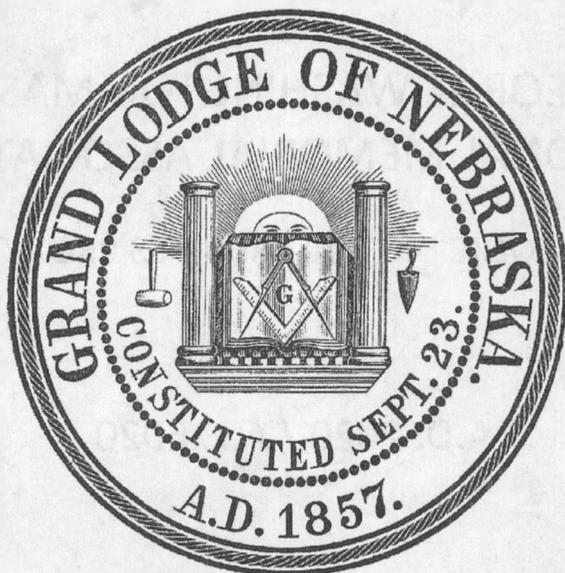


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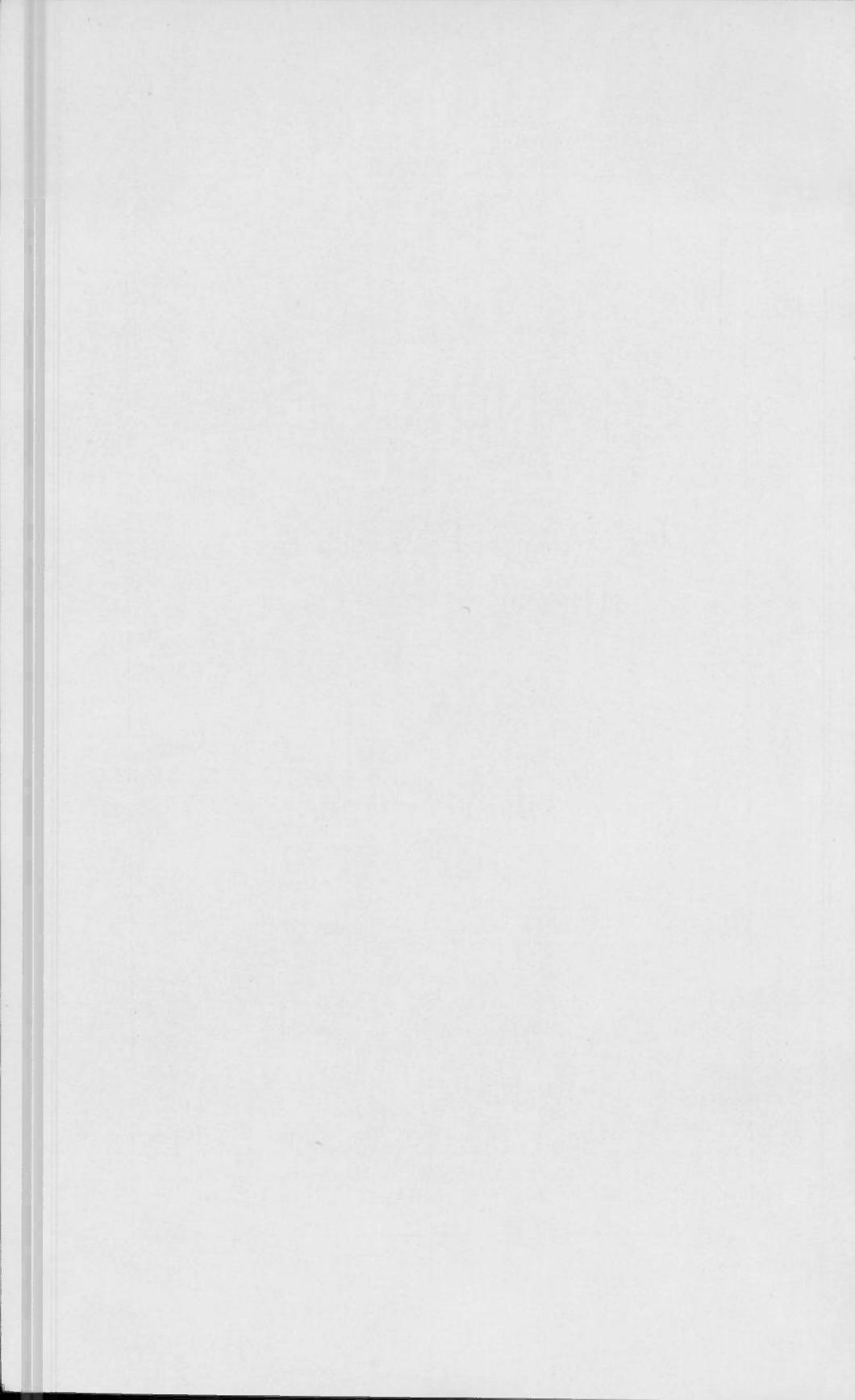
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of Nebraska



*In Annual Communication, held
at the Masonic Temple, Omaha,
Nebraska, June 6, 7 and 8, 1950.*

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Biographical

Ernest Simon Schiefelbein

Ernest Simon Schiefelbein was born July 12, 1883 on a farm south of Ithaca, Saunders County, Nebraska. He was the ninth child of ten children born to Friedrich and Pauline Schiefelbein, early pioneers of Saunders County who came from Germany to Illinois in 1872, and thence to Saunders County, Nebraska in 1876.

He received his elementary education in the rural public schools of Nebraska, and was graduated from Fremont College in 1907, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For five years he followed the teaching profession in the public schools of Nebraska. Later, he was employed by the City National Bank at Omaha before beginning his study of law at Columbia University and at the College of Law at the University of Nebraska where he was graduated in 1913, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and later received his Doctor of Laws degree from University of Nebraska in 1920.

M. W. Brother Schiefelbein was admitted to the Nebraska State Bar in 1913, and has been practicing law at Wahoo since. He has served both as City Attorney of Wahoo and County Attorney of Saunders County and is a member of the Saunders County and the Nebraska Bar Associations.

June 11, 1919, he was united in marriage with Jacqueline Cheney. Three daughters have been born to this union, Jacqueline Ann, Joyce P. and Susan Jane.

M. W. Brother Schiefelbein is a veteran of World War I and is a member of American Legion Post No. 82 of Wahoo. He has served as Post Commander and is also Past Judge Advocate of the American Legion Department of Nebraska. During World War II he rendered much service as Government Appeal Agent.

His sincere love for his Country is only equalled by the genuine affection and regard he holds for the Community in which he has spent his life. He gives himself unstintingly to civic and community affairs. For thirty years he has been a member of Saunders County Agricultural Association and is now its president. For twelve years

he has been a member of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture and is its present Treasurer. He is a Director of the First National Bank of Wahoo and a Director of the Security Home Bank of Malmo, Nebraska.

From earliest boyhood M.·W.·Brother Schiefelbein has given much of his life in Church activities. He is a member of the First Methodist Church of Wahoo, serving as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher over a period of many years. He occupies a distinguished place among lay leaders of Nebraska Churches. In 1924 and again in 1940 he was delegate to the Methodist General Conference and three times a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference. For the past nine years he has served on the Board of Publications of the Methodist Church. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan University and also a member of its Board of Education.

M.·W.·Brother Schiefelbein was made a Master Mason in Wahoo Lodge No. 59, March 8, 1916, serving as Master in 1921-22 and also as secretary for six years. He was exalted January 11, 1918, in Wahoo Chapter No. 43, R.·A.·M.·. He was anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood and served as High Priest of Wahoo Chapter in 1935-36.

He was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Hiram Council No. 7, Fremont, Nebraska, April 30, 1947.

M.·W.·Brother Schiefelbein received the several grades of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Lincoln, receiving the 32° November 11, 1927.

He is a Trustee of The Nebraska Masonic Home, being elected to that position January 23, 1947.

He is a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association.

He is a member of the Allied Masonic Degrees in Sneh Bo' Aire Council No. 17 of Omaha.

