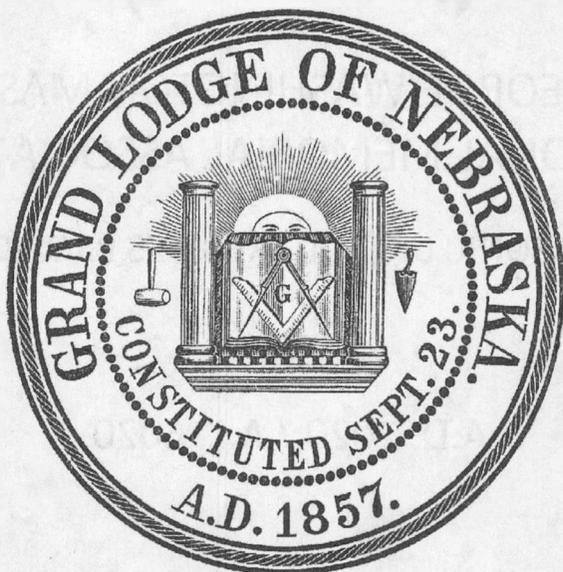


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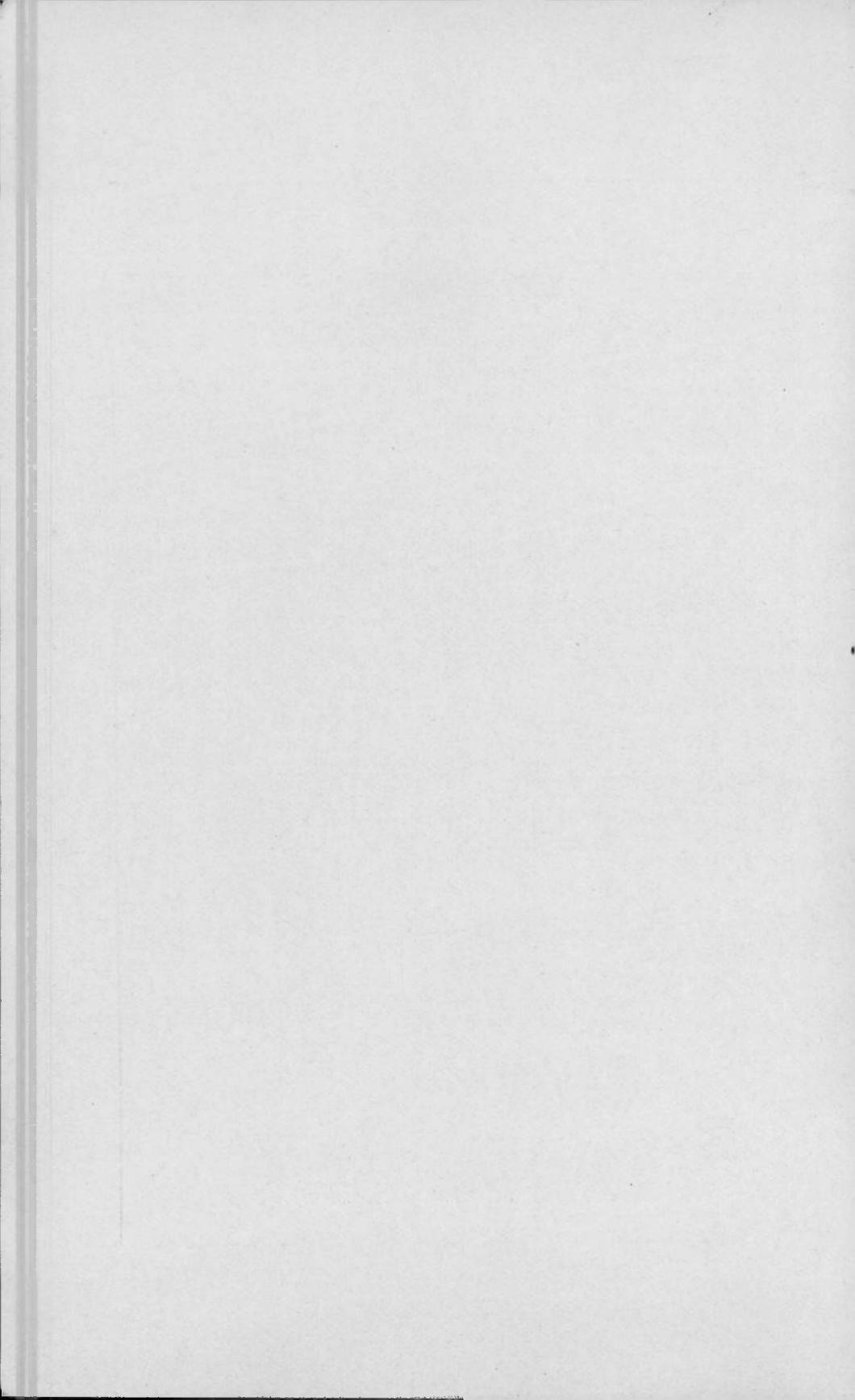
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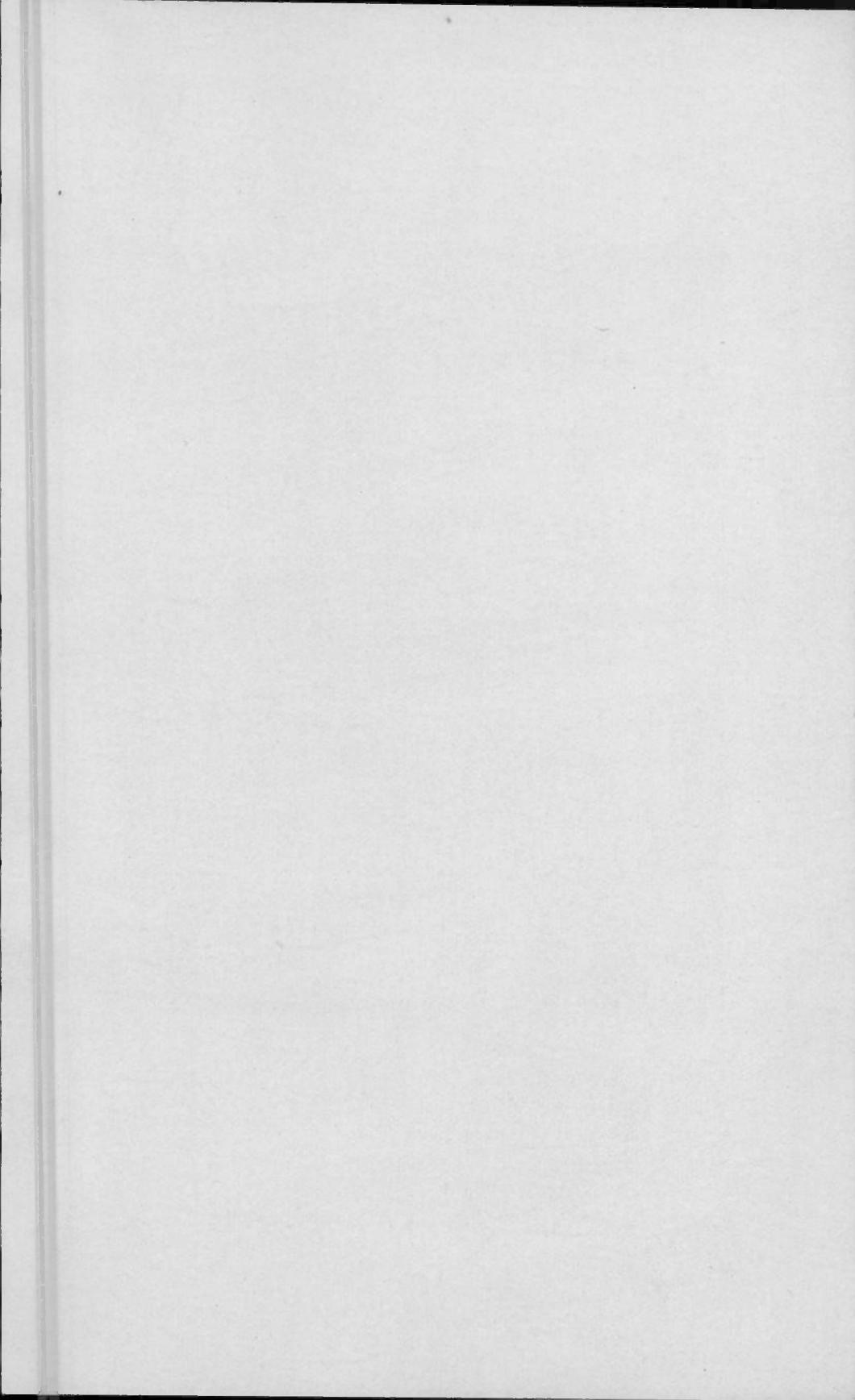




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GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA

1946-1947



Biographical



Benjamin Franklin Eyre

GRAND MASTER 1946-1947

M. W. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN EYRE, the 81st Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska was born on May 18, 1888, at Superior, Nebraska. His parents, Charles Albert Eyre and Susan Palmer Eyre homesteaded in Jewell County, Kansas, in 1872, and later moved to Superior. To this union were born a family of nine children consisting of five boys and four girls. Ben was the next to the youngest of this family group. He received his education in the public schools at Superior and graduated with the class of 1906. His early ambition was to become a professional baseball player but after two seasons on the road as a semi-pro he entered the employ of the U. S. Government as a Railway Mail Clerk. He resigned from the Government service in 1920 and became associated with the Nebraska Telephone Company, now the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, where he remained in various supervisory positions for over a quarter of a century. He retired from the Telephone Company effective April 5th, 1945, to become the General Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies at Omaha, which position he now holds.

Brother Eyre was married to Winnie M. Philpot of Humboldt, Nebraska, on August 7, 1911. They have a daughter, Naomi, who, after graduating with Cum Laude honors at the University of Omaha, entered the overseas branch of Service of the American Red Cross.

The Masonic record of Brother Eyre is as follows:

LODGE

Initiated January 9, 1917, Passed February 20, 1917, Raised March 27, 1917 in Nebraska Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Nebraska. Worshipful Master of the Lodge, 1924-1925.

CHAPTER

Mark Master January 10, 1945, Past Master January 17, 1945, M.·E.·Master January 17, 1945, Exalted January 24, 1945 in Bellevue Chapter No. 7, Royal Arch Masons, Omaha.

COUNCIL

Royal Master October 4, 1945, Select Master October 4, 1945, Super Excellent Master December 3, 1945, in Omaha Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, Omaha.

COMMANDERY

Red Cross September 7, 1945, Knights of Malta September 14, 1945, Order of the Temple September 21, 1945 in Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Omaha.

ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

14° Perfect Elu January 29, 1923, 18° Knight Rose Croix March 3, 1924, 30° Knight Kadosh March 18, 1925, 32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret March 19, 1925.

He was invested with the rank and title of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, November 28, 1931, and was coroneted 33° Inspector General Honorary December 4, 1943. He is Past Eminent Commander of St. Andrew's Council Knights Kadosh in Nebraska Consistory A.·A.·S.·R.· Valley of Omaha.

He is a member of Board of Trustees Grand Chapter O.·E.·S.·.

He is Past Patron Maple Leaf Chapter No. 152, 1928 and a member of Tangier Temple A.·A.·O.·N.·M.·S.·, Omaha

He is also a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association since December 7, 1928.

He is a member of North Presbyterian Church, Omaha and served on its Board of Trustees for three successive terms.

His contribution to Civic service has been somewhat diversified.

Member of Ak-Sar-Ben 26 years, Omaha Concord Club 27 years, serving as its President 1927-1928; member Board of Di-

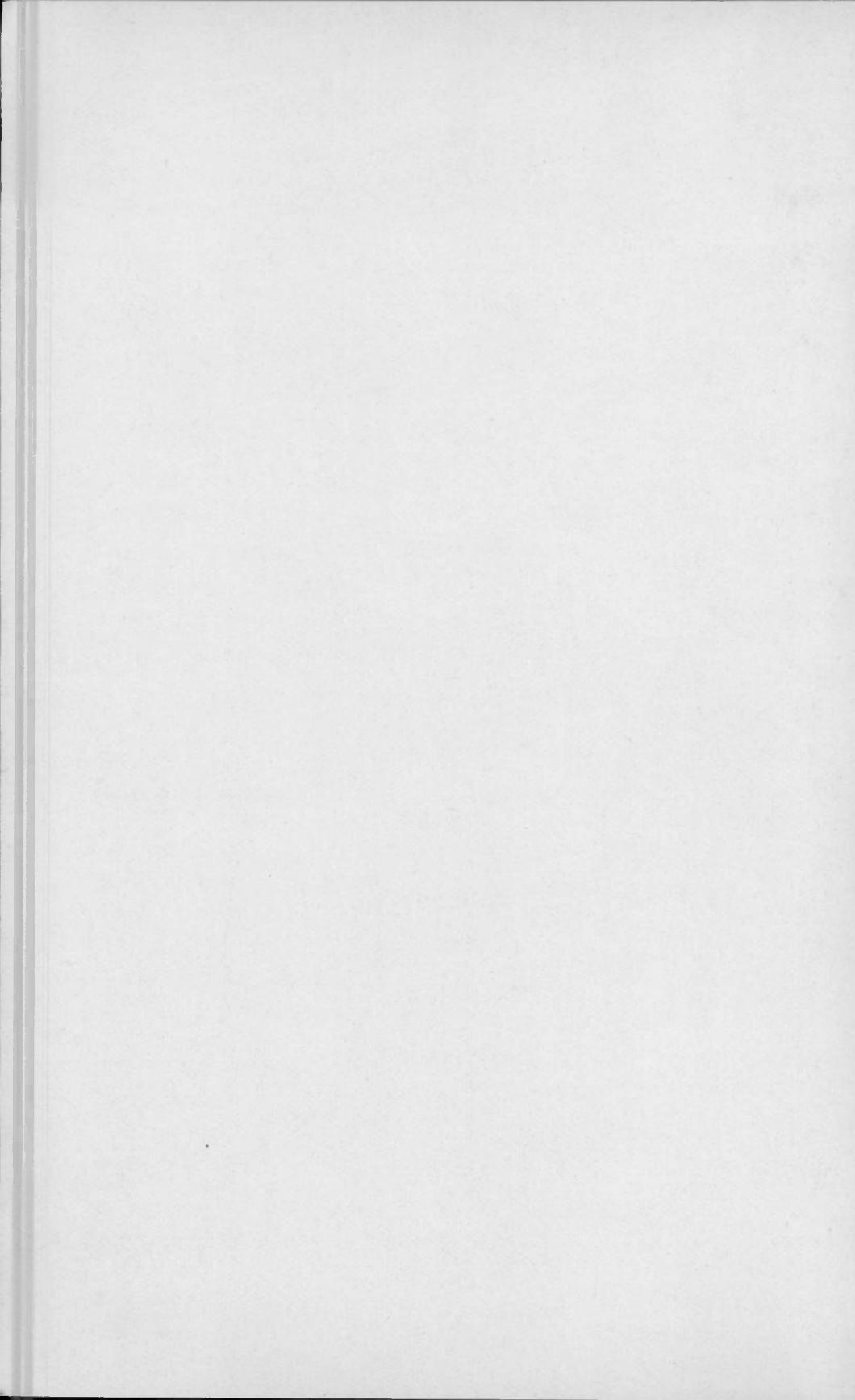
rectors Omaha Family Welfare Association 1936-37-38. At present a member Board of Directors of Douglas County Chapter American Red Cross.

His first official record of attendance at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska is June, 1923, while Senior Warden of Nebraska Lodge No. 1. His attendance has been continuous since that time, as Master of No. 1; as a member of Committee on Grievances; 7 years, and Chairman of Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans for 13 years. This constant Committee work brought him very closely in touch with the affairs of the Grand Lodge and gave him an opportunity for study and observation which could be obtained in no other manner.

He was appointed Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge June 7, 1939, by M. W. William J. Breckenridge. He had the distinction of serving two years each as Grand Senior Deacon and as Deputy Grand Master. He was elected Grand Master June 5th, 1946, and installed Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska on June 6, 1946.

It has been said that the early ambition of M. W. Brother Eyre was to be a professional baseball player. We think he gave up the game for football as he has been "carrying the ball" for Masonry in Nebraska since 1917 and while he has made several "touchdowns" during the thirty years, he really had everyone on their feet and won the game in 1947 as Grand Master.

M. W. Brother Eyre has been a deep student of Masonic tradition, and his Masonic knowledge, wide business experience and amiable personality were of particular benefit to the Grand Lodge during his term. His administration of Grand Lodge affairs was most successful and the close of his year as Grand Master finds him enjoying the high esteem and fraternal affection of all his brethren.

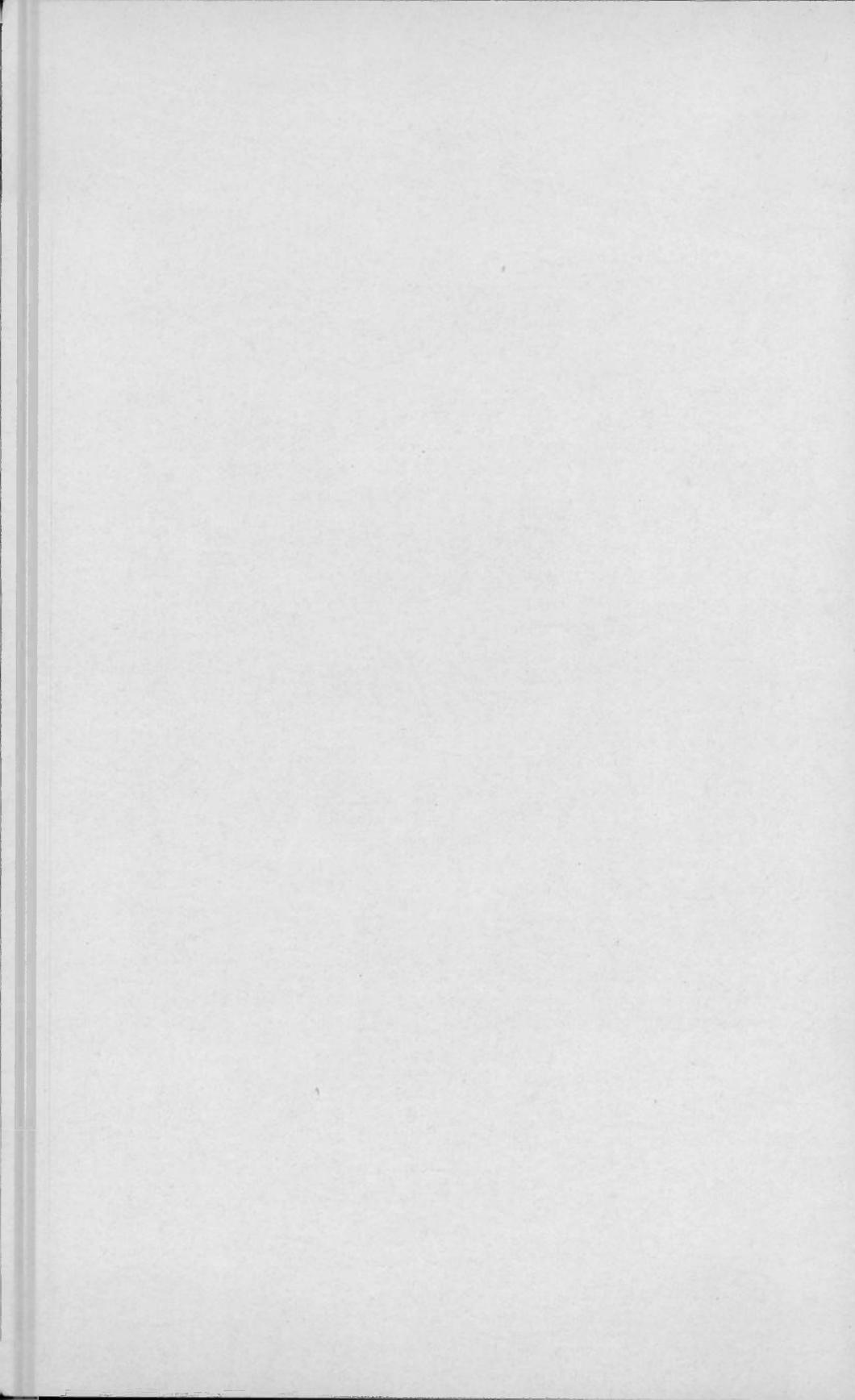




Edward Huwald

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEBRASKA

1947-1948



PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

NINETIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha June 3, 4, and 5, 1947



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 3, 1947

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 3 A. D. 1947, A. L. 5947.

There were present the following

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.....	Grand Master
R. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. George Allen Beecher, 268.....	Grand Chaplain
W. Elwood A. Rowsey, 268.....	Grand Orator
W. Lute M. Savage, 3.....	Grand Custodian
W. John R. Hughes, 184.....	Grand Marshal
W. John S. Hedelund, 268.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Thomas J. Aron, 37.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Raymond C. Pollard, 246.....	Grand Tyler

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

Promptly at 9:30 a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. W. Edward Huwaldt, 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 all our undertakings, that we may know and serve Thee aright, and that all our actions may tend to Thy glory and our advancement in knowledge and virtues. And we beseech Thee, O Lord, 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 period are over, be admitted into the temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Amen.

Most Worshipful Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master, was received, escorted to the East, introduced, and given the Grand Honors.

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Brethren:

I deeply appreciate this reception, and as we have a great deal of business to conduct within a limited time this morning, we are not going to go into a great deal of preliminary words, except to say, "I welcome you." Our numbers are cut down somewhat by the high waters; I know some of the brothers have been late in arriving, but nevertheless, we are going to have a good attendance. We want you all to remain with us.

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 Ninetieth 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 DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

R. W. James M. Bradford, Grand Junior Warden and the personal representative of M. W. Solon Cameron, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, was presented, and very cordially welcomed by M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand

Master, who introduced him to the Grand Lodge, and invited him to a seat in the Grand East.

R. W. Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, and R. W. Ralph R. Twamley, Grand Senior Warden, and personal representative of M. W. Francis E. Manning, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, were presented, and very cordially welcomed by M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master, who introduced them to the Grand Lodge, and invited them to seats in the Grand East.

RECEPTION OF OUR OWN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

R. E. Otto E. Bullis, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska.

M. E. Curry W. Watson, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

W. Nathaniel A. S. McLean, President, Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association.

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

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

W. Norris Chadderdon, Worthy Grand Patron, Nebraska Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

Brethren:

In introducing these good brethren to you I just want to briefly call attention to two of them in particular,—not that they are not all outstanding men, wherever they find service, but by reason of the particular group of which they are the representatives in an official way.

Our good Brother Otto E. Bullis, Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Nebraska. This organization had its 75th Annual Conclave in Omaha here this past spring, so you can readily see the support that this organization has given to this Grand Lodge, and the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction over that long period of time.

Brother Norris Chadderdon, the Worthy Grand Patron of the Nebraska Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, represents an organization which is 72 years old. So you see they are beyond their three score and ten. Likewise he, through his organization, has been supporting this Grand Lodge in a very fitting and fine manner.

Then our good brother here with the Veteran's Association, Brother Nathaniel A. S. McLean, who is president of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons' Association, representing a group who have a prerequisite for

membership, that a Brother must have attained the necessary twenty-one years of service in Masonry.

And Brother James C. Suttie, who is president of the Board of Trustees of our Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. Brother Jim takes a lot out there, and he gives a lot, and has been doing it for years.

So brothers, I am happy to present these brethren of yours. And to show our appreciation for their attendance here unite with me in giving them a hearty welcome.

Reception of Hon. Frank Cargill Patton, 33°, 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.

This particular body which is represented by our good friend and brother Patton, has not reached its three score and ten, like these other organizations have, but nevertheless they have been a co-worker, supporting constructively not only the Scottish Rite and York Rite, and all the other bodies that make up the Rites of the various groups here in this Grand Jurisdiction

I think it is a fine thing that we can pay tribute to these stalwart men who have done so much for us, not only in the Commandery, but in the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, and in the Councils, and in the Royal Arch. These men, like the Grand Masters, are elected from year to year. Brother Patton has this distinction in regard to his particular position: When he was elected to the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, he was elected for life. He has a life sentence.

Brethren, you will unite with me in giving Brother Patton a very hearty welcome.

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Senior Deacon, then introduced the following Past Grand Masters, according to their seniority:

James R. Cain, Jr.	(47th) ..	1912
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
William J. Breckenridge	(75th) ..	1939
George A. Kurk	(78th) ..	1942
William B. Wanner	(79th) ..	1943
William C. Schaper	(80th) ..	1945

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

Brethren:

There are several absentees on the list this morning due to the fact that they are doing a community service, and a distinguished service. They were present last evening and checked in at this Grand Lodge.

I call your attention to M. W. John R. Tapster, who is the only druggist out at North Bend. While he was in here last evening, he found it necessary to go out and dispense his drugs to the needy people in his community.

Most Worshipful Brother Walter R. Raecke, Speaker of the Senate at Lincoln, and M. W. Brother Earl J. Lee, who are members of the Unicameral Legislature. They are still in session, and have lots of work to do. So while they checked in last night, we have excused them for today. Perhaps they can be with us tomorrow.

And Most Worshipful Brother Edward F. Carter, Justice of the Supreme Court, has been appointed by the President to serve as one of the trial judges at Neurenberg, Germany, and is on the high seas, if not there at this time.

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

By M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Brethren:

It is a distinct honor and great privilege to welcome you to this the Ninetieth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. I do not know the length or period of time over which this custom of recognition has prevailed; but no doubt the records would disclose that it has been accorded annually ever since Grand Master, Robert Carrel Jordan, became our first M. W. Past Grand Master. A review of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge over any given period, together with my personal association, and contact with many of you during the past twenty-four years in active committee work, leaves me with the firm conviction that your services to this Grand Jurisdiction have been and are, for practical purposes, indispensable. The Statutes of this Jurisdiction make the Past Grand Masters a standing Committee on Jurisprudence. Your labors in this Grand Lodge from year to year make it possible for you to be of so much benefit to the Brethren, that it would be hard to realize what the situation would be did some other method of administration prevail. We look upon you as the bulwark of the Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the Brethren thoroughly appreciate, I am sure, the time, the effort and the thought that you have devoted throughout the years to the interests of Masonry in Nebraska.

Again I welcome you on behalf of the Brethren, knowing that you will continue in the future, as you have in the past, to devote your best time and efforts to the welfare of this Fraternity.

M. W. William J. Breckenridge, Past Grand Master,
gave the

RESPONSE

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I want to assure you the appreciation of the Past Grand Masters for those kind words of welcome which you have just given us. I am sure we all doubt whether we are worthy of such praise, but after all we feel very much at home here, and I am sure we look forward to our annual meetings to be with our brethren.

Some one has said that you get out of Masonry what you put into it. I am sure this group of brothers before you this morning all feel that we took out of Masonry so much more than we can ever give.

Three years ago the immediate Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge was installed. Three years has intervened; considerable has taken place, and there is considerable to be done in the world today, if we are to spread the principles of this Order, in the beautiful and great book which heads and carries the teachings of brotherly love and truth, which are so necessary to bring about a greater understanding among mankind, and more especially in this world of today, where we are much smaller and our relationship is more intermingled.

We are a small group in number, numbering only 12. There are 862 votes in this Grand Jurisdiction. I am sure you are willing to give our advice, counsel and experience what it may be worth to this Grand Lodge. It is our hope to help extend the work and principles of this Order, that we may be able to meet on the level, deal by the plumb and part by the square.

I remembered yesterday that it was my privilege of installing you in the office you now hold; seven years ago it was my privilege to appoint you in the so-called line, as Grand Junior Deacon. For a number of years previous to that you were the chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, had served in helping the poor and distressed in the Grand Jurisdiction after the days of financial disturbance and years on drouth, many of our lodges in distress, and your Committee distributed so fairly the limited funds for the great work which you accomplished, and so, brother Eyre, you have performed your duty in the past year with great credit to yourself and this organization. I am sure we are all going to look forward at the close of this session to having you numbered among this group.

Most of us do not have as much time to meet these younger brethren as we would like to have. I want to assure you of the Grand Lodge it is the desire of all Past Grand Masters to know and become better acquainted with them because we do not like to lose touch with the younger members of the 279 lodges in this State.

So, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and brethren, it is a pleasure to us to be here. I thank you.

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

Brethren:

These brethren have already been introduced to you. You will unite with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors by three times three.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

Brethren:

We will now have the presentation of the colors.

Presentation of the Flag, by James H. Cunningham, Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Master Sergeant, U. S. Marines; Walter N. Kirk, Athens Lodge, No. 127, Albany, Missouri, Staff Sergeant, U. S. Army; Jay V. Shingledecker, Veritas Lodge, No. 392, Audubon, Iowa, Chief Yeoman, U. S. Navy; John A. Crow, El Paso Lodge, No. 130, El Paso, Texas, Captain, U. S. Army.

Brother Carl S. Miller, Worshipful Master of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, gave the

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

It is a great pleasure and distinct honor to be selected as a representative of the eleven Omaha Lodges to bid all of you a very cordial fraternal welcome, to this our Ninetieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

To the Brethren who are attending Grand Lodge for the first time, I sincerely hope that you will make many new acquaintances and friendships, and that the hospitality of the Omaha Brethren will serve as a cornerstone for future attendance at this annual affair, and to the Brethren who have attended before, we are glad to see you back again, and hope that you too will continue your visitations to Grand Lodge here in Omaha.

For the benefit of those of you who do not know, Omaha has eleven Lodges. Eight of these Lodges meet in this building and there are three outlying Lodges. Bee Hive Lodge in South Omaha, Florence Lodge in Florence and John J. Mercer Lodge in Benson. It is my sincere wish that you will make a concerted effort to visit some of these Lodges while in Omaha.

Brethren, we can be thankful that we are again at peace with the world, and that the Masonic Fraternity has again started to function in countries where anarchy, fascism and the Nazi rule had prevailed to dom-

inate mankind. Let us be thankful that we are living in a free country where brotherly love, relief, truth and peace prevail. Let us maintain with greater assiduity the dignified character of our profession, in order that the manner in which we conduct ourselves will be beyond reproach. If we set this example for our fellowmen we will be an inspiration for all mankind.

In closing, let me again say, welcome to Grand Lodge and our fair city, and may God bless you all.

Brother Clarence E. Benschoter, Past Master of Amity Lodge No. 169, Rushville, gave the

RESPONSE

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

I gratefully acknowledge the warm welcome extended to us here this morning by W. Brother Miller, and thank him in the name of the eleven Omaha Lodges. On behalf of our distinguished visitors and the Brethren who have come from far afield to be with us today, and on behalf of the representatives of all the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, who have assembled from the four corners of Nebraska to attend this Ninetieth Communication of the Grand Lodge. I assure you, W. Brother Miller, your kind words will not be forgotten.

Many of us are here for the first time, deeply impressed with the solemnity of the occasion and the purpose which brings us together. We come proud that we are Masons. Thankful that we are here today united into one Sacred Band or Society of Friends and Brothers, striving for our own salvation and the betterment of all mankind.

We come covered with the broad mantle of Charity. By our contribution to the Nebraska Masonic Home, we have erected within our hearts a shrine whereby we have come to realize the fulfilment of our pledge to come to the relief of our distressed Brethren and their dependents. How blessed it is to give. Only by our help and assistance to the needy and our charity toward the fallen, can we justify our existence and the faith that God has placed in us to carry on His work. We give for the satisfaction it brings to our souls and revel in the warm glow that our hearts have prompted. But even so, no man knoweth when his time shall come or what the future may hold in store for him. The bread he has cast upon the waters may return many fold and thus he become the recipient of his own bounty. What greater pleasure is there for man than to give? What greater virtue is there than Charity?

Some of our Brethren have traveled on the level of time to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns. They are not here to receive your welcome. But we Masons believe in the immortality of the soul. We know that our Brethren have been welcomed unto the bosom of their fathers, and that God in His infinite kindness and mercy has received them into His house.

These are turbulent times. Men fought and died on the battlefields of the world that liberty might survive and all men be free. The struggle still continues, but in legislative halls and diplomatic conclaves. Masons have a vital interest in the outcome. Masonry and Freedom are almost synonymous terms. Masons have ever been diligent in the interests of free peoples and just governments.

Witnesseth: Washington the Father of his Country and the great Masons who have traveled in his footsteps.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, we Masons here today pledge to you our undying devotion in the cause of protecting and fostering our system of free government, and may these United States of America ever be a beacon to all the world wherever the freedom of men is to be cast upon the rocks and the dark veil of slavery be drawn down to obliterate them from view. May God protect our Country and guide us safely through this crisis.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, occasionally Masons need inspiration. Through your unceasing efforts we have received it. Those of us who have had the good fortune to meet and know you have been inspired to do better things, to be better men and better Masons. May the Blessing of God be with you all the rest of your days and may those days be long in the land is our sincere prayer.

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS

W. Norris Chadderdon, 146, Worthy Grand Patron Nebraska Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of this Grand Lodge:

The Order of the Eastern Star is an organization which could not exist if it were not for the Masons of the world. The Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Nebraska has enjoyed working with the Grand Lodge in the promotion and financing of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont. They have enjoyed many privileges and have had many of the members cared for by the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and on behalf of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska I wish to present to the Grand Lodge this bouquet of flowers, in token of our appreciation for the many kindnesses which the Grand Lodge has shown the Grand Chapter, with our earnest wish that this Grand Lodge Session will be one of inspiration for the brethren; that you will have an enjoyable one, and that everyone will go from this meeting a better Mason.

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

Thank you, Brother Chadderdon, I deeply appreciate this expression of love, support and cooperation as demonstrated here, and Brother Grand Secretary you will so convey this message to the Grand Chapter in an official manner. Thank you, very kindly.

Several years ago it was my privilege, by invitation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Illinois to go over to Peoria, Illinois, and confer the Master Mason's Degree on my brother. Last fall it was my privilege to go out to Kearney and confer the Master Mason's Degree on his son-in-law. Now, Brother Bill is here from Peoria, and his son-in-law is here from Kearney, and I see them sitting down there. I just want you boys to stand up and take a bow. You can sit right down.

R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Deputy Grand Master :

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

This is your annual stockholder's meeting. This is your day in court. According to the best American tradition, we are genuinely Democratic. The business of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is in the hands of you men. It is our custom once a year to select a man from among our own numbers to guide our destinies for one year. When the year is up he comes before us to tell us briefly and concisely in a condensed manner, the observations he has made; the things he has learned about Masonry in Nebraska; some of them are good; many of the things he has learned are good, but some no doubt can be improved. He, therefore, makes a few recommendations which he sincerely believes will improve our Great Order.

We now are about to hear the report and address of our Grand Master, and I ask you, and impress upon you, to give it close attention. We will spend quite a little time the next three days discussing this address. It has been said nothing affects our lives any more than the government under which we live; and nothing affects Masonry in Nebraska any more than the laws we enact here. We are determining new policies and the destinies of Masonry in Nebraska in Omaha this week. When the address is completed you will each have a copy of it, think it over and read it, and then read it again.

I have the honor and the privilege of presenting to you Most Worshipful Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska.

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master :

Brethren:

I preface this address very briefly; I could not help but be impressed with the statements of Brother Miller and Brother Benschoter in their addresses, by reason of the fact they both of them mentioned that many of you are here for the first time. You have come here to attend one of these meetings, as the official representative, you should take back to your lodge some message that you have received as a result of your visit here. In order that you can make proper notes as you go along through this meeting, copy of the address will be furnished you in a few minutes. There are a great many blank memoranda pages, if you do not have a pencil of your own we will provide one for you so that you can make any note that you might see fit to take back to your respective lodges.

GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE
FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Brethren:

It is a pleasure, and a great privilege and honor, I assure you, to welcome you to this, the Ninetieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. This is your Grand Lodge, of which you are an integral part, made possible only by your attendance as the official representatives of the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. May you greatly enjoy the renewal of old friendships and the making of new ones. On behalf of the Craft throughout this Grand Jurisdiction I bespeak your consideration of the matters that shall come before us and your active participation in the deliberations of this Grand Body, and I trust you will receive from your experience here an inspiration that you will carry back to your Lodges, to be reflected in new zeal and enthusiasm for the principles of our great Fraternity throughout the coming year.

NECROLOGY

Almighty God in His Infinite Wisdom has seen fit to keep intact, during the past year, the golden living links in that long chain of illustrious Brothers who have presided over this Grand Lodge. To this end, therefore, we approach our Sacred Altar in humility and with grateful hearts unto our Creator, ever bearing in mind the departed brethren from this, and every Jurisdiction, wheresoever dispersed over this Grand Universe.

"THERE IS NO DEATH!

There is no death! It's just a change
From partial unto fuller life;
A glad relief from this world's cares;
Eternal peace succeeding strife.

There is no death! The after life
Is but the full fruition of
The use we've made while here on earth,
Of guidance sent us from above.

There is no death! Would a wise God
In His own image man create,
Imbue him with a living soul;
And then abandon him to fate!

There is no death! Would God have sent
 His only Son to die in pain
 That our mortal souls might live;
 And let them in the grave remain?

There is no death! We just emerge
 From darkness into endless light.
 Those who've been faithful then are told;
 "Thy task is done. Receive thy sight."

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

The Gold Jordan Medal of this Grand Jurisdiction still remains in possession of and is worn by Brother Hiram A. Harter, a member of Aurora Lodge No. 68 A. F. & A. M. Brother Harter was born March 12, 1853, is 94 years old, and at present is a resident of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. A detailed report of the presentation of this Gold Medal was made last year by M. W. William C. Schaper. I again call it to your attention in order to point out the importance and necessity of maintaining the records of your lodge in anticipation of determining the brother who will next qualify for this medal.

BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL AND FIFTY YEAR BUTTONS

It has been my pleasure to participate in several of these presentations during the past twelve months. An event of this kind is a happy occasion for all concerned, and with a little planning can usually be made the basis for an inspirational meeting. Those who earn these honors by their long years of service should be given prompt recognition. One presentation was of more than usual interest because of the unprecedented and unique situation which prevailed.

Under date of December 27th, 1946, I received a communication from the Secretary of Mosaic Lodge No. 55 at Norfolk advising that the wearer of this Bronze Jordan Medal had died. The letter also stated that in checking their records to determine who next would qualify as the wearer of this medal it was found that Brothers Louis C. Mittelstadt and James C. Stitt, both residing within the State of Nebraska, received the degree of a Master Mason on May 24, 1892.

Their Masonic record in Mosaic Lodge No. 55 is as follows:

Louis C. Mittelstadt—Petition received Febr. 2, 1892; E. A. Degree March 8, 1892; F. C. Degree April 12, 1892; M. M. Degree May 24, 1892.

James C. Stitt—Petition received Febr. 2, 1892; E. A. Degree March 8, 1892; F. C. Degree April 12, 1892; M. M. Degree May 24, 1892.

Two questions were asked in the letter:

1. Who is entitled to be presented our Jordan Medal?
2. Will you kindly advise just how we should handle this matter?

The "several apartments" of the records of the Grand Lodge were "strictly searched," but nothing could be found wherein a precedent had been established to cover a similar case, neither could the Book of Statutes reveal anything pertaining to the matter. I therefore ruled that both of these brothers had qualified for this Medal and authorized the presentation of a Bronze Jordan Medal to each of them.

The dual presentation was made Tuesday, February 25, 1947 at the Thirtieth Annual George Washington Anniversary observance and Homecoming Banquet held by Mosaic Lodge. Being unable to be present on account of being enroute from the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington, D. C., W. Brother Raymond C. Cook made the presentation as my official representative.

On March 17, 1947 it was my privilege to present the Bronze Jordan Medal to Joseph S. Davis, who was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on April 27, 1891 in Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, Nebraska. "Uncle Joe" as he is so familiarly known is honored and revered by all Masons who know him. His influence has been a guiding spirit to many of our brethren. In his dispensations of Masonic Charity and in all his life and actions, he has lived his Masonry. As a 33^o member of the Scottish Rite he has been Almoner of those bodies since "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary". As long time President of the Masonic Relief Association, he has guided that Association in quietly fulfilling a very important mission in Omaha.

Capitol Lodge is honored in having "Uncle Joe" as one of their members.

On February 10, 1947 I addressed a letter of congratulation to Brother Alfred O'Brien, a member of Mason City Lodge No. 170, Mason City, Nebraska, who celebrated his 94th birthday on February 11, 1947. Brother O'Brien received his Master Mason degree in Ashlar Lodge No. 33 of Grand Island on March 19, 1880 and has been a Mason for ever sixty-seven years. He has worn the Bronze Jordan Medal of Mason City Lodge for the past twenty-two years.

CORNERSTONE LAYING

At the request of the Board of Trustees of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, the Grand Lodge on September 21, 1946 laid the Cornerstones of the two new buildings known as the Carl A. Anderson and Allen C. Scott homes. The brothers who are the donors of these two homes are both members of Capitol Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M. of Omaha.

Your Grand Master was officially received by the Host Lodge (Capitol Lodge No. 3) and an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form for the purpose of conducting these services. I was assisted in the ceremonies by: Grand Marshal W. John R. Hughes (184); Grand Tyler John Johnsen (11); Principal Architect, W. V. Clare Lindberg (11); Grand Senior Steward, Rudolph Melchoir (3); Grand Junior Steward, James W. Maloney (3); Grand Pursivant,

Robert M. Herre (224); Grand Chaplain, W. Elwood A. Rowsey (268); Grand Custodian, W. Lute M. Savage (3); Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen (32); Grand Treasurer, W. Louis V. Sylvester (281); Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein (59); Grand Senior Warden, M. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg (3); Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Edward Huwaldt (318); Master Oldest Lodge, W. L. Bob Pixley (1); Grand Junior Deacon, W. John S. Hedelund (268); Grand Master, M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre (1); Brother For Request, Gould Dietz (268); Grand Standard Bearer, W. Joseph D. Houston (302); Grand Sword Bearer, W. Almet K. Salmon (3); and Brother to Hoist Flag, W. Ross Van Sickle (184).

At the conclusion of the laying of the Cornerstones it was my privilege to present our Grand Orator, Brother Elwood A. Rowsey, Pastor of Dundee Presbyterian Church, Omaha, who delivered an inspirational address of dedication.

DEDICATION OF MASONIC HALLS

On September 19, 1946 I dedicated the Masonic Hall for Aurora Lodge No. 68 at Aurora, Nebraska. I was assisted in this service by the following Grand Lodge officers: R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; W. John R. Hughes, Grand Marshal; M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master; M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Past Grand Master; M. W. William J. Breckenridge, Past Grand Master.

On March 7th, 1947 I dedicated the Masonic Hall for Utica Lodge No. 96 at Utica, Nebraska. I was assisted in these services by the following Grand Lodge officers: R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; W. John R. Hughes, Grand Marshal; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master; W. Raymond C. Cook, Assistant Custodian; W. Otto Nelson, Grand Pursuivant.

On April 29, 1947, I dedicated the Masonic Hall for George Armstrong Lodge No. 241 at Craig, Nebraska. I was assisted in these services by the following Grand Lodge officers: R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; W. Raymond C. Cook, Assistant Custodian, who was Grand Orator for the occasion. We were also privileged to have present, several members of the official Family of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, including Mrs. Jane Outhouse, Worthy Grand Matron.

APPROVAL OF LODGE FINANCING

On June 25, 1946, I was interviewed by the Worshipful Master and certain other officers of York Lodge No. 56 relative to plans contracted by the Masonic Temple Company of York wherein the Temple Craft Company proposed to purchase property adjacent to the Masonic Hall in York

for investment purposes and for a possible future use of the upper floor as additional lodge space. Inasmuch as these plans had not been referred to or recommended by the Temple Building Advisory Committee in accordance with Sec. 2-616 of our Masonic Code, I advised that no action should be taken by the lodge until such investigation and recommendation had been made.

On July 2, 1946, I was interviewed by the President and other officers of the Masonic Temple Craft Company of York relative to the same matter. They reviewed their long period of successful operation of the Temple Craft Company and advised they were operating under Sec. 2-706 of our Masonic Code. The matter was referred to our Temple Building Advisory Committee and during the course of the investigation, the Board of Directors cancelled the contract and the money which had been paid on the contract was refunded.

This situation developed several things which in my opinion should be clarified.

