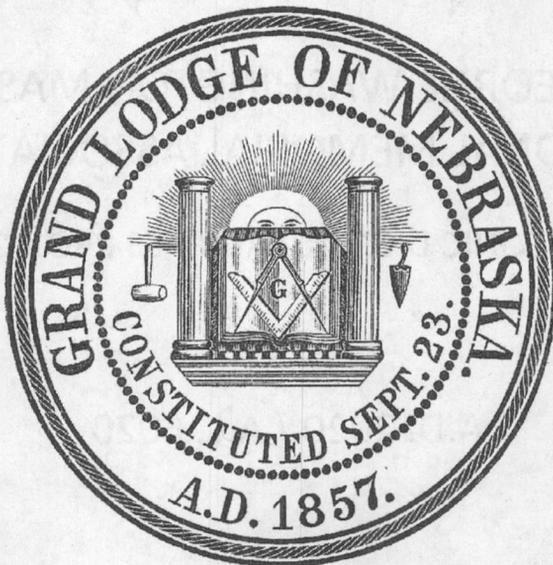


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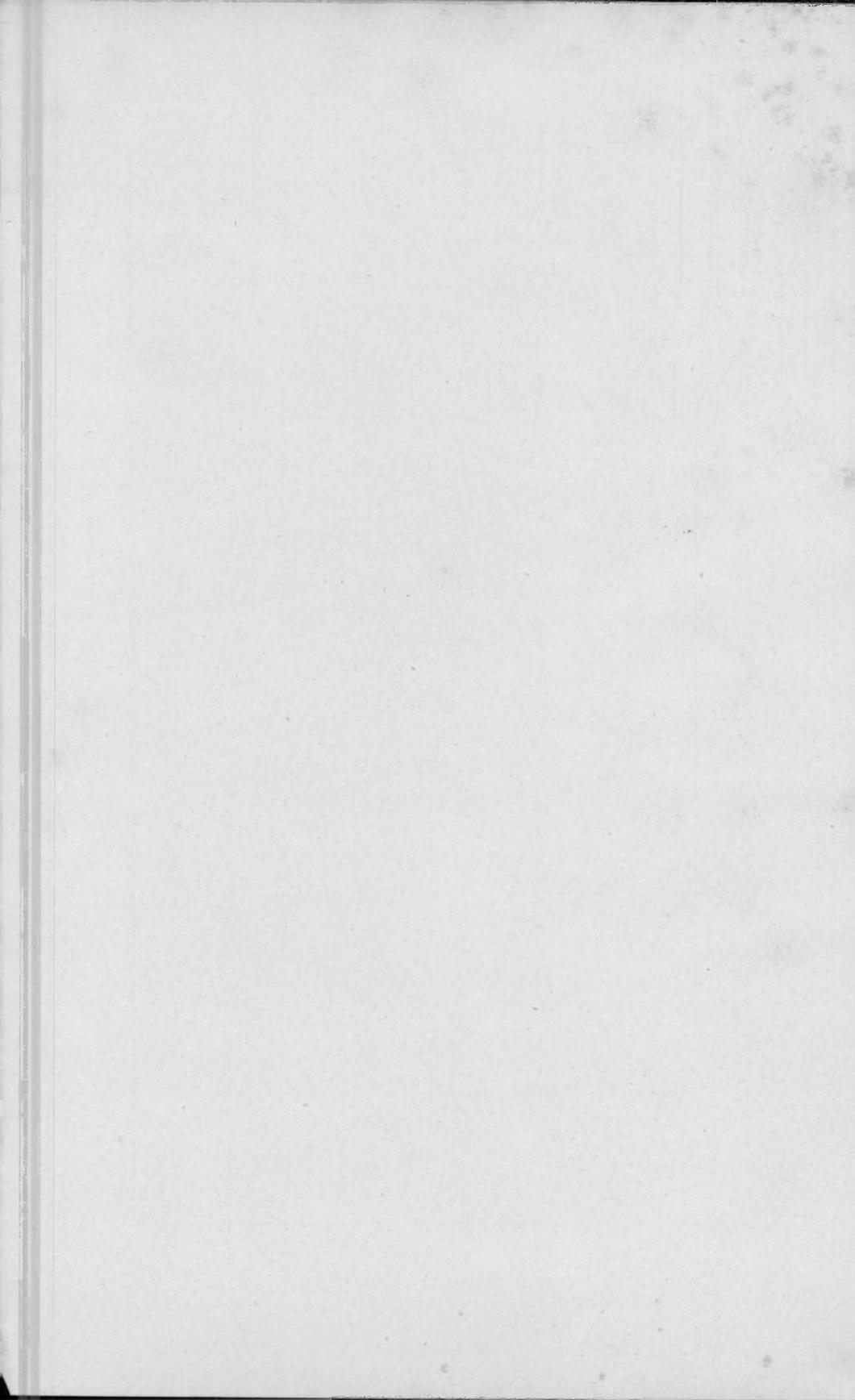
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*In Annual Communication, held
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William B. Hamer

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA

1943-1944

Biographical

William Ballou Wanner

GRAND MASTER, 1943-1944

WILLIAM BALLOU WANNER, the son of Albert G. and Sarah Elizabeth Wanner, was born at Falls City, Nebraska, on September 23rd, 1892.

He received his education in the public schools of Falls City, and the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln.

Brother Wanner was made a Mason in Falls City Lodge No. 9, June 23, 1915. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1928-1929-1930. Secretary from 1933 to date.

He was appointed Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, by M. W. William A. Robertson, Grand Master, on June 8, 1937, advancing in the line each year, until June 8, 1943, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. He was appointed Grand Marshal June 7th, 1944. Grand Representative Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

He received the Chapter Degrees in Eureka Chapter No. 5, R. A. M., Falls City, Nebraska, serving the Chapter as High Priest in 1917-1918-1919. Grand Representative West Virginia.

He received the Council Degrees in Zerubbabel Council No. 27, Royal and Select Masters, of Chadron, Nebraska, November 17th, 1927.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in Mt. Sinai Commandery No. 8, K. T., Falls City, Nebraska, in 1915, serving as Eminent Commander in 1922-1923-1924. He was the 61st Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska, serving in 1932-1933. Grand Representative Vermont.

He became a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association, December 4, 1935.

He was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, in January, 1935.

He received the Degrees of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, from the Fourth to the Thirty-second, in Nebraska Consistory, Omaha, in April, 1944.

He was five times Patron of Falls City Chapter No. 225, O. E. S., Falls City, now a member of Mercy Chapter No. 306, Stella, Nebraska, and served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Nebraska, in 1933.

Chairman Advisory Board DeMolay, Falls City, eleven years. Received Cross of Honor from Grand Council.

“Uncle Bill” of Job’s Daughters and Rainbow Girls of Nebraska.

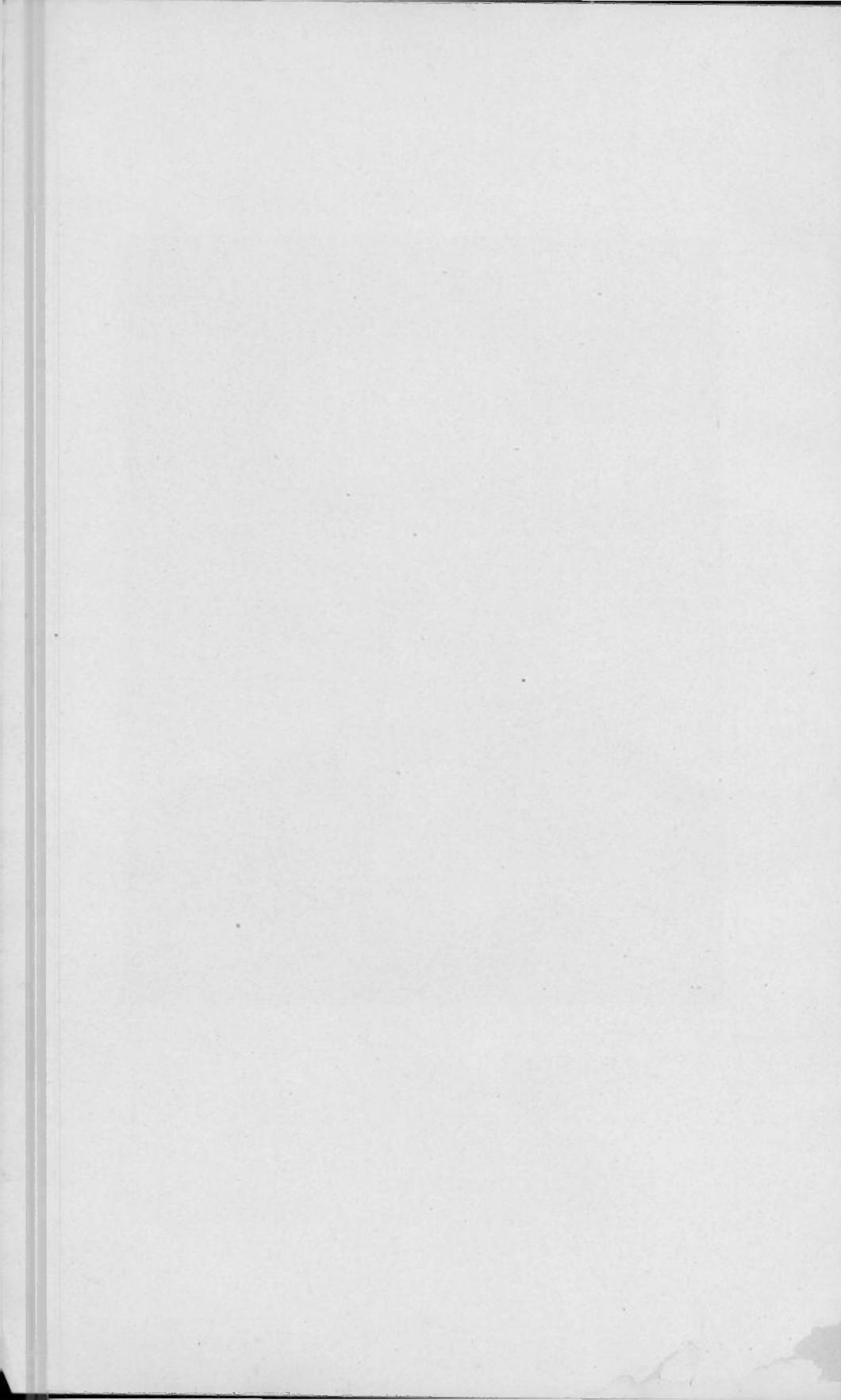
As Most Worshipful Grand Master, his leadership was of a high order. Filled with zeal for Masonry and devoted to its interests, our junior Past Grand Master still has before him years of opportunity for service, of which our Craft in Nebraska will be the beneficiary in the years that lie ahead.



William G. Schaper

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA

1944-1945



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EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 6 and 7, 1944



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 6, 1944

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 6, A. D. 1944, A. L. 5944.

There were present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. William B. Wanner, 9.....	Grand Master
R. W. William C. Schaper, 148.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318.....	Grand Junior Warden
M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. George Allen Beecher, 268.....	Grand Chaplain
W. Francis L. Bouquet, 268.....	Grand Orator
W. Lute M. Savage, 3.....	Grand Custodian
M. W. Virgil R. Johnson, 26.....	Grand Marshal
W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Elmer E. Magee, 227.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Raymond C. Pollard, 246.....	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 C. Schaper, Deputy Grand Master, the Invocation being given by V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain.

INVOCATION

Almighty God, who alone canst rule the world and guide us in all our relations, we kneel in Thy presence, conscious of our dependence upon that power which Thou alone canst give that we may know Thy will and have grace to perform it. Keep us in Thy presence that we may feel unafraid to face the issues of life, and we may be faithful in the discharge of our respective responsibilities in all things, that we may serve Thee in a spirit of kindness one toward another; that we may be willing and eager to make such sacrifices as are necessary for peace and for Christ; comfort us in these sad hours; may Thy holy spirit direct and rule our hearts in all our deliberations, and may we walk with Thee in the silence of our souls and the bleeding of our hearts, knowing that Thou art our guide, our strength and our comforter.

Grant, O God, for those we have loved and lost awhile, the peace and rest of that paradise which await all the people of God; that in all things we may follow their worthy example and render a creditable account on the last day.

Hear our prayers, forgive our sins, and grant us Thy constant presence, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most Worshipful William B. Wanner, Grand Master, was then introduced, given the Grand Honors, and escorted to his station in the Grand East.

M. . W. . William B. Wanner, Grand Master :

Brethren:

We stand here this morning on the threshold of a great event in history. The first startling news we have had this morning should inspire all of us to greater achievement.

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-seventh 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. . Carl R. Greisen, 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
John R. Tapster.....	(66th) ..	1931
Ralph O. Canaday.....	(68th) ..	1933
Archie M. Smith.....	(69th) ..	1933
Virgil R. Johnson.....	(70th) ..	1934
Chancellor A. Phillips.....	(72nd) ..	1936
Walter R. Raecke.....	(74th) ..	1938
William J. Breckenridge.....	(75th) ..	1939
Earl J. Lee.....	(76th) ..	1940
Edward F. Carter.....	(77th) ..	1941
George A. Kurk.....	(78th) ..	1942

who were received and presented to the Grand Lodge. Later in the session M. W. William A. Robertson, (73rd), 1937, was presented and introduced.

M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

There are before you these distinguished brethren now living in Nebraska who have served you and this Grand Jurisdiction faithfully and well, each with distinction during his year. Some are linked with the past, others are of more recent service; but all have performed their service without thought of self, with only one end in view, the advancement of Freemasonry in Nebraska. To them are assigned peculiar duties, by tradition and law that are most important to all of us. Their good judgment has nearly always been sustained by your support.

Most Worshipful Brothers, the fact that the first order of business in this Grand Lodge is your reception, testifies to the love and affection for you that is held by every brother in Nebraska. I wish to personally assure you that each of you deserves our respect and admiration for your past labors.

It is impossible to welcome you to your own Home, but we want to assure you a fine, fraternal welcome here.

I hope that all the brethren who are not personally known to you will make your acquaintance before this Grand Lodge closes. I have been acquainted with you for many years, and I am delighted to see so many of you here this morning. Brethren, unite with me in saluting our Past Grand Masters with the Grand Honors by three times three. (Given Grand Honors.)

M. W. James R. Cain, Past Grand Master, gave the

RESPONSE

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

With bowed heads,—in the deepest humility,—reverently and in grateful appreciation to the Great Architect of the Universe, we rejoice

this morning in the stupendous and colossal blow that has been struck by freedom loving men for human liberties, and for the perpetuation of those eternal principles for which this Grand Old Institution has ever contended.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, we sixteen appear before you clothed in white aprons in token of our innocence,—innocence of any personal ambition,—actuated only by zeal and love for our Grand Old Institution, and are indeed proud and happy to have a part in its deliberations. We are happy and pleased to meet with the brethren, and to clasp their hands in fraternal love, and to be of some possible service in the preservation of the ancient land marks and the magnificent record of this Grand Lodge insofar as in us lies. We very much appreciate your gracious, cordial and fraternal welcome. We have no desire but to carry out the Masonic thought that in Freemasonry there is no retired list, and, so long as the giver of every good and perfect gift shall spare us we want to be used by this Grand Old Institution of ours in all objectives worthy and worth while.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I have known you all your life. You and I were born in the same city. We attended the same public schools. I knew your father, a fine stalwart, upright business man, and your mother as a sweet, lovely and gracious teacher in the public schools that you and I attended. I know something of your life.

Chartered by this Grand Lodge seventy-nine years ago in the village of Brownville, my grandfather's name appears on the charter of your Lodge. My father, who served your Lodge as its Master for five years, and as Secretary for a period, later this Grand Jurisdiction as its Grand Master, was early made a Mason in your Home Lodge. Your first Worshipful Master was, I think, the physician present at my birth. Your first Junior Warden was my Uncle. Another Uncle served your Lodge two years as its Worshipful Master. Two of my brothers in the flesh received the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in your Lodge, and one is presently a member thereof. And so I say that I know your background, I know your zeal and enthusiasm for Masonry, and these brethren who have in the past carried the same responsibilities that were yours during the year that is drawing to a close know full well the duties and arduous responsibilities that were yours, and with what zeal and fidelity you discharged them.

We thank you sincerely, and ask nothing except the privilege of expressing our appreciation for the cordial and fraternal welcome that you have extended to us. We will take up such duties and responsibilities in the Grand Lodge that shall come to us, and pray God that we may have the strength and wisdom to discharge them with at least fair ability and with zeal and enthusiasm for the abiding causes for which our Institution has ever contended as we go forward to the welfare and benefit of all mankind.

M. . W. . William B. Wanner, Grand Master :

Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Cain.

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

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were presented, and very cordially welcomed by M. . W. . William B. Wanner, Grand Master, who introduced them to the Grand Lodge, and invited them to seats in the Grand East :

M. . W. . Clifford D. Jory, Grand Master of Iowa.

M. . W. . Charles C. Hunt, Past Grand Master, and present Grand Secretary of Iowa.

M. . W. . George O. Hanna, Grand Master of Wyoming.

M. . W. . James A. Trice, Grand Master of Kansas.

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

R. . W. . Samuel E. George, Grand Junior Warden, and representing M. . W. . Theodore N. Engdahl, Grand Master of South Dakota.

R. . W. . Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary of South Dakota.

M. . W. . William B. Wanner, Grand Master :

We are very glad we are honored by the presence of three of our Grand Masters from neighboring jurisdictions accompanied by their Grand Secretaries. You all know the difficulties of travel in these days, and we want to assure them that we appreciate the great effort that they have made to be present.

Most Worshipful Brethren: We give you a hearty and fraternal welcome to this our 87th Annual Communication. You have left the administration of your own duties and have come to stay awhile with us in our deliberations. We hope that you will find something of pleasure and profit here that will be worth while to take to your own jurisdictions, and we know that we certainly enjoy your presence with us.

Brethren: Again we bid you welcome.

RECEPTION OF OUR OWN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

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

M. . E. . William T. Poucher, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

R. E. Fred C. Malony, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska.

R. I. Robert E. Lund, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska, representing M. I. Ellis W. Cass, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M., in Nebraska.

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

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

Ill. Brother Frank C. Patton, Venerable Lt. Grand Commander, Supreme Council, 33rd, of the Southern Jurisdiction U. S. A., and Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in Nebraska.

W. Sylvester A. Wassum, President, Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association.

M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master:

My Dear Brethren:

It is a great pleasure to welcome you, who are active in the various branches of Masonry in Nebraska, to our 87th Annual Communication. I know that each of you realize that upon the foundation and cornerstone of Ancient Craft Masonry, the success of all that you represent, depends.

I trust that you will never forget that our Lodges must prosper if your organizations prosper, and do all in your power to effect that prosperity for us all.

I have been cordially welcomed to all the sessions over which you, or your predecessors, have presided, and I am happy to welcome you to this Communication.

Two of these brethren are giving a lot of their time to the unpaid service of our wards. I am happy to see them here this morning.

Brethren, unite with me in giving these Brethren a genuine fraternal welcome.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master:

Brethren:

We will now have the presentation of the colors.

The Brethren sang The Star Spangled Banner, led by W. Raymond C. Cook, 6.

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

M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master:

Brethren:

We wish to thank you sincerely for this presentation of the United States Colors. The colors, which this morning, mean much more to us than ever before in our Country.

We thank you very much.

Brethren:

There are some brethren of ours who can do almost any task assigned to them; such a brother is W. Raymond C. Cook, who will now favor us with a solo.

W. Raymond C. Cook, 6:

Brethren:

I will sing 1—"The trumpeter!" 2—"The Lord's Prayer."

W. Brother Hiram K. Buchanan, 184, on behalf of the eleven Masonic Lodges of Omaha, gave the address of welcome.

The response was given by W. Brother Francis L. Youngblood, 50.

The following Committees, having been appointed by M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master, entered upon the discharge of their duties:

Charters and Dispensations: W. Herbert T. White, 11; W. Irving N. Johnson, 148; W. Joe Eakes, 55; W. Wayne E. Johnson, 67; W. Raymond W. Shepherd, 135.

Credentials: W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81; W. Alfred G. Taylor, 205; W. J. Ervin Alexander, 320; W. Floyd J. Hite, 97; W. Hugo E. Carter, 211.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. Donald C. Smith, 1; W. Henry H. Reese, 205; W. Cleveland G. Gupton, 138; W. Hubert R. Page, 25; W. Walter H. Jackson, 323.

Finance: W. Ernest E. James, 1; W. C. Ray Macy, 26; W. Fred D. Moshier, 281; W. David J. Fredrick, 32; W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120.

Grievances: W. John J. Wilson, 54; W. Mahlon C. Morgan, 322; W. Howard C. Johnson, 15; W. Robert Thorson, 11; W. Harold M. Kelley, 302.

Pay-Roll: W. Charles L. Peckham, 290; W. J. Merton Kuhr, 21; W. Fred C. Haack, 46; W. Lee C. Coolidge, 36; W. Carl R. Wilson, 272.

Returns: W. John M. Douglas, 268; W. Sterling Nelson, 124; W. Orest P. Cook, 209; W. Fritz H. Kuehl, 103; W. John S. Burley, 300.

Unfinished Business: W. Albert B. Osborn, 318; W. Howard E. Wiles, 6; W. Julius I. Christiansen, 207; W. Joseph P. Kreycik 221; W. Author D. Crunk, 246.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: W. Edward A. Hoagland, 25; W. Frank L. Burbridge, 11; W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288.

Codification of the Law: W. Robert R. Moodie, 27; W. John T. Dysart, 1; W. Clarence T. Spier, 268.

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

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. Henry M. Edwards, 303; W. George J. Storms, 290.

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

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

Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts: W. Harold M. Smith, 92; W. Charles B. Nicodemus, 15; W. Carl W. Rensch, 19; W. Norris Chadderdon, 146; W. Felix A. Huggenberger, 1.

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

Committee On Education, Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund: W. Merle M. Hale, 54; Bro. Lynn W. McMillin, 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.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Grand Trustees: Bro. Will R. Johnson, 11; Bro. Charles W. Mead, 155; W. Robert D. Wilson, 268.

Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund: Bro. Milton R. Jackson, 184; W. Emery E. Davis, 290; W. Fred D. Moshier, 281.

Physical Qualifications: M. W. Edwin D. Crites, P. G. M., 158; M. W. Ira C. Freet, P. G. M., 56; M. W. William J. Breckenridge, P. G. M., 317.

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

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.

Nebraska 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.

M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master, read his address.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Welcome, Brethren, thrice welcome, to this, your 87th Annual Communication. Let me impress upon you at the very beginning, that this is your communication. If you, if any Warden or Master, or their proxy, of a constituted lodge has any comment to make on any question; suggestion to offer; or amendment to the law to propose; here and now is the time to make it. Last year a letter was received from a brother, after the Grand Lodge was over, asking why proposed legislation was not voted upon. That, brethren, is too late. Make yourself known now. Let us keep our remarks to the point, speak to the question, but let us speak.

The law requires a Grand Master to give a report of his official acts during the year and I now present an account of my stewardship. For the third time, we are holding our communication under the clouds and hardships of war. There is hardly a one among you, who is not disturbed in your heart by some absent one, so dear to you. Let us pause in our deliberations while our Grand Chaplain offers a prayer for the safekeeping of the thousands upon thousands of brethren from Nebraska and all over our Nation, who are fighting for the Principles of Masonry and Freedom.

V. . W. . George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy. We in our helpless and sometime hopeless compassion, pray that Thou wilt give us the strength to endure the loss of them though our own negligent thoughts are sometimes indifferent. But we come to Thee at this hour of the greatest need we have ever known in our own lives from the day we were born, because Thou hast given us certain responsibilities in life to live and to give those whom Thou has given to us, and who are now absent from us in the throes of this bitter war. O God, we cry out to Thee for help, not only for ourselves, but for those who belong to us and to Thee, that Thou will preserve their lives and bring them back to our homes and firesides in health of mind and body and soul, but, O God, in this hour of silent and hopelessness in associating ourselves together at Thy feet in utter submission to Thy will, we ask that Thou will give us the strength that we need to endure whatever this day and the days to follow will bring forth to our firesides and our silent souls and understanding hearts. Make us mindful, Heavenly Father, of our part in enduring sacrifices that we may know that Thou art not distant from us; that Thou art here in this assembly with Thy presence, hearing the voices of those who have spoken, and of those who have thought and of those who have prayed and served with the motive only of doing honor to our loved ones, and through them unto God. Our Heavenly Father be with those who administer to the renewal of spirit, on the battlefields

unchaperoned; be with those who are serving in the care of the bodies of our loved ones, the doctors and physicians and the surgeons and the Red Cross employed and serving in every branch of life and life preservation. We commit to Thee these our loved ones, and grant, Heavenly Father, that they may endure, and comfort those who are to make the supreme sacrifice; wilt Thou comfort the mourning ones and the bereaved everywhere, no matter where that service may be, keep us all in Thy presence; go with us in our thoughts from this moment forth until we have reached that place where we can dwell together in peace throughout the world. Amen."

As these lines are written, the invasion of Europe is imminent. Soon the cost of war will be known in black bordered columns, all too long. This is a struggle for the continuation of our civilization and all democratic forms of government as well as for freemasonry. We must, with undaunted determination as American Citizens, face calmly and unafraid, the dark days that lie ahead. Let us remember that we have just bowed our knees and hearts in humble appeal to Almighty God for strength and fortitude. Those brethren who remember that there is a Divine Providence, who have the will to follow God's Guidance, will ultimately survive. We shall help, in our small way, to lead the world into the dawn of a new day.

This morning we have saluted the Flag of our Country, placed as in every lodge. As we look upon that Flag, may we always recall it as a symbol of the Faith of the people of this United States. It speaks of the blood of our forefathers, consecrated by the prayers of our mothers. It speaks of the past, but oh Brethren, it also speaks of the present and today: this very hour, of those who are brightening its seven red bands with the blood of patriotism. God grant that we may never forget those patriots who have made the supreme sacrifice, that you and I, and future generations, may secure and possess the blessings of liberty.

NECROLOGY

During the year of 1943, 589 brethren completed their final degree and were admitted into the Celestial Lodge above. Death is no respecter of persons, the high and low alike, fall before his scythe, and no man knoweth when the time for his departure comes. Twice during the year, I have been called upon as Grand Master, to perform the sad duty of delivering the funeral oration over the remains of two of our brethren, who have been honored by this Grand Body. On September 29th, 1943, Worshipful Brother Henry W. Carson, Grand Tyler since 1937, died at his home in Nebraska City. Born in Nebraska City, July 5th, 1871, the son of pioneer settlers, he attended local schools and at the age of 18, entered the railway service.

His long service with the Burlington, ended in 1937, when he was retired from active duty. Brother "Henry" as he was affectionately called by all who knew him, was a prominent figure in the affairs of Western Star Lodge No. 2. A man of great affability, strong character, he had thousands of friends both in railroad and lodge circles. No man, in any

Grand Lodge, ever had more pleasure than he, in the office of Grand Tyler. He possibly visited more Grand Lodges throughout the United States, than any other person, as he was constantly traveling to first one or the other in all parts of our country. His passing was a personal loss to me. We were both appointed at the same time and as I traveled about over the state, I would stop and take Henry along with me many times. His funeral was largely attended, R. W. Brother Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Senior Warden, with more than ninety brethren from ten lodges were represented. I received a fine letter from his son, Ralph, who is in the army, expressing his thanks for the services.

Most Worshipful Brother Ambrose C. Epperson, Grand Master in 1918 and 1919, died at the home of his daughter in Clay Center, Nebraska March 16th, 1944, aged 73 years. Brother Epperson was born November 18th, 1871, at Adair, Illinois and came to Clay County at an early age. He studied law under the direction of his father, and was admitted to the bar in 1889, before he was graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1891. He was a close friend of General Pershing, Charles G. Dawes, Roscoe Pound, Governors Boyd and Thayer. In 1906, he was appointed a member of the Nebraska Supreme Court Commission, one of the youngest men ever to hold such office. For seventeen years he was Assistant U. S. District Attorney, serving under Presidents Coolidge, Hoover and Roosevelt. In July, 1942, he was appointed United States Commissioner and resigned this office last year, after he had suffered a severe heart attack. It was my privilege to visit M. W. Brother Epperson at his home in Omaha several times during the year in company with other friends. He was always cheerful and hopeful, but our ways are not God's ways. He was a lifelong member of the Christian Church and a most touching and beautiful tribute was paid to his memory by the Rev. and Brother A. L. Cole of the First Christian Church of Omaha. He was referred to as the "Pastor's pastor." The day of his funeral was very disagreeable, but V. W. Brother George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain, W. Brother Raymond C. Pollard, Grand Tyler, and Past Grand Masters Charles A. Chappell, Ralph O. Canaday, William A. Robertson and William J. Breckenridge, as well as brethren from Harvard and Clay Centre Lodges, were present.

W. Brother Edwin H. Gerhart, Assistant Custodian, first commissioned August 23rd, 1926, fourth in seniority of these brethren, died March 9th, 1944. He was laid to rest by his Masonic brethren in Newman Grove with all the honors due him. He will be kindly remembered by the host of brethren with whom he has been associated during these many years. We bow our heads in his memory. More fitting tributes will be paid to all these brethren by the Committee on Fraternal Dead. Always faithful and true, we believe that they have entered into "that peace that passeth all understanding." To us their lives will be an inspiration and help. Our grief may be made easier if we can feel

"There is only a curtain between us
 Between the beyond and here,
 They whom we call dead have not left us,
 Nay, they were never so near.
 Not dead, but only promoted,
 They have entered the Order above,
 And there 'neath the smiles of the Master
 They will finish their labor of love."

UNUSUAL MEETING

Having been notified by M. W. Brother George A. Kurk, of the coming birthday of Brother Archibald Adams, Sr., we arranged a meeting with the brethren of George Washington Lodge No. 250, Lincoln, for the occasion. Brother Adams was born June 20, 1843, in Carlisle, England. On June 18, 1943, with M. W. Brother George A. Kurk, at a dinner given in his honor, I was privileged to present to this venerable brother a parchment certificate in commemoration of his 100th birthday, R. W. Brother William C. Schaper, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Brother Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Senior Warden; M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary; V. W. Brother George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain; W. Brother Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; M. W. Brother Virgil R. Johnson, Grand Marshal; W. Brother Carl R. Greisen, Grand Senior Deacon; Brothers S. B. Young and C. O. Johnson, fellow charter members of George Washington Lodge No. 250, Archibald Adams, Jr., son, and C. C. Leonard, son-in-law, and many other brethren were present.

Brother Adams had a most unique and perfect record; initiated June 12th, 1893, he was raised January 11th, 1894 in Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6; he was a charter member of No. 227, Lincoln and a charter member and past master of George Washington Lodge, with no lapses or delays between changes in membership. His wife, who died many years ago, was the first Matron of the Chapter in Havelock. Brother Adams was long employed by the Burlington Shops in Havelock, having learned his trade in England. He was the oldest member of a craft union in the world. He was the instructor and friend of many a craftsman before his retirement in 1915. It was my hope to be able to present him with a fifty year button on January 11th and plans were being made by the lodge for this event. But it was not to be, for on December 27th, 1943, he passed on. I received after his death, a very beautiful and touching letter from his daughter, Sister Anna J. Davis, P. G. M., telling of the pride and pleasure the certificate had for him.

BISHOP BEECHER

Becoming aware that our Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain and his good wife were celebrating their Golden Wedding, a bouquet of fifty roses was sent them on June 22nd with the good wishes of the Grand Lodge. I was pleased to send a message of congratulation. Thanks were received from both Bishop Beecher and Mrs. Beecher. Brother Beecher

retired from active duty in his church this past year, but I know that he is about as busy as ever. Let us rejoice that he has the bodily strength to carry on and I am sure that every one of you share with me the hope that he may continue as our Grand Chaplain for many years to come. His presence is a benediction with us.

FRANCIS E. WHITE

This grand old man of Masonry, the oldest past Grand High Priest and Grand Commander in the world, is now in his 97th year. I was happy to send him a letter of congratulation for his birthday on January 20th. I received an interesting letter in return, written by his own hand, more legible and readable, than many brethren can write who are half his age. No matter of interest, no Grand Body meets, that does not get a letter in long hand from him. His interest in Nebraska Masonry remains true and sincere, and we hope that he may live to celebrate his 100th birthday and more. On May 10th, 1944, this brother had been a Master Mason for seventy-five years, a continuous member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6. He is entitled to wear our Gold Jordan Medal, were it not for the fact that he is a resident of California. He is the oldest member of a Nebraska lodge, all other holders of that Medal were initiated in other jurisdictions.

FIFTY YEAR BADGES

During the year, nearly seventy of these precious symbols have been presented to those entitled to wear them. I have been privileged to present fourteen of them personally. I gave one to a brother in Denver, one to a brother on his fiftieth wedding anniversary, two groups of four together, and one to a brother dying of an incurable disease, who insisted upon sitting up in bed to make his response. The fire and spirit that he displayed, his pride in it, made a deep impression on the little group at his home, where this was done. Nothing we have ever done brings more real joy to the receiver and interest to the brethren than this ceremony. I hope that every lodge will never neglect to arrange an extraordinary meeting to award this merited honor to their elder brethren. It is always an inspiring occasion.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME AT PLATTSMOUTH

I have been a Trustee of this Home since 1934 and thus have enjoyed an excellent opportunity to observe during the years the efforts that have been made to take care of our aged and infirm Brothers and Sisters. This is truly a wonderful Home, Brethren, and if at all possible, you should stop and go through the buildings at the first chance you have. Take note of the spirit you find there, a real home atmosphere prevails.

This has been a very trying year for the superintendent, and the loyal and devoted members of the staff, alike. I have asked the president of the board to give you more in detail, the circumstances under which they have labored during the year. W. Brother Evers has even had to

put his own family to work at times to help out in emergencies. The different character of the cases received at the infirmary has caused an extra burden to be laid on those loyal employees there. Our grateful and heartfelt thanks should be freely given to those employees who have carried on under extremely aggravating conditions. Words cannot express the debt we owe to the superintendent. He is a tower of strength and I do not know what would happen if we were to lose him.

There is one thing that I would like to call to the attention of the Brethren. During the past year, no bequests were received for the Endowment Fund of the Home. The cost of operation is rising here for two reasons: General increases in labor costs and the fact that hospital cases are what we now receive to a great extent. Two bequests have been received since the first of this year. Unless our endowment fund is increased, some day we are going to have to ask the lodges for more money for this project. In these days, when death and inheritance taxes take such a large percent of estates, why not give some to this institution and insure not only comfort for the aged but a perpetual memorial for yourself? Think about this, brethren, when you know someone is making a will, include the Home in the bequests. I find there is nearly always someone to look after the children in this world, but the old people are too often very badly neglected. To date 669 brothers and sisters have been sheltered by this institution.

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

I have been privileged to attend all the meetings of this Home Board during the year. The Trustees are trying to do their full duty, both to the children and to the members of the two organizations concerned.

During the early part of the year I gave my consent, not without considerable reluctance, to the rebuilding of the dairy barn, which burned in December, 1942. Since that time the dairy herd was housed in an open shed, where milking in winter was not a pleasant task. The barn lot became a quagmire in winter and spring and general conditions of sanitation were not good. Finally we were ordered to clean up or "else". To further complicate matters, Dodge County is situated in a defense zone and governmental restrictions are rigid, both for the construction of new buildings and the maintenance of existing structures.

Plans were drawn, priorities secured in a very short time, due to its necessity and bids were asked. The bids were so high, that I did not see my way clear at once to spending the amount of money asked. Various plans were suggested in this situation but all failed. It was finally approved, that by spending several thousand dollars for temporary repairs we could get by. After due consideration, it was decided that this would be "penny wise and pound foolish" as part of the plan: Concreting the floor of the shelter shed, would be detrimental in the long run. We repaired the silo, badly damaged in the fire; built the barn; a septic tank system to take care of waste, which had not been done before; placed concrete aprons around the structure and other improvements. We now

have a fine building, in keeping with the Home buildings and really an ornament to the grounds. It still cost entirely too much money, but I guess that cannot be helped in war time. Such items as three floors, one on top of the other, on the old site, ran up the cost. I am asking an appropriation to reimburse the maintenance fund of the Home for our share of this construction. At the dinner tonight you will see and hear more about both of these Homes. I have asked President W. Brother James C. Suttie also to tell you more about this home. The superintendent and members of the staff deserve our thanks for the way they have met many problems during the year.

From a financial standpoint, this institution is an expensive thing to operate. Our decreased population there has increased the cost per child a great deal. However, the good that we are doing in the lives of these children cannot be measured in terms of money. Superintendent E. J. Hartmann is mailing out what he calls a "Newsletter" to all former residents in the armed forces. The replies received are both interesting and instructive. I have been fascinated by those from both girls and boys that I have read. Some boys who were problems while residents now are writing wonderful testimonials of what the love and care of those who guided them in the Home, what its schooling and discipline now means to them. Thus we get a glimpse of what this home means in the lives of these young people. We are supplying here in some measure what they have been deprived of, through loss of home and family. What the future of this institution will be, I cannot tell. There are different opinions and only time will give the answer. We are prepared to take care of more than double the number of children we now have and could do so with very little more expense than it is costing at the present.

MONELL ARMS COLLECTION

Those of you who have been attending Grand Lodge for several years will remember a collection of ancient weapons, comprising several hundred pieces, which occupied the east wall of what is now the lounge room on the fourth floor of this building. These weapons have been in the possession of the Grand Lodge, since 1919, being given to us by Brother John J. Monell, a member of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, in his will. Three years ago, when the Templecraft Association which owns this building, decided to convert the room in which these were formerly displayed to other uses, the weapons were removed to the basement, stored in different rooms there, and the cases that housed them, largely destroyed. Our Grand Secretary made various efforts to find some institution in Omaha who would accept the collection as a loan, but none would. I thought it was poor business to let this valuable collection go to ruin, in the manner in which it was stored, and tried to find a home for them.

After considerable correspondence, I succeeded in getting the collection accepted as a loan by the University of Nebraska State Museum and suitable receipts for the two collections were obtained from the Board of Regents of the University. After we got into the subject, we also dis-

covered that the exhibit consisted of two collections, the Monell group and also one of 94 pieces from the George W. Lininger Estate. The final check of the material disclosed 13 items missing from the lists made by Dr. Barbour of the University, a number of years ago, which shows what would have happened to the collection, if it had not been taken care of. The collection is now housed in suitable cases in the University Museum, with fluorescent lighting, with proper identification cards denoting them loaned by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. It is an addition to the Museum as they did not have anything of this kind before. It certainly was of no use to us, stored in the basement of this building. I ask your approval of this action.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND TYLER

Following the death of W. Brother Henry W. Carson, I considered various candidates for the office of Grand Tyler. I finally appointed, on January 22nd, 1944, W. Brother Raymond C. Pollard, Past Master and present Secretary of Nehawka Lodge No. 246. He was installed by me on February 9th, 1944, in the Lodge Room at Nehawka, assisted by M. W. Brother William A. Robertson as Grand Marshal and W. Brother Raymond C. Cook, as Grand Chaplain. Ten lodges were represented at this meeting, more than eighty being present and a fine spirit was in evidence throughout.

NEBRASKA MASONIC WAR SERVICE FUND

In compliance of the second recommendation of M. W. Brother George A. Kurk in 1943, I appointed a committee consisting of W. Brother Milton R. Jackson, 184; Emery E. Davis, 290, and Fred D. Moshier, 281, to collect money for the Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund. The committee has done a good job in presenting the matter to all the lodges in Nebraska and to date a voluntary collection of \$11,036.22 has been received from 184 lodges. 100 lodges have not given anything to this cause. Five checks have been written on this fund as follows:

\$2,500	Masonic Service Association
500	Nebraska War Service Committee
100	Salvation Army, Lincoln
100	American Red Cross, Omaha
300	Nebraska War Service Committee

Total \$3,500 leaving a balance in this fund of \$7,726.22. The lodges who allowed their members to make a donation to this fund personally, received a splendid response. It is to be regretted that many lodges took the 50¢ per member asked for, as the top figure to be obtained and donated that amount from the lodge funds. I do not believe this was expected to be the way in which this fund was to be raised. If the Grand Lodge or the incoming Grand Master, decides this collection to be continued, I hope that all lodges will give the individual brother a chance to do something on his own account for this worthy cause. They will do

it, if given an opportunity and I think they should be given a chance. To those brethren and lodges who have contributed the above amount, we extend our grateful thanks.

GRAND LODGE TRUSTEES

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Special Committee Regarding Finance, adopted by this Grand Lodge last year, I appointed the following brethren as members of a Committee of Grand Trustees for a term of one year: Will R. Johnson, 11; Robert D. Wilson, 268; Charles W. Mead, 155. The committee has held two meetings during the year, one of which I attended on September 14th, 1943. At the first meeting they invested \$50,000 in Series "G" U. S. Government Bonds. At the second meeting held February 10th, 1944, they invested \$25,000 in "G" Bonds divided among different funds. They will have a report to present for your consideration at this communication.

"HOME" LODGE U. D. I.

On May 5th, 1944, I issued my dispensation to Brothers William B. Wanner, William A. Robertson, William F. Evers, Arthur C. Thomsen, James H. Adams, Stanley P. Bostwick, Harry G. Browne, Harry A. Spencer, Leslie E. Martin, J. Theodore Brammann, Lewis E. Smith, Frank C. Patton, F. Plummer Martin, Lemuel P. Gessell, Ira E. Deck, Irvan F. Meyers, Adolph Alers, Otto Uehling, James I. Hunt, John Janacek, Jorgen P. Christensen, John T. Brannum and John W. Blair to form "Home" Lodge, U. D. I. at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. I appointed W. Brother William F. Evers, Master; Brother John W. Blair, Senior Warden, and Brother John Janacek, Junior Warden.

This lodge was formed for the purpose of conducting Masonic funerals exclusively. They will hold their meetings at the Masonic Home, at such times as become necessary. They are not authorized to confer degrees or to function in any other manner, than as a funeral lodge. This idea is not new, such funeral lodges are found in several of our Grand Jurisdictions. The purpose of this lodge is two-fold. First: it will relieve our beloved Superintendent of much labor in getting the Brethren from the Home to the hall of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, up the stairs, back down again and then repeating the process after the ceremony is completed. It also relieves the lodge of the expense of lighting and heating their hall in winter for such purpose only, a burden they have cheerfully borne for many years. This U. D. I. lodge will remain as such, no charter is contemplated being asked for.

CHANGE OF LOCATION OF LODGES

On July 25th, 1943, I personally inspected and approved a building in Rising City, which had been acquired by the Brethren of Composite Lodge No. 81. On October 26th, repairs having been completed on the new home, I granted permission for this lodge to move from the old location to the new. The new building is rather unique in Nebraska, since it

is situated on the ground floor, but from its construction and situation is entirely safe and secure as a meeting place.

On July 26th and 27th, 1943, I spent both days in discussion with the brethren belonging to Pythagoras Lodge No. 156, whose situation has been the subject of considerable discussion in this Grand Lodge, both last year and for other years; in the towns of Orchard, Ewing and Page. I found there are but four brethren belonging to this lodge who live in Ewing, its former location, only one of whom is able to attend lodge. Other members live in both Orchard and Page or surrounding territory. After consideration of all concerned, I granted permission to move the location of Pythagoras Lodge from Ewing to Page on August 20th. The hall in Page is a much better place to hold their meetings than that formerly used at Ewing.

The brethren at Page complied with all the demands to make the hall safe to meet in. I felt that this was the only thing to do to save this lodge from extinction. They show a small gain in membership this year. Its continuation is now a matter to be determined by the brethren concerned. I ask the approval of these actions and that the jurisdiction lines be determined for the lodges in this territory, not only for Pythagoras Lodge, but also for Diamond Lodge No. 291 of Orchard, formerly located at Royal, Nebraska.

DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES

Upon proper request and for good cause shown, I have issued 343 special dispensations to confer degrees without regard to time. No fees were collected for any of them as without exception, they were issued for candidates or brethren either already in the armed forces of the United States or immediately about to be inducted. Copies of all these dispensations are on file in the Grand Secretary's office and have also been submitted to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. I have refused to issue any dispensation before candidates were elected in a regular manner. In most cases I have written letters to the lodges asking that they use all possible care in the instruction of the candidate; to form a regular visitor's committee that he may have some knowledge of what is required on the occasion of visiting another lodge and that they present him with a copy of the booklet "Instructional Material", prepared by the Committee on Masonic Education. I regard as truly unfortunate that so many young men have been forced to take their degrees in this manner. Let me impress upon all of you that this is a dangerous practice and a great responsibility is placed upon each lodge working in this way. Do the best you can, brethren. Be sure and instruct him as he should be, when he comes home again.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL OFFICERS

The following dispensations to elect and install officers were granted. A fee was collected in only one case, where I was convinced the matter was one of neglect. This was transmitted to the Grand Secretary, and the

other fees were waived, acting under authority believed to have been granted last year.

July 10th, 1943—Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance, to install Master during the month of July. Officer absent on military duty.

December 12th, 1943—Mount Moriah Lodge No. 57, Syracuse, to hold election on December 16th. Severe snowstorm prevented meeting on regular communication date.

December 18th, 1943—Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City, to elect and install Senior Warden on January 4th, 1944. Elected Warden called to military service.

December 21st, 1943—Melrose Lodge No. 60, Orleans, to hold election of officers on December 22nd. Lack of quorum on regular. Fee collected.

December 24th, 1943—William E. Hill Lodge No. 307, Otoe, to hold election of officers on December 28th. Influenza epidemic prevented regular communication.

January 1st, 1944—Western Lodge No. 140, Western, to hold election of officers on January 13th. Severe snowstorm prevented attendance at regular.

January 1st, 1944—Union Lodge No. 287, Palmyra, to elect and install Master on January 5th. Elected Master unable to accept due to war restrictions.

January 5th, 1944—Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte, to elect and install Senior Warden and Treasurer on January 11th. Elected officers transferred from city before installation.

January 25th, 1944—Pilot Lodge No. 240, Lyons, to elect and install Junior Warden at any meeting called for that purpose up to February 5th. Elected officer moved from town on account of war work.

January 31st, 1944—Monument Lodge No. 293, Arapahoe, to elect and install Senior Warden during the month of February. Elected officer died before installation.

January 31st, 1944—Naphali Lodge No. 206, Diller, to elect and install Treasurer at any regular or special meeting during the months of February or March. Elected officer died before installation.

February 1st, 1944—Ruskin Lodge No. 304, Ruskin, to install officers during the month of February. Necessary on account of influenza epidemic and all are re-elected officers.

February 8th, 1944—Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha, to install Senior Warden-elect February 9th. Absent on war service at time of regular installation.

SPECIAL RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that recommendation No. 14 of Grand Master Kurk, proposed in 1943, reading as follows: "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," be formally adopted by this Grand Lodge. This recommendation was disapproved by the Jurisprudence Committee last year, but was ap-

proved by the Grand Lodge. No motion, however, was made to adopt the recommendation. I believe the recommendation to be good. I believe it was only through oversight that this was not done last year. I have followed the recommendation and law as prepared by the Codification Committee last year, in issuing dispensations as above this year, but think to heal the oversight, this should be formally adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS DISPENSATIONS

June 12th, 1943—Special dispensation to Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna, to exercise all functions of a subordinate lodge in the same manner as if charter were present in lodge room; reason, charter in preparation, not yet delivered.

December 2nd, 1943—Special dispensation to York Lodge No. 56, York, to exercise all functions of a lodge as above, reason, charter being in process of copying, delayed in delivery, not good after February 1st.

December 3rd, 1943—Hay Springs Lodge No. 177, Hay Springs, to exercise all functions of a lodge as above, reason, charter being in process of copying, delayed in delivery, not good after February 1st.