M.·W.·Brother Schiefelbein became a member of Sesostri's Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. at Lincoln, Nebraska, May 1950.

He is a member of Stella Chapter No. 57, O. E. S. and served as Worthy Patron 1919-20.

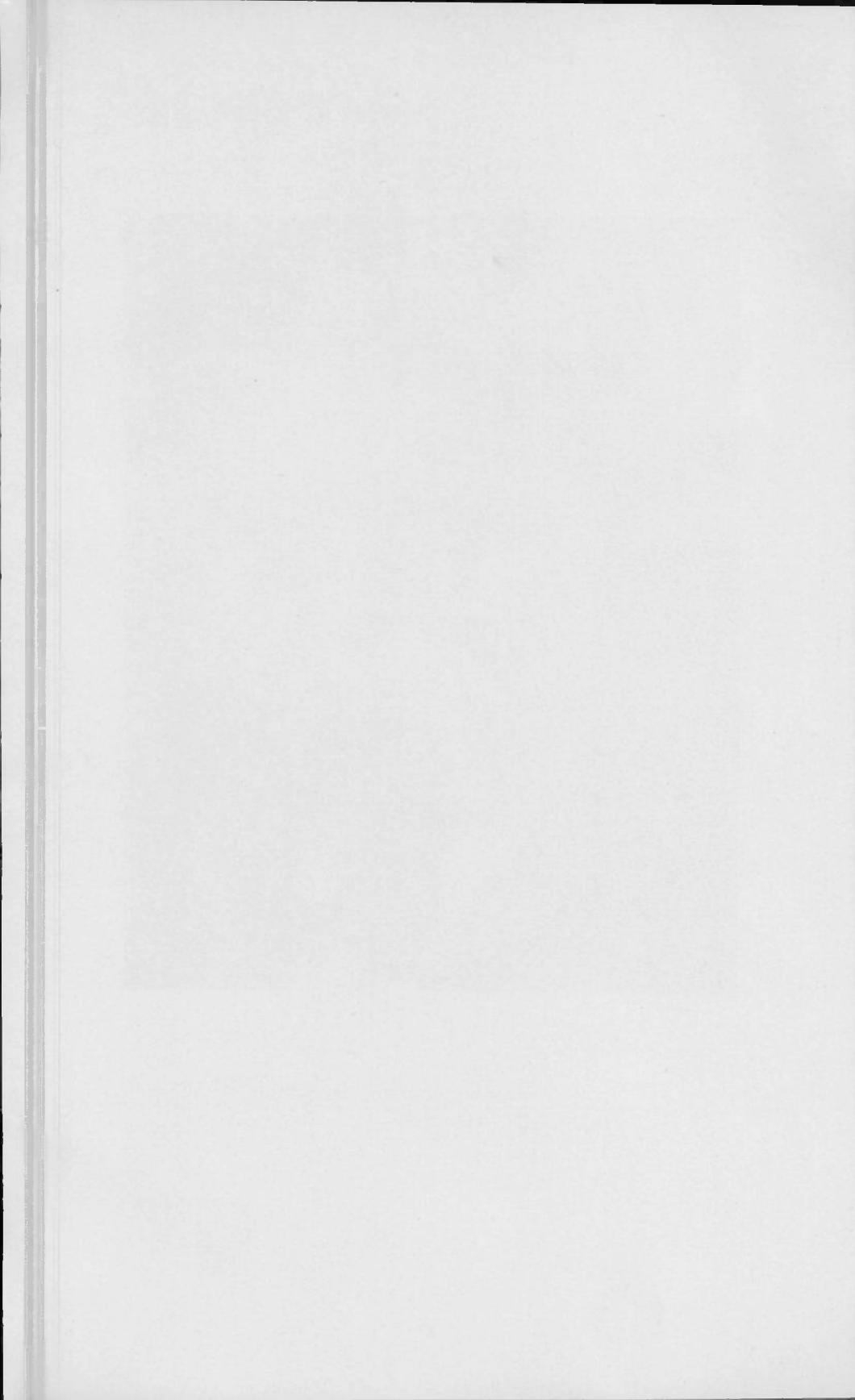
M.·W.·Brother Schiefelbein was installed Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge A.·F.·& A.·M.· of Nebraska, June 7, 1944 and regularly advanced through the Grand Lodge line, being installed Grand Master June 9, 1949.



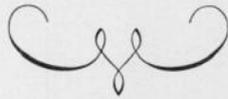
Ernest L. Schiefelbein

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1949-1950



Few men have possessed the courage and the will to carry on for the Masonic fraternity as has our beloved "Schief". Overcoming the handicaps of a precarious condition of health, he has left a record of vigorous and tireless activity that has seldom been equalled. His Nebraska brethren have a deep and abiding conviction, that such devotion to duty can only come from a man who walks with God.



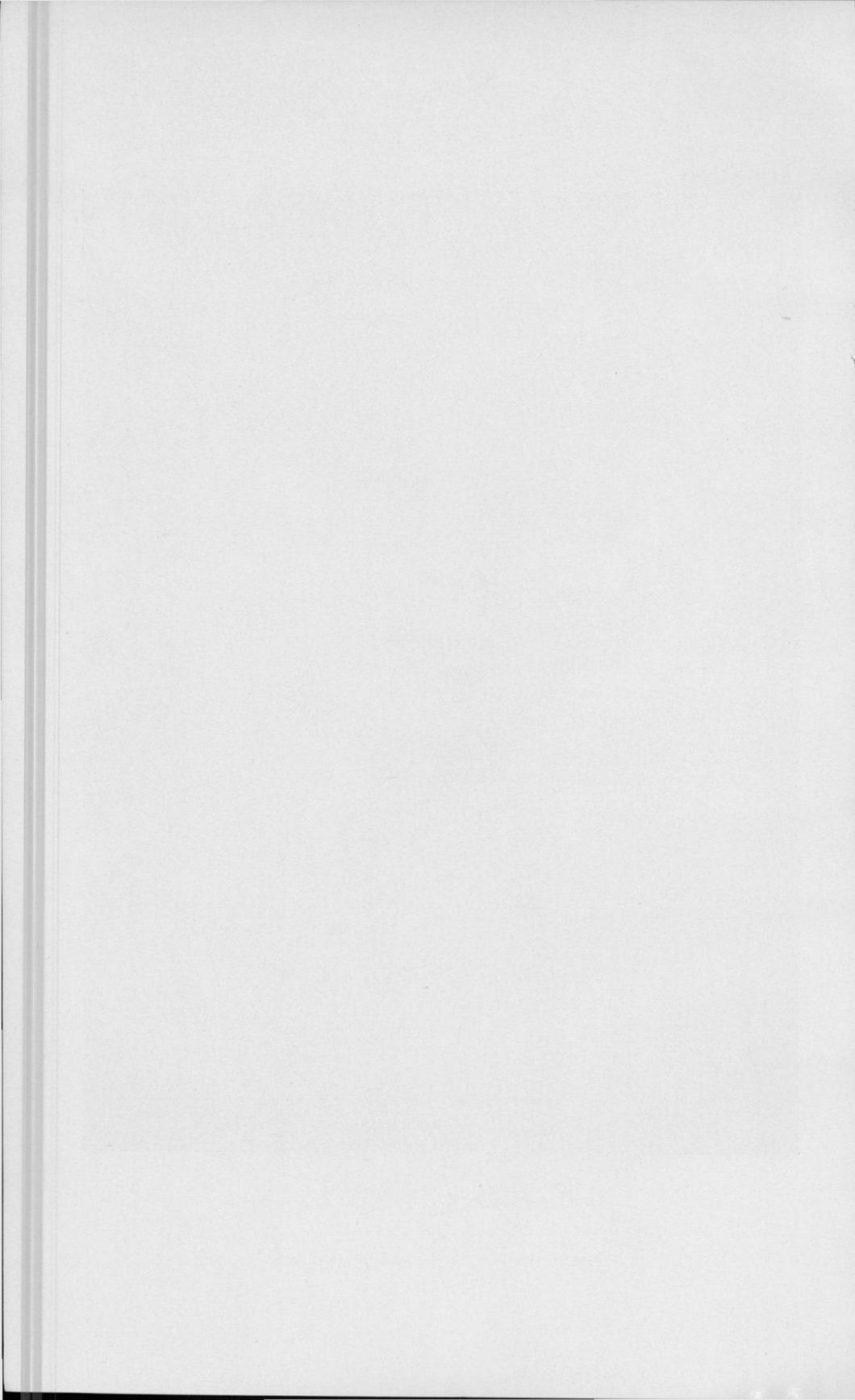




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GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1950-1951



OCCASIONAL COMMUNICATION

On Friday, October 21, 1949, at 6:00 P.M. the M. W. Grand Master, Ernest S. Schiefelbein, opened an Occasional Grand Lodge in the Lodge room of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, for the purpose of presenting to R. W. Nathan Roseoe Pound a Certificate of Election as Honorary Past Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

This also being the 75th Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee) of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, the brethren adjourned to the Scottish Rite Temple for banquet and ceremonies.