1. Sec. 2-616 of our Masonic Code provides, "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." (1931)

Sec. 2-706 provides, "A lodge may hold stock in a Masonic building corporation whose articles protect its interest and promote its purposes. The decision of a lodge to purchase such stock shall be final and not appealable to the Grand Lodge." (1929)

Question: 1. Are these two sections of our law contradictory?

2. Is an incorporated Temple Craft Company under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge?

3. Can an incorporated Temple Craft Company be placed under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge?

October 26, 1946. On the recommendation of the Temple Building Advisory Committee I approved the proposal of Utica Lodge No. 96 to purchase and remodel a building to use as their lodge hall. Under date of January 22, 1947, I authorized the removal of the Charter of Utica Lodge No. 96 to their new lodge hall.

October 22, 1946. On the recommendation of the Temple Building Advisory Committee I approved the proposal of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241 to purchase and remodel a building to use as their lodge hall. Under date of March 1st, 1947, I granted permission to move the Charter of George Armstrong Lodge from Lot 6, Block 6 to Lots 1 and 2, Block 17, Craig, Nebraska.

April 25, 1947. Based upon the recommendation of R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and W. Brother Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, acting for the Temple Building Advisory Committee, I approved the plan of Golden Rod Lodge No. 306 to purchase the building now occupied by them on Lot 18, Block 14 of the original Townsite of Lodgepole.

April 25, 1947. Curtis Lodge No. 168.

I disapproved the plan wherein a member of Curtis Lodge proposed to execute and deliver to the Lodge a good and sufficient deed of conveyance for Lot 9, in Block 24, Original townsite of Curtis, provided the lodge entered into a contract to pay \$50.00 per month to the brother and wife, or survivor, during their respective life time.

April 25, 1947. York Lodge No. 56.

Advised the Secretary of York Lodge No. 56, in response to his letter of April 19, 1947, that I did not deem it advisable for York Lodge to give consideration to a proposition of remodeling their Lodge Hall at an estimated cost of \$7,500.00 or \$8,000.00 until the Grand Lodge Committee on Jurisprudence had made final disposition as to the legality of the previous proposal submitted by the Masonic Temple Craft Company of York on or about July 2, 1946.

May 12, 1947. Granted special dispensation for Bayard Lodge No. 301 to move charter from Masonic Lodge hall at Minatare to I. O. O. F. hall at Bayard, meetings nights to be first and third Tuesdays of each month.

CONSOLIDATIONS

PROCLAMATION

"BE IT KNOWN, that conditions as to membership, jurisdiction and revenue have changed to such an extent that Incense Lodge No. 182, A. F. & A. M., of Ohio, Nebraska, cannot continue to function properly and as Jewel Lodge No. 149, A. F. & A. M., of Tobias, Nebraska, did on March 12, 1947, vote to accept a consolidation with said lodge, and

Incense Lodge No. 182, A. F. & A. M., of Ohio, Nebraska, did on January 16, 1947, vote to consolidate with Jewel Lodge No. 149 at Tobias, Nebraska, all of which action was taken after due notice had been sent to the members of both lodges, as provided in Section 2-207, 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 Incense Lodge No. 182, A. F. & A. M. of Ohio, Nebraska, consolidated with Jewel Lodge No. 149 of Tobias, Nebraska, and to be known as Jewel Lodge No. 149.

This consolidation to take place on April 22, 1947, and the members of Incense Lodge No. 182 to be known as members of Jewel Lodge No. 149 on and after said date; and I further direct that W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, go to Ohio, Nebraska, and see that the effects, books, furniture and equipment are transferred to Tobias, Nebraska, and the necessary part thereof to the Grand Secretary's office in Omaha, Nebraska.

Given at Omaha, Nebraska, this 22nd day of April, 1947.

BENJAMIN F. EYRE,
Grand Master

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

For the past 44 years our Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth has been rendering a service to this Jurisdiction which cannot be measured in the sense of tangible values. True, we could measure in dollars and cents how much it has cost to maintain each one of the more than 700 residents and the overall administrative cost of the Home, but the true measure is that never ending, ceaseless service of love, affection and care which has been so unselfishly given over this long period of years and which is reflected in the contentment, happiness and appreciation of the residents who have been the recipients of this service. These are the intangibles which you cannot measure from the standpoint of monetary values.

It is not my intention to dwell upon the operations of this Home because they will be reported in detail by the President of the Board of Trustees. However, I do want to direct your attention to the campaign to raise funds for the Home, the purpose of which is to build additional fire-proof units to our infirmary and provide adequate housing facilities. This campaign has been in effect for two years, and we are still far short of our original figure of \$350,000.00. Many of the lodges have been successful in their fund raising efforts and are to be commended for a job well done. Others appear to have a well defined attitude or wall of resistance to this plan which is reflected in their standing or lack of standing in the yard stick of results.

In order to assist in this work, based upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Home, the services of Brother Raymond C. Cook, a member of the Board, were offered to the constituent Lodges under date of January 14, 1947. He has been doing a valiant work, but the job to be done is not a one man job, it is a cooperative job for each and every one of the officers and brethren of each lodge. We cannot write "Finis" to this work until the job is completed.

AUNT MINNIE WHOLMES

On April 24, 1947, Minnie Wholmes, a resident of our Nebraska Masonic Home, was 100 years old. Born in England on April 24, 1847, coming to this country with her parents when but a small child, receiving her education in the rugged way and teaching in the community of Bladen for over 50 years is a record of community service of which every one of us should be proud. Aunt Minnie lived to be 100 years old only because of the loving care given her at the Home by Miss Hansen, head nurse, Brother Evers, our Superintendent, and the many others in the Home.

The Scottish Rite Women's Club of Omaha, through some of their members, planned a birthday party for Aunt Minnie, and what a party it turned out to be. Tom Brenneman with his Breakfast in Hollywood Radio program sent Aunt Minnie a beautiful orchid. The President of the Home Board, W. Brother Leslie E. Martin, was present as were many other friends and members of the Eastern Star. Hundreds of birthday cards were received in the mail, beautiful flowers adorned every available

space in her room, and refreshments were served to more than 200 people, including all of the residents of the Home. With the assistance of Mrs. Jane Outhouse, Worthy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, it was our privilege to cut and serve the immense birthday cake on this never to be forgotten occasion.

To me this particular event was an outstanding living testimonial as to why we should be proud we are members of the Masonic Fraternity, and why we should contribute to the fullest extent of our ability to give to the Home Building Fund of our Home at Plattsmouth.

I am sorry to report that four days later, April 28, 1947, Aunt Minnie passed to her reward.

CHILDREN'S HOME AT FREMONT

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont is not an institution, but is all that the name implies, "A Home for Children".

Under the careful administration of the Board Members, with W. James C. Suttie, President and Brother W. J. Russell Reeder, Superintendent, this Home performs another service of Love, and of Masonic Benevolence. Maintaining this Home jointly as we do, with the Order of the Eastern Star, we should feel proud that we are members of a Fraternity that dedicates itself to such high ideals of loving kindness. We owe much to the members of the Board who direct its affairs, and we should take home with us the message given in the report of the President of the Board.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

I have approved a number of amendments to by-laws of subordinate lodges, most of them changing the amount of the fees or the dates of the regular meetings. They are as follows:

Name of Lodge	Location	Date
Frank Welch Lodge No. 75.....	Sidney.....	approved July 11, 1946
Fremont Lodge No. 15.....	Fremont.....	approved Sept. 9, 1946
College View Lodge No. 320.....	Lincoln.....	approved Nov. 21, 1946
Utica Lodge No. 96.....	Utica.....	approved Dec. 6, 1946
Jachin Lodge No. 146.....	Holdrege.....	approved Dec. 10, 1946
Oakland Lodge No. 91.....	Oakland.....	approved Dec. 12, 1946
Geo. W. Lininger Lodge No. 268..	Omaha.....	approved Jan. 6, 1947
Boaz Lodge No. 185.....	Danbury.....	approved Jan. 29, 1947
Fremont Lodge No. 15.....	Fremont.....	approved Mar. 1, 1947
Fraternity Lodge No. 235.....	Winside.....	approved Mar. 1, 1947
Ord Lodge No. 103.....	Ord.....	approved Mar. 15, 1947
Alexandria Lodge No. 74.....	Alexandria.....	approved Mar. 18, 1947
Superior Lodge No. 121.....	Superior.....	approved Apr. 8, 1947
Thistle Lodge No. 61.....	Lexington.....	approved Apr. 16, 1947
Frank Welch Lodge No. 75.....	Sidney.....	approved May 17, 1947
Platte Valley Lodge No. 32.....	North Platte...	approved May 17, 1947
Hebron Lodge No. 43.....	Hebron.....	approved May 17, 1947
Springfield Lodge No. 112.....	Springfield.....	approved May 17, 1947

Under date of November 22, 1946, Union Lodge No. 287 at Palmyra submitted for my approval a proposed amendment to their by-laws which had for its purpose the establishment of a life membership for one of their members. I returned all papers, advising that I could not approve the change in by-laws, as proposed, and called attention to Sec. 2-405 of our Masonic Code which provides as follows:

"Hereafter life membership shall not be issued by a subordinate lodge."

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL

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

December 27, 1946. Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha. To elect a Secretary on January 6, 1947. In granting this dispensation, I requested that all resident members be notified of the pending election.

December 27, 1946. Curtis Lodge No. 168, Curtis. To elect and install officers January 2, 1947.

January 6, 1947. Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco. To elect and install Treasurer, January 9, 1947.

January 13, 1947. Western Lodge No. 140, Western. To elect and install officers, January 16, 1947.

January 13, 1947. Jordan Lodge No. 27, West Point. To elect and install Secretary, January 14, 1947.

January 20, 1947. Mount Hermon Lodge No. 231, Cook. To elect and install Treasurer, January 24, 1947.

February 6, 1947. Siloam Lodge No. 147, Stuart. To elect and install officers, February 10, 1947.

February 13, 1947. Wood Lake Lodge No. 221, Woodlake. To elect and install Senior Warden, February 28, 1947.

February 24, 1947. Cement Lodge No. 211, Wood River. To install Junior Deacon and Treasurer-elect before March 15, 1947.

February 24, 1947. Bassett Lodge No. 254, Bassett. To install Master-elect on or before March 15, 1947. The original request for this dispensation was received under date of December 27, 1946 for permission to install the Master-elect April 1, 1947. Due inquiry revealed that the Master-elect would not return until about April 1, 1947. Deeming it inadvisable for the lodge to be without its Master for a period of approximately three months, I placed the lodge in charge of W. Charles E. Burke, Past Master, until such time as the Master-elect was definitely available for installation.

DISPENSATION 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 17, 1946	Mason B. McGee	Trestle Board Lodge No. 162
June 17, 1946	Donald H. Toogood	Crystal Lodge No. 191
July 5, 1946	William J. Becker	Platte Valley Lodge No. 32
July 18, 1946	Lyndell F. Keene	Hay Springs Lodge No. 177
Aug. 12, 1946	Harold E. Wrightsman	Auburn Lodge No. 124
Aug. 16, 1946	William S. Nelson	Alliance Lodge No. 183
Aug. 19, 1946	Edgar Coleman	Tekamah Lodge No. 31
Aug. 30, 1946	Robert D. Ryan	Oliver Lodge No. 38
Sept. 18, 1946	Robert M. Westfall	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Sept. 19, 1946	William C. Boyer, Jr.	Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285
Sept. 19, 1946	John L. Leisenring	Right Angle Lodge No. 303
Oct. 1, 1946	Mearlin J. Brown	Evening Star Lodge No. 49
Oct. 8, 1946	Thomas T. Rutter	Florence Lodge No. 281
Oct. 11, 1946	Cyril P. Kildahl, Jr.	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Oct. 17, 1946	Arthur C. Kroeller	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Oct. 17, 1946	Donald Alderson	Lancaster Lodge No. 54
Dec. 2, 1946	Harvey A. Boese	York Lodge No. 56
Dec. 6, 1946	Thomas E. Vernon	Fidelity Lodge No. 51
Dec. 7, 1946	Chad P. Tungate	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Dec. 27, 1946	Glenn E. Mann, Jr.	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
Jan. 8, 1947	Richard N. Pierce	Porter Lodge No. 106
Jan. 15, 1947	Warren Heinzman	Keystone Lodge No. 62
Jan. 21, 1947	William Steen	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
Jan. 31, 1947	Bobbie R. Calkins	Wymore Lodge No. 104
Feb. 26, 1947	James H. Mailer	Right Angle Lodge No. 303
Apr. 7, 1947	Richard Wallace	Rob Morris Lodge No. 46
Apr. 11, 1947	C. Dale Bonham	Beatrice Lodge No. 26
Apr. 28, 1947	L. Donald Bridenbaugh	Omadi Lodge No. 5
Apr. 29, 1947	Richard W. Matteson	Evening Star Lodge No. 49
May 15, 1947	Robert L. Ruth	Auburn Lodge No. 124
May 19, 1947	Omar C. Keller	Capitol Lodge No. 3
May 23, 1947	Frederick D. Hruza	Potter Lodge No. 313

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PROFICIENCY

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

Aug. 3, 1946	Carl Swanson	Relief Lodge No. 219
Aug. 19, 1946	Glen Felix	Geneva Lodge No. 79
Oct. 14, 1946	Thomas B. Rinehart	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224
Nov. 10, 1946	Arthur H. Barrett	Kimball Lodge No. 294
Nov. 14, 1946	Arthur T. Longstaff	Florence Lodge No. 281
Nov. 14, 1946	Robert S. Heisleman	Cambridge Lodge No. 150

Dec. 5, 1946	James A. Lessig	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224
Dec. 5, 1946	Kenneth R. Hunt	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224
Dec. 5, 1946	C. Dean Clark	Silver Cord Lodge No. 224
Dec. 6, 1946	Henry G. Kovar	Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148
Dec. 6, 1946	Roy I. Brown	Beaver City Lodge No. 93
Dec. 9, 1946	Lyle Chotena	Lone Tree Lodge No. 36
Dec. 17, 1946	Robert M. Woolfolk	Beaver City Lodge No. 93
Dec. 17, 1946	Dwight C. Sliger	Florence Lodge No. 281
Jan. 24, 1947	Jens Thompson	North Bend Lodge No. 119
Jan. 24, 1947	LeRoy A. H. Helgenberger	North Bend Lodge No. 119
Jan. 24, 1947	Anton Bukacek	North Bend Lodge No. 119
Jan. 24, 1947	Billy J. Howe	North Bend Lodge No. 119
Jan. 24, 1947	Tony Schienost	North Bend Lodge No. 119
Jan. 24, 1947	Quin Scott	North Bend Lodge No. 119
Jan. 29, 1947	Fred B. Anderson	Ponca Lodge No. 101
Mar. 1, 1947	Frank Stork	Ponca Lodge No. 101
Mar. 22, 1947	Vernie A. Larson	Golden Rule Lodge No. 236
Mar. 22, 1947	Vernon W. Chase	Golden Rule Lodge No. 236

REINSTATEMENTS

During the past twelve months I have approved 330 applications for reinstatement after suspension for more than three years for nonpayment of dues. Your Advisory Committee on Reinstatement have carefully checked each individual application before submitting to me for my approval. This Committee has functioned promptly and efficiently and their contribution of service to this Grand Jurisdiction should be appreciated by all Subordinate lodges.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

Mere words of praise fail to adequately express my appreciation for the services rendered by W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian and his corps of capable assistants. Theirs is a rugged lot, with long night hours in all kinds of weather. For the Assistant Custodians our Statutes provide a per diem of \$5.00 per day. To me this seems entirely inadequate under conditions as they exist today, and it is my recommendation that this per diem be increased from \$5.00 to \$7.50 per day.

To assist the Grand Custodian in his work the following letter of authorization was issued to him under date of June 14, 1946.

Mr. Lute M. Savage
Grand Custodian
Omaha, Nebraska

W. and Dear Brother Lute:

Until further notice you are hereby directed to examine the books and records of the secretaries and treasurers of our subordinate lodges, in connection with your work as Grand Custodian.

While it is your particular duty to examine these records with the purpose of determining that the law of this Grand Jurisdiction is followed in the manner and method of conferring the Degrees of the Order, yet if you discover in your examination any matters that should be called to my attention, you are directed to report the circumstances to me and make any recommendations you may have in connection therewith.

Fraternally yours,
(Signed) BENJAMIN F. EYRE,
Grand Master

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
I. Donald Huston, 65, Osceola	First appointed 1928
Osborne P. Simon, 174, Culbertson.....	First appointed 1930
Doc. L. Redfern, 300, Lincoln	First appointed 1930
Austin F. Whitmire, 75, Sidney	First appointed 1931
Ward B. Schrack, 46, Kearney	First appointed 1933
Raymond C. Cook, 6, Plattsmouth	First appointed 1934
Wallace E. Linn, 1, Omaha	First appointed 1934
Jesse P. Entrekin, 295, Gering	First appointed 1934
Harold D. Weddel, 208, Arcadia	First appointed 1937
Cecil C. Gates, 227, Lincoln	First appointed 1938
Ross Van Sickle, 184, Omaha	First appointed 1938
Steven W. Beck, 43, Hebron	First appointed 1940
Roy S. Planck, 15, Fremont	First appointed 1940
Buren P. Wells, 36, 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
Lewis E. Baker, 135, McCook	First appointed 1943
George S. Schwab, 49, Sutton	First appointed 1946
Louis V. Sylvester, 281, Omaha	First appointed 1946
Irving N. Johnson, 148, Broken Bow	First appointed 1946
La Verne N. Walker, 55, Norfolk	First appointed 1946

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS EMERITUS

Stanley P. Bostwick, 3, Omaha	First appointed 1924
Elmer Surber, 210, Omaha	First appointed 1929
Fred G. Christiansen, 33, Grand Island ...	First appointed 1938

We mourn the loss of Brother Doc L. Redfern, Assistant Custodian, who died September 28, 1946. He was a member of Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

I have appointed the following as representatives of the M. W. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Date	Name and Lodge	For
August 3, 1946	Mahlon C. Morgan, No. 322New Brunswick, Canada	
September 13, 1946	John S. Hedelund, No. 268Denmark	
September 13, 1946	Barton H. Kuhns, No. 268Kentucky	

REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

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

July 18, 1946. Stewart E. Perry, Puyallup, Washington, near the Grand Lodge of Washington.

September 11, 1946. Alex Troedsson, Copenhagen, Denmark, near the Grand Jurisdiction of Denmark.

October 23, 1946. Juan Francisco Aedo Del Rio, Camaguey, Cuba, near the Grand Jurisdiction of Cuba.

January 24, 1947. Grafton H. Willey, Jr., Cranston, Rhode Island, near the Grand Jurisdiction of Rhode Island.

February 12, 1947. Harry E. Hoffman, Clarksburg, West Virginia, near the Grand Jurisdiction of West Virginia.

GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held in Washington, D. C., February 20 and 21, 1947. Prior to this year those in attendance at these meetings were from the various Jurisdictions of the U. S. A. This year the invitations were extended to include the various Canadian Provinces. When the registration of delegates was completed, it revealed that seven of the nine Canadian Provinces were represented, and, for the first time in the history of the Conference, every Jurisdiction of the U. S. A. was represented. This was truly a remarkable record as was manifested by the hearty welcome given to our Canadian Brethren.

The following subjects on the Agenda were discussed:

1. ASSIMILATING WAR TIME MASONS.

R. Bruce Brannon, Grand Master of Texas.

2. HOW CAN WE PROMOTE LODGE ATTENDANCE?

Gay H. Brown, Grand Master of New York.

3. SHOULD THE WAR CHANGE OUR VIEWPOINT ON PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS?

Yes—John A. Stormon, Grand Master of North Dakota.

No—Harold R. Stephenson, Grand Master of Virginia.

4. DO WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO NEGRO FREEMASONRY?

William J. Bundy, Grand Master of North Carolina.

5. EFFECT OF THE WAR ON THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY.

Richard A. Kern, Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

These Conferences presented many thoughtful suggestions and an opportunity for an exchange of ideas which should be beneficial to all concerned. It is my opinion that the problems confronting the various Jurisdictions are identical with somewhat different approaches to their solution, due primarily to geographical location and the difference in their controls or Statutes. The Conference Headquarters were in the Hotel Statler where the Grand Masters Banquet was held the evening of February 20th. I was accompanied on this trip by R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Emeritus.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

In 1920 this Grand Lodge endorsed the plans and purposes of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association to erect a memorial to George Washington, at Alexandria, Virginia. A committee was appointed to solicit \$1.00 from each member on the rolls and during the first seven years we contributed \$8,231.00 to this Memorial Association. It was a long drawn out process of fund raising. The plan was later changed and approval granted for the collection of \$1.00 from each newly made Master Mason for this fund. Progress was slow but consistent. Every dollar contributed from the various Jurisdictions and other sources has gone in the Memorial and the land on which it stands. The Superstructure of the Memorial was completed in 1931 and the work of completing the interior is progressing as funds are available. The building was dedicated May 12, 1932. Notwithstanding the fact that the Memorial is enclosed, partly finished inside and has been properly dedicated to Freemasonry, there is still much to be done before it is finally completed and furnished for occupancy. Fifteen years have passed since the dedication of this building. When completed, this great Temple will speak the Message of Masonry, civil and religious liberty, stable and orderly government—those principles of Freemasonry of which George Washington, our Brother, Alexandria-Washington Lodge's Worshipful Master, was the great exemplar.

The Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was held Saturday, February 22, 1947, in the Memorial Temple at Alexandria, Virginia. R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Deputy Grand Master, presented our check to the Association in the amount of \$13,000.00 to take up the old balance of \$8,000.00 on the building fund and to pay \$5,000.00 on the maintenance fund. We should continue with our plan of \$1.00 per newly made Master Mason in order to assist in providing for the upkeep and maintenance of this magnificent Memorial.

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

The Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada has, for the past 61 years, been providing a continuous service to Masons and their families throughout the entire United States and Canada. Every day in almost every locality our help and assistance is needed by afflicted Masons and their families. In illness, in death, and in every trial and tribulation, the Masonic Relief Association is called upon for assistance. While the intent is to charge the individual lodges for the aid rendered, seldom are the local lodges in a position to defray the costs of the help given. Thus the Masonic Relief Association has no method of reimbursement except through the monies received from the Grand Lodges. No matter where a Mason or his family is located, no matter what his or their troubles may be, the fraternal arm of Masonry reaches out with a comforting and protective hand through the 186 Service Stations of the Craft located in the principal cities of the United States, Canada and Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii. Such a wide distribution of service could not be secured in another manner except in one complete unified organization, such as is represented in the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

A review of the list of Past Presidents of this Organization reveals a "Who's Who" of Masonic Leadership in North America for the past 61 years.

The living Past Presidents of the Association are:

John H. Cowles—1908-1909

Grand Master of

Grand Lodge of Kentucky 1909-1910

Grand Commander Supreme Council

Southern Jurisdiction A. A. S. R.

Robert J. Daly—1924-1925

President

Illinois Masonic Orphans Home 1906-1945.

Walter L. Stockwell—1926-1927

Grand Master

Grand Lodge of North Dakota 1902-1903.

General Grand Master General Grand Council

Royal and Select Masters 1930-1933.

Present Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

George W. Little—1928-1929

Past Senior Grand Warden

Grand Lodge of Maryland 1925

Past President

Masonic Board of Relief of Baltimore, Maryland.

Lewis E. Smith—1934-1935.

Grand Master of

Grand Lodge of Nebraska 1921-1922.

Grand Secretary of

Grand Lodge of Nebraska 1925-1945

General Grand Treasurer

General Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, U. S. A.

Treasurer Masonic Relief Association of

United States and Canada.

R. B. Dargavel—1936-1937

Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Canada,

Province of Ontario 1929-1930

Present Supervisor of Benevolence of

Grand Lodge of Canada, Province of Ontario.

Charles H. Johnson— 1939-1940

Grand Master

Grand Lodge of New York 1930-1932.

Present Grand Secretary of

Grand Lodge of New York

General Grand Master General Grand Council

Royal and Select Masters U. S. A. 1939-1942

Active 33° Northern

Masonic Jurisdiction A. A. S. R.

Richard C. Davenport 1943-1945

Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Illinois 1924-1926

President Grand Secretaries Conference

Present Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Illinois.

The present officers are:

Jewel P. Lightfoot

President and Chairman of Executive Board

Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas

- William T. Ballard
 First Vice President
 Secretary Masonic Board of Relief, Washington, D. C.
- T. C. Wardley
 Second Vice President
 Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Canada
 in Province of Ontario.
- Lewis E. Smith
 Treasurer
 Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
- Frank L. Smith, Jr.
 Secretary

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Philip C. McMurdie
 Director Masonic Service Department
 Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
- Thomas Earl Doss
 Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Tennessee
- Charles S. Johnson
 Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky
- D. Peter Laguens, Jr.
 Grand Secretary—Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

The Association, at its last Biennial Meeting held at Louisville, Kentucky, unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon its member Grand Lodges and Boards to implement their Association with funds with which it could meet the obligations of relief beginning to press upon it and to build up a reasonable reserve of funds so that it could act promptly in the matter of relief in cases of floods, hurricanes, earthquakes or other disasters. Recognizing the urgent need for such a fund, based upon my experience as Chairman of your Grand Lodge Committee on Relief over a period of 14 years, I endorsed this plan without reservation and authorized the payment of \$2,000.00 from our Relief Account towards this reserve fund of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

June 11, 12, 13, 1946. Attended the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. I was accompanied by R.'W.'.Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

June 11, 12, 1946. Being unable to attend the Grand Lodge Session of South Dakota held at Yankton, I was officially represented by M.'W.'.William C. Schaper, Past Grand Master.

August 26, 27, 1946. The Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Wyoming convened at Rawlins. R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein was my official representative.

September 17, 18, 1946. Attended the 86th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado held at Denver. Was accompanied by R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and W. Raymond C. Cook, Assistant Custodian.

September 24, 25, 26, 1946. Attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri held at St. Louis. Was accompanied by R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

October 8, 9, 1946. Attended the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Illinois held at Chicago. Was accompanied by R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

January 15, 16, 1947. R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Warden, was my official representative at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, held at St. Paul. He was accompanied by R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

VISITATION—AFFILIATED MASONIC BODIES

December 3, 1946, Omaha. Attended the 67th Annual Assembly of Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters in Nebraska and was received and presented by M. I. Walter R. Raecke, Grand Master.

December 4, 1946, Omaha. Attended the 80th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska and was received and presented by M. E. Raymond C. Cook, Grand High Priest. I also enjoyed their gracious hospitality at their Annual Banquet held in the Masonic Temple that evening.

March 8, 1947, Lincoln. Attended the Annual Anniversary Banquet of National Federated Craft No. 45. M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master, was Toastmaster for the evening.

April 13, 1947. Attended Annual Meeting Scottish Rite Relief Board and Scottish Rite Educational and Welfare Association held at Lincoln.

April 17, 18, 1947, Omaha. Attended the 75th Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska, and was received and presented by R. E. Grand Commander Malcolm N. Holm.

MASONIC VISITATIONS

June 10, 1946. Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, Allen. This was the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Golden Rule Lodge. Because of conflicting dates it was impossible for me to be present; and I therefore appointed R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Senior Warden, as my representative. R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Warden, and W. Elmer Surber, Assistant Custodian Emeritus, were also present.

June 25, 1946. Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha. This was my first official reception and it was in my own Lodge, of which I have been a

member since my initiation in January 1917. It was my privilege to serve Nebraska Lodge No. 1 as Worshipful Master 1924-1925. The many friends and brethren present on this occasion, with their words of inspiration and encouragement, gave me a deep feeling of love and appreciation which I shall never forget.

June 26, 1946. Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha. Was the dinner guest of Covert Lodge No. 11 at which time they celebrated their 80th Anniversary. It was a very unusual and remarkable occasion by reason of the fact that W. Brother John E. Simpson, Past Master, was especially honored on having reached the 50th Anniversary of his installation as Worshipful Master of Covert Lodge, which occurred on June 24, 1896. This is a record seldom equalled by Past Masters. It was my privilege to present Brother Joe B. Redfield, a member of Covert Lodge, with his 50 year button commemorating his fifty years of continuous membership. M. W. James R. Cain, Past Grand Master, was the guest speaker at the Banquet which was attended by approximately 300 members of Covert Lodge.

June 27, 1946. Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha. Was officially received by Bee Hive Lodge which is the home Lodge of our Grand Marshal W. John R. Hughes.

July 9, 1946. Attended the Board Meeting of the Trustees, Nebraska Masonic Home held in the office of the Grand Secretary, Omaha.

July 29, 1946. Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln. R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Senior Warden, was my representative.

August 5, 1946. Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff. This visitation was of particular interest because of being present when W. Brother Guy L. Raber, Master of Robert W. Furnas Lodge, conferred the Master Masons Degree on his son Dean. I was officially received and introduced.

August 20, 1946. Attended Board Meeting of the Trustees Masonic Eastern Star Home for children at Fremont.

September 10, 1946. Attended Board meeting of the Trustees, Nebraska Masonic Home, Omaha.

September 22, 1946. Attended Meeting of Committee on Masonic Education, Lincoln.

October 3, 1946. Attended Meeting of Board of Grand Trustees at Omaha.

October 4, 1946. Pilot Lodge No. 240, Lyons. This occasion was the 50th Anniversary of Pilot Lodge which many of the neighboring Lodges were invited to attend. A splendid dinner was served in the basement of the Presbyterian Church by the Ladies of the church. I was officially received and introduced. R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, and W. Raymond C. Cook, Assistant Custodian, were also present.

October 14, 1946. Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice. W. Brother Thomas J. Aron, Grand Senior Deacon, was my official representative at this meeting. He was officially received and introduced. He also presented the 50 year button to Brother Clem A. Spellman during the banquet hour.

October 16, 1946. Superior Lodge No. 121, Superior. This meeting was of especial significance by reason of the fact that it was taking me back home. Having been born and raised at Superior, I looked forward with anticipation to meeting some of my boyhood friends and neighbors. I was officially received and introduced after which the Lodge was closed, and we repaired to the basement of the Baptist Church where a sumptuous and (superior) dinner was served by the Ladies of the Church. W. Brothers William F. Evers and Raymond C. Cook were present and had charge of the program which was held before a mixed group of Masons and members of the Eastern Star in the Church Auditorium. It was my privilege and pleasure to make a public presentation of a 50-year button to Brother John W. Silvers of Superior Lodge.

October 18, 1946. Was the luncheon guest of the Square and Compass Club at their weekly meeting held at the Hotel Castle, Omaha.

October 22, 1946. Was the guest of the Vamaflont Club of Omaha. This Club, of which I have been a member since 1929, is composed of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the various Eastern Star Chapters in Omaha. It derives its name from the first letter of the names of the various Omaha Chapters. Its purposes, primarily are social, but it does maintain close relationship with all Omaha hospitals by means of a competent committee, through which they can contact hospitalized out-state members of the Eastern Star.

October 23, 1946. Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney. On this occasion I conferred the Master Mason's degree on my nephew Alfred Saum. My brother William H. Eyre, father-in-law of the candidate, was present from Peoria, Illinois. I was officially received and introduced.

October 25, 1946. Oasis Lodge No. 271, Morrill. This was another well attended meeting in the North Platte Valley at which I was officially received and introduced. The Master Mason's Degree was conferred on several Fellowcraft brethren.

October 29, 1946. John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha. The second Annual Homecoming Meeting of the Lodge was held on this date with Brother Walter R. Johnson, Attorney General of Nebraska, being the Guest Speaker for the banquet. I was officially received and introduced.

November 1, 1946. Attended Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet, Lincoln.

November 6, 1946. Was the guest of Omaha Lodge No. 288 at the Annual Dinner Party.

November 12, 1946. Attended monthly Board Meeting of Trustees, Nebraska Masonic Home, Omaha.

November 15, 1946. Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln. Was officially received and introduced.

November 30, 1946. Was the guest of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha, at their Annual Dinner Party.

December 4, 1946. Bluff City Lodge No. 71, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Was the guest of Bluff City Lodge at their Ninetieth Anniversary Celebration. On this occasion I was received in Bluff City Lodge by M. W. Fred H. Nolte, Grand Master of Masons of Iowa.

December 5, 1946. Right Angle Lodge No. 303, Omaha. Attended the regular business meeting of Right Angle Lodge No. 303, at which time the officers were elected for the ensuing year 1947.

December 12, 1946. Attended Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet, Omaha.

December 16, 1946. Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha. Was officially received and introduced at which time it was my pleasure to present a 50 year button to Brother Joseph S. Davis, a member of Capitol Lodge No. 3.

December 17, 1946. Attended monthly meeting of Board of Trustees, Nebraska Masonic Home, Omaha.

December 19, Papillion Lodge No. 39, Papillion. This meeting was of especial interest because it was the final day in a series of schools held by our Grand Custodian, W. Lute M. Savage. The schools had been planned to run on consecutive days at Waterloo, Springfield and Papillion with all schools being attended by representatives from the various lodges. I was very much impressed with the fine quality of work as the Master Mason's Degree was exemplified. That the meetings were a success was well affirmed in the attendance and enthusiasm displayed on the final night. After the close of lodge a fine luncheon was served.

December 26, 1946. Right Angle Lodge No. 303, Omaha. Was officially received and introduced.

December 30, 1946. Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha. Was the dinner guest of Florence Lodge at the final Oyster Dinner for the year. After retiring to the lodge room I was officially received and welcomed.

January 4, 1947. Attended the public installation of Officers of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha. Brother Ross Van Sickle, Assistant Custodian, was the installing officer and the dignified manner in which he conducted the service was most pleasing to behold. It was my pleasure to present the Lodge with their Lodge Certificate of Proficiency.

January 7, 1947. Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont. Attended Fremont Lodge where I was officially received and welcomed. On this occasion it was my privilege to install their officers for the ensuing year. I was accompanied on this trip by W. Wallace E. Linn and W. Ross Van Sickle, Assistant Custodians.

January 8, 1947. Crete Lodge No. 37, Crete, Nebraska. Crete Lodge was chartered in 1872 and this was the occasion of their 75th Anniversary. The Banquet was served in the M. E. Church by the ladies of the Eastern Star after which the meeting adjourned to the lodge room. I was officially received and welcomed by W. E. C. May, Worshipful Master. W. Thomas J. Aron, Grand Junior Deacon and a member of

Crete Lodge, was the program Chairman for the evening. Every part of the program was associated with the history of Crete Lodge. A resume taken from the original minutes proved most interesting and entertaining. The following Grand Lodge Officers were also in attendance: R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; W. John R. Hughes, Grand Marshal; W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Senior Deacon, and W. Thomas J. Aron, Grand Junior Deacon. Among the many visitors from neighboring lodges was M. E. Curry W. Watson, Grand High Priest.

January 10, 1947. Was the installing officer at the Joint Installation of officers for the eight Omaha Lodges meeting in the downtown Temple, 19th and Douglas Streets. This was a Public Installation and I trust that the large crowd of friends and brethren enjoyed the services. I was provided a special escort from Mount Calvary Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, of which I am a member; and they also served as the Color Guard in the presentation of the Colors. I was ably assisted by W. George R. Porter, Secretary of Covert Lodge No. 11, as installing Marshal. I greatly appreciate the many courtesies which were extended at this time.

January 13, 1947. Faith Lodge No. 181, Crawford.

January 14, 1947. Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance.

January 15, 1947. Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney.

January 16, 1947. Amity Lodge No. 169, Rushville.

January 17, 1947. Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Ainsworth.

January 13-17, 1947. Was a week of scheduled visitations in the Western and Northwestern part of the State with a Central School of Instruction included at Sidney on January 15th. In each place I met with many of the brethren and had opportunity to discuss with them numerous items which were of particular importance to their own lodge. In each instance I was officially received and many courtesies were extended which I shall never forget. I am especially indebted to Master Sgt. Stephen Haske and 1st Sgt. John Banko of Faith Lodge No. 181, who acted as my official "Body Guard" and delivered me to the Brethren at Alliance, and to W. Guy L. Raber, Past Master of Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, who drove me from Sidney to Rushville.

January 23, 1947. Attended the Annual Meetings of the Stockholders of Nebraska Masonic Home and Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. Both meetings were held in the Grand Lodge Library Room, Masonic Temple, Omaha.

January 23, 1947. Installed the officers of Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, Nebraska. This meeting was of particular significance by reason of the fact that I had been present when the Lodge was originally constituted by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Master, assisted by Edward M. Wellman, Deputy Grand Master, on July 5, 1921.

January 24, 1947. On this date I installed the officers of Hastings Lodge No. 50, and Midwest Lodge No. 317 at a joint public installation service in the Masonic Temple, Hastings. I was ably assisted by M. W. William J. Breckenridge, Past Grand Master, who acted as installing Marshal. M. W. Ralph O. Canady, Past Grand Master; R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Deputy Grand Master, and V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain, were also present. At the conclusion of the services a fine luncheon was served in the dining room of the Temple.

February 11, 1947. Attended meeting of Board of Trustees, Nebraska Masonic Home, Omaha.

February 27, 1947. Was the dinner guest of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 at which time it was our privilege to have the Honorable (Brother) Val Peterson, Governor of Nebraska, as the guest speaker.

February 28, 1947. Was the dinner guest of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 at which time W. Raymond C. Cook, Assistant Custodian and member of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, spoke on the necessity of the drive for funds for the Home.

March 4, 1947. George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha. At this meeting, where I was officially received, particular significance was attached because of this being the Home Lodge of V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain; W. Elwood A. Rowsey, Grand Orator, and W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Senior Deacon. W. Hyle G. Burke, Master, gave special recognition to Brother Beecher, who responded in his usual eloquent manner. The Masters and officers of the various Omaha Lodges were also in attendance as special guests.

March 11, 1947. Attended Meeting of Board of Trustees, Nebraska Masonic Home.

March 14, 1947. Attended Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet at Alliance, Nebraska.

March 17, 1947. Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha. Presented Bronze Jordan Medal to Joseph S. Davis and Fifty Year Button to Harry D. Cone.

April 23, 1947. Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha. Was officially received and introduced.

April 23, 1947. Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha. Was officially received and introduced.

May 13, 1947. Attended Annual Session of Nebraska Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, at Fremont, Nebraska, where I extended greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

May 15, 1947. Attended Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet, at Omaha, where I extended greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

MISCELLANEOUS VISITATIONS

December 13, 1946, Omaha, Blackstone Hotel. This meeting was known as Charter Night for the High Twelve Club of Omaha. On this occasion they were presented with their local Charter by their National President. I was received as an honorary member of the Chapter.

December 18, 1946, Omaha. Attended the Noonday Luncheon given by the Ladies Auxiliary of Tangier Temple Shrine. At this meeting they had on display the many various articles which they had made for the Crippled Children's Home at Minneapolis.

March 19, 1947. Was the guest of Diana Assembly No. 2, Order of Rainbow Girls. Miss Margie Lee Canaday, Worthy Adviser, presented a check for \$100.00 towards the Building Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home which I accepted on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Home. These fine young women raised this amount by selling cookies and post cards. I endeavored to express our appreciation for their valiant efforts extended on behalf of the Home.

March 27, 1947, Omaha. Was the guest of Trinity Chapter No. 299, O. E. S.

April 26, 1947, Omaha. Was the guest of Maple Leaf Chapter No. 152, O. E. S. This is my home Chapter and needless to say I appreciated the courtesies extended.

AREA MEETINGS

Under the direction of the Committee on Masonic Education three meetings were held as follows:

Nebraska City—November 22, 1946.

Kearney—March 21, 1947.

Wayne—April 25, 1947.

That these meetings were a success is amply attested to by the spontaneous and enthusiastic manner in which they were received at each location. The degree work, the discussions led by various members of the Committee, and the fine fellowship that prevailed is a fitting testimonial to their worthiness and inspirational value, and the reason why they should be continued. Your Grand Master and your Grand Lodge officers were most graciously received in each instance, and we most sincerely appreciate all the courtesies which were showered upon us. It was a wonderful privilege to meet and visit with the brethren from the many lodges that were represented. We highly commend W. William J. Kier of Western Star Lodge No. 2, W. Russell R. Ferguson of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 and W. William A. Crossland of Wayne Lodge No. 120 for their efficient work in handling the meetings from the standpoint of the host lodge.

It was a good job well done.

GRAND TRUSTEES

The Board of Grand Trustees met on several occasions during the past year to discuss matters pertaining to the finances of the Grand Lodge. I attended some of these meetings, but was unable to be present at all of them.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, was appointed a member of the Board of Grand Trustees to succeed Brother Charles W. Mead whose term expired.

COMMITTEE ON "LOCATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICE"

This Committee was appointed in compliance with the recommendation unanimously adopted at the Eighty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. Its purpose was to make a survey of the availability of suitable outlying properties which could be purchased at a reasonable market value, and ultimately be converted into offices for the Grand Lodge. The Committee was without power to act, they could only recommend.

After investigating numerous properties which had been referred to them, the Committee finally recommended for my approval, the property located at 432 South 39th Street, Omaha. To them the property appeared to meet all the necessary requirements.

Accompanied by Brother Robert D. Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, and R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on "Location of Grand Lodge Office", we made an inspection of the property. It was our conclusion that the property was desirable, but that further consultation should be held before entering into any negotiations.

A meeting was called for November 29, 1946 to further investigate the condition and value of this property. There were in attendance at this meeting the following:

Committee on Location of Grand Lodge Office:

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, Chairman.

W. Ernest E. James and Brother Charles O. Showalter.

Grand Lodge Trustees:

W. Robert D. Wilson, Chairman.

Brother Carl D. Ganz and M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master.

Grand Lodge Officers:

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master.

R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Warden.

After a thorough discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, The Board of Grand Trustees has been requested by the Grand Master, to express an opinion as to the condition and value of the property located at 432 South 39th Street in the City of Omaha, which property has been offered for sale for the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00), and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Grand Master to secure such opinion to assist him in determining what action he should recommend or take with respect to said property, and

WHEREAS, all of the regular and ex-officio members of said Board, except Brother Carl D. Ganz, have recently made a careful inspection of said premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that it is the consensus of this Board that the said property is well worth the price which is asked for it and that it would be possible to put it in good repair at very reasonable expense, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, duly certified by the Grand Secretary, be furnished to the Grand Master to evidence the action of this Board for the purpose hereinbefore expressed."

Feeling that we should avail ourselves of this opportunity, I referred the matter to our Board of Grand Trustees with my approval to enter into the necessary negotiations for the purchase of the property. A complete report of the transaction will be made by Chairman Robert D. Wilson.

Assuming that this Grand Lodge will approve our action, it is my recommendation that the Committee on "Location of Grand Lodge Office" be retained until such time as this property is completely remodeled and occupied.

DISCIPLINE

During the past year I have appointed twenty trial Commissions to dispose of complaints filed against members of lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction enumerated as follows:

Lodge No. 1—3	Lodge No. 169—1
Lodge No. 11—2	Lodge No. 180—2
Lodge No. 40—1	Lodge No. 184—2
Lodge No. 96—1	Lodge No. 190—1
Lodge No. 104—2	Lodge No. 303—1
Lodge No. 135—1	Lodge No. 316—1

Two Commissions were also appointed to dispose of complaints filed against Sojourners. With but one single exception every complaint filed was for violation of paragraph "D" of Section 3-102 of our Statutes. These violations are in utter disregard of our Masonic Law which does not permit Masons to engage either directly or indirectly in the Manufacture or Sale of intoxicating liquors.

On August 15, 1946 for cause shown I arrested the jewel of the Master of Right Angle Lodge No. 303 and placed the Lodge in charge of the Senior Warden.

On December 26, 1946 for good cause shown, I restored the Jewel of the Master of Right Angle Lodge No. 303 and placed him in complete and full charge of the Lodge.

Under date of December 14, 1946 I received an inquiry from the Worshipful Master of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 regarding a complaint which had previously been filed and a Trial Commission appointed under date of July 10, 1945. According to the records of the lodge no findings or judgment had been submitted by the Trial Commission. Investigation developed that the case had been tried by the Commission, but that the findings and judgment, together with all papers had been forwarded to the office of the Grand Custodian by the Chairman of the Commission. Handling in this manner was irregular in every respect, because the records in the case should have been turned over to the Secretary of the Lodge as provided in our Statutes. I had all papers delivered to my office and under date of January 6, 1947, I made certification to the Master of the Lodge as to the findings and judgment of the Trial Commission, together with instructions to have the proper entry made in the minutes of the Lodge at their next regular meeting.