December 5th, 1943—Mount Nebo Lodge No. 125, Genoa, to exercise all functions of a lodge as above, reason, charter in process of copying, delayed in delivery, not good after February 1st.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PROFICIENCY

Time for examination as to proficiency in the Master Mason degree was extended for the following lodges upon the proper request and for good cause shown:

- July 22nd, 1943—Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.
- September 17th, 1943—Laurel Lodge No. 248.
- October 2nd, 1943—George Washington Lodge No. 250.
- November 10th, 1943—Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.
- February 4th, 1944—Lebanon Lodge No. 323.
- February 7th, 1944—Pomegranate Lodge No. 110.

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 1934
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

REINSTATEMENTS

During the year I have approved 389 applications for reinstatement after suspension for more than three years for non-payment of dues. 196 of these were reinstated prior to December 31st and 193 since that time. 737 brethren were reinstated during the year of 1943, the largest number in some years. This was more than three times the number of suspensions, which is very encouraging. This reflects the improved condition of our state. Quite a few of those reinstated after a lapse of three years, are engaged in war industry, which may be the cause of trouble in the future. I hope that all the lodges will continue to endeavor to reinstate all the WORTHY brethren possible, that we may regain part of those who were compelled to fall out of the ranks during our depressed and drought years. Again we are indebted to our experienced committee for the many hours they have spent in this service: Worshipful Brothers Frank R. Pendleton, Chairman; Henry M. Edwards and George J. Storms.

APPROVAL OF LODGE FINANCING

Approval of refinancing or purchase of land or of buildings was given in the following cases:

- July 30th, 1943—Composite Lodge No. 81.
- October 9th, 1943—John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290.
- October 25th, 1943—Kenesaw Lodge No. 144.
- December 1st, 1943—Aurora Lodge No. 68.
- December 29th, 1943—North Star Lodge No. 227.

In each case approval was granted after careful investigation and consultation with the Committee on Temple Building Advisory Committee or the Grand Custodian.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

By-laws or amendments thereto, were approved for the following lodges:

Name of Lodge		
Shelton Lodge No. 99	Shelton.....	June 14, 1943
McCook Lodge No. 135	McCook.....	August 9, 1943
Kimball Lodge No. 294	Kimball.....	August 21, 1943
Potter Lodge No. 313.....	Potter.....	October 9, 1943
Florence Lodge No. 281	Omaha.....	November 12, 1943
Victory Lodge No. 310	Valley.....	November 12, 1943
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290...	Omaha.....	November 16, 1943
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 ...	Lincoln.....	December 11, 1943
McCook Lodge No. 135	McCook.....	December 31, 1943
Sterling Lodge No. 70	Sterling.....	January 7, 1944
Polk Lodge No. 311	Polk.....	January 10, 1944
Union Lodge No. 287	Palmyra.....	January 16, 1944
Cable Lodge No. 225	Arnold.....	January 20, 1944
Fremont Lodge No. 15	Fremont.....	March 10, 1944
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290...	Omaha.....	April 14, 1944
Harmony Lodge No. 321	Dalton.....	April 28, 1944

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:

Osborne P. Simon, Culbertson Lodge No. 174.....	Wisconsin
Elmer E. Magee, Grand Junior Deacon.....	Vermont
Arthur G. Brown, Covert Lodge No. 11.....	Ohio
Ross VanSickle, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184.....	Delaware
Carl R. Greisen, Grand Senior Deacon.....	Colorado
Ernest C. Purdy, Arcana Lodge No. 195.....	Manitoba
Harold D. Weddel, Gauge Lodge No. 208.....	New Mexico
Charles B. Nicodemus, Fremont Lodge No. 15.....	Florida

.. REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

At the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Masters of other Grand Jurisdictions, it was a pleasure to issue Commissions to the following brethren, as Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near other Grand Lodges as follows:

W.'.Brother Leon E. Forbes	Florida
W.'.Brother C. M. Pitts	Canada in Ontario
V.'.W.'.Brother F. Whitfield	Alberta
W.'.Brother Hollace Dillon	York Grand Lodge of Mexico
W.'.Brother George F. Meissner	Utah

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

I have appointed a committee of Past Grand Masters to study the matter of physical qualifications of candidates. However, I would like to give you my own view of the matter. Much variation is noted among the Grand Jurisdictions on this question. The crippled or naturally deficient man arouses our sympathy and compassion, but I do not think that we should depart from the ancient customs and admit such men to our ranks. The theory of the perfect youth is in itself a symbol that is worthy of being maintained.

Today I believe we are of one mind in the opinion that the survival of Masonry is at stake in this war. We are spending a lot of money, in various ways through our own War Service Committee and through the Masonic Service Association Centers, to call the Masonic Fraternity; either directly or indirectly, to the attention of many who might not have thought about it before. Our sons receive letters from our committee stating we are proud of them, offering help in various ways. Replies are received from many, indicating a wish to become members. I am not critical of the committee, it simply cannot be otherwise from such efforts. These boys are fighting for the principles of Masonry. What is going to be our attitude to them, when they come home, minus a hand or a foot? Can we look them in the eye then and say: no, you cannot be one of us? I hope not! I therefore recommend that any member of the armed forces of the United States, who possessing all the other necessary qualifications; but who has suffered in battle against our enemies, the loss of physical faculty, will be eligible to petition our lodges regardless of that condition. We cannot demand heroism today and ignore it tomorrow. Do not remove one moral test, but open our doors to those men who have defended your liberties, at such terrible sacrifice to themselves. Even with all the modern devices to enable them to function, there is still a great and lasting effect upon them. The number will never be so great as to endanger our charitable institutions, even though some of them may be forced to reside there.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

On September 21st and 22nd, I visited the Grand Lodge of Colorado, held in Denver. I was cordially received and enjoyed an interesting and profitable communication. The Grand Lodge was well attended and the brethren present were not hesitant in expressing their views on the questions presented for consideration.

On September 28th, I attended the Grand Lodge of Missouri at St. Louis. This was a one-day meeting, ably presided over by Grand Master Forrest C. Donnell, Governor of Missouri. Being crowded for time, no delay occurred in the proceedings, but everything apparently was accomplished that they hoped for.

On October 11th, 12th and 13th, in company with M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, I visited the Grand Lodge of Illinois at Chicago. Our Illinois brethren have a great reputation for hospitality

and this was proved by the very large number of visitors from all parts of the country.

At all of these visits, I was received with every consideration due to the position of Grand Master. Several other invitations to attend Grand Communications were received, but due to distance, time or other arranged meetings, I was unable to accept.

FRATERNAL FELLOWSHIP

For a number of years, it has been the pleasant custom of holding a dinner with the Grand Officers of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Nebraska. This year on January 24th, the officers of the Odd Fellows entertained the principal officers of our Grand Lodge at the Fontenelle Hotel. The President of our Masonic Home, M. W. Brother William A. Robertson; P. G. M. George A. Kurk, W. Brother William F. Evers, Superintendent of the Plattsmouth Home, were also present. Brother W. C. Noll, Grand Master, I. O. O. F., presided.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

On February 19th, accompanied by R. W. Brother William C. Schaper, Deputy Grand Master, and M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, I ventured into the City of Washington, D. C. Contrary to general report, travel conditions did not seem to me to be as bad as last year. We were all forced to stay together in one room, but as the room was fairly large, we were not inconvenienced to any degree. Somewhere along the line, I with numerous other brethren, suffered an attack of ptomaine poisoning, which almost incapacitated me for several weeks after the Washington trip. The first meeting attended was on February 21st when the Masonic Service Association opened its 25th session. The reports presented were very interesting and informative. The association is doing a wonderful job in that phase of its activities in the operation of the Masonic Centers for Service Men. I presented a check for \$2,500 from the Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund as a token payment in gratitude for the services performed for our Nebraska boys at these various Centers. Brother Joseph Fort Newton spoke briefly on his recent experiences in blitzed London. The film, "Your Son is My Brother", a gift to the Association from Hollywood Brethren, was shown. This is a touching appeal, well illustrating what the Masonic Centers are doing for the soldiers and sailors.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Early on the morning of February 22nd, the group loaded themselves into busses for the trip to Alexandria, Virginia, and the inspiring monument atop Shooter's Hill. A dark gloomy day, the only day it rained while in Washington, the white shaft of the Memorial sprang suddenly out of the mist. One never gets over the surprise of the size of this building when you get close to it, even on this my third trip, I was again

impressed by it. Its lofty setting belies its bulk. The group were called to order by the President, Dr. Arn. Nothing has been done at the Memorial this year, outside of some maintenance work on the great green marble columns in the Memorial Hall. A large sum, \$75,480.87, more than in recent years, was contributed. Nearly \$4,000 was sent in prior to this meeting. Dr. Arn gave another \$1,000 personally. I had the pleasure of giving two checks, totaling \$2,554 to the amount. This brings Nebraska's payment up to \$29,500. We still owe \$12,527 to bring our payment up to 100 per cent and about \$42,000 to bring us up into the 170 per cent class. I am sure that Nebraska will want to finish their share of this Memorial as rapidly as possible. This is perhaps the only item, that I have discovered, that has the united aid and support of all the 49 states and territories of these United States, besides the backing of a long list of affiliated organizations. We should be proud that this much unity has been accomplished.

Official receipt cards for donations to this project to be given to those who have contributed to it, will soon be available through the Grand Secretary's office. They will be supplied without charge. The Grand Secretary will notify you, when these will be ready for distribution.

I was placed on a committee to place a wreath on the tomb of Brother George Washington at Mount Vernon. The Chairman of the committee was M. W. Brother Woodruff of Missouri, who delivered a fine eulogy at the tomb. In the evening Brother Schaper and I attended the Grand Secretaries' Dinner in Washington as guests of Brother Smith. A fine program was presented.

GRAND MASTER'S CONFERENCE

The Grand Master's Conference opened in the Willard Hotel on February 23rd and continued over to the 24th. Not every state had their Grand Master there this year, as was true last year, but all states were represented. Papers were read on several timely and interesting subjects which had previously been assigned to Grand Masters. I was requested by the Committee on Agenda to present one on the subject "Discuss the desirability of setting up a fact-finding Committee of this Conference to study the status of Freemasonry in Latin America, said Committee to compile data thereon and to make these data available to each of our Grand Jurisdictions."

The Grand Masters' Dinner was held in the Willard Hotel on the evening of February 23rd. The distinguished guests were General George Marshall and Admiral Ernest King, who are both members of our fraternity. They look the part they play in this war and it was inspiring to realize that the safety of our brethren rests in such hands. The address of the evening was delivered by Brother Samuel Pettingill from Indiana. His subject was the "Upholding of the Constitution of the United States." It was a fine address.

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

The Biennial Meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada scheduled to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, last fall was cancelled by request of Transportation Chairman Eastman. To comply with the Constitution, a meeting was held in the afternoon of February 24th for the election of officers and the adoption of the budget for the biennium. M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith was re-elected Treasurer for the coming two years. Many distinguished brethren attended this meeting from both countries.

INCORPORATION OF LODGES

A questionnaire was sent to all lodges in Nebraska by our Grand Secretary requesting information in regard to whether or not they are incorporated. From the replies, we have the following information: 140 answered that they are incorporated; 16 answered that they are not; 12 lodges state that they would take care of the matter and 116 lodges have not replied. The matter is presented for your consideration.

LEASE OF GRAND LODGE QUARTERS

At the time the Omaha Masonic Temple was erected, the Grand Lodge entered into a lease with the Omaha Temple Craft for certain rooms at an agreed price, with the privilege of the use of the auditorium, where we are now meeting, for Grand Lodge purposes; and of the dining room on the third floor whenever desired. This lease has been renewed from time to time, with an adjustment of rents.

Last year the government condemned the two lower floors of the Masonic Temple and took them over, with the exception of the rooms on the first floor, occupied by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. At that time the government agency was very anxious to have the quarters now occupied by the Grand Lodge. Later, with the consent of the Temple Craft Committee, the south end of the dining room was leased to the same government unit; notwithstanding the fact that the Grand Lodge had a lease upon the entire dining room for its use. Neither the Grand Master, nor any Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge were consulted, although protests had been made to certain members of the committee regarding the leasing of this portion of the Temple. It is now rumored, and it may be only a rumor, that this government agency desires to take the balance of the dining room on the third floor and it could be possible that they will want to come on the fourth floor during the coming year. If so, the officers of this Grand Lodge should have some authority to find new quarters and to move the Grand Lodge offices.

I therefore recommend that the incoming Grand Master, together with the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, and Grand Secretary, be authorized and empowered to move the Grand Lodge offices, if it becomes necessary, and to make suitable contracts and leases for new quarters.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that I report that no trial commissions have been appointed during the year.

DECISIONS

While I have received more than a hundred inquiries concerning points of law, there were none which I was not able to answer by quoting or pointing out existing law, with the exception of the two following decisions.

In response to a question from the secretary of Fidelity Lodge No. 51 of David City regarding the application of Section 114 to candidates in the armed forces, I replied as follows: "That the provisions of Section No. 114 of the law, requiring a new petition from an applicant after one year from the time of election, does not apply with reference to a member of the armed forces of the United States, who has been inducted and who has been unable to obtain the degrees; for the period of the duration of the conflict and for six months thereafter. Fees paid under these conditions to remain as a trust fund in the custody of the lodge until the petitioner shall have an opportunity to obtain the degrees or until otherwise determined.

In response to a question from the secretary of Jordan Lodge No. 27, West Point, I decided that the date of a demit, issued by a lodge in exchange for a completed certificate of transfer, previously issued by a lodge, should carry the same date as that of the certificate of transfer.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

From my experiences, I would recommend appropriations, enactment of laws, or amendments to the laws, covering the following:

1. An appropriation of \$2,500, payable \$500 each year for a period of five years, be made from the interest earnings of the Building and Improvement Fund to amplify the payments made by the lodges to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

2. An appropriation of \$2,500 to the Maintenance Fund of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children to cover our share of the necessary cost of the new dairy barn and other improvements at Fremont.

3. I recommend that Section No. 107 of the law be amended by inserting the word "paper" between the words "secret" and "ballot"; so that this section of the law will read as follows, when amended: "and be voted on by secret paper ballot no sooner than the 28th day after the petition or application is received."

4. I recommend that Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion, be given concurrent jurisdiction with the eleven Omaha lodges over the town of Ralston, Nebraska.

5. An authorization to pay one-half of the salary and expenses of the Field Man employed to look after farms under the control of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

6. I recommend that Section No. 127 of the law be amended to read as follows: "No lodge shall enter, pass or raise more than one candidate at the same time. The second section of the second degree is the only portion of the "work" which can be conferred upon more than one candidate at the same time. If two or more candidates are obligated at the same communication, they can receive the lecture and charge together. The lectures of the several degrees, being a part thereof, must be given during the communication at which the brother is obligated."

STATE OF THE ORDER—THE FUTURE

Most of the Lodges in this jurisdiction have "lots of work". Some of the larger lodges can hardly keep up with the demands. Next year should show a far greater gain in membership than this year. Yes, many are seeking the light of Masonry and I hope that they will find the light of Masonry impressively interpreted and a true fellowship among their brethren that will bind them forever to this great institution.

Masonry has always upheld the American way of life; the great leaders and patriots of the past have pointed out the way we should travel, and to those who have contributed so largely to the political, social and moral frame of this great country of ours, we should honor by following in the paths that they have marked out before us. As the world rolls on and on, the part Masonry has to play, becomes more and more evident. How well Masonry will function, will depend upon the INDIVIDUAL Mason!

Many problems have been presented during the year in regard to some of our lodges in small towns, hard hit by war conditions. We have possibly too many lodges in some sections, too close together. Very little can be done about these until after the war has ceased and it is known whether our young men, now engaged in other pursuits, will return to Nebraska. The state has lost population through emigration to other localities seeking more lucrative employment. Will they return again?

Money is plentiful at present. Let me warn you, as executive officers of your lodge, in the most solemn manner at my command: Put Your House In Order Now! If your lodge owes money, now is the time to plan to get out of debt. If there is a large amount of uncollected dues, do something about it. Compromise with these brethren, especially if they are no longer resident and get on a current basis with all members. There will be a bad time following this conflict.

This year, several lodges have sent in to our Grand Secretary, advance payments on their Grand Lodge Fees and Dues bill for the year. That would be a splendid practice for all lodges to adopt. Many brethren do not understand that we are always a year behind in our payments. Try and do this, this year.

Plan now for years to come. Adopt a budget system, to govern your expenditures. Set aside funds for the rainy day that is coming. Let us be in position that no lodge in Nebraska will suffer when depression strikes again and it is surely coming. A glorious future will lie ahead

for Freemasonry in Nebraska, if we will meet our problems with wise plans, with courage and faith. Remember it largely depends on you, the individual. What is everybody's business is nobody's business.

CONCLUSION

The war, shortage of gas, difficulties and restrictions on travel, have forced your Grand Master to completely alter and forego the plans he had made through the years, as to what he would do, while Grand Master. The area meetings, the splendid idea of Grand Master Carter, were again dispensed with. I have largely failed in my duty to the lodges.

However, no man can serve in this exalted place without feeling he has received one of the finest gifts within the power of man to bestow. To feel the pulse of the great heart of Masonry; to watch its deeds of kindness and cheer; to observe the earthy side of man along with the good, is one of the richest experiences of life. Every contact with the Craft has given me a new inspiration, a new insight into human nature, that shall be remembered as long as I shall live.

Almost twenty years ago, I first took a seat among you as the proxy of an officer of my lodge, the most frightened member of the communication. Brotherly Love and Affection have attended me, ever since. I hope that I may return among you, as I came, a Master Mason, a member of this body.

My grateful thanks are freely given to our Grand Secretary, who, when asked, is always free with wise counsel and good advice. To my officers and committees, to all the brethren who have been so kind to me, I thank you sincerely. For everything that has been mine, because of you, I return with a heart full of affection and true thanks, and in that spirit I have the honor, for the last time, to subscribe myself:

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

William B. Hamner
Grand Master.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

June 9th, 1943. Visited Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha.

June 10th, 1943. Called on Judge Epperson with Brothers Chappell and Greisen. Regular communication, Falls City Lodge No. 9.

June 11th, 1943. Introduced as Grand Master to the State Assembly of Job's Daughters, Omaha.

June 17th, 1943. Conferred Order of the Red Cross, Mt. Sinai Commandery No. 8, K.T.U. Six candidates, Falls City.

June 18th, 1943. Special communication of George Washington Lodge No. 250, Lincoln. 100th birthday celebration for Brother Archibald Adams, Sr. Conference with War Service Committee.

June 19th, 1943. Visited Electa Chapter, O.E.S., Lincoln.

June 22nd, 1943. 75th Anniversary of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. Brother Francis Bouquet, Grand Orator gave principal address.

June 25th, 1943. Presented 50-year badge to Brother Otto Pultz for Boaz Lodge No. 185, Danbury, on his fiftieth wedding anniversary. Visited Eureka Chapter, O. E. S., McCook. Past Matron's and Patron's party.

June 29th, 1943. Presented four 50-year badges at Corinthian Lodge No. 83 at Wakefield. M. W. Brother Smith present. Visited Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

July 1st, 1943. Visited Eureka Chapter, R. A. M., Falls City.

July 6th, 1943. Committee work, Omaha. Guest of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 at dinner. Examination of 2 E. A., 5 F. C., 7 M. M.

July 7th, 1943. Masonic-Eastern Star Board meeting at Fremont. Conference with Brothers Smith, Kurk and Barton in Lincoln.

July 8th, 1943. Masonic Home Board meeting, Omaha. Appointed War Service Fund committee. Called on Judge Epperson with Brothers Smith and Herre. Regular communication of Falls City Lodge No. 9, official visit of Grand Master, presented 50-year badge to W. B. David D. Reavis, Sr., our oldest Past Master.

July 15th, 1943. Assisted in conferring Knights of Malta on four candidates Mt. Sinai Commandery, Falls City.

July 25th, 1943. Inspected new building at Rising City for Composite Lodge No. 81.

July 26th and 27th, 1943. Discussion and Inspection of conditions at Orchard, Ewing and Page in regard to Pythagoras Lodge No. 156.

July 28th, 1943. Inspection of Fremont Home in regard to new dairy barn and other matters.

July 29th, 1943. Grand Secretary's office, Omaha. Conferred E. A. degree at Falls City.

August 4th, 1943. Grafton Lodge No. 172, Grafton.

August 7th, 1943. Guest of East Lincoln 210 Temple Club.

August 18th, 1943. Masonic-Eastern Star Board meeting, Fremont. Past Grand Matrons' and Patrons' Scholarship Awards.

September 12th, 1943. Meeting of Educational Committee, Lincoln.

September 14th, 1943. Meeting with Grand Trustees, Omaha. Guest of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 at dinner and E. A. degree. Conference with Master's and Warden's Club.

September 21st, 1943. Grand Lodge of Colorado at Denver. Presented 50-year badge to Brother Orville D. Eaton, a member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, now living in Denver.

September 23rd, 1943. Guest of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, South Side. Brother Lewis E. Smith also present.

September 28th, 1943. Grand Lodge of Missouri at St. Louis.

October 1st, 1943. Funeral of W. Brother Henry W. Carson, Grand Tyler, Nebraska City. Presented four 50-year badges to members of Western Star Lodge No. 2 at Past Masters night meeting. Brother Curry W. Watson, speaker.

October 5th, 1943. Masonic Home Board Meeting, Omaha.

October 16th, 1943. Guest of Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Regular Communication and general program, Brother Lewis E. Smith also present.

October 11th-12th-13th, 1943. Grand Lodge of Illinois at Chicago.

October 17th, 1943. Conducted funeral services for Brother L. G. Frankell, member of Stella Lodge No. 105, Stella.

October 19th, 1943. Central School of Instruction, Stella Lodge No. 105.

October 20th, 1943. Central School of Instruction, Trestle Board No. 162.

October 21st, Central School of Instruction, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272, Dunbar. Dinner guest of Liberty Lodge No. 300, 25th Anniversary. Dedicated Service Honor Roll at Dunbar in evening.

October 22nd, 1943. Visited Capstone Chapter R. A. M., Lincoln. Past High Priests' Day. Grand High Priest also present. Attended Central School of Instruction at Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood.

October 23rd, 1943. Assisted in E. A. Degree Nemaha Valley No. 4, Brownsville.

October 26th, 1943. Central School of Instruction, Tecumseh Lodge No. 17.

October 27th, 1943. Guest of Fort Crook Chapter No. 212, National Sojourners, Omaha. Visited Covert Lodge No. 11, Past Master's Night. Visited Omaha Chapter Order of DeMolay. Thirty candidates for the degrees.

October 28th, 1943. Guest of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Past Master's Celebration.

October 29th, 1943. Visited Central School of Instruction in Beatrice Lodge No. 26. Visited Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha, dinner and Order of the Temple. W. Brother Wallace Linn, Assistant Custodian, candidate with others.

October 30th, 1943. Guest of Omaha Lodge No. 288, Ladies' Night Dinner.

November 3rd, 1943. Masonic-Eastern Star Board Meeting at Fremont.

November 5th, 1943. Masonic Home Board Meeting in Omaha.

November 8th, 1943. Master's and Warden's Club, 6:30 dinner, Omaha.

November 18th, 1943. Guest of Bee-Hive Lodge No. 184, South Side Omaha.

November 19th, 1943. National Federated Craft Meeting, honoring M. W. Brothers L. E. Smith and W. A. Robertson. Beautiful illuminated scroll presented to Brother Smith.

November 24th, 1943. Guest of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha.

December 2nd, 1943. Visited Eureka Chapter No. 5, R. A. M., Falls City.

December 3rd, 1943. Conferred E. A. Degree in Falls City No. 9.

December 6th, 1943. Masonic Home Board Meeting, Omaha.

December 7th, 1943. Introduced as Grand Master to Grand Council, R. & S. Masters of Nebraska, Omaha.

December 8th, 1943. Introduced as Grand Master to Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska, Omaha.

December 10th, 1943. Guest of Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha.

December 16th, 1943. Guest of Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet, Omaha.

January 4th, 1944. Installed Officers of Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont.

January 5th, 1944. Masonic Home Board Meeting at Omaha.

January 8th, 1944. Attended Installation Ceremony of eight downtown Lodges of Omaha, Masonic Temple.

January 11th, 1944. Attended Installation Ceremony of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and Liberty Lodge No. 300 in Lincoln. M. W. Brother Kurk, Installing Officer.

January 13th, 1944. Installed Officers of Falls City Lodge No. 9.

January 15th, 1944. Attended Installation of Officers of Bee-Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha.

January 24th, 1944. Annual Stockholders' Meeting, Masonic Home at Omaha. Annual Stockholders' Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. Annual Dinner, Masonic-I. O. O. F. groups, given this year by officers of Odd-Fellows.

January 27th, 1944. Installed Officers of Auburn Lodge No. 124. Presented Lodge with Certificate of Proficiency.

February 5th, 1944. Masonic Home Board Meeting, Omaha.

February 9th, 1944. Installed W. Brother Raymond C. Pollard, as Grand Tyler in Nehawka Lodge No. 246, Nehawaka.

February 13th, 1944. Masonic Education Committee Meeting, Lincoln.

February 17th, 1944. Dinner Guest at Ladies Night, National Sojourners at Fort Omaha.

February 21st, 1944. Masonic Service Association 25th Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C.

February 22nd, 1944. George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association Meeting, Alexandria, Virginia. Visited Mount Vernon as part of committee to lay wreath on tomb. Grand Secretaries' Dinner, Washington, D. C.

February 23rd, 1944. Grand Master's Conference, Washington, D. C. Presented paper at request of committee on agenda. Grand Master's Dinner, General Marshall and Admiral King, guests.

February 24th, 1944. Grand Master's Conference. Masonic Relief Association of United States and Canada held Biennial Meeting. M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, re-elected Treasurer.

March 6th, 1944. Masonic Home Board Meeting, Omaha. Guest of Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha.

March 8th, 1944. Addressed noon meeting of Hiram Club of Lincoln, on "Experiences in Washington."

March 9th, 1944. Masonic-Eastern Star Board Meeting, Fremont. Conferred Master Mason Degree in Falls City.

March 17th, 1944. Conferred two Entered Apprentice Degrees for Stella Lodge No. 105.

March 18th, 1944. Funeral of M.'W.'Brother Ambrose C. Epperson at Clay Center.

March 29th, 1944. Dinner guest of College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln. Celebration of donation by Charter Member Backus of new Temple Site. Judge Edward F. Carter, P.'G.'M.', principal speaker.

April 2nd, 1944. Scottish Rite Relief and Educational Meeting, Lincoln.

April 5th, 1944. Plattsmouth Home Board Meeting, Omaha.

April 19th, 1944. Past Commander's Association Dinner, Lincoln.

April 20th, 1944. Introduced as Grand Master at Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Lincoln.

April 21st, 1944. Dinner and Past Master's Night, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth. Visited Nebraska Masonic Home.

April 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 1944. Scottish Rite 107th Reunion, Omaha.

April 26th, 1944. Guest of Covert Lodge No. 11, Dinner.

April 27th, 1944. Visited Trinity Chapter, O.'E.'S.', Omaha.

April 28th, 1944. Guest of Square and Compass Club, Luncheon, Castle Hotel. Presented three fifty year badges to members of Covert Lodge No. 11 at their homes, on account of inability to be out to meetings. Brothers Thorson and Burbridge assisted.

May 5th, 1944. Masonic Home Board Meeting, Omaha.

May 9th, 10th, 1944. Introduced as Grand Master to Grand Chapter, O.'E.'S.', Omaha.

May 10th, 1944. Visited Capitol Lodge No. 3, and Covert Lodge No. 11. Conferred E.'A.'Degree in Covert Lodge No. 11. Was guest of the lodge for dinner.

May 16th, 1944. Guest of Aurora Lodge No. 68, fourth generation raising in this lodge. Other lodges present.

May 24th, 1944. Guest of North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln. Past Master's night.

In addition to the above, I have been able to attend almost all of the regular and special communications of Falls City Lodge No. 9, of which I have had the honor to be Secretary for several years.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

I herewith submit my annual report as Grand Secretary:

We are pleased to report that a large majority of the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are again active. Many of the Lodges are conferring more degrees than the officers can find sufficient brethren to assist in having the degrees properly conferred. However, considering conditions, when so many of the younger men are in the service; many away working in defense plants, etc., it is surprising to note the attendance at the meetings of the Lodges, and the interest shown by the brethren who attend.

Every dollar of past due interest, with the exception of one interest coupon on a farm loan, which was due May 1, 1944, 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 all dues for the year 1943 have been paid in full.

It will be noted that the cash on hand for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and for the Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund, are separate from all other funds, and are not shown in the recapitulation of the funds of the Grand Lodge, as these are funds being held in trust for these two separate items, and are no part of the Grand Lodge funds.

RELIEF NOTES

As stated last year, travel has been so restricted that we have had a hard time servicing the farms, and have been unable to do any work on the relief notes. However, there has been collected by mail \$1,040.00, and several of our borrowers are going to clean up the payments on their notes this fall. These collections after such a long period of time, are really better than we had reason to expect.

GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from the following Lodges:

- (1) Lancaster Lodge No. 54.
- (2) Keystone Lodge No. 62.
- (3) Oliver Lodge No. 38.

The petitions for restoration, together with correspondence relating thereto, have been referred to the Committee on Grievances of the Grand Lodge, for consideration.

The petition for restoration received last year from St. Johns Lodge No. 25, was at the request of the Lodge, laid over until this annual communication.

FIFTY-YEAR BADGES

During the past year, 68 Fifty-year Badges have been presented to the Brethren entitled to receive them.

FARM MANAGEMENT

Farm results were most pleasing for the year 1943.

Farm No. 2, 160 acres in Valley County, was sold for \$5,000.00, making a small profit in the transaction.

This leaves six farms, four of which are very good farms. One is a medium farm.

Farm No. 1, 320 acres in Boyd County, is a place which I fear is going to be very hard to sell. It was the first farm ever taken under foreclosure. The Orphans' Educational Fund has owned this farm for many years.

The farms that have been sold, have been sold at a profit of \$5,925.77, which is being carried in the farm profit and loss account, until the balance of the farms are sold. We have very good prospects for the sale of two of these farms in the near future.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES

There were no Lodges consolidated during the year.

ROLL OF HONOR

A portion of Section 57, page 36, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, reads as follows:

"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."

There are several questions in connection with this particular law:

1. Shall the list be printed in the proceedings at the close of the war, showing all Brethren that have been in service in one list, and making special mention or setting aside the names of those Brethren who have made the supreme sacrifice?
2. Shall the Brethren be all listed as Master Masons, without regard to military rank or title?
3. Careful check has been made through all the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, and we do not find such a list being published by any Grand Lodge.

Complete returns as filled out by each Lodge annually, is a form that has been adopted, and seems to fill the needs and get the information which we require from our Lodges, so that if this list of Brethren in the service is to be published, it will necessitate a special blank to be sent to each Lodge, and the Secretaries will have to be requested to send the names in promptly.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT, LIVE STOCK NATIONAL BANK

1943-1944

Debit

Received from 31,362 members at \$2.00 each	\$ 62,724.00
Received from 1,553 initiations, at \$10.00 each	15,530.00
Received from 20 affiliations at \$10.00 each	200.00
Received from premium Surety Bond, on Treasurers and Secretaries of Lodges	612.80
Received from supplies sold to Lodges	2,712.10
Received from 1,328 members for George Washington Masonic National Memorial, at \$1.00 each	1,328.00
Received from over payment to Crofton Lodge No. 273	6.00
Total	\$ 83,112.90

Credit

Paid The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 31,362.00
Transferred to Supply Account	2,712.10
Transferred to Surety Bond Account	612.80
Paid to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association	1,250.00
Transferred to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Account	78.00
Transferred to Relief Fund	10,354.90
Transferred to Maintenance Account	8,586.80
Transferred to General Fund	28,150.30
Return over payment Crofton Lodge No. 273	6.00
Total	\$ 83,112.90

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1943	\$ 27,296.32
Unexpended balance, Grand Custodian's expense	4.45
Unexpended balance, Grand Secretary's travel expense	116.49
Unexpended balance, Grand Officers' expense account	162.09
Unexpended balance, Trial Commissions	95.92
Unexpended balance, other committees	61.72
Unexpended balance, Grand Chaplain's expense	95.12
Unexpended balance, Committee on Masonic Education.....	96.27

Unexpended balance, Grand Master's expense	329.67
Pay-roll checks returned to General Fund	80.44
Refund, premium, Workmen's Compensation	1.25
Victory Tax account, Curry W. Watson	2.40
Received for fees, special dispensations	20.00
Transferred from Building & Improvement Fund	3,439.14
Return insurance premium paid twice	35.00
Dues, member Huntley Lodge No. 270, (extinct)	5.00
Special account, 1943-1944, per capita tax	28,150.30
Total	\$ 59,991.58

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

Cash Credit

Pay-roll, session 1943	\$ 3,891.52
Grand Tyler, session 1943	15.00
Grand Organist, session 1943	10.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire	2,485.00
Expense, William B. Wanner, Grand Master	2,000.00
Expense, Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian	1,600.00
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	1,500.00
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	1,218.70
Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, dues, 1943	156.81
List of regular lodges	15.00
Audit, Grand Lodge books	100.00
Premium, Workmen's Compensation, 1943-1944	70.00
Grand Lodge dinner, 1943	348.50
Rent, Grand Lodge Office, June 30, 1943 to July 1, 1944.....	1,200.00
Entertaining Distinguished Guests, and expense Grand Lodge session, 1943	190.97
Special dispensation fees returned to 22 lodges	220.00
Reporting and transcribing Grand Lodge proceedings	65.00
Bond for Grand Secretary, Committees and Employees	100.80
Social Security Tax	182.90
Printing Grand Lodge proceedings, advance copies, etc.	832.15
Jewel, for Past Grand Master William B. Wanner	110.00
Insurance premium, office fixtures	88.83
Cuts for proceedings, Grand Lodge	9.40

Victory Tax account, withheld	98.05	
Withholding Tax	1,218.70	
Expense, Nebraska Masonic War Service Committee	1,700.00	
Expense, Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund	87.40	
Furniture and fixtures—cleaning two rugs	19.22	

Unassigned expense:

Flowers for funerals, Past Grand Masters, and Grand Officer	\$ 48.11	
Flowers, Grand Chapter, O. E. S. S.	10.00	
Flowers, anniversary Bishop and Mrs. Beecher...	12.00	
Birthday certificate, Archibald Adams, Sr.....	10.00	80.11

Grand Secretary's Contingent Fund:

Postage	524.36	
Incidental expense, not regular office expense, (less entertaining Distinguished Guests, \$190.97) ..	583.92	
Stationery and blanks	327.09	
Janitor service	91.00	
Incidentals	154.75	
Telephone, and calls, (less amount received from Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter)....	270.98	
Telegrams	47.90	2,000.00
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Total cash expended		\$ 30,214.06
Cash on hand, Live Stock National Bank, Omaha		31,025.67
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		\$ 61,239.73
Less Victory Tax withheld	\$ 29.45	
Less Withholding Tax	1,218.70	1,248.15
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Total		\$ 59,991.58

TRIAL BALANCE, GRAND LODGE

May 10, 1944

Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 1.00	
Stock in the Masonic-Eastern Star Home	1.00	
Inventory		\$ 31,628.67
Furniture and fixtures	1.00	
Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00	
Cash, General Fund	31,025.67	
Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00	
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Total	\$ 31,628.67	\$ 31,628.67

Inventory

Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 1.00	
Stock in the Masonic-Eastern Star Home	1.00	
Furniture and fixtures	1.00	
Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00	
Cash, Live Stock National Bank	31,025.67	
Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00	\$ 31,628.67

RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1944

Cash Debit

May 10, 1943, Cash on hand	\$ 12,054.62
Received from Special Account, 1943-1944	10,354.90

Total\$ 22,409.52

Cash Credit

Paid, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	\$ 5,000.00
May 10, 1944, Cash on hand, Stock Yards National Bank.....	17,409.52

Total\$ 22,409.52

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 10, 1944

Cash Debit

May 10, 1943, Cash on hand	\$ 2,052.81
Interest	2,228.97
Payments on Relief Notes	1,190.10
Securities sold	4,000.00
Profit on securities sold	160.00

Total\$ 9,631.88

Cash Credit

Securities purchased	8,000.00
May 10, 1944, Cash on hand	1,631.88

Total\$ 9,631.88

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

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
42—United States Treasury Bonds, Series G, 2½%, par \$3,000, cost	3,000.00
43—United States Treasury Bonds, Series G, 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
 Total Securities	 \$ 42,820.45
Cash on hand	1,631.88
 Total assets, May 10, 1944	 \$ 44,452.33
Total assets, May 10, 1943	40,873.26
 Increase in assets for the year	 \$ 3,579.07

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1944

Cash Debit

May 10, 1943, Cash on hand	\$ 1,314.35
Supplies sold to Lodges	2,712.10
 Total	 \$ 4,026.45

Cash Credit

Paid for postage	\$ 105.00
Paid for supplies	2,066.00
May 10, 1944, Cash on hand	1,855.45
 Total	 \$ 4,026.45
May 10, 1943, Supplies on hand	\$ 2,107.03
Cash on hand	1,314.35
 Total	 \$ 3,421.38
May 10, 1944, Supplies on hand	\$ 1,251.48
Cash on hand	1,855.45
 Total	 \$ 3,106.93
Loss for the year, 1943-1944	\$ 314.45

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 10, 1944

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1943	\$ 4,756.11
Interest	8,591.16
Profit on bonds sold	716.25
Securities paid and sold	18,475.00

Total cash on hand and received during the year\$ 32,538.52

Cash Credit

Transferred to George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund	\$ 500.00
Transferred to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge	3,439.14
Transferred to the Nebraska Masonic Home	5,500.00
Securities purchased	19,000.00
Exchange on check .....	.10
May 10, 1944, Cash on hand, Omaha National Bank	4,099.28

Total\$ 32,538.52

TRIAL BALANCE

Cash	\$ 4,099.28
Bonds at cost	175,734.38
	<u>\$179,833.66</u>

INVENTORY

Cash	\$ 4,099.28
Bonds at cost	175,734.38
	<u>\$179,833.66</u>

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
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 \$3,500.00, cost	3,500.00

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
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
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
83—Canyon County Drainage District No. 3, 4%, par \$5,000, cost	4,100.00
84—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co., 5%, 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%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
87—United States Treasury Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$4,000, cost	4,000.00
88—United States Treasury Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$15,000, cost	15,000.00
Total	\$175,734.38

MAINTENANCE FUND

May 10, 1944

Cash Debit

May 10, 1943, Cash on hand	\$ 12,255.56
Interest	429.00
Securities sold	8,609.45
Profit on securities sold	1,003.72
Received from Special Account, 1943-1944	8,586.80
Received from past due Grand Lodge dues, 1940	10.75
Total	\$ 30,895.28

Cash Credit

Maintenance, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$ 14,500.00
May 10, 1944, Cash on hand	16,395.28
Total	\$ 30,895.28

SERVICE, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS ACCOUNT

May 10, 1944

Cash Debit

May 10, 1943, Cash on hand	\$ 352.17
Interest	130.00
Total	\$ 482.17

Cash Credit

Paid, Dr. David C. Hilton, annuity	\$	150.00
May 10, 1944, Cash on hand		332.17
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Total	\$	482.17

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1944

Cash	\$	332.17	
Gifts			\$ 2,500.00
Bills receivable		2,470.00	
Surplus			302.17
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Total	\$	2,802.17	\$ 2,802.17

INVENTORY

Cash	\$	332.17
Bills receivable		2,470.00
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Total	\$	2,802.17

SERVICE, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS BONDS

Loan No.

6—Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates, 4%, par \$2,000, cost	\$	1,600.00
7—Province of British Columbia, 5%, par \$1,000, cost.....		870.00
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Total bonds at cost\$ 2,470.00

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1944

Cash Debit

Cash on hand May 10, 1943	\$	14,264.15
Interest		10,361.51
Farm No. 1, cash receipts		95.23
Farm No. 2, cash receipts		393.70
Farm No. 4, cash receipts		295.00
Farm No. 5, cash receipts		378.17
Farm No. 7, cash receipts		368.05
Farm No. 8, cash receipts		931.08
Farm No. 9, cash receipts		312.25
Profit on bonds sold		1,092.75
Securities paid and sold		42,837.50
Farm No. 2, cash payment sale		2,503.14
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Total	\$	73,832.53

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1944

Cash Credit

Farm No. 1, taxes	\$ 58.88
Farm No. 2, taxes and repairs	88.95
Farm No. 4, taxes	33.42
Farm No. 5, taxes	55.34
Farm No. 7, taxes	31.20
Farm No. 8, taxes and repairs	126.09
Farm No. 9, taxes and repairs	177.42
Securities purchased	67,797.50
Exchange on checks .....	.40
Accrued interest	170.47
Educational Work, Children's Home	200.00
Abstracting cost	41.55
One-half cost, Field Work	1,606.54
Building & Improvement Fund, interest credited in error	37.50
12 receipt books, cost	12.75
Cash on hand, May 10, 1944	3,394.52
Total	\$ 73,832.53

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1944

Inventory	\$259,289.70
Cash, Omaha National Bank	\$ 3,394.52
Farm No. 1	7,015.62
Farm No. 4	2,450.79
Farm No. 5	5,711.13
Farm No. 7	2,168.05
Farm No. 8	4,957.53
Farm No. 9	3,644.76
Bills receivable	235,873.07
Profit and loss on farm sales	5,925.77
Total	\$265,215.47 \$265,215.47

INVENTORY

Cash	\$ 3,394.52
Farm No. 1	7,015.62
Farm No. 4	2,450.79
Farm No. 5	5,711.13
Farm No. 7	2,168.05
Farm No. 8	4,957.53
Farm No. 9	3,644.76
Bills receivable	235,873.07

Total assets, May 10, 1944	\$265,215.47
Total assets, May 10, 1943	255,714.81
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Gain in assets for the year	\$ 9,500.68
Total bonds at cost	\$195,353.07
Farm mortgages	40,520.00
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Total securities	\$235,873.07
Six farms at cost	25,947.88
Cash, Omaha National Bank	3,394.52
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Total	\$265,215.47

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND FARM LOANS

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount	
288—	Otto F. Dahms	160 acres Dixon	5 %	\$ 2,600.00	
297—	Michael Foley	99 acres Washington .....	.5 %	6,920.00
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 %	2,000.00
417—	Frans Hedell	40 acres Madison	4½ %	1,550.00	
419—	Malcom R. Smith	197 acres Dakota .....	.4 %	9,000.00
422—	Myrta M. Goll	240 acres Burt	4½ %	1,700.00	
430—	Levi Erickson	80 acres Saunders	4½ %	500.00	
437—	Francis Mehrens	80 acres Washington	4½ %	2,000.00	
448½—	Leonard Krings	120 acres Platte	4½ %	1,250.00	
458—	Julius J. Nyffeler	80 acres Platte .....	.4 %	1,000.00
460—	Archie M. Smith	80 acres Thurston	4½ %	3,000.00	
468—	Jacqueline Schiefelbein	200 acres Saunders	4½ %	1,500.00	
483—	Thomas C. Warren	137 acres Douglas4 %	5,000.00	
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ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND BONDS

May 10, 1944

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
390—Eastern Gas & Fuel Association, 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, Re- funding 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
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
471—Western Light & Telephone Co., 7% pfd., par \$1,650, cost	1,650.00
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
485½—United Public Utilities Corp. 5½%, par \$10,000, cost....	6,500.00
487—City of Saskatoon, 5%, par \$3,000, cost	3,000.00
488—United States Savings Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, cost	10,000.00
489—United States Treasury Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, cost ...	20,000.00
490—Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates Bond, 4%, par \$1,000, cost	910.00
491—Consumers Company Bond, 5%, par \$5,000, cost	4,987.50
492—McKesson-Robbins Co., pfd. stock, 4%, par \$5,000, cost..	5,000.00
493—Dow Chemical Co., 4% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,250.00
494—Elastic Stop Nut Co., 6% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,100.00
495—United States Treasury Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$3,000, cost	3,000.00
496—Northeastern Water Co., 4% pfd., par \$10,000, cost.....	7,150.00
497—Celanese Corporation of America, 4½% pfd., par \$10,000, cost	9,900.00

Total bonds at cost\$195,353.07

All interest on bonds and preferred stock paid in full.

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND
PAST DUE INTEREST

Noan No. 297—Michael Foley, coupon due May 1, 1944.....\$173.00

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND FARMS

- No. 1—Sandoe farm, 320 acres, in Boyd 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 one farm this year:

Farm No. 2, 160 acres in Valley County, Nebraska, was sold for \$5,000. The profit on the sale of this farm was \$115.61.

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 \$5,925.77. 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 two, and possibly three of these farms in the very near future.