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies, W. Claude S. Wilson.

God Bless America (sung in unison) . . . Brother George C. Joy

Invocation Brother Linn W. McMillin

Banquet, served by Electa Chapter No. 8, O.E.S.

Welcome W. Sidney S. Anderson

Introduction of Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Members of the Supreme Court of Nebraska, W. Masters of Lincoln Lodges, and other distinguished guests.

Our 75 years W. Max Meyer

Presentation of dual membership in Lancaster Lodge No. 54 to R. W. Nathan Roseoe Pound by W. Victor Seymour, Secretary.

Presentation on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska of a Certificate of Election as Honorary Past Grand Master of The Most Worshipful The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska to R. W. Nathan Roseoe Pound by M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master.

Address M. W. Nathan Roseoe Pound

Benediction Brother Linn W. McMillin

OUR SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS

By W. Max Meyer

My assignment tonight is to proceed with the speed of a jet plane, covering 75 years in ten minutes, allowing one minute for each 7½ years. It is necessary to choose from an inexhaustible stock-pile of material a few pertinent facts concerning the history of Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

Nebraska was made a state in 1867 and in October of that year the Capital was removed from Omaha to Lincoln, which had previously been known as Lancaster, a settlement of 6 or 7 houses. Proceeds from the auction sale of town lots were used to build Lincoln's first Capitol, old U Hall of the University of Nebraska, the Penitentiary, and the State Hospital. The first railroad, the Burlington, was built from Plattsmouth to Lincoln in 1871.

From 1871 to 1874, in spite of drouth and grasshopper pestilences, Lincoln's population grew rapidly. Its citizens maintained an unbounding faith in the future of the city, and of Nebraska.

In 1874 the Grand Lodge of Nebraska had as members 2,068 Masons, affiliated with 43 Nebraska lodges and one lodge in Wyoming Territory. Lancaster Lodge was organized April 20, 1874, under dispensation from the Grand Lodge, and was given a charter and duly constituted with 26 charter members September 3, 1874, by Acting Grand Master Alfred G. Hastings. W. Joseph K. Marley was the first Master, and the first degree was conferred September 11, 1874 in Masonic Hall, 1007 O Street, where the lodge met until the Masonic Temple at 11th and M Streets was occupied in 1884. After the Temple burned in 1899, the lodge met in the Brace Block, 15th and O Streets, until the New Masonic Temple Association had provided "temporary" quarters in the Webster Block, 236 South 11th Street. Later, additional space was acquired through the purchase of the Townsend Building at 226 South 11th Street, and a small lodge room was constructed on the second floor.

Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Liberty Lodge No. 300, the Chapter, Council and Commandery of the York Rite, associated for many years in Temple housing programs, met and prospered for 35 years in the "temporary" quarters in the Webster Block until our beautiful Temple at 1635 L Street was occupied in 1935. Incidentally, members of Lancaster Lodge have had a prominent part in the Temple construction and maintenance programs participated in by these associated bodies.

From the group of 26 charter members in 1874, Lancaster Lodge grew slowly until in 1889, 143 members were enrolled. After the depression of the nineties, membership increased from 147 in 1898 to 358 in 1908, to 719 in 1918, to 934 in 1928. The depression of the thirties brought a decline in membership to 663 in 1938. A gradual increase brought the total enrolment on January 1, 1949, to 835.

Since December 1874, the lodge has never failed to hold its regular communication on the first Friday of each month. For 28 years, the lodge has received annually from the Grand Lodge a Certificate of Proficiency in the work of the three degrees, and nearly all of the officers and many of the Brethren have also received Certificates of Proficiency. In 75 years, the lodge has held more than 3,000 communications—regular, special, and emergent. Conferring of the degrees has been uniformly dignified and impressive, and candidates have been instructed by well-informed brethren. Lancaster Lodge has conferred many courtesy degrees on Masons who were unable to receive the degrees in their home lodges.

Lancaster Lodge Past Masters Association has been active since its formation in 1918. An annual Ladies Night banquet has been held since 1917. Beginning in 1934, the annual Railroad Day has been held, when fellow-workers confer the degree of a Master Mason on railroad men. The family Christmas parties, the family picnics, Christmas gifts for the Masonic homes at Fremont and Plattsmouth, and the public installation of officers, are all notable annual events.

Lancaster Lodge had 7 members who served in the Civil War, 15 in the Spanish American war, 134 in World War I, and more than 100 in World War II.

Office bearers in the Grand Lodge have been:

M. W. Ornan J. King, Grand Master 1907

M. W. Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Master 1915

M. W. George A. Kurk, Grand Master 1942

M. W. Roscoe Pound, Grand Orator 1902 and 1907

V. W. Charles M. Shepherd, Grand Orator 1914; and Grand Chaplain 1915-1916, and 1919 to the day of his death February 3, 1928.

W. Brother Harold M. Wilkerson has been assistant Custodian of the Grand Lodge since 1947.

Lancaster Lodge owns securities worth \$39,381. Our stock in the New Masonic Temple Association, which constructed and is maintaining our present Temple, has been valued at \$86,000.

Capable leadership, supported by a friendly, harmonious and loyal membership have established Lancaster Lodge as one of the strong lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction. With the continuation of such leadership and support our beloved lodge can continue to new heights of influence and usefulness.

~ To Our Masonic Brethern Everywhere ~

In recognition of his Masonic philanthropy
as expressed in his meritorious service
to this Lodge and to the Fraternity at large
we the Master and Secretary of
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
in the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Nebraska USA
do hereby certify that our distinguished brother
the **Most Worshipful Roscoe Pound**
by unanimous vote of this Lodge
in Regular Communication held September 2 1949
has been elected a Life Member of said Lodge
and of its Past Masters Association.

In testimony whereof we here upon set our hands
and cause the Seal of the Lodge to be affixed
this 21st day of October 1949 (A.K. 5949)
at Lincoln Nebraska



Seymour S. Seymour
Master

Victor Seymour
Secretary

Certificate of Dual Membership in Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M. of Lincoln, Nebraska, presented to M. W. Nathan Roseoe Pound by W. Victor Seymour, Secretary.

In 1904 W. Brother Seymour was Master, Brother Pound was Senior Warden and Brother Claude S. Wilson was Junior Warden. All three were present at the Diamond Jubilee of the lodge.



Grand Lodge
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, in regular communication assembled in Omaha, Nebraska, on the ninth day of June A.D. 1919, A.L. 5949, by a unanimous vote bestowed and conferred on

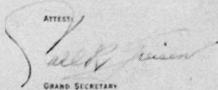
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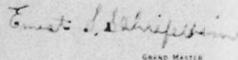
"Honorary Past Grand Master"

in recognition of distinguished and unusual service rendered by him to the Masonic Craft throughout the world and of his eminence as a writer and authority on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Presented at Lincoln, Nebraska, on the occasion of the observance of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A.F. and A.M. this twenty-first day of October in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, in the year of Light, fifty-nine hundred and forty-nine.

