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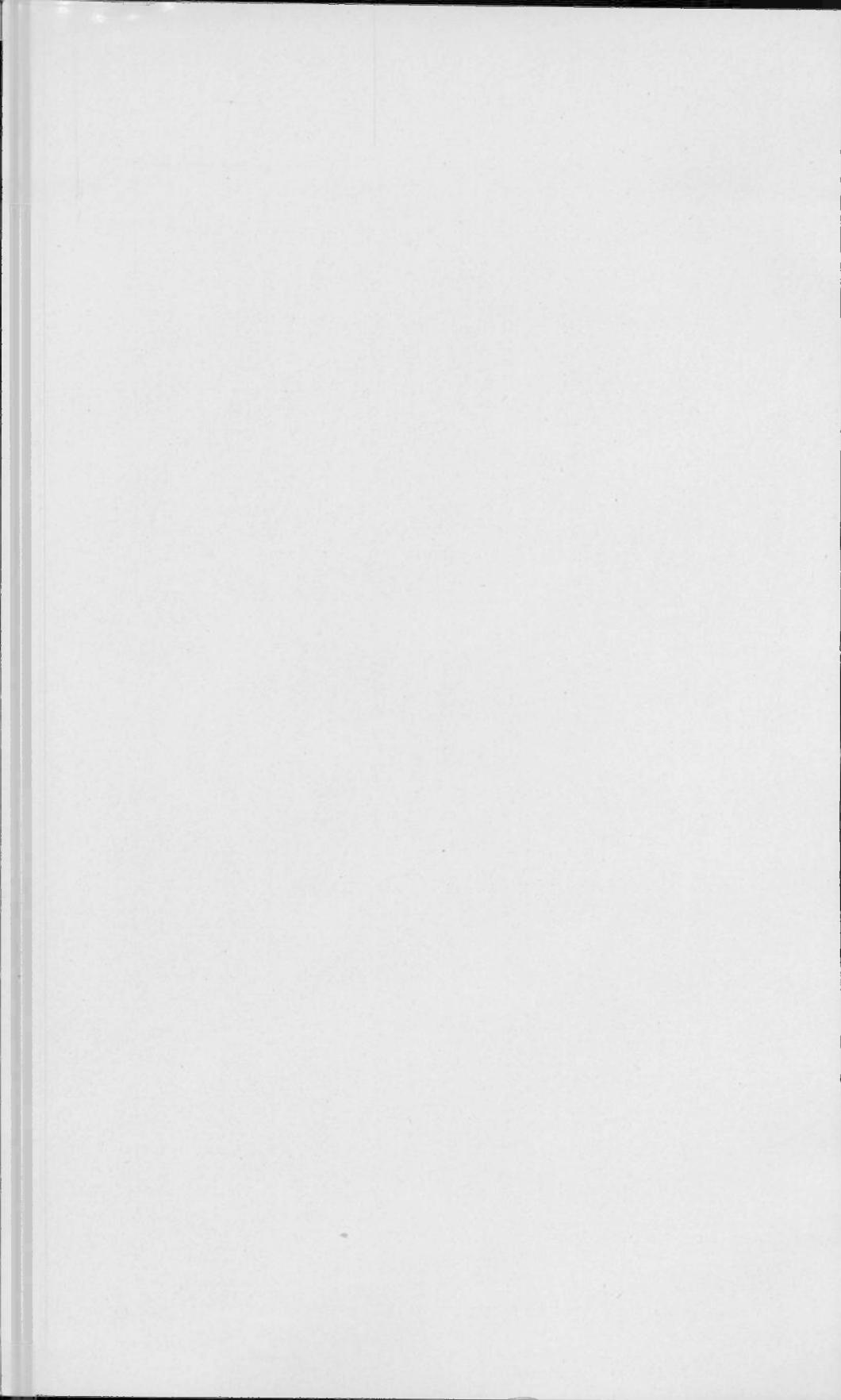
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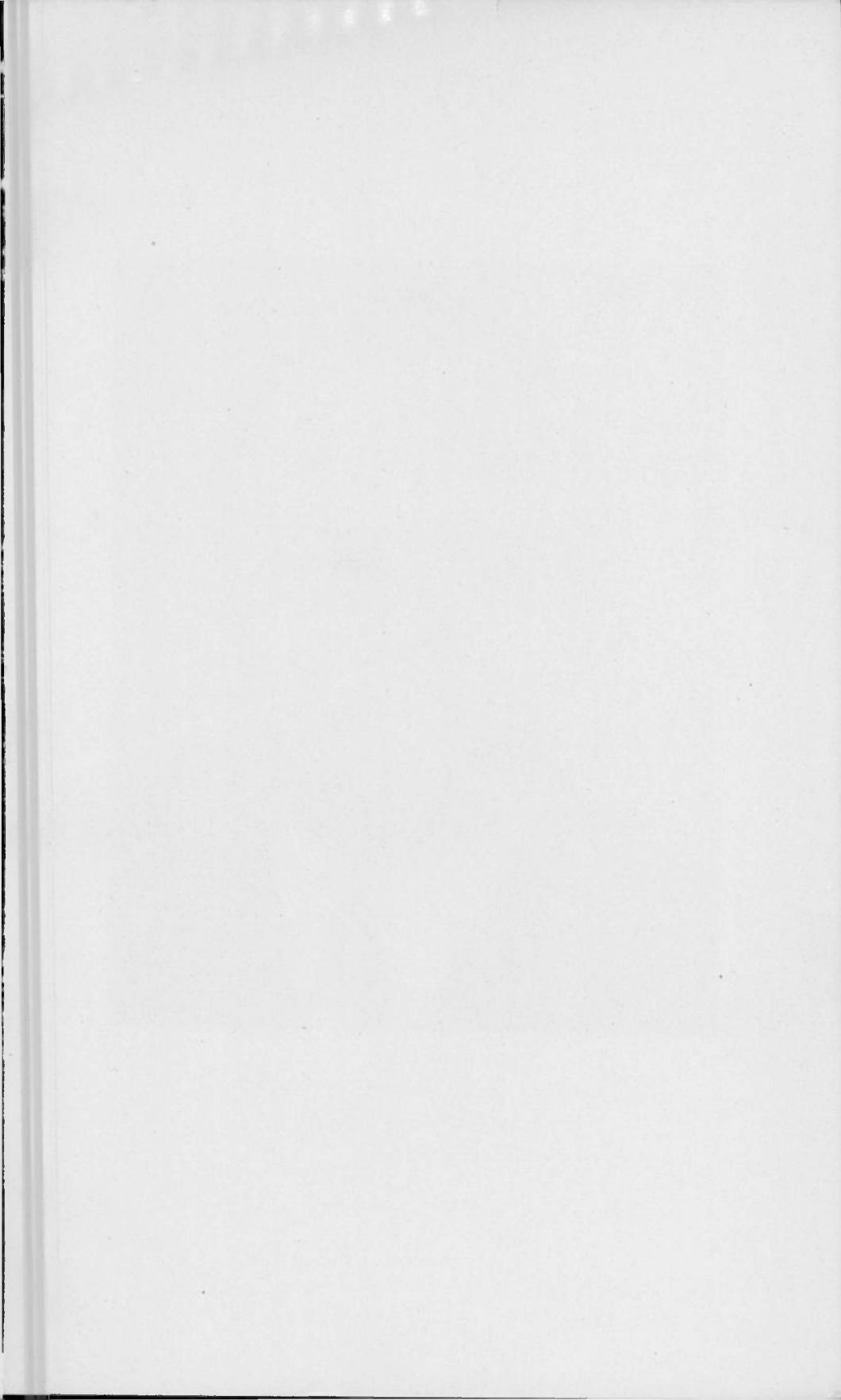




Edward Luwald

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

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Biographical Sketch

Edward Huwaldt

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MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER EDWARD HUWALDT, the eighty-second Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, was born July 28, 1890, in Pierce County, Nebraska, near the town of Randolph, on a homestead owned by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. August F. Huwaldt, of German ancestry, who come to the United States of America in 1870. They are numbered with the early pioneers who laid the first foundations of our agricultural development on the bleak prairies of Nebraska. Their first home was a combination dug-out and sod house, built during a time when the unsubdued prairie yielded but meager income. Fortified with determination, thrift, integrity, and industry they prospered and lived to enjoy the contribution they had made to the advancement of their adopted country. August F. Huwaldt was a member of Golden Sheaf Lodge No. 202 of Randolph, Nebraska, and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, having received those degrees at Sioux City, Iowa.

M. W. Brother Huwaldt received his elementary education in a one-room country school. He was graduated from the Randolph High School in 1907. After teaching for two years in the same one-room country school which he had attended, he entered the University of Nebraska, and received his A. B. degree in 1913. He taught for two years in the High School at Grand Island, then served one year as principal of the High School at Kearney, and two years as principal of the South High School in Omaha.

He began his career as a banker in 1918, with the Live Stock National Bank of Omaha, leaving there in 1922 to become Cashier of the Carroll State Bank at Carroll, Nebraska. In 1922 he became and still is Executive Vice President of the Commercial National Bank of Grand Island.

M. W. Brother Huwaldt was married on January 1, 1917, to Miss Ruth A. Kerr of Grand Island, and to them three children were born, one daughter and two sons, all of whom are graduates of the University of Nebraska. The daughter is now Mrs. Horace E. Crosby, and lives in North Platte; both sons served during World War II, in the Field Artillery, one of them with rank of Lt. Colonel, the other with the rank of Captain. One son, Edward A., lives in St. Louis, Missouri, and Lawrence H. makes his home in Grand Island.

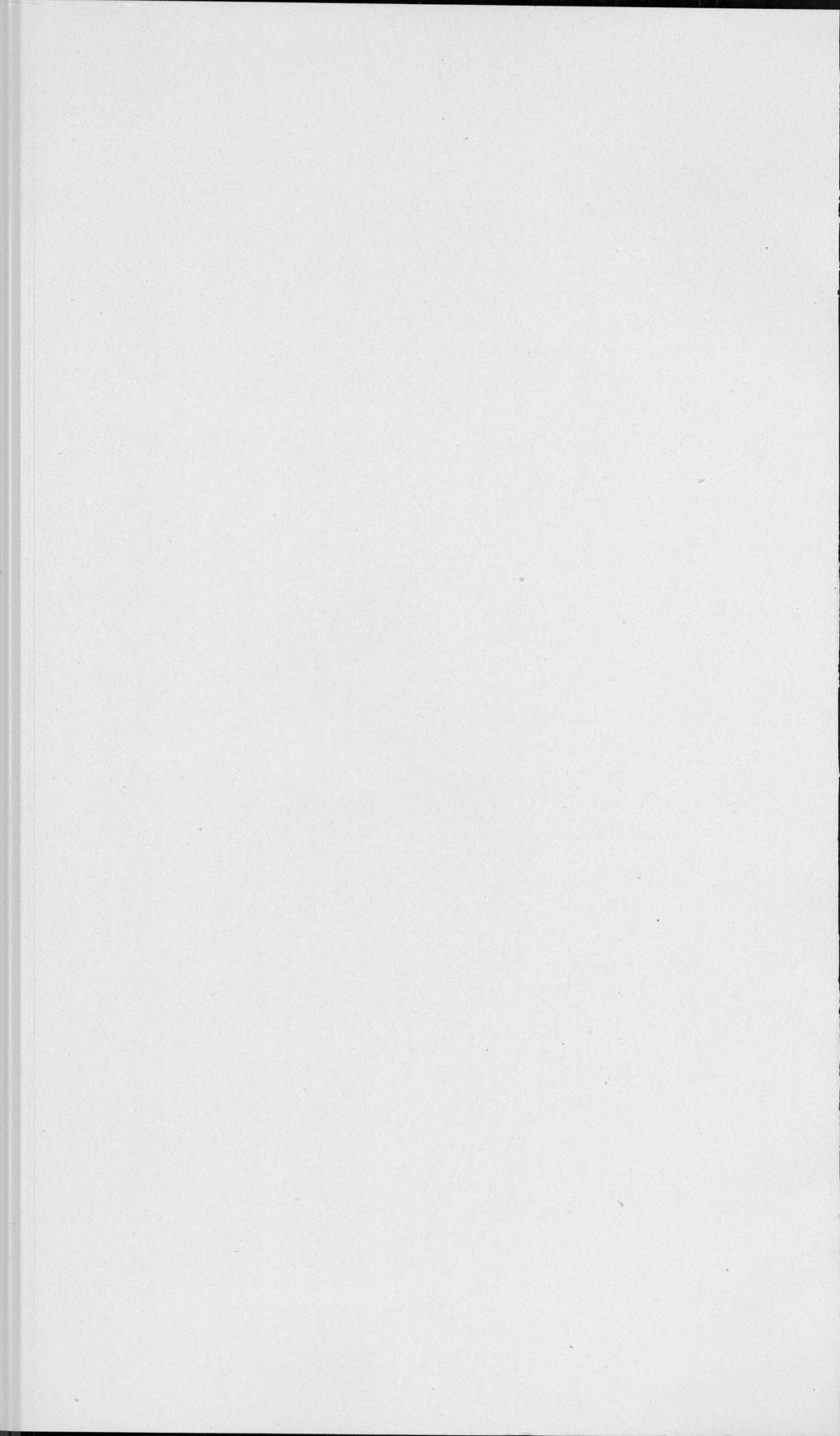
OTHER ACTIVITIES

M. W. Brother Huwaldt has always been interested in church and civic affairs. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Island, an Elder of that church, and the Chairman of its New Building Fund Committee. He is Past President of the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce. He is Past President of the Grand Island Rotary Club. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boy Scout Trust, Inc., Cornhusker Council.

MASONIC RECORD

M. W. Brother Huwaldt received his Masonic degrees in Fraternity Lodge No. 235 of Winside, Nebraska, was Initiated February 4, 1925, Passed February 5, 1925, and Raised April 15, 1925. He demitted to Grand Island Lodge No. 318 on his removal to that city, and was its Worshipful Master in 1940. He is a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association and a member of Andrew Chapter No. 41, O. E. S., Grand Island. He came to the Grand Lodge as Chairman of the Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, taking up a work which had been neglected and, by many lodges, entirely overlooked. Serving as Chairman of this Committee for fourteen years (from 1928 to 1942) the record shows efficient and satisfactory results, and our Grand Jurisdiction can hold its head up in the total of its contributions to this worthy and necessary cause. He was appointed Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge by Most Worshipful Brother Earl J. Lee in June, 1941; reappointed to the same office in June, 1942, by M. W. Brother Edward F. Carter; and subsequent to that year was regularly advanced in the line of Grand Lodge officers with his election and installation as Grand Master at the Ninetieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1947.

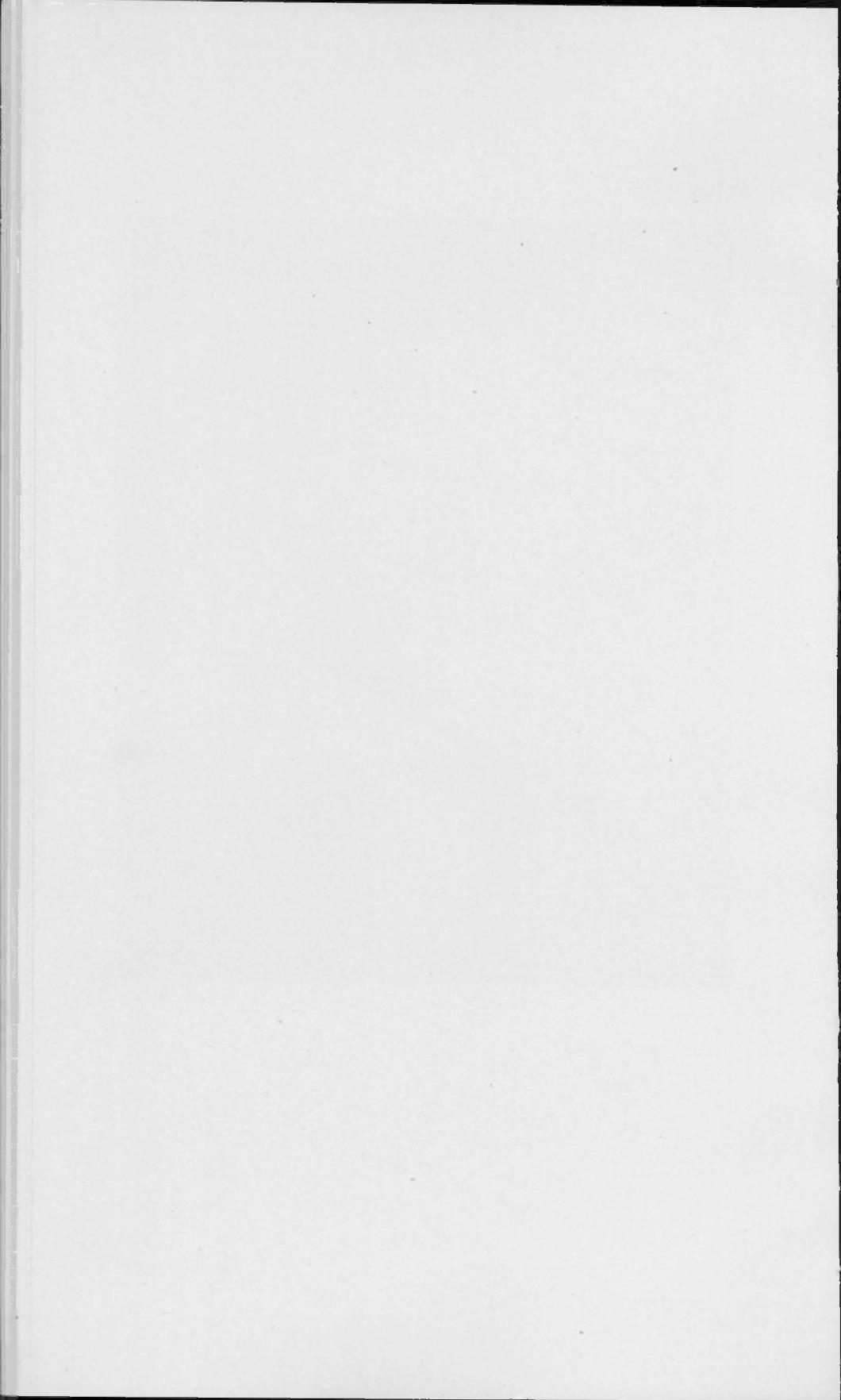
His record of service as a line officer is one of faithfulness and an ever-present readiness to do what was asked of him; his year as Grand Master was marked with efficiency and accomplishment; his very delightful personality endeared him to all Masons with whom he came in contact; he had the faculty of setting the craft to work, and doing it in a manner which made them enjoy their labors, and in so doing, bequeath to his successors a happy and united Craft.





Elmer E Magee

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
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NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 8, 9, and 10, 1948



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 8, 1948

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, met in Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Omaha, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, June 8, A. D., 1948, A. L. 5948.

There were present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318.....	Grand Master
R. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. John S. Hedelund, 268.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. Glen L. Rice, 3.....	Grand Chaplain
W. Mainard E. Crosby, 32.....	Grand Orator
W. Lute M. Savage, 3.....	Grand Custodian
W. Charles F. Adams, 68.....	Grand Marshal
W. Thomas J. Aron, 37.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Edward M. Knight, 183.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Raymond C. Pollard, 246.....	Grand Tyler

Preceding the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, W. Brother Arthur N. Howe, 290, entertained the representatives and visitors from the various lodges with an organ recital.

Promptly at 9:30 A.M. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. .W. .Elmer E. Magee, Deputy Grand Master, the Invocation being given by V. .W. .Glen L. Rice, Grand Chaplain:

INVOCATION

Most gracious God, our Heavenly Father, as we stand before Thee this morning may we be reminded that this is a place which has been set apart in dedication of Thy Holy Purpose. We pray that we come firmly resolved that in all our doings we may seek to make and do Thy holy will. Bless us as we are assembled in Thy presence, and by all that is said and done may we honor Thy name. We pray in our Master's name. Amen.

Most Worshipful Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master, was received, escorted to the East, introduced and given the Grand Honors.

M. .W. .Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Brethren:

It is a real pleasure to welcome you to this the 91st Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

I think probably one word of explanation should be made at this time. I feel decorated far beyond my station, and rather than to attempt to explain to you what this extra raiment signifies, I am going to call on our Grand Junior Warden to tell you just what this beautiful ornament is.

R. .W. .John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren:

The collar which your Grand Master wears is the property of George W. Lininger Lodge, No. 268. It was given to the Lodge when the home of George W. Lininger was dismantled, and there were no male heirs to carry on his name. Mr. Fred Thomas, President of the First National Bank of Omaha, who is the husband of a grand-daughter of George W. Lininger, gave to this Lodge a number of Masonic tokens and memoirs which belonged to George W. Lininger, and in which he took great pride, and the greatest of these was the collar, and we have an apron to match it, which was presented to him by Edward VII, Prince of Wales, afterwards King of England, at the time that he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England.

Most Worshipful Brother Lininger was a representative of the Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He was an inveterate traveler in his later years, made several visits to England,

was very much impressed with English Masonry, and on one of these occasions was received by Edward VII with honor and presented with this collar and this apron as a personal gift commemorating his appointment as Representative of that Grand Lodge.

We consider it so valuable that it is worn on extremely rare occasions, but I felt our Grand Master this morning should be decorated with every honor we could give, therefore, I asked him if he would not be good enough to honor George W. Lininger's memory and George W. Lininger Lodge by wearing the collar when he was received here this morning, and that is why he has it on.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Thank you, Right Worshipful Brother John. I want to assure you brethren, however, that the compliments he included in his remarks were not made known to me before the meeting.

You will hear from me often, no doubt, brethren, during the next three days, so I will now merely thank you sincerely from the depths of my heart for your most cordial reception.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Chartered Lodges. There being a constitutional number of the Lodges represented, the Grand Master declared the Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska open in ample form, and directed the Grand Marshal to make due proclamation thereof.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. W. Morris E. Ewing, Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, and M. W. William F. Holman, Past Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota, were presented, and very cordially welcomed by M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master, who introduced them to the Grand Lodge, and invited them to seats in the East.

RECEPTION OF OUR OWN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

V. E. Arthur W. Melville, Deputy Grand Commander and personal representative of John J. Wilson, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska.

R. E. F. Plummer Martin, Deputy Grand High Priest, personal representative of M. E. George O. Sizemore, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

M. I. Osborne P. Simon, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska.

W. Melvin P. Berge, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska.

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

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

These brethren were presented and very cordially welcomed by M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master, who introduced them to the Grand Lodge and invited them to seats in the East.

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS

By W. Melvin P. Berge, Worthy Grand Patron Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brothers:

I take a great deal of pleasure in bringing to you greetings from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska. While I represent the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, I am first of all a Mason, and I enjoy my Masonry, as I know you do, but I would like to suggest that before your hair becomes as gray as mine that you become active in Eastern Star work, and there are certain courtesies that are not in evidence here this morning, but it is nice work if you can get it. And I hope this basket of flowers expresses the sincere wish of the Grand Chapter to the Grand Lodge for a successful session.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Thank you, W. Brother Berge, for the fine words you have spoken, and the beautiful flowers that you have brought us. Please convey our fullest appreciation to the Order of the Eastern Star. We appreciate and will enjoy these flowers throughout the session.

I would like to say to W. Brother Berge, I took his suggestion and hooked my wagon to the Star last year. Although my hair probably is as gray as his, I am quite sure his advice is sound, and I can recommend it to you brethren, if you are not already members.

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Thomas J. Aron, 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
Archie M. Smith	(69th)	1933
Virgil R. Johnson	(70th)	1934
Chancellor A. Phillips	(72nd)	1936
Walter R. Raecke	(74th)	1938
William J. Breckenridge	(75th)	1939
Earl J. Lee	(76th)	1940

Edward F. Carter	(77th)	1941
George A. Kurk	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper	(80th)	1944 1945
Benjamin F. Eyre	(81st)	1946

M. . W. . Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master :

Most Worshipful Brethren:

It is a great honor and a pleasure to welcome you to the Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful The Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

When you lay down the gavel of the Grand Master your work is not done. You have to carry on. You have manifested a profound and abiding interest in the tasks that lie ahead. We have received great benefit from your efforts in the past, and we shall certainly need your wisdom, your counsel, and your guidance in the years to come. The world is full of turbulence and confusion, understanding is almost unknown, and there is entirely too much loose talk. All this must be counteracted by the solemn, profound thoughts of your minds. You represent the tried leadership among the craft. We look to you for leadership, ability and permanence.

M. . W. . William C. Schaper, Past Grand Master, gave the

RESPONSE

Most Worshipful:

We appreciate the fine fraternal words of welcome you have just presented to us. We are pleased to report that there are nineteen of us. We have not lost any of our members since the year 1944.

In the year 1944 four of our number crossed the Great Divide:

- M. . W. . Ambrose C. Epperson,
- M. . W. . William A. Robertson,
- M. . W. . Frederic L. Temple and
- M. . W. . Ira C. Freet.

We are happy to be here this morning to assist you and this Grand Lodge in making this a successful Grand Communication. Each of us, of course, has served in the East, but before we sat in the East we served in the various stations and various committees of this Grand Lodge, and prior to that time, Most Worshipful Sir, we served our respective subordinate lodges as Worshipful Master, and in the various stations and offices in our subordinate lodge. And prior to that time, Most Worshipful Sir, all of us, like all of those present here, knelt at the altar and assumed the same duties and obligations.

I am glad to report, Most Worshipful Sir, that the Past Grand Masters who are living have served the Grand Lodge and the cause of Masonry 685 years. If this service and this background and this experience is of any value to this Grand Lodge, we shall be glad.

In our minds you will enjoy to the utmost, Most Worshipful Sir, the knowledge of having served this Grand Lodge during your year as Grand Master with distinction, business-like administration and satisfaction.

M. .W. .Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master :

Thank you, Most Worshipful Brother Schaper.

Brethren:

Before you are conducted to the East we have a little special ceremony for you and I will call on Right Worshipful Brother Carl R. Greisen, our Grand Secretary.

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

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

You have just heard the Most Worshipful Grand Master welcome our distinguished Past Grand Masters, and the Response by Most Worshipful Brother Schaper.

We honor and respect these distinguished Brethren. Sometimes they do not approve the things we do, some times we disapprove the things they do, but this morning we disapprove the manner in which they are clothed and present themselves for introduction. This Grand Lodge has authorized, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master has instructed the Grand Secretary to see that these Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters are properly clothed. And so on behalf of the Grand Lodge A. .F. . & A. . M. . of Nebraska, it is my great honor and privilege this morning to present to you Past Grand Masters a Past Grand Master's apron.

The Grand Secretary, assisted by the Grand Senior Deacon, then presented each Past Grand Master with a beautiful Past Grand Master's apron.

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

M. .W. .Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters are now properly clothed.

M. .W. .Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master :

You now see before you our Most Illustrious contemporaries clothed in full authority and beautiful raiment. Join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors of three times three.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and distinguished brethren:

I assure you, Most Worshipful Grand Master that the Past Grand Masters are honored this morning to have these fine aprons which this Grand Lodge has presented to them.

These aprons are starchy and stiff, but I assure you that I speak for each of the Past Grand Masters, that none of them are starchy and stiff, and probably will be less starchy and stiff as this Grand Lodge continues.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR BUTTON TO
M.'W.'.JAMES R. CAIN
BY M.'W.'.WILLIAM C. SCHAPER

I have been requested to do something which I am very happy to do. The Master Mason to whom I am referring at this moment does not know that he is being referred to, and, so far as I know, no brother in this room, with possibly two exceptions, know to whom I refer. We have as a member of this Grand Lodge a Past Grand Master whom we love, and those of us who know him best love him most, and still this Past Grand Master to whom I refer does not know it at this moment, that he is being referred to.

This Past Grand Master had the honor and distinction of being one, and probably the only one, who has been installed as Grand Master by a Past Grand Master who was his father. That brother is present this morning, the brother himself now knows to whom I refer, many of you do not. This Past Grand Master was initiated August 11, 1897, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason September 8, 1897, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason October 6, 1897, and his own Lodge one of the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction has asked me this morning to present to him a little token. Will you step to the microphone, Most Worshipful Brother Cain?

Most Worshipful Sir, I am happy on this occasion of the Ninety-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge to present to you, on behalf of your Lodge, Stella No. 105, the fifty-year button, and I think you will agree with me that in the beginning you did not know to whom I referred. This will add, Most Worshipful Sir, to your dignity, to your pleasure and the pleasure of your brothers, for there is no one that I know of in this Grand Jurisdiction that is so generally and universally loved by your brethren.

I hope you will wear this as a badge of distinction and honor to the end of your Masonic years of faithful service to this Grand Lodge.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and members of the
Grand Lodge, and Distinguished Brethren:

You scarcely would expect one of my age to speak in public on the stage. The Grand Master says I must say a word. I think it is highly important, a high complimentary expression of our Past Grand Master Brother Schaper. I recognize the poverty of the English language for properly indicating sentiments when the emotions are deeply stirred.

I thank you Brother Schaper for your exceedingly kind and cordial expression. I thank somebody or other who is responsible for my receiving this significant recognition in our great Grand Lodge.

Brothers, the data that was given to you a moment ago by Brother Schaper is entirely correct. If you will analyze that data it will indicate to you that in all likelihood at one time I was the youngest Mason in Nebraska, 21 years, 2 months and 2 days—and it could not have been very much less under our law. My dear beloved father, who has long passed, installed me as your Grand Master many years ago. I see no denial of the truth, and so far as I have been able to ascertain, there is only one way to become a Mason in the jurisdiction of the American Grand Lodges, and it came home to me, and I went to work.

I was one of the youngest Grand Masters, as you can readily surmise. I think I am now the highest in the succession of the Past Grand Masters, but they are a nice lot of old fellows, I enjoy laboring with them.

Brethren, I am definitely clear in my mind that you did not come here this morning to hear me make a speech. I have tried to be faithful to my duties and the responsibilities, in the concept, and have missed but one or possibly two Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge. And I am very happy to be here to serve this Great Fraternity that deserves our very best, and all that we have.

And so Brother Schaper, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this distinct honor, and I shall express the fervent hope that fifty years from now I will be back to receive my 100th year button. I thank you.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brethren:

We will now have the presentation of the colors.

Presentation of the flag by John A. Crow, Captain U. S. Army; J. V. Shinglebecker, Chief Petty Officer U. S. Navy; J. H. Cunningham, First Sergeant U. S. Marines; H. B. Wehner, T/Sgt. U. S. Air Force.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR BUTTON TO
M.:W.:LEWIS E. SMITH

M.:W.:Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Lewis E. Smith, will you step forward to this microphone, please?

Brethren:

This beloved brother who now stands before you needs no introduction to any one. He has without question given our Grand Lodge more of his talents, his time and his energies than any other living body. His friendly personality, his clear vision and sunshine has reached over 40,000 Masons as well as many distinguished Masons in every state of the Union and in Canada. His name, his character and his virtues have made him a National figure in Masonic circles.

But most of all he served the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Our Grand Lodge is in splendid, sound financial condition. This is very largely the handiwork of Most Worshipful Brother Lewis E. Smith.

Brother Lew was initiated April 2nd, 1898, passed May 21, 1898, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on June 18, 1898.

Brother Lew, I am sure you have inspired thousands of Masonic Brethren as you have me. This morning I stand beside you, humbly but proudly, representing that grand procession of men. For half a century you have given of yourself, your substance and your devotion to Masonry.

As a token of our love and our deep and profound appreciation and in recognition of half a century of loyal service I now pin this emblem on the lapel of your coat. May you long enjoy the priceless privilege of wearing it.

Brother Lew it is an honor and a privilege to present this fifty-year button to you this morning.

M.:W.:Lewis E. Smith:

Brethren:

I hope I might express my very deep appreciation before responding to this occasion, as far as I am concerned, because you hear about being born prematurely, well, I am ten days premature on this badge as a matter of fact.

Your Grand Master and I have worked together a good many years. Brother Huwaldt came down here as a young man. The year 1928, I think, is that right?

M.:W.:Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

That is right.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith:

Albert R. Davis, Grand Master, told me he had a man who could do a difficult job; I doubted it, but he brought down Ed Huwaldt to serve as chairman of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee. The job has been done many times, and well, by him.

I wish I could feel that I had accomplished the things that I should, because after all, I have had a deep appreciation of the fact that the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction placed me in a position where I could give service to Freemasonry. If I have left any stone in the temple, I am happy about it. I did the work of the Grand Lodge that I loved for thirty-three years, cheerfully, and I did it with the hope that I might be building Freemasonry in Nebraska, and leave it better than when I started.

Many changes have come, and we are getting a little older every year. If you look over that group of older men you realize the amount of effort that they have given to this Grand Lodge to make it what it is today. This long list of men, wonderful men, beginning with Robert Carrel Jordan, the first Grand Master of this jurisdiction, who have given devoted, loving service to Freemasonry, and if there are young men present—and there are—I hope that this presentation may spur you in your Lodge to do the things for Freemasonry that this man now gone would like to have you do. It is a great challenge, Brethren, to all of us, and especially to the younger men. I see men in the audience whom I worked with for forty or more years, and, you know, we don't walk quite as fast as we used to, and we cannot remember quite as well, but a great many things have happened to us, yet the affections and desires are to have this organization grow and live, and be a potent factor in the world and in the lives of men, just as strong as it ever was, regardless of how faltering our steps may be.

Now, Brethren, I want to voice my appreciation to the Grand Master for the kindly words, and I appreciate this jewel maybe as much as any one could, for the reason that I conceived the idea of the fifty year badge. I had quite a time selling it to the Grand Master, Edwin D. Crites, who is unavoidably detained and cannot be present at this session, but I finally persuaded him to recommend it to the Grand Lodge. After that was done the Grand Lodge gave me the privilege, or laid the responsibility, however you may want to say it, on me, to select the design and have the badges made. So this button is very precious to me. I had the pleasure of presenting the first button to a man who served in the same company in the Civil War with my father.

I do want the Brethren to know that no act of yours would make me feel happier than this has this morning. I appreciate it highly, and Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you.

W. .Brother Arthur R. Logan, Master, Florence Lodge No. 281, gave the

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

It is indeed a pleasure and a very great honor to have been chosen to represent the eleven Omaha Lodges, to welcome the outstate representatives to the Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

The Masons of Omaha look forward, each year, to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, because it enables us to renew old acquaintances and at the same time, make many new ones. We trust that you will take advantage of the opportunity to visit some of the Omaha Lodges while you are in our city and while we all enjoy the social gatherings, let us remember that our ancient brethren found refreshments necessary only when the work was done.

The body of Masonry is the men who compose the order. If these men are well chosen, upright, honest men, then the order will be strong and able to do good work in the world, which so badly needs it. If we choose men who are weak and ineffective, then the order will be weak and ineffective. There are millions of men who are Masons and there is no question but that some of them are the wrong men. However, every church has some unworthy members, but with the church there is some excuse, because a church must open its doors to the just and unjust alike, but a Masonic lodge with the wrong men as Masons can blame no one but itself.

Let us be ever mindful, that we are delegates representing our respective lodges. In effect the lodge has said to you, in your hands, my brother, do we put our reputation. As you labor, so shall we prosper, as you forget, lie down, so shall we suffer, the reputation of Masonry is in your hands, see that you keep it unsullied.

The founders and builders of this Fraternity have placed it on a very high plane and during these troublesome times you are to be congratulated that you have maintained these same high standards and especially due tribute should be paid the officers for the work that has been put forth, in the year just past.

In closing again permit me to extend our most cordial greetings and best wishes and we sincerely hope that your visit to Omaha will be a most pleasant one.

W. Brother Elmer P. Baruth, Master, Lebanon Lodge No. 323 gave the

RESPONSE

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

Of the 277 lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction it is indeed a pleasure this morning to be welcomed to the Ninety-first Annual Communication. It is a pleasure indeed to be a representative of these 277 Lodges, and to be welcomed to this Annual Communication as has been so ably done by our good brother. This morning so far, even though it is only the beginning of this meeting we have seen Masonry exemplified to its greatest height.

As we all know the call never comes from any one that we should make our first step to become a Mason. Silently that challenge is tossed to us by the acts and deeds of those who have already taken the path. Again this morning we have seen it at its highest. We have seen our Past Grand Masters decorated in tokens emblematic of their services, which is a wonderful gesture brought to us by our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

We want to thank the Omaha Lodges for the courtesies that they have extended to us through the years, and that we know they will extend to us during the next three days, and it is grand to know that in this Grand Jurisdiction of ours there are men who are classed as Masons that extend those courtesies in the manner in which they do.

We want to pause and congratulate our Most Worshipful Grand Master on this wonderful year that he has had with us; to congratulate him upon the Masonry that he has placed before us, together with his officers and the various committees. We have seen this past year Masonry making strides; I refer to the Area Meetings that have met with so much success, and only effort and thought alone can make them what they are. The last one, the one that was given by Fremont Lodge No. 15 just cannot be described in words; it was a wonderful sight, more wonderful to me that you are joining with men whose thoughts were as deserving and throws this challenge to you representatives of the 277 lodges. We owe our present Grand Master as well as all Past Grand Masters the utmost support to continue in that silent way to put the Square and Compass before all those men with whom we come in contact that they too shall silently make their decision and kneel before that great altar to take the vows of Masonry. And let us remember, each and every one of us, that we are like the great artist who takes in his hands the moulding clay and presses it from side to side finally shaping it into the form that he wishes to have it, and then as time passes it hardens and retains that form, so too, we, as Masons, hold in our hands a great challenge and the opportunity to take human clay, if you please, and in our silent way to mould it into the forms that soon shall reach the great millions of Masons.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, it is a pleasure to be again in this Grand Lodge, and to be welcomed. We heartily accept it, and are only too happy that we may be a part of this Grand Jurisdiction.

RESOLUTION

R. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden:

While this Grand Lodge is at the peak of its session I should like to ask permission to present a resolution to the members of this Grand Lodge. We all know that Very Worshipful George Allen Beecher was only retired at his own request as Grand Chaplain, and was made Grand Chaplain Emeritus. Brother Lewis E. Smith said you cannot be sure where the feet are going. The fact it that he has reached the place where he is barely able to reach his home, it is very unlikely he will ever be able to meet with us again in the Grand Lodge. Therefore, at this time, in recognition of his years of service I move that this Grand Lodge send today its affectionate greetings and extend to him the statement that we do remember him, and that we wish him well, and that we hope that he may live in the happy memory of a service well given to Masonry and to his God.

By unanimous consent the Grand Secretary was instructed to so advise V. . W. . George Allen Beecher.

GREETINGS AND REGRETS

Letters read from M. . W. . John R. Tapster, M. . W. . Ralph O. Canaday, and M. . W. . Harry A. Cheney, who were unable to be present. Greetings and felicitations from the Grand Lodge of South Dakota and the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and from 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 of Nebraska.

RECEPTION OF THE WEARERS OF THE FIFTY YEAR BUTTON AND BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL

M. . W. . Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brethren:

This is Brother John H. Byrant, Gavel Lodge No. 199, at Carleton, and he wants it strictly understood that he is the wearer of the fifty-year button, and the Bronze Jordan medal. And Brother Charles B. Nicodemus of Fremont, and he likewise has both honors. Join with me in giving them a hearty welcome.

Brother Bryant, would you like to say a word?

W. James H. Bryant, 199:

Brethren:

I don't know of anything that would do anybody any good. I claim today to be the only Mason that was in the Grand Lodge in 1893. Some of you fellows are old enough to remember me in this Grand Lodge. I have always enjoyed the work. I have been secretary for 42 years of Gavel Lodge.

W. Charles B. Nicodemus, 15:

Members of the Grand Lodge:

I simply want to thank you for the honor that you have conferred upon me.

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

Charters and Dispensations: W. Robert V. Denney, 35, Chairman; W. Auldwin L. Berthe, 32; W. Robert W. Cook, 33; W. Amos E. Stauffer, 43; W. L. Wayne Ketler, 180.

Credentials: W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman; W. Charles D. True, 318; W. Frank Cirksena, 317; W. Eldon R. Trump, 301; W. Neil W. Hultquist, 146.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. Joseph D. Houston, 302, Chairman; W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19; W. Theodore R. Tillotson, 75.

Finance: W. C. Ray Macy, 26, Chairman; W. Ernest E. James, 1; W. Fred D. Mosier, 281; W. Melvin Johnson, 112; W. Wesley W. Williams, 158.

Pay-Roll: W. Carroll E. Schurman, 15, Chairman; W. Edward C. Pomeroy, 268; W. Lester C. Nelson, 2.

Returns: W. Robert V. Graff, 145, Chairman; W. George A. Stevens, 158; W. Alfred G. Taylor, 205.

Unfinished Business: W. Russell R. Rauch, 54, Chairman; W. Charles L. Marsh, 310; W. William O. Wakefield, 1.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: W. Lew B. Pixley, 1, Chairman; W. Harry M. Green, 25; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9.

Grievances: W. Herbert T. White, 11, Chairman; W. LeRoy Trabert, 183; W. Benjamin F. Menke, 61.

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

Temple Building Advisory Committee: W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman, (1949); W. V. Clare Lindberg, 11, (1948); W. A. Victor Bryan, 263, (1950).

George Washington Masonic National Memorial: W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; W. Elmer P. Baruth, 323; W. Wesley E. Sorensen, 324.

Applications for Reinstatement: W. Henry M. Edwards, 303, Chairman; W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288; W. Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290.

Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts: W. Raymond C. Cook, 6, Chairman; W. Harry A. Spencer, 227; W. Charles B. Nicodemus, 15; W. Adam K. Gramlich, 39; M. W. William C. Schaper, 148.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE

Jurisprudence Committee: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman; All Past Grand Masters present.

Codification of the Law: W. Harold M. Kelley, 302, Chairman; W. Norris Chadderton, 146; W. Elmer C. Rakow, 71.

Fraternal Dead: W. Harold H. Thom, 1, Chairman; W. David J. Fredrick, 32; W. C. Edmund Anderson, 21.

Foreign Correspondence: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Albert B. Osborn, 318.

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman, (1952); W. John R. Hughes, 184, (1951); W. Otto Burkardt, 55, (1950); W. Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, (1949); W. Alvin H. Miller, 19, (1948).

Masonic Education: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman; W. Walter L. Schnabel, 148; W. Ralph M. Marrs, 184; W. Roy W. Deal, 227; W. Allen P. Burkhardt, 55.

Committee on Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman, (1949); M. W. John R. Tapster, 119, (1948); M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, 150, (1950).

Grand Trustees: W. Robert D. Wilson, 268, Chairman, (1948); M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136, (1949); W. Carl D. Ganz, 209, (1950).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Omaha Masonic Home for Boys: M. W. Walter R. Raecke, 36, Chairman, (1950); M. W. Archie M. Smith, 203, (1949); W. Earle G. Johnson, 318, (1948); W. Fred R. Haggert, 82, (1948).

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

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

Committee on Physical Qualifications: M. W. Ralph O. Canaday, 285, Chairman; M. W. George A. Kurk, 54; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136.

Committee on Robert Carrel Jordan Memorial: W. Frank C. Patton, 11, Chairman; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136.

Committee to Study Section 3-102, Paragraph D of Our Masonic Code for Clarification: W. Clarence E. Benschoter, 169, Chairman; W. Eddy C. Newland, 158; W. William E. Brooks, 158.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master, read his address:

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, brethren, to welcome you to this, the Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. It is gratifying to see so many of you here for the opening session. This Grand Lodge and all that it represents is the common property of the subordinate lodges. A year ago you elected me to serve one year as your Grand Master. Thank you again for the confidence you reposed in me.

According to the best democratic and American traditions, I am now required to make to you an accounting of my stewardship. It is not only your privilege but your duty to either approve or disapprove of my official acts. By so doing you are establishing precedents that will affect our great Order in the years to come.

This is an important year nationally as well as internationally. By your votes you will, on a greater scale, determine the way of life that will prevail in this great Country of ours. Nothing affects our lives more than the government under which we live. There never was a better time for each one of us to exercise his full right of citizenship. In 1776 the Founding Fathers declared to the world that we are a free people and many of them gave their lives to back up that Declaration. Now, after 172 years, this Freedom is threatened by an ideology that falsely but cleverly promises greater and better things. Let no thinking man be deceived! The alertness and watchfulness of every true citizen is our Salvation! Let no man prefer slavery to liberty! These are days of decision! Let us, here and now, rededicate ourselves to the defense and perpetuation of Freedom's Holy Light.

Freedom, individual liberty, these, man's greatest heritage, are ours to keep, if we will but prove ourselves strong and worthy. We must not fail. To do so would be to turn back the pages of history to the dark ages and the rule of the tyrant.

NECROLOGY

For the second consecutive year The Great Architect of the Universe in His Infinite Wisdom has seen fit to spare for this life all of our Grand Lodge Officers, both past and present. We, therefore, approach our Sacred Altar this morning with gratitude and humility.

However, many illustrious brethren of other Grand Jurisdictions, as well as 619 of our own beloved brethren, have been called to that Celestial Lodge above during the past year. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will later in the session pay a proper tribute of respect to those whom we have loved and lost.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

The Gold Jordan Medal of this Grand Jurisdiction continues to remain in the 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 95 years old, and at present is a resident of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. Congratulations to Brother Harter.

BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL AND FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

During the year the Bronze Jordan Medal was presented to twenty-one brethren. More detailed information of these presentations will appear in the Grand Secretary's report.

Fifty-eight fifty-year buttons were presented during the year. I had the pleasure of presenting buttons to the following:

Brother C. E. Gallagher, Relief Lodge No. 219, November 24, 1947.

Brother Andrew F. Sturm, Nehawka Lodge No. 246, December 6, 1947.

Brother Paul Colson, Fremont Lodge No. 15, January 6, 1948.

Brother David J. Traill, Grand Island Lodge No. 318, May 18, 1948.

CORNERSTONE LAYINGS AND DEDICATION OF MASONIC HALLS

No requests were received during the year for the laying of cornerstones, nor for the dedication of Masonic Halls, indicating that construction of buildings has been at a standstill for some time. During the year we did approve plans for several buildings and for financing new Masonic Temples to be completed later.

APPROVAL OF LODGE FINANCING

On October 10, 1947, upon the recommendation of Brother Otto Nelsen, Chairman of the Temple Building Advisory Committee, I approved the method of financing submitted by Tyrian Lodge No. 243, A. F. & A. M. at Oak, Nebraska. The project calls for the purchase of a one-story brick building which, when remodeled, will cost approximately \$1,000.00. The material needed will be supplied at wholesale and most of the labor will be done by lodge members. There will be little or no indebtedness when the building is completed.

On November 19, 1947, upon the recommendation of Brother Otto Nelsen, Chairman of the Temple Building Advisory Committee, I approved the method of financing submitted by Litchfield Lodge No. 278 for the purchase of a two-story frame building located on the main street. The building is 22 feet by 60 feet. The total cost of the building and lot

is \$2,000.00. The lodge had \$650.00 cash on hand, and the former owner agreed to carry back a note in the amount of \$1,000.00, no mortgage or interest required, for a period of several years. The owner allowed \$400.00 for the use of the first floor for two years.

On November 20, 1947, upon the recommendation of Brother Otto Nelsen, Chairman of the Temple Building Advisory Committee, I approved the method of financing submitted by Hooper Lodge No. 72. They remodeled their building at a total cost of \$10,827.86. The building is now worth \$20,000.00, and they have a reliable tenant who occupies the first floor and pays \$720.00 per year rent. I approved a loan of \$2,000.00 on the building with the understanding that it be retired within three years from the rentals.

On November 22, 1947, I approved an investment of \$500.00 by Minden Lodge No. 127 in the capital stock of their Temple Craft Association, based on the facts set forth in a letter dated November 13, 1947, concerning their finances.

On February 20, 1948, upon the recommendation of Brother Otto Nelsen, Chairman of the Temple Building Advisory Committee, I approved the method of financing submitted by Justice Lodge No. 180, A. F. & A. M., Benkleman, Nebraska. The E. E. Hester Memorial Foundation proposes to build a Masonic Temple for Justice Lodge No. 180 on lots now owned by the lodge. The lots will be deeded to the Hester Foundation and the Foundation will give the lodge a lease, rent free, to the second floor of the building for the life of the Foundation. The basement and first floor of the building are to be used for cultural purposes only. The Foundation will maintain the building. At the termination of the Hester Foundation the entire property will become the property of Justice Lodge No. 180.

On March 13, 1948, upon the recommendation of Brother Otto Nelsen, Chairman of the Temple Building Advisory Committee, I approved the method of financing submitted by Oakland Lodge No. 91, Oakland, Nebraska. They have purchased two lots and plan to erect a new building. They have some cash and bonds on hand and plan to raise the rest of the money or at least most of it before they build, by voluntary subscription.

On April 1, 1948, upon the recommendation of Brother Otto Nelsen, Chairman of the Temple Building Advisory Committee, I approved the method of financing submitted by Comet Lodge No. 229 at Ceresco, Nebraska. They plan to buy a two-story frame, brick-front building on Main Street in Ceresco for \$4,500.00. They have approximately \$2,500.00 on hand and the balance will be raised locally, mostly by voluntary contributions. If any money is borrowed, the indebtedness is to be amortized as rapidly as possible by the application of rental income.

On April 17, 1948, upon the recommendation of Brother Otto Nelsen, Chairman of the Temple Building Advisory Committee, I approved the method of financing submitted by Signet Lodge No. 193, Leigh, Nebraska. They propose to buy a suitable building from the I. O. O. F. for the approximate sum of \$750.00 to be used as their Masonic Temple. Since the

lodge has about \$3,000.00 in cash and Government bonds on hand, the deal will be a cash transaction if it is consummated.

On April 30, 1948, I approved the construction of a new Masonic Temple building to be built by Boaz Lodge No. 185, Danbury, Nebraska, at a cost of approximately \$8,000.00. It appears that they have sufficient cash and material on hand so it will not be necessary for the lodge to incur any indebtedness. Their general plans were approved by Brother Otto Nelsen, Chairman of our Temple Building Advisory Committee.

On May 11, 1948, upon recommendation of the Temple Building Advisory Committee, I approved the purchase of a one-story solid brick building 25 ft. by 120 ft. on the main street of Bayard, Nebraska, by Bayard Lodge No. 301, at a cost of \$5,000. The estimated total cost of the building when it is remodeled and furnished will be \$9,000. The lodge has available assets valued at \$6,750. If necessary to finance the undertaking, I approved a loan not to exceed \$2,500 to be amortized quarterly. It appeared that no other suitable location was available. Bayard Lodge No. 301 had been using the lodge room at Minatare part of the time in order to keep up with its work.

CONSOLIDATIONS

PROCLAMATION

"BE IT KNOWN, that conditions as to membership, jurisdiction, and revenue have changed to such an extent that Bee Lodge No. 259, A. F. & A. M. of Bee, Nebraska, cannot continue to function properly and as Oliver Lodge No. 38, A. F. & A. M. of Seward, Nebraska, did on April 17, 1947, vote to accept a consolidation with said Lodge and, Bee Lodge No. 259, A. F. & A. M. of Bee, Nebraska, did, on June 5, 1947, vote to consolidate with Oliver Lodge No. 38 at Seward, 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 Bee Lodge No. 259, A. F. & A. M. of Bee, Nebraska, consolidated with Oliver Lodge No. 38 of Seward, Nebraska, and to be known as Oliver Lodge No. 38.