OMAHA MASONIC HOME FOR BOYS

I direct your attention to the Eighty-fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge held in Omaha, June 3-4, 1941, and the report of the Special Committee regarding the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys. This report covers in detail the agreement that was unanimously adopted at that Communication. Article No. 8 of the agreement provides as follows:

That whatever action the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction takes in regard to the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, a copy thereof shall be sent to each subordinate lodge in Nebraska and to each of the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States over the signature of the Grand Master, attested by the Grand Secretary, together with a brief statement of the purposes of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, such statement to be submitted to and approved by the Board of Directors of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys or a committee appointed by the board to represent them.

It had been called to my attention that this particular part of the agreement had not been complied with from the standpoint of the Grand Lodge, and having also received some inquiries from other Grand Jurisdictions relative to the relationship of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska to the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, I deemed it advisable to completely fulfill the requirements as detailed in the agreement.

Under date of February 12, 1947, I caused printed copies of the agreement, in pamphlet form, together with a transmittal letter prepared and approved by the special Committee, to be forwarded to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of each Grand Jurisdiction.

There appears to be a prevailing opinion among many of the brethren of this and other Grand Jurisdictions that the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys is a Masonic Charity operating under the direction of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. We cannot minimize the great service this Home in Omaha has rendered to these boys of all creeds over this period of years, but, this Grand Jurisdiction has only two Masonic Charities or groups of Homes for which we are responsible and to which we dedicate ourselves, The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

INTERPRETATION OF LAW

1. Alpha Lodge No. 316 requested permission for a Sioux City, Iowa Lodge to confer the M. M. Degree in Alpha Lodge on a Fellow Craft Member of Alpha Lodge. No reference was made to whether or not the work was to be Iowa work or Nebraska work. I called attention to Section 2-1209 Page 168-169 of our Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 which prohibits anything but the authorized Nebraska work being given in a Nebraska Lodge. I stated further, however, that it would not be illegal to invite the representatives from Iowa to confer the degree in Alpha Lodge, providing the work to be given would be the Nebraska work.

2. Rawalt Lodge No. 138 at Oxford presented the following for my consideration: Mr. A. desired to petition Rawalt Lodge. His parents live at Oxford and he was attending school at Kearney when inducted into the Army. His wife then moved to Holbrook to be near the home of her parents. On being discharged from the Army, Mr. A taught school at Holbrook. He has now moved to Orleans where he will teach for the coming year. Can Rawalt Lodge accept his petition; does Holbrook have a claim on him, or has he lost his Masonic residence?

I called attention to Section 2-803 of our Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 which provides that "No lodge shall ballot upon a petition for initiation from any person who has not resided continuously within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he petitions for the twelve months immediately preceding.

3. Lebanon Lodge No. 323 presented the following:

"A candidate petitioned the lodge. Petition was referred to committee who gave a favorable report, and the candidate was elected to receive the degrees. The petitioner was then ordered to appear for initiation, but due to circumstances, decided not to receive the degree". Question, "Is the petitioner entitled to the return of his fee?"

I called attention to Section 2-608 of the Nebraska Code for 1946 which provides "Fees shall be returned to rejected petitioners, and candidates stopped by objection, but not to those who decline to submit to the regular mode of preparation."

4. Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 presented the following:

"A petition is received at a regular meeting; the following day the

petitioner loses his job, and requests withdrawal of the petition and refund of the fee." Can the lodge comply with this request?

I called attention to Section 2-906 of our Nebraska Code for 1946 which provides that the petition cannot be withdrawn.

5. Received a request from Geneva Lodge No. 79 asking that I waive the period of time required that must elapse between receiving and balloting on a petition for reinstatement account of suspension for non-payment of dues.

I called attention to Section 2-905 of our Nebraska Code for 1946 which requires that the application could not be voted on sooner than 28th day after the application is officially received by the Lodge.

6. York Lodge No. 56 submitted the following:

Mr. A. petitioned York Lodge August 18, 1942, was elected September 25, 1942, and was then inducted into the Armed Services. After his discharge from the Army he gives Lincoln as his residence and re-petitions York Lodge". Question, "Does York Lodge have Jurisdiction?"

I called attention to Section 2-804 of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 which provides that "If a Petitioner has a lawful Masonic residence at the time his petition is received, the lodge does not lose jurisdiction by his removal, though permanent, previous to receiving the degrees, unless it waives such jurisdiction."

7. Lincoln Lodge No. 19 submitted the following:

The legal residence of Mr. A is Fremont, Nebraska. He commutes weekly between Fremont and Lincoln where he is permanently employed. He expects to remove permanently to Lincoln. He presents a petition to Lincoln Lodge No. 19 who requests waiver of Jurisdiction from Fremont Lodge No. 15. Question, "Is the request for waiver valid?"

My answer was in the affirmative calling attention to Section 2-805 of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946.

8. I ruled that a Senior Warden-elect could not be installed in office until he had completed his proficiency examination in the M.'M.'. degree. Section 2-403 of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 states that "failure to pass proficiency examination disqualifies a brother from holding office until he has complied with said Section."

9. Western Lodge No. 140 submitted the following:

(a) Is a World War Veteran, whose arm is shot off at the elbow, eligible to petition for the degrees?

I called attention to Section 2-904 of the Nebraska Masonic Code which provides that he is ineligible to receive the degrees in this Grand Jurisdiction.

(b) A World War Veteran resided at Crete, married a girl at Western, and claims Western as his legal residence but is still in the Army. Is he eligible to petition Western Lodge for initiation?

I called attention to Section 2-803 of the Nebraska Masonic Code which provides "No Lodge shall ballot upon a petition for initiation from

any person who has not resided continuously within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he petitions for the twelve months immediately preceding”.

10. An objection had been filed against the advancement of an Entered Apprentice Mason. The Master of the Lodge requested information relative to the proper procedure to follow in handling the matter. I called attention to Section 2-1101, paragraph (e) of our Masonic Code for 1946. This paragraph defines the rights of the objector and of the candidate, and charges the Master with the responsibility of not only determining the validity of the objection, but in seeing that the law is complied with from the standpoint of all parties concerned.

11. An inquiry from Oliver Lodge No. 38 regarding residence requirements for a petitioner for the degrees. I called attention to Section 2-803 of our Masonic Code for 1946 which provides as follows: “No lodge shall ballot upon a petition for initiation from any person who has not resided continuously within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he petitions for the twelve months immediately preceding.”

12. Upon request from Jachin Lodge No. 146 wherein they were asking waiver of jurisdiction on a petitioner. I refused to waive the time required before Jachin Lodge could ballot upon the petitioner as provided in Section 2-905 of our Masonic Code for 1946. The Grand Master is not empowered to grant special dispensation which will nullify the action of the law.

13. In response to a request from York Lodge No. 56 to obligate four Fellow Craft brethren on a certain night, and then complete the work the following evening by giving the middle chamber lecture, I advised that the lecture should be given the same night the brethren were obligated.

14. At the request of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 I gave permission for Chariton Lodge No. 63 of Chariton, Iowa, to confer the work of the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa on one of their candidates in East Lincoln Lodge. In my opinion, meetings of this kind should be encouraged by reason of their value from the standpoint of fraternal courtesies and fellowship.

DECISIONS

1. Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 requested a ruling regarding a petitioner who had returned from the armed services, but, because of the housing shortage, had found it necessary to make his temporary residence at Gering; at the same time retaining his place of business in Scottsbluff. The petition had not been presented prior to his removal to Gering.

I ruled that “Robert W. Furnas Lodge cannot legally accept the petition, because they have lost Jurisdiction over the petitioner, by reason of the fact that said petitioner has removed his residence from within the Jurisdiction of Robert W. Furnas Lodge.”

2. Received an inquiry relative to the status of an employee serving as Public Relations Director for the Nebraska Brewing Industry Founda-

tion. My decision was that the man was not eligible to petition for the degrees of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

3. Received an inquiry relative to the rights and privileges of a brother who is carrying a demit issued by this Grand Lodge.

The following was submitted as my official ruling: "A brother in good standing carrying a demit issued by the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska shall have the same rights and privileges as members of a regular lodge, including the rights of membership, affiliation, and visitation for a period of time not to exceed one year beyond the date of demit."

4. The following was submitted: "Mr. A is employed as a bookkeeper for a brokerage company which handles a certain brand of beer as one of its various commodities. Is Mr. A eligible to petition for the degrees of Masonry?"

I ruled: "The man is eligible to petition for the degrees of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, providing, however, that all other requirements have been met."

5. East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 submitted the following:

A "Special" Communication is called each month, one hour prior to the regular or stated communication, for the purpose of conducting examinations in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees. Question: Can we call off in the "Special" Communication and open in "Regular" Communication?

I ruled as follows: "The date and time for your stated or regular communication is prescribed in your by-laws, therefore the time for your regular meeting cannot be changed without a corresponding change in by-laws. Any communication called in any degree, on the day of your regular meeting, prior to the hour established by your by-laws should be classified as a "Special" meeting. It is in order to call off in the E. A. degree or F. C. degree and open in the M. M. degree at the stated hour."

6. Meridian Lodge No. 188 received a petition on October 20, 1942. The petitioner was elected but was sent overseas before being initiated. He was later killed in action. Question: "What disposition should be made of the fees which accompanied the petition?"

I ruled that the fees should be returned to the parents under the existing conditions.

7. Section 2-1002 of our Statutes provides that "A ballot should be spread only for one candidate, and not for several collectively", and that "The ballot cannot be divided, and but one ballot box can be used in voting on a petition."

Section 2-1003 provides that, "The Master may order the ballot spread a second, or even a third time, when he has reason to believe that a vote has been cast by mistake, or learns that a brother voted under misapprehension as to the identity of the candidate."

In my opinion it is the intent of the law that but one ballot box be used on the floor of the lodge at a time. To permit the use of more than

one increases the possibility of mistake and misapprehension, and tends to destroy the secrecy and security of the ballot.

It having been called to my official attention, that as a matter of expediency more than one ballot box was being used, I ordered under date of April 30, 1947, that the practice be discontinued and that but one ballot box be used.

MISCELLANEOUS

Granted permission for a noonday luncheon club to call themselves the "High Twelve Club". The name is derivative from the fact that the prerequisite for membership is being a Master Mason in good standing of a regular Masonic lodge.

Granted permission for the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha to make their annual solicitation of funds from the constituent lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction for the support of their Christmas program of charity to the Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont.

Granted permission for Cubit Lodge No. 237 at Douglas to permit two rooms adjacent to their lodge hall, to be used as a Doctor's office on a temporary basis. The use of these rooms, as such, would not interfere with the work of the lodge.

Granted permission for Silver Lodge No. 266 to enter into a contract for joint use of their lodge room with I. O. O. F.

August 19, 1946. Requested R. W. Edward Huwaldt, Deputy Grand Master, to assume the duties of Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska during my absence from the Jurisdiction, August 24-September 7th, inclusive, 1946.

February 13, 1947. Requested R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Senior Warden, to assume the duties of Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska during my absence from the Jurisdiction, February 13th to 24th, inclusive, 1947.

Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee at the Eighty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, I authorized the transfer of \$10,000.00 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial fund, and \$1,635.67 to the Grand Lodge Relief fund to close the account of the Nebraska Masonic War Service Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The only reference made in our Statutes to the Fifty Year Button and the Jordan Medal are Sections 2-617 and 2-618 which are qualifying statements relative to who is entitled to wear such a button or medal. We have no authorized ceremony of presentation for these occasions. We do, however, have available for use a printed pamphlet which briefly outlines the Masonic Biography of Robert Carrel Jordan, together with the history of the Jordan Medal, and includes a fine presentation ceremony for the Medal and the Fifty Year Button. I recommend that we make this pamphlet the authorized ceremony of this Grand Jurisdiction for these presentations. I would further recommend that our present law

Section 2-618 be changed and the presentation ceremony changed, so that the qualification requirements for the wearer of the Bronze Jordan Medal would be the same as that required for the Gold Jordan Medal in respect to residence in Nebraska.

2. At the Eighty-seventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held June 6, 7, 1944, M. W. William B. Wanner, Grand Master, in his address, under the subject of Physical Qualifications, recommended that: "Any member of the armed forces of the United States, who possessing all the other qualifications; but who has suffered in battle against our enemies, the loss of physical faculty, will be eligible to petition our lodges regardless of that condition." In this paragraph he further states: "These boys are fighting for the principles of Masonry. What is going to be our attitude to them, when they come home, minus a hand or a foot? Can we look them in the eye and say, 'No, you cannot be one of us.'"

Brethren, that time is here. Most of our boys have returned home, and many have been taken into our lodges. We have refused some because they have lost a foot or an arm, or suffered some other physical incapacitation, that you and I might enjoy this blessed freedom which is ours. I ask you, "Is this the manner in which we should show our appreciation for the sacrifice they have made?"

Notwithstanding that the committee at that time disapproved that portion of the report, I reaffirm the recommendation made by M. W. William B. Wanner, with the further recommendation that a committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to give this subject careful study, and to report at our next Annual Communication.

3. I direct your attention to Section 3-102, paragraph "D", of our Masonic Code 1946, which provides that it is a Masonic offense "to engage in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer or the sale of such liquors as a beverage." This statement is fundamental and has been interpreted and sustained from a broad viewpoint of application. Some of these interpretations have been rendered unwillingly by Trial Commissions composed of Masons of the highest integrity and loftiest moral standards. Despite their personal views of the hardships and inequities ensuing, they felt bound to interpret the law in an uncompromising manner.

In my opinion we should carefully inspect and scrutinize our present law on this subject. Not with the idea of releasing any of our restrictions or reservations, but to make it more specific, without the general broad application.

I therefore recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee to make a careful survey and study of Section 3-102 paragraph "D" of our present Masonic Code, and report with their recommendation at our next Annual Communication.

4. Section 2-508. Order of Trial, of our Masonic Code 1946, provides in part as follows: "After rendering their judgment, the trial commission shall deliver the entire record of the case to the Secretary of the lodge in which the charges were preferred; and the findings and judgment of

the Commission shall thereupon become the findings and judgment of the lodge and thereafter be recognized and treated as such. The Secretary of the lodge shall at once forward copies of the findings and judgment to the accused, to the accuser, and to the Grand Master, and enter the same in the minutes of the lodge at the Stated Communication next following their receipt."

That is fine in theory but it does not work in a practical way.

I recommend that this section of the law be changed so that the findings and judgment of the trial commission shall be cleared first, through the office of the Grand Secretary, where all permanent records pertaining to the case shall be filed; after which the Grand Secretary will notify the Grand Master and the local secretary of the findings and judgment of the commission. This manner of handling will afford a centralized point for maintaining the original records, where they will be accessible in case of appeal.

5. The mortal remains of M. W. Robert C. Jordan are buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Omaha, Nebraska. A large granite stone marks his last resting place. He was our first Grand Master. He was the first Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Nebraska for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction U. S. A. No mark, inscription, or identification of any kind is on the stone to indicate to the public in general that he was our brother who first held these highly exalted and honored positions in this Grand Jurisdiction.

I firmly believe this should be done. Therefore, I recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee to investigate and determine whether or not arrangements can be made, whereby a suitable marker, plaque or plate can be provided and placed on the stone marking the grave of M. W. Robert C. Jordan; and that the committee submit their report at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

6. Several references have been made in this report to Section 2-803 of our Code, Residence Required, the first sentence of which provides that, "No lodge shall ballot upon a petition for initiation from any person who has not resided continuously within the Jurisdiction of the lodge to which he petitions for the twelve months immediately preceding."

In order to comply with our residence requirements I recommend that the first sentence of Section 2-803 be changed to read as follows: "No lodge shall receive a petition for initiation from any person who has not resided continuously within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he petitions for the twelve months immediately preceding."

STATE OF THE ORDER

The report of the Grand Secretary reveals a net increase of 1,794 members which brings our total membership to 37,796 Masons on our rolls at the close of the year December 31, 1946. This substantial increase over the preceding year indicates a continuing activity and work on the part of most lodges. It appears that we are well on the way to recovery of the losses we endured a decade ago. At that time our membership total

had been reduced from 42,150 Masons in 1930 to 30,852 members in 1941. Notwithstanding this present sustaining increase in membership which we have enjoyed during the past few years, we still have cause for much concern in certain localities. There are some lodges which are simply "withering away on the vine" because of lack of interest and inactivity in the lodge. Others are victims of circumstances over which they have no control. Too many have absented themselves from representation at these Annual Communications for the past two and three years. They have placed themselves in a position until now their Charter is subject to surrender. This condition should not be permitted to continue indefinitely. In order to assist this Grand Lodge to arrive at some constructive conclusions relative to their future welfare, I have requested each lodge, so absent during the past 2 and 3 years, to appear before our Committee on Charters and Dispensations. Perhaps we can come to a better understanding of their problems, rekindle the light which is burning so dimly in their lodges, and assist in the preservation of their Charters.

On December 31, 1946, due to their inability to continue and function, Cowles Lodge No. 296, voluntarily surrendered their Charter and delivered all records, including the Charter, to the office of the Grand Secretary.

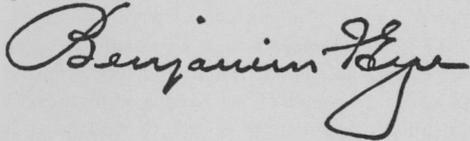
Another item which gives grave concern is that of delinquent dues. Many of our lodges, particularly the smaller ones, carry delinquent dues on their books far in excess of their proportion of membership. In numerous instances these delinquencies run over a period of several years. In my opinion, these unsatisfactory conditions are caused primarily by officers of the lodge, who are indifferent to their responsibilities in seeing that the dues are collected. There never was a time in the history of this Grand Jurisdiction when there was more money available from all sources than now. There never was a more propitious time for each lodge to put their house in order from the standpoint of finances. The time will come, and in the not too distant future, when this inflationary bubble will burst, and the days of "milk and honey" will be over. Another observation, which to me appears as a warning signal, is the fact that this high rate of delinquency in dues is primarily associated with your non-attendant lodges. Brethren, again I say, put your house in order and clean up these delinquent dues before it is too late.

CONCLUSION

In concluding this report I desire to thank the Brethren for the honor that was conferred upon me a year ago, and for the assistance and courtesy extended to me throughout the year. This is not a one-man job, and no Grand Master could have been supported more faithfully and loyally by the officers of the Grand Lodge than I have been. Each one, when called upon, either individually or collectively, has responded promptly. It is one thing to plan your work and another to work your plan. I have made mistakes and place myself upon your mercy. I can assure you they were mistakes of "omission" and not of "commission". To err is human. Any accomplishment which may have been attained during the past year

has been made possible through your cooperation and support. To R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, I am particularly indebted for their advice and assistance. To my successor in office, I pledge my continued support and cooperation to the fullest extent of my ability. Brethren, I thank you.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

I submit herewith my report for the past year.

With very few exceptions, all of the lodges this year have been active in the receiving of petitions and the conferring of degrees. There has been some improvement in the number of delinquent members and the amount of delinquent dues. Many of our lodges are now being officered by the younger brethren, with a fine spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm.

May we again call attention, as has been done in the past, that now is the time for the lodge to get itself on a sound financial basis.

INVESTMENTS

There have been very few changes in the various funds this past year. A few bonds and preferred stocks have been collected and paid and some investments have been made. 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.

RETURNS

Complete returns from every lodge in the Jurisdiction were received, and all dues for the year 1946 have been paid in full. I must report, however, that ten lodges were late in sending in their returns and three lodges were late in sending in their Grand Lodge dues. All correspondence relating thereto has been referred to the Committee on Returns.

RELIEF NOTES

This past year we have succeeded in collecting \$55.00 on the relief notes. There are very few brethren left who are able to pay. However, we would like to have one more year to try for further collections, before the notes are cancelled. These notes are not carried as assets, so there will be no loss shown to the Grand Lodge.

GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from the following lodges:

St. Paul Lodge No. 82
Wayne Lodge No. 120
McCook Lodge No. 135
Laurel Lodge No. 248
Endeavor Lodge No. 262
Omaha Lodge No. 288

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

FIFTY YEAR BADGES

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

FARMS

It will be noted that last year we had a total of five farms in the Orphans' Educational Fund. With the continued assistance of M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus, and Brother Robert M. Herre, these five farms have been sold. With the sale of these five farms, all farms owned by the Grand Lodge have now been disposed of, and at a net profit.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES

Incense Lodge No. 182, A. F. & A. M., Ohio, Nebraska, was consolidated with Jewel Lodge No. 149, A. F. & A. M., Tobias, Nebraska, on March 12, 1947.

SURRENDER OF CHARTER

On December 31, 1946, Cowles Lodge No. 296, A. F. & A. M., Cowles, Nebraska, voluntarily surrendered its charter.

ROLL OF HONOR

We are most happy to report that 72 lodges report no delinquent dues in 1946. This is an increase of 20 lodges reporting no delinquent dues, over last year. We commend these lodges for this fine showing and urge that every lodge close this year with no delinquent dues.

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

The Grand Trustees have met several times during the year. At these meetings the finances of the Grand Lodge and conditions generally, were discussed. As Secretary of the Board, I have been present at every meeting.

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES

During the past year the Committee on Masonic Education have held three Area Meetings, at which the Grand Secretary was given an opportunity to hold a Conference of Secretaries. These conferences were well attended and the Grand Secretary has met personally more than 150 Secretaries of our lodges. During these conferences, mutual problems were discussed and we are led to believe that much benefit will be derived therefrom.

We have a fine group of secretaries in this Grand Jurisdiction. It is a real labor of love and we appreciate their fine spirit of cooperation.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT, LIVE STOCK NATIONAL BANK

1946-1947

Debit

Received from 36,002 members at \$2.00 each	\$ 72,004.00
Received from 2,608 initiations at \$10.00 each	26,080.00
Received from 24 affiliations at \$10.00 each	240.00
Received from premium Surety Bond, on Treasurers and Secretaries of lodges	612.30
Received from Supplies sold to Lodges	4,134.15
Received from 2,209 members, for George Washington Masonic National Memorial, at \$1.00 each	2,209.00
Total	\$105,279.45

Credit

Paid, The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 36,002.00
Transferred to Supply Account	4,134.15
Transferred to Supply Account, for Bond premium	612.30
Paid, The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, at \$1.00 each	2,209.00
Transferred to Relief Fund	13,960.40
Transferred to Maintenance Fund	11,920.30
Transferred to General Fund	36,441.30
Total	\$105,279.45

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1946	\$ 45,186.10
Received from 1944-1945 budget, Grand Secretary's travel...	388.90
Received from 1944-1945 budget, Trial Commission	167.30
Received from 1944-1945 budget, Grand Custodian	67.32
Received from 1944-1945 budget, Grand Chaplain	105.53
Received from 1944-1945 budget, Educational Committee	46.12
Received from War Service Fund	439.22

Received for Special Dispensations	70.00
Received, penalties for late returns from Lodges	31.98
Cash left in account to pay check No. 8454	250.00
Special Account, 1946-1947 per capita tax	36,441.30

Total\$ 83,193.77

Cash Credit

Expense, Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master	\$ 2,500.00
Expense, Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian	2,350.00
Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, salary	3,000.00
Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, bonus	600.00
Expense, Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus	500.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire	2,700.00
Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, salary	3,600.00
Expense, Grand Lodge Officers attending Grand Lodge functions	600.00
Expense, Trial Commission	100.00
Grand Secretary's traveling expense	500.00
Expense of Committees not otherwise provided for	100.00
Office equipment, lights and furniture	3,255.69
Expense, Committee on Masonic Education	3,600.00
Expense, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00
Expense, Grand Chaplain	100.00
Social Security Tax Account	190.80
Premium, Workmen's Compensation, 1946-1947	32.44
Audit Grand Lodge books	100.00
Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada..	180.01
Rent, Grand Lodge office July 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947	1,200.00
Printing advance copies, proceedings, etc.	2,060.05
Printing list of Masters and Secretaries of Lodges	65.00
Bond for Grand Lodge Officers and employes	280.80
Liability insurance, Grand Master's automobile	4.03
Premium on fire and extended coverage, Grand Lodge furniture, supplies and equipment	47.88
Pay-roll 1946 session	5,173.82
Jewel for retiring Grand Master	132.00
Grand Tyler, 1946 session	15.00
Grand Organist, 1946 session	10.00
Grand Lodge dinner, 1946 session	857.00
Expense, Grand Trustees	50.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	100.00
Transferred to Permanent Reserve Fund, 1946 budget	6,039.16
Transcribing proceedings 1946 session	70.00
Cash, left in account to pay check No. 8454, William C. Schaper, Past Grand Master	250.00
Unappropriated expense: Flowers for Mrs. George A. Beecher	\$ 10.30

Additional expense, entertaining distinguished guests	134.35	
Additional expense, Grand Officers travel, including Grand Orator, 1946	717.71	
Expense, Claflin Printing Co., mailing out new 1946 code	122.88	
Printing special report, Omaha Masonic Home for Boys	90.00	
Freight, hauling filing cabinet War Service Committee, from Lincoln to Omaha	14.73	
Attorney fees, account property purchased at 432 So. 39th Street	368.75	
Expense, William C. Schaper, Past Grand Master	61.30	
Homer L. Kyle, proof reading 1946 code	50.00	
Insurance of property, 432 So. 39th Street.....	27.50	
Masonic Temple Craft, special dinner, Masonic Home drive	63.00	1,660.52
Grand Secretary's Contingent Fund		2,433.09
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Total cash expended	\$ 45,057.29	
Cash on hand, Live Stock National Bank	38,136.48	
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Total	\$ 83,193.77	

TRIAL BALANCE, GRAND LODGE

May 7, 1947

Stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 1.00	
Stock in the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	1.00	
Inventory		\$ 38,739.48
Furniture and fixtures	1.00	
Cash, Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00	
Cash, Live Stock National Bank, General Fund..	38,136.48	
Cash, Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00	
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Total	\$ 38,739.48	\$ 38,739.48

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, Grand Lodge General Fund	38,136.48	
Cash, Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00	
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Total	\$ 38,739.48	\$ 38,739.48

RELIEF FUND

May 7, 1947

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1946	\$ 18,454.22
Received from Masonic War Service Fund	1,635.67
Received from Special Account, 1946-1947	13,960.40

Total

Cash Credit

Paid, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	\$ 2,000.00
Paid, The Nebraska Masonic Home	10,000.00
Paid, Masonic Relief Association, United States and Canada..	2,000.00
Cash on hand, May 7, 1947	20,050.29

Total

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 7, 1947

Cash Debit

May 10, 1946, Cash on hand	\$ 2,477.69
Interest	1,377.97
Securities paid and sold	16,955.39
Profit on securities sold	88.17
Payments on Relief Notes	55.00
From Grand Lodge General Fund, over and above budget of 1946	6,039.16

Total

Cash Credit

Securities purchased	\$ 5,200.00
Accrued interest	28.17
Final payment on purchase of property at 432 South 39th Street, Omaha	21,128.58
Cash on hand May 7, 1947	636.63

Total

Total bonds	\$ 31,710.00
Accrued interest	28.17
Loan to Supply Account, Order of Grand Lodge	5,000.00
Property at 432 South 39th Street, Omaha	21,128.58
Cash	636.63

Total assets, May 7, 1947

Total assets, May 10, 1946

Gain in assets for the year

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND BONDS

May 7, 1947

No.

33—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$3,000, cost	\$ 2,910.00
42—U. S. Treasury Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$3,000, cost..	3,000.00
45—Fairmont Creamery Co., 4% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,200.00
46—U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2¼%, par \$5,000, cost.....	5,000.00
47—Fairmont Creamery Co., 4% pfd., par \$10,000	10,400.00
48—Missouri Power & Light Company, 3.90% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,200.00
Total	\$ 31,710.00

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 7, 1947

Cash Debit

May 10, 1946, Cash on hand	\$ 6,042.25
Supplies sold to Lodges	4,134.15
Transferred from Surety Bond Account	1,727.38
Cash received for supplies sold	1.30
Total	\$ 11,905.08

Cash Credit

Paid for postage	\$ 425.00
Paid for express	21.40
Paid for supplies	5,715.41
Cash on hand, May 7, 1947	5,743.27
Total	\$ 11,905.08

May 10, 1946, Supplies on hand	\$ 2,461.34
Cash on hand	6,042.25

Total

May 7, 1947, Supplies on hand	\$ 3,210.76
May 7, 1947, Cash on hand	5,743.27

Total

Total for 1947	\$ 8,954.03
Total for 1946	8,503.59

Gain for the year

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 7, 1947

Cash Debit

Cash on hand May 10, 1946	\$ 12,709.62
Interest	6,666.42
Profit on bonds sold	9,222.96
Securities paid and sold	45,472.80

Total\$ 74,071.80

Cash Credit

Transferred to George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund	\$ 500.00
Accrued interest	46.83
Securities purchased	43,137.50
Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	1,500.00
Cash on hand	28,887.47

Total\$ 74,071.80

TRIAL BALANCE

Cash on hand	\$ 28,887.47
Bonds at cost	182,412.43
Total	\$211,299.90

INVENTORY

Cash	\$ 28,887.47
Bonds at cost	182,412.43
Total	\$211,299.90

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND BONDS

May 7, 1947

No.

13—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$1,000, cost	\$ 970.00
40—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$9,000, cost	8,482.50
43—Province of Saskatchewan, 4%, par \$5,000, cost	4,634.43
60—Union Stock Yards Co., 4%, par \$10,000, cost	8,080.00
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
84—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co., 5% pfd., par \$10,000, cost	10,000.00
85—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2½%, par \$3,000, cost.	3,000.00
86—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00

87—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$4,000, cost	4,000.00
88—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$15,000, cost	15,000.00
89—U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2%, par \$10,000, cost.....	10,000.00
90—U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2½%, par \$20,000, cost.....	20,000.00
91—Fairmont Creamery Co., 4% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,200.00
92—Bristol-Myers Co., 3.75% pfd., par \$4,200, cost	4,373.00
93—U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
94—Shell Union Oil Co., 2½%, par \$15,000, cost	15,225.00
95—Dana Corporation, 3.75% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,100.00
96—Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., 3¼% pfd., par \$10,000, cost.....	9,400.00
97—Maryland Casualty Company, 4.20% pfd., cost	8,587.50
98—General Motors Corporation, 3.75% pfd., par \$10,000, cost.	10,000.00
99—Westinghouse Electric Corp., 3.80% pfd., par \$10,000, cost.	10,050.00
Total	\$182,412.43

MAINTENANCE FUND

May 7, 1947

Cash Debit

May 10, 1946, Cash on hand	\$ 18,164.43
Received from Special Account, 1946-1947	11,920.30
Total	\$ 30,084.73

Cash Credit

Maintenance, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	\$ 11,000.00
May 7, 1947, Cash on hand	19,084.73
Total	\$ 30,084.73

SERVICE, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS ACCOUNT

May 7, 1947

Cash Debit

May 10, 1946, Cash on hand	\$ 2,273.23
Interest on Securities	50.00
Total	\$ 2,323.23

Cash Credit

Paid to Mrs. Sarah L. Hilton, annuity	\$ 162.50
Cash on hand, May 7, 1947	2,160.73
Total	\$ 2,323.23

TRIAL BALANCE

May 7, 1947

Cash	\$ 2,160.73	
Gifts		\$ 2,500.00
Bills receivable	870.00	
Surplus		530.73
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Total	\$ 3,030.73	\$ 3,030.73

INVENTORY

Cash	\$ 2,160.73
Bills receivable	870.00
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Total	\$ 3,030.73

BONDS

Loan No.

7--Province of British Columbia, par \$1,000, cost	\$ 870.00
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Total	\$ 870.00

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 7, 1947

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1946	\$ 8,482.85
Interest	9,034.04
Cash received, sale of Farm No. 9	2,916.12
Cash received, sale of Farm No. 5	2,300.00
Cash received, sale of Farm No. 4	2,769.92
Cash received, sale of Farm No. 7	2,000.00
Cash received, sale of Farm No. 1	2,000.00
Profit on sale of bonds	627.21
Securities paid and sold	17,842.29
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Total	\$ 47,972.43

Cash Credit

Final settlement, Farm No. 7	\$ 162.22
Final settlement, Farm No. 1	58.82
Final settlement, Farm No. 4	6.48
Final settlement, Farm No. 5	277.12
Paid, The Nebraska Masonic Home	11,000.00
One-half cost Field Work	1,547.62
Educational Committee, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	300.00

Securities purchased	23,625.00
Error in credit interest collected, "Grand Council"	22.50
Accrued interest	43.27
Cash on hand, May 7, 1947	10,929.40
Total	\$ 47,972.43

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

TRIAL BALANCE

May 7, 1947

Inventory	\$273,911.40
Cash, Omaha National Bank	\$ 10,929.40
Bills receivable	262,982.00
Total	\$273,911.40 \$273,911.40

INVENTORY

Cash	\$ 10,929.40
Bills receivable	262,982.00
Total assets May 7, 1947	\$273,911.40
Total bonds at cost	\$242,382.00
Total farm mortgages	20,600.00
Total	\$262,982.00

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%	5,900.00
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 %	4,500.00
509—	John D. Harms	80 acres Otoe	4 %	3,200.00
Total				\$ 20,600.00

No past due interest on any mortgage.

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND BONDS

May 7, 1947

No.	Amount
375—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%, par \$3,000, cost.....	\$ 2,827.50
410—Province of Manitoba, 4%, par \$1,000, cost	930.00

416—Union Stock Yards Company, 4%, par \$5,000, cost	4,000.00
466—Pure Oil Company, 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—U. S. Government War Bonds, 2½%, par \$2,000, cost.....	2,000.00
476—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
477—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2½%, par \$5,000, cost..	5,000.00
478—Province of Manitoba, 4½%, par \$1,000, cost	960.00
480—U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2½%, par \$15,000, cost....	15,000.00
488—U. S. Government Savings Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$10,000, cost	10,000.00
489—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 4½%, par \$20,000, cost	20,000.00
492—McKesson-Robbins Co., pfd. stock, 4%, par \$5,000, cost..	5,000.00
493—Dow Chemical Company, 4% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,250.00
495—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$3,000, cost	3,000.00
497—Celanese Corp. 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—U. S. Treasury Bonds 2¼%, par \$25,000, cost	25,000.00
502—Fairmont Creamery Co., 4% pfd., par \$15,000, cost.....	15,600.00
503—Bristol-Myers Co., 3¾% pfd., par \$4,700, cost	4,905.50
504—U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2¼%, par \$10,000, cost ...	10,000.00
505—National Dairy Products Corp., 2¾%, par \$5,000, cost....	5,087.50
506—Sioux City Gas & Electric Co., 3.90% pfd., par \$10,000, cost	10,200.00
507—Southern Pacific Ry. Bonds, 2¼%, par \$10,000, cost.....	9,875.00
508—Fruehauf Trailer Company, 4% pfd., par \$10,000, cost...	10,450.00
510—Scranton Spring Brook Water Service Co., 4.10% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,125.00
511—General Motors Corp., 3.75 pfd., par \$2,500, cost	2,500.00
512—U. S. Government Defense Bonds, par 2½%, par \$1,000, cost	1,000.00
513—U. S. Government Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2½%, cost....	5,000.00
514—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", par \$5,000, cost...	5,000.00
515—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2%, par \$5,000, cost..	5,000.00
Total	\$242,382.00

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

May 7, 1947

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1946	\$ 8,436.33
Interest	4,219.59
Securities paid	38,590.53
Profit on sale of securities	882.78
Total	\$ 52,129.23

Cash Credit

Securities purchased	\$ 25,400.00
Accrued interest	21.37
Cash on hand	26,707.86
Total	\$ 52,129.23

TRIAL BALANCE

May 7, 1947

Securities on hand	\$139,748.29
Cash on hand, May 7, 1947	26,707.86
Inventory	\$156,629.75
Bequests	9,826.40
Total	\$166,456.15

INVENTORY

Securities on hand	\$139,748.29
Cash	26,707.86
Total	\$166,456.15
Liability Bequests	9,826.40
Total	\$156,629.75
Add Bequests, only book liability	9,826.40
Total assets May 7, 1947	\$166,456.15

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND FARM LOANS

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount
54—	Anton G. Christensen.....	80 acres Platte	4½%	\$ 3,000.00
72—	Prudence Lodge No. 179, Masonic Temple and lease.		4 %	341.54
75—	Emma McCord	150 acres Saunders	4 %	5,000.00
77—	Edward Niebaum	160 acres Washington	4½%	2,763.00
81—	Kathleen O'Grady, et al....	240 acres Colfax	5 %	3,600.00
92—	Jacqueline Schiefelbein	80 acres Saunders	4½%	3,000.00
Total				\$ 17,704.54

No past due interest on any mortgage.

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND BONDS

May 7, 1947

No.	Amount
68—Province of Manitoba, 4½%, par \$5,000, cost	\$ 4,643.75
98—U. S. Government Defense Bonds, 2½%, par \$4,000, cost..	4,000.00

100—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", par \$5,000, cost....	5,000.00
102—U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2½%, par \$5,000, cost....	5,000.00
104—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
105—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$23,000, cost	23,000.00
106—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
108—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2%, par \$10,000, cost.	10,000.00
109—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2½%, par \$30,000, cost	30,000.00
110—U. S. Government Coupon Bonds, 2½%, par \$5,000, cost.	5,000.00
111—Missouri Power & Light Company, 3.90% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,200.00
112—Willys Overland Motors, Inc., 4½% pfd., par \$5,000, cost.	5,000.00
113—American Potash & Chemical Corp., 4.00 pfd., par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
114—E. I. Dupont De Nemours Company, 3½% pfd., par \$10,000, cost	10,200.00
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Total	\$122,043.75
Total Bonds	\$122,043.75
Farm mortgages	17,704.54
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Total securities	\$139,748.29

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

May 10, 1946, Cash on hand	\$ 704.01
Received from Building and Improvement Fund	500.00
Received from Special Account	2,209.00
Received from interest, United States National Bank	5.22
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Total	\$ 3,418.23
Paid to Secretary-Treasurer	3,000.00
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Cash on hand, May 7, 1947	\$ 418.23

RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund, cash	\$ 38,136.48
Relief Fund	20,050.29
Permanent Reserve Fund, cash	636.63
Permanent Reserve Fund, bonds, loans and real estate.....	57,838.58
Building and Improvement Fund, cash	28,887.47
Building and Improvement Fund, bonds	182,412.43
Maintenance Fund, cash	19,084.73

Supply Account, cash	5,407.77
Service, Annuities and Gifts, cash	2,160.73
Service, Annuities and Gifts, bonds	870.00
Orphans' Educational Fund, cash	10,929.40
Orphans' Educational Fund, securities	262,982.00
Children's Home Endowment Fund, cash	26,707.86
Children's Home Endowment Fund, securities	139,748.29
Grand Lodge expense account	400.00
Exchange account	200.00
Total	\$796,452.66

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 371, PROCEEDINGS 1946

Certificate No.	Brother	Date Received			Number
		Master Mason's Degree	Lodge		
1173—	John E. Gilmore	April 22, 1895...	Hay Springs	No. 177	
1174—	James S. Taylor	June 1, 1892...	Fairbury	No. 35	
1175—	Frank E. Clark	Nov. 6, 1895...	Nebraska	No. 1	
1176—	Earnest D. Beardsley....	Febr. 3, 1896...	Fairbury	No. 35	
1177—	George Allen Beecher....	July 7, 1896...	G. W. Lininger	No. 268	
1178—	William Irving	June 17, 1896...	Covert	No. 11	
1179—	William M. Umberger...May	9, 1896...	Elwood	No. 167	
1180—	Frank E. Slusser	June 24, 1896...	Cement	No. 211	
1181—	Charles S. Lobinger	June 13, 1896...	St. Johns	No. 25	
1182—	Oseeola C. Cram	June 14, 1896...	Blazing Star	No. 200	
1183—	Herman A. Hauptman...May	23, 1896...	Trestle Board	No. 162	
1184—	Charles R. Metzger	Mar. 23, 1895...	Silver	No. 266	
1185—	Joe B. Redfield	Febr. 26, 1896...	Covert	No. 11	
1186—	Ezra M. Norris	July 24, 1896...	Crete	No. 37	
1187—	Frank H. Connor	Dec. 14, 1894...	Crete	No. 37	
1188—	Adolph Waite	June 21, 1895...	Crete	No. 37	
1189—	Erskine M. Taylor	June 8, 1896...	Lancaster	No. 54	
1190—	Fred B. Hartman	July 22, 1896...	Platte Valley	No. 32	
1191—	Charles W. Smith	Aug. 22, 1896...	Elwood	No. 167	
1192—	Lewis H. Blackledge	July 22, 1896...	Charity	No. 53	
1193—	Harvey C. Bible	Dec. 15, 1894...	Holbrook	No. 257	
1194—	Aaron P. Brady	Nov. 26, 1896...	St. Johns	No. 25	
1195—	Benjamin F. Colton	Jan. 5, 1896...	East Lincoln	No. 210	
1196—	Henry P. Kauffman	June 6, 1896...	East Lincoln	No. 210	
1197—	George E. Bedell	June 13, 1896...	East Lincoln	No. 210	
1198—	Edward W. Miskell	July 21, 1896...	East Lincoln	No. 210	
1199—	Clemens A. Spellman....	Aug. 18, 1896...	Beatrice	No. 26	

1200—Niels P. Sorensen	April 17, 1896....	Pilot	No. 240
1201—John M. Silver	May 22, 1896....	Superior	No. 121
1202—Charles Emry	Aug. 29, 1896....	Bennett	No. 94
1203—Frederick M. Weitzel....	Sept. 26, 1896....	Albion	No. 78
1204—William E. Martin	Mar. 26, 1895....	Liberty	No. 300
1205—C. Christofferson	Jan. 26, 1893....	St. Johns	No. 25
1206—Bennie J. Baker	Nov. 28, 1896....	Mitchell	No. 263
1207—Frank D. Mills	Nov. 20, 1896....	Osceola	No. 65
1208—James B. McDonald	Dec. 2, 1896....	Platte Valley	No. 32
1209—James W. Davis	May 10, 1896....	Capitol	No. 3
1210—Harry D. Cone	June 20, 1896....	Capitol	No. 3
1211—Thomas E. Harman	Dec. 17, 1894....	Capitol	No. 3
1212—William R. Vaughn	Jan. 30, 1893....	Capitol	No. 3
1213—William E. Rhoades	Oct. 24, 1892....	Capitol	No. 3
1214—Donald G. MacKinlay....	Jan. 29, 1897....	Samaritan	No. 158
1215—David H. Fair	Jan. 14, 1897....	John J. Mercer	No. 290
1216—A. C. Allenburger	June 13, 1892....	Friend	No. 73
1217—John W. Niles	July 8, 1892....	Rob Morris	No. 46
1218—Frank Gill	June 9, 1894....	Rob Morris	No. 46
1219—Howard Yetter	Dec. 19, 1896....	Delta	No. 230
1220—James Ragan	April 17, 1896....	Wymore	No. 104
1221—Albert Stake	Febr. 12, 1896....	Upright	No. 137
1222—Harvey T. Braddock....	April 12, 1897....	Samaritan	No. 158
1223—James Gardner	Aug. 14, 1894....	Nebraska	No. 1
1224—Rudolph E. Watzke....	May 13, 1897....	Humboldt	No. 40
1225—Charles Osborn	Jan. 29, 1897....	Napthali	No. 206
1226—Adelbert D. Stotts	Mar. 23, 1897....	Napthali	No. 206
1227—John W. Hicks	Jan. 20, 1897....	Fairbury	No. 35
1228—Marion O. McClure	April 20, 1897....	McCook	No. 135

ROLL OF HONOR

Lodges Reporting No Delinquent Dues for the Year 1946.