ATTEST

GRAND SECRETARY




GRAND MASTER

Presentation on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska of Certificate of Election as Honorary Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska to M.W. Nathan Roscoe Pound by M.W. George A. Kurk.

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

Our Grand Master, M. . W. . Ernest S. Schiefelbein, has given me an honor which I deeply appreciate in appointing me to represent him in the presentation of this Certificate to our distinguished guest of honor. Thank you very much, M. . W. . Brother Schiefelbein, for this great honor.

In coming to Lincoln to participate in the celebration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, his Mother lodge, Brother Pound honors not only this lodge but the Grand Lodge of Nebraska as well. While but few of the brethren here have had the pleasure of meeting Brother Pound prior to today, I daresay there is not one who has not read or heard of his achievements in Masonry, in education, in the legal profession, and in government service. To tell all of the accomplishments of this distinguished Brother would take too long, and I shall give you only some of the highlights of his Masonic life.

Brother Pound was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in 1901. He became active in his lodge immediately and served as Worshipful Master in 1905. He was appointed Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by M. . W. . Nathaniel M. Ayres, Grand Master, in 1902, and was again appointed Grand Orator in 1907 by M. . W. . Ornan J. King, Grand Master, (a Past Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54). Brother Pound left Nebraska in 1908 and demitted from Lancaster Lodge that year. His interest in Masonry, which began in Lancaster Lodge, continued wherever he went. First at Wilmette, Illinois, where he was asked to take an active part with other brethren with the idea of petitioning the Grand Lodge of Illinois for a Charter. However, before anything beyond the preliminary plans developed he was appointed to a Professorship in the University of Chicago, which necessitated his moving to the south side of Chicago, and he demitted from Lancaster Lodge No. 54 to the lodge at Woodlawn, Illinois. A year later he was appointed to the Story Professorship at Harvard University, and demitted to Belmont Lodge, Belmont, Massachusetts. He is also a charter member of Beaver Lodge, at Belmont, and of Harvard Lodge, a lodge composed of the members of the Faculties of Harvard and graduate students at Harvard University. For some years he installed the officers of this lodge. He continued his membership in these lodges, as the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts permits plural membership.

In the school years of 1911 and 1912 he delivered a series of lectures before the Harvard Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity on Masonic History, Masonic Philosophy and Masonic Jurisprudence. These lectures were also delivered before the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and were reprinted by the Masonic Research Association. His lectures on Masonic Jurisprudence are now in a third edition published by the Grand Lodge of New York. In 1943 he translated the Lectures on Masonic Philosophy of the noted German philosopher Johann Gottlieb Fichte, and delivered a lecture on Fichte's Philosophy of Masonry before the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction, at Buffalo, New York, in 1943. This lecture, along with his translation of Fichte's

Lectures, was published by Research Lodge No. 281, F. & A. M. of Seattle, Washington, in 1945. He was appointed Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1915, and for many years served on important committees of that Grand Lodge. While in China in 1947 and 1948, he was active in the movement to form a Grand Lodge of China, which unhappily did not materialize because of the Communistic occupation of the cities where there were well-established Masonic lodges.

Among his many Masonic honors are the Henry Price Medal by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Distinguished Achievement Medal by the Grand Lodge of New York, and a Distinguished Service Medal by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. He was Coroneted the Honorary 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction, at Philadelphia, in 1913.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, in Omaha, on June 9, 1949, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Whereas, Brother Roseoe Pound, a former member and Past Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, has rendered distinguished and unusual service to the Masonic Craft throughout the world, and is recognized as the greatest living authority and writer on Masonic Jurisprudence, now Therefore, be it resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, that in recognition of such service by this eminent Mason, the title of 'Honorary Past Grand Master' be and hereby is bestowed and conferred upon him. Most Worshipful Brother Pound, it is my very great honor to present to you on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska this Certificate of Recognition of the title of 'Honorary Past Grand Master' conferred upon you by the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

M. W. Roseoe Pound:

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren: Let me first express my deep gratitude for the action of the Grand Lodge allowing dual membership so that while I have the seat of my Masonic activities in Massachusetts, I can be restored to my membership in Lancaster Lodge, which I gave up with the greatest reluctance only because in order to be of service to the Craft it seemed to be necessary.

Now what can I say to you on what to me is a Masonic home-coming? Perhaps I may say something of what we are, what we are for, and how we came to be.

I do not know a better place at which to begin than perhaps the idea of civilization, the idea of raising human powers to their highest possible unfolding. You may say, "How are we going to measure what is high or what is low? Einstein seems to have proved to us that there is no such thing as an absolute high or an absolute low.

I suppose, when we talk about raising powers to their highest unfolding, we mean at any rate, even if we do not mean much more, the greatest possible control over external nature or physical nature, the

maximum control over physical nature for human purposes. Of course, we are concerned also with the critical question of control over internal nature. But let us note that the control over external nature or physical nature which we have carried so far today, which makes it possible to maintain great populations and seems at first to be at the foundation of our existence itself, depends upon the control over internal nature or human nature which has made experimentation and research and invention possible.

I suppose all of us have really two sides. There are two urges. We used to say "instincts," but believe that word is forbidden now. One urge is toward aggression, aggressive individual self-assertion. The other is a social urge or instinct toward cooperation and collective action.

It is fundamental to keep those sides, if we can, in balance, because the whole structure of society depends, on the one hand, upon that free, individual self-assertion involved in competition with our fellow men, and, on the other hand, the cooperation which makes the results of individual self-assertion acquisitions for all of us when we look at the development of civilization among men. We notice that from the very beginning we do not find them isolated. We find them in groups or associations. Of course, the oldest is the kin group, or family. But as far back as we know anything about human associations, we find associations on the model of the household, on the model of kindred, but not kin groups at all. One of the most primitive, if not the most primitive of human institutions is the primitive secret society. It takes that form in the most primitive social organization we know of; what is called the "men's house." There are certain features of that "men's house" that I want to bring particularly to your attention.

The very name suggests a place where only men were admitted. When a boy had attained the years of manhood, he was initiated in this "men's house." The initiation took the form of a ceremonial death and resurrection. The boy was dead, and a man was raised in his place.

That was not all. Very largely, the instruction in the traditions and customs of the tribe was carried on by means of symbols, and the symbols, as far as we know, were the tools of the builder's art. One of the main features of the ceremonial was the representation which we saw performed this evening by symbols, which is so performed as you know in all the rites and degrees of our fraternity.

So it is evident that we have, at any rate, a certain affinity, and perhaps a certain historical continuity, with the oldest human social institution.

We can come down through Greek and Roman antiquity, seeing these secret societies with the same characteristics that I have spoken of, and when we come into the Middle Ages then we find the old crafts and trades, and even professions organized on a similar basis.

In the medieval English legal profession, for example, the serjeants at law had their own Inn. They had their own ceremony, separating from the Inn in which they had been practising simply as barristers, and their

introduction into the Inn where they were serjeants They called each other "Brother." Only a serjeant could be made a judge, and he would address a brother serjeant who was appearing before him always as "Brother." So every trade and profession in the Middle Ages was organized on that model.

There was one craft that had a peculiarity which differentiated it from the others. That was the craft of builders, or stone masons. They had a broader organization. We don't know how far back it went, but as far back as we know they had a broad outlook. They not only initiated practical apprentices and fellow crafts and master builders, who were called operative masons, but practised speculative masonry, or endeavoring to build a perfect man on the analogy of the perfect building.

I say that goes back a very, very long way. We do not know exactly how far it goes back, but we have authentic written records and manuscripts clear back to the fourteenth century. That means the 1300's, but the significant thing about it is that from the records it is perfectly evident that it was not something new. It was something that must have had behind it a long past, so long that by the end of the fourteenth century it was already quite a bit decadent, and it got still more decadent, until for a long time the ceremonies came to be so abbreviated in form that in the seventeenth century we read that persons went from apprentice to Master Mason in one afternoon. It seems to have taken the form simply of reading to the initiated the old charges in manuscript that had come down at least from the fourteenth century.