"This consolidation to take place on June 13, 1947, and the members of Bee Lodge No. 259 to be known as members of Oliver Lodge No. 38 on and after such date; and I further direct that W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, go to Bee, Nebraska, and see that the effects, books, furniture, and equipment are transferred to Seward, Nebraska, and the necessary part thereof to the Grand Secretary's office in Omaha, Nebraska."

Given at Grand Island, Nebraska, this 13th day of June, 1947.

(Signed) EDWARD HUWALDT,
Grand Master

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Our Nebraska Masonic Home was organized in 1889, but not established until 1903. Since that time more than 720 brothers and sisters have been admitted and cared for. Up to 1924 no hospital cases were admitted. At that time the average age of the residents was approximately 68 years. The average age now is a fraction over 82 years, and many of them are bedfast and need the care of nurses and doctors. This has increased the number of employees needed. The increase in cost of living generally has increased the per capita cost of maintenance from approximately \$425.00 to \$725.00 per year.

We have more than sixty applications pending, and all of the space in the Home is already occupied. A part of the Home is very old and a definite fire hazard. To replace this obsolete and dangerous structure and to make room for additional residents, we are in the process of raising funds to build a new fireproof addition to our infirmary. Some of the lodges have not responded too generously to the appeal that has been made, while others have been most generous and have over-subscribed their quotas. The Nebraska Masonic Home Board has instructed the architects to complete the drawings for the new addition so they may be submitted to contractors and bids received. If the bids are satisfactory, building operations may be started in the very near future. We will not know exactly how much additional money will be needed until the bids are opened, but we are reasonably sure that it will cost considerably more than the funds now on hand, which amount to approximately \$350,000.00. May the officers and brethren of the lodges who have not sent in their share of this building fund please take heed that construction may soon be under way and the funds should be sent in immediately.

Brother Raymond C. Cook and Brother William F. Evers have traveled many miles, by day and by night, over our jurisdiction and have contributed a tremendous amount of time and effort during the past year to urge and to help the lodges raise the funds necessary to complete this urgent and important undertaking. Very few of our brethren realize how much the work and responsibility of managing and operating the Home has increased under present conditions. The help situation alone has been very nerve-wracking and trying. It will never be possible for this jurisdiction to fully repay Brother Evers for the tremendous load he is carrying.

I wish to commend our Nebraska Masonic Home Board for facing the problem of caring for the needy in a straightforward and business-like manner. They appreciate that we must look to the future, anticipate our needs, and then plan and build accordingly. We have made a splendid beginning, and should relentlessly carry on until the Home is properly equipped and enlarged to meet our needs. I wish to commend the Board further for the steps they have taken to publicize this principal charity of our Grand Lodge so that every Mason in the State of Nebraska will be fully conversant with its splendid work and will fully realize it must have the support of all the brethren.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME

There are some who think that our Children's Home at Fremont is strictly an "Eastern Star Home". You might be interested to know that on March 16, 1948, there were thirty-nine children in the Home, twenty-eight through Masonic Lodge affiliation and eleven through Eastern Star affiliation.

At that time there were twenty-two girls and seventeen boys in the Home. The girls and boys are divided into age groups and are classified as "Senior Girls" and "Junior Girls", and "Senior Boys" and "Junior Boys".

The children in the Home were received as follows:

From Omaha	8	From Plainview	2
From Fremont	7	From Craig	1
From Mitchell	4	From Scottsbluff	1
From Tecumseh	3	From Scribner	1
From Otoe	3	From St. Paul	1
From Lincoln	2	From Nebraska City	1
From Morrill	2	From Milford	1
From Crawford	2		

It is also of interest to note that these children range in age from 3½ years to 20 years. We have three groups of four children each from one family, and we have two groups of three children each who are brothers and sisters.

From these figures you will realize that every effort is made to keep the home intact. It must be very consoling to these little folks to be able to associate with their brothers and sisters as they would in a normal home with their parents. No one can estimate how great a contribution this Home is making to the citizenship of our country.

The splendid work of Brother James C. Suttie, President of the Board, and Brother James Russell Reeder, Superintendent of the Home, cannot be fully appreciated unless you have direct contact with them and see for yourself the personal way in which they enter into the lives of these children. To proclaim once a year at the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge that these men and their helpers are performing a service to mankind, does not do justice to their services of love and Masonic charity. Neither must we underestimate the contribution made by the Order of the Eastern Star to these children. Many individual members of the Star take personal interest in these future American citizens.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

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

Name of Lodge	Location	Date
Midwest Lodge No. 317.....	Hastings.....	approved June 7, 1947
College View Lodge No. 320.....	Lincoln.....	approved July 1, 1947
Laurel Lodge No. 248.....	Laurel.....	approved July 18, 1947
Hastings Lodge No. 50.....	Hastings.....	approved July 18, 1947
Liberty Lodge No. 300.....	Lincoln.....	approved Aug. 12, 1947
Papillion Lodge No. 39.....	Papillion.....	approved Aug. 16, 1947
Alpha Lodge No. 316.....	South Sioux City	approved Oct. 29, 1947
Right Angle Lodge No. 303.....	Omaha.....	approved Oct. 30, 1947
Bayard Lodge No. 301.....	Bayard.....	approved Nov. 5, 1947
Beaver City Lodge No. 93.....	Beaver City.....	approved Nov. 6, 1947
Composite Lodge No. 81.....	Rising City.....	approved Nov. 17, 1947
Alliance Lodge No. 183.....	Alliance.....	approved Nov. 29, 1947
Scottsbluff Lodge No. 201.....	Scottsbluff.....	approved Dec. 11, 1947
Hooper Lodge No. 72.....	Hooper.....	approved Jan. 9, 1948
Lotus Lodge No. 289.....	Ravenna.....	approved Jan. 9, 1948
Hickman Lodge No. 256.....	Hickman.....	approved Jan. 10, 1948
Beatrice Lodge No. 26.....	Beatrice.....	approved Jan. 20, 1948
Crystal Lodge No. 191.....	Scotia.....	approved Jan. 20, 1948
Wymore Lodge No. 104.....	Wymore.....	approved Jan. 26, 1948
Robert Burns Lodge No. 173.....	Stratton.....	approved Feb. 2, 1948
Lone Tree Lodge No. 36.....	Central City.....	approved Feb. 3, 1948
Lily Lodge No. 154.....	Davenport.....	approved Feb. 10, 1948
Prudence Lodge No. 179.....	Beaver Crossing.....	approved Mar. 3, 1948
East Lincoln Lodge No. 210.....	Lincoln.....	approved Mar. 4, 1948
Silver Cord Lodge No. 224.....	Ainsworth.....	approved Mar. 11, 1948
Minden Lodge No. 127.....	Minden.....	approved Mar. 23, 1948
Upright Lodge No. 137.....	Burchard.....	approved Apr. 13, 1948
Solar Lodge No. 134.....	Clarks.....	approved Apr. 20, 1948
Golden Rule Lodge No. 236.....	Allen.....	approved Apr. 28, 1948
Boaz Lodge No. 185.....	Danbury.....	approved May 8, 1948
Orient Lodge No. 13.....	Rulo.....	approved May 8, 1948
Purity Lodge No. 198.....	Imperial.....	approved May 18, 1948
Friend Lodge No. 73.....	Friend.....	approved May 25, 1948

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL

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

December 15, 1947. Zeredetha Lodge No. 160. To hold election of officers on Thursday, December 18, 1947.

December 20, 1947. Sutherland Lodge No. 299. To elect and install officers for the ensuing year on Wednesday, December 31, 1947.

January 2, 1948. Western Lodge No. 140. To elect and install officers on January 8, 1948.

January 9, 1948. Fremont Lodge No. 15. To install Brother Gustave A. Gritzmacher as Junior Warden on Tuesday, January 13, 1948.

January 14, 1948. Oshkosh Lodge No. 286. To elect officers for the year 1948 within thirty days from January 14, 1948.

February 10, 1948. Elm Creek Lodge No. 133. To install officers for the year 1948 on or before March 1, 1948.

February 10, 1948. East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. To install Brother John W. Kruse as Senior Deacon on February 12, 1948, or at any other proper time before March 1, 1948.

February 14, 1948. Signet Lodge No. 193. To install Brother Alan A. Dusotko as Senior Warden on February 20, 1948.

March 9, 1948. Eminence Lodge No. 223. To install Brother Robert E. Talich as Worshipful Master on or before May 1, 1948.

March 17, 1948. Cement Lodge No. 221. To install Brother William E. Dubbs as Junior Deacon at their regular meeting on March 18.

DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES

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

June 10, 1947	Leonard J. Owen.....	Liberty Lodge No. 300
June 12, 1947	Gene Withington Kerns..	Lincoln Lodge No. 19
June 19, 1947	Albert L. Brown.....	Right Angle Lodge No. 303
June 23, 1947	Nesbit B. Reynolds.....	Pawnee Lodge No. 23
June 28, 1947	Vernon I. Stanley.....	College View Lodge No. 320
July 21, 1947	Kenneth H. Jennings....	Covert Lodge No. 11
July 23, 1947	Albert D. Epley.....	Peru Lodge No. 14
July 24, 1947	Glenn Mann	Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265
July 25, 1947	LoRayne A. Leitner.....	Evening Star Lodge No. 49
Aug. 8, 1947	Harold A. Paulson, Jr....	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Aug. 20, 1947	Charles N. Gibbs.....	Comet Lodge No. 229
Aug. 27, 1947	Roland L. Wolfe.....	East Lincoln Lodge No. 210
Sept. 4, 1947	Franklin A. Bowersox....	Hooper Lodge No. 72
Sept. 5, 1947	Melvin B. Shilts and Edgar C. Falk.....	Right Angle Lodge No. 303
Oct. 9, 1947	Kenneth E. Hill.....	Nebraska Lodge No. 1
Nov. 20, 1947	Edwin Lundberg	Mount Nebo Lodge No. 125
Nov. 29, 1947	Howard A. Keller.....	Wahoo Lodge No. 59
Dec. 5, 1947	Eugene Pette	Utica Lodge No. 96
Dec. 9, 1947	Don Stuart McClelland...	Covert Lodge No. 11
Dec. 15, 1947	Fred F. Whitecomb, Jr....	Omaha Lodge No. 288
Dec. 15, 1947	Clayton E. Hansen.....	John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290
Dec. 29, 1947	Robert Salyard	York Lodge No. 56
Apr. 10, 1948	Maj. Theodore M. Ackley.	Right Angle Lodge No. 303
May 21, 1948	Wayne Keller.....	Occidental Lodge No. 215

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PROFICIENCY

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

June 19, 1947	Teddy B. Smith and Joseph F. Kent.....Arcana Lodge No. 195
Nov. 19, 1947	James H. Cunningham....Beaver City Lodge No. 93
Nov. 20, 1947	Raymond Monette and Harrison Forcyth .....Stella Lodge No. 105
Dec. 5, 1947	Robert E. Nelson.....Aurora Lodge No. 68
Dec. 18, 1947	Herbert Smets .....Ord Lodge No. 103
Dec. 23, 1947	Donald L. Smith.....Cambridge Lodge No. 150
Jan. 6, 1948	Floyd E. Housel.....Thistle Lodge No. 61
Jan. 10, 1948	Gerald W. Johnston.....Curtis Lodge No. 168
Jan. 28, 1948	Dale D. Stroup.....Jachin Lodge No. 146
Feb. 3, 1948	Eugene Armstrong .....Jachin Lodge No. 146
Feb. 11, 1948	Fred G. Parrett.....Wood Lake Lodge No. 221
Feb. 17, 1948	Joseph F. Blackman, Lowell V. Lape, Elliott D. Smith and Elmer C. Swanberg.....Thistle Lodge No. 61
Feb. 19, 1948	Weldon N. Coe.....Golden Rule Lodge No. 236
Mar. 6, 1948	Allan Adams, Frank P. Faling and Norwood Bristow .....Curtis Lodge No. 168
Mar. 9, 1948	Lansing Anderson, Roy Pearson and Harold B. Winquist.....Jachin Lodge No. 146
Mar. 19, 1948	Victor Van Horn.....Osceola Lodge No. 65
Apr. 20, 1948	John J. Morrow, Marvin L. Williams, Glenn G. Forgey, Robert F. McCoy, Roger S. Thorley and Lawrence B. Gibson.....Silver Cord Lodge No. 224
Apr. 30, 1948	Russell F. DeWitt.....Amity Lodge No. 169
May 10, 1948	Robert Findlay .....Stella Lodge No. 105

REINSTATEMENTS

Applications for reinstatement from brethren who have been suspended for more than three years, were received during the year at a somewhat slower pace than during the years immediately preceding. During the year I approved 298 applications.

These applications, after a favorable ballot by the lodge, were referred to the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, which consists of Brother Henry M. Edwards, Brother Laverne J. Smith, and Brother Fitzhugh L. Brown. These applications were very carefully

screened by this committee and then referred to the Grand Master. I wish to commend the brethren of this committee for their painstaking and conscientious efforts in checking these applications to the end that no injustice is done to anyone, and at the same time to see that the Grand Lodge is properly safeguarded. Few realize the many hours the members of this committee are obliged to spend in order to perform their duties. I wish to express to them a special word of appreciation in this report.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

One cannot observe the work of Masonry as he travels from one jurisdiction to another without developing a deep appreciation of the splendid, thorough, and untiring efforts of our Grand Custodian, W. Lute M. Savage, and his corps of Assistant Custodians. To bring this necessary instruction to every section of our jurisdiction means a lot of hard work, long hours, and difficult travel in all kinds of weather. Everywhere over the state I found enthusiasm for proficiency in the work. I feel that the genuine worth of the work done by W. Brother Lute M. Savage and his capable assistants is not fully appreciated, and I know it is not properly rewarded.

To assist the Grand Custodian in his work the following letter of authorization was issued to him under date of July 11, 1947:

Mr. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian
A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska
Masonic Temple
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,

Edward Huwaldt

Grand Master

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

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

I. Donald Huston, 65, Osceola.....	First appointed 1928
Osborne P. Simon, 174, Culbertson.....	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
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
LaVerne N. Walker, 55, Norfolk.....	First appointed 1946
Harold M. Wilkerson, 54, Lincoln.....	First appointed 1947
Ernest E. James, 1, Omaha.....	First appointed 1948

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS EMERITUS

Stanley P. Bostwick, 3, Omaha.....	First appointed 1924
Elmer Surber, 210, Lincoln.....	First appointed 1929
Fred G. Christensen, 33, Grand Island....	First appointed 1938
Earl M. Bolen, 130, Ulysses.....	First appointed 1914
Jesse Lowther, 219, Coleridge.....	First appointed 1919
Wallace E. Linn, 1, Omaha.....	First appointed 1934

REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

At the request of the Grand Masters of New Jersey, New York, and New Mexico, I was happy to issue the following commissions as Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near their respective Grand Lodges:

August 8, 1947. Brother John A. Stecker, near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

September 11, 1947. Brother T. W. R. Quarters, near the Grand Lodge of New York.

December 8, 1947. Brother Thomas M. Novinger, near the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

I recommended that the following brethren be appointed as representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Date	Name and Lodge	For
July 10, 1947	Harold H. Thom, 1	Saskatchewan
July 10, 1947	Charles F. Adams, 68	Western Australia
July 23, 1947	E. H. Vierigg, 33	Egypt
July 10, 1947	Glen L. Rice, 3	New South Wales
July 10, 1947	Thomas J. Aron, 37	British Columbia

GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE

Accompanied by R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Edward M. Knight, Grand Junior Deacon; W. Cary W. Dresslar, Chairman of the Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, I attended the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Washington on February 24 and 25. M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, and Grand Secretary Emeritus, was also present at the sessions. The following subjects were discussed at the Conference:

1. HISTORY OF THE CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS.

Fred I. Mills, Grand Master of Illinois.

2. FREEMASONRY AND COMMUNISM.

Van Dyke Parker, Grand Master of Wisconsin.

3. FREEMASONRY IN ITALY.

Publio Cortini, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Orient of Italy.

4. THE ADAPTATION OF ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY TO MODERN REQUIREMENTS.

John C. Hubbard, Grand Master of Oklahoma.

5. THE OBLIGATION OF FREEMASONRY TO OUR YOUTH.

(Round-Table discussion).

Discussion Leaders:

Paul Yearsley, Grand Master of Delaware

Hector Mackay, Grand Master of Saskatchewan

Rupert F. Asplund, Grand Master of New Mexico

6. THE VALUE OF MASONIC PUBLICATIONS.

(Round-Table discussion, time permitting).

Five Grand Masters from Canada and the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Orient of Italy attended the Conference. Without exception the speakers were outstanding and well-qualified to discuss the subjects assigned to them. The highest possible ideals of Masonry and mankind were revealed in their deliberations. A meeting of this kind supplies a wealth of information and inspiration which could be obtained no other way.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

The late M. W. Albert R. Davis, during his term as Grand Master in 1927, appointed me Chairman of the Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. This was my first Grand Lodge appointment. I served as Chairman of this Committee fourteen consecutive years. During that time the state was divided into districts, and a subchairman was appointed in each district to solicit funds from the brethren for the Memorial. During the strenuous '30's solicitations, for obvious reasons, were discontinued. It was my privilege to attend the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in February, 1928, to present a check for the amount we had collected. Since that time I have had a very deep and abiding interest in the Memorial and have watched its erection with extraordinary interest. It was, therefore, a very great and special privilege and pleasure when, twenty years later, M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre asked me to present to the Memorial \$13,000.00 which completed our original quota of \$1.00 per member and an additional \$5,000.00 for the Endowment Fund of the Memorial. This year W. Brother Cary W. Dressler, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, Chairman of the Committee, presented a check for \$2,500.00 as an additional contribution to the Endowment Fund. The Annual Meetings are always held on February 22 in the auditorium of the Memorial. Although the outer structure has been completed, much work remains to be done within the Memorial. Considerable progress is made each year as funds become available. There remains to be sculptured and erected an heroic marble statue of George Washington to be placed in the George Washington Memorial Hall. This alone may cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000.00. We should continue to collect \$1.00 from each newly raised Master Mason and remit the funds to the Memorial Association to be used by it either to complete the structure or to be placed in the Endowment Fund for the upkeep and maintenance of the Memorial.

THE MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES
AND CANADA

The Twenty-seventh Biennial Convention of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada was held in Dallas, Texas, on September 8 and 9, 1947, invitations were issued to 200 relief and service boards located in 59 states and provinces through the United States and Canada.

The Association convened in the Danish Room of Hotel Adolphus in Dallas, with officers, delegates and representatives from twenty states and four Canadian provinces attending, representing Grand Jurisdictions, employment bureaus, relief and service boards. The meeting was called to order Monday morning by President Jewel P. Lightfoot, Past Grand Master.

The activities and aims of the Association were reviewed in an address by President Lightfoot in which he mentioned a five-point purpose of the organization as recommended by the conference in St. Louis:

First—The detection and publication in the Bulletin of unworthy Masons and impostors preying upon the Fraternity.

Second—The co-ordinating of the various forms of Masonic relief throughout the United States and Canada.

Third—The promotion of prompt and effective methods of handling cases of Inter-jurisdictional Relief.

Fourth—To act as the agency in organizing Masonic Relief in times of national disaster, when such services are requested by any Grand Lodge or group of Grand Lodges.

Fifth—To provide a meeting place for the discussion of all these varied problems of Masonic Relief which in these days are so pressing and bring together those who are active and interested in Masonic Relief of every form and character.

President Lightfoot stressed the need for Relief Funds to be used in cases of national disaster and cited as a recent case, the Texas City explosion and fire which brought death to twenty-four Masons and left many others homeless and destitute. Funds for relief in this case were raised by the Grand Lodge of Texas from Texas Lodges. Many interesting points were brought out in the President's address and it was enthusiastically received by the delegates.

During the afternoon session, in support of President Lightfoot's recommendation a resolution was presented and adopted requesting that Grand Lodges of the United States and Canada provide a revolving fund of \$250,000.00 to be placed in the care of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada for use in case of national disaster for the relief of Masons and their families.

The Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska was represented by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master and the present Treasurer of the Association, and R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON LOCATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICE

Following the Grand Lodge session of last year, the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices negotiated successfully with the Omaha Masonic Temple Craft for additional space for the Grand Lodge offices. After consultation with the Committee on Grand Lodge Offices, the Finance Committee, and the Trustees, I approved the plan for additional space in the present quarters and the necessary remodeling and refurnishing thereof. In further consultation with the above committee, I approved the sale of the property at 432 South 39th Street, Omaha.

It is my opinion that the Grand Lodge offices and storage space are now adequate for some time to come.

COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS

Under the prompt and able leadership of M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Chairman of the above Committee, the Grand Lodge in conjunction with the O.E.S. and the Scottish Rite Bodies of Nebraska, approved and supplied aid for the flood victims last June in and about Cambridge. The money was sent to Past Grand Master M. W. Brother Chancellor A. Phillips, who administered the funds in a manner which reflects credit upon him. The Committee will make a more detailed report to the Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Last year M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre recommended that the incoming Grand Master appoint three special committees. One, to make a careful study of the physical qualifications necessary to petition for the degrees of Masonry, this Committee to give special consideration to physical injuries received while in the Armed Forces. Another Committee to give careful study to Section 3-102, Paragraph D of our Masonic Code, 1946, with a view to making this section more specific. The third Committee to investigate and determine the possibility and feasibility of placing a suitable marker, plaque, or plate on the stone marking the grave of M. W. Robert C. Jordan.

Pursuant to these recommendations I appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

M. W. Ralph O. Canaday, 285, Chairman

M. W. George A. Kurk, 54

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136

COMMITTEE TO MAKE CAREFUL STUDY AND SURVEY OF SECTION 3-102, PARAGRAPH D, NEBRASKA MASONIC CODE

W. Clarence E. Benschoter, 169, Chairman

W. Eddy C. Newland, 158

W. William E. Brooks, 158

COMMITTEE ON ROBERT CARREL JORDAN MEMORIAL

W. Frank C. Patton, 11, Chairman

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136

GRAND TRUSTEES

I reappointed W. Brother Carl D. Ganz, 209, whose term had expired, for another three-year term.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

June 10, 11. Attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was held in Davenport.

June 10, 11. I was officially represented at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota at Aberdeen by M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master. Our Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, also attended.

August 25, 26. Attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming in Casper. I was accompanied by our Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen.

September 16, 17. Attended the 87th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado in Denver.

September 30, October 1, 2. Attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Missouri in St. Louis.

October 14, 15. Attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in Chicago.

February 10. I appointed R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Senior Warden, to be my personal representative at the Grand Lodge of Kansas held in Topeka, February 11 and 12.

March 27. Attended and addressed the Spring Meeting of the South-eastern Wyoming Masonic Club at Cheyenne, Wyoming. The meeting was enthusiastic and well-attended. Several Wyoming Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

VISITATIONS—AFFILIATED MASONIC BODIES

October 8. Attended a banquet and chapter meeting of Aurora Chapter No. 93 of O. E. S. at Aurora, at which time the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Marie Landeryou, was received and honored.

October 20. Accompanied by Mrs. Huwaldt, I attended the banquet and chapter meeting given by Andrew Chapter No. 41, O. E. S., Grand Island, Nebraska, in honor of the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Marie Landeryou of Omaha, the Worthy Grand Patron, W. Brother Norris Chadderdon of Holdrege, and other Grand Officers. Worthy Past Grand Patron Wilbert Morris was also present and was presented.

December 3. Attended the chapter dinner of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska in the Masonic Temple, Omaha. Other Grand Lodge officers present: R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Thomas J. Aron, Grand Senior Deacon; W. Edward M. Knight, Grand Junior Deacon.

December 11. Attended the Traditional Consistory Banquet of the Scottish Rite bodies in Omaha.

January 23. Attended the installation of the officers of Andrew Chapter No. 41, O. E. S., Grand Island, Nebraska.

April 4. Attended the Annual Meetings of the Scottish Rite Welfare Association, the Scottish Rite Relief Board, and the Nebraska Educational League, at the Scottish Rite Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska.

April 15. Addressed Omaha Chapter No. 19 of the National Sojourners at the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys.

April 22. Attended the Traditional Consistory Banquet, Nebraska Consistory, in Omaha.

April 28. Attended Ladies' Night Dinner of the Hiram Club, Lincoln, Nebraska, accompanied by Mrs. Huwaldt. R. W. Elmer E. Magee, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, and R. W. Carl R. Greisen were also present.

May 12. Attended the 73rd Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, O. E. S. in Omaha.

MASONIC VISITATIONS

June 19, 1947. I attended the 75th Anniversary celebration of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 at Central City. R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian; W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Marshal; Assistant Custodians W. I. Donald Huston and Buren P. Wells, were present. A sumptuous banquet was served at 5:30 to about 150 Masons. A Master Mason's degree was conferred. W. Brother Fred Fouts gave an interesting historical review of the lodge, and the Grand Lodge officers responded with short talks. Past Grand Masters Walter R. Raecke and George A. Kurk were present and addressed the brethren. Many neighboring lodges were represented by delegates.

June 26. I was received by Bee Hive Lodge No. 184. The following Grand Lodge officers were present: R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; V. W. Glen L. Rice, Grand Chaplain; W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian. After a delicious 6:30 dinner the Master Mason's degree was conferred.

July 8. Attended the regular monthly meeting of the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home at the Home in Plattsmouth. Luncheon was served in the dining room of the Home.

October 2. Attended a Central School of Instruction at Grand Island. Our Grand Custodian, W. Brother Lute M. Savage, was assisted by W. Brother Buren P. Wells, Assistant Custodian.

October 7. Attended a meeting in Pender, Nebraska, to which the brethren of the following lodges, their wives, and members of the Eastern Star were invited: Wisner Lodge No. 114, Wisner; Beemer Lodge No. 253, Beemer; Jordan Lodge No. 27, West Point; Oakland Lodge No. 91, Oakland; Pilot Lodge No. 240, Lyons; Star Lodge No. 88, Decatur; Bancroft Lodge No. 145, Bancroft; Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthill; Winnebago Lodge No. 309, Winnebago; Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Emerson; Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield; Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203,

Pender. M.'W.' Archie M. Smith, Past Grand Master, was Master of Ceremonies. W.' Raymond C. Cook and William F. Evers put on an excellent program about The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. The pictures in color, shown by Brother Evers, and the talk and music by Brother Cook were well received.

October 23. Attended the 50th Anniversary celebration of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241 at Craig. The Grand officers were received at 5:30 p.m., and the banquet was served at 7:00 p.m. W.' Brother Lute M. Savage was present at the meeting. Every lodge in Burt County was represented at the celebration, and visitors from other nearby lodges were present. Brothers Gill, McPherson, and Ireland, charter members, spoke and presented a fine, large picture of George Washington.

October 27. Attended an Area Meeting in Ord. R.'W.' Elmer E. Magee, Deputy Grand Master; R.'W.' Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Senior Warden, R.'W.' Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, W.' Charles F. Adams, Grand Marshal, W.' Raymond C. Pollard, Grand Tyler, were present. Also Assistant Custodians W.' Ward B. Schrack, Harold D. Weddel, and Buren P. Wells. W.' and Rev. Thomas A. Barton gave the after-dinner address. M.'W.' William J. Breckenridge and M.'W.' Walter R. Raecke, Past Grand Masters, attended the meeting.

October 28. Attended the Third Annual Home-coming banquet of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290 in Omaha. About 250 enthusiastic and genial brethren enjoyed the sumptuous meal and stimulating entertainment. R.'W.' John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden, and R.'W.' Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, were present.

October 31. Attended "Railroad Day" meeting of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln. Grand officers were received and a banquet was served at 6:30 p.m. Past Grand Master, George A. Kurk, presided. R.'W.' Elmer E. Magee, Deputy Grand Master, W.' Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, and M.'W.' Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, and Grand Secretary Emeritus, were present.

November 3. Attended Past Masters' night and 70th Anniversary Celebration of Edgar Lodge No. 67.

November 13. Attended a meeting of Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron, Nebraska. The Grand Officers were received in the afternoon, and after dinner a Master Mason's degree was conferred by Past Masters. R.'W.' Brother Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and W.' Brother Edward M. Knight, Grand Junior Deacon, were present. M.'W.' Edwin D. Crites, Past Grand Master, was present.

November 14. Attended a special meeting of Alliance Lodge No. 183 at Alliance. After a sumptuous dinner, a program was given in the lodge hall. R.'W.' Brother Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and W.' Brother Edward M. Knight, Grand Junior Deacon, were present. W.' Brother Reuben E. Knight, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery, was also introduced.

November 17. Attended an Area Meeting in Scottsbluff at which Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 acted as host lodge. R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Senior Warden, R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, W. Edward M. Knight, Grand Junior Deacon, were present. The Committee on Masonic Education was represented by W. Roy W. Deal, acting Chairman, W. Brother Curry W. Watson, Director, and W. Brother Walter Schnabel. M. W. James R. Mitchell, Grand Master of Wyoming, and R. W. Irving E. Clark, Grand Secretary of Wyoming, as well as two Past Grand Masters and the Grand Marshal of Wyoming were present.

November 20. Was entertained at a dinner and tiled meeting given jointly by Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and Grand Island Lodge No. 318 in Grand Island. R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Senior Warden, W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, W. Thomas J. Aron, Grand Senior Deacon, and W. Edward M. Knight, Grand Junior Deacon, were present. M. W. Walter R. Raecke and M. W. William J. Breckenridge, Past Grand Masters, were also present.

November 24. Attended a meeting of the Cedar County Masonic Association at Coleridge. At this meeting I presented a 50-year button to Brother C. E. Gallagher.

November 26. Attended a meeting of York Lodge No. 56. W. Brother Lute M. Savage and Assistant Custodian W. I. Donald Huston, were also present. I presented a Certificate of Proficiency to the lodge.

December 6. Attended a meeting of Nehawka Lodge No. 246. Presented a 50-year button to W. Brother Andrew F. Sturm. Other Grand Lodge officers present were: R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Senior Warden, R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden, W. Raymond C. Pollard, Grand Tyler. Visitors from surrounding lodges attended.

January 6, 1948. I attended a meeting of Fremont Lodge No. 15, installed the officers, and presented a 50-year button to Brother Paul Colson.

January 13. Attended a meeting of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 and took part in conferring the degree of Entered Apprentice Mason on my son, Lawrence.

January 15. Installed the officers of Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Midwest Lodge No. 317, assisted by M. W. William J. Breckenridge as Grand Marshal. Presented Past Masters' Certificates to outgoing masters. Accompanied by M. W. William J. Breckenridge, I called on V. W. George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain Emeritus, who was ill at his home.

January 20. Installed the officers of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and Grand Island Lodge No. 318, assisted by M. W. William J. Breckenridge.

January 23. Attended Annual Stockholders' Meeting of The Nebraska Masonic Home in the Grand Secretary's office, Omaha, Nebraska, at 10:00 a.m.

January 23. Attended the Annual Stockholders' Meeting of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in the Grand Secretary's office at 2:00 p.m.

January 27. Attended a meeting of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, and took part in conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree.

March 11. Attended the 24th Annual Past Masters' Banquet of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6. R. W. Brother John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, and M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master, were also present.

March 14. Attended a meeting of the Committee on Masonic Education in Lincoln.

March 19. Attended Area Get-Together Meeting in Fairbury. R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, W. Thomas J. Aron, Grand Senior Deacon, W. Edward M. Knight, Grand Junior Deacon, were present. The following Past Grand Masters were also present: M. W. Edward F. Carter, M. W. George A. Kurk, M. W. William B. Wanner, and M. W. Earl J. Lee.

March 23. Was received by Friendship Lodge No. 239 at Chapman, Nebraska. W. Brother Charles F. Adams, Grand Marshal, was also present. A telegram was received at the meeting bearing fraternal greetings from the Grand Master of Massachusetts and Brother D. E. Magnusen of Friendship Lodge No. 239, who was visiting in the East at that time.

March 30. Attended and addressed a Guest Night Meeting of Thistle Lodge No. 61 at Lexington. The picture "To Aid and Assist" was well received. Musical numbers were furnished by the Job's Daughters and the Rev. Mr. Baird.

April 6. Attended a banquet by Platte Valley Lodge No. 32. After the banquet, the following Grand Lodge officers were received: R. W. Elmer E. Magee, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, W. Mainard E. Crosby, Grand Orator, W. Brother George O. Sizemore, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and W. Brother Cary W. Dresslar, Chairman of the Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, were also presented. In the presence of many visiting brethren, the officers of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 then conferred the Master Mason's Degree in a very creditable manner.

April 23. The Area Meeting I attended in Fremont was a splendid testimonial to the fact that the Masonic Brethren want to get together in larger meetings in search of further light. Approximately 800 brethren were present. Much credit for this splendid attendance is due to the fine preliminary work done by M. W. Brother Earl J. Lee, Past Grand Master, and W. Brother Carroll Schurman, Master of Fremont Lodge No. 15 and his committeemen. All Grand Lodge officers except one, who was de-

tained by important business matters, were present. The following Past Grand Masters were also present and added much to the dignity and importance of the occasion: M. W. Edward F. Carter, M. W. Earl J. Lee, M. W. Walter R. Raeecke, M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, M. W. Archie M. Smith.

May 11. Attended a regular meeting of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, and participated in conferring the Master Mason's degree on my son, Lawrence H. Huwaldt. At this meeting I also presented to Grand Island Lodge No. 318 a gavel made by R. W. Charles H. Weekes, Foreign Correspondent of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Oregon. R. W. Brother Weekes was a resident of Grand Island more than fifty years ago.

May 13. Attended a regular meeting of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and presented a gavel made by R. W. Charles H. Weekes, Foreign Correspondent of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Oregon. The gavel was made of Black Locust from the farm of the Grand Secretary of Oregon.

May 18. Attended a special meeting of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 and presented the Bronze Jordan Medal to Brother David J. Traill.

AREA MEETINGS

This year we held four Area Meetings under the direction of the Committee on Masonic Education. M. W. Edward F. Carter, Chairman of this Committee, spent approximately nine months on the bench at the Nueremburg trials in Germany. During that time W. Brother Roy W. Deal, a member of the Committee, served as acting Chairman. W. Brother Curry W. Watson, Director of Education, deserves much credit for the fine programs he provided at the four Area Meetings, which were held as follows:

Ord—October 27, 1947.

Scottsbluff—November 17, 1947.

Fairbury—March 19, 1948.

Fremont—April 23, 1948.

These meetings all began at 1:00 p.m. At this time the Grand Lodge Officers were received. After the reception the secretaries of the subordinate lodges met in a separate conference with our Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, while the 3rd degree was conferred by competent brethren. At 4:00 each afternoon the Committee on Masonic Education took charge and presented the Masonic teachings most important to the brethren. The Chairman of the Committee, W. Brother Curry W. Watson, Director, W. Brother Roy W. Deal, Acting Chairman, and the Grand Master took part in presenting the program of the Committee on Education. R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Elmer E. Magee, presided at all of the evening banquets. The speakers were Rev. and Brother Thomas A. Barton of Lincoln at Ord, the Grand Master at Scottsbluff, the Grand Orator, W. Brother Mainard E. Crosby, at Fairbury, and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education and Past Grand Master M. W. Edward F. Carter at Fremont. The meetings were all conducted in a business-like

manner, and the evening meetings, due to the superb generalship of R. W. Brother Elmer E. Magee, were all adjourned promptly at 9:00. This gave the visiting brethren, some who came great distances, an opportunity to return to their homes at a reasonable hour. More than 800 brethren attended the meeting at Fremont. This was the largest Area Meeting ever held in the state and perhaps the largest dinner meeting of Blue Lodge Masons ever held in our jurisdiction. The Area Meetings are developing into excellent schools of Masonic thought, and at the same time are bringing the Grand Lodge Officers into direct personal contact with hundreds of brethren who do not have an opportunity to attend the Grand Lodge Communications in June.

We were especially honored at the Area Meeting in Scottsbluff by the presence of M. W. James R. Mitchell, Grand Master; R. W. Irving E. Clark, Grand Secretary, the Grand Marshal and two Past Grand Masters, all of Wyoming.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

During the year I appointed fourteen Trial Commissions to dispose of complaints filed against members of lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, enumerated as follows:

Lincoln Lodge No. 19—2	Covert Lodge No. 11—1
Merna Lodge No. 171—1	Dewitt Lodge No. 111—1
Mid-West Lodge No. 317—1	Craftsman Lodge No. 314—1
Golden Rule Lodge No. 236—1	Ashlar Lodge No. 33—1
Amity Lodge No. 169—1	Jordan Lodge No. 27—1
Beatrice Lodge No. 26—1	Charity Lodge No. 53—1
Wymore Lodge No. 104—1	

I also appointed two Commissions to dispose of complaints filed against sojourners. Without exception every complaint filed was for violation of Paragraph D, Section 3-102 of our statutes.

A complaint was filed in Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska, against a member of Heroine Lodge No. 104 of Kansas City, Missouri, who was a resident of Omaha, Nebraska. The complaint charges the violation of Masonic Law relative to the sale of intoxicating liquor. A trial commission was duly appointed, but upon request of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, trial of the case was transferred to Heroine Lodge No. 104, Kansas City, Missouri. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri duly appointed a trial commission and trial was had on December 13, 1947. The Missouri trial commission found the defendant not guilty but upon request of the Grand Master of Nebraska the Grand Master of Missouri directed Heroine Lodge No. 104 to appeal the case to the Grand Lodge of Missouri where it is now pending.

I wish especially to thank and commend the members of the several Trial Commissions for their splendid cooperation, as well as for their sincere and thorough performance of their duties.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Faith Lodge No. 181, Crawford, Nebraska, asked the following question: "Are the fees of a candidate considered funds of the lodge and deposited in the name of the lodge before a ballot is taken, as stated in Section 2-610, page 100 of the Nebraska Masonic Code? Or is the secretary the proper custodian of the fee accompanying the petition from the time of its receipt until the ballot has been spread and the result declared, as stated in Section 2-608 on page 96?" Section 2-610 is dated 1938 and the paragraph cited under 2-608 is dated 1902-10. Since Section 2-610 is later than Section 2-608, I ruled it supersedes on this point and governs. I recommend these two sections of the Code be clarified.

2. Our Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, has made a careful study of "Automatic Suspension". Ten or twelve Grand Jurisdictions now have it. He suggests that we adopt it in Nebraska. I, therefore, recommend that we adopt "Automatic Suspension". It could be accomplished by including after Section 2-607 the following:

"Section 2-607A—On or before thirty days before the last stated meeting of the Lodge held before December 31st of each year, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member, in writing, who may be in arrears for dues for the current year, and if such member fails to pay his dues on or before December 31st of such year, he shall stand automatically suspended for non-payment of dues without action of the lodge, and such suspension shall be recorded in the minutes of that meeting. If no meeting of the Lodge shall be held on said date, such delinquent members shall nevertheless stand automatically suspended, and entry thereof shall be made in the minutes at the first subsequent stated meeting of the Lodge."

"Section 2-607B—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify by written notice all members automatically suspended for non-payment of dues, forthwith, unless such member is present at the meeting when his suspension become effective. Provided, when the post office address of the suspended member is unknown, notice shall be mailed to his last known post office address. The names of all members so suspended on December 31st shall be reported to the Grand Secretary in the annual report of the Lodge."

3. This question has arisen: "Is it necessary under the Nebraska Code for a brother who received his degrees under Special Dispensation without regard to time to pass the examination for proficiency in the Master Mason's degree before he can demit to another lodge, either in Nebraska or in another jurisdiction?"

Section 2-402 (66), page 60, requires the examination. A decision under this same section at the bottom of page 62 states that the lodge has no power to require the examination.

Section 2-411 (69D) on page 66, requires the examination of all Master Masons raised after June 7, 1923.

Section 2-1401 (138) requires the passing of an examination.

No distinction is made between the Master Mason who received the degrees in the customary manner, and the Master Mason who received the degrees under Special Dispensation without regard to time. The Grand Custodian requested that this point be clarified and I recommend that it be done.

4. I recommended that each petition for the degrees or for affiliation from another Grand Jurisdiction shall be accompanied by a fee of ten dollars in addition to the fees required by the by-laws of the subordinate lodge, to be used for the maintenance of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

In the event that the petition is rejected or the petitioner dies without being initiated the said fee of ten dollars shall be refunded as is provided for the return of fees in Section 2-608.

5. Our original assessment for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial was \$1.00 per member when our membership was 42,027. Several years later an additional assessment of 70c per member was added. This increased our quota from \$42,027.00 to \$71,445.90. We have contributed \$49,527.00 and leaves an unpaid balance due the Memorial in the amount of \$21,918.90. I recommend that we pay the unpaid balance of \$21,918.90 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association by borrowing this amount from our Permanent Reserve Fund or such other fund as the Finance Committee may deem proper. I further recommend we continue to collect \$1.00 from each newly raised Master Mason and that the Grand Lodge continue to appropriate \$500.00 as we have done in the past, until the said amount of \$21,918.90 is fully repaid into the fund from which it is borrowed.

THE OMAHA MASONIC HOME FOR BOYS

Questions concerning the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, which came to me during the year, indicate that there is some confusion concerning the relationship between this Home and the Grand Lodge. I have been asked by a number of brethren to explain this relationship again, although it was very explicitly covered by the report of a special committee on the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys in the Proceedings of 1941 on pages 81 to 89.

Briefly, I repeat the following points mentioned in an agreement between the Grand Lodge and the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys:

1. That the name of the Home shall be "The Omaha Masonic Home for Boys". That all stationery and literature shall carry the following:

"Organized and operated by individual Masons independent of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska".

2. That the solicitation of Masons in Nebraska be limited to those residing in Douglas County and such Masons living outside of Douglas County who hold membership within that county.

3. That solicitation of Masonic Lodges and Masons outside of the State of Nebraska be not permitted without first obtaining permission of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which solicitations are to be made, and that approval be submitted to the Grand Master of Nebraska.

4. That the Grand Master or a committee appointed by him approve all letters, pamphlets, and advertisements before their distribution.

5. That the Treasurer of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys transmit promptly to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, its annual budget and its monthly reports. That no indebtedness of any kind be contracted in any building or expansion program.

6. That the Grand Master appoint a committee of three Master Masons, whose duty it shall be to see that the provisions of this agreement be fully carried out.

7. That the Grand Lodge of Nebraska or any subordinate lodge thereof is not to be liable in any manner for the debts, obligations, or contracts of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys. That the use of the word "Masonic" in the name of the Home is not to be construed as evidence of Grand Lodge liability or sponsorship.

I call your attention to the fact that the field of solicitation of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys is limited quite largely to Masons residing in Douglas County or Masons belonging to lodges in Douglas County. It has become apparent that The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and perhaps the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont will soon be needing more funds for their growth and maintenance. Since the Masons of Omaha will want to carry their full share of the cost of the two Grand Lodge charities, it might become a heavy burden to them if the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys should expand too rapidly and too far.

According to the monthly reports of the Treasurer, it is now costing over \$5,000.00 per month to maintain this Home. To carry this load of approximately \$60,000.00 per year might become burdensome to the Omaha Masons under adverse economic conditions. Especially, since the expansion program about to begin at Plattsmouth will require continued support from all Nebraska Masons.

To guard against possible financial embarrassment, it might be desirable for the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys to accumulate a substantial maintenance fund before considering further expansion. The income from such a Maintenance Fund could be used to defray operating expenses of the Home if voluntary contributions should become inadequate.

This is only a suggestion, and it is expressly understood that it does not imply nor does the Grand Lodge assume any financial responsibility with reference to the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys.

DECISIONS

1. November 3, 1947. I decided that a Mason who is appointed trustee in bankruptcy by the court in connection with a liquor firm is not engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage and is not subject to Masonic discipline.

2. June 28, 1947. A man in Brunswick asked to petition Diamond Lodge No. 291 at Orchard, Nebraska. The officers of Diamond Lodge No. 291 asked this question: "Does Diamond Lodge No. 291 have jurisdiction over a man residing in Brunswick since the lodge was moved temporarily from Royal to Orchard?" I replied, "Jurisdiction remained the same as it was when you were located at Royal. You may accept his petition."

3. A Special Dispensation was granted in 1945 to confer the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason's Degrees on a brother who was in the Army, without regard to time. He left for service in the Army before he was examined for proficiency. He now lives in another jurisdiction, and has asked for a certificate. The lodge wants to know if they may issue the certificate and later a demit. I ruled that they may for good cause shown as provided in Paragraph 4, Sec. 2-402, issue a certificate of transfer to the brother and later a demit if he applied for it in the proper manner.

4. The Secretary of a lodge writes that one of the members of their lodge is part owner of a potato cellar. A part of this cellar has been converted into a cold storage plant. The question is, would the part owner of the potato cellar be guilty of unmasonic conduct if it were leased to a wholesaler strictly for the purpose of storing beer? I replied, "If the part owner of the cellar is positive that the beer will be stored only and not sold, he is not guilty of unmasonic conduct. However, if he enters into such a lease and later finds the wholesaler selling the beer from the cellar, he would be subject to Masonic discipline and the burden of reporting the case and filing the charges would rest upon the officers of your lodge. To say the least, it is a very close case."

5. Cambridge Lodge No. 150 was requested by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico to confer the degrees of Masonry on a candidate of Tucumcari Lodge No. 27 of Tucumcari, New Mexico. He was in Cambridge working on a construction gang. They initiated him as an Entered Apprentice Mason on March 12, 1948, and when he receives all three degrees he will move to McAlester, Oklahoma, his new home, and plans to demit to the lodge there. The question asked is this. "Would it be possible for the Oklahoma brethren who are here in Cambridge to confer the Fellow Craft and Master degrees on this brother or must it be done by the brethren of Cambridge Lodge?" I ruled that the Master of the lodge may designate what brethren shall confer the degrees. There is no reason why he cannot designate the brethren from Oklahoma to do the work, however, it is my understanding that it must be Nebraska work.

6. A young man who resided in Nehawka with his parents for several years at a time, then moved away to another state, then moved back

to Weeping Water, Nebraska, then back to Nehawka for three or four months, and then moved again to another jurisdiction, is now living temporarily in Weeping Water, Nebraska. The question raised is, "May he petition Nehawka Lodge No. 246 because he considers Nehawka his home?" I ruled that the Nebraska Masonic Code expressly states that the petitioner must reside continuously in the jurisdiction of the lodge twelve months immediately preceding the date he petitions, and, therefore, this man is not eligible to petition Nehawka Lodge No. 246.

7. A young man who resided in Bennet, Nebraska, petitioned Bennett Lodge No. 94. At the time of the petition he was a student at the University of Nebraska, so the Bennet lodge requested a waiver of jurisdiction from all the Lincoln lodges. One of the Lincoln lodges refused to waive jurisdiction. I ruled that the young man's residence is in Bennet and that it was not necessary to ask the Lincoln lodges to waive jurisdiction. I ruled further that if a year has elapsed and the young man is still living in Bennet, he may again petition the Bennet lodge.

8. Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 received a petition from a man with the following physical defects:

The first finger of the right hand off at the second joint.

The first and second fingers of the left hand off.

They asked the question, "Is this man eligible to petition? I ruled that he is eligible to petition, provided he meets all other requirements, despite the physical defects mentioned.

9. Western Lodge No. 140 presented this question: "A veteran who lost his left hand between the wrist and the elbow in World War II would like to petition for the degrees of Masonry. He has an artificial hand. Is he eligible?" I ruled that the veteran is not eligible to petition, and cited the following under Section 2-904 of the Nebraska Masonic Code:

"One who has lost his hand half way between the hand and elbow is ineligible, even though he has an artificial hand."

"Loss of left hand just above the wrist disqualifies."

10. The Secretary of Osceola Lodge No. 65 asked if they had jurisdiction over a young man who lived in Osceola till about ten years ago when he went into the armed services. He has been in the service continuously ever since, has never voted, and has never established a residence anywhere else. He father is a member of Osceola Lodge No. 65. He moved to Lincoln several years ago. Since the young man has never established a residence anywhere else and since his father moved to Lincoln after he was 21 years of age, I ruled that Osceola Lodge No. 65 has jurisdiction and may accept the petition of this young man. "Absence on military duty does not change one's domicile, and one who has established a Masonic residence retains it though absent on military duty. (1938-16, p. 17; Approved, p. 93).

MISCELLANEOUS

November 3, 1947. The building occupied by Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, Nebraska, and all of the implements belonging to the lodge including a photostatic copy of their charter, were completely destroyed by fire. A new photostatic copy of the charter was ordered immediately. I granted Victory Lodge No. 310 permission to hold their meetings in the lodge room of Waterloo Lodge No. 102 at Waterloo, Nebraska, and to use their working tools and implements until they have a new lodge home.

November 28, 1947. Granted Special Dispensation to Tyrian Lodge No. 243, Oak, Nebraska, to move its charter and hold its meeting in the lodge room of Ruskin Lodge No. 304, Ruskin, Nebraska, on December 1. This permission was granted for the reason that the lodge room of Tyrian was not ready for occupancy.

April 9, 1948. Authorized Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney, Nebraska, to hold a "Tiled Meeting" in the City Auditorium on the evening of May 10, 1948, in order to accommodate visiting brethren from Arcadia Lodge No. 11, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and visiting brethren from neighboring lodges. The play entitled "The Rose on the Altar" was shown at the meeting.

April 19, 1948. I granted permission to Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, Lodgepole, Nebraska, to let the tenant who occupies the first floor of their lodge building build a wooden addition at the rear of the building 12 feet by 20 feet, without any cost to the lodge.

I received a copy of the constitution and by-laws for a proposed Square and Compass Club to be organized by the Master Masons in good standing of McCook Lodge No. 135. The question was asked, "Is this organization contrary to our Masonic Law?" After reading the constitution and by-laws, I ruled that it would promote social activities among members of the lodge and their wives, that no ritual was involved, and that it in no way conflicted with our Masonic law.

Two other lodges asked for information concerning the organization of Square and Compass Clubs. The information was given and I asked for copies of their constitution and by-laws, but I heard nothing further from these lodges and, therefore, assumed that these clubs did not materialize.

I requested R. W. Brother Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Senior Warden, to assume the duties of the Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska during my absence from the jurisdiction from February 20, 1948, to March 1, 1948.

I appointed R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden, as my personal representative to attend the Grand Lodge sessions of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kentucky in Louisville.

I granted permission to the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha to solicit funds to be used to purchase Christmas gifts for the residents

of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont.

The Secretary of Wisner Lodge No. 114 asked if his lodge were guilty of technical violation of the Masonic Code if they rented their Masonic Hall to other organizations, more especially the American Legion.

I ruled that their lodge might rent its hall to the American Legion, on condition, however, that all Masonic law with reference to the use of the hall must be complied with.