Western Star Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City
 Omadi Lodge No. 5, Dakota City
 Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth
 Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City
 Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha
 Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, Tecumseh
 Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln
 Blue River Lodge No. 30, Milford
 Fairbury Lodge No. 35, Fairbury
 Fairmont Lodge No. 48, Fairmont

Evening Star Lodge No. 49, Sutton
Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City
Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln
Keystone Lodge No. 62, Phillips
Alexandria Lodge No. 74, Alexandria
Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva
St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul
Oakland Lodge No. 91, Oakland
Beaver City Lodge No. 93, Beaver City
Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City
Wisner Lodge No. 114, Wisner
Harlan Lodge No. 116, Alma
North Bend Lodge No. 119, North Bend
Auburn Lodge No. 124, Auburn
Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, Kenesaw
Elwood Lodge No. 167, Elwood
Grafton Lodge No. 172, Grafton
Culbertson Lodge No. 174, Culbertson
Hay Springs Lodge No. 177, Hay Springs
Incense Lodge No. 182, Ohiowa
Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance
Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha
Boaz Lodge No. 185, Danbury
Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine
Purity Lodge No. 198, Imperial
Gavel Lodge No. 199, Carleton
Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203, Pender
Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln
Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, Bloomfield
Relief Lodge No. 219, Coleridge
Silver Cord Lodge No. 224, Ainsworth
North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln
Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 231, Cook
John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232, Kennard
Gilead Lodge No. 233, Butte
Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, Allen
Cubit Lodge No. 237, Douglas

Corner Stone Lodge No. 247, Osmond
 Franklin Lodge No. 264, Franklin
 Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff
 George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha
 Ramah Lodge No. 275, Bertrand
 Antelope Lodge No. 276, Elgin
 Litchfield Lodge No. 278, Litchfield
 Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace
 Swastika Lodge No. 280, Sargent
 Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha
 Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna
 John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha
 Minatare Lodge No. 295, Minatare
 Cowles Lodge No. 296, Cowles
 Right Angle Lodge No. 303, Omaha
 Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, Lodgepole
 Winnebago Lodge No. 309, Winnebago
 Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley
 Polk Lodge No. 311, Polk
 Potter Lodge No. 313, Potter
 Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln
 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
 BONDS AND STOCKS

May 7, 1947

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

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Current Market Value	Annual Income Rec'd	%
U. S. Government Bonds	\$273,000.00	\$273,000.00	\$278,034.66	\$ 6,450.00	2.36%
Canadian Provincial Bds.	51,000.00	47,538.18	55,912.50	2,200.00	4.62%
Indus. & Misc. Bonds	30,000.00	30,187.50	29,293.75	737.50	2.44%
Public Utility Pref. Stks.	41,775.00	42,596.50	43,538.00	1,823.75	4.28%
Indus. & Misc. Pref. Stks.	171,400.00	174,016.00	177,220.50	7,065.00	4.06%
Common Stocks	15,000.00	12,080.00	9,075.00	450.00	3.70%
TOTALS	\$582,175.00	\$579,418.18	\$593,074.41	\$18,726.25	
Average Income Per Year (on cost basis)					3.23%

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%, Series G....	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 100.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, 12-1-68/63..	5,000.00	5,240.63	125.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
23,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	23,000.00	23,000.00	575.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2%, 12-15-54/52..	10,000.00	10,293.75	200.00
30,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 6-15-62/59..	30,000.00	30,796.87	675.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 12-15-62/59..	5,000.00	5,132.80	112.50
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 12-15-62/59..	5,000.00	5,132.80	112.50
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, 6-15-62....	3,000.00	3,079.68	75.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
4,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	4,000.00	4,000.00	100.00
15,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	15,000.00	15,000.00	375.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2%, 6-15-54/52..	10,000.00	10,287.50	200.00
20,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 6-15-62/59..	20,000.00	20,531.25	450.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 12-14-62/59..	5,000.00	5,132.80	112.50
2,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, 6-15-67/62..	2,000.00	2,105.00	50.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, 6-15-67/62..	5,000.00	5,262.50	125.00
15,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, 12-1-68/63..	15,000.00	15,721.88	375.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	10,000.00	10,000.00	250.00
20,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	20,000.00	20,000.00	500.00
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.00
25,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 6-15-62/59..	25,000.00	25,664.06	562.50
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 12-15-62/59..	10,000.00	10,265.63	225.00
1,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	1,000.00	1,000.00	25.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, 12-1-68/63..	5,000.00	5,240.63	125.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2%, 12-1-54/52..	5,000.00	5,146.88	100.00
\$273,000.00		\$273,000.00	\$278,034.66	\$ 6,450.00

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 4-16-57	\$ 4,643.75	\$ 5,712.50	\$ 225.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55	2,910.00	3,195.00	135.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55	970.00	1,065.00	45.00
9,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	8,482.50	9,585.00	405.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4s 11-15-57	4,634.43	5,200.00	200.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	4,500.00	5,500.00	200.00
9,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	8,370.00	9,900.00	360.00
8,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 4-1-60	7,440.00	9,280.00	360.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	930.00	1,100.00	40.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	2,827.50	3,195.00	135.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56	960.00	1,140.00	45.00
1,000.00	Prov. of British Columbia 5s 6-25-48	870.00	1,040.00	50.00
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\$ 51,000.00		\$ 47,538.18	\$ 55,912.50	\$ 2,200.00
			Average Return 4.62%	

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Co. 2½% 4-1-71	\$ 15,225.00	\$ 14,868.75	\$ 375.00
5,000.00	National Dairy Products Co. 2¾% 12-1-70.	5,087.50	5,187.50	137.50
10,000.00	Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61	9,875.00	9,237.50	225.00
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\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,187.50	\$ 29,293.75	\$ 737.50
			Average Return 2.44%	

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...\$	5,200.00	\$ 5,012.50	\$ 195.00
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...	5,200.00	5,012.50	195.00
10,000.00	Kansas-Nebr. Natural Gas Co. 5% Pfd...	10,000.00	10,800.00	500.00
6,775.00	Western Light & Telephone 5% Pref.....	6,871.50	7,588.00	338.75
10,000.00	Sioux City Gas & Electric 3.90% Pref....	10,200.00	10,050.00	390.00
5,000.00	Scranton Spring Brook Water Service Co. 4.10%	5,125.00	5,075.00	205.00
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\$ 41,775.00		\$ 42,596.50	\$ 43,538.00	\$ 1,823.75
			Average Return 4.28%	

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Amer. Potash & Chem. Co. 4% "A" Pref..	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,112.50	\$ 200.00
10,000.00	E. I. Dupont De Nemours Co. 3½% Pref..	10,200.00	10,362.00	350.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref.....	5,200.00	5,750.00	200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref.....	10,400.00	11,500.00	400.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref.....	5,200.00	5,750.00	200.00
4,200.00	Bristol-Myers Co. 3½% Pref.....	4,373.00	4,599.00	157.50
5,000.00	Willys Overland Motors 4½% Pref.....	5,000.00	2,487.50	225.00
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3½% Pref.....	5,100.00	4,600.00	187.50
10,000.00	Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. 3¼% Pref.....	9,400.00	9,450.00	325.00
10,000.00	Maryland Casualty Co. 4.20% Conv. Pref.	8,587.50	8,200.00	420.00
10,000.00	General Motors Corp. 3¾% Pref.....	10,000.00	10,450.00	375.00
10,000.00	Westinghouse Electric Corp. 3.80% Pref.	10,050.00	10,550.00	380.00
10,000.00	Pure Oil Co. 5% Pref.	9,400.00	10,725.00	500.00
5,000.00	McKesson-Robbins Co. 4% Pref.....	5,000.00	5,150.00	200.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Co. 4% Pref.....	5,250.00	5,600.00	200.00
10,000.00	Celanese Corp. of America 4¾% Pref....	9,900.00	10,650.00	475.00
20,000.00	Goodyear Tire & Rubber 5% Pref.....	22,500.00	21,275.00	1,000.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref.....	15,600.00	17,250.00	600.00
4,700.00	Bristol-Myers Co. 3¾% Pref.....	4,905.50	5,146.50	176.25
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pref.....	10,450.00	10,000.00	400.00
2,500.00	General Motors Corp. 3¾% Pref.....	2,500.00	2,612.50	93.75
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\$171,400.00		\$174,016.00	\$177,220.50	\$ 7,065.00
				Average Return 4.06%

COMMON STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,000.00	Union Stockyards Co. of Omaha common.	\$ 8,080.00	\$ 6,050.00	\$ 300.00
5,000.00	Union Stockyards Co. of Omaha common.	4,000.00	3,025.00	150.00
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15,000.00		\$ 12,080.00	\$ 9,075.00	\$ 450.00
				Average Return 3.70%

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

May 7, 1947

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

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Per-centage
United States Government Bonds.....	\$273,000.00	\$273,000.00	34.26%
Canadian Provincial Bonds	51,000.00	47,538.18	5.95%
Industrial & Miscellaneous Bonds	30,000.00	30,187.50	3.78%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks	41,775.00	42,596.50	5.34%

Industrial & Misc. Preferred Stocks...	171,400.00	174,016.00	21.84%
Common Stocks	15,000.00	12,080.00	1.50%
(Sub-Totals)	(\$582,175.00)	(\$579,418.18)	
Real Estate	21,000.00	21,000.00	2.62%
Mortgage Loans	38,304.54	38,304.54	4.92%
Cash	152,601.36	152,601.36	19.16%
Other Assets	5,128.58	5,128.58	.63%
TOTALS	\$799,209.48	\$796,452.66	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%	Series G	\$ 4,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	5,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2½% 12-1-68/63	5,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	5,000.00
23,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	23,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	5,000.00
10,000.00	"	"	"	2 % 12-15-54/52	10,000.00
30,000.00	"	"	"	2¼% 6-15-62/59	30,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2¼% 12-15-62/59	5,000.00
3,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	3,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2¼% 12-15-62/59	5,000.00
3,000.00	"	"	"	2½% 6-15-62	3,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	5,000.00
4,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	4,000.00
15,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	15,000.00
10,000.00	"	"	"	2 % 6-15-54/52	10,000.00
20,000.00	"	"	"	2¼% 6-15-62/59	20,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2¼% 12-15-62/59	5,000.00
2,000.00	"	"	"	2½% 6-15-67/62	2,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	5,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2½% 6-15-67/62	5,000.00
15,000.00	"	"	"	2½% 12-1-68/63	15,000.00
10,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	10,000.00
20,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	20,000.00
3,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	3,000.00
25,000.00	"	"	"	2¼% 6-15-62/59	25,000.00
10,000.00	"	"	"	2¼% 12-15-62/59	10,000.00
1,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	1,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2½% 12-1-68/63	5,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2½% Series G	5,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	"	2 % 12-1-54/52	5,000.00
\$273,000.00					\$273,000.00

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

Par Value	Cost
\$ 5,000.00 Province of Manitoba 4½s 4-16-57	\$ 4,643.75
3,000.00 Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55	2,910.00
1,000.00 Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55	970.00
9,000.00 Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	8,482.50
5,000.00 Province of Saskatchewan 4s 11-15-57	4,634.43
5,000.00 Province of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	4,500.00
9,000.00 Province of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	8,370.00
8,000.00 Province of Manitoba 4½s 4-1-60	7,440.00
1,000.00 Province of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	930.00
3,000.00 Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	2,827.50
1,000.00 Province of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56	960.00
1,000.00 Province of British Columbia 5s 6-25-48	870.00
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\$ 51,000.00	\$ 47,538.18

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

15,000.00 Shell Union Oil Co. 2½% 4-1-71	\$ 15,225.00
5,000.00 National Dairy Products Co. 2¾% 12-1-70	5,087.50
10,000.00 Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61	9,875.00
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\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,187.50

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

\$ 5,000.00 Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pref.	\$ 5,200.00
5,000.00 Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pref.	5,200.00
10,000.00 Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. 5% Pref.	10,000.00
6,775.00 Western Light & Telephone 5% Pref.	6,871.50
10,000.00 Sioux City Gas & Electric 3.90% Pref.	10,200.00
5,000.00 Scranton Spring Brook Water Serv. Co. 4.10% Pfd.	5,125.00
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\$ 41,775.00	\$ 42,596.50

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value	Cost
\$ 5,000.00 American Potash & Chemical Corp. 4% "A" Pref. ..	\$ 5,000.00
10,000.00 E. I. Dupont De Nemours Co. 3½% Pref.	10,200.00
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
4,200.00 Bristol-Myers Co. 3¾% Pref.	4,373.00
5,000.00 Willys Overland Motors 4½% Pref.	5,000.00
5,000.00 Dana Corporation 3¾% Pref.	5,100.00
10,000.00 Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. 3¼% Pref.	9,400.00
10,000.00 Maryland Casualty Co. 4.20% Conv. Pref.	8,587.50

10,000.00	General Motors Corp. 3¾% Pref.	10,000.00
10,000.00	Westinghouse Electric Corp. 3.80% Pref.	10,050.00
10,000.00	Pure Oil Co. 5% Pref.	9,400.00
5,000.00	McKesson-Robbins Co. 4% Pref.	5,000.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Co. 4% Pref.	5,250.00
10,000.00	Celanese Corp. of America 4¾% Pref.	9,900.00
20,000.00	Goodyear Tire & Rubber 5% Pref.	22,500.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Creamery Co. 4% Pref.	15,600.00
4,700.00	Bristol-Myers Co. 3¾% Pref.	4,905.50
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pref.	10,450.00
2,500.00	General Motors Corp. 3¾% Pref.	2,500.00
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\$171,400.00		\$174,016.00

COMMON STOCKS

\$ 10,000.00	Union Stockyards Co. of Omaha common	\$ 8,080.00
5,000.00	Union Stockyards Co. of Omaha common	4,000.00
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\$ 15,000.00		\$ 12,080.00

REAL ESTATE

\$ 21,000.00	Building, 432 So. 39th St., Omaha, Neb.	\$ 21,000.00
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\$ 21,000.00		\$ 21,000.00

MORTGAGE LOANS

	Otto F. Dahms 5% Mortgage	\$ 1,000.00
	Michael Foley 4½% Mortgage	5,900.00
	Alberic Matthys 5% Mortgage	900.00
	Myrta M. Goll 4½% Mortgage	1,600.00
	Frances Mehrens 4½% Mortgage	2,000.00
	Jacquiline Schiefelbein 4½% Mortgage	1,500.00
	Howard Gunderson 4% Mortgage	4,500.00
	John D. Harms 4% Mortgage	3,200.00
	Anton G. Christensen 4½% Mortgage	3,000.00
	Prudence Lodge No. 179 4% Mortgage	341.54
	Emma McCord 4% Mortgage	5,000.00
	Edward Niebaum 4½% Mortgage	2,785.00
	Kathleen O'Grady 5% Mortgage	3,600.00
	Jacqueline Schiefelbein 4½% Mortgage	3,000.00
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\$ 38,304.54		\$ 38,304.54

RETURNS

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

Lodge No. 187 reports carrying no insurance.

The following lodges report having no delinquent dues: Nos. 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 17, 19, 30, 35, 48, 49, 51, 54, 62, 74, 79, 82, 91, 93, 106, 114, 116, 119, 124, 144, 167, 172, 174, 177, 182, 183, 184, 185, 192, 193, 199, 203, 205, 210, 218, 219, 224, 227, 231, 232, 233, 236, 237, 247, 264, 265, 268, 275, 276, 278, 279, 280, 281, 289, 290, 295, 296, 303, 306, 309, 310, 311, 313, 314, 318, 320, 324, a total of 72, 20 more than last year. Of these 72, the following had no delinquent dues for 1945: 2, 5, 9, 11, 17, 35, 48, 54, 62, 79, 82, 91, 93, 106, 167, 174, 198, 199, 210, 218, 227, 231, 233, 236, 265, 275, 276, 279, 280, 289, 290, 295, 296, 303, 306, 311, 313, 314, 318, 320, 324. Two lodges do not report whether they have delinquent dues or not.

The number of delinquent members is reported to be 2,088 as compared to 2,188 for the previous year.

The amount delinquent is \$15,615.23 as compared to \$17,718.05 for 1945, \$19,737.41 for 1944, \$31,138.74 for 1943, \$44,477.05 for 1942 and \$52,086.46 for 1941.

The average for each delinquent is \$7.48, which is 62 cents less than last year.

RETURNS

Number of chartered Lodges last report		281
Less consolidation of Hubbell Lodge No. 92 with Hebron Lodge No. 43 and extinction of Cowles Lodge No. 296		2
Chartered Lodges on hand, December 31, 1946		279
Number initiated during year	2608	
Number passed	2333	
Number raised		2209
Number affiliated		356
Number reinstated		389
Number gained by other causes		21
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Total gross increase		2975
Number demitted during year		429
Number deceased		597
Number suspended		132
Number expelled		2
Number lost by other causes		21
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Total loss		1181
Net gain for the year ending December 31, 1946		1,794
Number of Master Masons on rolls, December 31, 1945		36,002
Number of Master Masons on rolls, December 31, 1946		37,796

Fraternally submitted,

Frank J. Feisen

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:

Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City.
Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City.
Lebanon Lodge No. 323, Columbus.
Mosaic Lodge No. 55, Norfolk.
Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield.
Laurel Lodge No. 248, Laurel.
Blue Valley Lodge No. 64, Wilber.
Geneva Lodge No. 79, Geneva.
Cambridge Lodge No. 150, Cambridge.
Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege.
Granite Lodge No. 189, Gibbon.
Gladstone Lodge No. 176, Ansley.
Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron.
Mitchell Lodge No. 263, Mitchell.
Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney.
Purity Lodge No. 198, Imperial.
Garfield Lodge No. 95, O'Neill.
Long Pine Lodge No. 136, Long Pine.
Hebron Lodge No. 43, Hebron.
Franklin Lodge No. 264, Franklin.
Landmark Lodge No. 222, Herman.
Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, Tecumseh.
Wymore Lodge No. 104, Wymore.
Auburn Lodge No. 124, Auburn.
Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora.

Two one-evening schools for the Lodges at Lincoln.

One-day Schools were held in the following Lodges:

Keystone Lodge No. 62, Phillips.
Doniphan Lodge No. 86, Doniphan.
Wolbach Lodge No. 292, Wolbach.
St. Paul Lodge No. 82, St. Paul.
Cement Lodge No. 211, Wood River.
Crescent Lodge No. 143, Primrose.
Silver Lodge No. 266, Silver Creek.
William E. Hill Lodge No. 307, Otoe.
Evergreen Lodge No. 153, Pierce.
Newman Grove Lodge No. 305, Newman Grove.
Antelope Lodge No. 276, Elgin.

Lily Lodge No. 154, Davenport.
Ruskin Lodge No. 304, Ruskin.
Gauge Lodge No. 208, Arcadia.
Swastika Lodge No. 280, Sargent.
Ord Lodge No. 103, Ord.
Justice Lodge No. 180, Benkelman.
Culbertson Lodge No. 174, Culbertson.
Signet Lodge No. 193, Leigh.
Occidental Lodge No. 215, Cedar Bluffs.
Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco.
Hiram Lodge No. 52, Arlington.
George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, Craig.
Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Tekamah.
Potter Lodge No. 313, Potter.
Harmony Lodge No. 321, Dalton.
Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell.
Hampton Lodge No. 245, Hampton.
Polk Lodge No. 311, Polk.
Hickman Lodge No. 256, Hickman.
Benett Lodge No. 94, Bennet
Sioux Lodge No. 277, Harrison.
Rawalt Lodge No. 138, Oxford.
Valley Lodge No. 157, Wilsonville.
Parian Lodge No. 207, Callaway.
Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace.
Perkins Lodge No. 308, Grant.
Curtis Lodge No. 168, Curtis.
Elwood Lodge No. 167, Elwood.
Mullen Lodge No. 282, Mullen.
Zion Lodge No. 234, Hyannis.
Pioneer Lodge No. 322, Lyman.
Prudence Lodge No. 179, Beaver Crossing.
Eminence Lodge No. 223, Giltner.
Friend Lodge No. 73, Friend.
Grafton Lodge No. 172, Grafton.

Good interest has been shown in the schools and most of the Lodges are making a special effort, not only in posting their candidates, who are taking their degrees in the regular time, but also those who received their degrees by special dispensation during the war period.

More of the new initiates are being given work to do in the conferring of degrees and on committees which stimulates their interest and helps them to realize that Masonry means something more than lip service.

Nearly half of the Lodge records have been checked during the year and the finest cooperation has been shown by the Secretaries at all times.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

A number of Lodges are preparing for Certificates for the first time and Certificates have been renewed in Sixty Lodges.

First Certificates have been issued to the following individual Brethren:

- Robert E. McNeil, No. 184.
- Gene C. Gaddis, No. 274
- Merle Vilmer, No. 201.
- Russell L. Jones, No. 210.
- Alva B. Jennings, No. 210.
- Lyle A. Van Arsdel, No. 210.
- S. Hugh Dillon, No. 19.
- Carl S. Miller, No. 290.
- George D. Walton, No. 290.
- Gilbert W. Robinson, No. 290.
- Elmer J. Hansen, No. 314.
- James H. Watts, No. 176.
- Harold W. Springer, No. 210.
- Harold A. Thorson, No. 54.
- William A. Edholm, No. 1.
- Everett O. Richards, No. 205.
- Harold J. Oehlerking, No. 93.
- Charles M. Frederick, No. 136.
- T. Clifford Gregory, No. 183.
- Robert G. Outman, No. 183.
- Lynn Paine, No. 148.
- Sterling E. Burke, No. 310.
- Charles Zareter, No. 310.
- Roy W. Farmer, No. 314.
- Floyd E. Dickerson, No. 54.
- Joe F. Brown, No. 54.
- Jack Clark, No. 38.
- Roy I. Babbitt, No. 295.
- Fred S. Linder, No. 91.
- Jess M. Long, No. 294.
- Orville C. Wisdom, No. 294.
- John H. Brown, No. 1.
- George F. Spencer, No. 1.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

The Craft suffered a distinct loss in the passing of one of our most sincere workers on September 28, 1946.

W. Brother Doe L. Redfern was called to his reward after a short illness and "his works do follow him". His many friends and all the brethren sincerely mourn his loss and deeply sympathize with Mrs. Redfern.

The following loyal workers were made assistant Custodians Emeritus at Grand Lodge time:

W. Stanley P. Bostwick, No. 3.

W. Elmer Surber, No. 210.

W. Fred G. Christensen, No. 33.

Too much cannot be said of the fine work these loyal brethren have done during their years of service, and the Craft wishes them all the finest things of life.

Appointments were recommended and approved of the following Assistant Custodians:

W. George S. Schwab, Evening Star Lodge No. 49.

W. Louis V. Sylvester, Florence Lodge No. 281.

W. Irving N. Johnson, Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148.

W. Laverne A. Walker, Mosaic Lodge No. 55.

My heartiest appreciation is extended to all the Assistant Custodians for their unflinching fidelity to the work assigned to them and for their patience and unswerving service to the Craft. The work could not be carried on without them and their many friends attest to their worthiness. I would suggest that consideration be given to raising the per diem of Assistant Custodians to seven dollars and fifty cents.

SPECIAL VISITATIONS

Many special visitations have been made during the year for matters referred to me for investigation and I have attended three dedication ceremonies: at Aurora, Utica and Craig, where new halls were dedicated to the purpose for which Masonry is serving.

Many visitations have been made to assist in the Masonic Home Drive, and I have witnessed the pleasure and satisfaction the brethren have manifested in proving their loyalty to the principles of Masonry, in completing their part in raising funds for the Home.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Never in the history of the Craft have the principles of Masonry been so sorely needed as they are today. Never has it been so imperative that Masons should stand firmly for their traditions as today. In my travels over the State there are plenty of evidences that the Masons of Nebraska realize their responsibility and are determined that no backward steps should be taken. I sincerely trust that such will always be their stand.

To the Grand Master and all Grand Lodge Officers I wish to extend my sincere thanks for their assistance and support in my work during the year. It has been a pleasure to work under such conditions.

Fraternally submitted,

Pete M. Savage

Grand Custodian

W. Joseph D. Houston, 302, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers respectfully reports and recommends that the address of Most Worshipful Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master, under its designated heads, be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Chapter "Necrology".

To the Jurisprudence Committee:

The Chapter on "Consolidations".

The Chapter on "By Laws Approved".

The Chapter on "Dispensations To Elect and Install".

The Chapter on "Dispensations To Confer Degrees".

The Chapter on "Extension of Time for Proficiency".

The Chapter on "Reinstatements".

The Chapter on "Committee on Location of Grand Lodge Office".

The Chapter on "Discipline".

The Chapter on "Omaha Masonic Home for Boys".

The Chapter on "Interpretation of Law".

The Chapter on "Decisions".

The Chapter on "Miscellaneous".

The Chapter on "Recommendations", paragraphs 1, 4 and 6.

The Chapter on "Approval of Lodge Financing", paragraphs relating to York Lodge "56 and clarification of Sec. 2-616 and Sec. 2-706, Neb. Masonic Code 1946."

To the Finance Committee:

The Chapter on "Grand Trustees".

To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

The Chapter on "Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions".

The Chapter on "Grand Masters Conference".

The Chapter on "Visitations—other Grand Jurisdictions".

To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans:

The Chapter on "The Nebraska Masonic Home".

The Chapter on "Aunt Minnie Wholmes".

The Chapter on "Children's Home at Fremont".

The Chapter on "Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada".

To the Temple Building Advisory Committee:

The Chapter on "Approval of Lodge Financing".

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

- The Chapter on "Gold Jordan Medal".
- The Chapter on "Bronze Jordan Medal".
- The Chapter on "Corner Stone Laying".
- The Chapter on "Dedication of Masonic Halls".
- The Chapter on "Visitations—Affiliated Masonic Bodies".
- The Chapter on "Masonic Visitations".
- The Chapter on "Miscellaneous Visitations".
- The Chapter on "Area Meetings".

To the Grand Custodian:

- The Chapter on "Grand Custodian".
- The Chapter on "Assistant Custodians".

To the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial:

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

To the Masters and Wardens of the Subordinate Lodges:

- The Chapter on "State of the Order".

To the Incoming Grand Master:

- The recommendation at the end of Chapter on "Committee on Location of Grand Lodge Office".
- The Chapter on "Recommendations", paragraphs 2, 3 and 5.

It is very evident from the Grand Master's address that he was unsparingly devoted to the fulfillment of his duties. These post war days have brought to his office new problems and enlarged old ones. His service has been efficient and constructive. It is the opinion of this Committee that he should be highly commended for such excellent fulfillment of his duties and unstinted devotion to his trust.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Finance Committee:

- The Chapter on "Investments".
- The Chapter on "Farms".
- The Chapter on "Relief Notes".
- The Chapter on "The Grand Trustees".
- All financial statements of various accounts and funds.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

- The Chapter on "Consolidation of Lodges".
- The Chapter on "Surrender of Charters".

To the Committee on Grievances:

- The Chapter on "Grievances".

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

The Chapter on "Fifty Year Badges".

The Chapter on "Roll of Honor".

The Chapter on "Conference of Secretaries".

The Chapter on "Brethren Who Have Received Fifty Year Badges".

To the Committee on Returns:

The Chapter on "Returns".

Our Grand Secretary has proved his ability by the report he has submitted. This Committee feels that the Grand Lodge is fortunate in having the services of such brethren.

REVIEW OF REPORT OF GRAND CUSTODIAN

There is nothing in this report that seems to this Committee to require the attention of any standing committee. However, the office of Grand Custodian is one of the principal Grand Lodge offices and renders a very important service, for which many brethren fail to show appreciation. It is well known throughout this Grand Jurisdiction that our Grand Custodian has always been prompt and faithful to his trust and he has discharged the duties of his office with the highest degree of efficiency and satisfaction.

Your committee recommends that all matters herein not referred to committees be approved and ratified.

Joseph D. Houston, 302, Chairman, Omaha

Ronald M. Wachter, 222, Herman

Orville Ramsey, 240, Lyons

The following Committees having been appointed by M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master, entered upon the discharge of their duties:

Charters and Dispensations: W. Herbert T. White, 11; W. Lester W. Carlson, 188; W. Gordon F. Gardner, 301; W. Jesse P. Wade, 135; W. Everett O. Richards, 205.

Credentials: W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81; W. William J. Kier, 2; W. James P. Presba, 222; W. Edward F. Wehrbein, 6; W. Alfred G. Taylor, 205.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. Joseph D. Houston, 302; W. Roland M. Wachter, 222; W. Orville Ramsay, 240.

Finance: W. C. Ray Macy, 26; W. Ernest E. James, 1; W. Fred D. Moshier, 281; W. James H. Watts, 176; W. Melvin Johnson, 112.

Grievances: Bro. John S. Samson, 281; W. Warren D. Lichty, 181; W. Paul H. Fraass, 306.

Pay-Roll: W. Charles L. Peckham, Chairman, 290; W. Orville E. Zurcher, 224; W. Theodor Enghoff, 121.

Returns: W. Roy E. Dooley, 15; W. Fred R. Haggart, 82; W. Victor Seymour, 54.

Unfinished Business: W. Edwin R. Levin, Chairman, 59; W. Russell R. Ferguson, 46; W. Norris W. Tritt, 294.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: W. Lew B. Pixley, 1; W. Edward M. Knight, 183; W. Edward A. Hoagland, 25.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE

Codification of the Law: W. Harold M. Kelley, 302; W. Charles F. Adams, 68; W. Donald F. Sampson, 36.

Fraternal Dead: M. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg, 3; W. Otto E. Bullis, 55; W. Leslie W. Niel, 6.

Foreign Correspondence: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32; M. W. Edwin D. Crites, 158; W. Arthur Lyman, 15.

Relief and Care of Orphans: W. John R. Hughes, 184, (1951); W. Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, (1949); W. Alvin H. Miller, 19, (1948); W. Otto Burkhardt, 55, (1950); W. George F. Moss, 135, (1947).

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.

Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund: W. Merle M. Hale, 54; W. Lynn W. McMillin, 54; W. Albert L. Johnson, Jr., 37.

Temple Building Advisory Committee: W. Otto Nelson, 300, (1949); W. A. Victor Bryan, 263, (1947); W. V. Claire Lindberg, 11, (1948).

George Washington Masonic National Memorial: W. Cary W. Dressler, 32; W. Lester W. Carlson, 188; W. Guy L. Raber, 265.

Applications for Reinstatement: W. Henry M. Edwards, 303; W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288; W. Fitzhugh L. Browne, 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.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

Committee on Centennial: W. George W. Rosenlof, 77; W. William J. Baird, 268; W. Carroll E. Schurmann, 15.

Location of Grand Lodge Office: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32; W. Ernest E. James, 1; Bro. Charles O. Showalter, 302.

Committee on Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, (1949); M. W. John R. Tapster, 119, (1948); M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, 150, (1947).

Grand Trustees: W. Robert D. Wilson, 268, (1948); W. Carl D. Ganz, 209, (1947); M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136, (1949).

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS SPEAK

R. W. James M. Bradford, Grand Junior Warden, and the personal representative of M. W. Solon Cameron, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; R. W. Ralph R. Twamley, Grand Senior Warden and personal representative of M. W. Francis E. Manning, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, and R. W. Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, addressed the brethren briefly and interestingly.

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

Brethren:

I just want to call your attention to the trip that has been planned to the Home at Plattsmouth. I hope that every brother from every Lodge represented here in this meeting will avail himself of the opportunity to make this trip to Plattsmouth and see Masonry in action. We are going to see a sample of it down there. Your trip will be well worth while. Before you load yourselves into cars we want you to go to the dining room on the third floor where there will be a nice buffet luncheon served.

At 12:30 P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

(Trip to Plattsmouth.)

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 4, 1947

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.

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

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 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.....	Elmer E. Magee
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Bahia.....	Mainard E. Crosby
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba.....	Benjamin F. Eyre
Chile.....	Ralph O. Canaday
Colombia, National Grand Lodge.....	Fred Christensen
Colorado.....	Carl R. Greisen
Connecticut.....	Chancellor A. Phillips
Costa Rica.....	Ward B. Shrack
Delaware.....	Ross Van Sickle
Denmark.....	John S. Hedelund
England.....	John R. Tapster
Florida.....	Charles B. Nicodemus
Georgia.....	William F. Evers
Idaho.....	David C. Spangler
Illinois.....	Ernest S. Schiefelbein
Indiana.....	John R. Hughes
Jugoslavia.....	C. Ray Macy
Kansas.....	Henry H. Heiler
Louisiana.....	Norris Chadderdon
Maine.....	Archie M. Smith
Maryland.....	George A. Kurk
Massachusetts.....	William B. Wanner
Mexico.....	Earl J. Lee
Michigan.....	Lewis E. Smith
Minnesota.....	George Allen Beecher
Mississippi.....	Lamont L. Stephens
Montana.....	Benjamin F. Pittman
New Hampshire.....	Virgil R. Johnson

New Jersey.....	Wallace E. Linn
New Mexico.....	Harold D. Weddel
New York.....	George R. Porter
North Dakota.....	Austin F. Whitmire
Nova Scotia.....	Jesse P. Entrekin
Oklahoma.....	Curry W. Watson
Panama.....	Walter R. Raecke
Prince Edward Island.....	Donald C. Smith
Puerto Rico.....	Walter O. Barnes
Queensland.....	Edward Huwaldt
South Australia.....	Joseph B. Fradenburg
South Carolina.....	James R. Cain
South Dakota.....	Charles A. Chappell
Sweden.....	C. Walter Blixt
Tennessee.....	William C. Schaper
Texas.....	Albert S. Johnston
Vermont.....	Lute M. Savage
Victoria.....	Charles H. Marley
Virginia.....	William J. Breckenridge
Washington.....	Edward M. Knight
West Virginia.....	Alvin H. Miller
Wisconsin.....	Osborne P. Simon

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master :

Brethren of this Grand Lodge:

There stand before you at the altar the representatives of the various Grand Jurisdictions, representatives to the Grand Jurisdictions of these United States and other Grand Jurisdictions, who have been appointed not only by my predecessors, but three or four whom I had the privilege to appoint.

Brethren, your attendance here adds greatly to the dignity of this occasion.

W. Wallace E. Linn, 1, gave the

RESPONSE

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

We stand before you as Grand Representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions which we represent. We appreciate your friendly fraternal greeting and the courtesy extended to us here.

In response, and in behalf of World Wide Freemasonry, we would remind you that your action now is deeply appreciated by these Grand Jurisdictions wherever situated throughout the World, and that in our opinion, you will perform no act of deeper significance in this Grand Lodge.

We, their several representatives, are in that capacity, a cross section of the Regular Masonic Life of the World. We are a living symbol of the hopeful achievement of the final mission of our Noble Order—Universal Brotherhood. Let us see to it, that our long outlook as Masons, will not be only to the landmarks of the past, the policies of the present, or the local national problems of the immediate future, but to the permanent mission of Freemasonry, present, past and future—Universal Brotherhood.

No man can draw a free breath who does not share with other men a common ideal. Life has taught us that love does not consist in looking at each other, but looking outward together in the same direction. There is no cooperation except through union in the same high effort.

Never before, as much as now, has the world had need to know the true meaning of fellowship and brotherhood. Today Masonry has the opportunity to perform a world service for humanity through its interpretation of brotherhood. We, as representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, should prepare to do our share.

We would congratulate the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge on its open mindedness toward World Wide Freemasonry, safeguarded throughout the years by its sane conservatism with reference to extending official recognition. It should be a source of pride to you, as it is of satisfaction to us, that your Grand Lodge Proceedings have been carefully studied abroad and that your policies and activities have been so helpful to the rest of the World. On the Grand Jurisdictions with which your Grand Lodge is in friendly relations, the sun never sets.

I thank you for the privilege of responding to your most cordial welcome and on behalf of the other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, wish for you a most enjoyable and profitable session.

Reception of M. . E. . Curry W. Watson, Grand High Priest,
Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

M. . W. . Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master :

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

I am most happy to have you with us here today, sorry that you were unable to be present yesterday at the time that other distinguished guests were presented, but nevertheless, I want to assure you that this Grand Lodge always has a deep feeling for that Grand Order which you represent.

RECEPTION OF W. . BROTHER LESLIE E. MARTIN

M. . W. . Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master :

Brother Martin, as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, I want these brethren to have a real personal glimpse of you.

Unite with me in giving him a very hearty welcome. I am sure you will be interested in the report that he is to give you in regard to the Home later in the day.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICE

W. Ernest E. James, 1:

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

About a year ago you appointed a committee to act in connection with the relocating of the Grand Lodge Office quarters. This Committee met as directed; however, in order that we may make a necessary complete report I would like to move at this time that the action of this committee, and the recommendations in this report be postponed for another year. Seconded and carried.

W. Leslie E. Martin, 281, President, presented the report of the President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and Delegates to the Ninetieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

At the request of Most Worshipful Benjamin F. Eyre, I am pleased to make this report on the Nebraska Masonic Home in the hope that you, the stockholders, will become better informed about your own institution. Those Masons in Nebraska who are informed about their Home for the Aged at Plattsmouth are enthusiastic about it and are most generous in its support, both by word of mouth and contributions. Our current campaign for raising funds to enlarge the infirmary at our Plattsmouth Home has brought very forcibly to the attention of the Board of Trustees the lack of information throughout the State among our Masonic brethren about their own institutions. You who are here today, no doubt, can be classed among those who are well informed about the Home and are its real friends and supporters. Our problem definitely is to devise some means of making our uninformed brethren more conscious of the splendid institution that Masonry provides for its needy members.

Our Home at Plattsmouth was established and opened September 1, 1903. The total number of admissions to the Home since its opening is seven hundred twenty-five. The total number of residents as reported at our last Board meeting was eighty-two; thirty-eight men and forty-four women. Of these residents, thirty-nine are housed in the old Home and forty-three in the infirmary. This is practically our full capacity, and we have found it necessary to postpone acceptance of applications because of lack of room. The urgency still exists and we strongly place it on your hearts to bring your lodge up to its full quota as soon as possible.

I should like to briefly report on the finances of the Home. Our Home at Plattsmouth has forty-two acres of ground which provides ample ground for gardens, fruit orchards, chickens and hogs. Because of this, we are able to save considerably in the cost of maintenance. Our annual budgets have gradually increased from year to year. Back in 1942, our budget was \$39,915.00. It has gradually increased until in 1946 the budget was \$58,070.00. The contributions made for the support of the Home through the \$1.00 assessment in your annual dues amount to approximately \$36,000.00. This item of \$36,000.00 is \$22,000.00 short of meeting budget requirements. This deficiency is taken care of from the earnings on endowment and bequest funds held by the Home and the Grand Lodge, and contributions from the Grand Lodge by special appropriation. The per capita cost for maintaining a resident in the Home back in 1937 was \$444.98 as compared with \$740.05 in 1946. This is due in part to the increases in the cost of living, together with the fact that more and more the residents that come to our Home are in need of hospitalization and that necessarily increases the cost of care. The average age of the men is 81.75 years and the average age of the women is 79.93 years. It requires twenty-five employees to take care of our residents at the Home and under the able leadership of our Superintendent, Wm. F. Evers, who has served us so well for over twenty-five years, we have a Home that is comfortable, cheerful and efficient.

I should like to briefly report on the campaign for funds for the infirmary at Plattsmouth. This project has been under the direction of a Committee selected from the Board of Trustees with Brother J. Earl Thompson, Florence Lodge No. 281, as Chairman. The other members of the Committee are Brother William F. Evers, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6; Brother Harry A. Spencer, North Star Lodge No. 277; Brother Peter L. Bauer, Scribner Lodge No. 132, and Brother Raymond C. Cook, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

Two years ago this month, the campaign was started to raise funds with which to build badly needed additions to the Home. It was the thinking then that our goal would be reached easily within a year; however, today—two years later—we still have a long way to go to reach our goal.

The May 15th report of the standing of all of the lodges, which you have received within the last few days, discloses that there has been subscribed or paid in cash a total of \$265,612.00, or 77.68% of the amount set as our goal. Seventy-three lodges have met or exceeded their quota. Many lodges are within sight of the finish, while there are a great number which have incompleting business on their trestleboard.

Brother Raymond C. Cook, a member of this Committee, and of the Board of Trustees of the Home, has spent considerable time during the past five months in visiting lodges throughout the State, bringing to them the story of the Home and its needs. These visits are bearing fruit. The trend among many lodges is to finish the job as quickly as possible. Money and pledges are coming in daily and each month sees new lodges over the top.

With this revival of spirit and with the continued work of the brethren, we are now confident that our task will be completed at an early date and that we will not fail in this project to see that our indigent brethren are taken care of in the declining years of their lives.

Before closing, I would be remiss if I didn't publicly acknowledge the splendid service and devotion of our trustees who have so faithfully attended Board meetings and generously given of their time and counsel.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the splendid leadership our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Benjamin F. Eyre, gave us during his term of office. He placed the interest of the Home as the number one item in his program for the year as Grand Master. Wherever he appeared, he never failed to bring to the attention of Masons in Nebraska the importance of our Home at Plattsmouth, and presented its needs in a very telling and convincing manner. Masonry of Nebraska is highly indebted to him for his splendid leadership.

W. J. John R. Hughes, Chairman, 184, presented the report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

In reporting the activities and the work of this Committee for the past year, your Chairman will be brief, endeavoring, however, to give such facts as are of interest and of necessity pertinent to the work on Relief and Care of Orphans.

During the year we have been privileged to have with us the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Benjamin F. Eyre, who has been most helpful. His years of service on this Committee have rendered his counsel most valuable. We are grateful to him for his full support and for his personal devotion to the work. We are grateful, also, to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Order of the Eastern Star, and Knights Templar, for their hearty cooperation, when the investigations required their help. To the Grand Secretary, Carl R. Greisen, and to the Lodges cooperating in all the investigations necessary to the work we are deeply grateful.

The Committee has granted money to a number of emergency cases; cases calling for immediate help in small amounts of money. The emergency cases have not exceeded the total amount of \$280.00. No new cases have been referred to the Committee and two old cases have been terminated by death.

A brief statement should be made to the Communication by the Committee calling attention to the fact that the trend of the times has influenced the scope of relief necessary. It is a well known fact that good times have prevailed; therefore, this report will show the lowest cost per capita in the last ten years.

The total disbursement from June 1, 1946 to May 31, 1947 was \$3,130.18, representing an expenditure of eight cents plus per capita. This is the smallest expenditure that we have ever reported. The year ending May 31, 1946 was the next smallest at an expenditure of eleven cents per capita. It is significant to note that in 1940 it was thirty-two cents per capita. We are pleased to inform you that the Committee has a substantial balance left in the budget established by the Finance Committee. However, we do not know that the future will hold as few demands on this fund as it has in the past few years. It is well to be prepared to meet any distress that may come to any brother, widow or orphan.

We appreciate the understanding cooperation which has been evidenced constantly by the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and by the Masonic-Eastern Star Children's Home at Fremont—both of these furnish Relief and Care of our own.

What a glorious privilege is ours, and what a blessed opportunity to be able to offer organized assistance to our brothers and their families in time of need. It is a wonderful age in which we live. Yet, the need for understanding and brotherhood in the world today is just as great as it was in the early days of the history of Masonry. Charity is as much needed today as in the days when the Apostle Paul said, "And now abide Faith, Hope, Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity." We, also, need growth in charity towards all with whom we associate.

Masonic Charities are not confined to the concrete pieces of work being done by the Homes and by the Relief Committee but as Dr. Harry Fosdick tells us in his new book on "A Great Time to be Alive", that our superstructures will fail unless we have spiritual foundations adequate to sustain this kind of a world in which we live. Dr. Fosdick reminds us that in these days we need the inner resources of spiritual power.

Sometimes we are asked what is the true meaning of Masonry. It means, we think, that we should keep our hearts with all diligence, and prayerfully seek a real and earnest understanding of our duties to one another, and that we never do toward our brothers other than as we would be done by,—in short, we should always practice the Golden Rule.

May we build walls of love, tolerance, hope, faith and charity into this house of Masonry and may we put windows which open wide towards hills of courage. May we seek the truth, and may we take precaution against all invaders of this house. We are building a bridge upon which we ourselves shall never walk. Future generations will march over it. Will it hold?

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

"An old man going a lone highway,
 Came, at the evening cold and grey,
 To a Chasm vast and deep and wide.
 The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
 The sullen stream had no fear for him;
 But he turned when safe on the other side
 And built a bridge to span the tide.
 "Old man", said a fellow pilgrim near,
 "Your wasting your strength with building here;
 Your journey will end with the ending day,
 You never again will pass this way;
 You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
 Why build this bridge at even tide?"
 The builder lifted his old grey head;
 "Good friend, in the path I have come", he said,
 "There followed after me today,
 A youth whose feet must pass this way.
 This chasm that has been as naught to me
 To that fairhaired youth may a pitfall be;
 He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
 Good friend, I am building this bridge for him".

Miss Will Allen Dromgvoke

May we say with Abraham Lincoln, "I have an inexpressible desire to live till I can be assured that the world is a little better for my having lived it."

