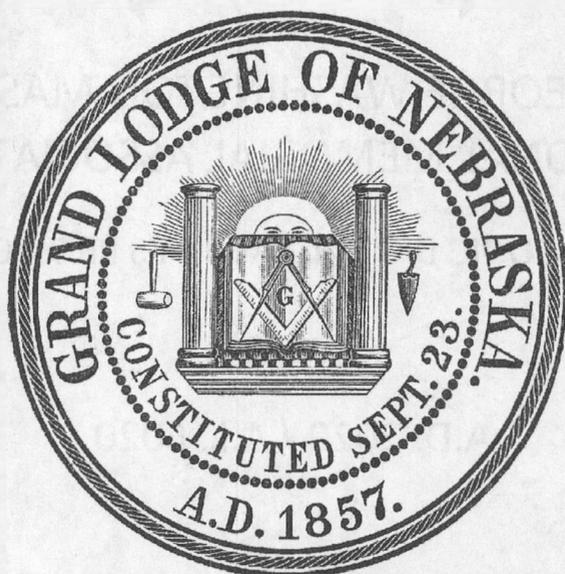


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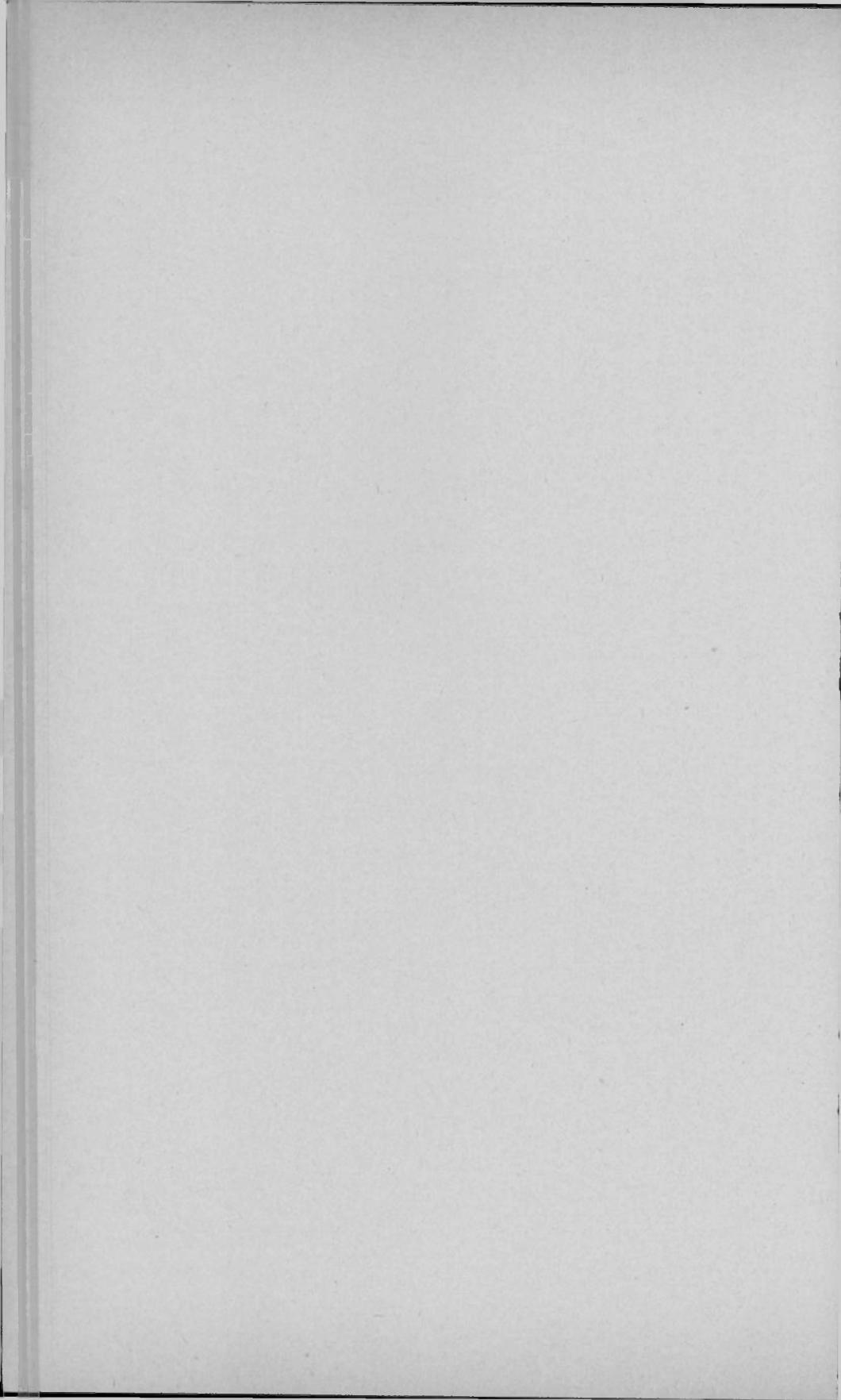


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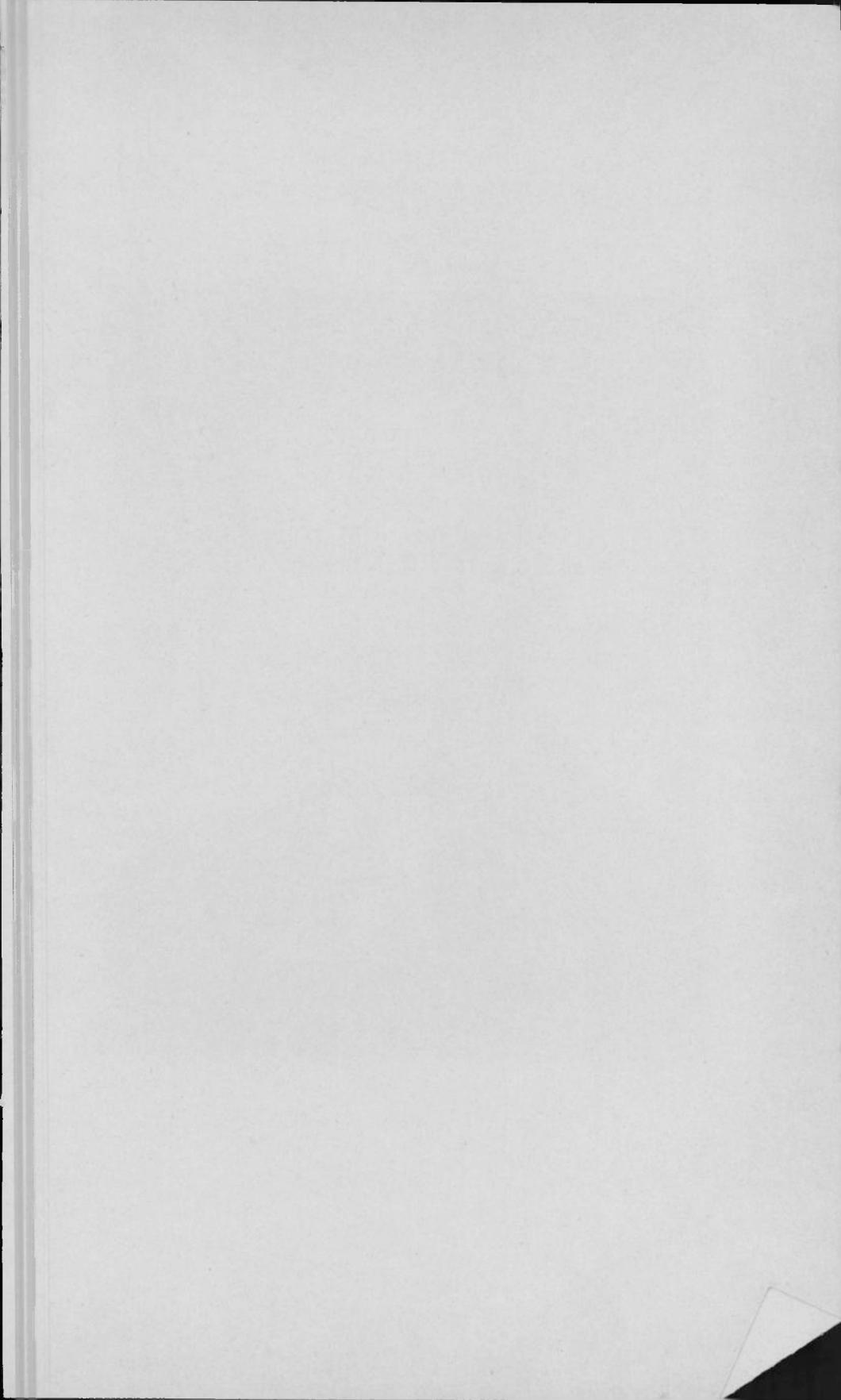




*William B. Schaper*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA

1944-1946



# Biographical

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## William Chris Schaper

GRAND MASTER 1944-1946

M·W· WILLIAM CHRIS SCHAPER, the 80th Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, was born on October 4, 1890, in a sod house on the Schaper homestead near Mason City, Nebraska. His parents, Henry E. Schaper and Louisa Schaper (nee Trobee), were early pioneers of Nebraska. He lived on the homestead until 1904, when the Schaper family moved from the farm to Mason City, Nebraska, where the father entered the general mercantile business.

M·W· Schaper's grade school education was begun in a rural school and completed in the Mason City (Nebraska) public schools. He received his high school education at the Academy of the Grand Island Baptist College at Grand Island, Nebraska. Then he studied pre-law at the Grand Island Baptist College. In September, 1911, Brother Schaper enrolled in the College of Law of the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, Nebraska, and was graduated in June, 1914, with a LL.B. degree.

His formal education was seasoned by experience in a working world. As a boy he worked on his father's farm and in his father's store. His college education was largely the result of his own labors.

Brother Schaper was married to Shirley M. Shires of Mead, Nebraska, on June 17, 1914. They have three children, all of whom are university graduates: Carlos, a son with whom he is now practicing law, and two daughters, Lucile and Leola.

Upon graduation from the College of Law of the University of Nebraska, Brother Schaper was admitted to the Nebraska Bar in June, 1914, began the practice of law at Mason City, Nebraska. In October, 1916, he moved his law office to Broken Bow, Nebraska, and has been practicing law there since that time. He was County Attorney of Custer County, Nebraska, from 1919 to 1927.

He is a member of and a past president of the Custer County Bar Association, and is a member of the Central Nebraska Bar

Association, the Nebraska State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He was recently admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. Brother Schaper rates high with the members of the Bench and Bar of the state.

M. W. Schaper has been active in business and community affairs. He is President of the Custer Federal Savings and Loan Association of Broken Bow, Nebraska, and is on the Board of Directors of three banks, the Broken Bow State Bank, Broken Bow, Nebraska, the Security State Bank, Ansley, Nebraska, and the Seven Valleys State Bank, Callaway, Nebraska. He was formerly a Trustee of the Grand Island Baptist College, Grand Island, Nebraska, a member of the Broken Bow (Nebraska) Carnegie Library Board, a member of the Advisory Board of the Broken Bow Chapter of the Order of Demolay, and a member of the Masonic Templecraft Board. Brother Schaper was appointed Appeal Agent under the Selective Service Act at the time the Draft Board of Custer County, Nebraska, was organized and has served in that capacity since then. He is a member of the First Baptist Church at Broken Bow, Nebraska, and served on the Board of Deacons and on the Board of Trustees.

Outside of his family and profession, M. W. William C. Schaper has been most interested in Masonry. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on December 23, 1913, by Mason City Lodge No. 170, Mason City, Nebraska, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft Mason on March 16, 1914, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on June 30, 1914. On October 17, 1923, he affiliated with Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow, Nebraska, and served as Master of that lodge during the year 1929 to 1930.

Brother Schaper is also a member of the following Masonic Orders: Horeb Chapter No. 49, Royal Arch Masons, serving as High Priest in 1931; Custer Council No. 18, Royal and Select Masters, serving as Master in 1936; Shiloh Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar, serving as Commander in 1929 and again in 1941; Omaha Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; Past Commanders Association of Nebraska; Past Masters Association; Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association; York Cross of Honour; and York Grand Cross of Honour.

He is an honorary member of the National Sojourners, the South Dakota Veteran Freemasons Association, and of two Service-men's Square and Compass Clubs, the Hong Club and the Bloody Nose Ridge Club.

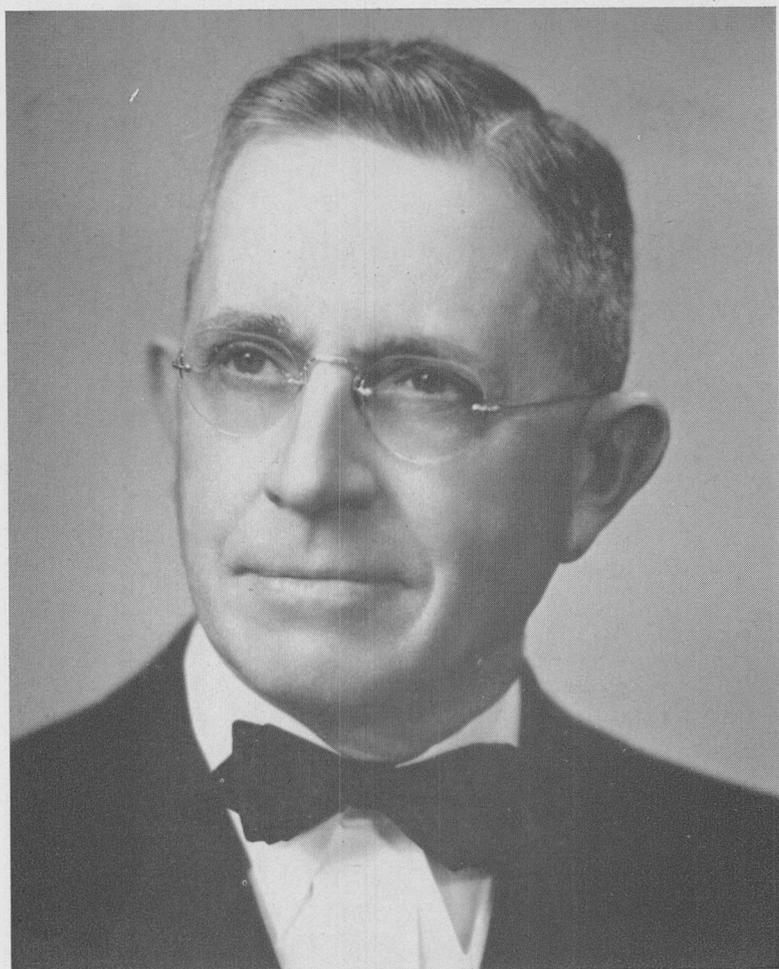
Brother Schaper is a member of Arrow Chapter No. 164, O. E. S. and served as Worthy Patron in the year 1929.

M. W. William C. Schaper was appointed Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, in June, 1938, by M. W. Walter R. Raecke, then Grand Master; advanced and elected to the succeeding Grand Lodge offices; and on June 6, 1944, elected Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska. Cancellation of the 88th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in compliance with a war emergency order of the Government which was made in an effort to alleviate the critical transportation situation existing at that time caused M. W. Schaper to be one of the few Grand Masters to hold that office for more than one year.

M. W. William C. Schaper's two years as Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska were strenuous ones. On the very day of his election to office, June 6, 1944, which was "D" Day in Europe, the war was entering its most critical phase. People generally were apprehensive and unsettled. This combined with war time restrictions added to the burdens of the office. Brother Schaper, however, served Masons of Nebraska with honor and distinction and much credit is due him for keeping the affairs of the Grand Lodge on an even keel during turbulent times. Under his leadership the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska cooperated with our Government in every way possible in its successful prosecution of the war and Masonry continued to grow in this Grand Jurisdiction.

No Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska ever worked harder for the good of Masonry than did M. W. Schaper, nor was any Grand Master more conscientious in the fulfillment of the duties of that high office than he. The good of Masonry was uppermost in Brother Schaper's mind and he honestly endeavored to apply this formula to every problem which confronted him as Grand Master. His term as Grand Master added luster to the brilliant record established by his predecessors in office.

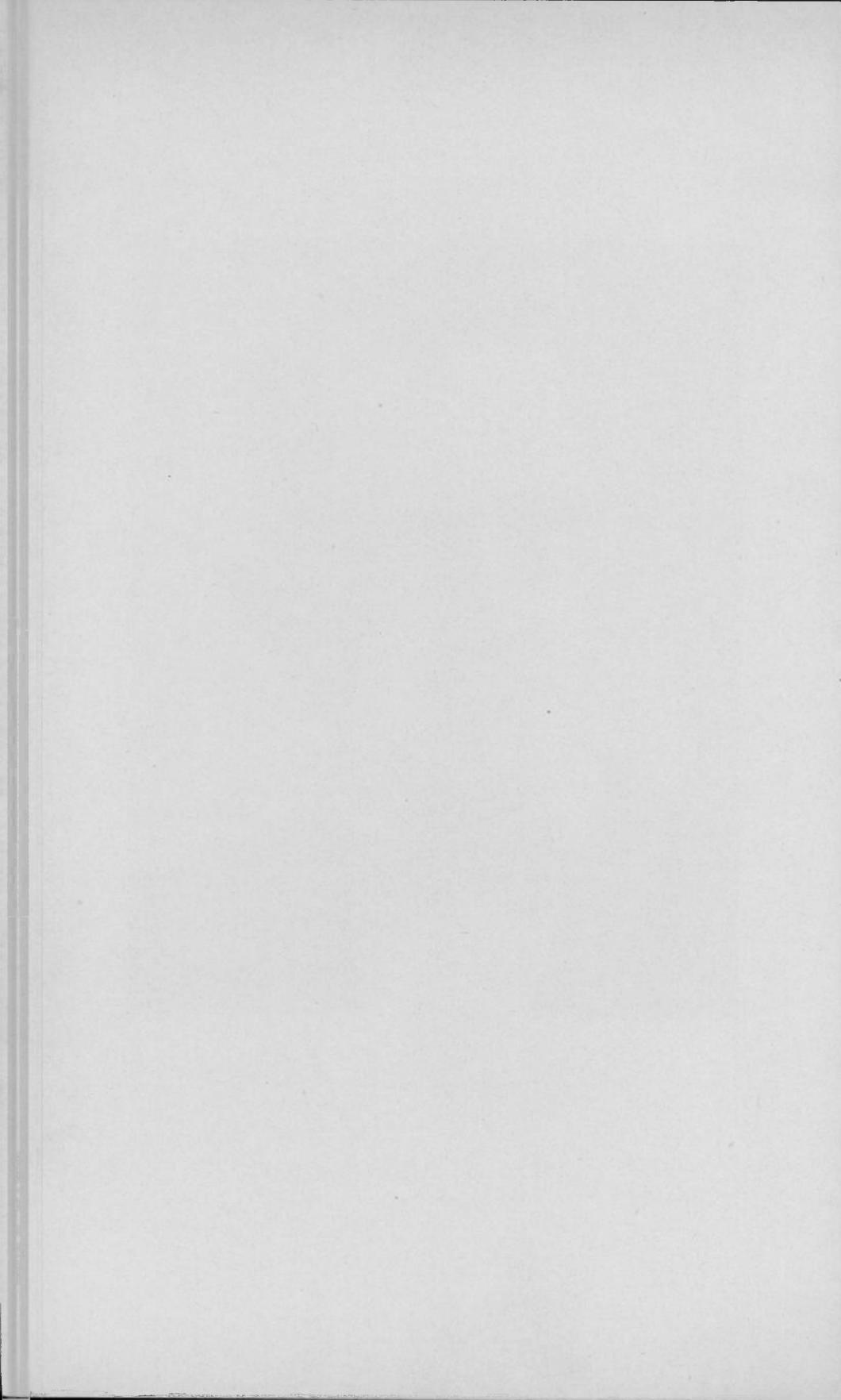




*Benjamin Heye*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA

1946-1947



# PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

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

### *EIGHTY-EIGHTH AND EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

*Held in Omaha June 4, 5 and 6, 1946*



#### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 4, 1946

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 4, A. D. 1946, A. L. 5946.

There were present the following

#### GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. William C. Schaper, 148.....	Grand Master
R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Junior Warden
M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. George Allen Beecher, 268.....	Grand Chaplain
W. Hobart N. Corning, 1.....	Grand Orator
W. Lute M. Savage, 3.....	Grand Custodian
M. W. William B. Wanner, 9.....	Grand Marshal
W. Elmer E. Magee, 227.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Raymond C. Pollard, 246.....	Grand Tyler

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

Promptly at 9:15 a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master, the Invocation being given by V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain.

#### INVOCATION

Most holy and glorious Lord God, the giver of all good gifts and graces, Thou hast promised that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them, and bless them.

In Thy name we assemble most humbly beseeching Thee to bless all of us in our all together united undertakings, that we may work and serve Thee aright, and under Thy will, and that all our actions may lead to Thy glory and our advancement in knowledge and virtues. And we beseech Thee, Oh, Lord God, to bless our present assembly, and to illuminate our minds that we may walk in the light of Thy countenance, and when the trials of our probationary states are over, to be admitted worthily into the temple not made with hands, eternal in the heaven. Amen.

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

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

#### Brethren:

I appreciate the fine reception you have given me. It is an inspiration to see so many present this morning for the opening of the Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

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-eighth and Eighty-ninth 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. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Grand Senior Deacon, then introduced the following Past Grand Masters, according to their seniority:

Joseph B. Fradenburg.....	(55th) ..1920
Lewis E. Smith.....	(56th) ..1921
Charles A. Chappell.....	(58th) ..1923

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
George A. Kurk.....	(78th) ..	1942
William B. Wanner.....	(79th) ..	1943

who were received and presented to the Grand Lodge. Later in the session M. W. James R. Cain, (Jr.) (47th), 1912, and M. W. Edward F. Carter, (77th) 1941, were presented and introduced.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

**Brethren of the Grand Lodge:**

At the altar are distinguished brethren of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Masters who have served this Grand Jurisdiction so faithfully and well.

We receive the Past Grand Masters first, because when they were Grand Masters the affairs of this Grand Lodge were their first consideration, and since then the welfare of this Grand Jurisdiction has always been uppermost in their minds.

Brethren, I invite each and all of you to become acquainted with our Venerable Past Grand Masters, and Most Worshipful Sirs, I extend to you a warm and fraternal welcome.

Brethren, join with me in saluting our Past Grand Masters with the Grand Honors.

M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master, gave the

**RESPONSE**

**Most Worshipful Grand Master:**

It seems a much shorter period of time than the three years that have passed since it was my honor to preside in the office which you now hold, and my pleasure of welcoming the Past Grand Masters to that Eighty-sixth Annual Communication.

Today I am honored by your kind invitation to respond for the Past Grand Masters to your most gracious and cordial welcome.

I am sure that I voice the sentiment of every past Grand Master who is at the altar before you in what I shall have to say in my response.

We want you to know, Most Worshipful Sir, that we appreciate the very warm welcome you have just extended. We appreciate being presented to the brethren here assembled, most of whom are officers of their

respective lodges that compose this Grand Jurisdiction. All of us no doubt know some of these brethren, but also no doubt to many of them some of us are just names on the program. We want you, Most Worshipful Sir, and all the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction to know that we shall ever be grateful for the honor that they have conferred upon us in giving us the opportunity to serve as Grand Master, the most distinguished honor that Freemasonry can confer upon any man. We do not consider ourselves graduates of Freemasonry, but rather as ambassadors, and we want the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction to know that each of us stands ready and willing at all times to render such service as may be requested of us. Although each of us laid down the gavel as Grand Master and handed it on to the next Grand Master, yet we shall continue to use the working tools of Masonry until they drop from our nerveless hands and we enter the Celestial Lodge above.

Having served in the distinguished office, Most Worshipful Sir, we know the time and effort that is demanded of that office. To you it was a greater burden because you served at the most terrible time that the world has ever known. Consequently the demands upon your time and upon the office were greater. You served with distinction and honor.

During your administration some 4,000 new Master Masons were raised in this Grand Jurisdiction. It is the duty of every brother of this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as of all Past Grand Masters, to teach these new brethren of ours something about Freemasonry; they cannot learn it merely from the degrees, it is our duty to teach them the principles of Freemasonry and what it stands for.

Too long has this world of ours considered the tangible things of life as the most important rather than the intangible. Freemasonry is built on, by and with the intangibles. Freemasonry's great truths and teachings are wholly intangible. The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man; temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice; faith, hope and charity—these are all intangibles. Freemasonry's tangibles—homes, orphanages, hospitals, schools, temples—could all be destroyed without destroying that which built them.

Most Worshipful Sir, we want to thank you again for this most cordial welcome. We hope that this Annual Communication will inspire the Brethren present and that they will carry this inspiration to their respective lodges, to the end that Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction will march forward to greater glories.

#### RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. W. William L. Perkins, Grand Master of Iowa, was presented, and most cordially welcomed by M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master, who introduced him to the Grand Lodge, and invited him to a seat in the Grand East.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master :

**Brethren:**

I have the distinct honor and privilege of receiving and introducing to you M. W. William L. Perkins, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

It is a pleasure to have as our distinguished guest this Grand Master from our neighboring jurisdiction. I have had the pleasure of meeting with you personally in times past. We hope your visit with us will be enjoyable and beneficial.

Most Worshipful Brother, we extend to you a hearty and fraternal welcome. (Given the Grand Honors.)

**RECEPTION OF OUR OWN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

M. E. Raymond C. Cook, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

M. I. Walter C. Raecke, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska.

R. E. Malcolm N. Holm, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska.

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. Leslie E. Martin, President, Nebraska Masonic Home.

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

W. Lute M. Savage, President Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association.

W. Lester W. Carlson, Worthy Grand Patron, Order of Eastern Star.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master

**Brethren:**

You represent various activities of Ancient Craft Masonry, but, first of all, you are Masons. So, we are all happy to be able to meet this morning about a common altar, having all assumed the same obligation of Freemasons.

It is a pleasure to recognize you this morning for the distinguished services you have rendered to the cause of Masonry through the various Masonic orders.

Brethren, unite with me in extending to our distinguished brothers a hearty, fraternal welcome.

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

**Brethren:**

I have the pleasure and distinct honor of presenting M. . W. . James R. Cain, Past Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, the son of a Past Grand Master, and he is now the oldest (not in years, of course, Bob) Past Grand Master residing within the State of Nebraska; in other words our Senior Past Grand Master residing in this jurisdiction.

M. . W. . William C. Schaper, Grand Master

I will welcome you this morning as the Senior Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, Most Worshipful Brother James R. Cain, Jr.

Brethren, I have always wondered why our good brother Cain insists on having that Junior after his name, unless it is that he insists that we keep in mind that he is still Junior although he is the Senior Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction.

You will join with me in giving him the Grand Honors.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

M. . W. . William C. Schaper, Grand Master

**Brethren:**

We will now have the presentation of the colors.

Presentation of the Flag, by Lt. Colonel Henry E. Renken, Ord., Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Brock, Nebraska; Major John A. Carrigan, JAGD, Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair, Nebraska; Captain Ralph E. Mauch, JAGD, Garfield Lodge No. 28, Arlington, South Dakota, United States Army.

M. . W. . William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

**Brethren:**

At this time we will listen to our Worshipful Brother Raymond C. Cook in song.

"The Peace that My Savior has given."

M. . W. . William C. Schaper, Grand Master

**Brethren:**

I have the privilege of presenting at this time Worshipful Brother William J. Baird, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, who will give the Address of Welcome on behalf of the Omaha Lodges.

W. . Brother William J. Baird, 268, on behalf of the eleven Masonic Lodges of Omaha, gave the

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME

### Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

It is a distinct privilege for me to act as the representative of the eleven Omaha Masonic Lodges in extending our most cordial welcome to the Grand Lodge in its Annual Communication here. We consider it an honor to be permitted to act as hosts and we hope that your stay with us will be profitable and educational as well as pleasurable. We hope that you will especially enjoy your visit this afternoon to the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, there to witness with your own eyes the type of care being received by our aged brethren and their dependents, and which is made possible by our contributions.

Today marks the first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in two years, the first since the cessation of hostilities in the great World War conflict. It was two years ago almost this very day that the magnificent concerted effort was launched along the shores of Normandy which culminated in our successfully terminating the war in Europe. Those of you who were present in the Grand Lodge on that memorable occasion of D-day will recall the beautiful, timely and inspiring oration which I am told was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Francis L. Bouquet.

Since this is the first post-war Communication of the Grand Lodge, it also marks in a sense the opening of a new era in Freemasonry. The world today is beset as never before with problems of a complex and unique nature, the satisfactory solution of which will test all the ingenuity which mankind is capable of asserting. In many instances precedent is unavailing because there is no precedent.

And, as ever before, a large share of these burdens and obligations must be borne by Freemasons. Since the time when our brother Mason, Worshipful Brother George Washington, first became President of the United States down to the present day, Masons and Masonry have been closely associated with the growth and development of our country. The noble ideals and lofty purposes upon which our democracy rests and because of which we have been able to survive and flourish, have literally been taken from the very altar of Masonry.

We welcome you, then, to the business at hand in a spirit of pleasure tempered with solemnity. We should each resolve anew to put into practical effect to the utmost of our abilities those fundamental principles which have made our Order great and which have withstood down through the ages the countless nefarious attempts to tear down and destroy them.

There is no doubt in my mind but that we shall succeed. One has only to consider the increase in the number of petitions for the degrees which I dare say most every Lodge in this state has been experiencing the past few months, to be assured that Masonry, at least in Nebraska, is not a stagnant shell; rather, it is a growing, flourishing, vibrant force.

And while it is true we are today faced with difficult and novel problems, it is rather comforting to reflect that history has a way of repeating itself and that fifty years ago, for example, in 1896, Freemasons, as well as the rest of the country, were confronted with conditions of social unrest, unemployment, uncertainties and hardship; yet those basic truths which are inculcated in the tenets of our institution enabled us to surmount those obstacles and to survive them, and so shall they do now in grappling with the conditions of modern times.

Today it seems to me the voice of the Fraternity should be raised in a demand for the freedom of the individual and for the removal of the stifling fetters which tend to destroy that individual initiative and enterprise which made our country great, for, after all, our basic aim, as Masons, is to preserve the right to work, that we may be the better enabled to support ourselves and families and to contribute to the relief of our distressed brethren.

And so, my brethren, it is with the thought in mind that we truly have work to do here that I welcome you on behalf of the Omaha Masons. May I express again our extreme pleasure at having you with us, and when the time has come for us to bid you God speed to your respective homes, may each one of you feel that these few days represent time well spent, and may you resolve, upon leaving, to return again and afford us a further opportunity of entertaining you.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master

**Brethren:**

I have the pleasure of presenting to you Worshipful Brother Edward M. Knight, of Alliance, who will respond to the generous welcome.

W. Brother Edward M. Knight, 183, gave the

#### RESPONSE

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren of this 88th and 89th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:**

After a lapse of two years we have returned to Omaha, and to the labors of the Grand Lodge. We have come back with renewed vigor to review the activities of the past two years, to weigh the problems that confront us at this time, and to make our plans for the future.

We are grateful to Omaha for furnishing us a place to do these things. We sincerely appreciate the kind welcome accorded us by the host lodges. However, the many brethren who return here year after year should demonstrate much better than words the feeling of welcome which exists. Long may that mutual feeling endure.

The war activities of this Grand Lodge are now much diminished. During the past two years we have turned our efforts to the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. Many brethren are here today because they want

to see that home placed on a more solid foundation, not merely for its continuation as in the past, but for its extension. We all must concentrate on that program. This, of course, must be done. There are many activities, many problems that confront this Grand Lodge, but with the fine facilities here afforded, with the fine cooperation shown by the Omaha Lodges, with the highly capable officers as a whole, for whom I speak, each man anxious to do his part as best he can, there can be only one result—a Grand Communication worthy of its name. I thank you.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master

Brethren, at this time I think it would be fine if we could sing one verse of America, and stand while so doing.

The Brethren sang one verse of "America," led by W. Raymond C. Cook, 6.

**Brethren:**

The names of the various committees are printed in the program which was given to you at the time you registered, and the committees should get together and get acquainted with one another and get their work in progress.

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

**Charters and Dispensations:** W. Charles F. Adams, 68; W. Selden J. Wenquist, 148; W. Ernest Anderson, 313; W. Albert E. Terry, 5; W. Richard E. Nelson, 317.

**Credentials:** W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81; W. William J. Kier, 2; W. James P. Presba, 222; W. Edward F. Wehrbein, 6; W. Kenneth H. Hull, 195.

**Doings of Grand Officers:** W. Joseph D. Houston, 302; W. Morris E. Trego, 299; W. Leonard G. Bronson, 15; W. Harry T. Mead, 32.

**Finance:** W. C. Ray Macy, 26; W. Ernest E. James, 1; W. Fred D. Moshier, 281; W. James H. Watts, 176; W. Philip F. Johnson, 19.

**Grievances:** W. Herbert T. White, 11; W. Louis J. Sylvester, 281; W. Montus E. Holmes, 302; W. John K. Musgrave, 43; W. Guy L. Raber, 265.

**Pay-Roll:** W. Charles L. Peckham, 290; W. Guy O. Seaton, 54; W. Otto Burkhardt, 55; W. Alfred G. Taylor, 205.

**Returns:** W. Perry W. Phillips, 150; W. Everett C. Turnquist, 221; W. Quentin E. Lear, 224; W. Alfred L. Baliman, 82; W. Louis E. Wolford, 103.

**Unfinished Business:** W. Edwin R. Levin, 59; W. G. Henry Crane, 314; W. Clarence J. Thompson, 9; W. Fred R. Haggart, 82; W. Cecil M. Coatney, 14.

**Entertainment of Distinguished Guests:** W. Lew B. Pixley, 1; W. Frank L. Burbridge, 11; W. LaVerne J. Smith 288.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**Codification of the Law:** W. Clarence T. Spier, 268; W. Lamont L. Stephens, 106; W. Harold M. Kelley, 302.

**Fraternal Dead:** W. Bayard H. Paine, 33; W. Adolph A. Wenke, 41; W. William D. Redmond, 170.

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

**Applications for Reinstatement:** W. Henry M. Edwards, 303; W. Hiram K. Buchanan, 184; W. Emery R. Davis, 290.

**Masonic Education:** M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201; W. Walter L. Schnabel, 148; W. Ralph M. Marrs, 184; W. Leslie E. Martin, 281; W. Roy W. Deal, 227.

**Relief and Care of Orphans:** R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1; W. John R. Hughes, 184; W. Benjamin F. Pitman, 158; Alvin H. Miller, 19.

**Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts:** W. Harold M. Smith, 43; W. Charles B. Nicodemus, 15; W. Carl W. Rensch, 19; W. Norris Chadderdon, 146; W. Felix A. Huggenberger, 1.

**Temple Building Advisory Committee:** 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. Gwynne Neubauer, 258.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund:** Bro. Milton R. Jackson, 184; W. Emery R. Davis, 290; W. Robert Thorson, 11.

**Omaha Masonic Home for 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, 19; W. Clarence T. Spier, 268; W. Robert W. Patterson, 265; W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59; W. Harry A. Spencer, 227.

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

**Grand Trustees:** W. Robert D. Wilson, 268; Bro. Charles W. Mead, 155; Bro. Carl D. Ganz, 209.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master, read his address

### ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

This is the Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. We meet today under more normal conditions than we did two years ago in June of 1944. Then we were tense, apprehensive. Today we are relaxed, calm. Then our nation was at death's grip with those nations which would destroy democracies and enslave free men and women. It was "D" Day in Europe. Our forces were then, at the very hour we met, crossing the English Channel to invade the continent of Europe. Today, though, our armed forces on the sea, under the sea, on the land and in the air are victorious. We are not now in physical danger.

Not only did we as citizens of this country have a vital interest in the outcome of the war, but as Masons the struggle had a peculiar significance for us. The principles of Masonry coincided with the principles we as a nation were defending, but in addition the very existence of this order was at stake. Masonry had been suppressed and even destroyed in nations controlled by our enemies. Our enemies were particularly vehement in their denunciations of Freemasons. Masonic lodges, they said, were a "Masonic Superstate". They charged that "above states, above the very existence of governments, exists a superstate; the Masonic superstate," and "It dictates laws to its members to whom it sends its orders and dictums. There are those of political and bastard ambitions of all kinds who obey their order to the letter."

From "D" Day on the struggle on the continent grew fiercer and fiercer. At the same time the tempo of the war with Japan was quickened. The full manpower and resources of this country were joined with those of our allies in this gigantic struggle. In the early part of 1945 we were being mobilized for total war—the knockout punch. Congested travel conditions resulting from transfer of troops within this country caused the government to make its most severe wartime regulation—a ban on meetings of fifty or more persons.

On March 14, 1945, I issued the following edict:

"GRAND LODGE  
A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA  
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER, GRAND MASTER  
1009 SOUTH D STREET  
BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA

March 14, 1945

EDICT

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of all Constituent Lodges in the State of Nebraska, Greeting:

The Government of the United States, through its Director of War Mobilization, has directed all organizations not to hold meetings during this year effective February 1, 1945, which will be attended by fifty or more persons unless the 'meeting is of purely local nature'.

Freemasons of Nebraska have always been, and are patriotic. Our government has appealed directly to Freemasons 'to cancel' all Grand Lodge communications to be held during the year 1945 after February 1.

The Freemasons of Nebraska will cheerfully comply with this appeal from our Government. Therefore, we will not hold our annual communication scheduled to begin June 5, 1945.

All Grand Lodge officers, elected or appointed, Grand Trustees, Grand Custodians, Assistant Custodians, standing committees and special committees shall retain their present respective stations and appointments and continue to serve until such time as a representative communication of the Grand Lodge may be held. All standing committees and special committees and the Grand Trustees shall prepare and file their reports with the Grand Secretary on or before the 5th day of June, 1945.

I shall appoint a finance committee who will prepare a budget for the coming year. The budget will be sent by registered mail by the Grand Secretary to each of the constituent lodges. This will be the budget for the coming year, unless more than fifty per cent of the constituent lodges object, through their representatives, who would be entitled to vote if the communication of the Grand Lodge were held June 5, 1945.

The objections must be filed in writing in the office of the Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Omaha, Nebraska, within fourteen days after receipt of the budget.

(SEAL)

/s/ William C. Schaper     "  
Grand Master

I am proud to say that Masons as individuals contributed vitally to the war effort and that this Grand Lodge cooperated in every way possible with our government in the prosecution of the war.

The number of Masons from this Grand Jurisdiction who bore arms in this great conflict is not at this time known, but the number is great. To those brothers who served in the armed forces we as citizens and Masons extend our heartfelt thanks and grateful appreciation for the sacrifices you have made in our behalf. We welcome you back.

Many of our brothers, though, made the supreme sacrifice. They will never return. Brethren, let us now stand and pay silent tribute to our brothers who gave their lives for this country.

After consultation with the officers of the Grand Lodge, I was of the opinion that those who were Masters of subordinate lodges for the year 1945 should be guests of this Grand Lodge at this annual communication. So I welcome you as our guests, Past Masters, who served your lodges so well during the year 1945; it is an inspiration to have you here.

I extend to the brethren who are now serving their lodges as Masters and Wardens each and all a hearty welcome.

Now, my brethren, we have two years of business to transact at this annual communication. We shall give the necessary attention to the items on our agenda; but we must attend strictly to the business at hand in order to close this Grand Lodge on schedule.

There is just one thing we should consider in our deliberations and that is the good of Masonry—not just for today, but for the future as well. What we do here now will leave its impression on the future of our order in this Grand Jurisdiction.

#### OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS

##### M. W. WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON

On the morning of July 3, 1944, M. W. William A. Robertson passed away in the Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. He had been ill for some time, but his condition was not considered serious. He had appeared at the Grand Lodge Communication in June, there gave a very complete report on the Nebraska Masonic Home, and participated in the business of the Grand Lodge generally, so when the word came of his death it came as a shock.

M. W. Brother Robertson was the 73rd Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, serving in the year 1937. He was born at Louisville, Nebraska, October 17, 1883.

The funeral services were conducted by the Grand Lodge at Plattsmouth on July 6, 1944. Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 was opened in the Masonic Temple, and an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

W. Brother Dr. Frank G. Smith was in charge of the services at the Presbyterian Church; the Masonic funeral oration was impressively delivered at the grave by M. W. William B. Wanner. The following were present and participated in the work: M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master; R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Will-

iam J. Breckenridge, as Grand Senior Warden; M. W. George A. Kurk, as Grand Junior Warden; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Marshal; W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Senior Deacon; M. W. Walter R. Raecke, as Grand Junior Deacon; W. Raymond C. Pollard, Grand Tyler; M. W. James R. Cain, Jr., M. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg, M. W. John R. Tapster, M. W. Archie M. Smith, M. W. Virgil R. Johnson, M. W. Earl J. Lee, and M. W. Edward F. Carter.

At the time of his death M. W. Brother Robertson was president of the Nebraska Masonic Home. The trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home present were: Brothers Arthur C. Thomsen, First Vice-President; James H. Adams, Second Vice-President; Lewis E. Smith, Secretary; Robert J. Jones, J. Theodore Brammann, William B. Wanner, J. Earl Thompson, Otto E. Bullis, John P. Linn, F. Plummer Martin, Frank C. Patton, William C. Schaper, Fred C. Malony, and Robert E. Lund.

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska was represented by: R. E. Sir Fred C. Malony, Grand Commander; E. Sir Otto E. Bullis, Grand Captain General; E. Sir John J. Wilson, Grand Senior Warden; R. E. Sir Lewis E. Smith, Grand Recorder; E. Sir William F. Evers, Grand Sword Bearer; and E. Sir Thomas D. Thomas, Grand Captain of the Guard. The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Nebraska was represented by: R. I. Robert E. Lund, Deputy and Acting Grand Master; R. I. Walter R. Raecke, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; M. I. John T. Dysart, Grand Treasurer; and M. I. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Recorder.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite was represented by Illustrious 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.

Few men have occupied the position of honor in the Masonic fraternity as did our Brother. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 on May 4, 1905, and in 1912 he served as Master of his lodge. He became a member of Nebraska Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons and later served as High Priest. In 1910 he was made a member of Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, and served as Commander in 1918. He became a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1917, and later was honored with the Thirty-third Degree. He was elected Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska in 1937 and Grand Commander of the Knights Templar in 1942. He became a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, Coeur de Lion Conclave in 1936, serving as sovereign in 1942. He was a member of the Nebraska Veteran Free Masons and Omaha Chapter of the National Sojourners.

He was District Judge of the Second Judicial District.

It was a large funeral, with Supreme Court Justices and state and county officials and friends from every walk of life joining in their last tribute.

He was a kindly man, devoted to Masonry, to his community, state, and nation. He was a wise counselor and his passing leaves a place hard to fill in the lives of those who knew him best.

#### M. W. FREDERICK L. TEMPLE

M. W. Frederick L. Temple, an early pioneer of Lexington, Nebraska, passed away on August 13, 1944, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John G. Nordgren, at Harper, Washington. The funeral services were conducted at Lexington by the Grand Lodge.

Thistle Lodge No. 61, A. F. & A. M. at Lexington, Nebraska, was opened in the Masonic Temple on August 18, 1944, and an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. The following assisted in the ceremony: M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master; M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, as Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Junior Warden; W. Hanford D. Smith, as Grand Secretary; W. Howard L. Clark, as Grand Senior Deacon; W. Ralph E. Coon, as Grand Junior Deacon; W. Maurice V. Braithwait, as Grand Tyler; W. Joseph E. Snyder, as Grand Marshal; and W. John J. Sheaff, as Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell delivered the funeral oration and had charge of the services at the grave in the Greenwood Cemetery, Lexington, Nebraska.

Our departed Brother was born on August 28, 1864, in Wadestown, West Virginia. He was initiated December 5, 1888, passed January 12, 1889, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on February 13, 1889, all degrees being conferred by Thistle Lodge No. 61. He served as Master of Thistle Lodge from 1892 to 1897, and again from 1911 to 1913.

He was the 52nd Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, serving for the year 1917-1918. He was a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association and was the representative of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island from 1933 to the time of his death.

Brother Temple later moved to North Platte where he served as mayor for several terms.

With the passing of M. W. Frederick L. Temple this Grand Jurisdiction lost one of its older Past Grand Masters, and one of the early, sturdy pioneers who served this state so well.

#### M. W. IRA C. FREET

M. W. Ira C. Freet passed away at his home in York, Nebraska, on October 13, 1944. He had been failing in health for about a year.

Funeral services were conducted by the Grand Lodge. York Lodge No. 56 was opened at York, Nebraska, on October 16, 1944, and an

emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. The following Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Masters were present and participated in the ceremonies: M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master; R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary; V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Deacon; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, M. W. Charles A. Chappel, M. W. John R. Tapster, M. W. Ralph O. Canaday, M. W. Virgil R. Johnson, M. W. Walter R. Raecke, M. W. William J. Breckenridge, M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Masters.

M. W. John R. Tapster delivered the funeral oration.

M. W. Brother Ira C. Freet was the 64th Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, serving in the year 1929. He had lived in York for forty-one years prior to his death and had taught in the city schools for many years, after which he engaged in the insurance business.

In the passing of M. W. Brother Ira C. Freet, this Grand Jurisdiction lost a devoted Mason, a Christian gentleman, and a fine citizen.

#### R. W. BROTHER FRANCIS E. WHITE

R. W. Brother Francis E. White was born January 20, 1848, in Doncaster, Yorkshire, Old England. His parents came to America in 1855 and established a residence at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and from that time our Brother maintained his residence in Nebraska until June 11, 1945, when at the ripe age of 97 years, after a long and useful life, he passed away without pain, and in peace at the home of his daughter in Los Angeles, California.

I appointed Brother Clarence O. Dawson, who resides in Los Angeles, California, my official representative to attend the funeral services of Brother White. Interment was in San Gabriel Cemetery, where he was laid to rest beside his loving wife, Charlotte Vallery White, who preceded him in death in 1937.

Brother White was initiated March 1, 1869, passed April 12, 1869, and raised May 10, 1869, in Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. He served as Master of the Lodge from 1871 to 1877, inclusive. He was installed as Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge on June 9, 1899, and served until June 11, 1925, being elected on that date as Grand Secretary Emeritus, which honor he held until the date of his death.

He was one of the original incorporators of the Nebraska Masonic Home in 1889. He served as Trustee from 1889 to 1926, and Secretary from January 23, 1903 to January 23, 1926.

He became a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association on May 10, 1890, and served as Secretary from January 23, 1900 to 1926.

As M. W. Lewis E. Smith so aptly said of him:

"Thus we mark the passing of the last of this generation of Freemasons as Brother White had out-lived all those he was associated with, and without any doubt is the last of the Freemasons who were made in the late '60's and early '70's of this Grand Jurisdiction. He was one of a group of earnest, enthusiastic Freemasons who gave largely of their time, their substance, and their energies to help build the Fraternity. Few men have had the influence upon the Fraternity that did Brother White. To him more than any one person may go the credit for laying the foundations of the financial stability of our Masonic Bodies in this Grand Jurisdiction."

My brethren, "Every moment of life is a step towards death".

"What is this mystery that men call death?  
My friend before me lies; in all save breath  
He seems the same as yesterday. His face  
So like to life, so calm, bears not a trace  
Of that great change which all of us so dread.  
I gaze on him and say: He is not dead,  
But sleeps; and soon he will arise and take  
Me by the hand. I know he will awake  
And smile on me as he did yesterday;  
And he will have some gentle word to say,  
Some kindly deed to do; for loving thought  
Was warp and woof of which his life was wrought.  
He is not dead. Such souls forever live  
In boundless measure of the love they give."

"Mystery," by Jerome B. Bell

#### FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

The entire world was stunned and saddened on April 12, 1945, when the death of our Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt was announced. He was a member of Holland Lodge No. 8, New York.

Messages of sorrow were received by this and other Grand Lodges in the United States from Grand Lodges throughout the world. Special memorial services were held in many Masonic Temples in other countries in honor of his memory. Masons throughout the world had confidence in his leadership in a war in which they had such a vital interest.

While the world mourned the death of our President and brother, there was yet faith in the future, and Masons throughout the world placed the same confidence and high esteem in M. W. Harry S. Truman as in his predecessor.

## GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Brother Nicholas Schoenholz, who had worn the Gold Jordan Medal since March 31, 1943, departed this life on January 11, 1946. He was made a Master Mason on June 24, 1871, in Horicon Lodge No. 244, A. F. & A. M., Rochelle, Illinois, and was at the time of his death a member of Wymore Lodge No. 104. He had been a Mason for nearly seventy-five years and was over ninety-six years of age when he died.

With the death of Brother Schoenholz it became necessary to determine who in this Grand Jurisdiction had been a Freemason for the longest time and thus entitled to wear the Gold Jordan Medal. This distinction was conferred upon Brother Hiram A. Harter, a member of Aurora Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M., who has been a Mason for over sixty-seven years, and is over ninety-three years of age.

Brother Hiram A. Harter was born on March 12, 1853, in Wabash County, Indiana. He received his Entered Apprentice Degree on April 16, 1878, passed on May 12, 1878, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on August 7, 1878, in Deming Lodge No. 88, A. F. & A. M., North Manchester, Indiana. He affiliated with Aurora Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M., Aurora, Nebraska, on April 5, 1921, and became a resident of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on October 27, 1943.

I had the pleasure of conferring the Gold Jordan Medal on our good brother Hiram A. Harter on the evening of March 26, 1946, at the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. Preceding the ceremony the Grand Lodge officers were the dinner guests of W. William F. Evers, Superintendent of the Home. After dinner Home Lodge U. D. was opened in form at the infirmary, the Grand Master was duly received, and an occasional communication of the Grand Lodge was opened. The Gold Jordan Medal was then conferred on Brother Harter. The following Grand Lodge officers were present: M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master; R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Junior Warden; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary; and W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Brother Harter paid tribute to Masonry by saying that in his Masonic experiences he had learned that a Mason always could be trusted.

## MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

In February, 1945, under my direction, a contribution of \$2,500 was made to the Masonic Service Association of the United States from The Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund. In 1944 M. W. William B. Wanner directed a payment of \$2,500 be made to this Association. Thus the payment of \$5,000 to the Masonic Service Association of the United States, as directed by this Grand Lodge at the 1943 Annual Communication, has been paid in full.

## NEBRASKA WAR SERVICE

Nebraska War Service was conducted by two special committees; one the Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund Committee, consisted of Brothers Milton R. Jackson, 184, Chairman, Emery E. Davis, 290, and Robert Thorson, 11; the other, the Nebraska War Service Committee, consisted of Brothers Thomas A. Barton, 210, first Chairman, who later entered the military service as Chaplain, Otis W. Cave, 250, Mark Simons, 19, now Chairman, Merrill C. Babbit, 297, Francis W. Albrecht, 300, M. W. George A. Kurk, 54, and M. W. Walter R. Raecke, 36.

The Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund Committee was responsible for collection of funds and they will make their report. Much credit is due this committee for the splendid work they did, and they and the contributors to the fund have my thanks and the thanks of the men and women in the services who were the beneficiaries.

The Nebraska War Service Committee administered the fund for the benefit of the men and women in the services. This committee did its work faithfully and well.

The Grand Secretary received a letter which read as follows:

"June 14, 1944

The Secretary  
Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.,  
Omaha, Nebraska  
Dear Brother:—

Enclosed you will find a postal money order in the amount of \$25.00 to be used for charitable purposes in your Grand Jurisdiction.

It is the gift of the Square & Compass Club of Island "X" in the Southwest Pacific.

Fraternally yours,  
J. C. Wall,  
Sec.-Treasurer."

The Grand Secretary asked me for instructions as to what to do with this money, whether to place it in the Nebraska Masonic Home funds, in the War Service fund, or some other fund. I directed the Grand Secretary to credit it to the War Service fund, for the reason that the donation, no doubt, was an expression of appreciation of the service Masons render to those in the military service. I directed the Grand Secretary to acknowledge the gift and express to the Square and Compass Club of Island "X" in the Southwest Pacific the deep appreciation of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

At my direction the Grand Secretary sent two payments totaling \$1,000 from this fund to the United Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England wrote in part:

"I shall be grateful if you will convey to M. W. Bro. William C. Schaper and all those connected with this generous gift, our warm thanks and appreciation of this very tangible expression of your sympathy and good will. This valuable contribution to our War Relief Fund will be most helpful in relieving cases of distress through enemy air activity in this country. As no doubt you are aware, since the early summer, the Southern part of England and the suburbs of London particularly have suffered heavily through the flying bombs directed against this country, and in consequence of the damage, the distress is widespread. When making grants from our War Relief Fund we mention that it has been raised through the generosity of Masons overseas, and I am urged to add the thanks of the victims of misfortune to our own for so kindly helping them in their distress."

Under date of March 27, 1945, I received a communication from M. W. Gilbert C. DeForest, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, the mother lodge of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, concerning the conditions in the Philippine Islands since the outbreak of the war. The letter pointed out the plight of the Masonic lodges in the Philippine Islands and stated that word had been received that Brother John Robert McFie, Jr., Grand Master of the Philippines, and Brother Jose P. Guido, Deputy Grand Master, were both killed by the Japanese. The communication further stated that the Grand Lodge of California had undertaken to raise a fund to alleviate the distress of the lodges and Brothers in the Philippine Islands, and that the Grand Lodge of California had then committed itself to a gift of \$10,000.

I immediately wrote the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska would contribute \$1,000 for the purpose outlined in his letter and would send the remittance as soon as requested. I also requested him to advise me if the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master were killed because they were Masons and to advise me of the circumstances of their death.

Under date of May 4, 1945, I received a request from M. W. Lloyd E. Wilson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, to remit the \$1,000. The \$1,000 was remitted from the Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund. This communication contained further information:

"Brother John R. McFie, Jr., Grand Master of the Philippine Islands and his wife were interned in Santo Tomas Prison Camp and have been there since the war started. When that camp was liberated they were among those who were freed. They, like all others, of necessity continued to live in the camp. You will recall that four or five days after the liberation the Japanese bombed that camp and a bomb struck the house in which the Grand Master was in at the time and he was instantly killed.

We do not have detailed information as to how or when Jose P. Guido, the Deputy Grand Master, died, but we do know that he was executed."

Under date of March 31, 1946, I received a communication from Aurelio B. Aquino, who is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, in which he states:

"I have learned that this Grand Jurisdiction has received the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) which your Grand Lodge has so kindly sent for relief to Masonry in the Philippines. I am personally conveying to you the gratitude of the recipients who are mostly widows, orphans and sufferers from the tragedy that has befallen us during the Japanese occupation and during the battle for the liberation of the Philippines."

#### SERVICE MEN'S SQUARE AND COMPASS CLUBS

I received honorary membership in a number of Square and Compass Clubs, such as the Bloody Nose Ridge Square and Compass Club, and the Hong Club of New Guinea.

These clubs were organized by men in the service overseas who were Masons. The meetings are usually held in a chapel or in a hospital. The meetings are opened in the usual manner and each member introduces himself by giving his name, unit, lodge, and home address, and it quite often occurs that members from the same lodge or same town meet each other through these clubs. Usually there is an address and refreshments.

One of the clubs of which I am an honorary member has a total membership of nearly 800, and the membership includes men from practically every state in the union, and in addition Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Panama, Australia, Egypt, China and England.

One of the secretaries wrote: "These meetings were always looked forward to and I shall always treasure the friends that I made over there and know that I learned many interesting things which would have been impossible to learn anywhere else."

#### PROCLAMATION

"BE IT KNOWN, that conditions as to membership, jurisdiction and revenue have changed to such an extent that Elk Creek Lodge No. 90, A. F. & A. M., of Elk Creek, Nebraska, cannot continue to function properly and as Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, A. F. & A. M. did on October 18, 1944, vote to accept a consolidation with said lodge and

Elk Creek Lodge No. 90, A. F. & A. M. of Elk Creek, Nebraska, did on the 2nd day of November, 1944, vote to consolidate with Tecumseh Lodge No. 17 at Tecumseh, Nebraska, all of which action was taken after

due notice had been sent to the members of both lodges as provided in Section 46-B, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska,

THEREFORE in view of this action by both lodges and deeming it for the good and best interest of Masonry and all brothers concerned I hereby declare Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 of Elk Creek, Nebraska, consolidated with Tecumseh Lodge No. 17 at Tecumseh, Nebraska, and to be known as Tecumseh Lodge No. 17.

This consolidation to take place on the 11th day of November, 1944, and the members of Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 to be known as members of Tecumseh Lodge No. 17 on and after said date and I further direct that W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, go to Elk Creek, Nebraska, and see that the effects, books, furniture and equipment are transferred to Tecumseh, Nebraska, and the necessary part thereof to the Grand Secretary's office in Omaha, Nebraska.

Given at Broken Bow, Nebraska, this 8th day of November, 1944.

WILLIAM C. SCHAPER,  
Grand Master."

(SEAL)

#### PROCLAMATION

"BE IT KNOWN, that conditions as to membership, jurisdiction and revenue have changed to such an extent that Riverton Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., of Riverton, Nebraska, cannot continue to function properly and as Franklin Lodge No. 264, A. F. & A. M., did on May 14, 1945, vote to accept a consolidation with said lodge, and

Riverton Lodge No. 63, A. F. & A. M., of Riverton, Nebraska, did on May 7, 1945, vote to consolidate with Franklin Lodge No. 264 at Franklin, Nebraska, all of which action was taken after due notice had been sent to the members of both lodges, as provided in Section 46-B, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska,

THEREFORE, in view of this action by both lodges and deeming it for the good and best interest of Masonry and all Brothers concerned, I hereby declare Riverton Lodge No. 63 of Riverton, Nebraska, consolidated with Franklin Lodge No. 264 at Franklin, Nebraska, and to be known as Franklin Lodge No. 264.

This consolidation to take place on May 16, 1945, and the members of Riverton Lodge No. 63 to be known as members of Franklin Lodge No. 264 on and after said date; and I further direct that W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, go to Riverton, Nebraska, and see that the effects, books, furniture and equipment are transferred to Franklin, Nebraska, and the necessary part thereof to the Grand Secretary's office in Omaha, Nebraska.

Given at Broken Bow, Nebraska, this 16th day of May, 1945.

WILLIAM C. SCHAPER,  
Grand Master."

(SEAL)

## PROCLAMATION

"BE IT KNOWN, that conditions as to membership, jurisdiction and revenue have changed to such an extent that Hildreth Lodge No. 252, A. F. & A. M. of Hildreth, Nebraska, cannot continue to function properly and as Grace Lodge No. 226, A. F. & A. M. of Wilcox, Nebraska, did on the 11th day of October, 1945, vote to accept a consolidation with said lodge, and

Hildreth Lodge No. 252, A. F. & A. M. of Hildreth, Nebraska, did on the 18th day of October, 1945, vote to consolidate with Grace Lodge No. 226, A. F. & A. M. at Wilcox, Nebraska, all of which action was taken after due notice had been sent to the members of both lodges, as provided in Section 46-B, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska,

THEREFORE, in view of this action by both lodges and deeming it for the good and best interest of Masonry and all Brothers concerned, I hereby declare Hildreth Lodge No. 252 of Hildreth, Nebraska, consolidated with Grace Lodge No. 226 at Wilcox, Nebraska, and to be known as Grace Lodge No. 226.

This consolidation to take place on October 22nd, 1945, and the members of Hildreth Lodge No. 252 to be known as members of Grace Lodge No. 226 on and after said date; and I further direct that W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, go to Hildreth, Nebraska, and see that the effects, books, furniture and equipment are transferred to Wilcox, Nebraska, and the necessary part thereof to the Grand Secretary's office in Omaha, Nebraska.

Given at Broken Bow, Nebraska, this 16th day of October, 1945.

WILLIAM C. SCHAPER,"

(SEAL)

Grand Master.

## PROCLAMATION

BE IT KNOWN, that conditions as to membership, jurisdiction and revenue have changed to such an extent that Hubbell Lodge No. 92, A. F. & A. M. of Hubbell, Nebraska, cannot continue to function properly and as Hebron Lodge No. 43, A. F. & A. M. of Hebron, Nebraska, did on the 7th day of February, 1946, vote to accept a consolidation with said lodge, and

Hubbell Lodge No. 92, A. F. & A. M. of Hubbell, Nebraska, did on the 8th day of January, 1946, vote to consolidate with Hebron Lodge No. 43, A. F. & A. M. at Hebron, Nebraska, all of which action was taken after due notice had been sent to the members of both lodges, as provided in Section 46-B, Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska,

THEREFORE, in view of this action by both lodges and deeming it for the good and best interest of Masonry and all Brothers concerned, I hereby declare Hubbell Lodge No. 92 of Hubbell, Nebraska, consolidated with Hebron Lodge No. 43 at Hebron, Nebraska, and to be known as Hebron Lodge No. 43.

This consolidation to take place on February 11, 1946, and the members of Hubbell Lodge No. 92 to be known as members of Hebron Lodge No. 43 on and after said date; and I further direct that W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, go to Hubbell, Nebraska, and see that the effects, books, furniture and equipment are transferred to Hebron, Nebraska, and the necessary part thereof to the Grand Secretary's office in Omaha, Nebraska.

Given at Broken Bow, Nebraska, this 8th day of February, 1946.

WILLIAM C. SCHAPER,"

(SEAL)

Grand Master.

### CORNER STONES

At the request of Brother Gould Dietz, President of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, the Grand Lodge on October 20, 1944, laid the corner stones for three new buildings then in process of construction for the home.

On that date the eleven Omaha Lodges met together and an occasional communication of Grand Lodge was opened. Your Grand Master was duly received and distinguished guests were duly presented.

I was assisted in the ceremonies by M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Marshal; W. Raymond C. Pollard, Grand Tyler; Brother George B. Prinz, Principal Architect; Brother Fred C. Malony, Grand Senior Steward; W. Ellis W. Cass, Grand Junior Steward; M. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg, Grand Pursuivant; V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain; Brother Raymond G. Young, Grand Orator; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary; M. W. James R. Cain, Jr., Grand Treasurer; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master; W. Donald C. Smith, Master Oldest Lodge; W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Deacon; M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Senior Deacon; Brother Gould Dietz, Brother for Request; W. William T. Poucher, Grand Standard Bearer; M. W. Archie M. Smith, Grand Sword Bearer; W. William F. Evers, Brother to Hoist Flag; W. F. Plummer Martin, Brother for Cement; W. LaVerne J. Smith, Brother to Lower Stone; M. W. Charles A. Chappell; M. W. J. L. Sawyer, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming; R. W. Samuel Wiles, Grand Senior Warden and representing M. W. James H. Trice, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas; R. W. Grover C. Olinger, Grand Senior Warden and representing M. W. John R. Clark, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado; R. W. P. B. Cleaves, Past Grand Warden and representing M. W. William L. Perkins, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa; and Brother Guy H. Harvey, Secretary Oriental Consistory of South Dakota and representing M. W. Rex Terry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota. The nobles of Tangier Shrine formed an escort for the Grand Master,

Grand Lodge officers, and guests. The Tangier Temple Band and Tangier Temple Chanters furnished the music.

At the conclusion of the laying of the corner stones, W. Raymond G. Young, acting Grand Orator, delivered an inspiring and timely address.

The corner stone of the High School building at Bellevue, Nebraska, was laid by the Grand Lodge on July 18, 1936, with M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, at that time Grand Master, officiating. In 1944 an addition was made to the original building and in the construction of the new addition the original corner stone laid by the Grand Lodge was covered.

I appointed Brother F. Plummer Martin to investigate the matter and report to me. Brother Martin reported that from his investigation he learned that the original corner stone was laid in such a manner that if it were removed it would endanger the whole structure, so a new stone or face stone was secured by the school board to replace the one covered. The new stone is the same size as the original corner stone, has the identical inscription as the original corner stone, and was placed in the northeast corner of the building. The original corner stone and the contents were not disturbed. Brother Martin reported that he received every courtesy and consideration from the Bellvue school board while he was conducting his investigation.

#### DEDICATION OF MASONIC TEMPLE

The Masonic Temple of Mosaic Lodge No. 55, A. F. & A. M., Norfolk, Nebraska, was dedicated on the evening of March 5, 1946. The temple was constructed in 1933 at a cost of \$50,000, but it was decided at that time that the dedication ceremonies should be postponed until the temple was free of debt.

On the evening of March 5, 1946, Mosaic Lodge celebrated the payment of the debt on the temple with a very fine banquet. W. Brother Otto Burkhardt was the toastmaster and presented an entertaining program. After the banquet an occasional Grand Lodge was opened and the temple was formally dedicated. After the dedication, Brother Louis C. Mittelstadt, President of the Temple Committee, gave me the privilege of burning the mortgage.

I was assisted in the dedication ceremonies by M. W. William J. Breckenridge (317), Past Grand Master; M. W. William B. Wanner (9), Grand Marshal; W. Frank Currier (55), as Grand Tyler; W. Otto E. Bullis (55), Grand Pursuivant; W. Lute M. Savage (3), Grand Custodian; M. W. Lewis E. Smith (136), Grand Secretary; W. Alfred Barnes (55), as Grand Treasurer; V. W. George A. Beecher (268), Grand Chaplain; R. W. Carl R. Greisen (32), Grand Junior Warden; W. Frank C. McClelland (55), as Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre (1), Deputy Grand Master; W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein (59), Grand Junior Deacon; W. James W. Gillette (55), as Grand Senior Deacon; W. Roy Anson (55), W. Joe Eakes (55), W. Clarence Isaacson (55), W. Perry

Covert (55), Symbol Bearers; W. Perly A. Tucker (55), Book of Constitutions; W. J. C. Stitt (55), Architect; W. Lynn D. Hutton (55), Orator.

The brethren of Mosaic Lodge are justly proud of their beautiful and now debt-free temple.

#### BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

At the Eighty-seventh Annual Communication a law was passed creating a Board of Grand Trustees. Under the law the Board of Grand Trustees has full control over the investment and re-investment of Grand Lodge funds.

The law provides that the Board of Grand Trustees shall consist of three members who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, and that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary shall be ex officio members of the Board. The law further provides that the Grand Master elected at the session at which the law was passed shall immediately after taking office appoint three Grand Trustees, one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years.

In compliance with this mandate, I appointed on June 10, 1944, Brother Will Johnson, 11, for the three year term, Brother Charles R. Mead, 155, for the two year term, and W. Brother Robert D. Wilson, 268, for the one year term. The Grand Trustees elected Brother Will Johnson as the Chairman of the Board.

The Board of Grand Trustees was organized under the able leadership of Brother Will Johnson. While he was already burdened with his own business affairs, he nevertheless gave much of his valuable time to the work of the board. Brother Will Johnson finally felt that in fairness to himself and the Grand Lodge he should resign and it was with reluctance that his resignation was accepted on December 4, 1945.

I appointed Brother Carl D. Ganz, 209, to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Brother Will Johnson, and W. Brother Robert D. Wilson was elected Chairman of the Board.