In March R. W. Brother John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden, was received as my personal representative at Selah, Washington, a suburb of Yakima, where the Grand Lodge of Washington held a district meeting. The Grand Master of Washington is the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Washington.

May 16, 1948. Participated in a Caravan of Masons and Eastern Stars which visited the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. The idea of this pilgrimage was conceived by the officers of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, and carried out under their direction. Approximately 600 persons took picnic lunches and shared them with the residents on the grounds of the Home. This was probably the largest undertaking of its kind ever made on behalf of the Home. The officers and brethren of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 deserve full measure of gratitude and credit for this splendid gesture on behalf of the principal charity of the Grand Lodge.

STATE OF THE ORDER

Masonry in Nebraska continues its forward march. There were 39,323 Master Masons on the roll December 31, 1947, an increase of 1,527 during the year. The 1947 increase in membership is about 300 less than the 1946 increase. Generally speaking there is a high degree of interest and enthusiasm over the state. Many lodges have all the work they can do. It is most encouraging to see large numbers of young men knocking at the door of Masonry.

On the other hand, too many lodges are negligent in the collection of dues. I cite here five examples:

Membership	Members Delinquent	Annual Dues	Amount Delinquent
47	16	5.00	232.50
73	14	5.00	105.00
76	22	4.00	88.00
55	13	4.50	90.00
69	12	3.50	50.75

Under present economic conditions this situation is not justifiable. In every case cited the annual dues are very low. Rather than permit delinquencies it would seem to me the officers of some of these lodges

at least, should take advantage of the plentiful supply of money during this period of inflation to build up a reserve fund. They may be compelled to buy or build a new Masonic Home in the future. This is a good time to prepare for such an emergency by starting a building fund. Every lodge would do well to accumulate a reserve fund of reasonable size for unexpected emergencies.

The wisdom of having reserve funds on hand is borne out by the fact that eight lodges made plans during the past year, either to buy or to build new Masonic Temples. In every case these lodges had almost enough cash, bonds, or other property on hand to pay in full for their new homes.

Conditions surrounding Bee Lodge No. 259 of Bee, Nebraska, changed to such an extent that the lodge could not continue to function properly. On June 13, 1947 this lodge was consolidated with Oliver Lodge No. 38 of Seward, Nebraska, by mutual consent. Three or four other lodges are not functioning properly, and it is anticipated they may either have to effect consolidations or surrender their charters during the coming year.

It is quite probable that contracts will be let and that construction will be started this year on the new wing to the infirmary at The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. This is the principal charitable institution of our Grand Lodge. It should have our enthusiastic support. Let us unite our efforts now to push this most worthy undertaking to completion as soon as possible. The need is urgent.

CONCLUSION

My year as Grand Master is about finished, but my work is not done. There are a number of things I had hoped to accomplish which I must leave unfinished. In some instances I did not have the time to do all the things that I thought might contribute to the permanent progress and welfare of the Grand Lodge. In others I found divergent opinions, and I became convinced that the time had not come to make recommendations that had earlier in the year seemed obviously for the good of the Order. It is well that we continue to hew to the landmarks as they have been laid down for us and to make broader interpretations only after we are sure we are proceeding in the right direction. My humble services will continue to be available to the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

It is impossible for me to express fully my deep appreciation of the courtesies and kindnesses shown me throughout the jurisdiction during the year. The fine spirit of brotherhood and friendliness wherever I went afforded me an inspiration I shall not forget.

I want to thank at this time R. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen, our Grand Secretary, whose calm and deliberate judgment on every matter of importance was always at my disposal.

W. Brother Lute M. Savage, our Grand Custodian, not only performed the duties of his office in an exemplary fashion, but never hesitated to bring to my attention every situation which afforded me an opportunity to render a service either to the Grand Lodge, a subordinate Lodge, or an individual Mason. To him and to his corps of able assistants, I wish to extend at this time a full measure of gratitude.

The fine loyalty and support of all the Grand Lodge Officers was always available to me. Whenever possible they attended all meetings of importance held during the year. At the Area Meeting held in Fremont all of the Grand Lodge Officers except one were present. The absent officer was unavoidably detained by important business. During the year the Grand Lodge Officers attended special conferences which enabled them to participate in the problems of the Grand Lodge and become better fitted to cope with difficult situations that arise from time to time. I wish to express a special word of appreciation to our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Elmer E. Magee. His knowledge of Masonry, his wide acquaintance over the jurisdiction, and his pleasing, cooperative personality were a pleasure as well as a great help to me during the year. Last, but not least, I want to thank the various committeemen who served during the past year. A tremendous amount of important work was performed by these brethren who receive but little acclaim for their services. For their work they received the wages of a Mason, which are earned and paid in love, kindness, helpfulness, and sympathy in their dealings with one another.

Fraternally submitted,

Edward Luwald
Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

I submit herewith my second annual report.

With four exceptions all of the lodges this year have been active in the receiving of petitions and the conferring of degrees and two of the four mentioned received petitions for affiliation and reinstatement. Further improvement has been made in reducing the number of delinquent members and the amount of delinquent dues.

The Secretaries are checking the rolls of their lodges and are reducing the number of suspended members and also the number of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts. One secretary found that twenty of their suspended members had been dead for some time. There is a fine spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm in the lodges.

W. BROTHER GEORGE H. HAASE

During the past year several of our lodge secretaries have laid down their working tools in answer to the summons of the Great Architect.

Among these brethren was George H. Haase, secretary of Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Emerson, Nebraska.

Brother George H. Haase was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Omadi Lodge No. 5 A. F. & A. M. Dakota City, Nebraska, September 8, 1894 and affiliated with Magnolia Lodge No. 220 A. F. & A. M. Emerson, Nebraska on July 7, 1897.

He was installed as secretary of Magnolia Lodge June 18, 1898 and served as secretary until June 19, 1919, when he was installed Junior Warden. He served as Senior Warden in 1920, Worshipful Master in 1921 and 1922, was again elected secretary on June 17, 1923 and continued as secretary until his death August 4, 1947. He served Magnolia Lodge as an officer for 49 years, 45 of which he was secretary.

INVESTMENTS

There have been but few changes in the various funds this past year. A few bonds and preferred stocks have been collected and paid and four farm mortgages have been paid in full and some investments have been made. There is no great change in the accounts. It is pleasing to report that there is no past due interest on farm mortgages, bonds or preferred stocks.

The property at 432 South 39th has been sold. Final settlement was not yet made at the time this report was printed.

RETURNS

Complete returns from every lodge in the jurisdiction and all dues for the year 1947 have been paid in full. I must report, however, that 8 lodges were late in sending in their returns and three lodges were late in sending their Grand Lodge dues. This, however, is an improvement over last year. All correspondence relating thereto has been referred to the Committee on Returns.

RELIEF NOTES

We have been unable this past year to collect anything further on the relief notes. However, we have contacted the Masters of the lodges and they are cooperating with us in endeavoring to make further collections.

These notes are not carried as assets.

GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from the following lodges:

- St. Johns No. 25 (2)
- Pomegranate No. 110
- Wayne No. 120
- McCook No. 135
- Omaha 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.

Also an appeal from Nebraska Lodge No. 1 from a verdict of a Trial Commission. This has also been referred to the Committee on Grievances.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

In compliance with the action of the Grand Lodge at its Ninetieth Annual Communication, Hardy Lodge No. 117 and Napthali Lodge No. 206 have been cited to appear at this Annual Communication and show cause why their charters should not be forfeited.

FIFTY-YEAR BADGES

During the past year 58 Fifty-year badges have been presented to the brethren entitled to receive them.

JORDAN MEDALS

During the past year there have been 21 special meetings and ceremonies in presenting the oldest member of the lodges with the Bronze Jordan Medal.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES

Bee Lodge No. 259 A. F. & A. M. of Bee, Nebraska, was consolidated with Oliver Lodge No. 38 A. F. & A. M. Seward, Nebraska, June 13, 1947.

ROLL OF HONOR

We are most happy to report that 72 lodges report no delinquent dues in 1947. We commend these lodges for this fine showing and urge that every lodge close the year with no delinquent dues.

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

The Grand Trustees have kept a careful watch over the funds of the Grand Lodge and as reported elsewhere have made some investments this past year.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Last year the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska adopted Dual Membership.

We now have four dual members in this Grand Jurisdiction.

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES

During the past year the Committee on Masonic Education has held four area meetings at which time the Grand Secretary was given an opportunity to hold a Conference of Secretaries. These Conferences have been well attended by the secretaries as well as some of the Grand Officers and the Grand Secretary is highly pleased with the results obtained.

We have a splendid group of secretaries in this Grand Jurisdiction. Eighty-six of these brethren are newly elected during the past two years. We appreciate their fine cooperation.

RECOGNITION OF SECRETARIES

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska presents a certificate to Past Masters of our subordinate lodges in recognition of their service. Your Grand Secretary would like to offer the suggestion that we issue a certificate to the secretaries of subordinate lodges who have served one or more years as such, this certificate to be in recognition of their service.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT, LIVE STOCK NATIONAL BANK

1947-1948

Debit

Received from 37,776 members at \$2.00 each	\$ 75,552.00
Received from 2,230 initiations at \$10.00 each	22,300.00
Received from 23 affiliations at \$10.00 each	230.00
Received from premium Surety Bond, on Treasurers and Secretaries of Lodges	621.90
Received from Supplies Sold to Lodges	3,913.26
Received from 2,091 members for George Washington Masonic National Memorial, at \$1.00 each	2,091.00
Total	\$104,708.16

Credit

Paid, The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 37,776.00
Transferred to Supply Account	3,913.26
Transferred to Supply Account, for Bond Premiums	621.90

Paid to George Washington Masonic National Memorial, at \$1.00 each	2,091.00
Transferred to Relief Fund	13,360.20
Transferred to Maintenance Fund	11,241.40
Transferred to General Fund	35,704.40
Total	\$104,708.16

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

Cash Debit

Cash on hand May 10, 1947	\$ 38,136.48
Received from 1946-1947 budget, Grand Chaplain	66.30
Received from 1946-1947 budget, Grand Custodian	48.15
Received from 1946-1947 budget, Grand Secretary Emeritus..	172.21
Received from 1946-1947 budget, Educational Committee ...	253.98
Received from 1946-1947 budget, Grand Master	252.35
Received from Lodges, penalties for late returns	46.89
Received from Special Dispensations	30.00
Special Account 1947-1948	35,704.40
Total	\$ 74,710.76

Cash Credit

Expense, Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master	\$ 2,500.00
Expense, Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian	3,000.00
Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian, Salary and Bonus.....	3,600.00
Grand Secretary, Clerk Hire	3,885.00
Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus, travel expense...	500.00
Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, Salary	3,600.00
Expense, Grand Lodge Officers, Trial Commission and other Committees	850.00
Grand Secretary's Traveling Expense	500.00
Expense of Committee on Education	3,600.00
Expense of Committee, Relief and Care of Orphans.....	600.00
Expense of Grand Chaplain	100.00
Social Security Tax Account	190.60
Audit, Grand Lodge Books	100.00
Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada..	188.98
Rent, Grand Lodge Office, 7-1-'47 to 6-30-'48	1,200.00
Printing advance copies proceedings	1,681.78
Bond for Grand Lodge Officers and Employes	280.80
Liability Insurance, Grand Master's Car	28.44
Insurance Premiums	17.05
Payroll, Session 1947	4,400.54
Jewel for retiring Grand Master	168.00
Grand Tyler, 1947 Session	15.00
Grand Organist, 1947 Session	10.00

Grand Lodge Dinner, 1947 Session	885.40	
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	250.00	
Transcribing proceedings in 1947 Session	60.00	
Fifty-year Buttons	264.00	
Jordan Medal pamphlets	183.00	
Binding of Grand Lodge Proceedings	143.82	
Returned fee on Demit	10.00	
Grand Secretary's Contingent Fund	1,916.22	
Unassigned Expense:		
Additional Expense, Grand Officers Travel	\$750.00	
Additional Bonus, Lute M. Savage	600.00	
Lou Walt, 20 Past Grand Masters Aprons	500.00	
American Heritage Foundation	100.00	1,950.00
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Total Cash Expended	\$ 36,678.63	
Cash on Hand, Live Stock National Bank	38,032.13	
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Total	\$ 74,710.76	

TRIAL BALANCE, GRAND LODGE

May 10th, 1948

Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 1.00	
Stock in the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for		
Children	1.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00	
Inventory		\$ 38,635.13
Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00	
Cash, Grand Lodge General Fund	38,032.13	
Cash, Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00	
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Total	\$ 38,635.13	\$ 38,635.13

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	38,032.13	
Cash, Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00	
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Total	\$ 38,635.13	

RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1948

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1947	\$ 20,050.29	
Received from Special Account, 1947-1948	13,360.20	
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Total	\$ 33,410.49	

Cash Credit

Paid, Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	\$ 4,500.00
Paid, The Nebraska Masonic Home	10,000.00
Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	18,910.49
Total	\$ 33,410.49

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 10, 1948

Cash Debit

May 10, 1947, Cash on Hand	\$ 636.63
Interest	1,117.50
Part Payment, money loaned Supply Account	1,000.00
Total	\$ 2,754.13

Cash Credit

Expense, 432 South 39th Street	\$ 1,699.53
Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	1,054.60
Total	\$ 2,754.13

Total bonds	\$ 31,710.00
Balance of Loan to Supply Account	4,000.00
Property at 432 South 39th Street	22,828.11
Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	1,054.60

Total Assets, May 10, 1948	\$ 59,592.71
Total Assets, May 7, 1947	58,503.38

Gain in Assets for the year	\$ 1,089.33
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PERMANENT RESERVE FUND BONDS

May 7, 1948

No.	Amount
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, cost.....	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 10, 1948

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 7, 1947	\$ 5,743.27
Supplies, sold to Lodges	3,915.41
Bond Premiums, from Lodge Secretaries and Treasurers.....	621.90
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Total	\$ 10,280.58

Cash Credit

Premium on Secretaries and Treasurers bonds.....	\$ 559.71
Paid for postage	320.00
Part Payment of Cash Borrowed, Permanent Reserve Fund....	1,000.00
Paid for supplies	2,438.97
Cash on hand May 10, 1948	5,961.90
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Total	\$ 10,280.58

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

	\$ 8,954.03
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May 10, 1948—Supplies on hand	1,931.04
May 10, 1948—Cash on hand	5,961.90
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Total

	\$ 7,892.94
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BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 10, 1948

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 7, 1947	\$ 28,887.47
Interest	6,676.72
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Total

	\$ 35,564.19
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Cash Credit

Transferred to George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund	\$ 500.00
Accrued Interest	104.10
Securities purchased	25,225.00
Charge by Bank.....	.15
Cash on hand, May 10, 1948, Omaha National Bank	9,734.94
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Total

	\$ 35,564.19
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TRIAL BALANCE

Cash on Hand	\$ 9,734.94
Bonds at cost	207,637.43
Total	\$217,372.37

INVENTORY

Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	\$ 9,734.94
Bonds at Cost	207,637.43
Total	\$217,372.37

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND BONDS

May 10, 1948

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 Foods 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
100—	Province of Alberta 3½%, par \$5,000, cost	4,975.00
101—	Commonwealth of Australia, 3¼%, par \$10,000, cost.....	9,750.00
102—	Southern California Edison Co., 4.88 pfd., par \$10,000....	10,500.00
Total		\$207,637.43

MAINTENANCE FUND

May 10, 1948

Cash Debit

Cash on Hand, May 7, 1947	\$ 19,084.73
Received from Special Account, 1947-1948	11,241.40
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Total	\$ 30,326.13

Cash Credit

Maintenance, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	\$ 17,000.00
Paid for new blank checks	8.45
Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	13,317.68
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Total	\$ 30,326.13

SERVICE ANNUITIES AND GIFTS ACCOUNT

May 10, 1948

Cash Debit

May 7, 1947	\$ 2,160.73
Interest on Securities	50.00
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Total	\$ 2,210.73

Cash Credit

Paid to Mrs. Sarah Hilton, Annuity	\$ 162.50
Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	2,048.23
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Total	\$ 2,210.73

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1948

Cash	\$ 2,048.23	
Gifts		\$ 2,500.00
Bills Receivable	870.00	
Surplus		418.23
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Total	\$ 2,918.23	\$ 2,918.23

INVENTORY

Cash on hand, May 10, 1948	\$ 2,048.23
Bills Receivable	870.00
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Total	\$ 2,918.23

BONDS

Loan No.

7—Province of British Columbia, par \$1,000, cost	\$ 870.00
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ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1948

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 10, 1947	\$ 10,929.40
Paid on farm mortgages	3,820.00
Interest	8,917.18
Total	\$ 23,666.58

Cash Credit

Educational Committee, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for	
Children	\$ 700.00
One-half cost Field Work	2,066.38
Paid, The Nebraska Masonic Home	10,000.00
Securities purchased	5,050.00
Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	5,850.20
Total	\$ 23,666.58

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1948

Inventory		\$270,062.20
Cash	\$ 5,850.20	
Bills Receivable	264,212.00	
Total	\$270,062.20	\$270,062.20

INVENTORY

Cash	\$ 5,850.20
Bills Receivable	264,212.00
Total Assets, May 10, 1948	\$270,062.20
Total Bonds at cost	\$247,432.00
Total Farm Mortgages	16,780.00
Total	\$264,212.00

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
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 %	3,500.00
509—	John D. Harms	80 acres Otoe	4 %	2,880.00
Total				\$ 16,780.00

No past due interest on any mortgage.

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND BONDS

May 10, 1948

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", 2½%, 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, 4½% 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 2½%, par \$25,000, cost	25,000.00
502—Fairmont Foods Co., 4% pfd., par \$15,000, cost	15,600.00
503—Bristol-Myers Co., 3¼% 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., 2¼%, 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, 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", 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00
515—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2%, par \$5,000, cost..	5,000.00
516—Monsanto Chemical Co., 4% pfd., par \$5,000, cost.....	5,050.00
Total	\$247,432.00

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

May 10, 1948

Cash Debit

Cash on Hand, May 10, 1947	\$ 26,707.86
Interest	4,436.43
Paid on farm Mortgages	7,492.05
Total	\$ 38,636.34

Cash Credit

Securities purchased	\$ 25,150.00
Accrued Interest	57.15
Paid for Printing	20.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1948	13,409.19
Total	\$ 38,636.34

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1948

Securities on hand	\$157,406.24	
Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	13,409.19	
Inventory		\$160,989.03
Bequests		9,826.40
Total	\$170,815.43	\$170,815.43

INVENTORY

Total of Bonds	\$147,193.75
Total of Farm Mortgages	10,212.49
Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	13,409.19
Total	\$170,815.43

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 %	112.49
75—	Emma McCord	150 acres Saunders ...	4 %	2,000.00
77—	Edward Niebaum	160 acres Washington	4½%	1,500.00
81—	Kathleen O'Grady, et al....	240 acres Colfax	5 %	3,600.00
Total				\$ 10,212.49

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND BONDS

May 10, 1948

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", 2½%, 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
115—Public Service of Indiana, pfd., 3½%, par \$5,000, cost...	4,775.00
116—General Foods Corporation, pfd., 3½%, par \$5,000, cost...	5,025.00
117—Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, pfd., 4½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,150.00
118—Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company, pfd., 4%, par \$10,000., cost	10,200.00
Total	\$147,193.75

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Cash on hand, May 7, 1947	\$ 418.23
Received from interest, United States National Bank.....	3.31
Received from Extra Donation	6.00
Received from Special Account, 1947-1948	2,091.00
Received from Building and Improvement Fund	500.00
Total	\$ 3,018.54
Paid to Secretary-Treasurer	2,500.00
Cash on Hand, May 10, 1948	\$ 518.54

RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund, Cash	\$ 38,032.13
Relief Fund, Cash	18,910.49
Permanent Reserve Fund, Cash	1,054.60
Permanent Reserve Fund, Loans, Bonds and Real Estate.....	58,538.11
Building and Improvement Fund, Cash	9,734.94
Building and Improvement Fund, Bond	207,637.43
Maintenance Fund, Cash	13,317.68
Supply Account, Cash	5,961.90
Service Annuities and Gifts, Cash	2,048.23
Service Annuities and Gifts, Bonds	870.00
Orphans' Educational Fund, Cash	5,850.20
Orphans' Educational Fund, Securities	264,212.00
Children's Home Endowment Fund, Cash	13,409.19
Children's Home Endowment Fund, Securities	157,406.24
Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00
Exchange Account	200.00
Total	\$797,583.14

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

AN ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS
BONDS AND STOCKS

May 10, 1948

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

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Current Market Value	Annual Income Rec'd	%
J. S. Government Bonds.	\$273,000.00	\$273,000.00	\$273,931.25	\$ 6,450.00	2.36%
Canadian Provincial Bds.	56,000.00	52,513.18	57,215.00	2,375.00	4.52%
Australian Bonds	10,000.00	9,750.00	9,100.00	325.00	3.33%
Indus. & Misc. Bonds....	30,000.00	30,187.50	28,625.00	737.50	2.44%
Public Utility Pref. Stks.	61,775.00	63,021.50	59,271.00	2,699.25	4.28%
Indus. & Misc. Pref. Stks.	191,400.00	194,291.00	189,073.50	7,840.00	4.03%
Common Stocks	15,000.00	12,080.00	9,000.00	450.00	3.72%
TOTALS	\$637,175.00	\$634,843.18	\$626,215.75	\$20,876.75	
Average Income Per Year (on cost basis)					3.28%

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	5,056.25	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	10,150.00	200.00
30,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 6-15-62/59..	30,000.00	30,037.50	675.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 12-15-62/59..	5,000.00	5,006.25	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	5,006.25	112.50
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 6-15-62....	3,000.00	3,045.00	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	10,150.00	200.00
20,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 6-15-62/59..	20,000.00	20,025.00	450.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 12-14-62/59..	5,000.00	5,006.25	112.50
2,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, 6-15-67/62..	2,000.00	2,030.00	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	5,075.00	125.00
15,000.00	United States Treasury 2½%, 12-1-68/63..	15,000.00	15,168.75	375.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 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	25,031.25	562.50
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2¼%, 12-15-62/59..	10,000.00	10,012.50	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	5,056.25	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	5,075.00	100.00
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\$273,000.00		\$273,000.00	\$273,931.25	\$ 6,450.00
			Average Return 2.36%	

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 4-16-57	\$ 4,643.75	\$ 5,425.00	\$ 225.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55	2,910.00	2,955.00	135.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55	970.00	985.00	45.00
9,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	8,482.50	8,820.00	405.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4s 11-15-57	4,634.43	4,825.00	200.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	4,500.00	5,225.00	200.00
9,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	8,370.00	9,405.00	360.00
8,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 4-1-60	7,440.00	8,760.00	360.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Alberta 3½s	4,975.00	4,750.00	175.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	2,827.50	2,940.00	135.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	930.00	1,045.00	40.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56	960.00	1,080.00	45.00
1,000.00	Prov. of British Columbia 5s 6-25-48	870.00	1,000.00	50.00
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\$ 56,000.00		\$ 52,513.18	\$ 57,215.00	\$ 2,375.00
			Average Return 4.52%	

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 3¼% 1956..	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 325.00
			Average Return 3.33%	

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Co. 2½% 4-1-71	\$ 15,225.00	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 375.00
5,000.00	National Dairy Products Co. 2¾% 12-1-70.	5,087.50	4,925.00	137.50
10,000.00	Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61	9,875.00	9,300.00	225.00
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\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,187.50	\$ 28,625.00	\$ 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	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 195.00
5,000.00	Public Service of Indiana 3½% Pfd.....	4,775.00	3,950.00	175.00
5,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. 4¼% Pfd	5,150.00	4,775.00	212.50
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...	5,200.00	4,550.00	195.00
10,000.00	Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas Co. 5% Pfd	10,000.00	10,000.00	500.00
10,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.88% Pfd...	10,500.00	10,600.00	488.00
6,775.00	Western Light & Telephone 5% Pfd.....	6,871.50	7,046.00	338.75
10,000.00	Sioux City Gas & Elec. 3.90% Pfd.....	10,200.00	9,300.00	390.00
5,000.00	Seranton Spring Brook Water 4.10% Pfd.	5,125.00	4,500.00	205.00
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\$ 61,775.00		\$ 63,021.50	\$ 59,271.00	\$ 2,699.25
			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	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 200.00
10,000.00	E. I. Dupont De Nemours Co. 3½% Pref..	10,200.00	9,562.50	350.00
5,000.00	General Foods Corp. 3½% Pfd.....	5,025.00	4,750.00	175.00
10,000.00	Minnesota Mining & Mfg. 4% Pfd.....	10,200.00	10,300.00	400.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00	5,575.00	200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	10,400.00	11,150.00	400.00
5,000.00	Willys Overland Motors 4½% Pref.....	5,000.00	3,100.00	225.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00	5,575.00	200.00
4,200.00	Bristol-Myers 3¼% Pref.....	4,373.00	4,158.00	157.50
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3¼% Pref.....	5,100.00	4,662.50	187.50
10,000.00	Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. 3¼% Pref.....	9,400.00	9,075.00	325.00
10,000.00	Maryland Casualty Co. 4.20% Conv. Pref.	8,587.50	8,600.00	420.00
10,000.00	General Motors Corp. 3¼% Pref.....	10,000.00	9,750.00	375.00
10,000.00	Westinghouse Electric Corp. 3.80% Pref.	10,050.00	10,025.00	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	4,775.00	200.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Co. 4% Pref.....	5,250.00	5,075.00	200.00
10,000.00	Celanese Corp. of America 4¾% Pref....	9,900.00	10,100.00	475.00
20,000.00	Goodyear Tire & Rubber 5% Pref.....	22,500.00	20,250.00	1,000.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	15,600.00	16,625.00	600.00
4,700.00	Bristol-Myers Co. 3¼% Pref.....	4,905.50	4,653.00	176.25
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pref.....	10,450.00	8,075.00	400.00
2,500.00	General Motors Corp. 3¼% Pref.....	2,500.00	2,437.50	93.75
5,000.00	Monsanto Chemical Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,050.00	5,525.00	200.00
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\$191,400.00		\$194,291.00	\$189,073.50	\$ 7,840.00
			Average Return 4.03%	

COMMON STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,000.00	Union Stockyards Co. of Omaha common.	\$ 8,080.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 300.00
5,000.00	Union Stockyards Co. of Omaha common.	4,000.00	3,000.00	150.00
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15,000.00		\$ 12,080.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 450.00
			Average Return 3.72%	

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

May 10, 1948

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

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Per- centage
United States Government Bonds.....	\$273,000.00	\$273,000.00	34.22%
Canadian Provincial Bonds	56,000.00	52,513.18	6.68%
Australian Bonds	10,000.00	9,750.00	1.19%
Industrial & Miscellaneous Bonds	30,000.00	30,187.50	3.13%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks.....	61,775.00	63,021.50	7.95%
Industrial & Misc. Preferred Stocks...	191,400.00	194,291.00	24.45%
Common Stocks	15,000.00	12,080.00	1.56%
(Sub-Totals)	(\$637,175.00)	(\$634,843.18)	
Real Estate	22,828.11	22,828.11	2.96%
Mortgage Loans	26,992.49	26,992.49	3.48%
Cash	108,919.36	108,919.36	13.88%
Other Assets ..	4,000.00	4,000.00	.50%
TOTALS	\$799,914.96	\$797,583.14	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
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\$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
5,000.00	Province of Alberta 3½s	4,975.00
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	2,827.50
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	930.00
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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\$ 56,000.00		\$ 52,513.18

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

\$ 10,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 3¼% 1956	\$ 9,750.00
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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	Public Service of Indiana 3½% Pref.	4,775.00
5,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. 4¼% Pref.	5,150.00
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
10,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.88% Pref.	10,500.00
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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\$ 61,775.00		\$ 63,021.50

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	General Foods Corp. 3½% Pref.	5,025.00
10,000.00	Minnesota Mining & Mfg. 4% Pref.	10,200.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pref.	5,200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pref.	10,400.00
5,000.00	Willys Overland Motors 4½% Pref.	5,000.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pref.	5,200.00
4,200.00	Bristol-Myers Co. 3¾% Pref.	4,373.00
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 Foods 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
5,000.00	Monsanto Chemical Co. 4% Pref.	5,050.00
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\$191,400.00		\$194,291.00

COMMON STOCKS

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

REAL ESTATE

Par Value		Cost
\$ 22,828.11	Building—432 So. 39th Street, Omaha, Nebraska	\$ 22,828.11
	(This building has been sold but as of date of this report, funds have not been received)	

MORTGAGE LOANS

Otto F. Dahms 5% Mortgage	\$ 1,000.00
Michael Foley 4½% Mortgage	5,900.00
Frances Mehrens 4½% Mortgage	2,000.00
Jacqueline Schiefelbein 4½% Mortgage	1,500.00
Howard Gunderson 4% Mortgage	3,500.00
John D. Harms 4% Mortgage	2,880.00
Anton G. Christensen 4½% Mortgage	3,000.00
Prudence Lodge No. 179 4% Mortgage	112.49
Emma McCord 4% Mortgage	2,000.00
Edward Niebaum 4½% Mortgage	1,500.00
Kathleen O'Grady 5% Mortgage	3,600.00
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	\$ 26,992.49

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 60, PROCEEDINGS 1947

Certificate No.	Brother	Date Received		Lodge	Number
		Master Mason's	Degree		
1229—	Claude H. Anderson.....	Mar.	17, 1897....	Zion	No. 234
1230—	Charles H. Balduff.....	Nov.	25, 1896....	Fremont	No. 15
1231—	Earl P. Schafer.....	May	7, 1897....	Florence	No. 281
1232—	George H. Spencer.....	Mar.	31, 1897....	Covert	No. 11
1233—	William S. P. Eyler.....	May	29, 1897....	Cedar River	No. 89
1234—	Albert E. Ward.....	Mar.	24, 1897....	Globe	No. 113
1235—	Clark Turney	June	11, 1897....	Comet	No. 229
1236—	Ralph A. Clark.....	Aug.	3, 1892....	Stella	No. 105
1237—	Adam N. Harris.....	June	9, 1897....	Stella	No. 105
1238—	W. Palmer Murray.....	Febr.	26, 1895....	Nebraska	No. 1
1239—	Homer K. Burket.....	Mar.	23, 1897....	Lincoln	No. 19
1240—	Herman P. Buhman.....	June	11, 1897....	Signet	No. 193
1241—	Frans Nelson	Mar.	17, 1897....	Hartington	No. 155
1242—	Arthur R. Wells.....	Aug.	6, 1897....	G. W. Lininger	No. 268
1243—	William F. Church.....	Mar.	9, 1892....	Nebraska	No. 1
1244—	Junius A. Fishburn.....	Sept.	24, 1897....	Friendship	No. 239
1245—	Henry Bay	Nov.	9, 1897....	Waterloo	No. 102
1246—	Charles L. Fahnstock...Oct.	20, 1897....	Lincoln	No. 19	
1247—	Charles E. Gallagher....Oct.	5, 1897....	Relief	No. 219	
1248—	John B. Brown.....	Sept.	16, 1893....	Nebraska	No. 1
1249—	James Shields	Nov.	24, 1897....	Wymore	No. 104
1250—	John A. Reuling.....	Dec.	10, 1897....	Wymore	No. 104
1251—	Charles M. Dollarhide....Dec.	9, 1897....	St. Paul	No. 82	
1252—	A. F. Sturm.....	Dec.	6, 1897....	Nehawka	No. 246

1253—W. A. Hostetter.....	Nov. 9, 1897....	Nebraska	No. 1
1254—William Madgett	Oct. 15, 1896....	Hastings	No. 50
1255—Berton A. Darrow.....	Oct. 16, 1897....	Bladen	No. 319
1256—Lester B. Stiner.....	Febr. 1, 1896....	Hastings	No. 50
1257—Paul Colson	Jan. 6, 1898....	Fremont	No. 15
1258—George H. Gilmore.....	Dec. 27, 1897....	Plattsmouth	No. 6
1259—Edgar B. Penney.....	Febr. 23, 1897....	Cedar River	No. 89
1260—John T. Martin.....	Jan. 8, 1898....	Lincoln	No. 19
1261—William Lawson	Dec. 28, 1897....	Nebraska	No. 1
1262—George H. Holdeman....	Febr. 11, 1898....	York	No. 56
1263—Wm. E. Worthington....	Mar. 1, 1898....	Aurora	No. 68
1264—Luther B. Hoyt.....	Jan. 19, 1898....	Covert	No. 11
1265—Harry W. Francis.....	Febr. 8, 1898....	Bancroft	No. 145
1266—George H. Thomas.....	Aug. 31, 1897....	Harvard	No. 44
1267—Frank Watson	Sept. 18, 1897....	Hebron	No. 43
1268—Robert H. Wagner.....	July 6, 1897....	Hampton	No. 245
1269—A. H. Heckendorf.....	Mar. 7, 1898....	Wisner	No. 114
1270—Wm. M. Rosborough....	July 29, 1882....	Omaha	No. 288
1271—Arthur V. Rhine.....	Dec. 18, 1897....	Omaha	No. 288
1272—George A. Harris.....	May 11, 1898....	Victory	No. 310
1273—Henry R. Miner	Mar. 29, 1898....	Edgar	No. 67
1274—Charles E. Hedrix.....	Mar. 27, 1896....	Harlan	No. 116
1275—Arthur N. Young.....	Sept. 23, 1898....	Lancaster	No. 54
1276—Oran F. Plum.....	Nov. 11, 1885....	Albion	No. 78
1277—Arthur W. Barrett.....	Sept. 22, 1894....	Oliver	No. 38
1278—Volney A. Hampton....	July 7, 1896....	Covert	No. 11
1279—Arthur J. Robson.....	May 13, 1898....	York	No. 56
1280—John H. Robertson....	Mar. 15, 1898....	Nebraska	No. 1
1281—Richard W. Zeilinger....	May 21, 1898....	Fidelity	No. 51
1282—Roy W. Becker.....	May 28, 1898....	Fidelity	No. 51
1283—Charles E. Carhart.....	May 2, 1898....	Wayne	No. 120
1284—Berton F. Moore.....	Febr. 11, 1898....	Bayard	No. 301
1285—George L. Sheldon.....	June 8, 1898....	Nehawka	No. 246
1286—Phillip J. Steiger.....	June 29, 1893....	Parian	No. 207

ROLL OF HONOR

Lodges Reporting no Delinquent Dues,
for the year 1947:

Lodge	Number	City
Nebraska.....	1.....	Omaha
Western Star.....	2.....	Nebraska City
Omadi.....	5.....	Dakota City
Falls City.....	9.....	Falls City
Solomon.....	10.....	Fort Calhoun
Covert.....	11.....	Omaha

Fremont.....	15.....	Fremont
Tecumseh.....	17.....	Tecumseh
Lincoln.....	19.....	Lincoln
Fairbury.....	35.....	Fairbury
Fairmont.....	48.....	Fairmont
Evening Star.....	49.....	Sutton
Fidelity.....	51.....	David City
Lancaster.....	54.....	Lincoln
Keystone.....	62.....	Phillips
Edgar.....	67.....	Edgar
Sterling.....	70.....	Sterling
Trowel.....	71.....	Neligh
Hooper.....	72.....	Hooper
Alexandria.....	74.....	Alexandria
Geneva.....	79.....	Geneva
St. Paul.....	82.....	St. Paul
Oakland.....	91.....	Oakland
Beaver City.....	93.....	Beaver City
Bennett.....	94.....	Bennet
Utica.....	96.....	Utica
Ponca.....	101.....	Ponca
Porter.....	106.....	Loup City
Springfield.....	112.....	Springfield
Wisner.....	114.....	Wisner
Harlan.....	116.....	Alma
Auburn.....	124.....	Auburn
Bancroft.....	145.....	Bancroft
Hartington.....	155.....	Hartington
Atkinson.....	164.....	Atkinson
Elwood.....	167.....	Elwood
Mason City.....	170.....	Mason City
Robert Burns.....	173.....	Stratton
Hay Springs.....	177.....	Hay Springs
Bee Hive.....	184.....	Omaha
Boaz.....	185.....	Danbury
Minnekadusa.....	192.....	Valentine
Purity.....	198.....	Imperial
Gavel.....	199.....	Carleton
Golden Fleece.....	205.....	Chappell
East Lincoln.....	210.....	Lincoln
Bloomfield.....	218.....	Bloomfield
Relief.....	219.....	Coleridge
Landmark.....	222.....	Herman
North Star.....	227.....	Lincoln
Mt. Hermon.....	231.....	Cook
John S. Bowen.....	232.....	Kennard
Cubit.....	237.....	Douglas
Corner Stone.....	247.....	Osmond

Bassett.....	254.....	Bassett
Holbrook.....	257.....	Holbrook
Robert W. Furnas.....	265.....	Scottsbluff
George W. Lininger.....	268.....	Omaha
Crofton.....	273.....	Crofton
Ramah.....	275.....	Bertrand
Litchfield.....	278.....	Litchfield
Swastika.....	280.....	Sargent
Florence.....	281.....	Omaha
Lotus.....	289.....	Ravenna
John J. Mercer.....	290.....	Omaha
Minatare.....	295.....	Minatare
Mizpah.....	302.....	Omaha
Polk.....	311.....	Polk
Potter.....	313.....	Potter
Craftsmen.....	314.....	Lincoln
Grand Island.....	318.....	Grand Island
Cairo.....	324.....	Cairo

DELINQUENT DUES

The number of delinquent members is reported to be 1,793 as compared with 2,088 for the previous year.

The amount delinquent is \$13,034.50 as compared with \$15,615.23 for 1946, \$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 \$7.27, which is 21 cents less than last year.

RETURNS

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

Number of Chartered Lodges last report		279
Less consolidation of Incense Lodge No. 182 with Jewel Lodge No. 149, and consolidation of Bee Lodge No. 259 with Oliver Lodge No. 38.....		2
Chartered Lodges, December 31, 1947		277
Number initiated during year	2230	
Number passed	2077	
Number raised		2091
Number affiliated		404
Number dual members		4
Number reinstated		356
Number gained by other causes		40
Total Gross increase		2895

Number demitted during year	497
Number deceased	619
Number suspended	180
Number expelled	6
Number lost by other causes	66
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Total loss	1368
Net gain for year ending December 31, 1947	1,527
Number of Master Masons on rolls, December 31, 1946	37,796
Number of Master Masons on rolls, December 31, 1947	39,323

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary

VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more

James H. Bryant	Gavel No. 199	43 years
Henry Lausen	Wood Lake No. 221	38 years
Luke M. Bates	Minnekadusa No. 192	33 years
George R. Porter	Covert No. 11	31 years
Archie A. Meek	Lotus No. 289	29 years
William J. Breckinridge	Mid-West No. 317	28 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart	Culbertson No. 174	28 years
Rudolph H. Jenny	Hartington No. 155	26 years
Fred H. Pieper	Utica No. 96	25 years
Fred R. Haggart	St. Paul No. 82	25 years



W. BROTHER GEORGE H. HAASE

OFFICER OF MAGNOLIA LODGE NO. 220, FROM JUNE 1898, UNTIL HIS DEATH
AUGUST 4, 1947, 45 YEARS OF WHICH HE WAS 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

Central schools of instruction have been held in the following Lodges:

Lodge	Number	City
Gilead.....	233.....	Butte
Melrose.....	60.....	Orleans
Porter.....	106.....	Loup City
Minnekadusa.....	192.....	Valentine
Ogallala.....	159.....	Ogallala
Cable.....	225.....	Arnold
Diamond.....	291.....	Orchard
Stromsburg.....	126.....	Stromsburg
Peru.....	14.....	Peru
Robert Burns.....	173.....	Stratton
Ramah.....	275.....	Bertrand
Minden.....	127.....	Minden
Beaver City.....	93.....	Beaver City
Rob Morris.....	46.....	Kearney
Superior.....	121.....	Superior
Fairmont.....	48.....	Fairmont
Utica.....	96.....	Utica
Cedar River.....	89.....	Fullerton
Plainview.....	204.....	Plainview
Wayne.....	120.....	Wayne
Golden Rule.....	236.....	Allen
Fremont.....	15.....	Fremont
Mt. Moriah.....	57.....	Syracuse
Falls City.....	9.....	Falls City
Clay Centre.....	139.....	Clay Center
Ashlar.....	33.....	Grand Island
Beatrice.....	26.....	Beatrice
Fairbury.....	35.....	Fairbury
Blazing Star.....	200.....	Burwell
Thistle.....	61.....	Lexington
McCook.....	135.....	McCook
Amity.....	169.....	Hay Springs
Scotts Bluff.....	201.....	Gering
Harmony.....	321.....	Dalton
Bassett.....	254.....	Bassett

Individual schools have been held in the following lodges:

Lodge	Number	City
Blue Hill.....	129.....	Blue Hill
Bladen.....	319.....	Bladen
Bancroft.....	145.....	Bancroft
Solomon.....	10.....	Fort Calhoun
Tekamah.....	31.....	Tekamah
Papillion.....	39.....	Papillion
Pawnee.....	23.....	Pawnee City
Upright.....	137.....	Burchard
Crete.....	37.....	Crete
Highland.....	194.....	Cortland
Composite.....	81.....	Rising City
Seneca.....	284.....	Seneca
Camp Clarke.....	285.....	Bridgeport
Bayard.....	301.....	Bayard
Zion.....	234.....	Hyannis
Sioux.....	277.....	Harrison
Jordan.....	27.....	West Point
Beemer.....	253.....	Beemer
Northern Light.....	41.....	Stanton
Mystic Tie.....	166.....	Tilden
Globe.....	113.....	Madison
Mason City.....	170.....	Mason City
Merna.....	171.....	Merna
Anselmo.....	258.....	Anselmo
Oakland.....	91.....	Oakland
Washington.....	21.....	Blair
Star.....	88.....	Decatur
Randolph.....	202.....	Randolph
Tuscan.....	130.....	Surprise
Israel.....	187.....	Ulysses
Gavel.....	199.....	Carleton
Chester.....	298.....	Chester
Wolbach.....	292.....	Wolbach
Solar.....	134.....	Clarks
Winnebago.....	309.....	Winnebago
Olive Branch.....	274.....	Walthill
Square.....	151.....	Valparaiso
Unity.....	163.....	Greenwood
Pomegranate.....	110.....	Ashland

The Schools have been well attended and practically all Lodges in the jurisdiction have been contacted during the year. Special attention is being given to new initiates and those who were given their degrees by special dispensation have been encouraged and expected to take their examinations in all degrees to prepare themselves for the work of the Lodge. One hundred forty-two lodges have been checked during the year and all secretaries have cooperated in every way to perfect their records.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

Sixty-five Lodges have been presented with Certificates of Proficiency and more are preparing for the future.

Individual Certificates have been issued to about three hundred fifty brethren including the following new ones:

Name	Lodge Number
Nowell M. Dickerson,	Fremont 15.
Eugene L. Bumsted,	Right Angle 303.
Roy E. Dooley,	Fremont 15.
Philip Schulke,	George Armstrong 241.
Joyce W. Sundell,	George Armstrong 241.
John W. Kruse,	East Lincoln 210.
George H. White,	Minatare 295.
J. Clive Jull,	Minatare 295.
Irwin S. Leshovsky,	Right Angle 303.
Maurice P. Pederson,	Mosaic 53.
Alfred B. Gorman,	Lancaster 54.
James H. Hartley,	Lancaster 54.
Vern D. Carey,	Lancaster 54.
Alfred G. Miller,	Mosaic 55.
Francis W. Poast,	Florence 281.
Eugene M. McCoy,	Florence 281.
Auldwin L. Berthe,	Platte Valley 32.
George A. Stevens,	Samaritan 158.
Roland M. Wachter,	Landmark 222.
Ralph E. Applequist,	North Star 227.
Wayne C. McCoy,	Tecumseh 17.
Donald W. Jorgensen,	Frank Welch 75.
John H. Bolin,	Omaha 288.
Fred E. Graham,	Omaha 288.
Commodore O. Lamb,	Beaver City 93.
John J. Helzer,	Samaritan 158.
Lester C. Nelson,	Western Star 2.
Eldon R. Trump,	Bayard 301.
Warren E. Lawrence,	Robert W. Furnas 265.
George Peterson,	Harmony 322.
William W. Dodge,	College View 320.
Edward J. Nagel,	Robert W. Furnas 265.

Merrill L. Greenlee, Scotts Bluff 201.
 Silas A. Wilson, Rob Morris 46.
 Glenn W. Burnett, Liberty 300.
 Donald L. Felton, Liberty 300.
 Clifton J. Berry, Harmony 321.
 Jess W. Wade, John J. Mercer 290.
 Clarence E. Haines, Beaver City 93.
 Varro E. Tyler, Sr., Western Star 2.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

The following new appointments have been made during the year:
 Harold M. Wilkerson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, June 16, 1947.
 Ernest E. James, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, April 22, 1948.

The following were appointed Assistant Custodians Emeritus:
 Earl M. Bolen, Tuscan Lodge No. 130.
 Jesse Lowther, Relief Lodge No. 219.
 Wallace E. Linn, Nebraska Lodge No. 1.

These brethren have given years of faithful service to the Craft and are entitled to every consideration that can be given to them. Words are not adequate to express my appreciation for their service and fidelity through the years. Well done, good and faithful brethren.

SPECIAL VISITATIONS.

Many special visitations have been made during the year to assist in aiding the Lodges at the request of the Grand Master, and every one has met with the heartiest cooperation from the Craft. Heartiest appreciation is extended to M.'W.' Grand Master Edward Huwaldt and all members of the official family for their support and counsel during the year.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

There are a few places in the jurisdiction where the conditions for one reason or another are not the best and every Mason in the State should remember that what we have here today is the result of sacrifice on the part of those who have labored in the past and we should be willing to make every effort to safeguard the future for those who follow after us.

Fidelity to the Traditions of the Craft never was more needed than today. Nebraska and the Country are depending on us as never before.

Fraternally submitted,

Lute M. Savage

Grand Custodian

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF
GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

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

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

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

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

- The Chapter on "Approval of Lodge Financing".
- The Chapter on "Consolidations Proclamation".
- The Chapter on "By Laws Approved".
- The Chapter on "Dispensations to Elect and Install".
- The Chapter on "Dispensation to Confer Degrees".
- The Chapter on "Extension of Time for Proficiency".
- The Chapter on "Reinstatements".
- The Chapter on "Trial Commissions".
- The Chapter on "Recommendations 1 to 4, both inclusive".
- The Chapter on "The Omaha Masonic Home for Boys".
- The Chapter on "Decisions".
- The Chapter on "Miscellaneous", except the last paragraph relative to a caravan to The Nebraska Masonic Home.

To the Committee on Finance:

- The Chapter on "Recommendation No. 5".

To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

- The Chapter on "Representatives Near Other Grand Jurisdictions".
- The Chapter on "Grand Masters' Conference".
- The Chapter on "Visitations to Other Grand Jurisdictions".
- The Chapter on "Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions".

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

- The Chapter on "Necrology".

To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans:

- The Chapter on "The Nebraska Masonic Home".
- The Chapter on "The Masonic-Eastern Star Home".
- The Chapter on "The Masonic Relief Association of The United States and Canada".
- The Chapter on "Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans".
- The last paragraph of Chapter on "Miscellaneous" relative to caravan to The Nebraska Masonic Home.

To the Committee on Grand Lodge Office:

The Chapter on "Grand Lodge Office".

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

The Chapter on "Gold Jordan Medal".

The Chapter on "Bronze Jordan Medal and Fifty-Year Buttons".

The Chapter on "Corner Stone Laying".

The Chapter on "Visitations—Affiliated Masonic Bodies".

The Chapter on "Masonic Visitations".

The Chapter on "Area Meetings".

The Chapter on "State of The Order".

To the Grand Custodian:

The Chapter on "Grand Custodian".

The Chapter on "Assistant Custodians".

The Chapter on "Assistant Custodians Emeritus".

To the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial:

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

In reviewing our Grand Master's address, this Committee is convinced that he has most generously devoted his time and effort to the fulfillment of his duties and Freemasonry in general.

It is the opinion of this Committee that the brotherly open-minded manner in which he has performed his duties with efficiency and dispatch commands the respect of all the brethren.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

To the Jurisprudence Committee:

The Chapter on "Consolidation of Lodges".

The Chapter on "Recognition of Secretaries".

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Chapter on "W. Brother George H. Haase".

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Grievances".

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapter on "Charters and Dispensations".

To the Committee on Returns:

The Chapter on "Returns and Statement of Returns".

The Chapter on "Roll of Honor" and list of Lodges reporting no delinquent dues.

To the Committee on Finance:

The Chapter on "Relief Notes".

The Chapter on "Investments".

The Chapter on "The Grand Trustees".

All financial statements of various accounts.

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

The Chapter on "Fifty-Year Buttons".

The Chapter on "Jordan Medals".

The Chapter on "Roll of Honor".

The Chapter on "Dual Membership".

The Chapter on "Conference of Secretaries".

The Chapter on "Brethren Who Have Been Presented With Fifty-Year Buttons".

This report of our Grand Secretary reflects a successful fulfillment of his duties for which he merits thanks for such splendid work.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

There is nothing in this report that seems to require the attention of any standing Committee. However, the duties of this office are many and our Grand Custodian has faithfully discharged those duties with the highest degree of efficiency and satisfaction.

Your Committee recommends that all matters herein not referred be approved and ratified.

At 12:10 P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.



M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master, and W. Charles Gorr, President of the Omaha Masonic Temple Craft, examine the contents of the box taken from the corner-stone of the first Masonic Temple in Omaha, laid in 1876.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master :

“Brother Gorr, I will do the dipping, if you will do the talking.”

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Tuesday, June 8, 1948

At 1:30 o'clock p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

M. . W. . William F. Holman, Past Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota, was introduced and addressed the Annual Communication.

M. . W. . Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brethren:

This afternoon we have planned something a little unique, something a little different. You know, we are approaching the 100th Anniversary of this Grand Lodge. A committee has been appointed for some time. A committee has been appointed for some time to make the necessary arrangements for the approaching centennial. In other words our minds are beginning to turn toward history, and so I am sure you will find the program we have planned this afternoon, not only interesting, but of historical value.

I am going to call on Right Worshipful Brother John S. Hedelund, our Grand Junior Warden, and W. . Brother Charles Gorr, President of the Omaha Masonic Temple Craft Association, and Brother Gorr's Committee to come to the East at this time to take charge of this part of the program.

Brethren, I now introduce Right Worshipful Brother John S. Hedelund, our Grand Junior Warden, who will be in charge from this point on and introduce the other Brethren who will take part in the afternoon entertainment. Brother John.

R. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden:

This is hardly true, because the Masonic Temple Craft Association is in charge, and I am here as a representative of George W. Lininger Lodge, and, therefore, what I say and do on the subject is all practically of the Temple Craft. Worshipful Brother Charles Gorr is President of the Masonic Temple Craft Association and a Past Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1.

