opened an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge with the following Grand Lodge Officers present: R. W. William B. Wanner, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Walter R. Raecke, P. G. M., as Grand Senior Warden; M. W. William A. Robertson, P. G. M., as Grand Junior Warden; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, P. G. M., Grand Secretary; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; M. W. Virgil R. Johnson, P. G. M., Grand Marshal; M. W. Earl J. Lee, P. G. M., as Grand Senior Deacon; W. Henry W. Carson, Grand Tyler.

Brother Nicholas Schoenholz was born at Oberhausen, Western Germany, on June 10, 1849. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason on May 16, 1871, passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft Mason on June 6, 1871, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on June 24, 1871, in Horicon Lodge No. 244, A. F. & A. M., Rochelle, Illinois. He affiliated with Tyre Lodge No. 85, A. F. & A. M., Blue Springs, Nebraska, on February 20, 1900, which lodge was consolidated with Wymore Lodge No. 104, on July 7, 1941.

For seventy-two years Brother Schoenholz has been faithful and devoted to Masonry. The Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska is proud to add the name of this brother to its most esteemed roll of honor. May God's richest blessings always be his, and may he wear the Medal with pleasure for many years to come.

BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL

The presentation of the Bronze Jordan Medal offers a lodge the opportunity to hold one of the most inspiring meetings that can be held. It is difficult to believe that the brother entitled to this Medal would not welcome such meeting, and be proud of the honor conferred upon him. I have not made any attempt to secure the names of the lodges that presented Bronze Jordan Medals this year, but I know of several such meetings. I hope that the lodges that have not thus honored the brother entitled to receive the Medal will plan such meeting for the coming year.

FIFTY YEAR BADGES

Only one brother in the Grand Jurisdiction is entitled to wear the Gold Jordan Medal; only one brother in each lodge is eligible to wear the Bronze Jordan Medal, but most lodges have several brethren who are entitled to the honor of the Fifty Year Badge. Many such Badges have been presented this year, and it was my privilege to present several. The presentation of a Fifty Year Badge is always an inspiring occasion. Fidelity, "that holiest of all good things which abide in the human breast," has made Masonry what it is. The Grand Lodge is proud to honor brethren who have been Master Masons for a period of fifty years, by making the Badge available to any lodge upon request.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

I have asked M. W. William A. Robertson, President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, to tell us something about the Home at this Communication, so it is unnecessary for me to give a lengthy report. We will hear from Brother Robertson later.

I cannot permit the opportunity to pass, however, without thanking the brethren whose interest in the welfare of our brothers and sisters who are residents there have made it a real Home, where comfort and peace and happiness abide—a Home in all that the word implies. Our grateful thanks, then—

To W. Brother William F. Evers, the Superintendent, for his capable and efficient management. Notwithstanding his many problems, which have been multiplied by the serious labor problem, and the various restrictions imposed by the war, Brother Evers always has time for a smile and a word of cheer for every resident and they all love him.

To the loyal employees who have stood by our Superintendent and have carried on faithfully, notwithstanding better financial opportunities elsewhere.

To M. W. William A. Robertson, President, and to the brethren serving on the Board of Trustees, for so freely giving of their time in attending Board Meetings, serving on Committees, and in assisting in the business management of the Home.

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

I have also asked Brother James C. Suttie, President of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, to speak to us about this Home, and we will learn more about it from him later in the program. I take this privilege in my report, however, of expressing the gratitude of the Grand Lodge:

To Brother Elmer J. Hartmann, Superintendent, for directing the affairs of the Home so efficiently. Additional problems have been imposed on him also, but he is solving them with his usual smile.

To the Matrons and all other employees for their splendid service. One has only to see the smiling happy faces of the girls and boys who live at the Home to know that the employees are interested in their welfare.

To Brother James C. Suttie, President, for his untiring work in behalf of the Home; for his sincere interest in every boy and girl; for his big heart that takes them all in.

To the Sisters and Brothers on the Board of Trustees, for their devoted service to the duties assigned to them.

It is unfortunate that the majority of the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction have never visited either of these Homes. During these times, of course, the restrictions on gasoline and tires make such visits impossible, but we should carry on an educational program among the lodges to let them know just what these Homes are accomplishing, and urge the brethren to visit them at the first opportunity.

I fear that it is a human failing to be inclined to take "our own" for granted. Perhaps many brethren feel that just because a portion of our Grand Lodge dues goes toward the maintenance of these Homes, that is all that is necessary. Our dues pay but a part of the maintenance, and were it not for the income from funds accumulated over a period of years, the operation of these Homes would present a serious problem. No, brethren, these Homes do not run themselves. Not only does it take money, but, equally important, it takes the unselfish, devoted service of the officers and members of the Boards of Trustees, and to these go our heartfelt thanks.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

The Thirty-third Annual Convention of this Association was held on February 22, 1943, in the auditorium of the Memorial Temple. It was my privilege to attend this meeting accompanied by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, and R. W. William B. Wanner, Deputy Grand Master. Each year for a number of years our Grand Master has been compelled to report that the Temple is still unfinished, and I bring a similar report. Unfortunately it appears that it will still be several years before this beautiful Memorial can be completed. Wisely, from the very beginning, it was constructed on our Nebraska State Capitol financial plan—pay as we build. Work progresses only as the money is available. During the past year the Replica Room and Lodge Rooms were completed. The Washington relics, which eventually will be placed in the Replica Room, are at present stored in a concrete vault in the Memorial, safe from any of Hitler's bombs.

At this annual meeting the sum of \$62,466.99 was contributed by various Grand Jurisdictions. Other Grand Jurisdictions contributed \$2,392.00 prior to the meeting. The Supreme Council, A. A. S. R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, added another \$5,000.00; Brother Elmer R. Arn, President of the Association, made a generous gift of \$1,000.00; Pine Grove Lodge No. 409, Pennsylvania, gave \$10.00; the Secretary received \$1,500.00 at the Memorial, making a grand total of \$72,368.99 for the year.

It was my happy privilege to present a check for \$1,000.00 which was \$500.00 more than our Grand Jurisdiction has given in any one year for many years. Of the original \$1.00 per member assessment we still owe \$14,081.00. Only twelve Grand Jurisdictions have failed to pay the \$1.00 per member quota in full. On the \$1.70 per capita basis we still owe \$43,500.00, and that is the amount which we should ultimately pay. I sincerely hope that some effort will be made in the near future to discharge this obligation in a more substantial manner than has been done by our annual installment contributions during the past several years.

DEDICATION OF THE LODGE ROOM

Following the morning meeting of the Association R. W. Brother Wanner and I attended a meeting of Alexandria Washington Lodge.

which was opened to receive visitors. Each visiting Grand Master was formally received and given the Grand Honors, and permitted to sit in the chair which our illustrious brother George Washington occupied while he was Worshipful Master of the Lodge. It is needless to tell you that I enjoyed this thrilling and inspiring experience.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia formally dedicated the Lodge Room in the evening. As Brother Wanner and I were guests of our Grand Secretary at the Grand Secretaries' Banquet that evening, we were unable to stay for the dedication ceremonies.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS

The Annual Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in the United States met in Washington, D. C. on Tuesday, February 23, 1943. It was my pleasure to attend the meetings together with R. W. William B. Wanner, Deputy Grand Master, and M. M. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary. For the first time in the seventeen years this Conference has met in the City of Washington every Grand Jurisdiction was represented, there being 47 Grand Masters, 1 Deputy and 1 Grand Secretary representing Grand Jurisdictions, in attendance. The Grand Master of Masons in Alberta was also present.

Many interesting and instructive papers were read and discussed. All were enlightening; few were controversial in nature. A complete report of the Conference is on file in the Grand Secretary's office, and is available to anyone interested in reading the discussions.

The Conference affords an opportunity for cooperation among the Grand Jurisdictions, and can be of inestimable value to Freemasonry. Here, too, the Grand Masters can exchange views and discuss problems, and isn't it a consolation to learn that other Grand Jurisdictions have problems too!

I do not know what the programs of the Conference have been during years gone by, but it occurred to me last year and again this year that the Conference offers an opportunity for the discussion of some of our ceremonies and parts of our ritual, toward the end that some degree of uniformity might some day be attained. Can it be that the old bugaboo, the thought of a General Grand Lodge, might crop out of such discussions?

It was my pleasure to attend the Conference last year as Deputy Grand Master with M. W. Edward F. Carter, and this year to have our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. William B. Wanner, with me. I recommend that the practice of sending the Deputy Grand Master as well as the Grand Master, be continued. The instructive discussions and the inspiration received from the Conference can be of value to him in planning his program.

AREA MEETINGS

The success of the Area Meetings held last year and the interest stimulated by those meetings, prompted your Grand Master to plan simi-

lar meetings for this Masonic Year. Following a meeting with the Committee on Masonic Education, and after consultation with the Grand Lodge Officers, it was decided to hold Area Meetings at North Platte, Alliance, Lincoln, Broken Bow, Atkinson, Wayne, Beatrice, Fremont, Holdrege, Hastings, and McCook.

While there had been some mention in the newspapers of the possibility of gasoline rationing, nothing definite appeared in the offing, and many people here in the Middle-west, including many officials high in state governments, could not believe such a thing necessary or possible. I therefore planned to go ahead with the meetings, feeling that the patriotic theme suggested for the programs and the inspiration to the brethren, would add to the war effort.

The first Area Meeting was held at North Platte on October 21st and one at Alliance on the following day. Unfortunately, I was stricken with an attack of the "flu" which was very close to pneumonia, and was compelled to forego the pleasure of these meetings. I was represented by R. W. William B. Wanner, Deputy Grand Master, who with W. Henry W. Carson, Grand Tyler, and W. Curry W. Watson, Director of Masonic Education, drove from Lincoln. They brought back enthusiastic reports although the attendance was somewhat smaller than last year due to the restrictions imposed by the War.

When the announcement was made that gasoline rationing would go into effect on November 22, 1942—which, incidentally, was later moved up to December 1st—I felt that it was our patriotic duty to cancel the remaining meetings, although the dates for five of them had been set and could have been held before the effective rationing date.

Area Meetings give the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officials an opportunity to meet more officers of lodges and more brethren in the Grand Jurisdiction than could possibly be accomplished by individual lodge visitations. They also afford the Grand Master an opportunity to meet and consult with other Grand Lodge officers more frequently than is otherwise possible. I was therefore sorry indeed that these Area Meetings had to be cancelled.

GUEST NIGHT MEETINGS

On April 1, 1942, I addressed a letter to all lodges designating the week of September 21-26 as Masonic Guest Week, and requested each lodge to hold a Guest Night Meeting during that week. From prompt replies received I learned that many lodges had already scheduled work for that week, and I therefore extended the period through October 31st.

I am happy to report that as of November 6th, 137 lodges reported on Guest Night Meetings, and the tabulation of these reports showed an attendance of 6,054, of which 4,276 were members and 1,778 were guests. No doubt other lodges held such meetings later in the year with equally inspiring results.

Many lodges have held Guest Night Meetings annually for a number of years, and I recommend such program to every lodge in the Grand

Jurisdiction. Masonry has kept its ideals and principles to itself too long, and it is fitting and proper that we should tell our friends and neighbors what Freemasonry stands for.

NATIONAL MASONIC WAR SAVINGS BOND CAMPAIGN

The War Savings Staff of the United States Treasury designated the period November 15 through December 31, 1942 for a National Masonic War Savings Bond Campaign, and requested the cooperation of every Grand Master. In accordance with that request I ordered every subordinate lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction to conduct such a campaign. The results exceeded our highest expectations, and I am exceedingly happy to report as follows:

Bonds purchased by Masons and Lodges	\$1,402,863.00
Bonds sold to others	3,008,335.00
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Total	\$4,411,198.00

Every brother can be justly proud of this impressive accomplishment, and I express my congratulations and grateful thanks to every lodge that participated in making this campaign a success.

I regret that some of the lodges missed the point in the recognition given to Freemasonry by the Treasury Department in requesting the Masonic Lodges to conduct a War Savings Bond Campaign. Some lodges did not conduct a campaign because their respective communities had already been thoroughly solicited, or because some other organization was conducting a campaign at the same time. That same excuse could have been offered by every lodge in the United States. The request by our Government was a challenge to Masonry to dig a little deeper for extra dollars to invest in the bonds which will mean continued freedom—free men—FREEmasons.

The particular period designated for a Masonic campaign is over, but every lodge can continue the campaign until the Victory is won, and the three ruffians—Mussolini, Hirohito and Hitler—are brought to punishment. It's up to us to back up the man at the front by buying bonds regularly to give him the guns and ammunition and planes and tanks that he needs. Remember, **THEY GIVE THEIR LIVES—YOU LEND YOUR MONEY.** Let us remember that, if we are ever tempted to think that we have done all that we can. And remember, too, the more bonds we purchase the better their chance of coming back.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

On the recommendation of W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, I appointed the following Assistant Custodians:

- Earl M. Bolen, 130, Ulysses.....First appointed 1914
- Jesse Lowther, 219, Coleridge.....First appointed 1919
- Stanley P. Bostwick, 3, Omaha.....First appointed 1924
- Edwin H. Gerhart, 305, Newman Grove....First appointed 1926
- I. Donald Huston, 65, Osceola.....First appointed 1928

Elmer Surber, 210, Omaha.....	First appointed 1929
Osborne P. Simon, 174, Culbertson.....	First appointed 1930
Doc. L. Redfern, 300, Lincoln.....	First appointed 1930
Austin F. Whitmire, 306, Potter.....	First appointed 1931
Ward B. Schrack, 46, Kearney.....	First appointed 1933
Raymond C. Cook, 6, Plattsmouth.....	First appointed 1934
Wallace E. Linn, 1, Omaha.....	First appointed 1934
Jesse P. Entrekin, 295, Gering.....	First appointed 1937
Harold D. Weddel, 208, Arcadia.....	First appointed 1937
Cecil C. Gates, 227, Lincoln.....	First appointed 1938
Ross VanSickle, 184, Omaha.....	First appointed 1938
Fred G. Christensen, 33, Grand Island.....	First appointed 1938
Steven William Beck, 43, Hebron.....	First appointed 1940
Roy S. Planck, 15, Fremont.....	First appointed 1940
Buren P. Wells, 82, Archer.....	First appointed 1940
Clarence G. McNamee, 55, Norfolk.....	First appointed 1941
F. Ray Dilts, 83, Wakefield.....	First appointed 1941
Ernest C. Purdy, 195, Gordon.....	First appointed 1942
Howard E. Bradstreet, 261, Butte.....	First appointed 1943
Lewis E. Baker, 135, Trenton.....	First Appointed 1943

DEDICATION

An Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened at Lincoln on September 29, 1942, for the purpose of dedicating the new Temple built by Craftsmen Lodge No. 314. I was assisted by R. W. William B. Wanner, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Junior Warden; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary; V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain; W. George W. Rosenlof, Grand Orator; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; M. W. Virgil R. Johnson, Grand Marshal; W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Senior Deacon; W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Junior Deacon; W. Henry W. Carson, Grand Tyler.

When Craftsmen Lodge No. 314 lost their building by fire in February, 1941, the members had reason to feel discouraged. Many wondered not how soon it would be, but how long before they could again have a Temple of their own. With faith and confidence and hard work they immediately began to plan, and the beautiful new Temple, which it was my honor to dedicate, is the realization of their hopes. May they enjoy happy fellowship and success in their new home.

CONSOLIDATIONS

On July 15, 1942, I issued a proclamation consolidating Juniata Lodge No. 42, A. F. & A. M. of Juniata, Nebraska, with Kenesaw Lodg No. 144, A. F. & A. M. of Kenesaw, Nebraska, to be known as Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, A. F. & A. M., effective as of the date of proclamation.

On October 6, 1942, I issued a proclamation consolidating Palmer Lodge No. 315, A. F. & A. M., of Palmer, Nebraska, with St. Paul Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., of St. Paul, Nebraska, to be known as St. Paul Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M., effective as of the date of proclamation.

All Freemasons wheresoever residing, shall take due notice and be governed accordingly.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

It was with pleasure that I recommended the following brethren as Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

July 2, 1942. W. Edward A. Hoagland, Past Master of Saint Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha, to represent the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

November 2, 1942. W. Dwight P. Griswold, Past Master of Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon, to represent the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

At the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of other Grand Jurisdictions, I was pleased to issue commissions to the following brethren as Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near their respective Grand Lodges:

July 24, 1942, Leroy E. Ragsdale, Milwaukee, Wisconsin near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

August 7, 1942. Horace Greeley Adams, Charleston, South Carolina, near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

November 19, 1942. Rev. Canon G. K. Sturrock Clarke, Edinburgh, Scotland, near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

February 4, 1943. R. W. D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr., Johnson, Vermont, near the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

March 27, 1943. Roy C. McLean, Souris, Prince Edward Island, near the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

APPROVAL OF LODGE FINANCING

On August 29, 1942, I approved the method of financing submitted by Ramah Lodge No. 275, A. F. & A. M., of Bertrand, Nebraska, for the purchase and remodeling of a church building to be used for Masonic purposes. The deal was consummated in March of this year.

On December 30, 1942, I approved the purchase by Mosaic Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., of Norfolk, Nebraska, of stock to the amount of \$1,000.00 in the Temple Craft.

Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, A. F. & A. M., Lincoln, Nebraska, asked my approval on February 17, 1943, of a plan to transfer title to the Masonic Temple from Craftsmen Masonic Temple Association, a Corporation, to Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, A. F. & A. M.. The plan offered a saving in Capital Stock Tax, and there were other advantages.

and as it did not involve any additional indebtedness, and had been approved by the Lodge and Board of Directors of the Association, I gave it my approval.

On May 11, 1943, I approved the method of financing and the plan submitted by Ashlar Lodge No. 33, A. F. & A. M. of Grand Island, Nebraska, for the purchase of the Masonic Temple. At a meeting held on May 13, 1943, Ashlar Lodge rejected the proposition which had been submitted by Franklin Life Insurance Company, and the future of the building is therefore uncertain at this time. I sincerely hope that some way will be found whereby this building may be saved to the brethren of Grand Island.

APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS

I have approved amendments to By-laws and new By-laws as follows:

Name of Lodge	Location	Date Approved	
Ogallala Lodge No. 159.....	Ogallala	August	11, 1942
Fremont Lodge No. 15	Fremont	September	19, 1942
Florence Lodge No. 281.....	Omaha	September	30, 1942
Scottsbluff Lodge No. 201	Gering	October	14, 1942
Arcana Lodge No. 195	Gordon	October	19, 1942
Mosaic Lodge No. 55	Norfolk	November	10, 1942
Capitol Lodge No. 3	Omaha	November	11, 1942
Platte Valley Lodge No. 32.....	North Platte	November	21, 1942
Cotner Lodge No. 297	Lincoln	December	8, 1942
Hildreth Lodge No. 252	Hildreth	December	14, 1942
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290...	Omaha	January	5, 1943
Fremont Lodge No. 15	Fremont	February	6, 1943
Hooper Lodge No. 72	Hooper	March	3, 1943
Polk Lodge No. 311	Polk	March	11, 1943
Bee Hive Lodge No. 184	Omaha	March	15, 1943
Western Star Lodge No. 2	Nebraska City ...	March	24, 1943
Highland Lodge No. 194	Cortland	April	14, 1943
Palisade Lodge No. 216	Palisade	April	17, 1943
Falls City Lodge No. 9	Falls City	April	19, 1943
Long Pine Lodge No. 136	Long Pine	May	22, 1943

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL OFFICERS

The following dispensations to elect and install officers were granted. The required fee in each case was collected and transmitted to the Grand Secretary:

June 29, 1942. Euclid Lodge No. 97, to install Worshipful Master.

July 21, 1942. Peru Lodge No. 14, to install Senior Warden.

December 12, 1942. Pawnee Lodge No. 23, to hold general election of officers.

December 15, 1942. Harvard Lodge No. 44, to hold general election of officers.

December 26, 1942. Hartington Lodge No. 155, to elect treasurer.

December 26, 1942. Fremont Lodge No. 15, to elect Secretary.

December 29, 1942. Signet Lodge No. 193, to hold general election of officers.

January 4, 1943. Beemer Lodge No. 253, to hold general election of officers.

January 12, 1943. Lebanon Lodge No. 323, to elect a Master.

January 13, 1943. William E. Hill Lodge No. 307, to elect a Junior Warden and a Secretary.

January 20, 1943. Mosaic Lodge No. 55, to elect a Secretary and to install Secretary, Senior Steward and Junior Steward.

January 22, 1943. DeWitt Lodge No. 111, to install Junior Warden and Secretary.

January 30, 1943. Parian Lodge No. 207, to install all officers.

February 6, 1943. Crescent Lodge No. 143, to install Worshipful Master.

February 6, 1943. Landmark Lodge No. 222, to elect and install Secretary.

March 5, 1943. Wood Lake Lodge No. 221, to install Junior Warden.

March 16, 1943. Cement Lodge No. 211, to install Treasurer.

April 9, 1943. Lincoln Lodge No. 19, to install Senior Warden.

April 10, 1943. Fairmont Lodge No. 48, to install Worshipful Master.

April 13, 1943. Right Angle Lodge No. 303, to install Senior Warden and Chaplain.

April 17, 1943. Mason City Lodge No. 170, to install Senior Warden.

April 17, 1943. Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, to install Senior Deacon.

April 27, 1943. East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, to install Senior Deacon.

DISPENSATION TO CONFER DEGREES WITHOUT REGARD TO TIME

During the year I issued 263 dispensations authorizing the conferring of the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees without regard to time. Because of the large number I considered it unnecessary to add to the length of the published report by enumerating them. Copies of all such dispensations are on file in the Grand Secretary's office, and have also been submitted to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

In all but a few cases the dispensations were necessary because the candidate had been called to military service. The few exceptions were because the candidate was employed in a defense industry or on a defense project, and was under orders of the Army or Navy Departments, and had been ordered to some other project outside of our Grand Jurisdiction. I consider work of this kind as essential to the war effort as actual military service, and the dispensation fee was therefore waived in these cases as well as in all others.

In many cases a request for a dispensation to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees without regard to time was made before

the petitioner had been elected. I refused to grant all such requests, pointing out that it was not in order to anticipate a favorable ballot.

MISCELLANEOUS DISPENSATIONS

October 1, 1942. Special dispensation to Hope Lodge No. 29, Nemaha, Nebraska, to exercise all functions of a subordinate lodge in same manner as if charter were present in the lodge room; this dispensation not to be in force after the Grand Lodge Communication in June, 1943.

May 22, 1943. Special dispensation to Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna, Nebraska, to exercise all functions of a subordinate lodge in same manner as if charter were present in the lodge room; this dispensation not to be in force after the Grand Lodge Communication in June, 1943.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MASTER

On July 7, 1942, I appointed W. Brother David E. Ells to act as Master of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney, Nebraska, effective July 7, 1942, and to continue until the installation of a Master to be duly elected at the first regular meeting in December, 1942. The Worshipful Master had permanently removed to California, and the two wardens were in the armed forces of the United States.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PROFICIENCY

Upon proper request and for good cause shown, time for examination as to proficiency was extended in the following cases:

June 22, 1942	Nate Hurowitz	Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203
Sept. 19, 1942	George W. Meier	Pioneer Lodge No. 322
Oct. 5, 1942	Paul Q. Ericksen	Mullen Lodge No. 282
Nov. 2, 1942	Leland M. Towle	Liberty Lodge No. 300
Nov. 30, 1942	Donald B. Steenburg, Jr.	Aurora Lodge No. 68
Jan. 28, 1943	C. G. Schwentker	Ogalalla Lodge No. 159
Mar. 3, 1943	George A. Whitacre	Right Angle Lodge No. 303
Mar. 3, 1943	Harold M. Boyd	Boaz Lodge No. 185
Mar. 19, 1943	Carl G. Schlumberger	Fremont Lodge No. 15
May 1, 1943	Hugh C. Brown	McCook Lodge No. 135
May 27, 1943	Forrest F. Francisco	Thistle Lodge No. 61
May 27, 1943	Lyman M. Stuckey	Thistle Lodge No. 61

REINSTATEMENTS

Each year for several years our constituent lodges have been urged by the Grand Custodian, W. Lute M. Savage, and by the Committee on Masonic Education, to make a greater effort to interest worthy brethren who permitted themselves to be suspended to make application for reinstatement.

Reflecting the activities of the lodges in this direction, and the improved economic conditions, many such brethren are seeking reinstatement. During the past year I approved 324 applications for reinstatement from brethren who had been suspended for more than three years. Of this number 172 were reinstated prior to January 1, 1943.

All applications for reinstatement from brethren who have been suspended for more than three years are referred to the Advisory Committee for investigation, after a favorable ballot by the lodge. I call your attention to the vast amount of work that this Committee has had thrust upon it during the past year.

I know that the members of this Committee have had to take many days from their occupations and many evenings from their families for this service to our Grand Jurisdiction in particular and to Masonry in general. Their only reward is the knowledge of service faithfully and conscientiously performed. To this I add my personal thanks and appreciation, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge, to W. Frank R. Pendleton, Chairman; W. Henry M. Edwards, and W. George J. Storms, the members of this Committee.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

It is gratifying to report that there were few infractions of our Masonic laws requiring charges to be preferred against offending brethren during the year. I found it necessary to appoint but three Trial Commissions, and one of those was in a case which was remanded for re-trial at the last Annual Communication. All cases pending from previous years and the new cases have been disposed of, and the records in each case have been placed in the files of the Grand Secretary's office.

CHANGE OF LOCATION OF LODGES

Pythagoras Lodge No. 156, A. F. & A. M., Ewing, Nebraska, voted at a meeting held on January 2, 1942 to move the location of the lodge to Page, Nebraska. According to the 1942 return this lodge had a membership of forty-six as of December 31, 1941. At the meeting at which the ballot was taken there were only eight members present, the ballot being seven for moving to Page and one opposed.

From correspondence with the Grand Secretary, which was turned over to me, it appears that the approval of the Grand Master was not asked until the Master's letter of August 13, 1942 to the Grand Secretary. M. W. Edward F. Carter may have had some correspondence in connection with the matter, however, but deferred action because the circumstances connected with the problems of this lodge suggested the necessity of a thorough investigation. The matter was brought up at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in June, 1942, but nothing was done about it.

Following an investigation I was convinced that the problems of this lodge would not be solved by moving to Page. I therefore declined to approve the change of location.

AMETHYST LODGE No. 190

At a regular meeting of Amethyst Lodge No. 190, A. F. & A. M., Gandy, Nebraska, held on April 7, 1943, a resolution was presented to move the lodge from Gandy, Nebraska to Stapleton, Nebraska. The resolu-

tion was balloted on and adopted at a regular meeting held on May 19, 1943. W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, made a thorough investigation of the situation, and recommended that the change of location be approved. I therefore approved the action of the lodge and granted permission on May 29, 1943 to move the lodge to Stapleton, Nebraska, effective as soon as the remodeling of the proposed location was completed and satisfactory.

VISITATIONS

The opportunity to meet and enjoy fellowship with the brethren makes lodge visitations a pleasure. I am sincerely sorry that the extraordinary duties of the office of Grand Master this year, and the restrictions on gasoline and tires imposed by the war, prevented me from visiting more lodges. Several of the meetings with Lodges and Affiliated Bodies were Ladies' Night Banquets, and Mrs. Kurk had the pleasure of enjoying these meetings with me. To all Lodges, A. F. & A. M., to the Nebraska Consistory, Omaha; the Lincoln Consistory, Lincoln; the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska; the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., the Grand Council, R. & S. M., The Grand Chapter, O. E. S., Temple Chapter No. 271, O. E. S., Lincoln; Sesostriis Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Lincoln; the Masters and Wardens Club, Omaha; the Nebraska State Craft, of the National Federated Craft, my sincere thanks for the pleasure which their respective receptions added to my year as Grand Master.

June 12, 1942. My first visitation. A lovely reception and Ladies' Night Banquet in my honor by Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, my Home Lodge. I was presented with a beautiful Grand Master's Apron and carrying case.

June 16, 1942. East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, Fiftieth Anniversary.

June 19, 1942. Peru Lodge No. 14, Peru, Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

June 23, 1942. Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont, Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

June 26, 1942. Potter Lodge No. 313, Potter, Twentieth Anniversary.

July 10, 1942. Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City, to witness Master Mason Degree conferred on Manager of our Company there. I gave the Charge.

July 21, 1942. Orient Lodge No. 13, Rulo, to examine Lodge and promote Masonic interest.

August 10, 1942. Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth, to witness Master Mason Degree conferred on Brother William Evers, Jr., son of our Home Superintendent.

September 2, 1942. Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo, Annual Grand Master's Night.

September 4, 1942. Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Regular Meeting.

September 17, 1942. Received by Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln, Banquet.

September 21, 1942. Cedar River Lodge No. 89, Fullerton, Master Mason Degree.

September 22, 1942. Mason City Lodge No. 170, Mason City, promotion of Masonic interest. Presented Fifty-year Badge to Brother Henry Mark.

September 24, 1942. Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha, Annual Grand Master's Reception.

September 25, 1942. Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Master Mason Degree.

September 29, 1942. Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln, Dedication of New Temple.

October 9, 1942. Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Guest Night dinner.

October 23, 1942. Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Annual Railroad Night.

October 24, 1942. Right Angle Lodge No. 303, Omaha, Ladies' Night Banquet.

October 30, 1942. Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Dedication of Service Flag.

November 13, 1942. Masters and Wardens Club, Omaha, Masonic War Savings Bond Campaign meeting.

November 17, 1942. George Washington Lodge No. 250, Lincoln, Past Masters' Night.

November 25, 1942. North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln, Master Mason Degree, and burning of Mortgage.

November 26, 1942. East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, Master Mason Degree. Speaker at Banquet.

January 7, 1943. Grand Island, joint installation of officers of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and Grand Island Lodge No. 318.

January 9, 1943. Speaker at joint installation of officers of eight Omaha downtown lodges.

January 12, 1943. Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont, installed officers.

January 15, 1943. Lincoln, installed officers of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and Liberty Lodge No. 300.

January 25, 1943. Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, to witness conferring of Master Mason Degree on Brother Merritt Savage, son of our Grand Custodian.

January 26, 1943. Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Master Mason Degree.

March 8, 1943. Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff, Guest Night meeting with Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, and Minatare Lodge No. 295.

March 9, 1943. Mitchell, Nebraska, to inspect building Mitchell Lodge No. 263 is contemplating purchasing.

March 12, 1943. Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Entered Apprentice Degree.

March 25, 1943. East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, presented Fifty-Year Badge to Brother Arthur Wickham.

March 26, 1943. Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Past Masters' Day. Presented Fifty-year Badge to Brother Blitz G. Kenny.

March 29, 1943. Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln, Lincoln Masters and Wardens Club School of Instruction by W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian.

March 31, 1943. Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore, to present Gold Jordan Medal to Brother Nicholas Schoenholz.

April 8, 1943. Omaha Masters and Wardens Club meeting. Dinner with St. Johns Lodge No. 25.

April 12, 1943. Plainview Lodge No. 204, Plainview, conferred Entered Apprentice Degree on son of W. Henry F. Kuhl, Past Master.

April 17, 1943. East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, Ladies' Night Banquet.

April 27, 1943. John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha, conferred Second Section of Master Mason Degree.

April 30, 1943. Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, Ladies' Night Banquet.

May 12, 1943. Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha, Masters and Wardens Club dinner and meeting.

May 14, 1943. Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln, conferred Master Mason Degree.

June 1, 1943. Crete Lodge No. 37, Crete, Past Masters' Day.

June 4, 1943. Plumblin Lodge No. 214, Adams, Special Meeting to receive me.

DEDICATION OF M. W. JOHN J. MERCER RELICS

On May 28, 1943, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, and I dedicated the relics of M. W. John J. Mercer, Past Grand Master, which were donated to the Lodge by Mrs. Clara Mercer Kessler, his daughter. Under the direction of W. Emery E. Davis, Master of John J. Mercer Lodge, the relics were placed in a special case and occupy a prominent place in the lodge room. An inspection of these relics recalls the service of this beloved brother to Masonry and to his Country. I join in the thanks expressed by John J. Mercer Lodge to Mrs. Kessler for her generous gift.

VISITATIONS BY GRAND LODGE OFFICERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT ME

September 22, 1942. R. W. William B. Wanner, Deputy Grand Master, to Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, presentation of Proficiency Certificates.

October 9, 1942. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Senior Deacon, to Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, Kenesaw, meeting to welcome members from Juniata Lodge No. 42, recently consolidated with Kenesaw Lodge.

October 8, 1942. M. W. Archie M. Smith, Past Grand Master, to Dixon County Masonic Association Annual Meeting, at Ponca.

May 10, 1943. W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, to Plainview Lodge No. 204, Plainview.

PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS WITH BODIES OF
MASONIC AFFILIATION

June 15, 1942. Temple Chapter No. 271, O. E. S., Lincoln, my Home Chapter. Reception of Grand Chapter, O. E. S and Grand Lodge Officers. I was especially honored by my Home Chapter and presented with a beautiful portfolio.

October 26, 1942. Meeting of seven Lincoln Chapters, O. E. S. to honor Grand Chapter, O. E. S. Officers.

November 6, 1942. Lincoln Consistory, Scottish Rite, Banquet.

November 18, 1942. Sesotris Temple, Nobles of Mystic Shrine, Banquet.

November 20, 1942. Capstone Chapter No. 64, R. A. M. Ladies' Night Banquet.

December 1, 1942. Grand Council R. & S. M., Sixty-third Annual Assembly, Omaha.

December 2, 1942. Grand Chapter, R. A. M., Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation, Omaha.

December 10, 1942. Nebraska Consistory, Scottish Rite, Omaha, Banquet.

December 17, 1942. Couer de Lion Conclave No. 10, Red Cross of Constantine, Omaha.

December 23, 1942. Hiram Club, Lincoln. Spoke on "Masonry and the War."

January 6, 1943. Lincoln Council No. 4, R. & S. M., Lincoln, installation of officers.

January 16, 1943. Myrtle Chapter No. 94, O. E. S., Lincoln, installation of officers.

January 18, 1943. Temple Chapter No. 271, O. E. S., Lincoln, Installation of Officers.

January 29, 1943. Capstone Chapter No. 64, R. A. M., Past Master Degree.

February 11, 1943. Sesotris Temple, Nobles of Mystic Shrine, Installation of Officers.

March 7, 1943. Scottish Rite Educational Welfare Association, and Scottish Rite Relief Board meetings at Lincoln.

March 10, 1943. Lincoln Council, No. 4, R. & S. M., Lincoln.

April 15, 1943. Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska Banquet.

April 21, 1943. Hiram Club, Lincoln, Ladies' Night Banquet.

April 29, 1943. Nebraska Consistory, Scottish Rite, Omaha, Banquet.

May 2, 1943. Nebraska State Craft, of National Federated Craft, Annual State Meeting at Lincoln. Banquet in evening.

May 11, 1943. Grand Chapter, O. E. S., Omaha, Annual Session.

May 24, 1943. Temple Chapter No. 271, O. E. S., Lincoln, Charter Day Banquet and reception to Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Master.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

On September 15 and 16, 1942, M.'W.'.Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, and I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. We were most cordially received and nothing was left undone to make our visit an enjoyable one. It was a particularly enjoyable occasion for me because I was honored by being selected as the candidate in a class of more than thirty to receive the Past Master's Degree, following the closing of the Annual Communication. Our Grand Jurisdiction discontinued conferring this Degree the year before I served as Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

Did you ever look forward to an occasion that you wanted to attend very much, and then at almost the last minute find it impossible. Such was my disappointment at not being able to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in Chicago, on October 12, 13 and 14, 1942. I received a very cordial invitation from M.'W.'.Karl J. Mohr, Grand Master of Illinois, to attend this Communication, and as it was in Illinois that I received the degrees of Freemasonry, I looked forward to this visit with more than ordinary pleasure. This was to be a visit that Mrs. Kurk was to share with me, and all of our arrangements and reservations had been made, when only the day before we were to leave, illness, of only a few days duration but none less quite serious, forced me to bed.

M.'W.'.Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, and M.'W.'.Edward F. Carter, P.'G.'.M.', attended and reported the usual fine meetings for which Illinois is noted.

On May 17, 1943, at the cordial invitation of Most Worshipful Harry L. Robinson, Grand Master of Masons of Maryland, I attended the Centennial Anniversary Celebration of the National Masonic Convention. This was one of the most interesting events that it was ever my pleasure to attend. I wish that I could take the time and space to report every word of it, but I shall touch only upon the highlights.

At the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, in the city of Tuscaloosa, December 2-5, 1839, a resolution was proposed that all Grand Lodges in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Alabama be requested to elect one delegate to meet in General Convention on the first Monday in March, 1842, in the City of Washington, for the purpose of determining upon a uniform mode of work throughout for all the lodges of the United States, and to make other lawful regulations for the interest and security of the Craft. This resolution gave rise to the formation of a National Masonic Convention. Action was not had at this Communication, but was taken at the Communication held May 21, 1841, by a resolution proposed and adopted.

Delegates representing several Grand Lodges met in Washington, D. C., on Monday, March 7, 1842 and continued in session until March 10th. At this Convention a Committee on Uniform Mode of Work was appointed. The report of this Committee is too long to publish here, but the closing recommendation was as follows:

"Your Committee have, therefore, agreed to recommend the object contemplated by the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and for preserving according to pure and unchangeable system, the ceremonies and lectures of the Ancient Craft, that every Grand Lodge in the United States appoint one or more skillful Brethren to be styled Grand Lecturers, who shall meet and agree upon the course of instruction necessary and proper to be imparted to the Lodges and the Fraternity in their several jurisdictions, and who shall be required to convene at some central place at least once in three years to compare their lectures and correct variations."

The report was signed by delegates representing Virginia, Rhode Island, New York, South Carolina, and Massachusetts.

The delegates representing Massachusetts, offered a resolution which was unanimously adopted and read as follows:

"Resolved, that in case the Grand Lodge, or a majority of them, shall determine to adopt the recommendation contained in the report of the Committee on the Uniform Mode of Work, in respect to the appointment of Grand Lecturers, it be further recommended by this Convention that the first meeting of said Grand Lecturers be held in the City of Baltimore on the second Monday in May, 1843."

Though little of permanent value was accomplished by the Convention in 1842, yet an objective was established to be of further consideration at a Convention to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, May 8, 1843.

In accordance with the action at the Washington convention, the National Masonic Convention was held in Baltimore, Maryland on May 8, 1843 and continued through May 17, 1843. Delegates from the following Grand Jurisdictions were present: Ohio, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Virginia, Rhode Island, Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Missouri, Georgia, Alabama, and the District of Columbia. The Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Kentucky did not appoint delegates. The Grand Lodge of Tennessee appointed a delegate but he did not attend. The Convention was in all probability the most important Convention concerning Masonry held in this Country or in Europe since the organization of the Grand Lodge of England at London in 1717.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the Convention, which was concurred in by fifteen Grand Lodges, the next Convention was held in Winchester, Virginia on May 11, 1846. Delegates from Missouri, Iowa, Michigan, North Carolina, Virginia, and the District of Columbia were the only ones to attend. No additional delegates appearing to justify or warrant the transaction of any business by those present, they accordingly adjourned sine die.

The convention at Winchester, Virginia in 1846 was evidently the last of the National Masonic Convention.

At the Centennial Celebration of the Baltimore Convention a cast of Baltimore brethren re-enacted the highlights of the Convention held one hundred years before. It was a superb presentation. Only Hollywood adjectives could do it justice. Each delegate to the original Convention

was portrayed by a Maryland brother, and the make-up and dress were as authentic as could be ascertained from portraits and historical records.

Every member of the cast deserves praise for the dramatic and inspiring re-enactment. The condensation of the highlights of the ten-day convention into a pageant of an hour and a half was in itself the work of an artist. The portrayal of Ebenezer Wadsworth, R. W. P. G. Secretary of New York, by Brother William F. Broening, Right Worshipful Past Junior Grand Warden of Maryland, was particularly outstanding. Brother Wadsworth was the cantankerous dissenter of the Convention, but in every case he was outvoted by his brethren. Brother Leonard E. Hehl, as John Dove, R. W. G. Secretary of Virginia, who presided as President of the Convention, also deserves special mention.

A brochure on the National Masonic Convention held in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1843, was published by the Grand Lodge of Maryland in commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Convention. It will be placed in the Grand Lodge library, and I recommend it for interesting reading to every student of Masonry.

On Sunday, May 16, 1943, the Grand Lodge of Maryland dedicated the William H. Weyworth Memorial Organ in the Chapel at Bonnie Blink, the Maryland Masonic Home. The beautiful Chapel was a gift of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Maryland a few years ago. Never have I attended a more impressive ceremony. On Sunday evening several hundred Maryland brethren and visitors attended Divine Services at the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church. The sermon by Brother Martin Luther Enders, D. D., was most inspiring.

On Monday evening, May 17th, the distinguished visitors were received into the Grand Lodge of Maryland and given the Grand Honors. On the following day, Tuesday, May 18th, there was a luncheon for visitors at Bonnie Blink, and following luncheon an inspection of the Homes and Grounds. Bonnie Blink, I was told, received its name from the Scotch community close by.

As beautiful as its name is quaint, Bonnie Blink is built high on a hill-top, overlooking a picturesque valley on all sides. In every direction is a picture beckoning the skillful hand of the artist to put on canvas. Here, truly, is a Home where the aged brothers and sisters of Maryland find comfort and peace and beauty in the sunset days of their lives.

The Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Maryland held its Semi-Annual Communication on the evening of Tuesday, May 18th. This was another interesting and enjoyable experience for me. Most Worshipful Harry L. Robinson, Grand Master, presided with dignity and efficiency.

I shall always cherish the memory of this visit to Maryland as one of the outstanding pleasures of my year as Grand Master. The brethren of Maryland are wonderful hosts. Henceforth I shall think of Maryland and hospitality as synonymous. Ever will I remember the Maryland brethren for their gracious kindness.

Brother William F. Broening, Right Worshipful Past Junior Grand Warden, the Representative of our Grand Jurisdiction near the Grand

Lodge of Maryland, was particularly solicitous for my comfort and happiness. Brother Broening served as Mayor of Baltimore for two terms. He presented me with an autographed copy of the book commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Baltimore, which was held in 1929 during his second term as Mayor. I shall treasure this as a memento of a most enjoyable visit to Maryland and of meeting this lovable, ardent Brother Mason.

On May 25, 1943 it was my pleasure to attend a reception in my honor and be officially received by my old Mother Lodge, Herman Lodge No. 39, A. F. & A. M. of Quincy, Illinois. It was in this lodge that I was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason on March 17, 1908, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft Mason on April 7, 1908, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 5, 1908. I was appointed Senior Steward in 1911, but left in June of that year to make my home in Nebraska.

Following a banquet a Lodge of Master Masons was opened and I was received and given the Grand Honors. It was my first visit to my old Mother Lodge since leaving there thirty-two years ago. It is needless to tell you of the thrill and pleasure that was mine at this reception. Many of my old schoolmates and boyhood friends were there, and a surge of sentiment swept through my heart that is difficult to describe. There was a touch of sadness, too, because in the years that have passed since I left some of the brothers whose interest in Masonry and devotion to its ideals were my inspiration to petition for the Degrees, had been called to the Celestial Lodge Above.

Following my reception the Past Masters of Herman Lodge conferred the Degree of Master Mason on a candidate in a most impressive manner. It was interesting to witness the Illinois work again, and to compare the parts that differ from our ritual. The lectures are almost identical.

This visit to my old Home Lodge was a most enjoyable one, and my only regret was that I could not stay longer to spend more time with these old friends.

BOARDS OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS ATTENDED

Nebraska Masonic Home Board Meetings at Omaha: October 5, 1942; November 5, 1942; December 5, 1942; January 23, 1943, Annual Meeting of Stockholders; April 7, 1943; June 7, 1943.

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Meetings: January 6, 1943, at Fremont; January 23, 1943, Annual Meeting of Stockholders at Omaha; April 1, 1943, at Fremont; May 1, 1943, at Fremont.