In 1717, there was something that was called the revival. Three lodges in London got together and organized a Grand Lodge and from that Grand Lodge and those three lodges, the Grand Lodge organization spread over practically the whole world.

So we have in the lodges today something which comes down from those three lodges in eighteenth-century England, something with a perfect historical continuity as demonstrated by those old "charges," as they are called; those original manuscripts. If we cannot trace Masonry back of that, after all it represents one of the medieval successors of the mysteries of secret fraternities, organizations of men in Greek or Roman antiquity, which certainly can go back to the "men's house," the most primitive, next to the family itself, of human social organizations.

The Middle Ages claimed for our fraternity an organization going back to the building of King Solomon's Temple. That was not uncommon in the Middle Ages in times when men tried to find a Biblical origin for almost everything, a time when men believed that the demonstration of anything was a matter of pure reason. If in reason something ought to be so, then it was so. So that the historians of that time could tell all about a speech that a general made to his troops on the eve of battle, although nobody had taken down a word he said, but in reason he must have made a speech and he must have made this particular speech.

You can see, then, just how our medieval brethren could easily believe in this relation to King Solomon's Temple. I suspect there is this

much truth in it. Those who built the Temple were builders, and it is altogether likely that as we have seen with builders in all times, they built their own organization and conducted it on the basis that there would be apprentices who would be initiated, who would be taught and would become master builders, and so carry on a continuous tradition.

I think we may safely hold that we are the most authentic representatives of the old builders tradition today, because we have with the symbolism of the operative art the purpose of perfection, which one way or another, seems to run through this long series of organizations of which I have been speaking; the perfection of the individual character and raising the individual character to its highest possible unfolding, on the model of the building that is to be built according to a plan, and that plan is to be suited to a purpose of human life; is to be suited, if nothing else, to a purpose of civilization; of taking one's place in this development of human powers to their highest unfolding.

Preston was the first to try to make something suitable to his time out of those old charges of which I have spoken. He was also the first to try to work out some idea of the nature or the purpose of our fraternity, what it is that we are trying to do, and how we expect to be able to do it.

Now, just a word about the man. William Preston was born in Edinburgh in 1742. His father was one of the lower branch of the legal profession, what is called a writer to the signet. He died when Preston was, I think, nine years old. He left no property and William was taken out of school before he was twelve years of age.

He was looked after by a friend of his father, but that friend died not long afterward, and at fourteen he was apprenticed to a printer. He worked as an apprentice to a printer until he was eighteen years of age, when he got his master to allow him to go to London. In London he was employed in the office of the King's printer, and was so diligent and intelligent that he moved up very rapidly. He came to be a reader and corrector for the press, and corrected some of the most notable books that appeared in England in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

He worked twelve hours a day as a journeyman printer and a large part of the rest of his twenty-four hours he used in diligent study. He had the advantage of acquiring the style of some of the most important books that were published in England in the eighteenth century which were corrected for the press by him. Some authors came to submit manuscripts to him before they were printed.

When he was twenty-one he was made a Mason, and so diligent was he that when he was twenty-five he was made Master of one of the three old lodges in London. As Master of a lodge he found those old charges very unsatisfactory. They are curious manuscripts. I have seen some of the originals and of course you can get printed copies of them in almost all the standard histories of Masonry.

As I say, they are curious in that they purport to give a history of the transmission of civilization from antiquity. You heard this evening about our learned friend and brother, the wise Pythagoras.

The old charges were in manuscript handed down from Mason to Mason, copied, recopied, edited and corrected. They purport to tell you how civilization was transmitted from the East to the West. They were not the most satisfactory in the world, but they purported to give a history of the transmission of civilization and the builder's art, and a general notion of the craft, its organization and operation, and they were read to the candidate at the time of his initiation. That meant at the time of his taking the degrees of Fellow-craft and Master, which, down to 1738 were given in one ceremony. It was not until 1738 that the Master's part, as it was called, was separated from the Fellow-craft part, as it was called. The person who was raised was said to be "Fellow-craft and Master."

Preston was dissatisfied, and properly enough, with those old charges. He set himself to see whether something better could not be done. By the time he was twenty-seven he had worked out a system of lectures. You will see that it was a wonderful thing for a man who had been only six years a Mason and a man who was a journeyman in the King's printer's office, to revise those charges and make them into lectures; but he did. He was so persistent, and he had such power to persuade men that he finally by his enthusiasm did, in 1767, induce the Grand Lodge of England to permit these lectures to be given; and today our lectures as we have them in the second degree are simply an abridgment of them. The lectures I heard tonight were very much abridged from those I heard when I was made a Master Mason; I can see considerable abridgment and it has been going on for a century and a half.

Preston certainly gave himself plenty of time. He went into the seven arts and studied them. He went into the orders of architecture and made them much more detailed than you saw them this evening. He went into the globes and their purpose. So when he was asked why he was doing this and what was the purpose, he answered that he read in those old charges about light. The Mason in search of light. This purpose of the old charges was to be developed.

"What is light?" He said, "Light is knowledge." There was a man who had left school at the age of nine; was apprenticed at the age of fourteen, and had spent the greater part of his life as a journeyman printer, but who had that thirst for knowledge that led him to undertake and to carry out successfully the writing, or the re-writing of the old charges. But it was more than that. It was the writing of the lectures as we now know them. Why did he persist in that?

Well, there were two reasons. The eighteenth century had a thoroughgoing faith in knowledge. Everything could be done by reason and reason gave us knowledge. If we knew what reason pointed out, we knew what the principle was. The truth was reached by reason, so the great thing was knowledge, and light was knowledge. Bring the candidates to light and impart to them knowledge. When Preston wrote, there were no schools for every one as there are today. It seemed to him that the purpose of the craft was to bring men to knowledge, and the way to do

this was to induce men to study. You notice how he urges study; how he says the purpose is to impart wise and serious truth. Then, because he proposed to present to the candidate a great compendium of knowledge, he went over the five senses and the seven liberal arts; a long dissertation on geometry; not merely leading up to that spiritual need of which I spoke, but going into the steps, the purposes, the functions not only of the architect and builder, but of mankind. The great purpose of the craft was education; education for the great bulk of men and their spiritual needs. I have no doubt that the lectures in the craft did perform a very important part in the training of the ordinary man of the eighteenth century. Of course, as we see it today, there is no need of that education in that way. The schools are open practically to everybody; even a higher education is practically within the reach of every diligent and ambitious person.

If so there is left that old question of the purpose of the craft. What is it that we are trying to achieve? One of those who have written upon this question who is particularly worth our thinking about is a German political and legal philosopher, Karl Christian Frederick Krause. He was a lecturer in the University of Jena. His most important work on the philosophy of law was published in 1828, and before that, about 1826, he had become a Mason. He became interested, just as Preston did. He wanted to know what this is all about; what are we trying to achieve? He read everything that was available, just as Preston had done. He published one book called the Higher Spiritualization of the True Symbols of Masonry, and he wrote another on the Three Oldest Professional Records of the Masonic Fraternity. They are learned books even if disfigured by the unceritcal judgment of the day, that did not have any real critique as to historical documents, so that he believed very many things that our modern research has taught us were not so. But he had a real vision of the purpose of our fraternity.

He said, "What are the institutions that make for civilization? What are the institutions that make for raising men to their highest unfolding; for the most complete development of individual character?" He said, "They are religion, law and morals. Religion has an organization behind it in the church. Law has an organization behind it in the State. There isn't any behind morals, but morals are no less important. Those three are the agencies of development that make men perfect, but there ought to be an organization behind morals, as there is one behind religion and one behind the law." "There," he says, "is the purpose of our craft, to put an organization behind morals;" and he studied from this standpoint the old charges, the remnants of which we can still see in the lectures you listened to today. He adds that idea of morals to Preston's idea of light and knowledge. Indeed, light and knowledge were to show the way to morals.

So Krause said by symbols and by allegories we try to impress men with the importance of an organization which is standing for morals as the State stands for law and the church stands for religion. His books are really eloquent when he deals with these matters, and if I were

here to lecture on Krause I would go into them in detail. But I am not talking about Krause except for the purpose of showing how that developed the idea of the purpose of Masonry.