The Masonic Temple at 16th Street and Capitol Avenue burned down last winter. When the wreckage was cleared, through the good influence of some members of the Masonic Temple Craft Association of Omaha, the corner-stone was retrieved and given to that Association, which is the legal successor to the one that put the box there in 1876. The Temple Craft had planned to open that box at its annual meeting last January, but the Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge

felt that this was a thing of such importance to Masons in Nebraska, that it should be laid before you as well as before them, and they graciously consented to make that change, and the box will be here before you, and will be opened before you today, and I take it that after the ceremony is over you will be privileged to come up and inspect the documents and contents of that box, which I hope you will do.

It is not often given to Masons to see a corner-stone taken out and opened up after a period of 72 years. And I think we are very fortunate in having it done, more so, since the era of 1876 represents the beginning of the metropolitan City of Omaha, and to a large extent, to lay before you a little something about the lodges and men who laid the corner stone, and particularly this man. We have had Grand Masters who have lived a long time after they have served as Grand Masters. We had one who lived 59 years, but the latter part of that period was spent away from Omaha, and he was not in close contact with the Grand Lodge. Most Worshipful Brother George H. Thummel lived to serve this Grand Lodge actively for 56 years after he served as its Grand Master, and served with the distinguished gentlemen whom you saw this morning as the counsellor and advisor, and a good one. It was my privilege to know him for better than 40 years. A man of character and of rare judgment, and with a great confidence in his fellow man. I think he would have come before this Grand Lodge, and with the greatest confidence have said, "Brethren, whatever the proposition that comes up we turn it over to you, because we know that your judgment is going to be sound." He would not try to sway you in any way, he would not issue any orders, "Here it is, you think it over, then you do what you think best, and I know that is going to be right."

At the time that he laid this corner-stone he was 28 years old. I came in contact with him when we went out to Central City, when we helped that lodge celebrate its 75th Anniversary, and he found he had instituted that Lodge as District Lecturer, that today would be Assistant Custodian. So he was working out there in 1890. His home was in Grand Island, his membership was in Ashlar Lodge No. 33, and he kept it there until his death.

You know, we listened this morning to the reading of the Grand Secretary's report showing that we have approximately 40,000 Masons in Nebraska today. When the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was instituted in 1857 there were less than 100 members who made up the Grand Lodge. In the year 1864 there were 318 members. His pioneering spirit in Masonry made possible the things that we have today. When he laid this corner-stone in 1876 there were 60 Lodges in Nebraska, probably extending out as far as Columbus, or a little bit beyond Osceola, I think. There were in the State of Nebraska 2761 Masons according to the official returns at the end of that year.

There were 41 members in Nebraska No. 1, which at that time was still in Bellevue; 228 in Capitol Lodge No. 3; 164 in Covert No. 11; and 81

in St. Johns 25. 521 men who made it possible to build a Masonic Temple. Brethren, it accommodated the Lodges in Omaha, the meetings of the Grand Lodge, the meetings of other bodies for a period of 40 years.

Brethren, I hope that some one who was in that Temple, (I never was in it; I was not a Mason until they moved up here)—will be able now to tell you something about the arrangement of the building, what its facilities were, and what Masonry was 72 years ago, but I want to lay this foundation for what is to come, and I thank you for listening to me.

W. . Brother Charles Gorr :

Most Worshipful Brother Huwaldt, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Visitors and Brethren:

At the outset I think that we should all be warned that our participation in this occasion was very much unrehearsed, and almost, you might say, very much unprepared, because we had felt that it should be something very informal, and that during the course of the time that we are going through this box, or while anyone is talking, if there is any of the older brethren who might know something as to the history, as Brother John said, of the old Temple, or what is in the box, feel perfectly free to make yourself heard, because, as I say this is a very informal meeting.

On June 18th, 1874, the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha was incorporated, for the purpose of acquiring property and building a Masonic Temple Building, and also for the purpose of managing that building after it was built. The Board is composed of 12 members, six of whom are elected annually for a term of two years by the stockholders at their January meeting. From the Board they elect a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, and also a secretary who is not a board member.

At this time I would like to present and introduce to you, some of the members of the Board who are with me today. Brother Carl A. Anderson, of Capitol Lodge No. 3; Brother Robert B. Williams, St. Johns Lodge No. 25; Brother Clarence A. Holsten, of Capitol Lodge No. 3; Brother LaVerne J. Smith of Omaha Lodge 288; Brother Frank P. Manchester of St. Johns Lodge No. 25; Brother William W. Carmichael of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268; Brother Herbert T. White of Covert Lodge No. 11. The other members of our Board for some reason or another were not able to attend.

Now, as Brother John explained to you earlier, following the fire of the Leflang Building, a committee was appointed from the Masonic Temple Craft to try and discover the stone, which they did through quite a bit of effort, and quite a bit of ability, by the way, also. Unfortunately one of the men who worked the hardest on that committee, and who, I am sure, would have been very happy to be here today, is unable to be here on account of sickness, and that is Walter Blixt, whom I am sure a great many of you know. It was also my thought that it would have

been very nice had I been able to get in touch with our own brother Homer Race, another gentleman, I am sure, you all know. Homer was for a hundred years, more or less, secretary of the Masonic Temple Craft Board, and I thought it would have been very fine to have had him tell us what the old building looked like. I was never in the old building.

I understand there were several lodge rooms in the old building. Apparently that building was built in two sections, because, as I was told, the stone was found about in the middle of what we knew as the Leflang Building. Apparently the south end of it was built first, and the north end built later.

That is about the extent of the part that we are going to play in this.

Perhaps when we get into the contents of this box, I think it would be well for the Grand Master to pick them out individually, and he can tell what they are. At that time if there is any question that any of you would like to ask or if anyone has anything to say that would tell us something about Masonry way back there, we would like to hear from them.

It is our thought that the contents be kept here. You may examine the papers, but they don't have to be handled too much. Most Worshipful Brother Huwaldt, would you like to do the honor of dipping into the box?

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brother Gorr, I will do the dipping, if you will do the talking.

W. Brother Charles Gorr:

This box has not been touched. It has just been opened today, and the contents are just the way they were.

LIST OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BOX

- Articles of Incorporation of the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha.
- List of the officers and directors, and impression of the Seal of the Masonic Temple Craft.
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, Session of 1875.
- Proceedings of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Nebraska, Session of 1875.
- Proceedings of the Grand Council R. & S. M. in Nebraska, from its organization to 1875.
- Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, from its organization to 1875.
- List of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska A. F. & A. M. for the current year.

- List of the officers of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Nebraska for the current year.
- List of the officers of the Grand Council R. & S. M. in Nebraska for the current year.
- List of the officers of the Grand Comandery of Nebraska for the current year.
- By-laws and list of the officers of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar.
- List of the officers of Omaha Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters.
- By-Laws and list of officers of Omaha Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons.
- By-laws and list of officers of Capitol Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.
- List of the officers and members of Covert Lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M.
- By-laws and list of officers of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M.
- Impressions of seals in appropriate colors of the Grand Lodge, Grand Commandery, Grand Council and Grand Chapter.
- Impressions of seals of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar; Omaha Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Capitol Lodge No. 3; Covert Lodge No. 11, and St. Johns Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M.
- Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of Nebraska.
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Nebraska, Session of 1875.
- Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows of Nebraska, Session of 1875.
- List of the officers of the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Nebraska, for the current year.
- List of the officers of the Grand Encampment I.O.O.F. of Nebraska, for the current year.
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Nebraska, Session of 1875.
- List of the officers of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias for the current year.
- Constitution of the State of Nebraska.
- Charter of the City of Omaha.
- List of the officers of the state, county and municipal governments.
- List of the officers of the Supreme and District Courts of Nebraska.
- One Silver Knights Templar Cross and Badge of 1876, deposited by J. J. Monell, Jr.
- Sealed envelope—contents unknown—deposited by the Omaha Book Company.

Charter, by-laws and list of officers and members of the Merchants Club of Omaha.

Copy of the Omaha Daily Bee of October 20, 1876.

Copy of the Omaha Daily Herald of October 21, 1876.

Copy of Omaha Daily Republican of October 21, 1876.

Map of Omaha by Bartlett & Smith.

History of Omaha by Alfred Sorenson.

Directory of Omaha by C. Exera Brown.

A collection of American and Foreign coins deposited by G. Stevenson, H. L. Latey, J. J. Monell, Jr., E. E. French, Charles F. McLean, Samuel G. Curtis and James Woodward.

Five dollar note (state currency) of the Weybosset Bank of Providence, R. I., deposited by E. E. French.

Three dollar note (state currency) of the Jefferson County Bank of Watertown, New York, deposited by E. E. French.

Fifty dollar note (currency) issued by the Confederate States of America, deposited by G. Stevenson.

Coupons of Centennial Excursion ticket deposited by E. E. French.

Copy of the oration delivered at the laying of this corner-stone.

Twenty dollar note (currency) issued by the Confederate States of America, deposited by S. Cafferty.

Trade dollar of 1876, deposited by J. C. Brumer.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

It is interesting to note that the corner-stone was laid by a Grand Master from Grand Island, and after these many years it is returned to a Grand Master from Grand Island again.

Brethren, I think this about concludes what I have to say. The envelope with the unknown contents is an ad and statement of the Omaha Book Company, authorized capital \$60,000.

Extemporaneous remarks about the old Temple by W. John E. Simpson, Past Master of Covert Lodge No. 11; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Emeritus, and M. W. James R. Cain, Past Grand Master.

W. Charles Gorr:

Brethren:

As I explained to you, there are twelve members on our directory, we have seven on the platform here today, and I have asked them all the same question, and they have all given the same answer. I said to my good friend Carmichael, "Seven constitutes a quorum?" He said, "Yes, that will constitute a quorum." We have seven votes. It is the

desire of the Omaha Masonic Temple Craft by a vote of the members present that now the contents of this box be given in charge of the Grand Lodge. Some time in the future the Grand Lodge anticipates a library or museum, perhaps it could be included in that group of things that they will want to keep there. I offer this in the form of a motion. (Seconded and carried.)

May I also take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to participate in this part of your Grand Lodge Session.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brother Gorr, you beat me to the punch. I was about to thank you for giving this Grand Lodge one of the most interesting sessions that they have ever had.

It is mighty fine, mighty interesting.

Before you leave I would like to add about one minute of history which I deem important with what you have heard this afternoon. You heard this afternoon that a Grand Master from Grand Island laid this corner-stone, you also heard that a Grand Master from Grand Island received this corner-stone.

A boy was born in 1825 in Chillicothe, Ohio. When he was fourteen years old he witnessed a Masonic parade on the streets. His father was in that parade; he was deeply impressed by the purple uniforms and the brass band, but Masonry was not in good repute at that time. He was often assaulted on his way home from school by boys of non-Masonic families. He decided then and there if he lived long enough he would become a Mason. As soon as he reached his majority Robert Carrel Jordan received the degrees of Masonry and became very active in Chillicothe, Ohio. He moved to Omaha, Nebraska, in 1857, a few months after the lodge at Bellevue was organized. The lodge had only advanced one candidate as far as the Fellow Craft Degree, they had not conferred any Master Mason's degree, and were not sure that they knew how. Then here comes this brother from Chillicothe, Ohio, well informed and experienced. He then conferred for them the first Master Mason's degree.

In September of that year the three existing lodges in Nebraska formed the Grand Lodge of Nebraska with Robert Carrel Jordan as its first Grand Master. I will add this next step, which was omitted, pardon me for putting it in, after serving the three years as Grand Master. he moved to Grand Island, where he became the first Master of Ashlar Lodge No. 33. When he lived in Grand Island he lived in a house located on one of the now principal business corners of the city, which is the corner directly across the street north of the Yancey Hotel. The spot is now occupied by a men's clothing store. He was an Episcopalian. At first the services of the Episcopalian church were held in his home. Later he was able to rent a building, a small wooden church on the site now occupied by the beautiful St. Paul Episcopal Church in Grand Island. He

then moved back to Omaha, where he died in 1899. He was laid to rest in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

So when we present the bronze Jordan Medal, and the gold Jordan Medal, let us remember our most distinguished brother, and our first Grand Master.

M. W. Brother Ewing, Grand Master of Masons in Missouri, was presented at this time.

M. W. Brother Ewing's address was most interesting and inspiring.

W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Grand Marshal, presented the report of the Committee on Centennial in the absence of Chairman W. George W. Rosenlof, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL

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

Your Committee on Centennial has not had occasion to hold any formal meeting this year. The business transacted one year ago is sufficient for the time being. It is anticipated that the committee will hold a meeting sometime during this year to prepare further plans for the Centennial Celebration.

In the meantime it is expected and hoped that the Brethren will continue the arrangements authorized one year ago as a budget under which to operate. The Brethren were most generous and that generosity will insure a celebration of the sort that all will want and that will be a fitting tribute to the occasion.

As Chairman of the Committee, I would urge that the Grand Master give early consideration to the appointment of a historian to prepare a history of the Grand Lodge. Your Committee on Centennial will assume full responsibility for its publication and distribution at the time of the Centennial Celebration. It is our belief that the most immediate concern is the selection of a historian or historians charged with full responsibility for the preparation of this important manuscript.

I send all kind fraternal greetings and wishes for a splendid meeting at which it is regretted that I cannot be present this year.

M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Past Grand Master, presented the report of the Committee on Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OMAHA MASONIC HOME FOR BOYS

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

Your Committee on Omaha Masonic Home for Boys hereby submits the following report:

Practically all of the work of your present committee since its appointment has been of a purely routine type.

Monthly reports for January, February and March, 1948, have been submitted by the Home to your committee. We are under the impression that prior to the first of the year such reports were sent to the Grand Master. The reports show income and disbursements, and also the names and ages of the boys resident in the Home. The March report shows seventy-eight boys ranging in age from six to sixteen. The number reported is one less than in March, 1947.

Copy for circulars and other printed matters has been submitted to your committee from time to time prior to publication, and we have suggested a few minor changes.

The Home has during the year continued its active operation in caring for a goodly number of boys who might otherwise not have received proper care, sustenance and supervision.

At 3:30 P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 9, 1948

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

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brethren:

I take pleasure this morning in presenting to you Worshipful Brother Leslie E. Martin, President of The Nebraska Masonic Home, and chairman of their board.

I want you to know this is one of the most important posts in Nebraska Freemasonry. You have heard a lot about the Home, and you will be hearing more.

And Brother Martin we would like to have a word from you if you would care to say anything at this time.

W. .Leslie E. Martin :

Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I have a report to make a little later this morning. I don't believe that I have anything more to say at this time, and I will leave my remarks with that.

M. .W. .Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master :

We will hear the report of the Grand Trustees at this time.

W. .Charles F. Adams, 68, Grand Marshal, read the report for the Chairman of the Grand Trustees, W. .Robert D. Wilson, which was adopted.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

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

For the first time in several years we are able to report that the average percentage income from the securities owned by the Grand Lodge was not lower than for the previous year, but on the other hand, that it was a shade higher. The reason for this is that money is in greater demand and interest rates are somewhat higher.

As the prevailing rates of interest constitute a major factor in the earning power of trust funds such as ours, it seems appropriate to consider briefly the present situation in that respect and the prospects for the future. The exceedingly low interest rates which have prevailed for several years have, to a very large extent, been the result of the low rates set by the Federal Government on its bonds and other securities. The Government has, however, recently increased the interest rate which it pays on some of its issues and commercial interest rates have risen accordingly. This is reflected in the interest rates being charged by banks and in the rates which new issues of bonds and preferred stocks bear.

Of course, there is no way of increasing the return on the securities now held in our portfolio, but there is a good prospect that the return on such securities as may be purchased hereafter will be more favorable. Fortunately, the cash funds on hand at this time are quite large, which will enable us to take advantage of opportunities to buy safe issues of securities at higher interest rates as they are issued in the future.

Of course, it is always possible to buy issues which carry a higher than normal interest rate, but issues of this kind are generally speculative and the risk of loss is much too great. It is not this kind of securities which will be purchased as it is clearly recognized that while it is desirable to increase the fund by securing the best obtainable return, that it is even more important to do so without assuming unwarranted risks. The continuance of a conservative policy is recommended.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brethren:

We will now hear the report of W. Brother Leslie E. Martin, President of The Nebraska Masonic Home, if you are ready to report.

W. Brother Leslie E. Martin, 281, presented his report on The Nebraska Masonic Home, which was adopted.

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

The purposes of a great fraternal organization such as ours are best measured by what we do rather than what we commit ourselves to in our obligations and beautiful lectures. The most important activities of our Masonic fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska are the services performed by our two splendid institutions, namely, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, and The Nebraska Masonic Home for the Aged at Plattsmouth. To the extent that the membership of our Masonic Lodges throughout the State are informed about these two homes and are in turn interested, devoted and proud of these institutions, are we giving full expression to the great teachings of Masonry which are brotherly love, relief and truth.

In the year 1947, The Nebraska Masonic Home operated on a budget of \$65,409.89 which was an increase of \$8,132.35 over the year 1946, or a 14% increase. The average per capita cost for maintaining a resident in the Home in 1947 was \$845.09 as compared with a per capita cost of \$414.97 in 1938. The average number of residents in 1947 was 77.4 and the number of employees to carry on the work at the Home in 1947 was 25. I am pleased to report that the Home is very ably managed under the direction of Superintendent William F. Evers. Our Home is operating each year on a budget plan, and under the careful supervision of Brother Evers, we are always able to keep within the budget set up by the Board of Trustees.

I again call to your attention the crowded condition of the Home which has necessitated the placing of many applicants for entrance into our Home on a waiting list until such time as a vacancy occurs. As you know, about 40% of our residents are housed in the old building which is a very serious fire hazard. We are moving as rapidly as possible toward the building of the new wings on the infirmary so as to relieve these serious situations. Our architect has completed his detailed plans for their submission to the contractors for bids which will come up some time in July. As soon as we are able to review the bids and measure those amounts with the funds we have on hand, then we will know how soon we can begin operations.

The standing of our lodges as of May 24, 1948, in their contributions to the Home Building Fund Campaign show the following results: Total amount subscribed and pledged by all the lodges, \$302,580.75 out of a quota set up in the beginning of the campaign of \$341,920.00. This is

86% of the quota. We have other gifts and pledges made by other Masonic orders and by bequests which bring our total cash and pledges to approximately \$350,000.00. When we began the campaign, we thought \$350,000.00 would be ample to build the proposed wings to the infirmary. With increasing costs since that time, our architect estimates that it will probably require \$400,000.00 to do the job. You can readily see the importance of continuing your efforts in reaching your quotas if you have not already done so. According to the latest figures, there have been one hundred eleven lodges out of two hundred seventy-seven that have turned in 100% or better of their quota. We have had the services of one of our trustees, Worshipful Brother Raymond C. Cook, who has given considerable time in visiting the lodges over the State and telling the story and needs of the Home. Wherever he has been, and wherever our brethren are informed, the response has been very good. We are very much indebted to him in his splendid work with the lodges. The basic problem back of all of our difficulties is the lack of information that our membership throughout the State have about the Home. In an attempt to correct this situation, the Board of Trustees of the Home have decided to issue a Nebraska Masonic Home News each quarter for mailing to every Mason in the State. We believe that with this information going into the home of each Mason, our membership will become so well informed that any need or want of the Home will be promptly met. We are also confident and hopeful that more of our splendid Masons throughout our Jurisdiction will remember the Home in their wills with substantial bequests to the Home.

In closing, I wish to commend to this Grand Lodge each and every one of the Board of Trustees who are serving you so unselfishly and generously in giving their time to the management of the affairs of the Home. They deserve your thanks and commendation. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish to express our appreciation for the splendid leadership our Most Worshipful Grand Master Edward Huwaldt has given us during the past year. He has had a vision of the future of the Home and has sought to give expression to that vision through his suggestions and plans which have been very helpful.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brother Grand Junior Deacon will you conduct Brother William F. Evers to the Altar.

Brethren:

You just heard the report of The Nebraska Masonic Home. I want you to see the man who does the work. I have the pleasure of introducing Brother William F. Evers, Superintendent of our leading charity, The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. Brother Evers do you have a word to say at this time?

W. .Brother William F. Evers:

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I urge that every Mason of Nebraska avail himself of the opportunity, or make the opportunity, to visit The Nebraska Masonic Home. He then can see and we can go into detail after he visits the Home, and know that we have a wonderful Home.

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

M. .W. .Edward Huwaldt, 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
Arkansas.....	Elmer E. Magee
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Bahia.....	Mainard E. Crosby
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba.....	Benjamin F. Eyre
British Columbia.....	Thomas J. Aron
Canada.....	Edward F. Carter
Columbia Nat'l Grand Lodge.....	Fred G. Christensen
Colorado.....	Carl R. Greisen
Connecticut.....	Chancellor A. Phillips
Costa Rica.....	Ward B. Schrack
Delaware.....	Ross Van Sickle
Denmark.....	John S. Hedelund
Florida.....	Charles B. Nicodemus
Georgia.....	William F. Evers
Illinois.....	Ernest S. Schiefelbein
Indiana.....	John R. Hughes
Jugoslavia.....	C. Ray Macy
Kansas.....	Henry H. Heiler
Louisiana.....	Norris Chadderdon
Maine.....	Archie M. Smith
Manitoba.....	Ernest C. Purdy
Maryland.....	George A. Kurk
Massachusetts.....	William B. Wanner
Mexico.....	Earl J. Lee
Michigan.....	Lewis E. Smith
Montana.....	Benjamin F. Pitman
New Hampshire.....	Virgil R. Johnson
New Jersey.....	Wallace E. Linn
New South Wales.....	Glen L. Rice

New York.....	George R. Porter
North Dakota.....	Austin F. Whitmire
Nova Scotia.....	Jesse P. Entrekin
Oklahoma.....	Curry W. Watson
Oregon.....	Varro E. Tyler
Panama.....	Walter R. Raecke
Prince Edward Island.....	Donald C. Smith
Puerto Rico.....	Walter O. Barnes
Queensland.....	Edward Huwaldt
Rhode Island.....	Edward A. Hoagland
Saskatchewan.....	Harold H. Thom
Scotland.....	William Cosh
South Australia.....	Joseph B. Fradenburg
South Carolina.....	James R. Cain
South Dakota.....	Charles A. Chappell
Tennessee.....	William C. Schaper
Vermont.....	Lute M. Savage
Victoria.....	Charles H. Marley
Virginia.....	William J. Breckenridge
Washington.....	Edward M. Knight
West Australia.....	Alvin H. Miller
Wisconsin.....	Osborne P. Simon

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brethren:

It is customary each year to call the representatives of the Grand Lodges of our own country and other lands to the altar. We want the brethren here this morning to see who you are, and to know that we have contacts with other Grand Lodges.

Yesterday you heard Most Worshipful Brother Holman from this platform. He is not only a Past Grand Master of Minnesota, but he is Nebraska's representative near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Your duties are not heavy, but you will find it interesting to correspond with some brother in the jurisdiction that you represent.

There is one point I would like to make clear to all the brethren here this morning, that these good brethren about the altar represent jurisdictions all the way from Canada to Australia. I want you to know also that they have not visited those jurisdictions at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

We are very happy to welcome you this morning.

M. W. Archie M. Smith, Past Grand Master, gave the

RESPONSE

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

In responding to your words of welcome I speak for all of the Grand Representatives who are present. From the long roll call we become aware of the large number, and their location, of the Grand Jurisdictions with which we maintain friendly relations. There are a number with which we or some Grand Jurisdictions do not have an exchange of Fraternal representatives, and to which I will make reference later. Information as to some of these is gleaned from Grand Lodge records and Reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence.

I consider it the duty of each Grand Representative to read at least the high points in the proceedings of the Grand Jurisdiction which he represents, in order to keep himself informed on matters Masonic in such jurisdiction and to impart to the brethren, with whom he comes in contact, some Masonic inspiration.

For the substance of this response I have chosen to give a few gleanings from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, which I have the honor to represent.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence in that Grand Jurisdiction came into being in 1847; for the first 99 years of its existence it had only four chairmen; the work of one of these, M. W. Josiah H. Drummond, earned him an international reputation and brought boundless prestige to the Grand Lodge of Maine; the last of the four, M. W. and Rev. Brother Ashley A. Smith, brilliantly carried on the great tradition established by his illustrious predecessor, and produced writings which have brought instruction and inspiration to thousands of Masons throughout the country.

The Grand Master told his brethren that they must educate the great army of new brothers in the true meaning of Masonry, make them Masons in fact as well as in name, and teach them the ancient landmarks of the Craft so that they, in turn, may pass them on, pure and unchanged, to those who shall come after them.

The Committee Chairman had this to say:

"The old question of physical perfection continues to disturb the brains of the Fraternity, as it has done for the past 100 years. Personally, I feel that this question is attracting more attention than it deserves. I am very far from advocating the abandonment of all physical standards, but I do feel that physical deficiency is of small importance compared to moral deficiency. One libertine can do more harm to Masonry than a whole platoon of wooden legs."

Another thought:

“The Grand Master has again emphasized the need of Masonic education. The work of our lodges cannot be confined to our degrees.”

In its supplemental report the 1947 Committee on Foreign Correspondence mentions that the Grand Lodge of Maine had refused to renew fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium—discontinued twenty-five years ago—for the reason that when the Grand Orient of Belgium removed the Great Light in Masonry from its altar and from the altars of its subordinates it thereby forfeited all claim to consideration as a Masonic body.

There was a denial of exchange of fraternal representatives with the Grand Lodge of France because

“it does not lie under the tongue of good report. It does not require the use of the Holy Bible by its subordinates, but permits each lodge to use the Bible, or a White Book of blank paper, or no book at all, as it may elect. This indifference on a matter of such fundamental Masonic importance precludes any recognition of the Grand Lodge of France as a Masonic body.”

Applications for fraternal recognition have been received from lodges in Spain, Syria, Lebanon and some South American countries, but chaotic and unsatisfactory conditions in the several countries, irregularities in the origin and descent of certain of the applicant bodies, lack of territorial jurisdiction, and other imperfections indicate that none of these bodies is as yet fully qualified for recognition under the exacting standards prescribed by the Grand Lodge of Maine.

The Grand Master endeavors to impress upon all that the first qualification for membership is character and that great care must be exercised in the selection of candidates.

Most Worshipful Brother Fradenburg, who is in our line as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Australia, has requested that, as a part of this response, I read two letters. The first has a Square and Compass and the letter G in the center, at the top; next below across the page, is a row of capital letters in old English. What they represent is not apparent. The documents are written entirely with the pen, and, except for the heading mentioned, are in beautiful script. The balance of the first letter is as follows:

“To the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Nebraska,

Greetings:

From your humble representative situated in Adelaide, South Australia, on completion of Fifty years membership in Freemasonry on 25th January, 1948, I

have the honor to submit fraternal good wishes to the Brethren assembled at your Annual Communication to be held at Omaha in June next, and trust that your good works may be continued indefinitely.

Fraternally yours,

F. E. Haddrick, Representative
since 9 June, 1910"

This is the other letter:

"South Australia, Joslin,
113 Sixth Avenue,
8th May, 1948.

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Please accept the felicitations and the best of good wishes from the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Australia, the Annual Communication of which was held on 21st April last. At this assembly R. W. Grand Master G. C. Ligertwood presented me with a gold medallion and an illuminated address in honor of my Fifty years membership.

Fraternally yours,

F. E. Haddrick,

P. M. No. 19, S. A. C."

In closing, my associates and I are pleased to have this place on the program of our Grand Lodge and to have your gracious words of welcome; in addition, I want to thank you for the personal privilege of making this response.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brethren:

I just want to present to you indirectly one of our Illustrious brothers, who is absent from your Grand Lodge here for the first time in many years, I refer to the Honorable Frank C. Patton, Venerable Lt. Grand Commander, Supreme Council, 33rd, of the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A. and Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in Nebraska.

I want you to know he is very sorry he had to miss this 91st Annual Communication.

W. Raymond C. Cook, 6, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts, which was adopted.

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

Your Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts submits the following report:

The Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts was created at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on June 8, 1921, as the result of a bequest and annuity agreement proposed by a Nebraska Brother and accepted by this Grand Lodge. Since that time, and after a lapse of 27 years, there has never been another annuitant making a request for this service, or a single gift of this nature to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska handled thru or by this Board. Furthermore, the widow of the first and only Brother making the original annuity agreement has signified her willingness to accept the original amount of the annuity, (\$2,500) and terminate the agreement by mutual consent.

Your Board feels that there is ample evidence to support the belief that there is no demand from Nebraska Masons for this form of service. We further submit that a program to secure gifts and bequests to our two Masonic Homes—the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children and The Nebraska Masonic Home for the Aged and Indigent—is being promoted vigorously by the Boards of Trustees of these two Grand Lodge charities. Definite progress is being made. This Committee feels that these are the proper agencies to carry out such a program. The Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts created by Grand Lodge Law on June 8, 1921, now performs no useful function and is definitely superfluous. Therefore, we respectfully recommend that unanimous consent be given at this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for the repeal of Section 1-310 of the Law of this Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, and thus abolish the Board of Masonic Service, Annuities and Gifts and terminate its function.

(We further respectfully and fraternally request that this recommendation be submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee for final action at this Communication of the Grand Lodge).

We further recommend that if it is still the wish of the present Annuitant to accept the original amount of the annuity (\$2500) and terminate the agreement, that the action be given the approval of this Grand Body.

W. James C. Suttie, President, gave a report on The Masonic-Eastern Star home for children, which was adopted.

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

A good many of the details of operation of the Home are set forth in detail in the proceedings of the stockholders' meeting held in January.

A copy of the proceedings have been sent each lodge. Hence to repeat them here would only mean duplication.

At the time the report was made to Grand Chapter O. E. S. last month, we had 40 children on the grounds—11 Senior Girls, 8 Senior Boys, 11 Junior Girls, 10 Junior Boys. Many a time have I heard the Home referred to as the "Eastern Star Children's Home"—you may be interested to know that of the 40 children, 28 of them were admitted through Masonic lodges, balance Eastern Star chapters. We have in process of admission through usual channels, nine applications. Four Senior Girls, and one Senior Boy graduate this year, having completed Fremont High School course. One girl, June DeGraw, admitted through Mitchell Lodge No. 263 of Mitchell, won Regent's scholarship to University of Nebraska, also was tapped by National Honor Society, a splendid record for a youngster to make.

General operations at the Home are proceeding normally, the youngsters are well and happy. We have the usual trouble everyone else has, in our inability to secure proper help, and have been severely short-handed as a rule; the jobs are not easy and the hours long. Today we are badly in need of help which we don't seem to be able to get. One of our matrons Mrs. Maude Donisthorpe, who has been Matron at Junior Girls' for 16 years, has left to spend her remaining years with her family; we pay tribute to her long years in the interests of this Home, and the powerful effect for good she has had in the training of these little youngsters.

It is difficult to forecast what the future holds for this Home in way of enrollment; we have capacity for 80 youngsters, and the plant is in good physical shape to take care of all we get. Owing to the help situation we have been forced to decline to handle youngsters under two years of age; we tried a pair of twins and were compelled to turn them back. We could find no one to take care of them. Last month we had a case of a mother wanting to put in five children, ranging from 2 months to 6 years, don't know how we will come out on that. The Board very carefully considers all cases, and all angles connected with a specific case; we would like to take these babies, but we just can't at present. So far as general enrollment is concerned, times have been good, State and Federal relief have helped keep children with mother; but we do know that when the going gets tough again, we will have all we can handle. We are ready for them.

We are again forced to ask for more money to operate; living costs have risen tremendously, as you know in your own homes. We have been very careful in any expenditures and haven't spent a dime where not necessary, yet we are faced with a big problem. A few illustrations, first cost being 1940 and the second one today: Girl's shoes \$2.64 vs. \$6.42. Boy's shoes \$3.17 vs. \$7.35. Boy's suits \$9.14 vs. \$31.25. Oil 5c to 6c vs. 13c to 15c. We could show similar comparisons for every article we use. All of you know what it is in your own expenditures.

You may be interested in knowing in financial terms, just what you have at Fremont. About a year ago insurance engineers made complete survey of every building on the grounds and the figure they gave us as 100% insurable value on what is ABOVE THE GROUND only resulted in:

Administration building.....	\$36,652.00
Junior Boys	32,630.00
Senior Boys	75,146.00
Junior Girls	79,322.00
Senior Girls	60,520.00
Farm buildings	*12,300.00
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Total	\$296,570.00

*Too low account inadequate fire protection.

The Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha on behalf of Masons throughout the state, generously gave us a check in April for \$850.00 to cover construction of tennis court, which will be so built that it can also be used for badminton, shuffle board, volley ball, and in winter flooded for ice skating. This will give us badly needed recreation facilities right at home. A mighty thoughtful gesture on their part. We also mention our appreciation of the other fine gifts we have had during the year and just don't know how we would have gotten along without the splendid contributions from all over the state. Our North Platte Valley lodges always do their part in their generous contribution of potatoes and vegetables, a fine group of earnest Masons who never forget the Home and the children in it.

The loyal and efficient employees at the Home deserve your earnest thanks for the long hours they put in, their willingness at all times to do what they can for the children, and the results show up in later years in the fine calibre of good American citizens turned out. I cannot find words enough to tell you of the splendid work Superintendent Reeder is doing with and for the children. You may think when a youngster graduates he is through with us, or we are through with him. You have only to go to the Home Christmas Eve and see the "graduates" back with us; it is their HOME in every sense of the word. When they were in the armed services they kept in close touch with the Home, and on their leave, always stayed out there. And nothing is finer than to see a young mother, who graduated from the Home, return with her youngster for a visit. May we continue to make this a real Home in every sense of the word for our youngsters.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Huwaldt, and Grand Secretary Carl, our sincere thanks for your unlimited backing in every way.

It is hard to summarize a year's hard work in a few words, but if there are any questions you may desire to ask, will endeavor to reply.

My sincere thanks to all of you for your many courtesies.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master :

Thank you Brother Jim, for that fine report. And Brethren, I submit to you the sincerity that Jim puts into his report, assures us that the Home is functioning as it should be. I congratulate you, Brother Jim, for the fine work you are doing.

Brethren:

At the altar is Dr. Earle G. Johnson, of Grand Island. A fine Mason, a good citizen, and a red hot Republican. He is serving on one of the committees this year, and was on the Masonic-Eastern Star Home Committee several years ago. He is our leading physician and surgeon. The American Legion one year cited him as the most outstanding citizen of our community. I can think of only one mistake he made, that was in 1936 when he appointed me Junior Deacon of Grand Island Lodge 318.

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

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

For the benefit of those who may not be familiar with the activity of this committee, I would like to explain that we are charged with the responsibility of assisting worthy students of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home to secure a college education. In addition to helpful counsel and advice, we give financial aid for all necessities except board and room, which the student must earn. This is a very worthy activity and the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, who participate in it on an equal basis, are to be congratulated for their interest in our youth.

During the past school year we have had two girls and two boys attending college under our supervision. One girl attended Wesleyan University and the other girl attended Doane College. One boy was in the University of Nebraska, and the other boy in Omaha University.

Next school year we anticipate having four girls and one boy attending college. Two expect to be attending Wesleyan, one Midland, one University of Nebraska, and one will take training as a beauty operator.

For the past four years the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter have each appropriated \$900.00 for the work of our Committee. However, due to increasing costs and the fact that we will have one more student than we had last year, we are asking for an appropriation of \$1,000.00 this year. A similar amount has already been appropriated by the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

W. Robert W. Cook, 33, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations to whom have been referred various matters of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to submit the following report upon the matters referred to our Committee:

In line with the citations previously issued to Hardy Lodge No. 117 A. F. & A. M. and Napthali Lodge No. 206 A. F. & A. M., said citations for representatives of these Lodges to appear before this Committee to show cause why their charters should not be revoked: Your Committee carefully examined representatives from each of said Lodges as to the financial condition of their lodge, and present membership, the regularity of their communications, the degree work performed, the attendance reported, and all sundry matters connected with the operation of their lodge in their respective jurisdiction, and we are pleased to report that we find both of these lodges in a condition of activity, sound financial condition, and excellent interest in the principles of Freemasonry, and that the future of both of these Lodges, if present conditions prevail as reported to this Committee, seems to assure their success.

We, therefore, recommend with reference to Hardy Lodge No. 117, A. F. & A. M. and Napthali Lodge No. 206 A. F. & A. M., that their charters be not forfeited, but that supervision be maintained over these lodges.

Your Committee also examined the report of the Credentials Committee for the 90th Session of the Grand Lodge with reference to the Lodges that had not been represented at Grand Lodge for two successive annual communications, and also, examined the records of the Credentials Committee of the 91st Session of the Grand Lodge and we find in comparison of this report of the Credentials Committee and the records for this year that the following Lodge has failed to register for a period of three successive annual communications:

Zeredatha Lodge No. 160, A. F. & A. M., Reynolds.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that as to the above named lodge, that it be cited to appear and show cause before the next Session of this Grand Lodge, why its charter should not be revoked.

Upon a reading of the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations for the 90th Session of the Grand Lodge wherein that Committee called attention to the dormant condition of Western Lodge No. 140 A. F. & A. M., your Committee caused an investigation to be made of the condition of this lodge, as to membership, work performed, reports submitted, and various other and sundry matters connected with Masonic principles, and we find that Western Lodge No. 140, A. F. & A. M. appears to be in a dormant condition. Further, that they have not been represented for the last four communications of the Grand

Lodge, and we, therefore, recommend that an investigation be made of Western Lodge No. 140 A.F.&A.M. with the view of revoking their charter, unless conditions are brought out that the good of Masonry would be best served by either consolidation of this lodge with some other lodge or unless said lodge can be reactivated and perform the functions of a Lodge of Freemasonry in Nebraska.

M.W.Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, presented the report on the Committee on Physical Qualifications, which was adopted.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I had a telegram yesterday from Brother Canaday, who is chairman of the Special Committee on Physical Qualifications, stating that he was unable to be present, that he had not prepared a report, and would like to have the committee continued for another year. I move that the request of the Chairman of the Committee be approved, and the committee continued.

M.W.Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master gave the report of the Committee on Robert Carrel Jordan Memorial which was adopted.

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

M.W.Brother Robert Carrel Jordan was the First Grand Master in Nebraska. He was buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Omaha.

There is a suitable monument on the lot, but there is nothing to indicate that on this particular spot lies the body of the man who really organized, and really built the first foundation of Freemasonry in Nebraska. Brother Frank C. Patton, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Scottish Rite, and I were on this committee. We have made some preliminary investigations.

I move that this Committee be continued for another year to complete its work.

AMENDMENT TO THE LAW

M.W.Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master:

Last year I presented an amendment to the law which was laid over for action this year.

The amendment to the law proposed was to amend section 3-102, paragraph p, Nebraska Masonic Code, 1946, by deleting the entire paragraph which reads as follows: "Petitioning the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine before one year has elapsed since being made a Master Mason."

I may say in explanation of this, that at the 1921 Session of the Grand Lodge, we enacted a law that no brother could petition either the Scottish Rite or the York Rite bodies until he had been a Master Mason for twelve months, had attended at least six regular meetings of his lodge, passed an examination for proficiency on the Master's degree, and could not petition the Shrine for two years, after being made a Master Mason.

About four years ago the Grand Lodge in its wisdom deleted or disposed of this one year law, so that now any Master Mason may petition the Scottish Rite or York Rite for degrees without waiting a year, but the law still remains on the books that a Master Mason must wait one year after receiving the degrees before he can petition the Shrine.

It is felt that this one-year clause has been held against the Shrine long enough and for that reason I presented the resolution and it probably was fitting that I should be the one to do it, because it was under my administration as Grand Master that the law was put into effect.

May I say that out of it has grown a much better understanding of the power and authority of the Grand Lodge and that the Grand Lodge has supreme and everlasting control over its members. I think that is explanation enough and I would like to move the adoption of this amendment.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brother Lew, as I understand it, if we adopt your recommendation, we are removing the waiting period of one year?

M. W. Lewis E. Smith:

That is right.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Is that clear? Are you ready for the question? All in favor of adopting the recommendation indicate by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Down hands. All those opposed the same sign.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

The motion is lost. The waiting period stays in.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Brother Lewis Smith mentioned Most Worshipful Brother Robert Carrel Jordan to you this morning. That called to my mind one statement I want to make to you. Two of his great, great grand-children live in Grand Island. His grand-daughter says she has information that proves that the house in Omaha where he lived was on the site now occupied by the Regis Hotel.

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on the Relief and Care of Orphans, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Brethren:

We hereby submit the report of the activities of this Committee for the year beginning June 1, 1947, and ending May 31, 1948.

To our mind, the truest, most sublime interpretation of the Spirit of Masonry is its almost boundless charities.

Brother Joseph Fort Newton gave expression to the following sublime thought:

"Outside of the home and the House of God, there is nothing more beautiful than the spirit of Masonry. Gentle, gracious, and wise, its mission is to form mankind into a great redemptive Brotherhood, a league of noble, free men, enlisted in the radiant enterprise of working out in Time the Love and Will of the Eternal."

Naturally and primarily, our homes and our churches should be the first and foremost consideration, as Brother Newton places them first.

At a recent meeting attended by M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master, he gave voice to the following:

"The work of the various Relief Boards and Associations is a revelation to me and strikes a very responsive chord in my heart because the Relief and Welfare work of Masonry is the very heart and soul of Masonry. It is gratifying to know that the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska is doing its full share in this respect with additional opportunities to perpetuate our organization through the work of the Homes at Plattsmouth and Fremont."

This Spirit of Masonry, and what it may signify to an individual Brother, may appeal to him from various points of view. Masonic ties and bonds of true brotherhood are real "hoops of steel", and naturally result in sincere, insoluble friendships, which Time cannot efface. This, if nothing more, might strongly appeal to a Brother as sufficient evidence of a true Spirit of Masonry.

Then, in the building of character, the Spirit of Masonry may rightfully be deemed "Handmaiden" of the Home and School and Church. Whenever called upon to assist in the raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason a younger Brother, we should never fail to express the thought of the influence this spirit of Masonry has in the ultimate shaping of his life.

Masonry does not indulge in any advertising propoganda as to its charities and rightly so. And yet, it often seems almost tragic that the very large majority of our Fraternity are so little informed on this

subject. Some official, at the dedication of the George Washington Memorial a few years ago, who evidently had made a close study of this subject and had compiled statistics in relation thereto, made the surprising statement, that in the English speaking lodges of the world, Masonry contributed each day a total in excess of \$50,000.00 to charities. No doubt these figures are considerable more today due to the change in the general economic situation.

The Spirit of Masonry manifests itself not only in our Homes and Orphanages and Hospitals, but, as well in the relief that is given to many cases outside of these Homes. In this field of Masonic service, relief and care for our unfortunate, the Masons of Nebraska can well be proud of the part they have taken since the early history of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The work of your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans is closely associated with the work of the Home Board, but each group functions separately from, and independent of, the other. This is very necessary from an administrative standpoint, but a fine spirit of cooperation and coordination of effort is always manifested by all groups concerned. Whenever our investigations develop memberships in other associated bodies, such as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Order of the Eastern Star, or Knights Templar, our recommendations have always been for active participation in the case of these organizations, and we are pleased to report that we have always received their cooperation and support.

As a matter of general information, our per capita dues of \$2.00 per member paid by each subordinate lodge to the Grand Lodge, are divided by statute and pro rated as follows:

The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$1.00
Maintenance Fund, Children's Home—Fremont15
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans20
General Fund65
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Total	\$2.00

During the past year we have operated well within the funds provided for our purpose. Our total expenditures for the year are \$4,706.55, which is a slight increase over the preceding year. The principal factor creating the increase was the Cambridge flood situation which occurred the latter part of June, 1947. Upon receipt of the news of this disaster your committee immediately enlisted the support of other associated groups and within a very few days \$2,885.00 had been provided for flood relief purposes to members of Masonic and Eastern Star families in the Cambridge vicinity. The detail of contributions for this fund is as follows:

Grand Chapter O. E. S.	\$1,000.00
Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.	500.00
Scottish Rite Bodies	500.00

Scottish Rite Bodies, Lincoln	100.00
Scottish Rite Bodies, Hastings	150.00
Shrine, Hastings	50.00
Eastern Star, Allen	10.00
Eastern Star, Mason City	5.00
Zion Lodge No. 234, Hyannis	50.00
McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook	500.00
Individual contribution	20.00

Total\$2,885.00

These funds were placed at the disposal of, and administered by M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, Past Grand Master, whose home is in Cambridge. A complete detail of expenditure from this emergency account is attached hereto as a permanent record. We are grateful to Brother Phillips and the many others who assisted and contributed to this fine work. Truly this is Masonry in action. In addition, the Grand Chapter O. E. S. and this committee contributed \$100.00 each to the World-Herald Cambridge Relief Fund for general purposes.

It is not within our province to attempt to prophesy what the future holds for us in regard to Relief Matters. It is our humble opinion that we have already passed the low ebb of calls for assistance and can anticipate an increase for the future. We must be guided by certain indicators which cross our path and which lead us to our conclusions. For the past several years we have remained almost stationary from the standpoint of new cases coming to our attention. During that same period of time we have closed several cases due primarily to the death of those being assisted.

Since January 1, 1948, we have received ten requests for assistance.

Some of these are more or less permanent and others of a temporary nature. Most of them have originated with the individual in the case and handled through the Lodges of which they are, or were, a member. We cannot ignore indicators such as these without playing ostrich and trying to fool ourselves. Many of your business barometers are likewise showing signs of a lull before the rumble of the Storm. This man-made bubble of inflation, with two chicks in every pot and "what have you", will burst and when it does, where is your lodge going to be from the standpoint of financial stability and ability to handle your requests for assistance? Brethren, remember the request for assistance must come through the lodge to this committee, and not from the individual.

We will assist you in analyzing any requests received, but we, also, expect each lodge to assume its full share of the responsibility.

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 record.

M. W. William B. Wanner, Past Grand Master, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations reports that there has been no change in our fraternal relations with other Grand Jurisdictions with whom we are now exchanging representatives, during the past year.

During the past Masonic year, your committee has received requests for recognition and exchange of representatives from the following Grand Lodges:

- Grande Oriente Espanol (in exile) Mexico City.
- Grande Oriente D'Italia (Gran Loggia Nazionale).
- Grand Lodge of Uruguay.
- Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary.
- Gran Logia Del Peru.
- Grand Lodge of Hamburg (Germany).
- Masonic Universal Federation of Yugoslavia of Ancient, Free and Accepted Scottish Rite (in exile).
- Grande Loja Simbolica Do Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil.
- Grand Lodge Symbolic Scottish for the State of Ceara, Brazil.
- Grand Lodge of Greece.
- Grand Lodge of the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- also
- Conclusions adopted by the First Inter-American Conference of Symbolic Masonry held in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Notice of the Union of four Independent Lodges with the Grand Lodge of Norway.

While we have the utmost sympathy for and interest in these various organizations, particularly those of the South American Continent, in view of the unsettled world conditions at the present time, we recommend that action on these matters be laid over, for further study, until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, without prejudice to any of them.

Your committee can never forget receiving a booklet, beautifully printed on fine paper from the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia, telling how well they were progressing and expressing the hope that for the first time since the war, it seemed their troubles were over. Four days after the receipt of this pamphlet by the committee, the "Iron Curtain" descended and we only theorize on and wonder about the fate of those fine brethren in the ill-fated land, with whom we had been in fraternal relation almost from the birth of their Grand Lodge.

With this as an example and for other reasons, we offer the above resolution.

W. Robert V. Graff, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was adopted.

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

We, your Committee on Returns, beg to submit the following:

First—The correspondence on Returns is very copious—we think this is because the printed forms are somewhat confusing to many secretaries.

Second—We find 277 lodges with charters in good standing in Nebraska.

Third—There are 72 lodges in the Honor Roll, with no delinquent members.

Fourth—That leaves 205 lodges having 1793 delinquent members as compared with 2,088 delinquent members in 1946.

Fifth—There were 69 Returns mailed in late—February tenth or later, which causes the Grand Secretary much concern since his reports must be ready for the auditors' report and printing before Grand Lodge convenes in June.

Sixth—We find the Grand Secretary's printed report on Returns complete, as given him by subordinate secretaries.

Seventh—We recommend that all members help your secretaries to get their Returns in before the dead line, and if possible, with no delinquent members. Your lodges need the money.

Eighth—We recommend that our Grand Secretary prepare a Manual for all secretaries to follow; also a work-sheet on which to keep membership records for each year.

At 11:35 o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 9, 1948

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

W. Harold H. Thom, 1, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted.

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

"Just once for each the White Ship touches port,
 Though none behold its sails, nor sound is heard,
 Yet, while one waits,
 Friend after friend goes silently aboard
 The Unseen Ship, and onwards sails toward
 The Pearly Gates."

The oldest question that has perplexed the mind of the human race is still as poignant today as when Job, the Patriarch of Uz, sat amid the ashes of his dreams and the rubble of his ruined home and asked his companions "If a man die, shall he live again?" Over and over, through the long lapse of centuries, wherever we turn our steps across the sands of Time and wherever we search the pages of history, the finite mind of man, seeking to read the riddle of the Infinite, has come to realize that there is a point beyond which knowledge cannot go—a path which even wisdom cannot take—a realm where only faith can bring peace to the aching heart and surcease of sorrow to the troubled soul, and where only love can answer the questings of the bereaved breast.

This yearning after immortality is inherent in every tribe and race—the only spiritual outreach which is common alike to all colors, classes and creeds. Even those who have stubbornly refused to admit that this life is not all the Great Creator has intended for us—even they find as they near the Valley of the Long Shadow or as they watch some dearly-loved one slipping out on the ebbing tide—that the yearning after immortality, denied and suppressed though it may have been for years—will burst all restraints and overwhelm them in the intensity of desire. Even the great agnostic, as he stood by the bier of his best-loved brother, his heart crushed and broken, could only humbly say: "Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word of hail, but in the night of death, Hope sees a star, and listening Love can hear the rustle of a wing."

To this confession of helpless impotence, we who have firmly set our feet on the Eternal Rock of Infinite Truth can say with the poet—

"Alas for him who never sees
 The stars shine through his cypress trees—
 Who, hopeless, lays his dead away
 Nor looks to see the breaking day
 Across the mournful marbles play!
 Who has not learned, in hours of Faith,
 That truth to flesh and sense unknown—
 That Life is ever Lord of Death,
 And Love can never lose its own!"

For we have learned as we have drunk at the fount that flows from our Sacred Altar that nature and reason proclaim the Infinity of God and the Immortality of the Soul, and with undaunted trust and implicit confidence we answer that age-old question even as did Job himself when he said: "I know that my Redeemer liveth and that he shall stand at the latter day, and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger."

We call this life that Life's preparation;
 We call this life a little time of tears!
 But think you God for this designed Creation,
 A few brief years?
 If that be all, then why these worlds around us,
 And unseen skies, and undiscovered stars?
 I wonder, though one little world we found us,
 Why God made Mars?

A million spheres, and ours one tiny planet—
 Eternity—and Earth a little span;
 It cannot be for this that God began it—
 That God made man!
 I eat, I drink, a little gold I win me—
 One world enough for my necessities—
 But something else, some other thing within me
 Does none of these!