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND FARMS COST

No. 1—Sandoe	\$ 7,015.62
No. 4—Stevens	2,450.79
No. 5—Weiler	5,711.13
No. 7—Kayl	2,168.05
No. 8—Copple	4,957.53
No. 9—Bergstrom	3,644.76
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Total	\$ 25,947.88

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

May 10, 1944

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1943.....	\$ 6,834.03
Interest	6,434.53
Securities paid	36,213.73
Credit to Children's Home Endowment Fund in error, receipt No. 824	67.00
Abstracting paid by borrower	10.00
Profit on sale of bonds	120.00
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Total	\$ 49,679.29

Cash Credit

Securities purchased	\$ 28,000.00
Examination of abstracts	10.00
Credit to Orphans' Educational Fund, check No. 144.....	67.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1944	21,602.29
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Total	\$ 49,679.29

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1944

Securities on hand	\$130,755.73
Cash on hand	21,602.29
Inventory	\$142,531.62
Bequests	9,826.40
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Total	\$152,358.02 \$152,358.02

INVENTORY

Securities on hand	\$130,755.73
Cash	21,602.29
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Total	\$152,358.02
Liability bequests	9,826.40
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Total	\$142,531.62
Add Bequests, only book liability	9,826.40
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Total assets May 10, 1944	\$152,358.02

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND FARM LOANS

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount
10—	Frank L. Frink	160 acres Madison	5 %	\$ 1,000.00
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 %	1,151.68
73—	Josephine Johnson	160 acres Saunders	4 %	3,000.00
75—	Emma McCord	150 acres Saunders	4 %	5,000.00
77—	Edward Niebaum	160 acres Washington ...	4½%	3,800.00
81—	Mrs. Catherine O'Grady..	240 acres Colfax	5 %	4,600.00
90—	Archie M. Smith	80 acres Thurston	4½%	3,000.00
91—	John A. Mitchell, et al..	140 acres Saunders	4 %	300.00
92—	Crofton Lodge No. 273..	Masonic Temple Bldg....	5 %	1,033.80
99—	Jacqueline Schiefelbein..	80 acres Saunders	4½%	3,000.00

101—Louis J. Siekmann.....240 acres Adams	4 %	5,500.00	
103—Ramah Lodge No. 275...Masonic Temple	4½%	375.00	
106—Glen Hilman	80 acres Douglas	4 %	4,000.00
Total		\$ 49,260.48	

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
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 \$3,000, cost	2,970.00
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
105—United States Bonds, Series "G", 2½%	23,000.00
106—United States Bonds, Series "G", 2½%	5,000.00
Total Bonds	\$ 81,495.25
Farm mortgages	\$ 49,260.48
Bonds at cost	81,495.25
Total securities	\$130,755.73

SURETY BOND ACCOUNT

Cash Debit

May 10, 1943, Cash on hand	\$ 1,481.70
Received from premium on bonds, from Lodges	612.80
Total	\$ 2,094.50

Cash Credit

Paid premium, Schedule bonds, for Lodges	\$ 553.32
May 10, 1944, Cash on hand, First National Bank, Omaha....	1,541.18
Total	\$ 2,094.50

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL
ASSOCIATION

May 10, 1943, Cash on hand	\$ 431.27
Received from Polk Lodge No. 311	27.00
Received from Falls City Lodge No. 9	110.00
Received from Capitol Lodge No. 3	227.50
Received from Amity Lodge No. 169	7.00
Received from Lone Tree Lodge No. 36	10.00
Received from George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268	4.00
Received from Craftsmen Lodge No. 314	45.00
Received from United States National Bank, interest on deposit	5.66
Received from Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Special Account	78.00
Received from Building & Improvement Fund, special appropriation	500.00
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Total cash on hand and received	\$ 1,445.43
Paid to J. Claude Keiper, Secretary-Treasurer	1,304.00
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May 10, 1944, Cash on hand, United States National Bank, Savings Department	\$ 141.43

RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund, cash	\$ 31,025.67
Relief Fund, cash	17,409.52
Permanent Reserve Fund, cash	1,631.88
Permanent Reserve Fund Bonds	42,820.45
Building & Improvement Fund, cash	4,099.28
Building & Improvement Fund Bonds	175,734.38
Maintenance Fund, cash	16,395.28
Supply Account, cash	1,855.45
Service, Annuities & Gifts, cash	332.17
Service, Annuities & Gifts, bonds	2,470.00
Orphans' Educational Fund, cash	3,394.52
Orphans' Educational Fund, securities	235,873.07
Orphans' Educational Fund, six farms	25,947.88
Children's Home Endowment Fund, cash	21,602.29
Children's Home Endowment Fund, securities	130,755.73
Grand Lodge Expense Account, cash	400.00
Surety Bond Account, cash	1,541.18
Exchange Account, cash	200.00
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Total	\$713,488.75

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC WAR SERVICE FUND

Receipt No.	Lodge	Amount
1	Wood Lake Lodge No. 221	\$ 25.00
2	Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4	20.00
3	Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6	120.50
4	Falls City Lodge No. 9	117.00
5	Lincoln Lodge No. 19	365.50
6	Humboldt Lodge No. 40	25.00
7	Melrose Lodge No. 60	35.00
8	Hooper Lodge No. 72	45.00
9	Euclid Lodge No. 97	35.00
10	Blazing Star Lodge No. 200	40.00
11	George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268	110.00
12	Wallace Lodge No. 279	20.50
13	Sutherland Lodge No. 299	25.00
14	College View Lodge No. 320	15.00
15	Lily Lodge No. 154	5.00
16	Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202	35.00
17	Relief Lodge No. 219	25.00
18	Nehawka Lodge No. 246	35.00
19	Hay Springs Lodge No. 177	31.00
20	Bancroft Lodge No. 145	19.00
21	North Bend Lodge No. 119	25.00
22	Kenesaw Lodge No. 144	39.50
23	Western Star Lodge No. 2	250.00
24	Fidelity Lodge No. 51	37.00
25	Long Pine Lodge No. 136	34.00
26	Jachin Lodge No. 146	25.00
27	Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201	50.00
28	Magnolia Lodge No. 220	35.50
29	Bartley Lodge No. 228	25.00
30	Pilot Lodge No. 240	40.00
31	Fraternity Lodge No. 235	24.00
32	Signet Lodge No. 193	15.00
33	Hastings Lodge No. 50	100.00
34	Laurel Lodge No. 248	44.00
35	Fairmont Lodge No. 48	7.50
36	Alpha Lodge No. 316	25.00
37	Hebron Lodge No. 43	34.00
38	Samaritan Lodge No. 158	69.00
39	Lancaster Lodge No. 54	322.00
40	Mount Nebo Lodge No. 125	40.00
41	Fairfield Lodge No. 84	10.00
42	Justice Lodge No. 180	23.00
43	Blue Hill Lodge No. 129	15.00
44	Morning Star Lodge No. 197	11.50
45	Temple Lodge No. 175	6.00

46	Hampton Lodge No. 245	25.00
47	Golden Rod Lodge No. 306	29.00
48	Gavel Lodge No. 199	20.00
49	Fidelilty Lodge No. 51	38.00
50	Cowles Lodge No. 296	15.00
51	Tyrian Lodge No. 243	11.50
52	Chester Lodge No. 298	13.50
53	Golden Rule Lodge No. 236	28.00
54	Ramah Lodge No. 275	10.00
55	George Washington Lodge No. 250	110.00
56	Bee Hive Lodge No. 184	234.00
57	Bloomfield Lodge No. 218	40.00
58	Fremont Lodge No. 15	150.00
59	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210	85.50
60	Harvard Lodge No. 44	20.00
61	Orient Lodge No. 13	18.00
62	Creighton Lodge No. 100	18.50
63	Sterling Lodge No. 70	20.00
64	Purity Lodge No. 198	50.00
65	Perkins Lodge No. 308	30.00
66	Pawnee Lodge No. 23	57.50
67	Arcana Lodge No. 195	31.50
68	Cambridge Lodge No. 150	50.00
69	Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203	12.50
70	Edgar Lodge No. 207	39.00
71	Alliance Lodge No. 183	120.00
72	Nebraska Lodge No. 1	109.90
73	Atkinson Lodge No. 164	20.00
74	Culbertson Lodge No. 174	26.00
75	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224	56.00
76	James A. Tulleys Lodge No. 267	10.00
77	Parian Lodge No. 207	34.00
78	Cairo Lodge No. 324	5.50
79	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265	75.00
80	Waterloo Lodge No. 102	34.00
81	Alexandria Lodge No. 74	10.00
82	Mullen Lodge No. 282	25.00
83	Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148	1.00
84	Beaver City Lodge No. 93	10.00
85	Ogalalla Lodge No. 159	78.00
86	Crofton Lodge No. 273	30.00
87	Lotus Lodge No. 289	33.50
88	Scribner Lodge No. 132	25.50
89	Sioux Lodge No. 277	20.00
90	Franklin Lodge No. 264	15.00
91	Canopy Lodge No. 209	20.00
92	Mount Zion Lodge No. 161	3.50
93	John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232	23.50

94	Occidental Lodge No. 215	10.80
95	Crescent Lodge No. 143	5.00
96	Ruskin Lodge No. 304	16.00
97	Israel Lodge No. 187	10.00
98	Swastika Lodge No. 280	19.25
99	Saint Paul Lodge No. 82	92.50
100	Delta Lodge No. 230	25.00
101	Square Lodge No. 151	12.00
102	Beatrice Lodge No. 26	134.00
103	Culbertson Lodge No. 174	10.00
104	Wymore Lodge No. 104	34.00
105	Laurel Lodge No. 248	16.00
106	Humboldt Lodge No. 40	20.00
107	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210	114.50
108	North Star Lodge No. 227	116.50
109	Fidelity Lodge No. 51	11.50
110	Waterloo Lodge No. 102	26.00
111	Exeter Lodge No. 233	17.00
112	Boaz Lodge No. 185	32.00
113	Cable Lodge No. 225	38.00
114	Frank Welch Lodge No. 75	91.00
115	Saint Johns Lodge No. 25	41.00
116	Clay Centre Lodge No. 139	41.00
117	Hardy Lodge No. 117	6.00
118	Valley Lodge No. 157	23.00
119	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224	33.00
120	Falls City Lodge No. 9	73.00
121	Table Rock Lodge No. 108	20.00
122	Ashlar Lodge No. 33	254.25
123	Oshkosh Lodge No. 286	22.00
124	Gauge Lodge No. 208	21.00
125	Lancaster Lodge No. 54	8.00
126	Litchfield Lodge No. 278	10.00
127	Mount Moriah Lodge No. 57	28.00
128	Culbertson Lodge No. 174	2.00
129	Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166	8.50
130	Albion Lodge No. 78	52.00
131	Omaha Lodge No. 288	1.00
132	Washington Lodge No. 21	60.00
133	Zion Lodge No. 234	25.00
134	Amity Lodge No. 169	31.00
135	Issued in error	
136	Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272	25.00
137	Victory Lodge No. 310	70.00
138	Stella Lodge No. 105	26.50
139	Papillion Lodge No. 39	34.50
140	Rawalt Lodge No. 138	35.00
141	Lone Tree Lodge No. 36	122.50

142	Evening Star Lodge No. 49	25.00
143	Osceola Lodge No. 65	26.00
144	Wood Lake Lodge No. 221	33.50
145	North Star Lodge No. 227	25.00
146	Saint Johns Lodge No. 25	246.40
147	Omaha Lodge No. 288	112.00
148	Cotner Lodge No. 297	39.20
149	Acacia Lodge No. 34	87.00
150	Oasis Lodge No. 271	88.00
151	Beatrice Lodge No. 26	51.50
152	George Armstrong Lodge No. 241	19.00
153	Kimball Lodge No. 294	47.50
154	Culbertson Lodge No. 174	1.00
155	Crescent Lodge No. 143	2.50
156	Guide Rock Lodge No. 128	30.00
157	Laurel Lodge No. 248	9.50
158	Harmony Lodge No. 321	52.50
159	Northern Light Lodge No. 41	46.00
160	DeWitt Lodge No. 111	10.00
161	Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272	7.00
162	Keystone Lodge No. 62	15.00
163	Creighton Lodge No. 100	9.00
164	Pomegranate Lodge No. 110	90.50
165	Hastings Lodge No. 50	100.00
166	Culbertson Lodge No. 174	1.00
167	John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232	20.00
168	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290	35.50
169	Auburn Lodge No. 124	48.04
170	Ogalalla Lodge No. 159	9.50
171	Papillion Lodge No. 39	3.00
172	Nebraska Lodge No. 1	21.50
173	Nebraska Lodge No. 1	169.00
174	Amity Lodge No. 169	28.00
175	Hildreth Lodge No. 252	5.00
176	Cedar River Lodge No. 89	25.00
177	Mitchell Lodge No. 263	65.00
178	Mason City Lodge No. 170	20.00
179	Corinthian Lodge No. 83	32.00
180	Grand Island Lodge No. 318	74.00
181	Jordan Lodge No. 27	13.00
182	Lebanon Lodge No. 323	52.50
183	Mizpah Lodge No. 302	202.00
184	Palisade Lodge No. 216	45.00
185	Boaz Lodge No. 185	14.00
186	Justice Lodge No. 180	29.00
187	Omaha Lodge No. 288	13.00
188	Samaritan Lodge No. 158	25.00
189	Capitol Lodge No. 3	166.00

190	Star Lodge No. 88	43.00
191	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224	5.00
192	Friend Lodge No. 73	17.50
193	Solomon Lodge No. 10	50.50
194	Wayne Lodge No. 120	80.00
195	Beatrice Lodge No. 26	6.50
196	Elk Creek Lodge No. 90	7.00
197	Bee Hive Lodge No. 184	83.50
198	Faith Lodge No. 181	57.00
199	Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312	18.50
200	Granite Lodge No. 189	29.50
201	Potter Lodge No. 313	44.00
202	Upright Lodge No. 137	42.00
203	Anselmo Lodge No. 258	40.00
204	Northern Light Lodge No. 41	6.50
205	Pythagoras Lodge No. 156	6.50
206	George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268	1.00
207	Guide Rock Lodge No. 128	7.50
208	York Lodge No. 56	132.50
209	Arcana Lodge No. 195	8.00
210	Composite Lodge No. 81	6.50
211	Evening Star Lodge No. 49	6.00
212	Faith Lodge No. 181	17.00
213	Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203	23.00
214	Covert Lodge No. 11	420.50
215	Hiram Lodge No. 52	52.00
216	Plainview Lodge No. 204	18.00
217	Hartington Lodge No. 155	35.00
218	Fidelity Lodge No. 51	3.00
219	Craftsmen Lodge No. 314	142.35
220	Boaz Lodge No. 185	1.00
221	Purity Lodge No. 198	10.50
222	Northern Light Lodge No. 41	1.00
223	Omadi Lodge No. 5	86.50
224	Peru Lodge No. 14	31.00
225	Ponca Lodge No. 101	48.00
226	Oasis Lodge No. 271	28.00
227	Globe Lodge No. 113	11.50
228	Saint Johns Lodge No. 25	61.53
229	Covert Lodge No. 11	57.00
230	Hastings Lodge No. 50	54.50
231	Bee Hive Lodge No. 184	2.00
232	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290	23.50
233	Ashlar Lodge No. 33	9.00
234	Wisner Lodge No. 114	92.00
235	Saint Johns Lodge No. 25	10.00
236	Nebraska Lodge No. 1	102.00
237	Wood Lake Lodge No. 221	20.50

238	Cement Lodge No. 211	43.00
239	Nemaha Lodge No. 4	6.50
240	Mitchell Lodge No. 263	45.50
241	Covert Lodge No. 11	24.50
242	Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148	242.00
243	Northern Light Lodge No. 41	5.00
244	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210	47.00
245	Garfield Lodge No. 95	133.00
246	Highland Lodge No. 194	10.00

Total cash received\$ 11,226.22

CHECKS ISSUED ON THE NEBRASKA MASONIC WAR
SERVICE FUND

Check No. 1—Thomas A. Barton, Chairman	\$ 500.00
Check No. 2—Masonic Service Association, Washington, D. C., Service to Soldiers	2,500.00
Check No. 3—Salvation Army of Lincoln, Nebraska, Service to Soldiers	100.00
Check No. 4—American Red Cross—Donation	100.00
Check No. 5—Thomas A. Barton, Chairman	300.00

Total of checks issued\$ 3,500.00
Total of money received, Receipts 1 to 246, inclusive\$ 11,226.22
Total of Checks issued, 1 to 5, inclusive 3,500.00

Total Cash on hand as of May 16th, 1944\$ 7,726.22

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 628, PROCEEDINGS 1943

Certificate No.	Brother	Date Received		Lodge	Number
			Master Mason's		
		Degree			
983—	Oliver M. Ireland	June 23, 1893....	Washington	No. 21	
984—	John H. Vick	Nov. 4, 1892....	John J. Mercer	No. 290	
985—	Andrew R. Holt	June 12, 1893....	Oakland	No. 91	
986—	Frank O. Hilder	Feb. 25, 1893....	Corinthian	No. 83	
987—	Charles W. Long	Jan. 7, 1893....	Corinthian	No. 83	
988—	Frank J. Hoydar	July 22, 1893....	Corinthian	No. 83	
989—	George B. Aistroppe	Jan. 28, 1893....	Corinthian	No. 83	
990—	Orville D. Eaton	July 25, 1893....	East Lincoln	No. 210	
991—	Paul Bize	Nov. 23, 1893....	Western Star	No. 2	
992—	John P. Hughey	June 29, 1893....	Western Star	No. 2	
993—	Julius W. Hoberg	Dec. 6, 1892....	Western Star	No. 2	

994—Fred M. Kuwitzky	Feb. 21, 1893....	Western Star	No. 2
995—James A. Jamison	Aug. 3, 1893....	North Star	No. 227
996—Washington H. Springer.	Sept. 21, 1893....	Boaz	No. 185
997—Tillmon P. Shirley	July 26, 1893....	Covert	No. 11
998—G. Fred Hallgren	Oct. 19, 1893....	Jachin	No. 146
999—George W. Atkinson	June 6, 1885....	Charity	No. 53
1000—Julius Vogel	Apr. 16, 1891....	Barneston	No. 165
1001—Clark B. Laihery	Mar. 17, 1893....	Nebraska	No. 1
1002—Badge replaced			
1003—A. Ray Edmiston	Feb. 20, 1894....	Lincoln	No. 19
1004—Andrew J. Morris	Jan. 30, 1894....	Lincoln	No. 19
1005—Adolphus R. Talbot	Dec. 12, 1893....	Lincoln	No. 19
1006—Joshua E. Wright	Nov. 16, 1893....	Ashlar	No. 33
1007—William H. Bock	May 23, 1888....	Auburn	No. 124
1008—William B. Fisher	Apr. 11, 1892....	Auburn	No. 124
1009—Charles C. Clark	Nov. 20, 1893....	Stromsburg	No. 126
1010—Harry K. Eagelson	Apr. 10, 1889....	Oakland	No. 91
1011—Theodore E. Bliven	Apr. 15, 1893....	Omadi	No. 5
1012—Frank A. Cameron	Aug. 30, 1893....	Tekamah	No. 31
1013—Charles A. Jack	Mar. 15, 1893....	Tekamah	No. 31
1014—Alfred H. Burge	Sept. 5, 1893....	Israel	No. 187
1015—William H. Ritchie	Dec. 27, 1892....	Prudence	No. 179
1016—Henry Hogg	May 2, 1893....	Gladstone	No. 176
1017—Thomas T. Varney	Nov. 25, 1893....	Gladstone	No. 176
1018—Edwin C. Yont	Dec. 16, 1893....	Trestle Board	No. 162
1019—Frank E. Smith	Jan. 7, 1893....	Mount Zion	No. 161
1020—George M. Smith	Feb. 4, 1893....	Mount Zion	No. 161
1021—Samuel Moench	Sept. 15, 1891....	Melrose	No. 60
1022—Albert I. Cram	June 21, 1894....	Blazing Star	No. 200
1023—John Leppla	Apr. 24, 1893....	Samaritan	No. 158
1024—David R. Stevens	Oct. 31, 1892....	Samaritan	No. 158
1025—George T. H. Babcock...	Jan. 26, 1893....	Samaritan	No. 158
1026—Charles H. McGee	Apr. 4, 1894....	Fairbury	No. 35
1027—Albert L. Parks	Aug. 26, 1893....	Nebraska	No. 1
1028—Able Bailey	Feb. 17, 1894....	Wood Lake	No. 221
1029—Daniel D. Coburn	Feb. 10, 1894....	Laurel	No. 248
1030—Jesse D. Whitzel	Oct. 14, 1893....	Wymore	No. 104
1031—Eugene P. Samuels	July 17, 1894....	Wymore	No. 104
1032—William F. Sigler	Apr. 22, 1890....	Wymore	No. 104
1033—William M. Giller	Jan. 24, 1894....	Covert	No. 11
1034—Benjamin F. Pitman	Oct. 13, 1892....	Samaritan	No. 158
1035—Louis H. Peterson	May 12, 1894....	St. Paul	No. 82
1036—Andrew E. Stuart	Mar. 19, 1894....	Occidental	No. 215
1037—George A. Gray	Oct. 13, 1893....	Relief	No. 219
1038—William C. Mitchell	Feb. 17, 1894....	Relief	No. 219
1039—John Finch	Mar. 17, 1894....	Cable	No. 225
1040—Lewis I. Viall	Apr. 8, 1893....	Fidelity	No. 51

1041—D. Lincoln Morgan	Mch. 29, 1894.	St. Johns	No. 25
1042—William E. Fiegenbaum.	Apr. 23, 1894.	Geneva	No. 79
1043—Edwin T. Lyon	Apr. 25, 1894.	Covert	No. 11
1044—Henry Dethlefs	Jan. 26, 1894.	Nebraska	No. 1
1045—William F. Gingrich	Oct. 23, 1893.	Superior	No. 121
1046—Roger C. Craven	July 22, 1891.	Covert	No. 11
1047—Ernest E. Huntley	Mch. 20, 1894.	Covert	No. 11
1048—Francis Jacquot	Sept. 10, 1892.	Merna	No. 171
1049—William Sandon	Feb. 14, 1894.	Boaz	No. 185
1050—John A. Bayley	Mch. 16, 1894.	Granite	No. 189

RETURNS

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

Lodges Nos. 144, 187 and 276 report carrying no insurance. The following Lodges do not report whether they carry any insurance or not: Nos. 120, 124, 223, 278, 309 and 318.

The following Lodges report having no delinquent dues: Nos. 2, 5, 11, 30, 51, 54, 61, 70, 74, 82, 93, 138, 167, 174, 185, 192, 198, 203, 210, 219, 226, 227, 237, 252, 265, 271, 275, 279, 281, 290, 310, 311, 314, 320 and 324, a total of 35, 17 more than last year. Of these 35, the following had no delinquent dues for 1942: Nos. 2, 11, 54, 82, 185, 192, 210, 226, 227, 237, 271, 275, 279, 290, 314 and 320.

The number of delinquent members is reported to be 3,286 as compared to 4,676 for the previous year.

The amount delinquent is \$31,138.47, as compared to \$44,477.05 for 1942, \$52,086.46 for 1941, and \$66,516.09 for 1940.

The average for each delinquent is \$9.47, which is 1 cent less than last year.

RETURNS

Number of chartered Lodges last report	284	
Chartered Lodges on hand, December 31, 1943.....	284	
Number initiated during the year	1553	
Number passed	1335	
Number raised	1313	
Number affiliated	286	
Number reinstated	737	
Number gained by other causes	11	
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Total Gross Increase		2347
Number demitted during the year	368	
Number deceased	589	
Number suspended	231	
Number expelled	0	
Number lost by other causes	2	
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Total Loss		1190
Net Grain for the year ending December 31, 1943....		1157
Number of Master Masons on rolls, December 31, 1942		31,362
Number of Master Masons on rolls, December 31, 1943		32,519

Fraternally yours,



Grand Secretary

Roll of Honor

Lodges Reporting No Delinquent Dues for the Year 1943.

Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City.
Omadi Lodge No. 5, Dakota City.
Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha.
Blue River Lodge No. 30, Milford.
Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City.
Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln.
Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington.
Sterling Lodge No. 70, Sterling.
Alexandria Lodge No. 74, Alexandria.
Saint Paul Lodge No. 82, Saint Paul.
Beaver City Lodge No. 93, Beaver City.
Rawalt Lodge No. 138, Oxford.
Elwood Lodge No. 167, Elwood.
Culbertson Lodge No. 174, Culbertson.
Boaz Lodge No. 185, Danbury.
Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine.
Purity Lodge No. 198, Imperial.
Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203, Pender.
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln.
Relief Lodge No. 219, Coleridge.
Grace Lodge No. 226, Wilcox.
North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln.
Cubit Lodge No. 237, Douglas.
Hildreth Lodge No. 252, Hildreth.
Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff.
Oasis Lodge No. 271, Morrill.
Ramah Lodge No. 275, Bertrand.
Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace.
Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha.
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha.
Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley.
Polk Lodge No. 311, Polk.
Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln.
College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln.
Cairo Lodge No. 324, Cairo.
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.

PREFACE

The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, having established a Board of Grand Trustees, and completely changed the method of handling the securities belonging to the Grand Lodge, the new law providing that the Grand Secretary must be present when the box containing the securities is opened, and that he must be accompanied by one of the Grand Trustees, or some Master Mason whom they appoint. The box not having been opened from the date it was examined by the auditor, until June 22, 1944, on which date Brother Clyde O. Darner, who had been selected by the Chairman of the Grand Trustees to be present at the checking of the box, and Brother Ralph E. Carlson, of Greenfield and Carlson, certified public accountants, checked the securities in the box. The securities are listed herewith.

Following the certificate and list of securities by the auditor, is a diversification of investments, and each class of investment listed by itself. Also an analysis of the bonds and stocks, showing the par value, total cost, current market value, annual income received from each class of securities, and the average rate of interest received from each class of securities, and the total average interest received for the year, amounting to 4.44%.

GREENFIELD & CARLSON

Accountants and Auditors

511 Barker Building

Omaha, Nebraska

June 29, 1944

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

Omaha, Nebraska

Gentlemen:

As per instructions received we have prepared the attached list of securities which were in the safe deposit box of the Grand Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska on June 22, 1944.

The attached list represents the securities which are carried as assets of the Grand Lodge. In addition to these we found the following bonds which have been charged off and are not carried among the assets:

Chicago & Northwestern Ry Co—4 $\frac{3}{4}$ Due 11/1/49

Par Value—\$14,000.00

with coupons due May 1, 1935 and subsequent coupons attached

We are submitting also a list of the securities which have been issued in the name of the Nebraska Masonic Home but are carried as assets of the Grand Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

GREENFIELD & CARLSON

By G. L. Greenfield

Certified Public Accountant

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA
INVESTMENTS
JUNE 22, 1944
BUILDING & IMPROVEMENT FUND

		Rate	Due	Par Value	Coupons attached and subsequent
				\$ No Par	
12	Northeast Water & Electric Corp.....	4	20 Shares Pfd	\$ No Par	
13	Province of Saskatchewan.....	4½	1955	1,000.00	9-1-44
31	Province of Saskatchewan.....	4½	1945	1,000.00	7-2-44
34	Commonwealth of Australia.....	4½	1956	8,000.00	11-1-44
38¾	Seattle Gas Co.....	5	1954	10,000.00	10-1-44
40	Province of Saskatchewan.....	4½	1957	9,000.00	7-15-44
43	Province of Saskatchewan.....	4	1957	5,000.00	5-15-44
44	Public Utilities Consolidated Corp.....	5½	1948	5,000.00	9-1-44
59	National Gas & Electric Corp.....	5	1953	25,000.00	8-1-44
60	Union Stock Yards Co.....	4	100 Shares Common	10,000.00	
61	Caldwell Irrigation District.....	5	1943-48	3,500.00	7-1-44
64	American Hair & Felt Co.....	6	50 Shares Pfd	5,000.00	
67	United Public Utilities Corp.....	6	202 Shares Pfd	No Par	
69	Province of Manitoba.....	4	1957	5,000.00	6-1-44
71½	Province of Manitoba.....	4	1957	9,000.00	6-1-44
72	Province of Manitoba.....	4½	1945	10,000.00	11-1-44
73	Province of Manitoba.....	4½	1960	8,000.00	10-1-44
74	Province of Manitoba.....	5	1944	4,000.00	6-2-44
79	Minnesota & Ontario Paper Co.....	5	1960	10,000.00	5-1-45 (Annual)
80	Seattle Gas Co.....	5	1954	5,000.00	10-1-44
81	Province of British Columbia.....	4½	1946	5,000.00	6-29-44
83	Canyon County Drainage District No. 3	4	1959	5,000.00	11-1-44
84	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co.....	5	100 Shares Pfd	No Par	
85	U S. Treasury Bond.....	2½	1962-67	3,000.00	Registered
86	U. S. Defense Bond, Series G.....	2½	1955	5,000.00	Registered
87	U. S. Defense Bond, Series G.....	2½	1955	4,000.00	Registered
88	U. S. Defense Bond, Series G.....	2½	1956	15,000.00	Registered
				\$170,500.00	

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

8	Northeast Water & Electric Corp.....	4	10 Shares Pfd	\$ No Par	
16	Province of Saskatchewan.....	4½	1945	2,000.00	7-1-44
22	American Rolling Mills Co.....	4½	10 Shares Pfd	1,000.00	
27	Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates.....	4	1956	10,000.00	9-1-44
33	Province of Saskatchewan.....	4½	1955	3,000.00	9-1-44
34	Province of Saskatchewan.....	4½	1945	6,000.00	7-2-44
36	Province of Manitoba.....	5	1944	3,000.00	6-2-44
38	City of Toronto.....	5	1944	1,000.00	7-1-44
39	Brown Company.....	5	1959	5,000.00	Registered
40	U. S. Defense Bond, Series G.....	2½	1954	1,000.00	Registered
41	U. S. Treasury Bond.....	2½	1963-1968	5,000.00	6-15-44
42	U. S. Defense Bond, Series G.....	2½	1955	3,000.00	Registered
43	U. S. Defense Bond, Series G.....	2½	1956	5,000.00	Registered
				\$ 45,000.00	

SERVICE ANNUITIES & GIFTS

6	Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates.....	4	1956	\$ 2,000.00	9-1-44
7	Province of British Columbia.....	5	1948	1,000.00	6-25-44
				\$ 3,000.00	

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

INVESTMENTS

JUNE 22, 1944

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

	Rate	Due	Par Value	Coupons attached and subsequent
318 Commonwealth of Australia.....	4½	1956	\$ 1,000.00	11-1-44
365 Province of Saskatchewan.....	4½	1945	8,000.00	7-2-44
375 Province of Saskatchewan.....	4½	1957	3,000.00	7-15-44
378 Public Utilities Consolidated Corp.....	5½	1948	10,000.00	9-1-44
386 Seattle Gas Co.....	5	1954	5,000.00	10-1-44
390 Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates.....	4	1956	6,000.00	9-1-44
405 Seattle Gas Co.....	5	1954	3,000.00	10-1-44
407 Caldwell Irrigation District.....	5	1952-53	2,000.00	7-1-44
410 Province of Manitoba.....	4	1957	1,000.00	6-1-44
412 Province of Manitoba.....	4½	1945	6,000.00	11-1-44
413½ Province of Manitoba.....	6	1946	5,000.00	10-1-44
416 Union Stock Yards Co.....	3½	50 Shares Common	5,000.00	
434 Seattle Gas Co.....	5	1954	5,000.00	10-1-44
442 Co. of Canyon, Ida. Drainage Dist. #3..	4	1954-56	2,500.00	11-1-44
443 Seattle Gas Co.....	5	1954	5,000.00	10-1-44
453 Caldwell Irrigation District.....	4	1947-51	2,500.00	7-1-44
458½ United Public Utilities Corp.....	5½	50 Shares Pfd	No Par	
461 Western Light & Telephone Co.....	7	100 Shares Pfd	2,500.00	
462 Western Light & Telephone Co.....	7	40 Shares Pfd	1,000.00	
463 City of Winnipeg.....	6	1946	1,000.00	10-1-44
464 La Plant Choate Mfg. Co.....	5	100 Shares Pfd	1,000.00	
465 Western Light & Telephone Co.....	7	65 Shares Pfd	1,625.00	
466 Pure Oil Co.....	5	100 Shares Pfd	10,000.00	
471 Western Light & Telephone Co.....	7	66 Shares Pfd	1,650.00	
475 U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	2½	1962-67	2,000.00	Registered
476 U. S. War Bonds, Series G.....	2½	1954	5,000.00	Registered
477 U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	2½	1962-67	5,000.00	Registered
478 Province of Manitoba.....	4½	1956	1,000.00	6-15-44
480 U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	2½	1963-68	15,000.00	6-15-44
481 Province of Saskatchewan.....	4½	1945	1,000.00	7-2-44
484 City of Regina.....	5½	1944	1,036.20	7-1-44
485½ United Public Utilities Corp.....		200 Shares Pfd	No Par	
487 City of Saskatoon.....	5	1944	3,000.00	7-1-44
488 U. S. War Bonds, Series G.....	2½	1955	10,000.00	Registered
489 U. S. War Bonds, Series G.....	2½	1955	20,000.00	Registered
490 Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates Bond...	4	1956	1,000.00	9-1-44
491 Consumers Company Bond.....	5	1956	5,000.00	7-1-44
492 McKesson-Robbins Co.....	4	50 Shares Pfd	No Par	
493 Dow Chemical Co.....	4	50 Shares Pfd	No Par	
494 Elastic Stop Nut Co.....	6	100 Shares Pfd	5,000.00	
495 U. S. War Bonds, Series G.....	2½	1956	3,000.00	Registered
496 Northeastern Water Co.....	4	100 Shares Pfd	No Par	
497 Celanese Corp. of America.....		100 Shares Pfd	No Par	
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			\$165,811.20	

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

INVESTMENTS

JUNE 22, 1944

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT

	Rate	Due	Par Value	Coupons attached and subsequent
40	Commonwealth of Australia.....	4½	1956	\$ 6,000.00 11-1-44
48	American Rolling Mills Co.....	4½	40 Shares Pfd	4,000.00
59	Caldwell Irrigation District.....	5	1948-52	5,500.00 7-1-44
68	Province of Manitoba.....	4½	1957	5,000.00 10-16-44
79	Canyon County Drainage District #3...4	1948-55	3,000.00	11-1-44
94	City of Vancouver.....	5	1944	8,000.00 6-1-44
96	Brown Company.....	5	1959	2,000.00 Registered
97	City of Vancouver.....	5	1944	3,000.00 6-1-44
98	U. S. War Bonds, Series G.....	2½	1954	4,000.00 Registered
100	U. S. War Bonds, Series G.....	2½	1954	5,000.00 Registered
102	U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	2½	1963-68	5,000.00 6-15-44
104	U. S. War Bonds, Series G.....	2½	1955	5,000.00 Registered
105	U. S. War Bonds, Series G.....	2½	1955	28,000.00 Registered
106	U. S. War Bonds, Series G.....	2½	1956	5,000.00 Registered
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			\$ 83,500.00	

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

INVESTMENTS

JUNE 22, 1944

The following securities which are included in the foregoing schedule are issued in the name of the Nebraska Masonic Home:

	Rate	Due	Par Value	Coupons attached and subsequent
12	Northeast Water & Electric Corp.....	4	20 Shares Pfd	\$ No Par
60	Union Stock Yards Co.....	4	100 Shares Common	10,000.00
64	American Hair & Felt Co.....	6	50 Shares Pfd	5,000.00
67	United Public Utilities Corp.....	6	202 Shares Pfd	No Par
84	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co.....	5	100 Shares Pfd	No Par
8	Northeast Water & Electric Corp.....	4	10 Shares Pfd	No Par
22	American Rolling Mills Co.....	4½	10 Shares Pfd	1,000.00
39	Brown Company.....	5	1959	5,000.00 Registered
416	Union Stock Yards Co.....	3½	50 Shares Common	5,000.00
458½	United Public Utilities Corp.....	5½	50 Shares Pfd	No Par
461	Western Light & Telephone Co.....	7	100 Shares Pfd	2,500.00
462	Western Light & Telephone Co.....	7	40 Shares Pfd	1,000.00
464	La Plant Choate Mfg. Co.....	5	100 Shares Pfd	1,000.00
465	Western Light & Telephone Co.....	7	65 Shares Pfd	1,625.00
466	Pure Oil Co.....	5	100 Shares Pfd	10,000.00
471	Western Light & Telephone Co.....	7	66 Shares Pfd	1,650.00
485½	United Public Utilities Corp.....	5	200 Shares Pfd	No Par
492	McKesson-Robbins Co.....	4	50 Shares Pfd	No Par
493	Dow Chemical Co.....	4	50 Shares Pfd	No Par
496	Northeastern Water Co.....	4	100 Shares Pfd	No Par
497	Celanese Corp. of America.....	5	100 Shares Pfd	No Par
48	American Rolling Mills Co.....	4½	40 Shares Pfd	4,000.00
96	Brown Company.....	5	1959	2,000.00 Registered
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			\$ 49,775.00	

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA
 DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Percentage
United States Government Bonds.....	\$148,000.00	\$148,000.00	20.75%
Canadian Provincial Bonds.....	102,000.00	95,586.68	13.40%
Canadian Municipal Bonds.....	17,036.20	16,736.56	2.35%
Australian Bonds	15,000.00	13,917.82	1.95%
County Bonds (United States).....	24,000.00	23,020.00	3.23%
Public Utility Bonds.....	73,000.00	65,860.35	9.23%
Industrial & Miscellaneous Bonds.....	41,000.00	36,260.59	5.08%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks.....	52,375.00	40,421.73	5.66%
Industrial & Miscellaneous Pref. Stk...	47,000.00	45,989.42	6.44%
Common Stocks	15,000.00	12,080.00	1.69%
Sub-Totals	\$534,411.20	\$497,873.15	
Real Estate	25,947.88	25,947.88	3.64%
Mortgage Loans	89,780.48	89,780.48	12.58%
Cash	99,887.24	99,887.24	14.00%
TOTALS	\$750,026.80	\$713,488.75	100.00%

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA
 DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS
 SHOWING TYPE & SECURITIES OWNED
 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 1,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%	\$ 1,000.00
5,000.00	" "	5,000.00
3,000.00	" "	3,000.00
5,000.00	" "	5,000.00
3,000.00	" "	3,000.00
5,000.00	" "	5,000.00
4,000.00	" "	4,000.00
15,000.00	" "	15,000.00
2,000.00	" "	2,000.00
5,000.00	" "	5,000.00
5,000.00	" "	5,000.00
15,000.00	" (coupon bonds)	15,000.00
10,000.00	" "	10,000.00
20,000.00	" "	20,000.00
3,000.00	" "	3,000.00
4,000.00	" "	4,000.00
5,000.00	" "	5,000.00
5,000.00	" "	5,000.00
5,000.00	" "	5,000.00
23,000.00	" "	23,000.00
5,000.00	" "	5,000.00
\$148,000.00		\$148,000.00

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 2,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s	\$ 1,853.00
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s	2,910.00
6,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s	5,559.00
3,000.00	Province of Manitoba 5s	2,962.50
1,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s	970.00
1,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s	926.50
9,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s	8,482.50
5,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4s	4,634.43
5,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4s	4,500.00
9,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4s	8,370.00
10,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s	9,650.00
8,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s	7,440.00
4,000.00	Province of Manitoba 5s	3,950.00
5,000.00	Province of British Columbia 4½	4,475.00
8,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s	7,412.00
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s	2,827.50
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4s	930.00
6,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s	5,388.00
5,000.00	Province of Manitoba 6s	4,900.00
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s	960.00
1,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s	972.50
5,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s	4,643.75
1,000.00	Province of British Columbia 5s	870.00
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\$102,000.00		\$ 95,586.68

CANADIAN MUNICIPAL BONDS

\$ 1,000.00	City of Toronto 5s	\$ 985.00
1,000.00	City of Winnipeg 6s	955.00
1,036.20	City of Regina 5½s	1,046.56
3,000.00	City of Saskatoon 5s	3,000.00
8,000.00	City of Vancouver 5s	7,840.00
3,000.00	City of Vancouver 5s	2,910.00
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\$ 17,036.20		\$ 16,736.56

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 8,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 4½s	\$ 7,560.00
1,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 4½s	887.85
6,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 4½s	5,469.97
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\$ 15,000.00		\$ 13,917.82

COUNTY BONDS (United States)

\$ 3,500.00	Caldwell Irrigation Dist. Ref. 5s	\$ 3,500.00
5,000.00	Canyon County Drg. Dist. No. 3 4s	4,100.00
2,000.00	Caldwell Irrigation Dist. Ref. 5s	2,000.00
2,500.00	Canyon County Drg. Dist. No. 3 4s	2,450.00
2,500.00	Caldwell Irrigation Dist. Ref. 4s	2,500.00
5,500.00	Caldwell Irrigation Dist. Ref. 5s	5,500.00
3,000.00	Canyon County Drg. Dist. No. 3 4s	2,970.00
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\$ 24,000.00		\$ 23,020.00

PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS

\$ 10,000.00	Seattle Gas Co. 5s	\$ 8,464.02
5,000.00	Public Util. Consol. 5½s	4,925.00
25,000.00	National Gas & Elec. 5s	24,510.00
5,000.00	Seattle Gas Co. 5s	3,950.00
10,000.00	Public Util. Consol. 5½s	9,679.94
5,000.00	Seattle Gas Co. 5s	4,597.78
3,000.00	Seattle Gas Co. 5s	2,933.61
5,000.00	Seattle Gas Co. 5s	3,150.00
5,000.00	Seattle Gas Co. 5s	3,650.00
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\$ 73,000.00		\$ 65,860.35

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 10,000.00	Eastern Gas & Fuel Asso. 4s	\$ 9,250.00
5,000.00	Brown Company 5%	3,500.00
10,000.00	Minnesota & Ontario Paper 5s	8,842.50
6,000.00	Eastern Gas & Fuel Asso. 4s	5,830.59
1,000.00	Eastern Gas & Fuel Asso. 4s	910.00
5,000.00	Consumers Company 5s	4,987.50
2,000.00	Brown Company 5s	1,340.00
2,000.00	Eastern Gas & Fuel Asso. 4s	1,600.00
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\$ 41,000.00		\$ 36,260.59

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

\$ 1,000.00	Northeastern Water Co. \$4.00 Pref.	\$ 845.56
2,000.00	Northeastern Water Co. \$4.00 Pref.	1,691.13
10,100.00	United Public Utilities 6% Pref.	5,150.80
10,000.00	Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas 6% Pref.	10,000.00
2,500.00	United Public Utilities 5½% Pref.	1,941.74
2,500.00	Western Light & Tel. 7% Pref.	2,700.00
1,000.00	Western Light & Tel. 7% Pref.	1,070.00
1,625.00	Western Light & Tel. 7% Pref.	1,722.50
1,650.00	Western Light & Tel. 7% Pref.	1,650.00
10,000.00	Northeastern Water Co. \$4.00 Pref.	7,150.00
10,000.00	United Public Utilities 5½% Pref.	6,500.00
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\$ 52,375.00		\$ 40,421.73

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

\$ 1,000.00	American Rolling Mills 4½% Pref.	\$ 955.39
5,000.00	American Hair & Felt 6% Pref.	4,562.50
2,000.00	La Plante Choate Mfg. Co. 5% Pref.	2,000.00
10,000.00	Pure Oil Company 5% Pref.	9,400.00
5,000.00	McKesson-Robbins Co. 4% Pref.	5,000.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Co. 4% Pref.	5,250.00
5,000.00	Elastic Stop Nut Co. 6% Pref.	5,100.00
10,000.00	Celanese Corp. 4¾ Pref.	9,900.00
4,000.00	American Rolling Mills 4½% Pref.	3,821.53
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\$ 47,000.00		\$ 45,989.42

COMMON STOCKS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 10,000.00	Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha common.....	\$ 8,080.00
5,000.00	Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha comman.....	4,000.00
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\$ 15,000.00		\$ 12,080.00

REAL ESTATE

Sandoe Farm	\$ 7,015.62
Stevens Farm	2,450.79
Weiler Farm	5,711.13
Kayl Farm	2,168.05
Copple Farm	4,957.53
Bergstrom Farm	3,644.76
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\$ 25,947.88	\$ 25,947.88

MORTGAGE LOANS

Otto F. Dahms 5% Mortgage	\$ 2,600.00
Michael Foley 5% Mortgage	6,920.00
Alberic Matthys 5% Mortgage	900.00
Frank N. Smith 5% Mortgage	1,600.00
Amile J. Bejot 5% Mortgage	2,000.00
Frans Hedell 4½% Mortgage	1,550.00
Ernest J. Smith 4% Mortgage	9,000.00
Myrta M. Goll 4½% Mortgage	1,700.00
Levi Erickson 4½% Mortgage	500.00
Francis Mehrens 4½% Mortgage	2,000.00
Leonard Krings 4½% Mortgage	1,250.00
Julius J. Nyffeler 4% Mortgage	1,000.00
Archie M. Smith 4½% Mortgage	3,000.00
Jacqueline Schiefelbein 4½% Mortgage	1,500.00
Thomas C. Warren 4½% Mortgage	5,000.00

Frank L. Frink 5%	1,000.00
Anton G. Christiansen 4½%	3,000.00
James E. Bednar 4½%	3,500.00
Louis J. Siekmann 4½%	4,500.00
John H. Smith, 4% Mortgage	2,500.00
Prudence Lodge No. 179 5% Mortgage	1,151.68
Josephine Johnson 4%	3,000.00
Emma McCord 4%	5,000.00
Edward Niebaum 4½%	3,800.00
Catherine O'Grady 5%	4,600.00
Archie M. Smith 4½%	3,000.00
John A. Mitchell, et al 4%	300.00
Crofton Lodge No. 273 5%	1,033.80
Jacqueline Schiefelbein 4½%	3,000.00
Louis J. Siekmann 4%	5,500.00
Ramah Lodge No. 275 4½%	375.00
Glen Hilman 4%	4,000.00

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

AN ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS

BONDS & STOCKS

Type of Investment	Total		Current Market Value	Annual Income	
	Par Value	Cost		Rec'd	%
U. S. Government Bonds.	\$148,000.00	\$148,000.00	\$148,000.00	\$ 3,700.00	2.50%
Canadian Provincial Bds.	102,000.00	95,586.68	101,840.00	4,605.00	4.81%
Canadian Municipal Bds.	17,036.20	16,736.56	17,116.20	865.00	5.16%
Australian Bonds	15,000.00	13,917.82	13,650.00	675.00	4.85%
County Bonds (U. S.)...	24,000.00	23,020.00	24,000.00	1,070.00	4.64%
Public Utility Bonds....	73,000.00	65,860.35	73,185.00	3,725.00	5.65%
Indus. & Mis. Bonds....	41,000.00	36,260.59	39,242.50	1,860.00	5.13%
Public Utility Pref. Stks.	52,375.00	40,421.73	42,206.00	2,787.75	6.89%
Indus. & Mis. Pref. Stks.	47,000.00	45,989.42	45,643.75	2,300.00	5.00%
Common Stocks	15,000.00	12,080.00	10,050.00	525.00	4.34%
TOTALS	\$534,411.20	\$497,873.15	\$514,933.45	\$22,112.75	
Average Income Per Year (on cost basis)					4.44%

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA
AN ANALYSIS OF BONDS & STOCKS
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$148,000.00	U. S. Treasury 2½%	\$148,000.00	\$148,000.00	\$ 3,700.00
			Average Return.....	2.50%

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

\$ 2,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 7-22-45.....	\$ 1,853.00	\$ 2,010.00	90.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55.....	2,910.00	2,730.00	135.00
6,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 7-2-45.....	5,559.00	6,030.00	270.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 5s 6-2-44.....	2,962.00	3,000.00	150.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55.....	970.00	910.00	45.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 7-2-45.....	926.50	1,005.00	45.00
9,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57.....	8,482.50	8,190.00	405.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4s 11-15-57.....	4,634.43	4,300.00	200.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57.....	4,500.00	5,050.00	200.00
9,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57.....	8,370.00	9,090.00	360.00
10,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 5-1-45.....	9,650.00	10,200.00	450.00
8,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 4-1-60.....	7,440.00	8,460.00	360.00
4,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 5s 6-2-44.....	3,950.00	4,000.00	200.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Br. Col. 4½s 6-29-46.....	4,475.00	5,175.00	225.00
8,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 7-2-45.....	7,412.00	8,040.00	360.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57.....	2,827.50	2,730.00	135.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57.....	930.00	1,010.00	40.00
6,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 5-1-45.....	5,388.00	6,120.00	270.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 6s 10-1-46.....	4,900.00	5,375.00	300.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56.....	960.00	1,055.00	45.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 7-23-45.....	972.50	1,005.00	45.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 57.....	4,643.75	5,275.00	225.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Br. Col. 5s 6-25-48.....	870.00	1,080.00	50.00
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\$102,000.00		\$ 95,586.68	\$101,840.00	\$ 4,605.00
				4.81% Return

CANADIAN MUNICIPAL BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 1,000.00	City of Toronto 5s 7-1-44.....	\$ 985.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 50.00
1,000.00	City of Winnipeg 6s 10-1-46.....	955.00	1,080.00	60.00
1,036.20	City of Regina 5½s 7-1-44.....	1,046.56	1,036.20	55.00
3,000.00	City of Saskatoon 5s 7-1-44.....	3,000.00	3,000.00	150.00
8,000.00	City of Vancouver 5s 6-1-44.....	7,840.00	8,000.00	400.00
3,000.00	City of Vancouver 5s 6-1-44.....	2,910.00	3,000.00	150.00
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\$ 17,036.20		\$ 16,736.56	\$ 17,116.20	\$ 865.00
				5.16% Return

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 8,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 4½s.....	\$ 7,560.00	\$ 7,280.00	\$ 360.00
1,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 4½s.....	887.85	910.00	45.00
6,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 4½s.....	5,469.97	5,460.00	270.00
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\$ 15,000.00		\$ 13,917.82	\$ 13,650.00	\$ 675.00
				4.85% Return

COUNTY BONDS (United States)

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 3,500.00	Caldwell Irrig. Dist. Ref. 5s.....	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 175.00
5,000.00	Canyon County Drg. Dist. No. 3 4s.....	4,100.00	5,000.00	200.00
2,000.00	Caldwell Irrig. Dist. Ref. 5s.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.00
2,500.00	Canyon County Drg. Dist. No. 3 4s.....	2,450.00	2,500.00	100.00
2,500.00	Caldwell Irrig. Dist. Ref. 4s.....	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.00
5,500.00	Caldwell Irrig. Dist. Ref. 5s.....	5,500.00	5,500.00	275.00
3,000.00	Canyon County Drg. Dist. No. 3 4s.....	2,970.00	3,000.00	120.00
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\$ 24,000.00		\$ 23,020.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 1,070.00
				4.64% Return

PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,000.00	Seattle Gas Co. 5s.....	\$ 8,464.02	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 500.00
5,000.00	Public Utilities Consol. 5½s.....	4,925.00	5,037.50	275.00
25,000.00	National Gas & Elec. 5s.....	24,510.00	26,062.50	1,250.00
5,000.00	Seattle Gas Co. 5s.....	3,950.00	4,850.00	250.00
10,000.00	Public Utilities Consol. 5½s.....	9,679.94	10,075.00	550.00
5,000.00	Seattle Gas. Co. 5s.....	4,597.78	4,850.00	250.00
3,000.00	Seattle Gas Co. 5s.....	2,933.61	2,910.00	150.00
5,000.00	Seattle Gas Co. 5s.....	3,150.00	4,850.00	250.00
5,000.00	Seattle Gas Co. 5s.....	3,650.00	4,850.00	250.00
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\$ 73,000.00		\$ 65,860.35	\$ 73,185.00	\$ 3,725.00
				5.65% Return

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,000.00	Eastern Gas & Fuel Asso. 4s.....	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 9,737.50	\$ 400.00
5,000.00	Brown Company 5%.....	3,500.00	4,118.75	250.00
10,000.00	Minnesota & Ontario Paper 5s.....	8,842.50	9,975.00	500.00
6,000.00	Eastern Gas & Fuel Asso. 4s.....	5,830.59	5,842.50	240.00
1,000.00	Eastern Gas & Fuel Asso. 4s.....	910.00	973.75	40.00
5,000.00	Consumers Company 5s.....	4,987.50	5,000.00	250.00
2,000.00	Brown Company 5s.....	1,340.00	1,647.50	100.00
2,000.00	Eastern Gas & Fuel Asso. 4s.....	1,600.00	1,947.50	80.00
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\$ 41,000.00		\$ 36,260.59	\$ 39,242.50	\$ 1,860.00
				5.13% Return

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 1,000.00	Northeastern Water Co. 4% Pref.....	\$ 845.56	\$ 700.00	\$ 40.00
2,000.00	Northeastern Water Co. 4% Pref.....	1,691.13	1,400.00	80.00
10,100.00	United Public Util. 6% Pref.....	5,150.80	6,868.00	606.00
10,000.00	Kansas Nebraska Nat. Gas 5 Pref.....	10,000.00	10,400.00	500.00
2,500.00	United Public Util. 5½ Pref.....	1,941.74	1,650.00	137.50
2,500.00	Western Light & Tel. 7 Pref.....	2,700.00	2,800.00	175.00
1,000.00	Western Light & Tel. 7 Pref.....	1,070.00	1,120.00	70.00
1,625.00	Western Light & Tel. 7 Pref.....	1,722.50	1,820.00	113.75
1,650.00	Western Light & Tel. 7 Pref.....	1,650.00	1,848.00	115.50
10,000.00	Northeastern Water & Elec. 4% Pref....	7,150.00	7,000.00	400.00
10,000.00	United Public Utilities 5½ Pref.....	6,500.00	6,600.00	550.00
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\$ 52,375.00		\$ 40,421.73	\$ 42,206.00	\$ 2,787.75
				6.89% Return

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 1,000.00	American Rolling Mills 4½ Pref.....	\$ 955.39	\$ 695.00	\$ 45.00
5,000.00	American Hair & Felt 6 Pref.....	4,562.50	4,325.00	300.00
2,000.00	La Plante Choate Mfg. 5 Pref.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.00
10,000.00	Pure Oil Company 5 Pref.....	9,400.00	10,500.00	500.00
5,000.00	McKesson Robbins Co. 4 Pref.....	5,000.00	4,950.00	200.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical 4 Pref.....	5,250.00	5,468.75	200.00
5,000.00	Elastic Stop Nut 6 Pref.....	5,100.00	5,200.00	300.00
10,000.00	Celanese Corp. 4¾ Pref.....	9,900.00	9,725.00	475.00
4,000.00	American Rolling Mills 4½ Pref.....	3,821.53	2,780.00	180.00
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\$ 47,000.00		\$ 45,989.42	\$ 45,643.75	\$ 2,300.00
				5.00% Return

COMMON STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,000.00	Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha common.	\$ 8,080.00	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 350.00
5,000.00	Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha common.	4,000.00	3,350.00	175.00
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\$ 15,000.00		\$ 12,080.00	\$ 10,050.00	\$ 525.00
				4.34% Return

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:

Hartington Lodge No. 155, Hartington.
Plainview Lodge No. 204, Plainview.
Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne.
Scribner Lodge No. 132, Scribner.
Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Tekamah.
Star Lodge No. 88, Decatur.
Hiram Lodge No. 52, Arlington.
Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood.
Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice.
Fairbury Lodge No. 35, Fairbury.
Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva.
Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon.
Faith Lodge No. 181, Crawford.
Potter Lodge No. 313, Potter.
Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell.
Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte.
Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington.
Elwood Lodge No. 167, Elwood.
Purity Lodge No. 198, Imperial.
Justice Lodge No. 180, Benkelman.
Endeavor Lodge No. 262, Indianola.
Monument Lodge No. 293, Arapahoe.
Valley Lodge No. 157, Wilsonville.
Harlan Lodge No. 116, Alma.
Litchfield Lodge No. 278, Litchfield.
Crystal Lodge No. 191, Scotia.
Minden Lodge No. 127, Minden.
Blue River Lodge No. 30, Milford.
Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway.