Going back to the old charges, I suggest we are going along with him to the instruction in the primitive men's house.

The third philosopher who dealt with the function of Masonry was Fichte. He stands out as one of the foremost philosophers at the end of the eighteenth century and the beginning of the nineteenth century.

He was professor of Philosophy at Berlin until his death in 1814. He was a Mason before he went to Berlin. He found that the Royal York Lodge of Friendship, as it was called, did its work in French. It was later re-organized and became a Grand Lodge with a number of lodges under its jurisdiction, and eventually the French work was translated into German.

It had twenty-five degrees, the organization of the old French rite of perfection, as it is called. It was re-organized and there was a good deal of conflict of advocates of different rites, and in the end the Grand Lodge worked only three degrees. The work of the Grand Lodge and its subordinate lodges had come from France but there was coming to be much English influence. Fichte set out to write the lectures, but the lectures he wrote were not used, and they were published as twenty-one letters. His lectures, or his letters as he published them, are worth very careful thinking by any Mason who is interested in the purpose of the craft. He said that the primary cause of difficulty in human relations was that all of us are trained primarily for some profession, some one calling, some one walk of life. Thus our education is turned in that one direction. We are educated for the calling that we are going to pursue.

So we look at all things from the standpoint of our particular calling or walk of life or profession. We judge what is done in other callings, in other walks of life, by our experience in our own. The consequence is it produces misunderstanding. Men are divided not only with respect to their callings, but they are also divided as to religion in denominations; as to politics, into parties, and we have a regime of general misunderstanding, and general prejudice. Every one is looking at his neighbor, not from a universal standpoint, but from the standpoint of his particular calling.

Fichte said what is needed to promote civilization, to promote this raising of human powers to their highest unfolding is a training which will develop an all round view of all mankind; which will bring men to look at other men and at human affairs not from their particular calling, their particular walk of life, their particular variety of creed, or even their particular political creeds, but from a standpoint of developed mankind. He said, "There is the work of the craft;" it is a universal organization of men who think not only as the children of God, who worship one God, but are brethren because of their belief in God and therefore can raise themselves above those things that make for distrust and suspicion and all manner of difficulties among men. Therefore the task of

the craft is to shape men to mankind and raise the man who is simply a lawyer, or an engineer, or an editor, or a manufacturer, or a trader—to raise him into an all round man; to teach him to take his share in the building of a house—a house of civilized man; a house not made with hands; the universal idea carrying us back to the symbolism of the builder's art, in the men's house of which I have spoken.

I think today in a time when we have seen very acute manifestations of the separatism, the prejudice and misunderstanding growing from education primarily for particular callings, that the purpose which Fichte places before us is especially worth our thinking about. What impresses me, as I have said is its continuity, that comes from the very beginning of human organization in the men's house, where the man was raised from the boy into manhood; where they taught him by the symbolism of the builder's art; where they went over this route of symbolism to those things which we perpetuate in the craft. Here is a program for the craft coming from the past and made for the future. I put it to you that the one thing as Masons which we need particularly to hold in mind is the idea of universality. Today we must hold in mind that Masonry has always had a universal purpose. Because it has a world purpose it is a world organization. I suggest to you that the Masons ought to be on the front bench, so to speak, in the school of today, because our task of maintaining, furthering, and transmitting civilization is really the task of the world.

It is in that way that men are able to raise themselves and raise their powers to their highest possible unfolding.



NATHAN ROSCOE POUND, 33°

Master Lancaster Lodge, No. 54, A. F. & A. M., 1905. Grand Orator, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, 1902 and 1907. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1915. Honorary Past Grand Master, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, 1949.

Most Worshipful Nathan Roscoe Pound was born in Lincoln, October 27, 1870, to Stephen B. Pound and Laura Biddlecomb Pound, distinguished pioneers. His elementary education was received from his cultured mother, a former teacher, who exercised a tremendous influence upon his training and interests. He entered a preparatory school of the University of Nebraska at 11 and at 18 had completed the requirements for graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences and a year later obtained a masters degree in botany. His ardent interest in botany resulted in his finishing studies for his Ph.D. in botany in 1907. With botany and law

both appealing strongly, he chose to enter the Harvard Law School in 1889. Returning to Lincoln, he practiced law and taught law from 1890 to 1907. He achieved conspicuous prominence as a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association and was its Secretary from 1901 to 1907, during which time he was honored with special legal assignments among which were Commissioner of Uniform Laws, Commissioner of Appeals for the Supreme Court of Nebraska and Chairman of Legal Education of the American Bar Association. His fame having spread, Northwestern University invited him to a larger field as a professor of law, following shortly thereafter he accepted an invitation from the University of Chicago. His tenure at Chicago also was short-lived, as the Dean of the Harvard Law school, attracted by a writing of M. W. Brother Pound's was convinced he was the man for Harvard's Story Professorship. Beginning an outstanding record of law teaching at Harvard he was dean of the Law School for two decades. His writings in the field of jurisprudence are numerous. In 1947 he retired from his Harvard connection and entered service as an adviser to the Ministry of Justice at Nanking, China, from which he retired when the Communists took over the Chinese government.

On September 2, 1949, M. W. Brother Pound was unanimously elected to life membership in Lancaster Lodge No. 54, his mother Lodge, by virtue of the Grand Lodge law of Nebraska, permitting dual membership and also life membership in that Lodge's Past Masters' Association.

The Grand Lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska in its resolution conferring the title of Honorary Past Grand Master, passed at its annual session, June 9, 1949, refers to M. W. Brother Pound as one who "has rendered distinguished and unusual service to the Masonic Craft throughout the world and is recognized as the greatest living authority and writer on Masonic jurisprudence." The resolution further directed that the certificate evidencing this recognition be presented to this distinguished brother and citizen during the observance of the 75th charter anniversary of Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

Among those present at the 75th Anniversary of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 and the presentation of Certificate to M. W. Brother Roscoe Pound, October 21, 1949, were:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