The Grand Trustees receive no compensation for their services, but they give to this Grand Lodge in matters of investments the full benefit of their valuable experience. I have attended every meeting of the Grand Trustees and I am convinced that the investment of our funds is in safe and capable hands.

#### 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

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. Entrekim, 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

#### REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

At the request of the M. W. Grand Masters of other Grand Jurisdictions, I gladly issued commissions to the following Brothers as Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near other Grand Jurisdictions:

August 26, 1944. Max H. Ress, New York City, near the Grand Lodge of New York.

September 28, 1944. Homer B. Osborn, Wichita, Kansas, near the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

December 2, 1944. Dr. Guilherme Wittine, Rio de Janeiro, near the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro.

April 20, 1945. C. E. Tyree, Sr., Beattyville, Kentucky, near the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

May 3, 1945. A. G. Lightbourn, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, near the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.

January 23, 1946. Aurelio B. Aquino, Philippine Islands, near the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

January 26, 1946. George J. Schreiber, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

March 23, 1946. Farrin Webb, Melbourne, Victoria Australia, near the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria.

### REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

I recommended the following brethren as Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Date	Name and Lodge	for
July 17, 1944	Lute M. Savage, 3.....	Vermont
July 17, 1944	Elmer E. Magee, 227.....	Arkansas
December 20, 1944	Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59.....	Illinois
December 20, 1944	Thomas T. Varney, 176.....	Ireland
December 20, 1944	Austin W. Whitmire, 306...	North Dakota
December 20, 1944	Donald C. Smith, 1....	Prince Edward Is.
March 6, 1945	William A. Kommers, 234.....	Utah
March 6, 1945	Eldridge G. Reed, 46.....	Ohio
October 17, 1945	John C. Greene, 280.....	Philippine Is.
May 1, 1946	Henry H. Reese, 205.....	Vienna

### APPROVAL OF LODGE FINANCING

November 23, 1944. Granted permission to Harmony Lodge No. 321, Dalton, to purchase building which it now occupies upon the following conditions: 1. That the total indebtedness of the lodge after the completion of the purchasing of said building shall not exceed \$1,000.00. 2. That the lower floor of the building is to be occupied by a grocery store or some other business which does not conflict with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

April 18, 1945. Granted permission to Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering, to borrow \$6,000.00 with which to purchase the other half of the building it now owns.

May 2, 1945. Granted permission to Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege, to incur an indebtedness of not to exceed \$6,000.00. The purpose of the indebtedness is to secure funds with which to remodel the building belonging to the lodge.

May 26, 1945. On the recommendation of the Temple Building Advisory Committee I approved the refinancing plan of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 of Omaha.

June 19, 1945. Approved a loan of \$2,400.00 to Friend Lodge No. 73, Friend, Nebraska.

February 15, 1946. On the recommendation of the Temple Building Advisory Committee I approved the proposal of Boaz Lodge No. 185, Danbury, to build a second story over a building to use as their Lodge Hall, providing there is a written restriction filed in the office of the Register of Deeds that the lower portion of the building shall never be used for the sale, directly or indirectly, of intoxicating liquor.

April 23, 1946. Approved the plan of Wood Lake Lodge No. 221, Wood Lake for financing the purchase of the building and lots on the conditions as set forth by the Temple Building Advisory Committee.

CHANGE OF LOCATON AND APPROVAL OF LODGE HALLS

July 25, 1944. Granted permission to Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, to move from former location in the Masonic Building to present location in the McCann Building at 208½ North Wheeler Street.

July 31, 1944. Granted permission to Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island, to move from former location in the Masonic Building to present location in the McCann Building located at 208½ North Wheeler Street.

August 30, 1944. Granted permission to Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, Kenesaw, to move lodge from its former location to the building located on Lot 113, Original Town of Kenesaw, Nebraska.

November 6, 1944. Granted permission to Mount Zion Lodge No. 161, Shelby, to move to new location.

December 11, 1944. Granted permission to Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora, to move to new location.

June 27, 1945. Granted permission to Mitchell Lodge No. 263, Mitchell, to move from its former location to the new hall on Center Avenue above the Beauty Girl Creamery.

July 31, 1945. Gave approval to Newman Grove Lodge No. 305, Newman Grove, to purchase another building to use as a lodge building.

December 26, 1945. Granted permission to Friend Lodge No. 73, Friend, to move their lodge to their own building.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PROFICIENCY

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

Aug. 30, 1944	James M. Houston.....	York Lodge No. 56
Sept. 25, 1944	Elmer J. Beisner.....	Thistle Lodge No. 61
Dec. 15, 1944	Howard Rowlee.....	Lebanon Lodge No. 323
Jan. 6, 1945	Forrest F. Francisco.....	Thistle Lodge No. 61
Jan. 26, 1945	Norman F. Cooper.....	Aurora Lodge No. 68
Jan. 29, 1945	George E. Hudson.....	Pioneer Lodge No. 322
Jan. 29, 1945	Edward F. Henning.....	Pioneer Lodge No. 322
Feb. 9, 1945	Leonard A. Alkire.....	Thistle Lodge No. 61
Mar. 2, 1945	Oscar W. Ecklund.....	Ramah Lodge No. 275
Mar. 2, 1945	Donald G. Mintun.....	Ramah Lodge No. 275
Mar. 2, 1945	William P. Hoek.....	Ramah Lodge No. 275
Mar. 2, 1945	Ernest R. Anderson.....	Ramah Lodge No. 275
Mar. 2, 1945	James H. Thompson.....	Ramah Lodge No. 275
Mar. 9, 1945	Warren E. Rice.....	Minatare Lodge No. 295
Mar. 9, 1945	Charles E. Claugh.....	Minatare Lodge No. 295
Mar. 9, 1945	John B. Tillman.....	Minatare Lodge No. 295
Mar. 30, 1945	Howard L. Welch.....	Lebanon Lodge No. 323

Apr. 11, 1945	Henry J. Enger.....	Ord Lodge No. 103
Apr. 18, 1945	Leonard C. Wachter.....	Emmet Crawford Lodge No.148
Apr. 18, 1945	Orvis M. Meston.....	Emmet Crawford Lodge No.148
June 20, 1945	Allen P. Cole.....	Emmet Crawford Lodge No.148
June 22, 1945	Ivan Van Steenberg.....	Kimball Lodge No. 294
Sept. 12, 1945	Guy A. Brown, Jr.....	Geneva Lodge No. 79
Oct. 31, 1945	Lowell D. Hanson.....	Osceola Lodge No. 65
Dec. 15, 1945	Ronald A. VanPelt.....	Kimball Lodge No. 294
Dec. 15, 1945	Ralph L. VanPelt.....	Kimball Lodge No. 294
Dec. 15, 1945	Robert D. McKinnon.....	Kimball Lodge No. 294
Dec. 22, 1945	Conrad F. Herman.....	Culbertson Lodge No. 174
Feb. 13, 1946	Emden A. Somerhalder....	Aurora Lodge No. 68
Feb. 13, 1946	Stanley Gress.....	Lone Tree Lodge No. 36
Feb. 13, 1946	Dale Gress.....	Lone Tree Lodge No. 36
Mar. 16, 1946	Stacy L. Tripp.....	Victory Lodge No. 310
Apr. 9, 1946	Frank P. Ferryman.....	Florence Lodge No. 281
Apr. 9, 1946	Arch O. Bruntlett.....	Florence Lodge No. 281
Apr. 9, 1946	Thomas Wetherspoon.....	Florence Lodge No. 281
Apr. 9, 1946	Meedy E. Stevens.....	Florence Lodge No. 281
Apr. 9, 1946	Frank A. Kischer.....	Florence Lodge No. 281
Apr. 9, 1946	Walter M. Burge.....	Florence Lodge No. 281
May 16, 1946	Arthur T. Longstaff.....	Florence Lodge No. 281
May 16, 1946	Clark A. Hodges.....	Florence Lodge No. 281

#### DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL

I have issued the following dispensations to elect and install. The matter of fees collected has been reported to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations for their consideration and report.

January 4, 1945. Beaver City Lodge No. 93. To elect Worshipful Master at next regular communication to be held January 8, 1945.

January 4, 1945 Garfield Lodge No. 95. To hold election and installation of officers January 4, 1945.

January 5, 1945. Cable Lodge No. 225. To install officers January 9, 1945.

January 5, 1945. Amity Lodge No. 169. To elect and install Worshipful Master at regular communication January 16, 1945.

January 20, 1945. Union Lodge No. 287. To elect and install Junior Warden out of time.

February 2, 1945. Mullen Lodge No. 282. To install Brother R. J. Haney as Senior Warden and Brother E. P. Erikson as Senior Deacon out of time.

February 16, 1945. Sioux Lodge No. 277. To install officers out of time for the year 1945. Dispensation in full force and effect until April 1, 1945.

February 20, 1945. Fraternity Lodge No. 235. To install Senior Deacon-elect at any meeting of the Lodge on or before April 1, 1945.

March 3, 1945. Cement Lodge No. 211. To install Brother Charles O. Williams, Junior Warden, and Brother Olen Cowgill, Treasurer, at regular communication in March, 1945.

July 7, 1945. Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265. To elect and install a Junior Warden and install any officer in any chair left vacant by the election.

December 18, 1945. Pawnee Lodge No. 23. To elect the Secretary during the month of December, 1945.

December 21, 1945. Wood Lake Lodge No. 221. To hold communication December 27, 1945 for the purpose of electing officers for the year 1946.

January 2, 1946. Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202. To hold a special communication January 4, 1946 for the purpose of electing officers.

January 4, 1946. Ruskin Lodge No. 304. To elect officers at regular communication in January, 1946.

January 25, 1946. Zeredatha Lodge No. 160. To elect and install certain officers on or before February 15, 1946.

January 30, 1946. Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148. To install Brother Selden J. Wenquist, Master, and Brother Paul R. Hicks, Junior Warden, on the night of January 30, 1946.

March 9, 1946. Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312. To install Brother Roger Wolf as Junior Warden at the next communication, March 14, 1946.

March 30, 1946. Superior Lodge No. 121. To elect and install the Senior Warden.

April 15, 1946. Siloam Lodge No. 147. To hold an election of officers on Friday night, April 19, 1946.

April 23, 1946. Capitol Lodge No. 3. To install the Senior Steward and Junior Steward out of time.

April 24, 1946. Magnolia Lodge No. 220. To install Brother George C. Wallway as Treasurer and Brother Henry D. Dohrman as Tyler at the regular communication on May 21, 1946.

May 18, 1946. Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4. To install Brother Floyd A. Lawrence as Junior Warden on May 23, 1946.

#### DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES

Upon request and for good cause shown, dispensations were issued to the following mentioned lodges to confer degrees, without regard to time, on the following brethren:

June 8, 1944 Sidney N. Held . . . . .Craftsmen Lodge No. 314  
 June 8, 1944 Walter B. Graham, Jr. . . . .Omaha Lodge No. 288  
 June 9, 1944 Alfred B. Eickmeier . . . . .Palisade Lodge No. 216

June 9, 1944	Richard A. Bolen . . . . .	Israel Lodge No. 187
June 10, 1944	Richard W. Bull . . . . .	Waterloo Lodge No. 102
June 10, 1944	Harold Bonsall . . . . .	Fairbury Lodge No. 35
June 15, 1944	Robert L. Hoffman . . . . .	Fremont Lodge No. 15
June 15, 1944	Ronald C. Doll . . . . .	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
June 15, 1944	Harvard W. Shepherd . . . . .	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
June 17, 1944	Warren C. Johnson . . . . .	Wahoo Lodge No. 59
June 17, 1944	Ted I. Sawyer . . . . .	Pawnee Lodge No. 23
June 17, 1944	G. Hugh Sawyer . . . . .	Pawnee Lodge No. 23
June 17, 1944	G. James Wright . . . . .	Mitchell Lodge No. 263
June 19, 1944	Forrest Conover . . . . .	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
June 19, 1944	George Lee Sneddon . . . . .	Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201
June 21, 1944	Walter J. Botsch . . . . .	Globe Lodge No. 113
June 21, 1944	Derald D. Underberg . . . . .	Globe Lodge No. 113
June 21, 1944	Leland D. Pierce . . . . .	Blazing Star Lodge No. 200
June 22, 1944	Stanley Altman . . . . .	Harvard Lodge No. 44
June 22, 1944	Willard P. Eddy . . . . .	Pawnee Lodge No. 23
June 23, 1944	Jack M. Barbee . . . . .	Hebron Lodge No. 43
June 23, 1944	Frederick Wegner . . . . .	Creighton Lodge No. 100
June 24, 1944	Lloyd L. Brownlee . . . . .	Cubit Lodge No. 237
June 29, 1944	Alfred Frank Hibbs . . . . .	Capitol Lodge No. 3
June 30, 1944	Morris W. Roettger . . . . .	Florence Lodge No. 281
July 1, 1944	Morris V. Hoobler . . . . .	Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148
July 1, 1944	Ralph L. Blair . . . . .	Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148
July 1, 1944	George D. Gage . . . . .	Anselmo Lodge No. 258
July 3, 1944	Wayne Strayer . . . . .	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
July 3, 1944	Russell O. Musick . . . . .	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
July 5, 1944	Wayne O. Littrell . . . . .	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
July 5, 1944	Robert Edgar Knott . . . . .	Right Angle Lodge No. 303
July 6, 1944	Floyd Frank Kearns . . . . .	Bennett Lodge No. 94
July 6, 1944	Robert Johnston . . . . .	Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
July 7, 1944	Bradford Bartlett . . . . .	Samaritan Lodge No. 158
July 7, 1944	Charles X. Heffner . . . . .	Acacia Lodge No. 34
July 7, 1944	Everett Govier . . . . .	Gladstone Lodge No. 176
July 7, 1944	Serenus B. Viers . . . . .	Naphthali Lodge No. 206
July 7, 1944	Donald E. McKenzie . . . . .	Naphthali Lodge No. 206
July 7, 1944	Robert L. Thompson . . . . .	Naphthali Lodge No. 206
July 7, 1944	Boyd Arthur Laible . . . . .	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
July 7, 1944	D. Hilton Brown . . . . .	Geo. Washington Lodge No. 250
July 7, 1944	Lawrence R. Jappert . . . . .	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
July 11, 1944	Robert G. Simmons, Jr. . . . .	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
July 11, 1944	Jack F. Nutzman . . . . .	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
July 14, 1944	Kenneth D. Kramer . . . . .	Beatrice Lodge No. 26
July 14, 1944	William E. Weigel . . . . .	Beatrice Lodge No. 26
July 14, 1944	Morris D. Hayes . . . . .	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
July 14, 1944	Fred Robert Simmons . . . . .	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
July 15, 1944	Thomas E. Nelson . . . . .	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265

July 15, 1944	George H. Pester . . . . .	Gladstone Lodge No. 176
July 15, 1944	James H. Watts, Jr. . . . .	Gladstone Lodge No. 176
July 17, 1944	Lyle Keith Reeder . . . . .	Porter Lodge No. 106
July 17, 1944	Donald W. Eisenhart . . . . .	Culbertson Lodge No. 174
July 18, 1944	Harold G. Crouse . . . . .	Chester Lodge No. 298
July 20, 1944	Francis Allen Chab . . . . .	DeWitt Lodge No. 111
July 20, 1944	Millard A. Yost . . . . .	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
July 24, 1944	Robert Lich, Jr. . . . .	Evening Star Lodge No. 49
July 26, 1944	Roseoc Clayton Anderson. . . . .	John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232
July 26, 1944	Orrin J. Marcy . . . . .	Hay Springs Lodge No. 177
July 26, 1944	Francis W. Morgan . . . . .	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
July 27, 1944	Harold J. Schmidt . . . . .	Square Lodge No. 151
July 27, 1944	Guy W. Haynes . . . . .	Square Lodge No. 151
July 27, 1944	George B. Kellogg . . . . .	Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
July 27, 1944	Robert H. Johnson . . . . .	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
July 31, 1944	Kenneth R. Weed . . . . .	Delta Lodge No. 230
Aug. 1, 1944	Stanley A. Manchester . . . . .	Samaritan Lodge No. 158
Aug. 1, 1944	Paul R. Eveland . . . . .	Canopy Lodge No. 209
Aug. 3, 1944	Willard L. Rumery . . . . .	Bee Hive Lodge No. 184
Aug. 3, 1944	Chester E. Upson . . . . .	Naphthali Lodge No. 206
Aug. 5, 1944	Raymond L. Young . . . . .	Geo. W. Lininger Lodge No. 268
Aug. 7, 1944	Charles G. Salem . . . . .	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Aug. 7, 1944	Donald E. Greenwood . . . . .	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Aug. 7, 1944	Keith R. Skiles . . . . .	Cotner Lodge No. 297
Aug. 7, 1944	T. Raymond Turner . . . . .	Anselmo Lodge No. 258
Aug. 7, 1944	George Aden Lloyd . . . . .	Omaha Lodge No. 288
Aug. 7, 1944	Warren G. Harding . . . . .	Winnebago Lodge No. 309
Aug. 8, 1944	Lee D. Oberst . . . . .	George Armstrong Lodge No. 241
Aug. 10, 1944	Stanley A. Moore . . . . .	Bartley Lodge No. 228
Aug. 10, 1944	Donald Wayne Olson . . . . .	Covert Lodge No. 11
Aug. 11, 1944	George A. Wettlaufer . . . . .	Pythagoras Lodge No. 156
Aug. 11, 1944	Otis William Cave, Jr. . . . .	Geo. Washington Lodge No. 250
Aug. 11, 1944	Robert H. Hageman . . . . .	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
Aug. 14, 1944	Delbert W. Hitt . . . . .	Alpha Lodge No. 316
Aug. 14, 1944	Paul H. Dean, Jr. . . . .	Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148
Aug. 14, 1944	Henry J. Dean . . . . .	Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148
Aug. 14, 1944	Paul C. Daugherty . . . . .	Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148
Aug. 18, 1944	George Melville Watson. . . . .	College View Lodge No. 320
Aug. 18, 1944	James Ritchie Watson. . . . .	College View Lodge No. 320
Aug. 19, 1944	Donald E. Mustard . . . . .	Solar Lodge No. 134
Aug. 19, 1944	Ellwood R. Best . . . . .	McCook Lodge No. 135
Aug. 21, 1944	Bernard Paden . . . . .	North Bend Lodge No. 119
Aug. 21, 1944	Wm. E. Magnusson . . . . .	North Bend Lodge No. 119
Aug. 21, 1944	Phillip S. VanNeste . . . . .	Anselmo Lodge No. 258
Aug. 22, 1944	Ralph L. Cassel . . . . .	Capitol Lodge No. 3
Aug. 22, 1944	John L. Melson, Jr. . . . .	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Aug. 25, 1944	Wayne A. Christensen. . . . .	Golden Rule Lodge No. 236

Aug. 25, 1944	John Berggren .....	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
Aug. 26, 1944	Chester A. Brooks.....	Amity Lodge No. 169
Aug. 26, 1944	Murray P. Cox.....	Ord Lodge No. 103
Aug. 28, 1944	John Ross Newkirk.....	Capitol Lodge No. 3
Aug. 28, 1944	James F. Comstock.....	Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
Aug. 30, 1944	Stanley M. Truhlsen.....	Landmark Lodge No. 222
Aug. 30, 1944	Robert E. Smith .....	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
Sept. 1, 1944	Jack Edwin Loppnow....	Pilot Lodge No. 240
Sept. 5, 1944	Albert F. Ohrt .....	Solomon Lodge No. 10
Sept. 5, 1944	Marcus Batt .....	Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
Sept. 5, 1944	Leland J. Olson .....	Union Lodge No. 287
Sept. 7, 1944	Howard Stanton Clements	Covert Lodge No. 11
Sept. 9, 1944	Clare C. Wiley .....	Purity Lodge No. 198
Sept. 9, 1944	Merwin D. Byers .....	North Star Lodge No. 227
Sept. 9, 1944	Ernest R. Bartley .....	North Star Lodge No. 227
Sept. 9, 1944	Theodore Wm. Schwartz.	North Star Lodge No. 227
Sept. 9, 1944	John E. Phelps .....	Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
Sept. 11, 1944	Robert E. Ury .....	Friendship Lodge No. 239
Sept. 11, 1944	Frank H. Fowler .....	Samaritan Lodge No. 158
Sept. 12, 1944	Harry E. Goodbinder....	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Sept. 13, 1944	John F. Mohlman .....	Blue Hill Lodge No. 129
Sept. 13, 1944	Roger E. Maxwell .....	Beatrice Lodge No. 26
Sept. 13, 1944	James A. Lane, Jr.....	Mitchell Lodge No. 263
Sept. 15, 1944	Keith B. Kittle .....	Palisade Lodge No. 216
Sept. 15, 1944	Kenneth H. Eglehoff....	Ord Lodge No. 103
Sept. 15, 1944	Roy W. Dickerson .....	Atkinson Lodge No. 164
Sept. 16, 1944	William L. Rumbolz, Jr..	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Sept. 18, 1944	Lloyd Edgar Short.....	Covert Lodge No. 11
Sept. 18, 1944	Richard A. Pollard .....	Alliance Lodge No. 183
Sept. 22, 1944	Robert Quentin Kellet...	Temple Lodge No. 175
Sept. 22, 1944	Garwyn L. Eekerson.....	Aurora Lodge No. 68
Sept. 22, 1944	James F. Busenbariek...	Tecumseh Lodge No. 17
Sept. 27, 1944	Richard J. Miller .....	Plainview Lodge No. 204
Sept. 28, 1944	Eugene W. DeJong .....	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Sept. 28, 1944	Francis J. Albrecht.....	Charity Lodge No. 53
Sept. 30, 1944	Charles Donald Rudd....	Edgar Lodge No. 67
Oct. 2, 1944	Donald W. Papez .....	Albion Lodge No. 78
Oct. 2, 1944	George L. C. Norskov...	Albion Lodge No. 78
Oct. 3, 1944	Jerry W. Heath .....	Samaritan Lodge No. 158
Oct. 3, 1944	Yuel T. Littrell .....	Fremont Lodge No. 15
Oct. 3, 1944	Donald K. Porter .....	Bee Hive Lodge No. 184
Oct. 4, 1944	Dale K. Busch .....	Acacia Lodge No. 34
Oct. 5, 1944	Eugene O. Priest .....	Western Star Lodge No. 2
Oct. 5, 1944	Raymond L. Klassy .....	Aurora Lodge No. 68
Oct. 5, 1944	William D. Hewit .....	Fidelity Lodge No. 51
Oct. 5, 1944	Richard Eberly .....	Fidelity Lodge No. 51
Oct. 5, 1944	Willard Pettis .....	Mid-West Lodge No. 317

Oct. 7, 1944	Ross I. Russell	Peru Lodge No. 14
Oct. 9, 1944	Bond Kennedy	Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4
Oct. 9, 1944	Robert L. Stines	Fairmont Lodge No. 48
Oct. 9, 1944	Floyd E. Wilburn	Valley Lodge No. 157
Oct. 10, 1944	Gilbert Gerald Duling	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
Oct. 11, 1944	Ronald A. Cates	Robert Burns Lodge No. 173
Oct. 12, 1944	Claude A. Hughes, Jr.	Harvard Lodge No. 44
Oct. 12, 1944	Lindley M. Ryan	Beatrice Lodge No. 26
Oct. 12, 1944	Evert E. Mosher	McCook Lodge No. 135
Oct. 14, 1944	Richard Epping	Canopy Lodge No. 209
Oct. 17, 1944	Gerald Zook	Meridian Lodge No. 188
Oct. 19, 1944	David E. Williams	Covert Lodge No. 11
Oct. 20, 1944	Richard A. Jones	Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285
Oct. 21, 1944	Allen Ray McKelvie	Fairfield Lodge No. 84
Oct. 21, 1944	Vincent C. Havorka, Jr.	Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202
Oct. 26, 1944	Roy L. Van Ells	Mosaic Lodge No. 55
Oct. 26, 1944	Charles R. Williams	Wymore Lodge No. 104
Oct. 30, 1944	LeRoy H. Redfern	Peru Lodge No. 14
Oct. 30, 1944	Herbert J. Dutemple	Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
Nov. 1, 1944	Clinton R. Turpen	Gladstone Lodge No. 176
Nov. 6, 1944	Paul C. Candish	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Nov. 6, 1944	George W. Knight	North Star Lodge No. 227
Nov. 6, 1944	Gordon D. Collins	North Star Lodge No. 227
Nov. 6, 1944	John F. Gonge	Gladstone Lodge No. 176
Nov. 7, 1944	Nicholas E. Bailey	Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148
Nov. 7, 1944	Eldred Harbert	Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148
Nov. 8, 1944	Max W. Burns	Jachin Lodge No. 146
Nov. 8, 1944	Floyd B. Shade	Siloam Lodge No. 147
Nov. 9, 1944	D. Wendell Fanders	Naphthali Lodge No. 206
Nov. 9, 1944	Leslie M. Newman	Geneva Lodge No. 79
Nov. 9, 1944	William Owen	Capitol Lodge No. 3
Nov. 11, 1944	W. Albert Black	Baneroft Lodge No. 145
Nov. 13, 1944	Alvin L. Boles	Bee Hive Lodge No. 184
Nov. 13, 1944	William E. Green	Edgar Lodge No. 67
Nov. 15, 1944	Robert W. Wood	Blazing Star Lodge No. 200
Nov. 21, 1944	Dean B. Stuckey	Grafton Lodge No. 172
Nov. 23, 1944	Frank J. Given	Florence Lodge No. 281
Nov. 23, 1944	Paul D. Hart	Meridian Lodge No. 188
Nov. 25, 1944	Herman F. Harms	Beatrice Lodge No. 26
Nov. 25, 1944	Charles H. Gibson, Jr.	Superior Lodge No. 121
Nov. 28, 1944	Wayne E. Mahan	Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285
Nov. 28, 1944	Kennard H. Johnson	Wausa Lodge No. 251
Dec. 1, 1944	Paul F. Taylor	Guide Rock Lodge No. 128
Dec. 2, 1944	E. P. Mason	Oasis Lodge No. 271
Dec. 2, 1944	Fred C. Derby	Oasis Lodge No. 271
Dec. 5, 1944	Guy A. Brown, Jr.	Geneva Lodge No. 79
Dec. 6, 1944	William Copple	Bancroft Lodge No. 145

Dec. 7, 1944	Donald Bieber . . . . .	Cotner Lodge No. 297
Dec. 7, 1944	Llewellyn E. Nordgren . . .	Waterloo Lodge No. 102
Dec. 7, 1944	William S. Cady . . . . .	Sutherland Lodge No. 299
Dec. 7, 1944	Ray L. Cook . . . . .	Solar Lodge No. 134
Dec. 8, 1944	Charles Wesely Stava . . . .	Acacia Lodge No. 34
Dec. 9, 1944	Chester Miles Marlin . . . .	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Dec. 11, 1944	Henry C. Tomlinson . . . . .	Anselmo Lodge No. 258
Dec. 13, 1944	Ira W. Chesley . . . . .	Parian Lodge No. 207
Dec. 14, 1944	Verner S. Johnson . . . . .	Capitol Lodge No. 3
Dec. 15, 1944	Donald E. Olson . . . . .	Square Lodge No. 151
Dec. 15, 1944	Raymond W. Skinner . . . . .	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Dec. 15, 1944	Byron W. Tullis . . . . .	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Dec. 16, 1944	Calvin E. Ramage . . . . .	Right Angle Lodge No. 303
Dec. 16, 1944	William Williams . . . . .	Lebanon Lodge No. 323
Dec. 16, 1944	John J. Card . . . . .	Bee Hive Lodge No. 184
Dec. 18, 1944	John E. Blankenship . . . . .	Auburn Lodge No. 124
Dec. 18, 1944	Delwyn E. Shunk . . . . .	Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205
Dec. 19, 1944	Irvin B. Saunders . . . . .	Creighton Lodge No. 100
Dec. 19, 1944	Russell F. Jones . . . . .	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Dec. 19, 1944	Robert W. Meyer . . . . .	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Dec. 19, 1944	Edward E. Bentz . . . . .	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Dec. 19, 1944	Melvin G. Bentz . . . . .	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Dec. 19, 1944	Robert B. Bieck . . . . .	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Dec. 19, 1944	Darrell M. Dunafon . . . . .	Doniphan Lodge No. 86
Dec. 20, 1944	Lester R. Reutter . . . . .	Sterling Lodge No. 70
Dec. 20, 1944	Thomas Williams . . . . .	Stromsburg Lodge No. 126
Dec. 21, 1944	Donald Nabity . . . . .	Fidelity Lodge No. 51
Dec. 21, 1944	Lambert Bartells . . . . .	Fidelity Lodge No. 51
Dec. 22, 1944	Mack F. Anderson, Jr. . . . .	Auburn Lodge No. 124
Dec. 23, 1944	Don M. Keebaugh . . . . .	Mitchell Lodge No. 263
Dec. 26, 1944	Theodore E. Deal . . . . .	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
Dec. 26, 1944	Harold E. Sander . . . . .	Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
Dec. 28, 1944	John R. Somerville . . . . .	McCook Lodge No. 135
Dec. 28, 1944	Milo H. Hoppe . . . . .	Falls City Lodge No. 9
Jan. 2, 1945	George A. Ellis . . . . .	Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
Jan. 2, 1945	Louis Clell Noble . . . . .	Superior Lodge No. 121
Jan. 2, 1945	Charles M. Morgan . . . . .	Composite Lodge No. 81
Jan. 2, 1945	James H. Manning . . . . .	Samaritan Lodge No. 158
Jan. 4, 1945	Carl P. Henry . . . . .	Wymore Lodge No. 104
Jan. 6, 1945	William McIntosh . . . . .	Fidelity Lodge No. 51
Jan. 6, 1945	Darrel J. Peters . . . . .	Thistle Lodge No. 61
Jan. 6, 1945	Leslie E. Christiansen . . . .	Hampton Lodge No. 245
Jan. 8, 1945	Ivan O. Martson . . . . .	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224
Jan. 8, 1945	Wallace L. Ritchie . . . . .	Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
Jan. 15, 1945	Rudolph E. Westling . . . . .	Covert Lodge No. 11
Jan. 17, 1945	Birney J. Dutcher . . . . .	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Jan. 18, 1945	Glen E. Welling . . . . .	Washington Lodge No. 21

Jan. 20, 1945	Merton L. Ekwall.....	Mosaic Lodge No. 55
Jan. 20, 1945	Harold S. Turner.....	Anselmo Lodge No. 258
Jan. 22, 1945	Elliot C. Bratt.....	Mitchell Lodge No. 263
Jan. 22, 1945	Burnell H. Adams.....	Nehawka Lodge No. 246
Jan. 23, 1945	Robert C. Erikson.....	Falls City Lodge No. 9
Jan. 23, 1945	Jack L. Wilkins.....	Florence Lodge No. 281
Jan. 23, 1945	Berlyn Elvon Schultz....	Atkinson Lodge No. 164
Jan. 25, 1945	Eldon O. Coffey.....	Keystone Lodge No. 62
Jan. 25, 1945	Julius C. Peterson.....	Washington Lodge No. 21
Jan. 25, 1945	Vincent F. Soll .....	Jordan Lodge No. 27
Jan. 25, 1945	Willard A. Wendt.....	Jordan Lodge No. 27
Jan. 29, 1945	Ralph D. Carey .....	St. Johns Lodge No. 25
Jan. 29, 1945	Stanley R. Lowe, Jr....	Landmark Lodge No. 222
Jan. 29, 1945	George W. Berglund....	Laurel Lodge No. 248
Feb. 1, 1945	Frank A. Dutton.....	Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
Feb. 1, 1945	Fred Worster .....	Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
Feb. 1, 1945	Arthur Charles Everett....	Euclid Lodge No. 97
Feb. 1, 1945	Wyman B. McLaughlin..	Edgar Lodge No. 67
Feb. 1, 1945	Ned E. Bell .....	York Lodge No. 56
Feb. 2, 1945	Russell Brauer .....	Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202
Feb. 5, 1945	Duane L. Closs.....	Wymore Lodge No. 104
Feb. 5, 1945	Max Gorge .....	Gladstone Lodge No. 176
Feb. 5, 1945	Jack L. Furstenberg....	Saint Johns Lodge No. 25
Feb. 6, 1945	Robert Entrekin .....	Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201
Feb. 6, 1945	Donald P. Suttie.....	Florence Lodge No. 281
Feb. 7, 1945	Curtiss R. Muller.....	Right Angle Lodge No. 303
Feb. 8, 1945	Russell M. Wood.....	Harvard Lodge No. 44
Feb. 8, 1945	Edwin E. McCan.....	Harvard Lodge No. 44
Feb. 8, 1945	Siegfred Shateil .....	Harvard Lodge No. 44
Feb. 8, 1945	George W. Shelhorn....	Harvard Lodge No. 44
Feb. 8, 1945	Winifred A. Warnke....	Harvard Lodge No. 44
Feb. 8, 1945	Frederick L. Bean.....	Fidelity Lodge No. 51
Feb. 9, 1945	E. Adelbert Crosby.....	Sutherland Lodge No. 299
Feb. 9, 1945	Jess A. Hart.....	Right Angle Lodge No. 303
Feb. 10, 1945	Paul L. Peterson.....	Geneva Lodge No. 79
Feb. 12, 1945	Robert L. Byers.....	North Star Lodge No. 227
Feb. 12, 1945	Clark Kuppinger .....	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Feb. 12, 1945	Raymond C. Deaton Jr..	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Feb. 12, 1945	Guy A. Brown Jr.....	Geneva Lodge No. 79
Feb. 14, 1945	Arch Edward Wiggins....	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Feb. 16, 1945	William F. Heyl.....	Bayard Lodge No. 301
Feb. 19, 1945	Robert E. Schemmel....	Western Star Lodge No. 2
Feb. 19, 1945	Roy F. Horacek.....	Fidelity Lodge No. 51
Feb. 19, 1945	Dale Dewey Sypherd....	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Feb. 23, 1945	Donald Dover .....	Globe Lodge No. 113
Feb. 23, 1945	Ross H. Rasmussen.....	Solomon Lodge No. 10
Feb. 23, 1945	Ralph D. Carey Jr.....	Saint Johns Lodge No. 25

Feb. 23, 1945	Hubert F. Goodrich.....	Fairmont Lodge No. 48
Feb. 26, 1945	Thomas Hartnett .....	Tekamah Lodge No. 31
Feb. 27, 1945	Herbert F. Goodrich....	Fairmont Lodge No. 48
Feb. 28, 1945	Merle Coady .....	Melrose Lodge No. 60
Mar. 2, 1945	Harold W. Jones .....	Curtis Lodge No. 168
Mar. 2, 1945	Robert E. Copley.....	Charity Lodge No. 53
Mar. 5, 1945	Chester T. Robbins.....	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Mar. 5, 1945	Roland C. Biggs.....	Frank Welch Lodge No. 75
Mar. 6, 1945	Lyle M. Adams .....	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Mar. 6, 1945	Raymond W. Moore.....	Curtis Lodge No. 168
Mar. 7, 1945	Dwight L. Chandler....	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
Mar. 7, 1945	Bernard L. Herzog.....	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Mar. 7, 1945	John W. Pratt.....	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Mar. 8, 1945	Van W. Bottenfield....	Nelson Lodge No. 77
Mar. 8, 1945	Everett W. Jacks.....	Purity Lodge No. 198
Mar. 8, 1945	James W. McNair.....	Purity Lodge No. 198
Mar. 9, 1945	William W. Fager.....	Mosaic Lodge No. 55
Mar. 9, 1945	Arthur Clair Einfalt....	Minatare Lodge No. 295
Mar. 10, 1945	Robert L. Tooker.....	Silver Lodge No. 266
Mar. 10, 1945	Clifford W. Williams....	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Mar. 13, 1945	Keith Johnson .....	Star Lodge No. 88
Mar. 14, 1945	Maurice R. Whitaker....	Wahoo Lodge No. 59
Mar. 14, 1945	Lewis S. Corbaley.....	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Mar. 14, 1945	Don D. Everman.....	Pomegranate Lodge No. 110
Mar. 15, 1945	Bruce Ball .....	Fidelity Lodge No. 51
Mar. 15, 1945	Eldon L. Ruetter.....	Sterling Lodge No. 70
Mar. 15, 1945	Duane C. Beebe.....	North Bend Lodge No. 119
Mar. 16, 1945	Frederick P. Schnell....	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Mar. 16, 1945	Nyle K. Beeman.....	Bartley Lodge No. 228
Mar. 17, 1945	Claude Green .....	Friendship Lodge No. 239
Mar. 19, 1945	Earle R. G. Smith.....	McCook Lodge No. 135
Mar. 19, 1945	Robert A. Stall.....	Bennett Lodge No. 94
Mar. 20, 1945	Charles G. Moore.....	Friend Lodge No. 73
Mar. 20, 1945	Clifford H. Armstrong..	Bee Hive Lodge No. 184
Mar. 21, 1945	Robert William Martin..	Hastings Lodge No. 50
Mar. 23, 1945	L. Clarke Priebe.....	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
Mar. 23, 1945	William A. Buehler.....	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
Mar. 26, 1945	Allan W. Stoehr.....	Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
Mar. 27, 1945	James B. Bush.....	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Mar. 27, 1945	Floyd J. Nelson.....	York Lodge No. 56
Mar. 29, 1945	Kersey Eugene Sawyer...	Gauge Lodge No. 208
Mar. 29, 1945	Kenneth L. Harper.....	Hastings Lodge No. 50
Mar. 30, 1945	Edwin R. Drdla.....	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Mar. 30, 1945	William R. Hellwig.....	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Apr. 2, 1945	Lee Lipska .....	Potter Lodge No. 313
Apr. 3, 1945	William H. Hancock....	George Armstrong Lodge No. 241

Apr. 3, 1945	Alfred E. Boicourt.....	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Apr. 3, 1945	Evam Wilken Piekrel....	York Lodge No. 56
Apr. 3, 1945	R. William Closs.....	Wymore Lodge No. 104
Apr. 4, 1945	David W. Mosby.....	Plumblin Lodge No. 214
Apr. 4, 1945	Samuel W. Wilson.....	Plumblin Lodge No. 214
Apr. 4, 1945	Donald L. Mauel.....	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
Apr. 5, 1945	Eddie N. Duckworth....	George Washington Lodge No. 250
Apr. 5, 1945	Wendell V. Tyrell.....	George Washington Lodge No. 250
Apr. 5, 1945	Harry Traut .....	George Washington Lodge No. 250
Apr. 5, 1945	Bill H. Moranville.....	Bayard Lodge No. 301
Apr. 6, 1945	Dale E. Skelton.....	Waterloo Lodge No. 102
Apr. 9, 1945	Charles H. Baer.....	York Lodge No. 56
Apr. 9, 1945	Dale H. Pitka.....	Granite Lodge No. 189
Apr. 9, 1945	Floyd M. Miles.....	North Star Lodge No. 227
Apr. 10, 1945	Francis H. Samson.....	Washington Lodge No. 21
Apr. 10, 1945	Charles Saverga .....	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
Apr. 11, 1945	Alfred L. Chase.....	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Apr. 11, 1945	Elmer O. Ladine .....	Frank Welch Lodge No. 75
Apr. 13, 1945	Robert F. Waybright....	Capitol Lodge No. 3
Apr. 13, 1945	James E. Vorhies.....	College View Lodge No. 320
Apr. 13, 1945	Lorvey H. Schwink.....	Jordan Lodge No. 27
Apr. 13, 1945	J. Lynn Neafus.....	Florence Lodge No. 281
Apr. 13, 1945	William S. Stewart....	Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
Apr. 16, 1945	Kenneth G. Nitz.....	Northern Light Lodge No. 41
Apr. 16, 1945	Charles E. Miller.....	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
Apr. 16, 1945	Ferdinand S. Bretz....	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
Apr. 16, 1945	Lyle E. Doty.....	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Apr. 17, 1945	Harry E. Swanson.....	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Apr. 19, 1945	Gerald R. Halter.....	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Apr. 19, 1945	Gerald D. Jones, Jr. ....	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Apr. 19, 1945	Elmer E. Studier .....	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Apr. 19, 1945	Karl R. Halter .....	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Apr. 20, 1945	Charles Stratman .....	Tecumseh Lodge No. 17
Apr. 26, 1945	Ralph Herman Kuhr ...	Washington Lodge No. 21
Apr. 26, 1945	Franklin E. Oman .....	Gothenburg Lodge No. 249
Apr. 26, 1945	Craig Sigman .....	Amethyst Lodge No. 190
Apr. 27, 1945	Willard C. Peters .....	Acacia Lodge No. 34
Apr. 27, 1945	George E. Heany .....	Crescent Lodge No. 143
Apr. 30, 1945	Wallace Claude Thompson	Jordan Lodge No. 27
Apr. 30, 1945	Donald E. Nordlund ....	Stromsburg Lodge No. 126
May 2, 1945	Ernest Reed King .....	Waterloo Lodge No. 102
May 4, 1945	Don Lewis McCoy .....	Covert Lodge No. 11
May 4, 1945	Kenneth C. Bentz .....	Fremont Lodge No. 15
May 4, 1945	Gerald E. Bentz .....	Fremont Lodge No. 15
May 4, 1945	Jack E. Gates .....	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
May 4, 1945	Robert E. Gates .....	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
May 5, 1945	Raymond M. Price .....	Sutherland Lodge No. 299

May 5, 1945	Oscar L. Ashbrook . . . . .	Mosaic Lodge No. 55
May 5, 1945	Everet C. Phillips . . . . .	North Bend Lodge No. 119
May 7, 1945	Curtiss L. Blaylock . . . . .	McCook Lodge No. 135
May 7, 1945	Donald L. Ewen . . . . .	Samaritan Lodge No. 158
May 7, 1945	Carl Clifford Dame . . . . .	Covert Lodge No. 11
May 7, 1945	Richard Edwin Peterson . . . . .	Covert Lodge No. 11
May 7, 1945	Gerald A. Burney . . . . .	Hartington Lodge No. 155
May 7, 1945	Lester Buzzell . . . . .	McCook Lodge No. 135
May 8, 1945	Eugene Carroll Clark . . . . .	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
May 8, 1945	Robert A. Wekesser . . . . .	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
May 9, 1945	Allen Ramey . . . . .	Saint Johns Lodge No. 25
May 9, 1945	C. Ward Griffin . . . . .	Saint Johns Lodge No. 25
May 10, 1945	Robert J. Smith . . . . .	Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
May 10, 1945	Harvey L. Bekke . . . . .	Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
May 11, 1945	Roy A. Sheaff . . . . .	Thistle Lodge No. 61
May 11, 1945	Jack Growcock . . . . .	Victory Lodge No. 310
May 12, 1945	Harold E. Shaw . . . . .	Capitol Lodge No. 3
May 12, 1945	William F. Eidam . . . . .	Fremont Lodge No. 15
May 12, 1945	Harry Erwin Knudsen . . . . .	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
May 14, 1945	Glen K. Oberst . . . . .	George Armstrong Lodge No. 241
May 15, 1945	Melvin F. Busch . . . . .	Acacia Lodge No. 34
May 15, 1945	O. Kenneth King . . . . .	Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6
May 15, 1945	Jack F. Wisman . . . . .	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
May 16, 1945	Robert D. Jensen . . . . .	Keystone Lodge No. 62
May 16, 1945	Loehle B. Gast . . . . .	Saint Johns Lodge No. 25
May 17, 1945	Clarence E. Rainey . . . . .	Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
May 18, 1945	Wayne S. Curtis . . . . .	Hampton Lodge No. 245
May 18, 1945	Robert E. McCallum . . . . .	Fairbury Lodge No. 35
May 19, 1945	Warren H. Schroeder . . . . .	Fairbury Lodge No. 35
May 21, 1945	William P. Breeding . . . . .	Harvard Lodge No. 44
May 22, 1945	Norman D. Zahn . . . . .	Mount Moriah Lodge No. 57
May 23, 1945	Albert D. Procknow . . . . .	Solomon Lodge No. 10
May 31, 1945	Robert S. Knicely . . . . .	Hastings Lodge No. 50
June 1, 1945	Sherman F. Ashby . . . . .	Fairmont Lodge No. 48
June 4, 1945	Leland W. Herman . . . . .	Wayne Lodge No. 120
June 6, 1945	Stanley G. Hart . . . . .	Bartley Lodge No. 228
June 6, 1945	William G. Porter . . . . .	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
June 6, 1945	Joseph B. Schrock, Jr., . . . . .	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
June 6, 1945	Jack M. Stone . . . . .	Liberty Lodge No. 300
June 6, 1945	C. Cecil Eloë . . . . .	Aurora Lodge No. 68
June 6, 1945	Morton A. Kammerlohr . . . . .	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
June 6, 1945	Nicholas George Douvas . . . . .	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
June 6, 1945	George A. Crabill . . . . .	Minatare Lodge No. 295
June 8, 1945	Lowell V. Lape . . . . .	Thistle Lodge No. 61
June 8, 1945	Frederick Joseph Kuff . . . . .	Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
June 8, 1945	Everett B. Magar . . . . .	Auburn Lodge No. 124
June 8, 1945	Robert E. Padfield, Jr. . . . .	Florence Lodge No. 281

June 8, 1945	James A. Haire	Saint Johns Lodge No. 25
June 8, 1945	Roy Jean Ruhge	William E. Hill Lodge No. 307
June 8, 1945	Walter Harold Johnson	Euclid Lodge No. 97
June 9, 1945	Marlin F. Taylor	Fremont Lodge No. 15
June 9, 1945	William A. Teachman, Jr.	North Star Lodge No. 227
June 9, 1945	Burton L. Goddard	Purity Lodge No. 198
June 11, 1945	Walter W. Plummer, Jr.	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
June 11, 1945	Gus A. Anderson	Wahoo Lodge No. 59
June 13, 1945	Harold O. Walbridge	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
June 13, 1945	James M. Corner	Blue Hill Lodge No. 129
June 13, 1945	Robert E. Versaw	Blue Hill Lodge No. 129
June 13, 1945	George H. Christofferson, Jr.	Covert Lodge No. 11
June 13, 1945	Henry W. McHatton	Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205
June 13, 1945	Billie J. Carter	Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205
June 14, 1945	Robert R. Harney	Trestle Board Lodge No. 162
June 14, 1945	Harold E. Shaw	Capitol Lodge No. 3
June 15, 1945	John C. Luecke	Fairmont Lodge No. 48
June 15, 1945	Edward A. Feer	Washington Lodge No. 21
June 15, 1945	Pete Styner	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
June 15, 1945	Kenneth O. Butler	Hebron Lodge No. 43
June 20, 1945	Kenneth F. Peterson	McCook Lodge No. 135
June 21, 1945	Robert F. Shultz	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
June 21, 1945	Robert J. McNutt	Samaritan Lodge No. 158
June 21, 1945	Loren Ogden	Friendship Lodge No. 239
June 22, 1945	Richard E. Hawes	Beatrice Lodge No. 26
June 23, 1945	Jack A. Carey	James A. Tulleys Lodge No. 267
June 27, 1945	David E. Ells	Frank Welch Lodge No. 75
June 27, 1945	Edgar L. Williams	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
June 29, 1945	Fred Barton Greusel	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
June 30, 1945	Frank L. Griffin	Atkinson Lodge No. 164
June 30, 1945	Robert E. Clark	Saint Johns Lodge No. 25
July 2, 1945	William C. Cameron	Landmark Lodge No. 222
July 5, 1945	William H. Haugland	Sutherland Lodge No. 299
July 5, 1945	Thomas E. Cady	Sutherland Lodge No. 299
July 5, 1945	Robert E. Peterson	Florence Lodge No. 281
July 6, 1945	Earl E. Paustian	Frank Welch Lodge No. 75
July 6, 1945	Jack P. Schwarz	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
July 7, 1945	Wilbur Roy Grubbs	Fremont Lodge No. 15
July 7, 1945	Arthur O. Synstad	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
July 7, 1945	Warren O. Syas	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
July 7, 1945	Duane E. Deal	North Star Lodge No. 227
July 9, 1945	Marion A. Nelson	Hartington Lodge No. 155
July 9, 1945	John E. Warner	Mosaic Lodge No. 55
July 10, 1945	James D. Conner	Craftsmen Lodge No. 314
July 11, 1945	Thomas Cummings	Tecumseh Lodge No. 17
July 11, 1945	Donald W. Kile	Corner Stone Lodge No. 247
July 11, 1945	Stewart E. Heater	Robert Burns Lodge No. 173

July 12, 1945	Loren H. Nash	Charity Lodge No. 53
July 12, 1945	Stanley Kucera	North Bend Lodge No. 119
July 16, 1945	Robert E. Blankenship	Auburn Lodge No. 124
July 16, 1945	Jack Earl DePue	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
July 16, 1945	James A. Little	Granite Lodge No. 189
July 17, 1945	S. Robert Lough	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
July 17, 1945	Leon L. Slaughter	Baneroft Lodge No. 145
July 17, 1945	Harold W. Sedivy	Ornan Lodge No. 261
July 17, 1945	William H. Ebert	Evening Star Lodge No. 49
July 17, 1945	Norman C. Coekshan	Evening Star Lodge No. 49
July 18, 1945	Leslie Edward Lewis	Falls City Lodge No. 9
July 19, 1945	Floyd Everett Sanford	Capitol Lodge No. 3
July 20, 1945	Frank A. Smith, Jr.	McCook Lodge No. 135
July 21, 1945	Donald Eugene Davis	Lone Tree Lodge No. 36
July 21, 1945	Ray L. Cook	Solar Lodge No. 134
July 21, 1945	Leonard J. McLean	Solar Lodge No. 134
July 25, 1945	Emerson Mastny	Acacia Lodge No. 34
July 27, 1945	James F. Morton	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
July 27, 1945	Carl Blome	Harmony Lodge No. 321
July 28, 1945	Dean B. Bruggeman	Laurel Lodge No. 248
July 30, 1945	Ted Thompson	Meridian Lodge No. 188
July 30, 1945	Warren J. McGaughey	Arcana Lodge No. 195
July 30, 1945	Clifford L. Fauquier	Friendship Lodge No. 239
Aug. 1, 1945	Alan B. Kidd	Omaha Lodge No. 288
Aug. 1, 1945	Karl A. Peterson	Washington Lodge No. 21
Aug. 6, 1945	Harlan Lee Graham	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Aug. 6, 1945	Marvin Deselms	Purity Lodge No. 198
Aug. 6, 1945	Robert D. Osler	Purity Lodge No. 198
Aug. 6, 1945	Stewart P. Wiley	Purity Lodge No. 198
Aug. 7, 1945	Douglas D. Nelson	Wausa Lodge No. 251
Aug. 8, 1945	Thomas Barrows Burns	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Aug. 8, 1945	Evelle J. Younger	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Aug. 8, 1945	Kenneth C. Younger	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Aug. 8, 1945	Marshall H. Krieger	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Aug. 8, 1945	Lynn Hunsaker	Auburn Lodge No. 124
Aug. 9, 1945	W. Dean Reid	Hastings Lodge No. 50
Aug. 9, 1945	G. Leo Patton	Crete Lodge No. 37
Aug. 9, 1945	Freal C. Knox	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
Aug. 9, 1945	William A. Rachow	Gavel Lodge No. 199
Aug. 10, 1945	Russell E. Snygg	Grand Island Lodge No. 318
Aug. 10, 1945	Charles F. Slagle	Stella Lodge No. 105
Aug. 10, 1945	Joel W. Gatewood	Star Lodge No. 88
Aug. 11, 1945	Robert L. Hamel	Plainview Lodge No. 204
Aug. 11, 1945	Daniel D. Jewell	Mosaic Lodge No. 55
Aug. 11, 1945	Robert E. Nies, Jr.	Mosaic Lodge No. 55
Aug. 13, 1945	Russell G. Poling	York Lodge No. 56
Aug. 13, 1945	Richard Warren Peterson	Nebraska Lodge No. 1

Aug. 13, 1945	Herbert F. Miller	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Aug. 14, 1945	Harold E. Gentry, Jr.	Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201
Aug. 16, 1945	Donald E. Smalley	Harvard Lodge No. 44
Aug. 16, 1945	Edwin Johnson	Harvard Lodge No. 44
Aug. 16, 1945	James Johnson	Harvard Lodge No. 44
Aug. 20, 1945	Roderick Scattergood	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224
Aug. 21, 1945	Dillard Fox	Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148
Aug. 22, 1945	John A. Liming	Acacia Lodge No. 34
Aug. 25, 1945	James L. McLeish	Acacia Lodge No. 34
Aug. 25, 1945	Jerry C. Okrina	Fidelity Lodge No. 51
Aug. 27, 1945	Kenneth E. Dickerson	North Star Lodge No. 227
Aug. 27, 1945	James G. Brown	Harvard Lodge No. 44
Aug. 29, 1945	Frederick J. Ruff	Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
Aug. 29, 1945	Loren G. Wilson	Diamond Lodge No. 291
Aug. 30, 1945	Dale Anderson Monnich	Hooper Lodge No. 72
Aug. 31, 1945	Delman A. Moore	Bartley Lodge No. 228
Sept. 1, 1945	Robert A. Koontz	Edgar Lodge No. 67
Sept. 1, 1945	Elmer D. Williams	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Sept. 4, 1945	Thomas Boyer	Chester Lodge No. 298
Sept. 4, 1945	Kenneth R. Cain	Capitol Lodge No. 3
Sept. 6, 1945	Waldean C. McIntire	Sutherland Lodge No. 299
Sept. 6, 1945	Roy C. Riggle	Grand Island Lodge No. 318
Sept. 7, 1945	Charles S. Harrison	Trowel Lodge No. 71
Sept. 10, 1945	John Flaek	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Sept. 10, 1945	Gordon Frederick Smith	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Sept. 11, 1945	Gerald Brown	Kenesaw Lodge No. 144
Sept. 11, 1945	Virgil Edward Dolph	Boaz Lodge No. 185
Sept. 11, 1945	Merle F. Hall	Curtis Lodge No. 168
Sept. 12, 1945	Gordon W. Reams	Franklin Lodge No. 264
Sept. 14, 1945	Robert B. Craft	Mosaic Lodge No. 55
Sept. 14, 1945	B. H. Davidson	Crofton Lodge No. 273
Sept. 15, 1945	Rollin R. Bailey	Cotner Lodge No. 297
Sept. 17, 1945	Joseph O. Ritter	York Lodge No. 56
Sept. 17, 1945	Thomas H. Lake	Bee Hive Lodge No. 184
Sept. 17, 1945	Leland M. Obbink	Plumblin Lodge No. 214
Sept. 19, 1945	Wilson J. Wilbur	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Sept. 19, 1945	David Roy Vance	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Sept. 19, 1945	Robert W. Lacy	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
Sept. 20, 1945	C. Richard Johnson	Scribner Lodge No. 132
Sept. 21, 1945	Thomas J. Heatheote	Harvard Lodge No. 44
Sept. 24, 1945	William M. Elloe	Aurora Lodge No. 68
Sept. 25, 1945	William E. Jeffers	Aurora Lodge No. 68
Sept. 25, 1945	George Lay	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Sept. 25, 1945	Herbert O. Davis	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Sept. 25, 1945	Robert H. Miller	Mid-West Lodge No. 317
Sept. 26, 1945	Benjamin Hebner	Sioux Lodge No. 277
Sept. 27, 1945	Robert L. Albrecht	Liberty Lodge No. 300

Sept. 27, 1945	Everett E. Kreidler . . . . .	Globe Lodge No. 113
Oct. 4, 1945	George W. Aultman . . . . .	Harvard Lodge No. 44
Oct. 4, 1945	Orlie Ray Evans . . . . .	Zeredatha Lodge No. 160
Oct. 5, 1945	Gilbert Shaw . . . . .	George Washington Lodge No. 250
Oct. 8, 1945	Robert W. Porter . . . . .	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Oct. 8, 1945	Joseph W. Deardorff, Jr. . . . .	York Lodge No. 56
Oct. 10, 1945	Bennie R. Rodda . . . . .	McCook Lodge No. 135
Oct. 11, 1945	Gordon E. Hawley . . . . .	Omadi Lodge No. 5
Oct. 11, 1945	Joseph Lyle Laughlin . . . . .	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Oct. 12, 1945	Jack Gerber . . . . .	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
Oct. 15, 1945	Orville Arthur Olson, Jr. . . . .	Covert Lodge No. 11
Oct. 17, 1945	Donald E. Lee . . . . .	Gladstone Lodge No. 176
Oct. 20, 1945	Charles F. Wilkins . . . . .	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Oct. 22, 1945	Jack E. Knowles . . . . .	Robert Burns Lodge No. 173
Oct. 23, 1945	Gailord Duane Ryan . . . . .	Ionic Lodge No. 87
Oct. 24, 1945	Manley C. Crabtree . . . . .	Waterloo Lodge No. 102
Oct. 27, 1945	Harvey Knutson . . . . .	Hampton Lodge No. 245
Nov. 5, 1945	Durwood O. Statham . . . . .	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Nov. 5, 1945	Neale H. Morrow . . . . .	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Nov. 6, 1945	Lloyd W. Ough, Jr. . . . .	Wauneta Lodge No. 217
Nov. 7, 1945	Gordon D. Cisney . . . . .	College View Lodge No. 320
Nov. 9, 1945	Levon Vern Slaughter . . . . .	Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203
Nov. 9, 1945	Wm. Reuter . . . . .	Fremont Lodge No. 15
Nov. 9, 1945	Vernon R. Phillippe . . . . .	Fremont Lodge No. 15
Nov. 12, 1945	Charles H. Clark . . . . .	Mosaic Lodge No. 55
Nov. 12, 1945	Ritchie H. Clarke . . . . .	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Nov. 13, 1945	Forest L. Hintz, Jr. . . . .	Fremont Lodge No. 15
Nov. 15, 1945	Richard R. Rude . . . . .	McCook Lodge No. 135
Nov. 15, 1945	Robert L. Klima . . . . .	Ord Lodge No. 103
Nov. 16, 1945	Jack L. Elshire . . . . .	Jewel Lodge No. 149
Nov. 17, 1945	Lyndol E. Mears . . . . .	Ashlar Lodge No. 33
Nov. 19, 1945	William D. Misfeldt . . . . .	Fraternity Lodge No. 235
Nov. 19, 1945	Allan S. Beasley . . . . .	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Nov. 20, 1945	Julian Ray Abernathy . . . . .	McCook Lodge No. 135
Nov. 20, 1945	Van W. Bearinger . . . . .	Diamond Lodge No. 291
Nov. 23, 1945	Arthur A. Cooper . . . . .	Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
Nov. 28, 1945	William E. Ripley, Jr. . . . .	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224
Nov. 28, 1945	Raleigh B. Ripley . . . . .	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224
Dec. 1, 1945	Allen D. Money . . . . .	Golden Rule Lodge No. 236
Dec. 4, 1945	Andrew T. Ireland . . . . .	Crete Lodge No. 37
Dec. 6, 1945	Murray E. Stewart . . . . .	Wymore Lodge No. 104
Dec. 6, 1945	John R. Williams . . . . .	Wymore Lodge No. 104
Dec. 6, 1945	Lloyd R. Dobney . . . . .	Mosaic Lodge No. 55
Dec. 7, 1945	Russell K. Pierce, Jr. . . . .	Fremont Lodge No. 15
Dec. 7, 1945	Ted Wayne Heskett . . . . .	Fremont Lodge No. 15
Dec. 12, 1945	Clarence Rexford Plandk . . . . .	Beatrice Lodge No. 26
Dec. 13, 1945	Raymond C. Holt . . . . .	Hastings Lodge No. 50

Dec. 13, 1945	Lyle R. Troutman . . . . .	Evening Star Lodge No. 49
Dec. 15, 1945	Cidney J. Rork . . . . .	Thistle Lodge No. 61
Dec. 17, 1945	John E. Gillette . . . . .	Harlan Lodge No. 116
Dec. 19, 1945	Walter H. Williamson . . .	Beatrice Lodge No. 26
Dec. 19, 1945	Dustin Herbert Swanson.	Covert Lodge No. 11
Dec. 19, 1945	Joseph R. Doyle . . . . .	Covert Lodge No. 11
Dec. 19, 1945	Calvin J. Nodgaard . . . .	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
Dec. 21, 1945	Charles D. Hipsley . . . . .	Merna Lodge No. 171
Dec. 24, 1945	Aaron A. Long . . . . .	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Dec. 24, 1945	Edwin A. Wagner . . . . .	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Dec. 26, 1945	William J. Bingham . . . .	Acacia Lodge No. 34
Dec. 26, 1945	Charles R. Hinman . . . . .	Antelope Lodge No. 276
Dec. 29, 1945	Burton Denken . . . . .	Nelson Lodge No. 77
Dec. 29, 1945	James B. Wehrman, Jr. . .	Nelson Lodge No. 77
Dec. 29, 1945	David Peppler . . . . .	Lebanon Lodge No. 323
Jan. 2, 1946	Frank N. Townley . . . . .	Kenesaw Lodge No. 144
Jan. 2, 1946	Jack W. Dindinger . . . . .	Capitol Lodge No. 3
Jan. 2, 1946	Robert B. Hall . . . . .	Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285
Jan. 3, 1946	Keith E. Ernst . . . . .	Aurora Lodge No. 68
Jan. 8, 1946	Robert D. Dettman . . . . .	Purity Lodge No. 198
Jan. 8, 1946	Merle D. Lewis . . . . .	Purity Lodge No. 198
Jan. 12, 1946	James A. Schmidt . . . . .	Anselmo Lodge No. 258
Jan. 14, 1946	John N. Johnson, Jr. . . .	Bassett Mercer Lodge No. 254
Jan. 16, 1946	Franklin Everett Withrow,	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Jan. 17, 1946	Donald E. Carroll . . . . .	Antelope Lodge No. 276
Jan. 21, 1946	Harlan R. Sutton . . . . .	Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 •
Jan. 21, 1946	Waldron W. Weible . . . .	Fraternity Lodge No. 235
Jan. 28, 1946	Harold J. Hauberg . . . . .	Western Star Lodge No. 2
Jan. 30, 1946	Donald F. Spooner . . . . .	Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
Feb. 4, 1946	Jack J. Brennan . . . . .	Zion Lodge No. 234
Feb. 6, 1946	Howard M. Hoffmann . . .	Florence Lodge No. 281
Feb. 7, 1946	Harold E. Hirsh . . . . .	Thistle Lodge No. 61
Feb. 8, 1946	Hugh R. Engstrom . . . . .	Fraternity Lodge No. 235
Feb. 11, 1946	Willis C. Ashbaugh, Jr. . .	Lone Pine Lodge No. 136
Feb. 11, 1946	Paul W. Miller . . . . .	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
Feb. 18, 1946	Ian D. Youell . . . . .	Creighton Lodge No. 100
Feb. 21, 1946	Roger K. Wallace . . . . .	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Feb. 23, 1946	Bruce E. Keith . . . . .	Curtis Lodge No. 168
Feb. 26, 1946	Cassel D. Tyson . . . . .	Liberty Lodge No. 300
Mar. 6, 1946	Harry E. Smith, Jr. . . . .	Cambridge Lodge No. 150
Mar. 9, 1946	Eldon E. Darrington . . .	Crete Lodge No. 37
Mar. 9, 1946	Elwood Rowsey, Jr. . . . .	Capitol Lodge No. 3
Mar. 15, 1946	Dewald D. Hiner . . . . .	Wymore Lodge No. 104
Mar. 15, 1946	Donald J. Dillon . . . . .	Wymore Lodge No. 104
Mar. 15, 1946	John T. Nelson . . . . .	Mizpah Lodge No. 302
Mar. 16, 1946	Peter Petronek . . . . .	Garfield Lodge No. 95
Mar. 22, 1946	Keith LeRoy Wells . . . . .	Covert Lodge No. 11

Mar. 27, 1946	Rodney C. Kirkpatrick . . .	James A. Tulleys Lodge No. 267
Mar. 29, 1946	Louis Clell Noble . . . . .	Superior Lodge No. 121
Apr. 3, 1946	John Jeff Christopher . . .	North Star Lodge No. 227
Apr. 4, 1946	Van Bruce Wiggins . . . . .	Boaz Lodge No. 185
Apr. 8, 1946	Gerald C. Holmes . . . . .	Globe Lodge No. 113
Apr. 18, 1946	Roland G. Fox . . . . .	Florence Lodge No. 281
April 30, 1946	William George Lee . . . . .	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
May 8, 1946	Charles C. Watkins . . . . .	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
May 16, 1946	Richard J. Lundgren . . . . .	Canopy Lodge No. 209

#### MISCELLANEOUS DISPENSATIONS

Upon request and for good cause shown, miscellaneous dispensations were issued to the following mentioned lodges:

October 13, 1944. Special dispensation for a special communication of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 at the Masonic Temple, 19th and Douglas Streets, Omaha, to be held on October 21, 1944, for the purpose of cooperating with the other Masonic Lodges of Omaha in the corner stone laying ceremonies of the Omaha Masonic Boys Home.

October 13, 1944. Special dispensation to Florence Lodge No. 281 to open lodge at the Omaha Masonic Temple, 19th and Douglas Streets, Omaha, on October 21, 1944, so that Florence Lodge could participate in the laying of the corner stones at the Omaha Masonic Boys Home.

October 18, 1944. Special dispensation granted for a special communication of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha, at the Masonic Temple, 19th and Douglas Streets, to be held on October 21, 1944, for the purpose of cooperating with the other Masonic Lodges of Omaha in the corner stone laying ceremonies of the Omaha Masonic Boys Home.

September 4, 1945. Special dispensation to Tuscan Lodge No. 130 to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree upon a candidate in the Ulysses Masonic Hall.

January 30, 1946. Special dispensation to Bayard Lodge No. 301 to hold one regular meeting a month on the second Monday of each month in the Lodge rooms of Minatare Lodge No. 295, A. F. & A. M., Minatare, Nebraska, at 7:30 P. M., commencing with February 12, 1946, and such special meetings as may be necessary, and continuing until they are able to obtain proper quarters in Bayard, Nebraska.

May 6, 1946. Special dispensation granted Lincoln Lodge No. 19 to move its charter to the Scottish Rite Temple, 15th and L Streets, Lincoln, Nebraska, for June 1st, 1946, occasion being a visitation from the Masters and Wardens Club of Kansas City, Missouri, about 125 strong, at which time the visiting Club will confer the Master Mason Degree on their own candidate.