The culture of a people, or of any group of people, is judged not only by the thought and effort with which they rear their youth, but, also, by the tenderness and care which they bestow upon their aged. As Masonry grows older, the number of its members whose days of activity are past and who are without homes and immediate families, will gradually grow. We see in our own Grand Jurisdiction the need for more adequate and enlarged facilities at our Masonic Home. The future challenges us to provide for greater endeavor.

However difficult it may be to see into the future, it is well that we climb to the highest mountain of our imagination and look as far as we may in order that our present day plans may develop into greater and more enduring structures of efficiency.

During the years it has been the privilege of your Chairman to serve on this Committee, the joy in serving, and the fellowship enjoyed in becoming closer friends with many of the brethren, are all coveted privileges; but, the greatest joy has been in the keener and deeper appreciation of the Masonic ties that bind.

Most Worshipful Sir, a complete audit of all records and accounts maintained by this Committee for the past year has been made by George

L. Greenfield, Certified Public Accountant, and his report is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

W. James C. Suttie, 281, President, gave a report on the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT MASONIC-EASTERN STAR
HOME FOR CHILDREN

A great deal of information covered in annual report at Stockholders' Meeting held in Omaha in January, would only be duplicated if repeated here, so would refer you to that report.

Our enrollment is increasing, and there are nine applications pending. We expect with tightening up of economic conditions a constant increase in children to be taken care of at the Home, we are in good shape to handle them as we have plenty of room, but we are short of help.

About the only change made in the rules the past year was one providing a child must stay at the Home a minimum of year after admission, unless the lodge or chapter approved its earlier retirement. There is a long, disheartening story back of necessity for this rule, too long to go into details here.

We are of necessity having to ask both Grand Bodies for more money in order to properly operate. Our budget this year is \$33,225.00, the highest it has been since 1928 when \$16,000.00 was appropriated by each. In 1928 disbursements totaled \$36,051.17; in 1946 \$27,593.97. Our per capita cost per child in 1928 with enrollment of 59 was \$611.00; in 1946 with enrollment 36, \$766.00. Based on 41 children (present enrollment) 1947 per capita cost would be \$810.00.

Some comparisons based on 1946 costs may not be out of order:

Alexandria, Louisiana Home—36 children.....	\$1,113.00
Illinois Home—115 children.....	977.00
Covina, California Home—84 children.....	1,305.00

The Oxford, North Carolina Home has 1947 budget of \$235,700.00, and with 308 children, per capita would be \$765.00, but this Home receives \$35,000.00 from the State.

For a number of years we have asked each Grand Body \$11,000.00 annually, and with what surplus we have carried over, have been able to get by nicely until the present time. For this year we are asking \$15,000.00 from each Grand Body, and the Grand Chapter OES approved that at Fremont last month.

We are up against the same thing everyone is with greatly increased prices in everything we use. During the war we had to get by without spending anything for replacements or repairs account inability to get material or labor. Naturally things wore out.

We have reached the place where we have to repair and replace furniture and furnishings, kitchen equipment, and a multitude of items

that crop up. I can assure you we are as economical as possible, consistent with keeping the plant in good physical shape, and operating under the standards set up in the past.

At Stockholders' Meeting in January and at Board Meetings since then, a fair salary basis was established. You will note the greatest increase in salaries. Even so, we have a hard time trying to keep the positions filled. Superintendent's salary is doubled, yet here is a man charged with responsibility of welfare of some 40 children, and in charge of some \$425,000.00 worth of property. We have a good man in Superintendent Reeder and want to keep him.

For your ready information we give a few comparisons between pre-war 1940 and the 1947 budget: (We have omitted cents).

	1940	1947
Food	\$2,152	\$2,500
Clothing	2,051	2,000
Salaries	5,433	8,000
Hospital	93	200
Superintendent's Salary	1,800	3,600
Office Assistant	480	1,200
Postage	70	300
Trustees' Expense	381	500
Farm (Salary, Labor, Feed, etc.)...	2,837	4,065

The help problem has been and still is a severe worry. We have doubled up at times, everyone has been over-worked, and as stated, we don't seem to get relief. We are deeply indebted to our faithful employees who have put in such long hours and made personal sacrifices to keep things going. In my opinion, the day is past when we can expect a matron to put in from 5:30 a.m. until last child is in at night with only one afternoon a week off, working every Sunday with no chance to go to church. It is our intention to get a swing or relief matron as soon as we can find one to relieve this situation. We have a fine corps of matrons and we want to keep them, but we cannot expect the impossible.

An Insurance Engineering Survey was made in February of replacement cost of the buildings at the Home, and figuring everything above ground (and not including basements) the total was \$379,045.00. The insurance we had been carrying covered about one-third the present cost of replacement, and it was necessary to immediately get proper coverage, which greatly increased the premiums. This all developed since budget was made up, and figure in budget will not cover of course.

We hope soon the Grand Lodge will resume their annual visitation to the Fremont Home so you can see for yourselves just what we are trying to do. Should any member visit the Home at any time, you will find everything open to you, go wherever you wish, and above all, get acquainted with the youngsters. You will be well repaid.

The project of the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Outhouse, the past year has been the collection of funds toward the erection of a building

to be used as recreational hall, library, etc. A very substantial amount has been raised. I might add that the various Job's Daughters Bethels of Nebraska, through their own efforts the past year, presented to the Home at Grand Chapter their check for \$1,297.40, which is something every Mason should be proud of. I am thoroughly sold on these youngster activities, both Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls, and the interest they show in the Home and the children is inspiring.

We may just as well face facts and here is the place to air them. Last week a member of the Plattsmouth Home Board told me that in conversation with a brother active in the Omaha Home, statement was made to him that the Fremont and Plattsmouth Homes were very much put out and at odds with the Masonic Boys Home at Omaha. I know nothing about Plattsmouth, but so far as the Fremont Home is concerned, there has never been anything done to harm the Omaha Home nor will there be, and this should be distinctly understood and such talk stopped. I personally have always donated to the Omaha Home.

For several years Grand Masters have consistently stressed "taking care of our own" and from my position I wonder constantly what that means to a lot of the brethren; does the Master Mason's obligation mean anything or is it just some ritualistic work to be forgotten at the convenience of the brother? What I mean in plain words is, these children at the Fremont Home are yours and your obligation just as well as mine. We have children sent out there by lodges and chapters, and it is true their physical wants are supplied, but can cite you case after case where, so far as the lodge or chapter is concerned, they are completely forgotten and no further attention paid to them. Every youngster in the world likes to be remembered and some interest taken. There is need I believe, for every Master Mason to study that obligation and know what it means and live up to it.

Any project involving children is worth while and we are for it, don't misunderstand me, but I hope I will never reach the stage where I forget the obligation I took some 36 years ago and do my part to help, aid and assist.

The legislature two years ago placed all children's homes under the Board of Control and we have had to furnish some information to them. However, we are now being inspected and in a manner of speaking, being told what to do. I think we are competent to operate the Home without some governmental agency stepping in and interfering with what I think is none of their business; you may hear more about this if the pressure gets too great.

You have a strong and fine board of trustees, every one of them working and every one in close contact with what goes on at the Home. The Grand Lodge is represented on the Board by Clarence Spier of Omaha, Leslie Hult of Wahoo, Harley Styer of Lincoln, Guy Olmstead of Fremont, Walter Schnabel of Broken Bow and myself.

Each year it has been our pleasure to extend our thanks to the Grand Master and others for their help throughout the year. Grand Master Eyre has been splendid to work with and his counsel timely and good always. Grand Secretary Greisen is always willing to do everything he can. To them and to others with whom we have had contacts, sincere thanks. Judge Rhoades has been very cooperative in a number of cases.

The Board desires to express to the Grand Lodge its sincere appreciation for the cooperation we have always had.

W. Merle M. Hale, Chairman, 54, presented the report of the Committee of Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND COMMITTEE

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

It is again our privilege and pleasure to report the activities of this committee for the past year. The members of this committee are very proud of this phase of Grand Lodge activity and each and every Mason in Nebraska can also feel a sense of satisfaction in knowing that the education of the youngsters from our Fremont Home is being given real and tangible consideration.

During the past school year we have had two girls and four boys attending college under our supervision. Three of the boys were receiving G. I. assistance so our financial help for them was materially reduced. We did give these boys the regular monthly spending money allowance of \$7.50 each and bought each one a suit of clothes during the year. In this way we evidenced the continued interest of the Masons of Nebraska in these boys from the Fremont Home who served their country in World War II.

The coming year we will have two new girls from the Home who have just graduated from high school. One wishes to attend Wesleyan University and the other Doane College. We will also have two boys at the University of Nebraska and perhaps another who is still in the armed service stationed in Germany, but who may be discharged before the fall school term opens.

For the past three years each Grand Body has appropriated \$900.00 for the work of this committee; however, during the past year, we drew only \$300.00 from each body. With the balance we have in our account a similar appropriation this year should be sufficient. We, therefore, ask that the sum of \$900.00 be appropriated to this Committee by the Grand Lodge. A similar amount has already been appropriated by Nebraska Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, presented the report of the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GEORGE WASHINGTON
MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge.

First, I should like to tell you a few things about the memorial. Shall I say a visual picture and a brief history. Many of you have probably seen it; I haven't, but have been reading and digging for interesting facts.

Freemasons of the United States, who revere the memory of George Washington as the most illustrious member of the American Craft, find their mecca in the imposing shrine which now stands on its commanding site high above the Potomac River overlooking the City of Washington.

There, on Shooters Hill, in the gracious tidewater region of Virginia, where memories and traditions without number cluster about, this memorial raised by Freemasons stands, in the words of Dr. Elmer R. Arn, as "A Lamp to the world of men".

It is the Craft's expression of faith in the principles of Civil and religious liberty, of stable and orderly government—the very message of Masonry itself—those principles of which Washington, the first Worshipful Master of Alexandria Washington Lodge, was the great exemplar.

Countless thousands of Masons have made reverent pilgrimage to the Memorial in the more than twenty years since construction was begun. From the modest little one dollar bills to contributions amounting to several thousands of dollars, individuals and Masonic bodies have been enthusiastic in their support. Now, with the superstructure of the Memorial completed and the work of completing the interior progressing as funds are made available, interest in further progress is mounting.

Incomparably beautiful and unrivaled in historic interest, Shooters Hill offers the ideal location for a Memorial to the Nation's first President. Washington knew and traversed every foot of the ground surrounding the shrine in all directions.

Directly in front of the Temple, beginning at the foot and stretching down the river a mile distant is the City of Alexandria where Washington maintained an office, where he was founder of the first fire department and the first free school, where he surveyed the town streets, served as a member of the town council and a representative in the House of Burgesses. There he owned a pew and attended services at Christ Episcopal Church, served as director and stockholder in the bank, maintained an office for the transaction of his personal business, and there he was Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge.

He held his last Military Review in Alexandria, cast his last vote there and gave his last military command. Alexandria physicians at-

tended him in his last illness, and his Brethren of Alexandria Lodge performed the last offices over his remains.

Washington's beloved Mt. Vernon, home of John Custis, son of Mrs. Washington. Six miles to the north is Arlington, home of Robert E. Lee. On the south is Clermont, colonial home of General John Mason and birthplace of General Fitzhugh Lee.

All these famous places, and countless others, which figured so prominently in the early days of the Republic, provide a background of sacred soil upon which to rear a great Memorial to the man who stood "like a statue for all eternity to contemplate".

Each year, on Washington's Birthday, the Memorial is the scene of an imposing gathering when Grand Masters of Masons in all states of the Union accompanied by other leaders of the Fraternity in their jurisdictions, gather to review the progress of the work set forth on the trestleboard.

President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the agency for carrying on this work, is the distinguished, yet gentle and mild mannered Dr. Elmer R. Arn, Past Grand Master of Ohio. This good Craftsman has brought to his task the skill and devotion so necessary in the furthering of any great cause.

One year ago President Arn reported the completion and dedication of the Mystic Shrine Room. In recent years permanent granite steps have replaced the temporary concrete approach and the priceless relics of Alexandria Lodge have been moved to their place in the Replica Room. The new hall of Alexandria—Washington Lodge No. 22 also has been completed and dedicated, and is now occupied permanently as the new meeting place.

The Nation's most famous Lodge room is the Replica Room of Alexandria—Washington Lodge No. 22, now situated in the memorial, furnished with the original furnishings and paraphernalia used in Washington's time. The chair in the East is that used by Washington as Worshipful Master.

Designed in the classic architecture of Greece and Rome, the Memorial stands on a thirty-six acre tract of ground at the West end of King Street, principal thoroughfare of Alexandria. Broad steps from the drive level lead to the terrace which, when completed, will completely surround the building. More steps lead to the Great Doric Portico, from which one may see a beautiful panorama of the City of Washington, six miles distant; the City of Alexandria at the foot of Shooters Hill, and beyond, the silver curve of the Potomac.

Passing through the Doric Portico the pilgrims enter the Memorial Hall supported by eight towering polished green Corinthian columns with an ornamental plaster ceiling. At the back is a niche, where the heroic statue of Washington, to be presented by the Order of DeMolay, will stand. This is the first object to attract the eye upon entering the Memorial Hall. Mural paintings on the walls behind the columns will portray the story of Washington's life.

An Assembly Hall and Amphitheatre are situated on the first floor. Above the statue niche a pipe organ will be placed with louvers that will allow the sound to come into the Memorial Hall or into the Amphitheatre as desired.

Above these rise the seven floors of the tower. These, when completed, will be occupied by the States Memorial Hall, the Masonic Library and Historic Room, the Museum, the Visitors' observation room and the outdoor observation platform.

The movement to erect a Masonic Memorial to George Washington had its origin in a strong desire on the part of the Masonic Fraternity of the United States to safeguard the Washington relics in the possession of the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. Washington was the first Worshipful Master of this Lodge (then Alexandria Lodge No. 39), serving in that office while he was President of the United States.

The present movement started at a meeting held in Alexandria, Virginia, on February 22, 1910, where, upon invitation of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, the representatives from eighteen Grand Lodges assembled in the sacred precincts of the Lodge in Alexandria, prepared to consider the subject in all its details.

The date for the permanent organization of the Association was set for February 22, 1911, at which time representatives from twenty-seven jurisdictions assembled in Alexandria-Washington Lodge Room with William M. McChesney, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia presiding.

The Memorial Association which had been organized in 1910 and 1911 continued to hold its annual meetings in Alexandria on Washington's birthday, with increasing attendance, enthusiasm and financial support. In 1922, with a total of \$688,000.00 then paid into the Treasury, a model and plans of the proposed Memorial were submitted and approved in principle, and by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, work was begun. The architects estimate of the cost of the Memorial, based on prices prevailing at that time, was \$2,100,000.00.

Surveys of the property were promptly made, estimates submitted by the architects, proposals invited, and, on June 2, 1922, the contract was let for the excavation. On June 5th, ground was broken, and on August 22nd, a contract for the foundation was let.

The Cornerstone was laid on the morning of November 1, 1923, at a special communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which convened in the historic room of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. From 25,000 to 30,000 persons participated in the procession to the Memorial, where the Cornerstone was laid by Charles Callahan as acting Grand Master of Virginia, using the same trowel employed by Washington in laying the Cornerstone of the United States Capitol. He was assisted in spreading the cement by President Calvin Coolidge, Chief Justice William H. Taft and the Grand Masters of A.L.L. Grand Jurisdictions in the Nation.

Eight and one-half years later, on May 12, 1932, the Washington-Bicentennial Year—the building was dedicated at the largest meeting of its kind ever held in the WORLD. President Herbert Hoover was present throughout the service and assisted in the dedicatory rites. Nebraska was represented at this meeting by our Grand Master, M.'W.'John R. Tapster, and W.'Edward Huwaldt, then chairman of this committee.

During the year 1945-1946 contributions amounting to more than \$1,000.00 were received from Masonic Square and Compass Clubs alone. Original records of many of these clubs, which were located at war time overseas posts, are being preserved in the archives of the Memorial.

Each State in the Union has an investment on Shooters Hill, varying in amount from \$1,911.00 to \$4,717.00. In addition, many other Grand Bodies have contributed amounts varying from \$100.00 to \$185,161.00. This fact has led to the establishment of a permanent Endowment Fund which will be sufficient to pay the cost of the perpetual, proper and uninterrupted operation and maintenance of the Memorial.

There has been expended, as of February 10, 1947, \$4,500,000.00, and on February 23, 1947, the Building Fund amounted to \$527,153.33. The Endowment Fund amounted to \$181,161.89, making a total of \$708,315.22.

Based on 1940 figures the

Complete Building	\$ 762,294.00
Landscape	312,400.00
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Total	\$1,074,694.00
Annual maintenance of building in its completed form	\$ 30,000.00
Annual maintenance of grounds	10,000.00
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Total	\$ 40,000.00

It is estimated that about twenty per cent should be added to these figures for purposes of discussion.

On February 22, 1946, Grand Master Schaper presented to the Association a check for \$2,027.00 to the building fund, stating that it brought our original quota to exactly \$8,000.00.

On February 22, 1947, Deputy Grand Master Huwaldt presented to the Association the sum of \$13,000.00, stating that \$8,000.00 of that amount completed our \$1.00 per capita, and the remaining \$5,000.00 is our first contribution to the Endowment Fund. You see, Nebraska has not neglected its investment.

This, Brethren, is a short story of the unfinished Memorial, condensed from material which your committee has received from the Grand Secretary, the Memorial Association and the Indiana Freemason.

“We could not hope to increase the fame of Washington nor add to the enduring luster of his name. Our purpose was, and is, to hand down to coming generations a testament of the love of our Fraternity for him

who was the glory of his Country and an ornament to Freemasonry . . . We could not fulfill our wishes by the creation of a new planet to shed its splendor among the stars. We could not set to music the ceaseless surgings of the sea to carry the message of our appreciation to every shore throughout the coming years, so, turning from the domain of the impossible, we opened the granite hills of New Hampshire to take their strength and make it attest our everlasting admiration for him to whom it is dedicated.

“Erected of enduring material, our temple will stand throughout the ages. It will carry to generations yet unborn, and to those to whom we may seem an ancient race, the message of human brotherhood. It will perpetuate the attributes of self denial, patriotism, love of Country and fellow men, which were typified in the life and work of the great Mason, the master-builder of our Nation—George Washington.”

Few American Masons who have visited the Nation’s Capital have failed to make a pilgrimage to nearby Alexandria to view with pardonable pride the magnificent George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Despite the fact that Nebraska Masonry has given enthusiastic moral and financial support through the years, a large number of younger Masons do not know such a memorial exists, nor are they familiar with or appreciative of the motives which prompted such an undertaking.

Thus, no apology need be made for telling again the story of the Temple on Shooters Hill which stands as an inspiring reminder of the wisdom, strength and beauty given an infant Republic by the Father of His Country.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL
COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1947

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

Your committee reports the following:

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand May 10, 1946	\$	704.01
Received from the Building and Improvement Fund		500.00
Received from Special Account		2,209.00
Received from interest, United States National Bank.....		5.22
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Total for use	\$	3,418.23

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Secretary-Treasurer of the Ass’n.....	\$	3,000.00
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Balance on hand May 7, 1947	\$	418.23

Most Worshipful Grand Master: This Committee recommends the continuance of the collection of \$1.00 from each Master Mason raised, and also the appropriation of \$500.00 per year from the Building and Improvement Fund until such time as our quota is paid in full.

This committee will endeavor to keep you interested in "Our Shrine on Shooters Hill" and word from Secretary Frederick F. Schondau, informs us that a story similar to the one I have told you, is to be distributed to the Craft.

I convey to this Ninetieth Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Nebraska, his message of appreciation and gratitude for the fine assistance the Memorial Association has received from Nebraska Masons.

PRESENTATION OF JORDAN BRONZE MEDAL TO M. W. LEWIS E. SMITH

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master :

Brother Lew, maybe this is somewhat of a surprise to you, but your good Brother Bill is secretary of Long Pine Lodge, and he has been a party to what we are about to confer upon you at this time.

Brethren, last winter, while I was on one of my trips out state, it was my privilege to be at the very fine gathering at Ainsworth, Nebraska at which time the brethren of the surrounding communities were present; among them the brethren from Long Pine. At that time the Secretary of Long Pine Lodge, Brother Will Smith, came to me, and said, "Brother Eyre, we have a Jordan Medal of Long Pine Lodge which should be presented to that member of the Lodge who is now entitled to wear it."

"The presentation would be made at this meeting. The recipient of this medal is not present. I am going to let you in on a secret, it belongs to Brother Lew at this time, he is the man who is now entitled to receive this medal." Well, that was a fine thought, but to me it seemed that it would be a little out of place to present the medal in Long Pine, which I would have been happy to have done, but this good brother to whom the medal was going to be presented not only is a member of Long Pine Lodge, but in my opinion, by reason of the many years of service that he has given to this Grand Lodge, he belongs to the Grand Jurisdiction, and for that reason I thought that the proper time to make the presentation would be at this annual communication.

Brethren, yesterday I placed in my report the recommendation that this ceremony in regard to the Jordan Medal and the Fifty Year Badge be made the official ceremony insofar as this Grand Lodge is concerned. I don't know whether you know that this ceremony is the work of Brother Lewis E. Smith. I think that in itself is a fine contribution to the work of this Grand Jurisdiction, but he has given so generously of his time over the period of years that it is a privilege, I feel, as Grand

Master of Masons to present this Jordan Medal belonging to Long Pine Lodge to the Secretary of Long Pine Lodge to pin on his own Brother Lewis E. Smith.

Now, I am not going to attempt to tell you anything about the history of Robert C. Jordan and the presentation service that is in this little pamphlet, but I am going to ask his brother at this time to pin the Jordan Medal on Brother Lew.

This is a case of the Smith Brothers in action.

Brother Lew, I want to congratulate you on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Brethren, the wearer of the Jordan Medal from Long Pine Lodge, your own Past Grand Master, your own Past Grand Secretary, who is now Grand Secretary Emeritus. (Applause)

Remarks by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I deeply appreciate the honor of receiving the Jordan Medal at this Grand Lodge session, yet I am conscious of the fact that it is the property of my home lodge at Long Pine.

I value it not only for the years of membership which it represents, but for the sentiment attached and the love and respect for the men who have worn it.

The first to wear it was Dan C. Vaughn, a Charter member of our lodge. He was not interested in accumulating money but he was a good Mason. He was always at lodge, always prompt and never derelict of his obligations.

The second was John A. Davisson, a Civil War Veteran, who was Worshipful Master when I received my degrees forty-nine years ago. For nearly seventy years he was a respected Mason of the community in which he lived.

The third man was George M. Hubbell, a quiet unassuming gentleman, devoted to his family, his home and Freemasonry. He was thrifty and a good business man. During the panic, when we were threatened with the loss of our building, he came to our rescue with a loan of four thousand dollars. Only his love for Freemasonry could have prompted such a loan in those perilous days.

After these men who have exemplified so wonderfully the tenets of Freemasonry, it is my privilege to wear this medal. I prize it highly and trust that no act of mine will ever tarnish its lustre.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, may I express to you my appreciation for the kindly reference you made to me and for your thoughtfulness in inviting my only brother, a Past Master of Long Pine Lodge, to invest me with this medal.

If my years of service to the Freemasons of Nebraska have borne fruit, I am amply repaid.

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

Thank you, Brother Lew, for those words of appreciation.

Brother Bill just told me a few minutes ago that he has waited for a long time to pin something on Lew, and now that time has caught up with both of them.

W. Otto Nelson, Chairman, 300, presented the report of the Temple Building Advisory Committee, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 4, 1947

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

According to the Constitution and By-laws of this Grand Lodge, "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, your Temple Building Advisory Committee reports briefly on the following cases submitted to this Committee for consideration:

July 26, 1946, George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, Craig, Nebraska, asked permission to purchase three lots and a one-story brick and stone building, formerly used as a bank. Original cost of the building purported to be \$28,000, sold to the Masons of Craig for \$2,250. No indebtedness being incurred, the purchase was readily approved, assuring Craig one of the most substantial small town lodges in Nebraska.

September 17, 1946, Utica Lodge No. 96, Utica, Nebraska, asked permission to purchase a two-story brick building located on Main Street for \$2,750. The second floor was to be used for lodge purposes and the lower floor for income purposes. It looked like an endless task to convert this building into anything that should resemble a Masonic Lodge, but with the fine cooperation displayed by all members of the Masonic Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star, Utica has one of the finest and well equipped small town lodge halls in this jurisdiction. The Masons of Utica fully displayed what can be done under proper leadership and a determination to do a job. They are to be congratulated. Utica lodge had sufficient liquid assets on hand to handle the project without debt.

In the Grand Master's report on pages 4 and 5 under the heading: "Approval of Lodge Financing", I quote the following:

"On June 25, 1946, I was interviewed by the Worshipful Master and certain other officers of York Lodge No. 56 relative to plans contracted by the Masonic Temple Company of York, wherein the Temple Craft Company proposed to purchase property adjacent to the Masonic Hall in York for investment purposes and for a possible future use of the upper

floor as additional lodge space. Inasmuch as these plans had not been referred to or recommended by the Temple Building Advisory Committee in accordance with Section 2-616 of our Masonic Code, I advised that no action should be taken by the Lodge until such investigation and recommendation had been made.

"On July 2, 1946, I was interviewed by the President and other Officers of the Masonic Temple Craft Company of York relative to the same matter. They reviewed their long period of successful operation of the Temple Craft Company and advised they were operating under Section 2-706 of our Masonic Code. The matter was referred to our Temple Building Advisory Committee and during the course of investigation, the Board of Directors cancelled the contract and the money which had been paid on the contract was refunded.

"This situation developed several things which, in my opinion, should be clarified.

"1. Section 2-616 of our Masonic Code provides, '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. (1931)'.

"Section 2-706 provides, 'A lodge may hold stock in a Masonic building corporation whose articles protect its interest and promote its purposes. The decision of a lodge to purchase such stock shall be final and not appealable to the Grand Lodge. (1929)'.

"Question 1. Are these two sections of our law contradictory?

"2. Is an incorporated Temple Craft Company under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge?

"3. Can an incorporated Temple Craft Company be placed under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge?"

On July 12, 1946, in regard to the above matter, your Committee was represented at a meeting at York, Nebraska, called for the purpose of delving into a misunderstanding that existed between the Temple Craft Company, a corporation and the members of the various bodies owning the stock in said Temple Craft Company. The meeting developed that the Temple Craft Company had purchased a business building for \$15,000 in York, on February 15, 1946, adjacent to the Masonic Hall which purchase first became known to the three Masonic stockholder bodies on June 18, June 21 and June 28, 1946, when said bodies were presented with prepared resolutions asking approval of said purchase. It will be noted that said purchase was made on February 15, 1946, and approval was asked of the membership some four months later. It further developed that the Temple Craft Company had not asked the approval of the Grand Lodge in this purchase and were operating under the theory that Grand Lodge approval was not necessary as evidenced by their interpretation of Section 2-706, of the Masonic Code which

states: "A lodge may hold stock in a Masonic building corporation whose articles protect its interest and promote its purposes. The decision of a lodge to purchase such stock shall be final and not appealable to the Grand Lodge."

We refer you again to the two questions of the Grand Master's report as quoted above.

1. Is an incorporated Temple Craft Company under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge?

2. Can an incorporated Temple Craft Company be placed under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge?

If the answer to the above questions is a negative one, it occurs that we have a loophole in our Masonic law, wherein a lodge could incorporate and, thereby, avoid Grand Lodge jurisdiction. If Grand Lodge jurisdiction over subordinate lodges is desirable in connection with incurring debt, then the same rule would be equally desirable in connection with a Temple Craft Company.

Your Committee recommends to the Jurisprudence Committee a review of Section 2-616, page 105 and Section 2-706, page 107 of the Masonic Code for an analysis and interpretation.

Your Committee has noted that part of the Grand Master's report which has reference to the purchase of a building by Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, at Lodge Pole, Nebraska; also the rejection of a plan proposed by a member of Curtis Lodge No. 168. The Grand Master also recommended a delay in remodeling of York Lodge No. 56, estimated to cost \$7,500 to \$8,000 until other matters pertaining to York Lodge, previously mentioned in this report are disposed of.

This Committee wishes to further emphasize the importance of full compliance with Section 89-C by any lodge contemplating refinancing, moving, building, or remodeling.

W. Otto Nelson, 300, Chairman, presented the supplemental report of the Temple Building Advisory Committee.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

On April 30, 1947, a report was received from the Master of Chester Lodge No. 298 informing us of a remodeling and redecorating job on their lodge hall to the extent of \$1,622.00 and incurring a new indebtedness to the extent of \$1,200.00 securing same by tendering a mortgage on the lodge property. This whole matter has been handled entirely inconsistent with Grand Lodge requirements which definitely state approval must first be obtained before incurring indebtedness to purchase, construct or remodel any building. Since the job is done there is nothing left for this committee to do except to recommend approval.

After considerable discussion a substitute motion prevailed that the matter be referred back to the Temple Building Advisory Committee.

W. Roy W. Deal, 227, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

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

Your Committee on Masonic Education during the past year has carried on the work extending and teaching the ideals and philosophies of the Masonic Order as we have seen them. From war time limitations to peace time conditions has not been too easy because of the large amount of back work to be done. We have attempted to adjust our program to the newer conditions and have made many changes and additions.

For the year ending June 1, 1947, the Grand Lodge had appropriated \$3,600.00 to carry on the work of this committee. Of this amount we have expended \$3,354.02. Eight dollars worth of supplies have been sold to Subordinate Lodges leaving a balance in the bank of \$253.98 which has been turned back into the general fund.

In view of the increased activities in Masonic circles and the return of many veterans who received the Masonic work in a short time without adequate information concerning the ideals of the fraternity, your committee has tried to map out a program which would give these brethren the needed information concerning our work. We believe that Freemasonry is obligated to carry out a program of education far beyond the mere letter of the work. If we are to keep men interested in the work of our Order it is necessary that they be grounded in the traditions and philosophies which have made the Masonic Order the grand institution that it is. In order to realize these aims it has been necessary to revise much of the work that was done during the war time, to revive some of the procedure of pre-war days, and to add still others. The work of the committee for the year has consisted in the main of the following activities:

(1) Questions and answers have been sent out monthly to the Masters of the Lodges with the hope that they would be used to further enlighten and increase discussions concerning the vital activities of the Order.

(2) After much consideration it was decided to discontinue the publication of the booklet, "Instructional Material for the Masonic Initiate" and also to discontinue the little leaflet, "A Word to the Candidate." Instead of these publications, we have published five pocket size bulletins—

- (a) A Word to the Worshipful Master.
- (b) A Word to the Candidate.

- (c) A Word to the Entered Apprentice Mason.
- (d) A Word to the Fellow Craft Mason.
- (e) A Word to the Master Mason.

These are being sent to all Masters for free distribution to candidates after each degree.

(3) A monthly bulletin on Masonic Education has been mailed to each Master along with the questions and answers.

(4) Area meetings have been reestablished and were held this year at Nebraska City, Kearney, and Wayne.

(5) The Speakers Bureau has been revived and on request, Subordinate Lodges will find recommended speakers for any and all Masonic meetings.

(6) Your committee has secured a 16-millimeter sound film strip on the activities of Masonic Lodges and has used this very widely during the past year.

(7) Guest meetings have been encouraged in all the Subordinate Lodges with the hope that many non-Masons would have an opportunity to learn something of the work of our Order.

A copy of the Report of the Director of the Committee, Brother Curry W. Watson, is attached hereto and is available to any member who wishes to study the details of our work.

Our meetings during the year have been very well attended. The Grand Master, The Deputy Grand Master, and other Grand Lodge Officers have been in attendance and are fully informed of the work done and the plans for the future. They have contributed their desires and their suggestions throughout the discussions for which your committee is duly grateful. The cooperation of these Grand Lodge Officers has been very essential to the success of our work.

In planning for the future we estimate that we shall need approximately the same amount of money as of this year and therefore respectfully request that the sum of \$3,600.00 be appropriated for the work of this committee.

We trust that the activities of the Education Committee have met with the approval of all and while the task is a large one, your committee feels that it is doing a piece of work that will bring in results worth many times the amount of effort and energy expended.

(The Grand Master called attention to the dinner of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association semi-annual meeting and dinner in the dining room, third floor, Masonic Temple at 12:00 noon.)

At 11:30 A. M. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 4, 1947.

At 1:30 P.M. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

W. Robert D. Wilson, Chairman, 268, presented the report of Grand Lodge 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:

In the report of this Committee, given here last year, it was pointed out that the very low interest rates which prevailed had resulted in the refinancing of many good issues of securities and that this had resulted in the calling for redemption of quite a number of securities held in the investment portfolio. It was then impossible to replace these securities with others of equal safety, which would yield as much. The situation is much the same today and the yield on the securities administered by this Board continues to decline to some extent. Nevertheless, your Trustees are proceeding in the belief that we cannot afford to take unwarranted risks so far as the safety of the principal is concerned, merely for the sake of a small increase in the percentage of the yield. We believe that the investments which should be made, should to a considerable extent be of a type which will qualify for a well-managed trust fund.

The principal change in the investment fund in the last year has been an increase in the holding of industrial and miscellaneous preferred stocks, and such purchases of these securities as have been made, have been made with the object in mind of obtaining securities of good companies which would regularly produce the expected income.

The aim of your Board of Grand Trustees continues to be to increase the fund by securing the greatest possible return without assuming undue risks.

GRAND CHAPLAIN RETIRES

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

Brethren:

We have had a slight change in the order of our program, due to certain conditions which have developed here, just but a very few minutes ago, and at this time I am going to ask our very good friend who has been with us for so many years; Right Reverend Bishop Beecher who will address you at this time. Brother Beecher.

V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I haven't any anticipation of making an address here at all, but the Grand Master has asked me to make a few remarks to the effect of giving you an announcement, as it were, of the fact that I have expressed to the incoming Grand Master, and to our present brother, M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master, a conviction that I am now in the process of looking a bit more toward the sunset than toward the sunrise of my life's work, and I feel from expressions and from all of the observations of my guests and distinguished friends older than myself, now having served, I believe, 37 years in the Grand Jurisdiction of Masons in Nebraska, 37 years as Grand Chaplain, I ought to stand, if not in front of a mirror, in front of some man's vision looking straight at me in the eye, my reflection of what I would call a consciousness of what my next step is to be, and when a man comes to the point in life where he cannot see where his feet are going always, and possibly becomes a little more indefinite about where they go, if he cannot see, then he better have some one take his place that he occupies, which can be made more useful and can be made far more efficient.

Now, I am retiring from the active duties of Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, not in any discouragement or any thought of withdrawing from my brothers whatsoever, whenever I am able to be present with them, no matter whether it is here in the Grand Lodge, or whether visitations out in the areas of our Good Brother Lute Savage's school of instruction, whenever I have a chance to come, and not have to stay all night, and before we start to get up in the morning, I will tell you I will be there, but I am not making any funeral out of my going, I am not a dead one, and don't expect to be unless God makes it that way. I am yet in my heart the youngest member of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

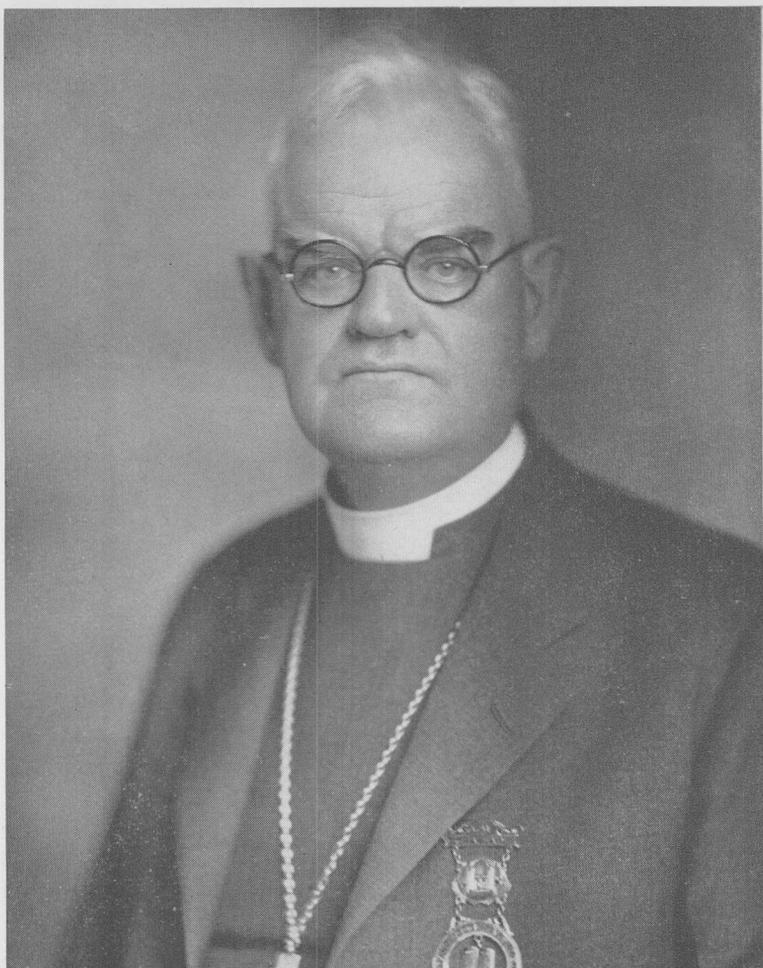
W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Senior Deacon:

I hope the Bishop will be here to hear what I say.

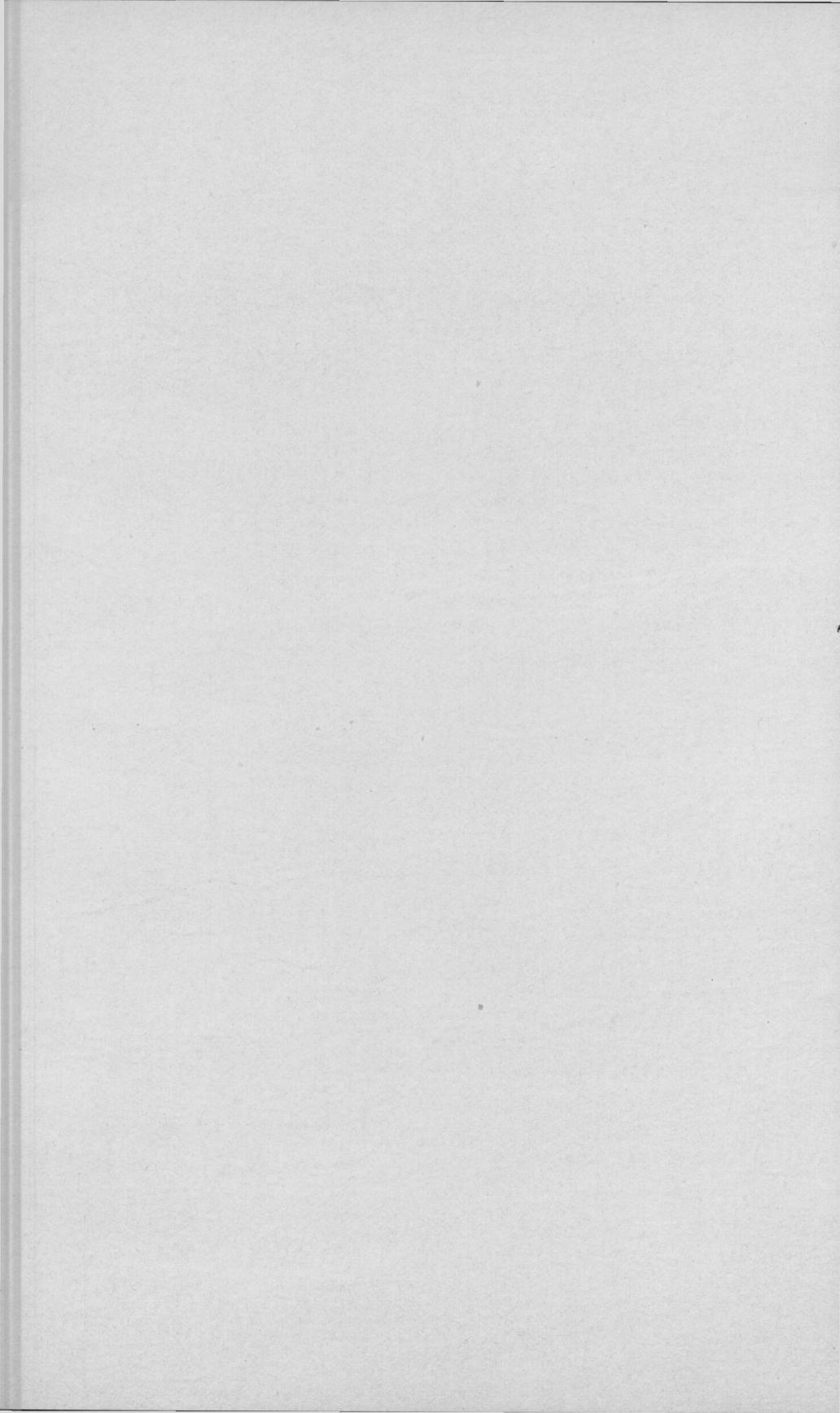
Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Presumably, and I hope that all of you, as I did, in your childhood days read the Odyssey of the poet Homer, and I read here of the Knights and patriotic deeds of valor, and I have a picture of them in my memory yet, and when the warrior had reached the place where he had accomplished all the great things that he could do, he brought home his shield and his sword, and he hung the sword by the side of his fireplace, and he hung the shield on the wall, and sometimes it was inscribed with deeds of valor which he had performed, and at other times there were those who put his deeds into words, and they were either said or sung.

When we come to a time like this, when a man retires from active service, it is no more than fitting that there should be paid to him some



BISHOP GEORGE ALLEN BEECHER
GRAND CHAPLAIN EMERITUS, GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M.,
OF NEBRASKA



of the tributes that are due, and as one of the oldest friends that he has in this Grand Lodge, because I think I have known him as long or longer than any of you, I asked permission of the Grand Master, knowing that this was to come about, to speak to you from the standpoint of a fellow churchman. My days in the councils of the diocese began as soon as I was of age to go, before he came to Omaha, but not before the day that he was a minister, and I have known him all the years since he came to Omaha as Dean of the Trinity Cathedral, and I have both read and heard of what he did before he came here.

Brethren, there are those that will tell you that you must not turn your eyes backward, but always look forward, but with them I do not agree. We look from the scene of our Grand Lodge line to one of the pioneers of church worship, and of Masonry, and the record stands there as the thing that should be constantly revealed to us as to what we are doing. He began his ministry in the pioneer days, when travel was had on foot, until you reached a stopping place for the night. He carried on the missionary work in the western part of the State and in Wyoming which bore fruit, and brought to him the largest parish in the western part of the State, in which he served until he was called here to serve as Dean of our Trinity Cathedral. He served well, not only the congregation which consisted in part of the most wealthy and influential citizens of this town, pioneers whose names will stand forever, who made the city grow, but also those in the area, men who were in the down and out class. There wasn't much noise about it, but there are hundreds of people who lived better lives and longer lives because of his counsel and help in time of need, and because of the effects of that work, when the Bishop under whom he began his ministry, retired from active service, he was elected by the House of Bishops to become Missionary Chaplain of Western Nebraska, at that time the Missionary District of Kearney, in the year of 1910, and brethren, I witnessed his consecration. He has continued that service from that time to this day, and acted in a regular capacity. Brethren, he has traveled the western end of this state, mostly in the service of Missions, and as the starter of churches. He is an influence in the House of Bishops, he today sits, if he chooses to go back to the meeting, in seat number 1 in the House of Bishops, as the oldest living Bishop in point of consecration. You will all agree with me that Nebraska has been fortunate in having a man of such outstanding ability, such genuine fine personality, such religious convictions, who expressed to us the highest aims that Freemasonry stands for, and that leaders in Masonry practice.

I, therefore, pay this tribute to him with the regret that he feels that he must retire from active service, and yet I recognize his right to sit by the fireside and let others tell of the things that he has done. (Applause.)

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

This is a moment that I have thought of a good many times, a day when a man who has been to me an inspiration from my early days to today, a man whom I admire as a man, as a churchman, and particularly as a Freemason. In all the days of Bishop Beecher's Missionary work, and his work as Bishop of Western Nebraska, he was never too busy to attend a Masonic meeting, and do what he could to help. His presence has been a benediction to this Grand Lodge. And as one of the pioneers of this jurisdiction, a man whose inspiration will live long beyond any of us, is about to retire, and, therefore, I move that Very Reverend George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge for so many years, be made Grand Chaplain Emeritus for life.