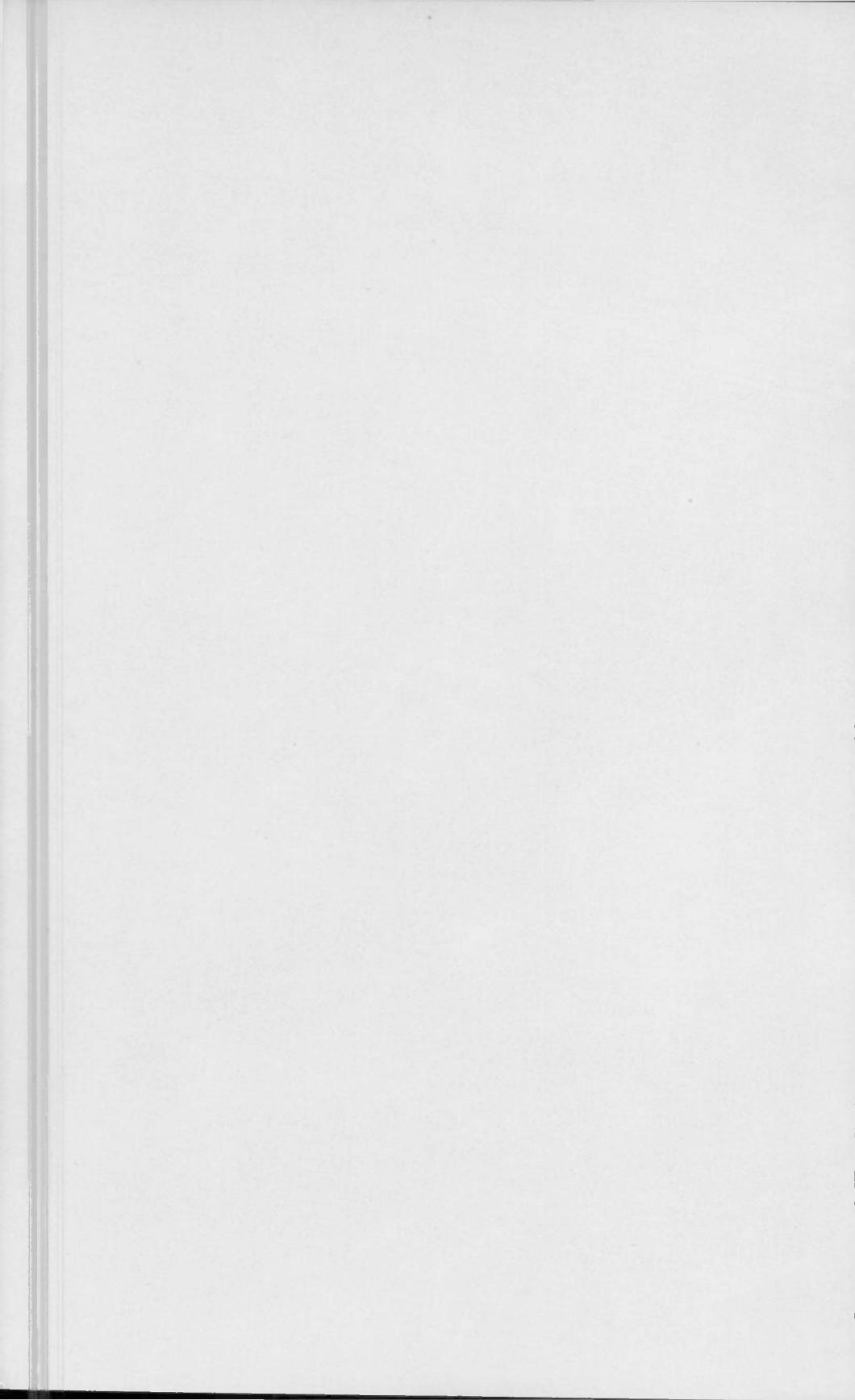
- M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master.
- R. W. Thomas J. Aron, Grand Senior Warden.
- R. W. Edward M. Knight, Grand Junior Warden.
- R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.
- W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Junior Deacon.
- W. William F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home.
- W. Cecil Gates, Assistant Custodian.
- W. Harold M. Wilkerson, Assistant Custodian.

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M. W. Lewis E. Smith.
M. W. Charles A. Chappell.
M. W. John R. Tapster.
M. W. Ralph O. Canaday.
M. W. Walter R. Raecke.
M. W. Earl J. Lee.
M. W. Edward F. Carter.
M. W. George A. Kurk.
M. W. William B. Wanner.
M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre.
M. W. Edward Huwaldt.
M. W. Elmer E. Magee.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST

Hon. Robert G. Simmons, Chief Justice Supreme Court of Nebraska.



PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 6, 7 and 8, 1950.



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 6, 1950

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 A.M., on Tuesday, June 6, A. D. 1950, A. L. 5950.

There were present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59.....	Grand Master
R. W. John S. Hedelund, 268.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Thomas J. Aron, 37.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Edward M. Knight, 183.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. Laurence R. Davis, 61.....	Grand Chaplain
W. Russell A. Robinson, 119.....	Grand Orator
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W. Morace F. Smith, 265.....	Grand Marshal
W. Fay Smith, 198.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Charles F. Adams, 68.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Raymond C. Pollard, 246.....	Grand Tyler

Preceding the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, W. 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. John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master, the Invocation being given by V. W. Laurence R. Davis, Grand Chaplain.

Most Worshipful Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master, was received, escorted to the East by M. W. William C. Schaper, introduced and given the Grand Honors.

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-third 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.

Brother August E. Ruser, 184, sang the Lord's Prayer, accompanied by W. Brother Howe.

Invocation by V. W. Laurence R. Davis, Grand Chaplain:

Almighty and Eternal God, we now bow before Thee and invoke Thy divine blessing upon this Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. We pray that we may be mindful that Thou art in the midst of us at all times, and we pray that our minds may be open to the meeting of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may accomplish that which is acceptable in Thy sight. Keep us ever mindful that we represent not only ourselves but others in this State of Nebraska. Help us to remember that we represent not only them, but our community in the influence which we may exert. Keep us mindful that we seek to represent Thy truth. Be with those who are in authority during this Communication that they may administer wisely and well for the benefit of all. Now, we pray that Thou will keep us ever mindful that we are Thy creatures, and all that we do will redound for Thy Glory or Thy Honor, or in Satan's way. We pray Thee in the name of our Lord. Amen.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

R. W. Carroll T. Hughes, Grand Senior Warden, and personal representative of M. W. Benjamin E. Patton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Illinois, M. W. Don Carpenter, Grand Master, Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Iowa, M. W. Lloyd E. Wilson, Past Grand Master, present Grand Secretary, and personal representative of M. W. Ellsworth Meyer, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of California, M. W. Elmer F. Strain, Past Grand

Master, present Grand Secretary and personal representative of M. W. Lynn R. Brodrick, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas, M. W. Edwin J. Krebs, Past Grand Master, and personal representative of M. W. Edwin J. Wittelshofer, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Colorado, were presented and given a cordial welcome by M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master, who introduced them to the Grand Lodge and invited them to seats in the East.

RECEPTION OF OUR OWN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. I. Clarence A. Pittman, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; M. E. Bernard B. Harris, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; R. E. William F. Evers, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska; Brother Joe W. Seacrest, Deputy for the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Nebraska; W. Louis B. Houser, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska; W. Peter L. Bauer, President of The Nebraska Masonic Home, and W. James C. Suttie, President of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

These brethren were presented and given a cordial welcome by M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master, who introduced them to the Grand Lodge and invited them to seats in the East.

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS

W. Louis B. Houser, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska:

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

It is a privilege and an honor to bring you greetings from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, and on their behalf I present you this basket of flowers:

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master:

Thank you, W. Brother Houser. Will you convey to the officers of the Order of the Eastern Star, and particularly to your Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jones, our deep gratitude for these beautiful flowers, which we will enjoy during the session of our Grand Lodge.

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Fay Smith, Grand Senior Deacon, then introduced the following Past Grand Masters, according to seniority:

James R. Cain, Jr.	(47th)	1912
Lewis E. Smith	(56th)	1921
Charles A. Chappell	(58th)	1923
Edwin D. Crites	(61st)	1926
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
Edward Huwaldt	(82nd)	1947
Elmer E. Magee	(83rd)	1948

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master:

Most Worshipful Brethren:

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you to this Ninety-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. You have been a credit to your Grand Lodge, and a great inspiration to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. Your usefulness has not been terminated, you have taken a very active interest in all the affairs of the Craft. We require your advice, although some times we may not take it, but nevertheless it is there, we always feel a fountain of security, whereby we may go and seek advice and instructions, and I am sure that you have always given it to us, and you have given us encouragement, and we trust that you will attend many more Annual Communications.

The Past Grand Masters were then escorted to the East and given the Grand Honors.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master, gave the

RESPONSE

M. W. Grand Master:

We certainly appreciate those wonderful words of welcome that you have given to us. It is a great honor to us to be received in this manner in our own Grand Lodge, and we do appreciate that honor. We, of course, love this Grand Lodge, not only because we have had the opportunity to serve it, but because of the great fellowship which we have had in meeting with our brethren year by year, getting to know them better and to

appreciate the great benefits of Masonic fellowship. We have watched with pride your accomplishments of the past year, things which you and your officers and your Grand Lodge have done. We throw out our chests a little as we think of the things that have been done during the past year. We watched our Home at Plattsmouth begin to expand, we are beginning to rise, and we are proud to say this is our Grand Lodge. If we, as Past Grand Masters, have been of any assistance to you during the past year we are very happy about it, because we are anxious to be of service in every way we can, and as the years go by and you, and those who follow you, join our ranks, we add thereby the wisdom and experience of the years that have passed.

We thank you very much for this hearty welcome.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

M. . W. . Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master :

We will now have the presentation of the Flag by members of the Armed Forces, stationed in the City of Omaha.

PRESENTATION OF APRONS TO ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

By M. . W. . Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master, assisted by R. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master, and W. . Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian.