One-Day schools were held in the following Lodges:

Garfield Lodge No. 95, O'Neill.
Bassett Lodge No. 254, Bassett.
Gilead Lodge No. 233, Butte.
Omadi Lodge No. 5, Dakota City.
Wisner Lodge No. 114, Wisner.
Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166, Tilden.
Globe Lodge No. 113, Madison.
North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend.
Stella Lodge No. 105, Stella.
Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Brock.

Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272, Dunbar.
 Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, Tecumseh.
 Lily Lodge No. 154, Davenport.,
 Harvard Lodge No. 44, Harvard.
 Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo.
 Mount Nebo Lodge No. 125, Genoa.
 Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City.
 Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine.
 Bayard Lodge No. 301, Bayard.
 Oasis Lodge No. 271, Morrill.
 Merna Lodge No. 171, Merna.
 Mullen Lodge No. 282, Mullen.
 Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair.
 Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthill.
 Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland.
 Joint schools at Lincoln, Grand Island and Hastings.

Records of 155 lodges have been checked and all Secretaries have been most willing and ready to improve their records and cooperate in making them as complete as possible.

One hundred and ninety lodges have been checked by name, completing the check of the lodges again. Fewer errors were found than in the previous check in 1935 which speaks well for the efficiency of the Secretaries.

Four schools were cancelled on account of bad roads and weather, and two of these came to schools near by, leaving only two that were carried over for next year. In spite of bad roads and weather conditions, the attendance for the year was about ten per cent better than last year.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

One Lodge has been added to the list of proficient Lodges. Springfield Lodge No. 112, Springfield.

New Certificates have been issued to the following brethren:

Frank H. Wisner, No. 265.
 Gerald E. Miller, No. 210.
 Harold A. Lomax, No. 210.
 A. Burchard Carter, No. 210.
 G. Henry Crane, No. 314.
 William W. Hoagland, No. 54.
 Ralph J. Ottersburg, No. 162.
 Percy C. Brintnall, No. 302.
 Morace F. Smith, No. 265.
 Glenn A. Etter, No. 265.
 William W. Bauer, No. 19.
 Irwin Osterloh, No. 72.
 Samuel Person, No. 17.
 Kenneth V. White, No. 112.
 James Ratay, No. 184.
 Alfred G. Wurst, No. 2.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

All of these loyal brethren have given freely of their time and talents during the year, and my heartiest commendation is given to them for their sacrifice and hearty endeavor in keeping the Home Front strong and ready for the day when those who are giving their very best, and some of them making the supreme sacrifice on the battle front, shall return and call for a reckoning from us who remain here.

We bow our heads in remembrance of one of our number who has answered the call during the year.

W. Brother Edwin H. Gerhart who was commissioned August 23, 1926, passed from among us on March 9, 1944, and was laid to rest at his home in Newman Grove with Masonic Honors. He will be remembered very kindly by the brethren who were privileged to work with him during these years.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The conditions under which we have been working the past year will likely prevail for the coming year and unless there are changes which we cannot anticipate at this time the method of instruction for the coming year will be the same as last year.

This will call for continued cooperation from all the brethren in coming to these district meetings and bringing others who do not have transportation.

Extremity always brings opportunity, and to be a true Mason one must realize his personal, individual RESPONSIBILITY in order to make the most of his opportunity and prove his worth to society and to humanity. Never in the history of our Craft has there been greater opportunity and responsibility than at the present moment, and if I can rightly judge the temper and disposition of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, they will go forward in the days to come with greater influence and power than ever before.

My heartfelt wish is that this may prove true, and that we as Masons may show our colors at all times, active and faithful.

For the fine assistance that has been given me by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and all the other officers, I offer my heartfelt thanks.

With our faces to the front,
Let the task be what it may,
Thy will, not mine, be done
Is our watchword for the day.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Lute M. Savage

Grand Custodian

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 William B. Wanner, Grand Master, be referred under its specific designations to the following Committees:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Chapter on "Necrology".

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Chapter on "Installation of Grand Tyler".

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Confer Degrees".

The Chapter on "Special Recommendation".

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Elect and Install Officers".

The Chapter on "Extension of Time for Proficiency".

The Chapter on "By-laws Approved".

The Chapter on "Decisions".

Recommendation No. 3.

Recommendation No. 4.

Recommendation No. 6.

To the Committee on Finance:

Paragraph No. 3, "Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children".

The Chapter on "Grand Lodge Trustees".

The Chapter on "Lease of Grand Lodge Quarters".

Recommendation No. 1.

Recommendation No. 2.

Recommendation No. 5.

The Chapter on "Monell Arms Collection".

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 Relief and Care of Orphans:

The Chapter on "Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth".

The Chapter on "Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children".

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

The Chapter on "State of the Order—The Future".

To the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial:

The Chapter on "George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association".

To the Masters and Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges:

The Chapter on "Fifty Year Badges".

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Confer Degrees".

- To the Grand Custodian and his Assistants:
The Chapter on "Assistant Custodians".
- To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:
The Chapter on "Home Lodge U. D. I."
The Chapter on "Change of Location of Lodges".
The Chapter on "Miscellaneous Dispensations".
- To the Committee on Nebraska Masonic War Service:
The Chapter on "Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund".
The Chapter on "Masonic Service Association".
- To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:
The Chapter on "Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions".
The Chapter on "Representatives near Other Grand Jurisdictions".
- To the Committee on Physical Qualifications:
The Chapter on "Physical Qualifications".
- To the incoming Grand Master:
The Chapter on "Incorporation of Lodges".

It is the unanimous opinion of the Committee, and I believe that every Brother in this Grand Jurisdiction will concur, that the activity of our Grand Master during the past year has been one of untiring effort, and has been an outstanding example of what unselfish devotion, and love of service to his fellowman, can accomplish in such a short period of time.

And now, as the sands in the hour glass of his term of office are running low, we wish to offer this tribute to him, and commend most highly his sincere efforts in behalf of the Craft, in his visitations to the many Lodges during the year, and to his wise and timely counsel for the promotion of the principles of Freemasonry.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

In reviewing the report of the Grand Secretary, we are happy to note that the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge continue in excellent condition.

Modesty and paternal affection prohibit my laying too much stress on the activities of this officer. However, I would be remiss in my duty as Chairman of the Committee, if I did not render the credit due in carrying on the duties of this important function of Freemasonry. In spite of the many details incumbent upon him, he finds time to attend many important Masonic gatherings, both in this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as occasions of a national nature.

We urge a detailed study of his report, by the Officers of the Subordinate Lodges.

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".

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

- The Chapter on "Roll of Honor".

To the Committee on Nebraska Masonic War Service:

- The Report on the "Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund".

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

The report of the Grand Custodian shows that he has been alert, active and sincere in his efforts to attain a uniformity of the ritual throughout the Grand Jurisdiction; being ever ready to assist in any way possible the Lodges and individual Brethren, in improvement of their ritualistic work.

We are glad to note, that although seriously handicapped from the standpoint of transportation and general war time conditions, the work throughout the Grand Jurisdiction is moving forward in a most satisfactory manner.

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.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald C. Smith, 1
Henry H. Reese, 205
Cleveland G. Gupton, 138
Hubert R. Page, 25
Walter H. Jackson, 323

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

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Tuesday, June 6, 1944

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.

I would like to call upon M. W. William A. Robertson, President, to give a report of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

M. W. William A. Robertson, Past Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I will give you a brief report of the Nebraska Masonic Home. This is a corporation, as you all know, that was organized in 1889, and takes care of our old people who are in need of help of the Home at Plattsmouth.

Annually we have a stockholders' meeting, and we publish the report, which goes quite at length into detail about the affairs of the Home. Those reports are sent out to every Lodge. I wish that you would avail yourselves of the opportunity to read these reports, because they are very enlightening.

The Home at the present time has 83 residents, all of them are of extreme age, or practically all. I think we have something like a half a dozen that are in the nineties, and probably 20 or more that are in the eighties. The Home is maintained for the purpose of helping the Masons and their dependents who would be unable to take care of themselves.

I want to read to you from the rules just who are eligible because that seems to be the greatest problem we have is to acquaint the people with the conditions under which people must come into the Home. So often we have brethren who want to come and pay their way, and were we to take the people who could pay, in no time at all we would not have room for those for whom the Home was established. I should like to read these rules so that if application is made to your Lodge you might know whether they are eligible or not.

"Eligibility of Admission: As the Nebraska Masonic Home has been dedicated by and is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, membership in a Nebraska Lodge is requisite to admission to the Home. Therefore, the following rules as to eligibility have been adopted. Those members who at the present time are Master Masons, who have been a member of a Nebraska Lodge, and have been in good standing at least seven years immediately preceding his application. If he has voluntarily not affiliated, or has been expelled he must

have been restored to membership and have affiliated in a Nebraska Lodge at least seven years prior to the age of 65 before he shall be under any circumstances admitted to the Home.

Women, A. A wife of a Master Mason who is himself eligible to admission may be admitted with her husband. B. A widow of a Master Mason, whose husband was eligible at the time of his death, provided she was the wife of said Master Mason at the time of his death, and had been his wife for full seven years at that time, provided further that she shall have continued as a widow of said Master Mason and not remarried; a divorced wife or divorced widow of a Master Mason shall not be admitted to the Home. C. Mothers, maiden daughter, or maiden sisters of a deceased Master Mason who was eligible to admission at the time of his death. D. When a woman is an applicant, whose father, brother or son, is a member of a Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, the admission to the Home must be based thereon and not on his membership in any other Masonic body or organization. E. A sister of the Order of the Eastern Star who has been affiliated and been in good standing in a Nebraska Chapter at least seven years prior to applying for admission.

And these are the rules that apply to both: Applicants must be of good character, unquestioned integrity, honorable disposition and habits above reproach; they must be unable to earn a living for themselves, and have no relatives or friends upon whom they can depend for support. No person of unsound mind or contaminated by any contagious disease shall under any circumstances be admitted, and if admitted by his misstatement or concealment shall be discharged and sent back by the Board of Trustees at the expense of the body making the recommendation."

I want to read these rules to you because so many people get mistaken ideas of what this Home is for. Now, really, it is just to take care of the people as we have outlined here.

Last year it cost us approximately \$48,000 to operate the Nebraska Masonic Home, and according to the estimates this year from the five months of operating that we have been through, it will cost us approximately \$60,000.

Now, we get a per capita tax, which last year amounted to approximately \$31,000, and the balance of this has to be made up by some other means. We have some investments, we have the endowment fund, and we get certain returns from that, but every year the Grand Lodge must help us to support these people in the Home.

Now, I just like to call your attention to this. That there are so many ways, without raising our dues or without going out and begging for it, to acquaint the people with the fact that we are doing this fine work down there, that we need help, and if they see fit to give us a bequest in their will, or if they see fit to make donations, it will all be appreciated, but we don't want to put on any campaign or solicitation, and if possible we want to avoid the raising of dues.

Now, with that brief outline, I have tried to convey to you what the Home is for. There is just one other thing, and that is, I want to pay tribute to Brother Evers, the Superintendent of the Home; he has been

a wonderfully fine man down there in getting along with these old people. We know that these are trying times, and just last month, word came to the Home, telling us of the loss of his son in the Service. This young man came to the Home as a baby, was raised there and grew up to be a fine young man. He was a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and there made a fine record. He was a lieutenant in the Air Corps stationed in England. And I want to say that while we feel a great sorrow in the loss of this boy, we also take great pride in knowing he was one of ours, and was a member of our Lodge at Platts-mouth. He was a fine young man, and I doubt if there has been anything happened in our community that has so made the people realize what this war is costing us. I wish to pay my tribute to Brother Evers, and to his son, William, who grew up with my children, and has been such a fine inspiration to all of us.

M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master :

Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Robertson.

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

M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near our Grand Lodge, directing them to form a semi-circle around the Altar.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alabama.....	Raymond C. Cook
Alberta.....	Earl M. Bolen
Arizona.....	F. Ray Dilts
Arkansas.....	Lute M. Savage
Brazil, Gr. Lodge of Rio De Janeiro.....	Cecil C. Gates
Brazil, Gr. Lodge of Paraiba.....	Benjamin F. Eyre
Canada.....	Edward F. Carter
Chile.....	Ralph O. Canaday
Colorado.....	Carl R. Greisen
Connecticut.....	Chancellor A. Phillips
Delaware.....	Ross Van Sickle
England.....	John R. Tapster
Florida.....	Charles B. Nicodemus
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

Maine.....	Archie M. Smith
Maryland.....	George A. Kurk
Massachusetts.....	William B. Wanner
Mexico.....	Earl J. Lee
Michigan.....	Lewis E. Smith
Minnesota.....	George A. Beecher
Montana.....	Benjamin F. Pitman
New Hampshire.....	Virgil R. Johnson
New Mexico.....	Harold D. Weddel
New York.....	George R. Porter
New Zealand.....	Stanley P. Bostwick
North Carolina.....	John J. Wilson
Nova Scotia.....	Jesse P. Entrekin
Ohio.....	Arthur G. Brown
Oklahoma.....	Curry W. Watson
Oregon.....	Varro E. Tyler
Panama.....	Walter R. Raecke
Philippine Islands.....	Louis F. Schonlau
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
Vermont.....	Elmer E. Magee
Virginia.....	William J. Breckenridge
West Virginia.....	Alvin H. Miller
Wisconsin.....	Osborne P. Simon

M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

It is my privilege to introduce to you the brethren appointed by the Grand Jurisdictions whom they represent as their participants in our Grand Lodge. Some Jurisdictions formerly here represented are now eclipsed by the disasters of war. My brethren, we give you a cordial and fraternal welcome to this 87th Annual Communication of Nebraska Masons.

What the brother, who holds the title of Grand Representative of any Jurisdiction, accomplishes, is largely, as in so many things, up to the individual. He can build up a lasting friendship with his Nebraska Representative, if he will take the trouble to write, and some times write again, until he obtains a reply.

While the duties may be largely of an honorary nature, it is one evidence of the universality of Masonry. All Jurisdictions have the same aims, the same objects for the ennoblement of mankind, the aspirations of man for nobler deeds, higher thoughts, and greater achievements. All join in the search for final truth, the sublime principles of the 3rd degree. As such we bid you welcome among us.

Brethren, join with me in giving these brethren a genuine fraternal welcome.

W. Raymond C. Cook, 6, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, gave the response.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. William B. Wanner, 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 C. Schaper, 148.....Grand Master
 Brother Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.....Deputy Grand Master
 Brother Edward Huwaldt, 318.....Grand Senior Warden
 Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....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 Hobart N. Corning, 1.....Grand Orator
 Brother Lute M. Savage, 3.....Grand Custodian
 Brother William B. Wanner, 9.....Grand Marshal
 Brother Elmer E. Magee, 227.....Grand Senior Deacon
 Brother Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59.....Grand Junior Deacon

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE

Codification of the Law: Brothers Robert R. Moodie, 27; Lamont L. Stephens, 106; Clarence T. Spier, 268.

Committee on Fraternal Dead: Brothers Bayard H. Paine, 33; Adolph A. Wenke, 41; William D. Redmond, 170.

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; Hiram K. Buchanan, 184.

Committee on Masonic Education: Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201; Walter L. Schnabel, 148; Ralph M. Marrs, 184; William A. Robertson, 6; Roy W. Deal, 227.

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, 148, (1949); Alva H. Miller, 19, (1948).

Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts: Brothers Harold M. Smith, 92, (1949); Charles B. Nicodemus, 15, (1948); Carl W. Rensch, 19, (1947); Norris Chadderton, 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; Gwynne Neubauer, 258.

Temple Building Advisory Committee: Brothers Ellis W. Cass, 302, (1945); A. Victor Bryan, 263, (1947); Otto Nelson, 300, (1946).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund: Brothers Milton R. Jackson, 184; Emery E. Davis, 290; Robert Thorson, 11.

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.

Nebraska War Service Committee: Brothers Thomas A. Barton, 210; Otis W. Cave, 250; Mark Simons, 19; Merrill C. Babbitt, 297; Francis W. Albrecht, 300; George A. Kurk, 54; Walter R. Raecke, 36.

Grand Trustees: Brothers Will R. Johnson, 11; Robert D. Wilson, 268; Charles W. Mead, 155.

Bro. Will R. Johnson, 11, Chairman, presented the report of the Grand Trustees, which upon motion was adopted, and the proposed amendments to the law were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

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

At the 86th Annual Communication held in Omaha June 8 and 9, 1943, the Special Committee Regarding Finance recommended, and it was unanimously adopted, that the Grand Lodge create a Board of Grand Trustees which shall have full charge of the investment of Grand Lodge funds, and proposed a general outline of the duties and functions of such Board. Accordingly, the Grand Master appointed a Board of Grand Trustees during August, 1943.

The first meeting of the Grand Trustees was held in the Grand Lodge Library on September 14, 1943, with all members present, at which time the organization of the Grand Trustees was perfected.

Since the Constitution and By-Laws had not been amended, the Grand Trustees appointed in 1943 were not clothed with the necessary authority to function fully and completely. They did, however, act in an advisory capacity to the Grand Secretary in the management of the Grand Lodge Funds. The Grand Trustees met two times for this purpose and on one occasion the views of the Trustees were obtained by telephone.

In order that the Grand Trustees would become better informed regarding the funds and investments of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary was requested to secure an analysis of the investments in bonds and stocks that would show of each type of investment the par value, total cost (book value), current market value, annual income received in dollars, and the yield in per cent of the book cost. The same information is shown for each individual investment and grouped for each type of investment.

The Grand Secretary was also requested to have prepared a report showing the diversification of investments, showing par value, total cost (book cost), and the percentage that each type of investment bears to the total investment. This report is broken down to show the par value and cost of each individual holding included in each type of investment.

This analysis and report of diversification will be published in full in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge. If you will bear with me for just a few minutes, I should like to review briefly the summary sheets.

Review summaries and attached copies of the analysis of investments and report of diversification.

Your Grand Trustees have been very much impressed with the exceptional ability and judgment shown by the Grand Secretary, Lewis E. Smith, in the handling of the Grand Lodge investments. He has done a most remarkable job in keeping the money working, preserving the assets, and in securing the greatest possible return without undue risk.

We do not believe it to be wise or advisable to attempt to outline a hard and fast policy to be followed by the Grand Trustees in managing the investments for the reason that conditions change from time to time, and often quite abruptly. In order to meet these changing conditions, the Trustees should be free to act as the conditions warrant. We do believe, however, that to the greatest extent possible the investments should be made on a trust fund basis. We fully appreciate that in following such a policy the element of appreciation and return may be reduced.

The amount of the Grand Lodge Funds has reached a point where the Grand Trustees or any one in managing them should have available sound financial advice. This may be secured in various ways, but in order to secure the best counsel there will no doubt be some expense. It is, therefore, recommended that the Grand Trustees be authorized to expend up to \$1,000.00 annually for such advice and counsel as seems necessary to protect the integrity of the Funds.

It is also recommended that each of the Grand Trustees be bonded for an amount not less than \$10,000.00, and that in the event it becomes necessary for the Grand Trustees to have access to the safety deposit vault containing the securities owned by the Grand Lodge on account of the absence or inability of the Grand Secretary to be present, that the Grand Trustees increase the amount of bond for such Grand Trustees to an amount not less than \$50,000.00 each.

It is further recommended that the bond of the Grand Secretary be increased from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

The Special Committee Regarding Finance required in their report that the Grand Trustees thus appointed submit at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge in 1944 such necessary amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge as will make permanent the Board of Grand Trustees, whose duties will be to manage the investment and reinvestment of the Grand Lodge Funds.

In giving consideration to the amendments that would be necessary to make the Board of Grand Trustees permanent and to provide them with the necessary authority to carry out their responsibilities, the Grand Trustees called upon W. Brother John T. Dysart for advice and counsel, who will now present the amendments to the By-Laws for your consideration.

WILL R. JOHNSON, 11, Chairman
ROBERT D. WILSON, 268
CHARLES M. MEAD, 155
WILLIAM B. WANNER, 9, Grand Master

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

Section 30 of the By-Laws, regulating Grand Lodge Funds covering the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund, provides among other things that \$100,000.00 and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund, and that seventy-five per cent of the annual interest of this fund may be used for the care and education of orphans, and it so far as necessary shall be transferred to the Secretary of the committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to be disbursed on order of said committee.

The Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund was, according to the records, started in 1866, and in 1872 the sum of \$5,145.65 had been secured for the fund. The fund has grown from this meager start to a sum of \$265,215.47 as of this date. The growth has come entirely by good management, the re-investment of interest and the appreciation of investments. In so far as we have been able to determine, no part of the earnings of this fund has been used either for the education of orphans or by the committee for relief and care of orphans. Ample provision has been made for the relief and care of orphans through allocation of Grand Lodge income.

We feel that the proceeds of this Fund should be used for a good purpose, and in our opinion there could be no loftier purpose than to use them for the maintenance and operation of the Nebraska Masonic Home. The expense of operating this beloved institution has been increasing due to increased costs of food, labor, etc., and we have been informed that additional provision must be made soon to meet the increased expenses. Further, it would seem prudent to endow this grand institution in so far as possible to insure its future.

We, therefore, wish to submit for your consideration the establishment of the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund as a supplemental Endowment Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

WILL R. JOHNSON, 11, Chairman
ROBERT D. WILSON, 268
CHARLES W. MEAD, 155
WILLIAM B. WANNER, 9, Grand Master
LEWIS E. SMITH, 136, Grand Secretary

I should like to have W. Brother Dysart present the amendment to the By-Laws, which would establish this supplemental Endowment Fund.

To effectuate the suggestions and recommendations made in the foregoing report, we, your Grand Trustees, propose the following amendments to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge:

AMENDMENT No. 1

That the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to create a Committee to be known as the Board of Grand Trustees, to have full charge of the investment and re-investment of Grand Lodge funds, said amendment to constitute the first Section of Chapter IV of the By-Laws under the heading "Grand Lodge Funds", and shall be and read as follows:

Section 27—Board of Grand Trustees.

(a) The Board of Grand Trustees shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Grand Master, for terms as hereinafter provided, together with the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge as ex-officio members thereof. A majority of said Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting for the transaction of official business. Said Board of Grand Trustees shall have full charge of the investment, re-investment, purchase and sale of all Grand Lodge funds subject to the jurisdiction and control of the Grand Lodge; and all funds, securities, mortgages, real estate, and other property belonging to the Grand Lodge and now in the name of The Nebraska Masonic Home for the purpose of management and investment shall be conveyed and assigned to the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska and delivered to the Board of Grand Trustees by the officers of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Said Grand Trustees shall be available for financial counsel to all other separately created organizations or boards of the Grand Lodge. Said Grand Trustees shall be bonded in an amount prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

(b) The Grand Master elected at the session of the Grand Lodge at which this amendment is passed, shall immediately after taking office appoint three Grand Trustees, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand Master shall immediately after taking office appoint one Grand Trustee for a term of three years to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of one of the appointed Grand

Trustees, and each Grand Master shall, in the event a vacancy occurs in the number of appointed Grand Trustees by reason of death, resignation or any other cause immediately appoint a Trustee to fill the unexpired term caused thereby.

(c) The Grand Trustees appointed shall be members in good standing of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and shall be selected because of their experience and recognized ability in the investment field. All Trustees shall be residents of the State of Nebraska, and if any Trustee shall cease to be a resident of this State, or shall cease to be a member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, his place as Grand Trustee shall be declared vacant by the Grand Master, and a new Grand Trustee appointed immediately.

(d) The Board of Grand Trustees shall select its chairman from the Trustees other than the Grand Lodge officers. The Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio Secretary of said Board.

(e) The Grand Trustees shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for actual expense incurred covering mileage, hotel room and meals. They are also authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary for financial advice and service from funds appropriated by the Grand Lodge for that purpose. They may also expend such sums for legal services and court costs as they deem necessary for the proper handling of the investments, and the protection and collection of the same.

(f) The securities of the Grand Lodge shall be kept in a safety deposit box to which access may be had by the Grand Secretary, who shall be bonded for \$100,000.00, in company with any one or more of the other Grand Trustees, or some other Master Mason duly designated by the Grand Trustees and who shall be bonded for \$10,000.00. Provided, however, that in the event of absence or inability of the Grand Secretary to be present and act, access may be had by any two of the Grand Trustees, accompanied by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden or Grand Junior Warden, provided that before having such access they shall each be bonded for \$50,000.00. The Grand Trustees shall review the list of securities annually and make a written report of their analysis. Funds for investment and re-investment shall be given consideration not less than once each quarter, and a complete record of the data presented for consideration and the action taken, shall be kept and available at all times for those to whom access shall be granted, and an annual report of the doings of said Grand Trustees shall be made to each annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

(g) The Board of Grand Trustees shall establish its own investment policies, if not in violation of Section 27-A of the By-Laws, and determine its limitations on classes of investments as it deems wise and prudent, and may delegate to one or more of its members authority to act to carry out such policies within such limitation in case of emergency or under such conditions and regulations as the Board may establish for handling the investments when the Board is not in session.

(h) All funds, securities, mortgages and real estate belonging to this Grand Lodge shall be the property of and carried in the name of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. All deeds conveying real estate and all mortgages mortgaging real estate or personal property, and all mortgage releases or assignments of stock certificates, securities or such other legal documents, having to do with the investment or re-investment of Grand Lodge Funds, shall be executed for the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary upon authorization of the Board of Grand Trustees, provided, however, in the absence of the Grand Master all assignments, transfers, and other legal documents that are necessary for the sale or transfer of securities can be executed by the Grand Secretary together with one member of the Board of Trustees.

AMENDMENT No. 2

That the first two paragraphs of Section 9 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws as appear in the 1943 Addenda to the Law, which read as follows:

"Section 9.—Enumeration and Appointment.—The committee 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."

be amended

(a) By substituting a comma for the period at the end of the first paragraph of said Section and adding thereto the following:

"(18) Board of Grand Trustees, which shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Grand Master, with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as ex-officio members thereof, each appointive member to serve for a period of three years, and shall be appointed for such term as to retire one member thereof annually."

(b) Also by striking out the word "and" at the end of the first line of the second sentence of the second paragraph of said Section and inserting immediately following the number "(17)" in the third line from the bottom of said paragraph the following:

"and the appointive members of the Board of Grand Trustees (18), so that said first two paragraphs of said Section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

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 Dispositions, (10) Credentials, (11) Grand Lodge Office, (12) Pay-Roll, (13) Visiting Brethren, (14) Unfinished Business, (15) Children's Home, (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, (18) Board of Grand Trustees, which shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Grand Master with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as ex-officio members thereof, each appointive member to serve for a period of three years, and shall be appointed for such term as to retire one member thereof annually.

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, the Committee on Masonic Education, numbered (17), and the appointive members of the Board of Grand Trustees, numbered (18) 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.

AMENDMENT No. 3

That the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by adding at the end of Chapter III a section which shall be and read as follows:

The Committee known as Board of Grand Trustees shall have full charge of the investment and re-investment of all Grand Lodge Funds, and shall be available for financial counsel to all other separately created organizations or boards of the Grand Lodge.

AMENDMENT No. 4

That Section 27-A of the By-Laws, which reads as follows:

"Sec. 27-A.—FUNDS—HOW LOANED: Said funds may be invested in first mortgages on real estate in sums not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars to any one person, not to exceed Fifty (50%) per

cent of the appraised value of such security, or in bonds of corporations secured by first mortgages on its tangible assets, or in approved public securities. All unloaned money may be deposited in solvent banks or trust companies on interest until required for the purpose of making loans. The applicant for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition and character of said land, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run and the rate of interest offered.

be amended by striking from the first sentence of said Section, beginning after the comma in the fourth line thereof, the following words: "or in bonds of corporations secured by first mortgages on its tangible assets, or in approved public securities", and inserting in lieu thereof "or in such other securities as the Board of Grand Trustees may deem appropriate". Also by striking out the second sentence of said paragraph which reads as follows:

"All unloaned money may be deposited in solvent banks or trust companies on interest until required for the purpose of making loans", so that said Section when amended shall be and read as follows:

Said funds may be invested in first mortgages on real estate in sums not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to any one person, not to exceed Fifty (50%) per cent of the appraised value of such security, or in such securities as the Board of Grand Trustees may deem appropriate. The applicant for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition and character of said land, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run, and the rate of interest offered.

AMENDMENT No. 5

That Section 27-B of the By-Laws, which now reads as follows:

"Sec. 27-B—All Grand Lodge Funds irrespective of by what committee administered, shall be held in the name of the M. W. the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden acting collectively. The various funds of Grand Lodge may be carried in separate accounts, subject to the order of the proper officers or committees, but until finally disbursed, legal title thereto shall at all times remain in said Grand Lodge."

be amended by striking from the fourth, fifth and sixth lines thereof the words "Grand Master, the deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden acting collectively," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Grand Trustees" so that said Section, when so amended, shall be and read as follows:

Sec. 27-B—All Grand Lodge Funds shall be held in the name of the M. W. the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska in such bank or

banks as may be designated by the Grand Trustees. The various funds of Grand Lodge may be carried in separate accounts subject to the order of the proper officers or committees, but until finally disbursed, legal title thereto shall at all times remain in said Grand Lodge.

AMENDMENT No. 6

That Section 30 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge which reads as follows:

"Sec. 30.—ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—\$100,000.00 and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund and shall never be depleted below the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Seventy-five per cent of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings thereof for the preceding year, may be used for the care and education of orphans, and in so far as necessary shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to be disbursed on order of said committee. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds."

be amended by striking from the next to the last line thereof the words "Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home" and substituting therefor the words "Grand Trustees", so that said Section, when amended, shall be and read as follows:

Sec. 30.—ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—\$100,000.00 and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund and shall never be depleted below the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Seventy-five per cent of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings thereof for the preceding year, may be used for the care and education of orphans, and it, so far as necessary, shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to be disbursed on order of said committee. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Grand Trustees be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds.

AMENDMENT No. 7

That Section 31-D of the By-Laws, which reads as follows:

"Section 31-D.—THE CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND.—Twenty-seven Thousand (\$27,000) Dollars in government bonds, par value, now being transferred from the assets of the Maintenance Fund for Children's Home, the unexpended income from the fund, and such additions as may be later made to this fund, by action of this Grand Lodge, or by gifts or bequests, shall constitute 'The Children's Home Endowment Fund', and except by direct action of this Grand Lodge in Annual Communication assembled, no part of this principal of this fund shall be used. The annual interest earned by said fund in any one year may be expended by the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home or this

Grand Lodge for the maintenance of the Children's Home at Fremont. The Fund with its increase from time to time shall by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds for the purpose for which the fund is created,"

be amended by striking from the second sentence of said Section the following words:

"by the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home or this Grand Lodge for the maintenance of the Children's Home at Fremont",

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"by this Grand Lodge for the maintenance and operation of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for children at Fremont",

and by striking from the fourth and third lines from the bottom of said Section the words "the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Grand Trustees" so that said Section, when amended, shall be and read as follows:

Twenty-seven Thousand (\$27,000) Dollars in government bonds, par value, now being transferred from the assets of the Maintenance Fund for Children's Home, the unexpended income from the fund, and such additions as may be later made to this fund, by action of this Grand Lodge, or by gifts or bequests, shall constitute "The Children's Home Endowment Fund," and except by direct action of this Grand Lodge, in Annual Communication assembled, no part of the principal of this fund shall be used. The annual interest earned by said fund in any one year may be expended by this Grand Lodge for the maintenance and operation of a Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. The fund with its increase from time to time, shall, by the Grand Trustees be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds for the purposes for which the fund is created.

AMENDMENT No. 8

We propose that Section 27 of the By-Laws, which reads as follows:

"Section 27.—When the Grand Lodge is not in session the Orphans' Educational Fund of this Grand Lodge shall be in charge and under the control of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home,"

be repealed.

AMENDMENT No. 9

To effectuate the suggestions made in the foregoing report, with reference to the establishment of the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund as a supplemental Endowment Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home, we, your Grand Trustees, propose that the By-Laws be amended as follows:

(a) We propose that Section 30 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, as amended at this session thereof, which said Section as so amended reads as follows:

Sec. 30.—ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—\$100,000.00 and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the

Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund and shall never be depleted below the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars. Seventy-five per cent of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings thereof for the preceding year, may be used for the care and education of orphans, and it, so far as necessary, shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to be disbursed on order of said committee. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Grand Trustees be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds,

be amended to be and read as follows:

That the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund, which now amounts to \$265,215.47 shall constitute a Supplemental Endowment Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home and shall never be depleted below the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall, by the Grand Trustees, be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds. The net income therefrom shall, at the close of each fiscal year, be transferred by the Grand Trustees to the Nebraska Masonic Home and be used by it for the maintenance and operation of the Home.

(b) That the original Section 30, and as amended at this Session of the Grand Lodge, be repealed.

M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master :

Brethren:

The hour is at hand for the treat of the Grand Lodge. When I was looking around for a Grand Orator, even before the time came for my election, I discovered a man who was initiated not so many years ago in George W. Lininger Lodge 268, Omaha, and my choice fell on Brother Francis L. Bouquet. Soon after he was installed as Grand Orator he left this Grand Jurisdiction for other fields of labor, but he returned here today. And I know that we are going to have a treat that will be long remembered in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Brethren, this youngster, I like to call him, in Masonry at least,—I don't know what Masonry has done to him, but it has stepped into his heart and soul, and he just lives and breathes it. You can remember last year how he kindled the thought of this Grand Lodge in just almost an instant of time.

And now, I have the very great pleasure of introducing to you, our Grand Orator, Brother Francis L. Bouquet. I will request the Grand Junior Deacon to allow no one to enter or leave during this part of our program.

W. Francis L. Bouquet, 268, Grand Orator, delivered the

ORATION

THE ALTAR OF MASONRY

On a day so momentous as this,—D Day in Europe; on a Day so momentous as this in the destiny of a people, and so vital to the exist-

tence of our Craft, no trivial theme can consume our attention. For in this very hour, tens of thousands of our brethren, who from within our Citadel of Faith, heard the insistent and threatening alarm at the door, grasped from the Arsenal of Democracy, every available sword, and having rushed to the Ramparts Which Masonry ever watches with unceasing vigilance, now are engaged in mortal combat with the implacable foes of our cherished ideals and heritage. This very hour, craftsman, Hiram Abiff is slain with violence in a thousand localities, and not merely in pageantry, but in stark and dread reality. Many of these sat by our side, in this very place, a short year ago. But today they are away. Soon in our lodge may come the word to us that this very day, at the hands of the evil Ruffians, our beloved brethren met evil treatment. Soon in our lodges and in our hearts, acacia and evergreen may remind us that the cost of building the Temple is not yet fully paid, and that we, like our brethren, must labor to the end of our strength and of our devotion.

Let us dare believe that it is no mere idle chance that to us granted the high privilege of consecrated labor in such an hour as this! Let us dare believe that the Grand Master of the Universe has granted unto us the royal privilege of assemblage in a Grand Lodge, that we might be given a larger, longer look at the Grand Design of the Great Architect of the Universe! Thus our labor may be as meaningful as others, if we enter into the boundless possibilities that the hour affords. But what travesty we face in this hour, if our labor be less than our utmost best for the supreme highest of the teachings and values that abide in Masonry! With nothing less can we be content, if I correctly echo the hearts of those who taught to me my Masonic principles.

Brethren, in this hour Hiram Abiff is slain again! Brethren, let us recall that he must not lie forgotten nor forsaken. Remember now that when Hiram was raised, the Master found that it was not enough to assemble the brethren and to gather about his grave. It was not enough to rely upon craft and skill of men. All the efforts of all strength and cunning were of no avail until the Worshipful Master bade the Lodge attend the altar, and there invoke the help of One whose power alone can be our trust. This very day, here, in this place, our own Grand Master of this Grand Lodge paused in his masterful address, and requested the Grand Chaplain to attend the Altar and to offer prayer for the safekeeping of the thousands "of brethren from Nebraska and all over our Nation, who are fighting for the Principles of Masonry and Freedom". To that Altar and to that petition, in this hour of human need and testing, I summon you, my brethren, now, again, to the Altar of Masonry.

See, it is builded there,—that Altar! It is builded there, firm; on the level; square to our oblong; plumb with the East; and in truth, the very centre of our compass; radiant with the illumination of the Great Lights in the light of the lesser lights. It is the exact centre of our fraternity and it is the hub from out of which proceeds all the spokes of the entire circumference of the Masonic wheel of progress and activity.

In such an hour as this, there is no other more sure or certain refuge for the true Masonic heart, than at this centre.

The profane sense this importance of the altar in Masonry, but without understanding. When they enter a darkened lodge room, they eagerly glance about to see what they may see of the secrets of Masonry,—if any. Of course the furniture first meets their eye. Chairs they have seen at home and elsewhere. Ashlar, pillars, tools, flag, organ, sword, or desk, seem appropriate to such an order as is called "Masons". But in the very centre of the room is,—of all things,—AN ALTAR! For a thousand years, to all mankind, an altar has implied a shrine, a priest, a sacrifice, a theology. And, since an altar is indispensable to religion, the ignorant have immediately jumped to the conclusion that Masonry is a Religion. And, concluding that they have found another warring sect, a disguised church, a competing priest-craft, malicious or mis-informed demagogues or ecclesiastics have spread abroad their ill-founded misrepresentations, culminating in denunciation and demanding that Masonry be utterly stamped out by all who desire to be truly religious. Hence the spectacle of the largest, single, organized body in Christendom, arrayed against our worthy institution in prolonged bitter and foolish attack. Mistakenly, they assert that Masonry is hostile to Religion.

And yet, on the other hand, is a great paradox. For while millions oppose Masonry, because of its altar, other millions of equally religious and equally earnest souls, knock, one by one, at the doors of the Lodge; enter, labor, return and proclaim they have found NO conflict nor hindrance for true religion, in the precincts of the lodge. Of course, the initiate know that there is no such conflict. The initiate know that the altar of Masonry competes with no religion that is dedicated to the Truth. For the altar of Masonry is concerned with nothing else or less than TRUTH for all of life and labor. In connection with this matter, my brethren, let us never carelessly speak of "Masonic" Truth. For TRUTH is TRUTH, forever, always and everywhere. It needs no adjective to limit or describe it, for such a label becomes at once a libel. And Masonry claims no option upon the Truth; only allegiance and loyalty to discovered and proved principles which are enshrined in the symbolism of the builder's art. To refer carelessly to "Masonic" truth, is to feed the suspicion of prejudice that has long since fed the fires of partisan strife through sad centuries of human history. Proclaim, ever, that Masonry is no church for its altar is on the level, in the midst, among the brethren and requires neither priest nor theologian. Proclaim that Masonry is not a school, but more; not another lodge, merely, but a fraternity and philosophy as vast and intricate as proven and discovered Truth,—at whose altar all truly Masonic, inevitably must cluster ever.

Now so vast is Truth, that in the Ancient and Honorable Craft, discovered principles are enshrined in symbols. Our history is immeasurably enriched by visible representations and reminders of data that is of inestimable value to worthy living. George Washington himself, endorsed this ancient definition of Freemasonry,—

"The activity of closely united men who, employing symbolical forms, borrowed principally from the Mason's trade and from Architecture, work for the welfare of mankind, striving morally to ennoble themselves and others".

These fascinating symbols that ever grow more meaningful, constitute our legends, our rites, our secrets and our common idealism. They are so vast, and so meaningful, that a life-time is all too short to comprehend or exhaust them. Surely I do not claim to be yet more than a Fellow in the Craft, but there are in this very room at this very hour, many worthy Masters who are capable of leading us to the central vitalities of our procedure with their illimitable beauties and stimulus. But my task is not to attempt their assignment and function. I have been asked to serve this hour as your Orator, by appointment of the Grand Master. It is a function which I would not have sought, nor for which I feel worthy. But it is not a place nor time for me to declaim. Rather, I have taken the assignment literally. "Oration" is from the Latin root, *orare*, to pray. And only so far as I lead you to, stand by you at, and leave you with, the place and mood of prayer, do I succeed in my holy task. Bear with me the while I tread with you toward the Altar of Masonry.

Brethren, before I ever entered into a lodge hall, and while I was yet outside the door, an altar was lightened in Masonry, and readied for my appearance,—as indeed was your experience also. But when I entered, I saw not altar. I began no work. I was bound by no obligation. No Master gripped my hand. No brother saluted me. No tools nor light were mine until first the Chaplain had phrased those meaningful words of petition,—“Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy divine help, that in our work, begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, inherit everlasting Life”. Then, in breathless ecstasy, kneeling, I was tested as to the source of my trust, and phrased for myself an indelible pattern for long years that yet are to be. Brethren, the unworthy priestcraft may be right, after all. They may well fear the altar of Masonry, who seek less than loyalty to Truth. For while Masonry is NOT A RELIGION, yet, maybe, after all, it is in the very finest senses of the word,—Religious. It has no sacrament; yet at its altar, life may indeed become a sacramental thing. For sacraments are themselves but symbols, like Masonry, and like an altar,—which is common to them both. Near such a symbol vast, at the very centre of Masonry, we can draw together in this hour for strength and fellowship and vision. The Altar of Masonry will mean many rich experiences and many supreme aspirations to many men, but there are some things that it must mean to all.

One of these ultimate values is expressed in the word, FAITH. For when the candidate, first received into the Lodge, approaches, and follows his Guide, he is left alone, kneeling. AT THE ALTAR. Thus begins his Masonic life. Not when he petitions; nor is approved; nor received at the door. But when he kneels at the altar, he touches his sublimest moment, to that hour. Symbolically, the seen touches the Unseen; the

known rubs shoulders with the UNKNOWN; the past and future mingle; humanity and helplessness; Diety and dynamic power; darkness and Light face each other, with the Guide unseen. But Light is near, and shadows fall behind as one faces Light, and in a revelation of inner reality, the culmination of aspiration phrases itself in prayer.

That prayer, if truly prayed, glimpses in a twinkling of an eye, the vast quarry, the rough ashlar, the spotless apron, the necessary tools, and the spotless character of the Workman that is worthy. Direction for a lifetime, is compressed into a single moment, and the first essential step toward true fraternal labor is taken, in the heart, and before God and these witnesses. But there is much more to that high hour of consecration than the individual and his own small ashlar. There is an indispensable and breath-taking vision. Perhaps never till that hour has the simple candidate ever seen it, but as the gavel of the Master raises the Lodge, and the Brethren attend to prayer, the candidate in spirit pierces the blue canopy of Heaven, and peers over the trestle-board at the Grand Design of the Great Architect. One triumphant, dazzling, glorious moment that will forever alter all of life, labor and destiny, he marvelling, beholds. Higher than a man; higher than a horse; higher than a house; higher than the highest hill, and highest heaven itself, he beholds the deathless, divine and majestic Temple of the Eternal descending down from God, out of Heaven, with pillars, nave, turrets, spires and imagery of foundation strong, builded by the sons of men to the matchless design of the Dreamer who is himself the Mighty Builder. All of life it will abide with him who truly sees it only once! All of life will he live for it and work for it and die for it, until it come to be at last. He asks not that he live to see it done. Content to know that beneath the Great Arch, or below a wondrous Rose Window, or perchance in remotest corner of choir or tower, some stone, true and square and worthy, may bear his own Mason's mark. Only he who has truly knelt at Masonry's altar in his heart, can see the cherubim who throng the celestial lodge, or understands the Faith that binds brother to brother in Masonic work and perseverance. "Thy will be done on earth" is but his definition of "Thy kingdom come" as he has seen it in heaven. Under the broad canopy of heaven the Mason works upon a dream that builds from the river to the ends of the earth, and upon a foundation which no other man can set aside. The gavel strikes again, and the work goes on the whole world round for century after century,—and will, until at last the dream is completely builded. For builded it must surely be, and will. Well do tyrants tremble when they see the Mason kneeling at his altar, and strike first, as they always do at that altar and at its light. But to destroy it is beyond their power, for its Builder and Maker is God. It is his design which is upon the trestleboard of the Universe. It is his work which Masonry would ever do, when it kneels at its altar, for upon that altar, by more light, each Mason discovers the tools of his craft and yearns to rightly use them.