MASONIC WAR SERVICE COMMITTEE

We will hear a report from this Committee later in the Communication which I know will make every brother proud of the work the Committee is doing. I want to take this opportunity, however, to express the appreciation and thanks of the Grand Lodge to Brother Rev. Thomas A. Barton and to the members of his Committee. No brother in this Grand

Jurisdiction has ever given more freely and conscientiously of his time than did Brother Barton during the past year.

The Committee is doing splendid work in corresponding with our own Nebraska brethren and sons of brethren who are serving in the armed forces all over the world. Through requests from parents in many cases, or from brethren in the service, the Committee has also been of special service in cases too numerous to mention.

The Committee also endeavors to have lodges that are located close to military bases contact brethren from other Grand Jurisdictions who are stationed in Nebraska. Up to the present time this has been the extent of our War Service work. Our own Committee is handicapped by lack of funds to plan a program beyond its present scope. I therefore feel that the time has now arrived when we should place more money at the disposal of our own Committee, and also take our place with the majority of other Grand Jurisdictions in helping to support the Masonic Service Centers that are now established in more than forty cities throughout the country.

During the past year 783 of our Nebraska brethren or sons of brethren have registered at a Masonic Service Center. Since such registration is not compulsory there have been, no doubt, several times that number who visited a Masonic Service Center and received the benefits of the facilities which each has been able to offer.

Perhaps it is true that Masonic Service Centers duplicate in a way the work of the U. S. O. Maybe it is true, too, that if every fraternal organization and every church denomination operated a separate Service Center all of them would be patronized by some of the boys in the Service. I visited the Masonic Service Center in Washington and the one in Baltimore, and I was impressed with the service they are rendering, and I have come to the conclusion that they are filling a real need.

Under date of May 4, 1943, the House of Representatives of the Florida State Legislature passed a resolution of thanks to the Field Agent in charge of the Masonic Service Center in Jacksonville, Florida, and to the Masonic Service Association, for their work in promoting the welfare and morale of the men in the armed forces in Florida.

Up to the present time our own Nebraska brethren and sons of brethren have received the benefit of these Masonic Service Centers without any contribution from our Grand Jurisdiction. We have been "riding on the other fellow's gas" as it were, and I feel that it is now time that we should show our appreciation by making a substantial contribution. I shall therefore make a recommendation in this connection under the heading "Recommendations".

MASONIC EDUCATION

Masonic Education has ever been recognized as an important duty of the Grand Lodge. Rightfully, the constituent lodges look to the Grand Lodge for leadership and program. The need for proper Masonic Education was never greater than at this time when so many young men are seeking the light of Masonry.

The petitioner who knocks at the portals of Freemasonry possesses little knowledge of what lies within. He may have observed the influence of Masonry in the lives of other men. At some time he may have heard that Freemasonry's mission in the world is the building of character in men. If he has thought about it at all his conception of Freemasonry probably is that it is a secret society, composed of men of character and standing. But he really knows little or nothing about the basic ideals, the essential principles or the significant teachings of our Fraternity.

The new brother cannot become enthusiastic about Masonry until he knows something about it. The more a brother learns about Masonry the more interested he will be, and it is only by showing our interest that we can hope to interest a new brother. What is said of the needs of the new brother may also be said of many who have been members for years. Too frequently in the years gone by, and also in many lodges in this day, the brother is conducted to a seat among the brethren immediately after signing the by-laws of the lodge, and that is the last he hears about Masonry or Masonic instruction. Compliance with Section 66 of the law is not sufficient to teach even the fundamentals of Masonry. True, the lectures should inspire a brother to think for himself and to cultivate a knowledge of the mystic art, but in the last analysis it is our interest in him that must inspire the desire to know more about the Brotherhood of which he is now a part.

The true Mason labors to help his Order reach its noble ends. But do we teach him what its noble ends are? If we fail to do our duty by providing proper Masonic instruction, we will have only ourselves to blame if our new brother loses interest and drops out when the first financial pinch comes.

Every man carries his purse close to his heart. Only the things that are first there freely untie the strings. As evidence of that go to any football game, any baseball game, or to a sporting event of any kind and observe the thousands who place such things first. Can you imagine any suspensions for non-payment of dues if Masonry occupied first place in every brother's heart?

The program of Masonic Education inaugurated during the term of M. W. Earl J. Lee, and continued so actively during M. W. Edward F. Carter's term, did more to stimulate interest in Masonry than anything that was done in this Grand Jurisdiction within my memory. The restrictions imposed by the war have of necessity curtailed some of the program of the Committee on Masonic Education. Area meetings cannot be held. Visitations must be held to a minimum. But the program must go on. We must not rest on our oars just because we are receiving more petitions than at any time in the past fifteen years.

There are avenues of service to the constituent lodges within the scope of the Committee on Masonic Education, which have not as yet been explored. The majority of lodges are waiting and anxious for an effective program. It is the duty of the Grand Lodge to provide it. My recommendation for the amount of money to finance the activities of this Committee will be made under the heading, "Recommendations".

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. After the Grand Secretary's books were closed and audited it was discovered that the Masonic War Service Committee would need for expenses incurred the remaining \$200.00 not drawn of the amount appropriated for the Committee's use this past year. I therefore recommend that \$200.00 remaining out of last year's appropriation be reappropriated, and that an additional appropriation of \$1,500.00 be made for the expenses of the Masonic War Service Committee for the ensuing year.

2. I recommend that under the direction of the Grand Master an appeal be made through the constituent lodges to every member of this Grand Jurisdiction for a voluntary contribution to a fund designated, "The Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund;" one-half of the amount of money secured as a result of this appeal, but not to exceed \$5,000.00 unless it has the approval of the Grand Master, shall be contributed to the Masonic Service Association in appreciation of the services rendered to Nebraska brethren and relatives of Nebraska brethren by the Masonic Service Centers; the remaining amount in the fund shall be placed at the disposal of the Nebraska Masonic War Service Committee under the direction of the Grand Master.

The amount remaining in the Fund after the need for the Nebraska Masonic War Service Committee has terminated shall be paid to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, to be applied on the balance still due from our Grand Jurisdiction.

3. I recommend that the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for the expenses of the Committee on Masonic Education. Last year's appropriation was \$3,600.00, of which approximately \$2,700.00 was used. It is my opinion, concurred in by the Deputy Grand Master, that \$2,000.00 should be ample for the ensuing year.

4. I recommend that payment out of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge to the Director of Masonic Education for stenographic hire, office rent, and salary of Director, shall be discontinued, and that all expenses of the Committee on Masonic Education shall be paid out of the amount appropriated for the Committee's use.

5. The Grand Lodge in 1915 declared it to be the duty of each lodge to become a corporate body by filing a certified copy of the charter of the lodge with the county clerk of the county where the lodge is located. From inquiries received during the Masonic War Savings Bond Campaign in regard to the correct way to register bonds purchased by lodges, I learned that some lodges are not incorporated. There may be many lodges that failed to comply with the request of the Grand Lodge in 1915. I consider it important that each lodge should be incorporated, and I therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary take steps as soon as possible to ascertain the lodges that are not incorporated, and that the Grand Master order such lodges to incorporate immediately.

6. My attention was called to the practice by some lodges of giving the second section of the Fellow Craft Degree, usually referred to as the

Middle Chamber Lecture, at a communication subsequent to the one at which the candidate was obligated. For many years it has been considered in order to thus defer the lecture in the Master Mason Degree. It is therefore reasonable to suppose that lodges might construe the second section of the Fellow Craft Degree as part of the lecture, and in emergencies defer that part of the Degree to a subsequent communication.

It is my opinion that the lecture should always be given at the same communication at which the candidate is obligated, but I did not make a decision on this matter. Our law is silent on the subject. I therefore submit the matter to the Jurisprudence Committee for consideration and recommendation.

7. I recommend that a committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to investigate the advisability of adopting a law making suspension for non-payment of dues compulsory, and report at the next Annual Communication.

8. I recommend that Section 107 of the law be amended to read as follows:

"All petitions for initiation, affiliation, waiver of jurisdiction, dispensation for a new lodge, and all applications for reinstatement after suspension for more than three years for non-payment of dues, must be referred to a committee, and be voted on no sooner than on the 28th day after the petition or application was received."

9. I recommend that the second paragraph of Section 213 of the law be amended by deleting the following sentence from the section:

"Each application for such reinstatement shall be accompanied by a statement showing the financial and physical condition of the applicant and of his immediate family" and adding in lieu thereof the following:

"Each application for such reinstatement must be made out upon the form of application as set out in Chapter XXXI of the Grand Lodge law of this jurisdiction."

To conform to the amended section, I recommend that the form of application in use at the present time be made a part of Section XXXI of the law.

10. I recommend that Section 99 of the law, relating to Residence Required, be amended to require six months continuous residence within the jurisdiction of a lodge and twelve months continuous residence within the Grand Jurisdiction immediately preceding a petition as residence eligibility for a petitioner.

11. I recommend that Section 184 of the law, relating to Duration, be amended to make the minimum definite suspension four months.

12. Several Grand Masters in past years have had the temerity to suggest a modification of our law pertaining to physical qualifications. I am glad to join that gallant group. Some of the decisions in regard to physical qualifications have been nothing short of ridiculous, because the law compelled the Grand Master to make such decision. I know all of the old arguments in favor of strict adherence to the letter of the present law, but I submit to you that some Grand Jurisdictions fifty or more years

older than we are, which should know as much about Freemasonry as we do, have modified similar laws. I am of the opinion that the time has now arrived for our Grand Jurisdiction to do the same.

Thousands of young men are going to return from this war maimed in limb, but who with artificial means could conform to our peculiar rites and ceremonies. Are we going to say to these young men, "You were good enough to fight to preserve the principles of democracy that Freemasonry might continue, but you are not good enough to become one of us"?

I therefore recommend that a committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to study and investigate the matter of physical qualifications, and report its recommendation at the next Annual Communication.

13. Section 9 of the law, relating to Enumeration and Appointment of Committees, designates a Temple Building Advisory Committee. The duties of all other committees designated are specified in the by-laws, but there is nothing pertaining to the duties of the Temple Building Advisory Committee. I recommend that legislation be enacted to require that before any lodge can construct, purchase, or remodel a building which is to be used for Masonic purposes the proposition must be submitted to the Temple Building Advisory Committee for investigation. Said Committee shall make its recommendation to the Grand Master for his guidance in approving or disapproving such projects. The approval of the Grand Master and the investigation by the Temple Building Advisory Committee shall be required even though the lodge will incur no indebtedness for such project.

14. I recommend that Section 60 of the law, relating to Installation—Time—Dispensation, be amended to authorize the Grand Master to waive the dispensation fee for good cause shown.

I granted twenty-three dispensations during this past year to elect or install out of time. With one possible exception the reason for requiring the dispensation justifies the return of the fee in each case. It would save time and work for the Secretary of the lodge, the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and the Finance Committee if the Grand Master were authorized to waive the fee for good cause shown.

MASONIC CODE AND DECISIONS SUPPLEMENT

At the 1941 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge M. W. Earl J. Lee, Grand Master, recommended the compilation and printing of a supplement to the 1928 Edition of the Digest of Decisions of the Grand Masters. The recommendation was referred to the Finance Committee, and its report stated, "We approve this recommendation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and have made the necessary appropriation to cover the printing of this supplement." The Budget fails to show such appropriation, and the supplement was not printed.

At the same Communication M. W. Earl J. Lee recommended the creation of a Code Committee of five to present at the next Communica-

tion of the Grand Lodge a plan for the revision and publication of an annotated Constitution and By-laws.

After the report of the Committee on Masonic Code at the last Annual Communication it was moved, seconded and carried that the matter of revision and publication of by-laws, be laid over without further action until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and that the committee be continued.

I hope that some definite action will be taken on these matters at this Annual Communication.

DECISIONS

1. Gave permission to Olive Branch Lodge No. 274 to reinstate a brother who had been suspended for non-payment of dues on December 12, 1938, without requiring a written application. The brother wrote from Nicholas Field, Rizal, Philippine Islands, under date of October 29, 1941, to a brother of Olive Branch Lodge and asked that his wife be informed of the amount of dues which he would have to pay to be reinstated, and particularly requested that his receipt and Diploma be sent by air mail. Because of the outbreak of the war the letter did not reach the brother to whom he had written and the lodge was therefore not notified that he desired reinstatement until after three years had elapsed from the time he was suspended. The suspended brother's wife paid the amount of dues owing as soon as she was informed, but because three years had elapsed since the brother was suspended, the lodge thought that written application might be necessary. The brother is a Captain in the United States Army, and under date of December 17, 1942, the War Department notified his wife that he is a prisoner of war of Japan, his place of internment at that time unknown.

2. Requests from several lodges were received for permission to donate lodge funds to the Red Cross. While strict interpretation of Section 88 of the Grand Lodge law prohibits such contributions, I approved all such requests with the provision that donations could be made only if sufficient funds were retained in the lodge treasury to meet all necessary and incidental expenses and Masonic relief obligations of the lodge.

The Red Cross with its world-wide organization is bringing aid to the wounded; food, clothing and shelter to the hungry and destitute. Many of our brethren will owe their very lives to these Angels of Mercy. This is the kind of charity which Masonry charges us to practice, and to deny a lodge that can afford it the right to contribute to this worthy cause during this emergency, is contrary to the teachings of Masonry.

3. In reply to an inquiry from Polk Lodge No. 311, I ruled that the vote on an application for reinstatement must be by secret ballot.

Section 212 of the law states, "The reinstatement of a suspended Mason for any cause other than non-payment of dues, by a chartered lodge, shall be determined by a secret ballot" In my opinion, the exception in this law by the words, "other than non-payment of dues"

refers to reinstatements by the payment or remission of dues for which the brother was suspended within three years of the date of such suspension.

4. I approved the return of fees for the degrees which had been paid by a petitioner of Crete Lodge No. 37, who, because he was ordered for military service outside of the boundaries of continental United States, asked one of the signers of his petition to withdraw it and return the fees. The brother who received the request did not notify the secretary of the lodge until after the petition had been received by the lodge.

5. In reply to an inquiry from Faith Lodge No. 181, I ruled that a petition cannot be received from a petitioner with the understanding that, if elected, he would not have to pass the proficiency examinations.

6. Western Lodge No. 140, met for its regular monthly meeting on May 13, 1943, transacted business and balloted on a petition with only seven members present. I ruled that the meeting was illegal and therefore all business transacted was null and void. I ordered all reference to the meeting expunged from the records and that all petitions spread for ballot and all business transacted at the illegal meeting should be presented at the first regular legal meeting of the lodge following the date of my order.

7. I censured a lodge for conferring the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees upon an Entered Apprentice brother without a dispensation before twenty-eight days had elapsed between each degree, the action of the lodge being a violation of Sections 107 and 131 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge. I approved the effect of the action in conferring the degrees on the brother because he was the innocent party to the violation, and being in military service would have been entitled to receive these degrees without regard to time had a dispensation been requested.

INTERPRETATIONS OF THE LAW

Numerous requests and inquiries for interpretations of the law were received during the year. There were many requests for dispensations for each of the following:

To waive the period of time that must elapse before a petition can be balloted on.

To receive petitions at a special meeting.

To ballot upon petitions at a special meeting.

To receive petition before the required period of residence had been established.

To accept petition from petitioner with physical deformity who was clearly disqualified by our law.

To accept petition from petitioner before he was twenty-one years of age, but who would have reached that age before time of ballot.

To donate lodge funds to community project.

Also received were requests for permission to:

Remit fees for degrees for petitioners in military service.

Postpone regular meeting because of black-out.

Postpone regular meeting because free moving pictures by Community Club were shown on meeting night.

Install officers duly elected in December, 1942 at meeting prior to January 1, 1943.

Accept application for reinstatement signed by proxy for applicant.

Wear Masonic clothing at Church Service on Sunday preceding St. John's Day.

I refused to grant all such requests. I called attention to the law and in many cases quoted decisions by Grand Masters in past years which were approved by the Grand Lodge.

It is unfortunate that so many Masters and Secretaries have so little knowledge of the law, and some effort should be made to correct this situation. It might be advisable to require proficiency in knowledge of the law as a requisite for installation as Master.

STATE OF THE ORDER—THE FUTURE

The past year has been successful statistically and financially. 1,069 Candidates were Initiated as Entered Apprentice Masons; 925 were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Our Grand Jurisdiction showed an increase of 510 in membership, the first net gain in thirteen years. 573 brothers were reinstated, the largest number in any one year for more than twenty-five years. Fewer brothers were suspended than in any year since 1925.

Our finances are in splendid shape. The sum of \$29,098.41 was added to the assets of the Grand Lodge during the year. Again the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, for his skillful and efficient handling of the investments and finances.

\$70,000.00 was invested in United States Government Bonds as money became available, and this amount will do its small part, with the billions of other dollars invested by the patriotic citizens of this great Democracy, to show Berlin, Tokyo and Rome that Pearl Harbor will be avenged.

Masonry is again on the march. The attacks on Freemasonry by the Dictators, and the suppression of Masonic Lodges as their first act when ruthlessly overrunning a country, have caused thinking people to form a favorable opinion of this great Institution. Only so long as Freemasonry continues to merit the hatred of those whose lust for power seeks to destroy it, will it be a vital power in advancing civilization.

The implacable foes of Democracy are the foes of Freemasonry, and their goal is the extermination of both. But their efforts shall fail and the Light of Freemasonry will burn brighter than ever before. Out of this holocaust of war will emerge many heroes, and Masonry as ever in the past will be well represented.

A glorious future lies ahead for Freemasonry if we will but meet our problems with courage and faith. Fears shall not be in the way if we will remember our Creator.

CONCLUSION

I cannot close this report without expressing my heartfelt thanks to M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary. His wise counsel, hearty cooperation and kind assistance smoothed my pathway, and made my year easier and happier. Brother Lew is always going out of his way to do little acts of kindness and thoughtfulness for his friends, and words cannot express the sincere appreciation I feel for all that he did for me.

To W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, I also express my grateful thanks. Cheerfully and efficiently fulfilling every task assigned, Brother Lute, too, has helped me "over the road" and I appreciate his advice and assistance.

To the Grand Lodge officers my sincere thanks for their splendid cooperation. I regret that the year did not afford more opportunities to be together, but I hope that I shall have the pleasure of seeing each of you more frequently in the future.

Thanks, too, to all the committees for their untiring work for the Grand Lodge.

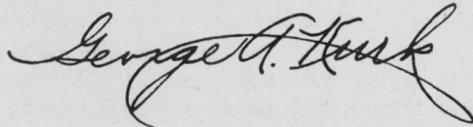
Last year it was my privilege as Deputy Grand Master to be closely associated with M. W. Edward F. Carter, Grand Master, and from this association I learned some of the duties of the office. For his assistance and his service as Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education, my thanks and appreciation.

As I close my year as your Grand Master my only regret is that I was not able to give more time to the office and accomplish more for Masonry. The war added duties to the occupation at which I earn my livelihood, and I was not able to devote as much time to Masonry as I had planned.

A year ago I told you that my administration might not be distinguished by any outstanding accomplishment. I claimed nothing beyond what is humanly possible for any man to claim in the way of leadership. I claim no more today. You honored me by imposing in me certain high responsibilities. These I have sought to achieve. In gratitude I come to the close of the year—grateful for all your loyal cooperation and ever mindful of your many kindnesses.

The memory of this year will ever be my stimulus to continued efforts as a Past Grand Master and brother Mason.

Fraternally submitted,



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:

For more than ten years having had to report some unsatisfactory condition that existed in the Jurisdiction, financial or otherwise, this year it is my pleasure to report that every activity of the Grand Lodge seems to be sailing along smoothly. First and most pleasing possibly, is the fact that for the first time in a decade we are showing a decided improvement. Not only an increase in membership, but the attendance and interest shown in the Lodges is marked.

Every dollar of past due interest, with the exception of one part of an interest coupon on a farm loan which was due May 1, 1943, has been paid. There is no past due interest on any item of bonds or preferred stock owned by the Grand Lodge. Every dollar of past due Grand Lodge dues owing by the Lodges, has been paid in full. Some of our Lodges have had a hard struggle, but by persistence, hard work, and the loyalty of some good Secretaries, they have finally managed to weather the storm.

Every Lodge in the Jurisdiction completed their returns and sent them in on time, and every dollar of Grand Lodge dues for the year 1942 has been paid in full. We are also pleased to report that two Lodges have paid a portion of their Grand Lodge dues for 1943. You will notice the item under the heading of "Special Account, 1943-1944". This particular item is not taken into account in the recapitulation of the accounts of the Grand Lodge, because it is advance payments and will be taken into the recapitulation next year.

Also the item of money on hand for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund is not taken into the recapitulation of the funds, because this is money which we are holding in trust for the Association, and is in no wise a part of our funds.

RELIEF NOTES

On account of gas rationing, etc., it was impossible to put in as much work on these notes as we would have liked to do, but nevertheless we have had the best collections this year that we have had in a long time and we believe that this coming year will see the cleaning up of all the relief notes that we may hope to collect. It is possible next year that a complete statement of this note situation should be made to the Grand Lodge. These notes have never been carried as assets of the Grand Lodge, so that whatever loss may be made, it has long since been charged off, and as this money is collected, it is put back in the fund, and shows a gain.

GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from the following Lodges:

- (1) Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

- (2) St. Johns Lodge No. 25.
- (3) Hartington Lodge No. 155.
- (4) Lotus Lodge No. 289.
- (5) Plainview Lodge No. 204.

These petitions for restoration, together with the correspondence, is referred to the Committee on Grievances of the Grand Lodge, for its consideration.

An appeal from the decision of the Trial Commission in the case of a Brother who was indefinitely suspended, a member of Omaha Lodge No. 288, has been received, and referred to the Committee on Grievances of the Grand Lodge, for its consideration.

FIFTY YEAR BADGES

During the past year, 69 Fifty Year Badges have been presented to the brethren entitled to receive them.

FARM MANAGEMENT

Naturally, with a good crop in Nebraska this last year, farm results have been most pleasing.

We hope to sell several more farms during the coming year. We have one farm, O. E. F. No. 1, which has always been unsatisfactory, and eventually will probably make us a loss.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES

Palmer Lodge No. 315, Palmer, consolidated with St. Paul Lodge No. 82, and the proper proclamation was issued by M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master of Masons, on October 6, 1942.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT, LIVE STOCK NATIONAL BANK 1941-1942

Debit

May 14, 1942, Cash on hand.....	\$ 674.45
Collected from Lodges, (warrants on hand)	325.55
Total	\$ 1,000.00

Credit

Transferred to Relief Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 1,000.00

SPECIAL ACCOUNT, LIVE STOCK NATIONAL BANK 1942-1943

Debit

Received from 30,852 members, at \$2.00 each	\$ 61,704.00
Received from 1,069 initiations, at \$10.00 each	10,690.00
Received from 19 affiliations, at \$10.00 each	190.00

Received from 699 members, for George Washington Masonic National Memorial, at \$1.00 each	699.00
Received from premium Surety Bond, on Treasurers and Secretaries of Lodges	608.80
Received from supplies sold to Lodges	1,743.22
Total	\$ 75,635.02

Credit

Paid, The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 30,852.00
Transferred to Supply Account	1,743.22
Transferred to Maintenance Account	7,300.30
Transferred to Surety Bond Account	608.80
Transferred to General Fund	25,398.80
Transferred to Relief Fund	9,032.90
Transferred to George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund	699.00
Total	\$ 75,635.02

SPECIAL ACCOUNT, LIVE STOCK NATIONAL BANK
1943-1944

GRAND LODGE DUES PAID IN ADVANCE

Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore	\$ 250.00
Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha	1,560.00
Total	\$ 1,810.00

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 14, 1942	\$ 24,461.44
Unexpended balance, Grand Secretary's Travel Expense....	196.71
Unexpended balance, Grand Officers' Expense Account, Trial Commissions, and other Committees	82.86
Unexpended balance, Grand Chaplain's expense	59.33
Unexpended balance, Grand Custodian's expense .....	.92
Unexpended balance, Grand Master's expense	24.99
Refund, Premium, Workmen's Compensation	1.89
Received for fees for Special Dispensations	270.00
Permanent Reserve Fund, cash paid out of General Fund, in error	500.00
Dues to reinstate a suspended member of an extinct lodge....	9.00
Building and Improvement Fund, special appropriation	5,656.69
Special Account, 1942-1943, per capita tax	25,398.80
Total	\$ 56,662.63

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

Cash Credit

Pay-roll, session 1942	\$ 4,345.62
Grand Tyler, session 1942	15.00
Grand Organist, session 1942	10.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire	2,390.00
Expense, George A. Kurk, Grand Master	2,000.00
Expense, Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian	1,400.00
Expense, Grand Officers attending Grand Lodge functions....	600.00
Expense, Trial Commissions	100.00
Expense, Committees not otherwise provided for	100.00
Expense, Committee on Masonic Education	800.00
Committee on Masonic Education, salary Curry W. Watson...	2,000.00
Expense, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00
Grand Secretary's traveling expense	500.00
Expense, Grand Chaplain	100.00
Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, salary	3,600.00
Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, salary	3,000.00
Francis E. White, Grand Secretary Emeritus	1,200.00
Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, dues, 1942	154.26
List of Regular Lodges	15.00
Audit, Grand Lodge books	100.00
Premium, Workmen's Compensation, 1942-1943	37.28
Grand Lodge dinner	308.25
Rent, Grand Lodge Office, June 30, 1942 to July 1, 1943.....	1,200.00
Entertaining Distinguished Guests and expense, Grand Lodge session, 1942	100.00
Special Dispensation fees returned to 7 Lodges	70.00
Reporting and transcribing Grand Lodge proceedings	65.00
Bond for Grand Secretary, Committees and Employees	100.80
Social Security Tax	216.80
Printing Grand Lodge proceedings, advance copies, etc.	1,029.82
Attorney fees and expense	163.40
Paid to War Service Committee, in error	500.00
Repairing chairs in library	6.50
Desk for Farm Manager	20.00
Jewel, for Past Grand Master George A. Kurk	110.00
Unassigned expense:	
Writing Report on Correspondence	\$300.00
Error in Pay-roll account	19.98
Inland Press, type forms	35.00
Flowers, Funeral George E. Hastings	10.75
Attorney fee	150.00
Donation, American Red Cross	75.00
Top bar, Gold Jordan Medal	14.30
1,000 copies new funeral service	37.50

1,000 copies Grand Orator's address	22.25	
1,000 Christmas seals	10.00	674.78
Grand Secretary's Contingent Fund:		
Postage	542.10	
Incidental expense, not regular office expense, (less \$100.00 entertaining Distinguished Guests, and \$2.00 photostatic copy of charter)	412.33	
Stationery and blanks	329.60	
Janitor service	63.00	
Incidentals	136.88	
Telephone, and calls (less amount received from Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter).....	279.02	
Telegrams	37.07	1,800.00
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Total cash expended		\$ 29,432.51
Cash on hand, Live Stock National Bank, Omaha		27,296.32
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		\$ 56,728.83
Less Victory Tax withheld, on hand		66.20
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Total		\$ 56,662.63

TRIAL BALANCE—GRAND LODGE

May 10, 1943

Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 1.00	
Stock in The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	1.00	
Inventory		\$ 27,833.12
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00	
Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00	
Cash, Live Stock National Bank, Omaha	27,296.32	
Victory Tax withheld, on hand		66.20
Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00	
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Total	\$ 27,899.32	\$ 27,899.32

Inventory

Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 1.00	
Stock in The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	1.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00	
Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00	
Cash, Live Stock National Bank	27,296.32	
Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00	\$ 27,899.32
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Liabilities

Victory Tax withheld, on hand	\$	66.20
Net assets as shown by ledger	\$	27,833.12

RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1943

Cash Debit

May 14, 1942, Cash on hand	\$	9,789.68
Received from Special Account, 1941-1942		1,000.00
Received from Special Account, 1942-1943		9,032.90
Received from one-half share crop, Morgan land		232.04
Total	\$	20,054.62

Cash Credit

Paid, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	\$	8,000.00
May 10, 1943, Cash on hand, Stock Yards National Bank		12,054.62
Total	\$	20,054.62

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 10, 1943

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 14, 1942	\$	562.81
Interest		1,740.00
Payments on relief notes		1,050.00
Securities sold		4,987.50
Profit on securities sold		12.50
Total	\$	8,352.81

Cash Credit

Expense, War Service Committee	\$	1,300.00
Securities purchased		5,000.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1943		2,052.81
Total	\$	8,352.81

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND BONDS

Loan No.

8—Northeast Water & Electric Corporation, 4% pfd., par 1,000, cost	\$	845.56
16—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$2,000, cost		1,853.00
22—American Rolling Mills Co., 4½%, pfd., par \$1,000, cost...		955.39
27—Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates, 4%, par \$10,000, cost		9,250.00

28—Downey Water Bonds, 4%, par \$4,000, cost	4,000.00
33—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$3,000, cost.....	2,910.00
34—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$6,000, cost.....	5,559.00
36—Province of Manitoba, 5%, par \$3,000, cost	2,962.50
38—City of Toronto, 5%, par \$1,000, cost	985.00
39—Brown Company, 5%, par \$5,000, cost	3,500.00
40—United States Government Defense Bonds, 2½%, par \$1,000, cost	1,000.00
41—United States Treasury Bonds, 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
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Total securities	\$ 38,820.45
Cash on hand	2,052.81
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Total assets, May 10, 1943	\$ 40,873.26
Total assets, May 14, 1942	39,370.76
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Increase in assets for the year	\$ 1,502.50

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1943

Cash Debit

May 14, 1942, Cash on hand	\$ 1,393.83
Supplies sold to Lodges	1,743.22
Cash paid for printing charter, Wayne Lodge No. 120	45.00
Check No. 438, returned for credit	105.00
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Total	\$ 3,287.05

Cash Credit

Paid for postage	\$ 110.00
Paid for supplies	1,680.65
Paid for drayage and postage on supplies	4.55
Paid for Pershing books	177.50
May 10, 1943, Cash on hand	1,314.35
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Total	\$ 3,287.05

May 14, 1942, Supplies on hand	\$ 2,470.22
Cash on hand	1,393.83
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Total	\$ 3,864.05
May 10, 1943, Supplies on hand	\$ 2,107.03
Cash on hand	1,314.35
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Total	\$ 3,421.38
Loss for the year, 1942-1943	\$ 442.67

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 10, 1943

Cash Debit

May 10, 1942, Cash on hand	\$ 664.18
Interest	8,848.62
Profit on bonds sold	450.00
Securities paid and sold	5,950.00

Total cash on hand and received during the year.....\$ 15,912.80

Cash Credit

Transferred to George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund	\$ 500.00
Transferred to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge	5,656.69
Securities purchased	5,000.00
May 10, 1943, Cash on hand, Omaha National Bank	4,756.11

Total

\$ 15,912.80

TRIAL BALANCE

Cash	\$ 4,756.11	
Bonds at cost	175,209.38	
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		\$179,965.49

INVENTORY

Cash	\$ 4,756.11	
Bonds at cost	175,209.38	\$179,965.49

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND BONDS

No.

12—Northeast Water & Electric Corporation, 4%, par \$2,000, cost	\$ 1,691.13
13—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$1,000, cost	970.00
31—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$1,000, cost	926.50
34—Commonwealth of Australia, 4½%, par \$8,000, cost	7,560.00
38½—Seattle Gas Co., 5%, par \$10,000, cost	8,464.02
40—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$9,000, cost	8,482.50
43—Province of Saskatchewan, 4%, par \$5,000, cost	4,634.43
44—Public Utilities Consolidated Corporation, 5½%, par \$5,000, cost	4,925.00
51—Homedale Highway District Refunding Bonds, 4½%, par \$2,000, cost	1,980.00
59—National Gas & Electric Corporation, 5%, par \$25,000, cost	24,510.00
60—Union Stock Yards Co., 4%, par \$10,000, cost	8,080.00
61—Caldwell Irrigation District Refunding Bonds, 5%, par \$4,500.00, cost	4,500.00

64—American Hair & Felt Co., 6%, pfd. par \$5,000, cost.....	4,562.50
67—United Public Utilities Corp., 6%, pfd., par \$10,100, cost.	5,150.80
69—Province of Manitoba, 4%, par \$5,000, cost	4,500.00
70—Province of Saskatchewan, 5%, par \$5,000, cost	4,500.00
71½—Province of Manitoba, 4%, par \$9,000, cost	8,370.00
72—Province of Manitoba, 4½%, par \$10,000, cost	9,650.00
73—Province of Manitoba, 4½%, par \$8,000, cost	7,440.00
74—Province of Manitoba, 5%, par \$4,000, cost	3,950.00
78—City of Toronto, 5%, par \$1,000, cost	995.00
79—Minnesota & Ontario Paper Co., 5%, par \$10,000, cost....	8,842.50
80—Seattle Gas Co., 5%, par \$5,000, cost	3,950.00
81—Province of British Columbia, 4½%, par \$5,000, cost	4,475.00
82—Masonic Temple Craft, Omaha, 3%, par \$10,000, cost	10,000.00
83—Canyon County Drainage District No. 3, 4%, par \$5,000, cost	4,100.00
84—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co., 6%, pfd., par \$10,000, cost	10,000.00
85—United States War Bonds, 2½%, par \$3,000, cost	3,000.00
86—United States Savings Bonds, Series "G", 2½%.....	5,000.00
Total	\$175,209.38

MAINTENANCE FUND

May 10, 1943

Cash Debit

May 14, 1942, Cash on hand	\$ 6,056.88
Interest	983.13
Securities sold	6,813.50
Received from past due Grand Lodge dues, 1940	101.75
Received from Special Account, 1942-1943	7,300.30
Total	\$ 21,255.56

Cash Credit

Maintenance, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	\$ 9,000.00
May 10, 1943, Cash on hand	12,255.56
Total	\$ 21,255.56

MAINTENANCE FUND BONDS

Loan No.

9—United Public Utilities Corporation, 3% pfd., par \$7,150.00, cost	\$ 5,506.95
17—American States Utilities Corporation, 5½%, pfd., par \$5,000.00, cost	3,102.50
Total cost of bonds	\$ 8,609.45
Cash on hand	12,255.56
Total assets, May 10, 1943	\$ 20,865.01

SERVICE, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS ACCOUNT

May 10, 1943

Cash Debit

May 14, 1942, Cash on hand	\$	422.17
Interest		130.00
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Total	\$	552.17

Cash Credit

Paid, Dr. David C. Hilton, annuity	\$	200.00
May 10, 1943, Cash on hand		352.17
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Total	\$	552.17

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1943

Cash on hand	\$	352.17	
Gifts			\$ 2,500.00
Bills receivable		2,470.00	
Surplus			322.17
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Total	\$	2,822.17	\$ 2,822.17

INVENTORY

Cash	\$	352.17
Bills receivable		2,470.00
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Total	\$	2,822.17

SERVICE, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS BONDS

Loan No.

6—Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates, 4%, par \$2,000.00, cost.	\$	1,600.00
7—Province of British Columbia, 5%, par \$1,000.00, cost.		870.00
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Total bonds at cost\$ 2,470.00

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1943

Cash Debit

Cash on hand	\$	1,518.14
Interest		9,377.14
Profit on bonds sold		1,257.50
Farm No. 1, cash receipts		70.77
Farm No. 2, cash receipts		194.92
Farm No. 4, cash receipts		209.71
Farm No. 5, cash receipts		222.00
Farm No. 6, cash receipts		4,429.49

Farm No. 7, cash receipts	457.51
Farm No. 8, cash receipts	726.32
Farm No. 9, cash receipts	284.33
Farm No. 10, cash receipts	3,323.06
Securities paid and sold	56,681.03
Total	\$ 78,751.92

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1943

Cash Credit

Farm No. 1, taxes	\$ 57.76
Farm No. 2, taxes and repairs	69.14
Farm No. 4, taxes	31.32
Farm No. 5, taxes	52.36
Farm No. 6, taxes, repairs and commission for sale.....	351.33
Farm No. 7, taxes	38.52
Farm No. 8, taxes and new cattle shed	298.08
Farm No. 9, taxes and repairs	90.42
Farm No. 10, taxes and commission for sale	559.54
Securities purchased	60,541.56
Half cost of field work	1,621.30
Accrued interest	220.86
Exchange on checks, etc.	5.58
Educational Work, Children's Home	550.00
Cash on hand, Omaha National Bank	14,264.15
Total	\$ 78,751.92

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1943

Inventory	\$249,904.65
Profit and Loss, Farm sales	5,810.16
Cash, Omaha National Bank	\$ 14,264.15
Farm No. 1	7,051.97
Farm No. 2	5,192.28
Farm No. 4	2,712.37
Farm No. 5	6,033.96
Farm No. 7	2,504.90
Farm No. 8	5,762.52
Farm No. 9	3,779.59
Bills receivable	208,413.07
Total	\$255,714.81
	\$255,714.81

INVENTORY

Cash	\$ 14,264.15
Farm No. 1	7,051.97
Farm No. 2	5,192.28
Farm No. 4	2,712.37
Farm No. 5	6,033.96
Farm No. 7	2,504.90
Farm No. 8	5,762.52
Farm No. 9	3,779.59
Bills receivable	208,413.07
Total assets, May 10, 1943	\$255,714.81
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Total assets, May 14, 1942	241,667.75
Gain in assets for the year	\$ 14,047.06
Total bonds at cost	\$142,793.07
Total farm mortgages	65,620.00
Total securities	\$208,413.07
Seven farms at cost	33,037.59
Cash, Omaha National Bank	14,264.15
Total assets, May 10, 1943	\$255,714.81

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND FARM LOANS

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount
288—	Otto F. Dahms.....160 acres	Dixon	5 %	\$ 3,000.00
297—	Michael Foley 99 acres	Washington	.5 %	6,920.00
358—	Theodore A. Hennig.....120 acres	Burt	4½%	3,000.00
367—	Alberic Matthys 60 acres	Douglas	5 %	900.00
393—	Frank N. Smith.....160 acres	Brown	5 %	1,600.00
404—	Amile J. Bejot.....784 acres	Brown	5 %	6,100.00
406—	William H. Miners .....160 acres	Saunders	4 %	4,500.00
411—	Cornelius Colbenson .....149 acres	Dixon	5½%	2,500.00
417—	Frans Hedell 40 acres	Madison	4½%	1,600.00
419—	Ernest J. Smith.....197 acres	Dakota	4 %	9,400.00
422—	Myrta M. Goll.....240 acres	Burt	4½%	2,000.00
430—	Levi Erickson 80 acres	Saunders	4½%	1,500.00
437—	Francis Mehrens 80 acres	Washington	4½%	2,000.00
448½—	Leonard Krings .....120 acres	Platte	4½%	1,500.00
458—	Julius J. Nyffeler 80 acres	Platte	4 %	2,000.00
460—	Archie M. Smith 80 acres	Thurston	4½%	3,000.00
467—	Bertha Elitz .....160 acres	Hamilton	4½%	1,600.00
468—	Jacqueline Schiefelbein ..200 acres	Saunders	4½%	1,500.00
482—	Maurice Olsen .....160 acres	Antelope	4½%	5,500.00
483—	Thomas C. Warren137 acres	Douglas	4½%	5,500.00
Total				\$ 65,620.00

Farm loans	\$ 65,620.00
Bonds	142,793.07
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Total	\$208,413.07

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND BONDS

May 10, 1943

No.	Amount
318—Commonwealth of Australia, 4½%, par \$1,000, cost.....	\$ 887.85
365—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$8,000, cost.....	7,412.00
375—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$3,000, cost.....	2,827.50
378—Public Utilities Corporation, 5½%, par \$10,000, cost.....	9,679.94
386—Seattle Gas Co., 5%, par \$5,000, cost.....	4,597.78
389—Homedale Highway District Refunding Bonds, 4½%, par \$5,000, cost	4,950.00
390—Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates, 4%, par \$6,000, cost....	5,830.59
405—Seattle Gas Co., 5%, par \$3,000, cost.....	2,933.61
407—Caldwell Irrigation District Refunding Bonds, 5%, par \$2,000, cost	2,000.00
410—Province of Manitoba, 4%, par \$1,000, cost.....	930.00
412—Province of Manitoba, 4½%, par \$6,000, cost.....	5,388.00
413½—Province of Manitoba, 6%, par \$5,000, cost.....	4,900.00
416—Union Stock Yards, 4%, par \$5,000, cost.....	4,000.00
434—Seattle Gas Co., 5%, par \$5,000, cost.....	3,150.00
442—County of Canyon, Idaho, Drainage District No. 3, Refunding Bonds, 4%, par \$2,500, cost.....	2,450.00
443—Seattle Gas Co., 5%, par \$5,000, cost.....	3,650.00
453—Caldwell Irrigation District Refunding Bonds, 4%, par \$2,500, cost	2,500.00
458½—United Public Utilities Corp, 5½% pfd., par \$2,500, cost.	1,941.74
459—United Public Utilities Corp, 5½%, par \$1,000, cost Bond.	1,025.00
461—Western Light & Telephone Co., 7%, par \$2,500, cost...	2,700.00
462—Western Light & Telephone Co., 7%, par \$1,000, cost...	1,070.00
463—City of Winnipeg, 6%, par \$1,000, cost.....	955.00
464—La Plant Choate Manufacturing Co., 5% pfd., par \$2,000, cost	2,000.00
465—Western Light & Telephone Co., 7% pfd., par \$1,625, cost	1,722.50
466—Pure Oil Co., 5% pfd., par \$10,000, cost.....	9,400.00
470—Receiver's Certificate, Stoner Packing Co., 6%, par \$2,000, cost	2,000.00
471—Western Light & Telephone Co., 7% pfd., par \$1,650, cost	1,650.00
472—City National Bank Land Certificate, 5½%, par \$2,000, cost	1,700.00
475—United States Government War Bonds, 2½%, par \$2,000, cost	2,000.00
476—United States Savings Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, cost....	5,000.00
477—United States Treasury Bonds, 2½%, cost	5,000.00

478—Province of Manitoba, 4½%, par \$1,000, cost.....	960.00
480—United States Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2½%, cost.....	15,000.00
481—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$1,000, cost.....	972.50
484—City of Regina, 5½%, par \$1,036.20, cost	1,046.56
485—Iowa Electric Light & Power Co., 6% pfd., par \$10,000, cost	5,562.50
487—City of Saskatoon, 5%, par \$3,000, cost.....	3,000.00
488—United States Savings Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, cost.....	10,000.00
Total bonds at cost	\$142,793.07
All interest on bonds and preferred stock paid in full.	

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

PAST DUE INTEREST

Loan No. 297—Michael Foley, balance due May 1, 1943.....	\$ 104.84
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ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND FARMS

- No. 1—Sandoe farm, 320 acres, in Boyd County, Nebraska.
- No. 2—Oliver farm, 160 acres, in Valley County, Nebraska.
- No. 4—Stevens farm, 40 acres, in Colfax County, Nebraska.
- No. 5—Weiler farm, 80 acres, in Otoe County, Nebraska.
- No. 7—Kayl farm, 80 acres, in Dixon County, Nebraska.
- No. 8—Copple farm, 80 acres, in Thurston County, Nebraska.
- No. 9—Bergstrom farm, 271 acres, in Boyd County, Nebraska.

It will be noted that we have sold two farms this year:

Farm No. 6—154 acres in Antelope County, was sold for \$8,500.00. The profit on the sale of this farm was \$3,953.88.

Farm No. 10—137 acres in Douglas County, was sold for \$8,000.00, with a profit of \$1,856.28.

Following the advice of the Auditor, we have set up a Farm Profit and Loss Account in the Orphans' Educational Fund. This account, at the moment has a credit of \$5,810.16. As the balance of the farms are sold, this account will be credited, if there is a profit, and charged with any loss, so that when the farms are all sold the Grand Lodge will know exactly whether it made or lost money on these farms, and how much.