## BY-LAWS APPROVED

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

Name of Lodge	Location	Date
Omaha Lodge No. 288.....	Omaha .....	approved June 10, 1944
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290...	Omaha .....	approved July 13, 1944
Right Angle Lodge No. 303.....	Omaha .....	approved July 18, 1944
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210....	Lincoln .....	approved Aug. 15, 1944
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290...	Omaha .....	approved Sept. 25, 1944
Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148..	Broken Bow ..	approved Sept. 25, 1944
Landmark Lodge No. 222.....	Herman .....	approved Oct. 6, 1944
Minatare Lodge No. 295.....	Minatare .....	approved Oct. 25, 1944
Florence Lodge No. 281.....	Omaha .....	approved Nov. 13, 1944
Craftsmen Lodge No. 314.....	Lincoln .....	approved Nov. 15, 1944
Fraternity Lodge No. 235.....	Winside .....	approved Nov. 29, 1944
Falls City Lodge No. 9.....	Falls City .....	approved Dec. 11, 1944
Fairbury Lodge No. 35.....	Fairbury .....	approved Jan. 4, 1945
Mizpah Lodge No. 302.....	Omaha .....	approved Jan. 22, 1945
Victory Lodge No. 310.....	Valley .....	approved Febr. 2, 1945
Oakland Lodge No. 91.....	Oakland .....	approved Feb. 12, 1945
Laurel Lodge No. 248.....	Laurel .....	approved Feb. 12, 1945
Omaha Lodge No. 288.....	Omaha .....	approved Feb. 13, 1945
Blue River Lodge No. 30.....	Milford .....	approved Mar. 5, 1945
Northern Light Lodge No. 41....	Stanton .....	approved Mar. 16, 1945
Swastika Lodge No. 280.....	Sargent .....	approved Apr. 16, 1945
Right Angle Lodge No. 303.....	Omaha .....	approved Apr. 21, 1945
Polk Lodge No. 311.....	Polk .....	approved May 7, 1945
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290...	Omaha .....	approved May 24, 1945
Harmony Lodge No. 321.....	Dalton .....	approved June 30, 1945
Minatare Lodge No. 295.....	Minatare .....	approved July 18, 1945
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290...	Omaha .....	approved July 26, 1945
Aurora Lodge No. 68.....	Aurora .....	approved Aug. 20, 1945
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290...	Omaha .....	approved Aug. 23, 1945
Mosaic Lodge No. 55.....	Norfolk .....	approved Sept. 14, 1945
Mitchell Lodge No. 263.....	Mitchell .....	approved Sept. 25, 1945
Western Star Lodge No. 2.....	Nebraska City.	approved Sept. 27, 1945
Lincoln Lodge No. 19.....	Lincoln .....	approved Oct. 6, 1945
Ponea Lodge No. 101.....	Ponea .....	approved Nov. 1, 1945
Mount Zion Lodge No. 161.....	Shelby .....	approved Dec. 3, 1945
Fairbury Lodge No. 35.....	Fairbury .....	approved Dec. 8, 1945
Alexandria Lodge No. 74.....	Alexandria .....	approved Dec. 19, 1945
Frank Welch Lodge No. 75.....	Sidney .....	approved Jan. 2, 1946
Auburn Lodge No. 124.....	Auburn .....	approved Jan. 19, 1946
Cotner Lodge No. 297.....	Lincoln .....	approved Feb. 13, 1946
Rob Morris Lodge No. 46.....	Kearney .....	approved Mar. 11, 1946
Oasis Lodge No. 271.....	Morrill .....	approved Mar. 22, 1946

Capitol Lodge No. 3.....Omaha .....approved April 4, 1946  
 Delta Lodge No. 230.....Saint Edward ..approved Apr. 29, 1946  
 Bee Hive Lodge No. 184.....Omaha .....approved May 12, 1946

#### GRAND CUSTODIAN

W. Brother Lute M. Savage—"Brother Lute" as he is affectionately called by the brethren—has been able to hold Masonic schools of instruction as usual. The assistant custodians are all well-schooled in the esoteric work as taught in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Brother Lute is not as young as he once was, nor is his health as robust as formerly. In order to do the work of the Grand Custodian he has been required to travel at all times of the day or night and by every known means of conveyance, stay at poor hotels, and be irregular in his eating and sleeping habits. Consequently, I am of the opinion that more of the schools of instruction should be assigned to the assistant custodians than have been formerly.

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

The business of the office of the Grand Secretary has increased to such an extent that there was a need for additional personnel. M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, has a capable assistant in the person of R. W. Carl R. Greisen.

Brother Carl has had years of office experience. He has served on various committees of the Grand Lodge, including several years as a member of the Committee on Finance, and is particularly familiar with the finances of the Grand Lodge.

#### MASONIC VISITATIONS

June 8, 1944. Grand Master's Office, Omaha.

June 9, 1944. Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, in company with W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian.

June 10, 1944. Grand Master's Office, Omaha. Lunched with Grand Trustees and M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary. After lunch attended Trustees' meeting.

June 16, 1944. Grand Master's Office, Omaha.

June 23, 1944. Mason City Lodge No. 170, Mason City. Master Mason Degree conferred.

June 26, 1944. North Star Lodge No. 227, University Place. School of Instruction in Master Mason Degree. Grand Officers present were: M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master; M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Marshal; W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Deacon. W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, was in charge, assisted by Assistant Custodians W. Cecil C. Gates and W. Doc. L. Redfern.

June 27, 1944. Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln. Dinner. Master Mason Degree conferred on Rev. Bobbit by members of his church.

June 28, 1944. Eminence Lodge No. 223, Giltner. Masonic-Eastern Star celebration of the 50th anniversary of Eminence Lodge.

June 29, 1944. Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha. Dinner. Grand Officers present were: R.'W.'. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master; M.'W.'. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary; M.'W.'. William B. Wanner, Grand Marshal; W.'Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; W.'Hobart N. Corning, Grand Orator; and W.'Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Deacon. The address of the evening was by W.'Hobart N. Corning, Grand Orator.

June 30, 1944. Dinner with E.'Sir Knight Ayres, Commander of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha. After dinner attended Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, where four were Knighted.

July 1, 1944. Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha.

July 2, 1944. Attended Masonic Education Committee meeting at Hotel Cornhusker, Lincoln. Present: M.'W.'. Edward F. Carter, Chairman; Brethren Roy W. Deal, Benjamin F. Eyre, Walter L. Schnabel, Curry W. Watson.

July 4, 1944. Grand Master's Office, Omaha.

July 5, 1944. Grand Master's Office, Omaha.

July 6, 1944. Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth. After Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 was opened, Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge was opened for the purpose of conducting the funeral rites of M.'W.'. William A. Robertson.

July 20, 1944. Gladstone Lodge No. 176, Ansley. Master Mason Degree conferred.

July 21, 1944. Inspected new quarters for Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, and Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island.

July 22, 1944. Grand Master's Office, Omaha. Attended meeting of Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

August 17, 1944. Attended meeting of Masonic War Service Committee at Lincoln.

August 18, 1944. Opened Emergent Communication at Masonic Hall, Lexington, for funeral services of M.'W.'. Frederic L. Temple. M.'W.'. Charles A. Chappell, M.'W.'. Chancellor A. Phillips and R.'W.'. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Junior Warden, were present.

August 18, 1944. Inspected proposed new location of Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, Kenesaw.

September 4, 1944. Attended McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook. McCook Lodge No. 135 conducted funeral rites of Brother Senator George W. Norris.

September 6, 1944. Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo. Grand Lodge Officers honored. Grand Lodge officers present were: R.'W.'. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master; R.'W.'. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Senior

Warden; M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Marshal; V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain; W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Deacon; W. Raymond C. Pollard, Grand Tyler; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; W. Raymond C. Cook, Assistant Custodian; W. Wallace E. Linn, Assistant Custodian.

September 7, 1944. Grand Master's Office, Omaha.

September 8, 1944. Attended Board meeting of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

September 8, 1944. Guest of Eastern Star at Mason City. Initiation. Litchfield Eastern Star also guests.

September 14 & 15, 1944. Attended National Convention of the National Federated Craft at Omaha. Took part in Memorial services for M. W. William A. Robertson.

September 29, 1944. Visited Cable Lodge No. 225, Arnold. Master Mason Degree conferred.

October 7, 1944. Attended meeting of Board of Trustees of Nebraska Masonic Home held in Omaha.

October 7, 1944. Met with Grand Trustees and M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, at Omaha.

October 16, 1944. York Lodge No. 56, York. After opening of lodge, an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge was declared for purpose of conducting funeral rites of M. W. Ira C. Freet.

October 16, 1944. Attended Eastern Star meeting at Loup City. Grand Officers of O. E. S. honored.

October 20, 1944. Laid three corner stones for Omaha Masonic Home for Boys.

October 23, 1944. Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha.

October 25, 1944. Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow, gave a reception at the Broken Bow First Baptist Church in my honor and presented me with a beautiful gold pen and pencil set. R. W. Edward Hualdt gave the address of the evening. This honor was deeply appreciated, coming as it did from my brothers with whom I have worked for so many years.

October 27, 1944. Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln. Railroad Day. M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master was present.

October 28, 1944. Attended Grand Trustees meeting at Omaha.

October 28, 1944. Attended banquet of Saint Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha. Seventy-fifth anniversary celebration.

October 30, 1944. Conferred with Nebraska Masonic War Service Committee, Lincoln. In the evening attended dinner of seven Chapters of O. E. S. for Grand Officers. After dinner O. E. S. Chapter was opened at Scottish Rite Temple and guests were introduced.

November 7, 1944. Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte.

November 10, 1944. Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha. Past Masters' night. M. W. Edward F. Carter gave the address at the dinner. Entered Apprentice Degree conferred.

November 12, 1944. Attended meeting of Committee on Masonic Education held at the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

November 21, 1944. Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff. Master Mason Degree conferred. Thirty-one lodges represented. Seven states represented. M. W. John L. Sawyer, Grand Master of Masons in Wyoming, and M. W. George O. Hanna, Jr., Past Grand Master of Masons in Wyoming, and W. Jesse Entrekin, Assistant Custodian, were present.

November 22, 1944. Inspected lodge building of Harmony Lodge No. 321, Dalton.

November 22, 1944. Potter Lodge No. 313, Potter. Master Mason Degree conferred. Representatives from Kimball, Sidney, Dalton, and Lodgepole, and W. Austin F. Whitmire, Assistant Custodian, were present.

November 23, 1944. Joint meeting of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, and Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island. Grand Officers present: M. W. William J. Breckenridge, Past Grand Master; R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Senior Warden; W. Fred G. Christensen, Assistant Custodian.

November 28, 1944. Attended dinner at Arnold, celebrating Fiftieth Anniversary of Cable Lodge No. 225, Arnold. W. John Finch, who is the only living charter member, was present.

December 5, 1944. Guest at breakfast, Fontenelle Hotel, given by York Cross of Honor. After breakfast and after the Grand Council had convened, was presented to the Grand Council. At 6:30 attended Grand Council dinner.

December 6, 1944. Attended Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Omaha. Attended Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association dinner. After dinner attended conferring of Order of High Priesthood.

December 14, 1944. Attended One Hundred Eighth Reunion of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at Omaha. Dinner 6:30. Extended greetings.

December 15, 1944. Lunched with Square and Compass Club at Castle Hotel, Omaha. Dinner and joint meeting of the Nebraska War Service Committee and the Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund Committee at Omaha. Besides Masonic Committee members, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, and R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master, were present.

December 16, 1944. Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha. Burning of the mortgage. Grand Officers present: M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary; R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master; W. Lute M.

Savage, Grand Custodian; W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Deacon.

December 19, 1944. Attended banquet given by Ord Lodge No. 103 at Ord. R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Senior Warden, was present.

January 1, 1945. Meeting at Grand Master's office in Omaha with a Grand Lodge committee.

January 2, 1945. Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont. Installed officers.

January 4, 1945. Gladstone Lodge No. 176, Ansley. Installed officers.

January 5, 1945. Joint installation of Swastika Lodge No. 280, Sargent, and O. E. S. at Sargent. Installed officers of Swastika Lodge.

January 18, 1945. Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance. Public installation. Fifty-year badge presented. Presented Past Master's Certificate to W. Reuben E. Knight. Address.

January 19, 1945. Zion Lodge No. 234, Hyannis, Gave address.

January 19, 1945. Mullen Lodge No. 282, Mullen.

January 19, 1945. Seneca Lodge No. 284, Seneca. Gave address.

January 22, 1945. Spent day in Grand Master's office, Omaha. Attended Aksarben Chapter O. E. S., Omaha. Installation. Edna Maloney, Worthy Grand Matron; Harold T. Landeryou, General Grand Patron; and William J. Krug, Worthy Grand Patron, were present. Dinner with Capitol Lodge officers. Past Master's night.

January 23, 1945. Meeting of stockholders of Nebraska Masonic Home. Trustees' meeting. Meeting of stockholders of Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. Trustees' meeting.

January 30, 1945. Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln. Grand Officers present: M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master; M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master; W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Deacon. Presented Bronze Jordan Medal to Brother Howard L. Seofield.

February 6, 1945. Attended meeting of Board of Nebraska Masonic Home, held at Omaha. Had lunch with Brother William Evers, Superintendent of Plattsmouth Home, and Brother Raymond C. Cook, Assistant Custodian.

February 20, 1945. Grand Master's Office, Omaha.

March 3, 1945. Met with M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary; R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Junior Warden, at Grand Island.

March 8 & 9, 1945. Attended Central School of Instruction at Broken Bow. The school was conducted by W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, with the assistance of Harold D. Weddel, Assistant Custodian.

April 1, 1945. Attended Easter services with Knights Templar at Presbyterian Church, Broken Bow.

April 6, 1945. Lincoln. Masonic interest.

April 7, 1945. Grand Master's Office, Omaha.

April 8, 1945. Attended annual meeting of Scottish Rite Relief Board and Nebraska Educational League and Scottish Rite Educational Welfare Association meeting at Lincoln.

April 10, 1945. Anselmo Lodge No. 258, Anselmo. Master Mason Degree conferred on two candidates.

April 15, 1945. Met with Masters & Wardens Club of Omaha, at Plattsmouth.

April 25, 1945. Grand Master's Office, Omaha. Attended banquet of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha, in evening.

April 26, 1945. One Hundred Ninth Reunion of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at Omaha. Attended evening banquet.

May 20, 1945. Attended meeting of Grand Lodge Officers in Grand Master's Office, Omaha.

May 21, 1945. Attended meeting of Board of Trustees of Masonic-Eastern Star Home, Fremont.

May 22, 1945. Spent day in Grand Master's Office, Omaha. Guest of officers of Omaha Masonic Boys Home at buffet supper. Met Brother Harry W. Bundy, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Colorado and Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Order of Demolay.

May 29, 1945. Attended joint meeting of Omaha lodges on raising funds for Nebraska Masonic Home. Present: R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master; W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Deacon; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; Brother Raymond C. Cook, Assistant Custodian; Brother William Evers, Superintendent of Plattsmouth Home.

June 3, 1945. Met with Finance Committee in Omaha.

June 4, 1945. Grand Master's Office, Omaha.

June 5, 1945. Grand Master's Office, Omaha. In evening attended dinner for officers of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys.

June 23, 1945. Attended Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebration of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte. Was duly received and presented. Present: R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Junior Warden; W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Deacon; V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; Raymond C. Cook, Assistant Custodian; William Evers, Superintendent of Plattsmouth Home; John R. Hughes, a member of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, and a member of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

July 10, 1945. Met with Nebraska Masonic Home Board of Omaha.

July 12, 1945. Visited Merna Lodge No. 171, Merna. Third Degree conferred.

September 9, 1945. Meeting of Grand Lodge Officers and Jurisprudence Committee at Omaha.

September 23, 1945. Attended dedication of buildings at Omaha Masonic Home for Boys.

September 24, 1945. W. Brother Elmer Magee, Grand Jr. Deacon, acted as my official representative at Master-Wardens School of Instruction at Lincoln.

October 3, 1945. R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master, was my representative at special meeting of Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo.

November 29, 1945. Attended Scottish Rite banquet at Omaha.

December 4 & 5, 1945. R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master, acted as my official representative at the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Chapter of Royal and Select Masons, Omaha.

December 4, 1945. Attended Grand Trustees' meeting, held at Omaha.

December 5, 1945. Attended banquet of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Omaha.

January 18, 1946. Installed officers of Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Mid-West Lodge No. 317 at Hastings.

January 23, 1946. Attended stockholders meeting of Nebraska Masonic Home and Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, held at Omaha.

February 21-23, 1946. Attended Grand Masters' Conference at Washington, D. C.

March 5, 1946. Dedication of Masonic Temple, Norfolk.

March 15, 1946. Attended School of Instruction at Mason City, Lodge, No. 170.

March 19, 1946. Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway.

March 20, 1946. Hebron Lodge No. 43, Hebron.

March 26, 1946. Presented Gold Jordan Medal to Brother Hiram A. Harter, Plattsmouth.

March 27, 1946. Social evening, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney.

March 28, 1946. Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha. Promotion of Masonic interest.

April 2, 1946. Meeting of Grand Trustees at Omaha.

April 7, 1946. Attended annual meeting of Scottish Rite Educational Welfare Association, and a meeting of the Scottish Rite Relief Board and Nebraska Educational League at Lincoln.

April 17, 18 & 19, 1946. Guest of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, Omaha.

April 27, 1946. Accompanied officers of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 to Chariton Lodge No. 63, Chariton, Iowa. Third Degree was conferred by the officers on an actual Iowa candidate. There were present: M. W. William L. Perkins, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Iowa; M. W. Willis J. Bray, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. There were thirty-four lodges represented and four states.

April 28, 1946. Met with Committee on Masonic Education at Lincoln Hotel, Lincoln.

May 1, 1946. Grand Master's Office, Omaha.

May 9, 1946. Grand Master's Office, Omaha. Guest at Spring Reunion of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Omaha.

May 14, 1946. Attended meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

May 14, 15 and 16, 1946. Guest of Grand Chapter, O. E. S., Omaha.

May 23 and 24, 1946. Attended annual National Convention of the National Sojourners at Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha.

June 1, 1946. Visited Lincoln Lodge No. 19, held in the Scottish Rite Temple where the Masters and Wardens Club of Kansas City conferred the Master Mason's Degree upon their own candidate according to the ritual of the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri.

#### VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

June 13, 14 & 15, 1944. Attended Grand Lodge Communication of Iowa, held at Cedar Rapids. M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Marshal, also attended.

June 13 & 14, 1944. M. W. Walter R. Raecke was my official representative to the Grand Lodge Communication of South Dakota, held at Huron.

June 13 & 14, 1944. M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, and R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master, were my official representatives to the Grand Lodge Communication of Wisconsin, held at Milwaukee.

August 28 and 29, 1944. Attended Grand Lodge Communication of Wyoming, held at Sheridan.

September 19 & 20, 1944. Attended Grand Lodge Communication of Colorado, held at Denver.

September 26 & 27, 1944. Attended Grand Lodge Communication of Missouri, held at Kansas City. M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Marshal, also attended.

October 8, 9 & 10, 1944. Attended Grand Lodge Communication of Illinois, held at Chicago. M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, also attended.

November 12 & 13, 1945. R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master, was my official representative to the Twenty-sixth Biennial Meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, held at Louisville. M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, and R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Junior Warden, also attended.

February 13 & 14, 1946. R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Junior Warden, was my official representative to the Grand Lodge Communication of Kansas, held at Topeka.

## CENTENNIALS

M. W. William B. Wanner and I attended the One Hundreth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 12, 13 & 14, 1944.

Twenty-two Grand Jurisdictions were represented by having members in attendance and two Grand Jurisdictions were represented by members from other jurisdictions who were attending. The two Grand Lodges of Canada were represented. Thus nearly two million Masons were represented at the celebration.

Every courtesy and consideration was extended to us; M. W. Clifford Jory, his officers, and brethren were excellent hosts.

The banquet, historical play, theater entertainment, motion pictures taken, and other entertainment were all evidence of great preparation long in advance for a great event in the history of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Everything was conducted so well that we who were guests were not conscious, at the time, of the planning and work necessary for such a successful and enjoyable celebration.

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin celebrated at Milwaukee its One Hundreth Anniversary at the same time as the Grand Lodge of Iowa celebrated its One Hundreth Anniversary. I appointed R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master, as my representative to attend this celebration. M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, also attended. They report that every courtesy and consideration was extended to them and that the celebration was a great event in the history of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

## NATIONAL FEDERATED CRAFT

The National Convention of the National Federated Craft was held in Omaha, Nebraska, on September 13, 14 & 15, 1944.

I attended the convention, welcomed the visiting delegates on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and enjoyed meeting many distinguished Masons and members of the Craft from every part of the United States.

At the close of the convention the following resolution was presented to me:

## RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS The Fourteenth Annual Convention of National Federated Craft has been honored by the presence of the Most Worshipful William C. Schaper at the opening session; and

WHEREAS The Most Worshipful William C. Schaper very kindly addressed us with cordial words of welcome;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That National Federated Craft in Convention assembled extend to the Most Worshipful William C. Schaper our sincere thanks for the friendliness and fraternal interest shown in our annual meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Most Worshipful William C. Schaper and a copy made a part of the records of this convention.

/s/ F. E. Frazier, Chairman  
 Craft No. 91, New Orleans  
 /s/ Ralph F. Curry  
 Craft No. 28, Kansas City  
 /s/ C. A. Christoferson  
 Craft No. 126, Sioux Falls"

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

On January 7, 1945, I received the following telegram:

"Washington DC Jan. 7, 1945

William C. Schaper, Grand Master  
 Broken Bow, Nebr

Knowing that Masons always patriotically assist in the war effort and after mature consideration and consultation by wire and telephone with officials of our respective groups, we, the executive officers of four Masonic associations and conferences, herewith call off the meetings of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, The Masonic Service Association, The Grand Masters Conference and the Grand Secretaries Conference, all scheduled to be held in Washington, DC, February 21 to 24, 1945, inclusive. This we do in full confidence of your approbation and satisfaction that the fraternity bow to the will of the government in reducing travel. This wire also sent to your Grand Secretary.

Elmer R. Arm, President George Washington Masonic  
 National Memorial Association  
 Andrew Foulds, Jr., Chairman Executive Commission  
 Masonic Service Association.  
 William F. Strang, Chairman Grand Masters Conference  
 Committee  
 Richard C. Davenport, President Grand Secretaries  
 Conference"

As a consequence, these meetings, scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., February 21 to February 24, 1945, were not held.

However, on February 23, 1945, I presented the Grand Lodge's check in the amount of \$2,500 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association to apply on the quota assigned to this Grand Lodge for the building of the Memorial, and a proper receipt was secured.

The Association met in Washington, D. C. in the Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, on February 22, 1946, and at that time I delivered to the Association another check of the Grand Lodge in the amount of \$2,027.00 to be applied on our quota for the building of the Memorial. The quota assigned to this Grand Lodge was \$42,027. The balance now due

is \$8,000. I recommend that provision be made to pay the balance due within the next two years.

I prepared the following resolution and presented it to a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association. The resolution is as follows:

#### "RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, the Masons of the world, and particularly of our beloved America, have been, and are, inspired by this Memorial to the great American and the great Mason, and,

WHEREAS, the Masons, rich and poor, according to their individual means, have contributed, and are contributing, to the fund which makes this fitting Memorial to a great man possible, and,

WHEREAS, the Craft generally has made its contributions to honor and build a memorial to one, and only one man, namely, Worshipful Brother George Washington, and,

WHEREAS, this Memorial should not become a hall of fame, now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this edifice shall not be used, nor space provided, for the purpose of erecting a memorial or memorials to any Masonic Body, man or men; nor space allotted for headquarters or offices for any organization except the Masonic Bodies in Alexandria, Virginia."

The resolution was called to the attention of the Board of Trustees of the association.

Each year a committee is selected to place a wreath on the tomb of Brother George Washington at Mount Vernon. This year I was selected as a member of this committee. The chairman was M. W. Pat M. Neff, Grand Master, Texas, who delivered a masterful address. Other members of the committee were: M. W. Arthur W. Brouillet, Grand Master, California; M. W. Charles B. Huestis, Grand Master, Arizona, M. W. Frank D. Allen, Grand Master, Colorado; M. W. J. Henry Wilkinson, Grand Master, Georgia; M. W. Dwight L. Smith, Grand Master, Indiana; M. W. Otto E. Passman, Past Grand Master, Louisiana; M. W. Charles E. Crossland, Grand Master, Maine; M. W. Vernon Gates, Grand Master, Minnesota.

#### GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE

Due to government restrictions on conventions, the Grand Masters' Conference was not held in 1945, but was convened again in Washington, D. C., on February 20, 1946, and continued through February 21.

R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, and I attended the conference.

The subjects for discussion were:

1. EXTENDING OUR MASONIC CABLETOW TO MASONS IN WAR DEVASTATED COUNTRIES.

- A. Europe—Ray V. Denslow, P. G. M., Missouri, Chairman of M. S. A. Committee which visited Europe in 1945.
- B. Philippines—Arthur W. Brouilett, G. M., California.
- 2. MASONIC POSTWAR ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS.
  - A. Lincoln Grant Kelly, G. M., Utah.
  - B. Herbert A. Crowell, G. M., Rhode Island.
  - C. Paul M. West, G. M., Mississippi.
- 3. HOW CAN MASONRY AVOID REPEATING THE MISTAKES MADE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR I?
  - A. Assimilation and Limitation of membership. Roscoe J. Burch, G. M., Michigan.
  - B. Grand Lodge Control of lodge expenditures, particularly for the erection of temples. Daniel Hope, G. M., Maryland.
- 4. POSTWAR DEVELOPMENTS IN MASONIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.
  - A. For the newly made brother—Samuel H. Wragg, G. M., Massachusetts.
  - B. For the older brother—Dwight L. Smith, G. M., Indiana.
- 5. WILL ADDITIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION ELIMINATE OR MINIMIZE THE NEED FOR MASONIC HOMES AND IF SO WHAT OTHER CHARITABLE PROJECTS SHOULD THE FRATERNITY SPONSOR?
  - Albert L. Devos, G. M., Wisconsin.
- 6. CLANDESTINE MASONRY TODAY. IS IT A MENACE, AND IF SO, WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT?
  - Fred W. Hartman, G. M., Oregon.

The Grand Masters' dinner was held in the Congressional Room of the Willard Hotel on Wednesday evening. February 20 Brother John W. Brieker, former Governor of Ohio, delivered the principal address.

R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master, and I were the guests of M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, at the dinner of the Grand Secretaries held at the Willard Hotel on the evening of February 21st.

The Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and their ladies were surprised and delighted to receive an invitation to attend a reception at the White House on February 21, 1946, at 3:45 P. M. We were each graciously received by the President, M. W. Harry S. Truman, Mrs. Truman, and their daughter, Margaret. Music during the reception was furnished by the Marine band. Light refreshments were served.

#### MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Our Home for Children at Fremont is efficiently managed by a Board of Trustees, of which W. Brother James C. Suttie is President. Our little ones are well-cared for.

Students of Sociology agree generally that ten years hence, as a result of hasty war marriages, many children will need institutional care, and that homes such as ours at Fremont will be filled. How to care for these children will pose a real problem.

Our Home at Fremont has made a real contribution to society by caring for many children from broken homes. It will be able to make even a greater contribution to society in the future.

We must not lose sight of the fact that there will always be children from broken homes to care for, and the Masons of Nebraska can take just pride in the fact that they have a splendid Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

#### THE THOMAS R. MORROW GIFT FUND

This fund was established by a young sergeant in the U. S. army. In December, 1944, \$121.00 more was added to the fund. Under date of December 18, 1944, I wrote the following letter:

“December 18, 1944.

“T/Sgt. Thomas R. Morrow,  
390th Bomb, Sqdn. (M),  
A. P. O. 159,  
c/o Postmaster,  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Dear Mr. Morrow:

My attention has been called to the fact that you have contributed an additional \$121.00 to the Thomas R Morrow Gift Fund of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont. I want you to know that I appreciate your interest in our Home at Fremont. I do not know whether you are a Mason or not, nor do I know what prompted you to establish this fund. I would be glad to have you inform me on these points if you care to do so, as I would like to make special mention of these facts in my annual address to the Grand Lodge. I do not know whether you ever visited the Home at Fremont and I would be glad to know if you have ever visited the home.

This I do know, that the Masons are grateful for your interest in this home and you are doing a worthwhile work in the building of this fund.

With the compliments of the Season and with best wishes,  
I am,

Yours very truly  
/s/William C. Schaper,  
Grand Master”

I received the following reply:

"Febr. 10, 1945

"William C. Schaper  
1009 South D Street  
Broken Bow, Nebraska  
Dear Sir:

I have just received your very fine letter of Dec. 18, 1944, and would like to thank you for same. In regard to your questions, I will answer them to the best of my ability. First—No Sir, I am not a Mason. But it has always been my desire that the first opportunity I would join. My father was a Mason. And in my too few dim memories of him he once stated a Mason can be trusted. Later my Aunt, Miss Lilian Morrow, also made the same remark. She being one of the three who raised me from a small child because of the death of my parents at an early age. As for the thought behind the donations, well sir, that is part my training and part my own idea. Whatever the fund can be best used for in the operation of your home is my only desire. As for publicity, I never did take that into consideration one way or another. If you desire to mention the facts in your reports I see no harm in that. No, Sir. I have never visited your home, but would like to at some time. Although it is a bit late in wishing Season's Greetings I would like to do so to all.

Respectfully,

T/Sgt. T. R. Morrow  
390th Bomb. Sqdn (M)  
Apo 159 c/o PM,  
San Francisco, Calif."

I am glad to here make a permanent record of this letter from an army sergeant.

#### THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME AT PLATTSMOUTH

The officers and Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth submitted to me for approval of a plan to raise a fund of \$341,920.00 for needed buildings and facilities at the home. It is conceded by everyone who is familiar with the facts that additional buildings and facilities, befitting a great institution such as this Grand Lodge, are needed at our home to care for our own. I approved the plan. The Committee and President of the Board of Trustees will report fully as to the plan.

Many of the brethren and subordinate lodges responded nobly and promptly to the call for funds. Others have not responded so well and some few not at all. It is an interesting study to note which lodges have responded to the call and which have not. I suggest that every Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction make a comparative study of the amounts subscribed by the various lodges to a project which gives needed practical effect to one of the tenets of our profession.

W. Brother William F. Evers is the superintendent of the home. He went to the home as superintendent while a very young man and, though well past middle age, he still retains his youthful and buoyant spirit, which means so much to the guests in our Nebraska Masonic Home.

#### BADGES, MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES

From June, 1944, to June, 1945, fifty-two Fifty Year Buttons were presented, and from June, 1945, to June, 1946, fifty-seven Fifty Year Buttons were presented—a total of one hundred nine.

Thirty-three Bronze Jordan Medals have been presented during the past two years.

I call attention to the Past Masters' Certificates which may be obtained from the Grand Secretary's office, and the fact that not all of the subordinate lodges present these certificates to their Past Masters. These certificates are prized highly by the Past Masters to whom they have been presented and I urge the subordinate lodges, if they have not done so, to present these certificates to their Past Masters.

Masonic Badges, medals and certificates have a definite meaning and significance. I salute those who have earned them.

#### REINSTATEMENTS

Eight hundred ninety-five applications for reinstatement after suspension for more than three years for non-payment of dues have been approved. Each application was carefully checked and approved by the Advisory Committee on Reinstatement before being submitted to me. The work of this Committee is a distinct contribution to the welfare of this Grand Lodge, and the brothers whose applications were approved are no doubt pleased with their reinstatement to membership in good standing in their respective lodges.

#### TRIAL COMMISSIONS

I have appointed several trial commissions in different parts of the state to dispose of complaints filed. Each commission has disposed of the cases before it in fairness to the accused and in accordance with Masonic laws. Complete records of each trial are filed in the office of the Grand Secretary.

All complaints, with one exception, have pertained to the sale of intoxicating liquors. It would appear that the lure of money to be made from the sale of a beverage which enslaves men and even women to a licentious habit has been too much for some of our brethren and some have chosen to suffer expulsion from their lodge rather than refrain from engaging in a business in violation of Masonic laws.

It is no defense to say that the state licenses the sale of intoxicating liquors. Our Masonic law does not and should not permit Masons to engage either directly or indirectly in the sale of intoxicating liquors.

### AREA MEETINGS

Due to gas rationing and restrictions on travel, area meetings were not held during my administration. In my opinion, however, the time has now come to again hold area meetings in different parts of the state.

A great benefit was derived by the Craft from the area meetings held before the war, and the Craft generally was well pleased with these meetings. Well-planned area meetings give subordinate lodge officers an opportunity to discuss their problems with officers of other lodges and with Grand Lodge officers, and enables the Masons in a given area to become better acquainted.

It seems to me that the Committee on Masonic Education should be given authority to make plans for area meetings as a part of their work on Masonic education. We cannot place too much stress on the right kind of Masonic education.

### SARAH W. HOLLY WILL

Sarah W. Holly, a member of Maple Leaf Chapter of the Eastern Star, Omaha, died testate, leaving a will which created a life estate and which contained a provision as follows:

"B. All the rest, residue and remainder of my property, both real, personal and mixed, I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the said Grand Lodge to use the income from the property herein bequeathed and devised to it for the use of The Nebraska Masonic Home located at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, provided, however, that if at any time a new building for the housing of residents is erected at said Home the said Grand Lodge is hereby authorized to use the entire fund herein devised to it in the erection of said building."

The life estate has since been terminated by the death of the life tenant, and the cash fund now available to the Grand Lodge under the above provision will be approximately \$26,000.00. In addition there are 160 acres of land near O'Neill, Nebraska, which will pass under this provision.

I recommend that this fund be placed in the building fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

### THE NEW CODE

The Special Committee on Masonic Code, consisting of M. W. Earl J. Lee, 15, as chairman, and Brothers Clarence T. Spier, 268, Robert W. Patterson, 265, Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59, and Harry A. Spencer, 227, as members, has completed the task assigned to it, and I recommend that the Committee be dismissed.

This Committee compiled and published in 1946, by order of the Grand Lodge, a complete revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of

the Grand Lodge, complete with Annotations of Decisions and all Amendments to By-Laws and Decisions to 1944. New features of the Code are: key number system, incorporation of decisions of the Grand Masters in the form of annotations, and a rearrangement of the index. The Code is now up to date and has been compiled and published in accordance with the most modern methods.

The Code Committee has completed a splendid piece of work, and on behalf of the Craft I extend to the members of the Committee our congratulations and appreciation.

#### OMAHA MASONIC HOME FOR BOYS

This Home is operated by individual Masons independently of this Grand Lodge. Solicitation of Masons as such in Nebraska for funds for the Home is limited to those who reside in Douglas County, Nebraska, and to those who live outside of Douglas County but are members of lodges in that county. Solicitation of Masonic lodges and Masons as such outside of Nebraska is not permitted unless permission is first obtained from the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which it is desired to make solicitations. Approval, if given, must then be submitted to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska or to any person, persons, or committee lawfully delegated by him to act on such matters.

No approval has been given by me for solicitation outside of Douglas County, Nebraska.

I have had occasion a number of times to call attention to the report of the special committee on the Omaha Masonic Boys Home which is cited on pages 81 to 89 of the Grand Lodge Proceedings for the year 1941. This report should be read by every Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction as it recites the history of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys.

#### NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

The Laymen's National Committee requested Masons to observe National Bible Week. In response to this appeal, I directed the Committee on Education to make arrangements for Masonic observance of National Bible Week in October, 1944, and again in October, 1945. That Committee notified the subordinate lodges that Masons in Nebraska were requested by me to observe National Bible Week in an appropriate manner and prepared suggested programs for their use in observance of that week. The Committee on Education reported that many of the lodges were well pleased with the attendance at their special programs in observance of National Bible Week.

#### NATIONAL SOJOURNERS

The National Sojourners held their twenty-sixth annual National Convention on May 23 and 24, 1946, at the Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska. I delivered one of the addresses of welcome and spoke at the banquet.

Membership in the National Sojourners consists principally of Masons who are or who have been commissioned officers in one of the military services of the United States. Officers, ranging in rank from lieutenants and ensigns to generals and admirals from all parts of the United States, and their ladies were in attendance at the convention.

It was a good convention. The program was interesting and instructive. I believe that the exchange of ideas resulting from the discussions will do much to advance the principles of Masonry.

#### DUAL AND PLURAL MEMBERSHIPS

In my opinion this Grand Lodge should consider the subject of dual and plural membership at this communication.

At present we do not have a definite law on the subject, and there is considerable doubt that any of our laws touch the subject even by implication. Section 67 provides that Honorary Membership in subordinate lodges is not recognized in this jurisdiction, but that is all there is on the subject. We need definite legislation on the subject.

I quote from a letter dated March 26, 1946. It is written on Frankfurt on Main Masonic Club stationery by a United States Army officer.

"Masons in good standing in various Masonic jurisdictions of the United States, now serving in Germany in the U. S. occupation forces, military or civilian, have banded together to form the Frankfurt on Main Masonic Club. This club meets in a former German Masonic temple, seized by the Nazi government, and now taken over by our Army. The building was damaged by bombing and is being rebuilt under our auspices. We have been advised that German Masonic bodies are not recognized by U. S. grand lodges, and no Masonic communication is held with them. Military government does not permit them to meet, in any case.

"Members of this club have petitioned the Grand Lodge of Oregon for dispensation to organize a duly constituted lodge, so that proper Masonic work can be done. U. S. citizens with the occupation forces, upon their request, and being found worthy, may thereby receive the degrees of the Ancient Craft Masonry. Approval has not yet been received from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, but we hope that we will soon receive favorable consideration.

"In the event that we are duly authorized to open a lodge, the question of dual membership will arise. There are many brothers now located here who would affiliate with the new lodge, but would like to retain membership in home lodges located in your and other U. S. jurisdictions. It is respectfully requested that you advise us of the rulings of your grand lodge in this respect, so that we may properly counsel our brethren.

"The problem of many brothers is understandable. Here in Germany because of military necessity, they wish to enjoy the benefits and privileges of the Fraternity, yet do not wish to sever home lodge ties of long standing. Most of them will return to those home lodges in a matter of

months, or, at the most, in a few years. It is sincerely hoped that this request will receive your early answer. We should appreciate also receiving a copy of your latest proceedings."

How shall we answer this letter? What is the best thing to do for the good of Masonry? Any action taken by this Grand Lodge at this communication on this subject will probably settle the matter for many years to come.

### DECISIONS

Numerous inquiries concerning Masonic law have been directed to me as Grand Master in the past two years. The answers to many of the questions have necessitated decisions in the true sense of the word, inasmuch as there was either a lack of precedent for the answers or a confusion in the law on the subjects involved. The answers to some of the questions, however, were found in the Masonic laws or decisions of past Grand Masters, so these are not decisions within the strict meaning of that word, but are included here under the title "Decisions" because the numerous times the questions have been asked would indicate that there is some need to familiarize the Craft generally with the answers.

The many questions asked, the correct answers to which may be found in the law or decisions of Grand Masters, indicates the urgent need which has existed for a new Masonic Code. Many points of law were not easily accessible in the old Code, and it is believed that the new 1946 Masonic Code, indexed and annotated as it is, will facilitate the finding of the appropriate law or decision and will eliminate the necessity of many formal inquiries.

1. The Secretary of Mosaic Lodge No. 55 inquired of me whether or not a man who had lost his left hand was eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry. I answered by writing that in my opinion the man was not eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry for the reason that as stated in Section 106 "he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies."

2. The Secretary of Jachin Lodge No. 146 asked me whether or not men in the military service who have been stationed in the jurisdiction of Jachin Lodge for over twelve months are residents of Jachin Lodge within the meaning of Section 99.

I answered: "A person's residence is difficult of exact definition but my opinion is that the language 'has . . . resided continuously within the jurisdiction to which he petitions, for the twelve months immediately preceding the filing of the petition' means that during all the twelve months immediately preceding the petitioner must have had somewhere within the jurisdiction 'a fixed and permanent abode or dwelling as distinguished from a mere temporary locality of existence'. A man's residence denotes more than the place where he is or happens to be. 'It is the place where he intends to live, and to which, whenever he is absent he has the intention of returning.' The mere fact that a petitioner in the

military service has been stationed within your jurisdiction twelve months is not sufficient to give your lodge jurisdiction."

3. The secretary of a subordinate lodge stated that a man who was employed as cashier in a recreation parlor where beer was sold desired to petition for the degrees of Masonry, and he asked for an opinion as to whether or not the man was eligible for the degrees of Masonry.

I replied, "My opinion is that the man is not eligible for the degrees of Masonry."

4. Another secretary of a subordinate lodge stated that a man whose employment required that he serve beer to patrons expected to petition the lodge for the degrees of Masonry, and he asked for an opinion as to whether or not the man was eligible for the degrees of Masonry. I answered that the man was disqualified for the degrees of Masonry by reason of his employment.

5. One secretary requested a form for a certificate of life membership to his lodge, to which request I made the following answer: "Life memberships are prohibited in this jurisdiction. Section 67-A provides, 'Hereafter life membership shall not be issued by a subordinate lodge.'"

6. A brother stated that a subordinate lodge planned to invite a team from a foreign jurisdiction to confer the Master Mason's degree according to the ritual of the foreign jurisdiction which differed from our own. He asked for my opinion as to whether or not, under those circumstances, the team should be permitted to confer the Master Mason's degree.

I replied: "Our law as set forth in Section 131-A provides, 'Nothing outside of our esoteric work as authorized and our monitorial work as published by this Grand Lodge shall be given or be permitted to be given in the conferring of degrees, at funerals, or in any work of the lodge,' consequently, nothing but the Nebraska work should be permitted in the subordinate lodges."

7. A brother of Lotus Lodge No. 289 inquired whether or not lodge funds may be used for the United War Fund Drive.

I answered: "The position of our Grand Lodge in times past has been that the lodge funds should not be used for anything excepting strictly Masonic purposes. It is my opinion that your lodge funds should not be used for the United War Fund Drive." In this connection I added, "It is my idea that the individual who contributes to such a worthy cause is much better for having made the contribution direct."

8. A brother of York Lodge No. 56 inquired whether or not it is out of order for Masons to furnish money to organize a Service Club where beer will be sold, and whether or not it is out of order for Masons to belong to a Service Club where beer is sold.

I answered: "My opinion is that under our Masonic law as construed by former Grand Masters and as construed by our Grand Lodge, the answer is 'Yes, it is out of order.'"

9. A brother inquired concerning a demit. He wrote, "A brother who took his degrees, since 1923 moved away from Nebraska and is now asking for a demit in the regular way and is clear on the books. However, he never took his examination for proficiency in the Master Mason's Degree, although he was elected and served as a Warden of the Lodge before he left Nebraska. The question is, 'Can the lodge issue a demit as long as he has not passed his examination, and, whether or not the lodge, by electing him as a Warden, waived their right to refuse a demit on the grounds of not having passed the examination?'" I decided that the law pertaining to demits specifically provides that the brother must comply with Section 66 of the law before he is entitled to a demit and that a lodge cannot waive this requirement either directly or by implication.

10. The Master of Long Pine Lodge No. 136 wrote that an individual had petitioned that lodge for admission, was balloted upon and declared elected in the regular manner, but before he had an opportunity to receive the Entered Apprentice Degree an objection was filed against him, which objection had just been removed. The Master asked for an opinion as to how long the man must wait before he could re-petition. I ruled that the man could re-petition immediately upon the removal of the objection but that the new petition must take the regular course.

11. The Secretary of George Washington Lodge No. 250 inquired, "In cases where we have been granted special dispensation to confer the degrees on a member of the military service should we give them their diploma or should we wait until they come home and pass their Master's Examination for Proficiency?"

I answered: "It seems advisable in cases where the brother receives his degrees under special dispensation under the circumstances mentioned in your letter, to issue to the brother his diploma without the necessity of passing his examination for Proficiency and this is your permission so to do."

12. The Secretary of Parian Lodge No. 207 stated that a young man had been living in the jurisdiction of that lodge for over two years, but had just moved out of its jurisdiction but wanted to join Parian Lodge, and inquired whether or not Parian Lodge should receive his petition. I replied that Parian Lodge should not receive the petition as the lodge lost jurisdiction.

13. The Secretary of Kimball Lodge No. 294 asked for a decision concerning the physical qualification of a candidate for the degrees of Masonry. He wrote: "This man's right leg was injured a few years ago. Bending his knee forward and back his foot will move about two inches. The trouble is in the bending of the knee." I held that this man is not physically qualified to receive the degrees of Masonry for the reason that as stated in Section 106 of the by-laws "he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies."

14. In response to an inquiry from the Secretary of York Lodge No. 56 as to whether it is necessary for a petitioner in service overseas to fill out the questionnaire and whether it is necessary for one who repetitions after objection to fill out the questionnaire, I decided that as to the first question, Section 119-A of the by-laws provides the answer wherein it is provided, "The ballot shall not be spread on a petition for initiation until the questionnaire provided by the Grand Lodge has been filled out in full, signed and returned . . ." The questionnaire filled out, signed and returned to the secretary is a necessary preliminary step to balloting on petition.

As to the second question, I decided that Section 111 of the by-laws provides the answer, wherein it is provided, "A Rejected Petitioner for initiation, advancement, or admission, must petition anew, and the petition must be referred, balloted upon, and in all things take the course of an original petition." Since the new petition must take the same course as an original petition, a new questionnaire must be "filled out in full, signed and returned," to the secretary before the ballot is spread on the new petition.

15. A brother stated: "A brother is employed in a cafe at a stated salary. The cafe has a beer license and it is the duty of the employe to, and he does serve everything on the menu, including beer. Does this constitute a Masonic offense?" I stated that in my opinion these facts do constitute a Masonic offense.

16. The acting Secretary of Beatrice Lodge No. 26 wrote that a brother was elected secretary in December and was installed in January. About the middle of January he moved from Beatrice to Norfolk, Nebraska, and had asked for a certificate of transfer as he wished to make application for membership in another lodge. The question was should the acting secretary issue the certificate of transfer? I cited Section 49 of our law which provides: "An installed officer cannot resign or demit." I held therefore that the certificate of transfer should not be issued until after the brother's term of office as secretary has expired.

17. A lodge passed a resolution to use a part of the funds derived from its rental property for donation to worthy causes not provided for by the regular proceedings of the lodge. It was stated that the lodge expected to use these funds for "USO, Red Cross, etc."

Under the date of May 8, 1945, I advised the Secretary of this lodge that: "The resolution passed April 16, 1945, by your lodge is out of order if it is the intention to use lodge funds for USO, Red Cross, etc. It doesn't alter the fact that the funds may come from rentals because they are still lodge funds regardless of the source. Section 88 of our law provides that 'Lodge funds cannot be used for any other than strictly Masonic purposes'. You are hereby directed to read this letter to your lodge at your next regular communication and report to me what action your lodge takes on this letter and the resolution it passed April 16, 1945." The resolution was promptly rescinded.

18. A secretary asked whether it is necessary for a petitioner to file a new petition and questionnaire after the lapse of a year since balloting on the petition. I replied that Sections 114 and 119 require that a new petition and a new questionnaire be filed.

19. A brother asked whether a subordinate lodge may sponsor a De Molay Chapter. I replied that in my opinion, under our present law, a subordinate lodge could not legally sponsor a De Molay Chapter.

20. A brother wrote that his daughter wishes to wear his Masonic pin and he asked permission for his daughter to wear his Masonic pin. I stated that our Grand Lodge Law is silent on the subject, but that Section 28-1220 of Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, provides that a daughter may wear the Masonic pin of her father, if the father is a member in good standing.

21. A secretary stated that a member of his lodge was at that time thinking of renting a part of his building to a person who would use the space rented for sale of intoxicating liquor and he asked whether the renting of the building for this purpose would automatically suspend the member from the lodge. I answered that the member would not automatically be suspended, but that it would be the duty of the Junior Warden to file charges against him and that the member then would be tried under our law.

22. I held that a man whose leg had been cut off above the knee is not eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry.

23. A secretary of a lodge stated that a memorial park project is being considered in his community which will be conducted by a Board of Trustees selected from among members of various "Civic Clubs" and he stated that a request had been made that the Masonic Lodge select one of its members to serve on this Board.

I stated: "It is my opinion that the lodge should not select one of its members to serve on the Board of Trustees nor should the lodge nor individual members, as such, participate in any way in the project. However, I have no doubt that the project you mention is worthy and, if worthy, will have the support of the brethren individually."

24. Minden Lodge No. 127 submitted to me a statement of facts which substantially are as follows: At a special communication the lodge was opened as Master Masons, then called from labor to refreshment, and without opening in the Entered Apprentice Degree the lodge was called on as Entered Apprentice Masons and a brother examined for proficiency in that degree. The lodge was then called from labor to refreshment and then called from refreshment to labor in the Master Mason Degree. The lodge was then called from labor to refreshment and without opening a lodge in the Fellowcraft Degree the lodge was called from refreshment to labor in the Fellowcraft Degree and the Fellowcraft Degree conferred. The lodge asked for my opinion as to what they should do under the circumstances.

I called their attention to Section 72-A of our law and advised them that the matter may be considered healed, provided that the brother who thus received his Fellowcraft Degree is first re-obligated in the Fellowcraft Degree.

25. A brother inquired whether our Masonic law recognized the right of dual membership. I stated that the Nebraska Masonic law does not recognize dual membership.

This brother also inquired as to the status of a member of a Nebraska Masonic Lodge who joins another Masonic Lodge where dual membership is recognized.

I replied: "Under our present law it is my opinion that his membership in the Nebraska Lodge remains the same as before he joined the other lodge. Whether or not it is a good policy for another jurisdiction to accept membership of a brother from a jurisdiction where dual or plural membership is not recognized is another matter."

26. A secretary inquired whether or not a man who is employed as secretary in the office of a wholesale grocery house which firm sells beer, but who does not himself have any connection with the beer phase of the business is eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry. I stated that it was my opinion that the man is not eligible.

27. A secretary asked whether or not his lodge could lawfully take lodge funds from its treasury to help furnish a room in the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys. I answered that the lodge funds could not be used for this purpose and invited his attention to pages 81 to 86 of the Grand Lodge Proceedings for the year 1941.

28. A secretary stated that three men own as a partnership a building. Two of the men are members of his lodge, and he wanted to know whether it would be a Masonic offense for these two brethren to rent a room in the building for a liquor store. I stated that in my opinion it would be a Masonic offense.

29. In response to an inquiry from an outstate secretary, I stated that in my opinion the Master of a lodge does not have authority to appoint a committee to solicit funds to furnish a room in a building of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys without first obtaining the consent of the Grand Master. For my authority, I cited pages 81 to 86 of the 1941 Grand Lodge Proceedings.

30. A secretary wrote that his lodge duly elected a petitioner, who is a captain in the army, but before the petitioner could receive the degrees he went overseas; that while in Savene, France, United States Army officers who were Masons got together and conferred the degrees upon him and they certified that they had conferred the degrees of Masonry upon the petitioner. The secretary stated that all the fees had been paid and asked for an opinion as to whether the certificate of the army officers to the effect that they had conferred the degrees could be recognized by the lodge and whether he should issue a receipt for dues

inasmuch as the captain had paid them. I held that the degrees were not conferred by a recognized lodge and that we could not recognize this method of conferring the degrees, and that he should not issue a receipt for dues, and that when the captain returns, the degrees should be conferred in the regular way.

31. A brother stated that a brother was unable to pay his dues and, because of this, voluntarily requested his suspension, and that his lodge did suspend him. He asked for my opinion as to whether the fact that the suspension was the result of his voluntary request placed him in any different status than one who has been suspended for non-payment of dues on the lodge's own motion. I held that one who has been unable to pay his dues and has been suspended on his voluntary request is in exactly the same status as one who has been suspended for non-payment of dues upon the lodge's own motion. The result is the same in both cases—suspension.

32. A lodge asked my permission to contribute to a local community Memorial Hospital fund. The purpose of the fund is to build and maintain a community hospital. I referred the secretary to Section 88 of our law, which provides that lodge funds can only be used for "strictly Masonic purposes" and stated: "There are many worthy causes from time to time, which we as individuals should support financially, but, when it comes to the use of Masonic funds, that is an entirely different matter. This provision of our Masonic law is a wise provision, and has many times in the past preserved Masonic funds from improper use. I have no doubt but that the cause you mention is entirely worthy, and, that it has the hearty support of the brethren individually, but, I cannot approve the contribution from your lodge funds."

33. I held that a man who had lost the thumb on his right hand was disqualified to receive the degrees of Masonry.

34. A secretary of one of the subordinate lodges wrote that a brother was adjudicated insane and committed to an insane asylum and a guardian appointed over his estate. The brother was delinquent in payment of his dues and the guardian had not paid the dues, although the matter had been called to his attention. The secretary inquired whether the lodge should suspend the brother for non-payment of dues. I held that the lodge should not suspend the brother under the circumstances. He is unable to protect himself. If his estate is able to pay the dues, the guardian should do so voluntarily, but the lodge should not press the matter of dues too much so far as the legal guardian is concerned. The point is that the brother is helpless and no advantage should be taken of his helpless condition and he should not be suspended from the fraternity when he is in no condition to help himself.

35. A secretary asked for my opinion as to whether or not it is lawful to conduct a bingo game in the lodge room in order to raise funds for one of our Masonic institutions.

I stated: "The contemplated use of the funds so raised, although for a laudable purpose, is immaterial. It is the method of raising the funds that challenges our attention. Section 148 of our Masonic law sets forth a list of Masonic offenses. Among these Masonic offenses are 'Attempting to give the aid of Freemasonry, in organized or individual form, to any lottery or gift enterprise, or the sale, purchase, or drawing of lottery tickets,' and 'Gambling.' The game of bingo is one of the many games known as 'Tango Games' and these games are recognized as a form of 'Games of Chance.' Games of chance for money are prohibited by our State law as well as by our Masonic law. Consequently, it is my opinion that the Masonic lodge room should not be used for the raising of money, whatever the purpose, by games of chance, whatever the name."

36. A master mailed to me a copy of a letter written by him under the seal of his lodge to the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love No. 56, Little Hampton, England, and the copy indicated that a roster of the membership of the lodge was attached to the original.

I replied: "I endorse and fully appreciate all of the fine sentiments expressed in your letter. However, I am of the opinion that all correspondence of the subordinate lodges of our Grand Jurisdiction with a lodge of a foreign jurisdiction should be cleared through the office of the Grand Secretary. I am also of the opinion that it is out of order for a subordinate lodge of our Grand Jurisdiction to supply a roster of its members to a lodge of a foreign jurisdiction.

37. I ruled that a petition for the degrees must be signed by the petitioner himself.

38. I ruled that an application for reinstatement must be signed by the applicant himself.

39. I ruled that I had no authority to give permission to confer the Past Master's degree nor to permit the use of the Past Master's ritualistic work.

40. A Fellowcraft Mason of Ashland Lodge was stopped by objections before he was to receive the Master Mason's Degree. The brother changed his residence to Lincoln. The objections were removed. A secretary inquired whether the brother should petition Ashland Lodge or a Lincoln Lodge for his Master Mason's Degree. I stated that Section 123, as amended, sets out the procedure and that the brother must petition Ashland Lodge unless a waiver is secured from Ashland Lodge.

41. I ruled that it is not proper to hold public or private dances in the lodge room.

42. A secretary stated that a petition was duly received for the degrees, was duly accepted and balloted upon and the ballot was favorable, but that the petitioner did not then wish to proceed with the degrees. In reply, I cited Section 108, page 57, of our law which answers the questions thusly: "After a petition has been read and formally accepted by a lodge, it cannot be withdrawn . . ."

43. Hubbell Lodge No. 92 was consolidated with Hebron Lodge No. 43. A petitioner petitioned Hubbell Lodge for the degrees the night that Hubbell Lodge voted to consolidate with Hebron Lodge, but the petition was not acted upon. I ruled that the petition followed the consolidation and that Hebron Lodge had jurisdiction over the petition.

44. One W., who formerly resided in the jurisdiction of Capitol Lodge, Omaha, in January, 1946, changed his residence to Seward. He had never petitioned Capitol Lodge for the degrees, but did petition Seward Lodge, and Seward Lodge requested Capitol Lodge to waive jurisdiction. Capitol Lodge requested an official decision as to whether it should grant a waiver. I held that, inasmuch as Mr. W. had changed his residence from Omaha and had not petitioned Capitol Lodge for the degrees, Capitol Lodge had nothing to waive, (see Section 100 and Section 101) and, inasmuch as Mr. W. had not resided within the jurisdiction of Seward Lodge for twelve months, it had no jurisdiction to receive and ballot upon the petition. (See Section 99).

45. I held that Section 130 and 130-A of our law, by implication refers to instructing the candidate and to the examination for proficiency as well as to the conferring of the degrees.

46. Our Masonic law is silent on the question of who should preside at a regular communication of a subordinate lodge when the Master and Wardens are absent. In one case calling for a decision on the question, the Master and Wardens of a subordinate lodge expected to attend a session of Grand Lodge. I decided that under those circumstances the Master should appoint a Past Master of his lodge to act as Master at the regular communication of the lodge while the Master and Wardens were in attendance at Grand Lodge.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that Section No. 114 be amended to read: "Section 114.—Lapsed Election.—One who has not been initiated within one year after his election may, for good cause shown, have his original petition revived and considered anew by the lodge, it to follow the same course as in the first instance. But in no case shall a petitioner be required to pay the same fee more than once."

2. I recommend that the second paragraph of Section No. 213 be amended to provide that the vote taken on the application for reinstatement by the subordinate lodge shall be taken by secret paper ballot.

3. I recommend that Section No. 72 be amended so as to provide the size and specifications of the photostatic copy of the charter to be used in the place of the original charter.

4. I recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to purchase for our Past Grand Masters suitable aprons.

5. Some Grand Jurisdictions have experienced difficulty in securing a quorum to vote upon the question of consolidation of lodges.

In some instances the lodges were unable to, or deliberately refused to, secure a quorum, and were unable to, or refused to, hold their regular communications or to meet for any purpose. This Grand Jurisdiction, no doubt, will be confronted with the problem of the consolidation of many lodges in the near future. Our law should be brought up to date and adequate for the purpose. Therefore, I recommend that:

Chapter VII, Section No. 46 of our By-laws be amended by adding Section 46-C as follows: "Section 46-C.—If, after due notice as provided by Section 46-B and at a meeting held in pursuance thereof, there fail to be a quorum present, then at the direction of the Grand Master the matter of consolidation shall come up at the time fixed for a stated communication. Of such stated communication the Grand Secretary shall give due notice to all members of the lodge, notifying them of the proposition to be then presented and requiring their presence. The Grand Master, or an officer of the Grand Lodge named by him, shall, with the member or members of the lodge then in attendance, hold a meeting and vote on the question of consolidation, and if there is a quorum present as defined in Section No. 42, Chapter VII hereof, a vote shall be taken on the question of consolidation and if the majority vote of such quorum is in favor of consolidation, then the vote of the lodge shall be recorded as in favor thereof."

6. I recommend that Section No. 42 of Chapter VII of the By-laws be amended to read: "Section 42.—Composition.—A lodge shall consist of the officers hereinafter provided for, and as many members as convenient, eight of whom shall be a constitutional number for the transaction of business; provided that when the question to be voted upon is consolidation with another lodge, under the provisions of Section No. 46-B hereof, the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative, may convene the lodge and preside therein, and the question shall be decided by a majority vote of such members of the lodge as are present, even though less than eight."

7. I recommend that Section No. 72 of Chapter X of the By-laws be amended to read: "Section 72.—Meetings.—The regular meetings of a lodge are those only which are designated in its By-laws as such. Notices of meetings may be published in the newspapers. At all regular meetings, eight Master Masons, members of the lodge, must be present, provided, that when the question to be voted upon is consolidation with another lodge, under the provisions of Section No. 46-B of Chapter VII, hereof, the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative, may convene the lodge and preside therein, and the question may be decided by a majority vote of such members of the lodge as are present, even though less than eight. At all meetings of the lodge the charter or a photostatic copy thereof, certified by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, must be present, also the three great lights and the representatives of the three lesser lights. At special meeting no business matters may be taken up or passed upon by the lodge

except funerals, installations, conferring of degrees, examination for proficiency in the degrees, and those matters specifically authorized in the Grand Lodge law, or referred to such special meeting by the Grand Master."

8. If we are to celebrate our One Hundredth Anniversary it is time to make plans for such a celebration. M.'W.'Brother William B. Wanner, Grand Marshal, and I were guests of the Grand Lodge of Iowa during its Centennial Celebration which was held at Cedar Rapids in June, 1944. M.'W.'Brother Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, and R.'W.'Brother Benjamin F. Eyre, Deputy Grand Master, were guests of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin during its Centennial Celebration which was held in Milwaukee in June 1944, and after having conferred with them and Past Grand Masters who have attended Centennial Celebrations I am convinced that it requires careful planning, long in advance, for a suitable and successful Centennial Celebration. Therefore, I recommend that the Grand Master appoint a committee of five to report at the next annual communication their recommendation:

(1) As to whether we will celebrate our One Hundreth Anniversary, and

(2) If they recommend that we celebrate our Centennial Anniversary, what steps, if any, should be taken now for such celebration.

9. I recommend that the Grand Lodge enact a law which will designate what the contents of the casket, used by the Grand Lodge in corner stone laying ceremonies, shall be.

10. The time has come, in my opinion, for this Grand Lodge to declare itself on the subject of dual and plural membership and to adopt appropriate legislation on the subject, declaring what the status of our members is when they join a lodge in another jurisdiction where dual and plural membership is recognized. Therefore, I recommend that appropriate legislation on this subject be submitted to this Grand Lodge for consideration.

11. I call attention to the fact that Article IV of our Constitution first appeared in the Grand Lodge proceedings for the year 1871. Article IV provides that representatives from seven chartered lodges may conduct the business of this Grand Lodge. At that time there were thirty-two subordinate lodges so representation from nearly one-fifth of the lodges was required for a quorum.

This provision of the Constitution has not been changed, although we now have 280 chartered lodges and representatives from less than one-fortieth of the chartered lodges may now constitute a quorum. The ratio required when this article was adopted would require that for a quorum representatives from at least fifty-six chartered lodges be present.

I recommend that proper steps be taken to change Article IV of the Constitution so that to constitute a quorum there must be representatives

from at least fifty-three chartered lodges. An exception could be made where an emergent or occasional Grand Lodge is called.

12. I recommend that the decisions of the Grand Master, after approval of the Grand Lodge, be law on the subject involved until modified or repealed by the Grand Lodge.

13. A few cases have been called to my attention where Master Masons have neglected, and in some cases refused, to pass the proficiency examination. Section 66-A provides that "A brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination . . . renders himself liable to charges." But the only penalty seems to be that he is not entitled to a demit, a diploma or to hold an office in the lodge.

I recommend that refusal to comply with Section 66 of the law be enumerated as a Masonic offense under Section 148.

14. In order that the work of the Grand Custodian and the Committee on Masonic Education may be coordinated, I recommend that the Grand Custodian be an ex officio member of the Committee on Masonic Education.

15. Section 131-A provides: "Nothing outside of our esoteric work as authorized and our monitorial work as published by this Grand Lodge shall be given or be permitted to be given in the conferring of degrees, at funerals, or in any work of the lodge."

I recommend that an exception be written into the law, which would provide that either or all of the three degrees may be conferred by a foreign jurisdiction, which is recognized by this Grand Lodge, by its own members, on its own candidate, according to its own work, in any of the subordinate lodges, providing written permission is first secured by the Grand Master of such foreign jurisdiction to confer such degrees at a specified time, in a specified subordinate lodge, and on a specified candidate or candidates, and the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge has granted permission in writing to confer such degrees on such candidate or candidates at such a specified time and place.

16. I recommend that the special committee on the Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund be discontinued.

17. I recommend that the Nebraska War Service Committee be discontinued.

18. Our law does not expressly provide for the procedure to be followed in cases where a subordinate lodge desires a lodge outside of this Grand Jurisdiction to instruct one of its members for proficiency. Neither does our law expressly provide the method of disposing of requests of other Grand Jurisdictions to instruct and examine their brethren who may be in this jurisdiction.

I recommend that Section 130-A be amended to expressly include instructing the candidate and also examining him for proficiency in the degrees.

19. I recommend that Section 51 of our By-laws be amended to provide that, in the event the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden are absent from the regular communication of a subordinate lodge, the Master may designate a Past Master of his lodge to act as Master at the regular communication where the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, are all absent.

#### STATE OF THE ORDER

Most of the subordinate lodges are active. Many men are knocking at the door of Masonry, seeking admission. Many of the brothers who have been suspended for non-payment of dues have applied for reinstatement. Many of the subordinate lodges are proficient in their work, and more and more of the brethren are qualifying for certificates of proficiency.

A few lodges, however, are inactive. These lodges will soon need to consolidate with active lodges or surrender their charters. Thus, in my opinion, the tendency will be fewer but larger lodges rather than an increase in the number of lodges. This is unfortunate in some respects as some of our best lodges are the so-called smaller ones.

The subordinate lodges are duty bound to see that service men who have received the degrees without first becoming proficient in the work are properly instructed at the earliest possible time, and it is the duty of those brothers for whom this requirement was waived because of their status to become proficient in the work. Otherwise the Masonic order to them will be simply another club or organization and they will not receive the full benefits of Masonry and profit by its teachings.

The financial affairs of the Grand Lodge are in good condition. You will note the comparatively large amount of our endowment funds and investment in government bonds.

We have over thirty-six thousand members. The members for the most part are paying their dues promptly. The subordinate lodges for the most part have their finances in good order and have liquidated or are now liquidating their indebtednesses.

Some of the Grand Lodges, particularly New York, have taken action "with regard to certain Grand Lodges with which we would be enjoying fraternal relations and association were it not for certain policies and practices pursued by them which, from the Anglo-Saxon viewpoint, are irregular and therefore correctly exclude these Grand Lodges from the family of Grand Lodges." At its adjourned annual communication held November 20, 1945, in New York City the following resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York:

"RESOLVED, that the Grand Master be and hereby he is invited at his discretion, in the exercise of his ancient prerogatives, to enter into fraternal relations on behalf of Grand Lodge with Grand Lodges or Orients throughout the world, not present-

ly in affiliation with Grand Lodge, provided always that each such Grand Lodge or Orient shall be by direct descent or Masonic healing an off-shoot of the mother Grand Lodge; the facts of such direct descent or healing to be established in each instance upon due reference to the customary procedures of Grand Lodge, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Brethren of the Obedience of Grand Lodge be duly advised of the privilege of inter-visitation and Masonic association with Brethren of foreign jurisdictions, with whose Grand Lodges fraternal relationship shall have been established. That New York Masons be urged to constitute themselves 'messengers of good will' whenever and wherever they are in contact with their foreign brethren; this to the end that as Freemasons individually they may contribute to their utmost to the cause of peace by encouraging confidence, sympathy, understanding, and cooperation among the peoples of the world."

This resolution is quoted here for the information of the Craft of this Grand Jurisdiction, as this resolution presents the thought of some of the Grand Lodges of the United States.

#### CONCLUSION

The conduct of the affairs of this Grand Lodge and the discharge of its responsibilities to the brethren is a task too great for one man to bear alone. I have not had to bear them alone. On every occasion the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction have extended to me every courtesy and valuable assistance when called upon, for which I am truly grateful. I have enjoyed my associations with each and all of you.