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

You have heard the motion, all in favor will please rise. (Carried unanimously.)

R. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain:

Some time, perhaps not very long from now, I will start saying thank you in more words than "Thank you, brethren."

M. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg, Past Grand Master, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

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

Since last we met twenty-seven Past Grand Masters, two Grand Chaplains of other Grand Jurisdictions and 597 members of Nebraska Lodges have been called to the Eternal Lodge above and this is an occasion for reflection and meditation and for speculation on life, life's duties and its responsibilities. We are lingering in the afterglow of the sunset of the lives of loved ones that floods our memories with vivid, multicolored lights, reflected from beyond life's horizon. Let us indulge the instinctive hope and faith that death is but a translation of their spiritual personalities and that they live on in untroubled harmony in a land of celestial joy.

Noble thoughts evolved by the academic processes of the human mind live on and light the path of progress for the marching hosts of coming generations. Socrates evolved a method of testing the wisdom of men. He was compelled to drink the hemlock; but the light of his honest mind and heart has illuminated the intervening centuries. Philosophy still rests on the foundation laid by him, and by Plato who was his pupil. Those who earnestly search for the right way to live and die draw no inspiration from the sordid ostentation and display of wealth or luxury or worldly power. The student of philosophy still lingers in

the byways at the feet of Socrates, the man of poverty. I like to think that the followers of all surviving religious creeds draw their inspiration and faith, not from the ostentatious leadership of pomp and power, but rather from some prophet of honest heart and soul who came from humble origin, like the basket in the rushes at the edge of the flowing stream or the manger of Bethlehem, with a star newly set in the heavens above it. That is an inspiration to fire the human heart and make it burst forth in song.

The realization of brotherhood is the great ideal and aim of human life and conduct. That ideal commands tolerance, equality of rights and opportunities, and the liberty of conscience. Our national constitution fosters the doctrine of brotherhood by its guaranty of life, liberty and property and by forbidding the passage of laws requiring a religious test as a qualification for office, establishing of religion or abridging the freedom of speech or the press or the right of peaceable assembly. Man's duty to his neighbor is one of the Divine commandments delivered to Moses on the mount and, according to Christian philosophy, it is placed on an equal and like supremacy with that of his duty to God.

In honoring the memory of our departed brothers we are again reminded that life is short and that our pathways lead but to the grave. The span is, indeed, too short for the indulgence of ostentation and display and the debaucheries of wealth. I would rather be remembered for thoughtful consideration of the rights and feelings of my fellows, for kind words and deeds locked in their breasts, for bringing them cheer and laughter and helping them over life's rough places, than for wealth or position or power. Right living requires an altruistic and generous spirit. After all, the one thing which satisfies is the consciousness of right intentions towards all persons in all relations of life.

"For yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well lived makes every
Yesterday a dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow a vision of hope."

Following the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, the Shrine Chanters sang: "Teach Us to Pray."

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master :

To the brethren who are the chanters from Tangier Temple under the direction of George E. Saltgiver, I want to say thank you.

Brethren:

The Grand Master has many privileges and prerogatives, just like the Masters of the Lodges. Among those very pleasant privileges is his prerogative to appoint for this Grand Lodge the man to be the Orator for the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

We are about to hear the address of our Grand Orator, and in presenting him to you, I just want to inform you. Those of you who read the papers, have read a great deal about the fine work that this good brother is doing here in Omaha. He is a Christian educator here in the City, being in charge of one of the largest Protestant Churches here in the City, if not the largest. (I don't want to cover too much territory in that respect, but I am going to give him the benefit of the doubt.) He is a very keen student of national and international affairs, he has a great influence in this community, with his thinking and the manner in which he demonstrates it to his congregation, likewise he is a mighty fine fellow. Brethren of this Grand Lodge, I present to you as your Grand Orator today, Rev. and Brother Elwood A. Rowsey, Pastor of Dundee Presbyterian Church, who will talk to you on the subject, "Men to Match our Problems." Brother Rowsey.

W. Elwood A. Rowsey, 268, Grand Orator, delivered the

ORATION

"MEN TO MATCH OUR PROBLEMS"

Through the diligence and devotion of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Masons in almost every section of the state have had an opportunity to share with him the benefits of our great fraternity, and to receive from him a lasting stimulus.

His clarity of thinking, his wise counsel, and his genuine integrity have sown seeds across this state that will produce much fruit.

Much has been done, and much remains to be done. As Masons, we can never forget that the past plus the present equals the future.

What has been accomplished is the greatest reason for accomplishing more.

Problems we have had, problems we have, and problems we shall always have.

Our need is not for more problems, but for more men to match our problems.

Where is this leadership to be recruited if not from the ranks of Masonry?

We are a part of the University of Life, and life is the greatest university of learning. Our greatest teachers are living experiences.

We stand today between victory and defeat. What happens to us will be determined by what happens through us.

What we give to the world of ourselves will determine what we get from the world for ourselves.

Whether or not we have men to match our problems will determine whether we shall march the road to freedom, or be murdered by foes that lurk in ambush.

Masons are men of vision, and power without vision has always perished in our earth.

We have proved that we were intelligent enough to destroy together—now we must prove that we are intelligent enough to construct together.

Nations know through experience and through the inheritance of history that we fight for each other—or we will fight each other.

Since we cannot hold the present, the present cannot hold us.

Life never finds courage in evading the responsibilities that confront us.

Amidst world confusion, we are ourselves confused.

But we shall never find the solution to our problems by “setting flat words, like tombstones, over dead ideas.”

The clock of destiny is striking. If we do not heed, we will be numbered among those “for whom the bell tolls.”

It is not enough to be united by shock to save the world from wreck. The price of our failure is the death of our world.

We must expect to lose our liberty, if we shirk the responsibilities that make liberty possible.

“We cannot regenerate our Democracy from the arsenal of Tyranny.”

About thirty years ago, a voice was heard on the college campus. It was the voice of our Government.

The substance of the message was:

“We have a dirty job to do in the world, and we need young men to help us do it.”

My roommate and closest friend was Frank. A little older than myself and a lot more intelligent.

Frank wrote our college songs, our poetry and our prose.

We played football, basketball, soccer and hockey together. We shared each other's troubles, sorrows and joys.

Because of Frank's earnestness and his intellectual curiosity, he asked what the dirty job was.

The answer—“WE MUST MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY.”

“That is reason enough,” said Frank. So he put up his books and his athletic equipment, said goodbye to his friends and went off to war.

Frank never came back. After the war was over, I saw where his body was permanently stationed. In the Trench of the Bayonets.

Many of you have seen it. All of you have seen pictures of it. A long row of bayonets sticking out of the earth. At the end of each bayonet, there is a gun and at the end of each gun there is a man.

These men were ready to go over the top, when a German shell released an avalanche of dirt—and the trench became a permanent grave.

As I stood looking at the bayonets and thinking of Frank and our world, I wrote a little poem. I am not a poet, but the lines expressed the sentiment of my mind and soul.

"O war-scarred fields of sunlit France,
 I saw the glint of your trembling lance;
 I felt the palsy and the pain,
 The life-blood sapped from every vein.
 I heard the voice of heroes dead —
 I understood each word they said:
 'We gave our lives to higher things
 Than quibbles, conferences and kings.'
 Arise, brave France, and point the way
 To God and brotherhood, we pray."

We know now that France did not point the way.

They did not have the men to match our problems.

Thirty years later, this same voice came back to the colleges, the universities, the factories, the fields and said, "We have a dirty job to do in the world; we need your help."

When asked what the job was, the answer was something like this: "It is to destroy Hitler and Hitlerism. It is to make it possible for nations, large and small, to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience and to hold elections by means of the secret ballot. To make it possible for all nations, large and small, to receive equitably the natural resources of the earth so that peace and prosperity may come again to our world."

The last chapter is too current and too vivid to need reviewing here. But even as we decorate these fresh graves, we hear talk about a third world war.

So I ask the question: "Is the future to be only the past entered through another gate?"

Do we have men to match our problems?

The purpose of this oration is to point out some of the qualities that are essential, if this question is to be answered in the affirmative.

I. MEN TO MATCH OUR PROBLEMS MUST THINK.

"Though man a thinking being is defined,
 Few use the grand prerogatives of mind.
 How few think justly of the thinking few!
 How many never think who think they do!"

We are what we think. We are never more than that. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

"Mind is the master power that molds
 and makes
 And man is mind and evermore he takes
 The tools of thought and fashions
 what he wills,
 Brings forth a thousand joys, a
 thousand ills.

He thinks in secret and it comes to pass
Environment is but his looking-glass."

II. IF MEN OF OUR GENERATION ARE TO MATCH THE PROBLEMS OF OUR GENERATION, WE MUST DECIDE OUR PURPOSE BEFORE MAKING OUR PLANS.

So long as we continue to make plans without a great controlling purpose, our plans will fail.

How can we do what we want to do, if we don't know what we want to do?

How can we get where we want to go, if we don't know where we want to go?

What is America's purpose for America, and what is America's purpose for the world?

If we have one plan on Monday, change it on Tuesday and abandon it on Wednesday, how can we do more than confuse ourselves and others?

A philosophy teacher was urging his class to achieve their goals in life. There was one inquisitive youngster who was always embarrassing because he asked questions.

Finally he said, "But, professor, how can we achieve our goals in life when we don't know where the goalposts are?"

We must dedicate ourselves to a great purpose, or we will discover that peace perished along with the war.

Is our purpose to trust the power of our bomb and the size of our purse?

When will man learn that world war is war against himself?

We cannot control a bomb. What we need to control is man.

Men to match our problems is the only problem we have.

Before planning your vacation, you decide what the purpose of your vacation is to be. Do you want to be where it's cool in the summer, or do you want to be where it's hot? You don't plan the same wardrobe, if you are going to spend the summer in Florida as if you are going to spend the summer in Alaska.

What is the purpose of Masonry? What is the purpose of America?

That decision must come now, or it will come too late.

III. MEN TO MATCH OUR PROBLEMS MUST BRIDGE THE CHASM BETWEEN OUR PROMISES AND OUR PERFORMANCES.

Hear this quotation:

"We must banish want. We shall banish fear. The essential of National Socialism is human welfare.

"There must be cheap automobiles for the workers to ride in and wide public highways for the automobiles.

"National Socialism is the revolution of the common man. Rooted in a fuller life for every German from childhood to old age, National Socialism means a new day of abundance at home and a better world order abroad."

That's a statement from Hitler. What's wrong with the promise? Nothing! It's the chasm between the promise and the performance that produced World War II.

During the past thirty years, two generations have backed into this chasm that exists between our promises and our performances.

It must be bridged, if the world is to be saved from suicide.

Old and young alike must see that the job is done.

"An old man going a lone highway
Came in the evening cold and gray
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fears for him,
But he stopped when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"'Old man,' said a fellow pilgrim near,
'You are wasting your strength with
 building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way,
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build this bridge at evening tide?

"The builder lifted his old gray head,
'Good friend, in the path I have come' he said,
'There followed after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm which has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be,
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.'"

IV. IF WE ARE TO HAVE MEN TO MATCH OUR PROBLEMS, WE MUST KNOW THAT THE WORLD IS IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING.

This is our problem. It is also our hope. I certainly have no intention of discussing the merits and demerits of war.

There is one thing that war does: It wrenches the rusty hinge from the gate of history and permits a liquid stream to flow this way or that.

Man determines the direction in which the stream shall flow.

The second World War has left the world chaotically liquid.

Constantly you are hearing the questions: "What is to happen to Germany?"—"What is to happen in Russia?"—"What is to happen in England?"—"What is to happen in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, France, China, Korea, South America and the United States?"

In other words, the world is liquid, and it will flow this way or that.

The world is in the process of becoming. Edwin Markham brings us a significant line here:

"We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.

"Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilt goes?
In vain we build the world, unless
The builder also grows."

V. MEN TO MATCH OUR PROBLEMS ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING.

There is our hope. Not in the bomb, not in written treaties, not in public orations, but in man. We are in the process of becoming we.

You have certainly heard the story of the young man who was late registering at Colgate University during the war. The commanding officer was displeased and reprimanded the young soldier. Turning to the commanding officer, he said, with great respect and deference: "Sir, I am sorry that I registered late today. But yesterday I was in Africa."

A man got into an airplane on the Persian Gulf and forty-seven hours later, he got out of the airplane in New York.

May I ask, "Is New York any closer to the Persian Gulf today than it was a hundred or a thousand years ago?"

No, it's as far from New York to the Persian Gulf today as it was when Columbus made his first discovery.

The difference is not in the distance—the difference is in man.

We are in the process of becoming. It doth not yet appear what we shall be.

The hope of the world is in the heart and mind of man.

To be a man and a Mason is the greatest privilege in the world and carries with it the greatest responsibility.

"God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and
ready hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And scorn his treacherous flatteries
without winking!

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty, and in private thinking;

For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn
 creeds
 Their large professions and their little deeds,
 Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps,
 Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps."

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

Brethren:

Brother Rowsey, this Grand Lodge is deeply grateful to you for this wonderful message. We are honored. We thank you.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

In addition to your very gracious words of appreciation to the Grand Orator for his magnificent and inspirational Oration, I move that we request that he furnish the office of the Grand Secretary with a copy of his manuscript that it may be preserved in the records of this Grand Lodge.

W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288, presented the report of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
 REINSTATEMENTS FOR 1946-1947

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 1946-1947, three hundred thirty-five Applications for Reinstatement were referred to the Committee.

The average age of the Petitioners was 47 years, the range in ages being from 31 to 90 years. Twelve Petitioners were between the ages of 31 to 40 years, one hundred four between 40 and 50, one hundred forty-six between 50 and 60 years, sixty-three between 60 and 70, ten between 70 and 80, and two between 80 and 90 years.

Reasons given for permitting suspension were mostly "financial", while some Petitioners gave as a reason "Negligence", and a few "Lack of Interest".

While your Committee appreciates that its chief function is to pass on the financial ability of the Petitioner, we are prone to think that

Petitioners giving reasons of "Negligence" or "Lack of Interest" would be of little benefit to the Craft, even though the financial future of the Petitioner was apparently assured.

Some improvement is noted in the manner in which Applications are filled out, however, your Committee strongly recommends that the Worshipful Master of the Subordinate Lodge impress on the Applicant the importance of answering all questions in full.

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

Presented an amendment to Nebraska Masonic Code, signed by 12 Past Grand Masters. Unanimous consent not being given, the same was laid over for one year.

AMENDMENT TO THE LAW PROPOSED

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

To amend Section 3-101, paragraph p., Nebraska Masonic Code, 1946, by deleting the entire paragraph which reads as follows:

"p. Petitioning the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine before one year has elapsed since being made a Master Mason." (1941)

W. Roy E. Dooley, 15, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.

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" for the year 1946 have been checked and we are pleased to advise all lodges in Nebraska have made full settlement of their accounts with the Grand Lodge.

In checking returns we find that the greatest difficulty encountered by the Grand Secretary is the lateness of some returns and the large percentage of delinquent members carried by some lodges.

We recommend that each subordinate lodge conform to Sec. 2-515 (78a) page 82, Nebraska Masonic Code 1946, referring to membership committee to assist local secretary in collecting these delinquent dues.

We commend the Grand Secretary for his efforts to secure these returns from various local secretaries by February 10th, in order to complete his files and urge the various local secretaries to be more prompt in their returns to the end that the machine may move smoothly and on time.

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 Item 65 on Page 472 referring to Recommendation No. 15 of the Grand Master's report relative to the conferring of degrees by foreign jurisdictions; and Item No. 8 on Page 467 proposing an amendment to the law governing Dual Memberships.

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. 10, 23, 29, 38, 49, 51, 62, 74, 93, 101, 106, 108, 117, 129, 132, 140, 145, 152, 156, 157, 160, 167, 171, 177, 191, 201, 204, 206, 211, 212, 216, 217, 230, 232, 234, 235, 245, 247, 251, 259, 263, 267, 271, 272, 274, 276, 277, 279, 280, 291, 293.

Total number of Lodges 280. Number represented 229. Number not represented 51. Lodges not represented for last two Annual Communications: Nos. 23, 38, 108, 117, 132, 140, 152, 156, 157, 160, 204, 206, 259, 267, 277, 280, 282. Not represented last three communications, 38, 117, 140, 204, 206. Not represented last four communications: 117, 206.

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre	Grand Master
R. W. Edward Huwaldt	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Elmer E. Magee	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen	Grand Secretary
V. W. George Allen Beecher	Grand Chaplain
W. Elwood A. Rowsey	Grand Orator
W. Lute M. Savage	Grand Custodian
W. John R. Hughes	Grand Marshal
W. John S. Hedelund	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Thomas J. Aron	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, John R. Tapster, Ralph O. Canaday, Archie M. Smith, Virgil R. Johnson, Chancellor A. Phillips, Walter R. Raecke, William J. Breckenridge, Earl J. Lee, George A. Kurk, William B. Wanner and William C. Schaper.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska ....No. 1	Albin Bergstrom ...	.....	*Newell R. Wilcox
Western Star. " 2	Flavius M. Sherwood	Lester C. Nelson...	Harry H. Winkelman
Capitol " 3	Robert R. Troyer...	*C. W. Blixt	*Lloyd F. Kilgore
Nemaha Valley " 4	Omer R. Hannaford.	*Abe Lawrence	*Don Lawrence
Omadi " 5	Rex E. Pearson.....	S. K. Bridenbaugh..	.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	C. A. Wetenkamp...	Charles E. Mead....	*C. A. Wetenkamp
Falls City.... " 9	Lyle B. Hunkins...	Russell E. Dorr.....	Richard A. Ketter
Solomon " 10	.....	.....	.....
Covert " 11	Ralph E. Carlson...	Philip C. Cariotto..	Paul L. Constant
Orient " 13	.....	.....	Frederick Morehouse
Peru " 14	Raymond Redfern ..	Lee W. Redfern....	George V. Brown
Fremont " 15	Roy E. Dooley.....	Carroll E. Schurman.	Nowell M. Dickerson
Tecumseh " 17	Doran D. Kirkman.	.....	Willis A. Garris
Lincoln " 19	Charles W. Frost...	Lewis R. Ricketts..	*Perry J. Morton
Washington .. " 21	Chris K. Bendorf...	.....	.....
Pawnee " 23	.....	.....	.....
Saint Johns... " 25	James McClaren ...	Harry M. Green....	.....
Beatrice " 26	*George H. Hauer...	*George H. Hauer...	*George H. Hauer
Jordan " 27	George E. Hampton.	Charles V. Stewart.	Harvey H. Sass
Hope " 29	.....	.....	.....
Blue River.... " 30	*Clarence C. Wertman	Marion Bass .....	.....
Tekamah " 31	Charles MacDonald..	*Charles MacDonald..	*Charles MacDonald
Platte Valley. " 32	*David J. Fredrick..	Cary W. Dresslar...	*Mainard E. Crosby
Ashlar " 33	Robert W. Boon....	*Robert W. Boon....	Stanley Kully
Acacia " 34	Ernest M. Adams...	.....	Alvah M. Muellich
Fairbury " 35	.....	.....	H. W. Schrieber
Lone Tree.... " 36	Galen H. Davis....	George Schafer	*Buren P. Wells
Crete " 37	Ernest C. May.....	Charles H. Johnson.	Charles Bailey
Oliver " 38	.....	.....	.....
Papillion " 39	Adam H. Gramlich..	Floyd D. Trumble..	Frank A. Pflug
Humboldt " 40	.....	Arlo H. Coons.....	.....
Northern Light " 41	*David C. Spangler..	.....	.....
Hebron " 43	.....	Amos E. Stauffer...	.....
Harvard " 44	Chris. A. Perlenfein.	.....	.....
Rob Morris... " 46	Russell R. Ferguson.	*Russell R. Ferguson.	*Russell R. Ferguson
Fairmont " 48	*Alex A. Shanklin...	*Alex A. Shanklin...	*Alex A. Shanklin
Evening Star.. " 49	.....	.....	.....
Hastings " 50	Myron W. Springer.	D. Charles Irvin....	*Roger L. Packer
Fidelity " 51
Hiram " 52	Edward Thomsen ..	W. T. Reckmeyer...	George Niebaum

*Proxy.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Charity	No. 53	Raymond J. Barta..	*Raymond J. Barta..	Clarence W. Crowell
Lancaster	" 54	William W. Hoagland	.....	*Harold A. Thorson
Mosaic	" 55	Walter E. Truex...	*Otto Burkhardt.....	*George Surber
York	" 56	Leno C. Herfordt...	Arthur C. Dobler...	Lynn C. Moomey
Mount Moriah	" 57	Elting France	.....	.....
Wahoo	" 59	Elmer Neujahr	.....	Frank L. McKlem
Melrose	" 60	.....	.....	Dean W. Caswell
Thistle	" 61	Chester E. Rork...	Benjamin F. Menke.	.....
Keystone	" 62	.....	.....	.....
Blue Valley	" 64	R. Milo Stastny...	*E. H. Houser.....	Henry V. Jelinek
Osceola	" 65	F. Edgar Wisely...	*I. Donald Huston...	*F. Edgar Wisely
Edgar	" 67	.....	.....	Elmer H. Due
Aurora	" 68	M. B. Diffendaffer..	.....	.....
Sterling	" 70	*Gus H. Warnke...	Edwin J. Eilers.....	.....
Trowel	" 71	Elmer C. Rakow...	.....	Vanse L. Buther
Hooper	" 72	Geo. Schmietenkno.	Arthur Swartz	Donald Shaffer
Friend	" 73	.....	W. J. Rhynalds.....	.....
Alexandria	" 74	.....	.....	.....
Frank Welch	" 75	Lloyd E. McCann...	*Lloyd E. McCann..	*A. F. Whitmire
Nelson	" 77	*Charles E. Foster...	.....	.....
Albion	" 78	Harold Clingerman.	*Albert N. Lamb.....	.....
Geneva	" 79	George G. Brown...	*Gerald Walton	.....
Composite	" 81	Leonard Davis	.....	.....
Saint Paul	" 82	Edward C. Blazek..	Paul R. Oakeson...	*Ralph H. Zlomke
Corinthian	" 83	.....	.....	Henning Hallin
Fairfield	" 84	Arthur W. Hayes...	.....	.....
Doniphan	" 86	Raymond C. Engel..	.....	.....
Ionic	" 87	Willis Eichberger ..	E. E. Sandoz.....	*Vac Randa
Star	" 88	.....	*Charles Christensen.	.....
Cedar River	" 89	*Louis Vaughn	.....	Wayne Nichols
Oakland	" 91	Carroll W. Olson...	Fred S. Linder.....	.....
Beaver City	" 93	.....	.....	.....
Bennett	" 94	Arch Church	.....	.....
Garfield	" 95	*A. E. Bowen.....	.....	*Minus R. Stahl
Utica	" 96	Clair B. McNeil....	.....	.....
Euclid	" 97	Fred J. Allen.....	F. De Forest Philpot	Clifford C. Cooper
Republican	" 98	Louie L. Kammerer.	*Louie L. Kammerer.	*Louie L. Kammerer
Shelton	" 99	Ora O. Hayman....	.....	.....
Creighton	" 100	Ivan E. Johnson...	Harry Larsen	Howard W. Keck
Ponea	" 101	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo	" 102	Henry Munster, Jr..	*Arthur Bull	*Max Wrigg
Ord	" 103	Leonard B. Woods..

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
WymoreNo. 104	Eli C. Wixson	*Franklin W. Myers.	O. Wayne Miller
Stella " 105	Harold Edwards	*Daniel S. Hinds.	*William Sulzbaugh
Porter " 106	.....	.....	.....
Table Rock. " 108	.....	.....	.....
Pomegranate. " 110	James Westphalen	Bruce Taylor . . . . .	.....
DeWitt " 111	William Savage. . . . .	.....	.....
Springfield " 112	Harry N. Ahl . . . . .	.....	Dewey Callaway
Globe " 113	James W. Robertson. . . . .	.....	.....
Wisner " 114	Orville K. Nye. . . . .	.....	.....
Harlan " 116	Donald Cary. . . . .	.....	.....
Hardy " 117	.....	.....	.....
North Bend. " 119	James E. Johnson. . . . .	.....	.....
Wayne " 120	William A. Crossland	Yale K. Kessler.	*Herman Lundberg
Superior " 121	Theodor Enghoff . . . . .	.....	C. Roy Graham
Auburn " 124	*Wm. S. Cochran. . . . .	.....	.....
Mount Nebo. " 125	Frank Waters . . . . .	.....	.....
Stromsburg " 126	Thomas M. Williams	*Einer M. Swanson. . . . .	.....
Minden " 127	*Charles A. Chappell. . . . .	.....	.....
Guide Rock " 128	*Dana L. Burr.	Dana L. Burr.	*Dana L. Burr
Blue Hill " 129	.....	.....	.....
Tuscan " 130	*Earl Smith . . . . .	.....	.....
Scribner " 132	.....	.....	.....
Elm Creek. " 133	Archie C. Miller. . . . .	.....	.....
Solar " 134	C. Leroy Dexter.	*C. Leroy Dexter. . . . .	.....
McCook " 135	Jesse P. Wade.	Leo W. Stevens.	*Earld M. Boyington
Long Pine " 136	*Wm. C. Smith, Sr. . . . .	.....	*Wm. C. Smith, Sr.
Upright " 137	*William Yarpe	*William Yarpe . . . . .	.....
Rawalt " 138	Lewis A. Bloomgren . . . . .	.....	.....
Clay Centre. " 139	Bernard N. Lobb.	Fritz E. Voss.	Howard Huffaker
Western " 140	.....	.....	.....
Crescent " 143	*Perry E. Heany. . . . .	.....	.....
Kenesaw " 144	Herbert Roeder.	*W. L. Ramsey. . . . .	.....
Bancroft " 145	.....	.....	.....
Jachin " 146	Everett B. Behrens. . . . .	.....	*Arthur Anderson
Siloam " 147	*Arthur J. Runnels. . . . .	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford " 148	Bryan Leonard.	*Bryan Leonard	*Bryan Leonard
Jewel " 149	James E. Smith.	*James E. Smith	*James E. Smith
Cambridge " 150	*Chancellor A. Phillips	*Chancellor A. Phillips	*Chancellor A. Phillips
Square " 151	Louis E. Carlson.	*Edward Haynes
Parallel " 152
Evergreen " 153	*Byron C. Andersen.
Lily " 154	Ray J. Lowery

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Hartington ...No. 155	*Irwin J. Doane.....
Pythagoras ... " 156	.....	.....	.....
Valley " 157	.....	.....	.....
Samaritan ... " 158	Mannie M. Holcomb	Marshall T. Rice...	*Roy Beam
Ogalalla " 159	.....	.....	*E. R. Melin
Zeredatha " 160	.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	Harry E. Gonnerman	Dale Scow	Willis McMeekin
Trestle Board. " 162	.....	*Cecil Asa	Edw. F. Bottcher
Unity " 163	Elmer Mathis .....	.....	.....
Atkinson " 164	Clarence E. Spence..	*Clarence E. Spence.	Clarence E. Spence
Barneston " 165	*W. A. Wildt	*Frank Krotzsch.....	*John Novotney
Mystic Tie.... " 166	*B. E. Graham.....	.....	.....
Elwood " 167	.....	.....	.....
Curtis " 168	.....	W. G. Osterhoudt...	.....
Amity " 169	C. E. Benschoter....	.....	.....
Mason City .. " 170	Chester A. Lamb....	.....	*Charles H. Spitler
Merna " 171	.....	.....	.....
Grafton " 172	Cleveland King .....	.....	.....
Robert Burns.. " 173	Carl U. Lionberger..	.....	.....
Culbertson ... " 174	*Osborne P. Simon...*	Osborne P. Simon...*	Osborne P. Simon...*
Temple " 175	Chas N. Rickman....	.....	.....
Gladstone " 176	Floyd E. Junk.....*	Floyd E. Junk.....*	Floyd E. Junk
Hay Springs.. " 177	.....	.....	.....
Prudence " 179	Velmar E. Horner...*	.....	.....
Justice " 180	*J. F. Premer	*Geo. W. Russell....	.....
Faith " 181	Warren D. Lichty..*	Walter O. Barnes...*	.....
Alliance " 183	T. Clifford Gregory..*	Karl J. Stern.....*	Edward M. Knight
Bee Hive..... " 184	Jerome Korisko ...*	John H. Bruce.....*	Arthur C. Swanson
Boaz " 185	*W. F. McCarty.....*	.....	.....
Israel " 187	Allen Withers.....*	.....	Carl E. Diers
Meridian " 188	Fred L. Wedge.....*	Fred L. Wedge.....*	.....
Granite " 189	M. Edward Dippel..*	.....	.....
Amethyst " 190	Henry Ewaldt.....*	.....	Geo. E. Wiley
Crystal " 191	.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa.. " 192	*Benj. F. Wilkinson..*	.....	.....
Signet " 193	Gustave B. Fayman..*	.....	.....
Highland " 194	.....	.....	*Carl P. Bonebright
Arcana " 195	Elmer Davis	Clarence Hills .....	.....
Morning Star.. " 197	.....	.....	*E. K. Husbands
Purity " 198	*Francis E. Reichardt*	.....	.....
Gavel " 199	*James H. Bryant...*	*James H. Bryant...*	James H. Bryant
Blazing Star.. " 200	Dwight E. Johnson..*

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Scotts Bluff ..No. 201
Golden Sheaf.. " 202	*Martin Madsen
Roman Eagle.. " 203	*Archie M. Smith... ..	.....	.....
Plainview " 204	.....	.....	.....
Golden Fleece.. " 205	*H. A. Christensen.. ..	H. A. Christensen.. ..	*H. A. Christensen
Naphthali .....	.....	.....	.....
Parian	John W. Frederick.. ..	*Allston Asmus	*Allston Asmus
Gauge .....	.....	.....	*Harold D. Weddel
Canopy	Otha E. Underwood.. ..	Arthur W. Adams.. ..	Bert Muenchan
East Lincoln.. " 210	.....	*Curry W. Watson.. ..	Gerald E. Miller
Cement .....	.....	.....	.....
Compass&Square" 212	.....	.....	.....
Plumbline ... " 214	Victor W. Hecht... ..	.....	.....
Occidental ... " 215	August Weigand... ..	.....	.....
Palisade .....	.....	.....	.....
Wauneta .....	.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield ... " 218	Victor C. Jelinek... ..	.....	.....
Relief	*Charles E. Gallagher	.....	.....
Magnolia .....	.....	*Detlef H. Dohrman.. ..	.....
Wood Lake .. " 221	John W. Kreycik... ..	*John W. Kreycik... ..	*John W. Kreycik
Landmark ... " 222	Roland M. Wachter.. ..	J. A. Jespersen..... ..	*James P. Presba
Eminence " 223	Ervin E. Bish .....	.....	.....
Silver Cord... " 224	*John K. Cassel..... ..	*John K. Cassel..... ..	.....
Cable	*W. F. Biggerstaff... ..	.....	.....
Grace	*James Johnson .....	.....	.....
North Star ... " 227	Michael V. Stevens.. ..	*Michael V. Stevens.. ..	*Roy W. Deal
Bartley	*Earl T. Phillips... ..	Earl T. Phillips.... ..	Arthur C. Olson
Comet	Francis J. Beaman.. ..	LeRoy Quick .....	.....
Delta .....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Hermon " 231	Jens B. R. Miller... ..	*Warren Brown	Douglas D. Brown
John S. Bowen " 232	.....	.....	.....
Gilead	Wayne D. Kibby... ..	*Gustav A. Sieler.... ..	Walter G. Sire
Zion .....	.....	.....	.....
Fraternity ... " 235	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rule.. " 236	*Howard S. Gillaspie.. ..	Howard S. Gillaspie.. ..	.....
Cubit	*C. Clyde Mayes..... ..	.....	.....
Friendship... " 239	Cecil C. Crone..... ..	*W. H. McHargue... ..	*E. Klingenberge, Jr.
Pilot	Orville Ramsey	Gordon Chard	*A. W. Crellin
Geo. Armstrong " 241	Elmer L. Anderson.. ..	Philip Schulke..... ..	*J. W. Sundell
Tyrian	*Claude C. Corman..
Hampton " 245
Nehawka	Ray. R. Anderson..	*Ivan J. Balfour

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Corner-Stone .No. 247
Laurel " 248	Homer A. Taylor...
Gothenburg .. " 249	Howard L. Anderson	Bernard B. Atkins..	.....
Geo. Washington" 250	Oscar L. Condon....	Chas. E. Dewitt....	C. Harold Lott
Wausa " 251	.....	.....	.....
Beemer " 253	*Fred Buhk .....	.....	.....
Bassett " 254	Frank Patitz .....	.....	.....
Hickman " 256	Phil E. Buel.....	Veral Pillard	Willard V. Williams
Holbrook " 257	Samuel F. Davis....	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	Harold A. Lewis...	.....	.....
Bee " 259	.....	.....	.....
Ornan " 261	Louie W. Klasna...	*J. W. Black .....	.....
Endeavor " 262	*Joseph Reiter .....	.....	.....
Mitchell " 263	.....	.....	.....
Franklin " 264	Harold B. Long....	.....	.....
Rob't W. Furnas" 265	Frank H. Wisner...	Edward J. Nagel...	.....
Silver " 266	*Chester D. Brummett	*Elmer H. Tooker...	.....
James A. Tulleys" 267	.....	.....	.....
Geo. W. Lininger" 268	*John S. Hedelund..	*Robt. D. Wilson....	.....
Oasis " 271	.....	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	.....	.....	.....
Crofton " 273	*John Mormann .....	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	.....	.....	.....
Ramah " 275	*John H. Sutlief....	.....	.....
Antelope " 276	.....	.....	.....
Sioux " 277	.....	.....	.....
Litchfield " 278	James W. Thompson	.....	*Harve Long
Wallace " 279	.....	.....	.....
Swastika " 280	.....	.....	.....
Florence " 281	Edwin J. Brailey...	Arthur R. Logan...	Forest W. Rorick
Mullen " 282	.....	Erik P. Ericksen...	.....
Exeter " 283	*Glenn Lewis .....	.....	.....
Seneca " 284	Roscoe A. Parrish..	*Roscoe A. Parrish..	*Roscoe A. Parrish
Camp Clarke.. " 285	*E. K. Milmine.....	.....	.....
Oshkosh " 286	Toy J. Shaheen....	Toy J. Shaheen....	Toy J. Shaheen
Union " 287	*Henry C. McKee....	.....	.....
Omaha " 288	Clyde A. Blubaugh.	.....	Fred E. Graham
Lotus " 289	Roscoe R. Burchell.	.....	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	Carl S. Miller.....	.....	.....
Diamond " 291
Wolbach " 292	Ernest H. Davis....	*Ernest H. Davis....	*Ernest H. Davis
Monument " 293

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GREETINGS AND REGRETS

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, presented telegrams and letters sending greetings and best wishes for a successful Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and regret at their inability to be present, from

M. W. Fred H. Nolte, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Iowa.
 M. W. William Tinsely, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Illinois.
 M. W. Grover C. Olinger, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Colorado.
 M. W. Frank J. Meyers, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Wyoming.
 M. W. Brothers Harry A. Cheney, Edwin D. Crites, and Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers, and appointed as tellers the Assistant Custodians, with W. Ross Van Sickle, as Chairman.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Brother Edward Huwaldt, 318.....Grand Master
 Brother Elmer E. Magee, 227.....Deputy Grand Master
 Brother Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59.....Grand Senior Warden
 Brother John S. Hedelund, 268.....Grand Junior Warden
 Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Brother Glen L. Rice, 3.....Grand Chaplain
 Brother Mainard E. Crosby, 32.....Grand Orator
 Brother Lute M. Savage, 3.....Grand Custodian
 Brother Charles F. Adams, 68.....Grand Marshal
 Brother Thomas J. Aron, 37.....Grand Senior Deacon
 Brother Edward M. Knight, 183.....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; Norris Chadderdon, 146; Elmer C. Rakow, 71.

Committee on Fraternal Dead: Brothers Harold H. Thom, 1, Chairman; David J. Fredrick, 32; C. Edmund Anderson, 21.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence: Brothers Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; William B. Wanner, 9; Albert B. Osborne, 318.

Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans: Brothers Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman, (1952); John R. Hughes, 184, (1951); Otto Burkhardt, 55, (1950); Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, (1949); Alvin H. Miller, 19, (1948).

Committee on Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts: Brothers Raymond C. Cook, 6, Chairman; Harry A. Spencer, 227; Charles B. Nicodemus, 15; Adam K. Gramlich, 39; William C. Schaper, 148.

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); V. Clare Lindberg, 11, (1948); A. Victor Bryan, 263, (1950).

Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial: Brothers Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; Elmer P. Baruth, 323; Wesley E. Sorensen, 324.

Committee on 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; Roy W. Deal, 227; Allen P. Burkhardt, 55.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Omaha Masonic Home for Boys: Brothers Walter R. Raecke, 36, Chairman, (1950); Fred R. Haggart, 82, (1949); Earle G. Johnson, 318, (1948).

Committee on Centennial: Brothers George W. Rosenlof, 77, Chairman; William J. Baird, 268; Carroll E. Schurman, 15.

Committee on 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, (1950).

Committee on Physical Qualifications: Brothers Ralph O. Canaday, 285, Chairman; George A. Kurk, 54; Lewis E. Smith, 136.

Committee on Robert Carrel Jordan Memorial: Brothers Frank C. Patton, 11, Chairman; Lewis E. Smith, 136.

Grand Trustees: Brothers Robert D. Wilson, 268, Chairman, (1948); Lewis E. Smith, 136, (1949); Carl D. Ganz, 209, (1950).

PRESENTATION OF FIDDLE TO M. W. GRAND MASTER, BENJAMIN F. EYRE

Brother Loron W. Chandler, 57, Syracuse:

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I am a whittler, I made something for the Most Worshipful Grand Master. I will show it to you. This, Most Worshipful Grand Master, is a violin, which I made. The front is made out of a sumac bush; the chin

rest is a piece of lilac bush. The back and sides are walnut; the pegs of osage orange; the tail piece is a soup bone, and the perferling of sumac, Mahogany. I made quite a number of these, and I have given them away to committees and communities and I have given some of them to friends. And I ask the Most Worshipful Grand Master to accept it from the hand of a whittler.

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Grand Master:

Brother Chandler, and Brethren:

I just don't know exactly what to say. I feel perhaps he thinks I have been fiddling while Rome has been burning; or else, in his mind, he thinks I need a new instrument of some kind, but Brother Chandler, your gracious thought, while I am no musician, I do appreciate a piece of art such as this. I don't have any children of my own right now that might be interested in this, but it could be possible that there would be some grandchildren some day, I hope, and if such a happy event occurs I assure you I will turn it over to them with my best wishes and report to them that this splendid musical instrument was made by you.

(Thereupon Brother Chandler demonstrated the musical qualities of the instrument which he presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Benjamin F. Eyre.)

Brother Chandler:

I thank you greatly because of this fine present, I will accept it in the spirit that it was given, and I will request that the reporter put into his copy all those fine musical notes which were produced by you.

M. E. Curry W. Watson, Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons; R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Senior Warden; and R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Junior Warden, addressed the brethren briefly.

M. W. Past Grand Masters Walter R. Raecke, and Earl J. Lee, were received and presented to the Grand Lodge.

At 4:30 P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Thursday, June 5, 1947

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.

Brother John S. Samson, 281, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was acted upon by the Grand Lodge as follows:

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 prayer of the petition of a former member of St. Paul Lodge No. 82, 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 St. Paul Lodge No. 82, A. F. & A. M. be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

I move the adoption of this section of the report. Motion carried.

No. 2. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of McCook Lodge No. 135, 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 McCook Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M. be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

I move the adoption of this section of the report.

A substitute motion to lay the matter over for further investigation, prevailed.

No. 3. Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Omaha Lodge No. 288, 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 Omaha Lodge No. 288, A. F. & A. M. be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

I move the adoption of this section of the report.

A substitute motion to lay the matter over for further investigation prevailed.

No. 4. Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Wayne Lodge No. 20, 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 Wayne Lodge No. 20, A. F. & A. M. be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason." I move the adoption of the resolution.

A substitute motion that the matter be laid over for further investigation, prevailed.

No. 5. Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Endeavor Lodge No. 262, 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 Endeavor Lodge No. 262, A. F. & A. M. be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

I move the adoption of the resolution. Seconded and carried.

"Be it resolved, that the report of the Committee on Grievances as acted upon by the Grand Lodge be adopted as a whole. Seconded and carried.

M. W. William C. Schaper, 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, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of
Nebraska:

On the several subjects in the Grand Master's Address, referred to this committee we report as follows:

CONSOLIDATIONS

1. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

BY-LAWS

2. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL

3. We approve the action of the Grand Master, except as to Bassett Lodge No. 254.
4. We disapprove the action of the Grand Master as to Bassett Lodge No. 254.

DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES

5. We approve the action of the Grand Master but with the recommendation to future Grand Masters to be extremely cautious and grant as few dispensations as possible to confer degrees without regard to time.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PROFICIENCY

6. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

REINSTATEMENTS

7. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

COMMITTEE ON "LOCATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICE"

8. We recommend that the consideration of the report on location of Grand Lodge Office be laid over until the next annual communication.

DISCIPLINE

9. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

OMAHA MASONIC HOME FOR BOYS

10. We approve the action of the Grand Master in forwarding to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of each Grand Jurisdiction printed copies of the agreement, with a transmittal letter. We recommend that the same information be sent by the Grand Secretary to each subordinate lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.

INTERPRETATIONS OF LAW

11. Par. 1. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

12. Par. 2. We approve the Grand Master's interpretation.

13. Par. 3. We approve the interpretation.

14. Par. 4. We approve the interpretation.

15. Par. 5. We approve the interpretation.

16. Par. 6. We approve the interpretation.

17. Par. 7. We approve the interpretation.

18. Par. 8. We approve the interpretation.

19. Par. 9a. We approve the interpretation.

20. Par. 9b. We approve the interpretation.

21. Par. 10. We approve the interpretation.

22. Par. 11. We approve the interpretation.

23. Par. 12. We approve the interpretation.

24. Par. 13. We approve the interpretation.

25. Par. 14. We approve the action of the Grand Master, and recommend the following as an amendment to Section 2-1209 of the law:

"Provided, that with the approval in writing of the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction and of the Grand Master of any Grand Jurisdiction with which this Grand Jurisdiction is in fraternal relations, any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction may invite members of such other Grand Jurisdiction to confer either or any of the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellowcraft Mason or Master Mason upon a candidate of such other Grand Jurisdiction and to use the work of such other Grand Jurisdiction in such degree or degrees.

DECISIONS

26. Par. 1. From the information furnished we are unable to either approve or disapprove the action of the Grand Master.

27. Par. 2. We approve the decision by interpreting it to mean that the employee was not eligible to receive the degrees.

28. Par. 3. We approve the decision.

29. Par. 4. We approve the decision.

30. Par. 5. We approve the decision.

31. Par. 6. We recommend that the decision be amended to read that the fees shall be returned to the estate of the petitioner, and approve the decision as amended.

32. Par. 7. (In supplement to address.) We disapprove the decision.

MISCELLANEOUS

33. High Twelve Club. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

34. Masters and Wardens Club. We approve the action.

35. Cubit Lodge No. 237. We approve the action.

36. Silver Lodge No. 266. We approve the action.

37. R. W. Bro. Edward Huwaldt. We approve the action.

38. R. W. Bro. Elmer E. Magee. We approve the action.

39. George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund. We approve the action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

40. Par. 1. We approve the recommendation and request that same be referred to the Committee on Codification for enactment into law.

41. Par. 4. We approve the recommendation and request that same be referred to the Committee on Codification for enactment into law.

42. Par. 6. We disapprove the recommendation.

APPROVAL OF LODGE FINANCING

York Lodge No. 56, (only)

43. Question No. 1. Our answer is:

It is the consensus of this Committee that in view of the fact that section 2-706 was passed prior to section 2-616 that sec. 2-706 was repealed by implication, and we recommend that section 2-706 be repealed.