"New gleams of Truth Divine are caught
 In high communion there,
 Where we have met with God in thought,
 And bowed in common prayer".

In no less a tie is the source of our Fraternity. Across that altar came to our ears the first response of our brethren-to-be. There did the Master clasp our hand, and we salute the brethren. There found we light, and there did we obligate ourselves as brethren. Truly

"Our brotherhood still rests in Him
 The brother of us all,
 And o'er the centuries, still we heed
 The Master's winsome call".

All our duty to one another, and the high joy of our fellowship in service and in refreshment is builded about our altar experience. All rests upon the fact of the common vision; the similar consecration; the striving craftsmanship; the honest, unselfish labor of good men, true men and worthy men, who are brothers of a dream and task. When a young man, I stood by an open grave. I saw a man weep with poignant grief. I observed that he had lost a friend;—I thought. With bleeding heart he looked at me and replied that he had lost the best friend he had ever had in this world. I assured him that he would soon have other and new friends to replace the old and lost friendship. Said he to me,—
 "New friends can never replace old friends; they can only be added, but never replace one who has been truly, a brother". Later, I learned that he spoke of a Masonic brother. Now, thank God, I know the blessed meaning of true Masonic brotherhood within my own life, for I found it at the altar of Masonry. I understand the sanctity and satisfaction of fellowship with noble workers of the will of God within a fraternal bond that cannot be broken. To that altar and to that fellowship this day, we dedicate ourselves anew for the sake of our brethren overseas, and here.

Finally at the altar of Masonry this day, we glimpse the Fidelity of men who have dared to take seriously the Builder's obligation and opportunity. Did you not thrill with me today when you heard in this place "that Masonry has no retired list". For all who rise from this altar of ours Once a Mason, are really Masons for always. Like the bull-dog who is known for his staying qualities, the Mason never quits. Like the British soldier, "he fights five minutes longer than his adversary". The sublime degree of Masonry, cemented by solemn obligation at the altar, centres life about labor that must never be completed until the cathedral of life is consummated. Of the Mason it can be said that, often,

"He wrote no lofty poem
 That critics counted art;
 But with a nobler vision,
 He lived one in his heart.

He carved no shapeless marble
 To some high soul design
 But with a finer sculpture,
 He shaped one in his heart.

He built no great cathedrals
 That centuries applaud;
 But with a grace exquisite,
 His life cathedraled God."

But such high achievement is not possible for individual or fraternity apart from divine help. Of that confession and of that quest for such help, our altar is a symbol. Brethren, kneel with me there, now, at the Altar of Masonry, and let this be our mutual prayer:

"Eternal and Dauntless Spirit,
 Touch the East and light the Light
 That shone when this fraternity was born.

Across the great gray wastes of Time
 Where men go up, and men go down,
 May we be found Among them that follow still
 The emblazoned, brilliant Light which streams
 From out the East",

and is most clearly seen by those who kneel at the Altar of Masonry.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

On this very auspicious day that may easily prove to be the most momentous, and the most potential in the history of mankind, it has been our glorious privilege to be lifted from the valley of despair, of horror and amazement, to the mountain peaks. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I desire to move that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to our Grand Orator for his beautiful and inspirational address, and I request that he provide the Grand Secretary with a copy thereof, that it may be printed with the proceedings of our Grand Lodge. Seconded and carried.

Presentation of Bronze Jordan Medal to W. . Brother Lauritz A. Larsen, Curtis Lodge No. 168.

M. . W. . William B. Wanner, Grand Master :

You will present Worshipful Lauritz A. Larsen to the East. Brother Larsen, the records show that you are the oldest Master Mason in point of service in Curtis Lodge No. 168. It is, therefore, my pleasure on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to decorate you with this Bronze Jordan Medal, and to confer on you the distinction which it bears. This designation bears with it a responsibility as well as honor. As the oldest Master Mason in your Lodge you will henceforth be the color bearer for M. . W. . Robert Carrel Jordan, our first Grand Master. It will be your privilege to keep his name and achievements in existence in the hearts

and minds of your brethren. As you wear this medal, wear it with pride, pride that you have been chosen to follow so great a leader, and to think that you have remained faithful. Your Lodge is proud to place your name on its rolls of honor, and I, as Grand Master, am proud to present it to you.

My brother, may you long live to wear this medal. And I notice you are already decorated with the Fifty Year Badge.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, this brother is representing Curtis Lodge No. 168, and I am glad to say that he has well represented it. Let's give him a hand.

Bro. Lauritz A. Larsen, 168.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

This is a time of enjoyment for me because I do not believe that there are many who have been so decorated in the Grand Lodge, and by the Grand Master. I also realize the fact that the years are fading and we are entering the evening of life.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BRETHREN WEARING THE
BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL**

Joseph P. Kreycik, Wood Lake Lodge No. 221.

Bartley F. Maywood, Mizpah Lodge No. 302.

Robert M. Evans, Right Angle Lodge No. 303.

M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master:

We are mighty glad to have you venerable Masons in your Lodges, present with us today. It would seem fitting for me, as Grand Master, to welcome you to this Grand Lodge, and we do welcome you. I certainly do take off my hat in reverence to any man who wears the Fifty Year Badge, and the Jordan Medal. I know that you have been faithful to the interests of this institution for many years. We hope that all of you may come back to this Grand Lodge and be greeted by the Grand Master next year.

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 MASONIC-EASTERN STAR
STUDENT FUND COMMITTEE**

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

The work of this Committee involves supervision and financial aid to high school graduates of the Home at Fremont who desire to continue their education, and have been determined worthy.

Due to the war we did not have as many students under our supervision as normally. During the first semester we had one girl taking her second year of nursing at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha and two girls taking first year business courses at Omaha University. At the start of the second semester one of the boys discharged from the army was added to our group. He attended Midland College.

During the coming year we anticipate having five girls and one boy under our supervision. However, this group may be increased through discharges from the Armed Forces.

Last year each Grand Body appropriated \$800.00 to the Committee or a total of \$1,600.00. Of this only \$400.00 was requisitioned. Owing to the fact that we will have more students next year and may even have some we are not now anticipating, due to boys returning from the service, we ask that \$900.00 be appropriated by the Grand Lodge. A similar amount has been appropriated by the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

We wish again to commend Superintendent Elmer J. Hartmann, and his staff for the fine work they are doing at the Home in raising fine young girls and boys, of whom we can all be proud.

W. John J. Wilson, 54, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted section by section and then as a whole.

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 Oliver Lodge No. 38, A. F. & A. M. for restoration, be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the petition of a former member of Oliver Lodge No. 38, 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 Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M., for restoration, be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the petition of a former member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M. 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 Keystone Lodge No. 62 A. F. & A. M., for restoration, be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the petition of a former member of Keystone Lodge No. 62, A. F. & A. M. 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, 1943, and a request was made to the Grand Lodge at the 86th annual communication to defer action upon this petition until the lodge had made a further investigation. The lodge has made a further investigation and has asked that the application for the restoration of said brother be withdrawn, and offer the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the request of St. Johns Lodge No. 25 requesting the withdrawal of the application of a former member be granted."

Your committee offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the report of the committee on Grievances be adopted as a whole."

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, 30, 38, 40, 44, 57, 60, 63, 70, 71, 74, 78, 86, 87, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 99, 101, 103, 110, 116, 117, 119, 126, 128, 137, 140, 143, 144, 145, 151, 153, 163, 164, 166, 167, 172, 175, 179, 182, 188, 189, 190, 191, 194, 201, 204, 206, 208, 214, 215, 218, 223, 235, 236, 239, 240, 243, 252, 257, 259, 264, 272, 278, 286, 287, 299, 307, 312, 322, and 324.

Total number of Lodges 284. Number represented 208. Number not represented 76. Lodges not represented for the past two Annual Communications: Nos. 13, 27, 40, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 99, 103, 117, 128, 166, 167, 172, 175, 179, 182, 189, 206, 223, 243, 252, 257, 264, 307, and 312. Lodges not represented for the past three Annual Communications: Nos. 13, 172, 182, 206, 223, and 243.

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- R. W. William C. Schaper.....Deputy Grand Master
- R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre.....Grand Senior Warden
- R. W. Edward Huwaldt.....Grand Junior Warden
- M. W. Lewis E. Smith.....Grand Secretary
- V. W. George Allen Beecher.....Grand Chaplain
- W. Francis L. Bouquet.....Grand Orator
- W. Lute M. Savage.....Grand Custodian
- W. Virgil R. Johnson.....Grand Marshal
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- W. Elmer E. Magee.....Grand Junior Deacon
- W. Raymond C. Pollard.....Grand Tyler

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REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
NebraskaNo. 1	Donald C. Smith...	Jack M. King.....	Lew B. Pixley
Western Star. " 2	*William J. Kier....	*William W. Dermann	Silas A. Hardy
Capitol " 3	*C. Walter Blixt....	*C. Walter Blixt....	JamesC.Hendricksen
Nemaha Valley " 4	Clarence F. M. Hoff.	.....	William McIninch
Omadi " 5	Ray R. Robertson...	.....	.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	Howard E. Wiles...	*William F. Evers...	*Howard E. Wiles
Falls City..... " 9	.....	.....	ClarenceJ.Thompson
Solomon " 10	Paul Kruger.....	.....	.....
Covert " 11	Robert Thorson.....	*Herbert T. White..	Edwin B. Clausen
Orient " 13	.....	.....	.....
Peru " 14	Samuel J. Majors...	.....	Roy A. Brinson
Fremont " 15	Howard C. Johnson.	Stanley C. Johnson.	Leonard G. Bronson
Tecumseh " 17	Samuel J. Person...	*Walter Kiechel.....	*Doran D. Kirkman
Lincoln " 19	Mathias E. Mauel..	*Carl W. Rensch....	William W. Bauer
Washington .. " 21	J. Merton Kuhr....	William M. Farnberg	Alfred N. Feer
Pawnee " 23	.....	B. Raymond Stewart	.....
Saint Johns... " 25	Hubert R. Page....	Ralph Anderson....	*Harry L. Browne
Beatrice " 26	Branson W. Stewart	Richard W. Trefz..	*Richard W. Trefz
Jordan " 27	.....	.....	.....
Hope " 29	John F. Heskett...	.....	.....
Blue River.... " 30	.....	.....	.....
Tekamah " 31	W. Lloyd Ellis....	*William T. Poucher.	.....
Platte Valley. " 32	Eligah M. Bess.....	*David J. Fredrick..	*Carl R. Griesen
Ashlar " 33	Eldon Gockley.....	Andrew Cosh.....	.....
Acacia " 34	Lawrence H. Rouse.	*Alvah Muehlich....	*Luther G. Oberg
Fairbury " 35	Samuel E. Gallamore	Eugene L. Dickens.	.....
Lone Tree..... " 36	Lee C. Coolidge....	.....	.....
Crete " 37	Karl F. Nedela....	*John J. Kubes, Jr..	*John J. Kubes, Sr.
Oliver " 38	.....	.....	.....
Papillion " 39	*William W. Startzer	.....	Adam H. Gramlich
Humboldt " 40	.....	.....	.....
Northern Light " 41	*David C. Spangler..	.....	.....
Hebron " 43	Harvey E. Barbee..	.....	.....
Harvard " 44	.....	.....	.....
Rob Morris... " 46	Fred Haack.....	.....	.....
Fairmont " 48	*Robert L. Palmer..	*Robert L. Palmer..	*Robert L. Palmer
Evening Star.. " 49	Allen Matejka.....	David J. Pope.....	.....
Hastings " 50	Francis L. Youngblood	*Henry H. Heiler....	*WilliamR.Alexander
Fidelity " 51	Joseph P. Young...	.....	.....
Hiram " 52	.....	.....	*Hugh C. VanValkenburgh
Charity " 53	Albert L. Guy.....	.....	.....

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Lancaster No. 54	Lyle H. Smith	Charles F. May	Guy O. Seaton
Mosaic " 55	Joe Eakes	Perley Tucker	
York " 56	Walter L. Will		
Mount Moriah. " 57			
Wahoo " 59	*Edwin R. Levin	*Lauren W. Walther.	*Ernest Schiefelbein
Melrose " 60			
Thistle " 61	Robert R. Harrington		
Keystone " 62	*Emmett C. Arnett . . .		
Riverton " 63			
Blue Valley . . " 64	Ivan Novak		
Osceola " 65	Alfred L. Chantry . . .	Dewey M. Sigler . . .	Phillip B. Campbell
Edgar " 67	Wayne E. Johnson . . .	*Wayne E. Johnson . .	*Wayne E. Johnson
Aurora " 68	*Claude A. Rennau . . .		
Sterling " 70			
Trowel " 71			
Hooper " 72	Irwin Osterloh	Peter S. Bookmeyer.	*Norris W. Lallman
Friend " 73	Alva N. Murray		Rodney K. Johnson
Alexandria . . . " 74			
Frank Welch . . " 75	Roy T. Depew		*Roy T. Depew
Nelson " 77	Earl F. Greenwood . . .	Harvey A. Brubaker	*Charles E. Foster
Albion " 78			
Geneva " 79	*Guy A. Brown		
Composite . . . " 81	*Pearl C. Hillegass . . .		
Saint Paul . . . " 82	*Fred R. Haggart		
Corinthian . . . " 83	Glenn W. Heaton	*F. Ray Dilts	*Henning Hallin
Fairfield " 84	Harold J. Hoebet	*Harold J. Hoebet . . .	*Harold J. Hoebet
Doniphan " 86			
Ionic " 87			
Star " 88			
Cedar River . . . " 89	Jacob R. Bitner		
Elk Creek " 90			
Oakland " 91	Kenneth C. Uehling	Simon W. Hansen . . .	Walden C. Olson
Hubbell " 92			
Beaver City . . . " 93	Harold J. Oehlerking		
Bennett " 94			
Garfield " 95	Lyndle R. Stout		
Utica " 96			
Euclid " 97	Floyd J. Hite	Alvin G. Groesser . . .	*Clifford C. Cooper
Republican . . . " 98			
Shelton " 99			
Creighton " 100	William A. Horstman		
Ponca " 101			

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Waterloo No. 102	F. William Bull.
Ord " 103
Wymore " 104	Herman J. Trauernicht	*Franklin W. Myers.	*Reuben A. Robinson
Stella " 105	*Daniel S. Hinds. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Porter " 106	Orville H. Lilley. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Table Rock. " 108	*Homer B. Johnson. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Pomegranate. " 110	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
DeWitt " 111	James N. Norton. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Springfield " 112	Kenneth V. White. . . . .	. . . . .	Howard F. Thurman
Globe " 113	James W. Robertson . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Wisner " 114	. . . . .	. . . . .	Carl H. Freese
Harlan " 116	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Hardy " 117	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
North Bend. " 119	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Wayne " 120	Ralph M. Carhart.	Winston C. Swanson	*Ralph Crockett
Superior " 121	Alfred Tangdall. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Auburn " 124	. . . . .	. . . . .	Edward A. Ernst
Mount Nebo. " 125	*Clyde E. Pearson. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Stromsburg " 126	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Minden " 127	*Charles A. Chappell. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Guide Rock " 128	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Blue Hill " 129	*Frank O. Delahoyde. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Tuscan " 130	*Earl M. Bolen. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Scribner " 132	Elmer E. Erickson. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Elm Creek. " 133	Archie C. Miller. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Solar " 134	Andrew Graves. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
McCook " 135	Raymond W. Shepherd . . . . .	. . . . .	*Lewis E. Baker
Long Pine " 136	*William C. Smith, Sr.	*William C. Smith, Sr.	*William C. Smith, Sr.
Upright " 137	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Rawalt " 138	Cleveland G. Gupton . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Clay Centre. " 139	*Earl Fryar	*Earl Fryar	*Earl Fryar
Western " 140	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Crescent " 143	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Kenesaw " 144	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Bancroft " 145	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Jachin " 146	*Arthur Anderson.	Arthur Anderson. . . . .	. . . . .
Siloam " 147	*Fred O. Zink. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
EmmetCrawford" 148	Irving N. Johnson.	Walter L. Schnabel.	Lynn Paine
Jewel " 149	*Charles W. Boggs.
Cambridge " 150	*Ralph E. King.
Square " 151
Evergreen " 153

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
LilyNo. 154	Ray J. Lowrey
Hartington ... " 155	*Quay A. Burney	*Quay A. Burney
Pythagoras .. " 156	*Harold L. Banta	.....	.....
Valley " 157	William C. Keaton..	.....	.....
Samaritan ... " 158	George D. Barker	Edgar B. Thorness..	*George D. Barker
Ogalalla " 159	.....	Jack Peterson.....	.....
Zeredatha " 160	*Joseph A. Mosher	.....	.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	Fred J. Scow.....	.....	.....
Trestle Board. " 162	Cecil M. Asa	John K. Martin....	.....
Unity " 163	.....	.....	.....
Atkinson " 164	.....	.....	.....
Barneston ... " 165	.....	.....	John H. Jame
Mystic Tie.... " 166	.....	.....	.....
Elwood " 167	.....	.....	.....
Curtis " 168	*Lauritz A. Larson..	.....	.....
Amity " 169	*Edward L. Curtis..	.....	.....
Mason City .. " 170	*William D. Redmond	.....	.....
Merna " 171	*Glenn J. Grayheal..	.....	.....
Grafton " 172	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns.. " 173	Henry D. Wimer...	.....	.....
Culbertson ... " 174	*Osborne P. Simon..	.....	*Osborne P. Simon
Temple " 175	.....	.....	.....
Gladstone ... " 176	William Burdett...	.....	.....
Hay Springs.. " 177	Henry Mammen....	.....	.....
Prudence " 179	.....	.....	.....
Justice " 180	George F. Kuhlman.	.....	.....
Faith " 181	*Walter O. Barnes...	*Walter O. Barnes..	*Walter O. Barnes
Incense " 182	.....	.....	.....
Alliance " 183	*Karl J. Stern.....	*Karl J. Stern.....	*Karl J. Stern
Bee Hive..... " 184	Hiram K. Buchanan.	Harold C. Kelberg..	Edwin G. Haas
Boaz " 185	*Robert A. Jeffrey...	.....	.....
Israel " 187	Anson B. Andrew...	.....	.....
Meridian " 188	.....	.....	.....
Granite " 189	.....	.....	.....
Amethyst ... " 190	.....	.....	.....
Crystal " 191	.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa.. " 192	Claude H. Elliott...	.....	.....
Signet " 193	.....	.....	*Oliver Fleming
Highland " 194	.....	.....	.....
Arcana " 195	*Folsom H. Gates....	.....	.....
Morning Star.. " 197	*David Young.....	*Bernard N. Kunkel.	.....
Purity " 198	*Siegfried L. Jacks.	.....	.....

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gavel .....No. 199	Raymond Atwood..	*Raymond Atwood..	*Raymond Atwood
Blazing Star.. " 200	Leonard H. Johnson	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff .. " 201	.....	.....	.....
Golden Sheaf.. " 202	*Anton B. Helms....	*Anton B. Helms....	*Anton B. Helms
Roman Eagle.. " 203	.....	.....	*David Predmestky
Plainview " 204	.....	.....	.....
Golden Fleece. " 205	*Alfred G Taylor....	*Alfred G. Taylor...	*Alfred G. Taylor
Naphthali " 206	.....	.....	.....
Parian " 207	Julius I. Christiansen	*Allston Asmus.....	*Allston Asmus
Gauge " 208	.....	.....	.....
Canopy " 209	Orest P. Cook.....	Vernon G. Clements..	.....
East Lincoln. " 210	M. Orval Spelts....	Louis C. Jensen....	Willard E. Townsend
Cement " 211	Hugo E. Carter....	*Hugo E. Carter....	*Hugo E. Carter
Compass&Square" 212	Otis Johnson.....	Millard Graham....	.....
Plumblineline .. " 214	.....	.....	.....
Occidental " 215	.....	.....	.....
Palisade " 216	*Guy A. Kittle.....	.....	.....
Wauneta " 217	Howard C. Brown..	*Howard C. Brown..	*Howard C. Brown
Bloomfield ... " 218	.....	.....	.....
Relief " 219	*Charles E. Gallagher	.....	.....
Magnolia " 220	.....	Detlef H. Dohrman..	.....
Wood Lake .. " 221	*Joseph P. Kreycik..	*Joseph P. Kreycik..	*Joseph P. Kreycik
Landmark ... " 222	R. Clare Johnson..	.....	.....
Eminence " 223	.....	.....	.....
Silver Cord... " 224	Roy W. Johnson....	*Roy W. Johnson...	Gerald E. Childs
Cable " 225	W. Forrest Biggerstaff	.....	.....
Grace " 226	*James Johnson....	.....	.....
North Star ... " 227	Harold E. Thompson	*Roy W. Deal.....	*Cecil C. Gates
Bartley " 228	*August W. Teter...	*August W. Teter...	*August W. Teter
Comet " 229	*Willard G. Johnson.	*Otis Beaman.....	.....
Delta " 230	*Edward C. Hall....	.....	.....
Mount Hermon " 231	Fred Giittinger...	*Henry W. Zahn....	*Jens B. R. Miller
John S. Bowen " 232	*John M. Reeh.....	*J. Ausel Toft.....	.....
Gilead " 233	*Cecil M. Wilson....	.....	.....
Zion " 234	*Claude H. Anderson	.....	.....
Fraternity ... " 235	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rule.. " 236	.....	.....	.....
Cubit " 237	.....	Forest R. Johnston..	.....
Friendship... " 239	.....	.....	.....
Pilot " 240	.....	.....	.....
Geo. Armstrong " 241	Joyce W. Sundell..	.....	.....
Tyrian " 243	.....	.....	.....

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Hampton No. 245	*William H. McGuire	.....	.....
Nehawka " 246	Author D. Crunk...	Leonard P. St. John.	.....
Corner-Stone.. " 247	Joseph Cizek.....	.....	.....
Laurel " 248	Hugh A. Linn.....	Richard L. Herse...	*Hugh A. Linn
Gothenburg .. " 249	R. Wayne Harris...	*Ervin J. Marcott...	*R. Wayne Harris
Geo. Washington" 250	.....	.....	Lawrence C. Beldin
Wausa " 251	*S. David Hult.....	.....	.....
Hildreth " 252	.....	.....	.....
Beemer " 253	*Fred Buhk.....	.....	.....
Bassett " 254	.....	Archie W. Sandall..	.....
Hickman " 256	Walter C. Stevens..	.....	.....
Holbrook " 257	.....	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	Clarence A. Lewis..	.....	.....
Bee " 259	.....	.....	.....
Ornan " 261	Ralph W. Black.....	.....	.....
Endeavor " 262	Joseph Reiter.....	.....	.....
Mitchell " 263	Vance H. Johnson..	.....	.....
Franklin " 264	.....	.....	.....
Rob't W. Furnas" 265	Lawrence R. Vickery	*Lawrence R. Vickery	Guy L. Raber
Silver " 266	John M. White.....	.....	.....
James A. Tulleys" 267	*E. Delmar Long....	.....	Karl L. Snook
Geo. W. Lininger" 268	John M. Douglas...	*John S. Hedelund..	Hyle G. Burke
Oasis " 271	Earl K. Carson.....	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	.....	.....	.....
Crofton " 273	John Rosendaal..	.....	Dwight E. Rissler
Olive Branch.. " 274	Claus W. Eiche....	William H. Plummer	*Sam Shaw
Ramah " 275	*John H. Sutlief....	.....	.....
Antelope " 276	*Donald Hinman....	.....	.....
Sioux " 277	*John H. Pendray...	*John H. Pendray...	*John H. Pendray
Litchfield " 278	.....	.....	.....
Wallace " 279	.....	Walter D. Short....	.....
Swastika " 280	John C. Green.....	.....	.....
Florence " 281	Russell Frazier....	Louis V. Sylvester..	*William A. Yoder
Mullen " 282	*Leonard E. Eriksen.	*Leonard E. Eriksen.	.....
Exeter " 283	William C. Wullbrandt	.....	.....
Seneca " 284	*C. Franklin Rohrer.	C. Franklin Rohrer.	.....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	Edward C. Nelson..	.....	.....
Oshkosh " 286	.....	.....	.....
Union " 287	.....	.....	.....
Omaha " 288	Elmer H. Toman...	*Robert J. Jones....	John H. Bolin
Lotus " 289	Marion A. Lux.....	.....	.....
John J. Mercier " 290	Charles L. Peckham.	.....	William Kunold

*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
DiamondNo. 291	.....	Wendell K. Wilson.	Oliver Dempster
Wolbach“ 292	Alfred J. Larson...	.....	.....
Monument“ 293	Austin Leonard...	.....	.....
Kimball“ 294	Odie R. Bell.....	.....	.....
Minatare“ 295	J. Clive Jull.....	.....	.....
Cowles“ 296	*Fred J. Fuller.....	*Fred J. Fuller.....	*Fred J. Fuller
Cotner“ 297	Henry J. Sommer...	*Martin L. Quinn...	Arthur J. Barrett
Chester“ 298	James E. Woodward	.....	.....
Sutherland“ 299	.....	.....	.....
Liberty“ 300	John Burley.....	Charles L. Kouba..	Orvill Rasmussen
Bayard“ 301	Alva L. Sikes.....	.....	.....
Mizpah“ 302	Harold M. Kelley..	*Anson L. Havens...	Joseph D. Houston
Right Angle .. “ 303	Harold E. Roush...	Robert Dutcher....	David Menagh
Ruskin“ 304	*Jacob C. Dillon...	.....	.....
Newman Grove “ 305	Conrad Erickson...	*Carl J. Peterson...	.....
Golden Rod .. “ 306	Alonzo G. Miller...	*Alonzo G. Miller...	*Alonzo G. Miller
William E. Hill “ 307	.....	.....	.....
Perkins“ 308	Lemuel A. Sullivan.	.....	.....
Winnebago“ 309	*Clarence S. Runyan.	.....	.....
Victory“ 310	Francis A. Roberts.	.....	.....
Polk“ 311	Harry J. Schultz...	*Isaac T. Samuelson.	.....
Oak Leaf“ 312	.....	.....	.....
Potter“ 313	Elba R. Hadley....	.....	.....
Craftsmen“ 314	William L. Walker.	Joy M. Bergquist...	*Curry D. Bryson
Alpha“ 316	Wilbur H. Leamer..	.....	*Wallace F. Curry
Mid-West“ 317	Butler A. Isaman...	Phillip Schwabauer.	Richard E. Nelson
Grand Island.. “ 318	Albert B. Osborn...	.....	*Grover F. Rost
Bladen“ 319	*George G. Crilly...	.....	George G. Crilly
College View.. “ 320	John E. Alexander..	*Lawrence L. James.	Harold J. Norris
Harmony“ 321	Berton Cunningham.	*Berton Cunningham.	*Berton Cunningham
Pioneer“ 322	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon“ 323	Walter H. Jackson.	Thomas D. Thomas.	*Robert E. Lund
Cairo“ 324	.....	.....	.....

*Proxy.

W. Robert E. Lund, 323, 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 the Grand Master in his address stated:

"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."

This year the minutes of the thirty-fourth annual convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, held at Alexandria, Virginia, on February 22, 1944, disclose that Grand Master William B. Wanner of Nebraska, announced that he had brought with him \$2,554.00, as Nebraska's contribution to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

These facts and figures briefly set forth the report of the Committee for the current year.

Since all funds are paid directly to the Grand Secretary, his report will disclose the actual amount received since the Grand Lodge meeting in 1943.

As a result of the contributions reported last February to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the percentage of Nebraska's quota which has been contributed to this Memorial, on a \$1.00 per capita basis, has been increased from 64.1% to 70.2%. Thirty-eight jurisdictions have now contributed a full one hundred per cent or better of their quota, and Nebraska ranks third among the remaining jurisdictions still striving to meet a one hundred per cent status.

Unquestionably the plan of collecting \$1.00 from each newly made Master Mason accounts more than any other single factor for the substantial increase in Nebraska's contribution, and it is to be hoped that within a comparatively short period Nebraska can be included among those jurisdictions honored as having attained a one hundred per cent status.

Our contribution for the current year has been augmented, to a certain extent, by liberal contributions from a few of the Lodges, who have contributed the equivalent of \$1.00 for each member. In some instances the contributions have been collected individually from the members; in other instances the contribution has been made directly by the Lodge from its treasury. No special effort, in the nature of a drive or campaign, has been made, because it appears to be the practically unanimous feeling among the Lodges that a campaign to raise the approximately \$13,000.00 which would be required to give Nebraska a full one hundred per cent status, would be inappropriate under present emergent war conditions. As soon, however, as it appears feasible, a definite effort should be made

to raise in one year the entire balance necessary to establish a one hundred per cent status in Nebraska. It is the Committee's understanding that the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association plans to provide appropriate insignia for each Lodge which has attained a one hundred per cent status, and every Lodge in Nebraska will undoubtedly wish to be thus honored. Many Lodges are already entitled to such insignia, and the Committee has had considerable correspondence with the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association concerning the appropriate insignia to be provided, and, through the Officers of our Grand Lodge, it is hoped that those Lodges now entitled to an appropriate insignia can be furnished with such insignia at an early date. In the meantime, the continued contributions from newly made Master Masons should be an effective way of continuing the favorable record of the past year. It is interesting to note that the plan of collecting \$1.00 from each newly made Master Mason for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial has been adopted in a number of other jurisdictions seeking to improve their status.

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.**

Four hundred sixty-three petitions of brethren who have been suspended for more than three years were reviewed by your Committee and, after due consideration, were forwarded to our Most Worshipful Grand Master with the recommendation that the Brothers be reinstated. The average age of the Petitioners was 48 years, the ages ranging from 31 to 85 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 last year.

W. James C. Suttie, President, gave a report on the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted.

**ANNUAL REPORT, MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR
CHILDREN, FREMONT**

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

Our enrollment at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont is 43, or about the same as last year. We have plenty of room for more. No deserving child has been turned away nor will they be, for the Home is open to all who are eligible. Naturally times are good and this has the effect of less enrollment, but it is my belief when the war is over we will have plenty of children, particularly little tots, due to broken homes, casualties of war, etc.

We are proud of these children, they are a fine group, striving hard to be worthy of the trust you have placed in them. Their grades are good, their health fine, and above all else they are cheerful and contented, with a smile for everyone. What really makes them smile is to have someone call on them, visit with them and show an interest in what they are doing; you are supporting this Home and we wish you could know the youngsters and enjoy them; you would love them as we do.

Donations to the Home are increasing annually and only wish we could enumerate all the fine gifts received, but you will find this pretty well covered in the annual stockholders' report of last January, copy of which was mailed each lodge. Our good brothers in the North Platte Valley have again told us we will get our annual carload of potatoes and vegetables this Fall. Our thanks on behalf of the children to you all for your thoughtfulness.

A portion of your dues goes to the maintenance and upkeep of this Home. Here you have something you cannot get elsewhere, complete protection for your children or grandchildren. No Mason can afford to let his dues lapse, and I am strongly of the belief, as I have previously stated, that there would never be delinquent dues if the members really knew what they have at Fremont and the protection it gives their families. If you had been with me on investigation of some cases where the fathers had let their dues lapse and the children were not eligible you would understand what this means to the widows and children. I have mentioned grandchildren; perhaps it may be of interest to know grandchildren are eligible where they have been in the immediate care of grandparent, and have four children in the Home now who have come in under this clause.

Our endowment fund continues to grow. In January, 1944, total was \$32,581.68, an increase of slightly more than \$1,000.00. Last year mention was made of the Thomas R. Morrow Gift Fund, this young man being a Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Army. Last December we received another \$100.00 from him, and the fund has grown with other donations so that it now amounts to over \$600.00, of which some \$350.00 has been contributed by Sgt. Morrow. As stated last year, this young man had never lived at the Home, and so far as we know had never visited it, yet seemed anxious to do something for a Home of this kind and the children there.

Since last Grand Lodge, a new dairy barn has been built, also the silo repaired, these having been destroyed or damaged by fire. New septic tank taking care of drainage from barn, slaughter house and farm house installed, eliminating health menace formerly existing, and correcting a bad drainage condition existing in feed lot. All this done with approval of Most Worshipful Grand Master and Worthy Grand Matron. Total cost of all improvements \$7,929.48. We got along with makeshift arrangements following destruction of dairy barn by fire in December, 1942. We were notified by health authorities of the Federal Government, Dodge County and city of Fremont that we had to do something; we could not transfer herd and stock to other localities, could not make temporary

arrangements, so that we could get by until after the war, so decision was finally made to build. Plans were approved by authorities, priorities secured, work done, and today we have a thoroughly modern barn built strictly in accordance with Federal dairy regulations, in keeping with other buildings on the Home grounds, fireproof and vermin proof,—there should be no expense in upkeep for years to come. We provided room in new barn for churn and other butter making equipment and after war hope to make own butter and possibly have surplus for elsewhere.

Butter for the homes has averaged us \$50.00 per month the past few years. We consumed in the homes in 1943, 18,994 quarts of milk we produced, valued at \$1,424.55. Also sold some surplus milk \$121.03.

We have nine milk cows, nine heifer calves, seven steers. Also 3 brood sows, 11 butcher hogs weighing approximately 250 pounds, and some Spring pigs. Some 200 hens and 500 chicks. We produce our own milk, meat and eggs. Five of the nine heifer calves are thoroughbred Guernseys, and gift of Brother George Sorenson of Omaha.

Annual stockholders' report of last January showed net gain from farm operations for 1943 was \$1,734.25. We produced food amounting to \$1,875.28. From food we had to purchase, plus our donations of food, and plus products from the farm, we served 51,947 meals at a cost of 3.6¢ per meal, which was slightly under the 1942 cost despite higher costs generally.

Any report on the Home and its activities would be incomplete were we not to make mention of our graduates who are in the armed forces serving their country in all parts of the world. We know of some 30, with most of whom we keep close contact. We are proud of these boys and the work they are doing. The Senior Boys' Home looks somewhat different than it did a few years ago when the larger boys were home. The larger ones are all at war. And they are all making good, and show the results of the training given them during their stay at the Home. We have in our file a letter from one of the graduates who is an officer, making the Home beneficiary of part of his insurance should he fail to return, and this is on record at Washington. This boy visited the Home this last Fall when on leave, and brethren, you had only to see him to realize what the word "opportunity" means when you see the results of the Home as typified in this young man. And without exception, if they get the opportunity, they all visit the Home when on leave or furlough. More power to them all and may they all return safely.

We enjoy the most harmonious relations with Fremont Lodge No. 15, and are thankful indeed for the annual gifts of turkeys at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and their many courtesies and gifts during the year.

To Superintendent Hartmann and others at the Home, we extend our sincere thanks for a job well done under the trying circumstances of today. We know what you have been through, the long hours put in, and the deep interest you have taken in the children and the graduates. It is not always easy to express ourselves as we like to, but we do appreciate your cooperation, loyalty and help.

We have received the finest cooperation during the year from the Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Ola Scheurich, and she has taken a deep interest in the Home and the children.

To Most Worshipful Brother Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, our sincere thanks for all his counsel and help. He is never too busy to give a lift when we need one, and that is often.

To you, Most Worshipful Grand Master "Bill", we have been through quite a lot together the past year, and we have never found you lacking or hesitant in anything you could do for the Home or the children. You have well earned a place in the hearts of all of us for your earnest efforts, and the work you have done at Fremont will always be remembered. You have really been an inspiration when the going was tough and I want to personally thank you for your kindness and hearty cooperation.

In conclusion let me thank all of you with whom I have had personal contact and correspondence the past year for your courtesy and help. It is not always easy to get the correct information on applications, but all of you have done your best to help.

It has been a genuine pleasure on my part to have served the Home and the Craft to the best of my ability, but above all else, to have had the privilege of knowing and working with these youngsters.

May God give his richest blessings to those at this Home, and to you brethren, and the sisters, who have made the Home possible.

W. John R. Hughes, 184.

I would like to move that this Grand Lodge give Brother Suttie a vote of thanks for his interest and work in the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. Seconded and carried.

W. John M. Douglas, 268, 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 check has been made of the reports from all Subordinate Lodges in the State. We are pleased to advise that for the second time in many years, every Lodge in Nebraska has paid its Grand Lodge dues in full.

Your Committee wishes to commend the Grand Secretary's Office for the careful, courteous and diligent handling of the many matters these returns involve.

The Secretaries of the various Subordinate Lodges should be complimented on the accuracy and care with which they have made their returns this year, and it is hoped that this high standard of proficiency will continue.

At 5:00 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 7, 1944

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.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

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

During the past year death has exacted its inevitable toll from the ranks of our membership. It is fitting that we should pause to honor the memory of our brothers who have passed on.

Death takes no holiday. It is the constant companion of life. Birth and growth, decay and death, constitute the eternal cycle of existence. We cannot, if we would, alter the Divine Plan.

Death attends us in a thousand forms. Now it is like a wanton child, capriciously flicking off the head of a beautiful flower; now it is a grim executioner, bringing punishment for violation of the laws of God and man; again it is the solemn priest exacting a precious sacrifice to be laid on the altar of Freedom and Justice; or it may be an Angel of Mercy bringing sweet release from suffering and pain.

In whatever form it may choose to come, each living creature must sooner or later answer its dread summons. Yet to him whose life has been guided by the Great Lights of Masonry, death has no terrors and brings few regrets. Indeed, it impresses on the reflective mind many of the most solemn truths of life. It teaches the votaries of Masonry the folly and vanity of our petty ambitions and struggles and hates and fears, and demonstrates in the most striking fashion that the fundamental principles of our institution—Brotherly Love, Justice and Truth,—are the eternal forces which pervade all nature and which will eventually triumph over evil—over death itself.

It is with sadness that we record the passing of 589 brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction during the year 1943. We miss their friendly presence in the lodge room and on the street. They served faithfully their God and their fellow man, and the memory of their fruitful lives is an inspiration and a benediction.

Other Grand Jurisdictions have also been called upon to mourn their dead. Among them were men who had received high honors at the hands of their brethren. During the year there have been reported from other Grand Jurisdictions in the United States and Canada the deaths of one

Grand Master, thirty Past Grand Masters, one Past Deputy Grand Master, one Past Senior Grand Warden, four Past Junior Grand Wardens, two Past Grand Treasurers and one Past Grand Secretary. We extend our sincere sympathies to these Grand Jurisdictions.

It is with sadness that we record the deaths of two of our distinguished brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, both of whom have been officers of this Grand Lodge. They are Worshipful Brother Henry W. Carson, Grand Tyler and M. W. Ambrose C. Epperson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER HENRY W. CARSON, GRAND TYLER

Worshipful Brother Henry W. Carson was born at Nebraska City, Nebraska, on July 5, 1871. He was initiated in Western Star Lodge No. 2 at Nebraska City on March 20, 1908, passed on April 17, 1908 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 22, 1908.

He served as Master of Western Star Lodge No. 2 in the year 1915 to 1916.

He was appointed Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska in 1937, and served in that office until the date of his death.

He was a member of Keystone Chapter No. 2 R. A. M. of Nebraska City, and served as High Priest of that Chapter in 1938 to 1939. He was also a member of the Council and of the Commandery, and a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemason Association. He died at Nebraska City, Nebraska, on September 29, 1943.

He was an employe of the Burlington Railroad almost fifty years, retiring from service in 1937. His friendly and lovable spirit endeared him to the fraternity, and it is with genuine sorrow and regret that we record his demise.

MOST WORSHIPFUL PAST GRAND MASTER AMBROSE C. EPPERSON

Most Worshipful Ambrose C. Epperson was born November 18, 1870 at Adair, Illinois.

He received the degrees of Masonry in Clay Center Lodge No. 139, A. F. & A. M. at Clay Center, Nebraska. He was initiated November 18, 1905, passed on December 18, 1905, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on February 1, 1906. He served as Master of Clay Center Lodge No. 139 during the year 1909 to 1910.

On June 5, 1912, he was appointed Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. He advanced in line each year, and was elected and installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska on June 5, 1918, and served in that exalted station until June 4, 1919.

He became a member of Nebraska Veteran Freemason Association on January 24, 1927, and was elected president of the Association on December 3, 1941, serving in that office until December 2, 1942.

He was commissioned Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Florida, on September 20, 1912, and served in that office until the date of his death.

He died at Clay Center, Nebraska, on March 16, 1944.

Most Worshipful Brother Epperson had a long and distinguished career as a jurist in Nebraska. He was admitted to the Bar in 1889 at the age of 18. When he was 24 he was elected county attorney of Clay County and served four terms in that office. In 1906 he was appointed a member of the Nebraska Supreme Court Commission. He served as assistant District Attorney in Omaha, Nebraska, for 17 years, and in July, 1942, he was appointed United States Commissioner, which office he held at the time of his death.

He was graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1891, where he met and became a close friend of General John J. Pershing and of Charles G. Dawes.

Most Worshipful Brother Epperson was a rugged and original thinker, and a man of the highest ideals. His life exemplified in the highest degree the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, and we profoundly mourn his passing.

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 OMAHA MASONIC HOME FOR BOYS COMMITTEE

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

Your committee acting pursuant to appointment by the Grand Master and the agreement entered into in 1941 between the Grand Lodge and the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys reports as follows:

Your committee has received from time to time statements of income, expense and budget records and also treasurer's reports showing receipts and disbursements. The business affairs of the home have been conducted on a strictly cash basis. A fund is being accumulated for the erection of housing units on the large building site owned by the Home at 52nd and Ames Avenue in Omaha, the building of which are delayed on account of restrictions due to the war. A substantial cash balance is carried in the general fund sufficient to meet all demands for operation.

Copy for circulars and printed matter intended to encourage contributions for the support of this public charity have been submitted to your committee for approval, as provided by the agreement and in all instances a willingness has been shown to cooperate completely and to comply with the agreement in every respect. No complaints relating to the forms of such literature published and distributed by the home have been received by the committee during the year.

The members of your committee have been invited to attend their board meetings which are held monthly, and any information requested has been furnished promptly and without hesitancy. A sustained interest and support for this home, as well as careful management seems apparent to your committee.

W. Otto Nelson, 300, 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 Temple Building Advisory Committee has noted that part of the Grand Master's report entitled "Approval of Lodge Financing", in which the Committee concurs.

There is no unfinished business requiring the attention of the Committee at this time.

If any subordinate lodge contemplates a change of location, or a refinancing program, the matter should first be submitted to this Committee, or the Grand Master, as required by 89 C of the Grand Lodge law.

Bro. Milton R. Jackson, 184, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund, which was adopted.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEBRASKA MASONIC
WAR SERVICE FUND**

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

Greetings:—

During the past year your committee appointed to solicit voluntary contributions to The Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund has been quite active, and has contacted every subordinate lodge in this grand jurisdiction with the following results:

The number of subordinate lodges responding to the call for voluntary contributions approximately two hundred and eighteen. This leaves sixty-six lodges making no report.

The number of remittances received and receipts issued from the office of the Grand Secretary, two hundred forty-eight.

Report up to and including May 16th, 1944.

Total Amount of Money Received\$11,226.22

DISTRIBUTION

Thomas A. Barton, Lincoln	\$ 800.00	
Masonic Service Association	2,500.00	
Salvation Army, Lincoln	100.00	
American Red Cross	100.00	\$ 3,500.00
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Balance on hand		\$ 7,726.22

We believe that at this time we should say that at the regular session of Grand Lodge last year there were \$250.00 earmarked for the use of this committee, but this work has been completed at a total cost of \$87.40; leaving a balance in this committee fund of \$162.60. This is approximately three-quarters of one per cent collection charges.

While there were no prizes or rewards offered, your committee thought it would be interesting to those attending this Grand Session to learn from the following summary the names of the lodges making the ten highest contributions to this fund; they are as follows:

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC WAR SERVICE FUND, 1944
FIRST TEN HIGH

1. Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha	\$ 512.00
2. Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha	402.40
3. Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln	365.00
4. Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln	330.00
5. Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha	319.50
6. St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha	287.40
7. Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha	256.50
8. Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island	254.25
9. Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City	250.00
10. Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow	242.00

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

I want to add just a little. You will notice beginning on page 43 of my report, running up to page 48, I list the receipts that have been issued. Now, some Lodges have sent in three, four, or five different remittances. So if you check and find the name of your Lodge, and it does not agree with what you sent in, check through, because your Lodge may have sent in at several different times, and, therefore, all receipts are put in according to the number. I did not group them together by Lodges; that would be an endless amount of work. I want you to understand that if you find one receipt it might not cover the amount, you will have to check through all these 259 receipts, to see how much your Lodge sent in.

W. Herbert T. White, 11, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted, section by section and then as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS
To the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, respectfully report the following actions on the matters which have been referred to us by this Grand Lodge.

Home Lodge U. D. Your Committee has carefully considered the action of the Grand Master in issuing a dispensation to the brothers named on pages 8 and 9 of the address of the Grand Master for the pur-

pose of establishing a funeral lodge at the Nebraska Masonic Home located at Plattsmouth. Your committee finds that this lodge was formed for the sole and only purpose of conducting Masonic funerals of residents of the Plattsmouth Home. They hold their meetings in suitable quarters at the Masonic Home and meet only at such times as become necessary. The original dispensation intended them only to function as a Funeral Lodge. Your committee finds that it had become very difficult and imposed a tremendous burden on Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6. The members of this lodge have never complained nor do they now, but your committee is of the opinion that they should be relieved of this burden by the creation of this Funeral Lodge. Your Committee therefore recommends that the action of the Grand Master in instituting such Home Lodge U. D. be approved and that the said Funeral Lodge be continued under such title solely as a creature of this Grand Lodge. We further recommend that all fees in connection therewith, which may be due the Grand Lodge, be waived, and we further recommend that the dispensation be enlarged to permit this Lodge in addition to conducting funeral services to meet for the purpose of receiving the Grand Master and other Grand Officers, but for no other purposes.

CHANGE OF LOCATION OF LODGES

We recommend approval of the action of the Grand Master in approving the moving of the Lodge rooms of Composite Lodge No. 81 at Rising City, Nebraska.

We approve the action of the Grand Master in approving the removal of the Lodge rooms of Pythagoras Lodge No. 156 from Ewing to Page. Your Committee had before it representatives of Pythagoras Lodge and of Garfield Lodge of O'Neill which your committee found to be the neighboring Lodge which might be affected by such removal. The representative of Garfield Lodge exhibited what your committee felt was the true Masonic spirit and felt that the due jurisdictional lines between Pythagoras Lodge and Garfield Lodge should be the rule established in the by-laws of the Grand Lodge to-wit: One-half the distance between the city limits of O'Neill and Page measured in an air line. Your committee therefore recommends that the jurisdictional lines shall be as set out above between Page and O'Neill and also one-half the distance between Page and Orchard should be established as the jurisdictional line between Pythagoras Lodge and Diamond Lodge No. 291 of Orchard formerly located at Royal.

MISCELLANEOUS DISPENSATIONS

Your committee recommends the approval of the action of the Grand Master in granting the special dispensation to Lotus Lodge No. 289 at Ravenna to exercise all functions of a subordinate lodge in the same manner as if the charter were present in the Lodge room while the Lodge charter was in process of preparation, under the supervision of our Grand Secretary. The charter has since been returned.

Your committee recommends the approval of the special dispensation issued by the Grand Master to York Lodge No. 56 at York for the same purposes as above set out and we find that the charter has since been returned to the Lodge.

Your committee further recommends the approval of the action of the Grand Master in issuing special dispensations to Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 of Hay Springs for the same reasons as set out above, and we find that the charter has since been returned to the Lodge.

Your committee further recommends the approval of the action of the Grand Master in issuing special dispensation to Mount Nebo Lodge No. 125 at Genoa for the same reasons as set out above, and your committee finds that the charter has since been returned to said Lodge.