Prospects are very good for the sale of at least one, and possibly two of these farms in the very near future.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
IN CHARGE OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

May 10, 1943

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 14, 1942	\$ 1,568.67
Interest	6,019.47
Securities paid	19,202.68
Received from Farm No. 1	1,046.32
Total	\$ 27,837.14

Cash Credit

Securities purchased	\$ 20,950.00
Examination of abstracts	20.00
Exchange on checks	2.60
Farm No. 1, taxes and abstract	30.51
Cash on hand, May 10, 1943	6,834.03
Total	\$ 27,837.14

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

Trial Balance

May 10, 1943

Securities on hand	\$138,969.46
Cash on hand	6,834.03
Inventory	\$135,977.09
Bequests	9,826.40
Total	\$145,803.49 \$145,803.49

Inventory

Securities on hand	\$138,969.46
Cash	6,834.03
Total	\$145,803.49

Liabilities

Bequests	\$ 9,826.40
Total	\$135,977.09
Add bequests, only book liability	9,826.40
Total assets, May 10, 1943	\$145,803.49

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND FARM LOANS

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount
9—	Anna Prochnow	80 acres Douglas	5 %	\$ 5,800.00
10—	Frank L. Frink	160 acres Madison	5 %	2,000.00
54—	Anton G. Christiansen	80 acres Platte	4½ %	3,000.00
64—	James E. Bednar	160 acres Gage	4½ %	3,500.00
70—	Louis J. Siekmann	160 acres Hall	4½ %	4,500.00
71—	John H. Smith	80 acres Saunders	4 %	2,500.00
72—	Prudence Lodge No. 179	Masonic Temple, and lease	5 %	1,327.57
73—	Josephine Johnson	160 acres Saunders	4 %	4,000.00
74—	Henry G. Osterloh	238 acres Dodge	4 %	4,000.00
75—	Emma McCord	150 acres Saunders	4 %	7,000.00
76—	Anton G. Christensen	80 acres Platte	4½ %	2,000.00

77—Edward Niebaum	160 acres Washington ...	4½%	3,800.00
78—Henry Bleyhl	101 acres Dodge	4½%	3,550.00
81—Mrs. Catherine O'Grady..	240 acres Colfax	5 %	4,600.00
83—Edward Niebaum	Joint with Loan No. 77...	4½%	800.00
84—Gustav Pelster	160 acres Brown	5 %	1,800.00
86—Tillie Stanezyk	240 acres Merriek	5 %	750.00
89—Roy M. Rasmussen	200 acres Saunders	4 %	8,500.00
90—Archie M. Smith	80 acres Thurston	4½%	3,000.00
91—John A. Mitchell, et al...	140 acres Saunders	4 %	2,100.00
92—Crofton Lodge No. 273...	Masonic Temple Bldg....	5 %	1,226.64
93—Raymond F. Schilz	170 acres Platte	4½%	850.00
95—William W. Martinson...	80 acres Saunders	4½%	500.00
99—Jacqueline Schiefelbein...	80 acres Saunders	4½%	3,000.00
101—Louis J. Siekmann.....	240 acres Saunders	4 %	5,500.00
103—Ramah Lodge No. 275...	Masonic Temple	4½%	450.00

Total\$ 80,054.21

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND BONDS

Loan No.

40—Commonwealth of Australia, 4½%, par \$6,000, cost...	\$ 5,469.97
48—American Rolling Mills Co., 4½%, pfd., par \$4,000, cost	3,821.53
57—Downey, Idaho Water Bonds, 4%, par \$1,000, cost....	1,000.00
59—Caldwell Irrigation District Refunding Bonds, 5%, par \$5,500, cost	5,500.00
68—Province of Manitoba, 4½%, par \$5,000, cost.....	4,643.75
79—Canyon County Drainage District No. 3, 4%, par \$4,000, cost	3,960.00
88—Province of British Columbia, 5%, par \$3,500, cost....	3,430.00
94—City of Vancouver, 5%, par \$8,000, cost.....	7,840.00
96—Brown Company, 5%, par \$2,000, cost.....	1,340.00
97—City of Vancouver, 5%, par \$3,000, cost.....	2,910.00
98—United States Government Defense Bonds, 2½%, par \$4,000, cost	4,000.00
100—United States Bonds, Series "G", 2½%	5,000.00
102—United States Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2½%.....	5,000.00
104—United States Bonds, Series "G", 2½%	5,000.00

Total\$ 58,915.25

Farm mortgages\$ 80,054.21

Bonds at cost 58,915.25

Total\$138,969.46

For the first time in several years, we are happy to report that there is no past due interest on any item in this account.

Farm No. 1—For several years this account has owned 80 acres of land in Washington County, Kansas. Last year, you will note that it was carried at a cost of \$1.00 on the books. A note was made that this farm actually stood us \$1,020.37. The drouth damaged this farm materially. Opportunity came to sell it for \$900.00 cash, which sale was approved by the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home. The loss on this account was \$4.56.

After the books were closed May 10, 1943, we received a delayed A.A.A. payment on Farm No. 1, amounting to \$30.44, which changes the loss reported on that account, to a profit of \$25.88.

SURETY BOND ACCOUNT

Cash Debit

May 14, 1942, Cash on hand	\$ 1,422.98
Received from premium on bonds, from Lodges	608.80
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Total	\$ 2,031.78

Cash Credit

Paid premium, Schedule bonds, for Lodges	\$ 526.86
Paid additional premium, Florence Lodge No. 281	23.22
May 10, 1943, Cash on hand, First National Bank, Omaha....	1,481.70
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Total	\$ 2,031.78

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

May 14, 1942, Cash on hand	\$ 8.27
Received from George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268	49.00
Received from Palmer Lodge No. 315	33.00
Received from Plainview Lodge No. 204	11.00
Received from Jordan Lodge No. 27	9.00
Received from Pomegranate Lodge No. 110	4.00
Received from McCook Lodge No. 135	14.00
Received from Hay Springs Lodge No. 177	13.00
Received from Perkins Lodge No. 308	6.00
Received from Capitol Lodge No. 3, (on returns)	247.00
Received from George Washington Lodge No. 250, (on returns)	78.00
Received from Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201	85.00
Received from various Lodges on returns	374.00
Received from Building and Improvement Fund, special appropriation	500.00
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Total cash on hand and received	\$ 1,431.27

Paid to J. Claude Keiper, Secretary-Treasurer 1,000.00

May 10, 1943, Cash on hand, United States National Bank,
Savings Department, Omaha\$ 431.27

RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund, cash	\$ 27,296.32
Relief Fund, cash	12,054.62
Permanent Reserve Fund, cash	2,052.81
Permanent Reserve Fund, securities	38,820.45
Building & Improvement Fund, cash	4,756.11
Building & Improvement Fund, securities	175,209.38
Maintenance Fund, cash	12,255.56
Maintenance Fund, bonds	8,609.45
Supply Account, cash	1,314.35
Service, Annuities & Gifts, cash	352.17
Service, Annuities & Gifts, bonds	2,470.00
Orphans' Educational Fund, cash	14,264.15
Orphans' Educational Fund, securities	208,413.07
Orphans' Educational Fund, 7 farms	33,037.59
Children's Home Endowment Fund, cash	6,834.03
Children's Home Endowment Fund, securities	138,969.46
Grand Lodge Expense Account, cash	400.00
Surety Bond Account, cash	1,481.70
Grand Lodge Exchange Account, cash	200.00
Total	\$688,791.22

BRETHREN WHO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE FIFTY YEAR BADGE BY THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA SINCE THE LAST REPORT AS SHOWN ON PAGE 365, PROCEEDINGS 1942

Certificate No.	Brother	Date Received		Lodge	Number
		Master Mason's	Degree		
914—	David L. Dunn	June	4, 1892....	Curtis	No. 168
915—	William Freidell	Jan.	29, 1887....	College View	No. 320
916—	Howard J. Hill	June	17, 1892....	Harlan	No. 116
917—	Badge replaced				
918—	Fremont C. Craig	June	29, 1892....	Covert	No. 11
919—	Carl C. Boekhouse	July	14, 1887....	Covert	No. 11
920—	Jesse H. Wood	June	13, 1892....	DeWitt	No. 111
921—	John B. Maylard	Nov.	20, 1891....	Mosaic	No. 55
922—	George W. Reneker	July	12, 1892....	Falls City	No. 9
923—	John R. Brown	June	8, 1892....	Boaz	No. 185
924—	Louis C. Mittelstadt	May	24, 1892....	Mosaic	No. 55
925—	Charles A. Tindall	June	28, 1892....	Wahoo	No. 59

926—George W. Johnston	May 22, 1891....	St. Johns	No. 25
927—Grant T. Ray	Sept. 3, 1892....	Osceola	No. 65
928—Blitz G. Kenny	Nov. 20, 1891....	Lancaster	No. 54
929—Claude B. Dodge	1892....	Lancaster	No. 54
930—Elbert J. Latta	Aug. 5, 1892....	Mid-West	No. 317
931—Charles C. Howe	Aug. 18, 1892....	Bee Hive	No. 184
932—Rudolph M. Campbell	Nov. 10, 1892....	Trestle Board	No. 162
933—J. Henry Mark	June 24, 1892....	Mason City	No. 170
934—James H. Cover	Mar. 19, 1892....	Meridian	No. 188
935—Anton E. Wanek	June 7, 1892....	Porter	No. 106
936—John W. Barton	Nov. 12, 1892....	Lone Tree	No. 36
937—Glenn E. Townsend	Sept. 27, 1892....	East Lincoln	No. 210
938—Badge replaced			
939—Robert B. Beer	May 10, 1892....	Mount Nebo	No. 125
940—George A. Ireland	Nov. 23, 1892....	Tekamah	No. 31
941—Lauritz A. Larsen	Oct. 17, 1892....	Curtis	No. 168
942—Ernest P. Rogers	May 25, 1892....	Covert	No. 11
943—George B. Lewis	May 1, 1891....	Crofton	No. 273
944—John J. Thomas	July 19, 1892....	Oliver	No. 38
945—John S. Freeborn	Jan. 11, 1893....	Western	No. 140
946—August C. Wiehe	Nov. 3, 1892....	McCook	No. 135
947—Luke H. Cheney	Dec. 10, 1892....	McCook	No. 135
948—Badge replaced			
949—Andrew P. Peterson	Feb. 23, 1893....	Keystone	No. 62
950—Bartley F. Maywood	Jan. 18, 1893....	Mizpah	No. 302
951—Joseph S. Davis	Apr. 27, 1891....	Capitol	No. 3
952—J. Oscar Peterson	Oct. 6, 1892....	Corinthian	No. 83
953—Charles O. Crosthwaite ...	Dec. 12, 1892....	Fidelity	No. 51
954—John Johnsen	Dec. 3, 1892....	Covert	No. 11
955—William E. Langworthy ..	Oct. 8, 1892....	Oliver	No. 38
956—William A. Davis	Apr. 26, 1893....	Auburn	No. 124
957—Edward H. Dort	Apr. 27, 1893....	Auburn	No. 124
958—Lewis Bergland	Dec. 6, 1892....	Scribner	No. 132
959—John E. Simpson	Feb. 11, 1893....	Covert	No. 11
960—Edwin S. Miller	Apr. 10, 1893....	Beatrice	No. 26
961—Hugh C. Van Horne	Mar. 10, 1893....	Pawnee	No. 23
962—Arthur N. Wickham	Mar. 23, 1893....	East Lincoln	No. 210
963—Camden J. Garlow	Apr. 26, 1893....	Lebanon	No. 323
964—Edward J. Niewohner ...	Sept. 10, 1884....	Lebanon	No. 323
965—Elmer B. Cook	Feb. 3, 1893....	Hastings	No. 50
966—Edwin O. W. Callam	Apr. 12, 1893....	Pawnee	No. 23
967—Henry W. DeLaney	Apr. 4, 1893....	Sterling	No. 70
968—Charles T. Milligan	May 5, 1893....	Charity	No. 53
969—William L. White	Sept. 23, 1892....	York	No. 56
970—Edgar A. Howard	Apr. 25, 1885....	Lebanon	No. 323
971—Frank A. Livringhouse ...	Mar. 11, 1893....	Lincoln	No. 19
972—Zachariah C. Harris	Dec. 19, 1890....	Blazing Star	No. 200
973—William Banks	July 21, 1892....	Blazing Star	No. 200

974—John C. Bailey	Jan. 12, 1892....	Landmark	No. 222
975—Otto Puelz	Aug. 31, 1892....	Boaz	No. 185
976—Robert W. Sherwood	May 23, 1893....	Plattsmouth	No. 6
977—Robert B. Hayes	May 8, 1893....	Plattsmouth	No. 6
978—Louie L. Fuller	Mar. 23, 1893....	Tecumseh	No. 17
979—Ramsey V. Bolenbaugh ...	Sept. 3, 1893....	Fremont	No. 15
980—George Johnson	June 10, 1892....	Fremont	No. 15
981—Ira E. Atkinson	Apr. 30, 1892....	Fremont	No. 15
982—David D. Reavis, Sr.	July 8, 1893....	Falls City	No. 9

RETURNS

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

Lodge No. 187 reports carrying no insurance. The following Lodges do not report whether they carry any insurance or not: Nos. 124, 223, 276, and 284.

The following Lodges report having no delinquent dues: Nos. 2, 11, 54, 82, 184, 185, 192, 210, 226, 227, 237, 271, 275, 279, 290, 299, 314, and 320, a total of 18, 6 more than last year. Of these 18, the following had no delinquent dues for 1941: Nos. 2, 11, 54, 82, 185, 192, 210, 227, 290, and 314.

The number of delinquent members is reported to be 4,676, as compared to 5,458 for the previous year.

The amount delinquent is \$44,477.05, as compared to \$52,086.46 for 1941, \$66,516.09 for 1940, and \$71,283.76 for 1939.

The average for each delinquent is \$9.48, which is 6 cents less than last year.

RETURNS

Number of chartered Lodges last report289

Less consolidations:

Juniata Lodge No. 42 with Kenesaw Lodge No. 144.....	1
Level Lodge No. 196 with Cambridge Lodge No. 150	1
Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 with Hampton Lodge No. 245	1
Riverside Lodge No. 269 with Cedar River Lodge No. 89	1
Palmer Lodge No. 315 with St. Paul Lodge No. 82	1
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Chartered Lodges on hand, December 31, 1942 284

Number initiated during the year1069

Number passed 957

Number raised 925

Number affiliated 255

Number reinstated 573

Number gained by other causes 134

Total Gross Increase 1887

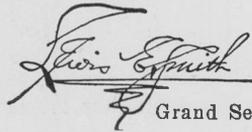
Number demitted during the year 301

Number deceased 563

Number suspended 380

Number expelled	4
Number lost by other causes	129
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Total Loss ..	1377
Net Gain for the year ending December 31, 1942.....	510
Number of Master Masons on rolls, December 31, 1941.....	30,852
Number of Master Masons on rolls, December 31, 1942.....	31,362

Fraternally yours,



 Grand Secretary

Roll of Honor

Lodges Reporting No Delinquent Dues for the Year 1942.

- Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City.
Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha.
Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln.
Saint Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul.
Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha.
Boaz Lodge No. 185, Danbury.
Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine.
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln.
Grace Lodge No. 226, Wilcox.
North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln.
Cubit Lodge No. 237, Douglas.
Oasis Lodge No. 271, Morrill.
Ramah Lodge No. 275, Bertrand.
Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace.
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha.
Sutherland Lodge No. 299, Sutherland.
Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln.
College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln.
Right Angle Lodge No. 303, Omaha, is on the
Honor Roll, for the reason that it is the only
Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, that has never
shown a loss in membership from the date it
received its charter, June 21, 1920.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

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

I submit herewith my report on the activities of this office for the Masonic year:

CENTRAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Two-day schools have been held in the following Lodges:

Wausa Lodge No. 251, Wausa.
Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, Allen.
Trowel Lodge No. 71, Neligh.
Albion Lodge No. 78, Albion.
Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203, Pender.
Acacia Lodge No. 34, Schuyler.
Mount Moriah Lodge No. 57, Syracuse.
Cubit Lodge No. 237, Douglas.
Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City.
Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland.
Blue Valley Lodge No. 64, Wilber.
Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward.
Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Ainsworth.
Kimball Lodge No. 294, Kimball.
Ogallala Lodge No. 159, Ogallala.
Meridian Lodge No. 188, Cozad.
Elm Creek Lodge No. 133, Elm Creek.
Cement Lodge No. 211, Wood River.
Palisade Lodge No. 216, Palisade.
Rawalt Lodge No. 138, Oxford.
Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud.
Superior Lodge No. 121, Superior.
Ord Lodge No. 103, Ord.
Fairfield Lodge No. 84, Fairfield.

One-day schools were held in the following Lodges:

Creighton Lodge No. 100, Creighton.
Ornan Lodge No. 261, Spencer.
Atkinson Lodge No. 164, Atkinson.
Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk.
Saint Paul Lodge No. 82, Saint Paul.
Oakland Lodge No. 91, Oakland.
Jordan Lodge No. 27, West Point.
Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthill.
Auburn Lodge No. 124, Auburn.
Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore.
York Lodge No. 56, York.
Hebron Lodge No. 43, Hebron.
Osceola Lodge No. 65, Osceola.

Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron.
 Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff.
 Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport.
 McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook.
 Boaz Lodge No. 185, Danbury.
 Jaclin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege.
 Seneca Lodge No. 284, Seneca.
 Emmett Crawford Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow.
 Cable Lodge No. 225, Arnold.
 Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna.
 Ashlar Lodge No. 33, and Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island.
 Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Mid West Lodge No. 317, Hastings.
 Lincoln Lodges at Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln.

Records of one hundred and forty-nine Lodges have been checked, and everyone has cooperated in the endeavor to improve their showing along the line of complete and comprehensive records.

The membership of ninety-four Lodges have been checked with the records in Omaha, and reconciliations made where necessary. One school was cancelled because of inability to heat the hall, and as this was not known until nearly time for the school, we could not redate elsewhere at that time.

The tire and gas situation compelled some Lodges to give up attendance, but with all the obstacles present, the attendance was about eighty percent of normal.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

One Lodge has been added to the list of certified Lodges. Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, Tecumseh.

The following brethren have been added to the list of individual certificate holders:

James C. Hendricksen, Capitol Lodge No. 3.
 Phillip F. Johnson, Lincoln Lodge No. 19.
 Wilber E. Sanford, Lincoln Lodge No. 19.
 Irwin J. Imig, Oliver Lodge No. 38.
 Harry Talley, Hastings Lodge No. 50.
 H. Allen Boughton, Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
 Orville L. Sandy, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110.
 Charles D. Quig, Rawalt Lodge No. 138.
 Elmo W. Phillips, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290.
 Elroy E. Harlan, Liberty Lodge No. 300.
 Maynard L. Nichols, Liberty Lodge No. 300.
 Donald K. Nelson, Liberty Lodge No. 300.
 Dan W. Campbell, Mizpah Lodge No. 302.
 Guy L. Raber, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Two new names have been added to the list of Assistant Custodians.
 Lewis E. Baker, McCook Lodge No. 135.

Howard E. Bradstreet, Ornan Lodge No. 261.

Both of these brethren have been very active in the work for a number of years and have well earned their commissions.

GRAND LODGE CEREMONIES

Owing to the extra work in covering the schools during the Masonic year, I have been able to attend but one Grand Lodge Ceremony. I attended the Communication at Wymore on March 31st, when the Gold Jordan Medal was presented to Brother Nicholas Schoenholz.

My sincere appreciation is expressed to our M. W. Grand Master, George A. Kurk, for his many kind and helpful acts during the year, and to M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, for his cooperation, and assistance.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The troubled condition of the world at this time has, of course, had its effect on the brethren and Lodges of Nebraska, and many of the officers and best workers over the State have been called into the service in one capacity or another, and it speaks well for our Fraternity, that the older members and past officers are stepping into the ranks again, and adding their ability and judgment, to keep the work well in hand until the day when the boys come back.

The spirit of Masonry which has always been foremost in the ranks in times of emergency, is again called upon to take its place in the upholding of American ideals, and never has the opportunity and responsibility been greater than at the present time, when men are being slaughtered, and Nations wiped out because of their faith in the things we, as Masons, hold dear.

My travels over the State have convinced me that the Masons of Nebraska can be depended on to do their share, and more, at any and all times to keep the HOME FRONT strong and unshaken, ready for the return of the boys who serve today in the cause of humanity. In the words of Van Dyke;

“And thou My Country write it on thy heart,
Thy sons are those who nobly do their part,
Who dedicates his manhood at thy shrine,
Wherever born, is born a son of thine.”

Sincerely and fraternally,

Luete M. Savage

Grand Custodian

At 12:08 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Tuesday, June 8, 1943

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. Emery E. Davis, 290, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers respectfully reports and recommends that the Address of Most Worshipful George A. Kurk, Grand Master, be referred under its specific designations to the following Committees:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Chapter on "Our Departed Brethren".

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Elect and Install".

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Confer Degrees Without Regard to Time".

The Chapter on "Appointment of Acting Master".

The Chapter on "Decisions—Interpretations of the Law".

The Chapter on "By-Laws Approved".

The Chapter on "Proclamation".

Recommendation No. 2. (Also referred to the Committee on Finance.)

Recommendations Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

The Chapter on "Masonic Code and Decisions Supplement".

To the Committee on Finance:

The Chapter on "Masonic War Service Committee".

Recommendation No. 1.

Recommendation No. 2. (Also referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.)

Recommendation No. 3.

The Chapter on "State of the Order".

To the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement:

The Chapter on "Reinstatements".

To the Temple Building Advisory Committee:

The Chapter on "Approval of Lodge Financing".

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Trial Commissions".

- To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans:
 - The Chapter on "Masonic Homes".
- To the Committee on Masonic Education.
 - The Chapter on "Masonic Education".
 - The Chapter on "Grand Masters' Conference".
 - Recommendation No. 4.
- To the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial:
 - The Chapter on "George Washington Masonic National Memorial".
- To the Masters and Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges:
 - The Chapter on "Gold Jordan Medal".
 - The Chapter on "Badges and Medals".
- To the Grand Custodian and his Assistants:
 - The Chapter on "Assistant Custodians".
- To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:
 - The Chapter on "Change of Location and Approval of Lodge Halls".
 - The Chapter on "Miscellaneous Dispensations".
 - The Chapter on "Consolidations".
 - The Chapters on "Change of Location of Lodges".

A review of our Grand Master's address together with some personal knowledge of his achievements enables your Committee to congratulate the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska on its fortune in having so capable a leader of Masonry in Nebraska.

Notwithstanding the obligations, duties and expectations of a Grand Master, Freemasonry's highest tribute seems inadequate for the sincere, unselfish and constructive service of M. W. George A. Kurk. His devotion to the principles of Masonry are best exemplified by his visitations and open handed dealing with all mankind and to his Country by his untiring endeavor to so strengthen our Nation that the peace and happiness we so dearly love may be preserved.

His many contributions to Freemasonry need no specific reference except that their circumscription lies far beyond this Grand Jurisdiction. His term as Grand Master was for but one year, but as a Mason and a Grand man his term shall continue for life.

We feel highly honored and are happy to express grateful appreciation of our Grand Master and extend to him assurance of our admiration and sincere best wishes.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

We recommend that the designated portions of the report of the Grand Secretary, be referred as follows:

- To the Committee on Finance:
 - All matters in the Financial Report.
 - The Chapter on "Relief Notes".
 - The Chapter on "Farm Management".

To the Committee on Grievances:
The Chapter on "Grievances".

To the Committee on Returns:
The Chapter on "Returns".

Attention is directed especially to the present highly favorable financial condition of the Grand Lodge which reflects to the credit of our Grand Secretary who has throughout his many years of faithful service piloted Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction with wisdom and foresight. Here also we recognize true devotion to Freemasonry and to all things upright and reputable.

Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith has ever been more than his office implies. His sympathetic and unselfish nature has endeared him to all who have come in contact with him and to him all Masons are indebted for good and timely counsel and inspiration.

We tender to Brother Lew, on behalf of all our Brethren congratulations on his accomplishments and assurance of our great appreciation.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

There appears no need of referring any particular part of this report to any standing committee. It is, however, our pleasure to direct attention to the activities and accomplishments of the Grand Custodian and his assistants.

Freemasonry could not long survive the destructive hand of ignorance. Strict adherence to its ritual is its very life. That a high standard of instruction and education is being persistently introduced into our Subordinate Lodges is clearly indicated in the address of the Grand Master and the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian. For this highly commendable condition we all are indebted to our Grand Custodian, Worshipful Brother Lute M. Savage.

He justly merits and we tender to him the appreciation of the Craft.

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Your Committee further recommends that all matters not herein specifically referred to any Committee, in the Address of the Grand Master, and the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian, be ratified and approved.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master:

We will listen to the report of the President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, M. W. William A. Robertson:

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

Brethren:

At the request of Most Worshipful George A. Kurk, Grand Master, I beg leave to make this report on the Nebraska Masonic Home in the

hope that I may bring to you increased knowledge of this great Masonic charity. The Nebraska Masonic Home is a Corporation organized by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The Articles of Incorporation are such that the Grand Lodge shall always own at least fifty-one per cent of the stock issued. The balance of the stock is owned by various Masonic Bodies and a few individual Masons. The shares owned by individuals are such that on the death of the individual owner the stock must go to some Masonic organization designed by him. The annual meeting of the stockholders is held on January 23rd. The affairs of the Home are conducted by a board of Trustees of thirty members, six ex-officio members and twenty-four elected by the stockholders. The elected members hold their office for a term of three years. The six-officio members are the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the R. E. Grand Commander, M. E. Grand High Priest, M. I. Grand Master of the Council, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite, and the Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star. The members of the Board serve without pay or expense and hold monthly meetings in the Masonic Temple in Omaha.

The Home grounds comprise about forty-two acres in the City of Plattsmouth, where are located the various buildings of the Home. The total number of residents admitted at the Home up to June 1, 1943, is 655; the first resident was admitted September 1, 1903; the total number of residents in the Home on June 1, 1943, was 86, 37 men and 49 women. During the year ending June 1, 1943, we admitted eighteen residents and lost twenty-one—twenty by death and one by withdrawal. The average age of the men is 74.89 years, and the average age of the women is 76.72 years. We have twenty-two employees. During the forty years we have operated the Home, the trend has been towards the admission of a more enfeebled class and in greater numbers. For many years we have had an excess number of residents over the intended capacity of our facilities. The cost of operating the Home during the forty years has been approximately one million dollars, or an average of twenty-five thousand dollars per year. This average is less than the present per annum expenses which are about forty-eight thousand dollars owing to the lesser numbers and lower average age of the residents in the earlier years. The age and growth of the Grand Lodge is being reflected in the type and number of residents in the Home.

It has been our endeavor to maintain the Home on a standard comparable to the standard of the average Home of the Masons of Nebraska.

Many human interest stories could be told about the residents. For instance, one of the residents past 84 years of age, on being interviewed by the Committee from one of the Grand Bodies in Nebraska, when asked if he had any complaints, said that he had one, that the trouble with the Masonic Home was, it didn't rehabilitate the residents. A few days ago one of the residents, a lady past 82 years of age, said she wanted to visit a friend and wanted to take her dinner with her in a lunch box; on investigation we discovered that she had secured employ-

ment in the Canning Factory, but she said she was unable to do any help about the Home. Many residents have hobbies. One Brother does very fine needle point work, one will take care of baby chickens and really do splendid work in raising them, but the minute that they are big enough to use and we have a chicken dinner he will refuse to look after the chickens further. They are then old enough to scratch for themselves. One will have a hobby with popcorn. One of our Brethren had a hobby of collecting silver dollars and at the time he died had about 35 silver dollars. While he was living we often wondered why he was walking around as though his trousers were about to fall down. After he died we discovered he had been carrying this silver in his hip pocket. One of the residents made a collection of oranges, taking an extra orange at every opportunity and when he died we had quite a collection of dried oranges. In the main, however, the residents get along very happily together and seem to enjoy being in the Home. These present associations are largely due to the efficient management of our Superintendent, Worshipful Brother William F. Evers.

This report is to give you a brief outline of what we are doing at the Home and what it is costing us to carry on the charity. It would be worthwhile if the Brethren of the Grand Lodge could personally visit the Home and meet the residents in their present environment. We invite you one and all to visit the Home whenever the opportunity affords.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master:

We deeply appreciate this report that has just been made as to just what the Masons of this State are doing for the sisters and brothers at Plattsmouth Home.

We will now listen to the report of the President of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, W. Brother James C. Suttie.

W. Brother James C. Suttie:

The Annual Report of the MASONIC EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN, Fremont, was given at the stockholders' meeting in January, published in pamphlet form, and most of you likely have seen it. It gives in detail various operations of the Home and activities surrounding it. Also for the first time, you will find printed the articles of incorporation and by-laws.

There are twelve elected members on the Board of Trustees, with the M. W. Grand Master and Worthy Grand Matron, as members through their offices. Six of the twelve are men, six women. The brothers serving on the Board are Clarence T. Spier of Omaha, Leland A. Phelps of Fremont, John A. Britton of Omaha, Leslie C. Hult of Wahoo, Harley Styer of Lincoln and myself.

Our budget for the year 1942 called for \$28,195.00, expenditures \$24,380.59, or balance in budget over disbursements of \$3,814.41. Farm is operated as part of the Home, and receipts off farm consumed in Home amounted to \$3,615.32, products sold \$899.95, or income off farm \$4,515.17.

Total investment in Endowment Fund amounts to \$31,271.00, and it has continued to grow annually. We also have a special gift fund. In January 1942 we received gift of \$102.50 from Thomas R. Morrow of Tekamah, a young man who had just joined the Army. Again on January 3rd of this year we received a check for \$110.50 from him, now a Staff Sergeant, as a Christmas gift to the children. This boy had never lived at the Home, or as far as we know, had never visited it, but in his heart he seems interested in children who find homes like ours at Fremont. The trustees ordered the money placed in a special fund called the "Morrow Gift Fund." On June 12th, 1942, \$150.00 was received from Mr. and Mrs. George Kuhlman of Parks, Nebraska, and with their consent the amount was added to this gift fund.

In December 1942, the dairy barn at the Home was completely destroyed by fire and some damage to the adjacent silo. Will rebuild as soon as necessary priorities and materials can be obtained.

These are war times and one of the penalties of war is a broken family. It is our desire that the opportunities of this Home be made available to every child of Masonic parentage who is, or will be deprived of adequate home training and care. We wish the members could know the splendid results we are having with the children and if you could meet them personally and talk with them, you would be mighty proud of them.

We have at this time, (close of school), 43 children in the Home with one additional on leave in armed forces. Five will graduate this Spring and two of the five will soon be in service of their country. We are proud of some 25 of our graduates in the service. One of our High School Juniors was inducted in March, which led to the passing of resolution that any boy or girl living at the Home and called into the service of our country be considered merely on leave of absence from the Home, thus insuring them of a place to return to and complete their studies if desired.

Our problem is children. At present time, at close of school, we are notified by parents five children will soon leave to live with them. Next Fall, if not before, four more graduates leave. Two small boys are being admitted now, so we will have a net of 36 at start of school in September, provided no new applications come in by then. It is our earnest and sincere belief that when the war is over, we will very rapidly get back to normal enrollment. This same condition of depleting enrollment prevails all over the country in similar Homes. In the meantime, we must keep the plant in proper condition; this may mean higher per capita expense than normal or justified, but this is being watched closely and we will do whatever is necessary.

To illustrate, in a case before us now where mother will take two children from the Home; one older son in army. There is no financial incentive for the mother to leave two children in the Home for she can get dependency allowances from the army and subsistence through regular relief channels, insuring her of an income greater than if she were working herself. The M. W. Grand Master is aware of investigation I made

on this case and inability to get any change. The present set-up may change our enrollment considerably.

We are at this time considering taking into the Home, so far as our capacity will permit, sons or daughters of members of the Eastern Star or Masonic Lodge in good standing, whose parents are engaged in war work and unable to properly supervise or look after such children. This to be in effect only during the war emergency, and we believe it will provide a badly needed Home for such children of our members. However, in order to qualify, the local Lodge or Chapter must certify as to the necessity of a child being admitted due to parent being in war work and unable to properly look after such child. Such child must be under 18 years of age. If admitted must strictly conform to the rules and regulations of the Home and in no way be treated other than our regular children. Also must pass the usual physical examination before being admitted. That should our facilities become crowded there must be no exception taken towards retirement from the Home of such children as the judgment of the Board decides. No financial obligation whatever to rest upon the local lodge or chapter for such children while they are in the Home under this war emergency. The parent or parents of such children must agree to furnish their clothing and like necessities but no charge on our part for any youngster admitted under this emergency. We have the room and facilities and we will be helping some of our members who undoubtedly are worrying about their children, so we feel willing to give it a trial besides helping the war effort.

At May meeting, resolution was passed eliminating the requirement that a Lodge or Chapter guarantee the payment of the \$50.00 per annum, in case a parent refused to pay for the child. As it now stands there is no financial obligation whatever on the part of a Lodge or Chapter for any child of a member who is or will be in the Home.

Resolution was also passed providing that elected officers of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. be permitted to attend meetings of this Board, without voice, vote or expense, with the idea they become familiar with the workings of the Board and Home by the time they reach the highest office.

We could not give this report without expressing our deep appreciation of the splendid services given by Superintendent Hartmann and other employees at Fremont. I know the long hours they put in and their anxiety and worry over the children just like any parent. For instance, a matron at one of the Homes, Senior Girls for instance, gets \$80.00 per month. Fourteen girls in that one Home. This matron is on the job from 6 A.M. until 10:30 P.M. Each senior allowed one late leave a month, until 12 o'clock. That means several times a month she is on duty from 6 A.M. until midnight. In case of illness she is up several times a night. Her time off is half a day each week and an extra whole day each month. Not very many of us work those kind of hours, nor have the heavy responsibility.

Our good brothers in western part of state never forget to send in their annual donation of potatoes and vegetables. Nor do our Fremont Brethren forget the turkeys at holiday times. To the many other lodges, chapters, organizations and individuals we again say "thank you".

We hope the first opportunity you have you will visit the Home and get acquainted with the youngsters. We try to give them their physical and spiritual needs, but what they want and need is for you to stop and see them, show a genuine interest in them, and make them feel you are back of them and looking after their welfare and happiness. What a fine thing it would be for you both!

The Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Finch, extended every cooperation and help all during her year, and it was a pleasure to work with her.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to our Grand Secretary Lewis E. Smith for his active and constant cooperation at all times. Lew has never been too busy to give good counsel and advice.

And M. W. Grand Master, George, I think you know how we feel about your kindness and understanding. You have been regular in attendance at Board meetings, have freely offered your help, and personally I know how you have backed me up and helped me over many a rough spot. You have been a real friend to the children and others at the Home, and we hope you will continue your interest, for we all need a real friend such as you have proven yourself to be.

Personally, I feel the trials have been many, the problems great, and the worry and responsibility of the position almost too much at times,—yet it has been a genuine pleasure to serve the Home and the Craft to the best of my ability. May I add the prayer that God give His blessings to those at the Home at Fremont.

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

M. W. GEORGE A. KURK, Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near our Grand Lodge, directing them to form a semi-circle around the Altar.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master:

Brethren:

It is a pleasure indeed to receive you in the Eighty-sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and to extend to you a cordial welcome. Perhaps it was your experience, as it was mine, when I was appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland near our Grand Jurisdiction, I was informed that the appointment carried more honor than duty. I found on my recent visits that we have an opportunity to correspond with brothers in the jurisdiction that we represent, and if you brothers are not availing yourselves of that privilege you are missing

an opportunity for a lot of pleasure. I know that you could bring into the jurisdiction that you represent some valuable information. As I say, I was reminded that the appointment carried more honor than duty, but I know that you can have a splendid friendship, and fellowship by carrying on a correspondence with the representative of the Grand Lodge, or some other brother in the jurisdiction represented, and I recommend that you do so.

We are happy to have you with us.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alabama.....	Raymond C. Cook
Alberta.....	Earl M. Bolen
Arkansas.....	Lute M. Savage
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba.....	Benjamin F. Eyre
Canada.....	Edward F. Carter
Chile.....	Ralph O. Canaday
Georgia.....	William F. Evers
Illinois.....	William A. Robertson
Indiana.....	John R. Hughes
Ireland.....	Ira C. Freet
Jugoslavia.....	C. Ray Macy
Kansas.....	Henry H. Heiler
Kentucky.....	John S. Hedelund
Louisiana.....	Norris Chadderdon
Maine.....	Archie M. Smith
Maryland.....	George A. Kurk
Massachusetts.....	William B. Wanner
Mexico.....	Earl J. Lee
Michigan.....	Lewis E. Smith
Minnesota.....	George A. Beecher
Mississippi.....	Lamont L. Stephens
Montana.....	Benjamin F. Pitman
New Brunswick.....	Ellis W. Cass
New Hampshire.....	Virgil R. Johnson
New Jersey.....	Wallace E. Linn
New Zealand.....	Stanley P. Bostwick
North Carolina.....	John J. Wilson
Nova Scotia.....	Jesse P. Entrekin
Oklahoma.....	Curry W. Watson
Panama.....	Walter R. Raecke
Puerto Rico.....	Walter O. Barnes
Quebec.....	Edwin D. Crites
Queensland.....	Edward Huwaldt
Rhode Island.....	Edward A. Hoagland
Scotland.....	William Cosh
South Australia.....	Joseph B. Fradenburg
South Carolina.....	James R. Cain, Jr.

South Dakota.....	Charles A. Chappell
Sweden.....	C. Walter Blixt
Tennessee.....	William C. Schaper
Texas.....	Albert S. Johnston
Virginia.....	William J. Breckenridge
Washington.....	Edward M. Knight
West Virginia.....	Alvin H. Miller

W. Ellis W. Cass, 302, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, gave the

RESPONSE

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

As we stand before you around this Masonic Altar, we consider it a high honor and privilege to be selected to represent the different Jurisdictions we do. Whether we represent countries other than our own United States, or just another Jurisdiction in the great United States itself, we are in a position similar to that of an Ambassador to a Foreign Country.

Each of these Grand Lodges represented must necessarily be an independent self-governing, responsible organization, but all meeting certain fundamental landmarks or requirements universal to Masonry; faith in the Deity as a living God, and true fraternal relationships anchored in all those who have taken the solemn obligation of Master Masons.

Sometimes the question arises not only in our own minds, but in the minds of other Masonic Brethren as to whether or not we are doing all we can in line with the duties and instructions laid down for us in regard to keeping in close contact with the one who is representing our Jurisdiction in his particular land.

Because of world conditions today some of us are representing Grand Jurisdictions that are impossible to contact, and some that it is neither wise nor expedient to do so; yet knowing the true foundation and principles upon which Masonry has ever stood and will continue to stand because truth is eternal, we look forward to more and greater light when Universal Peace and Harmony shall prevail.

While, like Ambassadors to other countries, some are prevented from fulfilling all their duties and requirements at this hour, those of us who are not so deprived or hindered in those privileges must now more earnestly and energetically work to the end that there be no further destruction of our great liberties which we, as Masons, believe in, and stand for. Again comes the thought of the truth of the statement, "We get out of Masonry in the same proportion as we are willing to give to it in the practice of the noble tenets of our profession, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

We wish we could more eloquently express in words the real joy and personal happiness we are receiving individually in endeavoring to keep contacts with the jurisdictions we represent.

I have previously received and brought to the attention of this Grand Lodge letters and wires of greetings from the Jurisdiction I represent, the Grand Lodge, -A. F. & A. M., of New Brunswick, Canada. A Past Grand Master of that Jurisdiction, LeBaron Wilson, who has represented this Grand Lodge in his Jurisdiction in a fine way for several years, has wired me: "Kindly convey to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska the fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on June Eighth. Fraternaly Yours, LeBaron Wilson, P. G. M., Grand Representative."

In closing may we again express our thanks for your words of welcome and wish for you and this Eighty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, a very harmonious and successful meeting.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master:

Brethren:

I have the happy pleasure at this time to present to you a Brother whose appointment I was proud to make. Many of you have heard him on various lodge, University or other occasions. In selecting Dr. George W. Rosenlof as the Grand Orator of this Grand Lodge, I chose him because of his outstanding character, his love of Masonry, and the very fine message that he always brings in an address. I deem it an honor to present to you our Grand Orator, Worshipful Brother George W. Rosenlof.

W. Brother George W. Rosenlof, delivered the

ORATION

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Sir William Gray at the outbreak of the last World War is known to have exclaimed that the lamps had gone out over Europe and that he would not see them lit again in his lifetime. No Mason is unacquainted with the true meaning of that song of despair.

In 1914, men were conscious of a darkness that covered the earth. Despair was seen everywhere, hope was gone. Faith had sunk to a low ebb. Indeed, there was no light for the masses of humankind. Cruelty, torture, bloodshed, needless sacrifices everywhere. Wars and hatreds were, indeed, the all too universal experience. All of Europe was a prey to the mad rule of the dictator. Then America with its ideals for peace and goodwill threw itself into the struggle. The tide was turned. A new day come athwart when war ceased to be and mankind offered up its prayers of gratitude to a kind and beneficent God and pledged its all to the securing of a just and lasting peace. In the moments of high exultation, it seemed, indeed, to all of us that "wars should be no more." But as in times past, our ardors cooled. We came down from our mountain top experiences only to return to the commonplace and find our enjoyments in selfish adventures, in greed for gain and lust for power. The

ideals which made sacrificing so easy and so natural were forgotten and "being our brother's keeper" was all too soon denied as a blessed experience and as an obligation commanded of God the Father—the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Twice in your lifetime and mine have we had the opportunity of giving a realistic expression to what every Mason at the altar has expressed as his deepest desire—"more light" in Masonry. Once it seemed as though that prayer was going to be answered. Once it seemed that the day of universal brotherhood—peace on earth, good will toward men—had come. It still remains to be seen whether or not in this present conflict we shall see the consummation of that which we most devoutly seek after. We well may win the war—yes, we shall win the war! But whether we win the peace is yet to be decided.

Once again man is "enveloped by the thick darkness of profoundest night, when everything around him has disappeared, and he seems alone with himself and the black shades that surround him (and he) feels his existence a blank and a nothingness, except so far as memory recalls to him the glories and splendors of light" symbolic of peace and his at oneness with God. "Everything is dead to him, and he, as it were, to Nature. How crushing and overwhelming the thought, the fear, the dread, that perhaps darkness may be eternal, and that day may possibly never return. How crushing and overwhelming, I say, is that experience to us today when all about us are the evidences of so much darkness, of grief and despair, of defeat and desolateness. Truly must we of all men seek after "light," the pure emblem of, and the first emanation from, our Eternal God; the symbol of Hope to every Master Mason; the creative power of the Deity; the first Divinity of the Ancients; that which is co-existent with God and that for which all Masonic journeys are a search.

It is not necessary on such a significant occasion and before such a body as this to dwell at length upon the "darkness that covereth the earth." It is well known to all of us. We are all a part of the giant struggle that encompasses the globe. "All over the planet all the peoples of the earth are meeting an alien soil." Humanity everywhere is joined in contact and combat in African deserts, on frozen wastelands, and the islands of the southern seas. We pursue each other on land, in the air, upon and under the waters of the sea and ocean. We are a part of a world revolution. We know something of its awfulness. None of us can nor will escape its consequences in one degree or another.

It is rather for us to seek after "light." Ours is the responsibility of contributing to the restoration of the "light of reason." Ours is the task of bringing men to a realization of the ultimate; to a discovery of what constitutes the true values of life; to the finding of the Infinite; and in so doing to restore peace to the world and good will among men.

Brethren, the most challenging task before us today is that of contributing to the restoration of sanity and reason, the elevation of the things of the spirit to their rightful place, the fulfillment of the guaran-

tees of our Constitution and of our Declaration of Independence, the establishment of justice, the insurance of domestic tranquility, the provisions for common defense, the promotion of general welfare, and the securing of the blessings of life and of liberty to ourselves and to our posterity.

"All men are created equal" and "they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." With the saviour of our country we would reiterate what he one time said,

"With malice toward none
 With charity for all
 With firmness in the right as
 God gives us to see the right;
 Let us strive on to finish the work we are in;
 To bind up the nations wounds;
 To care for him who shall have borne the battle;
 And for his widow and his orphan;—
 To do all which may achieve and cherish a just
 and lasting peace among ourselves and with
All nations."