My soul has little use for earthly treasure,
 Comes not to table, wears no silk nor wool;
 With all our playthings finds its only pleasure
 The beautiful.
 So many things my soul has naught to do with
 To which the man of flesh so fondly clings;
 Shall that soul die when these things I am through with—
 The fleshly things?

God made for man an earthly habitation,
 The body, soil in which the soul must grow.
 This little life is but the preparation
 The soul must know.
 And then—one day—man's errors overcome him,
 The body fails—the soul alone is wise;
 And then the God that takes one small world from him
 Gives him the skies!

Therefore, there is no sorrow in our hearts today, such as weighs down the spirits of those who have no hope. We recognize the wisdom and revere the goodness of Him who doeth all things well—who hath

established our days and determined our years—who saith to this one, “It is enough! Come up higher!” and to that one, “Thy day of toil is over; take now thy rest!” And because Hope has whispered to Love that there is a Celestial Lodge above where all faithful Craftsmen shall complete the Spiritual Temple they have here begun, we reconcile ourselves to these separations from our beloved Brethren, which otherwise would be crushing in their cruelty—fearful in their finality—and heart-breaking in their eternity.

Memorials have been received from twenty-five Grand Lodges of sister jurisdictions announcing the passing of forty-four distinguished Brethren of the Craft. Our hearts are deeply touched, even though few of them were personally known to many of us, and our sympathies go out to those jurisdictions which have thus been bereft of devoted service and ripened counsel. It would be impossible to pay to each of them the meed of honor so justly his due, but even as their lives and services are enshrined in the hearts of those who loved them best because they knew them best, we deem it fitting that their names be inscribed in our proceedings and that a page therein be set aside to their memory.

With our sister jurisdictions we mourn the loss of the following:

Grand Lodge of Alabama—

M. W. Julian Fletcher Spearman.....Past Grand Master
R. W. Guy T. Smith.....Grand Secretary (1931-1947)

Grand Lodge of Alberta—

M. W. Samuel J. Blair.....Past Grand Master
M. W. Arthur George Richard Bond.....Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Arizona—

M. W. Otis James BaughnPast Grand Master

Grand Lodge of British Columbia—

M. W. Charles W. Kingston.....Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Colorado—

M. W. Reuben W. Hershey.....Past Grand Master
R. W. Edward Charles Hurley.....Grand Treasurer Emeritus

Grand Lodge of Connecticut—

M. W. Winthrop BuckPast Grand Master and Grand
Secretary (1929-1947)

M. W. Anders JacobsenPast Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Florida—

M. W. Jesse C. ClarkPast Grand Master
M. W. Warren S. Taylor.....Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Idaho—

M. W. Louis Royden Scott.....Past Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Illinois—

M. W. William TinsleyPast Grand Master

- Grand Lodge of Indiana—
 - M. W. Ira Harrison Church.....Past Grand Master
 - M. W. Douglas Burns Douglass.....Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Iowa—
 - M. W. John W. Gannaway.....Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Kentucky—
 - M. W. Henry Pendleton Barret.....Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Manitoba—
 - M. W. Jabez MillerPast Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Michigan—
 - M. W. Albert John Young.....Past Grand Master
 - M. W. Ira A. Beck.....Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Minnesota—
 - M. W. Charles D. Boyce.....Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Mississippi—
 - M. W. James Henry Johnson.....Past Grand Master
 - M. W. Walton George Grayson.....Past Grand Master
 - M. W. John Foggo Dixon.....Honorary Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Montana—
 - M. W. Harlon Leslie Hart.....Past Grand Master
 - M. W. John KainPast Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of North Dakota—
 - M. W. Mark I. Forkner.....Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Ohio—
 - M. W. Earle StewartPast Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Oregon—
 - M. W. William Coleman Bristol.....Past Grand Master
 - M. W. William Jasper Kerr.....Past Grand Master
 - M. W. Earl Wileox SnellPast Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan—
 - M. W. Nathaniel B. Williams.....Past Grand Master
 - M. W. James McGregorPast Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of South Dakota—
 - M. W. George PhilipPast Grand Master
 - M. W. Alton C. Kingbury.....Past Grand Master
 - M. W. William F. Sargent.....Past Grand Master
 - R. W. Samuel Ellsworth George.....Deputy Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Texas—
 - M. W. Joseph J. Mansfield.....Past Grand Master
- Grand Lodge of Wisconsin—
 - M. W. Charles Francis Lamb.....Past Grand Master
 - M. W. Clarence HillPast Grand Master
 - R. W. Charles E. George.....Past Grand Senior Warden

Grand Lodge of Wyoming—

M. W. William O. Wilson.....Past Grand Master

In our own Grand Jurisdiction it is with humble gratitude to the Supreme Architect of the Universe that we record an unbroken official line and that all of our revered and well-beloved Past Grand Masters have again been spared to honor this session with their presence and to lend their ripened counsel to our deliberations. The Constituent Lodges have reported a total of 619 Brethren who have been summoned from the narrow confines of this Terrestrial Lodge to the illimitable reaches of the Celestial Lodge above. For them we recommend the setting aside and suitable inscription of a page in our proceedings.

Were I to read the list of these honored dead, for each one in this room some name would evoke a fragrant memory, and the flood of recollections would be an unspoken memorial to their lives and a tribute to their attainments in the Craft.

And so, with our hearts made tender by the memories of the love and friendship of those to whom we today pay tribute, we leave our beloved dead in the covenant care and keeping of the Everlasting Arms. Speech cannot contain our love. The few words we have tried to say can only feebly express our many thoughts and emotions at such a time as this—and to each of you have come memories and recollections too sacred and precious for this poor tongue to interpret. The more we love, the more we fear, and upon the tenderest heart the deepest shadows fall. But through it all we have the blessed assurance that

“There is no Death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in Heaven’s jeweled crown
They shine forever more!

There is no death! An angel form
Walks o’er the earth with silent tread;
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them “dead”.

And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there are no dead!”

W. Raymond C. Cook, assisted by W. Harold H. Thom, at the organ, sang “There is No Death.”

RECEPTION OF M. W. JAMES R. MITCHELL
GRAND MASTER OF WYOMING

M. W. James R. Mitchell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, was presented, and very cordially welcomed by M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master, who introduced him to the Grand Lodge and invited him to a seat in the East.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers, and appointed the Assistant Custodians to act as tellers, W. Raymond C. Cook as chairman.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Brother Elmer E. Magee, 227.....Grand Master
Brother Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59.....Deputy Grand Master
Brother John S. Hedelund, 268.....Grand Senior Warden
Brother Thomas J. Aron, 37.....Grand Junior Warden
Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Brother Thomas A. Barton, 210.....Grand Chaplain
Brother John E. Curtiss, 79.....Grand Orator
Brother Lute M. Savage, 3.....Grand Custodian
Brother Charles F. Adams, 68.....Grand Marshal
Brother Edward M. Knight, 183.....Grand Senior Deacon
Brother Fay Smith, 198.....Grand Junior Deacon
Brother Raymond C. Pollard, 136.....Grand Tyler

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE

Codification of the Law: W. Harold M. Kelley, 302, chairman; Norris Chadderdon, 146; Orville C. Wisdom, 294.

Temple Building Advisory Committee: W. Otto Nelsen, 300, chairman, (1949); Victor Bryan, 263, (1950); Clarence V. Dixen, 227, (1951).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, chairman, (1949); M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1950); M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, (1951).

Fraternal Dead: W. Carroll E. Schurman, 15, chairman, Harlan S. Heim, 40; George A. Stevens, 158.

Foreign Correspondence: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Curry D. Bryson, 314.

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, chairman, (1952); W. John R. Hughes, 184, (1951); Otto Burkhardt, 55, (1950); Benjamin F. Pitman, 158, (1949); Alvin H. Miller, 19, (1953).

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

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, chairman; Elmer P. Baruth, 323; Wesley E. Sorensen, 324.

Applications for Reinstatement: W. Henry M. Edwards, 303, chairman; LaVerne J. Smith, 288; Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290.

Masonic Education: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, chairman; W. Walter L. Schnabel, 158, Ralph M. Marrs, 184; Roy W. Deal, 227; M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318.

Grand Trustees W. Robert D. Wilson, 268, chairman, (1951); M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136, (1949); W. Carl D. Ganz, 209, (1950).

Grievances: W. Herbert T. White, 11, chairman; Philip Robinson, 155; Bernard B. Harris, 265.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Omaha Masonic Home for Boys: M. W. Walter R. Raecke, 36, chairman; W. Fred R. Haggart, 82; Carl W. Rensch, 19.

Centennial: W. George W. Rosenlof, 77, chairman; William J. Baird, 268, Carroll E. Schurman, 15.

Physical Qualifications: M. W. Ralph O. Canaday, 285, chairman; M. W. George A. Kurk, 54; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136.

Robert Carrel Jordan Memorial: Brother Frank C. Patton, 11, chairman; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136.

Committee to Study Section 3-102, Paragraph D of our Masonic Code for Clarification: W. Clarence E. Benschoter, 169, chairman; Eddy C. Newland, 158; William E. Brooks, 158.

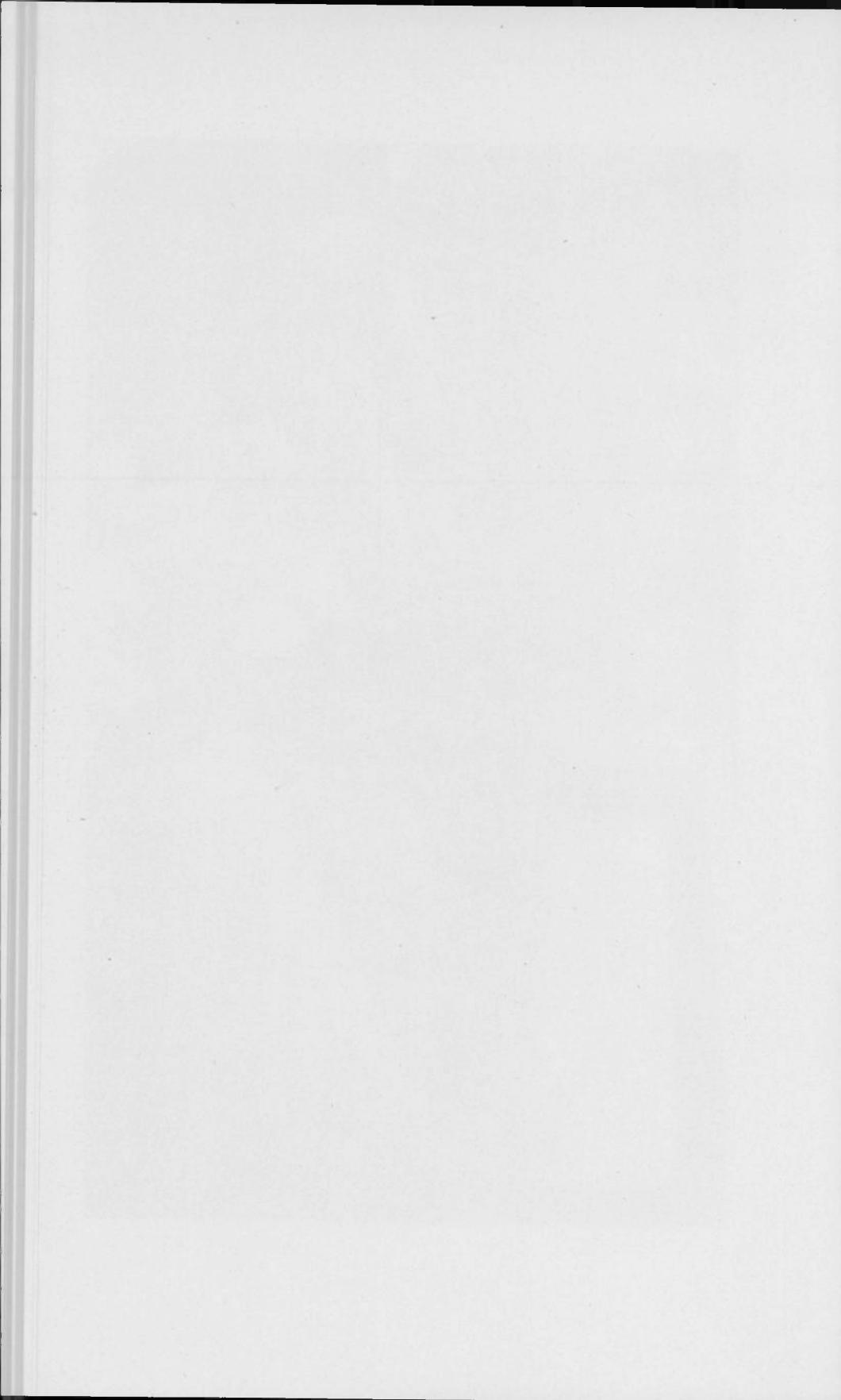
M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master, presented the Report of the Committee on Masonic Education, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Masonic Education during the past year has carried on the task of disseminating light and information for the purpose of bringing the Craft to a higher and fuller understanding of the ideals and purposes of Freemasonry. The degree of our success cannot be measured. We are dealing with a matter which is intangible and any yardstick that comes to mind seems hopelessly inadequate. We have given of our time, our ingenuity, and our energy in the hope that we have been effective in making progress in our objectives.



“Area Meeting Banquet, Fremont Auditorium”
April 23, 1948



We have continued our monthly bulletin which is sent to all the masters of the subordinate lodges. In this bulletin we have attempted to keep the subordinate lodges advised on the major activities of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, including dissertations upon Masonic symbolism, and submitted forum discussions on Masonic educational topics by the question and answer method. We have provided Masonic literature without cost to all lodges requesting it, to be given to the Candidate, the Entered Apprentice, the Fellowcraft, and the Master Mason. More than 80% of our lodges are now making use of the booklets.

We have continued to maintain a Speakers' Bureau. When the subordinate lodge has been unable to pay the expenses of a speaker, we have absorbed that expense.

We have circulated a 16 mm., sound, colored, movie film loaned to us by the Masonic Service Association of Washington, D. C.

The idea of the Area Meeting has been continued. Four of these meetings were held during the last Masonic year at Ord, Scottsbluff, Fairbury and Fremont. These meetings were well attended, the last meeting at Fremont reaching a new high in attendance. Eight hundred twenty-five Masons turned out for this meeting. We think these meetings serve a very useful purpose. 1. It brings the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge officers to a large number of our Masonic brethren. 2. It enables our Committee to present its plans and objectives by direct approach. 3. It enables Grand Lodge officers, particularly the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, to discuss mutual problems which are beneficial to the Order. 4. It provides inspiration to many brethren and develops a fellowship which tends to integrate our subordinate lodges into an organized whole. 5. Above all, it develops the spirit of Freemasonry by bringing home the real objectives of the Order and pointing out some of the ways that Masonry can contribute to a better way of life. We think that Area Meetings, properly distributed as to time and place, can and will play a very important role in the field of Masonic Education.

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$3,600 for the use of the committee for the past year. We have returned \$380.01 of this amount to the general fund. A detailed statement of expenditures is attached hereto. The committee is of the opinion that it will require an appropriation of \$3,600 to carry on this work for the ensuing year. We request that this amount be appropriated for the use of the committee for the Masonic year 1948-1949.

We are very grateful for the cooperation we have received from the Grand Lodge officers, particularly in their attendance at Area Meetings. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal and Grand Junior Deacon attended all four Area Meetings.

The work of this committee is increasing each year. It requires energy and ingenuity to maintain the program as an effective agency. New ideas are always in demand and constructive criticism is desirable. An effective job in the field of Masonic Education is more than a five-man undertaking.

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

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Lodges are represented except the following: 21, 41, 44, 51, 57, 62, 64, 89, 93, 100, 111, 125, 126, 128, 129, 140, 143, 144, 151, 153, 154, 155, 160, 161, 164, 172, 180, 182, 192, 203, 207, 208, 212, 214, 218, 223, 245, 247, 257, 258, 259, 261, 262, 268, 276, 283, 284, 286, 307, 311, 319.

Total number of lodges 277. Number represented 225. Number not represented 52. Lodges not represented for last two Annual Communications: Nos. 51, 62, 93, 129, 140, 145, 160, 212, 245, 247, 259, 276. Not represented last four communications: No. 140.

GRAND OFFICERS

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V. W. Glen L. Rice.....	Grand Chaplain
W. Mainard E. Crosby.....	Grand Orator
W. Lute M. Savage.....	Grand Custodian
W. Charles F. Adams.....	Grand Marshal
W. Thomas J. Aron.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Edward M. Knight.....	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, Archie M. Smith, Virgil R. Johnson, Chancellor A. Phillips, Walter R. Raecke, William J. Breckenridge, Earl J. Lee, Edward F. Carter, George A. Kurk, William B. Warner, William C. Schaper and Benjamin F. Eyre.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska ....No. 1	*Albin Bergstrom...	*Charles E. McCann.	Thomas D. Williams
Western Star. " 2	Lester C. Nelson...	Harry H. Winkleman	*Varro E. Tyler
Capitol " 3	John W. Dindinger.	*James C. Hendericksen	*James H. Taylor
Nemaha Valley " 4	*Abe L. Lawrence...	*John C. Lawrence..	.....
Omadi " 5	Stanley K. Bridenbaugh	*Harold K. Harris...	.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	Charles M. Mead...	Verner A. Meisinger	.....
Falls City " 9	Russell E. Dorr....	Richard A. Ketter..	Kenneth M. Gaither
Solomon " 10	Edward H. Lorenzen	.....	.....
Covert " 11	Philip C. Cariotto..	Paul L. Constant..	Lamont H. Stroud
Orient " 13	*Peter N. Frederick.	*Melvin Baker.....	*Peter N. Frederick
Peru " 14	Oscar D. Mardis...	.....	*Cecil M. Coatney
Fremont " 15	Carroll E. Schurman	Nowell M. Dickerson	.....
Tecumseh " 17	*Frank A. Anderson.	Willis A. Gariss....	Wayne C. McCoy
Lincoln " 19	Lewis R. Ricketts..	S. Hugh Dillon.....	Donald C. Youngblut
Washington .. " 21	.....	.....	.....
Pawnee " 23	Joseph B. Gifford..	*Robert Minick.....	*Rex Gifford
Saint Johns .. " 25	Harry M. Green....	Arthur W. Pinkerton	.....
Beatrice " 26	Richard G. Stratford	*Richard G. Stratford	*Richard G. Stratford
Jordan " 27	Charles V. Stewart.	Harvey H. Sass....	Norbert H. Meyer
Hope " 29	Glen Erisman.....	.....	.....
Blue River.... " 30	Marion A. Bass....	.....	.....
Tekamah " 31	*Charles McDonald..	.....	*Anton R. Kokes
Platte Valley. " 32	Auldwin L. Berthe.	*David J. Fredrick..	Floyd W. Crawford
Ashlar " 33	Robert W. Cook....	Stanley D. Kelly...	Bayard H. Paine, Jr.
Acacia " 34	Lester G. Oberg....	Alvah M. Muehlich.	.....
Fairbury " 35	Robert V. Denney..	.....	Carl H. Barber
Lone Tree.... " 36	George E. Schafer..	.....	Harold Parker
Crete " 37	Charles H. Johnson.	Charles Bailey.....	James B. Logsdon
Oliver " 38	Jack Clark.....	John R. Hughes....	James Struve
Papillion " 39	Floyd D. Trumble..	Frank A. Pflug....	Thomas G. Daniell
Humboldt " 40	Arlo H. Coons.....	*Berton Mowry.....	Phillip L. Settell
Northern Light " 41	.....	.....	.....
Hebron " 43	Amos E. Stauffer..	Claude L. Rowley..	Harlan S. Gordon
Harvard " 44	.....	.....	.....
Rob Morris... " 46	E. Anson Thomas...	.....	.....
Fairmont " 48	Harry L. Bohling..	Robert L. Romans..	*Harry L. Bohling
Evening Star.. " 49	Herbert J. Ochsner.	Wayne C. Rowlison.	Kenneth C. Painter
Hastings " 50	D. Charles Irwin...	Roger L. Packer...	Charles R. Brown

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FidelityNo. 51
Hiram " 52	W. Therlo Reckmeyer
Charity " 53	Clarence W. Crowell	Donald G. Henderson	Cecil J. Yost
Lancaster " 54	Russell R. Rauch...	Sidney S. Anderson.	Merle M. Hatch
Mosaic " 55	Carl L. Miller.....	*Carl L. Miller.....	*Alfred G. Miller
York " 56	Arthur C. Dobler...	.....	Raymond H. Read
Mount Moriah. " 57	.....	.....	.....
Wahoo " 59	Theodore R. Haney.	*Edwin R. Levin....	Howard J. Hunter
Melrose " 60	Harold G. Simons...	.....	.....
Thistle " 61	Benjamin F. Menke.	Elden E. Hodges...	.....
Keystone " 62	.....	.....	.....
Blue Valley .. " 64	.....	.....	.....
Osceola " 65	I. Donald Huston...	*I. Donald Huston...	*I. Donald Huston
Edgar " 67	Martin R. Saum....	.....	.....
Aurora " 68	Eldon E. Higby....	.....	.....
Sterling " 70	.....	Harry E. Reutter...	Charles P. Gordon
Trowel " 71	*Elmer C. Rakow....	.....	.....
Hooper " 72	Arthur F. Schwartz.	Donald Shaffer....	.....
Friend " 73	William J. Rhynalds	.....	.....
Alexandria ... " 74	*Donald L. Kerwood.	.....	.....
Frank Welch.. " 75	Theodore R. Tillotson	.....	*Theodore R. Tillotson
Nelson " 77	.....	.....	Guy B. Bruck
Albion " 78	Carroll J. Reid....	.....	.....
Geneva " 79	*Gerald Walton.....	.....	.....
Composite " 81	Leonard Davis.....	*Pearl C. Hillegass..	*Pearl C. Hillegass
Saint Paul ... " 82	Frank J. Blazek....	*Frank J. Blazek...	*Fred R. Haggart
Corinthian ... " 83	W. Bryan Johnson..	*Henning Hallin....	*F. Ray Dilts
Fairfield " 84	Charles V. Glenn...	Warren Wilson....	*Charles V. Glenn
Doniphan " 86	Edward A. Stulken.	.....	.....
Ionic " 87	Emil E. Sandoz....	.....	.....
Star " 88	Charles Christiansen	Victor C. Major....	H. Bayard Johnson
Cedar River... " 89	.....	.....	.....
Oakland " 91	Fred S. Linder....	*LeRoy Johanson....	Raymond Larson
Beaver City... " 93	.....	.....	.....
Bennett " 94	Harry W. Burt....	Fay Blacker.....	Ivan Baker
Garfield " 95	Lawrence R. Johnson	.....	.....
Utica " 96	*Clair R. McNeil....	.....	.....
Euclid " 97	F. DeForest Philpot	Clifford C. Cooper..	Clarence E. Norris
Republican ... " 98	Louis L. Kammerer.	*Louis L. Kammerer.	*Louis L. Kammerer
Shelton " 99	*Ora O. Hayman....
Creighton " 100

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Ponca No. 101	*Dean H. Ehle.....
Waterloo " 102	*Herbert L. Johnson..	Max Wrigg.....	Forrest W. Noyes
Ord " 103	.....	Almond R. Brox....	.....
Wymore " 104	Lacy L. Mittan....	O. Wayne Miller...	*Franklin W. Meyers
Stella " 105	Richard McMullen..	Velmar Freed.....	Earl Hicks
Porter " 106	Frederick J. Leschinsky .....	.....	.....
Table Rock... " 108	*Guy F. Bonham....	.....	.....
Pomegranate.. " 110	Bruce B. Taylor....	Carl Ziegenbein...	Leland Wagner
DeWitt " 111	.....	.....	.....
Springfield .. " 112	*Glen McCamley....	Dewey Callaway.....	.....
Globe " 113	Percy D. Resseguie.	Severn D. Peterson.	*James W. Robertson
Wisner " 114	Charles H. Marks...	*Orville K. Nye.....	*Verne W. Salisbury
Harlan " 116	Donald W. Cary....	.....	.....
Hardy " 117	Edward M. Leigh...	.....	.....
North Bend... " 119	Clinton J. Bauer...	.....	.....
Wayne " 120	Yale K. Kessler....	*Ralph M. Carhart...	.....
Superior " 121	Albert Reitz.....	C. Ray Graham.....	Ira B. Leslie
Auburn " 124	.....	Fred O. Rothert...	Boyd Magor
Mount Nebo.. " 125	.....	.....	.....
Stromsburg .. " 126	.....	.....	.....
Minden " 127	Paul J. Musgrave..	.....	.....
Guide Rock .. " 128	.....	.....	.....
Blue Hill " 129	.....	.....	.....
Tuscan " 130	Lloyd Smith.....	.....	.....
Scribner " 132	Connor S. Whorton.	Ernest L. Meusch..	*Ward W. Maynard
Elm Creek.... " 133	*Joy W. Laughlin...	.....	.....
Solar " 134	*Martin G. Dexter...	*C. Leroy Dexter....	.....
McCook " 135	Leo W. Stevens....	Leo C. Horton.....	Raymond D. McCafferty
Long Pine " 136	*William C. Smith, Sr.	*William C. Smith, Sr.	*William C. Smith, Sr.
Upright " 137	Kenneth E. Bowman	*Kenneth E. Bowman	*William Yarpe
Rawalt " 138	Elmer A. Blincow..	.....	.....
Clay Centre... " 139	.....	*Earl Fryar.....	*Earl Fryar
Western " 140	.....	.....	.....
Crescent " 143	.....	.....	.....
Kenesaw " 144	.....	.....	.....
Bancroft " 145	Lawrence H. Preston	.....	*Robert V. Graff
Jachin " 146	Neil W. Hultquist..	*Arthur Anderson...	*Arthur Anderson
Siloam " 147	*LeRoy S. Bartlett..	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford " 148	Paul R. Hicks.....	*William C. Schaper.	*Walter L. Schnabel
Jewel " 149	Henry J. Steinacher	Don A. Thornton...

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Cambridge ... No. 150	*Harley I. Simon....	*Harley I. Simon....	*Harley I. Simon
Square " 151
Evergreen " 153
Lily " 154	.....	.....	.....
Hartington ... " 155	.....	.....	.....
Pythagoras ... " 156	LuVern Van Conett.	.....	*Harold L. Banta
Valley " 157	*Lewis L. Skiles....	.....	Howard O. Ray
Samaritan ... " 158	Marshall T. Rice....	John J. Helzer....	*Wesley W. Williams
Ogalalla " 159	*Cyrus D. Sanders...	.....	.....
Zeredatha " 160	.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion ... " 161	.....	.....	.....
Trestle Board. " 162	Marlyn Osborn....	Edward J. Botteber	*Ralph J. Otterburg
Unity " 163	John C. Willis.....	*Elmer E. Mathis...	Boyd B. Link
Atkinson " 164	.....	.....	.....
Barneston " 165	Roy W. Howe.....	*Frank Krotsch....	.....
Mystic Tie.... " 166	*B. E. Graham.....	.....	.....
Elwood " 167	*Marion R. Morgan..	.....	.....
Curtis " 168	*Roe M. Ross.....	.....	.....
Amity " 169	Russell F. DeWitt..	.....	.....
Mason City .. " 170	*William D. Redmond	*William D. Redmond	.....
Merna " 171	*Glenn J. Graybeal..	.....	*James L. Ridenour
Grafton " 172	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns.. " 173	Paul G. Burks....	.....	*Floyd Carlson
Culbertson ... " 174	*Osborne P. Simon..	*Osborne P. Simon..	*Osborne P. Simon
Temple " 175	.....	Henry R. Miller....	.....
Gladstone " 176	Delbert Ginn.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs.. " 177	LaRue E. Goff.....	*LaRue E. Goff....	*LaRue E. Goff
Prudence " 179	Velmar E. Horner..	.....	.....
Justice " 180	.....	.....	.....
Faith " 181	*Walter O. Barnes...	Clarence W. Glossbrenner .....	.....
Alliance " 183	LeRoy J. Trabert...	*Edward M. Knight.	*Reuben E. Knight
Bee Hive..... " 184	John H. Bruce....	*Arthur C. Swanson.	*Ross Van Sickle
Boaz " 185	Raymond A. Parker.	Walter A. Hill....	.....
Israel " 187	.....	Ben Heard.....	.....
Meridian " 188	William E. Lewis..	.....	.....
Granite " 189	*Andrew C. Walker..	.....	.....
Amethyst " 190	Virgil A. Magnuson	*Henry Ewaldt.....	C. W. Beam
Crystal " 191	*Albert G. Combs...
Minnekadusa.. " 192
Signet " 193	Gustave B. Fayman.

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HighlandNo. 194	Donald F. Boessiger.	*John A. Bonebright
Arcana“ 195	Clarence H. Hills...
Morning Star.. “ 197	Harold Funk.....	Bernard Kunkel...	.....
Purity“ 198	Melvin L. Carter...	.....	.....
Gavel“ 199	*James H. Bryant...	*James H. Bryant...	*James H. Bryant
Blazing Star.. “ 200	Orville A. Norland..	Carroll D. Walker..	.....
Scotts Bluff.. “ 201	Maurice Scriven...	*Maurice Scriven...	*Maurice Scriven
Golden Sheaf.. “ 202	Henry A. Thaden...	*Henry A. Thaden...	*Henry A. Thaden
Roman Eagle.. “ 203	.....	.....	.....
Plainview “ 204	LeRoy P. Jensen...	.....	.....
Golden Fleece. “ 205	Howard A.	*Howard A.	.....
	Christensen	Christensen	J. Rex Sutton
Naphthali“ 206	Donald E. McKenzie	*Robert L. Upson...	*Donald E. McKenzie
Parian“ 207	.....	.....	.....
Gauge“ 208	.....	.....	.....
Canopy“ 209	Arthur W. Adams..	.....	W. J. Bryan McDonald
East Lincoln.. “ 210	Ernest G. Barney...	.....	.....
Cement“ 211	Arthur E. Hanke...	.....	.....
Compass and Square“ 212	.....	.....	.....
Plumbline “ 214	.....	.....	.....
Occidental “ 215	Donald K. Fleming.	*August Weigand....	*Robert R. Fleming
Palisade“ 216	Walter N. Keating.	*Reece H. Sailors...	.....
Wauneta“ 217	*Fred W. Olmstead..	*Fred W. Olmstead..	*Fred W. Olmstead
Bloomfield “ 218	.....	.....	.....
Relief“ 219	Frank T. Miller...	.....	.....
Magnolia“ 220	*Detlef H. Dohrman.	.....	.....
Wood Lake “ 221	Elmer L. Reddick..	.....	.....
Landmark“ 222	J. A. Jespersen....	Roy L. Hart.....	Warren O. Wakefield
Eminence“ 223	.....	.....	.....
Silver Cord... “ 224	*George E. Childs...	*George E. Childs...	*George E. Childs
Cable“ 225	*W. F. Biggerstaff..	.....	.....
Grace“ 226	*James Johnson....	.....	.....
North Star “ 227	Russell H. Fults....	Victor B. Musselman	Ralph E. Applequist
Bartley“ 228	*Floyd K. Burkey...	Arthur C. Olson...	*Floyd K. Burkey
Comet“ 229	LeRoy Quick.....	*Martin E. Johnson.	*Willard G. Johnson
Delta“ 230	Jacob W. Hildbrand	Leo K. Hall.....	.....
Mount Hermon “ 231	*Fred E. Wendell...	*Jens B. R. Miller...	*Jens B. R. Miller
John S. Bowen “ 232	*Fred N. Paulsen...	.....	.....
Gilead“ 233	Walter G. Sire....	*Willis W. Mahannah	*Roy W. Dickerson
Zion“ 234	Richard R. Bilstein.

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Fraternity ... No. 235	*Walter Gaebler.....	*Walter Gaebler
Golden Rule.. " 236	Howard S. Gillaspie
Cubit " 237	.....	Lester Dowell, Jr..	.....
Friendship.... " 239	N.Dwight Merryman	Donald Frazier.....	LaVerne Keller
Pilot " 240	Gordon Chard.....	Marion Lotz.....	.....
George			
Armstrong .. " 241	*Frank F. McMullin.	Claude Hicks.....	*Joyce W. Sundell
Tyrian " 243	John D. Kincannon.	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	.....	.....	.....
Nehawka " 246	George M. Pollard..	Robert L. Pell.....	Sheldon B. Mitchell
Cornerstone .. " 247	.....	.....	.....
Laurel " 248	George Berglund...	*George Berglund...	*George Berglund
Gothenburg .. " 249	Bernard B. Atkins..	*Erwin J. Marcott..	Frank Kolb
George			
Washington. " 250	Charles E. Dewitt..	C. Harold Lott.....	John C. Nelson, Jr.
Wausa " 251	.....	*John Oakeson.....	.....
Beemer " 253	.....	George E. Konopik.	.....
Bassett " 254	Robert Van Norman	Elmer E. Phillips...	Perry J. Everett
Hickman " 256	*David Pillard.....	*John A. Williams..	Erwin E. Williams
Holbrook " 257	.....	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	.....	.....	.....
Ornan " 261	.....	.....	.....
Endeavor " 262	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell " 263	Joseph M. Lee.....	.....	*Joseph M. Lee
Franklin " 264	*William S. Yates...	.....	.....
Robert W.			
Furnas " 265	Edward J. Nagel...	.....	.....
Silver " 266	Chester D. Brummett	.....	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	*Ora D. Russell.....	.....	.....
George W.			
Lininger .. " 268	Edward C. Pomeroy.	*John S. Hedelund..	.....
Oasis " 271	A. Theodore Anderson .....	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	Harry H. Moller...	.....	.....
Crofton " 273	Dwight E. Rissler..	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	Lester Hrdy.....	.....	.....
Ramah " 275	*John H. Sutlief...	.....	.....
Antelope " 276	.....	.....	.....
Sioux " 277	.....	.....	George A. Clark
Litchfield " 278	Delbert L. Burton.	.....	.....
Wallace " 279	Channing J. Lewis.
Swastika " 280	William M. Strong..	*Willard F. Abbott..

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Florence No. 281	Arthur R. Logan . . .	Forest W. Rorick . . .	Robert J. McDermott
Mullen " 282	Paul T. Roseberry
Exeter " 283	.....	.....	.....
Seneca " 284	.....	.....	.....
Camp Clarke . . . " 285	William F. Chaloupka . . . . .	.....	.....
Oshkosh " 286	.....	.....	.....
Union " 287	Robert R. Miller . . .	*Henry C. McKee . . .	.....
Omaha " 288	Guy F. McNaughton . .	Fred E. Graham	William O. Mains
Lotus " 289	Donald W. Olsen . . .	.....	Truman Maul
John J. Mercer " 290	William A. Baker . . .	Elmo W. Phillips . . .	Earl H. Furman
Diamond " 291	Leon H. Mitchell . . .	Kenneth L. Bruce . . .	.....
Wolbach " 292	Ernest H. Davis . . .	.....	.....
Monument " 293	*Clifford G. Rebman . .	.....	.....
Kimball " 294	Harold D. Foote . . .	Carl Delmar Larson . .	*Orville C. Wisdom
Minatare " 295	*Jesse P. Entrekinn . .	*Jesse P. Entrekinn . .	*Jesse P. Entrekinn
Cotner " 297	David L. Krumm . . .	.....	Lyle J. Bryant
Chester " 298	Jack V. Sell	*James E. Woodward . .	.....
Sutherland " 299	*Claire L. Sherman . . .	.....	.....
Liberty " 300	Donald K. Nelson . . .	Donald L. Felton . . .	Glenn W. Burnett
Bayard " 301	Eldon R. Trump	*Eldon R. Trump . . . .	.....
Mizpah " 302	Percy C. Brintnall . .	Elmer B. Nordell . . .	Walter H. Hansen
Right Angle . . . " 303	Ray O. Stanley . . . .	.....	Orin A. Kennedy
Ruskin " 304	*Jacob C. Dillon . . .	.....	.....
Newman Grove " 305	Joseph T. Janovy . . .	.....	.....
Golden Rod " 306	Harry H. Lindley . . .	Morris L. Hernbloom . .	*Harry H. Lindley
William E. Hill " 307	.....	.....	.....
Perkins " 308	Percy S. Guildner . . .	.....	.....
Winnebago " 309	.....	*O. E. Buckley	Paul E. Belt, Sr.
Victory " 310	.....	Robert R. Hanson . . .	.....
Polk " 311	.....	.....	.....
Oak Leaf " 312	Roger L. Woolf	*Claude A. Rutledge . .	.....
Potter " 313	Kenneth L. Rose . . .	.....	.....
Craftsmen " 314	Elmer J. Hansen . . .	Theodore Spahnle . . .	Raymond E. Waller
Alpha " 316	Clarence W. Hitt . . .	John L. Hazlegrove . .	.....
Mid-West " 317	Frank Cirksena	George Murrish	*Frank Cirksena
Grand Island . . . " 318	Charles D. True	Vern Nichols	Arnold H. Harvey
Bladen " 319	.....	.....	.....
College View . . . " 320	Lovell G. Saunders . .	Claude J. Keller . . . .	.....
Harmony " 321	Clifford D. Webster . .	.....	.....
Pioneer " 322	George Peterson	*George Peterson	*George Peterson
Lebanon " 323	Elmer P. Baruth . . .	Harry P. Kellogg . . .	*Robert E. Lund
Cairo " 324	Darwin T. Murfin	*Charles M. Lathim

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W. Henry M. Edwards, 303, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, which was adopted.

To the 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 1947-1948, three hundred seven Applications for Reinstatement were referred to your Committee.

The combined ages of the applicants amounts to 17,172 years, and the average age approximately fifty-two years. Four were between thirty and forty years of age, sixty-two between forty and fifty years, one hundred forty-three between fifty and sixty years, sixty-nine between sixty and seventy years, twenty-four between seventy and eighty years, and five between eighty and ninety years.

The reasons given for permitting suspension were for the most part "financial," while a few showed the cause as "negligence" or "not being permanently located."

In considering the Applications for Reinstatement your Committee particularly stresses the following facts:

- Age of applicant,
- Number and age of dependents,
- Number of years in good standing,
- Number of years suspended,
- Financial responsibility and
- Health of applicant.

We therefore urge that the subordinate lodge see to it that all questions in the applications be answered fully, and that any correspondence relative to the application be attached thereto, and submitted to the committee for their consideration, so that intelligent judgment may be rendered, also in the case of employed persons we would suggest that the nature of their business or commodity dealt in, should be plainly specified.

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

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

To Most Worshipful Brother Edward Huwaldt and other Grand Lodge Officers, I am very appreciative for the honor given me, by being privileged to go to Washington and to Alexandria as a representative at the 38th Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association meeting held in Alexandria, Virginia on February 23rd, 1948.

The Spirit of Masonry, the goodwill of friendly fellowship, were very much in evidence—at the Memorial meetings—at those held in Washington or wherever Masons met. Being a Mason you were given the stamp of approval, by great men of Masonry—and they were there from every state in the Union and from some foreign countries.

Here was Masonry at work, not only to guide the completion of the Memorial, but to further a cause begun by George Washington—that of keeping this nation and the principles of Christianity for all who wish to be free.

Total expenditures as of February 10th, 1948, amount to \$4,700,007.71. The architect's estimate for the completion is One Million Dollars.

At the morning meeting the various Grand Lodges contributed for the

Building Fund	\$208,907.54
Endowment Fund	41,438.90
 Total	 \$250,346.44

Nebraska contributed \$2,500.00 for the Endowment Fund.

The Memorial Association has available two excellent films, one colored and one black, both in 16 mm sound treatment pictorial of the environs of Washington, with a large amount of each film covering the Memorial's interior and exterior. There is no better way for you to present to the membership of our lodges the story of the Memorial and in this manner ease the job of soliciting per capita funds for the Memorial's completion. I hope that the Masters of all our lodges will request a showing of one or both of these films. After September first make your reservations and requests to the Committee on Masonic Education, 735 Stuart Building, Lincoln, Nebraska. I hope to personally show these films to a large number of lodges. On Wednesday evening, June 2nd, we had a showing of the colored film "Unfinished Business," at the Masonic Temple in North Platte and had a goodly attendance of Masons and Eastern Stars to see it. It is very entertaining and educational.

Make your requests for the information pamphlets on the Memorial to the Grand Secretary's office. They are there for your asking.

One of the most interesting men I have ever met is Sarkis H. Nahigian of Chicago, a dealer in Oriental rugs, who presented to the Memorial an Oriental rug of priceless value. A replica of the rug to be placed in the Mystic Shrine Room, sometime this month, also donated by Brother Nahigian, is in a museum in London and is valued at more than a half a million dollars. The rug that has been placed in the Alexandria-Washington Lodge room is more than double in size and there is not another one like it in the world. Some 58 years ago, this Brother came to America from Armenia because of persecution and massacre of his people by the Turkish Government. A few quotations from his presentation will give you some idea of his life. I quote—"For very evident

reasons I love to think of life as a beautifully patterned oriental rug which we are weaving upon the loom of time. We are, all of us, individual weavers, and with truly Gordian knots we tie our strands of rainbow-colored experiences upon the warp and woof of the circumstances in which Fate places us. We create our patterns from the multitude of contacts which we have with our fellow man. But back of all is the Master Weaver of Heaven, Who supplies the materials, but Who leaves the design and texture to us.—We are here because we, or our ancestors, came to America in search of the freedoms, privileges and opportunities which the United States offers so abundantly to every one. We, today, are enjoying in fullest measure these great and manifold blessings. We are here because George Washington and his fellow countrymen fought successfully to obtain these freedoms, privileges, and opportunities for us. Now in humble spirit, it gives me pleasure to donate to our beloved George Washington Memorial Building, the largest Persian Royal Meshed carpet I have ever known. It is one of the largest hand-made oriental rugs ever shipped out of the Persian Empire as it is approximately fifty feet long and thirty feet wide, containing over fifty-four million hand-tied knots. I donate this carpet in grateful appreciation of all the unlimited privileges and friendship and support I have enjoyed in this blessed United States of America, and not among the least of these, is my privilege to be a Mason. It is also an expression of what George Washington, and what he stands for, means to me personally. I am confident that this rug will become a priceless treasure, and that it will be handed down to posterity. And whenever, in the future, we shall look back upon this hour's thrilling experience, and contemplate the beautiful pattern which we have woven together, may our hearts be filled with deepest gratitude to God for having given George Washington to America. Gardens are important factors in the life of the Persians. A garden is his paradise on earth where in solitude he meditates and communes with God and Nature. And this grand meshed rug is the Persian artist's inspired abstract conception of the glorious beauty of a paradise within the sacred walls of a temple built by the hands of mortal man."

Our Shrine on "Shooters Hill" is more than a memorial to be kept sacred to the memory of George Washington, it is for all of us as builders of the greatest and most lasting of all devices, that of Character and Friendship, the great tenets of Masonic profession, forever outstretched—so that those who are not Masons can readily learn that we live in a spirit of brotherhood, guided by the Fatherhood of God.

To see this Temple, to walk in its halls, to attend the assemblies held in it—to stand at the Tomb at Mount Vernon—and in many places made hallowed by the memory of George Washington, we give thanks to God for his life—for our being Americans and Masons, a truly God-given privilege for those who work for the good of all mankind.

So, Brethren—our Memorial is a "Temple of Faith," built by the brethren of the "Greatest Fraternity on earth"—it points ever to the

sky to direct faith heaven-ward, hope to that place prepared for our immortal home.

This Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation submitted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Edward Huwaldt, as set forth on page 24 of his annual report which reads as follows:

I recommend that we pay the unpaid balance of \$21,918.90 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association by borrowing this amount from our permanent Reserve Fund or such other fund as the Finance Committee may deem proper. I further recommend we continue to collect \$1.00 from each newly raised Master Mason and that the Grand Lodge continue to appropriate \$500.00 as we have done in the past, until the said amount of \$21,918.90 is fully repaid into the fund from which it is borrowed.

We further recommend that the Grand Lodge consider the purchase of the colored sound film "Unfinished Business" to be placed on file with the Committee on Masonic Education for use and distribution to all Nebraska subordinate lodges.

Recognizing the need of more complete information about the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, we, the members of this committee voluntarily offer our services in the promotion of and/or participation in such programs in any of the 277 subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brethren:

I now have the honor and privilege of introducing to you one of our distinguished brethren, our Grand Orator, Worshipful Brother Mainard E. Crosby of North Platte.

W. Mainard E. Crosby, 32, Grand Orator, delivered the

ORATION

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons; Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, and I feel quite at liberty, to include Most Worshipful Grand Master-Elect, Distinguished Guests, Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, and Brother Masons:

It is with extreme pleasure that I address you this afternoon as a Master Mason, and bring greetings from Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, of North Platte. It is an especial honor, I feel, in my humble capacity, to bring you greetings from that Lodge due to the fact that is the home lodge of your Grand Secretary Carl R. Greisen, but, brethren, it is with extreme timidity, really as an undeserving representative, that at this time I attempt to address you under the appellation of Grand Orator. But with the distinction which that office gives me, with the duties and

the opportunities that have been mine during the past year by reason of that office, I desire at this time, with all sincerity, to commend most highly the untiring efforts of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the work of his able corps of efficient Grand Officers, in extending and widening, during the term of his office, the basic underlying principles of Freemasonry.

THE TROWEL OF MASONRY IN AN ALTERED WORLD

Much has been written and spoken during the last few years of the responsibilities of people, of states, and of nations, to our changing world; to conditions as we now find them.

Of your responsibility and mine, as men and Masons.

Is it really a changed or altered world that has increased or is increasing the responsibilities of man?

Is this not the same world of recorded history, since the events of creation?

Yet we cannot escape the reality of rapid and fearful change.

We must all concede a change; a change that is startling and confusing; an altered world condition that is devastating in its far reaching effects; but are not these conditions the results of change in the minds and hearts of men?

It is the mind and heart of man that must be changed today if we are to remedy many of the present ills.

And whether those conditions be for good or ill, you and I cannot avoid our share of the responsibility.

Certainly there is nothing wrong with the handiwork of the Creator who has formed the world and placed us in it.

There is certainly nothing wrong with the world.

Someone has said "It was man who was not good enough for God's goodness."

We, here in America, have become the leaders of this changed and so-called modern world.

Geographically we cannot avoid the responsibility of leadership, should we desire to do so.

We are mid-way between Europe and Asia. We have been placed on a continent that extends from the Arctic to the Antarctic. The only united land reaching into both polar regions and forming the backbone of this planet.

We are on the divide between the East and the West.

We are a people made up of all races, all creeds and cultural ideas, because we are a merger of the East and the West.

Christian democracy has its foundation in our land and with its growth there has developed a political fraternal conscience. There has

been developed a brotherhood of races; a concept of life and the individual worth of man, that is entirely new to many people of the world.

The political background of the diverse people from which our country has grown did not countenance the intervention of the individual. Many had no part in forming or shaping the policy of the governments from which they came.

By reason of this fundamental change we have become a great nation, a leader among the nations of the world.

A people who by individual thought, individual action, spurred on by an impelling faith in an individual God, have gradually developed a political conscience or policy that has displaced the dictator.

We have merged the best efforts and aspirations of free men into a political philosophy that reflects the conscience of a people, and has formed, what we have come to term, a Christian democracy. A term that has become known and revered, or feared, throughout the world. Revered by those whose philosophy of life is like unto our own, and feared by those who would strangle democracy in any form.

But a Christian democracy will not operate in and of itself.

It is an institution that has its origin in the active and constructive minds of men.

Each succeeding generation must assume its share of the responsibility for the maintenance of a democracy.

You and I, your generation and my generation, cannot live complacently, taking the benefits and privileges of our government for granted.

Unless we assume some of the responsibility we cannot expect to preserve for our posterity the heritage of a free people.

Some one has well said "Democracy is like a clock, it runs down unless each succeeding generation keeps it wound up."

In the average community today some one is needed to arouse the people from their complacency. Some one is needed to check the people in their mad rush for individual material gains and the transient personal enjoyment which that material gain may bring.

Someone must in some manner impress upon them that they have certain responsibilities that must be met in order to discharge their debt to democracy.

Leadership is needed. A thinking and acting leadership. A leadership that can dispel confusion and bring order and straight thinking; a leadership that can look forward unafraid.

Masonry can do much, and is doing much, but should do more, in the development of the type of leadership that is needed in the world of today.

Masonry is a great fraternal brotherhood with its enduring foundation stones comprising those principles so essential to an understanding and helpful approach toward a peaceful brotherhood of man.

Masonry must light the way; must keep the torch of fraternal brotherhood ever high.

What I mean to convey may be well illustrated by the following:

In Switzerland there is a church in the Alps, up the mountainside, away from the little village that it serves. There are no lamps or lights in this church. When the hour for evening service comes, one can see the villagers coming from their separate homes, each bearing his individual light. At first the light is but a glimmer, as they enter the darkened church, but when all have arrived in the little sanctuary for worship, the church becomes aglow with the light from many lamps and candles.

With each Mason doing his part there is merged a powerful influence to light the way to a world brotherhood.

The trowel of Masonry must be employed today in spreading the cement of sympathetic brotherly love as never before.

It must be used to smooth the rough edges of mistrust, of suspicion, and of fear.

It must operate to dispell racial and religious prejudice.

Racial prejudices have been, and now are, responsible for many of the difficulties between men and nations.

All of us are, perhaps, guilty to a certain degree, and in reference to men of certain races or colors of skin different from our own, though strive as we may for tolerance.

This story may be more clearly illustrative of what I mean:

"The train had stopped at a certain station and a Negro who had gotten on came down the aisle of the chair car and took a vacant seat next to an Irishman. Noting his new seat companion, the Irishman, proud of his race, arose and with a look of disdain, and in a voice that could be heard by other travelers said, 'A Negro,' and left his seat, crossed the aisle and sat down beside a Jew. The Jew, with a look of quite the same disgust, arose and said, 'An Irishman,' left his seat, crossed the aisle and sat down beside the Negro. Fellow travelers with a spirit of Christian tolerance appeared pleasantly interested in the situation."

The Jew and the Gentile, the black man and the white, the Catholic and the Protestant, the rich and the poor, have become today, no matter in what corner of this earth they may live, cemented together as one great universal brotherhood of man.

Distance no longer can be said to divide us.

"In the geography of the map, the distance from Omaha, Nebraska, to Peking, China, is very great, but in the geography of the heart, it is so small that it cannot be measured."

And it is the geography of the human heart today in which the trowel of Masonry must be interested if civilization is to endure.

The story is told of an early study by Charles Darwin of a race of South American men. When he first saw and studied this race he reported them to be little more than animals. According to his theory it would require ages before these men could rise to the level of civilization. Yet some years later he returned and saw these same men again and they were transformed.

In his later journals Darwin confesses that in his earlier studies he had left the fact of God out of his calculations in regard to the development of men.

The trowel of Freemasonry in the hands of individual Masons all of whom have expressed a faith in God, can do much to dissipate racial prejudices.

No man can arise and develop to his highest estate; no nation can attain a place of lasting leadership in the world today, unless that man or that nation has been guided by a firm conviction of, and faith in, the spiritual equality of men.