We recommend that in issuing dispensations to meet without charter in the lodge room while the charter is in the hands of the Grand Secretary for purposes of copying that a time limit be set in the dispensation. The Grand Master in issuing the above dispensations followed that rule and your committee feels that it is a wise course to follow.

CHANGE OF SEALS

There was also referred to your committee a request from Geneva Lodge No. 79 held at Geneva, Nebraska, to change the emblem on its official seal and add some new wording. Enclosed with the request was an impression of the present seal of the lodge and a drawing of the proposed seal. Your committee recommends that permission be given this lodge to change its seal in accordance with the drawing submitted with such request.

Be it resolved that Diamond Lodge No. 291 A. F. & A. M. formerly located at Royal, Nebraska, but for several years meeting at Orchard, Nebraska, be and the same hereby is permanently located at Orchard, Nebraska, and the jurisdiction of this lodge shall follow Section 97 of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge.

Be it resolved that Pythagoras Lodge No. 156 formerly located at Ewing, Nebraska, but now meeting at Page, Nebraska, be and the same hereby is permanently located at Page, Nebraska, and the jurisdiction of this lodge shall follow Section 97 of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Bro. Thomas A. Barton, 210, 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 two years now your Masonic War Service Committee has been functioning. As appointed by the Grand Master the existing

Committee is composed of five members: Brothers Francis W. Albrecht, (300); Merrill C. Babbitt, (297); Otis W. Cave, (250); Mark Simons, (19); Thomas A. Barton, Chairman, (210); 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 Services 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 man in service.
3. Notifying the Grand Lodges of other states of the location of Nebraska men within their Jurisdiction.
4. Seeing to it that Masons and Sons of Masons from other Jurisdictions located in Nebraska are contacted.
5. Giving information, when asked, so far as it lies within the ability and scope of the Committee.
6. Reporting information concerning Masons and Sons of Masons to their local lodges.
7. Making small loans to boys in need of extra money when going on furloughs.
8. Sending attractive Christmas letters to the boys in service each year.
9. Writing letters of sympathy to the nearest of kin, in the name of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, when boys are reported "missing," or are "killed in action."
10. A multiplicity of other duties of various kinds too numerous to mention.

OUR AIM

The promotion of welfare work among Masons and the Sons of Masons on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, in order to keep their morale at its highest point of efficiency, and in order to show our appreciation of their efforts and personal sacrifices toward the preservation of our country and our democratic institutions. Such welfare work primarily involves the offering of personal, and in case of Masons, of Masonic contacts to men who have been deprived of such contacts by their removal from home and friends. Two points must be emphasized in connection with this work. In the first place, it is not in competition with, nor does it duplicate, the activities of the U. S. O. It seeks to give something the U. S. O. cannot give, something which in terms of financial outlay may be inexpensive, but which money alone cannot buy: **fraternal contact, Masonic friendship.** The second point, one on which the success of the whole activity hinges, is that the **personal** factor must dominate in all our activities.

It must be realized that our task is to reach all Masons and Sons of Masons in the service, not only those from Nebraska but those from other Jurisdictions as well. Why must we consider others than Nebraska

Masons? Before answering this question, let us consider where our Nebraska Brethren in the service are stationed. Some are here in Nebraska, but many are stationed in other states, and an increasing number are serving in places outside of our continental limits. Likewise, our Masonic Brethren from other Jurisdictions are scattered in many states and in distant bases.

If each Grand Lodge tried to contact all its own members, there would be innumerable overlaps, and consequently much waste of time, money and effort. Whenever possible, therefore, every Grand Lodge must consider all Masons in service and stationed within its borders, including the members of other Grand Lodges as well as its own.

We are constantly receiving communications from other Grand Lodges telling us of some of their members now stationed in Nebraska, and we in turn keep them informed of our own members sojourning in their midst.

PROCEDURE

We believe there are still many individual Masons all over Nebraska who are not informed as to the definite work of this Committee, as many of the local lodges report they have difficulty getting the necessary information we request them to send in for our records. For instance, some lodges have not sent in the names of the **Sons of Masons**, and we are sure if whoever is at fault could read some of the letters of appreciation we receive they would realize what their negligence means to a man in the service of his country, far from his home and loved ones.

Let me take you on a follow-through of one name:

1. The name, rank, and military address, with notation whether a Master Mason or Son of Mason 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 then mailed to the service man (We have special letters—one for Masons and one for Sons of Masons).
4. A letter containing his name, military address, whether Mason or Son of Mason, and the name of his home lodge is also sent to the Grand Secretary of the State where the man is stationed.
5. They in turn, notify a lodge or Service Center near the camp, giving all the information sent them.
6. A report is mailed back to our Committee.
7. The local lodge or agent makes personal contact if possible.

When our Committee receives notice from other states in regard to their members being within our Jurisdiction, we go through the following procedure:

1. Send a letter giving the name, rank, and military address, whether Mason or Son of Mason, and name of his home lodge (or the father's, if he is a son) to the lodge in the town nearest the camp where he is stationed.
2. Send a copy of the letter to his home state.

3. The local lodge or agent makes personal contact, if possible, and then reports back to us.

SUBORDINATE LODGES

The specific work of the subordinate lodges, which is the backbone of our work, includes:

1. Keeping a complete up-to-date list of their men in service.
2. Informing members of the exact work of the Committee.
3. Designating whether Master Mason or Son of Mason.
4. Sending all names and addresses to us, writing plainly and carefully to insure prompt delivery of mail.
5. Notifying the Committee immediately of changes of address, rank, and those being honorably discharged from the service for various reasons.
6. Notifying the Committee immediately of service men reported "missing" or "killed in action."

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We have in our files over 5,000 names of men in the service—over 1,800 of which were secured during the past year. Of this number 2,153 are Master Masons, and the remaining 3,083 are Sons of Masons. Many of these fine men are now overseas, doing their part toward maintaining the life of freedom and love of those ideals which we, as Free and Accepted Masons, hold uppermost in our hearts.

We are sorry to inform you we have received reports that 34 of our boys have been "killed in action," 16 listed as "missing," and 20 as "prisoners-of-war." When these reports are received, notations are made on their respective cards, and letters of sympathy written to the families immediately.

Our files contain letters from our boys in the camps here at home and from every part of the world where it has been necessary to station our men—from Alaska to the South Pacific, and from Iceland to Iran. We are very proud of these letters, because we know that every man in the service of our country, whether in the training camps or in combat service in the large theaters of operation, have so few minutes to themselves, and yet they take some of those precious minutes to write us letters of appreciation.

Some have taken time to write most interesting letters of things they have seen and done—none have written anything which needed to be censored, which is much to their credit. Most of them seem to have no particular problems, but assure us they will call on us should the occasion arise, and to the man, they all express the desire of becoming Masons when they return home, if they do not already belong to the Fraternity. These facts alone make us feel that our work is essential and worth while. They are all interested in winning the war as soon as possible, that peace may again be ours, and that they may return to their native land and their loved ones. They are looking forward in faith and with hope to the future—we must not fail them!

Excerpts from some of our letters received from service men:

1. "Your letter arrived today, and I wish to thank you and the Committee for it. It makes me realize more than ever that I am fortunate to be the son of a Mason, and indeed fortunate that I, too, may become a Mason some day."

2. "I take pride in being the son of a Mason, as was my grandfather, and one of my greatest ambitions is to become one myself soon after returning to the United States of America."

3. "Wherever I am, and I know other boys feel the same way, be sure that your messages of cheer at the Holiday Season are not wasted. When it makes me feel good, I can imagine what it is doing for some boy much farther away from home than I am, and much more lonesome for a word from someone who thinks of him when he is tired, dirty, and feeling lost. Let me thank you not only for myself but for all the boys who may be too far away to receive your message this year, or under conditions which will not allow them to answer. I know they appreciated it too."

4. "This is in reply to your very kind letter of November 15. Sometimes the men on the war fronts begin to wonder if the people at home have forgotten them, but when we receive letters such as yours we know and again realize what a great country ours is . . . I am indeed proud to be the son of a Mason . . . In closing, I want to again thank you. This letter may sound a trifle too appreciative, but I want you to know your letter really meant a great deal to me."

5. "I wish to thank the Lodge for the Christmas Greeting which arrived today, the 22nd, and that is catching it pretty near the date. Packages, letters, and cards, from friends and loved ones at home mean more than any other thing I believe to the men over here in the jungle, because it maintains those ties with a life and civilization which meant so much once and seems so far away—almost a dim memory. A person can take it, and feel it is worth while, if he can say to himself (and believe it), 'Everything is okay at home and I'll be back there some day'."

The citizens of tomorrow—the hope of our Country—the men holding public office, the private citizen as well, will in a few years be ex-service men. The men who will carry on and make the future secure for Freemasonry are today in the ranks of our service men, and, because of this fact if for no other reason, it is essential that we do everything possible for them at this time when there is a dire need for our feeble efforts in their behalf, when the very life of our Country is at stake.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee requests that Grand Lodge approve the work of the Nebraska Masonic War Service Committee.

2. In view of the impending invasion, the Committee recommends and urges that the subordinate Lodges notify us immediately upon the death of a brother or the son of a brother Mason, giving us the full name and address of his nearest kin.

3. The Committee recommends and requests that the necessary funds be provided to make our work increasingly effective.

The Nebraska Masonic War Service Committee, with humble sincerity, thanks the Grand Lodge for the privilege of having part in so worthy an endeavor—an enterprise which disseminates the principles of Freemasonry.

On Life's broad field, still they fight
 The false forever with the true,
 The wrong forever with the right.
 And still God's faithful ones, as men
 Who hold a fortress strong and high,
 Cry out in confidence again
 And find a comfort in the cry:
 "Hammer away, ye hostile hands,
 Your hammers break, God's anvil stands."

M. W. Earl J. Lee, 15, Past Grand Master, presented the Report of the Committee on Masonic Code, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MASONIC CODE

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

Your Committee which was authorized and instructed to compile and annotate the Constitution and By-Laws of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge begs to report as follows:

Pursuant to the authorization your Committee employed Brother Homer L. Kyle, of Liberty Lodge No. 300, to compile and index the Constitution, By-Laws and Decisions of the Grand Masters. This work has now been completed and is presented herewith for the approval of this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee further recommends that this Committee be continued and be authorized to publish in book form the compilation of the Constitution, By-Laws and Decisions of the Grand Masters under the general title of Nebraska Masonic Law. Your Committee recommends that sufficient appropriation be made to cover the cost of printing and publishing and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to deliver a copy of said Law to each lodge, each officer of the Grand Lodge, including Assistant Custodians, and to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee. We further recommend that before publication the Committee be authorized to incorporate any amendments to the Law adopted at this 87th Annual Communication and incorporate therein the 1944 Decisions of the Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master, presented the Report of the Committee on Masonic Education, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION
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 the Order within the limits which conditions necessitates. We have been compelled to adjust our program to the existing situation and to do the best we could within the limitations which those conditions have arbitrarily imposed on us.

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$2,000 to carry on the work of the committee during the Masonic year ending with this annual communication of the Grand Lodge. We employed W. Curry W. Watson as our director of the program at a wage which amounts to little more than reimbursement for rent, stenographic help and incidental office expense. As usual, Brother Watson has done a splendid job of carrying out the program as arranged by the committee. We have expended a total of \$1,230.67, leaving a balance of \$769.33 unexpended, which will lapse to the credit of the general fund of the Grand Lodge. The unexpended balance is the result of the modified program of Masonic education which we have been obliged to pursue while our country is engaged in fighting a global war. With transportation and rationing restrictions as they are, personal contacts have been largely eliminated and written correspondence substituted in their stead. As a consequence, the committee has mailed 4,200 copies of mimeographed bulletins, and our director has written in excess of 1,200 personal letters. This merely evidences one of the many changes in method with which the committee has had to deal in furthering its activities.

The Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master have attended practically every called meeting of our committee. Both have been fully informed of the committee's activities. Their advice has been sought on many problems and their suggestions have been carefully considered. We are very pleased at the great interest shown by these eminent brethren in the success of our efforts in the field of Masonic education.

The plan of sending Masonic literature to the Masters of the subordinate lodges has been continued. Our pamphlet on "Special Lodge Activities" was reprinted in order that requests for it could be met. Our printed circular, "A Word to the Candidate," was reprinted for the third time to meet the demands of the subordinate lodges. Our printed booklet, "Instructional Material for the Masonic Initiate," has also been reprinted for the third time. These are mute evidences of the interest that a great many of our lodges are showing in the field of Masonic education. We can only hope that more lodges will become interested and thereby increase their interest and efficiency in the ideals and teachings of the fraternity.

We have received a fine response for the question and answer method of creating interest in our work which we placed in operation this year. The committee itself had benefited by this activity, as we have not always seen "eye to eye" on all the answers which we have given. We must concede that many of the questions submitted cannot be answered with mathematical precision. There will be those who will disagree with our conclusions with considerable justification. But if discussion and research are furthered, the objective is attained. We not only approve but invite constructive suggestions. We want all the help you can give us, and we in turn want to cooperate in every way possible to make your lodge a social and moral force in your respective communities.

It is the opinion of your committee that a program of Masonic education must be continued. We realize full well that we have been so close to the work that our opinions may be somewhat biased in its favor. But it seems to us that sound judgment can dictate no other conclusion. It takes more than a fine lodge building to make a good lodge. Money in the bank is a fine thing if it is properly controlled, but its purchasing power can never be used to buy elements which make up a good lodge. Ideals, morals, ethics, and all those things which adorn the character of a true Master Mason, are attributes of the mind which cannot be purchased over a bargain counter. The philosophy of Free Masonry as a way of living is the very keystone of the Masonic structure. It lacks the power to generate itself,—it must be excited in such a way that the recipient acquires a desire for further light upon the subject. It is the hope of your committee that we can provide the agitation of mind necessary to set the thought processes of our membership to work. In this manner the true ideals of Freemasonry will be revealed and the beneficial result attained.

Your committee will have an effective program for next year. The scope of its effectiveness will rest largely on the amount appropriated for the purpose and the intelligence and ingenuity of your committee in furthering the program. We are of the opinion, and our incoming Grand Master concurs, that an appropriation of \$2,000 should again be made to carry on this work. While we had a surplus of \$769.33 from last year, conditions may require the use of more money this year. We have pursued a policy of using only such amounts as we can honestly justify. We have attached hereto a complete report of the doings of the committee and an account of all funds expended during the present year. While I do not propose to take the time to read it here, it is available for examination by any Master Mason who desires to see it. We think the expenditures made have been well spent and we assure you of our purpose to continue to conduct the affairs of the committee in an economical and conservative manner.

We appreciate the fine cooperation we have received from Grand Lodge and subordinate lodge officers alike. We have a sincere feeling that we have made a contribution to the advancement of Freemasonry as a moral force in our land. We should render more than mere lip service to our assertions that we are a character-building institution. We must

furnish the source material that will inspire a living Freemasonry which enriches the intellect and embellishes the character of every brother of the Craft. In this war-torn world where men are so eager to attain the material things of life, where to possess gold is esteemed greater glory than to be either wise or good, an institution without a mission has no valid reason for its existence and one with a mission must halt the busy, moving throng, and by processes of salesmanship cry its wares so loud that the heedless ones shall be impelled to listen. Daniel Webster had well told us "if we write on monuments of stone or metal they will disintegrate and yield to the influence of time, but if we write on human hearts we may produce an enduring testimonial." We sincerely hope that we have contributed something during the year that will point the way by which Freemasonry will be permitted to add its beneficent influence in a more effective manner than heretofore, and that its teachings and ideals may the better provide moral direction and stability of character to the end that we fit the action to the word.

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, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence fraternally reports:

That part of the Grand Master's Address being the Chapter on "Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions" and "Representatives near Other Grand Jurisdictions" has been referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and both, are by the committee approved.

During the year no applications have been received from foreign jurisdictions for recognition, which have not heretofore been considered and our committee has nothing else before it at this time.

M. W. Edwin D. Crites, Past Grand Master, presented the Report of the Committee on Physical Qualifications, which was not adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

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

The Committee on Physical Qualifications fraternally reports:

The present provision is found in Section 106 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, which reads in part as follows:

"A lodge cannot initiate * * * 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."

Physical perfection is not required.

The provision applies only to the making of Masons, not to advancement after initiation.

In the Preamble to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge will be found the following:

"Provided, always, That the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity be held inviolate."

A discussion of the subject, therefore, naturally divides itself into two parts; (1), whether the proposal to abolish the qualifications quoted from Section 106 is a violation of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and (2), whether such abolishment is for the advantage of the Craft.

1. Is Abolishment Legal?

The Grand Lodge has the same right to amend or repeal any provision of the by-laws that it had to enact it, provided that the Grand Lodge Constitution is not thereby violated.

Whether abolishment would be a violation of the Constitution depends on whether or not the standard is a "landmark". With the exception of the extract from the Preamble quoted, we do not find the landmarks defined either in the Constitution or in the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. We do not find that this Grand Lodge ever has defined the landmarks. The substance of some of them is contained in our "Standards of Recognition." In the digest of the decisions of the Grand Masters published in 1928, we find but one under this head. It was decided by the Grand Master in office in 1858 that "belief in the Holy Bible is a landmark".

Presumptively the disqualification found in Section 106 is derived from the landmarks. In addition to this one, there are undoubtedly others so derived, which are not enumerated either in the Constitution or By-Laws, some of which are that the candidate must be a man, free-born, and of mature age. A woman, a slave, a young man in nonage, and an old man in dotage cannot be accepted, as everyone admits; and if the qualification under consideration is a landmark, neither can a candidate 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.

It has been stated that these qualifications really arise from the very nature of the Masonic institution, and from its symbolic teachings, and have always existed as landmarks.

This landmark is the eighteenth of twenty-five computed, arranged and published by Dr. Albert G. Mackey in 1856.

There has been objection to the arrangement and subject matter of Dr. Mackey's Landmarks by many Masonic scholars. It seems in order to determine the importance of Landmarks in the structure of Masonic Law.

The component parts of our Masonic Law have been stated to be as follows:

1. The Ancient Landmarks.
2. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

3. The By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.
4. The Ancient Regulations and Usages of Masonry.
5. The By-Laws of a Subordinate Lodge.

These take precedence in the order above enumerated. Implicit obedience must be given thereto by all Lodges and Freemasons in this jurisdiction.

Roscoe Pound, in his *Masonic Jurisprudence*, separates Masonic Law into three types of rules:

1. The Landmarks.
2. Masonic Common Law.
3. Masonic Legislation.

The above are listed in the order of their precedence and importance.

He defines Landmarks as follows:

"By Landmarks in Freemasonry we are generally supposed to mean certain universal, unalterable, and unrepealable fundamentals which have existed from time immemorial and are so thoroughly a part of Masonry that no Masonic authority may derogate from them or do aught but maintain them."

He, however, does not consider the requirement as to physical qualification a landmark.

Dr. Albert G. Mackey offers a threefold division of Masonic Law as follows:

1. Landmarks.
2. General Regulations.
3. Local Regulations.

He explains that the Landmarks are the unwritten laws or customs of Masonry, while the regulations are the written law enacted by Masonic authority and may be general or local. He defines Landmarks as "those ancient, and therefore universal customs of the Craft, which either gradually grew into operation as rules of action, or if once enacted by any competent authority, were enacted at a period so remote, that no account of their origin is to be found in the records of history. Both the enactors and the time of the enactment have passed away from the record, and the Landmarks are therefore of higher antiquity than memory or history can reach. A custom or rule of action to constitute a landmark must have existed from time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

Most, if not all, Masonic writers, scholars and leaders are agreed: that

1. Landmarks are the highest form of Masonic Law.
2. They are fundamental, universal, of great antiquity and like the laws of the Medes and Persians, unchangeable.

There are many different opinions as to just which rules are Landmarks and which are not. It is evident, however, that Landmarks do exist. They are the recognized fundamentals which give the Fraternity its Masonic character and which cannot be changed without destroying that character. They check hasty and hysterical legislation as well as tending to prevent innovations. A Grand Lodge cannot abolish a Land-

mark, though it is not impossible for a Grand Lodge to violate one. Recent Masonic history recounts numerous instances of such violations, yet in every case such action results in something different from that pure and unimpaired Masonry handed down by the fathers.

As a Grand Lodge has no power to enact a Landmark, so has it no power to abolish or detract from one. Being supreme in its own Jurisdiction, it may make or alter regulations, edicts, or its own constitution at will, always provided the old Landmarks be carefully preserved. In the early proceedings of this Grand Lodge, in Grand Masters' reports, and in many committee reports, we hear these words frequently repeated: "Remove not the Ancient Landmarks, which thy fathers have set."

You will note that our ancient Brethren revered and obeyed the Landmarks and repeatedly used the word "strictly" in connection with their construction and interpretation. There can then be no confusion caused by any uncertainty of our duty to revere and obey a Landmark; any possible confusion of our Masonic duty must be caused by inability to recognize a rule of action as a Landmark or if it is so determined by the interpretation placed upon the language used. When we determine that a given rule of action is a landmark, we must admit that it is at once the highest form of Masonic Law and is an unalterable code governing the actions of Masons, Lodges, and Grand Lodges.

Let us examine in detail Dr. Mackey's Eighteenth Landmark and determine whether or not it really is a Landmark. Its wording is as follows: "He should be a man, unmutilated, freeborn, and of mature age." In view of the difference of opinion that exists among Masonic scholars, it is deemed advisable to trace this rule of action not only through our own records but back of Dr. Mackey's publication to the earliest known records.

So far as your Committee is aware there has been no controversy over any portion of this rule except the word "unmutilated" and what it implies. We do not question that a candidate must be a man, freeborn, and of mature age. These qualifications are adhered to in all jurisdictions. We do not admit women, old men in dotage, young men under age, atheists, madmen, or fools.

Now let us examine the authority which Dr. Mackey undoubtedly consulted on establishing his Landmark. First: Three well known books written shortly after the Grand Lodge of England was formed purporting to assemble the ancient charges, usages, customs, history and traditions of Masonry in published form. These all insist that candidates must be a man, freeborn, hale, sound and unmutilated. The books are: 1—Anderson's Constitutions (1723) Second edition (1738). 2—Preston's Illustrations (1722). 3—Dermott's Ahiman Rezon (1756) Second edition (1764).

Second: Certain old manuscripts used by the Craft prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. By these manuscripts Masonic scholars have traced the history of Masonry through the years until its beginning is lost in the mists of antiquity. We quote from them as they pertain to the subject of physical requirements.

1. Ancient Charge to the Lodge of Antiquity in London, written during the reign of James the Second: "That he be made able in all degrees; that he is freeborn, of good kindred, true, and no bondsman, and that he have his right limbs as a man ought to have. And that the Prentis be freeborn, and of limbs whole as a man ought to be, and no bastard."

2. Regulation made in General Assembly, December 27, 1663, Harry Jermyn, Earl of St. Albans, Grand Master: "That no person hereafter shall be accepted a Free Mason, but such as are of able body, honest parentage, good reputation, and an observer of the laws of the land."

3. Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, published June 25, 1798, and signed, among others, by Paul Revere: "Every person desiring admission must also be upright in body, not deformed or dismembered, at the time of making; but of hale and entire limbs, as a man ought to be."

4. Harlien Manuscript, written in the 17th Century and now in possession of the British Museum: "That no person shall be accepted a Free Mason but such as are of able body, honest parentage, reputation, and observers of the law of the land."

5. Halliwell Manuscript No. 1, dating back to the 14th Century, the oldest Masonic Manuscript known to exist, now in possession of the British Museum: "The prentis be of lawful blood and have his limbs whole".

6. Buchanan Manuscript 17th Century. Gould's History of Free Masonry Vol. 1, Page 59, Edition 1936: "And also that no Master nor Fellow take any Apprentice to be allowed to be his Apprentice any longer than seven years, and that the Apprentice be able of birth and limbs as he ought to be."

These Manuscripts and Constitutions were evidently the outgrowth of earlier regulations governing the Craft when knowledge was handed down from mouth to ear, before printing or even writing came into common use. They prove beyond any doubt that it has been a requirement from time immemorial that a candidate be a man, freeborn, and un-mutilated. They also show that the rule as to physical requirements conforms to both Pound's and Mackey's definition of a Landmark.

It is true that some Grand Lodges do not recognize the rule that a candidate must be un-mutilated, as a Landmark; others no longer strictly construe it and still others have by decree attempted to abolish it entirely, substituting in its place a modern, streamlined regulation permitting its Lodges to initiate material with varying degrees of physical imperfections and thus swelling membership.

A Grand Lodge has no more right to change an Ancient Landmark than has a state to change a provision of the Constitution of the United States. This question is so clear and indisputable, that your Committee deems it unnecessary to argue the same at length, but will make a few citations from Masonic Law and the teachings of the fathers.

One of the Ancient Landmarks provides: These Landmarks can never be changed, nothing can be subtracted from them; nothing can be added

to them; not the slightest modification can be made to them. It is quite clear that the order against removing or altering the Landmarks was universally observed in all ages of the Craft. A Brother installed Master of a Lodge, is obligated that he admits it is not in the power of any man or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry. The teachings of the fathers give the following important command and solemn injunction: "Remove not the Ancient Landmarks which thy fathers have set." It is our duty, by our obligations, to transmit to our successors the Landmarks of the Order as we received them from our predecessors. It is only by the observance of and obedience to the Ancient Landmarks, the established Masonic Law, and the imperative command and solemn injunction of the fathers, that the excellent tenets of our institution have been transmitted from generation to generation, through a succession of ages, pure and unimpaired.

If the Landmarks were set aside and each Lodge determined for itself what constituted physical disability, each Lodge would have its own rules. In one Lodge it would be held that a wooden leg is no disability; in another that it is; in one Lodge that a leg six inches short is no disability; in another, that it is; and so on as to different degrees of disability that may arise.

The recognition of the doctrine, that a Grand Lodge can change or modify the Ancient Landmarks, will produce discord and confusion between the Brethren, between Lodges, and between Grand Lodge and Lodges; its tendency will be to lessen the influence of the Grand Lodge; lessen it in the estimation and respect of the Craft. The intelligent and conscientious member of a Lodge will be placed in this dilemma; his duty, as a rule, is to obey the edicts of the Grand Lodge. The Universal Masonic Law says that he must obey the Ancient Landmarks; that these Landmarks can never be changed. Which must he obey? There can be but one answer. He must obey the Ancient Landmarks, the great Constitution of Masonry, throughout the whole world.

An edict of a Grand Lodge is no Edict, so far as it conflicts with, changes or modifies any of the Ancient Landmarks. It is no more an edict than is an act of the State Legislature a law that conflicts with, changes or modifies a provision of the Constitution of the State or of the United States.

If a Grand Lodge can change the Landmark as to physical qualification and say that a cripple can be made a Mason, it necessarily follows that it can also change the Landmarks, and provide that youths, old men in their dotage, women, etc., can be made Masons. Once recognize the doctrine, where will it end? The only safeguard is to strictly adhere to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order; the Ancient, universal, established Masonic Law of the Institution, strictly obey and preserve the teachings of the fathers; "remove not the Ancient Landmarks, which thy fathers have set".

One of the greatest symbolism in Masonry in the human body, the greatest handiwork of God. If our symbols are to mean anything we must not forsake the Landmarks of our fathers. It cannot be shown that any

material benefit to Masonry will accrue if the blind, the lame, and the halt are permitted to petition. If we consider, as we all should, the welfare of Masonry, we must agree that the requirements for membership should be elevated rather than lowered.

The quality of Manhood, not the quantity, should govern our decisions. We already have too many mere members. Masonry should not be conferred on any man as a special favor nor can any man demand admission as a right. Masonry has a reputation to maintain as aiming at the very best in human life. We cannot open avenues that will invite or allow reflections upon the fundamentals and groundwork. Masonry is an exclusive organization. Our candidates ought to be as nearly perfect, not only physically but mentally, as possible. In the past our best men have eagerly sought the privilege of membership. Let us see to it that no act of ours shall tend to lower the esteem which all, friend and foe alike, accord our Fraternity.

It is true that a seeming injustice may be done to many good men because of a slight maim but let us remember, that every rule works hardships on someone. The greater benefit to the greater number justifies it. Our fathers never intended Masonry to be open to the lame, the halt, or the blind. If we in our wisdom, or rather lack of wisdom, lower the bars, the effect will be to cheapen rather than to enhance the value of membership. If we modernize the Masonry handed down to us through the generations we shall in turn hand down something to our children but it will not be pure and unimpaired Freemasonry.

Your Committee is of the opinion that Masonic Law is based upon and closely interwoven with the Landmarks as published in the Constitution, Laws and Edicts. That continuous use and recognition of the Eighteenth Landmark from the very beginning of this Grand Lodge, together with its unabridged and unbroken descent from ancient to modern times, clearly establish it as a Landmark and as such beyond the power of any man or body of men to modify or change.

Much of the above has been quoted from the Report of a Special Committee on the Eighteenth Landmark found in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Wisconsin for the year 1938, and reprinted in the Report on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Lodge, Proceedings 1939, pp. 474 and following.

2. Is Abolishment for the Advantage of the Craft?

In addition to what has been said above, we think that the greatest good for the greatest number should prevail.

A brother who has violated Masonic Law is not expelled or otherwise dealt with to punish him, but for the good of the Fraternity.

A candidate who cannot meet physical qualifications, and to whom we are as yet under no fraternal obligation, is excluded for the same reason, for the good of the Fraternity.

A candidate whose ability to support himself and family is impaired, or who is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies, should be excluded. The founders of the Grand Lodge wrote a reasonable provision into Section 106. It is reasonable because its phraseology leaves

no pretext for trifling objections, but does retain this qualification as for the best interests of the Fraternity. The reasons for the qualifications are as valid now as when our Grand Lodge was established.

Our peculiar constitution, forms and ceremonies are essential to the institution of Masonry and differentiate it from all other fraternal organizations. Ours is the prototype. The others are imitators. The passion for streamlining, for standardization and for uniformity, one institution with another, should have no appeal to the Masonic organization.

The Fraternity in Nebraska has established and from year to year wholly maintains the Home for the Aged at Plattsmouth and the Home for Children at Fremont. It engages in, and maintains in part, other charitable endeavors through the various boards and committees of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges. This is done for the benefit of brethren and their dependents becoming in need after the Masonic affiliation has first been established. These are paid for, in part, with income from invested funds, but in greater part from the annual dues or other contributions of members. These being moderate in amount will go only so far, and must be husbanded and guarded. Our resources do not permit us to engage in general charity. If the Fraternity were to do so, a greater income from dues and other sources must be provided. Certainly, under the circumstances, ordinary precaution requires the exclusion of an applicant for initiation who is unable to support himself and his family because of physical imperfections. Human nature being what it is, within as well as without the Fraternity, there is danger that many subordinate lodges, if free to do so, because of local pressure, importunities of friends and other things, will initiate persons not at the time being, but later inevitably bound to become not only a burden on the local lodge, but on the Grand Lodge, a burden which resources cannot support.

It is as important to the speculative Craft as it was to the operative Craft to receive no apprentice whose physical condition impairs his ability to work and support himself and his family, and who thus will become a burden on the lodge.

We, therefore, recommend that the provision of our By-Laws as to physical imperfection shall remain. We do not approve the 2nd paragraph of that portion of the Grand Master's Address entitled "Physical Qualifications," but do approve the first one.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master, presented a partial Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

At 12:15 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION Wednesday, June 7, 1944.

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.

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:

In compiling the report of the activities of this Committee for the past year we cannot help but feel that a brief comparative statement should be made with our activities during the past few years, in order that you might see the present trend of affairs as they are today, when compared with the immediate past.

Each year, as we have submitted our report we have called your attention to the history of the Orphans' Educational Fund, from its inception in 1866 at the Ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge held in Nebraska City June 21, 22, 23, down to the present time. Needless to say, the struggle to maintain that original fund, and nurse it along over its first 23 years of existence, was fraught with many problems for the parent body, and the Board of Trustees, into whose care the funds were placed. Many difficult questions regarding the security and investment of the funds had to be settled; hardships of a financial nature were endured by most of the subordinate lodges, and attempts to discontinue the fund by a minority group were overcome by logic and reason.

The men back of this charitable idea, the guiding hands that charted the course, never gave up the Faith,—they fought the fight until the victory was won and finally the Nebraska Masonic Home was incorporated under the laws of the state of Nebraska on May 28, 1889.

The first step, taken in 1866, was the foundation stone which ultimately provided the financial means whereby this Grand Jurisdiction has been enabled to adequately provide for the widow, orphan, or distressed brother in a manner which we hope is pleasing in the sight of our Heavenly Father.

In 1872 the amount reported in this fund was \$5,000.00. There was some discussion as to whether or not to continue with the plans. What would the result have been had they failed to carry on with these plans? Would we have had the fine home and Infirmary that we have today, located at Plattsmouth? Would we have been able to assist with our full share toward the support of the fine group of Homes at Fremont? Would the subordinate lodges have had access to these wonderful Homes? Would these constituent lodges, working conjunction with this Committee, have been able to carry on their full share of direct relief during the past fourteen years?

Look at this situation carefully and analyze it from any angle that you desire, then compare with some other Grand Jurisdictions who have

in the past failed to make any such provisions and the answer is obviously very easy to understand.

Again let us repeat to you in all humility, that we, in this Grand Jurisdiction, should reverence those sturdy Pioneers; who in their trust and visions laid the plans on their trestle board which we have been permitted to follow.

The past few years have been a stormy road, a troublesome road, and one full of complex problems and worries due to the general economic situation that has prevailed and the drouth conditions as they affected this Jurisdiction. In 1930 our membership totaled 42,027 Master Masons, which was the highest figure on our rolls we had ever experienced. Each successive year thereafter there was a loss in membership until 1941, when our membership was only 30,852 Master Masons, or a loss of 11,175 members. This represented a loss of 26.6% of our 1930 membership. Our per capita dues of \$2.00 per member paid by each subordinate lodge is now divided to the various accounts of the Grand Lodge as follows:

Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 1.00
Maintenance Fund Children's Home, Fremont15
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans20
General Fund65
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TOTAL	\$ 2.00

During this period the funds available to this Committee from our per capita dues decreased in the same proportions as our decrease in membership. Conversely, the requests received for assistance by this committee increased far in excess of our ability to pay, had it been necessary to confine our disbursements to our per capita pro rata, and other sources of income as established by law. Our per capita expense for relief purposes increased from 14 cents in 1930 to 32 cents in 1940. The actual dollars and cents was increased from \$5,809.00 in 1930 to \$9,899.00 in 1940, with 1933 being the highest year of the group at \$10,013.00. This amount represented an increase of 72% over and above our 1930 figure. How were we enabled to handle these requests which necessitated expenditures far in excess of our income? Brethren, again the answer is the Orphans' Educational Fund through the investments made with the monies in this account. Not one single penny of the principal has ever been touched. This is the sacred heritage which is ours. This is the trust given us to carry on for our children and our children's children.

In administering this work your Committee endeavors at all times to carefully weigh all requests that are received, always bearing in mind those fundamental tenets of our Great Order,—Faith, Hope, Charity, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

What would our answer have been to many of the appeals, had we found it necessary to limit our assistance to our per capita income? Needless to say, a great many of them would have been rejected, others would have been reduced and this Grand Jurisdiction and its constituent

lodges would have failed in their responsibility. Indeed, we can take our place in the front ranks of the various Grand Jurisdictions of the United States of America, realizing with unselfish pride that we have kept the Faith, and fought a good fight during the past decade, and that the victory has been won only because of the vision of our Pioneer Brethren.

We are exceedingly happy to report that during the past year the requests received during this period are not as numerous as previous years. Likewise, the revenues available increased and expenses have declined. As a matter of fact, our expense this past year has decreased from \$9,032.00 in 1942 to \$6,046.00 this year, which represents a per capita decrease from 28 cents to .135 cents.

The work of your Committee 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. Cooperation and coordination of effect usually bring results and we are pleased to report to you that the Scottish Rite, Knights Templar and Grand Chapter O. E. S. always do their full share whenever and wherever their membership is represented.

We, also, desire to call to your attention the valuable service that has been rendered to this Committee by the Family Welfare Association. This organization through their affiliated groups and national setup, established in practically every city and community in the United States provides this service at a very nominal cost. Their investigations are unbiased and complete in every respect and their reports provide confidential information which could not be obtained from other sources.

Likewise our contacts with the National Masonic Relief Association at various times has been very cordial and helpful.

This Committee during the past year, either directly or indirectly through correspondence, investigations, or personal interviews, has assisted 71 persons, divided as follows: 18 men, 38 women and 15 minor children, at a cost of \$6,046.00. The subordinate lodges have also devoted approximately \$4,000.00 to this worthy cause. The Home at Platts-mouth has provided care for a total of 80 people at a cost of \$44,151, in addition to annuities provided 13 members outside the Home at a cost of \$2,151.00, making a total of \$46,302.00 for the Platts-mouth Home.

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont provided home and care for 49 children at a cost of \$25,064.00.

The combined total from these four sources during the past year for charitable and benevolent purposes is \$81,412.00.

We have maintained our expenses well within the established budget for the past year and it is the conclusion of your committee that conditions will continue to improve during the ensuing year.

On Sunday, June 4th, your committee in accordance with a long established custom, visited the Home at Platts-mouth and enjoyed its hospitality to the fullest extent. Our many friends in the Home were happy to see us again. A visit of this kind never fails to add a ray of sunshine and happiness to those who are looking toward the Sunset of life and we earnestly extend to every member of this Grand Jurisdiction an in-

visitation to make such a visit. It pays big dividends in the happiness you create.

Worshipful Brother Edwin Yont of Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, who has been a faithful member of this Committee since 1926, was unable to be with us this year on account of illness. Brother Ed has attended the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge for 42 consecutive years. He was president of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont from 1926 to 1933. We, the other members of the Committee, miss his wise counsel and advice very much this year. We wish him a speedy recovery and return to his place on the Committee.

A complete audit of all records and accounts maintained by this committee has been made by Greenfield & Carlson, certified public accountants, and their report is attached hereto and made a part of this record.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master, presented the complete Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted, section by section, and then adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

Our disposition of the various matters that have been referred to us is as follows:

In the Grand Master's Address:

1. Under the heading "Installation of Grand Tyler", we approve the action of the Grand Master.
2. Under the heading "Dispensations to confer degrees", we recommend the approval of the action of the Grand Master.
3. Under the heading "Special Recommendation", we approve the recommendation of the Grand Master that Section 80 of the law be amended to authorize the Grand Master, for good cause shown, to waive the fee for a dispensation to elect and install officers at other than the prescribed time.
4. Under the heading "Dispensation to elect and install officers", we recommend the approval of the action of the Grand Master.
5. Under the heading "Extension of time for Proficiency", we approve the action of the Grand Master.
6. Under the heading "By-Laws Approved", we approve the action of the Grand Master.
7. We disapprove the action of the Grand Master as set forth in the second paragraph under the heading "Decisions", such action being in contravention of the existing by-law on the subject.
8. We disapprove the decision of the Grand Master as set forth in the third paragraph under the heading "Decisions."
9. Under the heading "Other Recommendations", we disapprove Recommendation No. 3.

10. Under the heading "Other Recommendations", we approve Recommendation No. 4.

In the Grand Secretary's Report:

11. Under the heading "Roll of Honor", we recommend that the names of brethren who serve in the armed forces of the United States be published in the proceedings after the close of World War No. 2.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following explanation and proposed amendments to the law, which under the law lies over until the 1945 annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommends the enactment of a law to provide for the appointment of a Committee on the Work, the committee to be composed of three Past Grand Masters and to be appointed by the Grand Master, the appointments in the first instance to be one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, and thereafter the appointments to be for a term of three years, each, the Grand Master to fill by appointment for the unexpired term any vacancy which may occur; this committee to be advisory to the Grand Custodian and to the Grand Master on the esoteric and monitorial work and on all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees, and to study and determine all matters relating to the esoteric and monitorial work, and its rulings to be final subject only to appeal to and determination by the Grand Lodge.

Your Jurisprudence Committee further recommends that the proposed amendments to the law establishing the Committee on the Work, be introduced at this communication of the Grand Lodge and lie over until the next annual communication for consideration and action.

Your committee further recommends that recommendation No. 6 of the Grand Master in 1943, which was referred back to this committee, and recommendation No. 6 of the Grand Master in 1944, which was referred to this committee, and both relating to the subject matter of Section 127 of the law, be left with this committee until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge for report at that time.

To the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, 1944 Annual Communication:

We propose the establishment of a Committee on the Work, and for that purpose the amendment of Section 9 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge as follows:

(1) By adding to the first paragraph of said section the following language: (19) Committee on the Work to be appointed as hereinafter provided. Also by striking out the period following the word chairman at the end of said first paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof a comma.

(2) By adding to said section 9 a new paragraph, to be inserted immediately following the present last paragraph thereof and immediately before the present Section 9-A, said paragraph to read as follows:

The Committee on the Work to be appointed by the Grand Master and to be composed of three Past Grand Masters, the appointments in the first instance to be one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, and thereafter the appointments to be for a term of three years each, the Grand Master to fill by appointment for the unexpired term any vacancy which may occur on the committee. This committee shall be advisory to the Grand Custodian and to the Grand Master on the esoteric and monitorial work, and on all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees, and shall study and determine all matters relating to the esoteric and monitorial work, and of all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees. The rulings of this committee shall be final subject only to appeal to and determination by the Grand Lodge.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the proposed amendments presented by Brother Will R. Johnson, Chairman of the Grand Trustees, which had been prepared at the request of and by action of this Grand Lodge at its last annual communication.

These amendments to the law are for the purpose of establishing a Board of Grand Trustees, and placing all property of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, under their supervision. Under the law, these amendments cannot be acted upon without unanimous consent. Thereupon, M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, requested unanimous consent to consider the proposed amendments to the law at this Annual Communication.

Unanimous consent being granted, consideration was given to the various amendments, which will be found printed in full on pages 87 to 94 of the 1944 Grand Lodge proceedings. After discussion, and questions by various members of the Grand Lodge, all the amendments as proposed, were adopted.

W. Charles L. Peckham, 290, presented the Report of the Committee on Pay-Roll, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL

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

Your Committee on Pay-Roll respectfully reports that the amount due for mileage and per diem for the 87th annual communication of this Grand Lodge is as follows:

Mileage	\$2,254.08
Per Diem	1,618.00
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Total	\$3,872.08

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 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 respectfully report our findings and recommendations for your consideration.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION No. 1

The Committee on Finance concurs in the Grand Master's recommendation for an appropriation of \$2,500.00 to the George Washington National Memorial Association, to be paid in the amounts of \$500.00 per year over a period of five years. We have accordingly set up an amount of \$500.00 for this year to be paid from the Building and Improvement Fund.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION No. 2

This committee concurs in the Grand Master's recommendation for an appropriation of \$2,500.00 to the maintenance fund of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children as our share of the cost of improvements at Fremont and we have set up this amount for payment from the Building and Improvement Fund.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION No. 5

We concur in the Grand Master's recommendation that this Grand Lodge authorize the payment of one-half of the salary and expense of the field man employed to look after the farm properties controlled by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, and we have set up an amount of \$1,542.75 to cover this item to be paid from the Orphans' Educational Fund.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION ON LEASE OF GRAND LODGE QUARTERS

After studying the Grand Master's recommendation on Lease of Grand Lodge Quarters, and receiving a report from members of the Templecraft Committee, we feel that the necessity of moving is very remote, and therefore, conclude that no action by this Committee is necessary.

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 THE GENERAL FUND 1943 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSE

	Appropriated	Expended	Savings	Over draft
Payroll Session 1943.....	3,891.52	3,811.08	80.44	
Grand Tyler, Session 1943.....	15.00	15.00		
Grand Organist Session 1943.....	10.00	10.00		
Grand Secretary's Clerk Hire.....	2,450.00	2,485.00		35.00
Grand Secretary's Office Expense..	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Grand Master, Wm. B. Wanner, Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Expense—Grand Custodian & Deputies	1,600.00	1,600.00		
Expense—Other Grand Lodge Officers under direction of Grand Master	600.00	600.00		
Expense—Committee on Masonic Education	2,000.00	1,230.67	769.33	
Expense—Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	600.00	600.00		
Expense—Trial Commission	100.00		100.00	
Expense—Committee on Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts...	50.00		50.00	
Expense—Grand Chaplain	100.00	50.00	50.00	
Grand Secretary's Travel Expense..	500.00	249.69	250.31	
Expense—Committees not otherwise provided for	100.00	100.00		

Unassigned incidental expense under direction of Grand Master.	1,000.00	99.33	900.67	
Rent of Grand Lodge office to June 30, 1944	1,200.00	1,200.00		
Dues to Masonic Relief Assn. of the U. S. and Canada	154.26	156.81		2.55
Salary Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary	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 Accountant for 1943	100.00	100.00		
Printing Proceedings of 1943, including Advance Copies of reports.	1,100.00	841.55	258.45	
Special appropriation to compile and index the Constitution, By-Laws and Decisions of Grand Master.	500.00		500.00	
Entertaining of Distinguished Guests and incidental expense of the Grand Lodge	200.00	190.70	9.30	
Reporting and Transcribing Session 1943	75.00	65.00	10.00	
Printed Lists of Regular Lodges...	15.00	15.00		
Workmen's Compensation & Employers' Liability Insurance Premium	35.00	35.00		
Surety bond for Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Employees.....	110.00	110.80	9.20	
Grand Lodge Dinner, 1943.....	361.25	348.50	12.75	
Jewel for Retiring Grand Master...	110.00	110.00		
Dispensation Fees returned.....	220.00	220.00		
New Office equipment for Grand Secretary's office.....	50.00		50.00	
Liability and Property Damage Insurance Premium on Grand Master's car for protection of the Grand Lodge	25.00		25.00	
Expense, Committee on George-Washington Masonic National Memorial	100.00		100.00	
Expense, Committee on Nebraska Masonic War Service.....	1,700.00	1,700.00		
Premium for Fire, Tornado, Hail, Smoke Damage and Explosion Insurance on Grand Lodge office furniture and fixtures for 3 years to June 10, 1946.....	88.75	88.83		.08
Social Security Tax.....	200.00	182.90	17.10	

Incidental Expense, Committee on Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund	250.00	87.40	162.60	
Total	\$31,410.78	28,093.26	3,355.15	37.63

The foregoing tabulation shows a net savings of \$3,317.52 from the approved budget.

We commend the Grand Lodge Officers for their efforts in conserving expenses which has resulted in the above savings.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

Last year we recommended the return to the General Fund of the unexpended balance of various committees for the year ending June 1st, 1943. The records show that all such amounts were returned as listed below:

Grand Custodian's unexpended balance	\$ 4.45
Grand Secretary's travel expense	116.49
Grand Officers' expense account	162.09
Trial Commission	95.92
Other Committees	61.72
Grand Chaplain's expense	95.12
Committee on Masonic Education	96.27
Grand Master Geo. A. Kurk's travel expense	329.67
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	\$961.73

GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL EXPENSE

An amount of \$500.00 was appropriated for travel expense of the Grand Secretary. Of this amount only \$249.69 was used and the balance of \$250.31 has been returned to the General Fund.

EXPENSE OF TRIAL COMMISSION

During the preceding year we appropriated the amount of \$100.00 for the expense of the Trial Commission. No funds were required by this committee during this year.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT

At the last Communication we appropriated an amount of \$1,600.00 for the expense account of the Grand Custodian's department and the following expenditures were made:

Railroad and bus fare	\$ 206.77
Hotel	205.55
Meals	163.95
Telephone and Telegraph	149.04
Stationery and Printing	158.25
Miscellaneous	13.57
Per diem and expense of assistant custodians.....	702.87
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	\$1,600.00

AUTOMOBILE FOR THE GRAND MASTER

Last year, the Grand Master used his own car for Grand Lodge work, 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.