Pray God that Lincoln's words may become the words of the Prophet. Pray God that in your day and mine we shall have proven ourselves faithful to our greatest trust. Pray God that those at Runnymede, at Bunker Hill, at Gettysburg, on Flanders Field, on Hill 609, in Tunis and Bizerte, Guadalcanal, and Corregidor, China, Attu, and soon on the continent of Europe shall not have fought, suffered and died in vain. Yours is the answer. Ours is "but to do and die."

Not many of us will serve our republic and humanity on the field of battle. We shall, and must, content ourselves with "keeping the home fires burning." That task need be no less glorious! It will be less spectacular! But it is a worthy one. The world may little note or long remember us but that which we do here will one time become a part of the mosaic of life. Through our deeds, pray God, the light will one time shine and men our children will one time call us "blessed" too! Yes, there are eternal values to be proclaimed! The works of peace, the establishment of universal brotherhood, and the proclaiming of God as the father of us all and the supreme architect of our lives is a challenge worthy of calling out the best in us.

To your labors then, Oh Master Masons. Let none disturb!

Immediately ahead of us are four necessary and essential responsibilities to be assumed. You and I are called upon and charged with doing our part in their ultimate realization as representing values that are eternal as representing God's designs upon our trestleboards. These must be carved into marble, they must be fashioned into temples; they must be put into place as the cornerstones of the "structures that we raise." They

must be the keystones in the arches of triumph leading to the throne of God—the “source of our light” and the “giver of every good thing.”

As we enter upon that task let us with Porter C. Knudson say:

“A living? No, for that I do not plan
Rather a life the centuries to span.
Like some cathedral, rich in wondrous grace,
Cheering a drab and unattractive place.
So would I build my life that it may be
Deserving of such immortality.
As some skilled architect perfects his plan,
And each part of his work does fully scan,
And as some craftsman master of his art
Selects with care and deftly fits each part;
So would I wisely plan and build my life,
Able to stand erect amid earth's strife,
Akin unto the man of Galilee,
Worthy to share His immortality.”

A. The first of these responsibilities is to light again the lamp of individual worth. We have seen life cheapened. We have felt time and again the awful discouragement which comes when men view all life as a futility. Too oft men have been held to be “expendable”—to be sacrificed on the altars erected to the dictator. The right of self-realization has been denied to the millions in war-torn Europe, Asia, China, and the islands of the Pacific. Men everywhere have become the pawns of arbitrary authority. Yes, women and children, too, are now under the heel of the despot. The state has become supreme over man. Sad to relate and tragic to contemplate is the realization that even in America man's rights to individuality, his opportunities for self-realization, his rights to use his own intelligence and determine his own course of action have been curtailed to a larger degree than seems necessary. Even in a country that claims democracy and representative government as its “way of life,” we are seeing some of the dreadful consequences of bureaucratic control and dictatorship that cannot long be countenanced without stirring up within the hearts of men longings for a return to the better ways dreamed by our forebears and fixed in the basic law of state and nation.

Man is, and must be supremely, above the state. The state can exist for but one end and that is to guarantee to man the rights of freedom, the right to live, to worship, to toil, to accumulate. He has the right to be somebody with a mind, a body, and a soul. He must be permitted to long for satisfactions that will ennoble him and lift him up to the higher reaches. His insights, dreams, visions, ambitions must all find a way of expression. These cannot be denied to men who would achieve something for posterity—who would realize their own best selves and become the benefactors of humanity.

Light again, then, Brethren, the lamp of individual worth and rediscover the source of America's greatness. They inhere in individual human worth. It is this that crowns the state and makes it great.

“What constitutes a State?
 Not high-raised battlement or laboured mound,
 Thick wall or moated gate;
 Not cities proud with spires and turrets crowned;
 Not bays and broad-armed ports,
 Where, laughing at the storm, rich navies ride;
 Not starred and spangled Courts,
 Where low-browed baseness wafts perfume to pride.
 No: men, high-minded men,
 With powers as far above dull brutes endued,
 In forest, brake or den,
 As beasts excel cold rocks and brambles rude;
 Men who their duties know,
 But know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain,
 Prevent the long-aimed blow,
 And crush the tyrant while they rend the chain:
 These constitute a State,
 And sovereign Law, that State's collected will,
 O'er thrones and globes elate
 Sits empress, crowning good, repressing ill.”

B. The second responsibility which we must assume is to once more light the lamp of social justice. This is a responsibility which is naturally and peculiarly enough a corollary of the first responsibility. It constitutes the “second step” in man's desires, inborn if you please, to project himself into life and to become a part of life all about him. “Man does not live unto himself alone.” He is his “brother's keeper.” Social democracy is a reality with which we must reckon. In a democracy it must find adequate expression. There is a reach that goes beyond ourselves. There is a satisfaction in “serving.” Living for others does, indeed, represent the culmination of all that is fine within ourselves. We have an obligation to serve humanity be it of whatever color, race, or creed. These are but the outward distinctions. Within, there is the soul come from God. Accepting that as basic in man's philosophy compels us to seek after and attain social justice. There can be no “silence cures.” There must be no racial, national or religious intolrances. In America we must see the “melting pot.” In America we must remove the dross and refine the gold. In America we must live and let live. We must forever seek to bring social justice into being as blessing of all. Our form of government inherently guarantees the rights of the individual. It also insures the privileges of social justice.

As Master Masons who have seen the “light” we hardly need to be counseled further. At the core of Masonic teaching, one seeks the birth of this lesson of brotherhood and fraternity. For such do we build. For

such do we sacrifice. Let us then relight the lamp of social justice and make real the teachings of our order.

C. The third responsibility of a Master Mason is to light again the lamp of political democracy. There are far too many instances of neglect of responsibility in this regard. We have denied to ourselves not only the benefits of political democracy but we have too often refused to assume our obligations of citizenship in our democracy. We have none to blame but ourselves.

What Abraham Lincoln referred to as "a government of the people, by the people and for the people" has too often been seen as a government of the people, by the politicians, for the **power** interests. Responsible citizenship by the many is being neglected. In these latter days, we have thought too much of rights and privileges and too little of duties and obligations. We have failed to go to our ballot boxes and cast our votes in the interest of representative government. We have refused to serve our state and nation as jurors, office holders, and legislators simply because we have been too busy with our own affairs. We have been perfectly willing to "let John do it," knowing all the while that he did not possess the qualities essential to leadership in affairs of government. There is need today for wise leadership. There is a need today for honest leadership. There is a need today for unselfish leadership in the cause of democracy.

Yes, there is need too for honest, wise, intelligent, and unselfish followership. We cannot, and, perhaps, should not, all of us be the office holders, but we can all be effective citizens in the selection of the wise ones who can, and will, represent us in government. Unless we do, we can fully expect dictatorship of bureaucracy and unwise control from "afar off." It has been the genius of our government that local and states rights could exist along side of the federal. There is something significant in the term "these United States of America." There is genius, too, in the so-called "two party system." But these can all be taken from us if we are not vigilant in assuming individual responsibility as citizens of a democracy.

Democracy is not static. It is dynamic. It represents a process of living together. It is something which must be forever extended. It must be extended vertically as indicative of its ever-increasing perfection. It must be extended horizontally as indicative of its ever-increasing reaches outward. It is a blessing to be shared.

Let us then relight the lamp of political democracy and save America's way of life for all of humankind.

D. And, finally, we must assume the responsibility of lighting the lamp of religious freedom and in so doing restore to all humanity the blessings of religion as the over-arching experience of mankind come down from God. This lamp must be lit again, not alone that it may shine as an outward thing but it may enkindle within us once more the spiritual fervor of the fathers. We must never forget that basically democracy

has had its birth in the Christian way of life. It was this for which our forefathers established here the government we hold dear.

“What sought they thus afar?
 Bright jewels of the mine;
 The spoils of war;
 A faith's pure shrine!
 Aye, call it holy ground
 The soil on which first they trod
 They left unstained what there they found,
 Freedom to worship God.”

Today we are engaged in a war the outcome of which will just as much determine the place of religion in your life and mine as it will determine anything else. The Chancellor of the University of Nebraska realized this when in his message to the graduating class of 1943 he said:

“We live in the present, we dream of the future, but we learn eternal truths from the past. In the pages of history we read of so-called religious wars. If there ever was a holy war it is the current one, because the Axis fiends have shown that they are literally anti-Christ. The concepts most dear to us are freedom, justice, and the dignity of the individual. These are fundamental concepts of Christianity.

“The teachings of Christ radiates ideas for the elevation of souls and intellectual capacities far above the common passions of hate and degradation. It is still true that the essential law is the law of love found in the two great commandments—Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, and Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. At bottom, both the philosophy and the strategy of Hitlerism are based on thoroughgoing contempt for the human soul. It is possible to rid the world of Hitler by the employment of military force alone; but we can never eliminate the greater danger, Hitlerism, without a spiritual dynamic grounded in a realistic faith in the powers of the human spirit.

“We have been taught to believe that the powers of the soul are equal to its needs; and that courage is contagious. Religion is the ultimate source of realistic courage because it reveals us to ourselves as human beings possessing the means of renewing our spiritual strength. Unless we manage to add to our inner resources, our very lives will be consumed. Religion enables us to build up our spiritual reserve power. The familiar words of the Psalmist are psychologically and spiritually true: “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.’”

No one here denies the truth of that statement. No one will challenge its worth as expressive of man's highest realizations. Life will, indeed, be sordid and tragic if it cannot envision its unity with spiritual reality. Life will, indeed, be drab and commonplace—inconsequential and useless, if it cannot experience its moments of communication with the divine.

There must be the mountain top experience. There must be for all of us the opportunity of exulting with Bishop William Stidger when he said:

“Highways and high horizons,
Forever my feet have trod
For I have come back from the mountains
Back from tramping the trails with God!”

Today religious freedom is denied. Today man has dethroned God and enthroned self. If ever history reveals one thing more certainly than another, it is the potency of the “things of the spirit.” Man does need religion. He does need the power that comes from contact with the spiritual powers from without ourselves, beyond ourselves, above ourselves.

If ever the true weakness of the Nazi regime was better expressed than in the Hitler Jugend song, then I do not know where. Listen to these words!

“We are the merry Hitler Youth;
We need no Christian virtue;
We follow not Christ but Horst Wessel,
His church can go take a running jump,
The Swastika makes me happy on earth.”

To what depths have they sunk. How little have they understood the lessons of their forebears. It was not always thus in Germany. Pray God it may not always be so!

No, religion is not the byproduct of the state or civilization. Our state and our civilization are most certainly the byproduct of what religion is. This most certainly is true if the state and if civilization are to be preserved in times of revolution such as these, it will be because religion and what religion stands for are made real in the experiences of government and of those governed. The relighting of the lamp of religion must be the crowning act of all humanity. It must usher in once more the day when faith in something transcendently finer and better than ourselves is once more given an opportunity of expression.

“O world, thou chooseth not the better part!
It is not wisdom only to be wise,
And on the inward vision close the eyes,
But it is wisdom to believe the heart.
Columbus found a world, and had no chart,
Save one that faith deciphered in the skies;
To trust the soul's invincible surmise,
Was all his science and his only art.
“Our knowledge is a torch of smoking pine
That lights the pathway but one step ahead
Across a void of mystery and dread.
Bid, then, the tender light of faith to shine
By which alone the mortal heart is led
Unto the thinking of the thought divine.”

These then are the lamps which we must relight. The lamps of individual worth, of social justice, of political democracy, of religious freedom. To bring light out of darkness means the relighting of lamps such as these. It requires an act of faith, it requires determination, it requires a defiance in the face of that which would destroy. There can be no worth in freedom from want if the mind is on a lower intellectual level. There can be no freedom from fear if our life is cultured and unworthy of defense. There can be no freedom of speech if our thoughts are poor in their expression. There can be no freedom of religion "if we bring a less enlightened faith to the worship of God."

The hour has struck, the time has come, there can be no delay. We stand at the moment at a supreme challenge and as Master Masons devoted to things of the spirit and devoted to exalting fraternity and brotherhood. There must be a return from light to darkness if the civilization for which our forefathers fought, bled, and died is to continue worthy of a supreme effort in the hour of crisis. Rabbi Hillel Silver addressing the gathering of some fifteen hundred educators in the City of Chicago not so many days ago concluded his notable address with this illustration.

"Days of war are dark days, but I remember a beautiful saying of the rabbis of my people. When the first man, Adam, saw the first sundown, he was greatly frightened. He thought the world was coming to an end, that darkness was settling again over the face of the earth and the sun would never rise again. And God told him, "Adam, take two stones, one called Death and the other the Shadow of Death, and strike them." Adam took the two stones, Death, and the Shadow of Death, and struck them. A spark of light burst forth, and then Adam offered the first prayer that was ever offered by the lips of man, "Blessed art Thou, oh Lord our God, King of the universe, who bringest light out of darkness."

If we can take our experience, death and the shadow of death, and strike them with wisdom and understanding so that a spark of new light, of illumination, new consecration, will come to our world, then perhaps after the war we too will be able to say, "Blessed art Thou, oh Lord our God, King of the universe, who bringest light out of darkness."

These are the dark days. Let us strike together the stones that bring us the light. It is only so that the world can be restored to God and man.

M. W. James R. Cain, Jr., Past Grand Master:

I move that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to our Brother, the Grand Orator, for his splendid address;

That he be asked to file with the Grand Secretary a copy thereof, that it may be published with the proceedings of this Annual Communication.

Seconded and carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers, and appointed the Assistant Custodians to act as tellers.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

- Brother William B. Wanner, 9.....Grand Master
- Brother William C. Schaper, 148.....Deputy Grand Master
- Brother Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.....Grand Senior Warden
- Brother Edward Huwaldt, 318.....Grand Junior Warden
- Brother Lewis E. Smith, 136.....Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

- Brother George Allen Beecher, 268.....Grand Chaplain
- Brother Francis L. Bouquet, 268.....Grand Orator
- Brother Lute M. Savage, 3.....Grand Custodian
- Brother Virgil R. Johnson, 26.....Grand Marshal
- Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....Grand Senior Deacon
- Brother Elmer E. Magee, 227.....Grand Junior Deacon
- Brother Henry W. Carson, 2.....Grand Tyler

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE

Codification of the Law: Brothers Perry W. Phillips, 150; John T. Dysart, 1; Clarence T. Spicer, 268.

Committee on Fraternal Dead: Brothers Homer L. Kyle, 300; Aubrey H. Duxbury, 6; Walter Kiechel, Sr., 17.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence: Brothers Lewis E. Smith, 136; Edwin D. Crites, 158; Arthur Lyman, 15.

Applications for Reinstatement: Brothers Frank R. Pendleton, 11; Henry M. Edwards, 303; George J. Storms, 290.

Committee on Masonic Education: Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201; Curry W. Watson, 210; Clarence H. Cooper, 19; Walter L. Schnabel, 148; Ralph M. Marrs, 184.

Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans: Brothers Benjamin F. Eyre, 1; (1946); Edwin C. Yont, 162, (1947); John R. Hughes, 184, (1945); Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, (1944); Alvin H. Miller, 19, (1948).

Temple Building Advisory Committee: Brothers Ellis W. Cass, 302, (1945); A. Victor Bryan, 263, (1944); Otto Nelson, 300, (1946).

Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts: Brothers Harold M. Smith, 92, (1944); Charles B. Nicodemus, 15, (1948); Carl W. Rensch, 19, (1947); Norris Chadderdon, 146, (1946); Felix A. Huggenberger, 1, (1945).

Committee on Education, Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund: Brothers Merle M. Hale, 54; Lynn W. McMillin, 54; Thomas J. Aron, 37.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial: Brothers Barton H. Kuhns, 268; Robert E. Lund, 323; Warren W. Connell, 318.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Omaha Masonic Home for Boys: Brothers Albert S. Johnston, 19; James L. McMasters, 300; Hubert R. Mann, 314.

Committee on Masonic Code: Brothers Earl J. Lee, 15; Clarence T. Spier, 268; Robert W. Patterson, 265; Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59; Harry A. Spencer, 227.

Committee on Revision of Funeral Service: Brothers George A. Kurk, 54; Lewis E. Smith, 136; Lute M. Savage, 3.

Nebraska War Service Committee: Brothers Thomas A. Barton, 210; Otis W. Cave, 250; Mark Simons, 19; Merrill C. Babbitt, 297; Francis W. Albrecht, 300.

W. Barton H. Kuhns, 268, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

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

Last year your Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial, after making a careful study and investigation of the subject matter, made certain important recommendations which were approved by the Grand Lodge. These recommendations included the payment of \$1.00 to the memorial fund by each newly made Mason, and a special effort to encourage each Lodge to establish the status of having contributed \$1.00 for each present member.

Promptly following the Grand Lodge meeting last year, on July 8, 1942, the Grand Master addressed a communication to the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of each subordinate Lodge, directing that, effective August 1, 1942, each Lodge would be held accountable for the contribution of \$1.00 from each newly made Master Mason, and suggested that each Lodge appoint a Committee to endeavor to obtain a contribution of \$1.00 from each member who has not heretofore contributed. As a result of these efforts, our Committee is pleased to report that from August 1, 1942 to March 31, 1943, \$374.00 was collected from newly made Master Masons, and an additional sum of \$549.00 was collected, through the efforts of the various Lodges, from members who had not heretofore contributed. There are now, according to our records, 120 Lodges which have established a one hundred per cent status.

While the amount thus collected during the past year is comparatively small, and is not sufficiently significant to alter the status of Nebraska as forty-first in rank among the various states in the amount of percentages which its contribution bears to its quota, it must be remembered that the recommendations were in effect only for five months of the year 1942. The amount collected should be substantially increased from the \$1.00 contributed from newly made Master Masons in 1943.

The work of the Committee has included correspondence with the secretaries of nearly half of the Lodges, and we have been somewhat handicapped by the circumstance that as we made further efforts to

establish Lodges with a one hundred per cent status, we found that the audit referred to in our report last year did not in each instance correspond with the records of the particular Lodges. We believe, however, that in most instances the true and correct amount of contributions previously made has now been established.

Our report last year also included a recommendation that there be provided appropriate insignia in recognition of attainment of a one hundred per cent status by a Lodge. Through the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, it is anticipated that certificates of one hundred per cent status will be forwarded to those Lodges entitled to them in the near future. The circumstance that the membership of a number of Lodges has diminished below the membership in 1932, which is the year in which "masonic population" is calculated by the National Association, for purposes of determining the quota, has in some instances presented a question of whether a Lodge's status should be determined on the basis of its 1932 membership or its present membership. It is the feeling of the Committee that if each Lodge has contributed \$1.00 for each present member it should be considered as having a one hundred per cent status, and it is hoped that insignia will be furnished in the near future upon that basis.

Also, last year, we suggested the advisability of sponsoring an educational campaign for the purpose of explaining to the subordinate Lodges the nature and purpose as well as the exquisite beauty of the Memorial. Neither last year nor the present time seems particularly appropriate for such a campaign. However, it is hoped that with the continued contributions from newly made Master Masons, and further systematic efforts to establish one hundred per cent Lodges, the record of the past year may be maintained and improved upon in the future, and that the total contributions will soon reach a point where the part which we have taken in providing the George Washington Masonic National Memorial will be one of which we may be justly proud.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary :

I have another matter that should be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, it is regarding the removal of Pythagoras Lodge No. 156 from Ewing to Page, and move that this be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. Seconded and carried.

W. Frank R. Pendleton, 11, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, which was adopted.

**REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENT
To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons of Nebraska.**

Three hundred forty-nine petitions of brethren who have been suspended for more than three years were referred to your Committee during

the term of our Most Worshipful Grand Master. The average age of the petitioners was 50 years, the ages ranging from 33 to 78 years. As in former years the larger number of reasons assigned for suspension continue to be "financial difficulties."

It will be noted that there is in this year's report a considerable increase in applications for reinstatement over recent years.

W. Albert S. Johnston, 19, Chairman, presented the Report of the Special Committee on the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE OMAHA
MASONIC HOME FOR BOYS

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

Your Committee acting pursuant to the agreement entered into in 1941 between the Grand Lodge and the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, reports as follows:

During the past year a number of circular letters, pamphlets and advertising matter intended to induce contributions for the support of this public charity and to provide a fund for buildings have been submitted to your committee for approval. In all instances the officers of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys have shown a great willingness to cooperate with the intent and purposes of the agreement entered into with the Grand Lodge. No complaint relating to the forms of such literature has been lodged with, or referred to the committee.

Detailed monthly reports of receipts and disbursements have been furnished to the committee. These reports also include the name and age of each boy enrolled and a record of contributions other than money. More than four hundred such contributions of food, clothing, furnishings, etc., were made during the year 1942. Nineteen boys were admitted and twenty-one boys released, leaving fifty boys enrolled on December 31, 1942. The number was again increased to fifty-two in January, 1943, which approximates the full capacity of the present facilities.

The annual audit by a Certified Public Accountant for the year ending December 31, 1942 was submitted for examination and check. This report shows receipts during the year of \$59,546.95 and disbursements of \$80,111.66. Of these disbursements \$30,000 were for United States Treasury Notes and \$11,894.87 was expended on improvements on the building site at 52nd and Ames Avenue. The Treasurer reports the amounts invested in Treasury Notes represented investment of Building Fund money which cannot now be used for building purposes under current building restrictions and is the approximate amount of income above expenses during the year; the exact operating gain being \$30,942.40.

The balance sheet on December 31, 1942, shows:

Cash on hand and in the Bank	\$ 38,167.74
Accounts receivable	24,708.98

Invested funds	46,429.66
Real estate, less depreciation	70,732.67
Office and other equipment, furniture and fixtures, less depreciation	2,403.32
Prepaid Insurance	100.00
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Total assets	\$182,542.37
Liabilities are listed as follows:	
Current liabilities	\$ 2,841.50
Reserve for girl's home and endowment	651.09
Deferred income unpaid pledges	24,708.98
Net worth	154,340.80
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Total	\$182,543.37

All persons connected with the operation of the home have given this committee the most courteous treatment and have cooperated fully and freely in our efforts to secure full compliance with the agreement between this Grand Lodge and the home.

W. Merle M. Hale, 54, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Education, Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, which was adopted, and the request for funds referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

The worthy sons and daughters of Nebraska Masons have received another year's service through the generosity of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star. Through these bodies and directed by this Committee, the young people from the Fremont Home, after graduating from High School, are given two years advance education, including fees, clothes, spending money and school supplies, but not including board and room.

Three girls and three boys were under the supervision of this Committee the past school year. Two of the boys were called into the army the latter part of the year.

Due to the uncertainties caused by the war, it is difficult to determine how many students we may have this coming year, but present indications are that there will be from three to seven boys and girls who may at least get a part of their advance education now.

The Committee wishes to recommend that all students whose two years advance education under this Committee is interrupted by service in the armed forces of the United States, be given the balance of the assistance when the war is over if they wish to continue their education.

Last year the Committee was appropriated \$1,100 from each Grand Body; however, only \$650.00 was requisitioned from each. For the coming year we ask that \$800.00 be appropriated by the Grand Lodge. A similar amount has been appropriated by the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Each year the Committee is impressed with the high type young women and men who come to us from the Fremont Home. We realize that this is not an accident, but is due to the fine work of Superintendent Hartmann and his staff.

In presenting this, our sixth annual report, the members of this Committee wish to thank the Grand Lodge for the privilege of service in this worthwhile activity.

W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports all Lodges are represented except the following: Nos. 13, 27, 29, 40, 41, 46, 49, 51, 53, 62, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 99, 100, 103, 117, 128, 132, 134, 147, 149, 154, 157, 160, 165, 166, 167, 168, 171, 172, 175, 179, 182, 187, 189, 192, 198, 202, 206, 209, 217, 222, 223, 226, 230, 237, 243, 245, 247, 252, 253, 257, 264, 276, 282, 296, 307, 309, and 312.

Total number of Lodges 284. Number represented 222. Number not represented 62. Lodges not represented for the past two Annual Communications: Nos. 13, 49, 53, 100, 134, 154, 157, 172, 182, 192, 206, 209, 217, 223, 243, 245, 247, 253, 276, and 309.

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. George A. Kurk.....	Grand Master
R. W. William B. Wanner.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. William C. Schaper.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre.....	Grand Junior Warden
M. W. Lewis E. Smith.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. George Allen Beecher.....	Grand Chaplain
W. George W. Rosenlof.....	Grand Orator
W. Lute M. Savage.....	Grand Custodian
M. W. Virgil R. Johnson.....	Grand Marshal
W. Edward Huwaldt.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Carl R. Greisen.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Perry J. Morton.....	as Grand Tyler

Past Grand Masters: M. W. James R. Cain, Joseph B. Fradenburg, Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, Edwin D. Crites, Ira C. Freet, Ralph O. Canaday, Archie M. Smith, Virgil R. Johnson, William A. Robertson, Walter R. Raecke, William J. Breckenridge, Earl J. Lee, and Edward F. Carter.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska ....No. 1	Felix A. Huggenberger	Donald C. Smith....	Jack M. King
Western Star. " 2	*Henry E. Schemmel.	*William W. Denman	*William J. Kier
Capitol " 3	*C. Walter Blixt....	*C. Walter Blixt.....	*C. Walter Blixt
Nemaha Valley " 4	.....	Clarence F. Hoff....	Adolph Wensien
Omadi " 5	*Charles H. Fueston.	.....	.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	.....	.....	*William F. Evers
Falls City.... " 9	August E. Elam....	*Philip F. Scholl....	*August E. Elam
Solomon " 10	.....	Paul S. Kruger.....	.....
Covert " 11	Albert R. Thacker..	Robert Thorson	V. Clare Lindberg
Orient " 13	.....	.....	.....
Peru " 14	*Samuel J. Majors...	*Cecil Coatney	William P. Kirk
Fremont " 15	Oscar J. Carlson....	*Roy S. Planck.....	Stanley C. Johnson
Tecumseh " 17	Walter Kiechel, Sr..	*Thomas J. Current..	.....
Lincoln " 19	Carl W. Rensch....	*Alvin H. Miller....	*Mark Simons
Washington .. " 21	Edward G. Nielsen..	J. Merton Kuhr.....	*Fred W. Jones
Pawnee " 23	Ben R. Henry.....	.....	.....
Saint Johns.. " 25	Robert B. Williams.	Clyde W. Bromwell..	*Arthur J. Jackson
Beatrice " 26	*George H. Hauer..	*George H. Hauer..	*George H. Hauer
Jordan " 27	.....	.....	.....
Hope " 29	.....	.....	.....
Blue River.... " 30	*Clarence C. Wertman	*Ray Smiley .....	.....
Tekamah " 31	Paul M. Reid.....	.....	.....
Platte Valley. " 32	Leslie B. Goble....	*Carl R. Greisen.....	.....
Ashlar " 33	Vernon Rice .....	.....	Eldon Gockley
Acacia " 34	Godfrey Machal ...	Lawrence H. Rouse.	*Lester G. Oberg
Fairbury " 35	Jack B. Henney....	Samuel E. Gallamore	Eugene L. Dickens
Lone Tree.... " 36	Pryor C. Woodward	.....	.....
Crete " 37	William O. McOmer	*John J. Kubes, Jr..	*John J. Kubes, Sr.
Oliver " 38	Lyman C. Beck....	*Ivan E. Haith.....	.....
Papillion " 39	Waldo E. Shalleross.	*Fred R. Lamb.....	Adam H. Gramlich
Humboldt " 40	.....	.....	.....
Northern Light " 41	.....	.....	.....
Hebron " 43	Warren R. Wicks...	.....	.....
Harvard " 44	*Otto W. Northrup..	.....	.....
Rob Morris... " 46	.....	.....	.....
Fairmont " 48	*Aleck A. Shanklin..	*Aleck A. Shanklin..	*Aleck A. Shanklin
Evening Star.. " 49	.....	.....	.....
Hastings " 50	*Curtis L. Walters..	*Hubert F. Favinger
Fidelity " 51
Hiram " 52	Francis E. Dolan..	*Hugh C. Van Valkenburgh
Charity " 53

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
LancasterNo. 54	Harold M. Wilkerson	Lyle H. Smith.	Charles F. May
Mosaic " 55	Fred M. Perrigo. . . . .	.....	.....
York " 56	Walter L. Will. . . . .	.....	.....
Mount Moriah. " 57	Clarence Beers . . . . .	.....	.....
Wahoo " 59	Edwin R. Levin.	Frank A. Otto.	*Ernest S. Schiefelbein
Melrose " 60	*George S. Austin. . . . .	.....	.....
Thistle " 61	Ralph E. Coon.	*Hanford D. Smith. . . . .	.....
Keystone " 62	.....	.....	.....
Riverton " 63	*George W. Thompson	.....	.....
Blue Valley " 64	Arnold A. Prince. . . . .	.....	.....
Osceola " 65	*I. Donald Huston. . . . .	.....	*I. Donald Huston
Edgar " 67	Wayne E. Johnson.	*Wayne E. Johnson.	*Wayne E. Johnson
Aurora " 68	Lester J. Caulkins. . . . .	.....	.....
Sterling " 70	*John E. Caley.	*John E. Caley.	*John E. Caley
Trowel " 71	Ernest C. Nyrop.	*Ernest C. Nyrop.	Clifford Von Reisen
Hooper " 72	Norris W. Lallman.	Irwin Osterloh	Peter G. Bookmeyer
Friend " 73	*Charles E. Rhynalds	*Charles E. Rhynalds	*Charles E. Rhynalds
Alexandria " 74	*Benjamin F. Headrick	.....	.....
Frank Welch. " 75	Milton E. Pettibone	.....	.....
Nelson " 77	*Charles E. Foster. . . . .	.....	.....
Albion " 78	Dennis P. Gainey. . . . .	.....	*Howard C. Robinson
Geneva " 79	Clarence A. Newman	*Guy A. Brown. . . . .	.....
Composite " 81	*Pearl C. Hillegass. . . . .	.....	.....
Saint Paul " 82	Harrison M. Klippel	.....	.....
Corinthian " 83	Henry J. Nuernberger	.....	*Henning Hallin
Fairfield " 84	Ray W. Killion.	*Ray W. Killion.	*Ray W. Killion
Doniphan " 86	Cash Baird . . . . .	.....	.....
Ionic " 87	Leonard J. Kocina.	Barney C. Kroupa. . . . .	.....
Star " 88	William F. Smith. . . . .	.....	*Willis G. Sears
Cedar River. " 89	Robert E. Weir. . . . .	.....	*Frank G. Frame
Elk Creek. " 90	.....	.....	.....
Oakland " 91	*Carroll W. Olson.	*George L. Harding.	Simon W. Hanson
Hubbell " 92	.....	.....	.....
Beaver City. " 93	.....	.....	Harold J. Oehlerking
Bennett " 94	.....	.....	.....
Garfield " 95	Charles VanRobertson	.....	.....
Utica " 96	.....	.....	.....
Euclid " 97	Richard W. Keckler	Floyd J. Hite.	Alvin C. Groesser
Republican " 98
Shelton " 99
Creighton " 100
Ponca " 101	Dean H. Ehle.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
WaterlooNo. 102	Otto C. Hansen....	F. William Bull....	Jack Brookley
Ord " 103	.....	.....	.....
Wymore " 104	Floyd V. Hadsell...	*Franklin W. Myers.	*Franklin W. Myers
Stella " 105	William P. Sultzbaugh	.....	.....
Porter " 106	*Lamont L. Stephens	.....	.....
Table Rock... " 108	*Louis E. Fenel....	.....	.....
Pomegranate.. " 110	Orville L. Sandy...	.....	.....
DeWitt " 111	Clifford C. Shoemaker	.....	.....
Springfield ... " 112	Marion J. Denman..	.....	.....
Globe " 113	James W. Robertson	.....	.....
Wisner " 114	Zelen H. Behlers...	*Homer D. Thompson	Roy C. Sultzer
Harlan " 116	*C. Earnest Alter....	.....	.....
Hardy " 117	.....	.....	.....
North Bend... " 119	.....	Royce W. Kendrick.	.....
Wayne " 120	Walter R. Bressler..	Ralph M. Carhart...	Winston C. Swanson
Superior " 121	Edward C. Noren...	.....	.....
Auburn " 124	Dwight Griffiths...	.....	.....
Mount Nebo.. " 125	Paul A. Wheeler....	Clyde E. Pearson...	*Roy W. Bruce
Stromsburg ... " 126	*William J. Marquis.	.....	.....
Minden " 127	*Charles A. Chappell.	.....	.....
Guide Rock .. " 128	.....	.....	.....
Blue Hill " 129	*Frank O. Delahoyde	.....	.....
Tuscan " 130	*Earl M. Bolen.....	.....	.....
Scribner " 132	.....	.....	.....
Elm Creek.... " 133	Archie C. Miller....	.....	.....
Solar " 134	.....	.....	.....
McCook " 135	Lewis E. Baker....	.....	.....
Long Pine " 136	Edward H. Kesselhuth	*William C. Smith, Sr.	*William C. Smith, Sr.
Upright " 137	Earl I. Yarpe.....	.....	.....
Rawalt " 138	*William J. Nissen...	.....	.....
Clay Centre... " 139	Irving D. Gartrell..	*Irving D. Gartrell..	*Irving D. Gartrell
Western " 140	Milton B. Childs...	.....	.....
Crescent " 143	*Harry P. Hansen...	.....	Walter J. King
Kenesaw " 144	Rezin G. Bennett...	*Rezin G. Bennett...	Oliver T. Brown
Baneroft " 145	Charles Mielke.....	*Albert L. Carlberg..	Albert L. Carlberg
Jachin " 146	Carl E. Hallgren...	*Carl E. Hallgren....	Arthur Anderson
Siloam " 147	.....	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford " 148	Fred A. Raasch....	*Walter L. Schnabel.	*Fred A. Raasch
Jewel " 149	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge " 150	Harry E. Smith....	.....	.....
Square " 151	Edward J. Haynes...	*Julius Petermichel
Evergreen " 153	*Edmund D. Lundak.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
LilyNo. 154
Hartington ... " 155	*LaVern A. Walker..
Pythagoras .. " 156	*Harold L. Banta....	.....	.....
Valley " 157	.....	.....	.....
Samaritan ... " 158	Leo T. Bump.....	.....	.....
Ogalalla " 159	Erick G. Lindquist..	Edwin J. Prochaska	.....
Zeredatha ... " 160	.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	Otto J. Jackson....	Frederick J. Seow..	Harry E. Lenhouts
Trestle Board. " 162	*Cecil M. Asa.....	Cecil M. Asa.....	*Cecil M. Asa
Unity " 163	John E. Schulling..	.....	.....
Atkinson " 164	*Fred D. Dobrovolny	*Fred D. Dobrovolny	*Fred D. Dobrovolny
Barneston " 165	.....	.....	.....
Mystic Tie.... " 166	.....	.....	.....
Elwood " 167	.....	.....	.....
Curtis " 168	.....	.....	.....
Amity " 169	.....	*William F. Hewett..	.....
Mason City .. " 170	Charles H. Spitler..	.....	.....
Merna " 171	.....	.....	.....
Grafton " 172	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns.. " 173	John S. Burks.....	.....	.....
Culbertson ... " 174	.....	.....	*Osborne P. Simon
Temple " 175	.....	.....	.....
Gladstone " 176	Charlie H. Foster...	William Burdett....	.....
Hay Springs.. " 177	William A Hollstein, Jr.	.....	.....
Prudence " 179	.....	.....	.....
Justice " 180	Paul F. Morris.....	.....	.....
Faith " 181	*Walter O. Barnes....	*Walter O. Barnes...	*Walter O. Barnes
Incense " 182	.....	.....	.....
Alliance " 183	.....	*Karl J. Stern.....	*Karl J. Stern
Bee Hive..... " 184	Louis J. Bishop....	Hiram K. Buchanan	.....
Boaz " 185	*Dale B. Kelly.....	.....	.....
Israel " 187	.....	.....	.....
Meridian " 188	Robert R. Good....	.....	.....
Granite " 189	.....	.....	.....
Amethyst " 190	August M. Delfs...	.....	.....
Crystal " 191	.....	.....	Lyle P. Hatch
Minnekadusa.. " 192	.....	.....	.....
Signet " 193	*Oliver W. Fleming..	.....	.....
Highland " 194	*Frank A. Sowers...	.....	.....
Arcana " 195	*Ernest C. Purdy...
Morning Star.. " 197	Ralph Allison.....	Raymond Beebe ...	*Paul Bond
Purity " 198

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
GavelNo. 199	*James H. Bryant...	*James H. Bryant
Blazing Star.. " 200	Chester E. Hallock..	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff .. " 201	Quentin Dean	*Quentin Dean	*Quentin Dean
Golden Sheaf.. " 202	.....	.....	.....
Roman Eagle.. " 203	.....	.....	*David Predmestky
Plainview " 204	John L. Laurie.....	.....	.....
Golden Fleece. " 205	Alfred G. Taylor...*	Alfred G. Taylor...*	*Alfred G. Taylor
Naphthali " 206	.....	.....	.....
Parian " 207	Allston Asmus .....	.....	*Julius I. Christiansen
Gauge " 208	Lloyd H. Bulger....	.....	.....
Canopy " 209	.....	.....	.....
East Lincoln.. " 210	Raymond R. Ostran.	M. Orval Spelts....*	*Ferris F. Cooley
Cement " 211	John J. Carter, Jr..*	John J. Carter, Jr..*	*Vere R. May
Compass&Square " 212	.....	.....	Millard Graham
Plumbline ... " 214	*Clarence Gottula ..	.....	.....
Occidental ... " 215	*Robert C. Fleming..	.....	.....
Palisade " 216	Fay Baker .....	.....	.....
Wauneta " 217	.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield ... " 218	*Fred C. Wiese.....	.....	.....
Relief " 219	Frank Sutherland..	.....	.....
Magnolia " 220	*Dell Dohrman .....	.....	.....
Wood Lake .. " 221	*Joseph P. Kreycik..*	Joseph P. Kreycik..*	*Joseph P. Kreycik
Landmark ... " 222	.....	.....	.....
Eminence " 223	.....	.....	.....
Silver Cord... " 224	F. Claire Wales.....	Roy Johnson	Robert H. Tyler
Cable " 225	William Streitwieser*	William Streitwieser	.....
Grace " 226	.....	.....	.....
North Star ... " 227	*Roy W. Deal.....*	Sylvester Shumard..*	*Cecil C. Gates
Bartley " 228	*W. Floyd Cochran..	W. Floyd Cochran..*	*W. Floyd Cochran
Comet " 229	Willard G. Johnson..*	Willard G. Johnson..*	*Coit W. Hunter
Delta " 230	.....	.....	.....
Mount Hermon " 231	Paul H. Naeve.....	Fred Güttinger*	*Eldo G. Tucker
John S. Bowen " 232	Ralph E. Fairchild..	.....	.....
Gilead " 233	Alfred P. Andersen.	.....	.....
Zion " 234	Alvin A. Koch.....	.....	.....
Fraternity ... " 235	Earl Wade .....	.....	.....
Golden Rule.. " 236	Kenrick R. Mitchell	*Kenrick R. Mitchell	*Kenrick R. Mitchell
Cubit " 237	.....	.....	.....
Friendship... " 239	Albert H. Hueneke.	Lloyd Leamons ....	.....
Pilot " 240	John M. Jensen....*	Lawrence Young ...	Vernon L. Cates
Geo. Armstrong " 241	Ira C. Goodsell.....	Joyce W. Sundell...*
Tyrian " 243

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Hampton No. 245
Nehawka " 246	William A. Ost.....	*Clifton K. Garrison.	Leonard P. St. John
Corner-Stone.. " 247	.....	.....	.....
Laurel " 248	Richard L. Herse...	Hugh A. Linn.....	*Richard L. Herse
Gothenburg .. " 249	Vernon G. Lundstrom	R. Wayne Harrhis..	Ronald H. Patterson
Geo. Washington " 250	Ernest G. Crooker..	Everett L. Packett.	.....
Wausa " 251	*Emanuel K. Anderson	.....	.....
Hildreth " 252	.....	.....	.....
Beemer " 253	.....	.....	.....
Bassett " 254	*Albert H. Gale.....	.....	.....
Hickman " 256	Calvin J. Stover....	.....	.....
Holbrook " 257	.....	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	.....	Clarence A. Lewis..	.....
Bee " 259	*Calvin W. Noxon...	.....	.....
Ornan " 261	Ralph M. Freidrich.	.....	Myron K. Laudenslager
Endeavor " 262	Joseph Reiter .....	.....	.....
Mitchell " 263	Kenneth B. Gassner.	.....	.....
Franklin " 264	.....	.....	.....
Rob't W. Furnas " 265	Glenn A. Etter.....	*Glenn A. Etter.....	*Glenn A. Etter
Silver " 266	Earl C. Hardle.....	.....	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	*Ralph W. Wallace..	.....	.....
Geo. W. Lininger " 268	O. Earl Lowry.....	*John S. Hedelund..	*Francis L. Bouquet
Oasis " 271	Emil H. Janssen....	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	Carl H. Anderson...	Harry H. Moller....	.....
Crofton " 273	Charles H. Gilson...	*Paul D. Baker.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	Samuel E. Lingo....	Claus W. Eicke.....	William H. Plummer
Ramah " 275	*John H. Sutlief.....	.....	.....
Antelope " 276	.....	.....	.....
Sioux " 277	*Francis H. Wallace.	*Francis H. Wallace.	*Francis H. Wallace
Litchfield " 278	Paul E. Chipps.....	.....	.....
Wallace " 279	Harry A. Rowe.....	.....	.....
Swastika " 280	*Willard F. Abbott..	.....	.....
Florence " 281	Fred D. Moshier....	*Leslie E. Martin...	Louis V. Sylvester
Mullen " 282	.....	.....	.....
Exeter " 283	William H. Foster..	.....	.....
Seneca " 284	*C. Franklin Rohrer.	*C. Franklin Rohrer.	*C. Franklin Rohrer
Camp Clarke.. " 285	Edwin C. Nelson...	.....	.....
Oshkosh " 286	*Glenn E. Mong.....	*Glenn E. Mong.....	Glenn E. Mong
Union " 287	*Arthur J. Lamborn.	*Arthur J. Lamborn.	*Arthur J. Lamborn
Omaha " 288	LaVerne J. Smith..	*Frank A. Hughes...
Lotus " 289	Eddie Valek
John J. Mercer " 290	Emery E. Davis....	Charles L. Peckham.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
DiamondNo. 291	Wendell K. Wilson
Wolbach“ 292	Alfred J. Larsen...	.....	.....
Monument“ 293	Miles E. Lewis.....	.....	.....
Kimball“ 294	Odie R. Bell.....	.....	.....
Minatare“ 295	George Gross	*George Gross	*George Gross
Cowles“ 296	.....	.....	.....
Cotner“ 297	Ralph I. Thomas...	*Arthur J. Barrett...	*Max E. Young
Chester“ 298	James E. Woodward	.....	.....
Sutherland“ 299	.....	.....	RaymondL.Jorgensen
Liberty“ 300	Ivan H. Cunningham	.....	Charles L. Kouba
Bayard“ 301	Gordon F. Gardner..	*Arthur Anderson . . . . .	.....
Mizpah“ 302	*Anson L. Havens...	Harold M. Kelley... .	Montus E. Holmes
Right Angle“ 303	Cloyd L. Hawley... .	Harold E. Roush... .	*WilliamN.Leshovsky
Ruskin“ 304	*Jacob C. Dillon.....	.....	.....
Newman Grove “ 305	.....	Conrad Erickson . . . . .	.....
Golden Rod“ 306	Ralph R. Carleton..	*Ralph R. Carleton..	*Ralph R. Carleton
William E. Hill “ 307	.....	.....	.....
Perkins“ 308	Garrett B. Dudden..	.....	.....
Winnebago“ 309	.....	.....	.....
Victory“ 310	.....	Francis A. Roberts.	Ray W. Andersen
Polk“ 311	.....	Harry J. Schultz... .	.....
Oak Leaf“ 312	.....	.....	.....
Potter“ 313	George S. Thirlwall.	.....	.....
Craftsmen“ 314	M. H. Pollard, Jr... .	William L. Walker.	Joy M. Bergquist
Alpha“ 316	*Wilbur H. Leamer..	*Wilbur H. Leamer..	Wilbur H. Leamer
Mid-West“ 317	*Elbert J. Latta.....	*Clarence O. Wilson..	*Jack Ware
Grand Island.. “ 318	Grover F. Rost.....	.....	.....
Bladen“ 319	*George G. Crilly... .	.....	.....
College View.. “ 320	*Silas R. Davenport.	.....	.....
Harmony“ 321	Elmer Martin	*Elmer Martin	*Elmer Martin
Pioneer“ 322	*Mahlon C. Morgan..	.....	.....
Lebanon“ 323	George E. Johansen.	*Elmer P. Baruth... .	*Robert E. Lund
Cairo“ 324	William A. Crabtree

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M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master :

Brethren:

I am going to ask the Deputy Grand Master to take the Chair, while I assist the Grand Custodian. I hope the little surprise that I have for you will be received with as much pleasure as it was for me to prepare it. Perhaps I am taking it too seriously, I think not. There are only four or five who know about it. That is part of my pleasure in keeping it a surprise. I shall say a little bit more about it afterwards. Brother Deputy Grand Master, will you preside.