I have had the benefit of the wise counsel and loyal support of each Grand Lodge officer and of the members of all committees. They have given freely of their valuable time and the Grand Lodge has profited thereby. I am indebted to each member of my official family.

My special thanks go, too, in full measure to M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, and W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, for their wise counsel and assistance. Their years of experience in Grand Lodge affairs and their devotion to the cause of Masonry are valuable assets to this Grand Lodge. Both Brother "Lew" and Brother "Lute" have given me every assistance possible and they each have my sincere thanks.

The duties and responsibilities with which you intrusted me when you elected and installed me as your Grand Master two years ago, have been discharged by me to the best of my ability. I have always had one thought in mind—the good of Masonry. I have made mistakes. "He only is exempt from failures who makes no efforts." I have made an honest and earnest effort to conduct the affairs of this high office in the manner in which I felt you would want them conducted.

My term as Grand Master will soon be completed, but my service to this Grand Lodge will continue as long as I am able to serve, however humble the service may be. To my successors in office I pledge my help and assistance.

And now, my brethren, I close my report with this thought. We are now in a period of readjustment. Many of our time-honored institutions and customs are being subjected to a searching analysis. There has been a general "let down" since the war. We Masons will need to hold firmly to the tenets of our profession. Out of this readjustment will come a new day with better things, if we hold firmly to the principles of our order. I have every confidence and faith in the future leadership of this Grand Lodge.

"The crest and crowning of all good,  
Life's final star, is Brotherhood;  
For it will bring again to earth  
Her long-lost Poesy and Mirth;  
Will send new light on every face,  
A kingly power upon the race.  
And till it comes, we men are slaves,  
And travel downward to the dust of graves.

Come, clear the way, then, clear the way:  
Blind creeds and kings have had their day.  
Break the dead branches from the path:  
Our hope is in the aftermath—  
Our hope is in heroic men,  
Star-led to build the world again.  
To this event the ages ran:  
Make way for Brotherhood—make way for Man!"

Fraternally submitted,

*William B. Schaper*

Grand Master

### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Last year's report was mailed to all Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Assistant Custodians, and the Secretaries of the subordinate lodges.

Probably very little attention was paid to the suggestion made from this office last year, but I would again like to mention that this is the time to put your house in order. The lodge that does not lay away a reasonable reserve to make itself financially sound is not fooling anyone but itself.

### INVESTMENTS

There have been very few changes in the various funds this year. A few bonds and preferred stocks have been collected and paid. But few investments have been made. By and large, there is no great change in the accounts. It is pleasing to report that there is no interest due or past due, on farm mortgages, bonds or preferred stock. Several farm mortgages have been paid off this year. The only new farm mortgages are on farms where the land has been sold and we are carrying back a part of the purchase price.

### RETURNS

Every lodge in the Jurisdiction completed their returns and sent them in on time, and all dues for the year 1945 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 Funds, 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

We have succeeded in collecting \$807.40 on the Relief Notes. We are getting to a point on these Relief Notes where there are possibly very few left who are able to pay, and within the next couple of years, the balance on the notes that are left will probably have to be cancelled. None of these notes are carried as assets, so there will be no loss shown to the Grand Lodge, regardless of what becomes of them.

### GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from the following lodges:

- Acacia Lodge No. 34
- York Lodge No. 56
- Merna Lodge No. 171 (2 petitions)
- Morning Star Lodge No. 197
- Samaritan Lodge No. 158
- Victory Lodge No. 310
- Western Star Lodge No. 2

These petitions have been referred to the Grievance Committee of the Grand Lodge, for consideration and report at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

#### FIFTY YEAR BADGES

During the past year, 65 Fifty Year Badges have been presented to the Brethren entitled to receive them.

#### FARM MANAGEMENT

Farm No. 5, 80 acres in Otoe County, has been sold for \$6,000.00. A small profit was made on this sale. However, the transaction is not yet completed, but probably will be before the Grand Lodge meets. This leaves four farms which we hope to dispose of in the coming year. Unless instructed otherwise by the Grand Lodge, a vigorous effort will be put forth to sell these four farms, that the Grand Lodge may be out of the farm business.

#### CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES

The following Lodges were consolidated during the year:

Hildreth Lodge No. 252 was consolidated with Grace Lodge No. 226, Wilcox, Nebraska, on October 11, 1945.

Hubbell Lodge No. 92 was consolidated with Hebron Lodge No. 43, on February 8, 1946.

#### ROLL OF HONOR

Last year the Roll of Honor contained the names of 59 Lodges that had no delinquent dues for 1944.

This year the Roll of Honor contains the names of 52 Lodges that had no delinquent dues for 1945. In other words, 7 Lodges that had no delinquent dues in 1944, do have delinquent dues this year.

#### LODGE FINANCES

The question of Lodge finances has received but little attention from the Grand Lodge. This office has tried consistently to do something to get the finances of the Lodges improved. We have a few Lodges that are doing wonderfully well. We have a few other Lodges that are comfortable, and we have too many Lodges that either pay no attention to their financial situation, or seem to be unable to get themselves in a good healthy condition.

#### GRAND TRUSTEES, GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.

The Grand Trustees have met several times during the year to discuss finances of the Grand Lodge, and conditions generally. At every meeting three or more Trustees have been present. As Secretary of the Board I have been present at every meeting, except one.

## DEGREES BY COURTESY

At the conference of Grand Secretaries held in Washington, D. C., in February, the question of conferring degrees by courtesy was thoroughly discussed, and it was the general opinion that in all cases of courtesy work, the requesting Lodge should collect its own fees from the candidate, so that the Lodge performing the courtesy work need not have this responsibility.

Secretaries of Lodges will please bear this in mind when requesting degrees conferred in other Grand Jurisdictions and arrange to collect the fees from their own candidates.

## A SUGGESTION

This office is not empowered with the authority to make recommendations to this Grand Lodge.

However, after 24 years of occupancy of the rooms rented from the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha, I have come to believe that the time has arrived when this Grand Lodge should make a serious attempt to have an office building for its own use. In the first place, the rooms which no doubt 30 years ago when the Grand Lodge occupied them were sufficient, are wholly inadequate today. One of the things that is needed so badly, is storage room. The only storage room that we have is a vault in the basement. We have had one occasion when the vault was flooded with several inches of water on the floor.

It is not proposed to suggest a large, ornate building for the Grand Lodge. My idea is that the incoming Grand Master should appoint a Committee to investigate and report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, their ideas and suggestions.

My thought has been that a lot or parcels of land should be purchased away from the business section of the city where property is not so expensive, and where proper parking space would be available for people who have business at the Grand Lodge office.

The building could either be a two story building, without a basement, or a one story building with a basement, with sufficient rooms that the detail work of the office could have natural light, instead as has been the case, in the last thirty years, obliged to work under artificial light from morning until night. My thought is to have sunshiny rooms and all modernized.

There is no thought of having sufficient room for Grand Lodge meetings, or meetings of that kind, but strictly an office building.

Some 20 years ago, a fund called the Permanent Reserve Fund of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., was established. That fund consists of savings from the budgets all these years, and amounts to more than \$45,000.00. If the Finance Committee follows the custom of transferring savings from the budgets to this fund, the amount of the fund will be more than \$50,000.00.

When conditions become at all normal in the building field, in the next two or three years, it would seem to me that this would be sufficient to build and equip a building that would house the Grand Lodge for a great many years.

## SPECIAL ACCOUNT, LIVE STOCK NATIONAL BANK

1945-1946

## Debit

Received from 34,192 members at \$2.00 each .....	\$ 68,384.00
Received from 2,328 initiations at \$10.00 each .....	23,280.00
Received from 23 affiliations at \$10.00 each .....	230.00
Received from premium Surety Bond, on Treasurers and Secretaries of Lodges .....	614.70
Received from Supplies sold to Lodges .....	3,866.56
Received from 2,076 members, for George Washington Masonic National Memorial, at \$1.00 each, plus \$11.00 extra....	2,087.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 98,462.26</b>

## Credit

Paid, The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	\$ 34,192.00
Transferred to Supply Account .....	3,866.56
Transferred to Surety Bond Account .....	614.70
Paid, The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association .....	2,087.00
Transferred to Relief Fund .....	12,888.40
Transferred to Maintenance Fund .....	10,948.80
Transferred to General Fund .....	33,864.80
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 98,462.26</b>

## GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

## Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1945 .....	\$ 35,715.65
Postage over-paid, returned .....	3.52
Received for fees, special dispensations .....	10.00
Special account, 1945-1946, per capita tax .....	33,864.80
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 69,593.97</b>

## Cash Credit

Expense, William C. Schaper, Grand Master .....	\$ 1,750.00 ✓
Expense, Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian .....	2,150.00 ✓
Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, salary .....	3,000.00 ✓
Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, bonus .....	600.00 ✓

Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, salary .....	2,400.00 ✓
Francis E. White, Grand Secretary Emeritus, (deceased).....	111.50 ✓
Grand Secretary's clerk hire .....	2,482.50 ✓
Carl R. Greisen, Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary .....	3,000.00 ✓
Furniture and fixtures, desk for office .....	40.00 ✓
Expense, Grand Officers attending Grand Lodge functions...	600.00 ✓
Expense, Trial Commissions .....	100.00 ✓
Expense, Committees not otherwise provided for .....	100.00 ✓
Grand Secretary's traveling expense .....	500.00 ✓
Expense, Committee on Masonic Education .....	1,500.00 ✓
Expense, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans .....	600.00 ✓
Expense, Grand Chaplain .....	100.00 ✓
Social Security Tax Account .....	210.70 ✓
Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund, receipt books .....	9.10 ✓
Premium, Workmen's Compensation, 1945-1946 .....	30.84 ✓
Audit, Grand Lodge books .....	100.00 ✓
Masonic Relief Association of the U. S. and Canada, dues 1945	170.96 ✓
Special dispensation fees returned to lodges .....	50.00 ✓
Rent, Grand Lodge office, July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946 .....	1,200.00 ✓
Printing advance copies proceedings, and list of Masters and Secretaries of lodges .....	495.00 ✓
Bond for Grand Officers and employees .....	460.80 ✓
Printing 1,000 copies Masonic law .....	735.84 ✓

Unappropriated expense:

Bar for Gold Jordan medal .....	\$ 20.00	
1,000 Fifty Year badges .....	222.00	
Flowers for funerals .....	28.75	270.75

Grand Secretary's Contingent Fund:

Postage .....	298.41	
Incidental expense, not regular office expense (less \$1.20 paid in error) .....	323.25	
Stationery and blanks .....	142.10	
Janitor service .....	66.00	
Incidentals .....	489.36	
Telephone, and calls (less amount received from Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter)....	277.40	
Telegrams .....	43.36	1,639.88 ✓

Total cash expended .....	\$ 24,407.87
Cash on hand, Live Stock National Bank .....	45,186.10

Total .....	\$ 69,593.97
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## TRIAL BALANCE, GRAND LODGE

May 10, 1946

Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home .....	\$	1.00	
Stock in the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children .....			1.00
Inventory .....			\$45,789.10
Furniture and Fixtures .....		1.00	
Cash, Grand Lodge Expense Account .....		400.00	
Cash, Live Stock National Bank, General Fund.	45,186.10		
Cash, Grand Lodge Exchange Account .....		200.00	
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Total .....	\$	45,789.10	\$ 45,789.10

## Inventory

Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$	1.00	
Stock, Masonic-Eastern Star Home .....			1.00
Furniture and Fixtures .....		1.00	
Cash, Grand Lodge Expense Account .....		400.00	
Cash, Live Stock National Bank, General Fund.	45,186.10		
Cash, Grand Lodge Exchange Account.....		200.00	
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Total .....	\$	45,789.10	\$ 45,789.10

## RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1946

## Cash Debit

May 10, 1945, Cash on hand .....	\$	13,565.82	
Received from Special Account, 1945-1946 .....			12,888.40
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Total .....			\$26,454.22

## Cash Credit

Paid, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans .....	\$	3,000.00	
Paid, The Nebraska Masonic Home .....		5,000.00	
May 10, 1946, Cash on hand, Stock Yards National Bank ....		18,454.22	
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Total .....			\$26,454.22

## PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 10, 1946

## Cash Debit

May 10, 1945, Cash on hand .....	\$	2,089.45	
Interest .....		1,160.38	
Payments on Relief Notes.....		807.40	
Securities paid and sold .....		17,507.56	

Profit on securities sold .....	1,543.34
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 23,108.13</b>

Cash Credit

Securities purchased .....	\$ 20,600.00
Accrued interest .....	19.19
Receipt No. 379, issued in error .....	11.25
May 10, 1946, Cash on hand .....	2,477.69

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 23,108.13</b>
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Total bonds .....	\$ 43,465.39
Loan to Supply Account, order of Grand Lodge .....	5,000.00

\$48,465.39

Cash on hand .....	2,477.69
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Total assets, May 10, 1946 .....	\$ 50,943.08
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Total assets May 10, 1945 .....	47,462.40
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Increase in assets for the year .....	\$ 3,480.68
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PERMANENT RESERVE FUND BONDS

Loan No.

22—American Rolling Mills Co., 4½% pfd., par \$1,000, cost....	\$ 955.39
33—Providence of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$3,000, cost .....	2,910.00
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
44—United States Treasury Bonds, 2%, par \$5,000, cost.....	5,000.00
45—Fairmont Creamery Co., 4% pfd., par \$5,000.00, cost.....	5,200.00
46—U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2¼%, par \$5,000.00, cost.....	5,000.00
47—Fairmont Creamery Co., 4% pfd., par \$10,000.00, cost....	10,400.00

<b>Total Bonds .....</b>	<b>\$ 43,465.39</b>
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SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1946

Cash Debit

May 10, 1945, Cash on hand .....	\$ 4,071.61
Supplies sold to Lodges .....	3,866.56

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 7,938.17</b>
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## Cash Credit

Paid for postage .....	\$ 210.00
Paid for supplies .....	1,685.92
May 10, 1946, Cash on hand .....	6,042.25
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 7,938.17</b>

May 10, 1945, Supplies on hand .....	\$ 4,189.75
Cash on hand .....	4,071.61
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,261.36</b>

May 10, 1946, Supplies on hand .....	\$ 2,461.34
May 10, 1946, Cash on hand .....	6,042.25
<b>Total for 1946 .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,503.59</b>
<b>Total for 1945 .....</b>	<b>8,261.36</b>
<b>Gain for the year .....</b>	<b>\$ 242.23</b>

## BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 10, 1946

## Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1945 .....	\$ 22,107.68
Interest .....	7,572.17
Profit on bonds sold .....	4,753.90
Securities paid and sold .....	29,552.40
<b>Total cash on hand and received during the year...</b>	<b>\$ 63,986.15</b>

## Cash Credit

Transferred to George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund .....	\$ 500.00
Accrued interest .....	52.43
Securities purchased .....	50,650.00
Receipt No. 804, issued in error .....	74.10
May 10, 1946, Cash on hand, Omaha National Bank .....	12,709.62
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 63,986.15</b>

## TRIAL BALANCE

Cash on hand .....	\$ 12,709.62
Bonds at cost .....	184,747.73
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$197,457.35</b>

## INVENTORY

Cash .....	\$ 12,709.62
Bonds at cost .....	184,747.73
Total .....	\$197,457.35

## BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND BONDS

No.		
13—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$1,000, cost .....	\$	970.00
34—Commonwealth of Australia, 4½%, par \$8,000, cost .....		7,560.00
40—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$9,000, cost .....		8,482.50
43—Province of Saskatchewan, 4%, par \$5,000.00, cost .....		4,634.43
44—Public Utilities Consolidated Corporation, 5½%, par \$5,000, cost .....		4,925.00
59—National Gas and Electric Corp., 5%, par \$25,000, cost ...	22,510.00	
60—Union Stock Yards Co., 4%, par \$10,000, cost .....		8,080.00
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
73—Province of Manitoba, 4½%, par \$8,000, cost .....		7,440.00
81—Province of British Columbia, 4½%, par \$5,000, cost .....		4,475.00
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	
89—United States Treasury Bonds, 2%, par \$10,000, cost....	10,000.00	
90—United States Treasury Bonds, 2¼%, par \$20,000, cost..	20,000.00	
91—Fairmont Creamery Co., 4% pfd., par \$5,000.00, cost ....	5,200.00	
92—Bristol-Myers Co., 3¾% pfd., par \$5,000.00, cost.....	5,225.00	
93—United States Treasury Bonds, 2¼%, par \$5,000, cost ..	5,000.00	
94—Shell Union Oil Corp., 2½%, par \$15,000.00, cost .....	15,225.00	
Total securities .....	\$184,747.73	

## MAINTENANCE FUND

May 10, 1946

Cash Debit

May 10, 1945, Cash on hand .....	\$ 18,215.63
Received from Special Account, 1945-1946 .....	10,948.80
Total .....	\$ 29,164.43

## Cash Credit

Maintenance, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children .....	\$11,000.00	
May 10, 1946, Cash on hand .....	18,164.43	
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Total .....	\$ 29,164.43	

## SERVICE, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS ACCOUNT

May 10, 1946

## Cash Debit

May 10, 1945, Cash on hand .....	\$ 312.17	
Interest and profit on sale of securities .....	523.56	
Sale of Loan No. 6 .....	1,600.00	
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Total .....	\$ 2,435.73	

## Cash Credit

Paid, Dr. David C. Hilton, annuity .....	\$ 162.50	
Cash on hand, May 10, 1946 .....	2,273.23	
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Total .....	\$ 2,435.73	

## TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1946

Cash .....	\$2,273.23	
Gifts .....		\$2,500.00
Bills receivable .....	870.00	
Surplus .....		643.23
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Total .....	\$3,143.23	\$3,143.23

## INVENTORY

Cash .....	\$2,273.23	
Bills receivable .....	870.00	
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Total .....	\$3,143.23	

## SERVICE, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS BONDS

Loan No.

7—Province of British Columbia, 5%, par \$1,000, cost .....	\$ 870.00	
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Total bonds at cost .....	\$ 870.00	

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1946

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1945 .....	\$ 35,882.16
Interest .....	9,665.89
Farm No. 4, cash receipts .....	346.75
Farm No. 5, cash receipts .....	158.00
Farm No. 7, cash receipts .....	905.78
Farm No. 9, cash receipts .....	257.50
Profit on sale of bonds .....	8,574.78
Securities paid and sold .....	57,006.72
Farm No. 5, down payment on purchase .....	500.00
Dividend, Chicago & Northwestern Ry., bonds .....	264.00
 Total .....	 \$113,561.58

Cash Credit

Farm No. 5, repairs .....	\$ 74.00
Educational Work, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children .....	800.00
Paid to Nebraska Masonic Home .....	11,000.00
One half cost, Field Work .....	1,523.60
Securities purchased .....	91,437.50
Accrued interest .....	243.63
Cash on hand, May 10, 1946 .....	8,482.85
 Total .....	 \$113,561.58

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1946

Inventory .....	\$273,052.03	
Cash, Omaha National Bank .....	\$ 8,482.85	
Farm No. 1 .....	6,991.50	
Farm No. 4 .....	1,946.94	
Farm No. 5 .....	5,078.52	
Farm No. 7 .....	1,302.59	
Farm No. 9 .....	3,382.38	
Profit and loss on farm sales .....		8,132.04
Bills receivable .....	253,999.29	
 Total .....	 \$281,184.07	 \$281,194.07

## INVENTORY

Cash .....	\$	8,482.85
Farm No. 1 .....		6,991.50
Farm No. 4 .....		1,946.94
Farm No. 5 .....		5,078.52
Farm No. 7 .....		1,302.59
Farm No. 9 .....		3,382.38
Bills receivable .....		253,999.29
Total assets May 10, 1946 .....		\$281,184.07
Total assets May 10, 1945 .....		276,246.63
Gain in assets for the year .....		\$ 4,937.44
Farm mortgages .....	\$	18,500.00
Total bonds at cost .....		235,499.29
Total .....		\$253,999.29

## ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND FARM LOANS

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount
288—	Otto F. Dahms .....	160 acres Dixon	5 %	\$ 1,000.00
297—	Michael Foley .....	99 acres Washington	4½%	6,400.00
367—	Alberic Matthys .....	60 acres Douglas	5 %	900.00
422—	Myrta M. Goll .....	240 acres Burt	4½%	1,600.00
437—	Francis Mehrens .....	80 acres Washington	4½%	2,000.00
468—	Jacqueline Schiefelbein	200 acres Saunders	4½%	1,500.00
499—	Howard Gunderson .....	80 acres Thurston	4 %	5,100.00
				\$ 18,500.00

No past due interest on any mortgage.

## ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND BONDS

May 10, 1946

No.		Amount
318—	Commonwealth of Australia, 4½%, par \$1,000, cost .....	\$ 887.85
375—	Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$3,000, cost .....	2,827.50
378—	Public Utilities Corporation, 5½%, par \$10,000, cost.....	9,679.94
410—	Province of Manitoba, 4%, par \$1,000, cost .....	930.00
413½—	Province of Manitoba, 6%, par \$5,000, cost .....	4,900.00
416—	Union Stock Yards, 4%, par \$5,000, cost .....	4,000.00
463—	City of Winnipeg, 6%, par \$1,000, cost .....	955.00
466—	Pure Oil Co., 5% pfd., par \$10,000, cost .....	9,400.00
471½—	Western Light & Tel. Co., 5% pfd., par \$6,775.00, cost ..	6,871.50
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
488—United States Savings Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, cost ...	10,000.00
489—United States Treasury Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, cost ...	20,000.00
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
495—United States Treasury Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$3,000, cost .....	3,000.00
497—Celanese Corporation of America, 4¾% pfd., par \$10,000, cost .....	9,900.00
500—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 5% pfd., par \$20,000, cost.	22,500.00
501—United States Treasury Bonds, 2¼%, par \$25,000.00, cost	25,000.00
502—Fairmont Creamery Company, 4% pfd., par \$15,000, cost.	15,600.00
503—Bristol-Myers Company, 3¾% pfd., par \$5,000, cost....	5,225.00
504—United States Treasury Bonds, 2½%, par \$10,000, cost ..	10,000.00
505—National Dairy Products Corp., 2¾% bonds, par \$5,000, cost .....	5,087.50
506—Sioux City Gas & Electric Co., 3% pfd., par \$10,000, cost.	10,200.00
507—Southern Pacific Ry., bonds 2½%, par \$10,000, cost .....	9,875.00
508—Fruehauf Trailer Co., 4% pfd., par \$10,000, cost .....	10,450.00
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Total bonds at cost .....	\$235,499.29
All interest on bonds and preferred stock paid in full.	

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. 9—Bergstrom farm, 271 acres, in Boyd County, Nebraska.

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND FARMS COST

No. 1—Sandoe .....	\$ 6,991.50
No. 4—Stevens .....	1,946.94
No. 5—Weiler .....	5,078.52
No. 7—Kayl .....	1,302.59
No. 9—Bergstrom .....	3,382.38
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Total .....	\$ 18,701.93
Total cost of 5 farms on the books .....	\$ 18,701.93

## CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

May 10, 1946

## Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1945 .....	\$ 30,426.80
Interest .....	3,960.45
Securities paid .....	9,086.60
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 43,473.85</b>

## Cash Credit

Securities purchased .....	\$ 35,000.00
Accrued interest .....	37.52
Cash on hand, May 10, 1946 .....	8,436.33
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 43,473.85</b>

## TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1946

Securities on hand .....	\$152,938.82	
Cash on hand, May 10, 1946 .....	8,436.33	
Inventory .....		\$151,548.75
Bequests .....		9,826.40
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$161,375.15</b>	<b>\$161,375.15</b>

## INVENTORY

Securities on hand .....	\$152,938.82
Cash .....	8,436.33
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$161,375.15</b>
Liability Bequests .....	9,826.40
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$151,548.75</b>
Add bequests, only book liability .....	9,826.40
<b>Total assets May 10, 1946 .....</b>	<b>\$161,375.15</b>

## CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND FARM LOANS

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount
54—	Anton G. Christensen	80 acres, Platte	4½%	\$ 3,000.00
71—	John H. Smith	80 acres, Saunders	4 %	1,500.00
72—	Prudence Lodge No. 179, Masonic Temple & Lease		4 %	754.13
75—	Emma McCord	150 acres, Saunders	4 %	5,000.00
77—	Edward Niebaum	160 acres Washington	4½%	2,800.00

81—Mrs. Catherine O'Grady . . .240 acres, Colfax . . . . .	5 %	3,600.00
92—Crofton Lodge No. 273, Masonic Temple Building . . .	4 %	624.44
99—Jacqueline Schiefelbein . . . 80 acres, Saunders . . . .	4½ %	3,000.00
103—Ramah Lodge No. 275, Masonic Temple Building . . .	4½ %	225.00
106½—Glenn Hillman . . . . . 80 acres, Douglas . . . . .	4 %	1,500.00

Total . . . . . \$22,003.57

No past due interest on any mortgage.

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
68—Province of Manitoba, 4½ % , par \$5,000, cost . . . . .		4,643.75
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
107—United States Treasury Notes, 1¼ % . . . . .		25,000.00
108—United States Treasury Notes, 2 % . . . . .		10,000.00
109—United States Treasury, 2¼ % , par \$30,000.00, cost . . . .		30,000.00
110—United States Treasury, 2¼ % , par \$5,000.00, cost . . . .		5,000.00

Total Bonds . . . . . \$130,935.25

Farm mortgages . . . . . 22,003.57

Total securities . . . . . \$152,938.82

SURETY BOND ACCOUNT

Cash Debit

May 10, 1946

Cash on hand, May 10, 1945 . . . . .	\$	1,604.14
Received from premiums on bonds from Lodges . . . . .		614.70

Total . . . . . \$ 2,218.84

Cash Credit

Paid premium, schedule bonds for Lodges . . . . .	\$	553.23
May 10, 1946, cash on hand . . . . .		1,665.61

Total . . . . . \$ 2,218.84

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL  
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

May 10, 1945, cash on hand .....	\$ 126.43
Received from Building and Improvement Fund .....	500.00
Received from Special Account .....	2,087.00
Received from Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 .....	15.00
Received from Interest—U. S. Nat'l Bank .....	2.58

Total .....\$ 2,731.01

Paid to Secretary-Treasurer ..... 2,027.00

May 10, 1946, Cash on hand ..... 704.01

RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund, cash .....	\$ 45,186.10
Relief Fund, cash .....	18,454.22
Permanent Reserve Fund, cash .....	2,477.69
Permanent Reserve Fund, Bonds and Loans .....	43,465.39
Building and Improvement Fund, cash .....	12,709.62
Building and Improvement Fund, bonds .....	184,747.73
Maintenance Fund, cash .....	18,164.43
Supply Account, cash .....	6,042.25
Service, Annuities and Gifts, cash .....	2,273.23
Service, Annuities and Gifts, bonds .....	870.00
Orphans' Educational Fund, cash .....	8,482.85
Orphans' Educational Fund, securities .....	253,999.29
Orphans' Educational Fund, five farms .....	18,701.93
Children's Home Endowment Fund, cash .....	8,436.33
Children's Home Endowment Fund, securities .....	152,938.82
Grand Lodge Expense Account, cash .....	400.00
Surety Bond Account, cash .....	1,665.61
Exchange Account, cash .....	200.00

Total .....\$779,215.49

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC WAR SERVICE FUND

Receipt No.	Lodge	Amount
	Total Cash on hand as of May 14, 1945.....	\$ 10,780.47
474	Landmark Lodge No. 222.....	3.00
475	Friend Lodge No. 73 .....	3.00
476	Hickman Lodge No. 256 .....	16.00
477	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 .....	288.50
478	Amity Lodge No. 169 .....	15.50
479	Omadi Lodge No. 5 .....	24.50

480	Wymore Lodge No. 104 .....	13.50
481	Northern Light Lodge No. 41 .....	6.20
482	Robert Burns Lodge No. 173 .....	1.00
483	Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 125 .....	1.00
484	Compass & Square Lodge No. 212 .....	2.50
485	Auburn Lodge No. 124 .....	41.00
486	Wayne Lodge No. 120 .....	100.00
487	Evening Star Lodge No. 49 .....	7.50
488	Capitol Lodge No. 3 .....	5.00
489	Seneca Lodge No. 284 .....	22.50
490	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 .....	38.50
491	Humboldt Lodge No. 40 .....	45.00
492	Osceola Lodge No. 65 .....	5.50
493	Crofton Lodge No. 273 .....	7.50
494	Union Lodge No. 287 .....	17.00
495	Mitchell Lodge No. 263 .....	20.50
496	Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 .....	51.80
497	Justice Lodge No. 180 .....	27.50
498	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 .....	45.00
499	Oasis Lodge No. 271 .....	21.00
500	Clay Centre Lodge No. 139 .....	25.00
501	Boaz Lodge No. 185 .....	3.00
502	St. Johns Lodge No. 25 .....	13.00
503	Culbertson Lodge No. 174 .....	1.00
504	Beatrice Lodge No. 26 .....	1.00
505	Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 .....	168.00
506	Error—Not used .....	.....
507	O. F. Hotchkiss .....	1.00
508	Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 .....	21.00
509	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 .....	17.00
510	Omaha Lodge No. 288 .....	1.50
511	Florence Lodge No. 281 .....	54.00
512	Plumblin Lodge No. 214 .....	36.00
513	E. Bentzinger .....	1.00
514	Wisner Lodge No. 114 .....	14.50
515	Gothenburg Lodge No. 249 .....	14.50
516	Fraternity Lodge No. 235 .....	17.00
517	Mizpah Lodge No. 302 .....	13.00
518	Papillion Lodge No. 39 .....	2.00
519	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 .....	2.00
520	Ashlar Lodge No. 33 .....	5.00
521	Beatrice Lodge No. 26 .....	4.00
522	Plainview Lodge No. 204 .....	16.00
523	H. S. Lightner .....	1.00
524	Highland Lodge No. 194 .....	7.00
525	Mark Simons, Chairman .....	133.50

526	Mabel Guffey .....	1.00
527	Western Star Lodge No. 2 .....	40.00
528	Trestle Board Lodge No. 162 .....	5.00
529	Receipt not used .....	.....
530	Edgar Lodge No. 67 .....	55.50
531	Mt. Zion Lodge No. 161 .....	2.50
532	Superior Lodge No. 121 .....	10.00
533	Swastika Lodge No. 280 .....	15.00
534	Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 .....	15.50
535	St. Johns Lodge No. 25 .....	10.00
536	Acacia Lodge No. 34 .....	18.00
537	Cable Lodge No. 225 .....	23.50
538	Jordan Lodge No. 27 .....	8.50
539	Zion Lodge No. 234 .....	12.50
540	Lebanon Lodge No. 323 .....	5.00
541	Cambridge Lodge No. 150 .....	13.50
542	Minden Lodge No. 127 .....	15.00
543	Cotner Lodge No. 297 .....	1.00
544	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 .....	2.00
545	Silver Lodge No. 266 .....	28.00
546	McCook Lodge No. 135 .....	28.50
547	St. Paul Lodge No. 82 .....	2.00
548	See Receipt No. 539—Check re-deposited .....	12.50
549	Oakland Lodge No. 91 .....	28.00
550	K. A. Perkins .....	5.00
551	Fairbury Lodge No. 35 .....	1.00
552	Falls City Lodge No. 9 .....	3.50
553	Mizpah Lodge No. 302 .....	2.00
554	Capitol Lodge No. 3 .....	18.00
555	Ponca Lodge No. 101 .....	9.50
556	York Lodge No. 56 .....	2.00
557	Covert Lodge No. 11 .....	18.50
558	Shelton Lodge No. 99 .....	6.50
559	Samaritan Lodge No. 158 .....	96.00
560	Fairbury Lodge No. 35 .....	28.00
561	Midwest Lodge No. 317 .....	37.00
562	Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 .....	5.50
563	Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 .....	4.00
564	Springfield Lodge No. 112 .....	24.00
565	Peru Lodge No. 14 .....	12.00
566	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224 .....	3.00
567	Lincoln Lodge No. 19 .....	40.00
568	Laurel Lodge No. 248 .....	1.00

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Total Cash received .....\$ 12,851.47

Received through Grand Master's office .....	\$ 14.50	
Received through Grand Secretary's office .....	184.60	
Received through Chairman's office .....	.50	
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	\$199.60	199.60
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Total Cash received .....	\$	13,051.07

CHECKS ISSUED ON THE NEBRASKA MASONIC  
WAR SERVICE FUND

Check No. 15—M. Simons, Chairman .....	\$ 1,000.00
Bank Exchange .....	.45
No fund check .....	2.00
Bank Exchange .....	.10
Bank Exchange .....	.35
Check No. 16—United War Fund .....	200.00
Check, Hyannis Charged back, redeposited 10-8-45 .....	12.50
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Total checks issued .....	\$ 1,215.40

Total of money received, Receipts 474 to 568 inclusive, through Grand Masters office, Grand Secretary's office and Chairman's office ....\$ 13,051.07  
Total of checks issued 15 to 16, inclusive ..... 1,215.40

Total cash on hand as of May 10, 1946 .....\$ 11,835.67 \$ 11,835.67

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 22, REPORT OF  
GRAND SECRETARY, 1945.

Certificate	Date received		Master Mason's		
No.	Brother	Degree	Lodge	Number	
1108	Nace W. Evans .....	May 8, 1895	York	No. 56	
1109	Clyde M. Pancoast .....	May 13, 1892	Pomegranate	No. 110	
1110	Edgar D. Champion .....	Jan. 16, 1889	Plumblin	No. 214	
1111	Frank McElroy .....	Aug. 28, 1894	Blue Valley	No. 64	
1112	William F. Howarth .....	Apr. 27, 1895	Mount Hermon	No. 231	
1113	Danial J. Drebert .....	May 12, 1885	Globe	No. 113	
1114	Edwin B. Stauber .....	Nov. 20, 1893	Hebron	No. 43	
1115	Beverly B. Deems .....	June 15, 1895	Covert	No. 11	
1116	George W. Porter .....	June 21, 1895	Ashlar	No. 33	
1117	Edward Lehmkuhl .....	Mar. 23, 1895	Wahoo	No. 59	

1118—John R. Stine	.....June 15, 1895....	Covert	No. 11
1119—Frederick A. L. Madsen	..June 1, 1895....	Mosaic	No. 55
1120—John R. Sutton	.....Feb. 6, 1894....	Hebron	No. 43
1121—Joe Willey	.....June 17, 1895....	Barneston	No. 165
1122—J. Murray Cherry	.....July 19, 1895....	Wayne	No. 120
1123—Joseph B. Hunter	.....Aug. 17, 1894....	Tecumseh	No. 17
1124—Samuel B. Wilson	.....Aug. 30, 1895....	Mount Hermon	No. 231
1125—Allen H. Hostetter	.....Nov. 21, 1895....	Cubit	No. 237
1126—August P. Spitko	.....Sept. 11, 1895....	Covert	No. 11
1127—William A. Rose	.....June 12, 1894....	Fairbury	No. 35
1128—Oscar R. Thompson	....Apr. 27, 1892....	Wisner	No. 114
1129—Lincoln Riley	.....July 27, 1892....	Wisner	No. 114
1130—John E. Burns	.....Nov. 13, 1895....	Scribner	No. 132
1131—Charles S. Clinton	.....Dec. 3, 1895....	Platte Valley	No. 32
1132—William W. Hawley	.....Jan. 6, 1893....	Nelson	No. 77
1133—William A. Ward	.....Nov. 28, 1895....	Springfield	No. 112
1134—Amos J. Corey	.....Nov. 30, 1895....	Elwood	No. 167
1135—William Wolfe	.....Jan. 16, 1889....	Trowel	No. 71
1136—Charles A. Minick	.....Oct. 19, 1895....	Faith	No. 181
1137—Paul A. Gilmore	.....Oct. 25, 1895....	Auburn	No. 124
1138—Henry Furst	.....Oct. 29, 1895....	Fremont	No. 15
1139—Henry Kinzel	.....May 4, 1892....	Wisner	No. 114
1140—Glenn A. Becker	.....Apr. 20, 1895....	Fidelity	No. 51
1141—Albert A. Reed	.....Oct. 11, 1895....	Lincoln	No. 19
1142—Frederick W. Arndt	....July 17, 1894....	Washington	No. 21
1143—Frank H. Allen	.....Dec. 16, 1895....	Samaritan	No. 158
1144—Henry Burritt	.....Jan. 4, 1896....	Mount Zion	No. 161
1145—John D. Sprague	.....Mar. 21, 1895....	Fidelity	No. 51
1146—J. Arnold Habegger	....Jan. 16, 1893....	Faith	No. 181
1147—William C. Weitzel	.....Dec. 21, 1895....	Albion	No. 78
1148—James F. Hunter, Sr.	....Jan. 24, 1896....	Comet	No. 229
1149—Archibald Adams	.....Feb. 26, 1896....	Fremont	No. 15
1150—Jacob C. Rogers	.....Jan. 20, 1896....	Fremont	No. 15
1151—Lamont Bronson	.....May 8, 1895....	Wymore	No. 104
1152—Willard G. Jones	.....Oct. 8, 1895....	Globe	No. 113
1153—William E. Planck	.....Apr. 27, 1896....	Fremont	No. 15
1154—Joseph A. Yager	.....Apr. 16, 1896....	Fremont	No. 15
1155—Fred Vawter	.....May 29, 1894....	Israel	No. 187
1156—Frank Eriksen	.....Mar. 7, 1896....	Landmark	No. 222
1157—J. Frank Heywood	.....Feb. 26, 1896....	Upright	No. 137
1158—Frank S. Green	.....Aug. 2, 1895....	Fairbury	No. 35
1159—Jesse W. Hodges	.....May 30, 1894....	Superior	No. 121
1160—William P. Corbett	....June 24, 1893....	Auburn	No. 124
1161—Fulton Jack	.....Mar. 30, 1896....	Beatrice	No. 26
1162—E. D. Ressigüe	.....June 25, 1892....	North'n Light	No. 41
1163—Frank G. Smith	.....Apr. 21, 1896....	G. W. Lininger	No. 268

1164—Robert L. Burns	.....Mar. 4, 1896....	Mitchell	No. 263
1165—Samuel A. Sherrerd	.....Apr. 20, 1893....	Cement	No. 211
1166—Arthur F. Newell	.....Apr. 26, 1895....	Mt. Moriah	No. 57
1167—Ralph George Sawerbrey	.....May 6, 1895....	Right Angle	No. 303
1168—Guy W. Hassler	.....Mar. 10, 1896....	Pawnee	No. 23
1169—Herman Holz	.....Apr. 29, 1893....	Minnekadusa	No. 192
1170—William C. Courtis	.....Sep. 28, 1895....	Minnekadusa	No. 192
1171—Beach Coleman	.....May 23, 1896....	R. W. Furnas	No. 265
1172—Lawrence Donald	.....May 16, 1896....	Ashlar	No. 33

## ROLL OF HONOR

### Lodges reporting no Delinquent Dues for the Year 1945.

Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City  
 Omadi Lodge No. 5, Dakota City  
 Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City  
 Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha  
 Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, Tecumseh  
 Fairbury Lodge No. 35, Fairbury  
 Fairmont Lodge No. 48, Fairmont  
 Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln  
 Keystone Lodge No. 62, Phillips  
 Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva  
 Saint Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul  
 Oakland Lodge No. 91, Oakland  
 Beaver City Lodge No. 93, Beaver City  
 Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City  
 DeWitt Lodge No. 111, DeWitt  
 Auburn Lodge No. 124, Auburn  
 Valley Lodge No. 157, Wilsonville  
 Elwood Lodge No. 167, Elwood  
 Culbertson Lodge No. 174, Culbertson  
 Imperial Lodge No. 198, Imperial  
 Gavel Lodge No. 199, Carleton  
 East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln  
 Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, Bloomfield  
 Wood Lake Lodge No. 221, Wood Lake  
 Grace Lodge No. 226, Wilcox

- North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln  
Mount Hermon Lodge No. 231, Cook  
Gilead Lodge No. 233, Butte.  
Fraternity Lodge No. 235, Winside  
Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, Allen  
Bee Lodge No. 259, Bee  
Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff  
Oasis Lodge No. 271, Morrill  
Ramah Lodge No. 275, Bertrand  
Antelope Lodge No. 276, Elgin  
Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace  
Swastika Lodge No. 280, Sargent  
Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna  
John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha  
Minatare Lodge No. 295, Minatare  
Cowles Lodge No. 296, Cowles  
Sutherland Lodge No. 299, Sutherland  
Right Angle Lodge No. 303, Omaha  
Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, Lodgepole  
Polk Lodge No. 311, Polk  
Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312, Lynch  
Potter Lodge No. 313, Potter  
Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln  
Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings  
Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island  
College View Lodge No. 320, Lincoln  
Cairo Lodge No. 324, Cairo  
Right Angle Lodge No. 303, Omaha, 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.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA  
AN ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS  
STOCKS & BONDS

May 10, 1946

This Report Prepared by Buffet & Company—Stanley F. Kunel

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Current Market Value	Annual Income Rec'd	%
U. S. Government Bonds.	\$298,000.00	\$298,000.00	\$298,000.00	\$ 6,787.50	2.28%
Canadian Municipal Bds..	61,000.00	56,913.18	66,282.50	2,725.00	4.78%
Canadian Municipal Bds..	1,000.00	955.00	1,010.00	60.00	6.28%
Australian Bonds .....	15,000.00	13,917.82	15,375.00	675.00	4.85%
Public Utility Bonds ....	38,000.00	37,114.94	39,412.50	1,975.00	5.32%
Indus. & Misc. Bonds....	30,000.00	30,187.50	29,700.00	737.50	2.44%
Public Utility Pref. Stks.	36,875.00	32,222.30	39,443.00	1,834.75	5.69%
Indus. & Misc. Pref. Stks.	110,000.00	114,126.92	123,917.84	4,775.00	4.18%
Common Stocks .....	15,000.00	12,080.00	9,225.00	450.00	3.70%
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$604,875.00</b>	<b>\$595,517.66</b>	<b>\$622,365.84</b>	<b>\$20,019.75</b>	
Average Income per Year (on cost basis) .....					3.36%

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 4,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 100.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
23,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	23,000.00	23,000.00	575.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
25,000.00	United States Treasury 1¼% .....	25,000.00	25,000.00	312.50
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2% .....	10,000.00	10,000.00	200.00
1,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	25.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.00
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
4,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	4,000.00	4,000.00	100.00
15,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	15,000.00	15,000.00	375.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2% .....	10,000.00	10,000.00	200.00
2,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	2,000.00	2,000.00	50.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
15,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	15,000.00	15,000.00	375.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	10,000.00	10,000.00	250.00
20,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	20,000.00	20,000.00	500.00
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	112.50
20,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼% .....	20,000.00	20,000.00	450.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	112.50
25,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼% .....	25,000.00	25,000.00	562.50
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% .....	10,000.00	10,000.00	250.00
30,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼% .....	30,000.00	30,000.00	675.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼% .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	112.50

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\$298,000.00

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\$298,000.00 \$298,000.00 \$ 6,787.50

Average Return 2.28%

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 4-16-57 .....	\$ 4,643.75	\$ 5,825.00	\$ 225.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55 .....	2,910.00	3,105.00	135.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55 .....	970.00	1,035.00	45.00
9,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57 .....	8,482.50	9,360.00	405.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4s 11-15-57 .....	4,634.43	5,075.00	200.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57 .....	4,500.00	5,650.00	200.00
9,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57 .....	8,370.00	10,170.00	360.00
8,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 4-1-60 .....	7,440.00	9,520.00	360.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Br. Col. 4½s 6-29-46 .....	4,475.00	5,025.00	225.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57 .....	2,827.50	3,120.00	135.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57 .....	930.00	1,130.00	40.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 6s 10-1-46 .....	4,900.00	5,050.00	300.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56 .....	960.00	1,165.00	45.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Br. Col. 5s 6-25-48 .....	870.00	1,052.50	50.00
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\$ 61,000.00		\$ 56,913.18	\$ 66,282.50	\$ 2,725.00
			Average Return 4.78%	

CANADIAN MUNICIPAL BONDS

\$ 1,000.00	City of Winnipeg 6s 10-1-46 .....	\$ 955.00	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 60.00
			Average Return 6.28%	

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

\$ 6,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 4½s .....	\$ 5,469.97	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 270.00
8,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 4½s .....	7,560.00	8,200.00	360.00
1,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 4½s .....	887.85	1,025.00	45.00
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\$ 15,000.00		\$ 13,917.82	\$ 15,375.00	\$ 675.00
			Average Return 4.85%	

PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Public Utilities Cons. 5½s .....	\$ 4,925.00	\$ 5,087.50	\$ 275.00
23,000.00	National Gas & Electric 5s .....	22,510.00	24,150.00	1,150.00
10,000.00	Public Utilities Cons. 5½s .....	9,679.94	10,175.00	550.00
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\$ 39,000.00		\$ 37,114.94	\$ 39,412.50	\$ 1,975.00
			Average Return 5.32%	

## INDUSTRIAL &amp; MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,000.00	Southern Pacific Railroad 2¼s .....	\$ 9,875.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 225.00
15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Corp. 2½s .....	15,225.00	14,887.50	375.00
5,000.00	National Dairy Products 2¾s .....	5,087.50	5,212.50	137.50
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\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,187.50	\$ 29,700.00	\$ 737.50
				Average Return 2.44%

## PUBLICITY UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,100.00	United Public Util. Corp. 6% Pref. ....	\$ 5,150.80	\$ 10,605.00	\$ 606.00
10,000.00	Kansas-Nebr. Natural Gas Co. 5% Pref. .	10,000.00	10,650.00	500.00
10,000.00	Sioux City Gas & Electric Co. 3.90% Pref.	10,200.00	10,600.00	390.00
6,775.00	Western Light & Tele. Co. 5% Pref. ....	6,871.50	7,588.00	338.75
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\$ 36,875.00		\$ 32,222.30	\$ 39,443.00	\$ 1,834.75
				Average Return 5.69%

## INDUSTRIAL &amp; MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
*\$ 4,000.00	American Rolling Mills 4½% Pref. ....	\$ 3,821.53	\$ 5,217.84	\$ 225.00
* 1,000.00	American Rolling Mills 4½% Pref. ....	955.39		
10,000.00	Pure Oil Company 5% Pref. ....	9,400.00	11,050.00	500.00
5,000.00	McKesson-Robbins Company 4% Pref. ...	5,000.00	5,200.00	200.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Company 4% Pref. ....	5,250.00	5,750.00	200.00
10,000.00	Celanese Corporation 4¾% Pref. ....	9,900.00	10,637.50	475.00
20,000.00	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. 5% Pref. ...	22,500.00	21,800.00	1,000.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref. ....	5,200.00	6,087.50	200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref. ....	10,400.00	12,175.00	400.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref. ....	5,200.00	6,087.50	200.00
5,000.00	Bristol-Myers 3¾% Pref. ....	5,225.00	5,575.00	187.50
15,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref. ....	15,600.00	18,262.50	600.00
5,000.00	Bristol-Myers 3¾% Pref. ....	5,225.00	5,575.00	187.50
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pref. ....	10,450.00	10,500.00	400.00
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\$110,000.00		\$114,126.92	\$123,917.84	\$ 4,775.00
				Average Return 4.18%

\*The \$5,000 Par Value American Rolling Mills 4½% Preferred, costing \$4,776.92, has been sold for \$5,217.84 as of May 10, 1946. Proceeds had not cleared through banking channels.

COMMON STOCKS

Par Value	Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,000.00 Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha common.	\$ 8,080.00	\$ 6,150.00	\$ 300.00
5,000.00 Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha common.	4,000.00	3,075.00	150.00
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\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,080.00	\$ 9,225.00	\$ 450.00
		Average Return 3.70%	

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

DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS

May 10, 1946

This Report Prepared by Buffett & Company—Stanley F. Kuncel

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Per-centage
United States Government Bonds.....	\$298,000.00	\$298,000.00	38.25%
Canadian Provincial Bonds .....	61,000.00	56,913.18	7.30%
Canadian Municipal Bonds .....	1,000.00	955.00	.12%
Australian Bonds .....	15,000.00	13,917.82	1.78%
Public Utility Bonds .....	38,000.00	37,114.94	4.77%
Industrial & Miscellaneous Bonds.....	30,000.00	30,187.50	3.87%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks.....	36,875.00	32,222.30	4.13%
Industrial & Misc. Pref. Stocks.....	110,000.00	114,126.92	14.65%
Common Stocks .....	15,000.00	12,080.00	1.55%
(Sub-Totals) .....	(\$604,875.00)	(\$595,517.66)	
Real Estate .....	18,701.93	18,701.93	2.41%
Mortgage Loans .....	40,503.58	40,503.58	5.19%
Cash .....	124,492.33	124,492.33	15.98%
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TOTALS .....	\$788,572.84	\$779,215.50	100.00%

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

DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS

SHOWING TYPE & SECURITIES OWNED

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 4,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%	\$ 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
25,000.00	“ 1¼%	25,000.00
10,000.00	“ 2%	10,000.00

1,000.00	"	2½%	1,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	5,000.00
3,000.00	"	"	3,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	5,000.00
5,000.00	"	2%	5,000.00
3,000.00	"	2½%	3,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	5,000.00
4,000.00	"	"	4,000.00
15,000.00	"	"	15,000.00
10,000.00	"	2%	10,000.00
2,000.00	"	2½%	2,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	5,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	5,000.00
15,000.00	"	"	15,000.00
10,000.00	"	"	10,000.00
20,000.00	"	"	20,000.00
3,000.00	"	"	3,000.00
5,000.00	"	2¼%	5,000.00
20,000.00	"	"	20,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	5,000.00
25,000.00	"	"	25,000.00
10,000.00	"	2½%	10,000.00
30,000.00	"	2¼%	30,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	5,000.00
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\$298,000.00			\$298,000.00

## CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 5,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s	\$ 4,643.75
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s	2,910.00
1,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s	970.00
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
8,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s	7,440.00
5,000.00	Province of British Columbia 4½s	4,475.00
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s	2,827.50
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4s	930.00
5,000.00	Province of Manitoba 6s	4,900.00
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s	960.00
1,000.00	Province of British Columbia 5s	870.00
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\$ 61,000.00		\$ 56,913.18

## CANADIAN MUNICIPAL BONDS

\$ 1,000.00	City of Winnipeg 6s	\$ 955.00
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AUSTRALIAN BONDS

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

PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 5,000.00	Public Utilities Consolidated Co. 5½s.....	\$ 4,925.00
23,000.00	National Gas & Electric Co. 5s.....	22,510.00
10,000.00	Public Utilities Consolidated Co. 5½s.....	9,679.94
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\$ 38,000.00		\$ 37,114.94

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 10,000.00	Southern Pacific Railroad 2¼s .....	\$ 9,875.00
15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Corp. 2½s .....	15,225.00
5,000.00	National Dairy Products Corp. 2¾s .....	5,087.50
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\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,187.50

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

\$ 10,000.00	United Public Utilities Corp. 6% Pref.....	\$ 5,150.80
10,000.00	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. 5% Pref.....	10,000.00
10,000.00	Sioux City Gas & Electric Co. 3.90% Pref.....	10,200.00
6,775.00	Western Light & Telephone Co. 5% Pref.....	6,871.50
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\$ 36,875.00		\$ 32,222.30

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost
\$ *4,000.00	American Rolling Mills 4½% Pref. ....	\$ 3,821.53
*1,000.00	American Rolling Mills 4½% Pref. ....	955.39
10,000.00	Pure Oil Company 5% Pref. ....	9,400.00
5,000.00	McKesson-Robbins Company 4% Pref. ....	5,000.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Company 4% Pref. ....	5,250.00
10,000.00	Celanese Corporation 4¾% Pref. ....	9,900.00
20,000.00	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. 5% Pref. ....	22,500.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref. ....	5,200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref. ....	10,400.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref. ....	5,200.00
5,000.00	Bristol-Myers 3¾% Pref. ....	5,225.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref. ....	15,600.00

5,000.00	Bristol-Myers 3¾% Pref. ....	5,225.00
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pref. ....	10,450.00
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\$110,000.00		\$114,126.92

\*The \$5,000.00 Par Value American Rolling Mills 4½% Preferred, costing \$4,776.92, has been sold for \$5,217.84 as of May 10, 1946. Proceeds had not cleared through banking channels.

## 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 common .....	4,000.00
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\$ 15,000.00		\$ 12,080.00

## REAL ESTATE

Sandoe Farm .....	\$ 6,991.50
Stevens Farm .....	1,946.94
Weiler Farm .....	5,078.52
Kayl Farm .....	1,302.59
Bergstrom Farm .....	3,382.38
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\$ 18,701.93	\$ 18,701.93

## MORTGAGE LOANS

Otto F. Dahms 5% Mortgage .....	\$ 1,000.00
Michael Foley 4½% Mortgage .....	6,400.00
Alberic Matthys 5% Mortgage .....	900.00
Myrta M. Goll 4½% Mortgage .....	1,600.00
Francis Mehrens 4½% Mortgage .....	2,000.00
Jacqueline Schiefelbein 4½% Mortgage .....	1,500.00
Howard Gunderson 4% Mortgage .....	5,100.00
Anton G. Christiansen 4½% Mortgage .....	3,000.00
John H. Smith 4% Mortgage .....	1,500.00
Prudence Lodge No. 179 4% Mortgage .....	754.13
Emma McCord 4% Mortgage .....	5,000.00
Edward Niebaum 4½% Mortgage .....	2,800.00
Mrs. Catherine O'Grady 5% Mortgage .....	3,600.00
Crofton Lodge No. 273 4% Mortgage .....	624.45
Jacqueline Schiefelbein 4½% Mortgage .....	3,000.00
Ramah Lodge No. 275 4½% Mortgage .....	225.00
Glen Hilman 4% Mortgage .....	1,500.00
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\$ 40,503.58	\$ 40,503.58

RETURNS

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

Lodges No. 124, 187 and 318 report carrying no insurance. Lodge No. 264 does not report whether they carry any insurance or not.

The following lodges report having no delinquent dues: Nos. 2, 5, 9, 11, 17, 35, 48, 54, 62, 79, 82, 91, 93, 106, 111, 124, 157, 167, 174, 198, 199, 210, 218, 221, 226, 227, 231, 233, 235, 236, 258, 265, 271, 275, 276, 279, 280, 289, 290, 295, 296, 299, 303, 306, 311, 312, 313, 314, 317, 318, 320, 324, a total of 52, 7 less than last year. Of these 52 the following had no delinquent dues for 1944: Nos. 2, 5, 9, 11, 17, 48, 54, 62, 79, 82, 106, 111, 167, 174, 198, 199, 210, 218, 226, 227, 259, 265, 271, 275, 276, 290, 299, 303, 306, 311, 312, 314, 320, 324. Five lodges do not report whether they have delinquent dues or not.

The number of delinquent members is reported to be 2,188 as compared to 2,288 for the previous year.

The amount delinquent is \$17,718.05, as compared to \$19,737.41 for 1944, \$31,138.74 for 1943 and \$44,477.05 for 1942, and \$52,086.46 for 1941.

The average for each delinquent is \$8.10, which is 52 cents less than last year.

DELINQUENT DUES

May I call your attention to the fact that in 1933, delinquent dues in the subordinate lodges amounted to \$107,323.52. Sixteen years later, the amount of delinquent dues is \$17,718.05, a decrease of nearly \$90,000.00. However, with all this good showing there are still too many delinquent dues. There are several lodges however, in which there seems to be no effort made to get themselves financially solvent, when they have a golden opportunity. The incoming Grand Master might give this matter his attention.

RETURNS

Number of chartered Lodges last report.....	283
Less consolidation of Riverton Lodge No. 63 with Franklin Lodge No. 264—Hildreth Lodge No. 252 consolidated with Grace Lodge No. 226 .....	2
Chartered Lodges on hand, December 31, 1945 .....	281
Number initiated during year .....	2328
Number passed .....	2130
Number raised .....	2076
Number affiliated .....	304
Number reinstated .....	578
Number gained by other causes .....	51
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Total gross increases .....	3009

Number demitted during year .....	387
Number deceased .....	641
Number suspended .....	112
Number expelled .....	7
Number lost by other causes .....	52

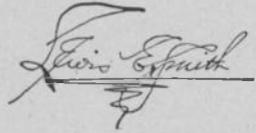
Total loss ..... 1199

Net gain for the year ending December 31, 1945 ..... 1810

Number of Master Masons on rolls, December 31, 1944.....34,192

Number of Master Masons on rolls, December 31, 1945.....36,002

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary

## 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 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:

Alpha Lodge No. 316, South Sioux City.  
Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203, Pender.  
Crofton Lodge No. 273, Crofton.  
Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202, Randolph.  
Creighton Lodge No. 100, Creighton.  
Bassett Lodge No. 254, Bassett.  
Atkinson Lodge No. 164, Atkinson.  
Trowel Lodge No. 71, Neligh.  
Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton.  
Jordan Lodge No. 27, West Point.  
Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper.  
Star Lodge No. 88, Decatur.  
Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair.  
Hope Lodge No. 29, Nemaha.  
Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City.  
Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City.  
Plumbline Lodge No. 214, Adams.  
Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice.  
Mount Moriah Lodge No. 57, Syracuse.  
Superior Lodge No. 121, Superior.  
Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance.  
Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff.  
Kimball Lodge No. 294, Kimball.  
Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, Lodgepole.  
Ogalalla Lodge No. 159, Ogalalla.  
Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte.  
Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington.  
Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney.  
McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook.  
Wauneta Lodge No. 217, Wauneta.  
Boaz Lodge No. 185, Danbury.  
Ramah Lodge No. 275, Bertrand.  
Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City.  
Crystal Lodge No. 191, Scotia.  
Blazing Star Lodge No. 200, Burwell.  
Mason City Lodge No. 170, Mason City.  
Anselmo Lodge No. 258, Anselmo.  
Composite Lodge No. 81, Rising City.

Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, Stromsburg.  
 North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend.  
 Utica Lodge No. 96, Utica.

One-day schools were held in the following Lodges:

Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312, Lynch.  
 Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Ashland.  
 Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Waterloo.  
 Crete Lodge No. 37, Crete.  
 Fairbury Lodge No. 37, Fairbury.  
 Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud.  
 Jewel Lodge No. 149, Tobias.  
 Clay Centre Lodge No. 139, Clay Center.  
 Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine.  
 Arcana Lodge No. 195, Gordon.  
 Winnebago Lodge No. 309, Winnebago.  
 Faith Lodge No. 181, Crawford.  
 Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport.  
 Melrose Lodge No. 60, Orleans.  
 Grace Lodge No. 226, Wilcox.  
 Seneca Lodge No. 284, Seneca.  
 Amethyst Lodge No. 190, Stapleton.  
 Delta Lodge No. 230, St. Edward.  
 Grand Island Lodge No. 318 and Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island.  
 Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings.  
 Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood.  
 Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Pawnee City.

Two one-evening schools for the Lodges at Lincoln.

All but 14 of the lodges were represented at these schools with an average attendance of 100 for the two-day schools and 50 for the one-day schools.

One hundred and seventy lodges have been checked and all secretaries have been very cooperative in making corrections where necessary.

#### CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

Beaver City Lodge No. 93, at Beaver City, was issued a Certificate of Proficiency.

New Certificates of Proficiency were issued to the following brethren:

Harold K. Bond, No. 75.  
 Ward L. Mosher, No. 181.  
 Richard H. Laverty, No. 310.  
 Clarence V. Keller, No. 320.  
 Harold J. Morris, No. 320.  
 E. Forrest Estes, No. 19.  
 Charles W. Frost, No. 19.  
 R. Lynn Sherwood, No. 302.  
 Leonard G. Bronson, No. 15.

John R. Byerly, No. 25.  
Guy O. Seaton, No. 54.  
Russell R. Rauch, No. 54.  
Merle M. Hatch, No. 54.  
Sidney S. Anderson, No. 54.  
Arthur F. Swartz, No. 72.  
Otto H. Blinde, No. 124.  
O. Allen Kennedy, No. 303.  
Theo Spahnle, No. 314.  
Raymond E. Waller, No. 314.  
Theodore J. Leacock, No. 314.  
Clarence E. Hagstrom, No. 59.  
Roy Brendle, No. 210.  
George W. Moore, No. 183.  
Jesse P. Wade, No. 135.  
Guy M. Ess, No. 135.  
Arthur Anderson, No. 146.  
William Niblo, No. 53.  
Leon G. Vosseler, No. 303.  
Rolland A. Poff, No. 54.  
Alan A. Roberts, No. 51.  
Ralph B. Dailey, No. 225.  
W. Forrest Biggerstaff, No. 225.  
Joseph D. Kellenbarger, No. 225.  
Ralph R. Carleton, No. 306.  
Henry J. Jenik, No. 306.  
Alonzo G. Miller, No. 306.  
Cliff D. Webster, No. 321.  
Ardath L. Saum, No. 170.  
Elmer F. Hollenbeck, No. 176.

#### ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Words fail me in expressing my appreciation for the loyalty and sacrifice that has been shown by these fine brethren and without them the work could not be kept up to the standard which is required.

The example manifested by them will always be an inspiration to me and to the Lodges whom they serve so well.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

There has been a large amount of work done in most of the Lodges and a fine showing made generally.

I think that all lodges are making a fine effort to see that these new members are given all the instruction necessary and in most cases are setting them to work and training them for their part in the work ahead, this should be done as these new members are the ones who will be depended on in years to come and every passing day brings to our minds and hearts the necessity that the loyalty to Americanism and Masonry be strengthened and reinforced with new vigor.

I wish to express my thanks for the fine assistance that has been given to me by all officers and brethren of the Craft and to the Grand Master and all other officers for their support.

Fraternally submitted,

*Luete M. Savage*

Grand Custodian

W. Joseph D. Houston, 302, presented the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, which was adopted.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS  
To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:**

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers respectfully reports and recommends that the address of Most Worshipful William C. Schaper, Grand Master, under its designated heads, be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Codification of the Law:

The Chapter on "The New Code."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Chapter "Edict".

The Chapter on proclamations 1 to 4, inclusive.

The Chapter on "Extension of Time for Proficiency".

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Elect and Install".

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Confer Degrees".

The Chapter on "Miscellaneous Dispensations".

The Chapter on "By-Laws Approved".

The Chapter on "Reinstatements".

The Chapter on "Dual and Plural Membership".

The Chapter on "Decisions".

The Chapter on "Recommendations," paragraphs,  
1 to 3 both inclusive,  
5 to 7 both inclusive,  
9 to 15 both inclusive,  
18 to 19 both inclusive.

The Chapter on "Centennials".

To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

The Chapter on "Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions".

The Chapter on "Service Men's Square and Compass Clubs".

The Chapter on "Representatives Near Other Grand Jurisdictions".

The Chapter on "Visitations to other Masonic Jurisdictions".

The Chapter on "National Federated Craft".

The Chapter on "Grand Masters' Conference".

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Chapter on "Our Departed Brethren".

To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans:

The Chapter on "Masonic Service Association of the United States".

The Chapter on "Nebraska War Service".

The Chapter on "Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, Nebraska".

Recommendations number 16 and 17 of "Chapter on Recommendations".

- The Chapter on "Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children".
- To the Committee on Grievances:  
The Chapter on "Trial Commissions".
- To the Committee on Finance:  
The Chapter on "Board of Grand Trustees".  
The Chapter on "Grand Secretary".  
The Chapter on "Thomas R. Morrow Gift Fund".  
The Chapter on "Sarah W. Holly will".  
Recommendation No. 4 of "Chapter on Recommendations".
- To the Temple Building Advisory Committee:  
The Chapter on "Approval of Lodge Financing".
- To the Committee on Masonic Education:  
The Chapter on "Gold Jordan Medals".  
The Chapter on "Corner Stones".  
The Chapter on "Dedication of Masonic Temple".  
The Chapter on "Masonic Visitations".  
The Chapter on "Badges, Medals and Certificates".  
The Chapter on "National Bible Week".
- To the Grand Custodian:  
The Chapter on "Assistant Custodians".  
The Chapter on "Grand Custodian".
- To the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial:  
The Chapter on "George Washington Masonic National Memorial".
- To the Masters and Wardens of the Subordinate Lodges:  
The Chapter on "State of the Order".  
The Chapter on "The Omaha Masonic Home for Boys".
- To the Incoming Grand Master:  
Recommendation No. 8 of "Chapter on Recommendations".

It is very obvious from the report of the Grand Master that he has given a great deal of his time and energy to the fulfillment of his duties. And it must be remembered that much of it was during trying days when every man's mind was taxed to the limit with the anguish and burdens of a ghastly war. It was necessary to act upon and make decisions in important matters at times when the greatest of minds were in confusion. It is the opinion of this Committee that our Grand Master should be commended for his unstinted devotion to his trust.

#### REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

- To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:  
The Chapter on "Degrees by Courtesy".
- To the Committee on Grievances:  
The Chapter on "Grievances".

To the Finance Committee:

The Chapter on "Investments".

The Chapter on "Relief Notes".

The Chapter on "Farm Management".

All financial statements of the various funds and accounts.

To the Committee on Returns:

The Chapter on "Returns".

To the Temple Building Advisory Committee:

The Chapter on "Lodge Finances".

The Chapter "A Suggestion".

To the Committee on "Masonic Education":

The Chapter on "Brethren Who Have Been Presented With Fifty Year Badges".

The Roll of Honor.

Our Grand Secretary has handled the affairs of his office so efficiently for so many years that some members may take too much for granted, but we believe it is well known that the healthy condition of the Grand Lodge finances is largely due to the untiring efforts and good judgment of our Grand Secretary. His activities are many and he merits thanks for such splendid service.

#### REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

There is nothing in this report that seems to require the attention of any standing committees. However, let it be recorded that notwithstanding the travel restrictions and war restrictions, our Grand Custodian has been prompt and faithful to his trust and he has discharged the duties of his office with the highest degree of efficiency.

Your committee recommends that all matters not herein referred to committees be approved and ratified.

Joseph D. Houston, 302, Chairman

Morris E. Trego, 299

Leonard G. Bronson, 15

Harry T. Mead, 32

William A. Reutlinger, 33

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

### JOURNEY TO THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME AT PLATTSMOUTH

There was no afternoon session of the Grand Lodge on Tuesday, June 4, as the Grand Master had arranged with the Omaha Lodges to transport the brethren of the Grand Lodge in automobiles to the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, where they might spend the afternoon inspecting the buildings and grounds, and visiting with the residents of the Home. The Omaha brethren furnished some 90 cars taking over 300 Masons to Plattsmouth. This was a most enjoyable trip. The brethren were met and welcomed by Superintendent William F. Evers and Mrs. Evers, who escorted them through the buildings and grounds. The brethren appreciated the opportunity of visiting the Nebraska Masonic Home and they now have first hand information regarding their Home at Plattsmouth.

### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 5, 1946

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.