THE MASONIC WAR SERVICE FUND

In accordance with action by the Grand Lodge Session of 1943, the funds raised by voluntary contributions for Masonic War Service will be handled by the Nebraska War Service Committee under the direction of the Grand Master. Therefore, no appropriation is being requested of the Grand Lodge for this Committee. The cash balance in this fund May 16, 1944 was \$7,726.22.

BUDGET FOR 1944

GENERAL FUND

Pay Roll, Session 1944	\$ 3,872.08
Grand Tyler, Session 1944	15.00
Grand Organist, Session 1944	10.00
Grand Secretary's Clerk Hire	2,450.00
Grand Secretary's Office Expense	2,000.00
Grand Master, William C. Schaper's Expense	2,000.00
Grand Custodian and Deputies Expense	1,600.00
Expense, Other Grand Lodge Officers under direction of the 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 the direction of the Grand Master	2,000.00
Rent of the Grand Lodge Offices to June 30, 1945	1,200.00
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of the U. S. and Canada, 32,519 members	162.50
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 1944	100.00
Printing Proceedings of 1944, Grand Lodge Session, including advance copies of reports	1,100.00

Special Appropriation to compile and index the Constitution, By-Laws and the decisions of the Grand Master and printing 1,000 bound copies	1,000.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests and incidental expense of the Grand Lodge	350.00
Reporting and transcribing session 1944	75.00
Printed lists of Regular Lodges (300 copies)	125.00
Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance premium to June 18, 1945	34.44
Surety Bond for Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Employees	254.00
Grand Lodge dinner for 1944	450.00
Jewel for retiring Grand Master	110.00
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, Committee on Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund.	150.00
Social Security Tax	200.00
Withholding Tax (Francis E. White Salary).....	20.40
 Total	 \$ 31,159.51

In view of the necessity for amplifying the maintenance fund for the Nebraska Masonic Home to cover the increased expense of operation, and because of the accumulation of funds in the Relief Account not immediately required for that specific purpose owing to the decreased demands on it, this Committee recommends that a portion of the relief fund account be used for this purpose and a special appropriation will be set up in the budget for such an amount as may be required.

**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 of the Order of Eastern Star)	\$ 12,000.00
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RELIEF FUND

Special appropriation to amplify existing revenue to the Maintenance Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Platts-mouth	10,000.00
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BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Special appropriation to cover one-fifth of the Special Contribution to the George Washington National Memorial Association, as approved according to Grand Master Wanner's recommendation No. 1	500.00
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Special appropriation to the Maintenance Fund of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children to cover one-half of the cost of the new Dairy Barn and other improvements at Fremont (matched by the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star) According to Grand Master's recommendation No. 2	2,500.00
Special appropriation to cover anticipated increased operating expense of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth (to be used only if needed)	5,000.00

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

Special appropriation for the Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee (to be matched by a like amount from the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star)	900.00
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	1,542.75

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

Special appropriation to cover printing of large and small Monitors	5,000.00
This fund will be reimbursed as these monitors are sold and returns received from the Subordinate Lodges.	

SURETY BOND ACCOUNT

For payment of Premium for Blanket Bond of Secretaries and Treasurers of Subordinate Lodges	600.00
Total	\$ 38,042.75

CONCLUSION

We are pleased to advise you that all funds are balanced, and that funds are available for all purposes recommended, and that the accounts of this Grand Lodge are in order for the regular conduct of business for the ensuing year, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

M. W. George A. Kurk, 54, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Revision of Funeral Service, which was adopted.

I now move that these services be adopted as an alternate, in other words to be used individually and included in a book, in the monitor, or printed as the lodge chooses, but prohibiting the giving of any other Masonic Funeral Service which has not heretofore been adopted by this Grand Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. I further move that the entire committee be discharged. Carried.

Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, presented the following corporate resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

I, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, do hereby certify that at a meeting of the corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, duly called, and held in the city of Omaha, State of Nebraska, on June 7, 1944; at which a quorum was present and voting throughout, the following Resolution, upon motion made, seconded and carried, was duly adopted as the action of the Grand Lodge, and has not subsequently been modified or rescinded, or in any way restricted, and is now in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, That until revoked by resolution, any one of the following officers of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, a Corporation, to-wit: The Grand Master, or a Grand Trustee, acting jointly with the Grand Secretary of the Corporation, is hereby authorized and empowered to sell, assign, and cause to be transferred, Stocks, Bonds, Rights, Options and other Securities, belonging to or standing in the name of said Corporation, and that any of the said officers of the Corporation acting jointly with the Grand Secretary of the Corporation, be, and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of said Corporation any and all instruments or papers, that may be necessary to effect the sale and transfer of such Stocks, Bonds, Rights, Options and other Securities, to the purchasers thereof.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Corporation, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

(SEAL)

Grand Secretary.

W. Albert B. Osborn, 318, Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business reports that all matters that were laid over from the last Annual Communication, have, so far as we know, been properly disposed of.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LAW

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, read three amendments to the law which had been submitted at the 1942 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. These amendments were to lie over until the 1943 Annual Communication, according to law, but by oversight, and no one having called attention to them, they were overlooked. Following the

Annual Communication, a Brother who had presented one of these amendments, wrote the Grand Master, M. W. William B. Wanner, who directed that this oversight be corrected, by having these amendments to the law lie over until the 1944 Annual Communication. After these three amendments (found on page 704, 1943 proceedings of the Grand Lodge) were read by the Grand Secretary, no motion was made by any of the brethren present, to adopt them.

Whereupon, M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Past Grand Master, moved that the proposed amendments to the law as read, be not approved. Motion unanimously carried.

W. Robert R. Moodie, 27, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted section by section, and then as a whole.

**REPORT OF THE 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 60, Chapter VIII 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 time 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."

2. That the original Section 60, Chapter VIII of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be repealed.

(BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES.)

AMENDMENT No. 1

That the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to create a Committee to be known as the Board of Grand Trustees, to have full charge of the investment and re-investment of Grand Lodge funds, said amendment to constitute the first Section of Chapter IV of the By-Laws under the heading "Grand Lodge Funds," and shall be and read as follows:

Section 27—Board of Grand Trustees.

(a) The Board of Grand Trustees shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Grand Master, for terms as hereinafter provided, together with the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of this Grand

Lodge as ex-officio members thereof. A majority of said Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting for the transaction of official business. Said Board of Grand Trustees shall have full charge of the investment, re-investment, purchase and sale of all Grand Lodge funds subject to the jurisdiction and control of the Grand Lodge; and all funds, securities, mortgages, real estate, and other property belonging to the Grand Lodge and now in the name of The Nebraska Masonic Home for the purpose of management and investment shall be conveyed and assigned to the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska and delivered to the Board of Grand Trustees by the officers of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Said Grand Trustees shall be available for financial counsel to all other separately created organizations or boards of the Grand Lodge. Said Grand Trustees shall be bonded in an amount prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

(b) The Grand Master elected at the session of the Grand Lodge at which this amendment is passed, shall immediately after taking office appoint three Grand Trustees, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years. Each year thereafter the incoming Grand Master shall immediately after taking office appoint one Grand Trustee for a term of three years to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of one of the appointed Grand Trustees, and each Grand Master shall, in the event a vacancy occurs in the number of appointed Grand Trustees by reason of death, resignation or any other cause immediately appoint a Trustee to fill the unexpired term caused thereby.

(c) The Grand Trustees appointed shall be members in good standing of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and shall be selected because of their experience and recognized ability in the investment field. All Trustees shall be residents of the State of Nebraska, and if any Trustee shall cease to be a resident of this State, or shall cease to be a member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, his place as Grand Trustee shall be declared vacant by the Grand Master, and a new Grand Trustee appointed immediately.

(d) The Board of Grand Trustees shall select its chairman from the Trustees other than the Grand Lodge officers. The Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio Secretary of said Board.

(e) The Grand Trustees shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for actual expense incurred covering mileage, hotel room and meals. They are also authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary for financial advice and service from funds appropriated by the Grand Lodge for that purpose. They may also expend such sums for legal services and court costs as they deem necessary for the proper handling of the investments, and the protection and collection of the same.

(f) The securities of the Grand Lodge shall be kept in a safety deposit box to which access may be had by the Grand Secretary, who shall be bonded for \$100,000.00, in company with any one or more of the other Grand Trustees, or some other Master Mason duly designated by the Grand Trustees and who shall be bonded for \$10,000.00. Provided, how-

ever, that in the event of absence or inability of the Grand Secretary to be present and act, access may be had by any two of the Grand Trustees, accompanied by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden or Grand Junior Warden, provided that before having such access they shall each be bonded for \$50,000.00. The Grand Trustees shall review the list of securities annually and make a written report of their analysis. Funds for investment and re-investment shall be given consideration not less than once each quarter, and a complete record of the data presented for consideration and the action taken, shall be kept and available at all times for those to whom access shall be granted, and an annual report of the doings of said Grand Trustees shall be made to each annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

(g) The Board of Grand Trustees shall establish its own investment policies, if not in violation of Section 27-A of the By-Laws, and determine its limitations on classes of investments as it deems wise and prudent, and may delegate to one or more of its members authority to act to carry out such policies within such limitations in case of emergency or under such conditions and regulations as the Board may establish for handling the investments when the Board is not in session.

(h) All funds, securities, mortgages and real estate belonging to this Grand Lodge shall be the property of and carried in the name of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. All deeds conveying real estate and all mortgages mortgaging real estate or personal property, and all mortgage releases or assignments of stock certificates, securities or such other legal documents, having to do with the investment or re-investment of Grand Lodge Funds, shall be executed for the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary upon authorization of the Board of Grand Trustees, provided, however, in the absence of the Grand Master all assignments, transfers, and other legal documents that are necessary for the sale or transfer of securities can be executed by the Grand Secretary together with one member of the Board of Trustees.

AMENDMENT No. 2

That the first two paragraphs of Section 9 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws as appear in the 1943 Addenda to the Law, which read as follows:

"Section 9.—Enumeration and Appointment.—The committee 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."

(a) By substituting a comma for the period at the end of the first paragraph of said Section and adding thereto the following:

"(18) Board of Grand Trustees, which shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Grand Master, with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as ex-officio members thereof, each appointive member to serve for a period of three years, and shall be appointed for such term as to retire one member thereof annually."

(b) Also by striking out the word "and" at the end of the first line of the second sentence of the second paragraph of said Section and inserting immediately following the number "(17)" in the third line from the bottom of said paragraph the following:

"and the appointive members of the Board of Grand Trustees (18), so that said first two paragraphs of said Section, when so amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 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 Home, (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, (18) Board of Grand Trustees, which shall consist of three members to be appointed by the Grand Master with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as ex-officio members thereof, each appointive member to serve for a period of three years, and shall be appointed for such term as to retire one member thereof annually.

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, the Committee on Masonic Education, numbered (17), and the appointive members of the Board of Grand Trustees, numbered (18) 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.

AMENDMENT No. 3

That the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by adding at the end of Chapter III a section which shall be and read as follows:

Sec. 26-B.—Grand Trustees.

The Committee known as Board of Grand Trustees shall have full charge of the investment and re-investment of all Grand Lodge Funds, and shall be available for financial counsel to all other separately created organizations or boards of the Grand Lodge.

AMENDMENT No. 4

That Section 27-A of the By-Laws, which reads as follows:

"Sec. 27-A.—FUNDS—HOW LOANED: Said funds may be invested in first mortgages on real estate in sums not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars to any one person, not to exceed Fifty (50%) per cent of the appraised value of such security, or in bonds of corporations secured by first mortgages on its tangible assets, or in approved public securities. All unloaned money may be deposited in solvent banks or trust companies on interest until required for the purpose of making loans. The applicant for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition and character of said land, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run and the rate of interest offered.

be amended by striking from the first sentence of said Section, beginning after the comma in the fourth line thereof, the following words: "or in bonds of corporations secured by first mortgages on its tangible assets, or in approved public securities", and inserting in lieu thereof "or in such other securities as the Board of Grand Trustees may deem appropriate". Also by striking out the second sentence of said paragraph which reads as follows:

"All unloaned money may be deposited in solvent banks or trust companies on interest until required for the purpose of making loans", so that said Section when amended shall be and read as follows:

Sec. 27-A.—Funds—How Loaned.

Said funds may be invested in first mortgages on real estate in sums not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to any one person, not to exceed Fifty (50%) per cent of the appraised value of such security, or in such securities as the Board of Grand Trustees may deem appropriate. The applicant for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete

abstract of title to the lands offered as security and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition and character of said land, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired; the length of time it is to run, and the rate of interest offered.

AMENDMENT No. 5

That Section 27-B of the By-Laws, which now reads as follows:

"Sec. 27-B—All Grand Lodge Funds irrespective of by what committee administered, shall be held in the name of the M. W. the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden acting collectively. The various funds of Grand Lodge may be carried in separate accounts, subject to the order of the proper officers or committees, but until finally disbursed, legal title thereto shall at all times remain in said Grand Lodge."

be amended by striking from the fourth, fifth and sixth lines thereof the words "Grand Master, the deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden acting collectively," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Grand Trustees" so that said Section, when so amended, shall be and read as follows:

Sec. 27-B—All Grand Lodge Funds shall be held in the name of the M. W. the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Grand Trustees. The various funds of Grand Lodge may be carried in separate accounts subject to the orders of the proper officers or committees, but until finally disbursed, legal title thereto shall at all times remain in said Grand Lodge.

AMENDMENT No. 6

That Section 30 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge which reads as follows:

"Sec. 30.—ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—\$100,000.00 and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund and shall never be depleted below the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Seventy-five per cent of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings thereof for the preceding year, may be used for the care and education of orphans, and in so far as necessary shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to be disbursed on order of said committee. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds."

be amended by striking from the next to the last line thereof the words "Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home" and substituting therefor the words "Grand Trustees", so that said Section, when amended, shall be and read as follows:

Sec. 30.—ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—\$100,000.00 and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund and shall never be depleted below the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Seventy-five per cent of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings thereof for the preceding year, may be used for the care and education of orphans, and it, so far as necessary, shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to be disbursed on order of said committee. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Grand Trustees be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds.

AMENDMENT No. 7

That Section 31-D of the By-Laws, which reads as follows:

"Section 31-D.—THE CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND.—Twenty-seven Thousand (\$27,000) Dollars in government bonds, par value, now being transferred from the assets of the Maintenance Fund for Children's Home, the unexpended income from the fund, and such additions as may be later made to this fund, by action of this Grand Lodge, or by gifts or bequests, shall constitute 'The Children's Home Endowment Fund', and except by direct action of this Grand Lodge in Annual Communication assembled, no part of this principal of this fund shall be used. The annual interest earned by said fund in any one year may be expended by the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home or this Grand Lodge for the maintenance of the Children's Home at Fremont. The Fund with its increase from time to time shall by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds for the purpose for which the fund is created,"

be amended by striking from the second sentence of said Section the following words:

"by the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home or this Grand Lodge for the maintenance of the Children's Home at Fremont",

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"by this Grand Lodge for the maintenance and operation of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for children at Fremont",

and by striking from the fourth and third lines from the bottom of said Section the words "the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Grand Trustees" so that said Section, when amended, shall be and read as follows:

Sec. 31-D.—THE CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND.—Twenty-seven Thousand (\$27,000) Dollars in government bonds, par value, now being transferred from the assets of the Maintenance Fund for Children's Home, the unexpended income from the fund, and such additions as may be later made to this fund, by action of this Grand Lodge, or by gifts or bequests, shall constitute "The Children's Home Endowment Fund," and except by direct action of this Grand Lodge, in

Annual Communication assembled, no part of the principal of this fund shall be used. The annual interest earned by said fund in any one year may be expended by this Grand Lodge for the maintenance and operation of a Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. The fund with its increase from time to time, shall, by the Grand Trustees be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds for the purpose for which the fund is created.

AMENDMENT No. 8

We propose that Section 27 of the By-Laws, which reads as follows:

"Section 27.—When the Grand Lodge is not in session the Orphans' Educational Fund of this Grand Lodge shall be in charge and under the control of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home."

be repealed.

AMENDMENT No. 9

To effectuate the suggestions made in the foregoing report, with reference to the establishment of the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund as a supplemental Endowment Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home, we, your Grand Trustees, propose that the By-Laws be amended as follows:

(a) We propose that Section 30 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, as amended at this session thereof, which said Section as so amended reads as follows:

Sec. 30.—ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—\$100,000.00 and the unexpended income therefrom shall constitute the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund and shall never be depleted below the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Seventy-five per cent of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings thereof for the preceding year, may be used for the care and education of orphans, and it, so far as necessary, shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans to be disbursed on order of said committee. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Grand Trustees be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds,

be amended to be and read as follows:

Sec. 30.—ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—That the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund, which now amounts to \$265,215.47 shall constitute a Supplemental Endowment Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home and shall never be depleted below the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall, by the Grand Trustees, be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds. The net income therefrom shall, at the close of each fiscal year, be transferred by the Grand Trustees to the Nebraska Masonic Home and be used by it for the maintenance and operation of the Home.

(b) That the original Section 30, and as amended at this Session of the Grand Lodge, be repealed.

W. John S. Hedelund, 268, moved that the matter of the uniform bookkeeping system be considered a closed matter and that the committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject. Seconded and carried.

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

On next Saturday, June the 10th, Brother Nicholas Schoenholz, of Wymore Lodge No. 104, holder of the Gold Jordan Medal will be 95 years old. I think it would be very fitting that the Grand Secretary be instructed, by vote of this Grand Lodge, to write Brother Schoenholz a letter of greetings and best wishes on his 95th birthday. And I so move. You cannot send a telegram these days, so it will have to be a letter. Carried.

M. W. William A. Robertson, Past Grand Master:

Right Worshipful Brother Francis E. White at Los Angeles has been a member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 for 75 years since last May, and I move you that by vote of this Grand Lodge, greetings be sent to R. W. Brother Francis E. White. Seconded and carried.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master:

Two of our Past Grand Masters have not been able to be with us at this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and I move you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge to M. W. Brothers Harry A. Cheney, and Frederic L. Temple. Seconded and carried.

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.

I also move that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Scottish Rite, for the use of their Temple for the banquet last evening.

M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master:

Brethren:

I don't think it was ever explained that this beautiful bouquet in the East was presented by the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star to this Grand Lodge. I move that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to them for the beautiful bouquet. Seconded and carried.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Past Grand Master, Installing Officer, assisted by M. W. Virgil R. Johnson, Past Grand Master, as Marshal, and brother Thomas A. Barton, 210, acting as Grand Chaplain, installed the Grand Officers, except V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain, for the ensuing year.

THE NEW GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

I want to first recognize my brethren from Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, if they will please stand at this time. Thank you.

Brethren, I do appreciate, of course, this honor and the confidence that you have reposed in me in electing me your Grand Master. We are living in a day and age when so many time honored customs of institutions are being subjected to a searching analysis. All that Masonry is today is the result of what Masons have done in the past, and what Masonry will be in the next day will be the result of what we have done here today, and will be in the future.

All that I can hope to do the coming year as your Grand Master, is going to be to carry forth the work and follow the paths of my illustrious predecessors. My time for this coming year will be devoted first to this Grand Lodge, and the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. And were it not, brethren, that I felt at this moment that I had the support of every member of this Grand Jurisdiction, then I would shrink from assuming the obligations of a Grand Master.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

M. W. William A. Robertson, Past Grand Master:

I have a little duty to perform, a very pleasant one for me. Most Worshipful Brother Wanner:

It has been the custom in this Grand Jurisdiction for the Past Grand Master who first appointed into the Grand Lodge line the retiring Grand Master, to present, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the Past Grand Master's Jewel.

It was my pleasure and my honor to appoint you in line. I have watched with a good deal of pleasure and interest your services to the Grand Lodge, and prior to the time that you were appointed in line, for the years that I knew you, I observed your services to the Masonic fraternity; in fact my knowledge of your services to Masonry dates back beyond my acquaintance with you; it came first through my father's association with you in Masonic work. And I am happy to observe that all of our hopes and aspirations for your work in Masonry have been achieved.

I take great pleasure in presenting you this Past Grand Master's Jewel given by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, as a recognition of your services to Masonry. We all feel that whatever recognition we might give of your services have been well earned, and I trust that you may be spared for many years to enjoy the wearing of this Jewel, and to be of assistance to the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska.

M. . W. . William B. Wanner, Past Grand Master :

Most Worshipful Brother Robertson, Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren :

It is always a hard matter for anyone to express their feelings on such an occasion. This is, of course, a sense of relief, and a sense of loss. It is always hard for me to express my feelings on any occasion, and I want to, here and now, express my deep and sincere thanks and gratitude to my Most Worshipful Brother Robertson for giving me the privilege of having one of the pleasantest years that I have ever spent in the service of Masonry. I have been a worker in the quarry for a great many years. I started making a hobby of Masonry all my life, and, brethren, I hope that I shall be able to continue indulging in that hobby, pastime, as we may call it,—for a great many years to come. I am often reminded of the thought once expressed by Uncle Bob French, "That he still stood as an Entered Apprentice Mason in the Northeast corner of the Lodge." And that is a good deal. I hardly feel that I am entitled to the distinction that this jewel bestows. But I want to again thank all the brethren who have been so kind to me through the many years that I have been associated with you. Thank you.

M. . W. . Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master :

The duties of the Grand Master are numerous and the responsibility is great. Our retiring Grand Master has discharged those responsibilities with true success, and I move you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Most Worshipful Brother William B. Wanner for the successful manner in which he has discharged the duties and performed the responsibilities of the office of Grand Master, by a rising vote. Carried.

M. . W. . William C. Schaper, Grand Master :

I wish to thank Most Worshipful Brothers Raecke and Johnson for installing me your present Grand Master.

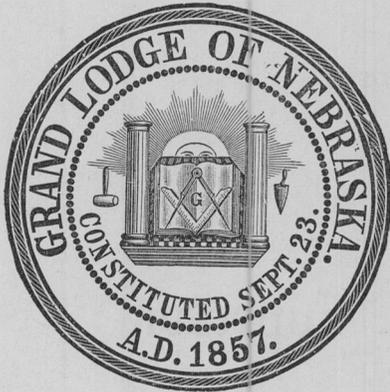
At 5:10 o'clock P. M., no further business appearing, after prayer by Brother Thomas A Barton, 210, acting as Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

William C. Schaper

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-Seventh 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 6th and 7th, 1944, and printed under my direction.



Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Nebraska, this 30th day of June, 1944.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lewis E. Smith". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Grand Secretary

THIS PAGE IS INSCRIBED TO THE

Memory of

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Ambrose C. Epperson

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS

1918—1919

Born November 18, 1870

Died March 16, 1944

THIS PAGE IS INSCRIBED TO THE

Memory of

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Henry W. Carson

GRAND TYLER

1937 to date of death

Born July 5, 1871

Died September 29, 1943

In Memoriam

This page is fraternally and affectionately dedicated
to the memory of
Five Hundred and Eighty-nine
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, 45 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- 31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44
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, 42 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- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44
James R. Cain, (Jr.) 40 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- 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-43-44
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, 35 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- 41-42-43-44
Charles A. Chappell, 32 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- 44
George Allen Beecher, 31 Years.	1902-03-04-05-06-07-08-10-11-12-13-14-21-22-23-28- 29-30-31-32-33-34-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44
Edwin D. Crites, 31 Years.	1913-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28- 29-30-31-32-33-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44
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, 30 Years.	1913-14-15-16-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-29-30- 31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44
Robert J. Jones, 27 Years.	1918-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44
Lute M. Savage, 27 Years.	1918-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44
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
Jesse Lowther 26 Years.	1916-17-20-21-22-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34- 35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44
William F. Evers, 25 Years.	1920-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35- 36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44

Archie M. Smith, 23 Years.	1922-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37- 38-39-40-41-42-43-44
Benjamin F. Eyre, 22 Years.	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44
Carl R. Greisen, 21 Years.	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44
C. Ray Macy, 21 Years.	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44

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 DOWLINGDied May 5th, 1921.....(44th)..1909
 HENRY GIBBONSDied Aug. 22nd, 1923.....(46th)..1911
 ALPHA MORGANDied 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
 AMBROSE C. EPPERSON...Died Mar. 16th, 1944.....(53rd)..1918
 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 WRIGHTDied Oct. 29th, 1936.....(60th)..1925
 ALBERT R. DAVISDied 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
 WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON..Died July 3rd, 1944.....(73rd)..1937

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		
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		
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		
WILLIAM B. WANNER.....	(79th).....	1943
2017 Stone St., Falls City		

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	Harry W. Bundy	Masonic Temple, Denver
Colombia National Grand Lodge.....	Jose G. Fabre	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 E. 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	Harold L. Reader	Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Box 896, Helena.
Nebraska	Lewis F. 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.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—(Concluded)

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	Emery R. Gibson	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
THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	Date Appointed
Alabama	Raymond O. 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 Parajiba	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	Charles B. Nicodemus, 15	Fremont	April 15, 1944
Florida	William F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Jan. 23, 1941
Georgia	David C. Spangler, 41	Stanton	Dec. 7, 1925
Idaho	John R. Hughes, 184	Omaha	June 22, 1937
Illinois	Ira C. Freet, 56	York	Dec. 7, 1923
Indiana	C. Ray Macy, 26	Beatrice	Nov. 25, 1929
Ireland	Henry H. Heiler, 50	Hastings	April 10, 1919
Jugoslavia	John S. Hedelund, 268	Omaha	June 25, 1938
Kansas	Norris Chadderdon, 146	Holdrege	June 22, 1937
Kentucky	Archie M. Smith, 203	Pender	June 25, 1927
Louisiana	Ernest C. Purdy, 195	Gordon	June 24, 1943
Maine	George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Manitoba	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937
Maryland	Earl J. Lee, 15	Fremont	Apr. 9, 1934
Massachusetts	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Omaha	Aug. 29, 1917
Mexico	George A. Beecher, 268	Hastings	Mar. 17, 1904
Michigan	Lamont L. Stephens, 106	Loup City	May 1, 1924
Minnesota	Edward E. Carr, 32	North Platte	July 2, 1938
Mississippi	Benjamin F. Pitman, 158	Chadron	April 12, 1930
Missouri	Phil B. Campbell, 65	Osceola	May 4, 1939
Montana	Ellis W. Cass, 302	Omaha	June 9, 1939
Nevada	Virgil R. Johnson, 26	Beatrice	Oct. 10, 1931
New Brunswick	Wallace E. Linn, 1	Omaha	May 4, 1939
New Hampshire	Harold D. Weddel, 208	Arcadia	Oct. 18, 1943
New Jersey	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78	Albion	July 26, 1905
New Mexico	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
New So. Wales	Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	Omaha	Nov. 24, 1936
New York	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
New Zealand	John J. Wilson, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Nicaragua	C. Ray Gates, 318	Grand Island	Apr. 17, 1933
North Carolina	Jesse P. Entrekkin, 295	Gering	July 10, 1941
North Dakota	Arthur G. Brown, 11	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Nova Scotia	Curry W. Watson, 210	Lincoln	May 26, 1941
Ohio	Varro E. Tyler, 2	Nebraska City	Dec. 9, 1941
Oklahoma	Walter R. Raecke, 36	Central City	Apr. 8, 1935
Oregon	Louis F. Schonlau, 302	Omaha	July 2, 1938
Panama	Frederic L. Temple, 61	North Platte	July 13, 1938
Philippine Islands	Walter O. Barnes, 181	Crawford	June 22, 1937
P. Edward Island	Edwin D. Crites, 158	Chadron	April 20, 1920
Puerto Rico	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Quebec	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Queensland	Oliver C. Dovey, 6	Plattsmouth	June 16, 1936
Rhode Island	William Cosh, 11	Omaha	Aug. 6, 1914
Saskatchewan			
Scotland			

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South Australia..	Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3..	Omaha	April 20, 1920
South Carolina..	James R. Cain, Jr., 105...	Omaha	July 12, 1907
South Dakota ..	Charles A. Chappell, 127..	Minden	Aug. 26, 1918
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	F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944
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	C. M. Pitts	Ottawa	Apr. 15, 1944
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			
Dist. of Columbia.			
Ecuador	F. E. Navarro Allende ...	Guayaquil	June 16, 1931
Egypt	Ibrahim F. K. Pacha.....	Alexandria	Oct. 10, 1939
England	Francis Kenelm Foster ...	Allt Dinas, Bayshell, Cheltenham	Sept. 19, 1936
Florida	Leon E. Forbes	Jacksonville	Apr. 15, 1944
Georgia	Wallace W. Bibb	Adairsville	Dec. 9, 1922
Idaho	Everett W. Rising	Nampa	Apr. 30, 1932
Illinois	William L. Sharp	245 W. 63rd St., Chicago	Mar. 8, 1929
Indiana	Walter P. Boemler.....	3130 Park Ave., Indianapolis	Mar. 1, 1941
Ireland	Wentworth A. King- Harman	Newcastle, Ballymahon	Nov. 14, 1924
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	Horace Dillon	Torreon, Coah	Mar. 17, 1944
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 R. McGregor	Hillsboro	July 8, 1937
New Mexico	E. Gillman Moon	Masonic Hall, Sydney	Aug. 9, 1934
New So. Wales ..	John L. Sturtevant	Albany	Sept. 13, 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	George F. Meisner	Ogden	Feb. 3, 1944
Vermont	D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr...	Johnson	Feb. 4, 1943
Victoria	R. Tate Sutherland	Arlington	April 1, 1930
Vienna			
Virginia	Harry K. Green	Clarendon	Aug. 19, 1927
Washington	Arthur W. Davis	Ziegler Bldg. Spokane	May 14, 1927
West Australia..	R. H. G. Clark	Perth	Apr. 22, 1941
West Virginia...	Charles E. Bailey	Sisterville	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin	LeRoy E. Ragsdale.....	Milwaukee	July 24, 1942

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- Acacia, 34.
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Alliance, 183.
 Alpha, 316.
 Amethyst, 190.
 Amity, 169.
 Anselmo, 258.
 Antelope, 276.
 Arcana, 195.
 Ashlar, 88.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.
 Bancroft, 145.
 Barneston, 165.
 Bartley, 228.
 Bassett, 254.
 Bayard, 301.
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver City, 98.
 Bee, 259.
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Beemer, 253.
 Bennett, 94.
 Bladen, 319.
 Blazing Star, 200.
 Bloomfield, 218.
 Blue Hill, 129.
 Blue River, 30.
 Blue Valley, 64.
 Boaz, 185.
 Cable, 225.
 Cairo, 324.
 Cambridge, 150.
 Camp Clarke, 285.
 Canopy, 209.
 Capitol, 3.
 Cedar River, 89.
 Cement, 211.
 Charity, 53.
 Chester, 298.
 Clay Centre, 139.
 College View, 320.
 Comet, 229.
 Compass and Square, 212.
 Composite, 81.
 Corinthian, 83.
 Corner-Stone, 247.
 Cotner, 297.
 Covert, 11.
 Cowles, 296.
 Craftsmen, 314.
 Creighton, 100.
 Crescent, 143.
 Crete, 37.
 Crofton, 273.
 Crystal, 191.
 Cubit, 237.
 Culbertson, 174.
 Curtis, 168.
 Delta, 230.
 DeWitt, 111.
 Diamond, 291.
 Doniphan, 86.
 East Lincoln, 210.
 Edgar, 67.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 183.
 Elwood, 167.
 Eminence, 223.
 Emmett Crawford, 148.
 Endeavor, 262.
 Euclid, 97.
 Evening Star, 49.
 Evergreen, 153.
 Exeter, 283.
 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Faith, 181.
 Falls City, 9.
 Fidelity, 51.
 Florence, 281.
 Franklin, 264.
 Frank Welch, 75.
 Fraternity, 235.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Friendship, 239.
 Garfield, 95.
 Gauge, 208.
 Gavel, 199.
 Geneva, 79.
 George Armstrong, 241.
 George Washington, 250.
 George W. Lininger, 268.
 Gilead, 233.
 Gladstone, 176.
 Globe, 113.
 Golden Fleece, 205.
 Golden Rod, 306.
 Golden Rule, 236.
 Golden Sheaf, 202.
 Gothenburg, 249.
 Grace, 226.
 Grafton, 172.
 Grand Island, 318.
 Granite, 189.
 Guide Rock, 128.
 Hampton, 245.
 Hardy, 117.
 Harlan, 116.
 Harmony, 321.
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Hickman, 256.
 Highland, 194.
 Hildreth, 252.
 Hiram, 52.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Hooper, 72.
 Hope, 29.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humboldt, 40.
 Incense, 182.
 Ionic, 87.
 Israel, 187.
 Jachin, 146.
 James A. Tulleys, 267.
 Jewel, 149.
 John J. Mercer, 290.
 John S. Bowen, 232.
 Jordan, 27.
 Justice, 180.
 Kenesaw, 144.
 Keystone, 62.
 Kimball, 294.
 Lancaster, 54.
 Landmark, 222.
 Laurel, 248.
 Lebanon, 323.
 Lee P. Gillette, 272.
 Liberty, 300.
 Lily, 154.
 Lincoln, 19.
 Litchfield, 278.
 Lone Tree, 36.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Lotus, 289.
 Magnolia, 220.
 Mason City, 170.
 McCook, 135.
 Melrose, 60.
 Meridian, 188.
 Merna, 171.
 Mid-West, 317.
 Minatare, 295.
 Minden, 127.
 Minnekadusa, 192.
 Mitchell, 263.
 Mizpah, 302.
 Monument, 293.
 Morning Star, 197.
 Mosaic, 55.
 Mount Hermon, 281.
 Mount Moriah, 57.
 Mount Nebo, 125.
 Mount Zion, 161.
 Mullen, 282.
 Mystic Tie, 166.
 Napthali, 206.
 Nebraska, 1.
 Nehawka, 246.
 Nelson, 77.
 Nemaha Valley, 4.
 Newman Grove, 305.
 North Bend, 119.
 Northern Light, 41.
 North Star, 227.
 Oakland, 91.
 Oak Leaf, 312.
 Oasis, 271.
 Occidental, 215.
 Ogallala, 159.
 Olive Branch, 274.
 Oliver, 38.
 Omadi, 5.
 Omaha, 288.
 Ord, 103.
 Orient, 13.
 Ornan, 261.
 Osceola, 65.
 Oshkosh, 286.
 Palisade, 216.
 Papillion, 39.
 Parian, 207.
 Pawnee, 23.
 Perkins, 308.
 Peru, 14.
 Pilot, 240.
 Pioneer, 322.
 Plainview, 204.
 Platte Valley, 32.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Plumblin, 214.
 Polk, 311.
 Pomegranate, 110.

Ponca, 101.
Porter, 106.
Potter, 313.
Prudence, 179.
Purity, 198.
Pythagoras, 156.

Ramah, 275.
Rawalt, 138.
Relief, 219.
Republican, 98.
Right Angle, 303.
Riverton, 63.
Robert Burns, 173.
Robert W. Furnas, 265.
Rob Morris, 46.
Roman Eagle, 203.
Ruskin, 304.

Saint Johns, 25.
Saint Paul, 32.
Samaritan, 158.
Scotts Bluff, 201.
Scribner, 132.
Seneca, 284.
Shelton, 99.

Signet, 193.
Silcom, 147.
Silver, 266.
Silver Cord, 224.
Sioux, 277.
Solar, 194.
Solomon, 10.
Springfield, 112.
Square, 151.
Star, 88.
Stella, 105.
Sterling, 70.
Stromsburg, 126.
Superior, 121.
Sutherland, 299.
Swastika, 280.

Table Rock, 108.
Tecumseh, 17.
Tekamah, 31.
Temple, 175.
Thistle, 61.
Trestle Board, 162.
Trowel, 71.
Tuscan, 190.
Tyrian, 243.

Union, 287.
Unity, 163.
Upright, 137.
Utica, 96.

Valley, 157.
Victory, 310.

Wahoo, 59.
Wallace, 279.
Washington, 21.
Waterloo, 102.
Wauneta, 217.
Wausa, 251.
Wayne, 120.
Western, 140.
Western Star, 2.
William E. Hill, 307.
Winnebago, 309.
Wisner, 114.
Wolbach, 292.
Wood Lake, 221.
Wymore, 104.

York, 56.

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- Adams, 214.
Ainsworth, 224.
Albion, 78.
Alexandria, 74.
Allen, 236.
Alliance, 183.
Alma, 116.
Anselmo, 258.
Ansley, 176.
Arapahoe, 293.
Arcadia, 208.
Arlington, 52.
Arnold, 225.
Ashland, 110.
Atkinson, 164.
Auburn, 124.
Aurora, 68.
- Bancroft, 145.
Barneston, 165.
Bartley, 228.
Bassett, 254.
Bayard, 301.
Beatrice, 26.
Beaver City, 93.
Beaver Crossing, 179.
Bee, 259.
Beemer, 253.
Benkelman, 180.
Bennet, 94.
Benson, (Omaha), 290.
Bertrand, 275.
Bladen, 319.
Blair, 21.
Bloomfield, 218.
Blue Hill, 129.
Bridgeport, 285.
Brock, 162.
Broken Bow, 148.
Brownville, 4.
Burchard, 137.
Burwell, 200.
Butte, 233.
- Cairo, 324.
Callaway, 207.
Cambridge, 150.
Carleton, 199.
Cedar Bluffs, 215.
Central City, 36.
Ceresco, 229.
Chadron, 158.
Chapman, 239.
Chappell, 205.
Chester, 298.
Clarks, 134.
Clay Center, 139.
Coleridge, 219.
College View, 320.
Columbus, 323.
Cook, 231.
Cortland, 194.
Cowles, 296.
Cozad, 188.
Craig, 241.
Crawford, 181.
Creighton, 100.
Crete, 37.
Crofton, 273.
Culbertson, 174.
Curtis, 168.
- Dakota City, 5.
Dalton, 321.
- Danbury, 185.
Davenport, 154.
David City, 51.
Decatur, 88.
DeWitt, 111.
Diller, 206.
Doniphan, 86.
Douglas, 237.
Dunbar, 272.
- Edgar, 67.
Elgin, 276.
Elk Creek, 90.
Elm Creek, 133.
Elmwood, 209.
Elwood, 167.
Emerson, 220.
Ewing, 156.
Exeter, 283.
- Fairbury, 35.
Fairfield, 84.
Fairmont, 48.
Falls City, 9.
Fillet, 175.
Florence, (Omaha), 281.
Fort Calhoun, 10.
Franklin, 264.
Fremont, 15.
Friend, 73.
Fullerton, 89.
- Geneva, 79.
Genoa, 125.
Gering, 201.
Gibbon, 189.
Giltner, 223.
Gordon, 195.
Gothenburg, 249.
Grafton, 172.
Grand Island, 83, 318.
Grant, 308.
Greenwood, 163.
Gresham, 197.
Guide Rock, 128.
- Hampton, 245.
Hardy, 117.
Harrison, 277.
Hartington, 155.
Harvard, 44.
Hastings, 50, 317.
Havelock, 250.
Hay Springs, 177.
Hebron, 43.
Herman, 222.
Hickman, 256.
Hildreth, 252.
Holbrook, 257.
Holdrege, 146.
Hooper, 72.
Hubbell, 92.
Humboldt, 40.
Hyannis, 234.
- Imperial, 198.
Indianola, 262.
- Kearney, 46.
Kenesaw, 144.
Kennard, 232.
Kimball, 294.
- Laurel, 248.
Leigh, 193.
Lexington, 61.
Lincoln, 19, 54, 210, 227,
250, 297, 300, 314, 320.
Litchfield, 278.
Lodgepole, 306.
Long Pine, 136.
Loup City, 106.
Lynan, 322.
Lynch, 312.
Lyons, 240.
- Madison, 113.
Mason City, 170.
McCook, 135.
Merna, 171.
Milford, 30.
Minatare, 295.
Minden, 127.
Mitchell, 263.
Morrill, 271.
Mullen, 282.
- Nebraska City, 2.
Nehawka, 246.
Neligh, 71.
Nelson, 77.
Nemaha, 29.
Newman Grove, 305.
Niobrara, 87.
Norfolk, 55.
North Bend, 119.
North Platte, 32.
- Oak, 243.
Oakland, 91.
Ogallala, 159.
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281, 288, 290, 302, 303
O'Neill, 95.
Orchard, 291.
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Osceola, 65.
Oshkosh, 286.
Osmond, 247.
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Overton, 267.
Oxford, 138.
- Page, 156.
Palisade, 216.
Palmyra, 287.
Papillion, 39.
Pawnee City, 23.
Pender, 203.
Peru, 14.
Phillips, 62.
Pierce, 153.
Plainview, 204.
Plattsmouth, 6.
Polk, 311.
Ponca, 101.
Potter, 313.
Primrose, 143.
- Randolph, 202.
Ravenna, 289.
Red Cloud, 53.
Republican City, 98.
Reynolds, 160.
Rising City, 81.
Riverton, 63.

Eulo, 13.	Sterling, 70.	Valparaiso, 151.
Rushville, 169.	Stratton, 173.	Wahoo, 59.
Ruskin, 304.	Stromsburg, 126.	Wakefield, 83.
Saint Edward, 230.	Stuart, 147.	Wallace, 279.
Saint Paul, 82.	Sumner, 212.	Walthill, 274.
Sargent, 280.	Superior, 121.	Waterloo, 102.
Schuyler, 34.	Surprise, 130.	Wauneta, 217.
Scotia, 191.	Sutherland, 299.	Wausa, 251.
Scottsbluff, 265.	Sutton, 49.	Wayne, 120.
Scribner, 132.	Syracuse, 57.	Weeping Water, 97.
Seneca, 284.	Table Rock, 108.	Western, 140.
Seward, 38.	Tecumseh, 17.	West Point, 27.
Shelby, 161.	Tekamah, 31.	Wilber, 64.
Shelton, 99.	Tilden, 166.	Wilcox, 226.
Sidney, 75.	Tobias, 149.	Wilsonville, 157.
Silver Creek, 266.	Ulysses, 187.	Winnebago, 309.
South Side (Omaha), 184.	University Place, 227.	Winside, 235.
South Sioux City, 316.	Utica, 96.	Wisner, 114.
Spencer, 261.	Valentine, 192.	Wolbach, 292.
Springfield, 112.	Valley, 310.	Wood Lake, 221.
Stanton, 41.		Wood River, 211.
Stapleton, 190.		Wymore, 104.
Stella, 105.		York, 56.

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Antelope, 71, 276, 291.	Garden, 286.	Pawnee, 23, 108, 137.
Boone, 73, 143, 230.	Garfield, 200.	Perkins, 308.
Box Butte, 133.	Gosper, 167.	Phelps, 146, 275.
Boyd, 233, 261, 312.	Grant, 234.	Pierce, 153, 204, 247.
Brown, 136, 224.	Greeley, 191, 292.	Platte, 323.
Buffalo, 46, 99, 133, 189, 289.	Hall, 33, 86, 211, 318, 324.	Polk, 65, 126, 161, 311.
Burt, 31, 88, 91, 240, 241.	Hamilton, 62, 68, 223, 245.	Red Willow, 135, 185, 228, 262.
Butler, 51, 81, 130, 187.	Harlan, 60, 98, 116.	Richardson, 9, 18, 40, 105.
Cass, 6, 97, 163, 209, 246.	Hitchcock, 173, 174, 216.	Rock, 254.
Cedar, 155, 202, 219, 248.	Holt, 95, 147, 156, 164.	Saline, 37, 64, 73, 111, 140, 149.
Chase, 198, 217.	Hocker, 282.	Sarpy, 39, 112.
Cherry, 192, 221.	Howard, 82.	Saunders, 59, 110, 151, 215, 229.
Cheyenne, 75, 306, 313, 321.	Jefferson, 35, 160, 206.	Scottsbluff, 201, 263, 265, 271, 295, 322.
Clay, 44, 49, 67, 84, 139.	Johnson, 17, 70, 90, 231.	Seward, 30, 38, 96, 179, 259.
Colfax, 34, 193.	Kearney, 127, 226.	Sheridan, 169, 177, 195.
Cuming, 27, 114, 145, 253.	Keith, 159.	Sherman, 106, 278.
Custer, 148, 170, 171, 176, 207, 225, 258, 280.	Kimball, 294.	Sioux, 277.
Dakota, 5, 316.	Knox, 87, 100, 218, 251, 273.	Stanton, 41.
Dawes, 153, 181.	Lancaster, 19, 54, 94, 210, 227, 250, 256, 297, 300, 314, 320.	Thayer, 43, 74, 92, 154, 199, 298.
Dawson, 61, 183, 212, 249, 267.	Lincoln, 32, 279, 299.	Thomas, 284.
Deuel, 205.	Logan, 190.	Thurston, 203, 274, 309.
Dixon, 83, 101, 220, 236.	Madison, 55, 113, 166, 305.	Valley, 103, 208.
Dodge, 15, 72, 119, 132.	Merrick, 36, 134, 239, 266.	Washington, 10, 21, 52, 222, 232.
Douglas, 1, 3, 11, 25, 102, 184, 263, 281, 283, 290, 302, 303, 310.	Morrill, 285, 301.	Wayne, 120, 235.
Dundy, 130.	Nance, 89, 125.	Webster, 53, 128, 129, 296, 319.
Fillmore, 48, 79, 172, 182, 283.	Nemaha, 4, 14, 29, 124, 162.	York, 56, 197.
Franklin, 63, 252, 264.	Nuckolls, 77, 117, 121, 243, 304.	
Frontier, 168.		
Furnas, 93, 138, 150, 157, 257, 293.		

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).
 Burchar, U. D., (137).
 Burnett, U. D., (166).
 Butte, U. D., (233).
 Carleton, U. D., (199).
 Cedar, U. D., (19).
 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).
 Gibbon, U. D., (189).
 Giddings, (2).
 Grant, U. D., (34).
 Grant, U. D., (186).
 Greenwood, U. D., (163).
 Gresham, U. D., (197).
 Hamilton, U. D., (68).
 Harmony, U. D., (ext).
 Hermon, U. D., (231).
 Hesperia, 173, (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).
 Jopha, 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).
 Macoy, 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).
 Ohlawa, U. D., (182).
 Orion, 242, (ext).
 Overton, U. D., (267).
 Oxford, U. D., (188).
 Pacific, U. D., (310).
 *Palmer, (315), (consolidated).
 Palestine, U. D., (ext).
 Palmyra, 45, (ext).
 *Parallel Lodge No. 152, (extinct).
 Pawnee City, U. D., (28).
 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., (78).
 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).
 Surmit, 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, 23 (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.

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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 Pet. (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 No- vember 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874.