44. Question No. 2. No, except as provided in Section 2-616 of the law.

45. Question No. 3. No, except as provided in Section 2-616 of the law.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

This subject was not referred to us in the Grand Master's address, but was considered by this Committee in the 1946 communication of this Grand Lodge.

We recommend the adoption of the amendment to the law which was proposed in the report of this Committee to the 1946 Annual Communication, as shown on pages 467, 468 and 469 of the 1946 proceedings.

W. George W. Rosenlof, 77, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Centennial, which was adopted as amended. (Appropriation of \$2,000 instead of \$1,000.)

REPORT OF THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

Your Committee recommends that:

1. The proposed Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska be held at the time of and in conjunction with the 100th Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1957 and that it be held in Omaha, Nebraska, the place where the first Communication was held in 1857.

2. There be authorized the publication of a suitable and appropriate history of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska and for that purpose there be appointed by the Grand Master a special subcommittee under the direction of the Centennial Committee to prepare the manuscript for publication.

3. There be recommended to the subordinate lodges of the A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska the holding of special Communications of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge, these to be held at convenient and suitable times prior to the celebration of the 100th Anniversary Communication of the Grand Lodge. It is expected that these special Communications will evoke an interest in the proposed Anniversary Celebration and acquaint the Brethren with the history, growth, and development of the Grand Lodge during its first one hundred years.

4. The Grand Master at the appropriate time be authorized to appoint such subcommittees as will be found necessary in carrying out all of the activities of this Anniversary Celebration. Among these your Committee suggests at this time the following:

- (a) Finance and appropriations.
- (b) Program.
- (c) Invitations.
- (d) Banquet.
- (e) Hospitality.
- (f) Publicity.

5. At this Communication and at each succeeding Communication up to and including that of 1957, there be authorized an annual appropriation of \$1,000* to be set aside as a special Centennial Celebration fund to defray the necessary expenditures involved, including the publication of the proposed history of the Grand Lodge.

*Note: This particular recommendation was amended, changing the suggested amount from \$1,000 annually to \$2,000 annually.

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

1947 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 reports have been received by your committee from the Home covering income and disbursement and reconciliation with annual budget and also showing the names, age, and number of boys being cared for. The March 1947 report shows seventy-nine boys then being cared for ranging in ages from six to seventeen. This is an increase of twenty-nine over the April 1946 report. Five dwelling units are now in operation, each containing a living room, study room, house mother's apartment, four rooms for four boys each, a play room, shop, and other facilities.

Audit report by George L. Greenfield, certified public accountant, of 1946 operations was submitted to your committee. The December 31, 1946 balance sheet showed assets of \$509,696.85 and liabilities exclusive of reserves and deferred income of \$3,304.82. Assets included cash on hand (\$10,000.00 designated funds) of \$89,075.14, invested assets of \$49,568.07, real estate (depreciated) of \$321,045.14, office and farm equipment and furniture (depreciated) of \$31,907.33. Statement of receipts and disbursements during the year show total receipts including sale of investments \$155,635.25. Disbursements included Home expense \$53,442.59, improvements Fifty-second and Ames \$59,643.80, furniture and equipment \$14,051.06. The end of the year showed cash funds as follows: General fund \$35,409.09, building fund \$43,614.55, and athletic field fund (designated) \$10,000.00.

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.

There has been filed with the committee copy of letter dated April 25, 1947 of Most Worshipful Francis E. Manning, Grand Master of Masons of South Dakota, which reads as follows:

"After considerable thought I see no reason why you should not solicit individual Masons of South Dakota for your very worthy cause, and I hereby sanction your doing so. However, please do not solicit lodges as it might cause some controversy.

Personally I believe your organization is doing a very noble work, and I do wish you success in your efforts."

Cooperative committees have been organized consisting of individual Masons in Colorado and also in South Dakota who are giving of their time and efforts in support of this work

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 its business and financial management are being managed in a very commendable manner.

W. John R. Hughes, Grand Marshal, for the Committee, 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 Ninetieth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, is as follows:

Mileage	\$ 2,550.54
Per Diem	1,850.00
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Total	\$ 4,400.54

W. John R. Hughes, Grand Marshal, for the Committee, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts, which was adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MASONIC SERVICES, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS

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

Your Board in its last year's report discussed its problems and outlined its designs for future constructive action. In accordance therewith some progress was achieved.

It should be recognized that many agencies and institutions are competing for gifts in these prosperous times. We felt that a unique solicitation method would be required to attract the desired response. To that end we prepared and submitted material for a booklet explaining to prospective donors certain tax benefits available to them should they make gifts to the Grand Lodge. It was thought this approach would be of considerable interest to many wealthy individuals in the higher income tax brackets.

About that time we received official instructions that the Board "stand by until a definite future policy has been determined" as "some

of the members of the Jurisprudence Committee think we should dispense with this type of service."

Pending final disposition of this Board our proposals and plans for securing funds for Grand Lodge activities and the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth are held in abeyance.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom has been referred various matters of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to submit the following report upon the matters referred to our Committee.

Your Committee has examined the proceedings connected with the consolidation of Incense Lodge No. 182 A. F. & A. M., Ohio, Nebraska, with Jewel Lodge No. 149 A. F. & A. M. of Tobias, Nebraska, and we recommend that such consolidation be approved.

On December 31, 1946, Cowles Lodge No. 296 A. F. & A. M., Cowles, Nebraska, voluntarily surrendered its Charter. We have examined the proceedings, and as they are in conformity with Masonic Law, we recommend the approval of this action.

The action of the M. W. Grand Master in authorizing by special dispensation Bayard Lodge No. 301 A. F. & A. M. to move their Charter from the Masonic Lodge hall at Minatare, Nebraska, to the lodge hall of the I. O. O. F. at Bayard, Nebraska, referred to this Committee, is recommended for approval, and the further authorization by the M. W. Grand Master to such Lodge to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, effective with the move to the I. O. O. F. hall at Bayard, Nebraska, is recommended for approval. These matters, according to the records submitted to your Committee, have been thoroughly investigated by the Grand Custodian's office, and the action of the Grand Master is in line with their recommendations. We, therefore, recommend that the actions be approved.

The M. W. Grand Master took up the matter of the numerous lodges that have failed to attend the Grand Lodge for the past three and two Sessions.

The Grand Lodge Law Section II-516 states "the failure of any Lodge to be represented at two successive Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be a sufficient ground for the forfeiture of its Charter."

In accordance with the desire of the Grand Master to strengthen Masonry in Nebraska, notice was sent to thirteen Lodges that have not been represented in Grand Lodge for the past three Sessions, and to

twenty-six Lodges that have not been represented for the past two Sessions, advising them to appear before the Charters and Dispensations Committee, and a very sizeable percentage of these Lodges sent their representatives before your Committee.

We examined them as to the conditions of their Lodges, the amount of work they were doing, as to whether they were holding regular meetings, the condition of the collection of their dues, their financial condition, and conditions in their neighborhood generally.

We are happy to report that we found in most of these Lodges a condition of activity, and in most instances, the Lodges were in fair to good condition, generally.

However, we find one Lodge that has not been represented for three previous years, whose Master appeared before your Committee, and from his report and the other evidence, your Committee has come to the conclusion that Grafton Lodge No. 172, A. F. & A. M., held at Grafton, Nebraska, should, for their own interests and for the interests of Masonry in general, be consolidated with another Lodge. This Lodge is located nine miles by paved highway from Evening Star Lodge No. 49, A. F. & A. M., held at Sutton, Nebraska, and seven miles from Fairmont Lodge No. 48, A. F. & A. M., held at Fairmont, Nebraska. We believe that much good would be served Masonry by such consolidation.

Three of the Lodges that have not been represented in Grand Lodge for the past three Sessions failed to appear before your Committee. One of them, however, Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166, held at Tilden, had registered with the Credentials Committee.

Your Committee recommends that as to the other two Lodges which did not register this year—same being Hardy Lodge No. 117, A. F. & A. M., and Napthali Lodge No. 206, A. F. & A. M., be cited to appear and show cause before the next Session of this Grand Lodge, why their Charters should not be forfeited.

Your Committee also had called by the Grand Master twenty-six Lodges to appear for having failed to attend the last two Sessions. Nine of these Lodges failed to appear before your Committee, but seven of these nine were registered with the Credentials Committee, and they probably felt that they had complied with the letter of the Grand Master.

As to the two that did not appear, one of these lodges being Western Lodge No. 140, A. F. & A. M., held at Western, Nebraska, from the records appears to be in a dormant condition. As to this Lodge, it was the opinion of your Committee that steps should be taken looking toward a consolidation of this Lodge with one of its near neighbors. It has, so far as we can find, performed no work for several years, has a small membership, and we believe that Masonry would be best served by consolidation, with one of the many Lodges located within a very few miles of their Hall.

As to the other Lodge in this classification which did not either register or appear, being Plainview No. 204, A. F. & A. M., held at

Plainview, Nebraska, the records show that this Lodge, for a Lodge of its size and locality, has been doing considerable work, and we, therefore recommend that this Lodge be cited to appear and show cause at the next Annual Communication, why its charter should not be forfeited.

We found that it was almost universal with the many Lodge representatives who did appear before this Committee, that they did not know of this requirement in the Grand Lodge Law. While ignorance does not excuse a violation of the Law, in view of the fact that the Lodges were not specifically cited to appear and show cause why their Charters should not be forfeited, no good would be served Masonry at this time by their cancellation. However, we do recommend that this provision of this Law be given more strict enforcement in the future, and in that connection we would recommend that, if it can be conveniently worked out in the notices sent to the subordinate Lodges of the holding of the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge, that notice of this provision of the Law be added thereto in prominent type.

Your Committee does not believe, from its interviews with the many Lodge representatives that in any case the non-attendance has been willful, but has been due to ignorance. Your Committee thinks it is a helpful Law and should be enforced in the future, unless circumstances warrant leniency.

While hardly a province of this Committee, your Committee was impressed by the fact that the answer of nearly all of the Lodges which appeared before it, to our question of whether they needed any help from the Grand Lodge, if answered in the affirmative, was always that they would like more Schools of Instruction in the work.

Your Committee appreciates that the Board of Custodians work hard and long, but this fact might warrant consideration by this Grand Lodge of adding materially to the number of Deputy Custodians, to the end that the apparent want could be fulfilled.

At 12:00 M, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Thursday, June 5, 1947

At 1:30 o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members present as at the preceding session.

W. Fred D. Moshier, 281, 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.

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
1946 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSE

	Appropriated	Expended	Savings	Overdraft
Payroll, Session 1946	\$ 5,173.82	\$ 5,173.82		
Grand Tyler, Session 1946.....	15.00	15.00		
Grand Organist, Session 1946....	10.00	10.00		
Grand Secretary, Clerk's Hire....	2,900.00	2,700.00	200.00	
Grand Secretary, Office Expense..	2,500.00	2,433.09	66.91	
Grand Master Benjamin F. Eyre's Exp.	2,500.00	2,656.30		156.30
Expense, Other Grand Lodge Officers under direction of the Grand Master	600.00	600.00		
Expense, Committee on Masonic Education	3,600.00	3,346.02	253.98	
Expense, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00	600.00		
Expense, Trial Commission	100.00	100.00		
Expense, Committee on Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts..	50.00		50.00	
Expense, Grand Chaplain	100.00	100.00		
Expense, Grand Trustees	50.00	50.00		
Grand Secretary, Travel Expense.	500.00	500.00		
Expense, Committees not otherwise provided for	100.00	100.00		

	Appropriated	Expended	Savings	Overdraft
Grand Custodian and Deputies, Expense	2,500.00	2,301.85	198.15	
Unassigned incidental Expense under the direction of the Grand Master	2,000.00	1,660.52	339.48	
Rent on Grand Lodge Offices to June 30, 1947	1,200.00	1,200.00		
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of the U. S. and Canada, 36,002 members	180.01	180.01		
Salary, Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary	3,600.00	3,600.00		
Salary, Grand Custodian	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Additional Compensation to Brother Lute M. Savage account increased living costs	600.00	600.00		
Certified Public Accountant for 1946	100.00	100.00		
Printing Proceedings of 1946 Grand Session, including advance copies of reports....	2,200.00	2,060.05	139.95	
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests and incidental expense of the Grand Lodge	100.00	100.00		
Reporting and Transcribing Session 1946	75.00	70.00	5.00	
Printed Lists of Regular Lodges 300 copies	125.00	65.00	60.00	
Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance Premium to June 18, 1947...	35.00	32.44	2.56	
Surety Bond for Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Employees..	260.00	280.80		20.80
Grand Lodge Dinners, 1946.....	857.00	857.00		
Jewel for Retiring Grand Master.	132.00	132.00		
New Office Equipment for Grand Secretary's Office	2,550.00	2,555.69		5.69
Liability and Property Damage Insurance Premium for the Protection of the Grand Lodge on Grand Master's Car.....	25.00	4.03	20.97	
Expense, Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial	100.00		100.00	

	Appropriated	Expended	Savings	Overdraft
Travel Expense for Lewis E. Smith as Consultant to Grand Secretary	500.00	327.79	172.21	
New Furniture for Grand Master's Office	450.00	450.00		
Fluorescent Lights for Work Room in Grand Secretary's Office..	250.00	250.00		
Premium on Fire and Extended Coverage Insurance, 3-year, for Grand Lodge Furniture, Supplies, and Equipment....	47.88	47.88		
Social Security Tax	202.00	190.80	11.20	

TOTAL\$39,887.71 \$38,450.09 \$ 1,620.41 \$182.79
 or a Net Saving of\$ 1,437.62

The foregoing tabulation shows a net saving of \$1,437.62, and we wish to again commend the Grand Lodge Officers and the various committees for their efforts in conserving on expense, which has resulted in the above savings.

The following is a list of unexpended balances from appropriations withdrawn which will be returned to the Grand Lodge general fund:

EXPENSE OF GRAND CUSTODIAN AND DEPUTIES

An amount of \$2,500.00 was appropriated; however, only \$2,350.00 was withdrawn. Of this amount \$2,301.85 was expended, leaving a balance to be returned to the General Fund of \$48.15.

EXPENSE LEWIS E. SMITH, GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

As consultant to the Grand Secretary the amount of \$500.00 was appropriated, and \$327.79 expenses, leaving a balance of \$172.21, which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

EXPENSE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

An amount of \$3,600.00 was appropriated and \$3,246.02 expended leaving a balance of \$253.98, which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

EXPENSE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN

An amount of \$100.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. Of this amount \$70.00, only, was expended, leaving a balance of \$30.00, which will be returned to the Grand Lodge General Fund.

These amounts total \$504.34.

This Committee acknowledges payment of \$98.47, representing an amount payable to the Grand Lodge under the Will of Adolph Lukl, Leigh, Nebraska.

Since it has been specifically requested that this amount be designated for the "care of orphans and aged", we recommend that it be divided equally and distributed to the Maintenance Fund of the Fremont and Plattsmouth Homes.

REQUEST FOR RETURN OF FEES

The Grand Secretary has referred to this Committee correspondence with request for refund of a demit, by the Secretary of Cable Lodge No. 225, Arnold, Nebraska, with the recommendation that the \$10.00 fee be returned.

We concur with this request and are setting up this amount in the general fund budget.

NEBRASKA MASONIC WAR SERVICE FUND

In our report of last year we recommended that the balance of \$11,835.67 in this fund, be disposed of at the discretion of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers.

The records show the ultimate disposition of this fund has been made as follows:

\$10,000.00 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.
 1,635.67 to the Relief Fund.
 200.00 to the Omaha Community and War Service Fund.
 \$11,835.67 Total.

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 intends 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.

GENERAL FUND.

There is cash in this Fund in the amount of \$38,136.48 on deposit in the Live Stock National Bank as of May 10, 1947. There is to be returned to the General Fund unexpended balances from various committees, amounting to \$504.34, making a total available for appropriations to cover the 1947 General Budget, of \$38,640.82.

BUDGET FOR 1947

Payroll, Session 1947	\$ 4,400.54
Grand Tyler, Session 1947	15.00
Grand Organist, Session 1947	10.00

Grand Secretary, Clerk's Hire	3,800.00
Grand Secretary, Office Expense	2,500.00
Grand Master Edward Huwaldt 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, 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	3,000.00
Unassigned incidental expense under the direction of the Grand Master	2,000.00
Rent on Grand Lodge offices to June 30, 1948.....	1,200.00
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of the U. S. and Canada, 37,796 members	188.98
Salary, Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary	3,600.00
Salary, Grand Custodian	3,000.00
Additional Compensation to Bro. Lute M. Savage, account increased living costs	600.00
Certified Public Account for 1947	100.00
Printing Proceedings of 1947 Grand Session, including advance copies of reports	1,500.00
Binding of Proceedings 1938 to 1946, inc.	143.82
Return of fee on Demit to Cable Lodge No. 225.....	10.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests and incidental expense of the Grand Lodge	250.00
Reporting and Transcribing Session, 1947	75.00
Printed lists of Masters and Secretaries of Nebraska Lodges, 300 copies	125.00
Workmen's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance premium to June 18, 1948	28.44
Surety bond for Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Employees	275.00
Grand Lodge Dinners, 1947	988.55
Jewel for Retiring Grand Master	168.00
Liability and Property Damage Insurance Premium for Pro- tection 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, Grand Secretary Emeritus	500.00
Social Security Tax	210.00
Printing of 1000 Gold Jordan Medal Pamphlets.....	175.00
TOTAL	\$ 37,138.33

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)\$ 15,000.00

RELIEF FUND

Special appropriation to increase existing revenue to the Maintenance Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth 10,000.00

BULIDING 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; Fourth Payment 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) 2,066.38

GRAND LODGE CENTENNIAL

In recognition of the recommendation of the Centennial Committee for observance of the anniversary of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in 1957, and regarding the proposal that \$2,000.00 per year be set aside for the proper observance of this occasion, the matter of financing will be considered for action at the next annual Communication.

CONCLUSION

We are pleased to advise you that funds for all appropriations are available, and that all funds of 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, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted section by section, and then as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

To the Grand Lodge of 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. The Grand Lodge at its 1946 Annual Communication adopted an amendment to Sec. 1-202 (8) to follow the last paragraph of said Section, which amendment is 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 fully accredited representatives to the Grand Lodge, to be paid by warrants drawn in the usual manner."

2. That Sec. 1-301 (9) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended by adding the following:

"(19) Committee on the Work, which Committee shall consist of three Past Grand Masters, each member to serve for a period of three years, and shall be appointed for such term as to retire one member thereof annually."

3. That a new section of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946, Sec. 1-321, be adopted as follows:

"Sec. 1-321 COMMITTEE ON THE WORK.—The Committee on the Work shall be advisory to the Grand Custodian and to the Grand Master on the esoteric and monitorial work and on all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees, and shall study and determine all matters relating to the esoteric and monitorial work, and its rulings shall be final, subject only to appeal to and determination by the Grand Lodge."

4. That a new section of the Masonic Code for 1946, Section 2-413, be adopted as follows:

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 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.

5. That Section 2-706 (89-C) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

6. That Sec. 2-618 (89-E) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

"No one shall be entitled to the Gold Jordan Medal or the Bronze Jordan Medal unless he be a resident Mason in Nebraska."

7. That the original Sec. 2-618 (89-E) of the Nebraska Masonic code for 1946 be repealed.

8. That Sec. 2-1209 (131-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

"The Monitor adopted by the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction at its annual communication in the year 1909, is the adopted work of this Grand Jurisdiction. 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: Provided, that with the approval in writing of the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction and of the Grand Master of any Grand Jurisdiction with which this Grand Jurisdiction is in fraternal relations, any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction may invite members of such other Grand Jurisdiction to confer either or any of the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason or Master Mason upon a candidate of such other Grand Jurisdiction and to use the work of such other Grand Jurisdiction in such degree or degrees.

"All of the work of the lodge, including opening and closing, shall be conducted in the English language:"

9. That the original Sec. 2-1209 (131-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

10. That Section 3-508 (171) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3-508 (171) ORDER OF TRIAL. The order of trial shall be as nearly as may be, that prescribed by the law of the State of Nebraska for prosecutions under its Criminal Code. Objections to the introduction of evidence may be made and shall be decided by the commission and shall be noted in the record. When the testimony is all in, the accused, the accuser, and the authorized representative of the lodge, or their respective counsel, may make their comments and arguments upon the evidence. All persons not members of the commission must be excluded when the question of guilt and punishment is under consideration and determination by the commission. After the completion of the trial, the trial commission shall proceed to make up its findings of fact and law, and pronounce judgment thereon as to the guilt or innocence of the accused; and if the accused is found guilty by the majority of the members of the commission acting at the trial, such Masonic punishment shall be fixed by the commission as a majority of its acting members may deem just and proper, except where penalty for the offense is one fixed by the law of the jurisdiction, in which case the penalty shall be the one the law prescribes. When a decision has once been arrived at as to the guilt and punishment of a Brother, no motion for reconsideration or new trial can be made to, or entertained by, said commission, except that it may allow a new trial for newly discovered evidence not cumulative in its nature, and in cases where the commission shall become convinced that substantial justice has not been done. After rendering their judgment, the trial

commission shall deliver its findings and judgment and the entire record of the case to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary shall forthwith send the Grand Master, the secretary of the subordinate lodge in which the charges were preferred, the accused, and the accuser a copy of the findings and judgment. The findings and judgment of the commission shall thereupon become the findings and judgment of the lodge and thereafter be recognized and treated as such, and the secretary of the subordinate lodge shall enter the same in the minutes of the lodge at the stated communication next following their receipt. If the accused shall have been adjudged guilty, the Grand Secretary shall by registered mail, with request for registry return receipt, notify him of his right of appeal to the Grand Lodge, and fully advise him of the manner and time within which he may file the same.

11. That the original Section 3-508 (171) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

12. That Section 3-802 (191) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3-802 (191)—HOW TAKEN. All appeals from any chartered lodge shall be made in writing, and filed in duplicate, and shall contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decision of the lodge appealed from, and the grounds upon which the same are based. The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary not more than sixty days after the imposition of sentence complained of, and the Grand Secretary shall forthwith transmit a copy thereof to the Secretary of the subordinate lodge."

13. That the original Section 3-802 (191) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

14. That Section 3-803 (192) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3-803 (192) RECORD AND PROCEDURE. If requested by the appellant, the Grand Secretary shall furnish him with an attested copy of all the charges, specifications, papers, proceedings, and evidence in the case. If the sixty day period hereinbefore specified shall not intervene before the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, said appeal shall either be disposed of by the Grand Master during the recess of the Grand Lodge, or be heard by it at the next ensuing annual communication."

15. That the original Section 3-803 (192) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

16. The special committee on Masonic Code completed in most creditable fashion the work assigned to it which is now known as the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946. The Grand Master at the last communication of

the Grand Lodge commended this committee highly for producing a complete revision of the Constitution and By-Laws complete with all amendments and annotations of decisions through the year 1944. We recommend that all subsequent amendments and annotations of decisions be added to the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 in the form of cumulative pocket supplements to be placed in the pocket provided for such purpose in the printed volume of the Code, and that this work be assigned to some committee.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Emeritus, Installing Officer, assisted by M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, Past Grand Master, as Marshal, and M. W. James R. Cain, Past Grand Master, as acting Grand Chaplain, installed the Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

THE NEW GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

With this gavel now securely in my hands you are not going to sit for the rest of this Annual Communication through long speeches.

It has been said that promptness is the politeness of Kings. Our outgoing Grand Master, Most Worshipful Benjamin F. Eyre, observed that beautiful thought while he reigned supreme over this Grand Jurisdiction. He conducted this Communication with punctuality and promptness. It should be our aim to extend the fine example he has set for us up to this point.

The sight of my associate Grand Officers about the altar gave me a feeling of confidence. I know with their help, and their ability, we will do some good things during the coming year.

I also noticed when we came to the end of our installation a very beautiful sight, the Grand Marshal conducting the Grand Senior Deacon and the Grand Junior Deacon, three stalwart banker Masons coming toward the East.

As I told you last evening, with this Grand Lodge in the hands of the bankers and the Presbyterians we have nothing to fear.

I do want to thank Most Worshipful Brother Ben for his inspiration. His fine record will guide us in the coming year.

On behalf of all the officers just installed, I want to thank our installing officers, Most Worshipful Brothers Lew and Chancellor. They did a fine job and have inspired us all to do our level best.

And then, lastly, again I want to thank the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction for giving me the opportunity to serve to the fullest capacity. I know that I have many shortcomings, but I shall never want for zeal and sincerity in the year to come.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND
MASTER'S JEWEL

M. . W. . William J. Breckenridge, Past Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Masters and Brethren:

I am glad that you served notice that you were going to use the gavel, not to permit any long speeches, because I had my mind made up to attempt to enumerate the great achievements of our immediate Past Grand Master, and you are going to save me a great deal of trouble, because I know that would be a rather lengthy job. You will note that we have three bankers in line here.

I think our Grand Master overlooked one great fact, and that is that one family might actually rule this Grand Lodge. I think Brother Ben was one of the few Grand Masters that had the privilege of appointing two brothers in line; Brother John S. Hedelund and Brother Thomas J. Aron, thereby being his children in the Masonic Grand Lodge line, which would make me their grandfather, so in the course of a few years more if these grandchildren do as well as their fathers have done, one family can rule this Grand Lodge. That was the first great achievement of our present retiring Grand Master, and I know that words that I might say could not add to, but only discount the great work of this brother.

I have probably been called up for this little service this afternoon due to the fact that it was my privilege seven years ago to appoint Brother Ben Eyre as Grand Junior Deacon. Brother Ben Eyre at that time even had well earned the appointment by right of the many years he served our Grand Lodge Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. I thought at that time the choice was very wisely made. Brother Eyre was certainly worthy, and showed a great deal of ability in this Grand Lodge. Now, as he finishes this session as Grand Master I am convinced more than ever that he was a very logical choice at that time, and I am sure the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, Brother Ben, will join with me in that feeling, and consequently it is my very great pleasure to pin on you the jewel of a Past Grand Master, presented to you by the Grand Lodge, A. . F. . & A. . M. . of Nebraska.

Brother Ben, I want to congratulate you, and thank you for this privilege.

M. . W. . Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Bill did not tell you everything. He did not tell you that at the beginning of my year he loaned me his hat, and I have been wearing that hat for a year. Now, I am going to return it to him a little bit worse for the wear, perhaps, but you all saw the fiddle given to me.

Brethren, it seems as though it was only a few days ago that I was installed into office as your Most Worshipful Grand Master. What the results have been in accomplishment, I don't know, the future must determine that, but you brethren in this session have been very considerate, you have been so kind, you have obeyed every wish that I asked in giving attention to the program of the day, and the peace and harmony that has prevailed has been an inspiration, I am sure, to the brethren who are in attendance, because after all, that is what Masonry stands for in all lodges in all communities, because if peace and harmony does not prevail you do not have Masonry.

As Brother Lew spoke to us yesterday, in the administration of these affairs somebody must have the responsibility for them. The Master of the Lodge when he is elected Master of his Lodge assumes great responsibilities, likewise the Grand Master assumes responsibilities, and sometimes, like an umpire at a ball game, the Grand Master must make split second decisions on matters, and in so doing, he is looking to the welfare of the game that we are playing, so that everyone understands all the ground rules, no one gets out of line, and that great American game, as we all know it so well, is played in a manner which makes it a source of joy to every red blooded American. So we have decisions being made, and perhaps, in making those decisions, we sometimes step on someone's toes. I assure you, Brethren, that whatever may have transpired during the year, there was no thought of personalities. I was doing, what I obligated myself to do, and that was to follow the precepts and statutes of this Grand Jurisdiction. I made mistakes, I admit, but I hope you will forgive me for having made them.

I appreciate this great honor which you have conferred upon me.

And now, I want to pledge to my successor in office my support to the fullest extent of my ability.

Brethren, I thank you.

THANKS

M.'.W.'.Chancellor A. Phillips, Past Grand Master:

I am not going to make a long talk, but I think it is a matter that should be taken up. The Most Worshipful Brother who just now took his seat, has performed a wonderful job not only as Grand Master, but he performed just as efficiently as a committeeman, and as chairman, and as a simple outward expression of our appreciation for the work of the past year, and assuming one of the duties and prerogatives of our Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, I ask that all the brethren rise. Thank you, brethren.

One other great duty that has been overlooked, and that is that we should extend our vote of appreciation in some form, either by written resolution, or, again, by rising, our appreciation to the eleven lodges of Omaha for their hospitality and use of their facilities here in the City. I leave that to you.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

All right. Let us stand, brethren.

M. W. William J. Breckenridge, Past Grand Master:

There is one other matter, I think we should express a vote of thanks to the Scottish Rite bodies in Omaha for the use of their facilities the other evening in the wonderful entertainment and dinner we had over there. I know, of course, Ben Eyre is somewhat responsible. We appreciate the courtesy on his part and Brother Patton, and the others connected with that work. I make that as a motion. Seconded and carried.

At 3:10 o'clock P. M., no further business appearing, after prayer by V. W. Glen L. Rice, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Edward Huwaldt

Grand Master

Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the Ninetieth 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 3, 4, 5, 1947, and printed under my direction.



Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Nebraska, this 30th day of June, 1947.

Frank Feisen

Grand Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

This page is fraternally and affectionately
dedicated to the memory of
Five Hundred and Ninety-seven
Beloved Brethren
of this Grand Jurisdiction
who will be seen on earth no more.

*"Light rest the ashes upon thee and may the
sunshine of Heaven beam bright at thy waking."*

IN MEMORIAM

To the Distinguished Dead
of other
Grand Jurisdictions

This page is
Fraternally and Affectionately
Dedicated.

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Benjamin F. Pitman, 48 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- 47
Lewis E. Smith, 45 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- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47
James R. Cain, 43 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- 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-43-44-46-47
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, 38 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- 41-42-43-44-46-47
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, 35 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- 44-46-47
George Allen Beecher, 34 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- 46-47
Earl M. Bolen, 33 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- 47
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, 31 Years.	1914-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29- 30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-46-47
Lute M. Savage, 30 Years.	1918-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47
Jesse Lowther, 29 Years.	1916-17-20-21-22-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34- 35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47
William F. Evers, 28 Years.	1920-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35- 36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47
Archie M. Smith, 26 Years.	1922-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37- 38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47
Benjamin F. Eyre, 25 Years.	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47
Carl R. Greisen, 24 Years.	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47
C. Ray Macy, 24 Years.	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47

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. 28th, 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		
BENJAMIN F. EYRE	(81st).....	1946
2001 Douglas Street, Omaha		

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



GRAND CHAPLAIN EMERITUS
GEORGE ALLEN BEECHER
Hastings, Nebr.

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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.
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	Juan E. Pastene	Box 2867, 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.
Ecuador	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		
Kansas	Elmer W. Strain	Topeka.
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Shubert Bldg., Louisville.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens, Jr.....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland.
Manitoba	Harry Woods	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland	Claud Shaffer	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Mexico, (YorkGr.Ldg)	Carl E. DeVries	Apt. 1986, Mexico City.
Michigan	F. Homer Newton	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Sid F. Curtis	Meridian.
Missouri	Harold L. Reader	Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Box 896, Helena.
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Nevada	Edward C. Peterson	Masonic Temple, Carson City.
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	St. John.
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord.
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New Mexico	La Moine Langston, acting.	Albuquerque.
New South Wales	James S. Miller	Masonic Temple, Sydney.
New York	George R. Irving	Masonic Hall, New York
New Zealand	Henry A. Lamb	P. O. Box 548, Dunedin
Nicaragua	Sofonias Salvatierra	Apt. 102, Managua.
North Carolina	Charles B. Newcomb	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Reginald V. Harris	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Masonic Temple, Guthrie.
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Panama	Jose Oller	Panama, Box 84
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

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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	Eric Hallin	Stockholm 6, Sweden
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. Preissner	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia ..	F. W. M. Sanders	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

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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 Dilts, 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.	Thomas J. Aron, 37.....	Crete	July 10, 1947
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, 86.....	Archer	May 12, 1939
Egypt	Emil H. Vierigg, 33	Grand Island	July 23, 1947
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...	Anselmy	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. Weddell, 208...	Arcadia	Oct. 18, 1943
New So. Wales	Glen L. Rice	Omaha	July 10, 1947
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. Entrekin, 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 ...	Harold H. Thom, 1.....	Omaha	July 10, 1947

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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..	Charles F. Adams, 68.....	Aurora	July 10, 1947
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	Luiz Carrilho do Rego Barros	Joao, Pessoa	Dec. 30, 1935
British Columbia.	G. A. B. Hall	Nanaimo	May 3, 1938
Canada	C. M. Pitts	Ottawa	Apr. 15, 1944
Chile	Rodolfo C. Oliveira	Estado 62, Santiago	Mar. 18, 1930
Colorado	Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932
Colombia, Nat'l Grand Lodge...	Luis Alfredo Bernal....	Barranquilla	Dec. 30, 1935
Connecticut	Henry H. Brautigam	Bridgeport	Feb. 27, 1919
Costa Rica	Cecilio Nieto	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918
Cuba	Juan F. A. Del Rio.....	Camaguey, Cuba ..	Oct. 23, 1946
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.			
Ecuador	F. E. Navarro Allende ...	Guayaquil	June 16, 1931
Egypt	Ibrahim F. K. Pacha	Alexandria	Oct. 10, 1933
England	Francis Kenelm Foster ...	Allt Dinas, 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. 69rd 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. Mecke	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 ..	E. Gillman Moon	Masonic Hall, Sydney	Aug. 9, 1934
New York	Max H. Ress	New York City, N. Y. Box 108 Dunedin ..	Aug. 26, 1944
New Zealand	William Grant Hay		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
North Dakota	E. J. Vickery, Sr.	Halifax	Aug. 11, 1932
Nova Scotia	B. Frank Thomas	Youngstown	Sept. 30, 1925
Ohio	Manford S. Runyan	Oklahoma City	Feb. 7, 1941
Oklahoma	Clarence D. Phillips	Portland	Sept. 4, 1937
Oregon	David Theodore Thompson ..		Apr. 5, 1935
Panama	Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946
Philippine Islands	Roy C. McLean	Souris	Mar. 24, 1943
P. Edward Island	A. J. Lightbourn	Fajardo	May 3, 1945
Puerto Rico			

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Quebec	Alex Nickle	Montreal	Jan. 31, 1934
Queensland	Harry Hill	Brisbane	May 31, 1923
Rhode Island....	Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston, R. I.	Jan. 24, 1947
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	Stewart E. Perry	Puyallup, Wash. .	July 18, 1946
West Australia..	R. H. G. Clark	Perth	Apr. 22, 1941
West Virginia...	Harry E. Hoffman	Clarksburg, W. Va.	Feb. 12, 1947
Wisconsin	George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946

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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.
Winnebago, 309.
Wisner, 114.
Wolbach, 292.
Wood Lake, 221.
Wymore, 104.

York, 56.

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- Adams, 214.
Ainsworth, 224.
Albion, 78.
Alexandria, 74.
Allen, 236.
Alliance, 183.
Alma, 116.
Anselmo, 258.
Ansley, 176.
Arapahoe, 293.
Arcadia, 208.
Arlington, 52.
Arnold, 225.
Ashland, 110.
Atkinson, 164.
Auburn, 124.
Aurora, 68.
- Bancroft, 145.
Barneston, 165.
Bartley, 228.
Bassett, 254.
Bayard, 301.
Beatrice, 26.
Beaver City, 93.
Beaver Crossing, 179.
Beemer, 253.
Benkelman, 180.
Bennet, 94.
Benson, (Omaha), 290.
Bertrand, 275.
Bladen, 319.
Blair, 21.
Blomfield, 218.
Blue Hill, 129.
Bridgeport, 285.
Brock, 162.
Broken Bow, 148.
Brownville, 4.
Burchard, 137.
Burwell, 200.
Butte, 233.
- Cairo, 324.
Callaway, 207.
Cambridge, 150.
Carleton, 199.
Cedar Bluffs, 215.
Central City, 36.
Ceresco, 229.
Chadron, 158.
Chapman, 239.
Chappell, 205.
Chester, 298.
Clarks, 134.
Clay Center, 139.
Coleridge, 219.
College View, 320.
Columbus, 323.
Cook, 231.
Cortland, 194.
Cozad, 188.
Craig, 241.
Crawford, 181.
Creighton, 100.
Crete, 37.
Crofton, 273.
Culbertson, 174.
Curtis, 168.
- Dakota City, 5.
Dalton, 321.
- Danbury, 185.
Davenport, 154.
David City, 51.
Decatur, 88.
DeWitt, 111.
Diller, 206.
Doniphan, 86.
Douglas, 237.
Dunbar, 272.
- Edgar, 67.
Elgin, 276.
Elm Creek, 133.
Elmwood, 209.
Elwood, 167.
Emerson, 220.
Ewing, 156.
Exeter, 283.
- Fairbury, 35.
Fairfield, 84.
Fairmont, 48.
Falls City, 9.
Filley, 175.
Florence, (Omaha), 281.
Fort Calhoun, 10.
Franklin, 264.
Fremont, 15.
Friend, 73.
Fullerton, 89.
- 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, 198.
Indianola, 262.
- Kearney, 46.
Kenesaw, 144.
Kennard, 232.
Kimball, 294.
- Laurel, 248.
Leigh, 193.
Lexington, 61.
Lincoln, 19, 54, 210, 227,
250, 297, 300, 314, 320.
Litchfield, 278.
Lodgepole, 306.
Long Pine, 136.
Loup City, 106.
Lyman, 322.
Lynch, 312.
Lyons, 240.
- Madison, 113.
Mason City, 170.
McCook, 135.
Merna, 171.
Milford, 30.
Minatare, 295.
Minden, 127.
Mitchell, 263.
Morrill, 271.
Mullen, 282.
- Nebraska City, 2.
Nehawka, 246.
Neligh, 71.
Nelson, 77.
Nemaha, 29.
Newman Grove, 305.
Niobrara, 87.
Norfolk, 55.
North Bend, 119.
North Platte, 32.
- Oak, 243.
Oakland, 91.
Ogallala, 159.
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281, 288, 290, 302, 303
O'Neill, 95.
Orchard, 291.
Ord, 103.
Orleans, 60.
Osceola, 65.
Oshkosh, 286.
Osmond, 247.
Otoe, 307.
Overton, 267.
Oxford, 188.
- Page, 156.
Palisade, 216.
Palmyra, 287.
Papillion, 39.
Pawnee City, 23.
Pender, 203.
Peru, 14.
Phillips, 62.
Pierce, 153.
Plainview, 204.
Plattsmouth, 6.
Polk, 311.
Ponca, 101.
Potter, 313.
Primrose, 143.
- Randolph, 202.
Ravenna, 289.
Red Cloud, 53.
Republican City, 98
Reynolds, 160.
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Rulo, 13.	Sterling, 70.	Wahoo, 59.
Rushville, 169.	Stratton, 173.	Wakefield, 83.
Ruskin, 304.	Stromsburg, 126.	Wallace, 279.
	Stuart, 147.	Walthill, 274.
Saint Edward, 230.	Sumner, 212.	Waterloo, 102.
Saint Paul, 82.	Superior, 121.	Wauneta, 217.
Sargent, 280.	Surprise, 130.	Wausa, 251.
Schuyler, 34.	Sutherland, 299.	Wayne, 120.
Scotia, 191.	Sutton, 49.	Weeping Water, 97.
Scottsbluff, 265.	Syracuse, 57.	Western, 140.
Scribner, 132.		West Point, 27.
Seneca, 284.	Table Rock, 108.	Wilber, 64.
Seward, 38.	Tecumseh, 17.	Wilcox, 226.
Shelby, 161.	Tekamah, 31.	Wilsonville, 157.
Shelton, 99.	Tilden, 166.	Winnebago, 309.
Sidney, 75.	Tobias, 149.	Winside, 235.
Silver Creek, 266.		Wisner, 114.
South Side (Omaha), 184.	Ulysses, 187.	Wolbach, 292.
South Sioux City, 316.	University Place, 227.	Wood Lake, 221.
Spencer, 261.	Utica, 96.	Wood River, 211.
Springfield, 112.		Wymore, 104.
Stanton, 41.	Valentine, 192.	
Stapleton, 190.	Valley, 310.	
Stella, 105.	Valparaiso, 151.	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.	
	Garfield, 200.	Pawnee, 23, 108, 137.
Boone, 78, 143, 230.	Gosper, 167.	Perkins, 308.
Box Butte, 183.	Grant, 234.	Phelps, 146, 275.
Boyd, 233, 261, 312.	Greeley, 191, 292.	Pierce, 153, 204, 247.
Brown, 136, 224.		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.
	Hitchcock, 173, 174, 216.	Rock, 254.
Cass, 6, 97, 163, 209, 246.	Holt, 95, 147, 156, 164.	
Cedar, 155, 202, 219, 248.	Hooker, 232.	Saline, 37, 64, 73, 111, 140, 149.
Chase, 198, 217.	Howard, 82.	Sarpy, 39, 112.
Cherry, 192, 221.		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.
Colfax, 34, 193.		Sheridan, 169, 177, 195.
Cuming, 27, 114, 145, 253.	Kearney, 127, 226.	Sherman, 106, 278.
Custer, 148, 170, 171, 176, 207, 225, 258, 280.	Keith, 159.	Sioux, 277.
	Kimball, 294.	Stanton, 41.
Dakota, 5, 316.	Knox, 87, 100, 218, 251, 273.	
Dawes, 158, 181.		Thayer, 43, 74, 154, 199, 298.
Dawson, 61, 188, 212, 249, 267.	Lancaster, 19, 54, 94, 210, 227, 250, 256, 297, 300, 314, 320.	Thomas, 284.
Deuel, 205.	Lincoln, 32, 279, 299.	Thurston, 203, 274, 309.
Dixon, 83, 101, 220, 236.	Logan, 190.	
Dodge, 15, 72, 119, 132.		Valley, 103, 208.
Douglas, 1, 3, 11, 25, 102, 184, 268, 281, 288, 290, 302, 303, 310.	Madison, 55, 113, 166, 305.	Washington, 10, 21, 52, 222, 232.
Dundy, 180.	Merrick, 36, 134, 239, 266.	Wayne, 120, 235.
	Morrill, 285, 301.	Webster, 53, 128, 129, 319.
Fillmore, 48, 79, 172, 283.		
Franklin, 264.	Nance, 89, 125.	York, 56, 197.
Frontier, 168.	Nemaha, 4, 14, 29, 124, 162.	
Furnas, 93, 138, 150, 157, 257, 293.	Nuckolls, 77, 117, 121, 243, 304.	

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).
 Bee, 259, (consolidated).
 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.)
 Cresco, U. D., (229).
 Chadron, U. D., (158).
 Chapman, U. D., (239).
 Columbus, U. D., (ext.)
 Columbus, U. D., (58).
 Columbus, 8, (extinct).
 Cowles, 296, (ext).
 Crab Orchard, U. D.,
 (238), ext.
 Crawford, U. D., (181).
 Cuming City, U. D., (21).
 Custer, U. D., (148).
- Dakota, (5).
 Danbury, U. D., (185).
 Davenport, U. D., (154).
 Decatur, 7, (extinct).
 Doric, 118, (extinct).
 Douglas, U. D., (237).
- 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).
 Hilldale, 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).
 Incense, 182, (consolidated).
 Indianola, 123, (extinct).
 Ithmar, 238, (extinct).
- Jasper, 122, (extinct).
 Jephtha, U. D., (264).
 Johnson, U. D., 141, (ext).
 *Joppa, 76, (consolidated).
 *Juniata, 42, (consolidated).
- Lafayette, 24, (extinct).
 Lebanon, 58, (extinct).
 Leigh, U. D., (193).
 *Level, 196 (consolidated).
 Liberty, U. D., (152).
 Livingstone, 66, (ext).
 Loup Fork, U. D., 8, (ext.)
- Mackey, U. D., (242).
 Macey, 22, (extinct).
 Magic City, U. D., (194).
 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.)
 Ohiowa, 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., (38).
 Shelby, U. D., (161).
 Shickley, U. D., 178,
 (extinct).
 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Sincerity, 244, (ext).
 Square & Compass, 213, ext.
 Stanton, U. D., (41).
 Steele City, 107, (ext).
 Stockville, U. D., (196).
 Summit, 7, (transferred).
 Surcmit, 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., (236).
 Winside, U. D., (235).
 Wintre 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.

*Incense Lodge No. 182, Ohiowa, consolidated with Jewel Lodge No. 149.