M. W. Harold L. Reader, Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Missouri was presented, and very cordially welcomed by M. W. William C. Schaper, who introduced him to the Grand Lodge, and invited him to a seat in the Grand East.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

**Brethren:**

We will now have the pleasure of listening to Worshipful Brother Raymond C. Cook, who will sing for us at this time.

W. Raymond C. Cook, 6:

**Brethren:**

With the trip we had yesterday still fresh in our minds, and the very great important things we have before us, I want to sing to you "The Builder."

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

M. W. William C. Schaper, 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
Arizona.....	F. Ray Dilts
Arkansas.....	Lute M. Savage
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
Florida.....	Charles B. Nicodemus
Georgia.....	William F. Evers
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 Jersey.....	Wallace E. Linn
New Mexico.....	Harold D. Weddel
New Zealand.....	Stanley P. Bostwick
North Dakota.....	Austin P. Whitmire
Nova Scotia.....	Jesse P. Entrekin
Panama.....	Walter R. Raecke
Puerto Rico.....	Walter O. Barnes
Queensland.....	Edward Huwaldt
South Australia.....	Joseph B. Fradenburg
South Carolina.....	James R. Cain, Jr.
South Dakota.....	Charles A. Chappell
Tennessee.....	William C. Schaper
Vermont.....	Elmer E. Magee
Virginia.....	William J. Breckenridge
Washington.....	Edward M. Knight
West Virginia.....	Alvin H. Miller
Wisconsin.....	Osborne P. Simon

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master

**Brethren:**

I extend to you a cordial welcome to the 88th and 89th Communication of this Grand Lodge.

It is an honor to be a representative of another jurisdiction near this Grand Lodge. I invite you to, and I hope you will extend to the Grand Masters of the Grand Jurisdictions you represent, my personal best wishes and fraternal greetings.

W. Jesse P. Entrekin, 295, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, gave the response.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

We will now meet the wearer of the Gold Jordan Medal.

We will ask the Grand Senior Deacon and Brother Evers to conduct our good brother Hiram A. Harter to the platform.

W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Senior Deacon:

**M. W. Grand Master:**

I present to you and to this Grand Lodge Brother Hiram A. Harter, who is the present holder of the Gold Jordan Medal, Worshipful Brother William F. Evers, Superintendent of the Home at Plattsmouth, and Brother George Rock, holder of the Bronze Medal.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

Conduct these brethren to the platform.

Brethren, I am going to ask Worshipful Brother William F. Evers, Superintendent of the Home, to introduce Brother Harter and speak a few minutes, if he will, concerning the Gold Jordan Medal and when and where this medal was presented to the oldest Mason in point of service in this Grand Jurisdiction.

W. William F. Evers, 6:

**Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:**

This morning as I prepared to come to the Grand Lodge I had two of the youngsters that wanted to go along, so I brought them both.

Brother Hiram A. Harter, member of Aurora Lodge 68, has been a Mason since 1877, is the wearer of the Gold Jordan medal signifying that he has been a Mason longer than any other Mason in the State of Nebraska. This is the third time that this medal has been worn by a resident of the Nebraska Masonic Home: First by Robert Long; Second by Brother Albert Baker, and now by Brother Hiram Harter. A peculiar coincidence, Brother Harter was born in North Manchester, Indiana, and in looking over the records we find Brother Albert Baker was also born in North Manchester, Indiana.

Brother Harter, of course, wanted to take his pal with him, so Brother George Rock of Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312, who wears the Bronze Jordan Medal of his lodge, accompanied Brother Harter here this morning. Brother Rock is not only a companion to Brother Harter, but he is a companion and friend to every one at the Nebraska Masonic Home, and is affectionately known as "The Keeper of the Roses."

During the winter, when this Gold Jordan Medal was presented to Brother Harter, the Home Lodge U. D. U. was opened at the Home, the Grand Master and other Grand Officers were present. The members of that Lodge, who are residents of the Nebraska Masonic Home Lodge U. D. U. and attended that meeting, represent an average age of eighty-two and one-half years; and represent an average Masonic membership of forty-six and one-half years. Brethren, you would be interested in the time served by these good brothers who are at the Nebraska Masonic Home.

**PRESENTATION OF FIFTY YEAR BADGE TO V. W. V.  
GEORGE ALLEN BEECHER, GRAND CHAPLAIN**

**M. W. V. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary**

Worshipful Brother Hedelund, will you bring Bishop Beecher to the Grand East. This is a little surprise.

I am going to address my remarks to Bishop Beecher, but I cannot face him because I have to talk through this microphone.

Bishop Beecher, a man who has probably known more Freemasons in Nebraska than anyone except perhaps Brother Savage and myself, and who has worked unceasingly in season and out of season for the church of which he is a minister, and in addition to that he has worked just as unceasingly for Freemasonry, a brother whom I need not say is beloved and held in the highest affection by all of us. It is my great pleasure now to present to you, Bishop Beecher, in the name of the Grand Lodge and of George W. Liniinger Lodge, of which you are a member, the fifty year button, and I am going to ask Worshipful Brother John Hedelund, Past Master of that Lodge, who had the privilege of being present when you were consecrated as a Bishop, to place this fifty year button.

**W. V. John S. Hedelund, 268:**

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Smith, Very  
Worshipful Brother Beecher, Brethren:**

Normally this would have been the privilege of George W. Liniinger Lodge, and it is the thing to which we had looked forward for a long time, because Bishop Beecher is one of the charter members of our Lodge. It seems fitting, however, that recognition should be given to him in a greater degree than the local lodge. And therefore our request was, if it possibly could be done, that it be done in this Grand Lodge, in order

that all of you might carry home to your Lodge the fact that the Bishop is a wearer of the fifty year button, and you will be able to tell the honor that was conferred.

Very Worshipful Sir, it is a great honor to me to be permitted to pin this badge on your coat in behalf of the Grand Lodge and in behalf of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, which is most proud to honor you as a charter member of that Lodge. I hope you may wear it long and enjoy its use. Thank you.

V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain:

A few moments ago I was sitting up here in the place assigned to me as Grand Chaplain during this session of the Grand Lodge. I moved down there to speak to my good brother Hedelund.

I had been informed some weeks ago, and before that, possibly, I would be fifty years old this year, and it was in the mind of the man that was speaking to me, in my mind, that this medal was to be awarded some time, but I did not know a thing about it. I went down and sat there because I could hear better, and I wanted to hear the words that were being said, and this is a true surprise that I am appearing here this morning. And I hardly know how to talk. The only thing that comes to my mind at the present time is the fellowship, and I am going to add the name Christian Fellowship. It has been my conviction by personal observation and by experience in traveling in the various parts of what was then the largest area of the world that I had ever traveled in before, that when I came back to my own Masonic Brethren in this country, to find that Masonry has its strongest hold in the minds of people who live in the United States of America, where religion of men has really been the means of helping brethren to be better Masons, and that they are in their fellowship and in their labors as well as in their refreshments exemplifying the results of the influence of the religious faith they have in their living God.

Brethren, I am not going to fail to appreciate this wonderful honor. I have in mind Mrs. Beecher, who had heard something about my being worthy of receiving the fifty year jewel of Masonic brethren. I know how glad she will be that it was done here, and how anxious she will be to have me tell all about it.

### PRESENTATION OF BRETHREN WEARING THE FIFTY YEAR BADGE

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

**Brethren:**

I think at this time we should honor and recognize the wearers of the Fifty Year Badges, and the Bronze Jordan Medals, and those of you who are present and wearing those badges or medals, will you please stand.

The following brethren responded, and were conducted to the Grand East cordially received by the M. W. Grand Master and enthusiastically applauded by the brethren present:

Bishop George Allen Beecher, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268.  
Benjamin F. Pitman, Samaritan Lodge No. 158.  
James P. Baker, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272.  
Charles B. Nicodemus, Fremont Lodge No. 15.  
William Muder, Lincoln Lodge No. 19.  
Solomon L. Degen, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master :

**Brethren:**

I have the privilege of presenting to you at this time Worshipful Brother Leslie E. Martin, President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, which is located at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Brother Martin.

W. Leslie E. Martin, President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, presented the report, which was adopted.

**Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brothers of the Grand Lodge:**

The last report to the Grand Lodge was made in June, 1944 by the late Most Worshipful William A. Robertson, President of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Brother Robertson passed to his eternal home about thirty days following the last session of the Grand Lodge. His passing was a great loss to Masonry in Nebraska and particularly to the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth which he served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1927, and as President of the Board of Trustees from 1939 to date of death. Suitable resolutions have been adopted by the Board of Trustees. Since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, death has claimed two other members of our Board: Worshipful Brother Robert J. Jones who served as Trustee of the Home from 1927 to February 21, 1945, date of death and Worshipful Brother Harry G. Browne who served as Trustee from January 23, 1927 to January 15, 1946, date of death. These brethren were very faithful and contributed much to the management of the Home at Plattsmouth.

Our Home has operated for a number of years on a budget plan and we have been able to live within our budget each year. This sounds very well yet I assure you that it has not been free from many, many problems—but I am happy to inform you that these problems, as they came up, were met and disposed of with satisfaction so that our residents of the Home were never caused to worry or suffer any inconveniences. As you may well know, our Superintendent, Worshipful Brother Evers has had serious problems of employment. We have twenty-five employees at the Home and with a competing market at the Glenn L. Martin plant which was located near by, it was exceedingly difficult to hold employees

on a salary schedule that would be comparable. Another one of his problems was to properly ration foods and coal and plan far enough in advance so that at no time was the Home ever short of needed supplies. We are indeed fortunate in having such an efficient and capable Superintendent who because of his experience and natural ability can look ahead and foresee the needs and protect the Home by buying on a most favorable market.

Most of you had the opportunity of visiting the Home yesterday and for many it was probably the first visit you ever made to the Home. I am sure you were very pleased with the beauty of the surroundings and the cheerful and happy countenances of the residents. You, no doubt, were impressed with the fact that the Home was crowded and that we were filled up to capacity. You also observed that the old original Home was a frame structure with brick wall exterior and that we are housing in that old building, forty-six of our residents. In my first report to the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home, which was made on January 23, 1945, I stated "Although our buildings and equipment are maintained in an excellent condition and everything is done to make our residents comfortable, happy and contented, yet we are living from year to year with a definite hazard that is causing me some concern. The original Home building, with its addition, is a frame structure and a serious fire hazard. I hope that in the not too distant future, we will be able to enlarge our infirmary building sufficiently to take care of all our residents and give them all a safe place to live, as well as a comfortable one."

At this annual meeting, there was considerable discussion about the needs of the Home and how the Board might proceed to find a solution. We were advised by the Grand Master that because of a directive issued by the Office of Defense Transportation, that he was issuing an edict calling off the regular meeting of the Grand Lodge which ordinarily would have been scheduled for June, 1945. With that knowledge and with the pressing needs at the Home for more room to take care of applicants for admission and for the urgency of caring for our residents in fire proof buildings and because of the ease of money conditions, the Board felt that it was an opportune time to seek to raise funds to enlarge the infirmary building in agreement with the original plans that were approved in 1924. I wrote a letter to Most Worshipful Grand Master William C. Schaper setting forth the needs of the Home and the reasons for initiating a financial campaign at this time and asking him for his permission to put on such a campaign. He very promptly gave us permission and has been very enthusiastic and helpful in its promotion. Following that, I named a Promotional Committee with Worshipful Brother J. Earl Thompson, Florence Lodge No. 281, as Chairman and the following Brothers to serve with him: Worshipful Brother William F. Evers, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6; Worshipful Brother Harry A. Spencer, North Star Lodge No. 227; Worshipful Brother Peter L. Bauer, Scribner Lodge No. 132; Worshipful Brother Raymond C. Cook, Plattsmouth Lodge

No. 6. This Committee has done very exceptional work and you will be pleased to have a report from the Chairman of this Committee immediately following my address. He will inform you more in detail about the progress the Committee has made.

Our normal capacity for residents at the Home is eighty-five. We now have eighty-eight. We have had as many as ninety by crowding together. We have had to postpone the entrance of many applicants to our Home by making arrangements with relatives and friends to care for them until vacancies occur and we are able to take them in. It is my opinion that if we had accepted all applicants that were deserving and entitled to come to the Home, we might easily have as many as one hundred thirty-five at this time. The type of care that we are called upon to give our residents has changed considerably over that of a few years ago. Back in 1926, the average age of our men residents was 75.4 and the average age of the women residents was 74.3. In 1945 the average age of our men was 80.1 and the average age of the women was 79.9. Back in 1926, many of our residents were in the Home because of economic conditions that made it impossible for them to provide for themselves; however, they were not physically incapacitated and were able to look after themselves, get about and were not in need of hospitalization or nurse care. Today, forty-two of our eighty-eight residents are in the infirmary and require nurse care. In recent years, the old age assistance benefits provided by our State and the social security program of our Federal Government has made it possible for older people who were in need of financial help, but who were still able to look after themselves, to carry on in their own homes and defer application for entrance in the Masonic Home. Consequently, our applicants are coming to us at a more advanced age and are requiring hospitalization and nurse care when entering. They postponed applying for aid until physical infirmities make it imperative that they seek our Home for care and hospitalization. Although there is a decreasing need for the Home to care for indigent people, there is an ever-increasing demand upon us for taking care of the infirm which entails greater expense and a more specialized type of service. I wish it were possible for every Mason in Nebraska to be as close to the picture as the members of the Board of Trustees are. All Masonic degrees impress upon the candidate the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. That is the heart of Masonry, but those nice sounding words mean nothing if they are not put into action. Masons of Nebraska are putting into action the splendid principles they subscribe to through the administrations of our Homes at Fremont and Plattsmouth. To the extent that we fail to care for those who need our care, and to whom we are obligated as Masons to care for them, to that extent we negate our obligations and Masonry becomes meaningless.

This appeal for funds from the Masons of Nebraska to build needed additions at the Plattsmouth Home is the only appeal that has ever been made for capital funds. Out of your dues that you pay each year to the Grand Lodge, \$1.00 goes to the Nebraska Masonic Home for main-

tenance. The cost of maintenance for our Home during the year 1945 was \$56,523.29. This means that the per capita cost for the year 1945 for the average number of residents during that year was \$691.42. This figure compares with per capita cost in 1936 of \$423.16. The \$1.00 per capita from dues paid by our members amounted to \$32,519.00 in 1945. You will note that the amount that you are paying in for maintenance is \$24,000.00 less than the total cost of maintenance for that year. How is this difference taken care of? By a special appropriation from the Grand Lodge and transfer of earnings from endowment and invested funds. I would like to explain here the invested funds of our Nebraska Masonic Home:

1. The Orphans Education Fund—which now amounts to \$265,215.47. This fund was started and collected by Masons of Nebraska prior to the year 1872 and, at that time, amounted to \$5,000.00. By wise investment, this fund has grown to its present proportions. The principal can never be used for any purpose other than the education of orphans of Masonic brethren. The interest from the fund, however, can be, and is being used, in the maintenance of the Home.

2. Building and Improvement Fund—which now amounts to \$179,743.66. This fund can be used for building purposes, but there have been many times when the income of the Grand Lodge from dues was insufficient to pay all the running expenses of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Therefore, this fund is held as a reserve so that the income therefrom can be used to help pay the maintenance of the Home. It would be most unwise to deplete this fund for the present building program because after the proposed additions to the infirmary are completed, not only the interest but possibly, a part of the principal may have to be used to equip and maintain it.

3. Childrens Home Endowment Fund—which amounts to \$152,358.02. This fund was started by the widow of a Mason at Wayne, Nebraska. The amount placed in the fund at that time was \$10,000 and was intended to build into an endowment fund for the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont. The principal of this fund likewise can never be used for any purpose other than that for which it was intended and the interest from the fund can, and is being used for the maintenance of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

You can readily see that in meeting the operating costs of the Home today, it is necessary to supplement the \$1.00 per capita which you pay in your dues each year, with some other source of earnings. Without our present endowment funds and the earnings from them, it would be necessary to raise the per capita dues in order to maintain the Home. Then, too, you can readily see that with the enlargement of the Home so as to provide for more residents, the operating costs are going to be increased and we are going to need increasingly more funds to maintain the Home. It will be very unwise to use any of our present endowment funds for building purposes. In fact, it would be desirable for us to raise

sufficient funds from our members not only for the purpose of building our new additions, but also for the purpose of building larger endowments.

I trust that you will give close attention to the report of Worshipful Brother J. Earl Thompson, who will bring to you the results of his Committee in the promotion of this financial campaign. I am confident that the Masons of Nebraska, when fully informed, will respond to this most worthy cause in a very generous manner.

Before closing, I wish to commend to this Grand Lodge the special work of the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home. They are all very busy men and they are giving most generously of their time for the interest of the Home without any compensation. We have regular meetings each month and the large attendance at these meetings is most unusual. None of the members absent themselves unless it is absolutely necessary. I know of no more loyal group of men than those that are serving you on this Board.

I wish to call your special attention to the excellent work carried on by the Promotional Committee selected from our Board of Trustees. This Committee being comprised of Worshipful Brother J. Earl Thompson, Worshipful Brother William F. Evers, Worshipful Brother Harry A. Spencer, Worshipful Brother Peter L. Bauer and Worshipful Brother Raymond C. Cook. They have given much time and careful study. The fruits of their labors are yet to be fully realized. Through their planning and work our Masonic brethren throughout the State have become better informed about the Nebraska Masonic Home and have come to appreciate the splendid work that the Home is doing. Their work will bear fruit for years to come. My personal thanks to the members of this Committee I wish to make public.

Masons in Nebraska are very fortunate in having Most Worshipful Brother Lewis E. Smith as Secretary of the Nebraska Masonic Home. It is through his good management that we have built up our endowment funds to such an impressive amount. We have had his services these many years and without any cost to the Nebraska Masonic Home. I wish to pay my respects to him and publicly thank him on behalf of Masonry for his excellent services.

And I wish to express the thanks and appreciation of the Board of Trustees for the splendid leadership our Most Worshipful Grand Master, William C. Schaper, gave us during his term of office. He has had a real interest in the Home and has been very enthusiastic in the promotion of this most needed and worthy campaign for building funds. Masonry of Nebraska is highly indebted to him for his splendid leadership.

W. J. Earl Thompson, Chairman, presented the report of the Promotional Committee on the Nebraska Masonic Home Building Fund, which was adopted.

### REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and Delegates to  
the 88th and 89th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. F.  
& A. M. of Nebraska:

**Brethren:**

In April 1945 a special committee was appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home to be known as a Promotional Committee and whose function was to raise a fund of \$350,000 from the members of the Nebraska jurisdiction with which to build badly needed additions to our Nebraska Masonic Home.

This committee consisted of the following brethren:

Brother William F. Evers, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

Brother Harry A. Spencer, North Star Lodge No. 227.

Brother Peter L. Bauer, Scribner Lodge No. 132.

Brother Raymond C. Cook, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

Brother J. Earl Thompson, Florence Lodge No. 281.

A special committee was then selected from each lodge in the state to head up a building fund committee sufficient in size to contact personally every member of their lodge to secure cash contributions and pledges to the building fund. This committee was supplied with complete instructions as to the approach, procedure and reporting of its activities in connection with this campaign.

A beautiful illustrated 16-page brochure was prepared and sent to each member of the Nebraska jurisdiction, with the exception of the members of the Armed Forces. Accompanying this brochure was a letter outlining the need of these additions at the Home to properly and safely take care of our indigent brethren and eligible dependents, and urging each to give as liberally as he possibly could when called on by the committee.

Reports showing the standing of each lodge to its quota were prepared and sent to the Master of each lodge on September 30th, October 31st, and November 30th of last year and January 31st and April 30th of this year.

During February an 8-page pamphlet was prepared and again mailed to each member of the jurisdiction emphasizing the urgency of the campaign and the need for its early completion.

The committee recognizes the fact that it has made mistakes in this campaign but any mistakes made were of the mind and not of the heart. We did not want to hire a Promotional Expert and pay out a large sum

for his services, so we tackled the job ourselves and although we all work for a living just as each of you, we're giving and will continue to give this campaign the best that's in us.

The campaign is progressing slowly. Although some lodges have done remarkably well, and money and pledges are coming in daily, we are still a long way from our goal. As I see it, Masonry in Nebraska is on trial in this campaign. We dare not admit before the world that we repeat the teachings of Masonry by ritual and ignore them in application. We must prove to ourselves and to those outside our fraternity that we practice what we preach. We cannot fail in this building project.

As of May 31st last, the total amount paid and pledged by the members of the 284 lodges in Nebraska amounted to \$225,000.00. We still are \$125,000.00 short of our goal. Forty-four Lodges have met or exceeded their quota, but I am terribly embarrassed to report to you that 15 lodges have reported nothing.

We're not discouraged. We are confident. We feel sure that if your lodge is one that has unfinished designs upon its trestleboard, that you will go back home with a resolve to renew your campaign and stay with it until your task is completed and then, and not until then, will we be able to look these old people in the eye and say "Brother, we've kept our obligation, the strong arm of Masonry is still about you and we're going to see that you're cared for in the sunset of your life."

Brethren, this is a challenge to us to see that these old folks have not believed and hoped in vain.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

Brethren:

I want to speak about this campaign to raise funds for our Home at Plattsmouth. There was nothing glamorous about the work that J. Earl has been doing, but it has been done in a businesslike manner and efficiently, and the Masons of Nebraska can justly be proud of the excellent work of Worshipful Brother J. Earl Thompson.

Right Worshipful Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Deputy Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Committee that I represent is so closely associated with the work of the Home Board at Plattsmouth and at Fremont, that we could not prepare for it if we did not speak of our charities as a whole. This committee is independent of the other organizations, and not associated with them at all, and yet the work just goes on hand in hand, and so for the past thirteen years I have not presented this report without presenting the other members of this Committee. And I hope you will bear with me because I believe it is important that this Grand Lodge knows a little of the early history of our charitable organization set-up.

R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee of 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:

We herewith submit the report of the activities of this Committee for the two-year period beginning June 1, 1944, and ending May 31, 1946.

Our Brother Joseph Fort Newton gave expression to this sublime thought:

"Outside of the home and the house of God, there is nothing in this world more beautiful than the Spirit of Masonry. Gentle, gracious, and wise, its mission is to form mankind into a great redemptive Brotherhood, a league of noble, free men, enlisted in the radiant enterprise of working out in Time the Love and Will of the Eternal."

Naturally and primarily, our homes and our churches should be the first and foremost consideration, as Brother Newton places them first. From this Committee, which for years has been intimately associated with the various phases of Masonic Charities, a word as to the true Spirit of Masonry and what it has inspired may be deemed timely and good. This Spirit of Masonry, and what it may signify to an individual Brother, may appeal to him from various points of view. Shakespeare wrote these lines: "The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel." Masonic ties and bonds of true brotherhood are real "hoops of steel," and naturally result in sincere, insoluble, friendships, which Time cannot efface. This, if nothing more, might strongly appeal to a Brother as sufficient evidence of a true Spirit of Masonry. Then, in the building of character, the Spirit of Masonry may rightfully be deemed, "Handmaiden" of the Home and School and Church. Whenever called upon to assist in the raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason a younger Brother, we should never fail to express the thought of the influence the Spirit of Masonry has in the ultimate shaping of his life. This is the outstanding effect of the Spirit of Masonry.

To our mind, the truest, most sublime interpretation of the Spirit of Masonry is its almost boundless charities. It is tragic to realize that the very large majority of our Fraternity are so little informed on this particular subject. And yet, one official at the dedication of the Washington Memorial a number of years ago, who had evidently made a close study of the subject of Masonic Charities, made the statement that Masonry contributed each day \$50,000 to charities. In recent years, Masonry has expended millions of dollars in the erection and equipment of magnificent

Temples and Cathedrals, which compare in cost of construction and beauty of architecture with the Cathedrals of Church and State. During this same period, equal millions have been expended in the construction of magnificent Homes for aged Masons, beautiful Homes for Masons' orphans, and extensive hospitals. Our Temples and Cathedrals, without our Homes and Hospitals, would become, in the words of the Apostle Paul, "as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals."

The Spirit of Masonry manifests itself not only in our Homes and Orphanages and Hospitals, but, as well, in the relief that is given to many cases outside of these Homes. There are many instances of widows of Masons left with three or four little ones on their hands, all of whom would be eligible to our Home. In many of these instances, the mother love is so strong that it would be an unpardonable sin to take these children away from the mother, and in such cases the homes are kept intact by giving some financial assistance to the mothers. Elderly brethren, their wives or their widows, without means of support through no fault of their own, are all eligible to our Home. There are some cases where it would be a real tragedy to take these elderly people away from life-time surroundings and intimate associates, and in these cases we instead provide some financial assistance, which permits them to remain in those surroundings. Where emergency relief is called for, as in cases of accident and illness, pathetic and appealing cases, the Spirit of Masonry inspires us to give relief.

In this field of Masonic service, relief and care for our unfortunates, Nebraska Masons can well be proud of the part they have taken since the early history of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. The original plans for the establishment of a fund for this particular purpose were proposed at the Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Nebraska City, June 21, 22 and 23, 1866, with M. W. Robert W. Furnas presiding. At that time, there were just nine chartered lodges and four lodges under dispensation, with a combined membership of 475 Master Masons. At that annual communication, the first steps were taken to provide a definite program whereby funds might be raised to found an institution for the education of orphans of deceased Masons. I quote the following resolution of Brother O. H. Irish of Decatur Lodge No. 7 (now extinct), which resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, that a standing committee of one from each subordinate lodge be appointed, of which the Grand Master shall be chairman, to take measures to found an institution for the education of orphans of deceased Masons. And to this end they are hereby authorized to correspond with the subordinate lodges to receive proposals from different points, as to the location of the same: to provide some method of raising funds, and to report, in detail, at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge. And the Grand Treasurer is hereby authorized to receive such donations as may be made by individuals for this purpose, and to report the same in detail at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge."

On January 24, 1867, Grand Master Furnas issued a circular from his office at Brownville, Nebraska, to the various subordinate lodges, calling attention to the above-mentioned resolution by Brother Irish and advising of the appointment of a suitable committee. He further requested that each lodge give this matter serious consideration and study, and called for a special meeting to be held at Omaha, Tuesday, June 8, 1867, for the purpose of comparing plans and ideas, and thus be prepared to submit a complete report, together with their recommendations, to the next Grand Lodge. He concluded his circular letter with the following paragraph:

“Do not fail to remember, Brethren of Nebraska, that this is the most important measure ever yet presented for your consideration as an Order, or that, perhaps, ever will be, and that now is the time to commence this great work, which is to show forth to the world one of the cherished principles of Masonry.”

On Tuesday, June 20, 1867, during the Tenth Annual Communication held at Omaha, Grand Master Furnas, Chairman, submitted the report of of the Committee on “Orphans’ School”, which, upon resolution and after considerable debate, was adopted. The report and resolution outlined the plans formulated, chief among which were the following provisions:

- 1). That the Grand Lodge levy a tax upon the membership in the State to be collected and paid as other dues from subordinate lodges, and by the Grand Lodge set apart as an Educational Fund.
- 2). That a trustee or a board of trustees be appointed by the Grand Lodge, whose duty it should be to take charge of all funds or donations of whatsoever kind, paid in or donated, and invest the same most advantageously.
- 3). That a standing committee of one from each subordinate lodge be appointed annually.
- 4). That the mode of raising funds be proceeded with for a term of five years, at the end of which time the Grand Lodge take such measures as in its wisdom seemed best for the founding of an educational institute.

The first group of trustees appointed in 1867 by Grand Master Irish for the Orphans Educational Fund consisted of Past Grand Masters Furnas, Armstrong and Wheeler. The first monies received for this Fund were donations as follows:

Brother J. N. Wise, No. 6 .....	\$10.00
Brother O. H. Irish, No. 2 .....	15.50
Brother J. N. Patrick, No. 5 .....	19.00
Brother C. S. Chase .....	10.50
TOTAL .....	<u>\$55.00</u>

The same group of Trustees was reappointed in 1868, and their first report is recorded at the Twelfth Annual Communication held at Nebraska City, October 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1869, showing \$1,247.80 in the Orphans Educational Fund as of that date. Apparently, there was some opposition to the plan, because in their report, we quote as follows:

"The Trustees feel that while there is some opposition to this plan of exemplifying characteristics peculiar to the Masonic Fraternity—as there necessarily will be in all things—yet the movement has a vast hold upon the devoted friends of Masonry in this jurisdiction, and that, if it can be let alone and fostered for a few years until its practicability and utility can be fully demonstrated, it will prove a proud and lasting monument to Masonry in Nebraska, and will speak louder for it than tongues of most gifted orators."

At this meeting, a resolution was introduced, intended to amend the standing resolution of the Grand Lodge as relating to the Orphans Educational Fund. The resolution was adopted contingent upon its ratification by a majority of the subordinate lodges.

In the report of the Grand Secretary at Plattsmouth in June, 1870, we find that a constitutional number of subordinate lodges failed to take the necessary action on the constitutional amendment, and the resolution, therefore, failed to become effective. At this session, however, a resolution was passed which established the amount to be raised at \$5,000, and also reduced the assessment from \$1.00 to \$.50 a member. In 1872 at Lincoln, it was reported by the Trustees that a maximum of \$5,145.65 had been secured for the Fund, and further assessments were abolished.

In 1880, the Fund was reported in excess of \$10,000, and in 1884, the first consideration was given to the establishment of a home for orphans and widows, and in 1887, the Fund was reported at \$15,547.85, and that year a resolution was adopted authorizing the appointment of a commission of seven members to secure proposals for the location of the Home, and to report at the next Grand Lodge Session.

In 1888, a recommendation was introduced for the organization of a corporation to be called the Nebraska Masonic Home, and on May 28, 1889, the Home was incorporated under the laws of the State of Nebraska, with George W. Lininger as President of the Board of Directors. At this session of the Grand Lodge, the following resolution by Brother Coutant of Covert Lodge No. 11 was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That this Grand Lodge recommend to the trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home that no part of the capital stock of said association be used for the construction of buildings until the subscriptions thereto shall reach the sum of \$50,000, and then only the excess above that sum."

Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home Corporation was subscribed through the various Masonic Bodies and some individuals and by 1890,

a total of 285 shares had been subscribed. Today the total number of shares owned by the various groups and individuals is 2230 shares.

The situation remained rather dormant until about 1903, when we find the first reference to the Masonic Home in the report of Grand Master Nathaniel M. Ayres:

"Let us build a monument to Masonry in Nebraska to which future generations may point with pride and say, 'That was built by the Masons of Nebraska'".

The first unit of our official Home was opened September 1, 1903, at Plattsmouth, made possible by the early action and generosity of Nebraska Masons from 1866 to 1872.

In the meantime, our Orphans Educational Fund had grown, and in 1906, the following amendment to the law was secured:

- "Sec. 27. 1). The Orphans Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge shall be the sum of \$50,000, which is hereby constituted an endowment fund, the interest alone of which shall be used for the education of orphans, and the support of orphans and widows of Master Masons of Nebraska.
- 2). This fund shall be under the management and control of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home."

Additional units were added to our original plant at Plattsmouth, most recent of which has been the splendid infirmary. The cornerstone for this unit was laid June 3, 1924.

One of the lessons which we as Masons are taught, is that with everlasting faith in God, Time, Patience, and Perseverance accomplish all things. Those sturdy pioneers of Freemasonry in Nebraska who have preceded our generation, had that Faith, Patience, and Perseverance, and the result of their vision and accomplishment is our cherished and sacred heritage to carry on for generations yet to come. Truly, we have a lasting monument to Masonry in Nebraska, which speaks louder for it than "tongues of the most gifted orators," to which we can point with pride and say, "That was built by the Masons of Nebraska." They were the builders—not just for today, but for tomorrow and for the years to come.

This, Brethren, is the brief story of the establishment of our Charities in Nebraska. By careful management and prudent investment, means have been made available to take care of the vast number of calls for assistance during the past few years. These years have been years when our per capita income from dues for this particular purpose had been materially reduced because of loss of membership and the related loss in income.

As a matter of general information, our per capita dues of \$2.00 per member paid by each subordinate lodge are divided by Statute, and prorated by the Grand Lodge as follows:

Nebraska Masonic Home .....	\$ 1.00
Maintenance Fund, Children's Home, Fremont .....	.15
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans .....	.20
General Fund .....	.65
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TOTAL .....	\$ 2.00

The work of your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, is closely associated with the work of the Home Board, but each group functions separately from and independently of the other. This is very necessary from an administrative standpoint, but a fine spirit of cooperation and coordination of effort are always manifested by all groups concerned. Whenever our investigations develop memberships in other associated bodies, such as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Order of the Eastern Star, or Knights Templar, our recommendations have always been for active participation in the case by these organizations, and we are pleased to report that we have always received their hearty cooperation. The work of the Family Welfare Association, locally and through their national organization, has been of great assistance to us, with considerable saving of time and expense to your Committee.

The number of cases coming to our attention has decreased materially during the past two years, with a corresponding decrease in the amount of actual financial assistance rendered. On the other hand, there are those who come to us with problems of a personal nature, where advice, a kind word, or a pat on the back is all that is required to boost their morale and give them that self-assurance of their ability to carry on for themselves that is at times greatly-needed by all of us.

Our total disbursements for the period from June 1, 1944, to May 31, 1945, was \$7,143.00; for the year just ending on May 31, 1946, these disbursements dropped to \$4,080.00. This last figure is the lowest per annum cost in the experience of your chairman, an experience covering a period of the past thirteen years, and this figure represents an expenditure of \$.11 per capita as compared with a peak of \$.32 per capita for 1940.

Before closing this report, we should like to mention the activity of the Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont. During the past year, the Home at Plattsmouth has provided care for an average total of eighty-two people at a cost of \$56,523.00, and in addition to this, annuities have been provided for several members outside the Home at a cost of \$1,474.00, making a total of \$57,997.00 for the Plattsmouth Home. The Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont provided home and care for an average of thirty-five children last year at a cost of \$27,029.00. The subordinate lodges devoted approximately \$3,580.00 to this worthy cause, in addition to the amount expended by this Committee. The combined total from these four sources during the past year for charitable and benevolent purposes is \$88,606.00, or \$2.46 per capita.

In the previous report of this Committee at the Eighty-seventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held June 6 and 7, 1944, we called attention to the absence of one of our Committee members, Brother Edwin C. Yont of Trestleboard Lodge No. 162, Brock, Nebraska. On December 3rd of that year, Brother Ed passed to his final reward. He had been a faithful member of this Committee since 1926, and had attended the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge for forty-two consecutive years. He was a Past Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, and from 1926 to 1933, served as President of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont. We miss his wise counsel and advice, and "leave him with Him who doeth all things well."

Your chairman was the official representative of our M.'W.'Grand Master, William C. Schaper, at the Biennial Meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, held in Louisville, Kentucky, on November 12 and 13, 1945. Numerous papers were presented for discussion, most of which were related in some form or other to the work of this Committee. As a result of these discussions, our conclusion is that the problem of relief and care is very much the same in each jurisdiction. The difference lies in the difference in organization and financial set-up in the various jurisdictions, resulting in a slightly different approach to the problem.

We have maintained our expenses well within the budget established by your finance committee, and it is our opinion that conditions, from the point of view of this Committee, will continue to improve during the ensuing year.

A complete audit of all records and accounts maintained by this Committee for the past two years has been made by George L. Greenfield, Certified Public Accountant, and his report is attached hereto and made a part of this record.

W.'Francis W. Albrecht, 300, presented the report of the Committee on the Nebraska War Service Fund, which was adopted.

#### REPORT 1946—NEBRASKA MASONIC WAR SERVICE COMMITTEE

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

More than four years ago the Grand Master appointed this Committee composed of Brothers Francis W. Albrecht, 300; Merrill C. Babbitt, 297; Otis W. Cave, 250; Mark Simons, 19, and Thomas A. Barton, 210, all of Lincoln. After the Grand Lodge Session of 1944, M.'W.' George A. Kurk, 54, Lincoln and M.'W.' Walter R. Raecke, 36, of Central City were added as members of the Committee. In the summer of 1944, Chairman Thomas A. Barton, entered the armed services, and Mark Simons, 19, was appointed Chairman.

The general purpose of the committee when organized was to perform any act of service for Master Masons and sons of Master Masons who were in the armed service or performing defense duties. When the committee was first organized, there were, of course, no names in its files, and it was necessary to have the local secretaries furnish the committee with names of those in the service. The work of the committee continued to become more voluminous until after V-J Day when the work slacked off considerably, and during the last several months there has been very little for the committee to do.

The greatest number of names in the files of the Committee was in October of 1945, and at that time, our files showed 2,808 Nebraska Master Masons in the armed service and 4,373 sons of Nebraska Master Masons, a total of 7,181. There were, of course, many additional men in the service whose names were never reported to the Committee. There had been reported to the Committee at that time 94 killed in action, 30 missing in action, 21 prisoners of war and 244 discharged. At Christmas in 1944, the Committee sent Christmas letters to 2,486 Nebraska Master Masons and 3,175 sons of Nebraska Master Masons, a total of 5,661 letters. The above, we believe, should furnish the Grand Lodge in some small measure with the extent and growth of the work of the Committee during the height of the war.

When the Committee was first organized, it had no precedents to follow, and consequently, had gradually to decide what activities it could undertake for the benefit of the Masons and sons in the armed service, and eliminate the functions or services which the Committee had neither the time nor the money to undertake. In due course of time, because of the increased work of the Committee as above mentioned, it became necessary to maintain a separate down town office in Lincoln with full time help.

The Committee limited its service to Masons and sons of Masons, whether from the jurisdiction of Nebraska or other jurisdictions. It did not undertake to perform services for the daughters of Masons, although this question came up for discussion before the Committee several times. The Committee considered that this work could best be performed by the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star. The work of the Committee principally consisted of the following:

1. Keeping in contact with Nebraska Masons and sons of Masons in the armed service.
2. Furnishing to committees in other grand jurisdictions the names of Nebraska Masons and sons stationed in their jurisdictions.
3. Furnishing financial aid to Masons and their sons.
4. Writing letters and keeping in touch with Nebraska Masons and sons of Masons.
5. Writing letters of sympathy to parents and wives of servicemen reported wounded, missing or killed in action.

6. Making contributions to the National Masonic Service Association. (This was done through the Grand Lodge.) Making contributions to local service organizations.

7. Performing innumerable other services and furnishing information to our men in the service. This included such varied items as purchasing flowers for the wives of men in service; supplying men with information as to joining a lodge while in the service; giving general advice as to the rights of men in the service; assisting in furnishing living quarters for servicemen and their families and innumerable services of a like nature.

One of the most important functions which the Committee performed was writing letters and keeping in contact with the men. As previously indicated, these names were furnished the Committee by the Secretaries of the local lodges or the Chairman of the War Service Committee of the lodges throughout the state. Immediately upon receipt of such names, a communication was addressed to the Mason or son. Furthermore, several letters were written to all men in the service at various times.

The reaction received from the men in the service was universally favorable. The Committee received and has in its files hundreds of letters received from service men. Invariably, the men advised that they were appreciative of receiving communications from us and were grateful that such a Committee was organized and functioning in their behalf. The Committee was disappointed in not being able to furnish more financial contributions to the men. We supplied all funds requested but there were very few of such requests.

The letters from the sons of Masons invariably mentioned that they were proud that their fathers were associated with the fraternity and, almost without exception, indicated their desire to join the fraternity upon their return from the service.

The Committee received daily communications from committees in other states requesting that our committee contact men stationed in the various army and navy bases and depots in Nebraska. Such communications were referred to the lodges near such bases and depots and, in most cases, the local lodges made contact with the men stationed there.

The Committee furnished money and spent time in providing for the comfort of servicemen from other parts of the Union, whether Masons or not, while they were stationed in Nebraska. Usually, the actual work was done by other Masonic organizations or the women of the Eastern Star.

The above is, we believe, a fair summary of the work done by the Committee.

Needless to say, the work of the Committee was not all easy. The work was so voluminous that it took much time. It was especially difficult to keep up to date on the addresses and location of the men in the service, and it was difficult in many instances to get the local Secretaries or local Committees to furnish us with the names of their men in the

service. On the whole, we had very fine cooperation from the Secretaries or local Committees of the local lodges, and the Committee wishes to thank them for this cooperation.

When the present Chairman was appointed, he received from Brother Thomas A. Barton, former Chairman, a checking balance in the Continental National Bank of Lincoln, Nebraska, of \$402.39. He received from Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, a total amount of \$3,000.00. These funds were expended as follows:

Rent .....	\$ 328.00
Salaries .....	1,286.80
Withholding and Social Security Tax .....	112.46
Stamps .....	411.00
Office Supplies .....	310.99
Office Equipment .....	91.05
Miscellaneous .....	54.10
Contributions .....	325.00
Telephone .....	141.67
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	\$3,061.07

leaving a balance on hand in the Committee's bank account in the Continental National Bank of Lincoln, Nebraska of \$341.32. This amount is in addition to the funds for this work which the Grand Lodge has in its Treasury, and which amount was never requested by or turned over to the Committee. At all times the Committee was furnished with ample funds with which to operate.

We believe that the work of the Committee has now been finished. We have endeavored to perform the functions of the Committee in a manner which was creditable to the fraternity, and we sincerely believe that the cause of Freemasonry has been advanced by the work of the Committee. Our experience the last few months has led us to believe that the Committee should be discharged.

We are, therefore, recommending to the Grand Lodge that it order the Committee to dispose of the small amount of office equipment which it has on hand, turn over its bank balance, files and records to the Grand Secretary and upon doing so, that the Committee be discharged.

W. Robert D. Wilson, 268, Chairman, presented the report of the Grand Trustees, which was adopted.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

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

Since the report of the Board of Grand Trustees was made by Chairman Will R. Johnson to this body at its Annual Communication in June, 1944, the Board has been organized to function in accordance with the

plan which is provided by the By-laws of the Grand Lodge as amended at that communication.

Some time after the completion of this part of the program, Brother Johnson resigned as he was not in robust health and felt that he must give up this work along with some other activities which were taxing his strength. This was a matter of deep regret to all of the members of this Board, for his work was of a high order and his contribution was material.

The members of the Board have at all times been a unit in their desire to keep the funds entrusted to their care invested so as to produce the greatest possible return without assuming undue risks and to avoid the dangers that are inherent in various classes of securities under the existing conditions. This calls for more or less frequent meetings for the purpose of conferring as to the advisability of acquiring or disposing of certain securities as a result of changing conditions. Seven meetings of the Board have been held since January 1, 1945.

The very low interest rates which prevail have resulted in the re-financing of many good issues, and this in turn has brought about the calling for redemption of quite a number of securities held in our portfolio. It has generally been impossible to replace these securities with others which would yield as much, for to do so would require the purchasing of issues wherein the risk of loss is greater than should be assumed. While the yield on the securities administered by this Board is gradually declining, we are firmly convinced that it would be a grave mistake to attempt to increase the yield by assuming unwarranted risks, for the protection of the fund is of the greatest importance. To recede from this position would be to abandon the conviction that to a very considerable extent the investments should be on a trust fund basis.

Since the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge the investment in farms and farm mortgages has been reduced somewhat from time to time as good opportunities have presented themselves. This can be accomplished most advantageously when it is done in an orderly and unhurried fashion, and the results have been favorable.

The principal change in the fund during the last two years has been the increase in holdings of United States Bonds which were purchased from time to time during the Bond Drives. Your Trustees felt that the purchase of these bonds was not only an appropriate contribution to the war effort, but was also a good investment.

Our aim continues to be to increase the fund by securing the greatest possible return without assuming undue risks.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

Brethren:

On behalf of the Grand Lodge, Brother Wilson, I express appreciation to each member of the Board of Grand Trustees for the fine service they have rendered our Grand Lodge. We are indeed fortunate that men of such ability are willing to devote time and interest to the financial affairs of this Grand Lodge.

(Thereupon M. W. Brother William L. Perkins, Grand Master of Iowa, addressed the Communication.)

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

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 5, 1946

Prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, Mrs. Clara Weyerich, on behalf of the Order of Job's Daughters of the State of Nebraska, presented a check for \$740.00 for the Building Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home, and a bouquet of flowers to the Grand Lodge.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

What could be more pleasant than to have our daughters come into this Grand Lodge, and not only wish us well, but give to us something tangible as an expression of their well wishes.

I know something about the Job's Daughters; I have two daughters of my own who have been Job's Daughters, and who served as officers of their local Bethel. We are deeply indebted to these girls for coming here with no hope of ever having to be a beneficiary of our Home at Plattsmouth. And I think it would be fitting and proper at this time to call upon Brother Leslie E. Martin, President of the Home, to say a few words.

W. Leslie E. Martin, President of The Nebraska Masonic Home:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and representatives of the Job's Daughters:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home I accept this most generous gift. I don't know of any more beautiful tribute that could be paid to the Masons of Nebraska, and particularly our old people who are residents at Plattsmouth, than for the young children in this generation to have an interest in them to this extent. Of course, Masons are under obligations to care for our Home, these young ladies are under no obligation at all. How much more beautiful a gift from them is than compared with what we, as members of the order might contribute.

I am sure that this very generous offer and gift will inspire our brethren to do better than they have done, and I am anticipating that the campaign which now will close very shortly, will go way over the top.

Again I wish to express the thanks of the Board of Trustees for this most generous offer.

I am very anxious to repeat—I got the amount, but I think it bears repeating, I have a check here payable to the Nebraska Masonic Home Building fund for \$705.00, and the Secretary has in his hands \$35.00 additional, which has been previously sent in. So the gift is \$740.00.

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

This morning when they were receiving the fifty year bronze medal wearers in their respective lodges, one of the brethren who was received, is celebrating his fiftieth wedding anniversary, and thankful for having had that opportunity he left a check for \$100.00 for the Building Fund of the Home. He is Brother Sol Degen, a member of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 of Omaha.

Perkins Lodge No. 308, Grant, Nebraska, has sent in a check for \$373.00, which makes their Lodge over the top.

#### FLOWERS PRESENTED

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

Acting for the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, I have the pleasure to present this bouquet of flowers, with the best wishes of the Grand Chapter for a most successful communication.

M. . W. . William C. Schaper, Grand Master :

**Brother Grand Secretary :**

You will convey to the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star our thanks for the beautiful bouquet which they have so generously presented to this Grand Lodge this afternoon.

We appreciate the beautiful things they have done for us, and please say to them that no one can do things more beautifully than the Order of the Eastern Star.

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

M. . W. . William C. Schaper, Grand Master, announced that the election of Grand Officers would be the first order of business, and appointed the Assistant Custodians as tellers, with W. . Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6, as chairman.

M. . W. . Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master, was presented.

M. . W. . William C. Schaper, Grand Master :

**Brethren:**

Before Most Worshipful Brother Carter has had an opportunity to adjust himself to his surroundings I have had him conducted to the East.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we welcome Most Worshipful Brother Edward F. Carter, who served as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in the year 1941. You will join with me in giving him the Grand Honors.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, may I have the privilege? I have something to say to this Grand Lodge, which is not going to be very easy to say. I had an awful time to make up my mind, and I want to try if I can to explain to you my feelings, if it is possible.

I want to start by saying that two weeks from today I will celebrate my 48th anniversary, receiving the Master's Degree. I attended this Grand Lodge the first time in 1901, and have attended every session from that day to this except two, which means I have attended forty-four sessions of the Grand Lodge.

In 1915, I, after working on several committees,—and I might mention one of those: It was my honor and pleasure to serve upon, what I thought at that time, and still do, one of the very important committees of this Grand Lodge. I was appointed a member of a committee of five to locate, purchase and erect the first building of the Children's Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. Peculiar as it may seem, the Grand Chapter also appointed a committee of five; I was on that committee also, and today I am the lone surviving member of the nine people who served on that joint committee.

In 1915, Most Worshipful Sam Whiting appointed me Grand Junior Deacon, and I served this Grand Lodge in its appointive and elective offices.

In 1921 I was elected Grand Master. In 1922 I was elected Deputy Grand Secretary, an office that was being created purposely for me, because they never had it until that session. I was invited to come to the office, and refused on two occasions because, with the size of family that I had, I just could not live on the salary that was offered. However, later I changed my mind, and came to the office as deputy and served until 1925, when I was elected your Grand Secretary, which means that I have served this Grand Lodge continuously for thirty-one years. During the existence of this Grand Lodge there have been eight men who have served as Grand Secretary. The first five of whom all told served but fifteen years. Then in 1872 William R. Bowen was elected Grand Secretary and served for twenty-seven years, until his death. Then in 1899 Brother Francis E. White was elected Grand Secretary, serving 26 years—he served in three other offices a year each, so he actually served twenty-

nine consecutive years in this Grand Lodge. I am reciting this to give you some idea of what I attempted to do for your Grand Lodge over a long period of time—for a quarter of a century. This Grand Lodge and its activities have been my life. But the time has arrived and having been warned that I should let up on work or take the consequences. I have taken heed of that warning because I want to do a lot of things yet for this Grand Lodge through the years if I am permitted to be here, but I retire this year as your Grand Secretary. I really wanted to retire last year, if there had been a session of the Grand Lodge. This Grand Lodge has been good to me, been so wonderful on every occasion, that I just did not feel that I could walk out without the Grand Lodge having an opportunity to elect whom they wanted for Grand Secretary. I hope you will not think I am patting myself on the back, because I am not, but I want to say that what you do this afternoon is going to be one of the most important things that has been done in this Grand Lodge in a long period of time. Grand Masters come and Grand Masters go, they do their bit as they go along, but the real work, the real planning over a period of time has to be done by the continuing officers, there is only one in Nebraska, and that is the Grand Secretary. Now, may I say that the Grand Secretary's office in this State is more burdensome and puts more responsibilities on the Grand Secretary of Nebraska than any other jurisdiction except the State of Washington. The reason for that is that they are the only two jurisdictions in the United States that do not have a Grand Treasurer, and in this State, as you know, the Grand Secretary, up until two years ago, when the trustees were elected, was charged with the responsibility of purchasing, selling, checking and looking after the securities of this Grand Lodge, and it has grown. When I was elected Grand Secretary in 1925 there was turned over to me as Grand Secretary of the Masonic Home and of this Grand Lodge a shade under \$400,000. Today this Grand Lodge itself has \$780,000 odd dollars. The Home has somewhere in the neighborhood of \$400,000 in its endowment fund. These have been a great responsibility. Brethren, they take things out of you; you have to work, you have to worry, you have to be responsible for the funds that are laid up for the care of orphans and our old and dependent brothers and their dependents. So, Brethren, it is a great responsibility.

Now, there is one more thing I would like to say, maybe I ought not to say this; I think all of you know me well enough to know I say what is in my heart; nobody has ever accused me of sitting on the fence; I am either on one side or the other on anything that comes along. When I became conscious of the fact that it was going to be necessary for me to retire, more than a year ago, then the Grand Lodge was called off by circumstances over which we had no control, and I took counsel with myself and decided that it just could not be, that I would stay on regardless if I broke myself down, I still hated to quit, and I could not walk off and leave the Grand Lodge, as fine as they had treated me all these years, I talked to the Grand Master about it, and he called a meeting of the

Grand Lodge officers; that is, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Junior Wardens; we talked the thing over. Later we had a second meeting at Grand Island, and at that time it was decided that if it was impossible to hold a Grand Lodge meeting, which we worried about at that time, that we would then select somebody and put them in the office as an assistant to relieve me from part of the details of the office. That was done, and, as you know, Brother Carl R. Greisen was placed in the office as my assistant. Some criticism came in when the report was sent out. It was sent to every Lodge. Two lodges, at least, maybe more, but only two that I recall, sent in some criticism because an assistant had been selected and money appropriated for his salary without a meeting of the Grand Lodge. I know the criticism was perfectly honest, but I do want to explain exactly how we arrived at his salary and how it has been paid. I think you are entitled to know.

The salary of the Grand Secretary in this State is \$3,600.00, set by law. When this thing came along I voluntarily reduced my salary to \$2,400.00, giving \$1,200.00 to Brother Greisen out of my salary, and I turned over to him the complete salary of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, which amounts to \$600.00 a year, which meant just one-half of his salary. In the meantime, Brother Francis E. White, who had been drawing \$100.00 a month Emeritus salary from this Grand Lodge for twenty years, died, and that salary was added to the above by the Committee. Then they appropriated \$600.00, so this year you actually spent \$600.00 more than heretofore for salary. I think you should know because I feel that I was fair in doing what I did. There was no criticism of me in this, I will say, they criticised the action in toto, but I do think this Grand Lodge should know exactly what happened.

Now, brethren, I am retiring. I hope that my head, if I ever had one that worked at all, is still functioning, and I, like a lot of people, have some pride. I wanted to leave this Grand Secretary's office while my old noggin was still working. And one other thing and that was I did not want to draw or have to draw an emeritus salary from this Grand Lodge, and I am fortunate, I am happy to say, that I do not need it. I would not accept it if you would vote it. Your committee asked me about that when I talked to them and I said, "Please don't vote anything, because I don't want that as a topic of discussion before the Grand Lodge. Maybe if I did not have a way of making a living, it would be all right, but fortunately I don't need it, and I am happy that I don't." I do want to express to this Grand Lodge my deep appreciation. No group of men that I ever heard of or met or known could be finer to one individual than you brethren have been to me. I want to say this: That as long as I am sticking around this State of Nebraska, and that will be as long as I live. A lot of people think that Nebraska is not good enough for them, when they get around retiring age and move to California or some other seaport. I am reminded about the old story that Worshipful Brother Shepard used to tell about an Evangelist who held a meeting down in Pawnee City like they used to do, and he said "Everybody that wants

to go to Heaven, please rise," and everybody got up but one fellow, he did not get up. Of course, the Evangelist immediately started to roast the fellow, and said, "Don't you want to go to Heaven?" Well, the fellow said, "I don't know about that, but Nebraska is good enough for me."

Now, brethren, I want to say one more thing before I close, and that is that I feel that I have accomplished my work as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. I had a lot of things in mind to do, and I think they are pretty well accomplished. Of course, you never get to the time when you do not have something to do, if you have any ambition at all. But one other thing about it: There is one place where I still feel there is something for me to do. I have been a Trustee of the Nebraska Masonic Home since January 23rd, 1910, thirty-six years last January. I have been secretary of that Board, I am serving my twenty-first year; in that twenty-one years I have missed one meeting of the Board. They meet monthly. I want to pay my tribute here and now to the group of men who travel, some of them quite a distance, to come to the Home Board meeting once a month, except the month of August; pay their own expenses, don't get a dime from anybody or anywhere, and there is no money paid for salary. I have never drawn a cent of salary from the Masonic Home. One time they wanted to vote me a salary and I declined, because I said that was one thing that I could leave, would be my services for the old folks.

In 1931—this might interest you—am I taking too much time?

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

No, go ahead.

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

I don't care to get reminiscing too much, or I will talk all afternoon. There would not be any election.

In 1931 I was offered the secretaryship of the Company of which I am now in charge, which would necessitate my moving to Lincoln, and giving it my entire time, and the pay at that time was \$12,000 a year, and I have drawn from this Grand Lodge \$3,600. I am not asking for sympathy in what I am telling you, but I do want to tell you what actually happened, and I did a lot of prayerful and hard thinking. I had four children, part of them yet in school, my children's mother at that time was not well, but I decided that I had a job to do for this Grand Lodge that was more important to me than money, so I stayed on and it might interest you to know just very briefly how I come to get myself mixed up, as I have, with things that I know require more strength than I have. I have been a director in an insurance company for a long time, long before I came to Omaha to this work, and it did not interfere in any way with my Grand Secretary's work, and I continued. On the 1st day of February, 1942 the President of that Company died very unexpectedly. We were in the war, we could not find anybody, we finally

decided that I would take this presidency temporarily, and we would train a vice-president of the Company to take over, and I was going to drop back as Chairman of the Board in the next couple of years, and go on with my work. However, on the 26th day of December of the same year the vice-president fell dead, and I had the business on my hands, and like other businesses, there were old people and children that were dependent upon us, and that responsibility fell on me. I just could not get out of it, so for three and one-half or four years I attempted to do all this work, and have—I don't think my work has suffered here nor there, but to give you an idea of what it entailed, for three and one-half or four years I have traveled 18,000 miles on the Burlington between Lincoln and Omaha, and regardless of what I may say that was work which took its toll, and while I think I am just as good as I ever was, I discovered that when I get around to do a few things I cannot do it like I used to. I want you to know that I am not leaving this Grand Lodge, if I can be of service I want to be. When they have asked me for something I tried my best to do it, and give them the best advice I could.

I want you to feel I am not walking out on you. I would hate to have you feel that way. I am only retiring because they tell me that I have to do one of two things, either let up or have the possibility that some day they will be saying some nice things about me that I don't hear.

So, brethren, with all the affection that a man can have for another, and for a group of men, I just want you to know that out of the bottom of my heart that I am never going to forget your kindness and the wonderful things that have been given to me by the Masons of Nebraska. You have given me the greatest opportunity that any man ever had to do something for Freemasonry and my Brethren.

## A TRIBUTE TO OUR BELOVED BROTHER MOST WORSHIPFUL LEWIS E. SMITH

It is difficult for one to put down on paper, within reasonable limits, a record of the Masonic accomplishments of that fine Christian gentleman, our friend and Brother, M.·W.·Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Secretary, and now Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Forty-eight years ago, Lew, as he is affectionately known to the Masons of Nebraska, first saw Masonic light in Long Pine Lodge No. 136, A·F·& A·M·, Long Pine, Nebraska, a small town in the sand hill region of the state. The trials, tribulations and experiences through which he passed in the early days of this "cow country" seemed to fit him for the successful years to come. His ability was early recognized by the members of his Lodge for he was soon elected Worshipful Master. Then followed appointment to various important Committees of the Grand Lodge, culminating in his being put in line, and for thirty-one years served this Grand Lodge as a Grand Officer, an enviable record attained by but few men.

To Most Worshipful Brother Lew is due much of the credit for the splendid financial condition of the Grand Lodge A·F·& A·M· of Nebraska. The lean years quickened his tempo and he kept not only the Grand Lodge financially sound, but his wise counsel and advice did much in assisting subordinate Lodges in straightening out their financial affairs.

The Nebraska Masonic Home, ever close to his heart, also profited by his efforts. Since 1910 he has been a member of the Board of Trustees and Secretary since 1925. We quote the following from the report of W·Brother Leslie E. Martin, President of the Home, made to the Grand Lodge at its 88th-89th Annual Communication:

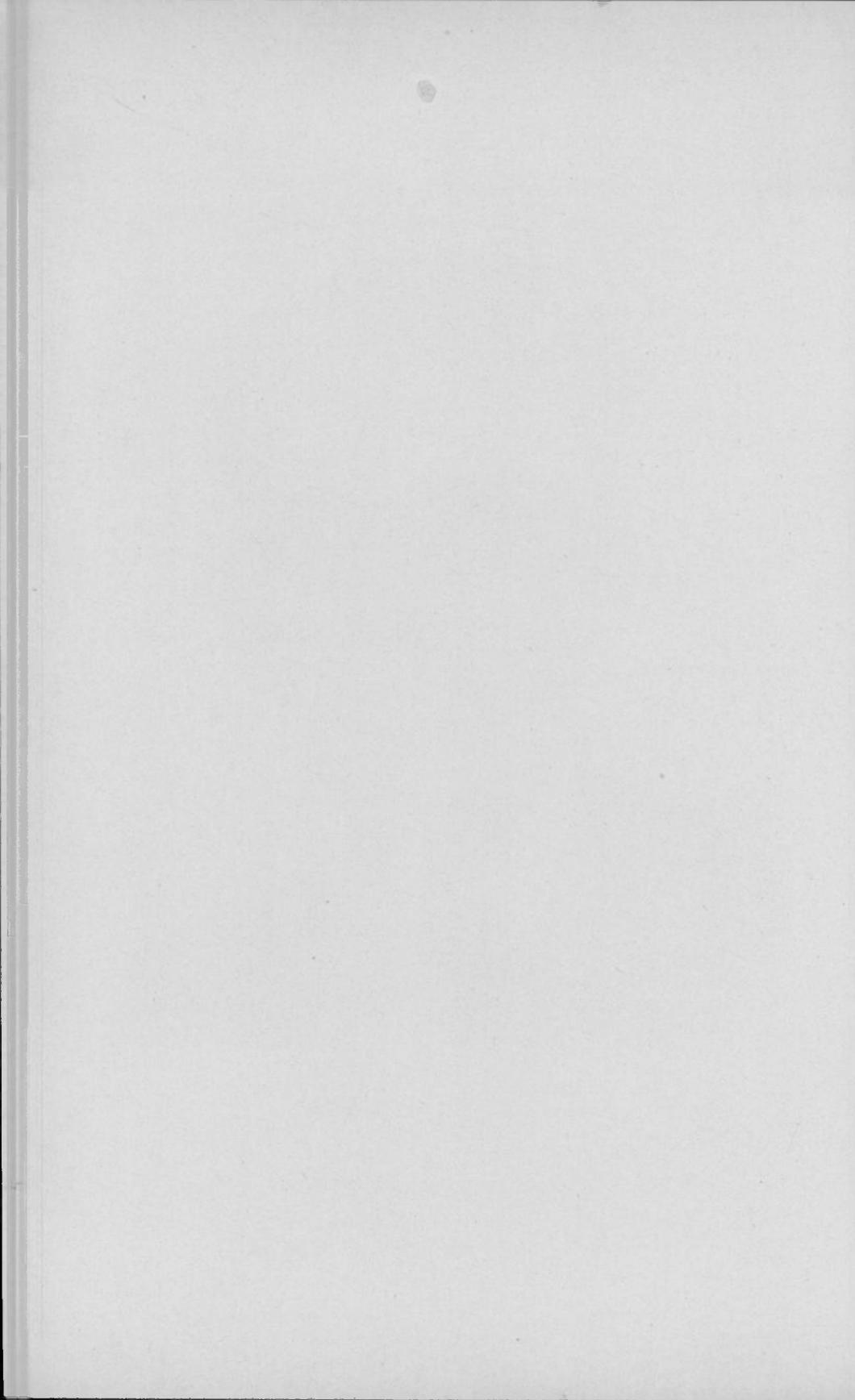
"Masons in Nebraska are very fortunate in having Most Worshipful Brother Lewis E. Smith as Secretary of The Nebraska Masonic Home. It is through his good management that we have built up our endowment funds to such an impressive amount. We have had his services these many years and without any cost to the Nebraska Masonic Home. I wish to pay my respects to him and publicly thank him on behalf of Masonry for his excellent services."

It has been said "if you want something done, go to a busy man." Brother Lew was and still is a busy man, but he is not and



*Lewis E. Smith*

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS



never was too busy to take time out to extend a helping hand to a Brother in distress or to perform some service for him or to a Lodge. Strong in his adherence to a cause he deems to be right and just and forceful in his presentation of it, one finds in him withal a spirit of fairness and open mindedness that is big enough to accept the other fellow's right to his views, to bow to the will of the majority and give wholehearted support to it.

Lew's service has not been confined to the Grand Lodge. He has been active in all branches of Masonry not only in Nebraska, but in the United States and Canada and to him has come honor and distinction as will more fully appear in the record which follows.

A kind, loving and devoted husband and father, and active in the affairs of the Episcopal Church, Lew is, as we stated at the outset, a fine Christian gentleman.

Notwithstanding his resignation as Grand Secretary we know he will continue to take an active part in the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and we wish for him and Mrs. Smith good health and happiness in the years to come.

C. R. G.

MASONIC RECORD  
of  
Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith  
— LODGE —

Initiated April 2, 1898.

Passed May 21, 1898.

Raised June 18, 1898.

In Long Pine Lodge No. 136 A. F. & A. M., Long Pine, Nebraska.

Worshipful Master 1900, 1904 to 1907, inclusive.

Appointed Grand Senior Deacon June, 1917.

Appointed Grand Representative Grand Lodge of Michigan, 1917.

Elected Most Worshipful Grand Master June, 1921.

Elected Deputy Grand Secretary June, 1922.

Elected Grand Secretary, June, 1925.

Elected Grand Secretary Emeritus June, 1946.

Appointed Grand Trustee of Grand Lodge June, 1946.

## ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Received Mark Master March 11, 1902.

Received Past Master March 20, 1902.

Most Excellent Master March 27, 1902.

Exalted to the August Degree of Royal Arch April 1, 1902 in Pine Chapter No. 51 R. A. M. Long Pine, Nebraska.

High Priest 1909.

Appointed Grand Steward December 1911.

Appointed Grand Representative Grand Chapter of Massachusetts 1913.

Elected Grand High Priest 1920.

Elected Grand Secretary 1925.

## COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

Received the Degrees of Royal and Select Master in George W. Lininger Council U. D., now No. 23, June 24, 1907.

Received Super Excellent Master in Omaha Council No. 1, December 15, 1908.

Served as Master U. D., elected Master 1908-1909.

Appointed Grand Representative Grand Council of Arkansas 1910.

Elected Grand Master 1913.

Elected Grand Recorder 1925.

## GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

Elected Grand Treasurer Grand Council Royal and Select Masters U. S. A. June 1941.

## COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Received the Orders of Knighthood February 16, 1909, in Jerusalem Commandery No. 24.

Charter Member of Bethel Commandery No. 28, April 8, 1910. Commander 1914.

Appointed Grand Representative Grand Commandery of Illinois 1919.

Elected Grand Recorder 1926.

Elected Grand Commander 1935.

Re-elected Grand Recorder 1936.

## SCOTTISH RITE

Received the degrees including the 32° March, 1910.  
Invested Knight Commander Court of Honor, 1923.  
Coroneted as Inspector General Honorary 33° 1927.

## SHRINE

Elected to membership in Tangier Temple March, 1910.

## EASTERN STAR

Received the degrees in Bethany Chapter No. 113 July, 1904.  
Charter Member Blanche Chapter No. 202.  
Served as Worthy Patron 1909-1910.  
Elected Worthy Grand Patron 1912.

## MASONIC HOME

Served as Member Board of Trustees since January, 1910.  
Elected Secretary of the Board of Trustees January, 1926.

## NEBRASKA VETERAN FREEMASONS ASSOCIATION

Elected to Membership June, 1919  
Elected President 1927  
Elected Secretary 1929.

## ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

Received Order on December 16, 1908.  
Elected Recorder 1925.  
Elected President 1942.  
Re-elected Recorder 1943.

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION UNITED STATES  
AND CANADA

Elected President 1933.  
Served as Treasurer since December 1, 1936.

## GRAND SECRETARY'S GUILD

Elected President 1942.

## MUTUALS

Elected Vice Regent 1943.

## DEMOLAY

Honorary Legion of Honor June, 1928.

## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

Received the Orders December, 1917 in Coeur De Lion Conclave No. 10, Omaha.

Served as Sovereign 1927.

Served as Intendent General, Division of Nebraska, since May, 1929.

## YORK CROSS OF HONOUR

First Prior Sir Galahad Priory No. 7.

Elected Grand Sentinel Convent General February, 1946.