In the past fifty years the ways of living of our people have been altered more than in the 20 centuries preceding, and with new power and energy through scientific development, at our disposal, even greater changes are in prospect, and if scientific advancement continues to submerge and outdistance our spiritual growth, our sense of obligation and responsibility to our fellowman, then our so-called civilization may soon recede to the barbarism of the dark ages. And such a recession would be largely the responsibility of our generation. You and I would need assume the blame.

We are suffering today from the continuing and lasting effects of two world wars. Wars brought on in a large measure due to the fact that certain races of men have considered themselves superior to other races. Have considered themselves as master men.

A theory diametrically opposed to our Christian democracy founded on the expressed belief that "all men are created equal."

There can certainly be no question as to the responsibility of the individual Mason to supplant racial prejudice by Christian tolerance and Christian brotherhood.

After the First World War President Wilson said, "We will never save civilization materially until we save it spiritually."

But lessons taught by the tragedies of war seem to be so soon forgotten.

Nearly thirty years later and after the Second World War McArthur is quoted as having said, "You can never save the flesh, gentlemen, until first you save the spirit."

We of America know that to be true.

We as Masons know it to be true.

Christian democracy is founded upon that thesis, and if preserved, those statements must remain true.

The trowel must no longer be merely a symbol to be referred to in the ritualistic work of this great order, but it must be an instrument of service in the hands of every Mason.

It must be constantly used by Masons throughout the world in every walk of life, in every social contact, in every business, economic, or political transaction, if we are to retain the blessings of a Christian democracy and make of Masonry something of which we may continue to be proud.

In this world of today, and at this particular time, suspicion, distrust, prejudice and fear would seem to be rampant.

Brotherly love, understanding, relief and truth would seem to be on trial.

Troubled conditions that confront us today are in no way due to the world God gave us, but spring from the hearts and minds of men.

In the development of man through the ages he has been confronted with two immense tasks.

Each of us as an individual has the same two tasks before us.

The first is to come to terms with nature.

The second is to come to terms with our fellow man.

This one world is our only home.

We all know too well that if we continue to destroy its soils by erosion, lay waste its forests and grass lands, dissipate its minerals, exterminate its wild life, pollute its rivers, disrupt its balance of natural resources, this world will someday no longer support its increasing population.

But we have MET this problem even here in Nebraska.

(a) We have harnessed the rivers.

(b) We have met the problems of drought by irrigating the dry lands.

(c) We have conserved our soils by crop rotations, contour farming, soil conservation.

(d) We have developed and furnished to industry and brought to every farmstead, unlimited use of electric power.

But the second task is much harder than the first.

Have we come to terms with our fellow man?

Through scientific advancement, with the atom bomb now common knowledge and loose in the world, we have found a way to die together even to the last man.

But as yet man through his efforts has failed to understand his fellowman.

No scientist has yet devised the formula to show us how to live together.

Powerful political ideologies, disaffirming democratic government or Christian faith, are surging forward in an ever widening tangent under alarming growth and increasing power.

Nation after nation, weak in their efforts of defense, continue to fall as prey to this atheistic and anti-democratic power.

We are forcibly awakened to the fact as a result of the recent Colombian disorders and near revolution incited by the Italian election, that the Americas are no longer to be spared from the shock of Communistic advance.

That here in our own United States, the birthplace of Christian democracy, Communistic activities are all too frequent.

The light of Masonry reflected through the individual Mason is one of the forces that must stem the surging tide of unbelief.

To accomplish this we must go beyond the confines of the local lodge.

Our fields of endeavor must not be circumscribed by the boundary lines of the Grand Lodge. They must look toward a world concept.

The influence of Masons must be worldwide for the world is in a turmoil of confusion and fear.

A peace cannot be arrived at that will endure, until there is established a world fellowship through understanding, through faith and through trust.

America is destined to assume a role of leadership in working out world brotherhood.

Masonry can furnish an avenue for the training of men as leaders.

This country of ours had its conception through the desire of Christian men and women for religious and political liberty, and I quote:

"There was a dream—that men could one day speak the thoughts of their own choosing. There was a hope—that men could one day stroll through streets at evening unafraid. There was a prayer—that each could speak to his own God, his own church. That dream, that hope, that prayer became—America."

And America has become a symbol of deliverance from the threatening shackles of unbelief, to the Christian democracies of the world.

And America should be proud to assume the economic responsibilities necessary in hastening that relief to those nations of the world, weakened by the ravages of war, yet fighting to preserve the spark of Christian democracy.

America has been blessed with material wealth.

You and I, regardless of our immediate possessions, are rich in comparison with the teeming millions across the seas.

Albert Einstein's personal credo begins thus:

"Man is here for the sake of others." In this statement a great man reveals a basic principle of life, that selfishness is a basic sin.

As Christian men and Masons, we must realize our transcendent duty to bring relief to the distressed; to give if we would live and I quote:

For what do you live?
 For what you get or what you give?
 What is the dynamo that makes you go?
 Get or give?

Get from the world its treasure,
 Knowledge, friends and health;
 Heap to the full your measure,
 God and good and wealth
 But get to give!

Don't be a miser,
 A slave to your gold—
 Giving is wiser a hundred fold.
 So get to give.

Get we must, if we would give,
 Give we must, if we would live;
 For getting without giving,
 Is existing without living,
 So get and give and live!

Lasting peace can never prevail when hunger, want and fear, nurture the seeds of internal revolution.

America's wealth is America's responsibility, not alone to her own people, but to the peoples of the world.

Dr. Grenfell on one occasion observed, "We may look at the world as a battle ground for possessions, or as a field for chivalric action."

The hand of divine providence surely had something to do in placing America in the strategic position which it now occupies as a world leader, and in keeping with our traditions we must bring relief to the distressed on a world scale. The ritual of Masonry requires that we bring relief to poor, distressed brother Masons. But if the benevolence of Masonry is to live, and bear the fruit it should in this altered world about us, individual Masons must broaden the scope of their relief activities beyond the boundaries of Masonic Brotherhood, to the world-wide brotherhood of man.

The current meaning and use of individual wealth and material wealth must be changed.

Someone has written this about money, and I quote:

"Dug from the mountainside,
Washed in the glen;
Servant am I,
Yet the master of men.

Earn me, I bless you;
Steal me, I curse you;
Hold me and grasp me,
A friend will possess you.

Live for me, die for me,
Covet me, take me;
Angel or devil, I am
What you make me."

It is Masonry's job to change money from the master of men to the servant of all, all needy amongst the world brotherhood of man.

The light of Masonry must become "the light of a new day."

A traveler spent the night with his guide high in the Swiss Alps. In the early hours of the morning he was awakened by a terrific noise. Frightened, he asked his guide what was happening. "Is the world coming to an end?" He wanted to know. Calmly his guide answered: "No, you see when the sun starts coming up on the other side of the mountain its rays melt the snow at the peak of the mountain. This causes the snow to hurtle into the valley. The warming rays also cause the surface of the glacier to crack with loud noises. This is what you hear."

May the light of this new day, may the light of Masonry rekindled in every heart this day, meet the challenge of an altered world. May it melt from the lives of men everywhere all coldness of heart, all numbing fears.

Today is certainly a day of unprecedented opportunity for Masonic principles; for Masonry in action.

Let that challenge be the opportunity to spur into vital action the benevolent teachings of this great Brotherhood.

May the great job of learning to live together be finally accomplished, and confidence and faith and peace be permanently established, throughout the world.

That is the job of the Trowel of Masonry in this altered and changing world.

And as I quote the words of Badger Clark, that philosopher of the Black Hills Country, the Poet Laureate of South Dakota, let every Mason implore God's help in the completion of that job.

Let this be our prayer:

"But, God, it won't come right! It won't come right!
 I've worked it all over till my brain is numb.
 My God, at first that thought was great,
 The scheme, the dream—why, till the first charm broke
 The thing just built itself, while I, elate,
 Laughed and admired it. Then it stuck.
 Half-done, and the lesser half, worse luck.
 And now I'm pawing cold ashes. Every spark has died.
 It won't come right! I'd drop the thing entire,
 Only—I can't! I love my job.

God, you who ride the thunder,
 You know what it is to dream and drudge and throb.
 Did it come at you with a rush, your dream, your plan?
 If so, I know how you began.
 Yes, with rapt face and sparkling eyes,
 Swinging the hot globe out between the skies,
 Marking the new seas with their white beach lines,
 Sketching in sun and moon, the lightning and the rains,
 Sowing the hills with pines,
 Wreathing a rim of purple round the plains!
 I know you laughed then, while you caught and wrought
 The big, swift, rapturous outline of your thought.

And then
 Men.

I see it now,
 O God, forgive my pettish row!
 I see Your job. While ages crawl
 Your lips take laboring lines, your eyes a sadder light,
 For man, the fire and flower, and center of it all—
 Man won't come right!

After your patient centuries.
 Fresh starts, recasting tired Gethsemanes
 And tense Golgothas, he, your central theme,
 Is just a jangling echo of your dream.
 Grand as the rest may be, he ruins it.

God, why don't you quit,
 Crumple it all and dream again! But no;
 Flaw after flaw you work it out, revise, refine—
 Bondage, brutality, and war, and woe,
 The sot, the fool, the tyrant and the mob—
 Dear God, how you must love your job!
 Help me, as I love mine!

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Thank you very much, Brother Crosby, for that inspiring address.

M. W. Earl J. Lee, Past Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Sarah W. Holly in her last will gave her property to the Masonic Grand Lodge. I rather enjoy to read this because this is over \$25,000 which would go into the Home fund. Among the assets was a quarter section of land in Holt County, and that land has now been sold under contract. It was thought best that we have a resolution authorizing the conveyance, because there may be some question as to the fact that our present by-law is not sufficiently broad. So I present the following

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Sarah W. Holly, under her last will and testament, devised the Northeast Quarter of Section thirteen, Township Twenty-eight North, Range Twelve West, of the Sixth P. M., Holt County, Nebraska, to the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, said Grand Lodge has entered into a contract to sell said real estate,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, in annual communication assembled, that the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to sell and convey said real estate to the purchaser thereof, and to execute, acknowledge and deliver on behalf of said Grand Lodge, a deed to said real estate to the purchaser thereof, and to do and perform any other acts necessary to perfect the sale and transfer thereof.

Resolution adopted by unanimous vote.

At 4:10 P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Thursday, June 10, 1948

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

W. Clarence E. Benschoter, 169, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee to Study Section 3-102, Paragraph D of our Masonic Code for clarification, which was adopted.

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

Our Grand Master M. W. Brother Edward Huwaldt appointed us as your committee to make careful survey and study of Paragraph d, Sec. 3-102 of our Masonic Code and report to the Ninety-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. More specifically, Paragraph (d) relates to the Masonic offence of manufacturing and selling alcoholic liquors as a beverage.

Since our appointment, your committee has made a thorough and exhaustive study of matters relating to the aforesaid section of the Code. We have come to the conclusion that the law should be amended so as to make it more specific and certain. However, your committee realizes the many difficulties presented in making recommendations to that end. Because of the serious and perhaps controversial nature of the problem, we believe it wise and for the best interests of the Fraternity to delay presentation of our recommendations until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

YOUR COMMITTEE, THEREFORE, RECOMMENDS that the time for presenting our final report be extended for a period of one year, or until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, in order that matters pertaining to Paragraph (d) Sec. 3-102, of the Code, may be given further study and exploration, to the end that no hasty or ill-advised action be taken.

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

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

It is again the duty, as well as the privilege of the Temple Building Advisory Committee to report on its activities for the past year.

During the past year, the total number of cases coming under the jurisdiction of this Committee has been equal to the total number of cases coming before this Committee over the past seven years. This is encouraging, indicating a desire on the part of local lodges to acquire a home they can call their own or to improve materially their present owned quarters.

This Committee would like to go on record recommending to local lodges who do not now own their present quarters, or do not occupy the most desirable quarters, to start the ball rolling. It is true materials and labor are high, but this Committee has also found out that money is available and fairly easy to get if the lodge officers just indicate they want the money to build a new lodge home. In fact, in most cases members of our Masonic lodges and members of the Eastern Star are very anxious to donate their time and money to the cause of getting a desirable home they can call their own. The immediate influence in the community is reflected in new candidates, return of inactive members and a lessening of delinquent members.

While this committee may be desirous of selling the merits of owning your own Masonic Temple, we must also advise you of the law governing incurring indebtedness. Section 2-616, Page 105 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."

It has been the practice in cases that have come to the attention of this committee and where the element of time and distance was not particularly involved, to make a first-hand inspection of local lodge problems and to get acquainted with some of the brethren. I am sorry to report that some lodges were holding their meetings under some of the most trying and most undesirable conditions. I am reminded of a small town lodge having as a meeting place, an abandoned church, the floor of which was still sloped, a make-shift room served jointly as a reception room, kitchen and preparation room. You can well imagine the inconvenience in trying to fully dramatize degree work in a manner befitting the occasion.

Your committee reports, herewith, briefly on the following cases submitted for consideration. The reports on these cases are made here primarily to acquaint the various officers with the problems of others and what is being done to remedy their situation.

May 4, 1947. Merna Lodge No. 171 owns their building which was due for extensive remodeling, but because of the present high cost of materials and labor, decided on temporary repairs to carry on for a few years.

August 7, 1947. Wood Lake Lodge No. 221 has been working since early 1946 to improve their lodge hall problems. Their program is an extensive one and will probably result in new construction. This case is undecided.

December 13, 1947. Boaz Lodge No. 185 at Danbury proceeded on a program in January, 1946, which would have resulted in a new lodge hall above a new business building being constructed at that time. After plans were approved, the project was stopped because of lack of available steel. The new request now calls for a new building, using all available materials salvaged from their old frame building. The new building will be located on the main street.

February 1, 1948. Justice Lodge No. 180 at Benkelman will be the recipient of a new Masonic home through the Hester Memorial Foundation, which is constructing a building to be used for 4-H Club, church and other vocational uses occupying the basement and first floor, and the Masons to have exclusive right to the second floor during the life of the Foundation, after which the whole building will revert to the Masonic

Lodge. This building will be constructed on presently owned lots belonging to the Masonic Lodge.

September 26, 1947. Tyrian Lodge No. 243 at Oak, was faced with the necessity of making a change, sharing quarters with two other organizations in a building not at all desirable for Masonic purposes. The Masons were able to buy a main street brick building at a very favorable figure, which they would remodel and repair and when completed, should make a very fine and up to date Masonic Hall.

September 30, 1947. Hooper Lodge No. 72 at Hooper, owns a business property on Main Street in which their lodge is located, the lower floor being rented to the Power Company at a rental of \$720.00 per year. The property, prior to improvements and additions, was valued at \$20,000.00. Additions to the building were necessary to accommodate their tenant. At the same time, it became convenient to extend the addition to add a larger dining room and kitchen to the lodge hall. The additions and improvements cost slightly over \$10,000.00; however the lodge was confronted with the borrowing of less than \$2,000.00 to pay all bills in full. This is a healthy situation, with a good business building practically paid in full and a good tenant providing a nice annual income.

October 11, 1947. Litchfield Lodge No. 278 at Litchfield, lost the building they were occupying through change of ownership and had to move on very short notice; in fact it was necessary to store their lodge furniture until such time as they could locate other quarters. This they were able to do in the purchase of a building located on main street. All materials and labor necessary in remodeling were contributed so that the only cash requirement was the cost of the building.

November 27, 1947. Oakland Lodge No. 91 at Oakland, purchased a lot at a foreclosure sale, upon which it is intended to construct a new Masonic building. Plans are in the process of preparation and solicitation of funds is under way. Actual construction is still indefinite to this committee.

March 23, 1948. Comet Lodge No. 229 at Ceresco asked permission to purchase the business building they now occupy and where they have resided since 1930. The building was offered for sale and, since no other building was available in Ceresco for lodge purposes, the Masons wanted to buy the building to assure them a continued home.

March 25, 1948. Fairmont Lodge No. 48 at Fairmont, owns a piece of ground 88 by 140 feet, upon which is located their Lodge Hall. It is a two-story frame, which is very old and very hazardous. Building plans and solicitation of funds are underway at the present time.

March 22, 1948. Signet Lodge No. 193 at Leigh, asked permission to buy the I.O.O.F. hall for the sum of \$750.00. Signet Lodge had over \$3,000.00 in cash and bonds; consequently permission was granted.

April 22, 1948. Bayard Lodge No. 301 has been imposing upon other nearby lodges and other organizations in Bayard for a place to hold lodge meetings. An opportunity presented itself in that a one-story brick business building, 25 by 120 feet, was offered for sale. The Masons immediately purchased this property for \$5,000.00. It was estimated approximately \$3,000.00 would be required for remodeling. When the project is completed, a need of long standing will have been fulfilled. It was necessary to borrow some money to promote the project.

April 23, 1948. Cable Lodge No. 225 located at Arnold, was the recipient of a gift of \$10,000.00 as the start of a drive to raise funds to build a new Masonic Temple. Last reports indicated this amount had been swelled to over \$14,000.00 by additional cash donations and pledges. Thus, another lodge is on their way toward a home of their own.

May 18, 1948. Victory Lodge No. 310 located at Valley, has incorporated the Valley Temple Craft Association for the purpose of constructing a combined business and lodge building. Valley Lodge had been occupying rented quarters, which were entirely destroyed by fire last October, and have since been carrying on their lodge work at Waterloo, Nebraska. Their contemplated project calls for an expenditure of over \$42,000.00.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

OF THE TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

W. Otto Nelsen presented a Supplemental Report of the Temple Building Advisory Committee which was adopted.

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

On April 30, 1947 Most Worshipful Benjamin F. Eyre, at that time Grand Master, received a report from the Worshipful Master of Chester Lodge No. 298 in which the Grand Master was informed a remodeling and redecorating job had been completed to the extent of \$1,622.00. In so doing a new indebtedness was incurred to the extent of \$1,200.00 secured by a mortgage on the lodge property.

The brethren of Chester Lodge being unfamiliar with the Grand Lodge law governing matters of this kind did not first obtain approval before incurring this new debt, this committee could not therefore grant or recommend approval.

As of May 1, 1948 this committee asked for a report on the financial status of Chester Lodge, which is as follows: Their income for one year amounted to \$400.00 and their expenses \$200.00. This leaves a balance of \$200.00 to be used toward amortization of said \$1,200.00 mortgage. The note has been reduced to \$1,000.00 and while no particular payment dates are stipulated, \$100.00 payments are made on the note as often as that amount is available. In visiting with brethren of this lodge, this committee is well satisfied that the Masons of Chester Lodge will take care of their obligations.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Thank you, Brother Nelsen. I want to say just one word here in regard to the work of this committee this year. We laid no cornerstones, and we dedicated no buildings, but they had more work to do this year than they had the last seven years, which shows the back log that has accumulated. And I want to say further the splendid work of Brother Nelsen and his committee deserves special commendation.

RECOGNITION OF W. BENJAMIN F. PITMAN

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

Brethren, I want you to see one whom I have known for many years, Worshipful Benjamin F. Pitman, present Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Past Grand High Priest and Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M., and member of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home, member of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.

I understand he began attending the Grand Lodge in 1900. He has not missed one, this is his 49th consecutive attendance at the Grand Lodge. I think that is a pretty hard record to beat. I believe a close second is Lew Smith with 46 consecutive meetings. Let us give Brother Pitman a big hand.

Worshipful Brother Ben, would you like to say a word, it is your privilege.

W. Benjamin F. Pitman:

I haven't anything to say in particular. I thank you for your courtesy.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

The other day we opened a box here and we paid tribute to Most Worshipful Brother Thummel. Do you care to add anything to that.

W. Benjamin F. Pitman:

George H. Thummel was one of my very warm personal friends. The year I was Grand High Priest, the year that we had the cyclone in Omaha. Of course, it was a great tragedy, and we had a lot to look after and take care of, and at that time the Grand Chapter made a donation of \$1500.00, and I threw that in the jack pot to take care of the money I needed, and I turned that money over to George H. Thummel on behalf of the Grand Chapter, he did a wonderful job. He had a 33rd degree ring. He came to me and said: "Have you a ring?" I said, "I have not." He said, "Why don't you take this ring and wear it. I want to know who is wearing that ring after I am gone." And he gave me his 33rd

degree ring. From that time I have worn this ring. So I am proud to represent George Thummel. He was a grand fellow, a wonderful man.

I think that is all I have to say.

W. Herbert T. White, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Grievances, which was acted upon by the Grand Lodge as follows:

To the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons 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 designated as "A" of St. Johns Lodge 25, 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 designated as "A" of St. Johns Lodge 25, A. F. & A. M. be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

I move the adoption of that portion of the report. (Motion carried.)

No. 2. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of St. Johns Lodge 25, A. F. & A. M., designated as "B" 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 designated as 'B' of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M. be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason." (Motion carried.)

No. 3. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Liberty Lodge No. 300, 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 Liberty Lodge No. 300, A. F. & A. M. for restoration be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason." (Motion carried.)

No. 4. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Wayne Lodge No. 120, 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. 120, A. F. & A. M. be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason." (Motion carried.)

No. 5. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Frontier Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M. of Washington, Kansas, who resides within the jurisdiction of McCook Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M. for restoration to good standing 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 Frontier Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M. of Washington, Kansas, who resides within the jurisdiction of McCook Lodge No. 135, be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

M. W. Lewis E. Smith:

I am not just clear in my own mind, but I don't believe that this Grand Lodge has any jurisdiction. You can try a man. The old Masonic law gives a lodge the right to try a man for misconduct, after that is done, and you have transmitted the record to his Grand Lodge, and through them to the Lodge, I think his place to get relief is in his own lodge in Kansas and the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden:

I would suggest to the chairman of the committee that he amend his motion to this Grand Lodge to this effect: That the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska removes its objection to this Brother, and suggests to the Grand Lodge of Kansas that since he now conforms to the laws of the Grand Jurisdiction in which he resides, they consider his restoration to good standing as a Kansas Mason. Then I think we have accomplished our end.

W. Herbert T. White:

I will amend that resolution to show it in that form. (Motion carried.)

No. 6. 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. (Motion carried.)

No. 7. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, A. F. & A. M. for restoration be deferred and that the entire matter be laid over for further consideration and investigation. Motion carried.

No. 8. Your committee has had referred to it an appeal by Nebraska Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M. and an individual member of said lodge from the judgment of a duly appointed trial commission.

We recommend that the appeal of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, and an individual member thereof be dismissed, and that the judgment of the Trial Commission be affirmed, and offer the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the appeal of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, and an individual member thereof be dismissed and that the judgment of the Trial Commission be affirmed." Moved and seconded.

I am going to move that this whole matter be postponed and reconsidered for action at the next annual Grand Lodge communication.

W. Herbert T. White:

The motion of R. W. Brother Hedelund is perfectly satisfactory to the Committee, that it be laid over. Motion carried.

We offer this resolution:

“Be it resolved, that the report of the Committee on Grievances as acted upon by the Grand Lodge be adopted as a whole.” Motion carried.

W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Grand Marshal, presented the Report of the Committee on Pay Roll, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Payroll respectfully reports that the amount due for mileage and per diem for the Ninety-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, is as follows:

Mileage	\$2,774.58
Per Diem	1,832.00
Total	\$4,606.58

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre presented the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted, section by section, then adopted as a whole.

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence submits the following report on the matters referred to it by the Committee on Doings of Grand Lodge Officers, and in the order that same appear in the pamphlet containing the Grand Master’s Address, and which is in the hands of the brethren. The matters will be identified by paragraph numbers, and perhaps by subject matter:

No. 1. Approval of Lodge Financing. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 2. Consolidations Proclamation. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 3. By-Laws approved. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 4. Dispensations to Elect and Install. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 5. Dispensations to Confer Degrees. We approve the action of the Grand Master, but we desire to call the attention of future Grand Masters to the necessity of not granting dispensations to confer degrees without regard to time, except under extraordinary circumstances.

No. 6. Extension of Time for Proficiency. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 7. Re-instatements. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 8. Trial Commissions. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 9. Recommendation No. 1. (Custody of fees until ballot is spread and result declared.) We disapprove the recommendation of the Grand Master for the reason that the sections cited, being Sections 2-610 and 2-608, are in harmony and both provide that the secretary shall immediately pass the fees into the funds of the lodge.

No. 10. Recommendation No. 2, Automatic Suspension. We approve the recommendation, but recommend that the matter be laid over for consideration until the 1949 communication of this Grand Lodge.

No. 11. Recommendation No. 3, Examination for proficiency following special dispensation. We agree with the Grand Master's statement that there is no distinction between the Master Mason who receives the degrees in the customary manner and the Master Mason who receives the degrees under Special Dispensation without regard to time. We, therefore, state that there is no conflict in the law and consequently no clarification is necessary.

No. 12. Recommendation No. 4, adding \$10 to the Entered Apprentice degree fee for maintenance of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

We recommend that each petition for the degrees or for affiliation from another Grand Jurisdiction shall be accompanied by a fee of ten dollars in addition to the fees required by the by-laws of the subordinate lodge, to be used for the maintenance of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

In the event that the petition is rejected or the petitioner dies without being initiated the said fee of ten dollars shall be refunded, as is provided for the return of fees in section 2-608,

OR, in the Alternative,

That the subordinate lodges remit two dollars per year out of their lodge dues, instead of one dollar as heretofore, for the maintenance of said home.

No. 13. The Omaha Masonic Home for Boys. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 14. Decision No. 1, bankruptcy official and liquor. We approve the decision.

No. 15. Decision No. 2, jurisdiction over Brunswick. We approve the decision.

No. 16. Decision No. 3, Issuance of demit or certificate to one unexamined for proficiency. We approve the decision when, for good cause shown, the Grand Master waives the provisions of paragraph 4, Section 2-402.

No. 17. Decision No. 4, potato cellar. We approve the decision.

No. 18. Decision No. 5, Oklahoma brethren getting degrees in Nebraska. We approve the decision as already covered by existing law.

No. 19. Decision No. 6, the Nehawka petitioner. We approve the decision of the Grand Master as amended by him at the time he read his address.

No. 20. Decision No. 7, the Bennet University student. We approve the decision of the Grand Master, but we strike out the last sentence as unnecessary.

No. 21. Decision No. 8, petitioner with loss of fingers. We approve the decision.

No. 22. Decision No. 9, petitioner without left hand. We approve the decision.

No. 23. Miscellaneous, Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 24. Miscellaneous, Tyrian Lodge No. 243, Oak. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 25. Miscellaneous, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 26. Miscellaneous, Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, Lodgepole. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 27. Miscellaneous, Square and Compass Club, McCook. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 28. Miscellaneous, first three paragraphs, on Square and Compass Clubs, acting Grand Master in Nebraska, and personal representative to the Kentucky Grand Lodge. We take no action for the reason that same require no action.

No. 29. Miscellaneous, Masters and Wardens Club, Omaha, soliciting. We approve the action of the Grand Master.

No. 30. Miscellaneous, Wisner Lodge renting hall. We approve the ruling of the Grand Master as amended by him at the time he read his address.

No. 31. Miscellaneous, personal representative at Grand Lodge of Washington. We take no action for the reason that no action is necessary.

No. 32. Consolidation of Lodges. We take no action for the reason that no action is necessary.

No. 33. Recognition of Secretaries. We recommend that the recommendation be approved and sent to the Finance Committee for its action.

No. 34. In the matter referred to this Committee pursuant to the report of the Board of Masonic Service Annuities and Gifts made to the Grand Lodge on this date our action is as follows:

It is the sense of the Jurisprudence Committee that settlement be made, if possible, with the widow beneficiary on the annuity matter referred to in said report.

No. 35. It is the sense of the committee that the law, Sec. 1-310, be retained in its present form.

I move the adoption of the report as a whole as it has been submitted and approved here by this Grand Lodge. Motion carried.

RECEPTION OF M. W. JAMES R. MITCHELL, GRAND
MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
OF WYOMING.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master, introduced M. W. Brother James R. Mitchell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Wyoming, and invited him to a seat in the East. M. W. Brother Mitchell addressed the brethren briefly.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master:

The Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden has something to say, so we will give Brother John the floor at this time.

R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

I am going back to this little copper box that we had opened here on Tuesday afternoon, because there were some interesting things about it. One of the things was the way that the President of the Temple Craft and the Grand Master of Masons were talking about money that was in the box, as the Grand Orator told you yesterday, they found and they all recognized immediately only things of tangible worth in that, that was the \$10.00, but nobody knew what a trade dollar was. I just wonder if any of you can define a trade dollar. Who can tell me?

Brother Fred Graham:

A trade dollar is made of a baser metal than a standard metal silver dollar in the United States. It was coined for the purpose of competing with the Mexican Peso in the Oriental trade, and was minted between 1872 and 1885 in the mints of Philadelphia, San Francisco and Carson City. Its present value is quite a problem. I understand that a circulated or good specimen will bring you from 60 to 75 cents, and if anybody is fortunate enough to have an uncirculated silver trade dollar, they run as high as a dollar, but not higher. But I was also interested to discover that this dollar, of which something over five million were minted, are still in circulation in some parts of China as a medium of exchange.

R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Junior Warden:

Thank you, Brother Graham.

One point of difference is that a trade dollar, according to the information I have, has 420 grains of fine silver, and the American dollar that you get today has 412½. The churches who do missionary work, I suppose others, too, have to send over silver money with which to pay the salaries of their missionaries, because that is the only way in which they can make the payments.

W. Norris Chadderdon, 146, presented the report of the Codification Committee, which was adopted.

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

Since there were no matters referred to this Committee by the Jurisprudence Committee and since this Grand Lodge has taken no action changing any of its existing laws this committee has had no work.

THANKS

M. W. Archie M. Smith, Past Grand Master:

I move that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association and its officers and brethren for the courtesies they extended to us last evening.

Motion unanimously carried.

W. Ernest E. James, 1, presented the Report of the Committee on location of Grand Lodge Offices which was adopted.

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

We, your Committee on "Location of Grand Lodge Offices" report as follows:

In compliance with the recommendation of the Grand Lodge at its 89th Annual Communication held in Omaha, Nebraska, in June, 1946, the Grand Master appointed a Committee on Location of Grand Lodge quarters. By action during its session of 1947 the committee was authorized to continue its efforts on this assignment. We respectfully report as follows:

Several meetings were held during which all phases of the subject were considered. The committee proceeded on the premise that the growth of the Grand Lodge since its present quarters were established in 1916, made it imperative that more space be provided to adequately care for the larger volume of business now being handled. Also, that additional record space be made available to accommodate the necessary records of the Grand Secretary's office, and that some thought be given toward providing for future growth.

Our investigations of properties outside the Temple Building included a residence at 39th street and Dewey avenue, Omaha, which we believed to be suitable for converting into commodious quarters at a cost well within the amount deemed reasonable to invest. The committee accordingly recommended its purchase.

Later inquiries relative to the possibility of rearrangement of space in rooms adjoining the present Grand Lodge quarters—a possibility of which at the outset appeared too remote for its serious consideration, led to recommendation for additional floor space, which, in our opinion, would afford some measure of relief, and provide ample quarters for some time to come. This plan contemplated some remodeling expense and additional rental cost commensurate with prevailing prices and could be arranged without undergoing the expense of complete relocation of Grand Lodge quarters. This arrangement as viewed by this committee seemed feasible and worthy of approval.

We, therefore, recommend to this M. W. Grand Lodge that the proposal for additional space as offered by the Masonic Temple Craft be accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. C. Ray Macy, 26, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted section by section, and then as a whole.

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
1947 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSE

	Appro- priated	Expended	Savings	Over- draft
Payroll, Session 1947	\$ 4,400.54	\$ 4,400.54		
Grand Tyler, Session 1947.....	15.00	15.00		
Grand Organist, Session 1947....	10.00	10.00		
Grand Secretary, Clerks' hire....	3,800.00	3,885.00		85.00
Grand Secretary, Office Expense.	2,500.00	1,916.22	583.78	
Grand Master Huwaldt expense ..	2,500.00	2,500.00		
Expense, other Grand Lodge Offi- cers under direction of Grand Master	600.00	600.00		
Expense, Comm. on Masonic Education	3,600.00	3,219.99	380.01	
Expense, Comm. on Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00	600.00		
Expense, Trial Commission	100.00	100.00		
Expense, Grand Chaplain	100.00	2.50	97.50	
Expense, Grand Trustees	50.00	50.00		
Grand Secretary, traveling expense	500.00	500.00		
Expense, Committees not other- wise provided for	100.00	100.00		
Grand Custodian and Deputies expense	3,000.00	2,995.36	4.64	
Unassigned incidental expense un- der the direction of the Grand Master	2,000.00	1,950.00	50.00	
Rent on Grand Lodge offices to June 30, 1948	1,200.00	1,200.00		
Dues to Masonic Relief Ass'n of the U. S. and Canada.....	188.98	188.98		
Salary, Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary	3,600.00	3,600.00		
Salary, Grand Custodian	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Additional compensation to Bro. Lute M. Savage, account in- creased cost of living	600.00	600.00		
Certified Public Accountant for 1947	100.00	100.00		
Printing Proceedings of 1947 Grand Lodge Session, including advance copies of reports	1,500.00	1,681.78		181.78
Binding of Proceedings, 1938 to 1946, inc.	143.82	143.82		

Return of fee on Demit to Cable Lodge No. 225	10.00	10.00		
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests and incidental expense of Grand Lodge	250.00	250.00		
Reporting and transcribing Session, 1947	75.00	60.00	15.00	
Printed lists of Masters and Secretaries of Nebraska Lodges, 300 copies	125.00		125.00	
Workmen's Compensation and Employers Liab. insurance premium to June 18, 1948	28.44	30.79		2.35
Surety Bond for Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge Officers, committees and employees	275.00	280.80		5.80
Grand Lodge Dinners, 1947	988.55	885.40	103.15	
Jewel for retiring Grand Master. Liability and Property Damage insurance premium for protection of Grand Lodge on Grand Master's car	25.00	14.70	10.30	
Expense, Committee on George Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial	100.00		100.00	
Travel Expense for Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary, Emeritus	500.00	451.35	48.65	
Social Security Tax	210.00	190.60	19.40	
Printing of 1000 Gold Jordan Medal pamphlets	175.00	183.00		8.00
TOTALS	\$37,138.33	\$35,883.83	\$1,537.43	\$282.93

The foregoing tabulation shows a net saving of \$1,254.50, and we take this opportunity 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 have been, or will be, returned to the Grand Lodge General Fund:

GRAND CUSTODIAN AND DEPUTIES EXPENSE

The amount of \$3,000.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. Their expenses, according to the report filed, amounted to \$2,995.36, leaving a balance of \$4.64, which has been returned.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

The amount of \$3,600 was appropriated, and their expense report filed, shows an expense of \$3,219.99, or a saving of \$380.01, which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

TRAVEL EXPENSE, LEWIS E. SMITH,
GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

An amount of \$500.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. According to the expense report filed \$451.35 was expended, leaving a balance of \$48.65, which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

EXPENSE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN

The amount of \$100.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. However, \$2.50 only was expended and a balance of \$97.50 has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

The savings resulting from the above amount to a total of \$530.80.

We find there are unexpended balances on deposit, carried on the books to the credit of various accounts, as follows:

Trial Commission	\$109.35
Other Committees not especially provided for	42.51
Grand Trustees	50.00
Grand Officers expense account	385.90
TOTAL	\$587.76

After consulting with the Grand Secretary we feel that for the purpose of better accounting this amount should be returned to the Grand Lodge General Fund, and it is our recommendation that this be done, and under the General Budget proper amounts will be set up for the activities of these committees or officers affected by the above transaction.

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 for the protection of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Offices has previously reported the sale of the property at 432 S. 39th St. The proceeds from this sale reverted back to the Permanent Reserve Fund.

The sale of this property results in a net increase over the amount shown in the Permanent Reserve Fund cash credit of \$912.93.

The Grand Lodge offices has been enlarged by alterations made by the Masonic Temple Craft, a portion of this expense to be borne by this Grand Lodge.

The expense incidental to this change, together with redecorations, new chairs, rugs, drapes and venetian blinds, amounts to a total of \$5,182.92, and we recommend that the bills totaling the above amount be paid out of the Permanent Reserve Fund.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

For the past four years, in compliance with Grand Master William B. Wanner's Recommendation No. 1, we have appropriated \$500.00 out of the Building and Improvement Fund for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and this year would be the fifth and last payment to be made to this fund, according to that recommendation.

This Grand Lodge, having now approved and adopted Grand Master Edward Huwaldt's Recommendation No. 5, which provides for the payment of the entire amount of our unpaid balance due the Memorial, amounting to \$21,918.90, this action eliminates the necessity for the fifth and last payment under Grand Master Wanner's Recommendation No. 1.

In another part of this report we are setting up an appropriation out of the Permanent Reserve Fund to take care of this entire balance.

MRS. MARIE RICHARDS

Mrs. Marie Richards terminated her services in the Grand Secretary's office as of January 1, 1948, after a period of approximately thirty years, beginning during the administration of Francis E. White.

Her friendliness, her willingness to be helpful on all occasions throughout her many years of service, has endeared her to those with whom she came in contact. We feel that some expression of appreciation should be extended by this Grand Lodge and believe that some tangible recognition should be given to assist in her maintenance and to supplement her nominal Social Security Benefits, thus enabling her to maintain her home.

We, therefore, recommend that this Grand Lodge pay her the sum of \$50.00 per month out of Relief Committee funds.

GRAND LODGE CENTENNIAL

In our report of last year we made reference to the recommendation of the Centennial Committee for observance of the 100th Anniversary of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in 1957, and the matter of financing same would be considered at this annual communication.

It is the understanding of this committee that no proposal for such financing has been made at this session; therefore, this committee is taking no action at this time.

The Grand Secretary has proposed that this committee investigate the feasibility of inaugurating a pension plan for the office employees of the Grand Lodge.

After reviewing literature on the plan, as outlined by an insurance company dealing in annuities, we feel that the proposed plan involves various angles and considerable expense which in our opinion, the Grand Lodge should not adopt. It is recognized, however, that some Grand Jurisdictions have adopted similar plans such as presented to us.

It is our recommendation that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee with a view to making a comprehensive study of the needs of this Grand Jurisdiction, so far as retirement plan would apply, to be reported on at a later Grand Lodge Communication.

GENERAL FUND

There is cash in this fund in the amount of \$38,032.13 on deposit in the Live Stock National Bank as of May 10, 1948. There is to be returned to the General Fund unexpended balances from various committees, amounting to \$530.80.

There is also cash in the amount of \$587.76 to be transferred back to the General Fund, which makes a total available for appropriation to cover the 1948 General Budget of \$39,150.69.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
FOR 1948

Payroll, Session 1948	\$ 4,606.58
Grand Tyler, Session 1948	15.00
Grand Organist, Session 1948	10.00
Grand Secretary's Clerk Hire	3,800.00
Grand Secretary's Office expense	2,500.00
Grand Master Elmer E. Magee's expense	2,500.00
Expense, other Grand Lodge Officers under the direction of the Grand Master	600.00
Expense, Committee on Masonic Education	3,600.00
Expense Committee Relief and Care of Orphans.....	600.00
Expense Trial Commission	100.00
Expense Grand Chaplain	100.00
Expense Grand Trustees	50.00
Grand Secretary's 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
Travel expense for Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus	500.00
Rent on Grand Lodge offices to June 30, 1949	2,200.00

Dues to Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, 39,323 members	196.61
Salary, Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary	3,600.00
Salary Grand Custodian	3,000.00
Certified Public Accountant for 1948	100.00
Printing Proceedings of 1948 Grand Lodge Session, including advance copies of reports	1,650.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests and incidental expense of the Grand Lodge	250.00
Reporting and Transcribing Session 1948	75.00
Printed list of Masters and Secretaries of Nebraska Lodges 300 copies, 2 years 1948-1949	250.00
Workmen's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance Premium to June 18, 1949	30.39
Surety Bond for Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge officers, committees and employes	275.00
Liability and Property Damage Insurance Premium on Grand Master's automobile for the protection of Grand Lodge..	25.00
Social Security Tax	210.00
Grand Lodge Dinners, 1948	862.00
Jewel for retiring Grand Master	168.00
List of Regular Lodges of all Grand Jurisdictions for 1948...	160.00
Printing of Certificates for Lodge Secretaries	150.00
Premium of \$10,000 additional insurance on Grand Lodge furniture and fixtures for 3 year period	47.88
Equipment for Grand Secretary's office: 4 steel drawer files..	540.00
One Edison electronic voice & transcribing machine, complete	609.50
TOTAL	\$ 38,980.96

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).....\$16,000.00

RELIEF FUND

Special appropriation to increase existing revenue to the
Maintenance Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home at
Plattsmouth

\$10,000.00

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)

\$1,000.00

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

- To cover Grand Lodge portion of the remodeling, decorations and furnishings of the enlarged Grand Lodge offices\$5,182.92
- To cover the unpaid balance due from this Grand Lodge to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Ass'n, according to Grand Master Huwaldt's recommendation No. 5, previously adopted at this Grand Lodge Session....\$21,918.00

MASONIC SERVICE, ANNUITIES AND GIFTS

- To cover the original amount of the first and only annuity to this fund, if needed, in accordance with action previously taken by this Grand Body on the report submitted by this committee\$2,500.00

CONCLUSION

We are pleased to advise you that funds for all of the foregoing 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.

R. .W. .Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, gave the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business for the Chairman, Russell R. Rauch, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:
 Since there was no unfinished business, there is nothing to report.

MINUTES APPROVED

M. .W. .Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, moved that the published proceedings of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held June 3, 4 and 5, 1947, and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published by the Grand Secretary be ratified and approved. Motion carried.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. .W. .William B. Wanner, Past Grand Master, was Installing officer, assisted by M. .W. .Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, as Marshal.

THE NEW GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

The hour is late and I know you don't want to listen to me over a long period of time, but I think perhaps I should say one or two things here. I do appreciate very much this very great honor which you have given to me. I hope that during the coming year that I may so conduct this office of the Grand Lodge that you will continue to have the pride in it that you have had in the past, and I hope that nothing will be done during the year which should be dismissed and censured. The hope of the Grand Officers this year is that we may get into many of the smaller lodges that have not been visited by Grand Officers in many years. It is our hope that we may visit every lodge with 25 members or less. We feel that these lodges are the grass roots of our institution. There we find Freemasons, men who are working under difficulties, because of the smallness of their membership. Many of their members living in other places, oftentimes only 12 or 15 or 20 brethren come to the lodge hall, and difficult to get a quorum at times. So we have dedicated ourselves to visiting these lodges, and helping in any way by inspiration, by consultation, or in any other way possible to forward the business of that lodge and the success of it. So we are inviting you, our Masters of smaller lodges, to carry to your members the message to extend to us an invitation, if you please, to visit your lodge. We want to try to do that in every case. I will try to make as many as I can. Since there are about 130 lodges of this size, of course, it will probably be impossible for me to make every visitation, but we will see that a Grand Lodge Officer is in your lodge room if you will work with us. I just want to say before we bring about the closing of this Grand Lodge, I pledge on my own behalf and on behalf of all the Grand Officers, our very best efforts during the coming year. We will spend all the time that is necessary to make the year a success.

Thank you very much for your confidence in us.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master:

There may be some question about installing the Grand Officers not present. I move that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be authorized to install at his convenience at the proper time and place any officers of this Grand Lodge that are not now installed. Seconded and carried.

R. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Deputy Grand Master:

I move that we extend a vote of thanks and a word of appreciation to the Omaha Masonic Lodges, the attendants of the building, and the Order of the Eastern Star for their contribution of floral expression, and any and all other persons that have made our stay and visit in this metropolis of the State of Nebraska a very pleasant one for this Annual Communication.

W. Roy W. Deal:

Most Worshipful Brother Elmer:

We the members of North Star Lodge No. 227, congratulate you on being installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, and on behalf of the members of North Star Lodge may we present this gift as a remembrance of this occasion, and we wish to pledge our full cooperation in your year, and may your year be a very successful one. Thank you, Sir.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER'S
JEWEL TO M. W. EDWARD HUWALDT

M. W. Virgil R. Johnson, Past Grand Master:

I want you to know that this is not by virtue of any action on the part of the Jurisprudence Committee that I appear here at this time.

Brother Ed, come out here. You don't look at all right without some decoration or insignia as to your accomplishments and your achievements during this past Grand Lodge year.

Brother Lee was designated to perform this bit of service, but owing to pressing business at home, I understand he had to leave, and came to me and wanted to know if I would do you this honor. I don't know what relationship I might bear toward you by performing this service. I do know that it was my honor and my privilege to appoint Brother Lee in the line, but if I am not mistaken I think he appointed Brother Warner and he appointed you. So that must make me your grand pappy. That being the case, Brother Ed, I want to present you this little token of the appreciation and the esteem of this Grand Lodge for your splendid services as Grand Master this past year, and for the wonderful achievements which have been brought about during the time that you have spent in reaching those things.

I do not want you to regard this for its extrinsic worth or value, I ask that you do not lay it among the records in the archives of the lodge as a memory of this achievement. We expect and ask that you display this from time to time, that the brothers may see and know that you are one of the immortals from here on out.

And I take great pleasure in presenting you with this badge and I know you will wear it with great honor to yourself as well as honor to the fraternity which you represent. I congratulate you.

Here is something else you get. You saw what happened to the Past Grand Masters yesterday. I want to present you with one of these hot pads. (Past Grand Masters apron.)

I was telling some brother yesterday if we had some way to preserve the heat that is generated under this, and could turn it on in winter we would put John L. Lewis out of business.

Accept my congratulations, Brother Ed, for your splendid work, for the advancement that you have brought during this past year.

M. . W. . Edward Huwaldt, Past Grand Master :

Thank you very much, Most Worshipful Grand Pappy.

Most Worshipful Brother Earl Lee of Fremont did appoint me seven years ago as Grand Junior Deacon. And since he could not be here I don't know of any one I would rather have present the Past Grand Master's Jewel to me than Most Worshipful Brother Virgil Johnson. I have always admired him every time I came to the Grand Lodge, an eloquent speaker, an outstanding Mason, and every inch a gentleman. It is an honor to have any contact with Brother Virgil.

The hour is late, I shall be brief. I once again want to thank all of the brethren of Nebraska for the wonderful receptions they have given me wherever I had the opportunity to appear. I wish I might have attended more meetings, I wish I might have accepted all of the invitations that were extended. It was physically impossible. There were some times as many as three on the same evening. I wish Elmer better luck, and I admire him for dedicating himself to the job of contacting the smaller lodges. I think he is absolutely right, and I hope that he will reach the lodges that have not had a visit from a Grand Master in many years.

Now, in closing—I made it very plain to you last night—I am glad to return to the common level where I know I belong, and where I feel at home. Thank you.

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

I move that a vote of thanks of this Grand Body be extended to Most Worshipful Huwaldt for his untiring efforts and devotion to our great fraternity during the past year. Motion unanimously carried.

M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master :

Ed, you lay off and rest. We hope that you will get some of that rest, but I do want to say that I shall call on you now and then for a little advice, so don't try to rest too much.

M. . W. . Archie M. Smith, Past Grand Master :

Some years ago one of our brethren was appointed chairman of a committee of the Grand Lodge and with no associate members. It seemed to me that the task assigned to him was impossible of accomplishment, and I accordingly looked upon him as "the forgotten man." However, he went ahead with his task, made a great showing, and laid the foundation which put our Grand Jurisdiction on the map with reference to the task assigned; today he is retiring as Grand Master.

My study of the various types of Grand Masters which we have had while I have been attending Grand Lodge has been very interesting—at least it has been very interesting to me. Most Worshipful Brother Huwaldt's type or class of Grand Masters is a very distinctive one, and he is the only one in his class.

I dare say that not only by his labors for the craft, but by his most interesting and entertaining originality he has endeared himself to all the brethren.

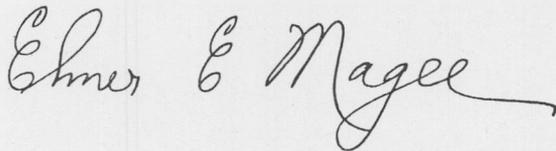
Most Worshipful Brother Huwaldt, your work has been well done. When you entered upon the duties of Grand Master and during your term of office you lived in Grand Island; upon your retirement you will reside in Grand Island, (according to the amendment made by the Jurisprudence Committee to various decisions and recommendations in your address.) The brethren will miss you as Grand Master, but the Jurisprudence Committee will welcome you into its membership.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master:

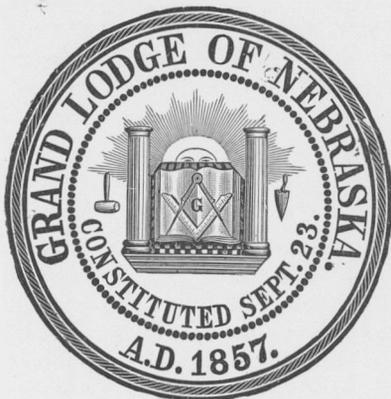
As a final word I want to say again Most Worshipful Brother Ed, that we as Grand Officers have enjoyed very much your year as Grand Master. You have been very kind and considerate to us. He made us look like monkeys now and then, but we have perfectly enjoyed the year, and have been inspired by the year spent with you.

I also want again to thank my lodge for coming up here, and it gives me great confidence. Thank you so much.

At 12:36 o'clock P. M., no further business appearing, after prayer by V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elmer E. Magee". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Grand Master".

Grand Master



Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the Ninety-first 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 8, 9 and 10, 1948, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, this 28th day of July, 1948.

Jack R. Feisen

Grand Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

This page is fraternally and affectionately
dedicated to the memory of
Six Hundred Nineteen
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, 49 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- 47-48
Lewis E. Smith, 46 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- 34-35-36-37-38-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
James R. Cain, 44 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- 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-43-44-46-47-48
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, 39 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- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48
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, 36 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- 44-46-47-48
Chancellor A. Phillips, 34 Years	1914-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28- 29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48
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- 48
Lute M. Savage, 31 Years	1918-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
Jesse Lowther, 30 Years	1916-17-20-21-22-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34- 35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
William F. Evers, 29 Years	1920-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35- 36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
John R. Hughes, 28 Years	1919-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
Archie M. Smith, 27 Years	1922-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37- 38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48

Benjamin F. Eyre, 26 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
John S. Hedelund, 25 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
Raymond C. Cook, 25 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36- 37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
Carl R. Greisen, 25 Years	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
C. Ray Macy, 25 Years	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
William C. Smith, 22 Years	1926-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48

WE HAVE SET APART THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE PASSED
BEYOND THE VEIL.

ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Died Jan. 9th, 1899....	(1st)..1857-58-59
GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Died Nov. 12th, 1896....	(2nd)..1860-61-62
DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Died Nov. 27th, 1912.....	(3rd)..1863-64
ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	Died June 1st, 1905.....	(4th)..1865-66
ORSAMUS H. IRISH.....	Died Jan. 27th, 1883.....	(5th)..1867-68
HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Died Nov. 23rd, 1914.....	(6th)..1869-70
WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Died Dec. 29th, 1917.....	(7th)..1871-72
MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Died Feb. 18th, 1915.....	(8th)..1873
FRANK WELCH.....	Died Sept. 4th, 1878.....	(9th)..1874
ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	Died July 10th, 1894.....	(10th)..1875
GEORGE H. THUMMEL....	Died Feb. 5th, 1932.....	(11th)..1876
GEORGE W. LININGER....	Died June 8th, 1907.....	(12th)..1877
EDWARD K. VALENTINE..	Died April 11th, 1916.....	(13th)..1878
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Died Feb. 2nd, 1904.....	(14th)..1879
JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Died Jan. 21st, 1901.....	(15th)..1880
JAMES R. CAIN, Sr.....	Died Nov. 24th, 1920.....	(16th)..1881
EDWIN F. WARREN.....	Died July 9th, 1923.....	(17th)..1882
SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Died Nov. 15th, 1913.....	(18th)..1883
JOHN JAY WEMPLE.....	Died May 28th, 1943.....	(19th)..1884
MANOAH B. REESE.....	Died Sept. 28th, 1917.....	(20th)..1885
CHARLES K. COUTANT....	Died Aug. 23rd, 1910.....	(21st)..1886
MILTON J. HULL.....	Died Sept. 18th, 1923.....	(22nd)..1887
GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	Died Aug. 16th, 1914.....	(23rd)..1888
JOHN J. MERCER.....	Died Feb. 25th, 1915.....	(24th)..1889
ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Died Feb. 16th, 1927.....	(25th)..1890
BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER..	Died May 8th, 1909.....	(26th)..1891
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON....	Died Dec. 8th, 1928.....	(27th)..1892
JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Died Nov. 12th, 1918.....	(28th)..1893
JOHN A. EHRHARDT.....	Died Nov. 1st, 1925.....	(29th)..1894
HENRY H. WILSON.....	Died June 28th, 1941.....	(30th)..1895
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Died Aug. 24th, 1915.....	(31st)..1896

JOHN B. DINSMORE.....	Died Oct. 6th, 1915.....	(32nd) ..	1897
FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Died Dec. 24th, 1917.....	(33rd) ..	1898
WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....	Died Aug. 17th, 1922.....	(34th) ..	1899
ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Died Aug. 23rd, 1915.....	(35th) ..	1900
ROBERT E. EVANS.....	Died July 8th, 1925.....	(36th) ..	1901
NATHANIEL M. AYERS.....	Died Nov. 19th, 1913.....	(37th) ..	1902
FRANK E. BULLARD.....	Died Jan. 31st, 1933.....	(38th) ..	1903
CHARLES E. BURNHAM...	Died May 29th, 1933.....	(39th) ..	1904
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL.	Died May 2nd, 1911.....	(40th) ..	1905
ZUINGLE M. BAIRD.....	Died Dec. 17th, 1916.....	(41st) ..	1906
ORNAN J. KING.....	Died Dec. 26th, 1927.....	(42nd) ..	1907
WILLIAM A. DE BORD.....	Died May 17th, 1916.....	(43rd) ..	1908
MICHAEL DOWLING	Died May 5th, 1921.....	(44th) ..	1909
HENRY GIBBONS	Died Aug. 22nd, 1923.....	(46th) ..	1911
ALPHA MORGAN	Died April 17th, 1924.....	(48th) ..	1913
THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Died Aug. 12th, 1919.....	(49th) ..	1914
SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	Died Aug. 11th, 1931.....	(50th) ..	1915
ANDREW H. VIELE.....	Died May 9th, 1941.....	(51st) ..	1916
FREDERIC L. TEMPLE....	Died Aug. 13th, 1944.....	(52nd) ..	1917
AMBROSE C. EPPERSON...	Died Mar. 16th, 1944.....	(53rd) ..	1918
JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	Died July 31st, 1934.....	(54th) ..	1919
EDWARD M. WELLMAN...	Died Aug. 31st, 1922.....	(57th) ..	1922
ROBERT R. DICKSON.....	Died June 18th, 1941.....	(59th) ..	1924
JOHN WRIGHT	Died Oct. 29th, 1936.....	(60th) ..	1925
ALBERT R. DAVIS	Died Mar. 7th, 1929.....	(62nd) ..	1927
FRANK H. WOODLAND....	Died Oct. 23rd, 1940.....	(63rd) ..	1928
IRA C. FREET.....	Died Oct. 13th, 1944.....	(64th) ..	1929
ORVILLE A. ANDREWS...	Died Oct. 16th, 1936.....	(65th) ..	1930
EDWIN B. JOHNSTON.....	Died Feb. 11th, 1933.....	(67th) ..	1932
WILLIAM C. RAMSEY.....	Died May 19th, 1938.....	(71st) ..	1935
WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON..	Died July 3rd, 1944.....	(73rd) ..	1937

PAST GRAND MASTERS
 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE
 A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

HARRY A. CHENEY	(45th).....	1910
Campbell Court Hotel, Portland, Oregon		
JAMES R. CAIN, JR.	(47th).....	1912
1039 So. 30th Ave., Omaha		
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG	(55th).....	1920
820 City National Bank, Omaha		
LEWIS E. SMITH	(56th).....	1921
1321 Sharp Bldg., Lincoln		
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL	(58th).....	1923
Minden		
EDWIN D. CRITES	(61st).....	1926
Chadron		
JOHN R. TAPSTER	(66th).....	1931
North Bend		
RALPH O. CANADAY	(68th).....	1933
Hastings		
ARCHIE M. SMITH	(69th).....	1933
Pender		
VIRGIL R. JOHNSON	(70th).....	1934
Beatrice		
CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS	(72nd).....	1936
Cambridge		
WALTER R. RAECKE	(74th).....	1938
Central City		
WILLIAM J. BRECKENRIDGE	(75th).....	1939
Hastings		
EARL J. LEE	(76th).....	1940
Fremont		
EDWARD F. CARTER	(77th).....	1941
State House, Lincoln		
GEORGE A. KURK	(78th).....	1942
1909 Ryons St., Lincoln		
WILLIAM B. WANNER	(79th).....	1943
2017 Stone St., Falls City		
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER	(80th).....	1944-1945
1009 South D St., Broken Bow		
BENJAMIN F. EYRE	(81st).....	1946
2001 Douglas Street, Omaha		
EDWARD HUWALDT	(82nd).....	1947
Commercial National Bank, Grand Island		

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.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger.....	Montgomery.
Alberta	George Moore	Calgary.
Arizona	Joseph A. E. Ivey	Tucson, Box 1488.
Arkansas	Woodleif A. Thomas	Little Rock.
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Bahia	Aguinaldo M. Lobo	Bahia.
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro	Jose Rodrigues	Rio de Janeiro, Box 2215.
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Augusto de Almeida Simoes	Joaq, Pessoa.
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	Earle K. Haling	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	Dwight L. Smith	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.
Iowa	Earl B. Delzell	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka.
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Shubert Bldg., Louisville.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens, Jr.	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland.
Manitoba	Harry Woods	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland	Claud Shaffer	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Frank H. Hilton	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Mexico, (York Gr. Ldg) Michigan	Carl E. DeVries	Apt. 1986, Mexico City.
Minnesota	F. Homer Newton	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids
Mississippi	John H. Anderson	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Missouri	Sid F. Curtis	Meridian.
Montana	Harold L. Reader	Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
Nebraska	Luther T. Hauberg	Box 896, Helena.
Nevada	Carl R. Greisen	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
New Brunswick	Edward C. Peterson	Masonic Temple, Carson City.
New Hampshire	R. D. Magee	St. John.
New Jersey	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord.
New Mexico	Isaac Cherry	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New South Wales	La Moine Langston, acting.	Albuquerque.
New York	James S. Miller	Masonic Temple, Sydney.
New Zealand	George R. Irving	Masonic Hall, New York
Nicaragua	Henry A. Lamb	P. O. Box 548, Dunedin
North Carolina	Sofonias Salvatierra	Apt. 102, Managua.
North Dakota	Wilbur L. McIver	502 Masonic Temple, Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo, Box 1269.
Ohio	Reginald V. Harris	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Oklahoma	Harry S. Johnson	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oregon	Claude A. Sturgeon	Masonic Temple, Guthrie.
Panama	Harry D. Proudfoot	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Pennsylvania	Jose Oller	Panama, Box 84
	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—(Concluded)

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Philippine Islands...	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.
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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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
Columbia Nat'l Grand Lodge..	Fred G. Christensen, 33...	Grand Island	July 2, 1938
Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Omaha	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....	Ansley	Dec. 20, 1944
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, 1936
Montana	Benjamin F. Pitman, 158.	Chadron	April 12, 1930
Nevada	Phil B. Campbell, 65.....	Osceola	May 4, 1939
New Brunswick ..	Mahlon C. Morgan, 322...	Gering	Sept. 3, 1946
New Hampshire ..	Virgil R. Johnson, 26.....	Beatrice	Oct. 10, 1931
New Jersey	Wallace E. Linn, 1.....	Omaha	May 4, 1939
New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208....	Arcadia	Oct. 18, 1943
New So. Wales ..	Glen L. Rice	Omaha	July 10, 1947
New York	George K. 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	Guilherne 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.			June 16, 1931
Ecuador	F. E. Navarro Allende ...	Guayaquil	Oct. 10, 1933
Egypt	Ibrahim F. K. Pacha....	Alexandria	
England	Francis Kenelm Foster ...	Allt Dinas, Bayshell, Cheltenham	Sept. 19, 1936
Florida	Leon E. Forbes	Jacksonville	Apr. 15, 1944
Georgia	Wallace W. Bibb	Adairsville	Dec. 9, 1922
Idaho	Everett W. Rising	Nampa	Apr. 30, 1932
Illinois	William L. Sharp	245 W. 63rd St., Chicago	Mar. 8, 1929
Indiana	Walter P. Boemler.....	3130 Park Ave., Indianapolis	Mar. 1, 1946
Ireland	Wentworth A. King- Harman	Newcastle, Ballymahon	Nov. 14, 1924
Kansas	Homer B. Osborn	Wichita	Sept. 28, 1944
Kentucky	C. E. Tyree, Sr.	Beattyville	Apr. 20, 1945
Louisiana	Charles F. Ratcliffe	Baton Rouge	Sept. 18, 1936
Maine	James A. Richan	Rockland	Nov. 25, 1925
Manitoba	Hugh McKenzie	Winnipeg	Nov. 5, 1935
Maryland	William F. Broenning	Baltimore	July 25, 1919
Massachusetts ..	Roscoe Pound	Cambridge	May 1, 1929
Mexico	Horace Dillon	Torreon, Coah	Mar. 17, 1944
Michigan	Frank W. Richey	Dowagiac	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota	William Frank Holman ..	Minneapolis	Apr. 18, 1942
Mississippi	R. A. Pullen	Aberdeen	Mar. 12, 1931
Missouri	Edmund E. Morris	Kansas City	Jan. 9, 1929
Montana	John A. Meeke	Dillon	Sept. 13, 1941
Nevada	Harry H. Atkinson	Reno	June 19, 1911
New Brunswick..	LeBaron Wilson	St. John	Mar. 7, 1921
New Hampshire...	John O. Lovejoy	Bristol	April 14, 1934
New Jersey	John A. Stecker.....	62 Van Ness Terrace, Maplewood, N. J. ..	Aug. 11, 1947
New Mexico	Thomas M. Novinger	Springer	Dec. 9, 1947
New So. Wales ..	F. Gillman Moon	Masonic Hall, Sydney	Aug. 9, 1934
New York	Max H. Ress	New York City, N. Y.	Aug. 26, 1944
New Zealand	William Grant Hay	Box 108 Dunedin ..	Jan. 6, 1926
Nicaragua	Gral. Anastasio Somaza ..	Managua	Dec. 9, 1941
North Carolina ..	H. B. Leavitt	Asheville	Aug. 6, 1932
North Dakota	Theodore S. Henry	Valley City	Aug. 24, 1917
Nova Scotia	E. J. Vickery, Sr.	Halifax	Aug. 11, 1932
Ohio	B. Frank Thomas	Youngstown	Sept. 30, 1925
Oklahoma	Manford S. Runyan.....	Oklahoma City	Feb. 7, 1941
Oregon	Clarence D. Phillips.....	Portland	Sept. 4, 1937
Panama	Theodore Thompson	David	Apr. 5, 1935
Philippine Islands	Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946
P. Edward Island	Roy C. McLean	Souris	Mar. 24, 1943
Puerto Rico	A. J. Lightbourn	Fajardo	May 3, 1945

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Quebec	Alex Nickle	Montreal	Jan. 31, 1934
Queensland	Harry Hill	Brisbane	May 31, 1923
Rhode Island.....	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
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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 Bancroft, 145.
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 Bartley, 228.
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 Bayard, 301.
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver City, 93.
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Beemer, 253.
 Bennett, 94.
 Bladen, 319.
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 Bloomfield, 218.
 Blue Hill, 129.
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 Blue Valley, 64.
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 Crofton, 273.
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 George W. Lininger, 268.
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 Golden Fleece, 205.
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 Granite, 189.
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NAME	LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7	Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8	Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12	Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16	Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18	Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20	Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macy No. 22	Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24	Lafayette Pet. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45	Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47	Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58	Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66	Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69	Ulysses	July 14, 1887
Joppa No. 76	Bloomington	October 18, 1934
Waco No. 80	Waco	January 31, 1885
Steele City No. 107	Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109	Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115	Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118	Dorchester	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122	Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123	Indianola	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131	Ainsworth	September 26, 1890
Summit No. 141	Johnson	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142	North Loup	June 5, 1901
Hesperia No. 178	Shickley	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186	Grant	November 15, 1897
Square & Compass No. 213	Miller	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238	Crab Orchard	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242	Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244	Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Springview No. 260	Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270	Huntley	June 7, 1939
Parallel No. 152	Liberty	Jan. 2, 1940
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, under name, number and title of Hampton Lodge No. 245, Hampton, Nebraska, May 21, 1942.		
Riverside Lodge No. 269, Belgrade, was consolidated with Cedar River Lodge No. 89, under name, number and title of Cedar River Lodge No. 89, Fullerton, Nebraska, June 5, 1942.		
Juniata Lodge No. 42, Juniata, was consolidated with Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, under name, number and title of Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, Kenesaw, Nebraska, July 15, 1942.		

Incense Lodge No. 182, Ohioa, was consolidated with Jewel Lodge No. 149, Tobias, under name, number and title of Jewel Lodge No. 149, Tobias, Nebraska, April 22, 1947.

Bee Lodge No. 258, Bee, was consolidated with Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward, under name, number and title of Oliver Lodge No. 38, Seward, June 13, 1947.

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., (18).
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215).
 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143).
 Central City, U. D., (ext).
 Ceresco, U. D., (229).
 Chadron, U. D., (158).
 Chapman, U. D., (239).
 Columbus, U. D., (ext).
 Columbus, U. D., (53).
 Columbus, 8, (extinct).
 Cowles, 296, (ext).
 Crab Orchard, U. D., (288), 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).
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 Giddings, (2).
 Grant, U. D., (84).
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 Greenwood, U. D., (163).
 Gresham, U. D., (197).
 Hamilton, U. D., (68).
 Harmony, U. D., (ext).
 Hermon, U. D., (231).
 Hesperia, 178, (ext).
 Hildreth, 252 (consolidated).
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29).
 Holdrege, U. D., (146).
 Hubbell, 92, (consolidated).
 Hyannis, U. D., (234).
 Huntley, 270, (extinct).
 Idaho, U. D., (extinct).
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 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).
 Macoy, 22 (extinct).
 Mazie 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).
 Ohioa, U. D., (182).
 Orion, 242, (ext).
 Overton, U. D., (267).
 Oxford, U. D., (188).
 Pacific, U. D., (310).
 *Palmer, (315), (consolidated).
 Palestine, U. D., (ext).
 Palmyra, 45, (ext).
 *Parallel Lodge No. 152, (extinct).
 Pawnee City, U. D., (29).
 Peru, U. D., (ext).
 Plumb, 186, (ext).
 Reynolds, U. D., (160).
 Rising, U. D., (81).
 Rising Star, U. D., 20, (extinct).
 *Riverside, 269, (Consolidated).
 Riverton, 63, (consolidated).
 Rock Bluff, 20, (ext).
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred).
 Salem, 47, (ext).
 Saline, U. D., (73).
 Saline, U. D., (101).
 Saline, U. D., (118).
 Samuel W. Hayes, U. D., (287).
 Scotia, U. D., (191).
 Seward, U. D., (88).
 Shelby, U. D., (161).
 Shickley, U. D., 178, (extinct).
 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext).
 Sincerity, 244, (ext).
 Square & Compass, 213, ext.
 Stanton, U. D., (41).
 Steele City, 107, (ext).
 Stockville, U. D., (196).
 Summit, 7, (transferred).
 Surmit, 141, (extinct).
 Syracuse, U. D., (57).
 Talmage, U. D., (162).
 Temple, U. D., (5).
 Tobias, U. D., (149).
 Trenton, U. D., (ext).
 Trilumular, U. D., (210).
 *Tyre, 85, (Consolidated).
 Ulysses, U. D., (187).
 Valentine, U. D., (113).
 Valparaiso, U. D., (151).
 Waco, 80 (ext).
 Weeping Water, U. D., (97).
 Wilcox, U. D., (226).
 Winside, U. D., (285).
 Winter Creek, U. D., (265).
 Wyoming, 28 (transferred).
 Zerodatha, U. D., (98) (ext).

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- *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, Ohioa, consolidated with Jewel Lodge No. 149.
- *Bee Lodge No. 259, Bee, consolidated with Oliver Lodge No. 38.

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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
Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	William O. Wakefield . .	Newell R. Wilcox
Western Star	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	First Friday	Lester C. Nelson	Charles Ott
Capitol	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	John W. Dindinger	Wallie W. Messick
Nemaha Valley	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	Leonard McComas	Abe L. Lawrence
5 Omadi	" 5	Dakota City	Dakota	Second Tuesday	Stanley K. Bridenbaugh . .	Raymond H. Ream
Plattsmouth	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	Charles M. Mead	Leslie W. Niel
Falls City	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Russell E. Dorr	William B. Wanner
Solomon	" 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	Edward H. Lorenzen	Richard T. Sievers
Covert	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Philip C. Cariotto	George R. Porter
10 Orient	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	Alfred H. Morehouse	Peter N. Frederick
Peru	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	Oscar D. Mardis	Wallace W. Barnes
Fremont	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Carroll E. Schurman	Roy S. Plank
Tecumseh	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Lewis F. Boyden	Dale R. Bush
Lincoln	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Lewis R. Ricketts	Perry J. Morton
15 Washington	" 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Simon P. Korshoj	Wayne H. Lambertz
Pawnee	" 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Joseph B. Gifford	Ben R. Henry
Saint Johns	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Harry M. Green	Gustave E. Gran
Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second Monday	Richard G. Stratford	Harry C. Price
Jordan	" 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Charles V. Stewart	Guy A. Swanson
20 Hope	" 29	Nemaha	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	Glen Erisman	Jay Burns
Blue River	" 30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	Marion A. Bass	Clarence C. Wertman
Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	Second Wednesday	Reno A. Rice	Anton R. Kokes
Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Auldwin L. Berthe	David J. Fredrick
Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Robert W. Cook	Fred G. Christensen
25 Acacia	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	Third Tuesday	Lester G. Oberg	Louis J. Michaelson
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Robert V. Denney	Leighton L. Nuckolls
Lone Tree	" 36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	George E. Schafer	Lee C. Coolidge
Crete	" 37	Crete	Saline	First Thursday	Charles H. Johnson	Everett M. Wood
Oliver	" 38	Seward	Seward	Third Thursday	Jack Clark	Walter E. Beck
30 Papillion	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	Second Wednesday	Floyd D. Trumble	Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt	" 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Arlo H. Coons	Berton Mowry
Northern Light	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Second Thursday	Edwin H. Chilcoat	Ralph H. Titus
Hebron	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Amos E. Stauffer	Harvey E. Barbee
Harvard	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Leonard F. Selko	Ira F. Fishback
35 Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	E. Anson Thomas	Silas A. Wilson

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Fairmont	No. 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Second Tuesday.....	Harry L. Bohling.....	James A. Rose
Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Herbert J. Ochsner.....	George Barnell
Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Thursday.....	D. Charles Irwin.....	Curtis L. Walters
Fidelity	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	Roy L. Loy.....	Eldon B. Johnson
40 Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	Second Thursday.....	W. Therlo Reckmeyer..	Harry C. McClellan
Charity	" 53	Red Cloud....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Clarence W. Crowell...	Marion Bloom
Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	Russell R. Rauch.....	Victor Seymour
Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Carl L. Miller.....	Clarence G. McNamee
York	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Arthur C. Dobler.....	Mervin Patterson
45 Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Second Thursday.....	Herbert H. Fechner...	Russell M. Joyce
Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Theodore R. Haney....	Edwin R. Levin
Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Second and fourth Wed'days	Harold G. Simons.....	Kenneth S. Albright
Thistle	" 61	Lexington....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Benjamin F. Menke....	Joseph E. Snyder
Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton....	Second Monday.....	Victor D. Hunt.....	Alexander S. Gilbert
50 Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Charles R. Stasenska..	Otto Novak
Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	First Friday.....	Dwight M. Bush.....	I. Donald Huston
Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Martin R. Saum.....	Wayne Hunter
Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton....	First and third Tuesdays..	Eldon E. Higby.....	Claude A. Rennau
Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson....	Second Monday.....	Edwin J. Eilers.....	Arnold Feistner
55 Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope....	First and third Tuesdays..	Charles J. Barnum....	Lee R. Fleming
Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	First Friday.....	Arthur F. Swartz.....	Norris W. Lallman
Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	First and third Thursdays.	William J. Rhynalds...	Joseph Ach
Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria...	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Tuesday.	Loren M. Sinn.....	Guy B. Averill
Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne....	First Tuesday.....	Theodore R. Tillotson..	Harold K. Bond
60 Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls....	First Thursday.....	Clifton E. Wehrman...	Warren C. Hall
Albion	" 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Carroll J. Reid.....	Donald R. Leech
Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Clyde H. Yates.....	Gerald Walton
Composite	" 81	Rising City...	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	Leonard Davis.....	Fredolph C. Chalquist
Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul....	Howard.....	Third Thursday.....	Paul R. Oakeson.....	Fred R. Haggart
65 Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield....	Dixon.....	Third Friday.....	W. Bryan Johnson.....	Carroll D. VanValin
Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	First and third Mondays....	Charles V. Glenn.....	Harmie L. Trobough
Doniphan	" 86	Doniphan....	Hall.....	First Friday.....	Edward A. Stulken....	Charles L. Spellman
Ionic	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before O....	Emil E. Sandoz.....	George Skokan
Star	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	Charles Christiansen...	Walter W. Small
70 Cedar River	" 89	Fullerton....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays....	Gene Beaman.....	Louis Vaughn

	Oakland	No. 91	Oakland	Burt	First Thursday	Fredrick S. Linder	Charles W. West, Sr.
	Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City	Furnas	Second Monday	Robert H. Carr	Harold J. Oehlerking
	Bennett	" 94	Bennet	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Harry W. Burt	Roy Church, Sr.
	Garfield	" 95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays	Lawrence R. Johnson	Ramon Bright
75	Utica	" 96	Utica	Seward	Second Thursday	Carl L. Caldwell	Fred H. Pieper
	Euclid	" 97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	F. DeForest Philpot	Alvin C. Groesser
	Republican	" 98	Republican City	Harlan	Second Wednesday	Louie L. Kammerer	Tom F. Chandler
	Shelton	" 99	Shelton	Buffalo	Third Tuesday	Alvan A. Jaeke	Ralph Soderstrom
	Creighton	" 100	Creighton	Knox	First Tuesday	Harry A. Larsen	Carl I. Oppen
80	Ponca	" 101	Ponca	Dixon	Third Thursday	Alford F. Rakow	Dean H. Ehle
	Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo	Douglas	First Tuesday	Henry S. Whitehead	Herbert L. Johnson
	Ord	" 103	Ord	Valley	First Wednesday	T. Bruce Covey	Duane E. Armstrong
	Wymore	" 104	Wymore	Gage	Second and fourth Mondays	Lacy L. Mittan	Samuel R. Youds
	Stella	" 105	Stella	Richardson	First Thursday	Richard McMullen	William A. Pearson
85	Porter	" 106	Loup City	Sherman	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Frederick J. Leschinsky	Lamont L. Stephens
	Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	James Binder	Orval O. Johnson
	Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	Bruce B. Taylor	Paul I. Eaton
	DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before O	Curtis N. Burney	James M. Norton
	Springfield	" 112	Springfield	Sarpy	Second Tues. and fourth Sat.	August H. Funke	William Ward
90	Globe	" 113	Madison	Madison	First Tuesday	Percy D. Resseguie	Thomas E. Farrell
	Wisner	" 114	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Charles H. Marks	Louis G. Purtzer
	Harlan	" 116	Alma	Harlan	First and third Tuesdays	Donald W. Cary	Thomas C. Rogers
	Hardy	" 117	Hardy	Nuckolls	First Thursday	Edward M. Leigh	George B. McDowell
	North Bend	" 119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Clinton J. Bauer	Leon J. Cherny
95	Wayne	" 120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Fridays	Yale K. Kessler	Walter S. Bressler
	Superior	" 121	Superior	Nuckolls	Second Wednesday	Albert Reitz	Merle P. Hayes
	Auburn	" 124	Auburn	Nemaha	First Tuesday	John G. Sanders	Charles Wrightsman
	Mount Nebo	" 125	Genoa	Nance	Second Tuesday	Stuart H. Battles	Roy W. Bruce
	Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg	Polk	Second Tuesday	Willard Ryan	Kermit F. Hultgren
100	Minden	" 127	Minden	Kearney	Second Wednesday	Paul J. Musgrave	John C. Tarkington
	Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock	Webster	Thursday on or before O	Ira A. Pace	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	Connor S. Whorton	Donald D. Hill, Sr.
105	Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Floyd S. Worthing	John L. Daul
	Solar	" 134	Clarks	Merrick	Second Tuesday	C. Leroy Dexter	Samuel O. Wallace
	McCook	" 135	McCook	Red Willow	First and third Tuesdays	Leo W. Stevens	George F. Moss
	Long Pine	" 136	Long Pine	Brown	Third Tuesday	Charles M. Frederick	William C. Smith, S.
	Upright	" 137	Burchard	Pawnee	First and third Wednesdays	Kenneth E. Bowman	William Yarpe
110	Rawl	" 138	Oxford	Furnas	Third Thursday	Elmer A. Blincow	Lewis A. Bloomgren

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY	
115	Clay Centre	No. 139	Clay Center..	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Richard R. Byrkit...	George M. Porter
	Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	Second Thursday.....	Arthur J. Henry.....	Lewis S. Winter
	Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	Second Thursday.....	Perry E. Heany.....	Harry P. Hansen
	Kenesaw	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before O.....	Lewis D. Essinger.....	Edward E. Guilkey
	Bancroft	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Lawrence H. Preston..	Robert V. Graff
120	Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Neil W. Hultquist.....	Elmer G. Brunzell
	Siloam	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or before O.....	Norris W. Coates.....	Harry L. Cowles
	Emmet Crawford	" 148	Broken Bow..	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	Paul R. Hicks.....	Selden J. Wenquist
	Jewel	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Henry J. Steinacher...	John L. Pängston
	Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge...	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Lloyd E. Nicholson...	Harley I. Simon
125	Square	" 151	Valparaiso...	Saunders....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Robert D. Vandegrift..	Julius Petermichel
	Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second Tuesday.....	Lloyd B. Malone.....	Alfred L. Brande
	Lily	" 154	Davenport...	Thayer.....	Friday on or before O.....	Arthur Jensby.....	Gerald W. Voigt
	Hartington	" 155	Hartington...	Cedar.....	First Thursday.....	Irwin J. Doane.....	Rudolph H. Jenny
	Pythagoras	" 156	Page.....	Holt.....	First Friday.....	LuVern Van Conett....	Harold L. Banta
130	Valley	" 157	Wilsonville..	Furnas.....	Second Tuesday.....	Everette H. Wilmot...	Lewis L. Skiles
	Samaritan	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays..	Marshall T. Rice.....	George A. Stevens
	Ogallala	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	First Tuesday.....	Robert G. Curry.....	Cyrus D. Sanders
	Zerodatha	" 160	Reynolds....	Jefferson...	First and third Thursdays..	Joe Cacak.....	Paul C. Krause
	Mount Zion	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	Dale Scow.....	Homer Brigham
135	Trestle Board	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	First Tuesday.....	Marlyn Osborn.....	Floyd Christy
	Unity	" 163	Greenwood...	Cass.....	First and third Tuesdays..	John C. Willis.....	Benjamin P. Howard
	Atkinson	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Roy F. Griffin.....	Harry A. Snyder
	Barneston	" 165	Barneston...	Gage.....	First Tuesday.....	Roy W. Howe.....	Frank Blaker
	Mystic Tie	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison....	Third Thursday.....	Fred A. Lindahl.....	Thomas H. Thomsen
140	Elwood	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Second Monday.....	Alpha O. Morgan.....	Anton T. Almquist
	Curtis	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Wendell G. Osterhoudt.	Klyte Burt
	Amity	" 169	Rushville...	Sheridan....	First and third Tuesdays...	Russell F. DeWitt.....	Bennett F. Johnson
	Mason City	" 170	Mason City..	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	C. Martin Madsen.....	William D. Redmond
	Merna	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	First Thursday.....	Homer C. Blakeman...	Sam W. Lyon
145	Grafton	" 172	Grafton.....	Fillmore....	First and third Wednesdays.	Donald W. Stuckey...	Bert Frederick
	Robert Burns	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock...	Second and fourth Mondays.	Paul G. Burks.....	Clyde H. Jones
	Culbertson	" 174	Culbertson...	Hitchcock...	First and third Wednesdays.	Ernest E. Erdman.....	Arvene C. Eisenhart
	Temple	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Lewis C. McClung.....	Clyde W. Bay
	Gladstone	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	Thursday after O.....	Delbert Ginn.....	William Hein

Hay Springs	No. 177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays.	LaRue E. Goff	Roy T. Stiehl
Prudence	" 179	Beaver Crossing	Seward	Tuesday on or before O	Velmar E. Horner	Grant E. Hansen
Justice	" 180	Benkelman	Dundy	Friday on or before O	L. Wayne Ketter	William C. Hanson
Faith	" 181	Crawford	Daves	Second and fourth Thursdays	Harry A. Kleeb	Walter O. Barnes
150 Alliance	" 188	Alliance	Box Butte	Thursday on or before O	LeRoy J. Trabert	William E. Edwards
Bee Hive	" 184	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	John H. Bruce	John R. Hughes
Boaz	" 185	Danbury	Red Willow	First Wednesday	Ramond A. Parker	Charles E. Furman
Israel	" 187	Ulysses	Butler	Tuesday on or before O	Elmer Kelker	Carl E. Diers
Meridian	" 188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Tuesday	William E. Lewis	William T. Thompson
155 Granite	" 189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Charles H. Dailey	Calvin A. Gordon
Amethyst	" 190	Stapleton	Logan	First and third Wednesdays	Virgil K. Magnuson	Virgil L. Wells
Crystal	" 191	Scotia	Greeley	Second Thursday	Kenneth Krebs	John V. Maddox
Minnekadusa	" 192	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	Roy S. Settles	Luke M. Bates
Signet	" 193	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before O	Gustave B. Fayman	F. Otto Nelson
160 Highland	" 194	Cortland	Gage	Second Tuesday	Donald F. Boessiger	Carl P. Bonebright
Arcana	" 195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays	Clarence H. Hills	William G. Moss
Morning Star	" 197	Gresham	York	First Friday	Harold Funk	Earl K. Husbands
Purity	" 198	Imperial	Chase	First Friday	Melvin L. Carter	Siegfried L. Jacks
Gavel	" 199	Carleton	Thayer	First Tuesday	Ralph E. Croft	James H. Bryant
165 Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell	Garfield	Second Thursday	Orville A. Norland	John A. Beynon
Scotts Bluff	" 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	First and third Wednesdays	Maurice Scriven	George Goldfain
Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph	Cedar	Monday on or before O	Henry A. Thaden	Anton B. Helms
Roman Eagle	" 203	Peuder	Thurston	First and Third Tuesdays	William McQuistan	Archie M. Smith
Plainview	" 204	Plainview	Pierce	First Tuesday	LeRoy T. Jensen	Carl Youngreen
170 Golden Fleece	" 205	Chappell	Deuel	First Thursday	Howard A. Christensen	Alfred G. Taylor
Napthali	" 206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Donald E. McKenzie	Walton I. Filley
Parian	" 207	Callaway	Custer	First Thursday	Max Van Cleave	Allston Asmus
Gauge	" 208	Arcadia	Valley	First and third Tuesdays	Arnold Tuning	Percy E. Doe
Canopy	" 209	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before O	Arthur W. Adams	Bergil E. Sumner
175 East Lincoln	" 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Ernest G. Barney	Charles F. Ebertine
Cement	" 211	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before O	Charles O. Williams	John J. Carter, Jr.
Compass & Square	" 212	Sumner	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Millard L. Graham	Clarence W. George
Plumblime	" 214	Adams	Gage	Second Monday	Tom J. Attebery	Clarence D. Gottula
Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	First Tuesday	Donald K. Fleming	Thomas M. Settles
180 Palisade	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	First Tuesday	Walter N. Keating	Richard P. Ward
Wauneta	" 217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Albert Scriven	C. Robert Carlson
Bloomfield	" 218	Bloomfield	Knox	First Tuesday	Victor C. Jelinek	John R. Clements
Relief	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday	Frank T. Miller	William C. Mitchell
Magnolia	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	Third Tuesday	Elmer W. Jensen	Frank F. Haase
185 Wood Lake	" 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	Fourth Tuesday	Elmer L. Reddick	Henry Lausen

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Landmark	No. 222	Herman	Washington	Third Tuesday	Jens A. Jespersen	Wayne W. Loftis
Eminence	" 223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Robert E. Talich	James C. Bierbower
Silver Cord	" 224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Tuesday	Henry R. Miller	John K. Cassel
Cable	" 225	Arnold	Custer	First Tuesday	J. Donovan Kellinbarger	Charles M. Fisher, Jr.
190 Grace	" 226	Wilcox	Kearney	Second and fourth Mondays	John Popple	Arthur E. Newton
North Star	" 227	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Russel H. Fults	Roy W. Deal
Bartley	" 228	Bartley	Red Willow	Second Tuesday	Earl T. Phillips	August W. Teter
Comet	" 229	Ceresco	Saunders	First Thursday	LeRoy Quick	Otis Beaman
Delta	" 230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Jacob W. Hildbrand	Forrest B. Long
195 Mount Hermon	" 231	Cook	Johnson	Second Tuesday	William B. McIntyre	Eldo G. Tucker
John S. Bowen	" 232	Kennard	Washington	Third Thursday	George Van Dusen	Nic Friedrichsen
Gilead	" 233	Butte	Boyd	Second, 4th and 5th Mondays	Walter G. Sire	William J. Rinehart
Zion	" 234	Hyannis	Grant	Second Wednesday	Richard R. Bilstein	Howard J. Kommers
Fraternity	" 235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Thursday	Clarence S. Hansen	Irving F. Gaebler
200 Golden Rule	" 236	Allen	Dixon	First and third Tuesdays	Howard S. Gillaspie	Oliver W. Money
Cubit	" 237	Douglas	Otoe	First Thursday	Loren J. Scott	C. Clyde Mayes
Friendship	" 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second Friday	Dwight Merryman	Ed. Klingenberg, Jr.
Pilot	" 240	Lyons	Burt	Third Thursday	Gordon Chard	Edwin A. Loppnow
George Armstrong	" 241	Craig	Burt	First Tuesday	Philip Schulke	Frank F. McMullin
205 Tyrian	" 243	Oak	Nuckolls	First Monday	John D. Kincannon	Robert E. Montgomery
Hampton	" 245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	John Faber	Fred W. Christiansen
Nehawka	" 246	Nehawka	Cass	Second Wednesday	George M. Pollard	Lyle L. Choat
Corner Stone	" 247	Osmond	Pierce	Second Friday	Anton G. Swanda	Joseph Cizek
Laurel	" 248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Thursdays	George Berghund	Richard L. Herse
210 Gothenburg	" 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	Bernard B. Atkins	Ernest O. Van Wey
George Washington	" 250	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Charles E. DeWitt	Otis W. Cave
Wausa	" 251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	Carl A. Skoglund	Melvin Lindahl
Beemer	" 253	Beemer	Cuming	First Tuesday	Floyd W. Nellor	John E. Beaver
Bassett	" 254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Robert Van Norman	James E. Mahie
215 Hickman	" 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Veral L. Pillard	Harold E. Williams
Holbrook	" 257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Albert Phillipson	Samuel F. Davis
Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo	Custer	Second Tuesday	George A. White	Chauncey J. Sittler
Ornan	" 261	Spencer	Boyd	First and Third Mondays	Gayle E. Couch	Jack B. Wells
Endeavor	" 262	Indianola	Red Willow	First and Third Thursdays	Levi Burton	R. Adrian Quigley
220 Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Joseph M. Lee	Edward Sadek
‡Havelock Station.		†University Place	Station.			

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	Franklin	No. 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	Second Monday.....	William H. Smith.....	Maurice F. McAvoy
	Robert W. Furnas	" 265	Scottsbluff...	Scotts Bluff...	First and third Mondays...	Edward J. Nagel.....	Bernard B. Harris
	Silver	" 266	Silver Creek...	Merrick.....	Second Thursday.....	Chester D. Brummit...	Jason W. House
	James A. Tulleys	" 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	Second Monday.....	Russell M. Warren...	Ora D. Russell
225	Geo. W. Lininger	" 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	Edward C. Pomeroy...	Ernest W. Anderson
	Oasis	" 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Thursday.....	A. Theodore Anderson..	William M. Blough
	Lee P. Gillette	" 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	First Monday.....	Harry H. Moller.....	James P. Baker
	Crofton	" 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	First Tuesday.....	Dwight Rissler.....	John Merchen
	Olive Branch	" 274	Walshill.....	Thurston.....	Second Monday.....	Lester Hrdy.....	William H. Plummer
230	Ramah	" 275	Bertrand.....	Phelps.....	First Thursday.....	Fred L. Holthus.....	William B. Meeker
	Antelope	" 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Alfred Lehmer.....	Donald S. Hinman
	Sioux	" 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	Second Monday.....	John L. Wilson.....	William M. Powell
	Litchfield	" 278	Litchfield.....	Sherman.....	Second Thursday.....	Delbert L. Burton.....	Harve I. Lang
	Wallace	" 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	First Tuesday.....	Channing J. Lewis....	Frank H. Whitlake
235	Swastika	" 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	First Wednesday.....	William M. Strong....	John C. Green
	Florence	" 281	Omaha †.....	Douglas.....	First Monday.....	Arthur R. Logan.....	William A. Yoder
	Mullen	" 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	Tuesday on or before O....	Erick P. Ericksen.....	William C. McIntyre
	Exeter	" 283	Exeter.....	Fillmore.....	First and third Fridays...	Richard Ferguson.....	Donald H. Johns
	Seneca	" 284	Seneca.....	Thomas.....	Second Wednesday.....	Francis R. Hanna.....	Alfred W. Franks
240	Camp Clarke	" 285	Bridgeport...	Morrill.....	First Tuesday.....	William F. Chaloupka..	Edward K. Milmine
	Oshkosh	" 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	First Monday.....	Marvin W. Stevenson..	Glenn E. Mong
	Union	" 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	First Friday.....	Robert R. Miller.....	Guy C. Burton
	Omaha	" 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Saturday.....	Guy F. McNaughton...	Frederick J. Bolshaw
	Lotus	" 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Donald W. Olsen.....	Archie A. Meek
245	John J. Mercer	" 290	Omaha †.....	Douglas.....	First Tuesday.....	William A. Baker.....	George J. Storms
	Diamond	" 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	Second Thursday.....	Leon H. Mitchell.....	Roy Knapp
	Wolbach	" 292	Wolbach.....	Greeley.....	First and third Wednesdays..	Ernest H. Davis.....	Edwin L. Johnson
	Monument	" 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	Second and fourth Mondays...	Arlo A. Anderson.....	Clifford G. Rehman
	Kimball	" 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	First Monday.....	Harold D. Foote.....	Orville C. Wisdom
250	Minatare	" 295	Minatare.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Friday.....	Stanley L. Bowman...	Jesse P. Entreklin
	Cotner	" 297	Lincoln §.....	Lancaster...	First Monday.....	David L. Krumm.....	Arthur L. Sawyer
	Chester	" 298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	First and third Mondays...	Jack V. Sell.....	Fred A. Schreiber
	Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland...	Lincoln.....	First Wednesday.....	Lawrence Holm.....	John F. Fleak
	Liberty	" 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster...	First Thursday.....	Donald K. Nelson.....	John S. Burley
255	Bayard	" 301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Eldon Reed Trump....	Charles H. Ninegar
	Mizpah	" 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Friday.....	Percy C. Brintnall....	Elmo R. Clayton
	Right Angle	" 303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Ray O. Stanley.....	Henry M. Edwards
	Ruskin	" 304	Ruskin.....	Nuckolls.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Carl N. Anderson.....	Chauncey O. Hull
	Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove	Madison.....	Second and fourth Monday.	Joseph F. Janovy.....	Alexis R. Gustavson
260	Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole....	Cheyenne....	Second Tuesday.....	Harry H. Lindley.....	Ralph R. Carleton
	†Benson Station.			†Florence Station.		§Bethany Station.	

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	William E. Hill	No. 307	Otoe.....	Otoe.....	Third Tuesday.....	Carl D. Halvorsen.....	Reuben W. Paap
	Perkins	" 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	First Monday.....	Percy S. Guildner.....	Otto E. Ganger
	Winnnebago	" 309	Winnnebago..	Thurston.....	First Thursday.....	Albin Nickelsen.....	Floyd A. Taylor
	Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	Second Thursday.....	Charles L. Marsh.....	Francis A. Roberts
265	Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	Arnold P. Isaacson....	Neil E. McNaught
	Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	Second Thursday.....	Roger L. Woolf.....	Claude A. Rutledge
	Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	Second Tuesday.....	Kenneth L. Rose.....	Elmer H. Seyfang
	Craftsman	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	Elmer J. Hansen.....	Curry D. Bryson
	Alpha	" 316	SouthSiouxCity	Dakota.....	Second Thursday.....	Clarence W. Hitt.....	Clarence A. Stewart
270	Mid-West	" 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Wednesday.....	Frank Cirksena.....	WilliamJ Breckenridge
	Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island..	Hall.....	First Tuesday.....	Charles D. True.....	Albert B. Osborn
	Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Emmett Rogers.....	William H. Vankirk
	College View	" 320	Lincoln †.....	Lancaster.....	First Wednesday.....	Lovell G. Saunders.....	Clarence V. Keller
	Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	Second Wednesday.....	Clifford D. Webster.....	Colman H. Kreader
275	Pioneer	" 322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff..	Second Tuesday.....	George Peterson.....	Joseph H. Lawson
	Lebanon	" 323	Columbus....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Elmer P. Baruth.....	Carl H. Hoge
277	Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	Second Monday.....	Darwin T. Murfin.....	Wayne S. Sorenson

†College View Station.

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS										No. of Lodge					
	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947	No. on Rolls December 31, 1947	GAIN					Total	LOSS							
									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death		By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes		
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Nebraska.....	1	60	84	62	18	14	467	1257	60	14	..	32	..	1363	16	26	14	1	4	61	1302	1
Western Star.....	2	14	31	13	6	4	79	252	16	271	5	6	4	15	256	2
Capitol.....	3	39	80	38	28	1	392	885	37	4	..	..	6	932	5	17	1	..	..	23	909	3
Nemaha Valley..	4	1	5	..	1	..	45	47	..	..	..	..	..	47	1	1	..	..	..	2	45	4
Omaha.....	5	8	31	6	5	..	58	113	8	..	..	2	..	123	2	2	..	..	..	4	119	5
Plattsmouth....	6	19	36	19	6	1	44	280	20	2	..	2	..	304	2	5	1	..	..	8	296	6
Falls City.....	9	12	31	9	6	..	96	210	8	3	..	1	..	222	..	4	..	..	..	4	218	9
Solomon.....	10	4	7	4	2	..	12	76	5	..	..	..	..	81	1	..	..	..	..	2	79	10
Covert.....	11	70	85	77	33	4	316	1365	76	9	..	3	..	1453	4	22	4	1	..	31	1422	11
Orient.....	13	4	6	3	2	1	26	31	3	..	..	..	..	34	..	1	1	..	..	2	32	13
Peru.....	14	6	12	5	1	1	31	91	5	2	..	..	..	98	2	1	..	..	..	3	95	14
Fremont.....	15	19	27	16	5	5	133	497	16	5	..	2	..	520	4	8	5	..	..	17	503	15
Tecumseh.....	17	5	29	2	11	..	86	179	3	1	..	1	..	184	3	1	..	..	..	4	180	17
Lincoln.....	19	41	99	36	17	1	433	836	35	12	..	7	..	890	7	22	1	2	..	32	858	19
Washington.....	21	6	10	8	8	..	42	153	8	2	..	..	..	163	3	..	..	..	..	3	160	21
Pawnee.....	23	8	17	4	5	..	51	114	4	1	..	3	..	122	2	2	..	..	..	4	118	23
Saint Johns.....	25	33	100	35	23	8	488	842	36	7	..	6	..	891	2	16	8	..	..	26	865	25
Beatrice.....	26	10	59	10	21	1	215	312	8	3	..	2	..	325	1	8	1	..	..	10	315	26
Jordan.....	27	3	10	2	..	..	33	78	2	2	..	1	..	83	1	1	..	..	..	2	81	27
Hope.....	29	1	10	4	1	..	32	42	4	..	..	1	..	47	..	1	..	..	..	1	46	29
Blue River.....	30	5	10	5	1	..	47	58	7	..	..	4	..	69	1	..	..	..	..	1	68	30
Tekamah.....	31	2	7	4	2	..	48	125	7	..	..	..	..	132	..	3	..	..	..	3	129	31
Platte Valley...	32	22	59	18	15	..	105	381	24	5	..	..	..	410	5	6	..	..	..	11	399	32
Ashlar.....	33	27	47	23	15	..	234	520	22	5	..	..	..	547	13	11	..	..	..	24	523	33
Acacia.....	34	6	12	6	2	..	43	158	6	2	..	..	..	166	1	3	..	..	..	3	163	34
Fairbury.....	35	18	40	13	6	..	55	224	11	4	..	4	..	243	3	8	..	..	..	11	232	35
Lone Tree.....	36	8	7	7	5	1	58	188	7	1	..	1	..	197	2	3	1	..	..	6	191	36
Crete.....	37	7	18	7	6	2	73	167	7	2	..	2	..	178	3	3	2	..	..	8	170	37
Oliver.....	38	8	15	7	2	1	97	144	5	4	..	3	23	179	1	5	1	..	..	7	172	38
Papillion.....	39	3	12	3	10	..	40	71	5	..	..	1	..	77	1	2	..	..	..	3	74	39
Humboldt.....	40	5	12	4	4	..	18	116	3	1	..	2	..	122	..	1	..	..	..	1	121	40
Northern Light..	41	5	9	5	0	..	34	88	3	..	..	..	..	91	..	2	..	..	..	2	89	41
Hebron.....	43	6	35	..	9	..	79	110	3	4	..	4	..	121	4	1	..	..	..	5	116	43
Harvard.....	44	8	14	6	6	..	37	64	3	..	..	..	..	67	4	..	..	..	..	4	63	44
Rob Morris.....	46	12	56	12	7	..	189	254	14	12	..	1	..	281	2	6	..	..	..	8	273	46
Fairmont.....	48	3	14	8	2	..	49	85	9	1	..	..	..	95	2	1	..	..	..	3	92	48
Evening Star....	49	9	5	6	5	..	33	84	4	..	..	4	..	92	2	1	..	..	..	3	89	49
Hastings.....	50	26	66	20	7	..	177	446	21	5	..	4	..	476	5	9	14	462	50
Fidelity.....	51	4	19	4	4	..	70	144	4	1	149	2	3	5	144	51

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Hiram.....	52	5	14	2	5	33	87	3						90	1	2				3	87	52
Charity.....	53	10	28	7	7	68	125	4	5					134		1				1	133	53
Lancaster.....	54	53	74	50	12	1300	757	49	13	1	6			826	7	20	1			28	798	54
Mosaic.....	55	24	41	25	9	2111	378	20	5	1	1			404	3	8	2			13	391	55
York.....	56	15	15	11	3	186	256	11	1		1			269	2	4	1			7	262	56
Mt. Moriah.....	57	1	19	1	2	49	67							67		2				2	65	57
Wahoo.....	59	9	11	10	3	67	226	11	5					242		3				3	239	59
Melrose.....	60	6	14	6	3	32	72	4	1		1			78		2				2	76	60
Thistle.....	61	11	14	8	7	61	154	9	3	1	1			168		2				2	166	61
Keystone.....	62	3	8	1	1	21	37	1						38		1				1	37	62
Blue Valley.....	64	5	10		2	36	64	1	2		1			68		1				1	67	64
Osceola.....	65	2	7	1	4	30	80	1						81	3	1				4	77	65
Edgar.....	67	6	8	3	1	124	97	3	1		2			103	1	1	1			3	100	67
Aurora.....	68	5	16	2	5	47	132	3	1		2			138	2	1				3	135	68
Sterling.....	70	3	15	2		58	48	2						50							50	70
Trowel.....	71	5	17	5	5	56	63	4	1		1			69	2					2	67	71
Hooper.....	72	9	11	7		24	102	7						109	2	2				4	105	72
Friend.....	73	3	2	2	1	31	60	2	1		2			65	1	2				3	62	73
Alexandria.....	74	2	11	6	2	26	30	4			1			35	1	1				2	33	74
Frank Welch.....	75	11	20	17	10	100	227	16	1		1			245	3	4	1			8	237	75
Nelson.....	77	4	9	5	8	53	66	6						72	2	2				4	68	77
Albion.....	78	6	16	5	5	50	104	3	1		1			109		1			1	2	107	78
Geneva.....	79	3	10	3		27	155	3	2		1			161	2	4				6	155	79
Composite.....	81	4	9		2	34	53							53	1	2				3	50	81
Saint Paul.....	82	12	21	11	5	39	181	12	1		1			195	1	3				4	191	82
Corinthian.....	83	2	8	2		28	62	2						64		1				1	63	83
Fairfield.....	84	2	13	2	4	43	66				1			67							67	84
Doniphan.....	86	3	9	3	4	32	41	3			1			45	2	1				3	42	86
Ionic.....	87	4	30	2	42	53	87	4						91							91	87
Star.....	88	3	14	5	4	33	94	6	3		3			106							106	88
Cedar River.....	89	5	8	3	6	99	108	4	2		12			126	3	2	6			11	115	89
Oakland.....	91	4	10	4	1	40	131	6	1					138		2				2	136	91
Beaver City.....	93	5	6	3		46	72	3			2			77	1	1				2	75	93
Bennett.....	94	10	15	4	1	145	44	4	1		2			51		2	1			3	48	94
Garfield.....	95	1	9	1	1	49	71		1					72	1	2				3	69	95
Utica.....	96	11	7	10	1	34	66	10	3					81	1					1	80	96
Euclid.....	97	7	17	8	4	53	95	5						100							100	97
Republican.....	98	8	5	11	2	26	38	12						50	1					1	49	98
Shelton.....	99	3	6	5	4	31	58	3	1		1			63	3	1				4	59	99