*Bee Lodge No. 259, Bee, consolidated with Oliver Lodge No. 38.

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
Macoy No. 22	Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24	Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45	Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47	Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58	Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66	Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69	Ulysses	July 14, 1887
Joppa No. 76	Bloomington	October 18, 1934
Waco No. 80	Waco	January 31, 1885
Steele City No. 107	Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109	Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115	Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118	Dorchester	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122	Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123	Indianola	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131	Ainsworth	September 26, 1890
Summit No. 141	Johnson	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142	North Loup	June 5, 1901
Hesperia No. 178	Shickley	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186	Grant	November 15, 1897
Square & Compass No. 213	Miller	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238	Crab Orchard	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242	Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244	Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Springview No. 260	Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270	Huntley	June 7, 1939
Parallel No. 152	Liberty	Jan. 2, 1940
Cowles Lodge No. 296	Cowles	December 31, 1946
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, 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.		
Incense Lodge No. 182, Ohiova, was consolidated with Jewel Lodge No. 149, Tobias, under name, number and title of Jewel Lodge No. 149, Tobias, Nebraska, April 22, 1947.		

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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.
Bannack City, U..D'.....	Bannack City, Idaho..Instituted April —, 1863, or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U..D'.....	United States Army..Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct, prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U..D'.....	Nevada City, Idaho....Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28....	South Pass City, Wyoming.....Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874.

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, with Locations, Dates of Regular Meetings, Officers, Etc.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Albin Bergstrom	Newell R. Wilcox
	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Flavius M. Sherwood	Charles Ott
	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Robert R. Troyer	Wallie W. Messick
	" 4	Nemaha Valley	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	Omer R. Hannaford	Abe L. Lawrence
5	" 5	Omaha	Dakota City	Second Tuesday	Rex E. Pearson	Raymond H. Ream
	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	C. Arthur Wetenkamp	Leslie W. Niel
	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Lyle B. Hunkins	William B. Wanner
	" 10	Solomon	Fort Calhoun	Tuesday on or before O	Alvin G. Ohrt	Richard T. Sievers
	" 11	Covert	Omaha	First Wednesday	Ralph E. Carlson	George R. Porter
10	" 13	Orient	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	Lawrence Vogele
	" 14	Peru	Peru	Second Monday	Raymond J. Redfern	Wallace W. Barnes
	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Roy E. Dooley	Roy S. Planck
	" 17	Tecumseh	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Dale R. Bush
	" 19	Lincoln	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Perry J. Morton
15	" 21	Washington	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	C. Edmund Anderson
	" 23	Pawnee	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Rex Gifford
	" 25	Saint Johns	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	James McClaren
	" 26	Beatrice	Beatrice	Gage	Second Monday	Edwin G. Maxwell
	" 27	Jordan	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	George E. Hampton
20	" 29	Hope	Nemaha	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	Jefferson R. Knapp
	" 30	Blue River	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	Lee R. Newton
	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	Second Wednesday	Charles McDonald	Clarence C. Wertman
	" 32	Platte Valley	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William T. Poucher
	" 33	Ashlar	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	David J. Fredrick
25	" 34	Acacia	Schuyler	Colfax	Third Tuesday	Robert W. Boon
	" 35	Fairbury	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Ernest M. Adams
	" 36	Lone Tree	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Guy E. Bell
	" 37	Crete	Crete	Saline	First Thursday	Galen H. Davis
	" 38	Oliver	Seward	Seward	Third Thursday	Ernest C. May
30	" 39	Papillion	Papillion	Sarpy	First Saturday	Lester E. Ost
	" 40	Humboldt	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Orville Ramsay
	" 41	Northern Light	Stanton	Stanton	Second Thursday	Fred R. Lamb
	" 43	Hebron	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Berton Mowry
	" 44	Harvard	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Ralph H. Titus
35	" 46	Rob Morris	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Harvey E. Barbee

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	Fairmont	No. 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Second Tuesday.....	George R. Patterson...	James A. Rose
	Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Carl S. Hager.....	George Barnett
	Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Thursday.....	Myron W. Springer...	Curtis L. Walters
	Fidelity	" 51	David City...	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	Alan Roberts.....	Eldon B. Johnson
40	Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington..	Second Thursday.....	Edward Thomsen.....	Harry C. McClellan
	Charity	" 53	Red Cloud....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Raymond J. Barta...	Marion Bloom
	Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster....	First Friday.....	William W. Hoagland..	Victor Seymour
	Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Walter E. Truex.....	Clarence G. McNamee
	York	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Leno C. Herfordt....	Mervin Patterson
45	Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Oteo.....	Second Thursday.....	Elting France.....	Julius R. Mueller
	Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Elmer Neujahr.....	Edwin R. Levin
	Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Second and fourth Wed'days	Harold G. Simmons...	Harlo M. Ambler
	Thistle	" 61	Lexington...	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Chester E. Rork.....	Joseph E. Snyder
	Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Second Monday.....	Lemuel W. Killian...	Alexander S. Gilbert
50	Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Milo Stastny.....	Edward H. Houser
	Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	First Friday.....	F. Edgar Wisely.....	I. Donald Huston
	Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Roy Cline.....	Wayne Hunter
	Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton....	First and third Tuesdays..	Marcus B. Diffendaffer.	Claude A. Rennau
	Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	Second Monday.....	Arnold W. Fiestner...	Glenn Linford
55	Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope....	First and third Tuesdays..	Elmer E. Rakow.....	Lee R. Fleming
	Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	First Friday.....	George Schmietenknop.	Norris W. Lallman
	Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	First and third Thursdays..	Anzie M. McBride...	John G. Krebs
	Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria..	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Tuesday.	Loren M. Sinn.....	Guy B. Averill
	Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne....	First Tuesday.....	Lloyd McCann.....	Harold K. Bond
60	Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls....	First Thursday.....	Homer B. Wehrman...	Warren C. Hall
	Albion	" 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Harold Clingerman...	Donald R. Leech
	Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore....	First and third Tuesdays..	George R. Brown.....	Gerald Walton
	Composite	" 81	Rising City..	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before O....	Leonard Davis.....	Fredolph C. Chalquist
	Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul...	Howard.....	Third Thursday.....	Edward C. Blazek.....	Fred R. Haggart
65	Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield...	Dixon.....	Third Friday.....	John Kinney.....	Carroll D. VanValin
	Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield....	Clay.....	First and third Mondays...	Arthur W. Hayes.....	Harmie L. Trobough
	Doniphan	" 86	Doniphan....	Hall.....	First Friday.....	Raymond C. Engle...	Charles L. Spellman
	Ionic	" 87	Niobrara....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before O....	Willis Eichberger...	George Skokan
	Star	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	Francis H. Hanson...	Walter W. Small
70	Cedar River	" 89	Fullerton....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays...	Ernest L. Yetter...	Louis Vaughn
	Beaver City	" 93	Oakland.....	Burt.....	First Thursday.....	Carroll W. Olson....	Charles W. West, Sr.
	Oakland	" 91	Beaver City..	Furnas.....	Second Monday.....	Allen Harlan.....	Harold J. Oehlerking
	Bennett	" 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster...	First Tuesday.....	Arch Church.....	Roy Church, Sr.
	Garfield	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	First and third Thursdays..	Paul Shierk.....	John W. Harbottle
75	Utica	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	Second Thursday.....	Clair R. McNeil.....	Fred H. Pieper

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	Euclid	No. 97	Weeping Water	Cass.....	First Monday.....	Fred J. Allen.....	Chris Rasmussen
	Republican	" 98	Republican City	Harlan.....	Second Wednesday.....	Louis L. Kammerer...	Tom F. Chandler
	Shelton	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	Third Tuesday.....	Ora O. Hayman.....	Ralph Soderstrom
	Creighton	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....	Ivan E. Johnson.....	Emil Hansen
80	Ponca	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	Third Thursday.....	Fred Curry.....	Dean H. Ehle
	Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Henry J. Munster, Jr.	Herbert L. Johnson
	Ord	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	First Wednesday.....	Leonard B. Woods...	Duane E. Armstrong
	Wymore	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Wed'days	Eli C. Wixson.....	Samuel R. Youds
	Stella	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	First Thursday.....	Harold Edwards.....	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	B. Fred Muscheites...	Orval O. Johnson
	Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	First Friday.....	James E. Westphalen...	Paul I. Eaton
	DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before O.....	William T. Savage.....	James N. Norton
	Springfield	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	Second Tuesday.....	Harry N. Ahl.....	William Ward
90	Globe	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	James W. Robertson...	Thomas E. Farrell
	Wisner	" 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Orville K. Nye.....	Louis G. Purtzer
	Harlan	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Donald Cary.....	Thomas C. Rogers
	Hardy	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	First Thursday.....	Oscar Hansen.....	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..	William A. Crossland..	Walter S. Bressler
	Superior	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	Second Wednesday.....	Theodor Enghoff.....	Merle P. Hayes
	Auburn	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	First Tuesday.....	Clark L. Dort.....	Otto H. Blinde
	Mount Nebo	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	Second Tuesday.....	Frank Waters.....	Roy W. Bruce
	Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg...	Polk.....	Second Tuesday.....	Thomas M. Williams...	Clement L. Anderson
100	Minden	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	Second Wednesday.....	Walter J. White.....	John C. Tarkington
	Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock...	Webster.....	Thursday on or before O...	Ira A. Pace, Sr.....	Roland A. Norman
	Blue Hill	" 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Carl O. Goll.....	Oliver H. Martin
	Tuscan	" 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	Second Thursday.....	Lloyd Smith.....	Roswell Ludden
	Scribner	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	Gifford A. Spear.....	Donald D. Hill, Sr.
105	Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Archie O. Miller.....	John L. Daul
	Solar	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Second Tuesday.....	C. Leroy Dexter.....	Samuel C. Wallace
	McCook	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow..	First and third Tuesdays...	Jesse P. Wade.....	George F. Moss
	Long Pine	" 136	Long Pine....	Brown.....	Third Tuesday.....	Boyd W. Cogil.....	William C. Smith, Sr.
	Upright	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Wilber E. Kramer.....	William Yarrpe
110	Rawl	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Third Thursday.....	Lewis A. Bloomgren..	Alfred H. Nissen

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	Clay Centre	No. 139	Clay Center..	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Bernard N. Lobb.....	Richard R. Byrkit
	Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	Second Thursday.....	Arthur Henry.....	Lewis S. Winter
	Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	Second Thursday.....	Waldron G. Heany....	Harry P. Hansen
	Kenesaw	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before O.....	Herbert Roeder.....	Edward E. Guilkey
115	Bancroft	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Kenneth K. Samson...	Robert V. Graff
	Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Everett B. Behrens....	Elmer G. Brunzell
	Silom	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or before O.....	Norris W. Coates.....	Harry L. Cowles
	Emmet Crawford	" 148	Broken Bow..	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	Bryan Leonard.....	Ray S. Kuns
	Jewel	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	James E. Smith.....	John L. Pfingston
120	Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge...	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays..	William M. Phillips...	Harley I. Simon
	Square	" 151	Valparaiso...	Saunders.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Louis E. Carlson.....	Julius Petermichel
	Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second Tuesday.....	Lloyd V. Malone.....	Alfred L. Brande
	Lily	" 154	Davenport...	Thayer.....	Friday on or before O.....	Ray J. Lowery.....	Gerald W. Voigt
	Hartington	" 155	Hartington...	Cedar.....	First Thursday.....	Ralph W. Morten.....	Rudolph H. Jenny
125	Pythagoras	" 156	Page.....	Holt.....	First Friday.....	David E. Bowen.....	Harold L. Banta
	Valley	" 157	Wilsonville..	Furnas.....	Second Tuesday.....	Everette H. Wilmot...	Lewis L. Skiles
	Samaritan	" 158	Chadron.....	Daves.....	First and third Thursdays..	Mannie M. Holcomb...	George A. Stevens
	Ogallala	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	First Tuesday.....	John K. Berry.....	Cyrus D. Sanders
	Zeredatha	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson...	First and third Thursdays..	Paul A. Ude.....	Paul C. Krause
130	Mount Zion	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	Harry E. Gonnerman..	Henry C. Burritt
	Trestle Board	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	First Tuesday.....	Arthur L. Collman....	Floyd Christy
	Unity	" 163	Greenwood...	Cass.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Elmer E. Mathis.....	Benjamin P. Howard
	Atkinson	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Clarence E. Spence....	Harry A. Snyder
	Barneston	" 165	Barneston...	Gage.....	First Tuesday.....	C. Raymond Goin.....	Frank Blaker
135	Mystic Tie	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	Third Thursday.....	Robert R. Speicher...	Carl F. Johnson
	Elwood	" 167	Elwood.....	Gesper.....	Second Monday.....	Marion R. Morgan....	Anton T. Almquist
	Curtis	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier...	Second and fourth Tuesdays	W. Llyte Miller.....	Klyte Burt
	Amity	" 169	Rushville...	Sheridan...	First and third Tuesdays..	Clarence E. Benschoter	Frank F. Aplan
	Mason City	" 170	Mason City...	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	Chester A. Lamb.....	William D. Redmond
140	Merna	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	First Thursday.....	LeRoy D. Perrin.....	Lawrence A. Manning
	Grafton	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore...	First and third Wednesdays	Cleveland King.....	Bert Frederick
	Robert Burns	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock...	Second and fourth Mondays	Carl U. Lionberger....	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..	Charles N. Rickman...	Clyde W. Bay
145	Gladstone	" 176	Analey.....	Custer.....	Thursday after O.....	Floyd E. Junk.....	James H. Watts
	Hay Springs	" 177	Hay Springs..	Sheridan...	Second and fourth Mondays.	Henry A. Kreuger....	Roy T. Stiehl
	Prudence	" 179	BeaverCrossing	Seward.....	Tuesday on or before O.....	Velmar E. Horner....	Grant E. Hansen
	Justice	" 180	Benkelman...	Dundy.....	Friday on or before O.....	Frank Walsh.....	William C. Hanson
	Faith	" 181	Crawford...	Daves.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Warren D. Lichty....	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....	T. Clifford Gregory...	William E. Edwards	
	" 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Jerome Korisko.....	John R. Hughes	
	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow...	First Wednesday.....	Charles E. Furrman....	Herbert L. McKeown	
	" 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	Tuesday on or before O....	Allen W. Withers.....	Carl E. Diers	
	155 Meridian	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	Third Tuesday.....	Fred L. Wedge.....	Lester W. Carlson
Granite	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	M. Edward Dippel....	Calvin A. Gordon	
	" 190	Stapleton....	Logan.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Henry Ewaldt.....	John N. Collier	
	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	Second Thursday.....	Kenneth R. Krebs.....	John V. Maddox	
	Crystal	" 192	Valentine....	Cherry.....	Third Tuesday.....	Roy V. Ellington....	Luke M. Bates
	160 Minnekadusa	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	Friday on or before O....	Gustave B. Fayman..	F. Otto Nelson
Highland	" 194	Cortland....	Gage.....	Second Tuesday.....	Donald Boesiger.....	Carl P. Bonebright	
	" 195	Arcana.....	Sheridan....	First and third Mondays....	Elmer Davis.....	William G. Moss	
	Morning Star	" 197	Gresham....	York.....	First Friday.....	Lewis J. Holzman....	Earl K. Husbands
	Purity	" 198	Imperial....	Chase.....	First Friday.....	George M. Reynolds..	Siegfried L. Jacks
	165 Gavel	" 199	Carleton....	Thayer.....	First Tuesday.....	James R. McCoshland.	James H. Bryant
Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell.....	Garfield....	Second Thursday.....	Dwight E. Johnson....	John A. Beynon	
	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff..	First and third Fridays....	Ray E. Twihell.....	George Goldfain	
	Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph....	Cedar.....	Monday on or before O....	Nelwyn B. Moran.....	Anton B. Helms
	Roman Eagle	" 203	Pender.....	Thurston....	First and Third Tuesdays..	Edward Bruns.....	Archie M. Smith
	170 Plainview	" 204	Plainview....	Pierce.....	First Tuesday.....	Elmo B. Ashburn....	Carl Youngreen
Golden Fleece	" 205	Chappell....	Deuel.....	First Thursday.....	Everett O. Richards..	Alfred G. Taylor	
	" 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..	Arnold Tuning.....	Percy E. Doe
	175 Canopy	" 209	Elmwood....	Cass.....	Saturday on or before O....	Otha E. Underwood..	Bergil E. Sumner
East Lincoln	" 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster....	First Thursday.....	Harold A. Lomax....	Charles F. Eberline	
	" 211	Cement.....	Hall.....	Thursday on or before O....	Charles O. Williams..	John J. Carter, Jr.	
	Compass & Square	" 212	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Millard Graham.....	Clarence W. George
	Plumblaine	" 214	Adams.....	Gage.....	Second Monday.....	Victor W. Hecht.....	Clarence Gottula
	180 Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs.	Saunders....	First Tuesday.....	August Wiegand.....	Charles Wilcox
Palisade	216	Palisade....	Hitchcock....	First Tuesday.....	W. Joe Carter.....	Richard P. Ward	
	" 217	Wauneta....	Chase.....	First and third Thursdays..	Alme E. Carrigan....	C. Robert Carlson	
	Bloomfield	" 218	Bloomfield..	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....	Victor C. Jelinek....	Fred C. Wiese
	Relief	" 219	Coleridge....	Cedar.....	Second Friday.....	Morris C. Bailey.....	William C. Mitchell
	185 Magnolia	" 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	Third Tuesday.....	William H. Rohde....	George H. Haase

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	Wood Lake	No. 221	Wood Lake...	Cherry.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	John W. Kreycik....	Henry Lausen
	Landmark	" 222	Herman.....	Washington...	Third Tuesday.....	Roland M. Wachter..	Wayne W. Loftis
	Eminence	" 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Ervin E. Bish.....	James C. Bierbower
	Silver Cord	" 224	Ainsworth...	Brown.....	Second Tuesday.....	Orville E. Zurcher..	John K. Cassel
190	Cable	" 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	First Tuesday.....	L. Paul Hartman....	Charles M. Fisher, Jr.
	Grace	" 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Morris Richman.....	Arthur E. Newton
	North Star	" 227	Lincoln †	Lancaster.....	First Wednesday.....	Michael V. Stevens..	Roy W. Deal
	Bartley	" 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow...	Second Tuesday.....	Floyd K. Burkey....	August W. Teter
	Comet	" 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	First Thursday.....	Francis J. Beaman...	Otis Beaman
195	Delta	" 230	Saint Edward.	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Guy Johnson.....	James O. Duncan
	Mount Hermon	" 231	Cook.....	Johnson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Jens B. R. Miller....	Eldo G. Tucker
	John S. Bowen	" 232	Kennard.....	Washington...	Third Thursday.....	Fred N. Paulsen....	Nic Friedrichsen
	Gilead	" 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	Second and fourth Mondays	Wayne D. Kibby....	William J. Rinehart
	Zion	" 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	Second Wednesday.....	Walter Wightman...	Howard J. Kommers
200	Fraternity	" 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	Fourth Thursday.....	Leo Jensen.....	Robert E. Gormley
	Golden Rule	" 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Marvin R. Burgess...	Oliver W. Monev
	Cubit	" 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	First Thursday.....	Levi A. Wilcox.....	C. Clyde Mayes
	Friendship	" 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	Second Friday.....	Cecil C. Crone.....	Ed. Klingenberg, Jr.
	Pilot	" 240	L Lyons.....	Burt.....	Third Thursday.....	Orville Ramsay.....	Edwin A. Loppnow
205	George Armstrong	" 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	Elmer L. Anderson...	Frank F. McMullin
	Tyrian	" 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls.....	First Monday.....	John D. Kincannon..	Robert E. Montgomery
	Hampton	" 245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Herman H. Hines....	Fred W. Christiansen
	Nehawka	" 246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	Second Wednesday.....	Raymond R. Anderson.	Lyle L. Choat
	Corner Stone	" 247	Osmond.....	Pierce.....	Second Friday.....	James Cizek.....	Joseph Cizek
210	Laurel	" 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Homer A. Taylor.....	Richard L. Herse
	Gothenburg	" 249	Gothenburg...	Dawson.....	Second Wednesday.....	Howard L. Anderson..	William S. Padley
	George Washington	" 250	Lincoln †	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	Oscar L. Conden....	Otis W. Cave
	Wausa	" 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	First Thursday.....	Melvin Rosen.....	Lawrence N. Larson
	Beemer	" 253	Beemer.....	Cuming.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Floyd W. Nellor....	John E. Reaver
215	Bassett	" 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	Second Thursday.....	Frank Patitz.....	James E. Mabie
	Hickman	" 256	Hickman.....	Lancaster.....	Third Thursday.....	Phil E. Buel.....	Harold Smith
	Holbrook	" 257	Holbrook.....	Furnas.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Samuel F. Davis....	Albert Phillipson
	Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo.....	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	Harold A. Lewis....	Thomas G. English
	Bee	" 259	Bee.....	Seward.....	First Thursday.....	Bertram R. Colman...	Calvin W. Nxon
220	Ornan	" 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	First and Third Mondays...	Louie W. Klasna....	Jack B. Wells
	Endeavor	" 262	Indianola.....	Red Willow...	First and Third Thursdays.	Levi Burton.....	B. Adrian Quigley
	Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Monday.....	Austin E. Scott.....	Edward Sadek
	Franklin	" 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	Second Monday.....	Harold B. Long.....	Maurice F. McAvoy
	Robert W. Furnas	" 265	Scottsbluff...	Scotts Bluff...	First and third Mondays...	Frank H. Wisner....	Bernard B. Harris
225	Silver	" 266	Silver Creek...	Merrick.....	Second Thursday.....	Jason W. House.....	Floyd Buchanan
	‡Havelock Station.		†University Place Station.				

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James A. Tulleys No. 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	Second Monday.....	Russell M. Warren....	Ralph J. Longbottom
Geo. W. Lininger " 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Hyle G. Burke.....	Ernest W. Anderson
Oasis " 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Thursday.....	Olon D. Prentice.....	William M. Blough
Lee P. Gillette " 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	First Monday.....	Charles N. Anderson..	James P. Baker
230 Crofton " 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....	Conrad Mormann	Henry S. Frank
Olive Branch " 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	Second Monday.....	Albert Frazey	Clinton I. Lennen
Ramah " 275	Bertrand.....	Phelps.....	First Thursday.....	Donald G. Mintun....	William B. Meeker
Antelope " 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays...	John E. Wylie.....	Donald S. Hinman
Sioux " 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	Second Monday.....	Archie C. Davis.....	George A. Clarke
235 Litchfield " 278	Litchfield....	Sherman.....	Second Thursday.....	James W. Thompson..	Harve I. Lang
Wallace " 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	First Tuesday.....	Harry Rees	Frank H. Whitlake
Swastika " 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	First Wednesday.....	Gerald E. Coslor....	John C. Green
Florence " 281	Omaha †.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	Edwin J. Brailey....	William A. Yoder
Mullen " 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	Tuesday on or before O....	John A. Burnett.....	William C. McIntyre
240 Exeter " 283	Exeter.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Fridays...	Richard Fergerson ...	Donald H. Johns
Seneca " 284	Seneca.....	Thomas.....	Second Wednesday.....	Roscoe A. Parrish....	Alfred W. Franks
Camp Clarke " 285	Bridgeport...	Morrill.....	First Tuesday.....	William F. Chaloupka.	Edward K. Milmine
Oshkosh " 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	First Monday.....	Toy J. Shaheen.....	John T. Sager
Union " 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	First Friday.....	George E. Stilwell...	Guy C. Buter
245 Omaha " 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Saturday.....	Clyde A. Blubaugh...	Frederick J. Bolshaw
Lotus " 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Roscoe R. Burchell...	Archie A. Meek
John J. Mercer " 290	Omaha †.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Carl S. Miller.....	George J. Storms
Diamond " 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	Second Thursday.....	Van V. Bearinger....	Wendell K. Wilson
Wolbach " 292	Wolbach.....	Greeley.....	First and third Wednesdays..	Ernest H. Davis.....	Edwin L. Johnson
250 Monument " 293	Arapahoe....	Furnas.....	Second and fourth Mondays..	Orval V. Moore.....	Clifford G. Rebman
Kimball " 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	First Monday.....	Norris W. Tritt.....	Orville C. Wisdom
Minatare " 295	Minatare....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Friday.....	Roy I. Babbitt.....	Jesse P. Entrekin
Cotner " 297	Lincoln §.....	Lancaster....	First Monday.....	Martin L. Quinn.....	Arthur J. Barrett
Chester " 298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	First and third Mondays..	James E. Woodward..	Edwin L. Brown
255 Sutherland " 299	Sutherland...	Lincoln.....	First Wednesday.....	Jacob Haugland.....	John F. Fleak
Liberty " 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster....	First Thursday.....	Orville D. Ellis.....	Homer L. Kyle
Bayard " 301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	First and third Tuesdays..	William H. Wadsworth	Yale H. Cavett
Mizpah " 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Friday.....	George E. Mitchell...	Elmo R. Clayton
Right Angle " 303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Frank E. Merrill.....	Henry M. Edwards
260 Ruskin " 304	Ruskin.....	Nuckolls.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	J. Clarence Krogh....	Chauncey O. Hull
Benson Station.		† Florence Station.		§ Bethany Station.	

	Newman Grove	No. 305	Newman Grove	Madison.....	Second and fourth Monday.	Leonard G. Gabrielson.	Alexis R. Gustavson
	Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole....	Cheyenne.....	Second Tuesday.....	Paul H. Fraass.....	Ralph R. Carleton
	William E. Hill	" 307	Otoe.....	Otoe.....	Third Tuesday.....	Carl D. Halvorsen....	Reuben W. Paap
	Perkins	" 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	First Monday.....	A. L. Wyman.....	Otto E. Gauger
265	Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago...	Thurston.....	First Thursday.....	James J. Frazey.....	Clarence S. Runyan
	Victory	" 810	Valley.....	Douglas.....	Second Thursday.....	Carl G. Stange.....	Francis A. Roberts
	Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	Floyd M. Bittinger...	Isaac T. Samuelson
	Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	Second Thursday.....	Ralph Spelts.....	Claude A. Rutledge
	Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	Second Tuesday.....	Phillip N. Crantz.....	Elmer H. Seyfang
270	Craftsman	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster....	First Tuesday.....	Vernon W. Baker.....	Curry D. Bryson
	Alpha	" 316	SouthSiouxCity	Dakota.....	Second Thursday.....	Cecil W. Orton.....	Clarence A. Stewart
	Mid-West	" 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Wednesday.....	Lester D. Pedersen...	Wm. J. Breckenridge
	Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island.	Hall.....	First Tuesday.....	Carl R. Sorensen.....	Albert B. Osborn
	Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Berton A. Darrow.....	William H. Vankirk
275	College View	" 320	Lincoln †....	Lancaster....	First Wednesday.....	Lawrence L. James...	Clarence V. Keller
	Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne....	Second Wednesday.....	Colmon H. Kreader...	Berton Cunningham
	Pioneer	" 322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff..	Second Tuesday.....	Frank G. Leisenberg..	Joseph H. Lawson
	Lebanon	" 323	Columbus....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Elmer P. Baruth.....	Carl H. Hope
280	Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	Second Monday.....	Wesley E. Sorensen...	Charles Lathim

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Nebraska.....	1	60	86	60	16	487	1213	66	5	3	1287	7	23	30	1257	1				
Western Star.....	2	12	30	11	9	4 78	247	9	1	7	264	5	3	12	252	2				
Capitol.....	3	54	79	47	27	3 397	853	45	8	6	912	6	18	27	885	3				
Nemaha Valley..	4	2	4	2	1	45	46	2	1	1	48	1	1	1	47	4				
Omadi.....	5	7	29	6	7	60	109	6	1	1	116	3	3	3	113	5				
Plattsmouth.....	6	17	36	17	7	45	274	13	2	2	289	6	3	9	280	6				
Western Star.....	9	9	28	9	5	1 97	205	8	2	2	217	1	5	7	210	9				
Solomon.....	10	7	7	6	3	12	73	5	1	1	78	1	1	2	76	10				
Covert.....	11	88	92	86	32	3 317	1293	90	6	5	1394	10	16	29	1365	11				
Orient.....	13	2	5	2	2	25	31	2	1	1	33	1	1	2	31	13				
Peru.....	14	7	11	4	1	32	85	3	3	3	91	1	1	9	91	14				
Freemont.....	15	34	25	33	5	1 130	475	33	7	1	516	2	16	19	497	15				
Tecumseh.....	17	6	26	8	10	87	163	9	3	4	179	1	1	1	179	17				
Lincoln.....	19	59	94	50	16	1 440	782	50	16	9	857	4	16	21	836	19				
Washington.....	21	10	11	9	8	42	152	5	1	1	158	3	2	5	153	21				
Pawnee.....	23	2	13	3	5	54	117	3	1	1	121	2	5	7	114	23				
Saint Johns.....	25	27	102	24	24	8 486	832	28	6	13	879	8	21	37	842	25				
Beatrice.....	26	17	60	15	19	214	307	13	1	1	322	6	4	10	312	26				
Jordan.....	27	1	7	1	1	38	77	1	1	1	79	1	1	1	78	27				
Hope.....	29	8	13	4	1	33	38	3	1	1	42	1	1	4	42	29				
Blue River.....	30	6	10	5	3	51	54	3	1	1	58	1	1	4	58	30				
Tekamah.....	31	7	7	9	5	48	120	7	2	2	129	1	3	4	125	31				
Platte Valley.....	32	24	57	19	15	106	366	17	3	2	388	2	5	7	381	32				
Ashlar.....	33	10	43	10	14	5 235	526	7	5	6	544	10	9	24	520	33				
Acacia.....	34	6	12	7	2	1 43	147	9	3	4	163	3	1	5	158	34				
Fairbury.....	35	18	35	18	4	59	210	17	3	3	230	3	3	6	224	35				
Lone Tree.....	36	3	13	1	5	58	189	2	1	4	196	4	4	8	188	36				
Crete.....	37	10	18	9	6	73	160	8	2	2	173	2	4	6	167	37				
Oliver.....	38	12	14	13	1	88	125	16	5	5	146	1	1	2	144	38				
Papillion.....	39	5	12	5	8	41	70	2	1	1	72	1	1	1	71	39				
Humboldt.....	40	13	11	16	3	20	99	18	2	2	119	2	1	3	116	40				
Northern Light..	41	9	9	1	1	34	89	1	1	1	89	1	1	1	88	41				
Hebron.....	43	4	29	3	12	83	84	2	3	4	112	1	1	2	110	43				
Harvard.....	44	14	12	16	3	37	52	14	1	1	67	2	1	3	64	44				
Rob Morris.....	46	16	56	16	9	190	234	14	10	4	262	4	4	8	254	46				
Fairmont.....	48	8	19	6	3	49	81	5	1	1	88	2	1	3	85	48				
Evening Star.....	49	4	2	6	3	37	81	5	1	1	86	2	1	2	84	49				
Hastings.....	50	28	60	26	8	8 177	428	27	3	5	463	2	7	17	446	50				
Fidelity.....	51	11	19	10	4	70	142	9	1	1	151	2	5	7	144	51				

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									By Re-joining	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion				Other Causes
Creighton.....	100	3	16	3	4	...	39	97	2	1	1	...	101	1	2	...	3	98	100		
Ponca.....	101	4	6	4	4	...	42	80	4	...	1	...	85	1	2	...	3	82	101		
Waterloo.....	102	13	13	11	1	...	48	103	10	...	...	...	113	...	1	...	1	112	102
Ord.....	103	15	23	12	3	...	84	108	12	1	4	...	125	4	2	...	6	119	103		
Wymore.....	104	14	30	12	4	...	62	204	17	3	1	...	225	5	4	...	9	216	104		
Stella.....	105	7	7	7	2	...	24	51	7	...	...	...	58	...	1	...	1	57	105
Porter.....	106	2	8	1	2	...	23	47	1	...	...	...	48	1	2	...	3	45	106
Table Rock.....	108	3	...	3	...	...	32	47	3	...	...	...	50	...	...	...	...	50	108
Pomegranate.....	110	17	9	18	6	...	49	145	17	3	2	...	167	3	3	...	6	161	110		
DeWitt.....	111	3	13	2	2	...	46	57	3	1	61	...	1	1	...	2	59	111	
Springfield.....	112	10	20	13	8	...	40	93	9	4	1	...	107	...	...	...	...	107	112
Globe.....	113	5	13	5	1	1	36	66	6	2	2	...	76	2	2	1	...	5	71	113	
Wisner.....	114	2	11	2	3	...	51	79	...	...	1	...	80	1	...	...	1	79	114
Harlan.....	116	5	3	6	2	...	27	76	5	1	1	...	83	1	...	...	1	82	116
Hardy.....	117	3	3	2	2	...	24	22	...	...	...	...	22	1	1	...	2	20	117
North Bend.....	119	2	4	1	1	...	16	104	3	2	...	...	109	2	4	...	6	103	119
Wayne.....	120	7	10	6	4	...	41	159	4	1	1	...	165	6	5	...	11	154	120		
Superior.....	121	7	17	5	3	...	60	144	4	2	...	...	150	3	3	...	6	144	121
Auburn.....	124	21	18	15	2	...	54	117	14	1	2	...	134	...	1	...	1	133	124		
Mt. Nebo.....	125	2	12	...	3	...	54	88	...	1	1	...	90	1	2	...	3	87	125		
Stromsburg.....	126	...	5	1	1	...	40	66	2	...	...	...	68	1	4	...	5	63	126
Minden.....	127	5	8	6	7	...	28	76	4	1	...	...	81	...	1	...	1	80	127
Guide Rock.....	128	...	7	...	...	...	5	38	...	2	1	...	41	...	...	...	...	41	128
Blue Hill.....	129	10	6	10	3	...	38	44	7	...	...	...	51	...	...	...	...	51	129
Tuscan.....	130	1	3	...	...	...	21	51	...	...	...	...	51	...	5	...	5	46	130
Scribner.....	132	2	4	2	2	1	31	58	2	60	1	4	1	...	6	54	132	
Elm Creek.....	133	3	12	3	3	...	43	50	3	1	1	...	55	1	2	...	3	52	133		
Solar.....	134	2	7	3	...	...	30	69	3	...	1	...	73	...	1	...	1	72	134
McCook.....	135	22	26	27	6	...	84	290	26	3	2	...	321	6	2	...	1	312	135		
Long Pine.....	136	7	12	4	2	...	30	70	5	1	...	...	76	...	3	...	3	73	136
Upright.....	137	1	10	1	1	...	19	64	1	...	1	...	66	3	1	...	4	62	137		
Rawalt.....	138	4	4	2	1	...	34	73	3	1	...	...	77	1	...	...	1	76	138
Clay Centre.....	139	4	5	4	3	...	30	81	2	1	1	...	85	3	1	...	4	81	139		
Western.....	140	1	3	...	2	...	39	29	...	...	2	...	31	...	1	...	1	30	140
Crescent.....	143	...	6	1	2	...	40	56	1	...	2	...	59	3	...	...	3	56	143
Kenesaw.....	144	1	18	1	3	1	82	90	2	...	3	...	95	3	1	1	...	90	144		
Bancroft.....	145	6	3	4	6	...	50	48	4	...	2	...	54	1	2	...	3	51	145		
Jachin.....	146	16	19	14	9	1	81	154	8	4	1	...	167	1	1	1	1	163	146		
Siloam.....	147	...	14	...	4	...	26	33	33	33	147		
Emmet Crawford	148	7	20	10	6	...	51	165	9	1	2	...	177	3	1	...	4	173	148		

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Jewel	149	6	2	6	4	17	60	4	64	1	1	1	63	149	
Cambridge	150	1	9	3	1	2	50	117	3	..	2	122	1	1	2	4	118	150	
Square	151	11	13	13	7	..	45	56	10	1	..	67	..	..	..	..	..	1	67	151
Evergreen	153	3	2	2	..	..	10	75	2	1	..	78	1	..	..	..	..	1	77	153
Lily	154	5	9	3	2	..	34	60	2	..	..	62	1	..	..	..	..	1	61	154
Hartington	155	7	29	3	4	..	48	80	1	1	..	82	1	3	..	..	..	4	78	155
Pythagoras	156	5	21	2	4	..	43	46	1	1	..	48	3	1	..	..	..	4	44	156
Valley	157	2	4	1	1	..	31	48	..	..	1	49	1	..	..	..	..	1	48	157
Samaritan	158	9	24	7	6	..	52	241	8	5	..	254	1	2	..	..	..	3	251	158
Ogallala	159	18	24	13	8	..	62	117	13	1	3	134	2	..	..	..	..	2	132	159
Zeredatha	160	4	5	2	1	1	15	38	2	..	..	40	1	1	1	..	..	3	37	160
Mount Zion	161	2	5	2	1	..	24	53	2	..	1	56	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	161
Trestle Board	162	4	4	3	2	..	22	87	2	..	..	89	1	..	..	..	..	1	88	162
Unity	163	2	9	1	2	..	43	43	..	..	2	45	1	1	..	..	..	2	43	163
Atkinson	164	5	8	3	1	..	22	40	2	..	1	43	1	..	..	..	..	1	42	164
Barneston	165	3	12	2	6	..	93	55	2	..	1	57	3	2	..	..	..	5	52	165
Mystic Tie	166	2	7	1	1	..	33	53	1	..	3	57	4	3	..	..	..	7	50	166
Elwood	167	6	9	3	2	..	39	42	3	1	1	47	1	..	..	..	..	1	46	167
Curtis	168	9	17	7	7	..	28	88	3	1	..	92	..	3	..	..	..	3	89	168
Amity	169	9	11	7	4	..	33	97	4	1	..	102	1	3	..	..	..	4	98	169
Mason City	170	..	6	1	1	..	33	46	..	1	1	48	1	1	..	..	..	2	46	170
Merna	171	3	16	3	5	..	44	42	1	..	2	45	2	1	..	..	..	3	42	171
Grafton	172	..	2	..	1	..	28	29	..	..	1	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	172
Robert Burns	173	6	6	8	5	1	11	73	5	1	..	79	2	..	1	..	..	3	76	173
Culbertson	174	3	5	4	2	..	23	52	5	..	1	58	1	..	..	..	..	1	57	174
Temple	175	6	12	5	7	..	40	39	3	..	1	43	1	..	..	..	..	1	42	175
Gladstone	176	5	11	5	6	1	48	104	4	..	1	109	1	2	1	..	..	4	105	176
Hay Springs	177	9	6	7	..	..	26	67	7	2	..	76	1	1	..	..	..	2	74	177
Prudence	179	3	8	3	3	..	44	39	3	1	2	45	..	2	..	..	..	2	43	179
Justice	180	14	9	17	2	..	53	82	16	..	1	99	1	..	..	..	..	1	98	180
Faith	181	7	15	7	3	2	106	137	6	1	2	146	3	4	2	..	..	9	137	181
Incense	182	..	8	..	1	..	32	23	..	..	..	23	6	..	..	..	..	6	17	182
Alliance	183	22	49	19	13	1	138	267	18	2	..	289	5	7	1	..	13	276	183		
Bee Hive	184	62	32	66	6	8	171	679	71	6	4	760	6	10	8	..	24	736	184		
Boaz	185	5	6	4	4	..	13	61	4	1	..	66	..	2	..	..	..	2	64	185
Israel	187	2	4	..	3	..	42	26	1	..	1	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	187
Meridian	188	4	15	6	4	..	54	117	7	2	1	127	2	1	..	..	..	3	124	188
Granite	189	2	7	3	6	..	48	63	1	1	..	66	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	189
Amethyst	190	3	8	2	2	..	18	48	1	49	..	1	1	48	190	
Crystal	191	13	20	11	1	..	33	61	14	2	4	81	1	2	3	78	191	

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Minnekadusa	192	5	19	4	7	53	118	3	2	1	124	2	5					7	117	192	
Signet	193	4	14	4	1	40	53	3			56	2						2	54	193	
Highland	194	1	7	1	3	33	32				32								32	194	
Arcana	195	11	14	6	1	2	40	124	6	1	131	1	3	2				6	125	195	
Morning Star	197	5	10	2	2	25	58	2	1		61								61	197	
Purity	198	10	23	6	3	37	111	9	1		121	2						2	119	198	
Gavel	199	1	4			12	45	1			46	1						1	45	199	
Blazing Star	200	4	3	4	1	36	92	5			97	2	2					4	93	200	
Scotts Bluff	201	7	20	9	3	51	143	9	3		155		2					2	153	201	
Golden Sheaf	202	5	22	4	1	60	73	4	1	1	79	3	1					4	75	202	
Roman Eagle	203		15	2	2	1	24	52	1		53	1	1	1				3	50	203	
Plainview	204	7	11	6	2	43	87	6	3	4	100	1	1					2	98	204	
Golden Fleece	205	17	12	14	4	31	128	14	2	3	147		3					3	144	205	
Napthali	206	1	1	1		43	47	1	2		50	1	2					3	47	206	
Parian	207	4	7	1	1	1	38	72	1	1	76	3		1				4	72	207	
Gauge	208	1	8	1	4	19	47		2		49	2						2	47	208	
Canopy	209	8	14	7	6	3	69	100	8	3	112	2	3	3				8	104	209	
East Lincoln	210	99	60	83	15	3	270	745	80	6	839	6	13	3				22	817	210	
Cement	211	3	3	3		12	99	2	1		102		3					3	99	211	
Compass & Square	212	2	5	3	2	1	40	58	2	1	61	3		1				4	57	212	
Plumblin	214	1	2	3		34	52	3			55								55	214	
Occidental	215	4	4	4	2	39	68	3			71								71	215	
Palisade	216	14	9	12	7	49	85	8	2		95	1	2					3	92	216	
Wauneta	217	5	10	1	1	38	52				52		1					1	51	217	
Bloomfield	218	2	14		2	47	84	1			85	1	2					3	82	218	
Relief	219	1	10			21	44				44								44	219	
Magnolia	220	1	4	1		20	70	2	1		73	2	1					3	70	220	
Wood Lake	221	7	10	5	6	17	58	4			62		2					2	60	221	
Landmark	222	2	3	5	2	29	98	4	1		103	3	2					5	98	222	
Eminence	223	9	4	9	4	27	35	8	2		45		1					1	44	223	
Silver Cord	224	13	15	8	2	30	129	10	4		143	1						1	142	224	
Cable	225	7	9	6	3	26	88	7	1	4	100	1						1	99	225	
Grace	226	2	16		2	48	74	1			75	4						4	71	226	
North Star	227	20	28	21	9	3	92	334	21	7	369	3	4	3				10	359	227	
Bartley	228	3	2	3		13	59	3			62		2					2	60	228	
Comet	229	3	4	1	2	42	82	1	1		84	1	3					4	80	229	
Delta	230	2	10	3		20	43	4	1		48	2						2	46	230	
Mt. Hermon	231	2	4	2	2	23	39	1			40	2	3					5	35	231	
John S. Bowen	232		3		1	21	47		2		49		1					1	48	232	
Gilead	233	4	20	2	6	30	53	1	1		55	1						1	54	233	

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Zion.....	234	12	15	8	6	45	80	6	1	1	88	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	86	234	
Fraternity.....	235	7	6	7	2	24	51	5	56	1	55	235	
Golden Rule.....	236	4	11	4	5	14	59	3	3	3	67	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	63	236	
Cubitt.....	237	2	5	1	1	23	65	1	1	1	67	1	66	237	
Friendship.....	239	5	6	5	3	21	68	5	2	2	75	75	239	
Pilot.....	240	8	5	9	7	30	93	7	2	102	102	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	101	240	
GeorgelArmstrong	241	8	9	7	1	14	74	6	1	2	83	83	241	
Tyrian.....	243	2	5	2	2	12	30	2	..	32	32	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	30	243	
Hampton.....	245	2	18	1	2	38	85	1	2	88	88	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	81	245	
Nehawka.....	246	10	5	10	..	16	98	11	..	109	109	107	246	
Cornel Stone.....	247
Laurel.....	248	6	21	5	6	54	38	3	1	39	39	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	32	247	
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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1946	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1946	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1946	No. on Rolls December 31, 1945	GAIN				LOSS								
									By Raising	By Affiliation	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss		
Lebanon..	323	4	11	1	...	30	165	1	2	4	172	2	6	8	164	323
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Totals..		2608	3922	2333	1128	132,491	919,360	2,209	356	389	21	389	77,429	597	132	2	21	1181	37,796		

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