## GREAT PRIORY OF AMERICA C. B. C. S.

Elected Great Prior February, 1946.

## HOLY ROYAL ARCH KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIESTS

Sixth Grand Pillar February, 1946.

## ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES

Past Master Grand Master Council A.

Elected Deputy Sovereign Grand Master February, 1946.

Fellow—Grand College of Rites.

Member—Virginia College Societas Rosienceiana.

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

National Sojourners.

Heroes of '76.

Federated Craft Local.

Federated Craft National.

Square and Compass Club.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

I am not going to respond to M. W. Brother Lew at this time, except to reply very briefly with just one remark.

This Grand Jurisdiction has been fortunate in having as its secretary for twenty-one years Most Worshipful Brother Lewis E. Smith. It has been a pleasure to be Grand Master when Brother Lew was Secretary. I had to go frequently, as my predecessors had, I am sure, with problems to Brother Lew Smith; he is well versed in the Masonic Law, knows the brethren personally, knows the committees, and has been a real help to the Grand Masters who served while he was Grand Secretary, and for myself I want to say to you brethren, that I, for one, appreciate Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith, but after all Brother Lew is taking a wise step, he has discussed it with me, and I am sure that under all the circumstances it is the right step. We hate to lose his services as Grand Secretary, but I know his heart is here in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that he has years of service yet for this Grand Jurisdiction in an advisory capacity, and in other capacities. He has built this Grand Lodge from very little to a Grand Lodge of consequence, and his influence has gone far beyond this Grand Jurisdiction. I have attended some Grand Lodge functions in other parts of the country, and particularly at Washington, D. C., when the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries from all over the United States and Canada were present, and I can say to you, and I say it with pleasure, that our Grand Secretary is well and favorably known in the Grand Lodges of the United States, and in the Grand Lodges of Canada, and so, Brother Lew, I want to express the appreciation of this Grand Lodge for your services as Grand Secretary, and we wish you well, and look forward to the opportunity of seeing you here many years in the future, including the centennial, which is ten years from now, and we hope, Brother Lew, that you will continue as you have in the past.

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

**Most Worshipful Grand Master:**

I arise not to pay any compliment to our brother Grand Secretary, I am sure his announcement leaves all of us with our hearts so full of emotion that it would be difficult to put into words that eulogy which we should like to pay him. That must come later. I arise to ask your permission to ask Right Worshipful Brother Greisen a question.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

I think that is all right.

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

I would like to ask with your permission, Right Worshipful Brother Greisen, if this Grand Lodge were to elect you as Grand Secretary, would you be in position to accept?

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Junior Warden:

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Most Worshipful Brother Kurk:**

Regardless of my own personal ambition, the service to and the interest of this Grand Lodge is paramount in my thinking, and if it be the will and pleasure of the brethren of this Grand Lodge to elect me as their Grand Secretary I shall be very happy to accept. Thank you.

### ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Brother Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.....Grand Master  
 Brother Edward Huwaldt, 318.....Deputy Grand Master  
 Brother Elmer E. Magee, 227.....Grand Senior Warden  
 Brother Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59.....Grand Junior Warden  
 Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Brother George Allen Beecher, 268.....Grand Chaplain  
 Brother Elwood A. Rowsey, 268.....Grand Orator  
 Brother Lute M. Savage, 3.....Grand Custodian  
 Brother John R. Hughes, 184.....Grand Marshal  
 Brother John S. Hedelund, 268.....Grand Senior Deacon  
 Brother Thomas J. Aron, 37.....Grand Junior Deacon  
 Brother Raymond C. Pollard, 246.....Grand Tyler

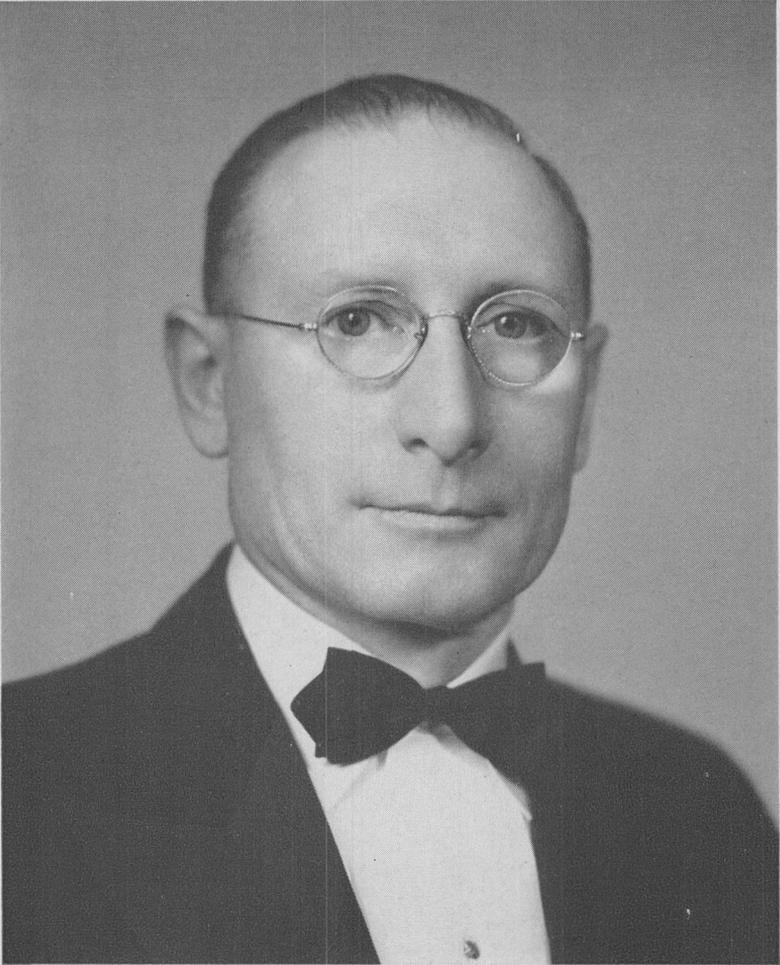
### STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE

**Codification of the Law:** Brothers Harold M. Kelley, 302, Chairman; Charles F. Adams, 68; Donald F. Sampson, 36.

**Committee on Fraternal Dead:** Brothers Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3, Chairman; Otto E. Bullis, 55; Leslie W. Niel, 6.

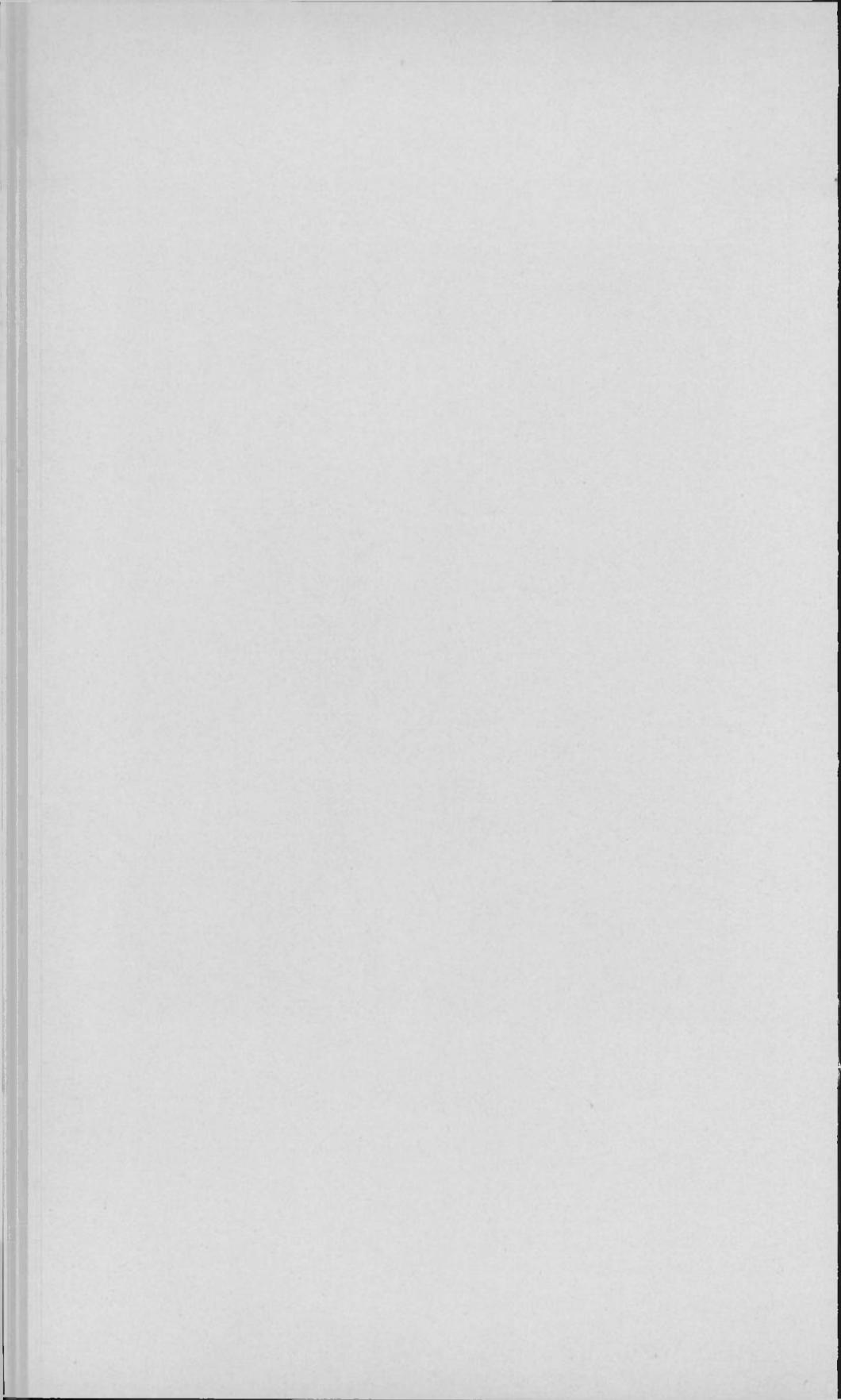
**Committee on Foreign Correspondence:** Brothers Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; Edwin D. Crites, 158; Arthur Lyman, 15.

**Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans:** Brothers John R. Hughes, 184, Chairman, (1951); Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, (1949); Alvin H. Miller, 19, (1948); Otto Burkhardt, 55, (1950); George F. Moss, 135, (1947).



*Frank Feisen*

GRAND SECRETARY



**Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts:** Brothers Harold M. Smith, 43, Chairman; Charles B. Nicodemus, 15; Carl W. Rensch, 19; Norris Chadderdon, 146; Felix A. Huggenberger, 1.

**Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund:** Brothers Merle M. Hale, 54, Chairman; Lynn W. McMillin, 54; Albert L. Johnson, Jr., 37.

**Temple Building Advisory Committee:** Brothers Otto Nelson, 300, Chairman, (1949); A. Victor Bryan, 263, (1947); V. Claire Lindberg, 11, (1948).

**George Washington Masonic National Memorial:** Brothers Cary W. Dressler, 32, Chairman; Lester W. Carlson, 188; Guy L. Raber, 265.

**Applications for Reinstatement:** Brothers Henry M. Edwards, 303, Chairman; LaVerne J. Smith, 288; Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290.

**Committee on Masonic Education:** Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman; Walter L. Schnabel, 148; Ralph M. Marrs, 184; Leslie E. Martin, 281; Roy W. Deal, 227.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

**Committee on Centennial:** Brothers George W. Rosenlof, 77, Chairman; William J. Baird, 268; Carroll E. Schurmann, 15.

**Location of Grand Lodge Office:** Brothers Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; Ernest E. James, 1; Charles O. Showalter, 302.

**Committee on Nebraska Work:** Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman, (1949); John R. Tapster, 119, (1948); Chancellor A. Phillips, 150, (1947).

**Grand Trustees:** Brothers Robert D. Wilson, 268, Chairman, (1948); Carl D. Ganz, 209, (1947); Lewis E. Smith, 136, (1949).

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

#### REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:**

Instead of following usual pattern of reports, this one will go more into detail about the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

Operation of the Home is under direct charge of Board of Trustees composed of 12 members, with Most Worshipful Grand Master and Worthy Grand Matron ex-officio members with voice and power to vote. The work is divided into ten committees, each committee responsible for the particular assignment. Every Board member is on at least two committees. Members' terms are staggered, one-third expiring annually.

Formerly met once a month, past three years has been meeting every other month as an economy measure.

There are five major buildings on the grounds, consisting of Superintendent's home and office, Senior Girls, Junior Girls, Senior Boys and Junior Boys. We operate farm, have nice farmer's home, new modern dairy barn, fine dairy herd, poultry and hogs, and so far as we can endeavor to grow our own meat with a plentiful supply of milk, eggs and garden truck. Each Home is under direct charge of a Matron, who in turn is responsible to the Superintendent.

I don't know what the value of the Home is in financial terms. It is located at the intersection of two very busy highways carrying an immense amount of traffic. Last year we turned down an offer for the southwest 100 square feet of the grounds, the party wanting it offering to pay whatever price we asked regardless. Across the street west of us, approximately between the Senior and Junior Girls homes, application was made for a liquor and dance hall permit. This we were successful in getting denied. My personal opinion is the property directly fronting both streets is highly valuable and will grow more so in years to come as the general district will become commercialized. Dodge County hospital joins us on the east and park across street on south, so about all we have to fear is what may ultimately go in across the street west.

We suffered considerable flood damage two years ago and lesser damage last year, due to overflowing of Rawhide Creek, our loss being mainly in crops. Two years ago the flood was particularly severe and we were ready to evacuate had the water gone a few inches higher. This drainage question is being handled by the State and Dodge County authorities in an attempt to correct. Inasmuch as the hospital is directly affected, being down the creek from us, some definite action will be taken.

The Home is operated largely on appropriations of \$11,000.00 from each, Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter O. E. S. Some other receipts come in. For instance in 1945 parents and guardians paid \$1,821.25 and sale of farm products netted us \$936.89. We have consistently stayed well within our budget each year in spite of increased costs, flood damage, emergency repairs, et cetera. You all know how hard it was to get along in your own homes during the war years; then try to figure out how we got along at Fremont. We were short of help, short of clothing and certain items of food, also urgently needed replacements in household necessities and furnishings. It seems like a bad dream now and how we got the job done I don't know but the Board will always remember with deep appreciation the loyal and hearty cooperation we had from those in charge at the Home.

We made a few emergency repairs necessary to tide us over, but now it is necessary we spend some money on essentials. A request for such fund is being made, \$3,500.00. We have had the heating plant at the Junior Boys home condemned; it has been in dangerous shape, oil leaking,

burner erratic, and there is serious possibility of an explosion and fire. The insurance company notified us it must be changed immediately. This plant has been in the Home ever since it was built, and that building is about the oldest on the grounds. We had considerable damage from wind two years ago and made temporary roof repairs. The flood left us a bad pocket covering considerable part of ground north of Junior Girls Home, and that has to be corrected so proper drainage can be had. We have put off repairs until now, and some of them must be made to avoid a lot of damage. We know prices are high, yet will get this done reasonable.

The June 1st enrollment at the Home was 35; nine applications are pending. We are getting a number of little children and have four who are under five years of age, youngest being 2 years. Anticipate an increased number of children, particularly the little ones; and as soon as present good times are over and some of the post-war marital difficulties settled, we should get back to normal enrollment. We are in fine shape to handle them. The children are doing well in school, are healthy, happy, well taken care of, and are as fine a group as one could wish to know. They come from all over the state and about equally divided as between our lodges and Star chapters.

Eligibility rules for entrance into the Home require direct Masonic or Eastern Star affiliation by parents, or we can take them where grandparents have had them in direct care, subject to affiliation mentioned. But specifically they must be in good standing.

You good brothers don't know what it is to deny a youngster the privileges of this Home through failure of parent to keep in good standing. Then you really see life at its darkest. Nor do you know what it is to try and comfort a little tyke who sobs for its "Mommy", who is faced with the problem of trying to adjust itself to a new life, everything strange, bewildered and lonely. I have seen it time and again, it wrings your heart. How thankful we should all be that we have at Fremont a Superintendent and staff of matrons who understand, and in their big hearts take them and make a real home for them.

For some thirty years I have been on the membership committee of my lodge and every year we have to go out and collect delinquent dues to keep a brother from being suspended. If the members of the Masonic order in Nebraska could only know what it means to keep their dues paid up, thus keeping this sort of protection for their families, if they could only understand they are getting real safety for their children, then there would be no delinquent dues to worry about. By your support of this Home, you are absolutely insuring peace of mind, safety and protection. You just can't buy this kind of insurance, and here it costs you only the amount of your dues.

Our rules provide a child can be taken from the Home upon written request of parent or guardian. The entire thought of the Board has always been "what is best for the child". If a parent gets so he or she can take care of the child, then we help in every way we can to get it back

to parent. However, we have had a number of cases where we felt it was the wrong thing to do, after investigation; we know what the youngster was going back to, yet were helpless to prevent it. No one respects a mother or father more than I do; no one has had more bitter arguments with them than I have. I dislike this phase of the work more than anything else, but brethren, you simply can't win; they won't listen to you or to what is good for a child. Could tell you of selfishness and greed in numerous cases where everything possible was done to hold the children at the Home, yet they were taken out, often against the desires of the children themselves. This is sound policy to try to hold these youngsters where we know what they are getting into by leaving; I could cite you case after case of what has developed in certain instances. A few years ago a mother took 3 daughters out, she could get relief and not have to work. They came from out-state, no need to mention where. Twice one of the girls ran away and came back to the Home, each time the mother forced her to return. A couple of years ago I spent a lot of my time with juvenile court authorities at Council Bluffs and the mother begged me to get the youngest one back to Fremont; the two older ones married, had babies, husbands in service and overseas, were cheating and boozing, just no good; the younger whom we were trying to save found to be diseased and the Judge told me he would have to put her away. That is what I mean, all three would likely have turned out to be fine women had they been allowed to remain in the Home. No wonder I feel the way I do about some of these mothers.

As President of the Board, have tried earnestly the past five years to keep both bodies fully informed on what is going on at the Home. Our by-laws and articles of incorporation were printed for the first time in annual stockholders meeting report for January 1944. The Most Worshipful Grand Master has attended our Board meetings whenever he could find the time and we have been pleased to have the benefit of his counsel; no one could have cooperated more, and I personally thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master. You were a big help to me and I knew I had you squarely behind me at all times. Have kept closely in touch with Grand Secretary Lewis E. Smith and his advice has been of inestimable value to us. We have worked closely with Fremont Lodge No. 15, Arbor Vitae Chapter O. E. S., and the York Rite bodies of Fremont, in all the utmost harmony and good feeling. The members of the Eastern Star have done, and are doing, a remarkable work at the Home.

We have received through Eastern Star affiliations, three endowments the past year, totaling approximately \$13,000.00. Our good western Nebraska lodges annually send us a large shipment of potatoes and vegetables. Fremont Lodge No. 15 provides the turkeys each Thanksgiving and Christmas. The annual stockholders report will show you how good our friends are.

After about ten years' service, Superintendent Hartmann resigned a year ago. His long and faithful service will always be remembered. He was succeeded by Worshipful Brother J. Russell Reeder of Plattsmouth,

who is doing a fine job and just the man we need. He is liked by everyone, is competent in every way, and a real asset to the Home. His wife is a talented musician and is training a large group of the children in voice and instrumental. We have a splendid corps of matrons and helpers of whom we are proud; they are doing a wonderful job.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OR SUGGESTIONS

The articles of incorporation were changed a few years ago (for a peculiar reason, I think) to provide that no trustee should hold more than two consecutive 3-year terms. Personally it don't bother me and I have no interest in it other than calling your attention to why I think this provision should be eliminated, for the good of the Home. For example, Brother Clarence T. Spier is Vice-President of the Board, a very busy attorney in Omaha, Colonel of the Nebraska National Guard, active in many civic affairs. He has handled all legal work of this Board for years, all legal work for children at the Home where interests were in estates, handled all insurance matters for the Home—really we have claimed a lot of his time. He has never presented a bill of any kind and never will. It is just his way of doing his share for the youngsters. If these rules remain in effect he will retire at the end of next year. I can't see where we can afford to lose a man like that from the Board. I could tell you of the remarkable job done in and around Lincoln by Brother Harley Styer and Dr. Crabtree, in fact every member of the Board is outstanding for some particular work in the interest of the Home. I don't believe in perpetuating anyone in a job, and that may be what this sounds like, but I happen to be in position to know how vital it is to keep a smooth working organization, and after all feel I would be negligent should I not call your attention to this. To solve it, the rule should be put back where it was previously, and after all the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Worthy Grand Matron should be in position to say as to whether one should be kept on or retired. No one's feelings will be hurt if not reappointed; to be on the Board today just means a lot of hard work.

When the dairy barn was built a few years ago, room was provided for installation of butter making facilities with the idea that we could some day make our own butter and have a surplus for Plattsmouth. We consumed in the Homes in 1945, 16,499 quarts of milk and sold milk \$112.78. This is something to be considered when conditions and prices get back to normal and I think it could be worked out to the benefit of both Homes.

If I am correct in my understanding, a few years back during Grand Lodge sessions some visitation was made at Fremont Home. I would respectfully suggest consideration of this being done again; it would acquaint our lodge officers with what we have, and would fit in with my earlier remarks about delinquent dues.

In closing wish to express the appreciation of the Board for the many courtesies shown us by both Grand Bodies, and our assurance that it is a privilege to serve in one of the greatest causes on earth, the care of children.

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

**Most Worshipful Grand Master:**

Brother James C. Suttie is a pretty modest sort of fellow; he is just a great big-hearted Scotchman who has done a lot of hard work, and I know that his term expires, as well as Clarence Spier, at this session, and I would like to read to you this Article: "These articles of incorporation may be amended at any time . . . by a majority of the outstanding stock, provided no amendment shall be effective until it has been approved by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, or in vacation thereof by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Patron of the respective bodies."

Now, Article 15, says, among other things, "Unless otherwise ordered by the stockholders there shall be twelve trustees, one-third elected for one year, one-third elected for two years, one-third for three years, and thereafter all trustees shall be elected for three year terms. No trustee shall be elected for more than two consecutive terms."

I would like to move, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that this Grand Lodge request the stockholders of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home Corporation to amend their articles of incorporation, by deleting the last eleven words from Article 4, which reads, "No Trustee shall be elected for more than two consecutive terms." (Seconded. Carried.)

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master :

**Brethren:**

There is one privilege the Grand Master has that is entirely within his own discretion, and that is the selection of a Grand Orator. In the selection of a Grand Orator, I selected a man who is eminent in the field of education, for the reason that Masons have always been for education. I selected a man who came to this Grand Jurisdiction a few years ago and who was for a time Superintendent of the Public Schools of Omaha. He is now Superintendent of Schools for the District of Columbia. He has recently been recognized in Washington by being selected to give the Oration of the Easter Service of the Scottish Rite in the City of Washington.

It is a great pleasure for me to present to this Grand Lodge the Grand Orator, Dr. Hobart N. Corning, who came from Washington especially to deliver this Oration to you here now, so I present Brother Hobart N. Corning, Grand Orator.

W. Hobart N. Corning, Grand Orator:

I thank you very much indeed, Most Worshipful Grand Master. I appreciate this opportunity, not only to address this Grand Lodge, an opportunity which I consider a very great honor, but the opportunity brings me back, as it does, to Omaha, which I love very much.

W. Hobart N. Corning, 1, Grand Orator, delivered the

ORATION

LIGHT

Light is man's richest blessing. In the very beginning of things "God created the Heaven and the Earth." But we are told "the Earth was without form and void and darkness was upon the face of the deep." It is easy to imagine the chaos, the misery and fears and horrors, the ignorance and superstition which would have prevailed in this world if creation had stopped at that point, or if God had created man while darkness still prevailed. But in His omnipotent wisdom God caused his spirit to move upon the face of the waters and God said: "Let there be light" and there was light. Only after that had been accomplished did God create man in His own image.

From the days of the creation, down through the ages all people have recognized the importance of light. Indeed light was the first object of worship among primitive peoples. To it they owed the beauty and the majesty of nature itself. Just as darkness made all nature a void nothingness, so light brought nature out of hiding and revealed to man a setting in which he could function according to his talents and abilities. So they worshiped light. Although the worship of light does not characterize more advanced civilization, a recognition of its importance and value to mankind is recorded in the folk lore and literature of all peoples.

Symbolically light typifies all things good—darkness is evil. Light is a symbol of truth and divinity, while darkness stands for sin and godlessness. We carry the symbolism further and attribute the same characteristics of physical darkness and light to mental states. Mental darkness connotes the aimless groping of the soul that is thwarted in his efforts by ignorance and by inability to see his goal or the steps leading to it. Mental light signifies vision, courage, knowledge and the ability to attain objectives. The religions, literature and legends of all peoples record the importance of light.

Light is peculiarly significant to us as Masons. The Masonic journeyings of each of us started with a search for light. As we wandered in darkness our first expressed desire was that we might have light. Light was our first symbol of hope. We arrived at the end of our search and travel only after the Master said "Let there be light." At that moment and thenceforth the light of Masonry dispelled the darkness and the gloom of our previous profane existence and showed the way for each

to walk and work toward the attainment of Masonic ideals and purposes. The very essence of Masonry is **Light**.

Since we as Masons then, are so concerned with light it may be well to examine again the symbols by the means of which we attained light. The significance of the three great lights in Masonry should never be disregarded by any Mason. The square, an implement adapted to use only on plane surfaces signifies the earth and things belonging to it. It does not represent God and the things of the soul but rather the material aspects of human behavior. The compass described circles and signifies the science of spheres and heavens—the soul of man. Both of these areas are important. It is of course essential that man be concerned with material things, but life would be barren and futile and the world would still be in chaos if his interests and activities stopped there. For a full and satisfactory life he must be concerned also with spiritual values. But even combine these two. He may then have light for his own personal material and also for his own spiritual progress, but the light would still be inadequate. So far all is contemplative. The light is there for careful analysis and understanding of material and spiritual things. Through mathematics, science, logic and philosophy we see, we understand the material and spiritual phenomena. The whole thing at this point, however, lacks dynamics. We need the urge and push not only to **know** but also to do. For complete light on our pathway of life we need a force that will impel us to assume our responsibilities to our fellow man, to act wisely in correcting the ills of society, and to strive ever for the attainment of friendship, morality and brotherly love. Blessed be God, that light is given us. The Holy Bible, the remaining great light, not only points the way for human development, but also supplies the dynamics of human behavior.

A consideration of the significance of light in Masonry leads to several observations about Masonry itself. In the first place, we note the persistence of Masonry. It is interesting to contemplate that while so many organizations are formed, flourish for a while, then cease to function, Masonry survives through the ages—survives and constantly grows. All attempts to stamp it out and to imitate it have failed. It survives unchanged. It bridges distance and space from state to state and from nation to nation. It bridges time. Grandfathers who received the light from their ancestors have passed it on to their sons who in turn have passed it on to us. A great panorama of Masonic generations! A glorious spectacle! It is evident that the light of Masonry is the sort of light that satisfies men's souls, that illuminates life's pathway revealing from out the shadows the blessings, opportunities and richness of life.

Then, too, it must be noted that Masonry is not concerned with material things. We live in a materialistic world and in a most materialistic age. Even though we know that material things—buildings, fortunes and even civilizations are not lasting but soon will perish, nevertheless, these tangible things, especially if they have intrinsic value are of great importance to us. But Masonry is not interested in "things".

We were divested of things when we came into the light. In our lodge rooms there are only a few very simple accoutrements and they are valueless as things, important only as symbols. It is not large membership, beautiful temples or perfection of work that make Masonry great. These, too, are but the material aspects of our craft. Its greatness is not to be found even in the beauty of the ritual alone. Characterized though it is by unusual beauty of English, thought and allegory; the ritual itself is but a manifestation of the true force of Masonry.

No, Masonry is not concerned with material things, Masonry is interested only in people—in human values. It is interested in you and in me as people, not in our wealth, our influence or our business. Masonry asks what kind of person you are and what kind of person you are going to become. It is interested with that inner self, the self you have to live with every hour of every day. Herein lies the genius of Masonry! **Not things, but people.**

Since Masonry is devoted to people it follows that we as Masons must be concerned with our fellow man and how people get on together. This thought brings in the dynamics of Masonry. It may be that too long we have stressed the speculative aspects of Masonry. The world needs operative Masons—not operative in the sense that skills in the building trades are required, but operative in that we **work** within the light to better the world and improve the welfare of mankind. There is much to be done. We have just gone through the most costly war of all time. Indeterminable amounts of money have been spent, and property destroyed. Thousands of our youth are sick and maimed. Many thousands too, are in their graves and as many homes are left desolate. These are the ghastly relics of war. And, now that fighting has ceased, we find that scars on our society have been accentuated and new ones have appeared. All is not well with the human family. Masons should do something about it. Through the processes of speculative Masonry we should be impelled to **work** within the light to correct the ills of society.

Certainly Masons should be an active force in building for World peace and order. Whether we like it or not, the barriers of distance and time have been obliterated and the entire world is living right here with us. As individuals and as a group we can do much to create the tolerance, understanding and active cooperation among all peoples which are essential if the ghastly relics of this war are not to be multiplied many times in another war still more terrible.

Masons can do much too in determining the right kind of planning for post war living here at home. Planning that has been done so far is not within Masonic light. We hear much of better highways, transportation, communication, airports, stadia, buildings and business. These are important, but they are very material. They give assurance that man will be comfortable and prosperous. They are not concerned with what kind of person he is or what kind of citizenry we shall have in the future. Very little planning is underway for those phases of life which develop

people. Libraries, slum clearance, public health service, schools, recreation—these are almost totally disregarded, yet these are the institutions which deal in human values and which in the true Masonic sense are infinitely more important, more vital to the welfare of society than all the planned developments that provide for material desires. A nation is no stronger than its people.

If we are to plan for people we most certainly must plan for youth. A wise society builds its future on the training of its youth. In America our system of government is based upon the success of a system of free public education available to all of the children of all of the people. In some sections of the country this basic institution of public education has not fared well. Phases and standards of education which are commonly accepted as essential in some communities are denied to the children in other communities. In some communities the schools are either taken for granted or ignored. In others the interest in the welfare of children comes first. The discrepancies are due not so much to variances in ability to provide adequate education, but rather to differences in community effort. There is no organization more vitally interested in the cause of public education than Masonry. They should unite as a militant organization to assure that the purposes of our forefathers in establishing public schools are realized. A people will not develop beyond the level of the training its youth receives.

A proper concern for youth, however, does not involve formal education alone. The problem of juvenile delinquency, which shocks the nation demands positive action.

The problem of youthful misbehavior is not a new one. Throughout the ages oldsters have complained about the misconduct of youth. We have criticized, but society has not done much to analyze the problem and to bring about a solution.

Now the war and its aftermath have brought into sharp focus examples of misconduct which are most shocking. Our concern is renewed and properly so. What we as a people will do about it remains to be seen.

In seeking a solution we should not spend too much time reviewing the seriousness of individual offenses nor indeed the aggregate of juvenile delinquencies. The evidences themselves merely state the problem. Nor is the solution to be found alone in punitive measures applied in individual cases. Correction of offenders is important but it is vastly more important that we examine the underlying causes of misconduct and apply ourselves to their removal. Those who work with youth will agree I am sure that the offenders do not behave as they do through any innate desire to be bad or to do bad things. Almost without exception they are the victims of conditions in society which the older generation knows about but tolerates.

In seeking a solution society must analyze the pattern of modern living and set about to correct those conditions which contribute to, promote and even impel misconduct. Certainly we must face squarely such phases of the problem as these:

1. **Inadequate housing.** Crowded homes which offer no opportunity for privacy or for the pursuit of youthful interests tend to drive children from the home and into the streets. Masons can do something about this.
2. **Inadequate community recreation facilities.** All youth even those from the most privileged homes need the opportunity for wholesome group activity that is supervised, diversified, and of real interest and challenge to them. Masons can work for the establishment of these facilities.
3. **Expanded opportunities for guidance and instruction of parents.** The vast majority of parents are very eager to do their job well. Some, however, are in need of help. Appropriate guidance service should be available to them. Masons can be helpful in this area.
4. **Increased emphasis upon parental responsibility.** Insofar as the problem of delinquency is due to careless or willful neglect by parents, the laws and the courts should fix the blame and the penalty where it properly belongs. Masons can do much to direct the attention of the public to the responsibility of parents.
5. **Need for expanded psychiatric service.** The very early symptoms of anti-social and otherwise unusual behavior of children may be prophetic of more serious aberrations in later life. They should be dealt with expertly and promptly. Very frequently parents and teachers are helpless without the services of the psychiatrist. Here again Masons can help.

In spite of all that has been said, however, about juvenile delinquency, I fear that in our consideration of the subject we may blanket in an entire generation as delinquents. Youth is not delinquent. Some individuals, too many, no doubt, are delinquent. The vast majority of modern youth, however, are fine, upstanding young people who think straight and act properly. There is danger that in our use of the term juvenile delinquency we may be unfair to a fine generation of young people. Indeed we may even challenge them to misconduct if we, their elders, carelessly refer to delinquencies among them as though they were typical. A sealed fate is damning. Appropriate praise and appreciation are constructive.

It is very important that society correct conditions which may produce delinquency. It is equally important that society re-affirm its faith in youth. This area is within the light of Masonry and should be a challenge to all of us. Any concern of people should be the business of Masons.

The importance of human values was poetically expressed by Walt Whitman as he sat alone on the shore of Lake Ontario. He wrote:

"O I see now, flashing, that this America is only you and me  
Its power, weapons, testimony, are you and me,  
Its crimes, lies, thefts, defections, slavery, are you and me,

Its Congress is you and me—the officers, capitols, armies, ships, are you and me,

Its endless gestations of new States are you and me,

The war—that war so bloody and grim—the war I will henceforth forget—was you and me,

Natural and artificial are you and me,

Freedom, language, poems, employments, are you and me,

Past, present, future, are you and me.”

Masons—human values, one and the same! As Masons wandering through the intricacies of life’s highways, which are lighted for us by the true light, we should keep uppermost in our thoughts and foremost in our actions, the Masonic truism that—not things, but people are important.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I move that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Worshipful Brother Corning for his scholarly and inspired address, and that he be requested to provide a copy thereof to the Grand Secretary for incorporation in the proceedings of this Annual Communication. (Seconded and carried.)

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 M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Lodges are represented except the following: Nos. 5, 13, 23, 27, 30, 35, 38, 44, 52, 53, 57, 64, 70, 84, 86, 87, 89, 92, 94, 98, 100, 108, 111, 116, 117, 119, 120, 124, 125, 126, 132, 133, 134, 137, 138, 139, 140, 143, 149, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 164, 165, 166, 168, 172, 175, 176, 179, 182, 190, 194, 198, 202, 204, 206, 208, 214, 223, 225, 231, 237, 239, 253, 259, 266, 267, 273, 277, 280, 282, 287, 307 and 322.

Total number of Lodges 281. Number represented 197. Number not represented 84. Lodges not represented for the past two Annual Communications: Nos. 13, 27, 30, 38, 44, 57, 70, 86, 87, 92, 94, 98, 116, 117, 119, 126, 137, 140, 143, 151, 153, 164, 166, 172, 175, 179, 182, 190, 194, 204, 206, 208, 214, 215, 223, 239, 259, 287, 307 and 322. Lodges not represented for the past three Annual Communications: Nos. 13, 27, 92, 94, 98, 117, 166, 172, 175, 179, 182, 206, 223 and 307. Seventy-three of the 1945 Masters were present.

## GRAND OFFICERS

M. W.	William C. Schaper.....	Grand Master
R. W.	Benjamin F. Eyre.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W.	Edward Huwaldt.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W.	Carl R. Greisen.....	Grand Junior Warden
M. W.	Lewis E. Smith.....	Grand Secretary
V. W.	George Allen Beecher.....	Grand Chaplain
	W. Hobart N. Corning.....	Grand Orator
	W. Lute M. Savage.....	Grand Custodian
M. W.	William B. Wanner.....	Grand Marshal
	W. Elmer E. Magee.....	Grand Senior Deacon
	W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein.....	Grand Junior Deacon
	W. Raymond C. Pollard.....	Grand Tyler

Past Grand Masters: M. W. James R. Cain, Jr., Joseph B. Fradenburg, Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, Ralph O. Canaday, Archie M. Smith, Virgil R. Johnson, Chancellor A. Phillips, Walter R. Raecke, William J. Breckenridge, Earl J. Lee, Edward F. Carter, George A. Kurk, and William B. Wanner.

## REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska ....No. 1	L. Bob Pixley.....	Albin Bergstrom...	*Wilton S. Miller
Western Star. " 2	William J. Kier.....	*Varro E. Tyler.....	*Varro E. Tyler
Capitol ..... " 3	James C. Hendrickson	Robert R. Troyer...	*James C. Hendrickson
Nemaha Valley " 4	William McIninch..	*James A. Wensien..	.....
Omadi ..... " 5	.....	.....	.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	Edward F. Wehrbien	*Edward F. Wehrbein	Charles M. Mead
Falls City.... " 9	Clarence J. Thompson	*Robert R. Zoller....	Russell E. Dorr
Solomon ..... " 10	Wm. A. Suverkrubbe	.....	.....
Covert ..... " 11	V. Clare Lindberg...	Ralph E. Carlson....	Philip C. Coritto
Orient ..... " 13	.....	.....	.....
Peru ..... " 14	Cecil M. Coatney...	Raymond J. Redfern	*O. D. Mardis
Fremont ..... " 15	Leonard G. Bronson.	Roy E. Dooley.....	*Roy S. Planck
Tecumseh .... " 17	Lewis S. Miner.....	Doran D. Kirkman..	*Willis Goriss
Lincoln ..... " 19	William W. Bauer...	Charles W. Frost...	S. Hugh Dillon
Washington .. " 21	*Karl Christensen...	C. Edmund Anderson.	.....
Pawnee ..... " 23	.....	.....	.....
Saint Johns.. " 25	Robert J. Baxter...	James McClaren....	.....
Beatrice ..... " 26	George H. Ryan....	*Richard W. Trefy...	*George H. Hauer
Jordan ..... " 27	.....	.....	.....
Hope ..... " 29	Edward C. Rider...	*Jay Burns.....	.....
Blue River.... " 30	.....	.....	.....
Tekamah ..... " 31	George F. Allely...	Charles MacDonald.	.....
Platte Valley. " 32	Harry T. Mead....	Harold H. Walker...	*Cary W. Dresslar
Ashlar ..... " 33	William A. Reutlinger	Robert W. Boon....	.....
Acacia ..... " 34	Lawrence A. Rouse..	Ernest M. Adams...	Lester G. Oberg
Fairbury ..... " 35	.....	.....	.....
Lone Tree.... " 36	Donald F. Sampson.	.....	.....
Crete ..... " 37	.....	.....	*John J. Kubes, Jr.
Oliver ..... " 38	.....	.....	.....
Papillion ..... " 39	Adam H. Gramlich.	*Fred R. Lamb.....	.....
Humboldt .... " 40	John F. Frehse....	.....	Arlo H. Coons
Northern Light " 41	Roscoe H. Chenoweth	.....	.....
Hebron ..... " 43	John H. Musgrave..	*Thomas H. Hansen..	.....
Harvard ..... " 44	.....	.....	.....
Rob Morris.. " 46	*Morris V. Balcom..	.....	.....
Fairmont ..... " 48	*Aleck A. Shanklin..	*Aleck A. Shanklin..	*Aleck A. Shanklin
Evening Star.. " 49	Herbert J. Ochsner.	*David J. Pope.....	.....
Hastings ..... " 50	Orville J. Sorensen.	Myron W. Springer.	.....
Fidelity ..... " 51	John Eberly.....	.....	*V. D. Friis
Hiram ..... " 52	.....	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Stella .....No. 105	*Emile Nombelais....	*Daniel S. Hinds....	*Daniel S. Hinds
Porter ..... " 106	.....	.....	Fred. J. Leschinsky
Table Rock... " 108	.....	.....	.....
Pomegranate.. " 110	*Howard F. Anderson	.....	.....
DeWitt ..... " 111	.....	.....	.....
Springfield ... " 112	.....	Harry N. Ahl.....	.....
Globe ..... " 113	James W. Robertson.	.....	.....
Wisner ..... " 114	Carl H. Freese.....	.....	.....
Harlan ..... " 116	.....	.....	.....
Hardy ..... " 117	.....	.....	.....
North Bend... " 119	.....	.....	.....
Wayne ..... " 120	.....	.....	.....
Superior ..... " 121	Paul John Jones....	.....	Theodor Enghoff
Auburn ..... " 124	.....	.....	.....
Mount Nebo.. " 125	.....	.....	.....
Stromsburg ... " 126	.....	.....	.....
Minden ..... " 127	*Charles A. Chappell..	.....	.....
Guide Rock .. " 128	Ira A. Pace.....	.....	*Ira A. Pace
Blue Hill .... " 129	*Frank Delahoyd....	.....	.....
Tuscan ..... " 130	*Earl M. Bolen.....	.....	.....
Scribner ..... " 132	.....	.....	.....
Elm Creek.... " 133	.....	.....	.....
Solar ..... " 134	.....	.....	.....
McCook ..... " 135	Guy M. Ess.....	Jess P. Wade.....	*R. D. McCafferty
Long Pine .... " 136	*Gordon Strelow....	*William C. Smith, Sr.	.....
Upright ..... " 137	.....	.....	.....
Rawalt ..... " 138	.....	.....	.....
Clay Centre... " 139	.....	.....	.....
Western ..... " 140	.....	.....	.....
Crescent ..... " 143	.....	.....	.....
Kenesaw ..... " 144	*Rezin G. Bennett....	.....	.....
Bancroft ..... " 145	Floyd L. Carey.....	Kenneth Samson....	.....
Jachin ..... " 146	*Arthur Anderson....	.....	.....
Siloam ..... " 147	*Arthur J. Runnels... .	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford " 148	Selden J. Wenquist..	Bryan Leonard.....	Paul Hicks
Jewel ..... " 149	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge ... " 150	*Ray Wiedeman.....	*Ray Wiedeman.....	*Ray Wiedeman
Square ..... " 151	.....	.....	.....
Parallel ..... " 152	.....	.....	.....
Evergreen .... " 153	.....	.....	.....
Lily ..... " 154	.....	.....	.....
Hartington ... " 155	.....	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Pythagoras ..No. 156	.....	.....	.....
Valley ..... " 157	.....	.....	.....
Samaritan ... " 158	Harry C. Hamer....	*John J. Helzer.....	*Edgar B. Thorness
Ogalalla ..... " 159	.....	.....	.....
Zeredatha .... " 160	.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	.....	.....	.....
Trestle Board. " 162	*Cecil M. Asa.....	*Floyd Christy.....	*Cecil M. Asa
Unity ..... " 163	Elmer E. Mathis....	.....	*Lloyd E. Scow
Atkinson ..... " 164	.....	.....	.....
Barneston ... " 165	.....	.....	.....
Mystic Tie.... " 166	.....	.....	.....
Elwood ..... " 167	.....	*Aubrey O. Mitchem.	.....
Curtis ..... " 168	.....	.....	.....
Amity ..... " 169	Edwin B. Otteman..	.....	.....
Mason City .. " 170	Ardath L. Saum....	.....	.....
Merna ..... " 171	*John L. Hipsley....	.....	Glenn J. Graybeal
Grafton ..... " 172	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns.. " 173	LeRoy A. Barnett..	Carl V. Lionberger..	.....
Culbertson ... " 174	Dean W. Hoyt.....	*Dean W. Hoyt.....	*Osborne P. Simon
Temple ..... " 175	.....	.....	.....
Gladstone .... " 176	.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs.. " 177	Henry A. Krueger..	*Henry A. Krueger...	LaRue E. Goff
Prudence .... " 179	.....	.....	.....
Justice ..... " 180	Ross D. Druliner....	.....	.....
Faith ..... " 181	*Walter O. Barnes..	*Walter O. Barnes...	*Walter O. Barnes
Incense ..... " 182	.....	.....	.....
Alliance ..... " 183	*Karl J. Stern.....	*Edward M. Knight..	.....
Bee Hive..... " 184	Edwin G. Haas....	Jerome Korisko.....	.....
Boaz ..... " 185	Charles E. Furman..	*Charles M. Wiggins..	.....
Israel ..... " 187	Allen W. Withers...	.....	.....
Meridian ..... " 188	Marvin L. Burgess..	Fred S. Wedge.....	.....
Granite ..... " 189	*Calvin A. Gordon...	*William J. East.....	.....
Amethyst .... " 190	.....	.....	.....
Crystal ..... " 191	*John V. Maddox....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa.. " 192	.....	.....	.....
Signet ..... " 193	Charles J. Novotny..	.....	.....
Highland .... " 194	.....	.....	.....
Arcana ..... " 195	.....	*Ernest Purdy.....	*Ernest Purdy
Morning Star.. " 197	*Earl K. Husbands..	.....	.....
Purity ..... " 198	.....	.....	.....
Gavel ..... " 199	H. B. Wittenberger.	*Raymond H. Atwood.	*Raymond H. Atwood
Blazing Star.. " 200	Gaylord Wallace....	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Scotts Bluff ..No. 201	Henry H. Sands....	*Henry H. Sands....	Maurice Scriven
Golden Sheaf.. " 202	.....	.....	.....
Roman Eagle.. " 203	William McQuistan ..	.....	.....
Plainview .... " 204	.....	.....	.....
Golden Fleece. " 205	Hilmer J. Thompson..	Everett O. Richards..	*Hilmer J. Thompson
Napthali ..... " 206	.....	.....	.....
Parian ..... " 207	John Frederich.....	*Allston Asmus.....	*Allston Asmus
Gauge ..... " 208	.....	.....	.....
Canopy ..... " 209	Howard A. Pool....	Otha E. Underwood..	Arthur W. Adams
East Lincoln.. " 210	Willard E. Townsend	.....	*Gerald E. Miller
Cement ..... " 211	*Nelson T. Brittin ..	.....	.....
Compass&Square" 212	*Clarence W. George..	*Clarence W. George..	*Clarence W. George
Plumblineline ... " 214	.....	.....	.....
Occidental .... " 215	.....	.....	.....
Palisade ..... " 216	*Charles C. Cole.....	.....	.....
Wauneta ..... " 217	*C. Robert Carlson...*	*C. Robert Carlson...*	*C. Robert Carlson
Bloomfield ... " 218	*Albert F. Roos.....	.....	.....
Relief ..... " 219	*Charles E. Gallagher.	.....	.....
Magnolia .... " 220	Charles A. Wuerth..	.....	.....
Wood Lake .. " 221	Everett C. Turnquist	.....	.....
Landmark ... " 222	James P. Presba....	Chris Korshoj.....	Roland M. Wachter
Eminence ..... " 223	.....	.....	.....
Silver Cord... " 224	Quentin K. Lear....	.....	*Fred Berekhermer
Cable ..... " 225	.....	.....	.....
Grace ..... " 226	James Johnson.....	.....	.....
North Star ... " 227	*Harry A. Spencer...*	Michael V. Stevens..	*Cecil C. Gates
Bartley ..... " 228	Glen Flanagan.....*	*Glen Flanagan.....*	*Glen Flanagan
Comet ..... " 229	.....	Francis J. Beaman..	*Cort W. Hunter
Delta ..... " 230	Guy Johnson.....	.....	.....
Mount Hermon " 231	.....	.....	.....
John S. Bowen " 232	*Nic Fredericksen...*	.....	.....
Gilead ..... " 233	*Alfred P. Anderson..	.....	.....
Zion ..... " 234	Walter Wightman..	.....	.....
Fraternity ... " 235	Charles D. Farran..	.....	.....
Golden Rule.. " 236	Rubel Hutchings...*	Marvin R. Burgess..	.....
Cubit ..... " 237	.....	.....	.....
Friendship... " 239	.....	.....	.....
Pilot ..... " 240	Vernon L. Cates....	Orville Ramsey.....	Gordon Chard
Geo. Armstrong " 241	*Frank F. McMullin..*	*Frank F. McMullin..*	*Frank F. McMullin
Tyrian ..... " 243	Arthur R. Skinner..	.....	.....
Hampton .... " 245	*William H. McGuire..	.....	.....
Nehawka ..... " 246	Clifton K. Garrison.	George W. Pollard..	Loy Pell

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Corner-Stone No. 247	*Alfred N. Lundstrom		
Laurel " 248	Carl J. Jeffrey		*Carl J. Jeffrey
Gothenburg " 249	Ernest Van Wey	Howard L. Anderson	
Geo. Washington" 250		*John Nelson, Jr	
Wausa " 251	*Dick Kool		
Beemer " 253			
Bassett " 254	*H. Glenn Butler		
Hickman " 256	Harold E. Williams	Phil E. Buel	Veral L. Pillard
Holbrook " 257	Samuel F. Davis		
Anselmo " 258	Howard M. Turner		
Bee " 259			
Ornan " 261	*John W. Black		
Endeavor " 262		Levi Burton	
Mitchell " 263	Wilbur W. Wurst	*Wilbur W. Wurst	
Franklin " 264			William H. Smith
Rob't W. Furnas" 265	Guy L. Raber	Frank H. Wisner	*Guy L. Raber
Silver " 266			
James A. Tulleys" 267			
Geo. W. Lininger" 268	William J. Baird	Hyle G. Burke	*John S. Hedelund
Oasis " 271	William E. Call		
Lee P. Gillette " 272	*Kenneth G. Baker	*O. Paul Baker	*James P. Baker
Crofton " 273			
Olive Branch " 274	Leslie I. Petersen	Albert Frayer	Lester Hody
Ramah " 275	*John H. Sutlief		
Antelope " 276	John E. Wylie	Frank Cohee	
Sioux " 277			
Litchfield " 278	Jacob Kramer		
Wallace " 279	*Walter D. Short		
Swastika " 280			
Florence " 281	Elmer Sorenson	*Louis V. Sylvester	
Mullen " 282			
Exeter " 283	Ray Eberhardt		
Seneca " 284	Stanley R. Danekas		
Camp Clarke " 285		*Edward K. Milmine	
Oshkosh " 286	John H. Meier	*John H. Meier	*John H. Meier
Union " 287			
Omaha " 288	John H. Bolin	Clyde A. Blubaugh	Guy F. McNaughton
Lotus " 289			Ora D. Russell
John J. Mercer " 290		Carl S. Miller	William A. Baker
Diamond " 291	Oliver Dempster		
Wolbach " 292	Ernest H. Davis	*Ernest H. Davis	*Ernest H. Davis
Monument " 293			*Miles E. Lewis

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Kimball . . . . . No. 294	Brice F. Henry . . . . .	Norris W. Tritt . . . . .	.....
Minatare . . . . . " 295	Carl DeBelly . . . . .	.....	.....
Cowles . . . . . " 296	Charles C. Bennett . . . . .	.....	.....
Cotner . . . . . " 297	Arthur J. Barrett . . . . .	*Lyle Bryant . . . . .	Martin L. Quinn
Chester . . . . . " 298	James E. Woodward . . . . .	.....	.....
Sutherland . . . . . " 299	Morris E. Trego . . . . .	*William H. Nevin . . . . .	*Raymond Jorgensen
Liberty . . . . . " 300	Orrill R. Rasmussen . . . . .	Orville D. Ellis . . . . .	.....
Bayard . . . . . " 301	*Clyde D. Spangler . . . . .	*Clyde D. Spangler . . . . .	*Clyde D. Spangler
Mizpah . . . . . " 302	Joseph D. Houston . . . . .	George E. Mitchell . . . . .	.....
Right Angle . . . . . " 303	David Menagh . . . . .	Frank E. Merrill . . . . .	Ray O. Stanley
Ruskin . . . . . " 304	J. Clarence Krogh . . . . .	*Jacob C. Dillon . . . . .	*J. Clarence Krogh
Newman Grove " 305	Wm. W. Smitheram . . . . .	*G. Edward Kennedy . . . . .	*C. J. Peterson
Golden Rod . . . . . " 306	Geo. H. Emanuelson . . . . .	.....	.....
William E. Hill " 307	.....	.....	.....
Perkins . . . . . " 308	*Otto E. Ganger . . . . .	*H. Gordon Brainard . . . . .	.....
Winnebago . . . . . " 309	*Orville E. Buckley . . . . .	*Paul E. E. Belt . . . . .	.....
Victory . . . . . " 310	Harold V. Miller . . . . .	Carl G. Stange . . . . .	.....
Polk . . . . . " 311	*Harry Schultz . . . . .	.....	.....
Oak Leaf . . . . . " 312	*Wallace E. Moffett . . . . .	.....	.....
Potter . . . . . " 313	*Milo Tucker . . . . .	.....	.....
Craftsmen . . . . . " 314	G. Henry Crane . . . . .	Vernon W. Baker . . . . .	*Curry D. Bryson
Alpha . . . . . " 316	.....	Cecil W. Orton . . . . .	*George C. Drake
Mid-West . . . . . " 317	Richard E. Nelsen . . . . .	Lester D. Petersen . . . . .	Frank Cirkseña
Grand Island . . . . . " 318	Grover F. Rost . . . . .	.....	.....
Bladen . . . . . " 319	George G. Crilly . . . . .	.....	.....
College View . . . . . " 320	Harold J. Norris . . . . .	Lawrence L. James . . . . .	Lovell G. Sanders
Harmony . . . . . " 321	*Martin Christoferson . . . . .	*Martin Christoferson . . . . .	*Martin Christoferson
Pioneer . . . . . " 322	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon . . . . . " 323	Arlin M. Peyton . . . . .	.....	*Arlin M. Peyton
Cairo . . . . . " 324	*Harry D. Turner . . . . .	*L. O. Rolofson . . . . .	*J. Samuel Butler

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W. Herbert T. White, 11, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted, section by section. The report of the Committee on Grievances was then adopted 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 various matters presented to it and submits the following report:

No. 1. Your Committee recommends that the finding of the trial Commission of a member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, A. F. & A. M. as to the guilt of the member charged with Unmasonic Conduct be affirmed. Your committee however recommends that the penalty imposed by the Trial Commission of Expulsion be modified to a sentence of Indefinite Suspension and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the decision of the Trial Commission in the case of the member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 A. F. & A. M. finding said member guilty of Unmasonic Conduct be approved and that said member be and hereby is Indefinitely Suspended as a Mason."

No. 2. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Morning Star Lodge No. 197, 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 Morning Star Lodge No. 197 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 Lincoln Lodge No. 19, 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 Lincoln Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 4. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Victory Lodge No. 310, 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 Victory Lodge No. 310, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 5. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Acacia Lodge No. 34, 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 Acacia Lodge No. 34, A. F. & A. M. (designated as A) be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 6. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Ogalalla Lodge No. 159, 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 Ogalalla Lodge No. 159, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 7. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Merna Lodge No. 171, 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 Merna Lodge No. 171, A. F. & A. M. (designated as A) be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 8. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Merna Lodge No. 171, 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 Merna Lodge No. 171, A. F. & A. M. (designated as B) be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 9. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of York Lodge No. 56, 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 York Lodge No. 56, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 10. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Western Star Lodge No. 2, 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 Western Star Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 11. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Samaritan Lodge No. 158, 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 Samaritan Lodge No. 158, A. F. & A. M. (designated as A) be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 12. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Samaritan Lodge No. 158, 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 Samaritan Lodge No. 158, A. F. & A. M. (designated as B) be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 13. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Acacia Lodge No. 34, 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 Acacia Lodge No. 34, A. F. & A. M. (designated as B) be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

Your Committee offers the following resolution:

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

W. Albert S. Johnston, 19, Chairman, presented the report of the special committee on the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, which was adopted.

#### 1946 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:

Monthly statements have been received by your committee showing detail of income and disbursements, and also reconciliation with the budget records; also reports showing the name and age of each boy being cared for at the home, and contributions of clothing, food, magazines, books and other donations received from time to time with the name of the donor and the nature of the gift. This, of course, does not include the pledges and contributions received from their general campaign conducted among Omaha Masons and members which are grouped together. These reports show a cash balance maintained at all times to meet all operating expenses. The April, 1946 report shows 60 boys then being cared for.

During the past year construction was completed on three dwelling units on the building site at 52nd and Ames Avenue in Omaha. These units were dedicated with appropriate ceremonies and are now being used, and three other dwelling units, funds for which have been fully provided, are in course of construction. Work is going forward toward

providing an administration building, which with the dwelling units now provided for, will complete the current building program.

An endowment fund has been established and is being enlarged by special gifts, the income from which is to be used when needed to meet any emergencies that may arise as a result of changing economic conditions which might affect contributions for current expenses.

Copy for circulars and printed matter intended for circulation and to encourage support for this public charity, have been submitted to your committee from time to time for approval and no complaints have been received during the past year regarding any literature that has been circulated.

Permission has been received from the Grand Masters of some other Jurisdictions for the solicitation of individual Masons in their respective Jurisdictions. The language used in one special consent which is typical is as follows:

"While our law prevents the solicitation of lodges I am glad to approve solicitation of individual Masons within our jurisdiction and you have my permission so to do.

"It is my understanding that no solicitation will be made to any Lodge of Masons, nor will solicitation be made through any Lodge in Colorado to its individual members. The activity will be only by approach of members of the fraternity as individuals."

The Board of the home and its representatives have at all times shown a cheerful willingness to comply with all of the provisions of the agreement between the home and the Grand Lodge, and the home is apparently receiving the commendation and support of individual Masons elsewhere where its character and the effectiveness of its work is made known.

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.

Two years ago, I presented the report for the above named committee in the absence due to the illness of W. Bro. Ellis W. Cass, Chairman of this committee. I am sorry to report Brother Cass passed away last week.

According to the Constitution and By-laws of this Grand Lodge, Section 89-C reads as follows:

"No subordinate lodge shall incur indebtedness to purchase or construct or remodel any building; nor shall any subordinate lodge purchase or subscribe for any stock, or shares, or interests, in any Temple Craft, or other building association, or corporation, without first obtaining the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master."

In accordance therewith, the following cases briefly described have come to the attention of this committee for counsel and recommendation.

May 15, 1945. Refinancing plan of John J. Mercer Lodge, No. 290 located in Omaha, Nebraska.

August 27, 1945. Friend Lodge No. 73 located at Friend, Nebraska involved the purchase, remodeling and financing of a permanent home.

November 30, 1945. Osceola Lodge No. 65 located at Osceola, Nebraska for permission to sell or lease lodge owned lots.

February 15, 1946. Boaz Lodge No. 185 located at Danbury, Nebraska for construction and financing of a new and permanent home.

April 3, 1946. Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 located at Wood Lake, Nebraska involved acceptance of lots as a gift and the purchase, moving, remodeling and financing for a new and permanent home.

April 19, 1946. Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 located at Gering, Nebraska to borrow \$6,000 to purchase other half of building it now owns.

This committee wishes to emphasize the importance of full compliance with Section 89-C by any Lodge contemplating refinancing, moving, building, or remodeling, especially where new indebtedness will be incurred.

The attention of this Committee has been directed to the suggestion on page 73 of the Grand Secretary's advance report regarding the purchase or construction of an office building for the Grand Lodge.

After discussion your committee offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the incoming Grand Master appoint a special committee to investigate and report back at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge their ideas and suggestions and further recommendations looking toward the purchase of or construction of a new permanent home in Omaha for the Grand Lodge office and officers."

(Motion seconded and carried.)

W. Herbert T. White, 11:

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

There aren't many of you here, but there are a few words that I want to say.

Those of you who sat here this afternoon and heard our good friend Lew Smith singing his swan song as Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge were probably as moved to deep feeling as was I, but as I have been sitting here, I am one of those fellows who served as Master of my Lodge during those black days, those days when Masonry at times seemed to even hang in the balance, in those days of the early thirties and the middle thirties. Serving as an officer in an Omaha Lodge here, naturally I had great opportunity to see and be many times with our good Grand Secretary, and I know—although he said nothing about it in his talk this afternoon—he said nothing about the labors that he went through for

the cause of Masonry not only in Omaha but throughout this entire Grand Jurisdiction. And I might add further that through the entire length and breadth of this land, because when they tell you, as our Grand Master did, that Lew Smith is known wherever Masons meet throughout the United States, I might add that even our Grand Master did not go far enough. I think Lew Smith is known wherever Masons meet throughout the World. And one of the reasons that he is so well known is that during those trying years, those years of the early thirties and middle thirties, when, as I say, Masonry at times appeared to tremble in the balance when we were faced year after year with tremendous lists of those who were unable to pay their dues, when we were faced year after year with increasing lists of those that needed relief of one kind or another. I want to say that serving as one of the officers of one of the Omaha Lodges that no one ever gave more to Freemasonry not only in Nebraska but throughout the world than did our good friend Lew Smith. And I know that while he was giving that part of his life to Masonry he gave a lot out of his life that he can never put back in. It has been very kind of the Great Creator of the Universe, the Supreme Architect of Heaven to have spared our good brother for these many years, and hope that He may spare him to us for many years longer. And it would have been only too bad were his period of usefulness on this earth cut off.

I just want to say, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that I was where I could see that extreme disposition to real service to our Fraternity that was exhibited by Most Worshipful Brother Lew during those years. Time meant nothing to him, days meant nothing to him, anything that he could do to help any of us was freely and cheerfully given, and when a brother might be discouraged, he never walked out of Lew Smith's office feeling discouraged.

And so I want to say these few words in appreciation for the many things that Lew Smith did during the most trying period of Freemasonry in Nebraska, and I might say in The United States during this period in the thirties when it was my pleasure to be so intimately tied in with the work that I could see at first hand and observe the great results achieved.

I just want to say these few words as my tribute to that wonderful man, he will never be old to me, here at my left, Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master :

Thank you, Worshipful Brother White, for those timely words of thought.

At 5:10 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

## THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Thursday, June 6, 1946

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

W. John S. Hedelund, 268:

**Most Worshipful Grand Master:**

Yesterday we listened to the resignation of Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith as Grand Secretary, and remarks concerning him publicly, and I know privately, as to the esteem of the brethren and the regard which they had; he stated to you also that he desired no salary, no annuity, no compensation, because he was perfectly able to take care of himself. We do, however, have reason to recognize his services to this Grand Lodge, and keeping him in a place where he may be classified as an advisor that we need, and I, therefore, move, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that this Grand Lodge elect Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith as Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. (Seconded, carried.)

W. Walter L. Schnabel, 148, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Masonic Education during the past two years has carried on the work of promulgating the ideals and philosophy of the Order within war-time limits. We have adjusted our program to the existing situation which has resulted in a curtailment of our activities and a corresponding reduction in our expenditures.

For the year ending June 1, 1944, the Grand Lodge appropriated the sum of \$2,000 to carry on the work of this committee. Due to war conditions, your committee saw fit to expend \$1,230.67 of this amount and returned \$769.33 to the general fund of the Grand Lodge as a lapsed appropriation. For the year ending June 1, 1945, there was appropriated for the work of this committee the sum of \$2,000, of which we expended \$1,576.64 and returned \$423.36 to the general fund of the Grand Lodge as a lapsed appropriation. For the year ending June 1, 1946, there was appropriated for the work of our committee the sum of \$2,000, of which we have expended \$1,422.99 and returned \$577.01 to the general fund as a lapsed appropriation.

The review of the foregoing expenditures indicates the extent to which we have reduced our program below the lowered appropriations which we requested and received during the past three years.

In so far as the work of your committee is concerned, the war is at an end. We as a fraternity are entering the post war period with many perplexing problems to face. We have mapped out a program for the future that will extend the field of our efforts with a commensurate increase in costs.

It must be borne in mind that during the war there were thousands of new initiates taken into the fraternity. Literally hundreds of these brethren were recipients of special dispensations to accelerate their taking of the degrees. Many besides these received little or no Masonic instruction because of sudden dislocations brought on by the war. We think that Freemasonry is obligated to carry out a program that will ground these new brethren before they lose their interest and drift away from the principles, ideals and philosophy of Freemasonry.

Our new program will require a revision of our bulletins and pamphlets used in this work. The cost of publication is much higher, with the limit not yet in sight. We will require additional stenographic and clerical help to adequately do the job. A revival of the district or area meetings, similar to those held in 1941-1942, is necessary to the proper promulgation of the program of Masonic Education.

We are advised that there are approximately twenty-five hundred applications for the degrees of Masonry being made annually at the present time. These brethren must be acquainted with the over view of Freemasonry if they are to become lasting adherents to this great Order. Many communities do not have the facilities or the manpower to supply this great need. It is the job of the Grand Lodge to see that it is done. We propose, with your approval, to do the best we can to do that job.

We estimate the necessary costs and expenditures of the Committee in carrying out this work to be \$3,600 for the coming Masonic year. We assure you, however, as is evidenced by the work of this committee in the past, that we propose to use only so much as is required to carry on this work. The appropriation represents the maximum amount we can use. We think that we could not safely enter upon the work we have programmed for the coming year without assurance of the availability of this amount.

We have filed detailed accounts of all expenditures made by this committee with the Grand Secretary. An accounting of the expenditures of the committee for the past two years is appended to this report. We have also attached the report of W. Curry W. Watson, our Director of Masonic Education. These are available to anyone desiring to examine them.

The meetings of our committee have been well attended. The Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master have been in attendance and fully informed of the work done and the plans made for the future. They have contributed their desires and ideas throughout the discussions for which we as a committee have been duly grateful. The cooperation of the Grand Master and all other Grand Lodge officers is essential to the

success of our work. We have received that to the fullest extent and we are pleased to acknowledge it here.

The Masonic Education program must go forward. The ideals and philosophy of Freemasonry are too important to be neglected. They can make such a contribution to our social order and our personal living, that we have a moral obligation to the fraternity to promote them to the utmost. Character, honesty and moral fibre are still praiseworthy virtues and the attributes of a good Mason. Their development is a prime function of the Order. We must do more than render 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 mind of every brother of the Craft. An institution without a mission has no valid reason for its existence and one with a mission must halt the busy, moving throng and cry out its principles and ideals so loud that the heedless ones will be impelled to listen. As Daniel Webster so 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."

This is the tremendous task which you have placed upon the shoulders of this committee. We trust that our work in the past has met your approval. We trust also that our plans for the future are in accord with the obligations of this Grand Lodge and the necessities of the times.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master :

I am sorry to announce that Worshipful Brother Charles S. Sloan of Geneva, one time Grand Orator of this Grand Lodge passed away June 2, 1946. He was born May 2, 1863; at Monticello, Iowa. Entered February 16, 1886; passed February 23, 1886, raised March 16, 1886, in Fairmont Lodge No. 48, at Fairmont, Nebraska; affiliated with Geneva Lodge No. 79 at Geneva, October 20, 1893. He was presented his fifty-year badge April, 1936.

R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, for the Committee, 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.

According to an honored custom duly followed for years by this Grand Lodge, we pause to pay tribute to our deceased brethren, all of whom have remembered their Creator from the days of their youth until they passed to the Great Beyond, with a firm belief in God and immortality, according to the tenets of our Order.