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem' ship	Reinitatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Creighton.....	100	1	16	1	2	39	98	3	1	1	1	102	2	3	5	97	100					
Ponca.....	101	7	9	4	2	1	43	82	6	1	1	88	4	1	5	83	101					
Waterloo.....	102	9	14	7	3	48	112	5	1	1	118	1	2	3	115	102						
Ord.....	103	8	25	5	2	82	119	6	1	2	128	2	1	3	125	103						
Wymore.....	104	14	31	13	6	61	216	11	3	1	231	5	1	6	225	104						
Stella.....	105	3	7	4	2	24	57	4	1	1	62	1	2	3	59	105						
Porter.....	106	3	9	2	3	22	45	1	1	1	47	1	1	2	45	106						
Table Rock.....	108	1	1	1	1	30	50	1	2	2	53	4	1	4	49	108						
Pomegranate.....	110	8	9	8	5	46	161	9	3	3	176	1	5	6	170	110						
DeWitt.....	111	1	2	2	2	48	59	1	1	1	59	1	2	3	56	111						
Springfield.....	112	3	21	2	6	1	39	107	4	2	113	2	1	4	109	112						
Globe.....	113	14	14	13	1	36	71	13	3	1	87	1	2	3	84	113						
Wisner.....	114	4	12	3	3	49	79	3	1	3	86	1	1	1	85	114						
Harlan.....	116	8	8	3	3	23	82	2	2	2	88	1	2	3	85	116						
Hardy.....	117	1	2	2	2	24	20	4	1	1	24	2	1	3	21	117						
North Bend.....	119	3	4	3	3	16	103	1	1	1	104	1	3	4	100	119						
Wayne.....	120	6	9	7	3	37	154	6	3	3	166	2	1	2	164	120						
Superior.....	121	9	20	6	4	2	59	144	5	2	3	154	1	2	4	150	121					
Auburn.....	124	11	20	9	1	1	54	133	10	3	1	147	8	1	9	138	124					
Mt. Nebo.....	125	7	14	7	5	54	87	5	1	1	92	1	4	5	87	125						
Stromsburg.....	126	5	7	3	2	40	63	2	1	1	66	1	1	1	65	126						
Minden.....	127	6	8	6	7	28	80	7	4	1	91	1	1	1	91	127						
Guide Rock.....	128	5	9	3	1	5	41	3	1	1	45	2	1	2	43	128						
Blue Hill.....	129	3	6	3	2	38	51	4	1	1	56	1	2	3	53	129						
Tuscan.....	130	2	5	1	1	20	46	4	1	1	50	2	1	3	47	130						
Scribner.....	132	4	6	2	3	28	54	1	1	3	58	1	1	1	57	132						
Elm Creek.....	133	2	12	1	3	41	52	1	2	2	57	4	1	5	52	133						
Solar.....	134	1	4	2	1	28	72	2	1	2	77	2	1	2	75	134						
McCook.....	135	23	32	17	2	1	84	312	21	2	1	336	3	5	9	327	135					
Long Pine.....	136	4	13	3	4	29	73	1	3	1	78	2	1	3	75	136						
Upright.....	137	11	12	9	4	17	62	6	1	2	70	5	1	6	64	137						
Rawalt.....	138	5	4	4	1	33	76	5	1	1	83	2	1	2	81	138						
Clay Centre.....	139	5	5	3	3	30	81	2	1	1	83	1	1	1	82	139						
Western.....	140	1	3	1	2	39	30	1	1	1	31	1	3	4	27	140						
Crescent.....	143	1	6	1	2	40	56	1	1	1	57	4	2	6	51	143						
Kenesaw.....	144	4	20	2	4	80	90	1	1	2	94	7	1	8	86	144						
Bancroft.....	145	2	2	3	8	49	51	1	1	1	53	1	2	3	50	145						
Jachin.....	146	7	18	9	5	79	163	13	2	1	179	2	1	2	177	146						
Siloam.....	147	1	2	3	3	25	33	1	1	1	34	7	1	7	27	147						
Emmet Crawford	148	6	21	5	3	47	173	8	2	2	185	4	4	8	177	148						

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Jewel	149	1	3	1	1	49	63	4	1	17	85	4	1	1	6	79	149					
Cambridge	150	8	11	6	1	47	118	5	3	126	1	5	1	6	120	150						
Square	151	2	13	2	3	45	67	4	1	71	2	1	1	2	69	151						
Evergreen	153	3	4	1	1	10	77	1	1	78	1	1	1	2	76	153						
Lily	154	3	9	3	2	33	61	3	1	65	1	1	1	1	64	154						
Hartington	155	7	30	6	3	2	47	78	7	1	1	87	1	2	2	5	82	155				
Pythagoras	156	0	18	3	6	40	44	1	1	49	1	1	1	1	48	156						
Valley	157	1	5	1	1	31	48	1	1	48	1	1	1	1	48	157						
Samaritan	158	14	14	20	8	2	53	251	18	7	1	277	1	6	2	9	268	158				
Ogalalla	159	7	19	12	6	3	61	132	14	3	4	153	2	3	5	148	159					
Zeredatha	160	2	4	3	1	15	37	3	1	40	1	1	1	1	39	160						
Mount Zion	161	5	7	3	2	24	56	2	1	58	1	1	1	1	58	161						
Trestle Board	162	4	4	4	2	1	23	88	4	1	93	1	1	1	92	162						
Unity	163	1	7	3	2	42	43	3	1	47	1	1	1	1	47	163						
Atkinson	164	1	9	2	2	22	42	2	1	44	1	1	1	2	42	164						
Barneston	165	2	12	2	6	3	95	52	2	1	55	1	2	3	6	49	165					
Mystic Tie	166	1	7	2	1	33	50	3	1	54	2	1	1	3	51	166						
Elwood	167	1	9	1	2	39	46	1	1	47	2	1	1	2	45	167						
Curtis	168	5	17	4	5	27	89	6	1	95	2	2	1	4	91	168						
Amity	169	6	9	4	3	35	98	7	1	107	2	3	3	8	99	169						
Mason City	170	1	7	1	1	33	46	1	1	47	1	1	1	1	47	170						
Merna	171	3	17	2	4	43	42	3	1	46	1	1	1	1	46	171						
Grafton	172	2	2	1	1	27	30	1	1	31	1	1	1	1	31	172						
Robert Burns	173	3	6	3	2	2	11	76	6	2	84	1	1	2	4	80	173					
Culbertson	174	5	5	5	2	1	24	57	2	1	59	2	1	3	56	174						
Temple	175	1	11	2	4	40	42	5	1	48	1	1	1	1	48	175						
Gladstone	176	2	11	2	5	47	105	3	1	109	3	3	1	6	103	176						
Hay Springs	177	7	6	7	1	25	74	7	2	83	1	1	1	2	81	177						
Prudence	179	2	10	2	1	45	43	1	1	44	1	1	1	2	42	179						
Justice	180	14	15	8	1	50	98	9	1	108	1	1	1	1	107	180						
Faith	181	3	15	3	3	103	137	4	2	146	4	2	1	6	140	181						
Incense	182	1	1	1	1	17	17	1	1	17	1	1	1	17	182							
Alliance	183	15	46	18	12	1	136	276	19	2	3	300	2	3	1	6	294	183				
Bee Hive	184	57	37	52	7	5	169	736	51	15	7	809	6	10	5	21	788	184				
Boaz	185	2	5	3	3	11	64	3	1	68	1	1	1	2	66	185						
Israel	187	2	4	1	1	41	28	3	1	33	1	1	1	1	33	187						
Meridian	188	5	16	4	2	52	124	6	2	134	1	1	1	2	132	188						
Granite	189	4	8	4	8	47	66	2	1	70	1	1	1	2	68	189						
Amethyst	190	6	11	3	1	1	19	48	4	1	53	3	1	4	49	190						
Crystal	191	7	22	5	6	33	78	8	1	78	1	1	1	2	76	191						

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Minnekadusa...	192	6	21	4	5	...	53	117	6	123	2	1	3	120	192
Signet.....	193	6	13	5	3	...	40	54	3	57	57	193
Highland.....	194	2	9	...	2	1	34	32	1	1	34	1	1	33	194
Arcana.....	195	3	12	5	3	...	39	125	3	1	130	3	1	4	126	195
Morning Star...	197	2	5	6	2	...	24	61	6	68	...	1	1	67	197
Purity.....	198	8	23	8	4	1	37	119	7	3	...	1	130	1	...	1	2	128	198
Gavel.....	199	3	4	3	1	...	11	45	2	47	...	2	2	45	199
Blazing Star.....	200	3	4	2	1	1	37	93	2	95	1	1	3	92	200
Scotts Bluff.....	201	13	17	15	1	1	52	153	17	2	172	1	2	1	4	168	201
Golden Sheaf.....	202	3	23	2	1	1	61	75	2	2	79	2	1	1	4	75	202
Roman Eagle.....	203	1	15	1	2	...	24	50	1	2	53	1	1	2	51	203
Plainview.....	204	6	11	7	4	...	42	98	6	1	...	1	106	...	1	1	105	204
Golden Fleece.....	205	28	15	23	4	...	30	144	23	168	2	1	3	165	205
Napthali.....	206	5	3	3	42	47	3	51	51	206
Parian.....	207	3	8	2	2	...	38	72	1	73	2	2	71	207
Gauge.....	208	...	8	...	4	...	19	47	47	1	1	46	208
Canopy.....	209	5	15	4	6	3	71	104	4	2	...	1	111	1	1	3	5	106	209
East Lincoln.....	210	61	60	61	16	6	270	817	60	12	...	6	895	11	11	6	28	867	210
Cement.....	211	1	4	12	99	99	5	3	8	91	211
Compass & Square	212	2	6	1	3	...	38	57	2	59	2	2	4	55	212
Plumblin.....	214	1	2	1	...	1	35	55	1	56	1	...	1	2	54	214
Occidental.....	215	6	6	4	2	...	39	71	4	75	75	215
Palisade.....	216	4	10	3	4	...	48	92	6	1	99	...	1	1	98	216
Wauneta.....	217	4	9	5	1	...	35	51	5	2	58	1	1	2	56	217
Bloomfield.....	218	4	15	3	3	...	47	82	2	1	85	2	2	83	218
Relief.....	219	1	5	1	1	...	14	44	44	...	1	1	43	219
Magnolia.....	220	3	5	2	1	...	20	70	1	71	1	1	2	69	220
Wood Lake.....	221	3	10	3	5	...	17	60	4	1	65	1	1	2	63	221
Landmark.....	222	9	6	6	6	...	28	98	2	1	101	...	3	3	98	222
Eminence.....	223	6	7	3	6	...	26	44	1	1	46	3	3	43	223
Silver Cord.....	224	10	18	5	2	...	16	142	5	1	148	1	2	3	145	224
Cable.....	225	3	9	3	4	1	26	99	2	1	...	1	103	...	3	1	4	99	225
Grace.....	226	3	15	4	3	2	50	71	3	1	75	1	...	2	3	72	226
North Star.....	227	25	34	19	9	5	80	359	19	9	...	2	389	8	5	5	18	371	227
Bartley.....	228	3	4	1	12	60	1	61	1	1	60	228
Comet.....	229	1	2	3	39	80	3	...	3	86	1	3	4	82	229
Delta.....	230	2	11	1	...	1	21	46	1	1	48	1	3	1	5	43	230
Mt. Hermon.....	231	1	4	1	23	35	2	1	38	1	2	2	35	231
John S. Bowen.....	232	6	6	3	1	...	21	48	3	2	53	...	1	1	52	232
Gilead.....	233	9	24	6	7	...	29	54	6	1	61	2	1	3	58	233

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Zion.....	234	5	14	6	5	42	86	7	93	3	3	90	234		
Fraternity.....	235	5	1	2	24	55	1	1	57	2	2	55	235		
Golden Rule.....	236	3	11	3	5	12	63	3	1	67	1	1	2	65	236		
Cubit.....	237	3	6	2	1	23	66	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	2	1	.....	.....	3	65	237
Friendship.....	239	11	1	10	1	20	75	9	.....	1	.....	.....	85	1	.....	.....	.....	1	84	239
Pilot.....	240	4	5	4	5	27	101	6	.....	1	.....	.....	108	5	.....	.....	.....	5	103	240
GeorgeArmstrong	241	5	12	2	1	15	83	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	2	1	1	.....	4	81	241
Tyrian.....	243	5	.....	.....	.....	12	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	1	.....	.....	.....	1	29	243
Hampton.....	245	.....	.....	3	4	1	38	81	1	.....	.....	.....	83	2	5	1	.....	8	75	245
Nehawka.....	246	6	4	7	1	16	107	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	113	1	.....	.....	.....	1	112	246
Corner Stone....	247	2	15	2	1	51	32	2	.....	3	.....	.....	37	2	.....	.....	.....	2	35	247
Laurel.....	248	5	20	6	6	58	93	8	2	.....	.....	.....	103	1	.....	.....	.....	3	100	248
Gothenburg.....	249	2	11	4	1	1	31	111	5	.....	1	.....	117	2	1	.....	.....	3	114	249
Geo. Washington	250	7	19	10	4	3	99	297	13	1	8	.....	319	5	5	3	.....	13	306	250
Wausa.....	251	3	3	3	.....	34	62	2	.....	2	.....	.....	66	1	.....	.....	.....	1	65	251
Beemer.....	253	5	4	3	.....	16	33	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	1	1	.....	.....	2	34	253
Bassett.....	254	14	18	5	1	1	30	79	5	5	.....	.....	89	1	1	.....	.....	3	86	254
Hickman.....	256	3	4	4	1	.....	27	47	3	.....	2	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	256
Holbrook.....	257	3	6	2	.....	23	23	2	.....	2	.....	.....	27	2	.....	.....	.....	2	25	257
Anselmo.....	258	5	17	7	10	.....	50	94	5	.....	.....	.....	99	1	3	.....	.....	4	95	258
Bee.....	259	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	23	23	.....	259
Ornan.....	261	3	18	1	1	.....	26	77	5	.....	.....	.....	82	3	1	.....	.....	4	78	261
Endeavor.....	262	6	10	2	.....	16	58	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	262
Mitchell.....	263	7	12	9	4	.....	48	136	7	1	.....	.....	144	1	3	.....	.....	4	140	263
Franklin.....	264	3	23	4	4	.....	105	101	4	.....	2	.....	107	2	.....	.....	.....	2	105	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	32	27	28	4	.....	65	285	29	10	.....	.....	326	3	2	.....	.....	5	321	265
Silver.....	266	.....	8	3	2	1	21	61	3	.....	1	.....	65	1	2	1	.....	4	61	266
James A. Tulleys.	267	1	4	1	2	.....	21	46	1	1	.....	.....	48	2	2	.....	.....	4	44	267
Geo. W. Lininger.	268	7	8	10	3	.....	67	239	14	1	.....	.....	255	5	7	.....	.....	12	243	268
Oasis.....	271	3	6	3	1	1	57	114	3	1	.....	.....	118	3	4	1	.....	8	110	271
Lee P. Gillette..	272	3	3	3	.....	21	72	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	2	.....	.....	.....	2	73	272
Crofton.....	273	2	.....	2	.....	19	63	2	1	.....	2	.....	68	1	1	.....	.....	2	66	273
Olive Branch....	274	.....	15	2	6	.....	36	70	1	.....	.....	.....	71	1	.....	.....	.....	1	70	274
Ramah.....	275	7	2	9	1	.....	8	62	9	.....	.....	.....	71	1	.....	.....	.....	1	70	275
Antelope.....	276	3	12	1	3	.....	13	36	1	1	.....	.....	39	1	.....	.....	.....	1	38	276
Sioux.....	277	.....	.....	5	2	.....	9	37	5	.....	.....	.....	42	1	1	.....	.....	2	40	277
Litchfield.....	278	1	3	1	1	.....	25	41	1	.....	.....	.....	42	1	.....	.....	.....	1	41	278
Wallace.....	279	1	12	1	.....	2	20	39	1	.....	.....	.....	40	2	2	.....	.....	4	36	279
Swastika.....	280	9	1	25	58	62	1	1	61	280		
Florence.....	281	46	31	46	5	3	116	604	56	3	7	670	5	7	3	15	655	281		

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947		GAIN					LOSS							
			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1947	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Mullen	282	10	9	7	1	...	32	50	7	2	...	...	59	1	...	...	1	58	282
Exeter	283	...	...	1	1	...	25	31	1	1	...	1	34	1	...	...	1	33	283
Seneca	284	7	11	7	8	2	35	84	2	...	...	86	3	2	...	...	5	81	284
Camp Clarke	285	8	17	10	3	1	31	153	10	1	...	...	164	1	1	...	3	161	285		
Oshkosh	286	9	18	5	3	1	35	88	4	...	1	...	93	1	1	...	2	91	286				
Union	287	9	6	7	...	...	15	51	7	...	4	...	58	1	...	...	1	57	287
Omaha	288	18	23	17	4	5	200	528	16	2	...	2	550	19	5	5	29	521	288				
Lotus	289	7	7	9	2	...	26	146	10	...	2	...	158	3	2	...	5	153	289				
John J. Mercer	290	85	32	83	6	8	155	912	90	16	...	4	1022	11	6	8	25	997	290				
Diamond	291	11	6	10	2	1	30	56	9	...	1	...	66	2	1	...	3	63	291				
Wolbach	292	4	5	3	5	...	24	40	4	...	1	...	45	2	...	...	2	43	292		
Monument	293	13	8	8	2	...	22	52	6	1	3	...	62	1	3	...	4	58	293				
Kimball	294	3	5	3	1	...	44	114	2	2	4	...	122	2	...	...	2	120	294		
Minatare	295	12	7	10	1	...	27	86	10	1	...	...	97	2	2	...	4	93	295		
Cowles	296	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	20	20	...	296
Cotner	297	15	16	11	2	...	43	191	16	3	2	...	212	3	1	...	4	208	297				
Chester	298	1	2	2	...	...	11	34	3	3	1	...	41	2	...	...	2	39	298
Sutherland	299	3	13	4	2	...	14	86	3	...	...	...	89	1	1	...	2	87	299	
Liberty	300	33	17	36	13	5	130	294	34	7	1	3	339	10	2	5	17	322	300				
Bayard	301	5	7	6	4	...	21	95	5	1	1	...	102	1	1	...	2	100	301				
Mizpah	302	55	41	63	22	5	199	948	59	3	2	...	1012	13	12	5	30	982	302				
Right Angle	303	19	17	20	8	6	111	606	21	1	3	...	631	10	7	6	23	608	303				
Ruskin	304	1	5	1	3	...	20	35	1	...	1	...	37	2	...	...	2	35	304		
Newman Grove	305	3	7	3	2	...	29	45	3	1	...	...	49	...	...	...	...	49	305
Golden Rod	306	8	2	7	2	...	9	69	6	1	...	...	76	1	2	...	3	73	306		
William E. Hill	307	...	9	...	2	2	31	33	...	...	1	...	34	...	2	...	2	32	307		
Perkins	308	8	8	7	1	...	22	97	7	2	...	...	106	1	2	...	3	103	308		
Winnebago	309	1	13	5	8	...	16	47	4	1	...	...	52	...	...	...	...	52	309
Victory	310	13	14	10	5	2	35	169	12	2	1	...	184	3	3	2	8	176	310				
Polk	311	8	4	7	...	...	13	44	7	...	...	...	51	1	...	...	1	50	311
Oak Leaf	312	6	8	3	2	...	8	34	4	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	...	38	312
Potter	313	3	6	3	...	...	18	92	3	...	...	...	95	...	...	...	...	95	313
Craftsmen	314	35	24	33	11	2	62	371	32	5	6	...	414	4	3	3	10	404	314				
Alpha	316	7	13	12	7	...	7	101	9	3	...	...	113	1	1	...	2	111	316		
Mid-West	317	21	33	20	7	5	42	332	18	8	3	...	361	3	3	4	11	350	317				
Grand Island	318	10	7	10	3	1	52	152	8	6	4	...	170	1	1	1	3	167	318				
Bladen	319	...	4	...	...	...	14	44	...	...	4	...	48	1	...	...	1	47	319
College View	320	18	8	18	2	...	10	123	21	...	1	...	145	2	2	143	320				
Harmony	321	6	9	2	3	1	6	66	1	67	1	1	1	3	64	321				
Pioneer	322	3	3	2	9	65	2	1	68	68	322				

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Lebanon	323	12	9	15	2	29	164	13	1	1	1	180	4	9	0	0	0	0	13	167	323
Cairo	324	5	1	7	1	0	32	9	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	41	324
Totals		2230	4041	2077	1067	180	14589	3796	2091	404	4	640	40691	497	619	179	5	9	1368	39323	

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February —, 55...	Oct. 3, 55
	" 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56
	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 9, 57...	June 3, 57
	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	December 15, 57...	June 2, 58
5	" 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	October 4, 64...	June 23, 65
	" 10	Fort Calhoun.....	Washington.....	August 15, 65...	June 22, 66
	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66
10	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67
	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67
	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	December 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
15	" 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24, 68...	June 25, 68
	" 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	May 23, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
20	" 29	Nemaha City.....	Nemaha.....	November 8, 69...	June 23, 70
	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
25	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
	" 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	August 9, 71...	June 19, 72
	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8, 72...	June 19, 72
	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
30	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	November 18, 72...	June 18, 73

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Humboldt No. 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16, 72...	June 18, 73
	Northern Light " 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	January 20, 73...	June 18, 73
	Hebron " 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10, 73...	June 18, 73
	Harvard " 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25, 73...	June 18, 73
35	Rob Morris " 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	February 21, 73...	June 26, 74
	Fairmont " 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	December 4, 73...	June 26, 74
	Evening Star " 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22, 73...	June 26, 74
	Hastings " 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 3, 74...	June 26, 74
	Fidelity " 51	David City.....	Butler.....	January 19, 74...	June 26, 74
40	Hiram " 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	February 26, 74...	June 26, 74
	Charity " 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	March 2, 74...	June 26, 74
	Lancaster " 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	April 20, 74...	June 26, 74
	Mosaic " 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
	York " 56	York.....	York.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
45	Mount Moriah " 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	November 7, 74...	June 23, 75
	Wahoo " 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20, 75...	June 23, 75
	Melrose " 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	March 10, 75...	June 24, 75
	Thistle " 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8, 75...	June 21, 76
	Keystone " 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1, 76...	June 21, 76
50	Blue Valley " 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	October 6, 76...	June 20, 77
	Osceola " 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23, 76...	June 20, 77
	Edgar " 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	February 27, 77...	June 20, 77
	Aurora " 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	February 10, 76...	June 19, 78
	Sterling " 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	July 16, 77...	June 19, 78
55	Trowel " 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	January 28, 78...	June 19, 78
	Hooper " 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 78...	June 25, 79
	Friend " 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 78...	June 25, 79
	Alexandria " 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
	Frank Welch " 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
60	Nelson " 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 79...	June 23, 80

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Albion	No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 79...	June 23, 80
Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 79...	June 23, 80
Composite	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 80...	June 22, 81
Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
65 Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	September 3, 80...	June 22, 81
Doniphan	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	January 7, 81...	June 22, 81
Ionic	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	January 24, 81...	June 20, 82
Star	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	September 17, 81...	June 20, 82
70 Cedar River	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	January 19, 82...	June 20, 82
Oakland	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	February 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	May 3, 82...	June 19, 83
Bennett	" 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster.....	May 5, 82...	June 19, 83
Garfield	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	June 28, 82...	June 19, 83
75 Utica	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Euclid	" 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	July 21, 82...	June 19, 83
Republican	" 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	July 27, 82...	June 19, 83
Shelton	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83
Creighton	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	August 19, 82...	June 19, 83
80 Ponca	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	September 1, 82...	June 19, 83
Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	September 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Ord	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	September 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Wymore	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	November 10, 82...	June 19, 83
Stella	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	December 4, 82...	June 19, 83
85 Porter	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	December 9, 82...	June 19, 83
Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	January 24, 83...	June 19, 83
Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13, 83...	June 19, 83
DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February 28, 83...	June 19, 83
Springfield	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	March 30, 83...	June 19, 83
90 Globe	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	February 16, 82...	June 24, 84

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Wisner No. 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	February 12, 83...	June 24, 84
	Harlan " 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
	Hardy " 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	July 18, 83...	June 24, 84
	North Bend " 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	September 5, 83...	June 24, 84
95	Wayne " 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	September 26, 83...	June 24, 84
	Superior " 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	November 22, 83...	June 24, 84
	Auburn " 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	December 25, 83...	June 24, 84
	Mount Nebo " 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	January 1, 84...	June 24, 84
	Stromsburg " 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16, 84...	June 24, 84
100	Minden " 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	January 22, 84...	June 24, 84
	Guide Rock " 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	January 28, 84...	June 24, 84
	Blue Hill " 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	February 18, 84...	June 24, 84
	Tuscan " 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	February 20, 84...	June 24, 85
	Scribner " 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85
105	Elm Creek " 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
	Solar " 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
	McCook " 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Long Pine " 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Upright " 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	November 14, 84...	June 24, 85
110	Rawalt " 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	November 15, 84...	June 24, 85
	Clay Centre " 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Western " 140	Western.....	Saline.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Crescent " 143	Cedar Rapids.....	Boone.....	January 24, 85...	June 24, 85
	Kenesaw " 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	January 28, 85...	June 24, 85
115	Bancroft " 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	February 25, 85...	June 24, 85
	Jachin " 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	March 31, 85...	June 17, 86
	Siloam " 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	April 30, 85...	June 17, 86
	Emmet Crawford " 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	July 13, 85...	June 17, 86
	Jewel " 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	August 15, 85...	June 17, 86
120	Cambridge " 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	August 10, 85...	June 17, 86

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Square	No. 151 Valparaiso.....	Saunders.....	September 7, 85...	June 17, 86
	Evergreen	" 153 Pierce.....	Pierce.....	November 27, 85...	June 17, 86
	Lily	" 154 Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28, 85...	June 17, 86
	Hartington	" 155 Hartington.....	Cedar.....	January 26, 86...	June 17, 86
125	Pythagoras	" 156 Ewing.....	Holt.....	October 24, 86...	June 16, 87
	Valley	" 157 Wilsonville.....	Furnas.....	February 22, 86...	June 16, 87
	Samaritan	" 158 Chadron.....	Dawes.....	March 17, 86...	June 16, 87
	Ogallala	" 159 Ogallala.....	Keith.....	August 14, 86...	June 16, 87
	Zeredatha	" 160 Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	August 21, 86...	June 16, 87
130	Mount Zion	" 161 Shelby.....	Polk.....	August 25, 86...	June 16, 87
	Trestle Board	" 162 Brock.....	Nemaha.....	October 9, 86...	June 16, 87
	Unity	" 163 Greenwood.....	Cass.....	December 18, 86...	June 16, 87
	Atkinson	" 164 Atkinson.....	Holt.....	August 19, 86...	June 21, 88
	Barneston	" 165 Barneston.....	Gage.....	August 20, 86...	June 21, 88
135	Mystic Tie	" 166 Tilden.....	Madison.....	February 18, 87...	June 21, 88
	Elwood	" 167 Elwood.....	Gosper.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
	Curtis	" 168 Curtis.....	Frontier.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
	Amity	" 169 Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 88
	Mason City	" 170 Mason City.....	Custer.....	August 1, 87...	June 21, 88
140	Merna	" 171 Merna.....	Custer.....	August 2, 87...	June 21, 88
	Grafton	" 172 Grafton.....	Fillmore.....	October 18, 87...	June 21, 88
	Robert Burns	" 173 Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	November 15, 87...	June 21, 88
	Culbertson	" 174 Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	November 16, 87...	June 21, 88
	Temple	" 175 Filley.....	Gage.....	December 9, 87...	June 21, 88
145	Gladstone	" 176 Ansley.....	Custer.....	February 18, 88...	June 21, 88
	Hay Springs	" 177 Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	February 20, 88...	June 21, 88
	Prudence	" 179 Beaver Crossing.....	Seward.....	August 24, 88...	June 20, 89
	Justice	" 180 Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	October 8, 88...	June 20, 89
	Faith	" 181 Crawford.....	Dawes.....	December 13, 88...	June 20, 89
150	Alliance	" 183 Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	January 18, 89...	June 20, 89

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Bee Hive	No. 184	Omaha	Douglas.....	January 22, 89... June 20, 89
	Boaz	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	January 24, 89... June 20, 89
	Israel	" 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	February 2, 89... June 20, 89
	Meridian	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	February 4, 89... June 20, 89
155	Granite	" 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	February 18, 89... June 20, 89
	Amethyst	" 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	August 5, 89... June 20, 90
	Crystal	" 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	August 7, 89... June 20, 90
	Minnekadusa	" 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	August 15, 89... June 20, 90
	Signet	" 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	September 3, 89... June 20, 90
160	Highland	" 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	September 21, 89... June 20, 90
	Arcana	" 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	October 17, 89... June 20, 90
	Morning Star	" 197	Gresham.....	York.....	December 16, 89... June 20, 90
	Purity	" 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	December 24, 89... June 20, 90
	Gavel	" 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	July 20, 89... June 18, 91
165	Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	August 5, 90... June 18, 91
	Scotts Bluff	" 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.....	August 8, 90... June 18, 91
	Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	August 29, 90... June 18, 91
	Roman Eagle	" 203	Pender.....	Thurston.....	August 30, 90... June 18, 91
	Plainview	" 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	September 1, 90... June 18, 91
170	Golden Fleece	" 205	Chappell.....	Deuel.....	September 2, 90... June 18, 91
	Naphali	" 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	December 31, 90... June 18, 91
	Parian	" 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	January 31, 91... June 18, 91
	Gauge	" 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	August 24, 91... June 16, 92
	Canopy	" 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	September 4, 91... June 16, 92
175	East Lincoln	" 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	November 5, 91... June 16, 92
	Cement	" 211	Wood River.....	Hall.....	November 27, 91... June 16, 92
	Compass & Square	" 212	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	December 12, 91... June 16, 92
	Plumblin	" 214	Adams.....	Gage.....	November 17, 91... June 15, 93
	Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs.....	Saunders.....	July 16, 92... June 15, 93
180	Palisade	" 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock.....	July 18, 92... June 15, 93

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Wauneta	No. 217	Wauneta.....	Chase.....	December 7, 92...	June 15, 93
Bloomfield	" 218	Bloomfield.....	Knox.....	January 18, 93...	June 15, 93
Relief	" 219	Coleridge.....	Cedar.....	January 19, 93...	June 15, 93
Magnolia	" 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	January 21, 93...	June 15, 93
185 Wood Lake	" 221	Wood Lake.....	Cherry.....	September 22, 92...	June 21, 94
Landmark	" 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	March 1, 93...	June 21, 94
Eminence	" 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton.....	September 26, 93...	June 21, 94
Silver Cord	" 224	Ainsworth.....	Brown.....	October 17, 93...	June 21, 94
Cable	" 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	November 17, 93...	June 21, 94
190 Grace	" 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney.....	January 20, 93...	June 13, 95
North Star	" 227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 28, 94...	June 13, 95
Bartley	" 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November 23, 94...	June 13, 95
Comet	" 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	December 5, 94...	June 13, 95
Delta	" 230	Saint Edward.....	Boone.....	December 11, 94...	June 13, 95
195 Mount Hermon	" 231	Cook.....	Johnson.....	December 19, 94...	June 13, 95
John S. Bowen	" 232	Kennard.....	Washington.....	February 6, 95...	June 13, 95
Gilead	" 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	November 22, 94...	June 10, 96
Zion	" 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	July 19, 95...	June 10, 96
200 Fraternity	" 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	August 2, 95...	June 10, 96
Golden Rule	" 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	August 3, 95...	June 10, 96
Cubit	" 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	August 9, 95...	June 10, 96
Friendship	" 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	October 7, 95...	June 10, 96
Pilot	" 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	November 29, 95...	June 10, 96
George Armstrong	" 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	August 1, 95...	June 17, 97
205 Tyrian	" 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls.....	August 24, 98...	June 8, 99
Hampton	" 245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	July 13, 99...	June 7, 00
Nehawka	" 246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	January 2, 00...	June 7, 00
Corner-stone	" 247	Osmond.....	Pierce.....	January 3, 00...	June 7, 00
Laurel	" 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	February 12, 00...	June 7, 00
210 Gothenburg	" 249	Gothenburg.....	Dawson.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	George Washington	No. 250	Lincoln	June 20, 00	June 6, 01
	Wausa	" 251	Wausa	November 18, 00	June 6, 01
	Beemer	" 253	Beemer	January 1, 02	June 5, 02
	Bassett	" 254	Rock	October 8, 02	June 4, 03
215	Hickman	" 256	Hickman	December 7, 03	June 9, 04
	Holbrook	" 257	Holbrook	January 11, 04	June 9, 04
	Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo	December 10, 04	June 7, 05
	Bee	" 259	Bee	February 11, 05	June 7, 05
	Ornan	" 261	Spencer	March 5, 06	June 5, 07
220	Endeavor	" 262	Indianola	June 28, 06	June 5, 07
	Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell	July 5, 06	June 5, 07
	Franklin	" 264	Franklin	June 11, 07	June 10, 08
	Robert W. Furnas	" 265	Scottsbluff	June 21, 07	June 10, 08
	Silver	" 266	Silver Creek	June 14, 07	June 10, 08
225	James A. Tulleys	" 267	Overton	December 26, 07	June 10, 08
	George W. Lininger	" 268	Omaha	February 26, 08	June 10, 08
	Oasis	" 271	Morrill	June 14, 09	June 8, 10
	Lee P. Gillette	" 272	Dunbar	June 14, 09	June 8, 10
	Crofton	" 273	Crofton	July 10, 09	June 8, 10
230	Olive Branch	" 274	Walthill	September 20, 09	June 8, 10
	Ramah	" 275	Bertrand	November 8, 09	June 8, 10
	Antelope	" 276	Elgin	January 12, 10	June 8, 10
	Sioux	" 277	Harrison	June 10, 10	June 6, 11
	Litchfield	" 278	Litchfield	December 19, 10	June 6, 11
235	Wallace	" 279	Wallace	February 25, 11	June 4, 12
	Swastika	" 280	Sargent	October 18, 12	June 4, 13
	Florence	" 281	Omaha	January 17, 13	June 4, 13
	Mullen	" 282	Mullen	July 22, 13	June 9, 14
	Exeter	" 283	Exeter	September 8, 13	June 9, 14
240	Seneca	" 284	Seneca	September 29, 13	June 9, 14
			Lancaster		
			Knox		
			Cuming		
			Lancaster		
			Furnas		
			Custer		
			Seward		
			Boyd		
			Red Willow		
			Scotts Bluff		
			Franklin		
			Scotts Bluff		
			Merrick		
			Dawson		
			Douglas		
			Scotts Bluff		
			Otoe		
			Knox		
			Thurston		
			Phelps		
			Antelope		
			Sioux		
			Sherman		
			Lincoln		
			Custer		
			Douglas		
			Hooker		
			Fillmore		
			Thomas		

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Camp Clarke	No. 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16, 13... June 9, 14
	Oshkosh	" 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November 25, 13... June 9, 14
	Union	" 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15, 13... June 8, 15
	Omaha	" 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24, 14... June 8, 15
245	Lotus	" 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	June 11, 14... June 8, 15
	John J. Mercer	" 290	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 21, 14... June 8, 15
	Diamond	" 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	November 23, 14... June 8, 15
	Wolbach	" 292	Wolbach.....	Greeley.....	December 18, 14... June 8, 15
	Monument	" 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	December 18, 14... June 8, 15
250	Kimball	" 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June 10, 15... June 7, 16
	Minatare	" 295	Minatare.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 10, 15... June 7, 16
	Cotner	" 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 15, 17... June 5, 18
	Chester	" 298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	June 27, 17... June 5, 18
	Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland.....	Lincoln.....	June 23, 17... June 5, 18
255	Liberty	" 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	January 10, 18... June 5, 18
	Bayard	" 301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	January 19, 18... June 5, 18
	Mizpah	" 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 12, 18... June 4, 19
	Right Angle	" 303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 24, 19... June 9, 20
	Ruskin	" 304	Ruskin.....	Nuckolls.....	January 5, 20... June 9, 20
260	Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January 14, 20... June 9, 20
	Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole.....	Cheyenne.....	August 19, 20... June 8, 21
	William E. Hill	" 307	Otoe.....	Otoe.....	November 8, 20... June 8, 21
	Perkins	" 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	December 1, 20... June 8, 21
	Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago.....	Thurston.....	December 6, 20... June 8, 21
265	Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	December 27, 20... June 8, 21
	Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	January 4, 21... June 8, 21
	Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	June 23, 21... June 7, 22
	Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	September 10, 21... June 7, 22
	Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March 22, 22... June 5, 23
270	Alpha	" 316	South Sioux City.....	Dakota.....	January 27, 25... June 10, 25

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Mid-West	317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 8, 25...	June 10, 25
Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	April 1, 25...	June 9, 26
Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	January 11, 26...	June 9, 26
College View	" 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 1, 27...	June 6, 28
275 Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	February 21, 28...	June 5, 29
Pioneer	" 322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 28, 28...	June 5, 29
Lebanon	" 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November 14, 28...	June 5, 29
Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January 16, 36...	June 8, 37

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Prepared by M. W. William B. Wanner, Past Grand Master
To the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:

For the first time since 1942, your Committee has been empowered to present a very brief review of the work of other Grand Jurisdictions. Proceedings of 57 Grand Lodges, some for more than one year, a list of which is appended to the close of this report, have been received and carefully read by the committee. We wish that every brother could have this privilege. Your committee, at least has received a tremendous amount of pleasure and information from this task.

On account of the very limited amount of space allotted to us and to follow the example of our illustrious predecessor, M. W. Edwin D. Crites, whose style of topical reviews we have always admired, we have adopted that method this year, in the hope that we may be able to present some items of interest to the brethren of this jurisdiction.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

As you may suppose, gratifying gains in membership are reported from every jurisdiction. Quite a few report the largest membership on the rolls of their Grand Lodges than ever before attained. Many Grand Masters call the attention of their brethren to the fact that such large influx may be unhealthy and that more than a ten per cent increase cannot be properly absorbed into our fraternity. Others are more complacent about the situation.

Brother J. Edward Allen, famous reviewer of North Carolina, has this to say: "We find the total Masonic membership as of June 30th, 1946 to be 2,907,888. This bare statement would alone be only mildly interesting; but with what should it be compared? In 1930, the membership in the same United States of America was 3,303,126. In 1942, that same membership was 2,453,175. The 1930 membership was the greatest that this country has ever known in all time. The other date represents the bottom of the slump in membership which followed—a clear drop of 849,951, the while Freemasonry was a going concern and receiving petitions as fast as they were presented. We lacked 150,000 of losing a clear million of our membership. And now, we are back up to 2,907,888, which is well beyond the half-way point between the highest peak membership of 1930 and the slump bottom of 1942. Thus do we find our movements represented numerically. It took twelve years to lose 850,000 members net and it took four years to regain three-fifths of this. Naturally the next question is—are we at this time going to regain the other two-fifths, or 395,238 members? No man can offer a prediction about this. If we made a gain toward that goal of 182,121 in one Masonic year, which ended on an average about last January 10th and if, as we all know, the

number of raisings has continued almost unabated since then, and will do so for six months, then we find ourselves with only some 215,000 more to go before the peak has been passed again. And with no abatement, that would represent the spring of 1948.

But no sensible man anticipates that present conditions will last forever. Freemasonry, along about 1930, seemed to believe that the conditions of that day would last forever; or at least until the debts on million dollar Masonic Temples, Shrine Mosques and Scottish Rite Cathedrals could be paid off from the fees to be received in large classes every spring and fall, summer and winter, or just the run of monthly petitions. And all of a sudden like they just dried up. Where they were receiving 500 candidates a year at \$100 each, they suddenly could not find more than fifty. Where lodges had been on safe financial plans, they had none at all. They were bankrupt, whether they knew it or not, and somebody was holding the bag. We are happy to believe that we learned a great lesson in those days; several great lessons, in fact. Perhaps the first was, not to plunge in the building business."

Most Grand Lodges have learned that lesson and are holding down the lodges thru advisory committees. All Grand Lodges reviewed, with the exception of one, seem to be in excellent financial condition. Even those with Temple troubles of their own, are rapidly reducing their indebtedness. The one exception noted, shows the constituent lodges as well as the Grand Lodge to be in perilous condition.

LEGISLATION

Oregon has adopted an interesting law, which gives a newly raised brother a six months privilege to visit his lodge, during which time he is supposed to demonstrate his ability to present the lecture of the third degree. After six months time has elapsed and he has not passed his examination, he is barred from attending, except for the purpose of so doing. And after one year has passed without compliance, he must re-petition his lodge for the privilege. This would seem to take care of a very vexing problem. One state issues a temporary receipt for dues of a different color to those who have not yet passed their examination.

Legislation to permit dual and/or plural membership is making rapid gains thruout the several jurisdictions.

Several states have passed laws prohibiting the conferring of degrees by those wearing uniforms of other organizations; as well as the playing of bingo and similar games in Masonic temples. Permission for lodges to cross state lines for inter-state visits is becoming more and more popular.

Michigan is conducting an experiment in presenting and expediting legislation, almost unique in the history of American Masonry. The state is divided into 33 districts, each of which elects a member on the Board of General Purposes. These thirty-three men then by lot, select their term of office for 1, 2 and 3 years. The election is called by the Master of the lowest numbered lodge in the district, who designates the time and

place. Only Masters and Past Masters are entitled to vote or to be eligible for membership on the Board. In addition to the 33 members, the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, the Grand Deacons, Grand Marshal and the President of the Masonic Home are members. The Board has four regular meetings a year: the second Monday of September, January and April and the fourth Monday in May. Special meetings may be called by the Grand Master on twenty days' notice. At the first meeting, a president and vice-president were selected for one year. Attendance is rewarded by regular mileage and per diem and by penalty of termination of office by missing three consecutive meetings, either regular or special. Membership so terminated forfeits the right of re-election or appointment. The Board shall have the following powers:

- 1—To recommend or report to the Grand Lodge whatever it may deem conducive to the welfare of the craft.
- 2—To initiate such legislation as it may deem advisable.
- 3—To review and make recommendation to Grand Lodge on all proposed legislation.
- 4—To summon all committees.
- 5—To review and recommend on the finances of Grand Lodge or its agencies and has power to inspect all books, records and papers thereof and require attendance from any person having them in their possession.
- 6—To consider and report on all matters referred by the Grand Master.
- 7—To require the assistance from Grand Lodge Committees as it desires.

While this experiment has not yet been in existence long enough to demonstrate its value, it is functioning well. Similar boards have been in existence in England and Canada for many years. Time will tell as to how satisfactory it will prove in these United States.

The automatic suspension law adopted by Texas a few years ago is attracting considerable attention over the country. The operation of this law is simple: if a brother fails to pay his dues for the current year, he is, by Grand Lodge Law, suspended from membership. This relieves the local lodge of the embarrassment, makes all members paid up members, and is an incentive for members to pay promptly, thus helping the Grand Lodge. Texas reports, that after several years of operation, it is performing wonders in maintaining membership and encouraging reinstatement.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

Additional Grand Lodges are lowering the bars for membership in our fraternity by those who do not come under the heading of the "Perfect Youth." The general trend seems to be to leave the matter strictly

up to the opinion of the members of the local lodges and if they cannot decide, then present the matter to the wisdom of the Grand Master for his ruling. Of course, there will always be states who will never relax their opinion, but a noticeable, more charitable attitude is becoming evident. The whole matter is summed up thus: If the lodge is willing to assume the possible burden represented, then it is well and good. This same possibility is latent with the reception of any candidate, now whole and sound. More and more lodges are recognizing the hazards of war and also the hazards of peace in their rulings.

COLORED FREEMASONRY

A "Tempest in a Teapot" seems to have been set off by the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in issuing a pamphlet called "Negro Freemasonry." This was answered by a booklet sent out by the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas and has had its repercussions in other places. Nothing has been decided either way and nothing will be decided. It seems to your committee that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was perhaps stepping out of bounds in issuing the original statement, for altho the legitimacy of "Prince Hall Masonry" may be beyond dispute, which some deny; why not let the matter rest where it has remained for so many years. Masonry among the Negroes, is a good thing for them, as it is for the white race and some very fine men are members of the craft in Negro lodges, as your committee knows, but with even all the present demand for social equality, the time will never come when two races will mingle in a common lodge in America. The demand has never come from the Negro, who after all is the one to start such an issue and we do not believe it to be a proper subject to advance by regular Freemasons.

MASONIC HOMES

What came you here to do? When we knelt at a Masonic altar and SWORE to help, aid and assist needy Brethren and their dependents, we either meant it or we did not! Most of us did mean it and thus we find that a still greater number of jurisdictions are coming to realize, as Nebraska did many years ago, that the crying need for the older members is not so much a home, but a hospital. More and more Grand Lodges are facing the fact of either erecting or preparing to erect increased facilities for those brethren, and their dependents who can find no one to care for them, even tho able to pay, when they need medical attention. Another great problem is the help situation. Homes are finding it increasingly difficult to find employees to care for the residents. We find it so here at home. The per-capita cost has risen everywhere, due to increased wages paid mostly, but even this does not solve the dilemma. Just what this means for the future, only the future can divulge. We do not know the answer.

EDUCATION

Committees on Masonic Education are busy these days, exhorted by Grand Masters and spurred by their own realization of the need of so many newly raised brethren to be really assimilated into the Heart and Soul of Masonry. The Grand Master of Indiana, another Smith by the way, has this to say: "Having received the form of Masonry in all its ritualistic beauty and majesty, your Mason of today needs and demands—its substance; that substance wherewith he can nurture his mind and heart and soul, and by which he can fortify himself to meet the multitude of complex problems that confront him in a world which is changing from day to day with accelerating speed and confusion; a world which is uneasily, but with the methodical certainty of the inevitable, shifting from motor cars and aeroplanes to super-speed rockets, from gunpowder and dynamite to nuclear fission and atom bombs, from a reasonable moral stable background to the uncertainties of emotional chaos, with unholy human desires of every description unleashed and too often uncontrolled. Yes, our brother of today wants the substance of Masonry, and he will settle for no less."

"And what is that substance, you ask? It is knowledge; simple, unadulterated, factual Masonic knowledge! Knowledge of our purposes, our aims, and the principles on which we function and by which we expect to reach our destiny; our history, past and present, from whence we came and whither we are traveling—our traditions, legends, ethics and basic laws; and most important of all, knowledge of our course of moral instruction that is illustrated by types, emblems and allegorical figures, our symbols and their practical as well as profound interpretation. The substance of Masonry is—that element which vitalizes it into a living force that actuates men to higher thoughts, to nobler deeds and to greater achievements. Without it, all else becomes meaningless."

Your committee cannot refrain from adding that MASS education is an impossibility. What a great opportunity and responsibility therefore rests and is given to the posting brother or committee to dispense true knowledge to the candidate. The letter of the work is wonderful, but sometimes it takes a little more to hold the interest of so many diverse men as Masonry attracts.

NATIONAL MASONIC MEETINGS

The various conferences held in Washington about the time of the birthday of George Washington, the Mason, continue to attract most, if not all, of the Grand Masters, their Deputies and Grand Secretaries. Very little criticism is noted of these meetings and most are lavish in their praise. It is noted that our Canadian Brethren are starting their own conference, altho a majority of them, at least this year, also attended our meeting in the National Capitol. Let us hope that competition between them, will not weaken both. Our National Masonic Shrine in Alexandria, Virginia, is slowly but surely going to be completed. The

contributions this year were, as natural with present conditions, greater than ever before. The contract for the statue of our hero, without which the great hall seems but a hollow mockery, has been let. Delivery is expected within two years. The Masonic Service Association has closed its war-time service, but is now engaged in a great peace-time work in our veteran hospitals across the land, without regard to affiliation or creed.

PATIENCE

Patience is a virtue not easily learned. Most, if not all of the errors and irregularities that Grand Masters have to heal, correct and/or discipline come from the fact that new brethren perhaps and lodges have not learned that virtue. Everyone is in a rush these days and in spite of the atmosphere of our lodge rooms, haste carries over in some of our proceedings, sometimes to our sorrow.

Brother McAllister of Montana has this to say in his foreword, with which we conclude this report. "The difficulty with the world today is that it is impatient. People are impatient. A noted divine in America in a sentence sermon has said of impatient people that they

"Always waste enormous stores of energy,
Always seem to be getting in their own road.
Never save the world.
Never know the spirit of content.
Are usually suffering from clutch trouble.
Are seldom easy to live with.
Have no one to blame but themselves."

"Mankind is not practicing the virtue of Patience. Men and governments have not learned freedom from discontent. They wail for things to enhance their own power and the comfort and security of the individual regardless of the state of their fellowmen. The world has suffered the experience of two World Wars, yet man has not learned the virtue of patience. He has not learned the power or capacity of indulgence, forbearance, leniency and long suffering, nor to endure hardship that life may be made easier for his fellowman." Newton said: "Whatever I have done is due to patient thought." If mankind would be more patient in their thinking the world would not suffer from the terrible pangs of war, nor would society be harassed by the chains and torments of distressing misunderstandings.

"The Good Book warns 'support the weak, be patient towards all men.' " Man cannot mount to a higher plane of life than these three steps of patient thought. "GIVE TO ME"—the grace to be patient in all things, in my associations, with my fellowmen. "FORGIVE ME"—for my every act of neglect, carelessness or negligence towards my brotherman. "GIVE ME FOR"—my contentment and peace the will to know and realize the purpose of the Creator in the world and to keep a close companionship with the Infinite Parent.

"These three steps should be the thought, the ideal, the prayer of man who has been created with infinite possibilities and has been given dominion over a world of illimitable resources. The Creator alone knows the height to which man may attain, and the spirit of Truth in all ages has been seeking to teach man the way to dominion and the way to a more abundant life; yes, to reveal the truth by which alone he can gain freedom and a peace that passeth his knowledge to imagine. Man must dare to stand four-square against the evil things to become a disciple thru the self-discipline of love and truth, if the world is to progress.

"The noblest spirits in the world have learned patience and in meekness teach by their lives the moral responsibility of man towards his brother-man. The fatherhood of God is the foundation stone upon which moral responsibility rests. Fatherhood leads to son-ship, brotherhood, fellowship. It means that I am my brother's keeper. There are many who are willing to accept the truth of God's fatherhood, but who are unable or unwilling to apply the teachings of human brotherhood. It is difficult for us to accept the idea of God's fatherhood without accepting the idea of man's brotherhood. God's fatherhood and man's brotherhood dwell in the same neighborhood, which is personal, social, economic, national and international. One writer has well said: 'I am my brother's keeper and he is mine.' In this conviction there is world peace and international harmony."

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