(R. W. William B. Wanner assumes a position in the East.)

Brother Savage, I trust you will pay close attention. You will be surprised to know that your Grand Master is going to operate the phonograph.

R. W. William B. Wanner, Deputy Grand Master :

Brethren:

While we were in Cleveland early this year, our Grand Master got a very worthy inspiration. Both of us got a tremendous kick, you might say, out of our visit with our Most Worshipful Brother, John J. Wemple, Senior Past Grand Master. Brother Wemple told us that he had known practically all of the Past Grand Masters from Robert Carroll Jordan down to the present time. Perhaps he was the only one left to link the past with the present. And our Most Worshipful Grand Master conceived the idea, he got an inspiration, you might say, to get a record of the voice of M. W. Brother Wemple and he also had a transcription made from the voice of R. W. Brother Francis E. White.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master :

(Playing record of interview with Francis E. White.)

Brethren:

I know the brethren of the Craft will appreciate having the recorded voice of this venerable brother of ours who served this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Secretary for so many years. I conceived the idea while looking through the proceedings of the early years of this Grand Jurisdiction. It occurred to me what a wonderful thing it would be if we had the recorded voice of our first Grand Master, M. W. Brother Robert C. Jordan, so I decided to get and preserve for all time the voices of our two venerable brothers, Francis E. White and John J. Wemple. I was fortunate in getting both of them, and now one of those brothers has been called to the celestial lodge above, but we have his voice on two records. The record made by Brother Wemple is not quite so good as Brother White's, but I think you will recognize it. These records will be preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge, that they may be gotten out occasionally, so that all of us may again be inspired by what these

two Brothers did for Freemasonry, not only in Nebraska, but wherever it is established. I am glad that you are pleased.

We will now play the record of M. W. Brother John J. Wemple.

Here is another record made by Brother Wemple. I want you to know that Right Worshipful Brother Wanner and I called on the recording company in Cleveland and told them to make a record, but did not suggest the message.

If I have accomplished nothing else during my year than to preserve the voices on the records of these two venerable brothers who meant so much to this Grand Jurisdiction, one of whom has now been called to his Heavenly reward, I have done this Grand Jurisdiction a very fine favor. I asked our Grand Secretary to make the introduction on the records of these two brothers, but I did not ask him in time, and in the rush preceding the Grand Lodge he just was unable to do it. I made that same request again this morning, because I want Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith's voice on a record. We hope Brother Lew will live even longer than Right Worshipful Francis E. White, and M. W. John J. Wemple, but just the same I want Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith's introduction of these two records.

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS

Immediately preceding the close of the afternoon session, R. W. William B. Wanner, Deputy Grand Master presented the Grand Lodge a very beautiful basket of flowers, for and on behalf of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

At 5:30 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 9, 1943

At 9:00 o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

W. Homer L. Kyle, 300, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted.

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

Again we are called upon to mourn our fraternal dead and to pay a proper tribute to their memory. During the past year 564 members in this Grand Jurisdiction have gone to their reward. We sincerely mourn their passing, but our sorrow is tempered with pride in their achievements while laboring among us, and a confident assurance of their joyous welcome into the Heavenly Lodge above.

Most of these departed brothers were humble members of the Craft who performed their simple daily tasks with no thought of praise or honor, finding sufficient reward in the approval of their own consciences and the esteem and good will of their fellowmen. Yet all of them, however humble their stations, may justly be said to have been masters of that noblest of all the arts—the art of living as free men in a free society. Each in his own way wrought and strove for the attainment of those great ideals of Christianity of democracy and of Freemasonry which alone can save the human family from self-destruction. It is with pride and gratitude that we honor and revere their memories.

Other Grand Jurisdictions have likewise had occasion to mourn their honored dead. During the year we have received notice of the death of 47 Past Grand Masters of other Jurisdictions in the United States, Canada and in Latin America, as well as of one Senior Grand Warden, one Junior Grand Warden, two Grand Secretaries, one Senior Grand Deacon, one Junior Grand Deacon, two Grand Chaplains and two Grand Tylers. To these Grand Jurisdictions we extend our sincere condolences.

Among those of our own Grand Jurisdiction who have died since our last annual communication was held, should be mentioned Worshipful Brother George E. Hastings of Gauge Lodge No. 208 A. F. & A. M. of Arcadia, Nebraska, who died on December 14, 1942, at Ord, Nebraska, at the age of ninety-six years. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by Montgomery Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Milford, Massachusetts, on July 22, 1869, and was presented with the Gold Jordan Medal on August 28, 1941.

It is our sad duty to record the death of

MOST WORSHIPFUL PAST GRAND MASTER

JOHN J. WEMPLE

M. W. John J. Wemple was born in Ashville, New York, on August 23, 1849, and died at Cleveland, Ohio, on May 28, 1943, aged 93 years, 4 months and 5 days. At the time of his death he was the Senior Past Grand Master of Masons in the United States.

He was initiated into Sabetha Lodge No. 162 A. F. & A. M. of Sabetha, Kansas on June 12, 1875, passed on August 24, 1875, and raised on November 27, 1875. On January 27, 1877, he affiliated with Hastings Lodge No. 50, A. F. & A. M. of Hastings, Nebraska, where he retained his membership to the day of his death. He served that Lodge one year as Secretary and one year as Master.

In June, 1884, he became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and served in that office to June, 1885. M. W. Brother Wemple was a member of numerous other Masonic bodies. In December, 1876, he became a member of Deuel Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons, at Grand Island, Nebraska, and in December, 1880 he affiliated with Hastings Chapter No. 21, R. A. M. of Hastings, Nebraska, and served as its first High Priest. He was admitted by charter to Hast-

ings Council No. 8, Royal and Select Masters, Hastings, Nebraska, on December 13, 1887. He became a member of Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, Grand Island, Nebraska, in December, 1876, demitted from that commandery on May 26, 1881, and became affiliated with Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11, K. T., Grand Island, Nebraska, on April 27, 1881. He was the 17th Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska, serving in 1888-1889. He also received the degrees of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, from the 3rd to the 32nd, from Past Grand Master Robert C. Jordan, on October 10, 1884.

M. W. Brother Wemple came of sturdy Dutch and English pioneer stock. In 1868, at the age of 19, he heeded the advice of Horace Greeley and came "west" to Kansas. He became in turn a school teacher, a railroad telegrapher and a business man. He assisted in founding the Hastings Telephone Exchange and was its secretary for many years. He also assisted in founding the Hastings Land Loan and Building Association, and served as first vice-president of that organization.

On October 9, 1872, he was united in marriage to Rosetta L. Mitchell of Busti, Chautauqua County, New York, and they lived in conjugal harmony for almost seventy years, until the death of Mrs. Wemple on January 23, 1942, a few days before her 90th birthday.

Even during the last years of his long life, he maintained an active and ardent interest in Masonry, and in the activities of his lodge and of this Grand Lodge. In the past ten years practically every Grand Master has stopped at Cleveland on his way to or from the Grand Masters Conference at Washington, to visit for an hour or so with M. W. Brother Wemple, and on May 26th, only two days before his death our Grand Secretary made a special trip from Chicago to Cleveland to call upon him. These visits pleased him very much. Pursuant to his request made several years ago R. W. Ben F. Eyre, our Grand Junion Warden, went to Cleveland and conducted the funeral services on May 31, 1943.

In the death of M. W. Brother Wemple we have lost a sincere friend, a sage counselor and a true and devoted brother.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master.

Brother Grand Marshal, you will conduct our V. W. Grand Chaplain to the Altar.

V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain:

O, God, our Heavenly Father, thou knowest our thoughts from the beginning of life, our activities and our characters as the years go by.

We remember at this time those who have been associated with us as believers in God through many years, or great periods of time, serving Thee on the basis of Faith in Thee. We thank Thee for the example of Those whom we have loved and lost awhile. We are taught at our Altar to believe in the immortality of the soul; we place our flowers upon the

mounds that mark a mortal last resting place as citizens of eternity, and we ask that those whom we remember in our prayers an everlasting life of Thy closer presence, and that we may earnestly and faithfully follow their good examples, so that they and we drawing nearer to Thee may be bound together in Thy love in the fountain of the holy spirit, and in relationship of Saints. Direct us, therefore, as we go to our employments, to carry with us the lessons we have learned in this session of this Grand Lodge, and may we never forget our sun shines in Thee, and on the last day of our lives surrender our will to Thee, in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, read the following letter from W. Brother John S. Hedelund, Past Master of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268:

June 5, 1943

"Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary
A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska
Omaha, Nebraska

Most Worshipful and Dear Brother:

George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 A. F. & A. M., at its regular communication on June 4th, read the card from the Grand Lodge as to the death of Most Worshipful Brother John J. Wemple on May 28th.

Because of the fact that, through annual Birthday greetings, following a resolution which I presented in Grand Lodge in 1938, I took occasion to tell the Lodge something of the record of Most Worshipful Brother Wemple, and noted the fact that in his passing, there would be an immediate advance of twenty-six years in his term served by the now ranking Past Grand Master, as well as the fact that in the death of Brother Wemple, Masonry in the United States had lost its oldest living Past Grand Master. All this will be spread on the minutes of our lodge; and particularly so, because in his acknowledgment of the greetings sent to him from year to year, he would refer to his personal friendship for and contact with Most Worshipful Brother George H. Thummel, who as sponsor for our Lodge, was ever helpful in counsel as to its welfare; and also his close friendship with Most Worshipful Brother George W. Lininger, and his personal feeling of respect for this eminent brother and for his services to Masonry in Nebraska.

The comments of Brother Wemple we consider of high value in their bringing to us the first hand statements from one of those who helped in pioneer days to make Nebraska Masonry what it is today; and we are both proud of these tributes, and of the name which our lodge bears; setting ourselves to the continuance of the high standards which these eminent Brethren laid out in their foundation of Masonry. These remarks will be made a part of our permanent records, and on behalf of George W. Lininger Lodge, I was instructed to transmit them to you."

GREETINGS AND REGRETS

The Grand Secretary presented letters and telegrams sending greetings and best wishes for a successful Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and regret at their inability to be present, from:

M. . I. . John J. Loomis, Grand Master, Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Nebraska.

R. . W. . Fred I. Mills, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Illinois.

M. . W. . Stuart P. Dobbs, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Utah.

W. . Brother Henry W. Carson, Grand Tyler, Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

M. . W. . Brothers Harry A. Cheney, Frederic L. Temple, Ambrose C. Epperson, and Chancellor A. Phillips, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

R. . W. . Francis E. White, Grand Secretary Emeritus, Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, read the following telegram:

Falls City, Nebraska, June 9, 1943

"Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary,
Masonic Temple,
Omaha, Nebraska

'We the officers and members of Falls City Lodge No. 9, Eureka Chapter No. 5, and Mount Sinai Commandery No. 8 are proud that one of our Brothers has been honored by being elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. . F. . & A. . M. . of Nebraska and assure him our full support the coming year.

August E. Elam, W. . Master; Clarence J. Thompson, High Priest; Claude M. Crandall, Commander."

R. . W. . Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS

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

Brethren:

It is not the intention of this Committee to bring to you in this report an historical narrative of Masonry in Nebraska. However, we do

feel that the Great Architect of the Universe carefully laid out the plan or pattern on our trestle board of development and in so doing carefully selected those early pioneers and leaders who, imbued with undying Faith in God for the future care and preservation of this Great and Venerable Order, made plans which were ultimately completed far beyond their fondest dreams of success and for which we today should be, and are, thankful for the rich heritage which is ours.

One of the early projects planned was that which today is the basis for our Charity and Welfare work, and it is with this thought in mind that we want to review with you briefly this particular subject and its consequent development, and the resulting effect it has had during the past decade in enabling us, in a practical and satisfactory manner, to heed the call of distress from a brother, wife, widow or orphan.

When the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska was organized at a Convention held in Omaha, Nebraska Territory, on Wednesday, September 23, 1857, the membership of the three constituent lodges was as follows:

Nebraska Lodge No. 1	7
Western Star Lodge No. 2	7
Capitol Lodge No. 3	20
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Total	34

(Nebraska Lodge No. 184, Chartered October 3, 1855; Giddings Lodge No. 156, Chartered May 28, 1856; Capitol Lodge No. 101, Chartered June 3, 1857.)

On June 2, 1858 the first Annual Communication of this Grand Body was held in Nebraska City with M. W. Robert C. Jordan, Grand Master, presiding. At this meeting three additional charters were issued to the following lodges, they having been working under dispensations granted during the year by Grand Master Jordan:

Nemaha Valley, No. 4, Brownville	18 members
Omadi, No. 5, Dakota City	13 members
Plattsmouth, No. 6, Plattsmouth	12 members

These three lodges had a combined membership of 43 members. During this period of time the original lodges had increased their membership from 34 members to 97 members, so that the total number of Master Masons reported on our rolls for the First Annual Communication was 140 members.

The address of Grand Master Jordan at that meeting could well be applied in its entirety today. In his concluding remarks he said:

‘To us who have been instrumental in securing the organization of this Grand Body, it should be peculiarly gratifying to see the older and more experienced brethren at the helm. Much remains to be done to place it in the proud position it should some day occupy as a useful and influential corporation—protecting and caring for the widow and orphan, soothing the unhappy, and dispensing Charity to all the needy within its

reach, thus fulfilling the instructions of our Heavenly Father, the Supreme Grand Master of that Grand Lodge where we all hope to arrive after completing our labors on earth."

At the Second Annual Communication, held at Bellevue June 14-15, 1859, we find for the first time reference made to the work of the Committee on Charity as follows:

"To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

"The standing committee on Charity would respectfully report that no business has been presented for their consideration. They therefore ask to be discharged."

ALFRED SAYRE,
HENRY BROWN,
J. M. CHIVINGTON,
Committee

When the Ninth Annual Communication was held at Nebraska City June 21, 22, 23, 1866, with M. W. Robert W. Furnas, Grand Master, presiding, there were nine chartered lodges and four lodges under dispensation represented, with a combined membership of 475 Master Masons, and it was during this Session that we find record of the first steps being taken to provide a definite program whereby funds might be raised to found an institution for the education of orphans of deceased Masons. I quote the following resolution by Bro. O. H. Irish of Decatur Lodge No. 7 (now extinct), which was adopted:

"Resolved, That a standing committee of one from each subordinate lodge be appointed, of which the Grand Master shall be chairman, to take measures to found an institution for the education of orphans of deceased Masons. And to this end they are hereby authorized to correspond with the subordinate lodges to receive proposals from different points, as to the location of the same; to provide some method of raising funds, and to report, in detail, at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge. And the Grand Treasurer is hereby authorized to receive such donations as may be made by individuals for this purpose, and to report the same in detail at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge."

On January 24, 1867 Grand Master Furnas issued a circular from his office at Brownville, Nebraska, to the various subordinate lodges calling attention to the above mentioned resolution by Brother Irish and advising of the appointment of the following committees relative thereto:

"Robert W. Furnas, Grand Master, Chairman: Brothers J. W. Whited, Nebraska Lodge No. 1; William E. Hill, Western Star Lodge No. 2; Lorin Miller, Capitol Lodge No. 3; T. W. Bedford, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4; George B. Graff, Omadi Lodge No. 5; D. H. Wheeler, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6; Frank Welch, Decatur Lodge No. 7; C. B. Stillman, Columbus Lodge No. 8; W. H. Mann, Falls City Lodge No. 9; David McDonald, Solomon Lodge No. 10; C. F. Catlin, Covert Lodge No. 11; R. H. Dickey, Nebraska City Lodge No. 12."

He further requested that each lodge give this matter serious consideration and study and called for a special meeting of the Committee to meet at Omaha, Tuesday, June 8, 1867, the day preceding the convening of the next Grand Lodge, for the purpose of comparing plans and ideas and thus be prepared to submit a complete report to the Grand Lodge. He concluded his circular letter with the following paragraph:

"Do not fail to remember, Brethren of Nebraska, that this is the most important measure ever yet presented for your consideration as an order, or that, perhaps, ever will be and that now is the time to commence this great work, which is to show forth to the world one of the cherished principles of Masonry."

On Tuesday, June 20, 1867, during the tenth Annual Communication held at Omaha, Grand Master Furnas, chairman, submitted the report of the committee on "Orphans School," which upon resolution and after considerable debate Pro and Con was adopted. The report and resolution outlined the plans formulated, chief among which were the following provisions:

1. That the Grand Lodge levy a tax upon the Membership in the State to be collected and paid as other dues from subordinate lodges, and by the Grand Lodge set apart as an Educational Fund.
2. That a trustee or a board of trustees be appointed by the Grand Lodge, whose duty it should be to take charge of all funds or donations of whatsoever kind, paid in or donated, and invest the same most advantageously.
3. That a standing committee of one from each subordinate lodge be appointed annually.
4. That the mode of raising funds be proceeded with for a term of five years, at the end of which time the Grand Lodge take such measures as in its wisdom seemed best for the founding of an educational institute.

The first group of Trustees appointed in 1867 by Grand Master Irish, for the Orphans Educational Fund, consisted of Past Grand Masters Furnas, Armstrong and Wheeler. The first monies received for this fund were donations as follows:

Brother J. N. Wise No. 6	\$10.00
Brother O. H. Irish No. 2	15.50
Brother J. N. N. Patrick No. 5..	19.00
Brother C. S. Chase	10.50
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Total	55.00

The same group of Trustees was reappointed in 1868 and their first report is recorded at the twelfth annual Communication, held at Nebraska City October 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1869, showing \$1247.80 in the Orphans Educational Fund as of that date. Apparently there was some opposition to the plan because in their report we quote as follows:

"The Trustees feel that while there is some opposition to this plan of exemplifying characteristics peculiar to the Masonic Fraternity—as there necessarily will be in all things—yet the movement has a fast hold upon the devoted friends of Masonry in this jurisdiction, and that, if it can be let alone and fostered for a few years until its practicability and utility can be fully demonstrated, it will prove a proud and lasting monument to Masonry in Nebraska, and will speak louder for it than tongues of most gifted orators."

At this meeting a resolution was introduced intended to amend the standing resolution of the Grand Lodge as relative to the Orphans Educational Fund. The resolution was adopted contingent upon its ratification by a majority of the subordinate lodges.

In the report of the Grand Secretary at Plattsmouth in June 1870, we find that a constitutional number of the subordinate lodges failed to take the necessary action on the constitutional amendment and the resolution, therefore, failed to become effective. At this session, however, a resolution was passed which established the amount to be raised at \$5000 and which, also, reduced the assessments from \$1.00 to 50 cents per member. In 1872, at Lincoln, it was reported by the Trustees that a maximum of \$5145.65 had been secured for the fund, and further assessments were abolished. In 1880 the fund was reported in excess of \$10,000, and in 1884 the first consideration was given to the establishment of a home for orphans and widows, and in 1887 the fund was reported at \$15,547.85, and a resolution was adopted authorizing the appointment of a commission of seven members to ask proposals for the location of a Home and to report at the next Grand Lodge Session.

In 1888 a recommendation was introduced for the organization of a corporation to be called the Nebraska Masonic Home, and on May 28, 1889 the Home was incorporated under the laws of the State of Nebraska with George W. Lininger, President of the Board of Directors. At this session of the Grand Lodge the following resolution by Brother Coutant of Covert No. 11 was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That this Grand Lodge recommend to the trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home that no part of the capital stock of said association be used for the construction of buildings until the subscriptions thereto shall reach the sum of \$50,000, and then only the excess above that sum."

Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home Corporation was subscribed through the various Masonic Bodies and some individuals and by 1890 a total of 285 shares had been subscribed. Today the total number of shares owned by the various groups and individuals is 2230 shares.

The situation remained rather dormant until about 1903 when we find reference to the Masonic Home in the report of Grand Master Nathaniel M. Ayers: "Let us build a monument to Masonry in Nebraska, to which future generations may point with pride and say, 'That was

built by the Masons of Nebraska." The first unit of our official Home was opened September 1, 1903 at Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

In the meantime, our Orphans Educational Fund had grown and in 1906 the following amendment to the law was secured:

Sec. 27 1. The Orphans Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge shall be the sum of \$50,000 which is hereby constituted an endowment fund, the interest alone of which shall be used for the education of orphans, and the support of orphans and widows of Master Masons of Nebraska.

2. This fund shall be under the management and control of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

We continued our growing plans and additional units were added to our original plant, the most recent of which has been the splendid infirmary, the cornerstone for which was laid June 3, 1924.

We are taught that with everlasting Faith in God, Time, Patience and Perseverance accomplish all things. These pioneers had that Faith, Patience and Perseverance, and the results of their vision and accomplishment is our sacred trust today to carry on for generations yet to come. Truly we have a lasting monument to Masonry in Nebraska which speaks louder for it than tongues of most gifted orators, to which we can point with pride and say: "That was built by the Masons of Nebraska." Truly they were the Builders—not for today, but for Tomorrow and the years to come."

This, Brethren, is the brief story of the establishment of our Charities in Nebraska. By careful management and prudent investment, means have been made available whereby we could take care of the necessary calls for assistance during the past few years when our per capita income from dues for this purpose has been materially reduced because of loss in membership.

The work of your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans is closely allied with the work of the Home Board, but each group functions separately and independently from each other. This is very necessary from an administrative standpoint. Numerous requests have come to us, both by the individual and through the subordinate lodge, while others have come through outside sources. Eventually, we endeavor to route all requests through the local lodge because we expect, and require, the subordinate lodge to assume a substantial portion of the relief and thereby maintain direct supervision over the case. Whenever, in our investigations, we develop memberships in other bodies, such as Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, or Knights Templar, our recommendations have always been for active participation in the case by these organizations, and we are pleased to report to you that we have always received their hearty cooperation and support. The work of the Family Welfare Association and their national organization has been of great assistance to us, with considerable saving in time and expense.

During the past year, either directly or indirectly through correspondence, investigations, personal interviews and direct assistance we

have assisted 97 persons, divided as follows: 28 men, 51 women and 18 minor children. Our total disbursement for this relief was \$8817.00 which is a decrease of slightly in excess of \$1000 over the preceding year. Our per capita cost on the same basis of comparison is 28 cents this year compared with 31 cents of last year.

This report would not be complete if we did not mention the activities of the Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont. During the past year the Home at Plattsmouth has provided care for a total of 90 people at a cost of \$39,055, in addition to annuities provided for 13 members outside the Home at a cost of \$2,600, making a total of \$41,655 for the Plattsmouth Home. The Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont provided home and care for 44 children at a cost of \$23,583. The subordinate lodges devoted approximately \$6,000 for this worthy cause, in addition to the amount spent by this Committee. The combined total from these four sources during the past year for charitable and benevolent purposes is \$80,055, or \$2.55 per capita, as compared with \$2.76 last year.

We have maintained our expenses well within the budget established by your Finance Committee, and it is our opinion that conditions, from the standpoint of this committee, will continue to improve during the ensuing year.

On Friday, May 28, 1943, M. W. John Jay Wemple died at Cleveland, Ohio. This venerable brother, Senior Past Grand Master of the United States, was born at Ashville, N. Y. August 23, 1849 and would have been 94 years old on his next birthday. By order of M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master, your Chairman went to Cleveland and conducted the funeral services which were held under the auspices of Woodward Lodge No. 508, F. & A. M. of Cleveland on Monday, May 31st.

On Sunday, June 6th, your Committee, in accordance with a long established custom, visited the Home at Plattsmouth, and needless to say we enjoyed its hospitality to the fullest extent. We urge every member of this Grand Lodge to make this visit. You will really find it worth your while and the word of cheer to those now making this their home, will be greatly appreciated.

A complete audit of all records and accounts maintained by this Committee has been made by McConnell & Greenfield, Certified Public Accountants, and their report is attached hereto and made a part of this record.

R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Junior Warden, presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED:

That William B. Wanner, Grand Master, or William C. Schaper, Deputy Grand Master, together with Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, be authorized and empowered to execute a deed to

an undivided one-half interest in and to the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Twp. 13, Range 24, in Custer County, Nebraska, to The Nebraska Masonic Home, in consideration of the care and support of the widow of a Past Grand Master, who formerly owned this land, and deeded it to the Grand Lodge.

W. J. Wilson, 54, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

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

Your Committee on Grievances has carefully considered the matters presented to it, and submits its report as follows:

No. 1. Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Lotus Lodge No. 289, A. F. & A. M., for restoration, be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offer the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the petition of a former member of Lotus Lodge No. 289, A. F. & A. M., be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 2. Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Hartington Lodge No. 155, A. F. & A. M., for restoration, be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offer the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the petition of a former member of Hartington Lodge No. 155, A. F. & A. M., for restoration, be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 3. Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M., for restoration, be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offer the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M., for restoration, be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 4. The petition of a former member of St. Johns Lodge No. 25 A. F. & A. M., was unanimously approved January 7, 1943, but since that date the Lodge recommended that action upon the petition of said former member be deferred until the Lodge had time to make a further investigation. Your Committee is of the opinion that the request of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., should be granted, and offer the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the request of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, deferring the petition of this former member, be granted."

No. 5. An appeal was made by a former member of Omaha Lodge No. 288, A. F. & A. M., from the decision of a Trial Commission which

rendered a verdict of guilty, and ordered indefinite suspension from membership in said Lodge. Your Committee is of the opinion that the findings of the Trial Commission were in accord with Masonic law, and the evidence submitted, and offers the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the sentence of the Trial Commission in the case of a former member of Omaha Lodge No. 288, be sustained."

No. 6. Your Committee has considered the petition for restoration of a former member of Plainview Lodge No. 204, A. F. & A. M., who was expelled from membership for having a license to sell beer.

Your Committee from investigation of the facts surrounding this case, finds that the former member owned and operated a restaurant in a building which he owned and still owns. About two years ago, the former member leased the building and equipment to a son, on a monthly rental basis. The son has continued to conduct the restaurant business in said building from said date, and at this time holds a license to sell beer in said building, in connection with said restaurant business. Your Committee finds, from its investigation, that the sale of beer by said son in said building, is incidental to and constitutes a small part of the revenues received from the restaurant and beer business. From its investigation, your Committee is of the opinion that the former member is no longer connected with the operation of said restaurant or beer business, other than as a landlord, and receives no profits from the restaurant business or sale of beer, other than as rent received from the lease of said building and equipment.

From these facts, your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Plainview Lodge No. 204, A. F. & A. M. for restoration, be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offer the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the petition of a former member of Plainview Lodge No. 204, A. F. & A. M. be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

Your Committee offers the following resolution:

Be it resolved, that the report of the Committee on Grievances be adopted as a whole.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Committee on Grievances, were adopted as presented by the Committee. Section No. 6 was not adopted, and the petition for restoration of a former member of Plainview Lodge No. 204, was denied.

The report of the Committee on Grievances, as amended, was then adopted as a whole.

W. Warren R. Wicks, 43, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

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

The following report is most respectfully submitted by your Committee on Returns:

A careful check has been made of the reports from all Subordinate Lodges in the State. It has been found that for the first time in twelve years, every Lodge in Nebraska has paid its Grand Lodge dues in full. Every Lodge has paid its past due indebtedness, and two Lodges, Capitol Lodge No. 3, and Wymore Lodge No. 104, have made advance payments on their 1943 Grand Lodge dues.

Eighteen Lodges report having no delinquent dues. The number of delinquent members is reported to be 4,676, as compared to 5,458 for the previous year. The average for each delinquent is \$9.48, which is 6 cents less than last year.

Your Committee wishes to commend the diligent work of our Grand Secretary and his assistants, in having secured full financial returns from all Lodges, and in going one step further to "the man behind," the Committee wishes to thank each Secretary in each Subordinate Lodge, and especially in the smaller Lodges, for the fine showing made this year.

W. James W. Robertson, 113, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS
AND DISPENSATIONS**To the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:**

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to which was referred the following matters relating to Charters and Dispensations, beg to submit the following report.

With reference to the petition from Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna, Nebraska, for a new Charter. The proper documents were presented to the Committee showing that the original charter had been lost, and the Lodge has petitioned the Grand Lodge for a new Charter to replace it. Your Committee finds that the original charter has been lost and that the Lodge has used due diligence to locate it, but it cannot be found.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the Grand Lodge have prepared a new Charter for Lotus Lodge No. 289, the cost of preparing the new Charter to be borne by that Lodge.

We, your Committee, approve the action of the Grand Master, in refusing to permit the transfer of Pythagoras Lodge No. 156 from Ewing, Nebraska, to Page, Nebraska.

In the case of Pythagoras Lodge No. 156, Ewing, Nebraska, being referred back to the committee, we recommend that it be referred to the incoming Grand Master for further investigation during the ensuing year.

The meeting reconvened with Brother Banta in attendance, but the committee was of the opinion that it did not have sufficient data on the case to warrant voting for a change at this time.

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education, which was adopted.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

Brethren:

Your Committee on Masonic Education has carried on the work of promulgating the ideals and philosophy of Freemasonry to the extent to which conditions will permit. Meetings which we would like to have held have been by necessity curtailed. We have cooperated in every way with the war effort and have adjusted our program from time to time to meet existing conditions.

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$3,600 to carry on the work of the committee during the Masonic year ending with this annual communication of the Grand Lodge. We employed a director, W. Curry W. Watson, who has done a splendid job of carrying out the program as planned by your committee. We have maintained an office, employed a part-time stenographer, and procured all the printed matter and materials necessary to carry on our program. We have spent a total sum of \$2,732.38, leaving a balance of \$896.27 unexpended, which will lapse to the credit of the general fund. The unexpended balance is a result of the curtailment of our program, made necessary by conditions brought on by the war. We desire to commend W. Brother Watson for graciously recognizing the situation and voluntarily reducing the compensation agreed upon by the committee at the beginning of the Masonic year.

The Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master have attended practically every meeting of this committee. Both have been fully informed of the committee's activities. Their advice has been sought and their suggestions have been given most serious consideration. We commend both of these distinguished brethren for their great interest in the work of this committee.

We have continued our plan of sending Masonic literature to the Masters of all subordinate lodges. A great many lodges are making use of it, which is very gratifying to the committee. Bulletins on "Guest Night" meetings, Service Flag dedications and the Masonic War Bond Drive were prepared and distributed with excellent results. Other material for lodge activities has been provided.

We regret exceedingly the necessity for discontinuing the area meetings. It is our present feeling that they should again be held as soon as conditions permit.

One of our most difficult problems is to provide material that is helpful to all lodges. Some of our large lodges seem to think that our material can best be used in the smaller lodges, while some of the smaller

lodges advise us that while our suggestions may work in a big lodge, they will not work in the smaller ones. We can only reiterate that our suggestions must be modified to meet local conditions and, of course, we cannot hope that any one lodge can do all the things which we suggest, although some of them come very close to doing so.

A program of Masonic Education must be carried on. The large number of reinstatements reported by the Grand Master and the great increase in new members, a large number of whom have taken the degrees without regard to time, require that we make available vital information concerning the ideals and philosophy of the fraternity. Such a program is the best insurance against a loss of membership, like we experienced a few years back, that we have been able to formulate. It would be very presumptuous indeed for this committee to take credit for the large increase in reinstatements and new memberships. War conditions are contributing much to this new interest in our Order. We do feel, however, that we have had some part in arousing Masonic interest and that we will have a much more prominent part in maintaining that interest when conditions are not so favorable. This will be our major objective in the immediate future.

Your Committee will have an effective program for next year. Its activities will necessarily be more curtailed next year than in this. Problems of transportation, rationing, manpower dislocations, and others which naturally follow in a nation at war, will reduce our field of operations. At the last meeting of our committee, at which the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were present, it was unanimously agreed to request the Grand Lodge for an appropriation of \$2,000 to carry on this work. This represents a reduction of \$1,600 from the amount appropriated last year, but we are of the opinion that no larger amount can be justified in view of the probable conditions to be faced in the coming year.

We have encountered difficulties in providing speakers where transportation facilities were involved. Our Speakers Bureau will do all it can to obtain speakers for important Masonic meetings, but it is more and more evident that we will have to rely largely on local speakers.

The report of W. Brother Watson, Director of Masonic Education, is attached hereto. The detailed work of the committee is therein set out and analyzed and is available for examination by any brother who desires to see it. It is a valuable contribution to Masonry in Nebraska, and I regret that time does not permit me to read it. We have also attached our financial operating statement to this report and delivered a copy into the hands of the Finance Committee to be audited. It is also available to any brother who desires to examine it.

We appreciate the fine cooperation we have received from the subordinate lodges. We want suggestions and ideas on how best to further our work. Constructive criticism is invited as the means by which our efforts may be improved.

We have labored under conditions which handicap us at every turn. We feel, however, that good is being accomplished. We sincerely trust

that our program has met with your approval and that we, through your cooperation, may make it more effective during each succeeding year. We must not become the slaves of custom. We must not become too ritualistic with the result that the spirit, philosophy and idealism of the Order are submerged in meaningless form. We insist upon a live, breathing Masonry which enriches the mind and embellishes the character of every brother of the Craft. If we as a Committee can accomplish this objective in some degree, we submit that the Committee thereby justifies its existence.

FINANCIAL OPERATING STATEMENT
 COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION
 GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA
 As of May 31, 1943

Grand Lodge Appropriation	\$3,600.00	
Reimbursements—Speakers Bureau by Lodges....	28.65	
Total to account for		\$3,628.65

EXPENSES

Area Meetings	66.10	
Bond Campaign	32.60	
Committee Expense	52.55	
Director—Salary and Expense		
Salary	1,500.00	
Stenographic	420.00	
Office, telephone, files, type- writer, etc.	180.00	2,100.00
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Envelopes	25.03	
Guest Night Bulletins	29.50	
“Instructional Material” (800) booklets.....	141.00	
“Journey to Washington” Film	2.48	
Letterheads	9.50	
Miscellaneous	6.78	
Multigraphing	33.35	
Office Supplies	3.04	
Patriotic Meetings	24.08	
Postage	122.80	
Reinstatement Bulletin	8.80	
“Service Flag” Bulletin	10.75	
Speakers Bureau	34.39	
Telephone	11.13	
“A Word to the Candidate” (1500 copies).....	18.50	
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Total Expenses		2,732.38
Balance Not Used		896.27

Unused funds accounted for as follows:

1. National Bank of Commerce, Lincoln....	196.27
2. Grand Lodge	700.00
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	896.27

W. Norris Chadderdon, 146, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC SERVICE,
ANNUITIES AND GIFTS

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

According to Section 16A of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts 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. In other words, this Committee shall have charge of the funds which any brother should desire to deposit with it in order to provide an income for himself during his life, and on his death to be used to furnish aid and relief for distressed Brethren.

It seems to this Committee that there is no finer way to provide security for yourself, and at the same time to provide funds to be used for one of the three great tenets of Masonry, than to invest your funds in an annuity under the supervision of this Committee, or to provide by will, that funds which you can no longer use, be set aside for this noble purpose.

There has been no work during the past year for this Committee to report, but we are always ready and willing to consult with, and advise any brother who desires our advice on these matters.

W. Mark Simon, 19, presented the Report of the Committee on Nebraska Masonic War Service Committee, which was adopted.

REPORT OF
THE NEBRASKA MASONIC WAR SERVICE COMMITTEE

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

For a little over one year now your Masonic War Service Committee has been functioning. During this time a great many interesting situations and experiences have taken place. As appointed by the Grand Master the existing committee is composed of five members: Worshipful Brothers Thomas A. Barton, chairman, (210); Francis W. Albrecht, (300); Merrill C. Babbitt, (297); Otis W. Cave, (250); Mark Simons, (19); all of Lincoln. They are proud to present this report to you.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Committee is to perform any act of service to and for all Master Masons and Sons of Master Masons who are in the armed service or performing defense duties. These services include:

1. Recording and keeping up to date the file card of each individual.
2. Sending letters to each person.
3. Notifying Grand Lodges of other states of the location of Nebraska men within their jurisdictions.
4. Seeing that Masons and Sons from other Jurisdictions located in Nebraska are contacted.
5. Giving information asked—so far as it lies within the ability and scope of the committee.
6. Reporting all information to the local lodge whose member or son is concerned.
7. Performing any other act of service pertaining to the general work of a War Service Committee.

PROCEDURE

We believe there are many individual Masons, all over Nebraska, who are not informed as to the definite work of this committee. If more could understand the work we have done, and the future accomplishments we desire—there would be a more definite and prompt response given the local lodges who must furnish us our material. The committee believes there are at least 1,000 names which should be, but have not as yet been recorded in the files. Let me take you on a follow-through of one name.

1. The name, rank, and complete address with notation whether M. M. S. or son is sent in by the local lodge.
2. A file card is made containing all this information plus the name of the home lodge.
3. A letter is mailed at once to the man. (A different kind of letter for Masons and for Sons).
4. A notice containing the name, address, relation, and home lodge is sent the Grand Secretary of the state where the man is stationed.
 - a. They, in turn, notify a lodge or Service Center near the camp giving all the information.
 - b. A copy is mailed back to our committee.
 - c. The local lodge or agent makes personal contact if possible.
 - d. Report is made to home lodge of man, or to this committee.

In case of the latter, we then report to the home lodge.

5. If a letter is returned by Postal Authorities the following takes place:
 - a. Home lodge is notified and asked for new address.

- b. File card checked and not O.K.'d until new address comes and letter is mailed again.
- 6. This entire procedure is repeated (omitting the original letter) for each change of address as reported.
- 7. If the committee receives a letter from a Service man
 - a. It is recorded on the file card.
 - b. Answered as soon as possible.
 - c. Reported to home lodge and kept in that lodge's file.
 - d. Any inquiry or service asked for is attended to as soon as possible.
- 8. When the Committee receives notices from other states in regard to their members being within this jurisdiction
 - a. Names and addresses are sent to a lodge in the town nearest the camp.
 - b. A copy is sent back to the home state.
 - c. Local lodge or agent attempts contact and reports to man's home state or home lodge, directly.

The work of the Committee is beneficial and worthwhile insofar as it can keep an up-to-date record. We appreciate the fact that it is a huge task to keep our Honor Rolls up to the minute. The specific work of the Subordinate Lodges, which is the backbone of our work, includes:

- 1. Keeping a complete up-to-date list.
- 2. Informing members of the exact work of the committee.
- 3. Designating whether Master Masons or Sons.
- 4. Writing names and addresses plainly and carefully to insure prompt delivery of mail.
- 5. Notifying Committee immediately of changes of address, rank, etc.
- 6. Notifying Committee and sending clippings of citations, deaths, etc.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Some very interesting statistical tabulations will be found on the Display Board, along with samples of the letters we send. Included, too, are some letters of particular interest which we have received. We urge you to note this display—it will be well worth your while.

We have on file over 3,400 names—which number surpasses by a thousand our expectation of a year ago. Of these, some 1,500 are Master Masons, the remaining 1,900 Sons of Masons. From this great list only 323 letters were returned, and of these 179 were corrected and again sent out. The returned letters are most interesting, as some have traveled over the entire United States, for as long as six months, trying in vain to catch up with the ever moving troops. Hundreds of contacts have been made, some reported, and many not.

Recently a great many APO addresses have come in—which in necessity means over-seas service. We hope to send these men a particular

message soon. Over 500 of them have left the shores of the country they hold dear—to do their part in maintaining the life of freedom and love of those ideals which we, as Free and Accepted Masons hold uppermost.

Of the 264 letters we have received, 115 have been from Masons, and 149 from sons. With very few exceptions, the sons either made known their intentions of joining the Masonic Fraternity, or ask HOW they can become members. This fact, in itself, makes our work worth while. Other requests for information include

1. Membership status while in the Armed Service.
2. Loans—usually requests for small amounts for specific purposes.
3. Lost addresses.
4. DeMolay contact—from younger boys who were members.
5. Business information.
6. Requests to check financial and physical situations of family.
7. Suggestions for after-war occupations, schools, etc.
8. Requests for College Courses-of-Study.
9. Desire for magazines and books—they offer to pay postage if only the material could be sent to them.
10. All boys desire more letters from home.

We regret that several reports of death, missing-in-action, prisoner-of-war, etc., have already reached us. These are noted and letters written to the families immediately.

Our boys are winning recognition, too, and we have notices of various citations and awards which have been received. We have recently started a scrap-book of all these items. It, also, is on display. We hope the lodges will keep us informed and supplied with clippings and pictures concerning these particular cases.

HUMAN INTEREST

The files of the War Service Committee read like an edition from the World Travel Bureau. Many and varied are the letters we receive—some, of course, can not give detailed locations or other military information. None of our boys has attempted to write anything that needed to be censored. We do know, however, that Nebraska men are in Ireland, England, Africa, India, China, New Guinea, Australia, Alaska, West Indies, South America, Egypt, Hawaii, Wake Island, the Philippines, and Canada. A number of letters from these various places are among those on display.

In general, the boys comment on several identical items. Most of them have no particular problems, but assure us they will remember whom to write should any arise. They are all interested in winning the war as soon as possible in order to return home—where their chief interests lie.

Practically every letter brings a heart-touching sentence such as this one from Australia:

"Mail calls are sparse, and when one doesn't score even then, it is little short of a calamity—if the folks at home could just be urged to write oftener, it would really help."

As mentioned before—many boys comment on the future possibilities of becoming Masons—as this son so aptly expresses it:

"It is one of my greatest hopes to have a Masonic career to equal my father's some day—quite a mark to shoot at, but perhaps I can do it."

You can see what an extremely fertile field we have among these fine young men. They are all looking forward in faith to the future. They are not the irresponsible youths we so often designated at 'not having a serious thought in their heads.' Let me read a few quotations from more of their letters. They speak for themselves.

"It refreshes me to know that there is still one nation in this war-torn world that is based on friendship and fraternal feelings. Let us hope that other peoples will realize the futility of war and build their nations on as strong a foundation as ours.

With the determination of the American people and the aid of God, we can not fail.

At this time, when Freemasonry has been destroyed in practically every country in Europe, we know if Germany should be successful in this conflict, the first class to feel the wrath of these barbarians, would be the Freemasons: therefore, we must be on guard.

I want you to know that I think your offer will help many boys in the service, and in so doing, make another step in the greatness of Masonry.

There is no greater honor for a man than to be one of you.

You can always pick the Mason when he comes in for treatment. He is always willing and ready to do as you tell him and never finds fault and has confidence in his superiors.

I am sure that I may speak for all the sons of Masons when I say that you are doing a wonderful service, and we sincerely thank you for making our interests your interests, and our happiness your responsibility.

The most difficult task the committee must do is the writing of letters of sympathy to those who have lost a loved one in service. Even though we all know that these lives are given in receipt for the priceless heritage which is ours, the loss is no less keenly felt. The faith and courage needed to meet this situation can be given strength in the knowledge that we as a Fraternal group are feeling the loss with them, and give our prayers and aid in their behalf.

With great joy, on the other hand, do we note promotions, acts of gallantry, and citations. We appreciate the fact that hundreds of thousands of boys are deserving, each in his own way, of the citation of patriotic endeavor and willingness to serve. This award comes only in the self-knowledge of a task well done.