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Donald C. Smith	Harry E. Koontz
Western Star	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Lynn J. Howe	Charles Ott
Capitol	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Clarence A. Holsten	Stanley P. Bostwick
Nemaha Valley	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	Clarence F. M. Hoff	Abraham Lawrence
5 Omadi	" 5	Dakota City	Dakota	Second Tuesday	Ray R. Robertson	Raymond H. Ream
Plattsmouth	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	Howard E. Wiles	Leslie W. Niel
Falls City	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Hal R. Garvey	William B. Wanner
Solomon	" 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	Paul S. Kruger	Richard T. Sievers
Covert	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Robert Thorson	George R. Porter
10 Orient	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	George Goodale	Peter N. Frederick
Peru	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	Samuel J. Majors	William P. Kirk
Fremont	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Howard C. Johnson	Roy S. Planck
Tecumseh	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Samuel J. Person	Dale R. Bush
Lincoln	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Mathias E. Mauel	Perry J. Morton
15 Washington	" 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	J. Merton Kuhr	Chris K. Bendorf
Pawnee	" 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Ben R. Henry	Fred H. Barclay
Saint Johns	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Hubert R. Page	Gustave E. Gran
Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second Monday	Branson W. Stewart	Leonard C. Barnes
Jordan	" 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Herbert H. Freeland	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	Frank Smiley	Clarence C. Wertman
Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	Second Wednesday	W. Lloyd Ellis	William T. Poucher
Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Eligah M. Bess	Carl R. Greisen
Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Eldon Gockley	Fred G. Christensen
25 Acacia	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	Third Tuesday	Lawrence H. Rouse	Louis J. Michaelson
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Samuel E. Gallamore	Leighton L. Nuckolls
Lone Tree	" 36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Lee C. Coolidge	Howard M. Jones
Crete	" 37	Crete	Saline	First Thursday	Carl F. Nedela	Ernest C. May
Oliver	" 38	Seward	Seward	Third Thursday	Clyde A. Gillanay	Orville Ramsay
30 Papillion	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	First Saturday	Waldo E. Shallcross	Oswald H. Magaret
Humboldt	" 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Rudolph E. Watzke	Berton Mowry
Northern Light	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Second Thursday	John W. Forney	Rudolf C. Hoehne
Hebron	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Harvey E. Barbee	Claude L. Rowley
Harvard	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Ira F. Fishback	John R. Yost
35 Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Fred C. Haack	John N. McCune

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Fairmont	No. 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Second Tuesday.....	Irwin Patton.....	James A. Rose
Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Allen Matejka.....	George Barnell
Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Tuesday.....	Francis L. Youngblood.	Curtis L. Walters
Fidelity	" 51	David City...	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	Joseph P. Young.....	Eldon B. Johnson
40 Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington...	Second Thursday.....	Vernon V. Marshall...	Harry C. McClellan
Charity	" 53	Red Cloud....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Albert L. Guy.....	Marion Bloom
Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster....	First Friday.....	Lyle H. Smith.....	Victor Seymour
Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Joe Eakes.....	Vern Evans
York	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Walter L. Will.....	Leno C. Herfordt
45 Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Second Thursday.....	Clarence Beers.....	Cooper H. Butt
Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Frank A. Otto.....	Lauren W. Walther
Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Second and fourth Wed'days	Orville Coady.....	John Tubridy
Thistle	" 61	Lexington....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Robert R. Harrington..	Hanford D. Smith
Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton....	Second Monday.....	Arthur J. Peterson....	Alexander S. Gilbert
50 Riverton	" 63	Riverton.....	Franklin....	First Monday.....	Artie B. Hollingshead.	Delbert W. Hunt
Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Irvin Novak.....	Edward H. Houser
Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	First Friday.....	Alfred L. Chantry....	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...	Frank M. Farr.....	Claude A. Rennau
55 Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson....	Second Monday.....	Gus H. Warnke.....	Arnold W. Feistner
Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope....	First and third Tuesdays...	Ray Rummel.....	Le Roy R. Fleming
Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	First Friday.....	G. Irwin Osterloh....	J. Henry Windhusen
Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	First and third Thursdays...	Alva N. Murray.....	Charles E. Rhynalds
Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria...	Thayer.....	Second Monday.....	Benjamin F. Headrick.	Guy B. Averill
60 Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne....	First Tuesday.....	Roy T. Depew.....	Roy E. Greenlee
Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls....	First Thursday.....	Earl Greenwood.....	Warren O. Hall
Albion	" 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Harold O. Herse.....	Donald R. Leech
Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore....	First and third Tuesdays...	Charles M. Humphrey.	Gerald Walton
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.....	Milton D. Rubbeck....	Fred R. Haggart
Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield....	Dixon.....	Third Friday.....	Glen W. Henton.....	Carroll D. VanValin
Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield....	Clay.....	First and third Mondays...	Harold J. Hoevet.....	Harmie L. Trobough
Doniphan	" 86	Doniphan....	Hall.....	First Friday.....	Anthony H. Meseraull.	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.....	Lawrence A. Guill....	James Sears
Cedar River	No. 89	Fullerton....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays...	Jacob R. Bitner.....	Frank G. Frame
Elk Creek	" 90	Elk Creek....	Johnson....	First Thursday.....	Ralph D. Hall.....	Frank A. Anderson
Oakland	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Kenneth C. Uehling...	Charles W. West, Sr.
Hubbell	" 92	Hubbell.....	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Earl D. Creswell....	John R. Posey
75 Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City..	Furnas.....	Second Monday.....	Harold J. Oehlerking..	Alva Zieme

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Bennett	" 94 Bennet.....	Lancaster....	First Tuesday.....	William Rasmussen....	Elmer D. Wiley
Garfield	" 95 O'Neill.....	Holt.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Lyndell R. Stout.....	Kay D. Fenderson
Utica	" 96 Utica.....	Seward.....	Second Wednesday.....	Louis R. Tull.....	Fred H. Pieper
Euclid	" 97 Weeping Water	Cass.....	First Monday.....	Floyd J. Hite.....	Chris Rasmussen
80 Republican	" 98 Republican City	Harlan.....	Second Wednesday.....	Irvin C. Hecht.....	William F. West
Shelton	" 99 Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	Third Tuesday.....	Walter F. Ashton.....	Gustave W. Wellenseck
Creighton	" 100 Creighton.....	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....	William A. Horstman....	Carl M. Andersen
Ponca	" 101 Ponca.....	Dixon.....	Third Thursday.....	Walter Malcom.....	Emil Olson
Waterloo	" 102 Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	F. William Bull.....	Julius C. Moore
85 Ord	" 103 Ord.....	Valley.....	First Wednesday.....	Fritz H. Kuehl.....	Arthur J. Auble
Wymore	" 104 Wymore.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Wed'days	Herman J. Trauernicht..	Samuel R. Youds
Stella	" 105 Stella.....	Richardson....	First Thursday.....	William P. Gultzbaugh..	William A. Pearson
Porter	" 106 Loup City.....	Sherman.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Orville H. Lilley.....	Lamont L. Stephens
Table Rock	" 108 Table Rock....	Pawnee.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Vernon Sandusky.....	Orval O. Johnson
90 Pomegranate	" 110 Ashland.....	Saunders.....	First Friday.....	Lowell R. Rutledge....	Paul I. Eaton
DeWitt	" 111 DeWitt.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before O....	James N. Norton.....	Ralph W. Venrick
Springfield	" 112 Springfield....	Sarpy.....	Second Tuesday.....	Kenneth V. White.....	William Ward
Globe	" 113 Madison.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	James W. Robertson....	Percy D. Resseguie
Wisner	" 114 Wisner.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Warren D. Hansen.....	Neil D. Saville
95 Harlan	" 116 Alma.....	Harlan.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Harry E. Richman.....	Thomas C. Rogers
Hardy	" 117 Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	First Thursday.....	Hugh Gillian.....	George B. McDowell
North Bend	" 119 North Bend....	Dodge.....	Second Tuesday.....	William M. Magnusson..	Leon B. Cherny
Wayne	" 120 Wayne.....	Wayne.....	Second and fourth Fridays...	Ralph M. Carhart.....	Walter S. Bressler
Superior	" 121 Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	Alfred Tangdall.....	J. Floyd Davis
100 Auburn	" 124 Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	Sterling Nelson.....	Otto H. Blinde
Mount Nebo	" 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.....	Robert E. Lewis.....	John C. Tarkington
Guide Rock	" 128 Guide Rock....	Webster.....	Thursday on or before O....	Ira A. Pace.....	John H. Crary
105 Blue Hill	" 129 Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Wallace D. McCauley..	Oliver H. Martin
Tuscan	" 130 Surprise.....	Butler.....	Second Thursday.....	Arthur Kunzman.....	Howard W. Crandall
Scribner	" 132 Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	Elmer E. Erickson.....	Donald D. Hill
Elm Creek	" 133 Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Archie C. Miller.....	Floyd S. Worthing
Solar	" 134 Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Second Tuesday.....	Andrew Grover.....	Samuel O. Wallace
110 McCook	" 135 McCook.....	Red Willow....	First and third Tuesdays...	Raymond W. Shepherd..	George F. Moss

*Officers held over.

	Long Pine	No. 136	Long Pine....	Brown.....	Third Tuesday	Gordon Strelow.....	William C. Smith, Sr.
	Upright	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Roy C. Kramer.....	William Yarpe
	Rawalt	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Third Thursday.....	Cleveland G. Gupton..	Alfred H. Nissen
	Clay Centre	" 139	Clay Center..	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Louis C. Hertel.....	S. Wayne Moger
115	Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	Second Thursday.....	Morton T. Kilmer.....	Lewis S. Winter
	Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	Second Thursday.....	George E. Wise.....	Harry P. Hansen
	Kenesaw	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before O.....	William A. Carson.....	Edward E. Guilkey
	Bancroft	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Charles H. Mielke.....	August Zuhke
	Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Claire C. Baker.....	John H. Shumard
120	Siloam	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or before O.....	Albert C. Berner.....	Cecil B. Shade
	Emmet Crawford	" 148	Broken Bow..	Custer.....	Third Wednesday	Irving N. Johnson....	Ray S. Kuns
	Jewel	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Archie Frankforter...	Charles W. Boggs
	Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge....	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Harley I. Simon.....	Ralph E. King
	Square	" 151	Valparaiso..	Saunders....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Clarence R. Housel....	Julius Petermichel
125	Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second Tuesday.....	George B. Gould.....	Alfred L. Brande
	Lily	" 154	Davenport...	Thayer.....	Friday on or before O.....	Vivian H. Virchow....	Benjamin W. Showalter
	Hartington	" 155	Hartington...	Cedar.....	First Thursday	Theodore O. Jones....	Rudolph H. Jenny
	Pythagoras	" 156	Page.....	Holt.....	First Friday.....	William E. Howell....	Harold L. Banta
	Valley	" 157	Wilsonville..	Furnas.....	Second Tuesday.....	William C. Keaton....	Charles L. Skiles
130	Samaritan	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawas.....	First and third Thursdays..	George D. Barker.....	Charles W. Keal
	Ogallala	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	First Tuesday	Ed J. Prochaska.....	John M. Creamer
	Zeredatha	" 160	Reynolds....	Jefferson....	First and third Thursdays..	J. Franklin Powell....	Paul A. Ude
	Mount Zion	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	Frederick J. Scow....	Henry C. Burritt
	Trestle Board	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	First Tuesday	Cecil M. Asa.....	Floyd Christy
135	Unity	" 163	Greenwood...	Cass.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Adelbert E. Leesley..	Benjamin P. Howard
	Atkinson	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Carroll C. Raymer....	Harry A. Snyder
	Barneston	" 165	Barneston...	Gage.....	First Tuesday	Earl A. Willey.....	William A. Wildt
	Mystic Tie	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	Third Thursday	Jack A. Marshall....	Eldon E. Baker
	Elwood	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Second Monday.....	Elmer H. Ledyard....	Anton T. Almqvist
140	Curtis	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William L. Green.....	Klyde D. Burt
	Amity	" 169	Rushville....	Sheridan....	First and third Tuesdays..	Robert L. Hook.....	Clarence E. Benschoter
	Mason City	" 170	Mason City...	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	Hans G. Arp.....	William D. Redmond
	Merna	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	First Thursday.....	John L. Hipsley.....	Lawrence A. Manning
	Grafton	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore....	First and third Wednesdays.	Leslie A. Frederick....	Bert Frederick
145	Robert Burns	" 173	Stratton....	Hitcheock...	Second and fourth Mondays.	Henry D. Wimer.....	Clyde H. Jones
	Culbertson	No. 174	Culbertson...	Hitchcock...	First and third Wednesdays.	Ernest M. Buzzell....	Arvene C. Eisenhart
	Temple	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Ivan W. Hedge.....	Clyde W. Bay
	Hladstone	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	Thursday on or after O.....	William Burdett.....	Floyd E. Junk
	Hay Springs	" 177	Hay Springs..	Sheridan....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Henry Mammen.....	Thomas R. Morrison
150	Prudence	" 179	Beaver Crossing	Seward.....	Tuesday on or before O.....	Roy E. Bye.....	Grant E. Hansen

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY	
Justice	180	Benkelman	Dundy	Friday on or before O	George F. Kuhlman	William C. Hanson
Faith	181	Crawford	Dawes	Second and fourth Thursdays	Bennie Heckman	Walter O. Barnes
Incense	182	Ohioa	Fillmore	First and third Thursdays	Don Thornton	Edward J. Lynn
Alliance	183	Box Butte	Box Butte	Thursday on or before O	Reuben E. Knight	William E. Edwards
155 Bee Hive	184	Omaha†	Douglas	First Thursday	Hiram K. Buchanan	John R. Hughes
Boaz	185	Danbury	Red Willow	First Wednesday	Tipo R. Harris	Dale B. Kelly
Israel	187	Ulysses	Butler	Tuesday on or before O	Anson Andrew	Carl E. Diers
Meridian	188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Tuesday	Ernest Ryan	Lester W. Carlson
Granite	189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Robert O. Scott	Calvin A. Gordon
160 Amethyst	190	Stapleton	Logan	First and third Wednesdays	John N. Collier	Raleigh B. Joy
Crystal	191	Scotia	Greeley	Second Thursday	Meredith G. Williams	John V. Maddox
Minnekadusa	192	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	Claude H. Elliott	Luke M. Bates
Signet	193	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before O	Adolph Lukl	F. Otto Nelson
Highland	194	Cortland	Gage	Second Tuesday	Glenn R. Doolittle	Frank A. Sowers
165 Arcana	195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays	Arthur H. Britton	Leslie R. Fullerton
Morning Star	197	Gresham	York	First Friday	Raymond Beebe	Earl K. Husbands
Purity	198	Imperial	Chase	First Friday	Floyd VanDyke	Siegfried L. Jacks
Gavel	199	Carleton	Thayer	First Tuesday	Raymond H. Atwood	James H. Bryant
Blazing Star	200	Burwell	Garfield	Second Thursday	Leonard H. Johnson	John A. Beynon
170 Scotts Bluff	201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	First and third Fridays	William Ehrman	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	Otto H. Burmeister	Archie M. Smith
Plainview	204	Plainview	Pierce	First Tuesday	Edward K. Tepner	Charles L. Scranton
Golden Fleece	205	Chappell	Deuel	First Thursday	Henry H. Reese	Alfred G. Taylor
175 Napthali	206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Carl A. R. Ludington	Walton I. Filley
Parian	207	Callaway	Custer	First Thursday	Julius I. Christiansen	Allston Asmus
Gauge	208	Arcadia	Valley	First and third Tuesdays	Lloyd H. Bulger	Percy E. Doe
Canopy	209	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before O	Orest P. Cook	Bergil E. Sumner
East Lincoln	210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	M. Orval Spelts	Charles F. Eberline
180 Cement	211	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before O	Hugo E. Carter	Vere R. May
Compass & Square	212	Sumner	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Otis Johnson	Clarence W. George
Plumblin	214	Adams	Gage	Second Monday	Howard H. Hansen	John M. Burnham
Occidental	215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	First Tuesday	Elmer H. Henderson	William F. Hund
Palisade	216	Palisade	Hitchcock	First Tuesday	LeRoy A. Bixler	Fay Baker
185 Wauneta	217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Howard C. Brown	C. Robert Carlson

†South Side Station.

	Bloomfield	No. 218	Bloomfield....	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....	Clyde C. Anderson....	Fred O. Wiese
	Relief	" 219	Coleridge....	Cedar.....	Second Friday.....	Frank Sutherland....	William C. Mitchell
	Magnolia	" 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	Third Tuesday.....	Charles A. Wuerth....	George H. Haase
	Wood Lake	" 221	Wood Lake....	Cherry.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	George F. Kreycik....	Henry Lausen
190	Landmark	" 222	Herman.....	Washington..	Tuesday on or before O...	R. Clare Johnson....	Wayne Loftis
	Eminence	" 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Perry O. Marvel.....	James C. Bierbower
	Silver Cord	" 224	Ainsworth....	Brown.....	Second Tuesday.....	Roy W. Johnson.....	John K. Cassel
	Cable	" 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	First Tuesday.....	W. Forrest Biggerstaff.	Lloyd S. Beltz
	Grace	" 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Clarence V. Milligan..	Arthur E. Newton
195	North Star	" 227	Lincoln †....	Lancaster....	First Wednesday.....	Harold E. Thomson....	Leslie A. Thomas
	Bartley	" 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow..	Second Tuesday.....	W. Floyd Cochran....	August W. Teter
	Comet	" 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders....	First Thursday.....	John Dahl.....	Rance Blodgett
	Delta	" 230	Saint Edward.	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	James O. Duncan....	Stewart J. Kennedy
	Mount Hermon	" 231	Cook.....	Johnson....	Second Tuesday.....	Fred Gittinger.....	Eldo G. Tucker
200	John S. Bowen	" 232	Kennard.....	Washington..	Third Thursday.....	William H. Harper....	Nic Fredericksen
	Gilead	" 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Gustav A. Sieler.....	William J. Rinehart
	Zion	" 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	Second Wednesday.....	Alvin A. Koch.....	William A. Kombers
	Fraternity	" 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	Third Friday.....	C. Edward Carlson....	Robert E. Gormley
	Golden Rule	" 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	First and third Tuesdays.	Arthur Fegley.....	Oliver W. Money
205	Cubit	" 237	Douglas.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Paul W. Sugden.....	Virgil E. Smith
	Friendship	" 239	Chapman....	Merrick.....	Second Friday.....	David Fauquier.....	Elza Ury
	Pilot	" 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	Third Thursday.....	John M. Jensen.....	William E. Sneath
	George Armstrong	" 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	First and third Tuesday...	Joyce W. Sundell....	Frank F. McMullin
	Tyrian	" 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls....	First Monday.....	Lot Wall.....	Ture L. Carlson
210	Hampton	" 245	Hampton....	Hamilton....	First and third Wednesdays.	John Faber.....	Gail E. McDonald
	Nehawka	" 246	Nehawka....	Cass.....	Second Wednesday.....	Author D. Crunk....	Raymond C. Pollard
	Corner Stone	" 247	Osmond.....	Pierce.....	Second Friday.....	Joseph Cizek.....	Charles B. Rosburg
	Laurel	" 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Hugh A. Linn.....	Clarence O. Ericson
	Gothenburg	" 249	Gothenburg..	Dawson....	Second Wednesday.....	R. Wayne Harris....	Homer C. Loutzenheiser
215	George Washington	" 250	Lincoln †....	Lancaster....	First Tuesday.....	Everett L. Packett....	Harry N. Densmore
	Wausa	" 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	First Thursday.....	Gust A. Nelson.....	Lawrence N. Larson
	Hildreth	" 252	Hildreth....	Franklin....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Halsey A. Glenn.....	George M. Myers
	Beemer	" 253	Beemer.....	Cuming....	First and third Tuesdays.	Edward D. Baas.....	Charles S. Albright
	Bassett	" 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	Second Thursday.....	Harry Kapperman....	W. Harold Allen
220	Hickman	" 256	Hickman....	Lancaster....	Third Thursday.....	Walter C. Stevens....	John R. Smith
	Holbrook	No. 257	Holbrook....	Furnas.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Ernest H. Strickland..	Jacob C. Van Cleave
	Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo....	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	Clarence A. Lewis....	Harold C. Kepler
	Bee	" 259	Bee.....	Seward....	First Thursday.....	Clifford Westerhoff..	Calvin W. Noxon
	Ornan	" 261	Spencer....	Boyd.....	First and Third Mondays.	Ralph W. Black.....	William D. Spicknall
225	Endeavor	" 262	Indianola....	Red Willow..	First and Third Thursdays.	Joseph Reiter.....	B. Adrian Quigley
	†Havelock Station.			†University Place Station.			

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Mitchell	263 Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Vance H. Johnson	Edward Sadek
Franklin	264 Franklin	Franklin	Second Monday	Maurice F. MacAvoy	Albert C. McKee
Robert W. Furnas	265 Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	First and third Mondays	Lawrence R. Vickery	Bernard B. Harris
Silver	266 Silver Creek	Merrick	Second Thursday	John M. White	Floyd Buchanan
230 James A. Tulleys	267 Overton	Dawson	Second Monday	J. Lewis Carter	Ralph W. Wallace
Geo. W. Lininger	268 Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	John M. Douglas	Martin J. Hedelund
Oasis	271 Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Second Thursday	Earl Carson	William M. Blough
Lee P. Gillette	272 Dunbar	Otoe	First Monday	Carl R. Wilson	James P. Baker
Crofton	273 Crofton	Knox	First Tuesday	John Roosendaal	Lourtes J. Hoile
235 Olive Branch	274 Walthill	Thurston	Second Monday	Claus W. Eiche	George H. Gregory
Ramah	275 Bertrand	Phelps	First Thursday	Dave Rowlands	William B. Meeker
Antelope	276 Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Ora Carroll	Donald S. Hinman
Sioux	277 Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	Arthur From	Emmett E. Whiteaker
Litchfield	278 Litchfield	Sherman	Second Thursday	Jesse L. Richmond	Martin H. Burtner
240 Wallace	279 Wallace	Lincoln	First Tuesday	Harry A. Rowe	Will H. Daly
Swastika	280 Sargent	Custer	Second Tuesday	John C. Green	Willard F. Abbott
Florence	281 Omaha †	Douglas	First Monday	Russel Frazier	William A. Yoder
Mullen	282 Mullen	Hooker	Tuesday on or before O	John A. Burnett	Leonard E. Eriksen
Exeter	283 Exeter	Fillmore	First and third Fridays	William Henry Foster	Donald H. Johns
245 Seneca	284 Seneca	Thomas	Second Wednesday	Seth P. Hanna	Alfred W. Franks
Camp Clarke	285 Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	Edwin C. Nelson	Edward K. Milmine
Oshkosh	286 Garden	Oshkosh	First Monday	Glenn H. Barnwell	Robert Quelle
Union	287 Palmyra	Otoe	First Friday	Guy C. Burton	Arthur J. Lamborn
Omaha	288 Omaha	Douglas	First Saturday	Elmer H. Toman	Frederick J. Bolshaw
250 Lotus	289 Ravenna	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Marion R. Lux	Archie A. Meek
John J. Mercer	290 Omaha †	Douglas	First Tuesday	Charles L. Peckham	George J. Storms
Diamond	291 Orchard	Antelope	Second Thursday	Joyce R. Mitchell	Gordon W. Drayton
Wolbach	292 Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	Alfred J. Larsen	Edwin L. Johnson
Monument	293 Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Austin Learned	Orval V. Moore
255 Kimball	294 Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	Odie R. Bell	Orville C. Wisdom
Minatare	295 Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Fridays	J. Clive Jull	Jesse P. Entrekinn
Cowles	296 Cowles	Webster	First and third Wednesdays	Herman F. Gerlach	Horace G. Morse
Cotner	297 Lincoln ‡	Lancaster	First Friday	Henry J. Sommer	Dana E. Deeds
Chester	298 Chester	Thayer	First and third Mondays	James E. Woodward	Elbert L. Brown
260 Sutherland	299 Sutherland	Lincoln	First Wednesday	George Jorgensen	William M. Cady
†Benson Station.		†Florence Station.		‡Bethany Station.	

Liberty	No. 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster....	First Thursday.....	John S. Burley.....	Homer L. Kyle
Bayard	" 301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Alva L. Sikes.....	Yale H. Cavett
Mizpah	" 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Friday.....	Harold M. Kelley.....	Anson L. Havens
Right Angle	" 303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Harold E. Roush.....	Cloyd L. Hawley
265 Ruskin	" 304	Ruskin.....	Nuckolls.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	J. Clarence Krogh....	Chauncey O. Hull
Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove	Madison.....	Fourth Monday.....	Conrad Erickson.....	Alexis R. Gustavson
Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole....	Cheyenne.....	Second Tuesday.....	Alonzo G. Miller.....	George E. Minshall
William E. Hill	" 307	Otoe.....	Otoe.....	Third Tuesday.....	Alvin Roettger.....	Clyde T. Dann
Perkins	" 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	First Monday.....	Lemuel W. Sullvian...	Otto E. Gauger
270 Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago...	Thurston....	First Thursday.....	George W. Black.....	Clarence S. Runyan
Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	Second Wednesday.....	Francis A. Roberts....	Harry E. Herzog
Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	First Friday.....	Harry J. Schultz....	Isaac T. Samuelson
Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	Second Thursday.....	Claude A. Rutledge...	Will T. Alford
Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	Second Tuesday.....	Elba R. Hadley.....	Elmer H. Seyfang
275 Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster....	First Tuesday.....	William L. Walker....	Curry D. Bryson
Alpha	" 316	SouthSiouxCity	Dakota.....	Second Thursday.....	Wilbur H. Leamer....	Clarence A. Stewart
Mid-West	" 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Monday.....	Butler A. Isaman....	Wm. J. Breckenridge
Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island..	Hall.....	First Tuesday.....	Albert B. Osborn....	Warren W. Connell
Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Lloyd L. Engelhardt..	William H. Vankirk
280 College View	" 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster....	First Wednesday.....	J. Ervin Alexander...	Silas R. Davenport
Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	Second Wednesday.....	Berton Cunningham...	Verne C. Ankeny
Pioneer	" 322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff..	Second Tuesday.....	George Braziel.....	Elmer Harpstreith
Lebanon	" 323	Columbus....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Walter H. Jackson....	Carl H. Hoge
284 Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	Second Monday.....	Harry D. Turner.....	Wesley E. Sorensen

†College View Station.

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ABSTRACT OF RETURNS
OF
SUBORDINATE LODGES
TO THE
GRAND LODGE, A.:F.:& A.:M.:
OF NEBRASKA

For the year ending December 31st, 1943

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, DECEMBER 31, 1943

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	MASTER MASONS										No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943	No. of Lodge								
		E. A. A.		F. O. C.		SUSP.		GAIN						LOSS							
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1942	By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement			Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Nebraska.....	1	47	76	51	19	491	1099	46	5	13	1163	5	21	26	1137	1					
Western Star.....	2	6	25	7	6	5	88	236	7	1	13	257	1	5	11	246	2				
Capitol.....	3	17	67	16	23	1	439	780	17	1	10	3	811	3	22	1	26	785	3		
Nemaha Valley..	4	4	5	4	1	45	39	4	1	1	43	1	1	4	42	4					
Omadi.....	5	8	27	3	4	64	90	4	1	1	96	2	2	2	94	5					
Plattsmouth.....	6	20	34	16	5	1	46	241	19	3	263	1	1	3	260	6					
Falls City.....	9	5	26	2	4	109	184	3	6	2	195	2	4	6	189	9					
Solomon.....	10	10	10	5	2	12	57	4	1	1	62	1	1	1	61	10					
Covert.....	11	59	83	53	30	3	318	1158	51	4	10	1223	5	31	39	1184	11				
Orient.....	13	1	6	2	2	33	32	1	1	1	33	1	1	2	31	13					
Peru.....	14	8	2	37	86	1	87	2	1	2	87	2	1	5	82	14					
Fremont.....	15	17	18	18	7	2	142	400	13	2	8	423	4	9	15	408	15				
Tecumseh.....	17	10	21	8	8	1	67	114	7	1	122	2	6	9	113	17					
Lincoln.....	19	16	83	12	14	6	462	731	13	6	12	762	2	7	15	747	19				
Washington.....	21	11	7	8	4	48	107	7	4	9	127	2	1	3	124	21					
Pawnee.....	23	4	13	6	6	56	113	5	2	2	120	1	5	6	114	23					
Saint Johns.....	25	24	97	18	24	9	513	776	14	4	31	825	7	24	40	785	25				
Beatrice.....	26	13	59	8	18	4	231	255	9	11	7	282	4	7	15	267	26				
Jordan.....	27	2	6	2	2	43	68	3	1	2	74	2	2	4	70	27					
Hope.....	29	1	9	1	33	37	37	1	1	1	37	1	1	2	35	29					
Blue River.....	30	6	9	4	2	56	46	4	2	2	52	2	2	2	50	30					
Tekamah.....	31	4	6	4	4	2	48	114	3	1	1	119	3	2	5	114	31				
Platte Valley..	32	22	48	19	9	102	331	23	2	1	357	3	6	9	348	32					
Ashlar.....	33	20	44	19	18	4	264	473	17	3	11	504	2	10	16	488	33				
Acacia.....	34	4	9	3	2	50	128	1	2	3	134	1	1	2	132	34					
Fairbury.....	35	11	33	7	3	1	74	184	7	2	5	198	6	4	11	187	35				
Lone Tree.....	36	3	9	3	5	62	173	3	9	1	185	2	6	8	177	36					
Crete.....	37	6	14	6	5	1	79	144	6	1	3	154	4	1	5	149	37				
Oliver.....	38	2	13	3	1	101	109	3	1	1	114	5	1	6	108	38					
Papillion.....	39	1	12	3	44	76	76	1	1	1	76	3	1	3	73	39					
Humboldt.....	40	3	12	2	5	21	97	1	1	1	99	3	3	3	96	40					
Northern Light..	41	2	6	2	2	2	40	75	1	1	3	80	1	2	3	77	41				
Hebron.....	43	6	20	4	4	1	81	68	5	4	1	78	1	1	3	75	43				
Harvard.....	44	9	1	39	40	1	41	1	1	1	41	1	1	2	39	44					
Rob Morris.....	46	7	46	7	5	7	212	208	7	1	6	222	3	1	11	211	46				
Fairmont.....	48	13	1	53	71	1	73	1	1	1	73	1	1	1	72	48					
Evening Star..	49	1	2	1	2	43	72	1	2	1	76	2	1	3	73	49					
Hastings.....	50	14	49	6	5	193	369	6	12	1	387	4	6	10	377	50					
Fidelity.....	51	9	19	6	6	71	126	5	2	1	134	1	4	5	129	51					

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943	No. of Lodge		
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943		GAIN				Total	LOSS					
			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943		By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission	By Death		By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	
																					No. on Rolls, December 31, 1942
Hiram	52	4	11	1	6	35	82	1	1	1	1	86	1	1	1	1	85	52			
Charity	53	4	19	3	4	69	112	3	3	3	3	118	1	1	1	1	115	53			
Lancaster	54	25	67	22	12	339	644	20	8	10	10	682	5	11	4	20	662	54			
Mosaic	55	9	33	10	5	6	121	324	10	6	10	350	3	6	6	15	335	55			
York	56	7	9	5	1	100	222	6	4	5	5	237	2	6	6	8	229	56			
Mt. Moriah	57	3	18	3	1	54	59	3	3	3	3	62	1	1	1	1	61	57			
Wahoo	59	12	10	13	3	4	71	185	13	2	1	201	1	1	4	6	195	59			
Melrose	60	1	14	1	1	4	35	68	1	1	1	71	3	4	4	7	64	60			
Thistle	61	9	13	5	5	5	67	110	10	2	2	124	2	2	3	4	120	61			
Keystone	62	1	4	1	1	3	23	29	1	2	5	35	2	3	3	3	32	62			
Riverton	63	3	3	3	3	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	1	1	1	1	26	63			
Blue Valley	64	5	5	3	1	38	64	1	1	1	1	66	2	1	1	3	63	64			
Osceola	65	2	5	2	3	33	84	2	1	1	1	87	2	3	3	5	82	65			
Edgar	67	3	6	3	1	33	78	3	1	2	2	84	4	4	4	4	80	67			
Aurora	68	11	5	2	64	117	117	4	4	4	4	121	6	2	2	8	113	68			
Sterling	70	2	14	1	1	61	36	3	4	4	4	43	1	1	1	3	40	70			
Trowel	71	2	12	2	5	58	62	2	1	1	1	65	2	1	1	3	62	71			
Hooper	72	5	14	5	3	25	86	5	2	2	2	93	3	3	3	3	90	72			
Friend	73	4	4	4	3	6	42	62	2	2	2	64	3	3	6	12	52	73			
Alexandria	74	4	4	4	27	34	34	2	2	2	2	36	2	2	2	36	36	74			
Frank Welch	75	2	12	1	6	118	171	3	5	9	9	188	2	1	1	3	185	75			
Nelson	77	6	7	5	3	1	58	45	5	2	6	58	1	2	1	4	54	77			
Albion	78	3	13	3	4	54	101	4	4	1	1	110	4	4	4	4	106	78			
Geneva	79	5	11	6	3	3	35	137	6	3	5	151	3	5	3	11	140	79			
Composite	81	5	6	4	4	36	43	4	2	2	2	49	1	2	2	3	46	81			
Saint Paul	82	6	17	2	3	1	59	195	2	2	2	197	8	4	1	13	184	82			
Corinthian	83	3	7	2	1	28	62	1	1	1	1	64	1	1	1	1	63	83			
Fairfield	84	1	13	1	3	46	55	1	1	1	1	58	1	1	1	1	57	84			
Doniphan	86	4	7	4	4	32	42	2	2	2	2	44	1	1	1	2	42	86			
Ionic	87	3	28	1	3	53	84	1	1	1	1	85	2	3	3	5	80	87			
Star	88	8	15	7	2	1	36	86	8	2	2	96	2	1	1	4	92	88			
Cedar River	89	7	14	6	3	1	101	104	5	2	2	111	4	5	1	10	101	89			
Elk Creek	90	2	3	2	2	27	41	1	1	1	1	43	1	2	2	3	40	90			
Oakland	91	2	6	3	2	42	116	2	1	1	1	120	2	2	2	120	120	91			
Hubbell	92	8	4	13	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	92			
Beaver City	93	3	14	2	2	75	66	2	2	3	3	71	2	2	2	4	67	93			
Bennett	94	1	7	2	1	54	20	2	2	8	8	30	3	3	3	3	30	94			
Garfield	95	2	9	2	53	63	63	2	2	2	2	65	3	3	3	3	62	95			

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			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1943		By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission	By Death		By Suspension	By Expulsion					
																		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1942		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1942		
Utica	96	7	1	1	40	68	6	2	70	1	3	1	5	65	96							
Euclid	97	10	12	6	1	1	54	65	73	1	1	1	2	71	97							
Republican	98	7	2	39	34	5	39	1	2	3	3	3	36	98								
Shelton	99	4	2	31	60	60	1	5	60	4	3	7	60	99								
Creighton	100	1	1	43	89	89	1	5	95	4	3	7	88	100								
Ponca	101	3	9	4	2	43	72	4	76	2	1	2	74	101								
Waterloo	102	3	11	3	1	49	100	2	103	1	1	2	101	102								
Ord	103	3	17	2	4	96	72	2	80	3	4	7	73	103								
Wymore	104	8	28	4	4	74	162	3	178	3	1	7	171	104								
Stella	105	7	1	2	3	24	52	1	53	1	4	8	45	105								
Porter	106	1	7	1	3	23	41	1	45	1	1	2	43	106								
Table Rock	108	2	3	1	33	45	2	47	47	1	1	1	46	108								
Pomegranate	110	1	8	2	5	1	57	140	2	2	1	5	141	110								
DeWitt	111	11	1	47	50	6	56	1	56	1	3	1	55	111								
Springfield	112	5	19	6	6	3	45	73	79	1	3	4	75	112								
Globe	113	1	10	42	50	2	53	1	53	1	1	53	113									
Wisner	114	11	1	54	78	78	1	78	78	1	1	1	77	114								
Harlan	116	3	1	32	67	1	69	3	69	3	1	4	65	116								
Hardy	117	1	3	25	21	21	21	2	21	2	2	2	21	117								
North Bend	119	1	1	18	93	93	2	95	95	2	2	2	93	119								
Wayne	120	6	7	6	1	45	154	6	164	1	3	4	160	120								
Superior	121	2	14	2	3	67	136	4	140	2	4	6	134	121								
Auburn	124	1	8	1	62	109	2	112	112	1	4	5	107	124								
Mt. Nebo	125	1	11	3	61	78	1	80	80	1	1	2	78	125								
Stromsburg	126	6	1	41	64	64	4	68	68	3	1	4	64	126								
Minden	127	1	7	1	4	1	30	70	73	1	1	2	71	127								
Guide Rock	128	6	4	39	4	39	4	41	41	1	1	2	41	128								
Blue Hill	129	2	5	2	1	1	40	34	38	1	1	2	36	129								
Tuscan	130	3	1	3	1	22	46	3	51	1	1	2	49	130								
Scribner	132	2	4	1	1	28	58	1	62	1	2	3	59	132								
Elm Creek	133	2	13	1	2	45	46	1	48	1	1	2	46	133								
Solar	134	6	29	29	69	1	69	1	71	2	2	2	69	134								
McCook	135	7	20	11	1	3	90	264	283	3	7	13	270	135								
Long Pine	136	1	9	1	2	31	68	1	74	1	1	1	73	136								
Upright	137	1	8	1	21	64	64	1	65	1	2	3	62	137								
Rawalt	138	5	2	6	36	63	6	71	71	1	1	1	70	138								
Clay Centre	139	1	6	1	1	32	82	1	83	1	2	3	80	139								
Western	140	6	8	5	42	25	5	31	31	1	1	1	30	140								
Crescent	143	3	6	4	2	48	49	4	59	3	4	7	52	143								

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Kenesaw	144	3	17	1	3	91	81	1	1	83	2	1	3	80	144						
Bancroft	145	1	20	6	1	53	37	1	1	38	1	1	3	35	145						
Jachin	146	10	16	7	2	81	136	9	3	149	1	3	4	145	146						
Siloam	147	16	3	2	3	27	36	2	2	38	1	2	3	35	147						
Emmet Crawford	148	5	20	7	5	55	139	7	2	151	2	1	3	148	148						
Jewel	149	3	3	2	2	17	58	1	1	59	3	3	3	56	149						
Cambridge	150	3	9	4	1	44	123	4	1	129	3	3	3	126	150						
Square	151	4	13	4	4	48	38	3	1	42	1	1	2	40	151						
Evergreen	153	5	4	3	1	28	67	3	1	70	1	1	1	69	153						
Lily	154	6	1	1	1	31	56	2	2	58	1	1	1	57	154						
Hartington	155	6	27	3	4	53	68	1	1	71	1	1	1	70	155						
Pythagoras	156	1	18	1	4	41	47	1	2	50	1	1	1	49	156						
Valley	157	2	4	2	3	32	46	3	1	51	1	3	4	47	157						
Samaritan	158	6	16	4	4	57	219	4	4	233	1	2	3	230	158						
Ogalalla	159	2	17	4	6	69	106	5	5	116	2	1	4	112	159						
Zeredatha	160	3	1	1	1	14	36	1	1	37	1	1	1	36	160						
Mt. Zion	161	5	3	5	1	26	45	5	1	51	1	2	3	48	161						
Trestle Board	162	2	1	1	1	24	84	1	1	85	1	1	1	84	162						
Unity	163	3	10	2	1	2	47	2	1	45	1	2	4	41	163						
Atkinson	164	1	7	1	1	26	39	1	1	41	1	1	2	39	164						
Barneston	165	11	6	5	86	62	1	1	63	4	1	5	53	165							
Mystic Tie	166	6	8	4	1	38	41	4	4	49	1	1	1	49	166						
Elwood	167	3	6	3	2	41	38	3	1	43	1	1	2	41	167						
Curtis	168	3	14	3	2	2	87	3	2	94	3	2	5	89	168						
Amity	169	5	11	5	2	33	90	4	1	94	1	1	2	92	169						
Mason City	170	2	4	1	1	40	38	2	2	40	2	2	5	35	170						
Merna	171	16	2	2	48	45	1	1	47	5	1	1	5	42	171						
Grafton	172	1	2	1	30	27	1	1	29	1	1	1	29	172							
Robert Burns	173	2	6	3	1	18	53	4	1	58	1	1	1	58	173						
Culbertson	174	5	10	2	2	25	51	1	1	52	2	2	4	48	174						
Temple	175	2	10	4	3	48	35	2	2	37	2	3	5	32	175						
Gladstone	176	3	6	3	2	4	54	73	4	16	1	4	6	88	176						
Hay Springs	177	2	4	2	32	62	3	3	65	2	2	2	63	177							
Prudence	179	7	1	1	48	31	3	3	34	2	2	2	32	179							
Justice	180	6	9	4	1	57	74	3	2	79	2	1	3	76	180						
Faith	181	15	20	14	5	111	107	10	4	121	3	3	6	115	181						
Incense	182	8	1	1	31	32	1	1	33	1	1	1	32	182							
Alliance	183	10	46	11	11	2	141	229	10	4	4	3	242	183							
Bee Hive	184	41	23	43	10	4	181	534	38	6	7	6	574	184							

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion				Other Causes	Total Loss
North Star.....	227	23	24	17	3	103	266	17	4	5	292	5	2	7	285	227						
Bartley.....	228	3	3	1		19	47	1	1		49	1		1	48	228						
Comet.....	229		2		2	3	55	68		5	73		1	3	69	229						
Delta.....	230		10		1	16	46				46		2		44	230						
Mt. Hermon.....	231		4		1	25	40			1	41		3		38	231						
John S. Bowen....	232		3		1	26	45			2	47	1			46	232						
Gilead.....	233	1	20	1	6	31	49	1			50	1			49	233						
Zion.....	234	2	12	1	4	1	52	78	1	2	81		2	1	78	234						
Fraternity.....	235		4			26	48				48	1			47	235						
Golden Rule.....	236		13	2	5	21	59	1			60		1		59	236						
Cubit.....	237	6	5	7	1	24	59	8		2	69	1			68	237						
Friendship.....	239	6	4	7	3	1	28	50	6		58		2	1	55	239						
Pilot.....	240		3	1	4		32	88	1		89	1	3		85	240						
George Armstrong.	241	5	10	4		22	52	6		2	61	1			60	241						
Tyrian.....	243	1	6			29	22	1			23				23	243						
Hampton.....	245	1	14	1	1	47	76	1			77		1		76	245						
Nehawka.....	246	3	3	7		16	85	8			93		1		92	246						
Corner-stone.....	247	1	15		1	55	33			1	34		1		33	247						
Laurel.....	248	14	19	12	5	2	63	76	9	7	92	3	4	2	83	248						
Gothenburg.....	249	4	9	2	1	36	84	2	1	4	91	3	1		87	249						
George Washington	250	7	13	6	3	121	220	9		6	235	2	3		230	250						
Wausa.....	251		1	1		40	50	1		2	53		2		51	251						
Hildreth.....	252		5		1	1	27	23			23	1	1	1	20	252						
Beemer.....	253		2			15	35				35	1			34	253						
Bassett.....	254	7	8	5	2	2	34	54	4		60		2		58	254						
Hickman.....	256	9	4	9	2	28	40	8			48				48	256						
Holbrook.....	257		5			27	22				22				22	257						
Anselmo.....	258	5	9	6	7	50	84	7		2	93	2	2		89	258						
Bee.....	259		3		1	11	25				25				25	259						
Ornan.....	261	3	9	2	3	26	69	2	1		72				72	261						
Endeavor.....	262	3	4	3	1	1	22	47	2		52	2	3	1	46	262						
Mitchell.....	263	5	8	7	2	50	120	6	1		127	1			126	263						
Franklin.....	264	2	16	2	3	75	74	1		4	79	1	3		75	264						
Robert W. Furnas.	265	11	20	9	5	1	78	184	7	2	198	2		1	195	265						
Silver.....	266	1	6	1	2	1	27	47	1		50		1		49	266						
James A. Tulleys..	267		3			24	52				52	1	1		50	267						
George W. Lininger	268	10	6	10	4	73	211	9	1	4	225	2	4		219	268						

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Oasis.....	271	10	5	10	1	59	95	10	3	1	109	1	1	1	1	108	271							
Lee P. Gillette.....	272	1	3	1	1	25	57	1	1	2	61	1	1	1	1	61	272							
Crofton.....	273	8	5	7	2	24	54	6	1	1	61	2	1	1	1	58	273							
Olive Branch.....	274	10	12	8	5	38	55	8	2	1	66	1	1	1	1	65	274							
Ramah.....	275	4	2	5	2	12	39	4	1	1	44	2	1	1	1	42	275							
Antelope.....	276	8	1	1	1	17	39	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	40	276							
Sinox.....	277	2	1	1	1	9	39	1	1	1	40	1	1	1	1	39	277							
Litchfield.....	278	1	5	1	1	33	33	1	1	1	34	2	1	1	3	31	278							
Wallace.....	279	6	16	1	1	22	34	2	2	2	38	1	1	1	2	36	279							
Swastika.....	280	2	10	1	1	33	46	1	2	2	51	2	1	1	2	49	280							
Florence.....	281	52	18	50	8	5	397	50	7	16	470	8	10	5	1	24	281							
Mullen.....	282	2	5	1	1	36	43	2	1	1	46	1	1	1	1	45	282							
Exeter.....	283	1	1	1	1	26	34	1	1	1	36	1	1	1	1	35	283							
Seneca.....	284	11	3	3	3	39	74	1	2	2	77	1	1	1	1	76	284							
Camp Clarke.....	285	5	14	6	5	1	34	125	3	2	1	131	4	2	1	124	285							
Oshkosh.....	286	3	11	3	2	42	75	4	5	5	84	4	4	4	4	80	286							
Union.....	287	1	4	1	1	15	51	1	3	3	55	2	1	1	5	53	287							
Omaha.....	288	14	23	13	1	221	444	15	15	1	475	4	4	4	8	467	288							
Lotus.....	289	1	12	1	2	30	146	5	5	5	151	3	3	3	6	145	289							
John J. Mercer.....	290	60	23	49	9	5	160	548	45	4	15	613	6	7	5	18	595	290						
Diamond.....	291	4	6	2	2	32	50	2	1	1	53	1	1	1	1	52	291							
Wolbach.....	292	2	2	2	2	19	51	1	1	1	51	2	1	1	2	49	292							
Monument.....	293	3	1	1	1	27	47	1	1	1	49	1	1	1	1	48	293							
Kimball.....	294	3	3	2	1	57	83	1	1	1	85	1	1	1	2	83	294							
Minatare.....	295	7	5	7	3	3	29	65	6	3	1	75	1	3	4	71	295							
Cowles.....	296	1	2	1	1	14	22	1	3	3	26	1	1	1	1	25	296							
Cotner.....	297	23	15	20	6	3	56	108	17	1	9	135	2	3	5	130	297							
Chester.....	298	1	3	1	1	12	31	1	1	1	32	2	1	1	3	29	298							
Sutherland.....	299	2	6	5	1	17	66	7	3	5	81	1	3	4	77	299								
Liberty.....	300	16	13	14	6	1	132	224	13	4	10	251	1	5	7	244	300							
Bayard.....	301	6	6	5	3	24	73	5	1	1	79	1	1	1	1	79	301							
Mizpah.....	302	39	30	33	12	3	249	690	36	4	18	748	9	15	3	27	721	302						
Right Angle.....	303	35	15	30	8	1	110	469	31	2	4	506	3	7	1	495	303							
Ruskin.....	304	4	2	2	2	23	31	1	1	1	31	1	1	1	31	304								
Newman Grove.....	305	3	4	1	1	1	32	41	1	1	44	1	1	1	2	42	305							
Golden Rod.....	306	2	5	5	9	9	54	5	2	1	62	2	1	1	3	59	306							
William E. Hill.....	307	1	8	1	2	31	31	28	1	3	32	1	1	1	3	32	307							
Perkins.....	308	7	12	2	1	1	27	63	5	2	72	2	1	1	3	69	308							
Winnebago.....	309	5	11	1	5	18	37	2	1	1	39	1	1	1	39	309								
Victory.....	310	11	17	5	2	42	118	7	9	9	134	2	1	1	3	131	310							

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion				Other Causes
Polk.....	311	3	4	2	18	28	2	...	3	..	33	2	1	3	30	311	
Oak Leaf....	312	1	2	2	1	...	9	30	2	...	1	..	33	33	312	
Potter.....	313	17	7	11	3	...	19	62	9	1	72	1	1	71	313	
Craftsmen...	314	19	12	19	2	5	71	247	18	5	6	..	276	1	...	5	...	6	270	314	
Alpha.....	316	1	5	1	1	...	9	93	2	...	1	..	96	1	1	95	316	
Mid-West....	317	20	20	13	1	5	40	232	15	1	3	..	251	1	2	5	...	8	243	317	
Grand Island	318	6	4	8	1	...	70	107	8	2	6	..	123	1	1	122	318	
Bladen.....	319	...	3	23	37	37	37	319	
College View.	320	13	6	8	2	...	11	62	6	2	1	..	71	2	2	69	320	
Harmony....	321	9	5	6	3	1	6	49	6	...	1	..	56	1	...	1	...	2	54	321	
Pioneer....	322	5	2	4	1	...	10	49	4	2	55	55	322	
Lebanon....	323	7	8	8	2	...	46	150	7	...	4	..	161	1	7	8	153	323	
Cairo.....	324	1	2	26	1	27	1	1	26	324	
Totals.....			1553	3409	1335	803	231	16242	31362	1313	286	737	11	33709	368	589	231	0	2	1190	32519

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