Your committee has received from our Grand Secretary the official memorial cards issued by Grand Lodges upon the death of Grand Lodge officers, which have all been carefully preserved in the archives of our Grand Lodge, to be properly noted at this time in our session.

A careful analysis of the records before us shows that such official notices have been given to the Nebraska Grand Lodge from other jurisdictions of Grand Officers who have died since the last report of a Committee on Fraternal Dead as follows:—

- 66 Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters
- 1 Deputy Grand Master
- 2 Grand Senior Wardens
- 3 Grand Junior Wardens
- 3 Grand Secretaries
- 1 Grand Treasurer
- 1 Grand Chaplain
- 1 Grand Lecturer
- 1 Grand Junior Deacon
- 1 Grand Tyler

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It might be noted that, of these 80 Grand Lodge officers, James C. Dutton became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware fifty years ago; that Dick A. Mitchell of Minnesota and Reinhart Gilbertson of North Dakota have died since our last report while each was holding the office of Grand Master in their respective jurisdictions.

The members of our Order may at times fail to realize the close relationship we bear to the Grand Lodge Jurisdictions in the nine Provinces of Canada. We have received reports showing that ten Past Grand Masters and one Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodges in Canada have passed away since our last report. Of these officers of Grand Lodges of Canada to whom we pay tribute today, George DeWar MacDougall died in 1945, while Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Lodge of Panama has notified our Grand Secretary of the death of Victor Jesurum, Past Grand Master of that Lodge.

Now coming to our own Jurisdiction, we find recorded in the records of our various Lodges, with sorrow, the names of 641 brethren who have passed from our Lodges to their eternal abode above, over which the Supreme Master of the universe presides.

It is with profound sorrow that we now record the deaths of four Past Grand Officers, in the order of the dates of their deaths.

**M. W. WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON, PAST GRAND MASTER**

Was born October 17, 1883, at Louisville, Nebraska. He was initiated into old Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 on March 10, 1905, passed April 13, 1905, and raised May 4, 1905, and just seven years thereafter he became the Worshipful Master of his own Lodge.

After passing through the several chairs of the Grand Lodge, he served for one year as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nebraska Masons, beginning June, 1937, during which time he raised his own son, now Lt. Commander James M. Robertson, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

Becoming a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, he was elected to receive the 33d Degree by the Supreme Council, and was coroneted December 4, 1943.

He was president of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

In addition, he was a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and a Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine. He was Grand Commander of York Rite Masonry in Nebraska in 1941-1942, and was duly elected a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association June 9, 1926, and an honorary member of the National Sojourners.

He died at Omaha, Nebraska, July 3, 1944.

We will now briefly record the Masonic history of

M. W. FREDERICK L. TEMPLE, PAST GRAND MASTER

He was born August 28, 1864, at Wadestown, West Virginia.

He was initiated December 5, 1888, passed January 12, 1889, and raised February 13, 1889, in Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington, Nebraska.

He served as Master of Thistle Lodge No. 61, 1896-1897.

He was elected as the 52d Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 1917-1918.

He became a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association June 6, 1916.

He was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island from 1933 to date of death.

He died August 13, 1944, at Harper, Washington.

M. W. BROTHER IRA C. FREET,

64TH GRAND MASTER OF NEBRASKA MASONS

He was born February 6, 1877, at Orrstown, Pennsylvania.

He was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason August 5, 1910, passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft September 16, 1910, and raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason October 21, 1910, in York Lodge No. 56, York, Nebraska.

He served as Worshipful Master of York Lodge No. 56 in 1913-1914.

He served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 1929-1930.

He became a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association June 8, 1931.

Most Worshipful Brother Freet was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home from January 23, 1933, to January 23, 1942, and died October 13, 1944, at York, Nebraska.

R. W. BROTHER FRANCIS E. WHITE,  
GRAND SECRETARY

He was Grand Secretary 1899-1925 and Grand Secretary Emeritus from 1925 until his death on June 11, 1945.

We take the following brief statements from the beautiful eulogy prepared by Grand Secretary Lewis E. Smith:

On January 20, 1848, in Doncaster, Yorkshire, Old England, was born Francis Edward White. His parents came to America in 1855 and established a residence at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, on June 27, 1857. He was educated in the pioneer schools of Cass county. As a boy he clerked in a grocery store, and worked in a brick-yard. He entered the grain business, and became vice-president of the First National Bank of Plattsmouth.

He was made a Mason March 1, 1869, passed April 12, 1869, and raised May 10, 1869, in Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. He served as Master of the Lodge 1871-1877. He was installed as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on June 9, 1899, and served to June 11, 1925, being elected on that date as Grand Secretary Emeritus, serving until date of his death.

He served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Nebraska in 1878-1879. He became affiliated with York Rite Masonry on November 18, 1879, in Omaha, and his service as Grand Recorder of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, in Nebraska continued from 1899 to 1925.

He served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Nebraska 1882-1883. Being elected Grand Recorder on June 15, 1899, he served until 1926.

He was one of the original incorporators of the Nebraska Masonic Home in 1889. He served as Trustee from 1889 to 1926, and Secretary from January 23, 1903, to January 23, 1926.

He became a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association on May 10, 1890, serving as Secretary from January 23, 1900, to 1926.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees, the 32d degree in March, 1901. He was elected Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, October, 1906, and was coroneted 33d degree Inspector General Honorary, December 4, 1909.

Thus we mark the passing of the last of this generation of Freemasons, as Brother White had outlived all those he was associated with, and without any doubt is the last of the Freemasons who were made in the late '60's and early '70's of this Grand Jurisdiction. He was one of a group of earnest, enthusiastic Freemasons who gave largely of their time, their substance, and their energies to help build the Fraternity.

All of these brethren fought a good fight and have finished their course, and may we all keep the faith these good brethren did.

We, the members of your Committee, close this report with the request to the Most Worshipful Grand Master that he ask the Grand Chaplain to offer a prayer at this time and remember the loved ones of our deceased brethren.

W. Henry M. Edwards, 303, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, for the years 1944-1945 and 1945-1946 which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
REINSTATEMENTS FOR 1944-1945

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

Your Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, Advisory to the Grand Master respectfully reports that during the year 1944-1945, five hundred seven applications for reinstatement were referred to your Committee.

The average age of the petitioners was 54 years, the ages ranging from 32 to 89 years, the larger number of reasons for suspension being given as "Financial difficulties."

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
REINSTATEMENTS FOR 1945-1946

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

Your Committee on Application for Reinstatement, advisory to the Grand Master, respectfully reports that during the year 1945-1946, four hundred seventeen Applications for Reinstatement were referred to your Committee. The average age of the Petitioners was 52 years, twenty were between thirty and forty years of age, one hundred fifty-six between forty and fifty, one hundred fifty-one between fifty and sixty, seventy between sixty and seventy, nineteen between seventy and eighty, and one between eighty and ninety.

The reasons given for permitting suspension were for the most part "financial", while a few showed the cause as "negligence" or "not being permanently located."

It was necessary to return a number of Applications to the subordinate Lodges requesting further information, owing to the fact that a number of questions were unanswered or full information had not been given. Your Committee would suggest that the Masters of the subordinate Lodges see to it that all questions are answered in full before receiving the action of their Lodge.

Your Committee would further suggest that a more thorough investigation be made by the Committee appointed by the Lodge, as to the qualifications of the Applicant, as in a few cases it has been found that the

Applicant was dealing in intoxicating liquor in another State, and of necessity was rejected.

W. Perry W. Phillips, 150, 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 respectfully submitted by your Committee on Returns:

The files and correspondence in the office of the Grand Secretary with reference to the returns of the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction have been checked and we are pleased to advise that every lodge in Nebraska has made a full settlement of its account with the Grand Lodge.

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

Your committee also commend the secretaries of the subordinate lodges on the care, time and accuracy with which they have made their returns, and it is hoped that this high standard of proficiency will continue.

W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted.

W. Charles F. Adams, 68:

The Committee has no formal report to submit. The record should show, though, however, that no matters were referred to the Committee with the result that no meetings of the Committee were held, but let it not be said that that our deeds was occasioned by indolence rather than unwillingness to act.

V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain:

Very informally, Brethren, but let us give the Grand Master a good old clap of the hands.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

I am very grateful to you, I assure you, Very Worshipful.

(M. W. Harold L. Reader, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, was invited to address the Grand Lodge.)

R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Senior Warden:

**Most Worshipful Grand Master:**

Yesterday representatives of the Job's Daughters visited us and graced our meeting with their presence; they left some flowers, and in addition, in a more substantial way contributed \$745.00 to the Building Fund of our Masonic Home.

And I move, as a matter of record, that this amount be received with the gratitude of all Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction. (Seconded and carried.)

M. W. Earl J. Lee, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on the 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 reports that the new Masonic Code has been printed and distributed according to the previous authorization of this Grand Lodge. Many unavoidable delays occurred due to the wartime conditions.

There may be a few errors but your Committee hopes that the broad general scope of the Code will overshadow any mistakes.

It is the earnest hope of the Committee that the officers of the Lodges will freely use the new Code because you will find many questions which are submitted to the Grand Lodge officers answered in the Decisions which are annotated to the particular By-Law to which they refer.

Your Committee thinks that the Codification Committee is the proper one to prepare any annotating in the future. Your Committee requests that it be discharged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, for the Committee, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, which was adopted.

#### MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND COMMITTEE

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

This report summarizes in brief the activities of our Committee for the past two years. Our function is to give supervision and financial aid to high school graduates of the Home at Fremont who desire to continue their education and prove themselves worthy.

During the school year of 1944-1945 we had under our supervision four girls who attended Wesleyan University at Lincoln, and one boy

attending Midland College at Fremont. The boy was a discharged veteran, but at that time the G. I. Bill of Rights had not been passed, so the Committee took care of his tuition, school books, clothes, etc. This year's group was not as large as our prewar groups.

During the school year of 1945-1946 we had four girls and three boys under our care. One girl attended Wesleyan University at Lincoln, and one girl and one boy attended Omaha University, one girl and one boy attended the University of Nebraska, one boy attended Midland College at Fremont, and one girl attended business college in Omaha. All of the children, with the exception of one girl, have made excellent scholastic records, and we have every reason to be very proud of them, particularly when we consider that they must earn their own board and room as this expense is not taken care of by the Committee. The one girl who has not done so well in school is slightly handicapped from an attack of infantile paralysis suffered when a baby, but we have secured the assistance of the State Rehabilitation Service and we are hopeful that we can fit her to make her own way in life.

Each Grand Body appropriated \$9,000.00 each of the past two years for carrying on our work. We believe that with the balance we have in our account that a similar appropriation this year will be adequate to carry on the work. We, therefore, ask that the sum of \$9,000.00 be appropriated to this Committee by the Grand Lodge. A similar amount has already been appropriated by the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

All Masons should take particular pride in the very fine type of young manhood and young womanhood which comes from our Home at Fremont. If you have not done so recently, we suggest that you make it a point to visit this Home and observe the very fine work being carried on there.

R. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, for the Committee, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic-Service Annuities and Gifts, which was adopted.

#### REPORT 1946 BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICE, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS

From the viewpoint of your Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts the Grand Lodge has two major relief responsibilities:

- a. To those brethren and/or their dependents presently under our care, and
- b. To those who will in the future look to us for that fraternal solicitude from the consolation of which the caprices of Fortune will have otherwise denied them.

That the discharge of those obligations is—and gives every promise of continuing to be—a matter of increasing difficulty must be plain to all who perceive the pattern of our economic future.

The original mission of this Board was that of providing financial assistance auxiliary to the normal sources of income. This auxiliary assistance was to be derived from

- a. direct gifts and
- b. annuity agreements providing a most generous annual income with the principal sum reverting to the Grand Lodge upon the donor's decease.

In respect to the latter method the brethren failed to heed our representations years ago when financial conditions made the plan actually sound. Now we dazedly view the fantastic situation of our Nation staggering under unbelievable billions of debt and yet, under its so-called "managed economy" it is borrowing money at the cheapest rates ever known. It is obviously impossible at this time to afford the prospective annuitant the necessary attractive inducements to which, in all fairness, we think he is entitled.

It is therefore the present opinion of your Board that the annuity portion of our program must be shelved and perhaps abandoned.

During the forthcoming year your Board pledges itself to efforts to find a financially sound substitute device. However, those now manipulating our national financial affairs appear to have a monopoly in rabbit-out-of-the-hat schemes and we are not too optimistic about our ability to overcome these abnormal handicaps and to produce something from nothing.

In respect to the remainder of our program—that of receiving bequests, gifts and legacies—the dignity of this institution forbids direct solicitation by its officials. That a Brother's financial affairs are highly secretive and of weighty moment to him, is well known to all who engage in confidential financial matters. We are thus constrained to move to our objective only by the route of suggestion.

Annually by means of this report if by no other, these suggestions are offered. When such suggestion bears fruit in the form of a legacy one unfortunate aspect is that the Brother so devising and bequeathing is denied—on this Earth at least—the rewards to which his fraternal devotion of right entitle him.

Partially to ameliorate this situation the following proposal is offered the Grand Lodge; that the Grand Secretary prepare an appropriate certificate expressing the appreciation of the Grand Lodge to each named individual from whom the Grand Lodge has received a substantial sum by bequest, the certificate to bear the seal of the Grand Lodge and signature of the Grand Master and be suitably framed that it may be displayed in his Lodge room as a permanent memorial to the generous Brother.

In conclusion may your Board remind you and all brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction that it is better to give than to receive both from the standpoint of personal satisfaction as well as that of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Your local banker or lawyer can advise you of the

details of gift taxes, exemptions, etc., and the benefits to your estate—your conscience can advise you of the benefits a gift to the Grand Lodge will bring to deserving but unfortunate Brethren.

W. Edwin R. Levin, 59, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, which was adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business reports that all matters that were laid over from the last Annual Communication have received attention, with the exception of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, printed in the proceedings of the 1944 Communication on page 142 relative to Section 9 of the By-Laws, which was recommended to be laid over until the 1945 session, and as that communication was not held, this committee desires to direct the attention of the Grand Lodge to it at this time.

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Junior Warden:

I have a note here to the effect that Tyrian Lodge No. 243, Oak, and Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City, Nebraska, have reached their quotas in the Masonic Home Building fund drive.

At 11:35 o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

### THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Thursday, June 6, 1946.

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.

#### TELEGRAM

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, read a telegram received from Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow, Nebraska.

"Emmet Crawford Lodge extends congratulations and appreciation of the efforts of our Most Worshipful Brother William C. Schaper as Grand Master for the past two years."

(Signed by Ray S. Kuns, Secretary)

M. W. William C. Schaper, Grand Master:

Brother Secretary, that does not need any official action, I take it. We will now listen to the report of the Jurisprudence committee.

M. W. William B. Wanner, 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 Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

1. Under the heading of "Proclamations" we approve the action of the Grand Master.

2. Under the heading of "Extension of Time for Proficiency" we approve the action of the Grand Master.

3. Under the heading of "Dispensations to Elect and Install" we approve the action of the Grand Master.

4. Under the heading of "Dispensations to Confer Degrees" we approve the action of the Grand Master.

5. Under the heading of "Miscellaneous Dispensations" we approve the action of the Grand Master (a) with reference to the laying of corner-stones, (b) and with reference to Bayard Lodge No. 301 meeting in the lodge rooms at Minatare, (c) and with reference to the issuance of a dispensation to Tuscan lodge, it appearing that a cyclone had made the hall of Tuscan lodge unusable at the time the dispensation was granted, and (d) we disapprove the dispensation as to Lincoln Lodge No. 19.

6. Under the heading of "By-Laws Approved" we approve the action of the Grand Master.

7. Under the heading of "Centennials" we favor preparation for the observance of the 100th anniversary of the creation of our Grand Lodge.

8. Under the heading of "Dual Membership" and with reference to Recommendation No. 10, we submit the following proposed amendment to the law, as a part of this report, so that same may lie over until the annual communication of 1947, for consideration and action thereon.

A Master Mason of this Grand Jurisdiction may be a member of not more than two Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction at one and the same time. He may, while holding his membership in his parent Lodge, and without demitting therefrom, petition another Lodge of his present residence for affiliation and, if elected, hold resident membership in such Lodge: Provided that his parent and resident membership cannot be in Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction. The words "parent Lodge" shall be construed to mean the Lodge in which a member holds his membership at the time he applies to another Lodge for "resident membership."

A Master Mason, a resident of this State and a member of a Lodge in a Grand Jurisdiction with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relations and which said Grand Jurisdiction permits dual or plural membership, and which permits its members to hold such a membership in another jurisdiction, shall be eligible to petition for, and if elected, to hold

a resident membership in a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction by affiliation; provided, that such a petition be accompanied by a certificate of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Jurisdiction of his parent Lodge, showing that he is privileged to apply for such resident membership. In case the petitioner cannot secure such certificate, then he must furnish to the Grand Master of this Jurisdiction satisfactory evidence of his right to make such petition and obtain his permission to make it, before a Lodge may vote on same.

The petition for affiliation as a resident member in a Lodge must state the name, age, and residence of the applicant, and the name and number and location of the parent Lodge of which said petitioner is a member; petition must be signed by the petitioner and be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the Lodge to which the petition is addressed, and shall be governed by the same procedure relating to regular petitions for affiliation.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge, upon the election of a brother to a resident or dual membership, to promptly report the fact to the Lodge in which he maintains his parent membership. The Secretary of the Lodge having resident or dual members, shall keep a record of all such members, and shall make annual report to the Grand Secretary, listing the names of all such members, together with the name of the parent Lodge and Grand Jurisdiction thereof. Such resident or dual member shall be counted by the Lodge in which he holds such membership only for the purpose of fixing and paying to this Grand Lodge such dues or contributions as it may be entitled to. Provided, that if the parent membership is with a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, then he shall be counted for all purposes by the Lodge in which he holds his resident or dual membership.

In the event that a member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction holding a resident or dual membership in another Lodge of said Jurisdiction shall become suspended or expelled, by either his parent or resident Lodge, he shall be automatically suspended or expelled in his other Lodge without further action being required by said other Lodge than noting the fact upon the minutes thereof; Provided, that if said suspension or expulsion shall be for the nonpayment of his dues to one of said Lodges, his standing in his other Lodge shall not be affected thereby. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge inflicting any such penalty to immediately report the same to the other Lodge in which such member holds membership. In the event that a member holding his parent membership in another Grand Jurisdiction and his resident or dual membership in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction is suspended or expelled by his Lodge in this Jurisdiction, such fact shall be immediately reported to the Secretary of his parent Lodge.

Any member of a Lodge holding a resident or dual membership in another Lodge, who shall be suspended or expelled for any cause other than the non-payment of dues, shall, upon restoration to membership by the Lodge so suspending or expelling him, be automatically restored to

membership in his other Lodge, unless a protest is filed by a member thereof with the Worshipful Master.

Both of the Lodges to which a resident or dual member belongs, if located in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall pay to the Grand Lodge such per capita tax, dues or contributions on such member as are now or shall hereafter be required by this Grand Lodge from its regular members.

No fee shall be charged by a Lodge electing any applicant to a resident or dual membership therein.

A member holding a resident or dual membership in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall have all the rights and privileges therein of other members; shall be eligible to hold office therein: Provided, such a member cannot hold office in both Lodges at the same time.

A member holding a resident or dual membership in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction may apply for and obtain a demit under the rules and regulations prescribed for regular members of Lodges holding only a single membership.

In the event the petition for a resident or dual membership in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction is rejected by blackball or protest, the Lodge does not retain any jurisdiction of the applicant thereby, as is provided in the case of original applicants for Masonry, so as to require a waiver of jurisdiction by such Lodge should application be made thereafter to another Lodge for such membership.

The requirements as to residence of all applicants for resident or dual membership shall be the same as is provided by law for original applicants for the degrees.

Any brother holding his parent membership in a Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction and domiciled in another Grand Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal relations, is privileged to petition a Lodge in such jurisdiction for resident or dual membership therein, if such membership is authorized by the laws of such Jurisdiction.

#### DECISIONS

9. We find Decision No. 1 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

10. We find Decision No. 2 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

11. We find Decision No. 3 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

12. We find Decision No. 4 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

13. We find Decision No. 5 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

14. We find Decision No. 6 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

15. We find Decision No. 7 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

15½. We disapprove Decision No. 8.

15¾. We find that Decision No. 9 was a proper interpretation of existing law.

16. We find Decision No. 10 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

17. We find Decision No. 11 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

18. We find Decision No. 12 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

19. We find Decision No. 13 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

20. We find Decision No. 14, as to both parts, to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

21. We find Decision No. 15 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

22. We find Decision No. 16 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

23. We find Decision No. 17 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

24. We find Decision No. 18 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

25. We find Decision No. 19 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

26. We find that no comment is necessary, in our opinion, as to Paragraph No. 20 in the "Decisions".

27. We find Decision No. 21 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

28. We find Decision No. 22 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

29. We find Decision No. 23 to be a proper interpretation of existing law, after striking out the words "nor individual members as such" and after striking out all of the last sentence in the second paragraph of Decision No. 23.

30. We find Decision No. 24 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

31. We find Decision No. 25 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

32. We disapprove Decision No. 26 for the reason that the statement shows that the prospective petitioner had no connection with the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors.

33. We find Decision No. 27 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

34. We find Decision No. 28 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

35. We find Decision No. 29 to be a proper interpretation of the concordat between the Grand Lodge and the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys.

37. We approve Decision No. 30 for the reason that the degrees were not conferred in compliance with our law.

38. We find Decision No. 31 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

39. We find Decision No. 32 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

40. We find Decision No. 33 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

41. We approve Decision No. 34.

42. We find Decision No. 35 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

43. We find Decision No. 36 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

44. We find Decision No. 37 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

45. We find Decision No. 38 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

46. We find Decision No. 39 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

47. We find Decision No. 40 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

48. We approve Decision No. 41 except as to private dancing parties for Masons and their families, as a correct interpretation of existing law.

49. We find Decision No. 42 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

50. We find Decision No. 43 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

51. We find Decision No. 44 to be a proper interpretation of existing law.

52. We approve Decision No. 45, and in connection with Recommendation No. 18, we recommend that Section 2-1206 be amended in the first sentence after the word "degree" by inserting the words, "to instruct or examine as to proficiency" and by inserting after the word degree in the second sentence of section the words, "to instruct or examine as to proficiency."

53. We disapprove Decision No. 46.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

54. We disapprove Recommendation No. 1.
55. We approve Recommendation No. 2 as to Section No. 213, if the word "written" is inserted instead of the word "paper".
56. We disapprove Recommendation No. 3.
57. We recommend that Recommendation No. 5 be approved.
58. We recommend that Recommendation No. 6 be approved.
59. We recommend that Recommendation No. 7 be approved.
60. We recommend that Recommendation No. 9 be disapproved.
- 60½. Refer to Item No. 7 under the heading "Centennials".
61. We disapprove Recommendation No. 11.
62. We disapprove Recommendation No. 12, for the reason that same is unnecessary.
63. We disapprove Recommendation No. 13, for the reason that same is covered by existing law.
64. We disapprove Recommendation No. 14.
65. We recommend that Recommendation No. 15 be laid over until the next annual communication for further consideration.
66. We approve Recommendation No. 18 on the basis of our action on Decision No. 45.
67. We approve Recommendation No. 19, with the provision that the designation be in writing and made a part of the record.
68. We further approve our Recommendation in the 1944 Annual Communication for the appointment of a committee on Work.
69. With reference to the chapter of the Grand Master's report entitled "Edict", we report as follows:

We appreciate fully the situation with which the Grand Master was faced in the matter: The Constitution of the Grand Lodge on the one hand requiring the holding of the annual communication, the wartime order of our government and the patriotic appeal for its support on the other. There was no middle ground.

The Grand Master attempted to solve the problem by issuing an Edict lapsing the 1945 annual communication of this Grand Lodge. In doing so he acted in the utmost good faith and to the best of his judgment, and, perhaps, the best that could be done from a practical standpoint.

We find no provision of the Constitution or of the law authorizing this action. We therefore recommend that this action be not considered or used as a precedent by future Grand Masters.

## REINSTATEMENTS.

70. We approve the action of the Grand Master under the heading of "Re-instatements".

## CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

71. We recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge in 1944 in approving the recommendation for giving concurrent jurisdiction to Papillion Lodge No. 39 and all Omaha lodges be codified.

W. C. Ray Macy, 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 Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, 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 in the financial program of the Grand Lodge.

We have also carefully reviewed the report of the auditors, submitted by George L. Greenfield, and have examined all matters of finance which have in any way been referred to this Committee by the Grand Master, the 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. 4

Regarding the purchase of suitable aprons for all Past Grand Masters, no special appropriation has been made. Sufficient funds, however, are available in our General Budget to cover this expense if and when authorized.

## GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS Nos. 16 &amp; 17

Assuming that the Grand Lodge will concur in these recommendations, we are making no appropriation for the expense of either of the committees mentioned below.

Recommendation No. 16 regards the discontinuing of the Special Committee on the Nebraska War Service Fund.

Recommendation No. 17 regards the discontinuing of the Nebraska War Service Committee.

## SARAH W. HOLLY WILL

We concur with the Grand Master's Recommendation that the funds from the Sarah W. Holly Will be placed in the building fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home at such time as the complete funds from the Bequest are available.

## GENERAL FUND COMPARISON

In accordance with the practice followed for the past several years, we have prepared a list showing a comparison between the General Fund Budget adopted last year and the actual expenses during this past year.

We submit herewith, as a matter of permanent record, our findings.

COMPARISON OF GENERAL FUND  
1945 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSE

	Appropriated	Expended	Savings	Over-draft
Payroll and Expense, 1945.....	\$ 5,000.00	none	\$ 5,000.00	
Grand Tyler, Session 1945.....	none	none		
Grand Organist, Session 1945.....	none	none		
Grand Secretary, Clerk's Hire....	2,450.00	2,482.50 ✓		32.50
Grand Secretary, Office Expense..	2,000.00	1,639.88 ✓	360.12	
Grand Master Wm. C. Schaper Exp.	2,000.00	1,786.30 ✓	213.70	
Grand Custodian and Deputies Expense .....	2,250.00	2,088.22 ✓	161.78	
Expense—Other Grand Lodge Officers under direction of the Grand Master .....	600.00	600.00 ✓		
Expense—Committee on Masonic Education .....	2,000.00	1,499.63 ✓	500.37	
Expense—Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans .....	600.00	600.00 ✓		
Expense—Trial Commission.....	100.00	28.25 ✓	71.75	
Expense—Committee on Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts..	50.00	none ✓	50.00	
Expense—Grand Chaplain .....	100.00	40.41 ✓	59.59	
Grand Secretary, Travel Expense.	500.00	500.00 ✓		
Expense—Committee not otherwise provided for .....	100.00	100.00 ✓		
Expense—Grand Trustees .....	300.00	none	300.00	
Unassigned incidental expense under the direction of the Grand Master .....	2,000.00	427.94	1,572.06	
Rent on Grand Lodge Offices to June 30, 1946 .....	1,200.00	1,200.00 ✓		
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of the U. S. and Canada, 34,192 members .....	170.96	170.96 ✓		
Salary Lewis E. Smith, Grand Sec'y	2,400.00	2,400.00 ✓		
Salary Francis E. White, Grand Secretary Emeritus .....	1,200.00	100.00 ✓	1,100.00	
Salary, Grand Custodian.....	3,000.00	3,000.00 ✓		
Salary, Carl R. Greisen, Assistant to Grand Secretary .....	3,000.00	3,000.00 ✓		

	Appro- priated	Expended	Savings	Over- draft
Additional Compensation to Brother Lute M. Savage for past year, account increased living costs .....	600.00	600.00 ✓		
Certified Public Accountant, 1945.	100.00	100.00 ✓		
Printing Proceedings, 1945.....	1,100.00	495.00 ✓	605.00	
Special appropriation to compile and index the Constitutions, By-laws and decisions of the Grand Master and printing 1,000 bound copies .....	700.00	735.84 ✓		35.84
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests and incidental expense of the Grand Lodge.....	none	none		
Reporting and Transcribing 1945 Session .....	none	none		
Workmen's Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance premium to June 18, 1946 ....	30.84	30.84 ✓		
Surety Bond for Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Employees.....	460.00	460.80 ✓		.80
Grand Lodge Dinner, 1945.....	none	none		
Jewel for Retiring Grand Master.	none	none		
New Office Equipment for Grand Secretary's Office .....	100.00	40.00 ✓	60.00	
Liability and Property Damage Insurance Premium for protection of the Grand Lodge, on Grand Master's car .....	25.00	none	25.00	
Expense—Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial .....	100.00	none	100.00	
Withholding Tax on Francis E. White's Salary .....	140.40	11.50 ✓	128.90	
Expense—Committee on Nebraska Masonic War Service Fund...	150.00	9.10 ✓	140.90	
Social Security Tax .....	200.00	210.70 ✓		10.70
Dispensation Fees to be Returned.	50.00	50.00		
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$34,777.20</b>	<b>\$24,407.87</b>	<b>\$10,449.17</b>	<b>\$79.84</b>

The foregoing tabulation shows a net savings from the approved Budget of \$10,369.33, approximately 30%, due to having no Grand Lodge Session last year.

We wish to commend the Grand Lodge officers and the various committees for their efforts in conserving expense, which has resulted in the above saving.

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL EXPENSE

An amount of \$500.00 was appropriated each year for 1944 and 1945, totalling \$1,000.00. Of this amount only \$612.00 was used, leaving a balance, to be returned to the General Fund, of \$388.00.

#### EXPENSE OF TRIAL COMMISSION

An amount of \$100.00 was appropriated each year for 1944 and 1945, totalling \$200.00. Of this amount, only \$32.70 was used, leaving a balance to be returned to the General Fund, of \$167.30.

#### EXPENSE OF GRAND CUSTODIAN AND DEPUTIES

An amount of \$2,250.00 was appropriated; however, only \$2,150.00 was withdrawn. Of this amount, only \$2,082.68 was spent, leaving a balance to be returned to the General Fund, of \$67.32.

#### EXPENSE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN

An amount of \$100.00 was appropriated each year for 1944 and 1945, totalling \$200.00. Of this amount, only \$84.47 was expended, leaving a balance, to be returned to the General Fund, of \$115.53.

#### AUTOMOBILE FOR THE GRAND MASTER

It has been the practice for several years past for the Grand Master to use 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 \$.06 per mile for the expense thereof. We have set up a small amount in the General Fund to cover Public Liability and Property Damage insurance on the Grand Master's car on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

#### NEBRASKA MASONIC WAR SERVICE FUND

There is in this Fund as of May 10, 1946, \$11,835.67. In the adoption of Grand Master Schaper's Recommendations No. 16 and No. 17, discharging the Special Committee on the Nebraska War Service Fund and the Nebraska War Service Committee, there will be no further activities of these committees. We therefore recommend that the disposal of this Fund be left to the discretion of the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers.

#### NEW FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

It has been several years since any new equipment has been added to the Grand Secretary's office; consequently, some of the equipment,

such as the addressograph and typewriters, is badly in need of replacement. We recognize the need for some new equipment in order properly to facilitate the handling of the office detail.

The furnishings of the Grand Master's office are badly in need of replacement. Your Finance Committee has carefully considered the need for these items in the General Budget and is setting up an appropriation for this purpose.

GENERAL FUND

There is cash in this Fund in the amount of \$45,186.10 on deposit in the Live Stock National Bank as of May 10, 1946. There is to be returned to the General Fund unexpended balances from various committees, amounting to \$740.77, making a total available for appropriations to cover the 1946 General Budget, of \$45,926.87.

We offer the following Budget for 1946:

BUDGET FOR 1946

Payroll, Session 1946 .....	\$ 5,173.82
Grand Tyler, Session 1946 .....	15.00
Grand Organist, Session 1946 .....	10.00
Grand Secretary, Clerk's Hire .....	2,900.00
Grand Secretary, Office Expense .....	2,500.00
Grand Master Benjamin F. Eyre's Expense .....	2,500.00
Expense, Other Grand Lodge Officers under direction of the Grand Master .....	600.00
Expense, Committee on Masonic Education .....	3,600.00
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
Expense, Grand Trustees .....	50.00
Grand Secretary, Travel Expense .....	500.00
Expense, Committees not otherwise provided for .....	100.00
Grand Custodian and Deputies, Expense .....	2,500.00
Unassigned incidental Expense under the direction of the Grand Master .....	2,000.00
Rent on Grand Lodge Offices to June 30, 1947 .....	1,200.00
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of the U. S. and Canada, 36,002 members .....	180.01
Salary, Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary .....	3,600.00
Salary, Grand Custodian .....	3,000.00
Additional Compensation to Brother Lute M. Savage account increased living costs .....	600.00
Certified Public Accountant for 1946 .....	100.00
Printing Proceedings of 1946 Grand Session, including advance copies of reports .....	2,200.00

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests and incidental expense of the Grand Lodge .....	100.00
Reporting and Transcribing Session 1946 .....	75.00
Printed Lists of Regular Lodges, 300 copies .....	125.00
Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance Premium to June 18, 1947 .....	35.00
Surety Bond for Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Employees .....	260.00
Grand Lodge Dinners, 1946 .....	857.00
Jewel for Retiring Grand Master .....	132.00
New Office Equipment for Grand Secretary's Office .....	2,550.00
Liability and Property Damage Insurance Premium for the Protection of the Grand Lodge, on Grand Master's Car .....	25.00
Expense, Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial .....	100.00
Travel Expense for Lewis E. Smith as Consultant to Grand Secretary .....	500.00
New Furniture for Grand Master's Office .....	450.00
Fluorescent Lights for Work Room in Grand Secretary's Office .....	250.00
Premium on Fire and Extended Coverage Insurance, 3-year, for Grand Lodge Furniture, Supplies, and Equipment .....	47.88
Social Security Tax .....	202.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 39,887.71</b>

In adopting the above Budget, amounting to \$39,887.71, we have left a balance of \$6,039.16, which we recommend be transferred to the permanent Reserve Fund.

#### 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 the Eastern Star) .....\$ 11,000.00

##### RELIEF FUND

Special appropriation to amplify existing revenue to the Maintenance Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth ..... 10,000.00

##### BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Special appropriation to cover one-fifth of the special contribution to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, as approved according to Past Grand Master Wanner's recommendation No. 1; Third Payment ..... 500.00

**SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS  
AT THE FREMONT HOME**

(To be matched by an equal appropriation from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star) ..... 1,500.00

**ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND**

Special appropriation for the Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund (to be matched by a like amount from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star) ..... 900.00

**SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO REIMBURSE THE  
NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME BOARD**

(To cover one-half of the salary and expenses of the Field Man employed by the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home Board) ..... 1,547.62

This Committee hereby expresses its sincere appreciation of the splendid service rendered the Grand Lodge by our retiring Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith, during his many years of service, and especially for his counsel, cooperation and courtesies extended to this Committee.

**CONCLUSION**

We are pleased to advise you that funds for all appropriations are available and that funds throughout the Grand Lodge are in order for the regular business of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. Harold M. Kelley, 302, 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 A. F. & A. M. 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 2-1206 (130-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-1206 (130-A) **LODGES OUTSIDE OF NEBRASKA WORKING FOR NEBRASKA LODGES.**—When a Nebraska Lodge desires a lodge outside of this Grand Jurisdiction to confer, instruct, or examine as to proficiency in any degree, for a Nebraska Lodge, the request must be made through the Grand Secretary and meet his approval. All requests from other jurisdictions for the conferring of, instructing, or examining as to proficiency, in any degree, by any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction must be made to the Grand Secretary and meet his approval.”

2. That the original Section 2-1206 (130-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

3. That Sec. 2-306 (51) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended by adding the following:

In event the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden are all absent from a regular meeting, the Master may, in writing to be made a part of the minutes, designate a Past Master of the Lodge to act as Master for that meeting."

4. That Chapter VII of the By-Laws of the Nebraska Masonic code for 1946 be amended by adding Sec. 2-208 as follows:

Sec. 2-208. If, after due notice as provided by Sec. 2-207 (46-B) and at a meeting held in pursuance thereof, there fail to be a quorum present, then at the direction of the Grand Master the matter of consolidation shall come up at the time fixed for a stated communication. Of such stated communication the Grand Secretary shall give due notice to all members of the lodge, notifying them of the proposition to be then presented and requiring their presence. The Grand Master, or any officer of the Grand Lodge named by him, shall, with the member or members of the lodge then in attendance, hold a meeting and vote on the question of consolidation, and if there as a quorum present as defined by Sec. 2-201 (42) Chapter VII hereof, a vote shall be taken on the question of consolidation and if the majority vote of such quorum is in favor of consolidation, then the vote of the lodge shall be recorded as in favor thereof."

5. That Sec. 2-201 (42) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2-201 (42). Composition.—A lodge shall consist of the officers hereinafter provided for, and as many members as convenient, eight of whom shall be a constitutional number for the transaction of business; provided that when the question to be voted upon is consolidation with another lodge, under the provisions of Sec. 2-207 (46B) hereof, the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative, may convene the lodge and preside therein, and the question shall be decided by a majority vote of such members of the lodge as are present, even though less than eight."

6. That the original Sec. 2-201 (42) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

7. That Sec. 2-503 (72) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2-503 (72). Meetings.—The regular meetings of a lodge are those only, which are designated in its By-laws as such. Notices of meetings may be published in the newspapers. At all regular meetings, eight Master Masons, members of the lodge,

must be present, provided, that when the question to be voted upon is consolidation with another lodge, under the provisions of Sec. 2-207 (46B) hereof, the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative, may convene the lodge and preside therein, and the question may be decided by a majority vote of such members of the lodge as are present, even though less than eight. At all meetings of the lodge the charter or a photostatic copy thereof, certified by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, must be present, also the three great lights and the representatives of the three lesser lights. At special meetings no business matters may be taken up or passed upon by the lodge except funerals, installations, conferring of degrees, examination for proficiency in the degrees, and those matters specifically authorized in the Grand Lodge law, or referred to such special meeting by the Grand Master."

8. That the original Sec. 2-205 (72) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

9. That Sec. 3-911 (213) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3-911 (213)—(Second paragraph).—If the dues for which the brother shall have been suspended shall not be paid or remitted within three years from date of suspension, reinstatement shall not be had except upon favorable secret written ballot of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the subordinate lodge and approval by the Grand Master. Each application for such reinstatement shall be accompanied by a statement showing the financial and physical condition of the applicant and of his immediate family. It shall be the duty of the lodge in which such applicant shall have been suspended, to carefully inquire into and ascertain all the facts in connection with such application and submit the same to the Grand Master with such application, so that as far as possible he may arrive at a full understanding whether such applicant will probably become a charge on the fraternity. To assist the Grand Master in arriving at such understanding, he shall appoint a standing committee of three, advisory to the Grand Master to which the application and all matters pertaining thereto shall be referred, and such committee shall secure such other information as in its discretion may be deemed advisable, and report to the Grand Master its recommendation. 1946.

11. That Sec. 2-801 (97) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended by adding the following:

"Provided further, that Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion, and all lodges in Omaha shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside within the corporate limits of Ralston."

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 combined 88th and 89th annual communication of this Grand Lodge, is as follows:

Mileage .....	\$ 3,143.82
Per Diem .....	2,030.00
Total .....	\$ 5,173.82

#### AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS ADOPTED

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

We, the undersigned members of this Grand Lodge, propose an amendment to the by-laws of this Grand Lodge by enacting the following paragraph as an amendment to Sec. 1-202 of the By-Laws and to follow the present last paragraph of said section, as follows:

The Grand Master may, at his discretion, name as Assistant Custodians Emeritus such number, not exceeding three in one year, of brethren as he may deem proper who have served as Assistant Custodians in this Grand Lodge, who when attending the Grand Lodge shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge, to be paid by warrants drawn in the usual manner.

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 ARCHIE M. SMITH  
 CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS,  
 VIRGIL R. JOHNSON

#### INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. William J. Breckenridge, Past Grand Master, Installing Officer, assisted by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master as Marshal, and V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain, installed the Grand Officers, except Thomas J. Aron, Grand Junior Deacon, for the ensuing year.

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

I move that the authority of this Grand Lodge be given to Most Worshipful Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master, to install the Grand Junior Deacon upon any occasion convenient to him. (Seconded and carried.)

## THE NEW GRAND MASTER

### Brethren:

You have elected me to the highest honor that could be conferred upon any Mason in any Grand Jurisdiction in this your Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska. I well realize the great responsibilities that go with these honors, and I seek your cooperation and support as you have given to my predecessor.

One of the first lessons I was taught when I entered the lodge room for the first time was that one should never enter upon any great and important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of the Diety.

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

Almighty God with whom we live in the right way of life as we journey through this world to a world which belongs to Thee to go forward in our work for Thee in a united heart-beat of common interest, common outlook on life, common understandings of the principles taught in the lessons of our degrees. O God, help us as we are here at the parting of the ways with one another in our respective spheres to loved ones, acquaintances, neighbors and citizens of this great world of stress. In union may we stand with one purpose to attain that progress in the bringing in of peace throughout the world by the faithful performance of our obligation, and of our duties in following our leaders through the months, the days, the hours of this year so filled with the problems of life. Now in each of our minds and hearts it is life we live for, it is life that we give ourselves for, and it is life that we hope to attain when the mortal part of these lives of ours is condemned at last to its last resting place in the earth which Thou didst create as the source of life for the body, and grant us so to live and think that when that separation comes from all that is mortal, and enter upon the everlasting life in Thy presence we may carry with us, not what we have struggled for in material affairs, but in the spiritual temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, and may the blessings of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost be among us and remain with us now and forever more. Amen.

### M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

#### Brethren:

I know the hour is getting late, and we are going to proceed with the rest of the business as rapidly as possible.

Several things have happened to me here during this past week that were not on schedule, pleasant surprises. I want to explain one or two of them to you.

I had a brother of mine drop in on me yesterday that I have not seen for some time, he and his wife; my wife is not at home. Bill is in the room here now, and I would like to present to you my brother who is a member of Lodge 46, Peoria, Illinois. Brother Bill.

Shortly after Bill came in I received a note up at the office that my nephew and his wife were over at the Conant Hotel, and then about 1:30 this afternoon, I received a telegram that my daughter who had been overseas for quite some time was getting in on the 2:00 o'clock airplane. I did excuse myself to go down to meet her.

Now, brethren of this Grand Lodge, this is your Grand Lodge, you are preparing to depart to your respective homes scattered throughout the state. I don't know that there is anything I could tell you except that there is work to be done, there are problems to be met throughout the year, each lodge in its own way, I urge you, as you always have done to carry forward with that spirit of cooperation and brotherhood so that the spirit of Masonry will always be manifest at all times. I know that there are going to be some problems that will not be so pleasant, but nevertheless let's do the best we can. If there is anything that any of the officers of this Grand Lodge can do to help do not hesitate to call on them. After all we are only your representatives.

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

**Brethren:**

I now present to you Archie M. Smith who I understand is to present our Worshipful Brother Schaper with the Past Grand Master's jewel.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

M. . W. . Archie M. Smith, Past Grand Master :

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren.**

Most Worshipful Brother Schaper, you are now retiring from the most exalted station of distinction that one can attain in the world system of Ancient Craft Masons.

The fact is that circumstances imposed upon you a double burden of time, and you are the first since 1872 who has occupied this office for a full two-year period. Among the many Masons whom I personally know I do not recall one who has not in some way or another experienced with a feeling of relief the approach of the end of his tenure as Grand Master. This would indicate that the official life of Grand Master is short, especially so when we consider that Brother Lute Savage has worked under twenty-one Grand Masters, and so he has worn out our Grand Master, and he is still going strong. Now, this would indicate, brethren, what the duties and the wearing responsibilities of the Grand Master are, yet in spite of all these difficulties you have carried on during your second term with that same zeal, that same devotion to duty, and the same conscientious exercise of your judgment that distinguished your first year in this office. These were times which were especially trying and difficult because our Nation was involved in problems of transpor-

tation, of production, of industry and carrying on its main purpose to the utmost. Naturally these times and situations greatly handicapped you in the performance of your duties and interfered with your contacts with the brothers and in your efforts to advance the cause of the fraternity greatly. Yet I dare say that your record as Grand Master will add luster to the record of this Grand Lodge. You are leaving this exalted station with the affairs of this Grand Lodge in a very satisfactory condition.

On this occasion I am substituting for Most Worshipful Brother Walter R. Raecke, whose appointment of you a few years ago was the first step toward your election of Grand Master. And on this occasion I am trying to say what I feel that he would say to you on this farewell occasion. On his behalf, personally, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge generally, he has selected me to present to you and attach to your lapel this Past Grand Master's Jewel, which has a substantial intrinsic value, but it should have a far greater value to you than that, as a reminder and as a symbol, of duty well performed and of a conscientious devotion to that duty and to your zeal for the craft, and your sincere help to the craft in every way.

This jewel also gives you a life membership in this Grand Lodge, but with it goes the responsibility and the duty to your brethren to give back to them some of the benefits which you have obtained, and the experiences which you have had in this exalted station, and during the years leading up to it.

M. W. William C. Schaper, Past Grand Master:

**Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:**

It is very difficult to respond properly to those fine words so well expressed by our good brother, Most Worshipful Archie M. Smith, who presented this jewel on behalf of Most Worshipful Brother Walter R. Raecke; I enjoyed serving as your Grand Master. I have given you the best service I could possibly give from my limited capacity under the circumstances. My only consideration has been what is for the good of Masonry.

This jewel which you have so generously presented me is received, not for its intrinsic worth or value, but for all the history and sentiments and fine traditions of this fraternity which this jewel represents.

My service to you as Grand Master is ended; I am happy about that, but my service to this Grand Lodge is not ended, and shall not be ended as long as I have capacity to serve this Grand Lodge, and in the future, as in the past, one thing I shall have in mind always is what is for the good of Masonry. No one can say these words after having heard the fine things that my good brothers have just said, without a feeling of emotion. I think that is common to all Grand Masters who have stood in a like position. I feel that my services to this Grand Lodge may have been

of some value, not a great deal of value, the Grand Lodge is so much larger than any one man, and all we can do, as brethren is to keep constantly in mind what is for the good of Masonry.

I appreciate all of the fine things that you have done, the opportunity to have served you as Grand Master, and I could not close these remarks without publicly expressing my eternal gratitude to Most Worshipful Walter R. Raecke, who has made this service and this honor possible.

And with that I say to you thank you, Most Worshipful Brethren, until we meet again.

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

Some thirty years ago a party in Custer County gave some land to the Grand Lodge. When this land was sold they deeded part of the land to the little town of Sargent, a tract of land that was 33 feet wide and some length, I have the lot description if you want to take the time to read it.

I would like to move that the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary be authorized to deed this land. I never gave anything away that belonged to the Grand Lodge, and this does not, so I am willing that it be deeded. (Seconded and carried.)

I move that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Most Worshipful Brother William C. Schaper for his work and labor and loving attention to Freemasonry in Nebraska for the last two years. (Seconded and carried.)

M. W. William J. Breckenridge, Past Grand Master:

I would like to add to that one other motion. I don't really know, it seems to me that at the installation of the officers of the Grand Lodge we should have installed one other brother. I think we all at heart feel that he was installed in a greater Masonic office than any of us could install him in; he has been with us 21 years as Grand Secretary, and the services we know he is going to give to this Grand Lodge, the credit and respect every Mason in Nebraska has for the service he has given has installed him in a greater lodge than it is possible for any of us, and I move a vote of thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Lewis E. Smith for the wonderful service he has given us, and we know he is going to be able to continue to give us now by looking after his health and not overworking himself. I make that as a motion. (Seconded and carried.)

(Presentation of flowers to the new Grand Master.)

M. . W. . Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master :

**My Brothers:**

I accept this beautiful floral tribute in the spirit that it is given.

At this time I want to thank Most Worshipful Brother Breckenridge for acting as installing Grand Master and for Brother Lewis E. Smith as installing Marshal.

My Brother Bill Breckenridge started this several years ago, and seems as though this has been a culmination of the event of that particular appointment I hope that he will not live to regret it, and that for Brother Smith I know of no other man in this Grand Jurisdiction that I would have retained than M. . W. . Lewis E. Smith. I thank you both from the bottom of my heart.

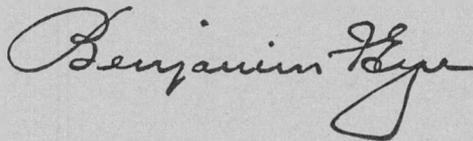
W. . Brother Cary W. Dresslar, 32 :

I want to express the gratitude and all good wishes from all members of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 to our good brother Carl R. Greisen who has just been installed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. Brother Carl, the best of everything from all of your friends of Platte Valley. I do not think that it is so important that Brother Carl is a member of Platte Valley Lodge, but it is important that he is a friend to all of us.

M. . W. . Archie M. Smith, Past Grand Master :

I move that we extend the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the Omaha brethren—and Omaha Lodges for all the consideration they have shown us and their interest in the proceedings of this annual communication. (Seconded and carried.)

At 5:00 o'clock P. M., no further business appearing, after prayer of V. . W. . George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

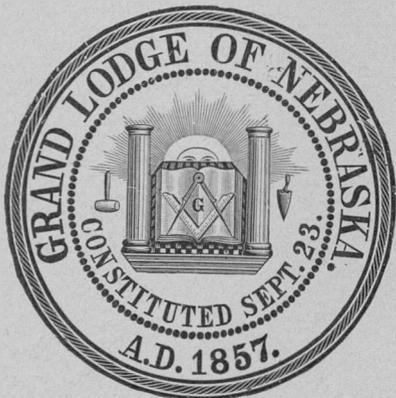


Grand Master

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth 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 4-5-6, 1946, 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 July, 1946.



*Paul R. Feisen*

Grand Secretary

**1946****ADDENDA TO THE LAW**

Amendments to the Law of Freemasonry adopted at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, June 6, 1946.

Sec. 1-202 (8) third paragraph:

The Grand Master may, at his discretion, name as Assistant Custodians Emeritus such number, not exceeding three in one year, of brethren as he may deem proper who have served as Assistant Custodians in this Grand Lodge, who when attending the Grand Lodge shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge, to be paid by warrants drawn in the usual manner. 1946.

Sec. 2-201 (42). Composition.—A lodge shall consist of the officers hereinafter provided for, and as many members as convenient, eight of whom shall be a constitutional number for the transaction of business; provided that when the question to be voted upon is consolidation with another lodge, under the provisions of Sec. 2-207 (46B) hereof, the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative, may convene the lodge and preside therein, and the question shall be decided by a majority vote of such members of the lodge as are present, even though less than eight. 1946.

The original Sec. 2-201 (42) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 is repealed.

**Chapter VII.**

Sec. 2-208. If, after due notice as provided by Sec. 2-207 (46-B) and at a meeting held in pursuance thereof, there fail to be a quorum present, then at the direction of the Grand Master the matter of consolidation shall come up at the time fixed for a stated communication. Of such stated communication the Grand Secretary shall give due notice to all members of the lodge, notifying them of the proposition to be then presented and requiring their presence. The Grand Master, or any officer of the Grand Lodge named by him, shall, with the member or members of the lodge then in attendance, hold a meeting and vote on the question of consolidation, and if there is a quorum present as defined by Sec. 2-201 (42) Chapter VII hereof, a vote shall be taken on the question of consolidation and if the majority vote of such quorum is in favor of consolidation, then the vote of the lodge shall be recorded as in favor thereof. 1946.

Sec. 2-306 (51) second paragraph:

In event the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden are all absent from a regular meeting, the Master may, in writing to be made a part of the minutes, designate a Past Master of the Lodge to act as Master for that meeting. 1946.

Sec. 2-503 (72). Meetings.—The regular meetings of a lodge are those only, which are designated in its By-laws as such. Notices of meetings may be published in the newspapers. At all regular meetings, eight Master Masons, members of the lodge, must be present, provided, that when the question to be voted upon is consolidation with another lodge, under the provisions of Sec. 2-207 (46B) hereof, the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative, may convene the lodge and preside therein, and the question may be decided by a majority vote of such members of the lodge as are present, even though less than eight. At all meetings of the lodge the charter or a photostatic copy thereof, certified by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, must be present, also the three great lights and the representatives of the three lesser lights. At special meetings no business matters may be taken up or passed upon by the lodge except funerals, installations, conferring of degrees, examination for proficiency in the degrees, and those matters specifically authorized in the Grand Lodge law, or referred to such special meeting by the Grand Master.

The original Sec. 2-503 (72) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 is repealed. 1946.

Sec. 2-801 (97) second paragraph.

Provided further, that Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion, and all lodges in Omaha shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside within the corporate limits of Ralston. 1946.

Sec. 2-1206 (130-A) LODGES OUTSIDE OF NEBRASKA WORKING FOR NEBRASKA LODGES.—When a Nebraska Lodge desires a lodge outside of this Grand Jurisdiction to confer, instruct, or examine as to proficiency in any degree, for a Nebraska Lodge, the request must be made through the Grand Secretary and meet his approval. All requests from other jurisdictions for the conferring of, instructing, or examining as to proficiency, in any degree, by any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction must be made to the Grand Secretary and meet his approval. 1946.

The original Section 2-1206 (130-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 is repealed.

Sec. 3-911 (213)—(Second paragraph).—If the dues for which the brother shall have been suspended shall not be paid or remitted within three years from date of suspension, reinstatement shall not be had except upon favorable secret written ballot of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the subordinate lodge and approval by the Grand Master. Each application for such reinstatement shall be accompanied by a statement showing the financial and physical condition of the applicant and of his immediate family. It shall be the duty of the lodge in which such applicant shall have been suspended, to carefully inquire into and ascertain all the facts in connection with such application and submit the same to the Grand Master with such application, so that as far as possible he may arrive at a full understanding whether such applicant will probably become a charge on the fraternity. To assist the Grand Master in arriving at such understanding, he shall appoint a standing committee of three, advisory to the Grand Master to which the application and all matters pertaining thereto shall be referred, and such committee shall secure such other information as in its discretion may be deemed advisable, and report to the Grand Master its recommendation. 1946.

This Page is Inscribed to the

Memory of

Right Worshipful Brother

FRANCIS E. WHITE

Grand Secretary

1899—1925

Grand Secretary Emeritus

1925 to Date of Death

*Born January 20, 1848*

*Died June 11, 1945*

This Page is Inscribed to the

Memory of

Most Worshipful Brother

FREDERIC L. TEMPLE

Grand Master of Masons

1917—1918

*Born August 28, 1864*

*Died August 13, 1944*

This Page is Inscribed to the

Memory of

Most Worshipful Brother

IRA C. FREET

Grand Master of Masons

1929—1930

*Born February 6, 1877*

*Died October 13, 1944*

This Page is Inscribed to the

Memory of

Most Worshipful Brother

WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON

Grand Master of Masons

1937—1938

President of The Nebraska Masonic Home

*Born October 17, 1883*

*Died July 3, 1944*

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## IN MEMORIAM

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This page is fraternally and affectionately  
dedicated to the memory of  
Six Hundred and Forty-one  
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

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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.

Benjamin F. Pitman, 47 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- 31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46
Lewis E. Smith, 44 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- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46
James R. Cain, 42 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- 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-43-44-46
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
Joseph B. Fradenburg, 37 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- 41-42-43-44-46
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
Charles A. Chappell, 34 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- 44-46
George Allen Beecher, 33 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- 46
Earl M. Bolen, 32 Years.	1913-14-15-16-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-29-30- 31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46
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, 30 Years.	1914-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29- 30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-46
Lute M. Savage, 29 Years.	1918-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46
Jesse Lowther, 28 Years.	1916-17-20-21-22-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34- 35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46
William F. Evers, 27 Years.	1920-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35- 36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46
Archie M. Smith, 25 Years.	1922-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37- 38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46
Benjamin F. Eyre, 24 Years.	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46
Carl R. Greisen, 23 Years.	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46
C. Ray Macy, 23 Years.	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46

WE HAVE SET APART THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY  
OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE PASSED  
BEYOND THE VEIL.

ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Died Jan. 9th, 1899....	(1st) ..1857-58-59
GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Died Nov. 12th, 1896....	(2nd) ..1860-61-62
DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Died Nov. 27th, 1912.....	(3rd) ..1863-64
ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	Died June 1st, 1905.....	(4th) ..1865-66
ORSAMUS H. IRISH.....	Died Jan. 27th, 1883.....	(5th) ..1867-68
HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Died Nov. 23rd, 1914.....	(6th) ..1869-70
WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Died Dec. 29th, 1917.....	(7th) ..1871-72
MARTIN DUNHAM .....	Died Feb. 18th, 1915.....	(8th) ..1873
FRANK WELCH .....	Died Sept. 4th, 1878.....	(9th) ..1874
ALFRED G. HASTINGS....	Died July 10th, 1894.....	(10th) ..1875
GEORGE H. THUMMEL....	Died Feb. 5th, 1932.....	(11th) ..1876
GEORGE W. LININGER....	Died June 8th, 1907.....	(12th) ..1877
EDWARD K. VALENTINE..	Died April 11th, 1916.....	(13th) ..1878
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY....	Died Feb. 2nd, 1904.....	(14th) ..1879
JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Died Jan. 21st, 1901.....	(15th) ..1880
JAMES R. CAIN, Sr.....	Died Nov. 24th, 1920.....	(16th) ..1881
EDWIN F. WARREN.....	Died July 9th, 1923.....	(17th) ..1882
SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Died Nov. 15th, 1913.....	(18th) ..1883
JOHN JAY WEMPLE.....	Died May 28th, 1943.....	(19th) ..1884
MANOAH B. REESE.....	Died Sept. 28th, 1917.....	(20th) ..1885
CHARLES K. COUTANT....	Died Aug. 23rd, 1910.....	(21st) ..1886
MILTON J. HULL .....	Died Sept. 18th, 1923.....	(22nd) ..1887
GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	Died Aug. 16th, 1914.....	(23rd) ..1888
JOHN J. MERCER.....	Died Feb. 25th, 1915.....	(24th) ..1889
ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Died Feb. 16th, 1927.....	(25th) ..1890
BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER..	Died May 8th, 1909.....	(26th) ..1891
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON....	Died Dec. 8th, 1928.....	(27th) ..1892
JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Died Nov. 12th, 1918.....	(28th) ..1893
JOHN A. EHRHARDT.....	Died Nov. 1st, 1925.....	(29th) ..1894
HENRY H. WILSON.....	Died June 28th, 1941.....	(30th) ..1895
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Died Aug. 24th, 1915.....	(31st) ..1896
JOHN B. DINSMORE.....	Died Oct. 6th, 1915.....	(32nd) ..1897
FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Died Dec. 24th, 1917.....	(33rd) ..1898
WILLIAM W. KEYSOR....	Died Aug. 17th, 1922.....	(34th) ..1899
ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Died Aug. 23rd, 1915.....	(35th) ..1900
ROBERT E. EVANS .....	Died July 8th, 1925.....	(36th) ..1901
NATHANIEL M. AYERS....	Died Nov. 19th, 1913.....	(37th) ..1902
FRANK E. BULLARD.....	Died Jan. 31st, 1933.....	(38th) ..1903
CHARLES E. BURNHAM...	Died May 29th, 1933.....	(39th) ..1904
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL..	Died May 2nd, 1911.....	(40th) ..1905
ZUINGLE M. BAIRD.....	Died Dec. 17th, 1916.....	(41st) ..1906
ORNAN J. KING.....	Died Dec. 26th, 1927.....	(42nd) ..1907
WILLIAM A. DE BORD....	Died May 17th, 1916.....	(43rd) ..1908
MICHAEL DOWLING .....	Died May 5th, 1921.....	(44th) ..1909
HENRY GIBBONS .....	Died Aug. 22nd, 1923.....	(46th) ..1911

ALPHA MORGAN .....	Died April 17th, 1924.....	(48th) ..	1913
THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Died Aug. 12th, 1919.....	(49th) ..	1914
SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	Died Aug. 11th, 1931.....	(50th) ..	1915
ANDREW H. VIELE.....	Died May 9th, 1941 .....	(51st) ..	1916
FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....	Died Aug. 13th, 1944.....	(52nd) ..	1917
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 WRIGHT .....	Died Oct. 29th, 1936.....	(60th) ..	1925
ALBERT R. DAVIS .....	Died Mar. 7th, 1929.....	(62nd) ..	1927
FRANK H. WOODLAND....	Died Oct. 23rd, 1940.....	(63rd) ..	1928
IRA C. FREET.....	Died Oct. 13th, 1944.....	(64th) ..	1929
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
Campbell Court Hotel, Portland, Oregon		
JAMES R. CAIN, JR. ....	(47th).....	1912
1039 So. 30th Ave., Omaha		
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG .....	(55th).....	1920
820 City National Bank, Omaha		
LEWIS E. SMITH .....	(56th).....	1921
1321 Sharp Bldg., Lincoln		
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL .....	(58th).....	1923
Minden		
EDWIN D. CRITES .....	(61st).....	1926
Chadron		
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		
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER .....	(80th).....	1944-1945
1009 South D St., Broken Bow		

## 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
*FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	June 9, 1899, to June 11, 1925
LEWIS E. SMITH.....	June 11, 1925, to June 6, 1946
CARL R. GREISEN.....	June 6, 1946

LEWIS E. SMITH, Grand Secretary Emeritus  
 1321 Sharp Bldg., Lincoln, Nebraska

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama .....	Guy T. Smith .....	Montgomery.
Alberta .....	George Moore .....	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.	Dionysio Coutinho .....	Rio de Janeiro.
	.....Box 2215	
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba .....	Joao Pessoa, Box 3 .....	Paraiba, P. O.
British Columbia .....	W. R. Simpson .....	Vancouver.
California .....	Lloyd E. Wilson .....	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada .....	Ewart G. Dixon .....	Hamilton, Ontario.
Chile .....	Rene Court .....	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 .....	P. Korbel, 8, Dorchester Court....	London, S. W. 1, England
Delaware .....	Chester R. Jones .....	Wilmington.
Denmark .....	Alex Troedsson .....	Copenhagen
District of Columbia.	Aubrey H. Clayton .....	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Finland .....	Augusto Jyon .....	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 .....	Earl B. Delzell .....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland .....	Henry C. Shellard .....	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Jugoslavia of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. ....	Elmer F. Strain .....	Topeka.
Kansas .....	Al. E. Orton .....	Shubert Bldg., Louisville.
Kentucky .....	D. Peter Laguens, Jr. ....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Louisiana .....	Convers E. Leach .....	Portland.
Maine .....	Harry Woods .....	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Manitoba .....	Claud Shaffer .....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Maryland .....	Frank H. Hilton .....	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Massachusetts .....	Fred T. Berget .....	Apt. 1986, Mexico City.
Mexico, (York Gr. Ldg)	F. Homer Newton .....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Michigan .....	John H. Anderson .....	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Minnesota .....	Sid F. Curtis .....	Meridian.
Mississippi .....	Harold L. Reader .....	Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
Missouri .....	Luther T. Hauberg .....	Box 896, Helena.
Montana .....	Carl R. Greisen .....	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Nebraska .....	Edward C. Peterson .....	Masonic Temple, Carson City.
Nevada .....	R. D. Magee .....	St. John.
New Brunswick .....	J. Melvin Dresser .....	Concord.
New Hampshire .....	Isaac Cherry .....	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New Jersey .....	La Moine Langston, acting.	Albuquerque.
New Mexico .....	James S. Miller .....	Masonic Temple, Sydney.
New South Wales .....	Charles H. Johnson .....	Masonic Hall, New York
New York .....	Henry A. Lamb .....	P. O. Box 2001, Wellington, C. I.
New Zealand .....	Sofonias Salvatierra .....	Apt. 102, Managua.
Nicaragua .....	Charles B. Newcomb .....	Raleigh.
North Carolina .....	Walter L. Stockwell .....	Fargo.
North Dakota .....	Reginald V. Harris .....	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Nova Scotia .....	Harry S. Johnson .....	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Ohio .....	Claude A. Sturgeon .....	Masonic Temple, Guthrie.
Oklahoma .....	Harry D. Proudfoot .....	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Oregon .....	Jose Oller .....	Panama, Box 84
Panama .....	Matthew Galt, Jr. ....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Pennsylvania .....		