1. The committee recommends that the Grand Lodge approve the work of the Nebraska War Service Committee.

2. The committee recommends that the Grand Lodge go on record as requesting all the subordinate lodges to submit to our committee all the information asked for as specified in former communications to them.

3. The committee further recommends that all subordinate lodges notify us immediately upon the death of a Brother Mason or son of a Mason in the armed forces of the United Nations, giving us also the full name and address of his nearest kin.

4. The committee further recommends that all changes of address and all the information concerning rank, branch of service, and address of those inducted in the future be sent to us immediately.

5. The committee recommends and requests that the necessary funds be provided to make our work increasingly effective. The individual and mass correspondence is heavy now, and every day it is increasing.

The Nebraska Masonic War Service Committee, with humble sincerity, thanks the Grand Lodge for the privilege of having part in an endeavor so worthy—an enterprise which in itself establishes entirely and extends the principles of Freemasonry. The results are gratifying in the midst of turmoil unsurpassed for centuries. Man is not immune to the fact that a power greater than his must be the force through which achievement is made. This power enables us to rebuild continuously—even after unnecessary destruction of our own doing. We commit ourselves to the great task of reconstruction amid chaos.

“We shall build on!

Firm on the Rock of Ages,

City of Saints and Sages

Laugh while the tempest rages—

WE SHALL BUILD ON!

At 11:55 o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 9, 1943

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.

M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Past Grand Master, presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the M. W., The Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports that there has been no change in our fraternal relations with other Grand Jurisdictions during the past year.

No new requests for recognition have been received.

It appears inadvisable at this time to modify in any way the dispositions heretofore made as to former requests.

We have no unfinished business before us.

We have, therefore, no report to make requiring the action of the Grand Lodge at this annual communication.

Complying with the suggestion of those in authority, springing from motives of economy, no review or report of foreign correspondence has been prepared; consequently none will appear in the proceedings.

W. Charles E. Foster, 77:

I have some unfinished business. At the last session of this Grand Lodge, a motion was made to amend section 80 of the Laws of the Grand Lodge, and I will read the proposed amendment.

"We move that Section 80 of the law of this Grand Jurisdiction be amended by adding thereto, as follows:

"Any member actively engaged in the armed forces of the United States be exempt from the payment of dues for such year, upon submitting to the Secretary satisfactory proof that he is actually so engaged. Upon receipt of such proof, the Secretary shall issue a receipt for dues to such member, and shall cause the records of his Lodge to show that such receipt was issued without payment of dues."

After discussion by a number of Brethren of the Grand Lodge, the proposed amendment to the law was not adopted.

M. W. Earl J. Lee, Past Grand Master, presented the Report of the Committee on Masonic Code, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC CODE

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

The Masonic Code Committee made a report to the 85th Annual Communication which will be found on page 436 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1942. It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter of revision be laid over without further action until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge and that the Code Committee be continued.

Your Committee recommend that this work is of sufficient importance to warrant the employment of a brother Mason to compile and index the constitution, by-laws and decisions of the Grand Masters for submission to the 87th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for approval, and that a sufficient appropriation be made to cover the cost thereof.

Your Committee further recommends that the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee with power to supervise said compilation, and with

power to employ a brother Master Mason to perform the work of compilation.

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master, presented the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence having carefully considered the matters referred to us, report as follows:

1. Under the heading of "Decisions" on page 29 of the Grand Master's address our action is:

- (a) We approve Decision No. 1.
- (b) We do not approve Decision No. 2.
- (c) We approve Decision No. 3.
- (d) We approve Decision No. 4.
- (e) We approve Decision No. 5.
- (f) We approve Decision No. 6.
- (g) We approve the action of the Grand Master under Decision No. 7.

2. We approve the action of the Grand Master under the heading "Interpretations of the Law" on Page 30.

3. We approve the action of the Grand Master under the heading "Approval of By-Laws" on Page 12.

4. We approve the action of the Grand Master under the heading "Consolidations" on Page 10, referring to proclamations.

5. We approve that part of the Grand Master's address entitled "Dispensations to elect and install officers," shown on Pages 12 and 13.

6. We approve that part of the Grand Master's address entitled "Dispensation to confer degrees without regard to time" on Page 13.

7. We approve the action of the Grand Master under the heading "Appointment of Acting Master" on Page 14, as amended.

8. We take no action on the chapter entitled "Masonic Code and Decisions Supplement," on Page 28, for the reason that the Grand Lodge has a special committee on this subject which committee will make a specific report to the Grand Lodge at this annual communication.

9. Under the heading "Recommendations" at the top of Page 26 our action is:

- (h) We approve Recommendation No. 2.
- (i) We approve Recommendation No. 5.
- (j) 1. In response to Paragraph No. 6 of the Recommendations of the Grand Master it is the sense of the Jurisprudence Committee that the Middle Chamber ceremony should always be given at the same communication at which the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason is conferred.

2. In connection with Recommendation No. 6 we recommend that Section 127 of the law be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 127. No lodge shall enter, pass, or raise more than one candidate at the same time; but the Middle Chamber ceremony of the Fellowcraft degree, and the lecture and charge of each degree may be given jointly to any number; every degree shall be completed at one communication.

(k) We disapprove Recommendation No. 7.

(l) With reference to Recommendation No. 8 we recommend that Section 107 of the law be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 107. All petitions for initiation, affiliation, waiver of jurisdiction, dispensation for a new lodge, and all applications for reinstatement after suspension for more than three years for non-payment of dues, must be referred to a committee, and be voted on BY SECRET BALLOT no sooner than on the 28th day after the petition or application is received."

(m) We disapprove Recommendation No. 9.

(n) We disapprove Recommendation No. 10.

(o) We disapprove Recommendation No. 11.

(p) We approve the recommendation in Recommendation No. 12.

(q) We disapprove Recommendation No. 13.

(r) We disapprove Recommendation No. 14.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted, excepting Recommendation No. 6 of the Grand Master, in which it was attempted to amend Section 127 of the law, which after a long and heated discussion was referred back to the Committee on Jurisprudence for report at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; and Section R, pertaining to Recommendation No. 14 of the Grand Master, which the Committee disapproved, which disapproval of the Committee the Grand Lodge did not concur in.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was approved as a whole, with the exception of the two items noted above.

W. Ernest E. James, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted section by section and then as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the M. W. Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

Your Committee on Finance respectfully reports as follows:

We have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and the various committees and other units of the Grand Lodge having any part of the financial program of the Grand Lodge. We have also carefully reviewed the report of the auditors submitted by Greenfield & Carlson and have examined all matters of finance which have in any way been referred to this Committee by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and committees or individuals connected with the Grand Lodge, and we respectfully report our findings and recommendations for your consideration.

GENERAL FUND COMPARISON

In accordance with the practice of past years, we have prepared a list showing a comparison between the General Fund budget adopted a year ago and the actual expenses during this Masonic year, and we submit herewith, as a matter of permanent record, our findings in this connection.

COMPARISON OF GENERAL FUND 1942
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSE

	Appro- priated	Expended	Savings	Over- draft
Payroll Session 1942	4,345.62	4,365.60		19.98
Grand Tyler Session 1942	15.00	15.00		
Grand Organist Session 1942	10.00	10.00		
Grand Secretary's Clerk Hire	2,450.00	2,390.00	60.00	
Grand Secretary's Office expense (Contingent Fund)	1,800.00	1,800.00		
Grand Master, George A. Kurk's Expense	2,000.00	1,800.00	200.00	
Grand Custodian's & Deputies' Expense	1,400.00	1,395.45	4.55	
Expense—Other Grand Lodge Officers under direction of Grand Master	600.00	437.91	162.09	
Expense—Committee on Masonic Education	3,600.00	2,703.73	896.27	
Expense—Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00	600.00		
Expense—Trial Commission	100.00	4.08	95.92	
Expense—Committee on Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts...	50.00		50.00	
Expense—Grand Chaplain	100.00	100.00		
Grand Secretary's travel expense...	500.00	383.51	116.49	

Expense—Committees not otherwise provided for	100.00	38.28	61.72
Unassigned incidental expense under direction of Grand Master	1,000.00	674.78	325.22
Rent of Grand Lodge Offices to 6/30/43	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Dues to Masonic Relief Assn. of the U. S. and Canada	154.60	154.26	.34
Salary—Lewis E. Smith Grand Secy	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Salary—Francis E. White, Grand Secretary Emeritus	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Salary—Grand Custodian	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Certified Public Accountants for '42	100.00	100.00	
Printing Proceedings of 1942 including advance copies of reports..	1,200.00	1,029.82	170.18
Entertaining Distinguished Guests and incidental expense of Grand Lodge	100.00	100.00	
Reporting & Transcribing Session 1942	75.00	65.00	10.00
Printed List of Regular Lodges....	15.00	15.00	
Workmen's Compensation & Employers' Liability insurance premium	37.28	35.39	1.89
Surety Bond—Grand Secretary & Grand Lodge Officers, Committees & Employees	110.00	100.80	9.20
Grand Lodge Dinner, 1942	308.25	308.25	
Jewel for retiring Grand Master...	100.00	110.00	10.00
Dispensation fees returned	70.00	70.00	
New office equipment for Grand Secretary's Office	50.00	26.50	23.50
Liability & Property Damage Insurance Premium for the Protection of Grand Lodge on the Grand Master's car	25.00		25.00
Expense, Committee on George Washington Nat'l Memorial ...	100.00		100.00
Attorneys' Fees & Expenses in connection with Tax Case	163.40	163.40	
Social Security Tax	178.80	216.80	38.00
War Service Committee	1,500.00	1,300.00	200.00
Total	\$31,957.95	29,513.56	2,512.37 67.98

The foregoing tabulation shows a net savings of \$2,444.39 between the established budget of a year ago and the expenses under that budget.

We commend the Grand Lodge Officers handling all of these monies for their efforts to conserve expenses which has made this savings possible.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

Last year our finding resulted in the tabulation of the following items to be returned to the General Fund by the various committees and individuals as unspent balances for the year ending June 1st, 1942. The records show that all unused amounts have been returned as listed below:

Grand Chaplain's expense	\$ 59.33
Grand Custodian's expense .....	.92
Grand Secretary's Travel expense	196.71
Grand Officers' expense	82.86
Grand Master's expense	24.99
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	\$364.81

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION No. 1

The Committee on Finance concurs in the Grand Master's recommendation concerning appropriation for the expense of the Masonic War Service Committee. We have set up an appropriation of \$1,700.00 for the use of the Committee for the ensuing year.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION No. 2

Your Committee on Finance concurs with the Grand Master's recommendation No. 2, and the decision of the Jurisprudence Committee on the establishment of the Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund on a voluntary basis. We have further appropriated \$250.00 to cover incidental expenses which may be incurred by the Committee in raising this fund.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION No. 3

In view of the Grand Master's recommendation for the Masonic Educational Committee, we have set up in the General Fund budget an amount of \$2,000 to cover the expense of this committee for the ensuing year.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT

At the last Communication we appropriated the amount of \$1,400.00 for the expense account of the Grand Custodian's Department and the following expenditures were made:

Railroad and bus fare	\$ 213.01
Hotel	175.35
Meals	180.65
Telephone and Telegraph	179.20
Stationery and printing	114.08
Miscellaneous	15.94
Per diem and expense of assistant custodians	517.22
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	\$1,395.45

An unexpended balance of \$4.55 remains in this account which we recommend be returned to the General Fund and a new appropriation will be set up for the ensuing year.

GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL EXPENSE

An amount of \$500.00 was appropriated for travel expense of the Grand Secretary. The amount actually used during this Masonic year was \$383.51, leaving a balance of \$116.49. We recommend that this amount be returned to the General Fund and a new appropriation will be made in our budget for the ensuing year.

EXPENSE OF TRIAL COMMISSION

During the preceding year we appropriated the amount of \$100.00 for the expense of the Trial Commission. The amount actually used by the Committee was \$4.08, leaving a balance of \$95.92, which we recommend be returned to the General Fund. A new appropriation will appear in our budget for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Finance acknowledges the letter of Brother L. C. Barnes, Secretary of Beatrice Lodge No. 26, stating that in striking a balance of the number of members with the records of the Grand Secretary they discovered that they had paid per capita dues over a period of years on two brethren who had died, and one who was suspended, and asked that the Grand Lodge reimburse them for over-payment.

Inasmuch as these funds have been distributed for our charitable and educational program, and that it was due to negligence on the part of the lodge submitting the reports, and that the procedure of returning such funds could establish a precedence of relieving secretaries of accuracy of reports, it is deemed inadvisable by the Committee on Finance to recommend the return of this overpayment and the Committee, therefore, declines the request.

AUTOMOBILE FOR THE GRAND MASTER

Last year, the Grand Master, M. W. George A. Kurk, used his own car, and we understand that the incoming Grand Master desires to use his car this year. We, therefore, recommend that he be authorized to charge 6 cents per mile for the expense thereof. We have set up a small amount in the General Fund to cover Public Liability and Property Damage, on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

BUDGET FOR 1943

GENERAL FUND

	Appropriation
Pay Roll, Session 1943	\$ 3,891.52
Grand Tyler, Session 1943	15.00
Grand Organist, Session 1943	10.00
Grand Secretary's Clerk Hire	2,450.00

Grand Secretary's Office Expense	2,000.00
Grand Master, William B. Wanner's Expense	2,000.00
Expense, Grand Custodian and Deputies	1,600.00
Expense, Other Grand Lodge Officers under direction of Grand Master	600.00
Expense, Committee on Masonic Education	2,000.00
Expense, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00
Expense, Trial Commission	100.00
Expense, Committee on Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts.	50.00
Expense, Grand Chaplain	100.00
Grand Secretary's Travel Expense	500.00
Expense, Committees not otherwise provided for	100.00
Unassigned incidental expense under direction of the Grand Master	1,000.00
Rent of Grand Lodge Offices to June 30, 1944	1,200.00
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada	154.26
Salary, Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary	3,600.00
Salary, Francis E. White, Grand Secretary Emeritus	1,200.00
Salary, Grand Custodian	3,000.00
Certified Public Accountant for 1943	100.00
Printing Proceedings of 1943, including advance copies of reports	1,100.00
Special appropriation to compile and index the Constitution, By-Laws and decisions of Grand Masters	500.00
Entertaining Distinguished guests and incidental expense of Grand Lodge	200.00
Reporting and Transcribing Session 1943.....	75.00
Printed Lists of Regular Lodges	15.00
Workmen's Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance premium	35.00
Surety Bond for Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Employees	110.00
Grand Lodge dinner, 1943	361.25
Jewel for Retiring Grand Master	110.00
Dispensation Fees returned	220.00
New Office Equipment for Grand Secretary's Office	50.00
Liability and Property Damage Insurance premium for the Protection of the Grand Lodge on the Grand Master's Car	25.00
Expense, Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial	100.00
Expense, Nebraska Masonic War Service Committee	1,700.00
Premium for Fire, Tornado, Hail, Smoke Damage and Explo- sion Insurance on Grand Lodge office furniture and fix- tures for 3 years to June 10, 1946	88.75
Social Security Tax	200.00
Expense, Committee on Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund.	250.00
Total	\$ 31,410.78

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

MAINTENANCE FUND, MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Estimated Maintenance for the coming year (to be matched by an equal appropriation from the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star) \$11,000.00

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Special appropriation to cover one-fifth of the Special Contribution to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association made at the 1939 Grand Lodge Session (final payment) 500.00
 Special appropriation to amplify the Grand Lodge General Fund to cover the General Fund Budget 3,439.14
 Special appropriation to amplify existing revenue to the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth 5,500.00

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

Special appropriation to reimburse the Nebraska Masonic Home Board to cover one-half of the salary and expense of the Field Man, employed by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home Board 1,606.54
 Special appropriation for the Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee (to be matched by a like amount by the Grand Chapter O. E. S. S.) 800.00

SURETY BOND ACCOUNT

For payment of Premium for Blanket Bond of Secretaries and Treasurers of Subordinate Lodges 600.00
 Total \$23,445.68

CONCLUSION

We advise you that the Budgets of all funds have balanced and there are no appropriations recommended without funds available, and the amounts throughout the funds of this Grand Lodge are in order for the regular run of business of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. M. H. Pollard, Jr., Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Pay-Roll, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Pay-Roll beg leave to report that the amount for mileage and per diem for this Annual Communication is:

Mileage, \$2,623.02 Per Diem, \$1,208.00 Total, \$3,831.02

W. Ellis W. Cass, 302, Chairman, presented the Report of the Temple Building Advisory Committee, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Your Committee has made note of that part of the Grand Master's report, "Approval of Lodge Financing" as recommended by report of the Committee on "Doings of Grand Lodge Officers."

We find nothing requiring our attention at this time. There is nothing open in our files.

This Committee awaits the will and pleasure of the Grand Master and the subordinate Lodges to serve them in any way possible in matters which according to our Constitution and By-Laws rightfully come under its jurisdiction.

W. Leslie E. Martin, Chairman, presented the Report of the Special Committee Regarding Finance, which was adopted.

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

At the 85th Annual Communication held in Omaha in June, 1942, the Grand Master made the following recommendation:

"I recommend that a committee of five be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to investigate, formulate and submit a plan for handling all stocks, bonds, mortgages and other securities and property of the Grand Lodge, including the purchase and sale of same, together with proposed amendments to the by-laws necessary to put it into effect, such committee to report at the 1943 annual communication of the Grand Lodge."

The Finance Committee concurred in this recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master and so recommended.

Under date of April 14, 1943, the Most Worshipful Grand Master George A. Kurk notified by letter the following brethren as his selectees to serve on the committee:

W. Leslie E. Martin, Chairman
 Brother W. Dale Clark
 W. Ernest E. James
 W. Alexander McKie, Jr.
 W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Senior Deacon

The first meeting of the Committee was held on Wednesday, May 12, 1943 at the Grand Lodge Library in the Masonic Temple Building in Omaha, with every member present. At the request of the Committee Most Worshipful . George A. Kurk, Grand Master, Right Worshipful . William B. Wanner, Deputy Grand Master and Most Worshipful . Lewis

E. Smith, Grand Secretary, were invited to sit in with the Committee and be available for supplying such factual information as the Committee needed in the consideration of its assignment. The Annual Audit Reports of the Grand Lodge made by Greenfield and Carlson, Certified Public Accountants, were made available for the Committee.

In the brief time the Committee had for its study of the assets of the Grand Lodge, some very interesting facts commanded its attention. This Grand Jurisdiction of Masons in Nebraska has been most fortunate in having such wise and farseeing leaders in its earliest beginnings who so well laid the foundations which made it possible for those who follow to build a substantial financial superstructure. Among those pioneer Masons, to whom a great debt of gratitude is due from this Grand Lodge, is our beloved Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Emeritus, Francis E. White. It was largely due to his wisdom and foresight that the assets of the Grand Lodge reported in May, 1925, when he retired from active Secretaryship, amounted to \$289,526.24.

With that substantial beginning, we find that the assets of this Grand Lodge have grown from year to year until this year, 1943, the Auditors Report show assets totaling \$688,791.22. A gain in assets of \$399,264.98 during the past 18 years. This is a most remarkable achievement and reflects great credit to the one who has been responsible for the management of the Grand Lodge investments, our Most Worshipful Grand Secretary, Lewis E. Smith. This growth in assets has come during a period when we have experienced a financial panic, a world economic depression, a decline in interest rates, and a world war, all of which made the handling of an investment account a very hard and difficult matter. Also during this same period of time the Grand Lodge experienced a decline in membership due largely to adverse economic conditions. In May, 1926 the income of the Grand Lodge from the subordinate lodges through dues and fees was \$126,547.86 as compared with \$70,334.30 a low in 1941. And as a corollary to this condition the Grand Lodge has had an ever increasing demand upon it for relief to the needy brother, and the widows and orphans. All this adds up to the fact that our Grand Lodge has been most fortunate in having such excellent management of its funds and investments.

To conserve the present substantial accumulation of high-grade investments and furnish such implementation that will assure a continuation of the present excellent investment policies into the future, is the particular task assigned to the Committee.

Because the time at the disposal of the Committee was too limited to analyze and appraise thoroughly all the factors to be considered in proposing necessary amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge in order to create a permanent Investment Board, your Committee proposes only a General outline of the duties and functions of a Grand Investment Board. Many of the details relating to investment policies and necessary amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand

Lodge are left to the new Board, who through experience will be able to recommend necessary legislation at the 1944 annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee, recommends that the Grand Lodge create a Board of Grand Trustees which will have full charge of the investment of Grand Lodge funds.

1. The Board of Grand Trustees shall consist of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and three other Trustees to be selected by the Grand Master.

2. The Grand Master, taking office in June, 1943, shall appoint three trustees for a period of one year.

3. The Trustees shall be members in good standing of Nebraska Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

4. The three appointive trustees to be selected because of their experience and recognized ability in the investment field.

5. The trustees shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for actual expense covering mileage, hotel room and meals.

6. The Board of Grand Trustees shall select its chairman from the trustees other than the Grand Officers.

7. The Grand Trustees should review the list of Securities annually and make a written report of their analysis. Funds for investment and reinvestment should be given consideration quarterly, and a complete record of the data presented for consideration and the action taken, should be kept and available at all times for those to whom access should be granted.

8. The Board of Grand Trustees shall establish its own investment policies and determine such limitations on classes of investments as it deems wise and prudent.

9. This Board of Grand Trustees shall at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1944 submit such necessary amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge as will make permanent a Board of Grand Trustees whose duties will be to manage the investment and reinvestment of the Grand Lodge Funds.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF FUNERAL SERVICE

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary:

The Committee on Revision of Funeral Service would like to move that the matter be laid over until the next session of the Grand Lodge, and I so move. (Seconded and carried.)

W. Gordon F. Gardner, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business has examined the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1942, and respectfully submit the following report:

That due to the absence of all members of the Committee on Uniform Bookkeeping System, we recommend that the report of said Committee be laid over until the 1944 Grand Lodge Communication.

That all other business has been disposed of.

Lewis E. Smith,
Grand Secretary,
Omaha, Nebraska.

June 23rd, 1943

M. W. and Dear Brother Smith:

It has been brought to my attention, that an amendment to the Grand Lodge Law, found on page 447 of the proceedings of June 1942, to Sections Nos. 42, 72, and 126; was overlooked in the rush of business at the close of the Eighty-sixth Annual Communication.

Believing this to have been an inadvertent oversight and unfair to the Lodges proposing the amendment, by virtue of power in me vested, I hereby order you to include the proposed amendment to the Law in the proceedings of the Eighty-sixth Annual Communication, to be acted upon by the Eighty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, under the heading of "Unfinished Business of the Eighty-fifth Annual Communication."

With best wishes, I am,

Faternally,

WILLIAM B. WANNER,
Grand Master.

WBW-HG

The proposed amendment to the law referred to in the letter of M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master of Masons, follows:

Brother Joseph L. Bowes, Plumblin Lodge No. 241:

Proposed amendment to the Grand Lodge Law.

The undersigned respectfully propose the following amendments to the Grand Lodge Law:

1. That Section 42 be amended by adding thereto the following: Provided, however, that until six months after the negotiation of peace between the United States and its enemies with which it is now engaged in war the Grand Master, on application from any lodge having less than fifty members, and for good causes shown, may grant a special dispensation to such lodge to hold a meeting for the transaction of any business, except the conferring of degrees, with a quorum of only five Master Masons who are members of such lodge.

2. That Section 72 be amended by adding thereto the following: Provided, however, that until six months after the negotiation of peace between the United States and its enemies with which it is now engaged in war the Grand Master, on application from any lodge having less than fifty members, and for good cause shown, may grant a special dispensation to such lodge to hold a meeting for the transaction of any business, except the conferring of degrees, with a quorum of only five Master Masons who are members of such lodge.

3. That Section 126 be amended by adding thereto the following: Provided, however, that until six months after the negotiation of peace between the United States and its enemies with which it is now engaged in war the Grand Master, on application from any lodge having less than fifty members, and for good cause shown, may grant a special dispensation to such lodge to hold a meeting for the transaction of any business, except the conferring of degrees, with a quorum of only five Master Masons who are members of such lodge.

JOSEPH L. BOWES, Plumblin Lodge No. 214
RALPH E. HARLAN, Hickman Lodge No. 256
LESTER MEYERS, Grace Lodge No. 226
HARRY J. SCHULTZ, Polk Lodge No. 311
PERRY E. ELDRRED, Blue Valley Lodge No. 64

W. Joseph L. Bowes, 214:

This is signed by five Master Masons.

W. Perry W. Phillips, 150, presented the Report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted section by section, and then as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

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

Pursuant to the approved recommendations of the Committee on Jurisprudence and the affirmative action of the Grand Lodge, we recommend:

1. That Section 107, Chapter 14, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

Section 107. Reference to Committee. All petitions for initiation, affiliation, waiver of jurisdiction, dispensation for a new lodge, and all applications for reinstatement after suspension for more than three years for non-payment of dues, must be referred to a committee, and be voted on by secret ballot no sooner than on the 28th day after the petition or application is received.

2. That the original Section 107, Chapter 14, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be repealed.

3. That Section 60, Chapter 8, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

Section 60. Time—Dispensation—Waiver. The officers shall be installed during the month of January. 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, Provided, the Grand Master may in the exercise of his discretion and for good cause shown, waive the requirement of the fee.

4. That the original Section 60, Chapter 8, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be repealed.

The approved decisions of the Grand Master are merely administrative interpretations of existing law and require no legislative acts.

PRESENTATION OF THE BRETHREN WEARING THE BRONZE JORDAN MEDALS AND FIFTY-YEAR BADGES

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master, requested the Grand Senior Deacon to present at the Altar all brethren present who are wearers of the Bronze Jordan Medal and Fifty-year Badges. The brethren were introduced, warmly welcomed and congratulated by the M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master.

THANKS

M. W. Earl J. Lee, Past Grand Master.

I move that the thanks of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, be extended to the Omaha Lodges for their courtesies and hospitality during this Annual Communication. Seconded and carried.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master.

I have already thanked the numerous committees that were appointed. All of them served faithfully, but again I want to express my personal thanks to each and every one of the members of the various committees. Some of them worked every minute of both days and did not get to attend any of the sessions of the Grand Lodge. To each and all of you we extend our grateful thanks.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. William A. Robertson, Past Grand Master, Installing Officer, assisted by M. W. Earl J. Lee, Past Grand Master, as Marshal, and Brother Francis L. Bouquet, 268, acting as Grand Chaplain, installed the Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

THE NEW GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

There is only one or two things that I wish you would do for me. I wish you would take back to your respective lodges as much of this

Annual Communication as you can. Take back a copy of the proceedings, read them and talk about them in your lodge.

And also, brethren, when a call comes for support of our war service committee I wish that you would support that appeal.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master.

I wish to move, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to our retiring Grand Master for the very efficient, courteous, successful and fraternal manner in which he has conducted the affairs of this Grand Lodge as Grand Master. Seconded and carried.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, and Grand Secretary:

Most Worshipful Brother Wanner:

Pursuant to the usual custom of this Grand Lodge, M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, Past Grand Master, would have been asked, and I know that it would have been his pleasure to have presented a Past Grand Master's Jewel to our retiring Grand Master, but the lot has fallen to me because I seem to be the only one present of the genealogy, Masonically speaking, of our Junior Past Grand Master.

The hour being late, time does not permit me to elaborate here upon the distinguished service given to this Grand Lodge by M. W. George A. Kurk. No Grand Master within my recollection has been more conscientious, nor has shown a greater desire to give his time and talent to this Grand Lodge and the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. Suffice it is to say that he has won the respect and affection of the Brethren, and in their name, and with a feeling of personal pride in seeing this year come to a close with so much for which we may be thankful, a large portion of which can be directly credited to M. W. Brother George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master, on whom I am about to pin this Jewel, with the hope that the Father of us all will give him many years to wear and enjoy it.

Most Worshipful Brother Lew and Brethren:

I know that it has been the custom in this Grand Jurisdiction for the Grand Master who first appointed the retiring Grand Master to an office in the Grand Lodge to present the Past Grand Master's Jewel. Following that custom it would have been my dear friend and brother M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips who would have made the presentation if he had been here. We missed Brother Phillips at this Annual Communication, and are sincerely sorry that he was unable to attend because of the illness of Mrs. Phillips. I know that you join me in expressing best wishes for her speedy and complete recovery.

Brother Lew, I am glad to hear that Brother Chancellor asked you to present this jewel, not only because I am of your Masonic genealogy—and I am mighty proud of that—but also because of the happy association I enjoyed with you during the year. And so, accepting this beauti-

ful Past Grand Master's Jewel from your hands adds another to the many happy memories of my year as Grand Master.

Brethren, I assure you that I appreciate the honor of having served this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Master more than words can express. I tried my best to fulfill the duties of the office and while the work at times was arduous, the year was a happy one and will always be treasured in my memory. Any success that was attained during my term of office was because of the wholehearted cooperation of every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Brethren, when welcoming the Past Grand Masters yesterday the distinctive service which each of them rendered to this Grand Jurisdiction was recalled by all of us. I am now privileged to join that distinguished group, and I hope that by following their example I may continue to be of service to Masonry.

And so I pledge to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, my cooperation in any way that I can be of assistance.

At 6:15 o'clock P. M., no further business appearing, after prayer by Brother Francis L. Bouquet, 268, acting as Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

William B. Hamer
Grand Master

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the Eighty-Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Omaha, Nebraska, June 8th and 9th, 1943, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Nebraska, this 15th day of July, 1943.

Francis L. Bouquet
Grand Secretary



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ADDENDA TO THE LAW

Including amendments adopted since the publication of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, edition of 1934.

Sec. 8, second paragraph:

The Grand Master may appoint not more than 25 Assistant Custodians, to assist the Grand Custodian in supervising the work, lectures, and ritual, and who shall receive the sum of five dollars per day, while conducting Schools of Instruction, and who, when attending Grand Lodge, shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge, all of which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner. Local expense and mileage for Schools of Instruction shall be paid by the Lodge for which the School is held.

Chapter III.

Section 9.—Enumeration and Appointment.—The committees of this Grand Lodge shall consist of the following: (1) Jurisprudence, (2) Codification of the Law, (3) Foreign Correspondence, (4) Fraternal Dead, (5) Relief and Care of Orphans, (6) Grievances, (7) Doings of Grand Officers, (8) Finance, (9) Charters and Dispensations, (10) Credentials, (11) Grand Lodge Office, (12) Pay-Roll, (13) Visiting Brethren, (14) Unfinished Business, (15) Children's Homes, (16) Temple Building Advisory Committee, which committee shall consist of three members, each to serve for a period of three years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually, (17) Committee on Masonic Education, which committee shall consist of not less than five, nor more than twenty-five members, to be appointed by the Grand Master, who shall designate its chairman.

The committee numbered (1) above, shall consist of all the Past Grand Masters in attendance, with the Junior as chairman. Each of the other committees except (5) and (15) shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members, and shall be appointed by the Grand Master as follows: The committees numbered (2) to (5) above, inclusive, and the Committee on Masonic Education, numbered (17) shall be appointed within ten days after his installation, and the remaining committees at least twenty days before each annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master shall appoint from time to time such committees for the purpose of conducting Masonic trials as in his judgment shall be deemed advisable; each committee shall consist of not less than three nor more than five disinterested Master Masons. Said committee shall be styled "Trial Commission."

The Grand Master shall designate the President of such Commission. Three members shall constitute a quorum and a Master Mason appointed by the Commission shall act as its Secretary and in his absence the Trial Commission may designate some other Master Mason so to act.

A majority of such commission sitting at a trial shall decide all questions before it. 1942.

Section 26-A, Chapter III, is repealed. 1942.

Section 31 is repealed. 1938.

Section 31—The per capita tax of \$2.00 shall be divided as follows:

To the Nebraska Masonic Home	\$1.00
To the Maintenance Fund, Children's Home at Fremont .....	.15
To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans .....	.20
To the General Fund .....	.65

The Initiation Fee of \$10.00 shall be allotted to the Funds of the Grand Lodge as follows:

To the General Fund	\$5.00
To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	2.50
To the Maintenance Fund, Children's Home at Fremont	2.50

The affiliation fee shall be allotted to the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

Provided, that all funds in the Building and Improvement Fund on June 8, 1938, shall continue to be known as the Building and Improvement Fund, together with all accretions except as provided in Section 31-C. 1940.

Section 36.—Petition for Dispensation.—A petition for a dispensation for a new lodge must be presented for the recommendation of the nearest chartered lodge, or lodges if in a city having more than one lodge, and must be presented to the lodge at a regular meeting, be referred to a committee, lie over one calendar month, and be acted upon at a subsequent regular meeting of the lodge. A brother who signs a petition for a dispensation may not vote in his lodge on the question of recommending the petition. The action of the lodge or lodges shall be advisory only, and the Grand Master shall issue the dispensation only when a thorough investigation shall satisfy him that it will be for the best interest of the Fraternity.

Section 54 is repealed.

Section 57.—Returns to Grand Lodge.—The Secretary of each chartered lodge shall include in the annual returns, which shall be made out and transmitted to the Grand Secretary, on or before the tenth day of February, a statement of all work done during the preceding Masonic year, including the names of all those elected, initiated, passed, raised, affiliated, suspended, expelled, reinstated, rejected, and deceased, with the dates of same; also the name, number, and location of the lodge from which each member may come by affiliation. The Secretary shall also report to the Grand Secretary the names of all members of his lodge who have been called to military service in the army or navy of the United States, and the names of such Brethren shall be printed in the

proceedings of the Grand Lodge under the title of the Roll of Honor. Each name shall be written with one given name in full. The returns shall also show the amount of the delinquent dues and the number of members who are delinquent, and shall also show the amount of insurance on real and personal property belonging to the lodge, the names of the companies in which the insurance is carried, with the amount in each and the date to which the premiums are paid. Dues shall be reported as delinquent when they remain unpaid after the end of the Masonic year in which they are assessed.

He shall also report the name of the member of his Lodge who is the holder of the Bronze Jordan Medal; also the date of such member's birth, the date such member was made a Master Mason, and the date upon which such Medal was presented.

Section 58.—The Secretary shall keep a record of the names of all persons rejected, suspended, and expelled. 1938.

Sec. 59-A, 11th paragraph:

Provided that the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, and the Grand Junior Warden, may determine the advisability of obtaining a surety bond, from a company legally issuing such bonds, for any one year, and, in the event of the obtaining of such bond, payment of the premium therefor shall be made from this trust fund, such premium not to exceed the rate of 20 cents for each One Hundred Dollars, or portion thereof, of the face amount of such bond, said bond so furnished to be conditioned for the full protection of the Grand Lodge and the several subordinate Lodges.

Section 60. Time—Dispensation—Waiver. The officers shall be installed during the month of January. 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, Provided, the Grand Master may in the exercise of his discretion and for good cause shown, waive the requirement of the fee. 1943.

The original Section 60, Chapter VIII, is repealed. 1943.

Sec. 66.—All those, hereinafter 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 declare the brother proficient. Such declaration and the recording of the proficiency of the brother shall be made in the degree in which the examination is made, providing no objection is raised; if objection is made and it becomes necessary to put the question to a vote the ballot shall be determined in a lodge of Master Masons. Whereupon the Master shall put the question: "Is the brother proficient?" and this question shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

2—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.

3—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.

4—Provided, that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this section.

“Section 70.—MEETING PLACES.—A lodge cannot meet in private houses, nor in a hall over a saloon, nor over or in a public dance hall, nor can its hall after dedication be used as a public hall or for public dancing, but it may be used by other secret orders.” 1941.

Sec. 72.—Meetings.—The regular meetings of a lodge are those only, which are designated in its by-laws as such. Notices of meetings may be published in the newspapers. At all regular meetings, eight Master Masons, members of the lodge, must be present. At all meetings of the lodge the charter or a photostatic copy thereof certified by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, must be present, also the three great lights and the representatives of the three lesser lights. At special meetings no business matters may be taken up or passed upon by the lodge except funerals, installations, conferring of degrees, examination for proficiency in the degrees, and those matters specifically authorized in the Grand Lodge law, or referred to such special meeting by the Grand Master.

Section 81:

Each lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge on or before the 10th day of April, for each initiation, the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and for each member, the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00). 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.

Each lodge shall at the same time pay to the Grand Lodge for all supplies purchased from the Grand Lodge during the preceding year. 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.

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

All settlements shall be made in accordance with the account of the Grand Secretary, who shall base the same upon the table as printed in the preceding year's proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Unaffiliated brethren formerly belonging to lodges now extinct shall annually pay the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) as Grand Lodge dues. Such dues when paid, shall be used for the purpose of helping to maintain the Nebraska Masonic Home. 1938.

Section 87-A.—The Secretary of each Lodge shall promptly remit all Lodge funds, received by him, to the Lodge Treasurer, for immediate deposit in the name of the Lodge. 1938.

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 the subordinate lodges or the members thereof. Provided that this section shall not apply to the lodges of Omaha furnishing a list of their members to the Masonic Home for Children, commonly known as the James G. Megeath Home for boys. 1938.

Section 97.—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 the 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 in all cities or towns where two or more lodges are located, such lodges shall have concurrent jurisdiction. Provided further, that Tyre Lodge No. 85 and Wymore Lodge No. 104 shall have concurrent jurisdiction. Provided further, that Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Waterloo Lodge

No. 102, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, and Victory Lodge No. 310 shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory now held by the above named lodges. Provided further, that Ogallala Lodge No. 159 and Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell, shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside in the territory within the corporate limits of Big Springs at the time the petition is received. 1938.

Section 106.—Grounds for Disqualification.—A lodge cannot initiate anyone who is engaged in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, nor one who is engaged in the sale of such intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor one who cannot read or write, nor one having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies. Provided, however, the provision last above named, referring to such physical imperfections, shall not apply to a candidate to be initiated in a lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, at the request of and for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction; the matter of the qualifications of such candidate being exclusive with such other Grand Jurisdiction of such candidate. But a physical disability occurring after initiation, to any candidate, under this Grand Jurisdiction, will not prevent advancement.

Section 107. Reference to Committee. All petitions for initiation, affiliation, waiver of jurisdiction, dispensation for a new lodge, and all applications for reinstatement after suspension for more than three years for non-payment of dues, must be referred to a committee, and be voted on by secret ballot no sooner than on the 28th day after the petition or application is received. 1943.

The original Section 107, Chapter XIV, is repealed, 1943.

Section 115:

"It is not necessary for an Entered 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. No Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason shall receive the next degree sooner than on the 28th day after he received the preceding degree." 1939.

Section 123:

"Objections to initiation, passing, raising, affiliation, or waiver of jurisdiction may be made, sustained, and terminated by the following

manner, only, and shall be in full force and effect until lawfully terminated.

a. An objection may be made either orally or otherwise by a Master Mason in good standing, and communicated to the Master or to the lodge.

b. An objection may be made to initiation, passing, or raising at any time prior to the obligation.

c. An objection may be made to affiliation or waiver of jurisdiction at any time prior to the announcement of the result of the ballot.

d. When the objection is made, by a member of the lodge, to initiation, affiliation, or waiver of jurisdiction, the objector shall not be required to give his reasons.

e. In case of objection by a member of the lodge to passing or raising, and in case of objection by a brother who is not a member of the lodge, or by another lodge, to initiation, passing, raising, or waiver of jurisdiction, the objector shall acquaint the Master with the reason for the objection and if the Master disapproves the objection it shall be of no force or effect unless within thirty days after the objector is notified of the decision of the Master he shall appeal to the Grand Master and notify the Master of the appeal. The decision of the Grand Master shall be final, unless appealed from, to the Grand Lodge, within thirty days after notice given of his decision. Upon final disapproval of an objection, or upon the withdrawal thereof, announcement thereof shall be made in open lodge at a regular communication and entered in the minutes and upon the compendium, and the lodge shall not proceed further with the matter in less than thirty days after such announcement.

f. An objection shall be terminated only by death of the objector, by being withdrawn by him, by his ceasing to be a Master Mason in good standing, or by his becoming insane and continuing so for three years after being lawfully adjudged insane by the civil authorities; Provided, an objection by a Member of the lodge shall be terminated upon his demitting from the lodge, unless renewed by him at that time.

g. When from any cause the identity or whereabouts of the objector is lost and cannot be ascertained for a period of three years, the petitioner may again petition the lodge and the new petition shall in all respects take the course of an original petition.

h. The fact of objection shall be announced by the Master in open lodge at a regular communication and shall be noted in the minutes of the lodge and on the compendium.

i. Upon termination of an objection the petitioner cannot proceed excepting upon a new petition, and such new petition must in all respects take the same course as an original petition.

j. In all cases of objection, excepting to affiliation, the lodge holds jurisdiction over the petitioner as though he had been rejected by ballot.

k. No lodge can waive jurisdiction over the petitioner while an objection is pending or is in force and effect.

l. The identity of an objector shall not be disclosed excepting that it shall be communicated by a retiring Master to his successor in office, or in case of the removal of the Master from this Grand Jurisdiction then to the ranking Warden, and then by the Warden to the next Master installed.

Sections 124 and 125 are repealed. 1940.

Section 138.—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. Provided, however, that before the demit is issued the Secretary shall inform the requesting brother as to the purpose of the certificate of membership. 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, 1938.

Section 148, paragraph n:

"Making application to, or joining, any lodge, society, or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason, and Master Mason, provided that this inhibition shall not apply to York or Scottish Rite bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, National Federated Craft, Allied Masonic Degrees, or the National Sojourners."

Paragraph o of Section 148 is repealed.

Paragraph p:

Petitioning the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine before one year has elapsed since being made a Master Mason. 1940.

Section 149.—Extent.—A Lodge has the power, and it is its duty, to discipline any member thereof, wherever he may reside, for any Masonic offense he may have committed anywhere.

It also has the power, and it is its duty, to discipline any other Mason, whether affiliated or not, resident of or sojourning within its territorial jurisdiction, for any Masonic offense committed within its jurisdiction, unless he is a member of another Lodge in its concurrent jurisdiction, in which case his own Lodge shall have that power and duty.

When charges are filed against an officer of a Lodge, the Grand Master may arrest the jewel of any such officer, and suspend him from the exercise of the duties of his office, particularly in cases where he is charged with a Masonic offense involving scandalous conduct tending to bring the fraternity into disrepute.

Section 150-A.—Entered Apprentice—Fellow Craft—Suspended Mason, Trial of.—An Entered Apprentice Mason, a Fellow Craft Mason, a suspended Mason, and an unaffiliated Mason, may be tried in the same way as a Master Mason who is affiliated, for any Masonic offense.

Section 160.—Notice to Accused.—Such notice to the accused, if he is in the jurisdiction of the lodge in which charges are filed and his residence is known, shall be served upon him personally at least ten days before the date fixed for the hearing and trial. If he is not in such jurisdiction the notice may be served by mailing the same to him in the United States mail, addressed to him at his last known residence at least twenty days before such date, if his last known residence is within the State of Nebraska, or at least thirty days before such date if such residence is without the State of Nebraska, but in the United States, or at least ninety days before such date if such last known residence is in a foreign country; and a copy of the notice shall be likewise served upon the accuser; and if the residence of the accused be unknown, the commission may proceed to examine the charges *ex parte*. Any notice served by mail shall be registered, with request for return of registry receipt. Proof of service of the foregoing notices must be made and filed with the trial commission before it acquires jurisdiction to take testimony or proceed with the trial; or, if the residence of the accused is unknown, proof of that fact must be filed in the form of an affidavit of the Secretary of the lodge. However, the accused Brother may, in writing, accept or waive the service of notice.

Section 209.—Petition for Restoration.—An expelled Mason, seeking restoration, shall petition the lodge from which he was expelled, for its recommendation to the Grand Lodge, for his restoration. Said petition shall be referred to a committee, lie over for a report for one month, and be acted upon at a regular meeting. If such petition be concurred in by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting

of the lodge, the same shall be so endorsed under seal, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, at least ten days before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. Provided, that in case such lodge has become extinct, said petition may be made directly to the Grand Lodge, with a statement of the facts, and upon favorable action thereon, the brother shall have the status of a non-affiliated Mason.

Section 213.—Effect of Paying Dues.—Whenever a brother, suspended for non-payment of dues, shall pay or cause the same to be paid, or the unpaid dues have been remitted, within three years of the date of such suspension, such suspension shall thereby be removed, and the brother shall thereby be restored to good standing at once without action by the lodge. The Master shall, at the next regular meeting, make announcement of such restoration to the lodge. The fact that such announcement shall have been made shall be entered upon the record. The brother's restoration to good standing shall not be affected by any failure to make such announcement or entry.

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

No. 231.—Form of Petition.

(No form of petition except the following can be used in this Grand Jurisdiction)

To the Worshipful Master
Wardens and Brethren of

.....Lodge No.....A. F. & A. M. .
.....Nebraska

The subscriber respectfully represents that he has long entertained a favorable opinion of your Ancient Institution, and is desirous of becoming a member thereof, if found worthy. He therefore petitions that he may be initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry and become a member of your lodge.

He declares that he is free by birth, unbiassed by friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other improper motives; that he is prompted solely by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to his fellow creatures, and freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate. He further declares that he believes in the existence of a Supreme Being. He promises, if accepted, to cheerfully conform to all the regulations and ancient usages of the Fraternity.

He furthermore promises that he will not petition the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine until one year shall have elapsed since being made a Master Mason.

.....
 (Sign in ink with one given name in full)

His residence is....., Nebraska, and he has resided there since..... He was born at..... on the..... day of....., 19....., and by occupation he is a.....
 (Occupation should be fully described.)

SIGNATURE:

.....
 (Sign in ink and with one given name in full.)

Have you ever made application to or been rejected by any lodge of Freemasons? Answer definitely on the blanks below.

I have never made application to or been rejected by any lodge of Freemasons.

.....
 (Sign in ink and with one given name in full.)

On or about..... I made application for initiation in..... Lodge No....., A. F. & A. M., at....., and.....

.....
 (State definitely what disposition was made of your application.)

.....
 (Sign in ink and with one given name in full.)

.....Nebraska,, 19.....

We recommend Mr.....and certify that he has resided within the jurisdiction of.....Lodge No.....since....., 1.....(more than twelve months).

..... } Members of.....
 } Lodge No.....A. F. & A. M.

THIS PAGE IS INSCRIBED TO THE

Memory of

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

John Jay Wemple

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS

1884—1885

SENIOR PAST GRAND MASTER OF MASONS
IN THE UNITED STATES

Born August 23rd, 1849

Died May 28th, 1943

In Memoriam

This page is fraternally and affectionately dedicated
to the memory of
Five Hundred and Sixty-three
Beloved Brethren
of this Grand Jurisdiction
who will be seen on earth no more.

*"Light rest the ashes upon thee and may
the sunshine of Heaven beam bright at thy waking."*

In Memoriam

To the Distinguished Dead
of other
Grand Jurisdictions
This page is
Fraternally and Affectionately
Dedicated.

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS
WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Francis E. White, 58 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- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-31-32-35-37
Benjamin F. Pitman, 44 Years.	1900-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30- 31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43
John Finch, 42 Years.	1898-99-00-01-02-03-04-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29- 30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-42
Edwin C. Yont, 42 Years.	1897-98-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16- 17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-26-27-28-29-30-31-32- 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43
Lewis E. Smith, 41 Years.	1901-02-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18- 19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43
James R. Cain, (Jr.) 39 Years.	1902-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17- 18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32- 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-43
Harry A. Cheney, 36 Years.	1897-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14- 15-16-17-18-19-22-23-24-25-28-29-31-32-33-34- 35-36-37-38-39
Joseph B. Fradenburg, 34 Years.	1910-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25- 26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40- 41-42-43
Ambrose C. Epperson, 30 Years.	1909-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24- 26-27-28-29-31-32-33-35-37-38-39-40-41-42
Charles A. Chappell, 31 Years.	1912-13-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28- 29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43
George Allen Beecher, 30 Years.	1902-03-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-21-22-23-28- 29-30-31-32-33-34-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43
Edwin D. Crites, 30 Years.	1913-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28- 29-30-31-32-33-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43
Earl W. Dean, 28 Years.	1914-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29- 30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41
Earl M. Bolen, 29 Years.	1913-14-15-16-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-29-30- 31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43
Henry W. Carson, 27 Years.	1912-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27- 28-29-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42
Robert J. Jones, 26 Years.	1918-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43
Lute M. Savage, 26 Years.	1918-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43
Frederic L. Temple, 24 Years.	1906-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-22-24- 26-28-32-33-34-35-36-37

Spencer W. Hacker,	1918-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-
24 Years.	34-35-36-37-38-40-41-42
Jesse Lowther	1916-17-20-21-22-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-
25 Years.	35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43
William F. Evers,	1920-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-
24 Years.	36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43
Archie M. Smith,	1922-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-
22 Years.	38-39-40-41-42-43

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 H. THUMMEL....	Died Feb. 5th, 1932.....(11th)..1876
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
JOHN JAY WEMPLE.....	Died May 28th, 1943.....(19th)..1884
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
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON....	Died Dec. 8th, 1928.....(27th)..1892
JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Died Nov. 12th, 1918.....(28th)..1893
JOHN A. EHRHARDT.....	Died Nov. 1st, 1925.....(29th)..1894
HENRY H. WILSON.....	Died June 28th, 1941.....(30th)..1895
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

FRANK E. BULLARD.....	Died Jan. 31st, 1933.....	..(38th)..	1903
CHARLES E. BURNHAM...	Died May 29th, 1933.....	..(39th)..	1904
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL..	Died May 2nd, 1911.....	..(40th)..	1905
ZUINGLE M. BAIRD.....	Died Dec. 17th, 1916.....	..(41st)..	1906
ORNAN J. KING.....	Died Dec. 26th, 1927.....	..(42nd)..	1907
WILLIAM A. DE BORD.....	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
SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	Died Aug. 11th, 1931.....	..(50th)..	1915
ANDREW H. VIELE.....	Died May 9th, 1941 .....	..(51st)..	1916
JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	Died July 31st, 1934.....	..(54th)..	1919
EDWARD M. WELLMAN...	Died Aug. 31st, 1922.....	..(57th)..	1922
ROBERT R. DICKSON.....	Died June 18th, 1941.....	..(59th)..	1924
JOHN WRIGHT	Died Oct. 29th, 1936.....	..(60th)..	1925
ALBERT R. DAVIS	Died Mar. 7th, 1929.....	..(62nd)..	1927
FRANK H. WOODLAND....	Died Oct. 23rd, 1940.....	..(63rd)..	1928
ORVILLE A. ANDREWS....	Died Oct. 16th, 1936.....	..(65th)..	1930
EDWIN B. JOHNSTON.....	Died Feb. 11th, 1933.....	..(67th)..	1932
WILLIAM C. RAMSEY.....	Died May 19th, 1938.....	..(71st)..	1935

PAST GRAND MASTERS
 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE
 A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

HARRY A. CHENEY.....	(45th).....	1910
Creighton		
JAMES R. CAIN, (JR.).....	(47th).....	1912
1039 So. 30th Ave., Omaha		
FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....	(52nd).....	1917
Harper, Washington		
AMBROSE C. EPPERSON.....	(53rd).....	1918
135 South 35th St., Omaha		
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG.....	(55th).....	1920
820 City National Bank, Omaha		
LEWIS E. SMITH.....	(56th).....	1921
401 Masonic Temple, Omaha		
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL.....	(58th).....	1923
Minden		
EDWIN D. CRITES.....	(61st).....	1926
Chadron		
IRA C. FREET.....	(64th).....	1929
York		
JOHN R. TAPSTER.....	(66th).....	1931
North Bend		
RALPH O. CANADAY.....	(68th).....	1933
Hastings		
ARCHIE M. SMITH.....	(69th).....	1933
Pender		
VIRGIL R. JOHNSON.....	(70th).....	1934
Beatrice		
CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS.....	(72nd).....	1936
Cambridge		
WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON.....	(73rd).....	1937
Plattsmouth		
WALTER R. RAECKE.....	(74th).....	1938
Central City		
WILLIAM J. BRECKENRIDGE.....	(75th).....	1939
Hastings		
EARL J. LEE.....	(76th).....	1940
Fremont		
EDWARD F. CARTER.....	(77th).....	1941
State House, Lincoln		
GEORGE A. KURK.....	(78th).....	1942
1909 Ryons St., Lincoln		

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.

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS
 PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE GRAND LODGE,
 A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
 165 North Orange Drive, Los Angeles, Cal.

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

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Montgomery.
Alberta	David Patterson	Calgary.
Arizona	Harry A. Drachman	Tucson.
Arkansas	Woodleif A. Thomas	Little Rock.
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Bahia	Gilberto B. Vieira.....	Bahia
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro.	Edgard de Alencar..... .....Box 2215	Rio de Janeiro.
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Joao Pessoa, Box 3.....	Paraiba, P. O.
British Columbia	Frank S. McKee	Vancouver.
California	Lloyd E. Wilson	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada	Ewart G. Dixon	Hamilton, Ontario.
Chile	Francisco F. Gormaz.....	Santiago.
Colorado	Charles A. Patton	Masonic Temple, Denver
Colombia National Grand Lodge.....	Gualberto Barba.....	Barranquilla
Connecticut	Winthrop Buck	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica	Enrique Chaves B.....	Apartado Y, San Jose
Cuba	Constantino P. Gutierrez..	Apartado 72, Havana.
Czechoslovakia National Grand Lodge		
Delaware	Chester R. Jones.....	Wilmington.
Denmark		
District of Columbia.	J. Claude Keiper	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Ecuador	J. A. Vallejo Ycaza.....	Masonic Temple, Guayaquil.
Egypt	Mohamed Rifaat.....	P. O. Box 1714, Cairo.
England	Sydney A. White	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida	George W. Huff	Jacksonville.
Georgia	Daniel W. Locklin	Macon.
Idaho	Clyde I. Rush.....	Masonic Temple, Boise.
Illinois	Richard C. Davenport	Harrisburg.
Indiana	William H. Swintz	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.
Iowa	Charles C. Hunt	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Jugoslavia of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.		
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka.
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Shubert Bldg., Louisville.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens, Jr.....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland.
Manitoba	J. H. G. Russell.....	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland	Claud Shaffer	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Mexico, (YorkGr.Ldg)	Fred T. Berger	Apt. 1986, Mexico City.
Michigan	F. Homer Newton	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Sid F. Curtis	Meridian.
Missouri	Arthur Mather	Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Box 896, Helena.
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Nevada	Edward C. Peterson.....	Masonic Temple, Carson City.
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee.....	St. John.
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord.
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New South Wales	James S. Miller	Masonic Temple, Sydney.
New York	Charles H. Johnson	Masonic Hall, New York
New Zealand	Henry A. Lamb	P. O. Box 2001, Wellington, C. I.
Nicaragua	Sofonias Salvatierra	Apt. 102, Managua.
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	James C. Jones	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Masonic Temple, Guthrie.
Oregon	D. Rufus Cheney.....	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Panama	Andres Mojica.....	Panama.
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

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GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Philippine Islands . . .	L. A. McDougall	Charlottetown.
Prince Edward Island	Rodolfo Ramirez-Pabon . .	San Juan.
Puerto Rico	W. W. Williamson	P. O. Box 3172, Montreal.
Quebec	Leslie P. Marks	Brisbane.
Queensland	Harold L. McAuslan	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Rhode Island	Robert A. Tate	Masonic Temple, Regina.
Saskatchewan	W. King Gillies	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh.
Scotland	R. Owen Fox	Freemasons Hall, Adelaide.
South Australia	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Carolina	Elvin F. Strain	Sioux Falls.
South Dakota	R. V. Heidenstam	Stockholm
Sweden	William H. Strutt	117 Macquarie St., Hobart.
Tasmania	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville.
Tennessee	George H. Belew	Box 446, Waco.
Texas	Sam H. Goodwin	Salt Lake City.
Utah	Aaron H. Grout	Masonic Temple, Burlington.
Vermont	William Stewart	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St., Melbourne.
Victoria		
Vienna		
Virginia	James M. Clift	Richmond
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia . . .	A. E. Jensen	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia	Ira Wade Coffman	Charleston.
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	705 E. Wells St., Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Masonic Temple. Casper

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR
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Alabama	Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Plattsmouth	May 4, 1939
Alberta	Earl M. Bolen 130	Ulysses	May 2, 1924
Arizona	F. Ray Dilts, 83	Wakefield	June 22, 1937
Arkansas	Lute M. Savage, 3.....	Omaha	Sept. 14, 1928
Brazil, Gr. Lodge of Rio de Janeiro	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 19, 1941
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Bahia	Mainard E. Crosby, 32 ...	North Platte	Sept. 19, 1936
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiaba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.....	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
British Columbia.	John Finch, 225	Arnold	Oct. 15, 1920
Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201 ...	Capitol Bldg., Lin- coln	June 22, 1937
Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 285...	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
Colombia Nat'l Grand Lodge.	Fred G. Christensen, 33...	Grand Island	July 2, 1938
Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	North Platte	June 24, 1943
Connecticut	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
Costa Rica	Ward B. Schrack, 46.....	Kearney	July 2, 1938
Cuba	Luke H. Cheney, 135.....	McCook	June 13, 1936
Czechoslovakia, Nat'l G. L. of.	Charles A. Smith, 166....	Lincoln	Feb. 15, 1930
Delaware	Ross Van Sickle, 184....	Elkhorn	June 24, 1943
Denmark	Dwight P. Griswold, 195..	Lincoln	Nov. 4, 1942
Dist. of Columbia.	Guy W. Anderson, 36.....	Archer	May 12, 1939
Ecuador	Harry A. Cheney, 100	Creighton	Sept. 12, 1907
Egypt	John R. Tapster 119.....	North Bend	Sept. 30, 1931
England	Ambrose C. Epperson, 139.	Omaha	Sept. 20, 1912
Florida	William F. Evers, 6.....	Plattsmouth	Jan. 23, 1941
Georgia	David C. Spangler, 41	Stanton	Dec. 7, 1925
Idaho	William A. Robertson, 6..	Plattsmouth	Oct. 12, 1934
Illinois	John R. Hughes, 184	Omaha	June 22, 1937
Indiana	Ira C. Freet, 56	York	Dec. 7, 1923
Ireland	C. Ray Macy, 26	Beatrice	Nov. 25, 1929
Jugoslavia	Henry H. Heiler, 50	Hastings	April 10, 1919
Kansas	John S. Hedelund, 268...	Omaha	June 25, 1938
Kentucky	Norris Chadderdon, 146 ..	Holdrege	June 22, 1937
Louisiana	Archie M. Smith, 203	Pender	June 25, 1927
Maine	Ernest C. Purdy, 195.....	Gordon	June 24, 1943
Manitoba	George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Maryland	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937
Massachusetts	Earl J. Lee, 15	Fremont	Apr. 9, 1934
Mexico	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Omaha	Aug. 29, 1917
Michigan	George A. Beecher, 268...	Hastings	Mar. 17, 1904
Minnesota	Lamont L. Stephens, 106..	Loup City	May 1, 1924
Mississippi	Edward E. Carr, 32.....	North Platte	July 2, 1938
Missouri	Benjamin F. Pitman, 158.	Chadron	April 12, 1930
Montana	Phil B. Campbell, 65.....	Osceola	May 4, 1939
Nevada	Ellis W. Cass, 302.....	Omaha	June 9, 1939
New Brunswick..	Virgil R. Johnson, 26.....	Beatrice	Oct. 10, 1931
New Hampshire..	Wallace E. Linn, 1.....	Omaha	May 4, 1939
New Jersey	Henry W. Carson, 2	Nebraska City	July 8, 1937
New Mexico	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78.	Albion	July 26, 1905
New So. Wales ..	George R. Porter, 11.....	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
New York	Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	Omaha	Nov. 24, 1936
New Zealand	Paul D. Fleming, 93.....	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Nicaragua	John J. Wilson, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
North Carolina	C. Ray Gates, 318	Grand Island	Apr. 17, 1933
North Dakota ..	Jesse P. Entrekkin, 295..	Gering	July 10, 1941
Nova Scotia	Arthur G. Brown, 11.....	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Ohio	Curry W. Watson, 210...	Lincoln	May 26, 1941
Oklahoma	Varro E. Tyler, 2.....	Nebraska City	Dec. 9, 1941
Oregon	Walter R. Raecke, 36	Central City	Apr. 8, 1935
Panama	Louis F. Schonlau, 302...	Omaha	July 2, 1938
Philippine Islands	Frederic L. Temple, 61...	North Platte	July 13, 1933
P. Edward Island	Walter O. Barnes, 181	Crawford	June 22, 1937
Puerto Rico	Edwin D. Crites, 158	Chadron	April 20, 1920
Quebec	Edward Huwaldt, 318...	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Queensland	Edward A. Hoagland, 25..	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Rhode Island	Oliver C. Dovey, 6.....	Plattsmouth	June 16, 1936
Saskatchewan ..	William Cosh, 11	Omaha	Aug. 6, 1914
Scotland			

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South Australia..	Joseh B. Fradenburg, 8..	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
Sweden	C. Walter Blixt, 3	Omaha	Feb. 19, 1940
Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148..	Broken Bow.....	May 4, 1939
Texas	Albert S. Johnston, 19....	Lincoln	June 27, 1941
Utah	William D. Spicknall, 261.	Spencer	Mar. 25, 1927
Vermont	Elmer E. Magee, 227	Lincoln	June 24, 1943
Victoria	Charles H. Marley, 1.....	Omaha	May 4, 1939
Vienna	David C. Hilton, 19	Lincoln	Oct. 9, 1928
Virginia	Wm. J. Breckenridge, 317.	Hastings	Nov. 24, 1936
Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183..	Alliance	June 27, 1941
West Australia..	Arthur J. Denney, 35.....	Fairbury	May 4, 1939
West Virginia ..	Alvin H. Miller, 19.....	Lincoln	May 4, 1939
Wisconsin	Osborne P. Simon, 174....	Culbertson	June 24, 1943

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Alabama	James G. Rast.....	Birmingham	Feb. 17, 1936
Alberta	Frank Barnhouse	Edmonton	May 2, 1921
Arizona	Charles R. K. Swetnam...	Prescott	Feb. 17, 1940
Arkansas	A. B. Arbaugh	Jasper	Feb. 19, 1942
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Bahia	Raul Ballalai de Carvalho.	Val. do Salvador..	Sept. 19, 1936
Brazil, Gr. Lodge of Rio de Janeiro	Manoel Goncalves Pecego.	Rio de Janeiro ...	Dec. 30, 1935
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Luiz Carrilho do Rego Barros	Joao, Pessoa	Dec. 30, 1935
British Columbia.	G. A. B. Hall	Nanaimo	May 3, 1938
Canada	W. C. N. Marriott	171 Powell Ave., Ottawa	Sept 14, 1940
Chile	Rodolfo C. Oliveira	Estado 62, Santiago	Mar. 18, 1930
Colorado	Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932
Colombia, Nat'l Grand Lodge...	Luis Alfredo Bernal.....	Barranquilla	Dec. 30, 1935
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
Czechoslovakia, Nat'l G. L. of.	James T. Chandler	Wilmington	Jan. 3, 1930
Delaware	John Linn McGrew	Washington, 3168 18th St. N. W. ...	July 6, 1917
Denmark		Alexandria	June 16, 1931
Dist. of Columbia.		Allt Dinas, Bayshill, Cheltenham	Oct. 10, 1933
Ecuador	F. E. Navarro Allende ...	Gainesville	Sept. 19, 1936
Egypt	Ibrahim F. K. Pacha.....	Adairsville	Apr. 17, 1937
England	Francis Kenelm Foster ...	Nampa	Dec. 9, 1922
Florida	William S. Taylor	245 W. 63rd St., Chicago	Apr. 30, 1932
Georgia	Wallace W. Bibb	3130 Park Ave., Indianapolis	Mar. 8, 1929
Idaho	Everett W. Rising		Mar. 1, 1941
Illinois	William L. Sharp		
Indiana	Walter P. Boemler.....	Newcastle, Ballymahon	Nov. 14, 1924
Ireland	Wentworth A. King- Harman		
Jugoslavia	Earl T. Pyle	Clay Center	Dec. 15, 1925
Kansas	Emile B. Beatty	Beattyville	Jan 20, 1941
Kentucky	Charles F. Ratcliffe	Baton Rouge	Sept. 18, 1936
Louisiana	James A. Richan	Rockland	Nov. 25, 1925
Maine	Hugh McKenzie	Winnipeg	Nov. 5, 1935
Manitoba	William F. Broenning	Baltimore	July 25, 1919
Maryland	Roscoe Pound	Cambridge	May 1, 1929
Massachusetts ..	Angel Dehlsen	Guadalajara, Jal.	Apr. 17, 1937
Mexico	Frank W. Richey	Dowagiac	Feb. 23, 1907
Michigan	William Frank Holman ..	Minneapolis	Apr. 18, 1942
Minnesota	R. A. Pullen	Aberdeen	Mar. 12, 1931
Mississippi	Edmund E. Morris	Kansas City	Jan. 9, 1929
Missouri	John A. Meeke	Dillon	Sept. 13, 1941
Montana	Harry H. Atkinson	Reno	June 19, 1911
Nevada	LeBaron Wilson	St. John	Mar. 7, 1921
New Brunswick..	John O. Lovejoy	Bristol	April 14, 1934
New Hampshire..	Robert J. Hanna	Clifton	Oct. 25, 1916
New Jersey	Grant B. McGregor	Hillsboro	July 8, 1937
New Mexico	E. Gillman Moon	Masonic Hall, Sydney	Aug. 9, 1934
New So. Wales ..	John L. Sturtevant	Albany	Sept. 18, 1941
New York	William Grant Hay	Box 108 Dunedin	Jan. 6, 1926
New Zealand	Gral. Anastasio Somaza ..	Managua	Dec. 9, 1941
Nicaragua	H. B. Leavitt	Asheville	Aug. 6, 1932
North Carolina ..	Theodore S. Henry	Valley City	Aug. 24, 1917
North Dakota ..	E. J. Vickery, Sr.	Halifax	Aug. 11, 1932
Nova Scotia	B. Frank Thomas	Youngstown	Sept. 30, 1925
Ohio	Manford S. Runyan	Oklahoma City	Feb. 7, 1941
Oklahoma	Clarence D. Phillips.....	Portland	Sept. 4, 1937
Oregon	Theodore Thompson	David	Apr. 5, 1935
Panama	Joseph F. Boomer	Manila	Apr. 24, 1940
Philippine Islands	Roy C. McLean	Souris	Mar. 24, 1943
P. Edward Island	Matios Ramos	San Juan	June 22, 1940
Puerto Rico			

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Quebec	Alex Nickle	Montreal	Jan. 31, 1934
Queensland	Harry Hill	Brisbane	May 31, 1923
Rhode Island....	Raymond L. Vaughan ...	Providence	June 6, 1935
Saskatchewan ...	Mark Musk	Prince Albert....	July 1, 1936
Scotland	Canon G. K. Sturrock Clarke	Edinburgh	Nov. 19, 1942
South Australia..	Frank Ernest Haddrick ..	Adelaide	June 9, 1910
South Carolina..	Horace Greeley Adams...	Charleston	Aug. 7, 1942
South Dakota ...	Marshall R. Brown	Sioux Falls	Aug. 6, 1908
Sweden	G. A. E. Lagerfelt	Stockholm	Oct. 6, 1939
Tennessee	Charles H. Simkins	Knoxville	Feb. 20, 1932
Texas	Frank Hartgraves	Menard	Dec. 30, 1927
Utah	William J. Berryman.....	Salt Lake City ...	Jan. 24, 1938
Vermont	D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr...	Johnson	Feb. 4, 1943
Victoria	R. Tate Sutherland	Arlington	
Vienna		lins St.	April 1, 1930
Virginia	Harry K. Green	Clarendon	Aug. 19, 1927
Washington	Arthur W. Davis	Ziegler Blk. Spokane	May 14, 1927
West Australia..	R. H. G. Glark	Perth	Apr. 22, 1941
West Virginia...	Charles E. Bailey	Sisterville	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin	LeRoy E. Ragsdale.....	Milwaukee	July 24, 1942

NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

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- Cairo, 324.
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- Fairbury, 35.
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| Scribner, 132. | Syracuse, 57. | Weeping Water, 97. |
| Seneca, 284. | | Western, 140. |
| Seward, 38. | Table Rock, 108. | West Point, 27. |
| Shelby, 161. | Tecumseh, 17. | Wilber, 64. |
| Shelton, 99. | Tekamah, 31. | Wilcox, 226. |
| Sidney, 75. | Tilden, 166. | Wilsonville, 157. |
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EXTINCT NEBRASKA LODGES, U. D. OR CHARTERED

- Adams, U. D., (extinct).
 Adoniram, 159, (extinct).
 Ainsworth, U. D., (131), (extinct).
 Allen, U. D., (236).
 Anchor, 142, (extinct).
 Arapahoe, 109, (extinct).
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext).
 Armada, U. D., (extinct).
 Ashland, 18, (extinct).
 Bannack City, U. D., (extinct).
 Battle Creek, U. D., (ext).
 Beaver, U. D., (179).
 Beaver Valley, U. D., (230).
 Belgrade, U. D., (269).
 Bell Creek, U. D., (241).
 Benkelman, U. D., (180).
 Benson, U. D., (290).
 Blue Springs, U. D., (85).
 *Bradshaw, 255, (Consolidated).
 Brainard, 115, (extinct).
 Bromfield, U. D., (ext).
 Bromfield, U. D., (223).
 Burchard, U. D., (137).
 Burnett, U. D., (166).
 Butte, U. D., (233).
 Carleton, U. D., (199).
 Cedar, U. D., (13).
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215).
 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143).
 Central City, U. D., (ext).
 Ceresco, U. D., (229).
 Chadron, U. D., (158).
 Chapman, U. D., (239).
 Columbus, U. D., (ext).
 Columbus, U. D., (58).
 Columbus, 8, (extinct).
 Crab Orchard, U. D., (238), ext.
 Crawford, U. D., (181).
 Cuming City, U. D., (21).
 Custer, U. D., (148).
 Dakota, (5).
 Danbury, U. D., (185).
 Davenport, U. D., (154).
 Decatur, 7, (extinct).
 Doric, 118, (extinct).
 Douglas, U. D., (237).
 Eureka, 16, (extinct).
 Ewing, U. D., (156).
 Exeter, U. D., (extinct).
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct).
 Firth, U. D., 66, (ext).
 Fortitude, 69 (ext).
 Genoa, U. D., (125).
 Gibbon, (see 46).
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 Giddings, (2).
 Grant, U. D., (34).
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 Greenwood, U. D., (163).
 Gresham, U. D., (197).
 Hamilton, U. D., (68).
 Harmony, U. D., (ext).
 Hermon, U. D., (231).
 Hesperia, 178, (ext).
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29).
 Holdrege, U. D., (146).
 Hyannis, U. D., (234).
 Huntley, 270, (extinct).
 Idaho, U. D., (extinct).
 Imperial, U. D., (198).
 Indianola, 123, (extinct).
 Ithmar, 238, (extinct).
 Jasper, 122, (extinct).
 Jephtha, U. D., (264).
 Johnson U. D., 141, (ext).
 *Joppa, 76, (Consolidated).
 *Juniata, 42, (Consolidated).
 Lafayette, 24, (extinct).
 Lebanon, 58, (extinct).
 Leigh, U. D., (193).
 *Level, 196 (Consolidated).
 Liberty, U. D., (152).
 Livingstone, 66, (ext).
 Loup Fork, U. D., 8, (ext).
 Mackey, U. D., (242).
 Macey, 22 (extinct).
 Magic City, U. D., (184).
 Miller, 213, (ext).
 Monitor, U. D., (ext).
 Morrill, U. D., (271).
 Nebraska City, 12 (ext).
 Norfolk, U. D., (55).
 North Loup, U. D., (142), extinct.
 Odell, U. D., 122, (ext).
 Ohlwa, U. D., (182).
 Orion, 242, (ext).
 Overton, U. D., (267).
 Oxford, U. D., (138).
 Pacific, U. D., (310).
 *Palmer, (315), (consolidated).
 Palestine, U. D., (ext).
 Palmyra, 45, (ext).
 *Parallel Lodge No. 152, (extinct).
 Pawnee City, U. D., (23).
 Peru, U. D., (ext).
 Plumb, 186, (ext).
 Reynolds, U. D., (160).
 Rising, U. D., (81).
 Rising Star, U. D., 20, (extinct).
 *Riverside, 269, (Consolidated).
 Rock Bluff, 20, (ext).
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred).
 Salem, 47, (ext).
 Saline, U. D., (73).
 Saline, U. D., (101).
 Saline, U. D., (118).
 Samuel W. Hayes, U. D., (287).
 Scotia, U. D., (191).
 Seward, U. D., (38).
 Shelby, U. D., (161).
 Shickley, U. D., 178, (extinct).
 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext).
 Sincerity, 244, (ext).
 Square & Compass, 213, ext.
 Stanton, U. D., (41).
 Steele City, 107, (ext).
 Stockville, U. D., (196).
 Summit, 7, (transferred).
 Sunmit, 141, (extinct).
 Syracuse, U. D., (57).
 Talmage, U. D., (162).
 Temple, U. D., (5).
 Tobias, U. D., (149).
 Trenton, U. D., (ext).
 Trilumular, U. D., (210).
 *Tyre, 85, (Consolidated).
 Ulysses, U. D., (187).
 Valentine, U. D., (113).
 Valparaiso, U. D., (151).
 Waco, 80 (ext).
 Weeping Water, U. D., (97).
 Wilcox, U. D., (226).
 Winside, U. D., (235).
 Winter Creek, U. D., (265).
 Wyoming, 28 (transferred).
 Zeredatha, U. D., (98) (ext).

*Joppa Lodge No. 76, consolidated with Franklin Lodge No. 264.

*Parallel Lodge No. 152, consolidated with Barneston Lodge No. 165.

*Tyre Lodge No. 85, consolidated with Wymore Lodge No. 104.

*Level Lodge No. 196 consolidated with Cambridge Lodge No. 150.

*Riverside Lodge No. 269 consolidated with Cedar River Lodge No. 89.

*Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 consolidated with Hampton Lodge No. 245.

*Juniata Lodge No. 42, consolidated with Kenesaw Lodge No. 144.

*Palmer Lodge No. 315, consolidated with St. Paul Lodge No. 82.

EXTINCT NEBRASKA LODGES

NAME	LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7	Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8	Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12	Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16	Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18	Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20	Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macy No. 22	Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24	Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45	Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47	Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58	Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66	Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69	Ulysses	July 14, 1887
Joppa No. 76	Bloomington	October 18, 1934
Waco No. 80	Waco	January 31, 1885
Steele City No. 107	Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109	Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115	Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118	Dorchester	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122	Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123	Indianola	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131	Ainsworth	September 26, 1890
Summit No. 141	Johnson	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142	North Loup	June 5, 1901
Hesperia No. 178	Shickley	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186	Grant	November 15, 1897
Square & Compass No. 213	Miller	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238	Crab Orchard	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242	Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244	Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Springview No. 260	Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270	Huntley	June 7, 1939
Parallel No. 152	Liberty	Jan. 2, 1940
Joppa Lodge No. 76, Bloomington, was consolidated with Franklin Lodge No. 264, under name, number, and title of Franklin Lodge No. 264, Franklin, Nebraska, October 18, 1934.		
Parallel Lodge No. 152, Liberty, was consolidated with Barneston Lodge No. 165, under name, number and title of Barneston Lodge No. 165, Barneston, Nebraska, January 2, 1940.		
Tyre Lodge No. 85, Blue Springs, was consolidated with Wymore Lodge No. 104, under name, number and title of Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore, Nebraska, July 7, 1941.		
Level Lodge No. 196, Stockville, was consolidated with Cambridge Lodge No. 150, under name, number and title of Cambridge Lodge No. 150, Cambridge, Nebraska, June 4, 1942.		
Bradshaw Lodge No. 255, Bradshaw, was consolidated with Hampton Lodge No. 245, under name, number and title of Hampton Lodge No. 245, Hampton, Nebraska, May 21, 1942.		
Riverside Lodge No. 269, Belgrade, was consolidated with Cedar River Lodge No. 89, under name, number and title of Cedar River Lodge No. 89, Fullerton, Nebraska, June 5, 1942.		
Juniata Lodge No. 42, Juniata, was consolidated with Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, under name, number and title of Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, Kenesaw, Nebraska, July 15, 1942.		
Palmer Lodge No. 315, Palmer, was consolidated with St. Paul Lodge No. 82, under name, number and title of St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul, Nebraska, October 6, 1942.		

LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORY OTHER THAN NEBRASKA

NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION
Summit No. 7	Parkville, Colorado... Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8....	Gold Hill, Colorado.. Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U.'D.'.....	Central City, Colorado. Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannack City, U.'D.'.....	Bannack City, Idaho.. Instituted April —, 1863, or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U.'D.'....	United States Army.. Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct, prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U.'D.'.....	Nevada City, Idaho.... Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28....	South Pass City, Wyoming.... Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874.

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, with Locations, Dates of Regular Meetings, Officers, Etc.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY	
	Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Felix A. Huggenberger	Harry E. Koontz
	Western Star	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Alfred G. Wurst	Charles Ott
	Capitol	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Delmer B. Frazey	Stanley P. Bostwick
	Nemaha Valley	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	Benjamin Thomas	Abraham Lawrence
5	Omadi	" 5	Dakota City	Dakota	Second Tuesday	Albert H. Bierman	Raymond H. Ream
	Plattsmouth	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	J. Howard Davis	Leslie W. Niel
	Falls City	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	August E. Elam	William B. Wanner
	Solomon	" 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	Ernest A. Kruse	Richard T. Sievers
	Covert	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Albert R. Thacker	George R. Porter
10	Orient	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	Emmett Gleason	Peter N. Frederick
	Peru	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	Ansel B. Clayburn	Charles G. Kingsolver
	Fremont	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Oscar J. Carlson	Roy S. Planck
	Tecumseh	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Walter Kiechel, Sr.	Dale R. Bush
	Lincoln	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Carl W. Rensch	Perry J. Morton
15	Washington	" 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Edward G. Nielsen	Albae H. Nelson
	Pawnee	" 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Ben R. Henry	Fred H. Barclay
	Saint Johns	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Robert B. Williams	Gustave E. Gran
	Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second Monday	Rexford W. Plank	Leonard C. Barnes
	Jordan	" 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	John A. Baas	Donald S. McPherson
20	Hope	" 29	Nemaha	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	John F. Heskett	Jay Burns
	Blue River	" 30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	John Cochrane	Clarence C. Wertman
	Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	Second Wednesday	Paul M. Reid	William T. Poucher
	Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Leslie B. Goble	Carl R. Greisen
	Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Vernon Rice	Fred G. Christensen
25	Acacia	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	Third Tuesday	Godfrey A. Machal	Louis J. Michaelson
	Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Jack B. Henney	Leighton L. Nuckolls
	Lone Tree	" 36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Prvor C. Woodward	Henry F. Greiving
	Crete	" 37	Crete	Saline	First Thursday	William O. McOmber	Oda A. Davison
	Oliver	" 38	Seward	Seward	Third Thursday	Lyman C. Beck	Orville Ramsay
30	Papillion	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	First Saturday	Waldo E. Shallcross	Oswald H. Margaret
	Humboldt	" 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Benjamin Mitchell	Berton Mowry
	Northern Light	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Second Thursday	James R. Hicks	Rudolf Hoehne
	Hebron	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Warren R. Wicks	Claude L. Rowley
	Harvard	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Ira F. Fishback	George M. Porter
35	Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Burke O. Beeman	John N. McCune

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY	
	Fairmont	No. 48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Second Tuesday	Ernest M. Rose	James A. Rose
	Evening Star	" 49	Sutton	Clay	Second and fourth Thursdays	Jacob M. Weber	George Barnell
	Hastings	" 50	Hastings	Adams	First Tuesday	Henry O. Wentink	Curtis L. Walters
	Fidelity	" 51	David City	Butler	First Tuesday	Vivian D. Friis	Eldon B. Johnson
40	Hiram	" 52	Arlington	Washington	Second Thursday	Francis E. Dolan	Harry C. McClellan
	Charity	" 53	Red Cloud	Webster	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Albert L. Guy	Marion Bloom
	Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Harold M. Wilkerson	Victor Seymour
	Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Fred M. Perrigo	Vern Evans
	York	" 56	York	York	Last Friday	Walter L. Will	Leno C. Herfordt
45	Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse	Otoe	Second Thursday	Clarence Beers	Theo. H. Brueggemann
	Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	Edwin R. Levin	Lauren W. Walther, Act.
	Melrose	" 60	Orleans	Harlan	Second and fourth Wed' days	A. Hemming Lideen	John Tubridy
	Thistle	" 61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Ralph E. Coon	Hanford D. Smith
	Keystone	" 62	Phillips	Hamilton	Second Monday	Lawrence R. Hagood	Alexander S. Gilbert
50	Riverton	" 63	Riverton	Franklin	First Monday	Arthur B. Hollingshead	George I. Hopkins
	Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber	Saline	First and third Tuesdays	Arnold Prince	Otto Novak
	Osceola	" 65	Osceola	Polk	First Friday	Harley S. Eklund	I. Donald Huston
	Edgar	" 67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays	Wayne E. Johnson	Charles H. Merrill
	Aurora	" 68	Aurora	Hamilton	First and third Tuesdays	Lester J. Caulkins	Claude A. Rennau
55	Sterling	" 70	Sterling	Johnson	First Wednesday	Gus H. Warnke	Henry E. Rogers
	Trowel	" 71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Ernest C. Nyrop	John W. Lamson
	Hooper	" 72	Hooper	Dodge	First Friday	Norris W. Lallman	J. Henry Windhusen
	Friend	" 73	Friend	Saline	First and third Thursdays	Walter W. Gordon	Charles E. Rhynalds
	Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second Monday	Warren J. Chase	Benjamin F. Headrick
60	Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Milton E. Pettibone	Leslie Neubauer
	Nelson	" 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	First Thursday	Joseph E. Ingram	Warren C. Hall
	Albion	" 78	Albion	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Dennis P. Gainey	Donald R. Leech
	Geneva	" 79	Geneva	Fillmore	First and third Tuesdays	Clarence A. Newman	Clement Hennessey
	Composite	" 81	Rising City	Butler	Tuesday on or before O	Alfred P. Hafner	Fredolph C. Chalquist
65	Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	Harrison M. Klippel	Fred R. Haggart
	Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield	Dixon	Third Friday	Henry J. Nuernberger	Carroll D. VanValin
	Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Mondays	Ray W. Killion	Harmis L. Trobough
	Doniphan	" 86	Doniphan	Hall	First Friday	Cash Baird	Charles L. Spellman
	Ionic	" 87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before O	Leonard J. Kocina	Richard B. Schroeder
70	Star	" 88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	William F. Smith	Walter W. Small

Cedar River	No. 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays.....	Robert E. Weir.....	Frank G. Frame
Elk Creek	" 90	Elk Creek.....	Johnson.....	First Thursday.....	Harry D. Fink.....	F. Guy Eversole
Oakland	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	James F. Reid.....	Charles W. West, Sr.
Hubbell	" 92	Hubbell.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Earl D. Cresswell.....	John R. Posey
75 Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	Second Monday.....	Guy Van Steenberg.....	Paul D. Fleming
Bennett	" 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	Clarence Ritter.....	Elmer D. Wiley
Garfield	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	First and third Thursdays..	Charles Van Robertson	Chauncey W. Porter
Utica	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	Second Wednesday.....	Archie M. Trollop.....	Fred H. Pieper
Euclid	" 97	Weeping Water	Cass.....	First Monday.....	Richard W. Keckler...	Chris Rasmussen
80 Republican	" 98	Republican City	Harlan.....	Second Wednesday.....	Clifford G. Rebman...	William F. West
Shelton	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	Third Tuesday.....	Lawrence C. Bly.....	Fred C. Gumprecht
Creighton	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....	Walter A. Stevens...	Carl M. Andersen
Ponca	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	Third Thursday.....	Dean H. Ehle.....	Lee Curry
Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Otto Hansen.....	Herbert L. Johnson, Act.
85 Ord	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	First Wednesday.....	Henry Benn.....	Henry A. Stara
Wymore	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Wed'days	Floyd V. Hadsell.....	Samuel R. Youds
Stella	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson...	First Thursday.....	William P. Sultzbaugh	William A. Pearson
Porter	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Carl V. Norstedt.....	Lamont L. Stephens
Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Frank Kovanda.....	Orval O. Johnson
90 Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	First Friday.....	Orville L. Sandy.....	Paul I. Eaton
DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before O.....	Clifford C. Shoemaker.	Ralph W. Venrick
Springfield	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	Second Tuesday.....	Marion J. Denman.....	William A. Ward
Globe	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	James Robertson.....	Percy Resseguie
Wisner	" 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Zelen Behlers.....	Neil D. Saville
95 Harlan	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Harry E. Richman.....	Thomas C. Rogers
Hardy	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	First Thursday.....	Andrew Sommers.....	George B. McDowell
North Bend	" 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	Second Tuesday.....	William Magnusson...	Leon J. Cherny
Wayne	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	Second and fourth Fridays..	Walter R. Bressler...	Walter S. Bressler
Superior	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	Edward C. Noren.....	J. Floyd Davis
100 Auburn	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	Fourth Thursday.....	Dwight Griffiths.....	Otto H. Blinde
Mount Neb.)	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	Second Tuesday.....	Paul A. Wheeler.....	John J. Reimers
Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	Second Tuesday.....	Axel Halin.....	Clement L. Anderson
Minden	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	Second Wednesday.....	Sam Brehm.....	John C. Tarkington
Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	Thursday on or before O...	Ira A. Pace, Sr.....	John H. Crary
105 Blue Hill	" 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Mondays	*Alexander A. Buschow.	Oliver H. Martin
Tuscan	" 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	First Thursday.....	Arthur Kunzman.....	Howard W. Crandall
Scribner	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	George Wimmer.....	Donald D. Hill
Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Archie C. Miller.....	Floyd S. Worthing
Solar	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Second Tuesday.....	Andrew W. Graves.....	Samuel C. Wallace
110 McCook	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow...	First and third Tuesdays...	Lewis E. Baker.....	George F. Moss

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115	Long Pine	No. 136	Long Pine...	Brown.....	Third Tuesday.....	Edward H. Kesselhuth.	William C. Smith, Sr.
	Upright	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Earl I. Yarpe.....	William Yarpe
	Rawalt	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Third Thursday.....	Ralph O. Ballard.....	Marvin V. Shepherd
	Clay Centre	" 139	Clay Center...	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Irving D. Gartrell....	S. Wayne Moger
	Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	Second Thursday.....	Morton T. Kilmer, act	Lewis S. Winter
120	Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	Second Thursday.....	J. Gordon Thompson..	Harry P. Hansen
	Kenesaw	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before O.....	Rezin G. Bennett.....	Edward E. Guilkey
	Bancroft	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Charles H. Mielke....	August Zuhke
	Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Carl E. Hallgren.....	John H. Shumard
	Siloam	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or before O.....	W. Oscar Whitehead..	Cecil B. Shade
125	Emmet Crawford	" 148	Broken Bow..	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	Fred A. Raasch.....	Ray S. Kuns
	Jewel	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Lloyd F. Motes.....	Charles W. Boggs
	Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge...	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays.	Harry E. Smith.....	Ralph E. King
	Square	" 151	Valparaiso..	Saunders.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Edward J. Haynes....	Julius Petermichel
	Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second Tuesday.....	Denys J. Malone.....	Alfred L. Brande
130	Lily	" 154	Davenport...	Thayer.....	Friday on or before O.....	Byron D. Brown.....	Benjamin W. Showalter
	Hartington	" 155	Hartington...	Cedar.....	First Thursday.....	Erl B. Elliott.....	Rudolph H. Jenny
	Pythagoras	" 156	Ewing.....	Holt.....	First Friday.....	Oscar L. Reed, act..	Harold L. Banta
	Valley	" 157	Wilsonville..	Furnas.....	Second Tuesday.....	Charles E. Hendrix..	Lewis L. Skiles
	Samaritan	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.	Leo T. Bump.....	Otto E. Siekert
135	Ogallala	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	First Tuesday.....	Frick G. Lindquist..	John M. Creamer
	Zeredatha	" 160	Reynolds....	Jefferson...	First and third Thursdays..	Ben F. Priefert.....	Paul A. Ude
	Mount Zion	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	Otto J. Jackson.....	Henry C. Burritt
	Trestle Board	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	First Tuesday.....	Clair O. Christy.....	Floyd Christy
	Unity	" 163	Greenwood...	Cass.....	First and third Tuesdays..	John E. Schulling....	Benjamin P. Howard
140	Atkinson	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Carroll C. Raymer...	Harry A. Snyder
	Barneston	" 165	Barneston...	Gage.....	First Tuesday.....	Vernon S. Hill.....	William A. Wildt
	Mystic Tie	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison...	Third Thursday.....	Charles E. Bush.....	Eldon E. Baker
	Elwood	" 167	Elwood.....	Gasper.....	Second Monday.....	John L. Withers.....	Anton T. Almquist
	Curtis	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier...	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Klyte D. Burt.....	Leon S. Wetzel
145	Amity	" 169	Rushville...	Sheridan...	First and third Tuesdays....	Robert L. Hook.....	Clarence E. Benschoter
	Mason City	" 170	Mason City...	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	Charles H. Spittler..	William D. Redmond
	Merna	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	First Thursday.....	Lawrence A. Manning.	Glenn J. Graybeal
	Grafton	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore...	First and third Wednesdays.	Cleveland King.....	Bert Frederick
	Robert Burns	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock...	Second and fourth Mondays.	John S. Burks.....	Leonard L. Rook

	Culbertson	No. 174	Culbertson . . .	Hitchcock . . .	First and third Wednesdays.	George Gerlach	Arvene O. Eisenhart
	Temple	" 175	Filley	Gage	First and third Tuesdays . . .	Ivan W. Hedge	Clyde W. Bay
	Gladstone	" 176	Ansley	Custer	Thursday on or after O	Charlie H. Foster	Floyd E. Junk, act.
	Hay Springs	" 177	Hay Springs . . .	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays.	William A. Hollstein, Jr.	Guy Ransdell
150	Prudence	" 179	Beaver Crossing	Seward	Tuesday on or before O	Philip Maurer	Grant E. Hansen
	Justice	" 180	Benkelman	Dundy	Friday on or before O	Paul F. Morris	William C. Hanson
	Faith	" 181	Crawford	Dawes	Second and fourth Thursdays	Bennie Heckman	Walter O. Barnes
	Incense	" 182	Fillmore	Fillmore	First and third Thursdays	Donald A. Thornton	Edward J. Lynn
	Alliance	" 183	Alliance	Box Butte	Thursday on or before O	Walter L. Johnson	William E. Edwards
155	Bee Hive	" 184	Omahat	Douglas	First Thursday	Louis J. Bishop	John R. Hughes
	Boaz	" 185	Danbury	Red Willow	First Wednesday	Clyde E. Weyeneth	Charles E. Furman
	Israel	" 187	Ulysses	Butler	Tuesday on or before O	Anson Andrew	Carl E. Diers
	Meridian	" 188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Tuesday	Robert R. Good	Lester W. Carlson
	Granite	" 189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Andrew C. Walker	Calvin A. Gordon
160	Amethyst	" 190	Stapleton	Logan	First and third Wednesdays.	August M. Delfs	Raleigh B. Joy
	Crystal	" 191	Scotia	Greeley	Second Thursday	Meredith G. Williams	John V. Maddox
	Minnekadusa	" 192	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	Joseph E. Dowden	Luke M. Bates
	Signet	" 188	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before O	Adolph Lukl	F. Otto Nelson
	Highland	" 194	Cortland	Gage	Second Tuesday	Vartislav J. Kovarik	Frank A. Sowers
165	Arcana	" 195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays	Folsom H. Gates	Leslie R. Fullerton
	Morning Star	" 197	Gresham	York	First Friday	Ralph Allison	Earl K. Husbands
	Purity	" 198	Imperial	Chase	First Friday	C. Gerald Adams	Siegfried L. Jacks
	Gavel	" 199	Carleton	Thayer	First Tuesday	Russell C. Smith	James H. Bryant
	Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell	Garfield	Second Thursday	Chester E. Hallock	John A. Beynon
170	Scotts Bluff	" 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	First and third Fridays	Quentin Dean	George Goldfain
	Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph	Cedar	Monday on or before O	Osborn H. Scott	Anton B. Helms
	Roman Eagle	" 203	Pender	Thurston	First Tuesday	Seth H. Meek	Archie M. Smith
	Plainview	" 204	Plainview	Pierce	First Tuesday	John L. Laurie	Charles L. Scranton
	Golden Fleece	" 205	Chappell	Deuel	First Thursday	Alfred G. Taylor	Walter H. Pyle
175	Napthali	" 206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Carl A. R. Ludington	Edwena I. Filley
	Parian	" 207	Callaway	Custer	First Thursday	Allston Asmus	Julius I. Christiansen
	Gauge	" 208	Arcadia	Valley	First and third Tuesdays	Lloyd H. Bulger	Harold D. Weddel
	Canopy	" 209	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before O	Clarence Ohm	Edsel Sumner
	East Lincoln	" 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Raymond R. Ostran	Charles F. Eberline
180	Cement	" 211	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before O	John J. Carter, Jr.	Vere R. May
	Compass & Square	" 212	Sumner	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Albert A. Scoville	Clarence W. George
	Plumblin	" 214	Adams	Gage	Second Monday	Elsø Sangen	Clarence D. Gottula
	Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs . . .	Saunders	First Tuesday	Elmer H. Henderson	William F. Hund
	Palisade	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	First Tuesday	Fay Baker	Stanton A. Troutman
185	Wauneta	" 217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays . . .	Eugene Stewart	C. Robert Carlson
	†South Side Station.						