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES  
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—(Concluded)

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Philippine Islands...	Antonio Gonzales .....	138 Kuano St., Manila
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall .....	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico .....	Angel M. Torres .....	Box 112, San Juan.
Quebec .....	W. W. Williamson .....	P. O. Box 3172, Montreal.
Queensland .....	Leslie P. Marks .....	Brisbane.
Rhode Island .....	N. Arthur Hyland.....	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan .....	Robert A. Tate .....	Masonic Temple, Regina.
Scotland .....	W. King Gillies .....	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh.
South Australia .....	R. Owen Fox.....	Freemasons Hall, Adelaide.
South Carolina .....	O. Frank Hart .....	Columbia.
South Dakota .....	Elvin F. Strain.....	Sioux Falls.
Sweden .....	R. V. Heidenstam.....	Stockholm
Tasmania .....	William H. Strutt .....	117 Macquarie St., Hobart.
Tennessee .....	Thomas E. Doss .....	Nashville.
Texas .....	George H. Belew .....	Box 446, Waco.
Utah .....	Emery R. Gibson .....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont .....	Aaron H. Grout .....	Masonic Temple, Burlington.
Victoria .....	William Stewart .....	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St., Melbourne.
Vienna .....		
Virginia .....	James N. Hillman .....	Masonic Temple, Richmond.
Washington .....	John I. Priessner .....	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia ..	A. E. Jensen .....	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia .....	Ira Wade Coffman .....	Charleston.
Wisconsin .....	William F. Weiler .....	705 E. Wells St., Milwaukee.
Wyoming .....	Irving E. Clark .....	Masonic Temple, Casper

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR  
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GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	Date Appointed
Alabama	Raymond C. Cook, 6	Plattsmouth	May 4, 1939
Alberta	Earl M. Bolen 130	Ulysses	May 2, 1924
Arizona	F. Ray Diltz, 83	Wakefield	June 22, 1937
Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee, 227	Lincoln	Aug. 24, 1944
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 Paraiba	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	John S. Hedelund, 268	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
Dist. of Columbia	Dwight P. Griswold, 195	Lincoln	Nov. 4, 1942
Ecuador	Guy W. Anderson, 36	Archer	May 12, 1939
Egypt	Harry A. Cheney, 100	Portland, Oregon	Sept. 12, 1907
England	John R. Tapster 119	North Bend	Sept. 30, 1931
Florida	Charles B. Nicodemus, 15	Fremont	April 15, 1944
Georgia	William F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Jan. 23, 1941
Idaho	David C. Spangler, 41	Stanton	Dec. 7, 1925
Illinois	Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59	Wahoo	Dec. 20, 1944
Indiana	John R. Hughes, 184	Omaha	June 22, 1937
Ireland	Thomas T. Varney, 176	Ansley	Dec. 20, 1944
Jugoslavia	C. Ray Macy, 26	Beatrice	Nov. 25, 1929
Kansas	Henry H. Heiler, 50	Hastings	April 10, 1919
Kentucky	Barton H. Kuhns, 268	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
Louisiana	Norris Chadderdon, 146	Holdrege	June 22, 1937
Maine	Archie M. Smith, 203	Pender	June 25, 1927
Manitoba	Ernest C. Purdy, 195	Gordon	June 24, 1943
Maryland	George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937
Mexico	Earl J. Lee, 15	Fremont	Apr. 9, 1934
Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1917
Minnesota	George A. Beecher, 268	Hastings	Mar. 17, 1904
Mississippi	Lamont L. Stephens, 106	Loup City	May 1, 1924
Missouri	Edward E. Carr, 32	North Platte	July 2, 1938
Montana	Benjamin F. Pitman, 158	Chadron	April 12, 1930
Nevada	Phil B. Campbell, 65	Osceola	May 4, 1939
New Brunswick	Mahlon C. Morgan, 322	Gering	Sept. 3, 1946
New Hampshire	Virgil R. Johnson, 26	Beatrice	Oct. 10, 1931
New Jersey	Wallace E. Linn, 1	Omaha	May 4, 1939
New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208	Arcadia	Oct. 18, 1943
New So. Wales	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78	Albion	July 26, 1905
New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
New Zealand	Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	Omaha	Nov. 24, 1936
Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
North Carolina	John J. Wilson, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire, 306	Sidney	Dec. 20, 1944
Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entrekim, 295	Gering	July 10, 1941
Ohio	Eldridge G. Reed, 46	Kearney	Apr. 2, 1945
Oklahoma	Curry W. Watson, 210	Lincoln	May 26, 1941
Oregon	Varro E. Tyler, 2	Nebraska City	Dec. 9, 1941
Panama	Walter R. Raecke, 36	Central City	Apr. 8, 1935
Philippine Islands	John C. Green, 280	Sargent	Oct. 17, 1945
P. Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
Puerto Rico	Walter O. Barnes, 181	Crawford	June 22, 1937
Quebec	Edwin D. Crites, 158	Chadron	April 20, 1920
Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Saskatchewan	Oliver C. Dovey, 6	Plattsmouth	June 16, 1936

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Scotland .....	William Cosh, 11 .....	Omaha .....	Aug. 6, 1914
South Australia..	Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3..	Omaha .....	April 20, 1920
South Carolina..	James R. Cain, Jr., 105...	Omaha .....	July 12, 1907
South Dakota ..	Charles A. Chappell, 127..	Minden .....	Aug. 26, 1918
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 A. Kommers, 234..	Hyannis .....	Mar. 10, 1945
Vermont .....	Lute M. Savage, 3.....	Omaha .....	Aug. 28, 1944
Victoria .....	Charles H. Marley, 1.....	Omaha .....	May 4, 1939
Vienna .....	Henry H. Reese, 205.....	Chappell .....	May 1, 1946
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	Guilherme Wittine.....	Rio de Janeiro ....	Dec. 2, 1944
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Luz 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 .....	Alex Troedsson .....	Copenhagen .....	Sept. 10, 1946
Denmark .....	John Linn McGrew .....	Washington, 3168 18th St. N. W. ...	July 6, 1917
Dist. of Columbia.			June 16, 1931
Ecuador .....	F. E. Navarro Allende ...	Guayaquil .....	Oct. 10, 1933
Egypt .....	Ibrahim F. K. Pacha .....	Alexandria .....	
England .....	Francis Kenelm Foster ...	All Dinias, Bayshill, 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, 1946
Ireland .....	Wentworth A. King- Harman .....	Newcastle, Ballymahon .....	Nov. 14, 1924
Jugoslavia .....			
Kansas .....	Homer B. Osborn .....	Wichita .....	Sept. 28, 1944
Kentucky .....	C. E. Tyree, Sr. ....	Beattyville .....	Apr. 20, 1945
Louisiana .....	Charles F. Ratcliffe .....	Baton Rouge .....	Sept. 18, 1936
Maine .....	James A. Richan .....	Rockland .....	Nov. 25, 1925
Manitoba .....	Hugh McKenzie .....	Winnipeg .....	Nov. 5, 1935
Maryland .....	William F. Broenning .....	Baltimore .....	July 25, 1919
Massachusetts	Roscoe Pound .....	Cambridge .....	May 1, 1929
Mexico .....	Horace Dillon .....	Torreon, Coah .....	Mar. 17, 1944
Michigan .....	Frank W. Richey .....	Dowagiac .....	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota .....	William Frank Holman .....	Minneapolis .....	Apr. 18, 1942
Mississippi .....	R. A. Pullen .....	Aberdeen .....	Mar. 12, 1931
Missouri .....	Edmund E. Morris .....	Kansas City .....	Jan. 9, 1929
Montana .....	John A. Meeke .....	Dillon .....	Sept. 13, 1941
Nevada .....	Harry H. Atkinson .....	Reno .....	June 19, 1911
New Brunswick.	LeBaron Wilson .....	St. John .....	Mar. 7, 1921
New Hampshire..	John O. Lovejoy .....	Bristol .....	April 14, 1934
New Jersey .....	Robert J. Hanna .....	Clifton .....	Oct. 25, 1916
New Mexico .....	Grant R. McGregor .....	Hillsboro .....	July 8, 1937
New So. Wales	F. Gillman Moon .....	Masonic Hall, Sydney	Aug. 9, 1934
New York .....	Max H. Ress .....	New York City, N. Y.	Aug. 26, 1944
New Zealand .....	William Grant Hay .....	Box 108 Dunedin .	Jan. 6, 1926
Nicaragua .....	Gral. Anastasio Somaza .....	Managua .....	Dec. 9, 1941
North Carolina	H. B. Leavitt .....	Asheville .....	Aug. 6, 1932
North Dakota	Theodore S. Henry .....	Valley City .....	Aug. 24, 1917
Nova Scotia .....	E. J. Vickery, Sr. ....	Halifax .....	Aug. 11, 1932
Ohio .....	B. Frank Thomas .....	Youngstown .....	Sept. 30, 1925
Oklahoma .....	Manford S. Runyan .....	Oklahoma City .....	Feb. 7, 1941
Oregon .....	Clarence D. Phillips .....	Portland .....	Sept. 4, 1937
Panama .....	Theodore Thompson .....	David .....	Apr. 5, 1935
Philippine Islands	Aurelio B. Aquino .....	Manila .....	Jan. 23, 1946
P. Edward Island	Roy C. McLean .....	Souris .....	Mar. 24, 1943
Puerto Rico .....	A. J. Lightbourn .....	Fajardo .....	May 3, 1945

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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. Meissner .....	Ogden .....	Feb. 3, 1944
Vermont .....	D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr...	Johnson .....	Feb. 4, 1943
Victoria .....	Farrin Webb .....	Melbourne .....	Mar. 23, 1946
Vienna .....			
Virginia .....	Harry K. Green .....	Clarendon .....	Aug. 19, 1927
Washington ....	Arthur W. Davis .....	Ziegler Bk. Spokane	May 14, 1927
West Australia..	R. H. G. Clark .....	Perth .....	Apr. 22, 1941
West Virginia...	Charles E. Bailey .....	Sisterville .....	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin .....	George J. Schreiber .....	Milwaukee .....	Mar. 23, 1946

## NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

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 James A. Tulleys, 267.  
 Jewel, 149.  
 John J. Mercer, 290.  
 John S. Bowen, 232.  
 Jordan, 27.  
 Justice, 180.  
  
 Kenesaw, 144.  
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 Lancaster, 54.  
 Landmark, 222.  
 Laurel, 248.  
 Lebanon, 323.  
 Lee P. Gillette, 272.  
 Liberty, 300.  
 Lily, 154.  
 Lincoln, 19.  
 Litchfield, 273.  
 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, 231.  
 Mount Moriah, 57.  
 Mount Nebo, 125.  
 Mount Zion, 161.  
 Mullen, 232.  
 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.  
 Plumblaine, 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.  
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.  
Siloam, 147.  
Silver, 266.  
Silver Cord, 224.  
Sioux, 277.  
Solar, 134.  
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, 130.  
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  
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Wisner, 114.  
Wolbach, 292.  
Wood Lake, 221.  
Wymore, 104.

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- Adams, 214.  
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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, 86.  
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.  
Cowies, 296.  
Cozad, 188.  
Craig, 241.  
Crawford, 181.  
Creighton, 100.  
Crete, 37.  
Crofton, 273.  
Oulbertson, 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.  
Elm Creek, 133.  
Elmwood, 209.  
Elwood, 167.  
Emerson, 220.  
Ewing, 156.  
Exeter, 283.
- Fairbury, 35.  
Fairfield, 84.  
Fairmont, 48.  
Falls City, 9.  
Filley, 175.  
Florence, (Omaha), 281.  
Fort Calhoun, 10.  
Franklin, 164.  
Fremont, 15.  
Friend, 73.  
Fullerton, 89.
- Geneva, 79.  
Genoa, 125.  
Gering, 201.  
Gibbon, 189.  
Giltner, 223.  
Gordon, 195.  
Gothenburg, 249.  
Grafton, 172.  
Grand Island, 33, 318.  
Grant, 308.  
Greenwood, 163.  
Gresham, 197.  
Guide Rock, 128.
- Hampton, 245.  
Hardy, 117.  
Harrison, 277.  
Hartington, 155.  
Harvard, 44.  
Hastings, 50, 317.  
Havelock, 250.  
Hay Springs, 177.  
Hebron, 43.  
Herman, 222.  
Hickman, 256.  
Holbrook, 257.  
Holdrege, 146.  
Hooper, 72.  
Humboldt, 40.  
Hyannis, 234.
- Imperial, 193.  
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.  
Ohiowa, 182.  
Omaha, 1, 3, 11, 25, 184, 268,  
281, 288, 290, 302, 308  
O'Neill, 95.  
Orchard, 291.  
Ord, 103.  
Orleans, 60.  
Osceola, 65.  
Oshkosh, 286.  
Osmond, 247.  
Otoe, 307.  
Overton, 267.  
Oxford, 138.
- Page, 156.  
Palisade, 216.  
Palmvra, 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.

Rulo, 13.	Sterling, 70.	Wahoo, 59.
Rushville, 169.	Stratton, 173.	Wakefield, 83.
Ruskin, 304.	Stromsburg, 126.	Wallace, 279.
Saint Edward, 230.	Stuart, 147.	Walthill, 274.
Saint Paul, 82.	Sumner, 212.	Waterloo, 102.
Sargent, 280.	Superior, 121.	Wauneta, 217.
Schuyler, 34.	Surprise, 130.	Wausa, 251.
Scotia, 191.	Sutherland, 299.	Wayne, 120.
Scottsbluff, 265.	Sutton, 49.	Weeping Water, 97.
Scribner, 132.	Syracuse, 57.	Western, 140.
Seneca, 284.	Table Rock, 108.	West Point, 27.
Seward, 38.	Tecumseh, 17.	Wilber, 64.
Shelby, 161.	Tekamah, 31.	Wilcox, 226.
Shelton, 99.	Tilden, 166.	Wilsonville, 157.
Sidney, 75.	Tobias, 149.	Winnebago, 309.
Silver Creek, 266.	Ulysses, 187.	Winside, 235.
South Side (Omaha), 184.	University Place, 227.	Wisner, 114.
South Sioux City, 316.	Utica, 96.	Wolbach, 292.
Spencer, 261.	Valentine, 192.	Wood Lake, 221.
Springfield, 112.	Valley, 310.	Wood River, 211.
Stanton, 41.	Valparaiso, 151.	Wymore, 104.
Stapleton, 190.		York, 56.
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Adams, 50, 144, 317.	Gage, 26, 104, 165, 175, 194, 214.	Otoe, 2, 57, 237, 272, 287, 307.
Antelope, 71, 276, 291.	Garden, 286.	Pawnee, 23, 108, 137.
Boone, 78, 143, 230.	Garfield, 200.	Perkins, 308.
Box Butte, 183.	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, 13, 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.	Hooker, 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, 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.	Stoux, 277.
Dakota, 5, 316.	Knox, 87, 100, 218, 251, 273.	Stanton, 41.
Dawes, 158, 181.	Lancaster, 19, 54, 94, 210, 227, 250, 256, 297, 300, 314, 320.	Thayer, 43, 74, 154, 199, 298.
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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, 268, 281, 288, 290, 302, 303, 310.	Morrill, 285, 301.	Wayne, 120, 235.
Dundy, 180.	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, 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).  
Burchard, U. D., (137).  
Burnett, U. D., (166).  
Butte, U. D., (233).
- Carleton, U. D., (199).  
Cedar, U. D., (13).  
Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215).  
Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143).  
Central City, U. D., (ext).  
Ceresco, U. D., (229).  
Chadron, U. D., (158).  
Chapman, U. D., (239).  
Columbus, U. D., (ext).  
Columbus, U. D., (58).  
Columbus, 8, (extinct).  
Crab Orchard, U. D., (238), ext.  
Crawford, U. D., (181).  
Cumming 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).
- Elk Creek, 90, (consolidated).  
Eureka, 16, (extinct).  
Ewing, U. D., (156).  
Exeter, U. D., (extinct).
- Firth, U. D., 66, (ext).  
Fortitude, 69, (extinct).  
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, 178, (ext).  
Hildreth, 252, (consolidated).  
Hillsdale, U. D., (29).  
Holdrege, U. D., (146).  
Hubbell, 92, (consolidated).  
Hyannis, U. D., (234).  
Huntley, 270, (extinct).  
Idaho, U. D., (extinct).  
Imperial, U. D., (198).  
Indianola, 123, (extinct).  
Ithmar, 238, (extinct).  
Jasper, 122, (extinct).  
Jeptha, 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).  
Macy, 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).  
Ohioa, U. D., (182).  
Orion, 242, (ext).  
Overton, U. D., (267).  
Oxford, U. D., (138).  
Pacific, U. D., (310).  
\*Palmer, (315), (consolidated).
- Palestine, U. D., (ext).  
Palmyra, 45, (ext).  
\*Parallel Lodge No. 152, (extinct).  
Pawnee City, U. D., (23).  
Peru, U. D., (ext).  
Plumb, 186, (ext).  
Reynolds, U. D., (160).  
Rising, U. D., (81).  
Rising Star, U. D., 20, (extinct).  
\*Riverside, 269, (Consolidated).  
Riverton, 63, (consolidated).  
Rock Bluff, 20, (ext).  
Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred).  
Salem, 47, (ext).  
Saline, U. D., (73).  
Saline, U. D., (101).  
Saline, U. D., (118).  
Samuel W. Hayes, U. D., (287).  
Scotia, U. D., (191).  
Seward, U. D., (88).  
Shelby, U. D., (161).  
Shickley, U. D., 178, (extinct).  
Silver Creek, U. D., (ext).  
Sincerity, 244, (ext).  
Square & Compass, 213, ext.  
Stanton, U. D., (41).  
Steele City, 107, (ext).  
Stockville, U. D., (196).  
Summit, 7, (transferred).  
Sunmit, 141, (extinct).  
Syracuse, U. D., (57).  
Talmage, U. D., (162).  
Temple, U. D., (5).  
Tobias, U. D., (149).  
Trenton, U. D., (ext).  
Trilumular, U. D., (210).  
\*Tyre, 85, (Consolidated).  
Ulysses, U. D., (187).  
Valentine, U. D., (113).  
Valparaiso, U. D., (151).  
Waco, 80, (ext).  
Weeping Water, U. D., (97).  
Wilcox, U. D., (226).  
Winside, U. D., (235).  
Winter Creek, U. D., (265).  
Wyoming, 28 (transferred).  
Zeredatha, U. D., (98) (ext).

\*Joppa Lodge No. 76, consolidated with Franklin Lodge No. 264.

\*Parallel Lodge No. 152, consolidated with Barneston Lodge No. 165.

\*Tyre Lodge No. 85, consolidated with Wymore Lodge No. 104.

\*Level Lodge No. 196 consolidated with Cambridge Lodge No. 150.

\*Riverside Lodge No. 269 consolidated with Cedar River Lodge No. 89.

\*Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 consolidated with Hampton Lodge No. 245.

\*Juniata Lodge No. 42, consolidated with Kenesaw Lodge No. 144.

\*Palmer Lodge No. 315, consolidated with St. Paul Lodge No. 82.

\*Riverton Lodge No. 63, consolidated with Franklin Lodge No. 264.

\*Elk Creek Lodge No. 90, consolidated with Tecumseh Lodge No. 17.

\*Hubbell Lodge No. 92, consolidated with Hebron Lodge No. 43.

\*Hildreth Lodge No. 252, consolidated with Grace Lodge No. 226.

## EXTINCT NEBRASKA LODGES

NAME	LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7	Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8	Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12	Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16	Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18	Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20	Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macey No. 22	Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24	Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45	Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47	Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58	Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66	Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69	Ulysses	July 14, 1887
Joppa No. 76	Bloomington	October 18, 1934
Waco No. 80	Waco	January 31, 1885
Steele City No. 107	Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109	Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115	Brainard	September 5, 1903
Dorie 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.

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- 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.
- Riverton Lodge No. 63 was consolidated with Franklin Lodge No. 264, under name, number and title of Franklin Lodge No. 264, Franklin, Nebraska, May 16, 1945.
- Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 was consolidated with Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, under name, number and title of Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, Tecumseh, Nebraska, Nov. 11, 1944.
- Hubbell Lodge No. 92 was consolidated with Hebron Lodge No. 43, under name, number and title of Hebron Lodge No. 43, Hebron, Nebraska, February 8, 1946.
- Hildreth Lodge No. 252 consolidated with Grace Lodge No. 226, Wilcox, under name, number and title of Grace Lodge No. 226, Wilcox, Nebraska, October 11, 1945.

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.
Bannaek City, U..D'.....	Bannaek City, Idaho..Instituted April —, 1863, or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U..D'....	United States Army..Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct, prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U..D'.....	Nevada City, Idaho....Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28....	South Pass City, Wyoming....Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874.

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, with Locations, Dates of Regular Meetings, Officers, Etc.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY	
	Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Lew B. Pixley	Harry E. Koontz
	Western Star	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	William J. Kier	Charles Ott
	Capitol	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	James C. Hendricksen	Stanley P. Bostwick
	Nemaha Valley	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	William McIninch	Abe L. Lawrence
5	Omadi	" 5	Dakota City	Dakota	Second Tuesday	Albert E. Terry	Raymond H. Ream
	Plattsmouth	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	Edward F. Wehrbein	Leslie W. Niel
	Falls City	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Clarence J. Thompson	William B. Wanner
	Solomon	" 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	William A. Suverkrubbe	Richard T. Sievers
	Covert	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	V. Clare Lindberg	George R. Porter
10	Orient	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	Clarence Morehouse	Peter N. Frederick
	Peru	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	Cecil M. Coatney	Carroll Lewis
	Fremont	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Leonard G. Bronson	Roy S. Planck
	Tecumseh	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Lewis S. Miner	Dale R. Bush
	Lincoln	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	William W. Bauer	Perry J. Morton
15	Washington	" 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Alfred N. Feer	Wayne Lambertz
	Pawnee	" 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Robert Minick	Ben R. Henry
	Saint Johns	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Robert J. Baxter	Gustave E. Gran
	Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second Monday	George H. Ryan	Raymond S. Johnson
	Jordan	" 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Gale F. Washburn	Claude L. Thompson
20	Hope	" 29	Nemaha	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	Edward C. Rider	Jay Burns
	Blue River	" 30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	Frank H. Newton	Clarence O. Wertman
	Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	Second Wednesday	George F. Allely	William T. Poucher
	Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Harry T. Mead	David J. Fredrick
	Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	William A. Reutlinger	Fred G. Christensen
25	Acacia	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	Third Tuesday	Lawrence A. Rouse	Louis J. Michaelson
	Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Harrison M. Park	Leighton L. Nuckolls
	Lone Tree	" 36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Donald F. Sampson	Lee C. Coolidge
	Crete	" 37	Crete	Saline	First Thursday	Albert L. Johnson, Jr.	Everett M. Wood
	Oliver	" 38	Seward	Seward	Third Thursday	Ivan C. Haith	Orville Ramsay
30	Papillion	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	First Saturday	Adam H. Gramlich	Fred R. Lamb
	Humboldt	" 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	John F. Frehse	Berton Mowry
	Northern Light	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Second Thursday	Roscoe H. Chenoweth	Ralph H. Titus
	Hebron	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	John K. Musgrave	Harvey E. Barbee
	Harvard	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Christian A. Perlenfein	Homer L. McKelvie
35	Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	William Miller	John N. McCune

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	Fairmont	No. 48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Second Tuesday	David E. Little	James A. Rose
	Evening Star	49	Sutton	Clay	Second and fourth Thursdays	Herbert J. Ochsner	George Barnell
	Hastings	50	Hastings	Adams	First Tuesday	Orville Sorensen	Curtis L. Walters
	Fidelity	51	David City	Butler	First Tuesday	John Eberly	Eldon B. Johnson
40	Hiram	52	Arlington	Washington	Second Thursday	Howard H. Marshall	Harry C. McClellan
	Charity	53	Red Cloud	Webster	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Leonard H. Reiker	Marion Bloom
	Lancaster	54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Guy O. Seaton	Victor Seymour
	Mosaic	55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Otto Burkhardt	Clarence G. McNamee
	York	56	York	York	Last Friday	Harold L. Wechnor	Mervin Patterson
45	Mount Moriah	57	Syracuse	Otoe	Second Thursday	Leonard Zahn	Herbert H. Fechner
	Wahoo	59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	Lowell D. Worrall	Edwin R. Levin
	Melrose	60	Orleans	Harlan	Second and fourth Wed'days	Laurence J. Bose	John Tubridy
	Thistle	61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Rex A. Hickman	Joseph E. Snyder
	Keystone	62	Phillips	Hamilton	Second Monday	Lemuel W. Killion	Alexander S. Gilbert
50	Blue Valley	64	Wilber	Saline	First and third Tuesdays	George Cizek	Edward H. Houser
	Osceola	65	Osceola	Polk	First Friday	George W. Craven	I. Donald Huston
	Edgar	67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays	F. Loyal Beavers	Wayne Hunter
	Aurora	68	Aurora	Hamilton	First and third Tuesdays	Charles F. Adams	Claude A. Rennau
	Sterling	70	Sterling	Johnson	Second Monday	Walter E. Zink	Glen Linford
55	Trowel	71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Floyd M. Price	Lee R. Fleming
	Hooper	72	Hooper	Dodge	First Friday	John Havekost	Henry Edelmaier
	Friend	73	Friend	Saline	First and third Thursdays	Rodney K. Johnson	John G. Krebs
	Alexandria	74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second Tuesday	Edwin A. Woltemath	Guy B. Averill
	Frank Welch	75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Donald W. Jorgenson	Elmer O. Ladine
60	Nelson	77	Nelson	Nuckolls	First Thursday	James G. House	Warren C. Hall
	Albion	78	Albion	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Omer O. Qualset	Donald R. Leech
	Geneva	79	Geneva	Fillmore	First and third Tuesdays	Charles Grothe	Gerald Walton
	Composite	81	Rising City	Butler	Tuesday on or before O	Leonard C. Davis	Fredolph C. Chalquist
	Saint Paul	82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	Alfred L. Baliman	Fred R. Haggart
65	Corinthian	83	Wakefield	Dixon	Third Friday	Harry N. Larson	Carroll D. VanValin
	Fairfield	84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Mondays	Gerald V. Humbert	Harmie L. Trobough
	Doniphan	86	Doniphan	Hall	First Friday	Raymond C. Engel	Charles L. Spellman
	Ionic	87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before O	Frank R. Mares	Richard B. Schroeder
	Star	88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	Donald W. Walter	Walter W. Small
70	Cedar River	89	Fullerton	Nance	First and third Mondays	Louis Vaughn	Frank G. Frame
	Oakland	91	Oakland	Burt	Second and fourth Thursdays	Waldon C. Olson	Charles W. West
	Beaver City	93	Beaver City	Furnas	Second Monday	Allen Harlan	Harold J. Oehlerking
	Bennett	94	Bennet	Lancaster	First Tuesday	R. Ninus Stoll	Roy Church, Sr.
	Garfield	95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays	John W. Harbottle	Charles E. Jones
75	Utica	96	Utica	Seward	Second Wednesday	Clair McNeil	Fred H. Pieper

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Euclid	No. 97	Weeping Water	Cass.....	First Monday.....	Parr Young.....	Chris Rasmussen
Republican	" 98	Republican City	Harlan.....	Second Wednesday.....	Louis L. Kammerer.....	William F. West
Shelton	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	Third Tuesday.....	William H. Bruner.....	Ralph Soderstrom
Creighton	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....	John C. Rehder.....	Emil Hansen
80 Ponca	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	Third Thursday.....	Harold B. Bengtson.....	Dean H. Ehle
Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Frank M. Goodwin.....	Herbert L. Johnson
Ord	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	First Wednesday.....	Louis E. Wolford.....	Arthur J. Auble
Wymore	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Wed'days	Warren E. Robinson.....	Samuel R. Youds
Stella	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	First Thursday.....	Merrill Johnson.....	William A. Pearson
85 Porter	" 106	Loup City....	Sherman.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Stephen E. Smalley.....	Lamont L. Stephens
Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock...	Pawnee.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William J. Mehlin.....	Orval O. Johnson
Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	First Friday.....	Orville L. Sandy.....	Paul I. Eaton
DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before O...	James N. Norton.....	Ralph W. Venrick
Springfield	" 112	Springfield...	Sarpy.....	Second Tuesday.....	Howard F. Thurman.....	William Ward
90 Globe	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	James W. Robertson.....	Thomas E. Farrell
Wisner	" 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Carl H. Freese.....	Louis G. Purtzer
Harlan	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	First and third Tuesdays...	C. LeRoy Gillette.....	Thomas C. Rogers
Hardy	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	First Thursday.....	Wilber Bjorling.....	George B. McDowell
North Bend	" 119	North Bend...	Dodge.....	Second Tuesday.....	James E. Johnson.....	Leon J. Cherny
95 Wayne	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	Second and fourth Fridays..	Harry E. Manning.....	Walter S. Bressler
Superior	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	Paul J. Jones.....	J. Floyd Davis
Auburn	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	William N. Boyd.....	Otto H. Blinde
Mount Nebo	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	Second Tuesday.....	William C. Senften.....	Roy W. Bruce
Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg...	Polk.....	Second Tuesday.....	Einer Swanson.....	Clement L. Anderson
100 Minden	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	Second Wednesday.....	Richard K. Armstrong..	John C. Tarkington
Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock...	Webster.....	Thursday on or before O...	Ira A. Pace, Sr.....	John H. Crary
Blue Hill	" 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Darrel D. Versaw.....	Oliver H. Martin
Tuscan	" 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	Second Thursday.....	Arthur Kunzman.....	George H. Miller
Scribner	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	Edgar G. Havekost.....	Donald D. Hill
105 Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Archie C. Miller.....	John L. Daul
Solar	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Second Tuesday.....	Herschel Shenk.....	Samuel C. Wallace
McCook	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow..	First and third Tuesdays...	Guy M. Ess.....	George F. Moss
Long Pine	" 136	Long Pine....	Brown.....	Third Tuesday.....	Lyle O. Shaneyfelt.....	William C. Smith, Sr
Upright	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	First and third Wednesdays	William Ulrich.....	William Yarpe
110 Rawalt	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Third Thursday.....	Walter K. Parks.....	Alfred H. Nissen

\*Officers held over.

Clay Centre	No. 139	Clay Center..	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	W. Wallace Allen.....	Richard R. Byrkit
Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	Second Thursday.....	Edward Timmel.....	Lewis S. Winter
Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	Second Thursday.....	Archie C. Casper.....	Harry P. Hansen
Kenesaw	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before O.....	William Lee Ramsey.....	Edward E. Guilkey
115 Bancroft	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Floyd L. Carey.....	Robert V. Graff
Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Inar Anderson.....	John H. Shumard
Siloom	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or before O.....	Leonard A. Roberts.....	Cecil B. Shade
Emmet Crawford	" 148	Broken Bow..	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	Selden J. Wenquist.....	Ray S. Kuns
Jewel	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Rudolph H. Pfingston...	Charles W. Boggs
120 Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge...	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays..	John I. Leigh.....	Harley I. Simon
Square	" 151	Valparaiso..	Saunders....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Joe Gray.....	Julius Petermichel
Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second Tuesday.....	John H. Calvert.....	Alfred L. Branda
Lily	" 154	Davenport..	Thayer.....	Friday on or before O.....	Ray J. Lowery.....	Benjamin W. Showalter
Hartington	" 155	Hartington..	Cedar.....	First Thursday.....	H. Arthur Schager.....	Rudolph H. Jenny
125 Pythagoras	" 156	Page.....	Holt.....	First Friday.....	E. Roy Townsend.....	Harold L. Banta
Valley	" 157	Wilsonville..	Furnas.....	Second Tuesday.....	Teddie M. Vertrees....	Lewis L. Skiles
Samaritan	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays..	Harry C. Hamer.....	Charles W. Keal
Ogallala	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	First Tuesday.....	Elmer R. Melin.....	John M. Creamer
Zeredatha	" 160	Reynolds....	Jefferson...	First and third Thursdays..	George A. Warren.....	Ben F. Priefert
130 Mount Zion	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	Ray J. McBeth.....	Henry C. Burritt
Trestle Board	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	First Tuesday.....	Ralph J. Otersberg....	Floyd Christy
Unity	" 163	Greenwood..	Cass.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Elmer E. Mathis.....	Benjamin P. Howard
Atkinson	" 164	Atkinson....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Carroll O. Raymer.....	Harry A. Snyder
Barneston	" 165	Barneston...	Gage.....	First Tuesday.....	John James.....	Frank Blaker
135 Mystic Tie	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison....	Third Thursday.....	Sam A. Baker.....	Carl F. Johnson
Elwood	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Second Monday.....	Marion R. Morgan....	Anton T. Almquist
Curtis	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Leon S. Wetzel.....	Klyte Burt
Amity	" 169	Rushville...	Sheridan....	First and third Tuesdays..	Edwin B. Otteman.....	Edward L. Curtis
Mason City	" 170	Mason City..	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	Ardath L. Saum.....	William D. Redmond
140 Merna	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	First Thursday.....	LeRoy D. Perrin.....	Lawrence A. Manning
Grafton	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore....	First and third Wednesdays.	Claude L. Stammers....	Bert Frederick
Robert Burns	" 173	Stratton....	Hitchcock..	Second and fourth Mondays.	LeRoy A. Barnett.....	Clyde H. Jones
Culbertson	" 174	Culbertson..	Hitchcock..	First and third Wednesdays.	Dean W. Hoyt.....	Arvene C. Eisenhart
Temple	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Robert R. Kellett.....	Clyde W. Bay
145 Gladstone	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	Thursday on or after O.....	Walter H. Hogg.....	William Mackey
Hay Springs	" 177	Hay Springs..	Sheridan....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Henry Krueger.....	Roy T. Stiehl
Prudence	" 179	BeaverCrossing	Seward.....	Tuesday on or before O.....	Robert E. Bessey.....	Grant E. Hanseu
Justice	" 180	Benkelman..	Dundy.....	Friday on or before O.....	Ross D. Druliner.....	William C. Hanson
Faith	" 181	Crawford....	Dawes.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.	Jay L. Elliot.....	Walter O. Barnes
150 Incense	" 182	Ohiowa.....	Fillmore....	First and third Thursdays..	Fred Wolter.....	Edward J. Lynn

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Alliance	No. 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte....	Thursday on or before O....	George W. Moore.....	William E. Edwards
Bee Hive	" 184	Omaha†.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Edwin G. Haas.....	John R. Hughes
Boaz	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow....	First Wednesday.....	Charles E. Furman....	Vinton H. Lord
Israel	" 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before O....	Allen W. Withers.....	Carl E. Diers
155 Meridian	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	Third Tuesday.....	Marvin L. Burgess....	Lester W. Carlson
Granite	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	George E. Chapman....	Calvin A. Gordon
Amethyst	" 190	Stapleton....	Logan.....	First and third Wednesdays	Frank E. Peterson....	John N. Collier
Crystal	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	Second Thursday.....	William H. Waters....	John V. Maddox
Minnekadusa	" 192	Valentine....	Cherry.....	Third Tuesday.....	Ernie A. Hans.....	Luke M. Bates
160 Signet	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	Friday on or before O....	Charles J. Novotny....	F. Otto Nelson
Highland	" 194	Cortland....	Gage.....	Second Tuesday.....	Milton J. Jungmeyer..	John A. Bonebright
Arcana	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan....	First and third Mondays...	Kenneth H. Hull.....	William G. Moss
Morning Star	" 197	Gresham....	York.....	First Friday.....	Mark A. Romohr.....	Earl K. Husbands
Purity	" 198	Imperial....	Chase.....	First Friday.....	Francis E. Reichardt..	Siegfried L. Jacks
165 Gavel	" 199	Carleton....	Thayer.....	First Tuesday.....	Herbert B. Wittenberger	James H. Bryant
Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell.....	Garfield....	Second Thursday.....	Gaylord Wallace.....	John A. Beynon
Scotts Bluff	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff..	First and third Fridays...	Henry H. Sands.....	George Goldfain
Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph....	Cedar.....	Monday on or before O....	Nelwyn B. Moran.....	Anton B. Helms
Roman Eagle	" 203	Pender.....	Thurston....	First Tuesday.....	William McQuistan....	Archie M. Smith
170 Plainview	" 204	Plainview...	Pierce.....	First Tuesday.....	Dale O. Crawford.....	Carl Youngreen
Golden Fleece	" 205	Chappell....	Deuel.....	First Thursday.....	Hilmer J. Thompson...	Alfred G. Taylor
Napthali	" 206	Diller.....	Jefferson....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Robert L. Upson.....	Walton I. Filley
Parian	" 207	Callaway....	Custer.....	First Thursday.....	John W. Frederick....	Allston Asmus
Gauge	" 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Paul H. Dean.....	Percy E. Doe
175 Canopy	" 209	Elmwood....	Cass.....	Saturday on or before O...	Howard A. Pool.....	Bergil E. Sumner
East Lincoln	" 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster...	First Thursday.....	Willard E. Townsned..	Charles F. Eberline
Cement	" 211	Wood River..	Hall.....	Thursday on or before O....	Raymond E. Apfel....	Vere R. May
Compass & Square	" 212	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Millard Graham.....	Clarence W. George
Plumblne	" 214	Adams.....	Gage.....	Second Monday.....	Lowell Scaggs.....	John M. Burnham
180 Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs..	Saunders....	First Tuesday.....	Andrew E. Stuart.....	Arnold Neilsen
Palisade	" 216	Palisade....	Hitchcock...	First Tuesday.....	Theodore H. Christner..	Stanton A. Troutman
Wauneta	" 217	Wauneta....	Chase.....	First and third Thursdays...	Delbert T. Thompson..	C. Robert Carlson
Bloomfield	" 218	Bloomfield...	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....	Jack Kosberg.....	Fred C. Wiese
Relief	" 219	Coleridge...	Cedar.....	Second Friday.....	Dean M. Mohr.....	William C. Mitchell
185 Magnolia	" 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	Third Tuesday.....	Charles A. Wuerth.....	George H. Haase

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	Wood Lake	No. 221	Wood Lake...	Cherry.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	Everett C. Turnquist...	Henry Lausen
	Landmark	" 232	Herman.....	Washington...	Third Tuesday.....	James P. Presba.....	Wayne W. Loftis
	Eminence	" 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Ervin Bish.....	James O. Bierbower
	Silver Cord	" 224	Ainsworth...	Brown.....	Second Tuesday.....	Quentin K. Lear.....	John K. Cassel
190	Cable	" 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	First Tuesday.....	Ralph B. Dailey.....	Lloyd S. Beltz
	Grace	" 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	James Johnson.....	Arthur E. Newton
	North Star	" 227	Lincoln †	Lancaster.....	First Wednesday.....	Floyd W. Miles.....	Roy W. Deal
	Bartley	" 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow...	Second Tuesday.....	Glenn Flanagan.....	August W. Teter
	Comet	" 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	First Thursday.....	Loyd Krone.....	Otis Beaman
195	Delta	" 230	Saint Edward.	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Guy Johnson.....	James O. Duncan
	Mount Hermon	" 231	Cook.....	Johnson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Paul H. Naeve.....	Fido G. Tucker
	John S. Bowen	" 232	Kennard.....	Washington...	Third Thursday.....	Lloyd Jacob.....	Nic Friedrichsen
	Gilead	" 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Wayne D. Kirby.....	William J. Rinehart
	Zion	" 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	Second Wednesday.....	Walter Wightman...	William A. Kommers
200	Fraternity	" 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	Third Friday.....	Charles D. Farran...	Robert E. Gormley
	Golden Rule	" 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Rubel Hutchings.....	Oliver W. Money
	Cubit	" 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	First Thursday.....	Lloyd Bruggman.....	Waldo J. McPherson
	Friendship	" 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	Second Friday.....	Clarence Green.....	Elza Ury
	Pilot	" 240	Lyons.....	Hurt.....	Third Thursday.....	Vernon L. Cates.....	Edwin A. Loppnow
205	George Armstrong	" 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	First and third Tuesday....	Milan U. Southwell...	Frank F. McMullin
	Tyrian	" 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls.....	First Monday.....	Arthur R. Skinner.....	Robert E. Montgomery
	Hampton	" 245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Clean C. Lichtenberger..	Leslie E. Christiansen
	Nehawka	" 246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	Second Wednesday.....	Clifton K. Garrison....	Raymond C. Pollard
	Corner Stone	" 247	Osmond.....	Pierce.....	Second Friday.....	William H. Schulz.....	Joseph Cizek
210	Laurel	" 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Carl J. Jeffrey.....	Clarence O. Ericson
	Gothenburg	" 249	Gothenburg...	Dawson.....	Second Wednesday.....	Ernest Van Wey.....	William S. Padley
	George Washington	" 250	Lincoln †	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	Laurence C. Belden....	Otis W. Cave
	Wausa	" 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	First Thursday.....	Melvin Lindahl.....	Lawrence N. Larson
	Beemer	" 253	Beemer.....	Cuming.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Herbert F. Ehler.....	Edward D. Baas
215	Bassett	" 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	Second Thursday.....	James E. Mabie.....	Arthur A. Weber
	Hickman	" 256	Hickman.....	Lancaster...	Third Thursday.....	Harold E. Williams....	John R. Smith
	Holbrook	" 257	Holbrook.....	Furnas.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Samuel P. Davis.....	Albert Phillipson
	Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo.....	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	Howard M. Turner.....	Thomas G. English
	Bee	" 259	Bee.....	Seward.....	First Thursday.....	Clifford R. Westerhoff..	Calvin W. Noxon
220	Ornan	" 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	First and Third Mondays...	John H. Oatman.....	Jack B. Wells
	Endeavor	" 262	Indianola.....	Red Willow...	First and Third Thursdays.	Lawrence F. Hauxwell..	B. Adrian Quigley
	Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Monday.....	Wilbur W. Wurst.....	Edward Sadek
	Franklin	" 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	Second Monday.....	Harold B. Long.....	Albert C. McKee
	Robert W. Furnas	" 265	Scottsbluff...	Scotts Bluff...	First and third Mondays...	Guy L. Raber.....	Bernard B. Harris
225	Silver	" 266	Silver Creek..	Merrick.....	Second Thursday.....	Oscar L. Imm.....	Floyd Buchanan
	Havelock Station.		†University Place	Station.			

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James A. Tullevs No. 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	Second Monday.....	Fred O. Goltermann...	John Hedelund
Geo. W. Lininger " 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Friday.....	William J. Baird.....	Ralph J. Longbottom
Oasis " 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Thursday.....	William E. Call.....	William M. Blough
Lee P. Gillette " 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	First Monday.....	William J. Seyfen.....	James P. Baker
230 Crofton " 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....		
Olive Branch " 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	Second Monday.....	Dwight Rissler.....	Henry S. Franks
Ramah " 275	Bertrand.....	Phelps.....	First Thursday.....	Dave Rowlands.....	William B. Meeker
Antelope " 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays...	John E. Wylie.....	Donald S. Hinman
Sioux " 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	Second Monday.....	Jack Magoon.....	Vernard E. Marsteller
235 Litchfield " 278	Litchfield.....	Sherman.....	Second Thursday.....	Jacob Kramer.....	Harve I. Lang
Wallace " 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	First Tuesday.....	Harry Rees.....	Frank H. Whitlake
Swastika " 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	Albert F. Alder.....	John O. Green
Florence " 281	Omaha †.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	Elmer E. Sorenson.....	William A. Yoder
Mullen " 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	Tuesday on or before O.....	Robert J. Haney.....	William C. McIntyre
240 Exeter " 283	Exeter.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Fridays.....	Roy Eberhardt.....	Donald H. Johns
Seneca " 284	Seneca.....	Thomas.....	Second Wednesday.....	Stanley R. Danekas...	Alfred W. Franks
Camp Clarke " 285	Bridgeport...	Morrill.....	First Tuesday.....	Gerald V. Inslee.....	Edward K. Milmine
Oshkosh " 286	Garden.....	Garden.....	First Monday.....	John H. Meier.....	John T. Sager
Union " 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	First Friday.....	Albert Weatherhogg...	Arthur J. Lamborn
245 Omaha " 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Saturday.....	John H. Bolin.....	Frederick J. Bolshaw
Lotus " 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Clyde A. Hicks.....	Archie A. Meek
John J. Mercer " 290	Omaha †.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	William Kunold.....	Jesse P. Storms
Diamond " 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	Second Thursday.....	Oliver T. Dempster...	Kenneth L. Bruce
Wolbach " 292	Wolbach.....	Greeley.....	First and third Wednesdays...	Ernest H. Davis.....	Edwin L. Johnson
250 Monument " 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	Second and fourth Mondays...	Russell B. Murray.....	Clifford G. Rebman
Kimball " 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	First Monday.....	Brice F. Henry.....	Orville C. Wisdom
Minatare " 295	Minatare.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Friday.....	Carl DeBelly.....	Jesse P. Entrekin
Cowles " 296	Cowles.....	Webster.....	First and third Wednesdays...	Charles C. Bennett...	Horace G. Morse
Cotner " 297	Lincoln †.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	Arthur J. Banett.....	Dana E. Deeda
255 Chester " 298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	First and third Mondays...	James E. Woodward...	Elbert L. Brown
Sutherland " 299	Sutherland...	Lincoln.....	First Monday.....	Morris E. Trego.....	William M. Cady
Liberty " 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Thursday.....	Orrill Rasmussen.....	Homer L. Kyle
Bayard " 301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays...	Clyde D. Spangler.....	Yale H. Cavett
Mizpah " 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Friday.....	Joseph D. Houston...	Anson L. Havens
260 Right Angle " 303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	David Menagh.....	Henry M. Edwards
Henson Station.		† Florence Station.		‡ Bethany Station.	

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Ruskin	No. 304	Ruskin.....	Nuckolls.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	J. Clarence Krogh.....	Niels H. Jenssen
Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove	Madison.....	Fourth Monday.....	William N. Smitheram..	Alexis R. Gustavson
Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole....	Cheyenne....	Second Tuesday.....	George H. Emanuelson..	George E. Minshall
William E. Hill	" 307	Otoe.....	Otoe.....	Third Tuesday.....	Lawrence E. Naffziger..	Clyde T. Dann
265 Perkins	" 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	First Monday.....	Otto Erdman.....	Otto E. Gauger
Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago...	Thurston.....	First Thursday.....	Floyd A. Taylor.....	Clarence S. Runyan
Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	Second Thursday.....	Harold V. Miller.....	Francis A. Roberts
Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	First Friday.....	Maurice C. Flick.....	Isaac T. Samuelson
Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	Second Thursday.....	Claude A. Rutledge....	Wallace E. Moffett
270 Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne....	Second Tuesday.....	Ernest Anderson.....	Elmer H. Seyfang
Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster....	First Tuesday.....	G. Henry Crane.....	Curry D. Bryson
Alpha	" 316	SouthSiouxCity	Dakota.....	Second Thursday.....	Merle A. Haynes.....	Clarence A. Stewart
Mid-West	" 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Monday.....	Richard E. Nelson.....	Wm. J. Breckenridge
Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island..	Hall.....	First Tuesday.....	Carl P. Rich.....	Albert B. Osborn
275 Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	George G. Crilly.....	William H. Vankirk
College View	" 320	Lincoln †....	Lancaster....	First Wednesday.....	Harold J. Norris.....	Silas R. Davenport
Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne....	Second Wednesday.....	Carr Ross.....	Berton Cunningham
Pioneer	" 322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff..	Second Tuesday.....	Ernest S. Young.....	Joseph H. Lawson
Lebanon	" 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Arln M. Peyton.....	Carl H. Hoge
280 Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	Second Monday.....	Clarence A. Lowry....	Alfred H. Peterson

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes		
Nebraska	1	68	86	67	22	4	490	1178	63	6	6	1253	5	31	4	0	40	1213	1	
Western Star	2	14	29	11	7	3	81	246	10	3	5	264	8	5	3	1	17	247	2	
Capitol	3	55	72	56	25	3	400	809	57	3	9	878	4	18	3		25	853	3	
Nemaha Valley	4		4	1	1		45	43	3			46						46	4	
Omadi	5	10	28	12	7		61	100	9	2	2	113		4			4	109	5	
Plattsmouth	6	14	36	12	3		45	261	15	2	1	279	2	3			5	274	6	
Falls City	9	7	28	5	4		100	202	6	2	2	212	2	5			7	205	9	
Solomon	10	8	6	11	2		12	64	13			77	1	3			4	73	10	
Covert	11	86	90	79	36		319	1240	73	7	4	1324	6	25			31	1293	11	
Orient	13		5		2		28	32				32		1			1	31	13	
Peru	14		8				35	85		2		87	2				2	85	14	
Fremont	15	39	25	35	5		131	443	34	7	5	489	4	10			14	475	15	
Tecumseh	17	14	28	9	11		91	156	7	2	4	169	3	3			6	163	17	
Lincoln	19	32	85	36	16	7	448	756	37	9	13	815	4	22	7		33	782	19	
Washington	21	20	10	17	4		42	134	16	4	4	158	1	5			6	152	21	
Pawnee	23	1	13		5		54	118		2		120		3			3	117	23	
Saint Johns	25	50	99	46	28	3	491	807	41	3	11	862	5	25			30	832	25	
Beatrice	26	7	58	9	19		215	292	9	4	7	312	1	4			5	307	26	
Jordan	27	6	6	6	1		39	73	6			79	2	2			2	77	27	
Hope	29	2	9	2			33	36	2	1		39		1			1	38	29	
Blue River	30	1	9	1	1		52	53	2		2	57		3			3	54	30	
Tekamah	31	11	9	7	3		48	113	8	1		122		2			2	120	31	
Platte Valley	32	16	52	11	13	2	108	356	9	4	5	374	3	3	2		8	366	32	
Ashlar	33	18	43	16	11		240	505	16	2	11	534	3	5			8	526	33	
Acacia	34	13	13	9	4		46	141	7		2	150	1	2			3	147	34	
Fairbury	35	9	35	5	3		59	202	5	2	4	213	1	2			3	210	35	
Lone Tree	36	13	11	13	6	2	62	181	13	1		195	1	3	2		6	189	36	
Crete	37	7	17	8	5		76	151	8	4	2	165	2	3			5	160	37	
Oliver	38	10	15	8	4		93	121	4	1	1	127	1	1			2	125	38	
Papillion	39		12	2	5		41	71				73		3			3	70	39	
Humboldt	40	4	14	1	5	1	21	95	1	3	1	100			1		1	99	40	
Northern Light	41	2	9	2			34	82	2	3	2	89						89	41	
Hebron	43	6	21	6	7		74	81	4	3		88	2	2			4	84	43	
Harvard	44	11	14	10	1		38	44	11	1		56		4			4	52	44	
Rob Morris	46	20	56	13	7		194	217	12	6	10	245	8	3			11	234	46	
Fairmont	48	8	17	6	2		50	75	7		2	84	2	1			3	81	48	
Evening Star	49	4	4	2	2		37	79	2	1	3	85	2	2			4	81	49	
Hastings	50	41	58	34	9	3	174	395	35	4	6	440	2	6	3	1	12	428	50	
Fidelity	51	9	18	9	3		70	137	10		4	151	5	4			9	142	51	

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion				Other Causes
Hiram	52	1	11	1	5	32	89	1	1	1	92	1	1	122	1	4	5	91	52		
Charity	53	6	20	7	7	69	118	4	6	18	738	6	21	738	6	21	31	117	53		
Lancaster	54	35	65	35	15	2311	680	34	6	18	346	21	4	9	380	4	6	2	31	707	54
Mosaic	55	21	35	19	6	2113	346	21	4	9	380	4	6	2	12	368	55	368	55		
York	56	19	14	14	1	88	238	14	4	4	256	1	4	256	1	4	5	251	56		
Mt. Moriah	57	3	19	2	1	52	63	2	2	67	3	1	67	3	1	4	63	57			
Wahoo	59	11	11	12	2	68	197	12	1	2	212	1	2	212	1	2	3	209	59		
Melrose	60	5	14	5	1	33	64	5	1	70	1	2	70	1	2	3	67	60			
Thistle	61	11	11	12	6	62	129	10	5	3	147	2	2	147	2	2	4	143	61		
Keystone	62	4	6	2	1	22	33	2	1	1	37	2	1	37	2	1	2	35	62		
Riverton	63						26				26			26			26	63	63		
Blue Valley	64	1	5	2		37	66				66	2	1	66	2	1	3	63	64		
Osceola	65		6	1	3	1	32	85	1	1	88	5	1	88	5	1	7	81	65		
Edgar	67	4	6	4	2	27	92	3	2	97	1	5	97	1	5	6	91	67			
Aurora	68	6	13	5	4	51	125	6	1	2	134	1	4	134	1	4	5	129	68		
Sterling	70	2	14	2		59	44	2		1	47	1		47	1		1	46	70		
Trowel	71	1	12	1	5	57	59	1	3	63	1	4	63	1	4	5	58	71			
Hooper	72	7	16	4		24	97	5	1	103	1		103	1		1	102	72			
Friend	73	3		3	2	1	36	54	3	4	61	1	1	61	1	1	3	58	73		
Alexandria	74	2	6			27	32			32	1		32	1		1	31	74			
Frank Welch	75	13	16	14	7	104	201	18	5	2	226	3	2	226	3	2	5	221	75		
Nelson	77	7	8	5	4	54	56	4	1	4	65	1		65	1		1	64	77		
Albion	78	3	14	4	4	52	105	3		108	2		108	2		2	106	78			
Geneva	79	5	12	6	3	51	146	6	1	153	4		153	4		4	149	79			
Composite	81	1	5	1	2	35	45	1	1	47	2	1	47	2	1	3	44	81			
Saint Paul	82	4	13	4	6	51	186	1	2	1	190	4	7	190	4	7	11	179	82		
Corinthian	83	1	6	1		27	65	1	1	67	1		67	1		1	66	83			
Fairfield	84	4	13	4	2	45	59	5	1	65	1	1	65	1	1	2	63	84			
Doniphan	86	2	8	1	4	1	33	43	1	44	1		44	1		2	42	86			
Ionic	87	4	27	5	44	1	54	83	4	87	1	1	87	1	1	2	85	87			
Star	88	5	12	8	6	1	36	95	4	99	2	2	99	2	2	5	94	88			
Cedar River	89	6	16	7	3	97	101	6	3	110	3	2	110	3	2	5	105	89			
Oakland	91	8	11	5	1	40	117	6	2	127	1		127	1		1	127	91			
Hubbell	92		7		4	13	22			22	3		22	3		3	19	92			
Beaver City	93	4	14	1	3	70	67		2	1	70	1	3	70	1	3	4	66	93		
Bennett	94	2	10	4	1	49	36	5		2	43	1		43	1		1	42	94		
Garfield	95	2	11	2		51	65	3		2	70	1	1	70	1	1	2	68	95		
Utica	96	2	6	2	3	38	64			1	65	1		65	1		1	64	96		
Euclid	97	10	17	5	1	52	83	8	1	92	2		92	2		2	90	97			
Republican	98	2	7	2	2	34	38	2	2	42	1	2	42	1	2	3	39	98			

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	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge	No. of Lodge
Shelton	99	5	1	2	31	57	1	1	59	1	59	1	1	1	1	1	58	99		
Creighton	100	4	16	4	3	40	93	4	1	98	1	1	1	1	1	1	97	100		
Ponca	101	6	6	6	5	43	80	3	1	84	3	1	1	1	1	1	80	101		
Waterloo	102	3	11	4	4	48	106	4	1	111	3	5	1	1	1	1	103	102		
Ord	103	10	20	14	3	88	85	18	3	5	111	3	3	1	1	1	108	103		
Wymore	104	19	28	17	9	64	190	12	1	5	208	2	2	1	1	1	204	104		
Stella	105	5	7	4	2	1	24	51	4	1	55	1	2	1	1	1	51	105		
Porter	106	1	7	2	2	23	46	1	2	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	106		
Table Rock	108	1	1	1	1	32	45	1	1	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	108		
Pomegranate	110	7	10	5	5	52	141	6	1	147	2	1	1	1	1	1	145	110		
DeWitt	111	3	12	2	3	45	58	1	1	59	2	1	1	1	1	1	57	111		
Springfield	112	4	23	3	4	42	88	3	2	2	95	1	1	1	1	1	93	112		
Globe	113	8	13	6	2	1	37	57	8	2	5	72	4	1	1	1	66	113		
Wisner	114	1	11	1	1	1	52	78	1	1	80	1	1	1	1	1	79	114		
Harlan	116	4	5	4	1	28	70	4	2	1	77	1	1	1	1	1	76	116		
Hardy	117	1	2	1	1	24	21	1	1	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	117		
North Bend	119	9	3	10	3	16	96	8	1	2	107	3	1	1	1	1	104	119		
Wayne	120	3	7	2	1	43	162	2	1	3	168	2	7	1	1	1	159	120		
Superior	121	4	16	3	2	62	142	2	3	2	149	3	2	1	1	1	144	121		
Auburn	124	10	11	10	1	56	108	9	1	2	120	3	1	1	1	1	117	124		
Mt. Nebo	125	10	3	55	82	1	5	88	1	1	88	1	1	1	1	1	88	125		
Stromsburg	126	6	6	7	2	1	40	65	6	1	71	2	2	1	1	1	66	126		
Minden	127	5	9	5	5	28	72	4	4	1	81	5	1	1	1	1	76	127		
Guide Rock	128	1	7	6	6	38	39	7	1	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	128		
Blue Hill	129	7	6	6	38	39	7	46	1	1	46	1	1	1	1	1	44	129		
Tuscan	130	2	2	1	21	49	1	1	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	130		
Scribner	132	2	3	2	2	1	30	58	1	1	60	1	1	1	1	1	58	132		
Elm Creek	133	2	12	1	3	1	44	49	1	1	51	1	1	1	1	1	50	133		
Solar	134	5	8	3	31	68	3	71	2	2	71	2	1	1	1	1	69	134		
McCook	135	32	31	26	6	86	278	23	2	2	305	7	7	1	1	1	290	135		
Long Pine	136	4	9	3	3	30	70	3	1	74	2	2	1	1	1	1	70	136		
Upright	137	3	11	2	1	20	64	1	1	65	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	137		
Rawalt	138	3	2	3	2	34	72	1	1	2	76	1	2	1	1	1	73	138		
Clay Centre	139	5	1	1	31	80	1	2	1	84	2	1	1	1	1	1	81	139		
Western	140	2	2	41	31	31	2	33	4	4	33	4	1	1	1	1	29	140		
Crescent	143	4	7	4	2	43	52	4	3	59	1	2	1	1	1	1	56	143		
Kencsaw	144	5	18	6	4	84	84	5	1	4	94	3	1	1	1	1	90	144		
Bancroft	145	3	1	7	6	52	39	8	3	50	2	1	1	1	1	1	48	145		
Jachin	146	13	18	11	3	1	81	154	9	1	1	165	3	6	1	1	154	146		
Siloam	147	14	4	26	4	26	35	35	1	1	35	1	1	1	1	1	33	147		

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion				Other Causes
Emmet Crawford	148	11	24	8	6	53	159	7	2	168	3	3	3	165	148					
Jewel	149		2	2	2	17	58	2	2	62	2	2	2	60	149					
Cambridge	150	5	11	4	1	50	113	4	1	121	2	1	4	117	150					
Square	151	10	15	8	4	45	47	8	1	56				56	151					
Evergreen	153		1			10	74		1	75				75	153					
Lily	154	3	7	3	1	34	58	3	1	63	3	3	3	60	154					
Hartington	155	3	25	3	2	50	78	3	2	83	2	1	3	80	155					
Pythagoras	156		19		3	43	46	1		47	1	1	1	46	156					
Valley	157	1	3	3		32	46	3		49	1		1	48	157					
Samaritan	158	21	22	14	7	52	231	12	1	247	2	4	6	241	158					
Ogallala	159	3	19	5	8	65	113	3	5	121	1	1	4	117	159					
Zeredatha	160	4	3	4	1	14	32	6		38				38	160					
Mount Zion	161	3	5	1	1	25	50	3		53				53	161					
Trestle Board	162	2	3	4	1	23	90	4	1	95	3	5	8	87	162					
Unity	163		9		1	45	43	1	2	46	1	2	3	43	163					
Atkinson	164	1	6	1	1	23	41	1	1	43	1	2	3	40	164					
Barneston	165	3	11	3	6	94	43	3	9	55				55	165					
Mystic Tie	166	2	6	2	1	36	54	2		56	2	1	3	53	166					
Elwood	167	2	6	2	2	40	41	3		44	1	1	2	42	167					
Curtis	168	3	15	2	3	29	86	2	1	89	1		1	88	168					
Amity	169	3	10	3	1	33	96	3	1	100	1	1	3	97	169					
Mason City	170	3	7	2		34	42	2	2	46				46	170					
Merna	171	4	17	3	3	46	42	2	2	46	1	3	4	42	171					
Grafton	172		2		1	29	30			30		1	1	29	172					
Robert Burns	173	10	8	8	2	17	65	9	1	75	1	1	2	73	173					
Culbertson	174	1	6	3	3	25	52	3		55	1	2	3	52	174					
Temple	175	4	11	2	5	41	34	1	6	41	2		2	39	175					
Gladstone	176	7	11	6	5	48	102	3	2	107	1	1	3	104	176					
Hay Springs	177	1	4	2		28	64	2	2	70	2	1	3	67	177					
Prudence	179	5	8	4	3	46	38	2	1	41	1	1	2	39	179					
Justice	180	6	12	5	1	54	78	5	2	85	1	2	3	82	180					
Faith	181	7	15	6	2	106	127	6	2	139	2		2	137	181					
Incense	182		8		1	32	31		1	32	4	1	1	23	182					
Alliance	183	23	46	27	12	139	242	27	2	273	1	5	6	267	183					
Bee Hive	184	65	36	60	11	167	623	58	7	699	3	13	1	679	184					
Boaz	185	2	6	1	4	13	63	1	1	65	1	3	4	61	185					
Israel	187	1	5		2	43	24		2	26				26	187					
Meridian	188	10	17	7	5	95	123	3	1	128	2	9	6	117	188					
Granite	189	5	8	3	4	49	62	2	1	64	1		1	63	189					
Amethyst	190	3	7	2	1	18	48	2	1	51	1	2	3	48	190					

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			By Raising	By Affiliation		Reinstatement	Other Causes			By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion		Other Causes	Total Loss				
Crystal	191	4	18	4	4	1	37	62	1	1	64	1	1	1	3	61	191			
Minnekadusa	192	4	18	1	6		59	116	2	1	119	1			1	118	192			
Signet	193	3	14				40	51	1	2	54	1			1	53	193			
Highland	194		7		3		33	32			32					32	194			
Arcana	195	8	9	6	1		39	120	5	1	126	1	1		2	124	195			
Morning Star	197	1	7		2		27	59			59		1		1	58	197			
Purity	198	16	19	16	6		37	99	13	1	113		2		2	111	198			
Gavel	199	7	3	8	1		12	40	8		48	2	1		3	45	199			
Blazing Star	200	2	3	2	2		36	85	1	4	92					92	200			
Scotts Bluff	201	13	22	10	3		54	132	10	3	145		2		2	143	201			
Golden Sheaf	202	1	21	2	1		61	69	4	1	74	1			1	73	202			
Roman Eagle	203	2	17		1		23	50		1	53		1		1	52	203			
Plainview	204	8	10	10	2		47	77	9	1	88		1		1	87	204			
Golden Fleece	205	8	10	8	4		34	117	9	1	130		2		2	128	205			
Naphthali	206	1	1	1			45	45	1	1	47					47	206			
Parian	207	1	4	1	1		39	70	2	1	74	1	1		2	72	207			
Gauge	208	1	9	1	3		21	47	1		48	1			1	47	208			
Canopy	209	6	13	3	7		67	98	1	2	101		1		1	100	209			
East Lincoln	210	72	44	68	12		275	665	70	8	767	9	13		22	745	210			
Cement	211	1	3	2			13	94	2	1	99					99	211			
Compass & Square	212	8	6	3	1		40	57	3	1	61	1	2		3	58	212			
Plumblin	214	6	4	5			34	46	5	1	53		1		1	52	214			
Occidental	215	3	4	1	1		39	64	2	1	68					68	215			
Palisade	216	5	7	6	3		49	81	6	1	88	1	2		3	85	216			
Wauneta	217	3	6	3			38	51	3		54	1	1		2	52	217			
Bloomfield	218	0	12	1	3		47	87	1		88	2	2		4	84	218			
Relief	219	1	9	1			21	46	1	1	48	1	3		4	44	219			
Magnolia	220	2	4	3	1		20	67	2	1	71		1		1	70	220			
Wood Lake	221	4	11	4	5		17	52	3	1	59		1		1	58	221			
Landmark	222	12	6	9	1	1	30	93	8	3	104	3	2	1	6	98	222			
Eminence	223	1	4	1	3		29	36	2	1	39	4			4	35	223			
Silver Cord	224	15	10	17	4		30	119	16		135	4	2		6	129	224			
Cable	225	7	8	9	4		31	80	7	2	89		1		1	88	225			
Grace	226	1	14	1	3		48	53		1	75		1		1	74	226			
North Star	227	36	29	27	8	1	98	311	23	7	343	3	5	1	9	334	227			
Bartley	228	7	2	7			13	51	8	1	60	1			1	59	228			
Comet	229	1	2	2	2		42	76	2	6	86	3	1		4	82	229			
Delta	230	2	12	1	1		20	43	1		44	1			1	43	230			
Mt. Hermon	231		4		1		23	40			40		1		1	39	231			
John S. Bowen	232		3		1		23	46		1	47					47	232			



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								GAIN					By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes				Total Loss
								By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes										
Swastika	280	6	10	5	1	2	31	50	6	1	2	59	2	2	2	4	55	280			
Florence	281	68	23	62	7	2	123	502	62	5	13	582	5	9	2	16	566	281			
Mullen	282	4					32	48				48	1			1	47	282			
Exeter	283	1		1		1	26	33	1			34	1	1		2	32	283			
Seneca	284	2	11	2	3		35	78	2		1	81	2			2	79	284			
Camp Clarke	285	7	17	4	3		28	141	5	2		148	2	1		3	145	285			
Oshkosh	286	4	13	2	4		36	83			2	85	3			3	82	286			
Union	287	4					15	54				54	2			2	52	287			
Omaha	288	24	25	23	4	3	199	495	23	1	6	525	1	9	3	13	512	288			
Lotus	289	5	12	7	2	1	29	144	6	2	1	153	2	4	1	7	146	289			
John J. Mercer	290	109	34	106	5	4	153	698	113	7	10	828	15	9	4	28	800	290			
Diamond	291	4	6	2	2		30	53	2		1	56					56	291			
Wolbach	292	2					19	48			1	49					49	292			
Monument	293	3	1				24	52	1	1	2	56	2	1		3	53	293			
Kimball	294	8	6	6	2		48	93	7	2	8	110	1	1		2	108	294			
Minatare	295	5	6	5	3		30	73	4	2		79					79	295			
Cowles	296	2			1		15	21				21					21	296			
Cotner	297	16	17	15	2		47	158	15		5	178	1			1	177	297			
Chester	298	2	2	2			12	29	3	1		33	1			1	32	298			
Sutherland	299	8	8	7	1		14	82	6			88	1	3		4	84	299			
Liberty	300	28	15	26	5	8	135	250	26	6	4	286	5	3	8	16	270	300			
Bayard	301	6	8	4	3		22	91	5			96	1			1	95	301			
Mizpah	302	82	36	74	19	3	215	794	69	6	16	885	8	10	3	21	864	302			
Right Angle	303	47	18	44	11	3	114	526	46	5	8	585	3	8	3	14	571	303			
Ruskin	304	4		2			20	31			3	34					34	304			
Newman Grove	305	4	5	3	1		29	44	4	1		49	2	3		5	44	305			
Golden Rod	306	3	1	2	1		9	61	1			62	1	3		4	58	306			
William E. Hill	307	1	8	1	2		31	31	1			32					32	307			
Perkins	308	2	7	2	2		25	85	1	1	2	89	2	1		3	86	308			
Winnebago	309	5	4	6	5		16	38	6		1	45	1			1	44	309			
Victory	310	6	14	3	3		37	146	3	1	2	152	1	4	1	6	146	310			
Polk	311	3	4	4			15	36	5		2	43	2			2	41	311			
Oak Leaf	312	1	4	1	1		8	34				34	2			2	32	312			
Potter	313	4	3	7	1	1	19	85	7			92	1	1		2	90	313			
Craftsmen	314	44	17	42	5	2	67	301	44	6	3	354	5	6	2	13	341	314			
Alpha	316	9	12	6	2		7	99	5		1	105	3	1		5	100	316			
Mid-West	317	34	28	36	4	2	39	274	37	3	3	317	4	1	2	8	309	317			
Grand Island	318	14	4	15	2	1	61	132	15	1	2	150	1	1		2	148	318			
Bladen	319	3	4	2	1		22	40	1			41					41	319			
College View	320	18	6	22	3	1	12	84	24	2		110	1	1	1	3	107	320			

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Harmony	321	1	4	2	5	57	5	1	63	2	1	3	63	321					
Pioneer	322	4	4	1	9	60	1	1	65	1	1	3	62	322					
Lebanon	323	4	8	2	34	162	4	3	169	3	1	1	167	323					
Cairo	324	2	3	3	5	28	1	2	31	1	1	1	31	324					
Totals	2328	3694	2130	967	114	5265	341	92	2076	304	578	51	3720	387	641	112	752	1199	36002

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