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	Bloomfield No. 218	Bloomfield....	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....	George E. Swanson...	Fred C. Wiese
	Relief " 219	Coleridge....	Cedar.....	Second Friday.....	Frank Sutherland...	William C. Mitchell
	Magnolia " 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	Third Tuesday.....	Albert L. Moir.....	George H. Haase
	Wood Lake " 221	Wood Lake....	Cherry.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	Charles C. Hanna....	Henry Lausen
190	Landmark " 222	Herman.....	Washington..	Tuesday on or before O....	Wayne Loftis.....	Claude E. Clements
	Eminence " 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Alex A. Campbell....	James C. Bierbower
	Silver Cord " 224	Ainsworth....	Brown.....	Second Tuesday.....	E. Claire Wales....	John K. Cassel
	Cable " 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	First Tuesday.....	William Streitwieser..	Lloyd S. Beltz
	Grace " 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney....	Second and fourth Mondays.	John Popple.....	Arthur E. Newton
195	North Star " 227	Lincoln †....	Lancaster....	First Wednesday.....	Lloyd E. Gates.....	Leslie A. Thomas
	Bartley " 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow..	Second Tuesday.....	Marion J. Smith.....	August W. Teter
	Comet " 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders....	First Thursday.....	Willard Johnson....	Rance Blodgett
	Delta " 230	Saint Edward..	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Harry P. Knudsen....	Stewart J. Kennedy
	Mount Hermon " 231	Cook.....	Johnson....	Second Tuesday.....	Paul H. Naeve.....	Eldo G. Tucker
200	John S. Bowen " 232	Kennard.....	Washington..	Third Thursday.....	Ralph Fairchild....	Nic Friedrichsen
	Gilead " 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Alfred P. Andersen...	William J. Rinehart
	Zion " 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	Second Wednesday.....	Alvin Koch.....	William A. Kommers
	Fraternity " 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	Third Friday.....	Earl Wade.....	Robert E. Gormley
	Golden Rule " 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Kenrick R. Mitchell..	Oliver W. Money
205	Cubit " 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	First Thursday.....	Waldo J. McPherson..	Virgil E. Maffitt
	Friendship " 239	Chapman....	Merrick.....	Second Friday.....	Albert Hueneke.....	Elza Ury
	Pilot " 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	Third Thursday.....	John M. Jensen.....	William E. Sneath
	George Armstrong " 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	First and third Tuesday...	Ira C. Goodsell.....	Frank F. McMullin
	Tyrian " 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls....	First Monday.....	Claude C. Corman....	Walter E. Ren
210	Hampton " 245	Hampton....	Hamilton....	First and third Wednesdays.	Charles D. Woods....	Aaron P. Petersen
	Nehawka " 246	Nehawka....	Cass.....	Second Wednesday.....	William A. Ost.....	Raymond C. Pollard
	Corner Stone " 247	Osmond.....	Pierce.....	Second Friday.....	William Kroupa....	Charles B. Rosburg
	Laurel " 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Richard L. Herse....	Clarence O. Ericson
	Gothenburg " 249	Gothenburg..	Dawson....	Second Wednesday.....	Vernon G. Lundstrom.	Homer C. Loutzenheiser
215	George Washington " 250	Lincoln †....	Lancaster....	First Tuesday.....	E. George Crooker...	Harry N. Densmore
	Wausa " 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	First Thursday.....	S. David Hult.....	Emanuel K. Anderson
	Hildreth " 252	Hildreth....	Franklin....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Harold Neville.....	George M. Myers
	Beemer " 253	Beemer.....	Cuming....	First and third Tuesdays...	Marvin J. Shors....	Charles S. Albright
	Bassett " 254	Bassett....	Rock.....	Second Thursday.....	Harper M. Bunnett...	John Abart
220	Hickman " 256	Hickman....	Lancaster....	Third Thursday.....	Calvin J. Stover....	John R. Smith
	†Havelock Station.		†University Place Station.			

Holbrook	No. 257	Holbrook.....	Furnas.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Ernest H. Strickland..	Jacob C. Van Cleave
Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo.....	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	George Showalter....	Harold C. Kepler
Bee	" 259	Bee.....	Seward.....	First Thursday.....	Clifford Westerhoff..	Calvin W. Noxon
Ornan	" 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	First and Third Mondays..	Ralph M. Freidrich...	William D. Spicknall
225 Endeavor	" 262	Indianola.....	Red Willow...	First and Third Thursdays.	Joseph Reiter.....	B. Adrian Quigley
Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Monday.....	Kenneth B. Gassner...	Edward Sadek
Franklin	" 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	Second Monday.....	Maurice F. McAvoy...	Albert C. McKee
Robert W. Furnas	" 265	Scottsbluff...	Scotts Bluff...	First and third Mondays...	Glenn A. Etter.....	William A. Nelson
Silver	" 266	Silver Creek...	Merrick.....	Second Thursday.....	Earl C. Hardle.....	Floyd Buchanan
230 James A. Tulleys	" 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	Second Monday.....	De Leon Brown.....	Ralph W. Wallace
Geo. W. Lininger	" 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Friday.....	O. Earl Lowry.....	Martin J. Hedelund
Oasis	" 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Thursday.....	Emil H. Janssen.....	William M. Blough
Lee P. Gillette	" 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	First Monday.....	Carl H. Anderson.....	James P. Baker
Crofton	" 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....	Charles H. Gilson.....	Lourtes J. Hoile
235 Olive Branch	" 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	Second Monday.....	Samuel E. Lingo.....	George H. Gregory
Ramah	" 275	Bertrand.....	Phelps.....	First Thursday.....	LeRoy E. Whitford...	William B. Meeker
Antelope	" 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Dallas J. Sass.....	William W. Graham
Sioux	" 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	Second Monday.....	Emmett E. Whiteaker..	Francis H. Wallace
Litchfield	" 278	Litchfield.....	Sherman.....	Second Thursday.....	Paul E. Chipps.....	Martin H. Burtner
240 Wallace	" 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	First Tuesday.....	Harry A. Rowe.....	Will H. Daly
Swastika	" 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	Leo F. Hoobler.....	Willard F. Abbott
Florence	" 281	Omaha †.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	Fred D. Moshier.....	William A. Yoder
Mullen	" 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	Tuesday on or before ○	Stewart L. Dutton....	Leonard E. Eriksen
Exeter	" 283	Exeter.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Fridays...	Henry W. Foster.....	James Biba
245 Seneca	" 284	Seneca.....	Thomas.....	Second Wednesday.....	John H. Mellor.....	Alfred W. Franks
Camp Clarke	" 285	Bridgeport...	Morrill.....	First Tuesday.....	Edwin C. Nelson.....	Edward K. Milmine
Oshkosh	" 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	First Monday.....	William Barnwell....	Robert Quelle
Union	" 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	Wednesday on or before ○	John M. Stilwell.....	Arthur J. Lamborn
Omaha	" 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Saturday.....	LaVerne J. Smith.....	Frederick J. Bolshaw
250 Lotus	" 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Eddie Valek.....	George A. Meek
John J. Mercer	" 290	Omaha †.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Emery E. Davis.....	George J. Storms
Diamond	" 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	Second Thursday.....	Gordon W. Drayton...	Earl Hurst
Wolbach	" 292	Wolbach.....	Greeley.....	First and third Wednesdays..	Alfred J. Larsen.....	Edwin L. Johnson
Monument	" 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	Second and fourth Mondays..	Miles E. Lewis.....	C. Vernon Evans
255 Kimball	" 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	First Monday.....	Odie R. Bell.....	Orville C. Swidom
Minatare	" 295	Minatare.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second and fourth Fridays...	George Gross.....	Jesse P. Entreklin
Cowles	" 296	Cowles.....	Webster.....	First and third Wednesdays..	Herman F. Gerlach...	Horace G. Morse
Cotner	" 297	Lincoln §.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	Ralph I. Thomas.....	Dana E. Deeds
Chester	" 298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	First and third Mondays...	James E. Woodward...	Elbert L. Brown
260 Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland...	Lincoln.....	First Wednesday.....	William H. Nevin.....	William M. Cady
†Benson Station.			†Florence Station.		§Bethany Station.	

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Liberty	300	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Ivan H. Cunningham	Homer L. Kyle
Bayard	301	Bayard	Morrill	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Gordon F. Gardner	Yale H. Cavett
Mizpah	302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Harlan B. Fitch	Anson L. Havens
Right Angle	303	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Cloyd L. Hawley	Henry M. Edwards
265 Ruskin	304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Thursdays	J. Clarence Krogh	Chauncey O. Hull
Newman Grove	305	Newman Grove	Madison	Fourth Monday	Monroe V. Goldsbery	Alexis R. Gustavson
Golden Rod	306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Ralph R. Carleton	George E. Minshall
William E. Hill	307	Otoe	Otoe	Third Tuesday	Carl D. Halvorsen	Clyde T. Dann
Perkins	308	Grant	Perkins	First Monday	Garrett Dudden	Ralph H. Vose
270 Winnebago	309	Winnebago	Thurston	First Thursday	David R. Nelson	Orville E. Buckley
Victory	310	Valley	Douglas	Second Wednesday	Glen R. Allen	Floyd K. Bennett
Polk	311	Polk	Polk	First Friday	Edwin Madison	Isaac T. Samuelson
Oak Leaf	312	Lynch	Boyd	Second Thursday	Louis Nelson	Will T. Alford
Potter	313	Potter	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	George S. Thirlwall	Elmer H. Seyfang
275 Craftsmen	314	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	M. H. Pollard, Jr.	Curry D. Bryson
Alpha	316	South Sioux City	Dakota	Second Thursday	Sidney T. Frum	Clarence W. Rockwell
Mid-West	317	Hastings	Adams	First Monday	W. Larsen Howland	Wm. J. Breckenridge
Grand Island	318	Hall	Hall	First Tuesday	Grover F. Rost	Warren W. Connell
Bladen	319	Bladen	Webster	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Gilbert O. Cox	William H. Vankirk
280 College View	320	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Sam B. Poska	Silas R. Davenport
Harmony	321	Dalton	Cheyenne	Second Wednesday	Elmer Martin	Verne C. Ankeny
Pioneer	322	Lyman	Scotts Bluff	Second Tuesday	Floyd H. Altig	Cecil Morgan
Lebanon	323	Columbus	Platte	Second Wednesday	George E. Johansen, act.	Carl H. Hoge
284 Cairo	324	Cairo	Hall	Second Monday	William A. Crabtree	Wesley E. Sorensen

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

For the year ending December 31st, 1942

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NAME OF LODGE	E. A. A.		F. O. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. on Rolls December 31, 1942	No. of Lodge			
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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension				By Expulsion	Other Causes
Nebraska.....	1	20	80	13	13	...	504	1106	16	4	8	...	1134	6	29	...	...	35	1099	1
Western Star.....	2	5	26	4	6	10	96	230	4	1	15	...	250	1	3	10	...	14	236	2	
Capitol.....	3	16	66	16	24	17	448	789	15	2	13	...	819	4	18	17	...	39	780	3	
Nemaha Valley...	4	2	5	2	1	...	45	39	2	...	2	...	43	1	3	...	...	4	39	4
Omadi.....	5	3	22	7	5	1	65	84	7	...	3	...	94	1	2	1	...	4	90	5	
Plattsmouth.....	6	14	30	12	8	...	45	236	7	...	...	...	243	2	...	...	...	2	241	6
Falls City.....	9	7	23	6	5	...	114	175	5	3	2	...	185	1	...	...	...	1	184	9
Solomon.....	10	...	5	...	1	...	13	60	...	...	...	...	60	...	3	...	...	3	57	10
Covert.....	11	31	77	32	28	2	326	1149	32	5	7	...	1193	8	25	2	...	35	1158	11	
Orient.....	13	2	5	2	2	...	34	29	2	...	3	...	34	...	2	...	...	2	32	13
Peru.....	14	5	9	4	1	...	35	80	4	2	...	...	86	...	...	...	...	...	86	14
Fremont.....	15	9	20	6	2	6	149	408	8	3	3	...	422	8	8	6	...	22	400	15	
Beatrice.....	17	4	19	4	7	...	68	113	4	2	...	1	120	3	3	...	...	6	114	17
Lincoln.....	19	29	79	32	15	2	470	720	29	6	2	...	757	3	21	2	...	26	731	19	
Washington.....	21	1	4	1	3	...	57	107	1	...	1	...	109	2	...	...	...	2	107	21
Pawnee.....	23	2	15	1	5	1	58	112	1	2	...	...	115	...	1	1	...	2	113	23
Saint Johns.....	25	11	91	10	20	41	536	820	12	1	8	...	841	3	21	41	...	65	776	25	
Beatrice.....	26	3	54	2	19	4	234	259	3	1	5	...	268	1	8	4	...	13	255	26	
Jordan.....	27	3	6	4	1	...	43	64	4	...	2	...	70	...	2	...	...	2	68	27
Hope.....	29	1	9	1	...	...	32	37	1	1	...	...	39	1	...	1	...	2	37	29
Blue River.....	30	6	7	5	2	...	58	43	4	1	1	...	49	1	2	...	...	3	46	30
Tekamah.....	31	4	6	1	3	...	47	115	1	1	...	...	117	...	3	...	...	3	114	31
Platte Valley.....	32	16	45	15	13	...	107	325	13	3	...	...	341	3	7	...	...	10	331	32
Ashlar.....	33	13	44	11	17	7	280	464	11	...	20	...	495	6	9	7	...	22	473	33	
Acacia.....	34	5	8	5	...	...	53	126	5	2	2	...	135	3	4	...	...	7	128	34
Fairbury.....	35	3	29	3	3	...	79	182	4	2	1	...	189	1	4	...	...	5	184	35
Lone Tree.....	36	4	9	3	5	5	62	170	3	2	6	...	181	1	2	5	...	8	173	36	
Crete.....	37	1	14	2	5	2	81	147	2	1	...	...	150	2	2	2	...	6	144	37
Oliver.....	38	4	14	3	...	...	101	100	3	3	6	...	112	...	3	...	...	3	109	38
Papillion.....	39	2	11	3	3	1	44	77	3	...	1	...	81	1	3	1	...	5	76	39	
Humboldt.....	40	3	11	3	4	...	22	90	3	3	2	...	98	...	1	...	...	1	97	40
Northern Light...	41	2	6	2	1	...	41	73	2	...	...	...	75	...	...	...	...	...	75	41
Juniata.....	42	...	...	...	...	...	22	22	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	22	...	...	42
Hebron.....	43	1	18	1	5	...	81	68	...	...	...	...	68	...	...	...	...	...	68	43
Harvard.....	44	...	9	...	1	...	40	40	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	40	44
Rob Morris.....	46	1	46	1	5	3	211	213	1	3	3	2	222	5	6	3	...	14	208	46	
Fairmont.....	48	2	14	1	1	...	53	72	1	...	...	...	73	...	2	...	...	2	71	48
Evening Star.....	49	...	2	1	2	...	44	73	...	...	1	...	74	1	1	...	...	2	72	49
Hastings.....	50	7	41	6	5	13	205	371	8	1	8	...	388	1	5	13	...	19	369	50	
Fidelity.....	51	4	16	5	5	1	72	125	4	2	1	...	132	3	2	1	...	6	126	51	

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			By Raising	By Affiliation		Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death		By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss									
Hiram	52	2	8	3	6	36	80	2	1	83	1	1	83	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	82	52
Charity	53	5	18	5	4	71	108	5	1	114	7	2	114	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	112	53
Lancaster	54	19	64	19	10	93	641	20	3	674	7	14	674	7	14	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	644	54
Mosaic	55	7	34	6	5	61	321	6	5	335	5	6	335	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	324	55
York	56	2	7	2	2	105	227	1	2	230	3	4	230	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	222	56
Mt. Moriah	57	18	1	1	54	60	1	1	62	1	1	62	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	59	57
Wahoo	59	6	10	5	3	68	180	5	1	186	1	1	186	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	185	59
Melrose	60	3	14	1	1	32	68	1	4	73	4	1	73	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	68	60
Thistle	61	5	9	15	10	3	71	104	9	3	116	1	2	116	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	6	110	61
Keystone	62	4	1	1	25	29	29	1	1	29	1	1	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	62
Riverton	63	3	3	3	27	29	29	1	1	29	1	1	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	27	63
Blue Valley	64	2	5	1	3	38	62	2	1	65	1	1	65	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	64
Osceola	65	1	5	1	3	34	85	1	1	87	2	1	87	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	84	65
Edgar	67	4	6	3	1	36	78	3	3	81	1	2	81	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	78	67
Aurora	68	4	19	6	9	105	113	6	2	121	1	4	121	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	117	68
Sterling	70	2	13	2	4	1	64	32	6	38	1	1	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	36	70
Trowel	71	12	5	4	57	69	69	1	1	69	2	1	69	2	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	7	62	71
Hooper	72	3	14	1	29	87	87	1	1	88	1	2	88	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	86	72
Friend	73	1	1	1	36	65	65	1	1	65	1	2	65	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	62	73
Alexandria	74	4	29	32	2	34	32	2	2	34	1	1	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	74	
Frank Welch	75	2	12	4	8	3	132	173	2	2	179	2	3	179	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	8	171	75
Nelson	77	6	3	2	63	43	43	6	6	49	1	1	49	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	45	77
Albion	78	5	14	2	5	2	55	103	1	1	106	2	1	106	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	5	101	78
Geneva	79	3	12	3	3	3	37	137	4	1	143	1	1	143	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	137	79
Composite	81	1	5	1	4	38	43	1	2	47	1	3	47	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	43	81
Saint Paul	82	1	13	1	3	59	165	1	1	135	202	1	6	202	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	7	195	82
Corinthian	83	3	6	3	29	53	53	3	3	63	1	1	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	83
Fairfield	84	1	13	1	3	47	53	3	1	57	2	2	57	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	55	84
Doniphan	86	7	2	2	32	45	45	1	1	45	1	2	45	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	42	86
Ionic	87	2	25	2	3	54	82	2	1	86	1	1	86	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	84	87
Star	88	8	14	8	3	38	78	7	1	86	1	1	86	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	86	88
Cedar River	89	2	13	3	2	3	103	70	3	5	627	111	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	104	89
Elk Creek	90	1	2	1	29	41	41	1	1	42	1	1	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	90
Oakland	91	2	7	4	1	43	109	4	1	117	1	1	117	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	116	91
Hubbell	92	1	8	4	13	21	21	4	1	21	1	1	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	92
Beaver City	93	2	11	3	2	2	76	68	3	3	74	5	1	74	5	1	2	2	2	2	2	8	66	93
Bennett	94	8	1	1	62	20	20	5	3	20	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	94
Garfield	95	6	9	5	3	53	59	5	3	69	2	1	69	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	63	95

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Utica.....	96	5	7	5	...	40	65	5	...	70	1	1	...	2	68	96					
Euclid.....	97	5	8	5	1	4	55	70	6	76	3	3	4	11	65	97					
Republican.....	98	1	7	1	2	...	44	31	3	36	...	2	...	2	34	98					
Shelton.....	99	...	4	...	2	...	31	64	...	64	1	3	...	4	60	99					
Creighton.....	100	...	10	1	...	3	48	91	1	96	2	2	3	7	89	100					
Ponca.....	101	2	10	...	2	...	43	73	...	73	...	1	...	1	72	101					
Waterloo.....	102	2	11	...	...	...	50	98	...	100	...	...	...	2	100	102
Ord.....	103	...	16	...	4	...	100	72	...	74	1	1	...	1	72	103					
Wymore.....	104	4	24	3	3	1	75	162	4	170	3	4	1	8	162	104					
Stella.....	105	2	8	...	2	...	21	54	...	54	1	1	...	2	52	105					
Porter.....	106	...	7	...	2	2	26	43	...	45	1	1	2	4	41	106					
Table Rock.....	108	1	1	...	...	...	33	44	...	47	2	...	...	2	45	108
Pomegranate.....	110	5	9	3	5	...	57	136	5	149	6	3	...	9	140	110					
DeWitt.....	111	1	11	1	1	...	53	48	1	53	1	2	...	3	50	111					
Springfield.....	112	8	20	8	5	...	43	66	7	73	...	...	...	73	112			
Globe.....	113	3	10	2	2	...	43	46	1	52	...	2	...	2	50	113					
Wisner.....	114	1	11	1	1	...	54	72	2	79	...	1	...	1	78	114					
Harlan.....	116	5	3	5	1	1	33	66	5	72	1	3	1	5	67	116					
Hardy.....	117	...	2	...	...	...	25	22	...	23	...	...	...	2	21	117
North Bend.....	119	...	2	...	2	...	18	94	...	95	1	1	...	2	93	119					
Wayne.....	120	2	7	4	1	5	46	158	4	164	2	3	5	10	154	120					
Superior.....	121	2	14	5	1	...	67	132	5	142	3	3	...	6	136	121					
Auburn.....	124	5	8	4	1	9	63	116	3	120	...	1	9	11	109	124					
Mt. Nebo.....	125	4	10	5	4	...	61	71	4	78	...	2	1	78	125						
Stromsburg.....	126	...	6	...	1	4	45	72	...	74	1	5	4	10	64	126					
Minden.....	127	2	8	2	4	...	30	69	2	71	1	...	...	1	70	127			
Guide Rock.....	128	1	6	...	...	...	6	41	...	41	2	...	...	2	39	128
Blue Hill.....	129	...	5	...	...	...	42	34	...	34	...	...	...	34	129	
Tuscan.....	130	...	1	...	...	...	23	47	...	48	1	1	...	2	46	130		
Scribner.....	132	...	3	...	3	...	31	57	1	61	1	2	...	3	58	132					
Elm Creek.....	133	5	12	4	2	...	46	37	5	46	...	...	...	46	133			
Solar.....	134	3	6	3	1	...	29	67	2	69	...	...	...	69	134			
McCook.....	135	13	24	10	1	...	90	249	11	270	2	4	...	6	264	135					
Long Pine.....	136	...	9	...	2	...	35	68	...	69	...	1	...	1	68	136					
Upright.....	137	4	8	3	...	...	22	62	3	65	1	...	...	1	64	137	
Rawalt.....	138	6	3	4	...	2	37	63	4	67	...	2	2	4	63	138					
Clay Centre.....	139	3	6	1	1	...	32	81	1	82	82	139						
Western.....	140	4	7	1	43	24	1	26	...	1	...	1	25	140					
Crescent.....	143	1	8	...	2	2	59	52	...	53	2	2	...	4	49	143					

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Kenesaw	144	1	15	2	3	92	56	2	1	2	22	83	1	1	2	81	144
Bancroft	145	3	19	1	6	53	38	1	1	1	..	41	1	3	4	37	145
Jachin	146	7	13	7	4	82	134	4	1	2	..	141	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	5	136	146
Siloam	147	6	16	3	3	29	37	1	..	..	..	38	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	36	147
Emmet Crawford	148	3	22	..	6	57	142	1	2	1	..	146	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	7	139	148
Jewel	149	..	2	..	1	17	54	..	..	4	..	58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	149
Cambridge	150	3	10	2	7	1	45	100	2	1	1	24	128	2	2	1	..	..	..	5	123	150
Square	151	1	13	..	3	1	48	33	..	..	6	..	39	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	38	151
Evergreen	153	6	2	6	..	1	25	62	6	..	1	..	69	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	67	153
Lily	154	..	6	..	1	..	33	60	..	..	..	..	60	1	3	..	..	..	..	4	56	154
Hartington	155	..	24	..	2	..	54	66	..	..	4	..	70	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	68	155
Pythagoras	156	2	18	2	4	1	41	46	3	..	1	..	50	..	2	1	..	..	..	3	47	156
Valley	157	2	4	1	1	..	30	45	..	1	1	..	47	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	46	157
Samaritan	158	4	15	5	4	1	65	220	5	2	2	..	229	2	6	1	1	..	10	219	158	
Ogalalla	159	3	19	3	7	2	73	102	2	..	4	..	108	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	106	159
Zeredatha	160	..	3	..	2	..	14	35	..	1	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	160
Mt. Zion	161	..	3	..	1	..	25	48	..	1	1	..	50	3	2	..	..	..	..	5	45	161
Trestle Board	162	2	2	3	1	..	26	83	3	1	..	..	87	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	84	162
Unity	163	..	9	..	1	..	46	44	..	..	..	..	44	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	42	163
Atkinson	164	1	8	..	1	..	27	39	..	..	1	..	40	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	39	164
Barneston	165	2	11	2	6	2	82	60	2	..	5	..	67	1	2	2	..	..	..	5	62	165
Mystic Tie	166	..	6	1	1	1	42	39	1	1	1	..	42	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	41	166
Elwood	167	..	6	..	2	1	42	40	..	..	..	..	40	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	38	167
Curtis	168	3	14	..	2	..	29	84	2	1	2	..	89	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	87	168
Amity	169	2	11	3	1	..	33	90	4	..	1	..	95	1	4	..	..	..	..	5	90	169
Mason City	170	..	3	..	..	..	42	37	..	..	4	..	41	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	38	170
Merna	171	1	16	1	3	..	49	45	..	..	2	..	47	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	45	171
Grafton	172	..	1	..	1	3	41	30	..	..	1	..	31	..	1	3	..	..	..	4	27	172
Robert Burns	173	1	7	1	2	..	19	52	..	..	2	..	54	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	53	173
Culbertson	174	..	7	..	1	1	25	52	..	..	1	..	53	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	51	174
Temple	175	..	8	..	4	..	47	38	1	..	..	..	39	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	35	175
Gladstone	176	3	6	4	3	..	66	72	4	1	..	..	77	1	3	..	..	..	..	4	73	176
Hay Springs	177	5	4	3	1	..	32	59	3	..	1	..	63	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	62	177
Prudence	179	..	7	..	1	..	51	33	..	1	..	..	34	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	31	179
Justice	180	4	7	3	..	..	60	74	3	..	1	..	78	2	2	..	..	..	..	4	74	180
Faith	181	1	19	2	..	4	112	106	2	..	6	..	114	..	3	4	..	..	..	7	107	181
Incense	182	..	8	..	1	..	32	35	..	..	..	..	35	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	32	182
Alliance	183	9	47	5	10	2	143	226	5	2	4	..	237	2	4	2	8	229	183
Bee Hive	184	42	25	35	5	4	188	497	36	6	8	..	547	2	7	4	13	534	184

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			By Raising	By Affiliation		Reinstatement	Other Causes		Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss												
Boaz.....	185	3	6	2	3	1	15	63	2	3	68	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	67	185		
Israel.....	187	3	3	1	1	1	44	29	1	1	31	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	29	187	
Meridian.....	188	7	13	6	3	3	49	110	6	1	117	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	113	188		
Granite.....	189	1	5	1	3	3	59	49	1	1	53	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	189		
Amethyst.....	190	5	5	1	1	1	20	43	1	1	43	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	190		
Crystal.....	191	15	1	1	1	1	40	57	1	1	59	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	59	191		
Minnekadusa.....	192	14	1	5	2	64	116	116	1	1	116	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	111	192	
Signet.....	193	2	12	1	1	1	47	48	1	1	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	193		
Highland.....	194	7	3	3	3	3	33	31	1	1	33	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	33	194		
Arcana.....	195	4	9	2	1	1	43	111	1	1	113	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	109	195	
Level.....	196	7	7	1	1	1	23	23	1	1	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	196		
Morning Star.....	197	1	7	1	1	1	28	49	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	197		
Purity.....	198	6	16	5	5	3	42	80	3	1	84	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	80	198	
Gavel.....	199	2	3	1	1	1	12	41	1	1	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	199		
Blazing Star.....	200	3	3	1	1	1	39	77	2	1	80	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	79	200		
Scotts Bluff.....	201	1	19	3	1	1	62	99	3	3	108	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	105	201	
Golden Sheaf.....	202	7	21	3	2	1	64	69	2	1	71	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	69	202	
Roman Eagle.....	203	2	15	1	1	1	27	48	2	1	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	49	203	
Plainview.....	204	7	10	4	1	1	48	60	4	3	67	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	65	204	
Golden Fleece.....	205	2	8	1	1	1	40	101	2	1	103	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	103	205		
Napthali.....	206	3	3	1	1	1	47	46	1	1	46	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	43	206	
Parian.....	207	3	5	2	1	1	40	68	2	1	71	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	65	207	
Gauge.....	208	8	8	3	2	4	48	48	1	1	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	45	208	
Canopy.....	209	3	10	3	5	7	78	86	3	1	93	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	10	83	209	
East Lincoln.....	210	33	38	29	10	12	324	550	29	6	604	5	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	26	578	210	
Cement.....	211	1	2	1	1	1	18	86	1	1	88	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	85	211	
Compass & Square.....	212	1	10	2	2	2	39	66	1	1	66	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	63	212	
Plumbline.....	214	2	2	1	1	1	40	36	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	214	214	
Occidental.....	215	2	2	1	1	1	34	63	2	1	66	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	66	215	215	
Palisade.....	216	9	9	6	3	3	49	61	7	1	68	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	68	216	216	
Wauneta.....	217	4	5	4	1	2	40	42	4	1	46	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	44	217	217	
Bloomfield.....	218	3	14	1	3	1	52	79	1	4	84	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	80	218	
Relief.....	219	1	8	1	1	1	22	48	1	1	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	219	219	
Magnolia.....	220	1	3	1	1	1	20	77	1	1	78	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	73	220	
Wood Lake.....	221	1	10	1	4	1	20	51	1	1	54	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	221	221	
Landmark.....	222	6	6	1	1	1	49	72	1	2	79	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	74	222	
Eminence.....	223	1	4	1	3	1	29	38	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	37	223	
Silver Cord.....	224	3	9	3	2	1	33	111	2	1	113	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	112	224	224	
Cable.....	225	6	8	4	1	1	44	61	4	1	67	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	64	225	225
Grace.....	226	6	6	3	2	1	25	45	3	1	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	226	226	

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		By Raising			By Affiliation	Reinstatement		Other Causes	By Demission		By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes							
		By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement			Other Causes			By Demission					By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			
North Star	227	14	18	13	3	2	109	241	13	9	13	276	3	5	2	10	266	227			
Bartley	228	3	1	3			19	44	3	1		48	1			1	47	228			
Comet	229		2		2		57	63		6		69	1			1	68	229			
Delta	230	1	10	1	1		16	47	1			48		2		2	46	230			
Mt. Hermon	231		4		1		26	39		2		41		1		1	40	231			
John S. Bowen	232		3		1	2	28	46		4		50	2	1	2	5	45	232			
Gilead	233	2	19	1	6		31	49	1			50		1		1	49	233			
Zion	234	2	11	2	4		53	78	1	1		80	1	1		2	78	234			
Fraternity	235	2	4	4			26	45	4			49	1			1	48	235			
Golden Rule	236	5	15	4	4	1	21	56	4	1		61	1	1		2	59	236			
Cubit	237	8	6	6	2		26	52	5		3	60		1		1	59	237			
Friendship	239	2	5		2		29	48		2		50					50	239			
Pilot	240	3	3	2	4		32	88	2			90		2		2	88	240			
George Armstrong	241	4	9	3	2		28	49	2	1	3	55		3		3	52	241			
Tyrian	243	4	5	4	1		29	20	3			23		1		1	22	243			
Hampton	245	1	14	1	1		47	53	1	1	21	76					76	245			
Nehawka	246	14	7	9	1		16	84	8		2	94	2	7		9	85	246			
Corner-stone	247		14		1		56	33		1		34		1		1	33	247			
Laurel	248	2	17	1	3		68	75	1			76					76	248			
Gothenburg	249		7		1		40	83	1	2		88	2	2		4	84	249			
George Washington	250	15	13	19	6	1	128	190	17	1	17	225	1	3	1	5	220	250			
Wausa	251	3	2	3			42	48	3		2	53	1	2		3	50	251			
Hildreth	252		5		1		26	24				24	1			1	23	252			
Beemer	253		2				15	35				35					35	253			
Bassett	254	2	6	2	1		34	50	2	1	3	56	1	1		2	54	254			
Bradshaw	255							21				21				21	21	255			
Hickman	256		4	1	1		28	40	1			41		1		1	40	256			
Holbrook	257		5			2	27	26				26		2	2	4	22	257			
Anselmo	258	1	10	1	8	1	52	84	2		1	87	1	1	1	3	84	258			
Bee	259		3		1		11	25				25					25	259			
Ornan	261	1	8	1	3		27	66	1	2	1	70	1			1	69	261			
Endeavor	262		4			5	24	52				52			5	5	47	262			
Mitchell	263	14	10	9	1	2	51	113	9	1	2	125	1	2	2	5	120	263			
Franklin	264	2	17	1	2	2	79	75	1	2		78	1	1	2	4	74	264			
Robert W. Furnas	265	9	18	9	3	4	85	172	10	5	4	191	1	2	4	7	184	265			
Silver	266		7		2		26	47				47					47	266			
James A. Tulleys	267		4			2	24	56				56	2		2	4	52	267			
George W. Lininger	268	2	6	2	3		78	213	2	1	1	217		6		6	211	268			
Riverside	269		4					27				27				27	27	269			

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Oasis	271	1	5	1	1	2	60	97	1	3	1	102	1	4	2	7	95	271			
Lee P. Gillette	272	3	3	1	1	27	57	57	1	1	2	61	2	5	7	54	272				
Crofton	273	5	1	1	5	25	57	57	1	1	2	61	2	5	7	54	273				
Olive Branch	274	1	10	3	5	1	39	53	3	4	3	63	7	1	8	55	274				
Ramah	275	3	3	2	13	32	3	32	3	2	3	40	1	1	1	39	275				
Antelope	276	3	8	2	4	18	36	2	1	1	39	1	1	1	39	276					
Sioux	277	3	6	1	10	33	6	39	3	6	39	1	1	1	39	277					
Litchfield	278	4	1	1	34	31	1	36	1	1	3	36	1	1	3	33	278				
Wallace	279	2	11	2	1	24	30	1	1	2	34	1	1	1	34	279					
Swastika	280	4	9	3	1	1	35	43	4	1	47	1	1	1	46	280					
Florence	281	27	16	24	8	14	162	380	21	9	9	419	6	1	14	22	397	281			
Mullen	282	2	4	3	1	37	40	3	1	1	44	1	1	1	43	282					
Exeter	283	1	1	1	1	27	35	1	1	1	36	1	1	1	34	283					
Seneca	284	3	11	3	4	41	73	2	1	1	76	2	2	2	74	284					
Camp Clarke	285	5	15	5	2	34	120	5	3	3	128	2	1	3	125	285					
Oshkosh	286	3	11	2	3	47	73	1	1	1	75	1	1	1	75	286					
Union	287	1	4	1	18	50	1	51	1	1	51	1	1	1	51	287					
Omaha	288	8	22	6	3	7	236	447	5	5	457	1	5	7	13	444	288				
Lotus	289	2	12	1	1	35	141	2	6	6	149	2	1	1	146	289					
John J. Mercer	290	41	12	42	5	16	173	525	38	9	4	576	3	9	16	28	548	290			
Diamond	291	2	4	2	1	33	46	3	3	3	52	1	1	1	2	50	291				
Wolbach	292	1	2	1	19	50	1	51	1	1	51	1	1	1	51	292					
Monument	293	1	4	1	28	49	1	49	1	1	49	1	1	1	2	47	293				
Kimball	294	3	2	3	58	77	3	83	3	3	83	1	1	1	83	294					
Minatare	295	3	5	3	2	27	60	3	4	4	67	2	2	2	65	295					
Cowles	296	2	1	1	18	21	3	24	3	3	24	1	1	1	22	296					
Cotner	297	12	3	62	103	8	111	2	1	1	111	2	1	1	3	108	297				
Chester	298	1	3	2	12	33	1	34	1	1	34	1	2	3	31	298					
Sutherland	299	6	11	7	3	1	23	62	5	1	67	1	1	1	66	299					
Liberty	300	8	11	8	5	7	141	203	8	4	24	239	4	4	7	15	224	300			
Bayard	301	3	5	2	3	24	70	2	1	1	73	1	1	1	73	301					
Mizpah	302	24	24	25	15	18	264	678	21	4	15	718	4	6	18	28	690	302			
Right Angle	303	15	11	17	9	4	114	453	19	1	3	476	1	2	4	7	469	303			
Ruskin	304	4	2	23	32	3	32	3	3	3	32	1	1	1	31	304					
Newman Grove	305	3	2	3	1	32	36	3	3	2	41	1	1	1	41	305					
Golden Rod	306	3	3	10	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	306				
William E. Hill	307	1	8	1	2	34	27	1	1	1	28	1	1	1	28	307					
Perkins	308	5	7	4	4	28	64	1	1	1	65	2	2	2	63	308					
Winnabago	309	2	7	3	6	18	32	3	1	2	39	2	2	2	37	309					
Victory	310	16	11	12	4	2	52	108	10	1	3	122	1	1	2	4	118	310			

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Polk.....	311	...	3	3	...	21	28	2	1	...	28	28	311		
Park Leaf.....	312	3	3	3	1	10	26	2	2	1	30	30	312		
Potter.....	313	4	1	4	1	19	61	3	64	1	1	62	313		
Prattsmen.....	314	18	13	17	1	72	221	17	8	9	255	2	1	5	...	247	314		
Palmer.....	315	35	35	35	...	35	315		
Alpha.....	316	4	5	4	2	10	92	3	3	...	95	2	2	93	316		
Mid West....	317	7	13	5	3	38	238	3	2	...	243	3	3	5	...	232	317		
Grand Island	318	2	6	3	1	77	103	3	1	3	110	1	1	107	318		
Bladen.....	319	...	3	23	35	...	2	1	37	37	319		
College View.	320	4	1	4	...	12	63	4	2	...	70	2	3	62	320		
Harmony.....	321	...	2	1	3	6	50	...	1	...	51	...	2	49	321		
Pioneer.....	322	1	1	3	1	10	47	4	...	1	52	2	1	49	322		
Lebanon.....	323	6	9	3	...	51	147	4	5	2	158	...	4	4	...	150	323		
Caro.....	324	2	...	2	1	2	24	2	26	26	324		
Totals.....		1069	3244	957	790	380	16882	30852	925	255	573	134	32739	301	563	380	4129	1377	31362

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