M. . W. . Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master :

Worshipful Brethren:

You brothers are appearing before the sacred altar of Masonry in this Grand Lodge. The work which you are intrusted to bring to the constituent lodges and to the individual Mason has been highly appreciated, for which you have our thanks and words of appreciation. I am sure that you are in closer association with the individual Mason in all constituent lodges than any other Grand Lodge officer. You bring to that individual lodge the inspiration and the instructions and the teachings of our great order. I am very happy that the Grand Lodge has seen fit to honor you this morning officially. I am sure that you will take this message back to all the lodges in the various parts of our State. You, W. . Brother Cook, are to be highly commended for the work that you and your Assistant Custodians have done this past year. The Craft speaks very highly of your instructions.

R. . W. . Brother Hedelund, will you please address the Assistant Custodians. Your aprons will be presented by R. . W. . Brother Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master, and W. . Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian.

R. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master :

M. . W. . Grand Master, Assistant Custodians and Members of the Grand Lodge:

I know of nothing which I might do at this session of the Grand Lodge which will give me more pleasure than what W. . Brother Ray Cook and I are about to do now. I note that W. . Brother Stanley Bostwick stands as the ranking Assistant Custodian today in the Grand Lodge, (and I was not in the Grand Lodge and attended as a member at the time that he received his first commission.) I received from him and from my own good friend Dr. Lichtenwallner, and from our own good secretary of 268, a Brother McCormick, who also was an Assistant Custodian, the instructions which permitted me to receive my first certificate of proficiency in 1925, and I have maintained it since. I would have considered it a great honor to have been one of this group, but business affairs did not permit it, and, therefore, in my own way and in my own lodge and my own work I had to do the best I could. It has proven wise that there should be some distinctive badge that you might wear, which would tell the brethren that they are doing special work. If it pleases you I would like to have you agree with me, when we say in our lecture that there were in the building of King Solomon's Temple three thousand three hundred overseers, (Master Masons are overseers of work). These brethren correspond to that, and I have been overjoyed to have been permitted to help design the apron that we present to you today. I want you to see it, brethren, and I am holding it up, you may make a closer inspection afterwards, but we have chosen as its design, as you will note, the square on either corner, forming a right angle of an oblong square as a whole, and in it a trowel in a working position; that will give you the story that they are the men who oversee the work, to see that it is on the square, and have the trowel to point up the rough places for those who are actually doing the work. Brethren, it is a thing of beauty, and we hope that each man before us today may find joy in wearing it, and may long have the privilege of doing so.

Thank you.

M. . W. . Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master :

You see before you the Assistant Custodians properly clothed. I am sure that will be a great inspiration to them to do more and better work this coming year.

They are now invested with beautiful aprons. I would like to have you give them a hand.

R. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master :

W. . Stanley Bostwick, on behalf of the Assistant Custodians Emeritus, will you say a few words.

W. Stanley M. Bostwick, Assistant Custodian Emeritus:

I just want to say a word.

I am very happy to be here and enjoy this wonderful fellowship, and especially this presentation of our apron. This was certainly a surprise to me, when I heard that we were going to get something of this kind. That is one reason I tried to be here. I just passed my ninetieth birthday on the 16th of May. I have been enjoying that very much, now this will be another mile-stone that I want to keep on remembering.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

May God bless all the Masons of Nebraska, and all the Past Grand Masters and Assistant Custodians. Thank you very much.

W. Osborn P. Simon, Assistant Custodian:

On behalf of the Assistant Custodians it is my pleasure to offer our solemn thanks for this beautiful apron which has been presented to us, I am proud to be an Assistant Custodian and serving this Grand Lodge in this great United States. I thank you.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

W. Thomas D. Williams, Master, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, gave the address of welcome.

M. W. Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests and Brethren:

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome to Omaha so distinguished a group of brethren who are about to participate in the Ninety-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We are meeting here today as an organization of leaders in Masonry and we thank God for the privilege of living in a country where freedom of worship, of thought, and of speech are still our heritage.

This meeting is held at a time when the whole world is in turmoil. So many of our brethren, in distant lands, do not have the opportunity of meeting such as this. Two opposite theories of government are in mortal combat, with the forces of fundamental America on the one side, in its struggle for the preservation of truth, justice, and liberty, and on the other side stand the forces of a Godless philosophy and Atheism who offer security for liberty and who seek the concentration of power in the hands of a few men who demand that their followers shall never question orders, but follow them explicitly.

Brethren, we cannot treat lightly these thoughts. Let us concentrate upon them while we conduct the business of this governing body.

In union there is strength—so let us labor to the end that this organization of ours shall ever be found ready and willing to do its part in

the preservation of the noble ideals, not only of our Order, but of these great United States which were set up by our ancestors, many of whom were brethren of the Craft such as we are—with these thoughts in mind—let us proceed with the business of this governing body, letting peace and harmony prevail and remembering that we as Masons are looked to for guidance.

And, now again, brethren, on behalf of the eleven Omaha Masonic Lodges, I bid you a hearty welcome and may God bless you and give you wisdom.

W. Brother Bayard H. Paine, Jr., Master, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, gave the

RESPONSE

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Members of the Grand Lodge:

The Omaha lodges, through W. Brother Thomas D. Williams, have once again welcomed the representatives of 40,000 Nebraska Masons to another Annual Communication. Ashlar Lodge No. 33, of Grand Island, is honored to respond, on behalf of the other lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. We wish the Omaha brethren to know that we deeply appreciate this opportunity to assemble here, and we accept this hospitality in the same spirit of Masonic Brotherhood in which it is offered.

When we think of the word "Response", not only do we think of a response to the fine words of welcome just given to us, but also we are reminded of the response that individual members have made to Masonic principles throughout their lives. We think of brethren who have suffered sickness and ill health, yet have come back to give still more of their lives and personalities to Masonry, such as in the fine example of our Grand Master, M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein. Likewise, we remember our brethren who have passed on to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns", from the days of King Solomon and the first illustrious dead, on down to the death of our Past Grand Master, M. W. Archie M. Smith, in the Lincoln flood last month.

Further, we think of the response in time and effort that all of our Grand Lodge officers, past and present, have put forth in our behalf. We are also aware of the response of our Assistant Custodians, headed by that peer of genial personality, W. Raymond C. Cook, and all of his splendid assistants, including the two that I personally know best, W. Robert W. Cook, Assistant Custodian in Central Nebraska, and W. Fred G. Christensen, Assistant Custodian Emeritus, both of Ashlar Lodge. All of these brethren have responded far above the call of duty in giving hours and hours of their time, in order that each lodge may eventually reach that degree of proficiency, which the Grand Lodge has a right to expect from us, if we really love our Masonry.

Nor should we forget those faithful brethren on the posting committees in every lodge, who have responded with countless evenings of work, in order that newly obligated candidates are indoctrinated with a proper love and respect for our ancient and honorable institution. Thus, we see that our great fraternity owes much to those who have responded with services of so many different kinds.

In a talk in Indianapolis, while attending the raising of a friend to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, President Harry S. Truman stated, "Freemasonry takes good men and makes them better. Its principles, which are taught in the Book which we open on our altars, are the principles which make for good citizenship and upright living."

Four weeks ago, on May 2nd, in the Hotel Astor in New York City, the Grand Lodge of New York gave a dinner for J. Edgar Hoover, who is a Mason as well as Director of the FBI. In his address that evening, in addition to bringing out what it would mean if atheistic Communism were to gain control of this country, he declared, "Freemasonry has, for centuries, meant constructive building, in the hearts of men, in the life of institutions, and in the souls of nations."

General Omar N. Bradley, who not only is Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States Army, but also is a Mason, and whom I saw many times during the twenty months I served overseas with the First Army, from the Normandy invasion on through the Battle of the Bulge, wrote an article in Collier's Magazine, entitled, "What You Owe Your Country." General Bradley said, "A nation's strength is not to be found in its treasury statements. It lies instead in the national character of its people, in their willingness to sacrifice leisure, comfort, and a share of their talents for the welfare of the nation of which they are a part."

This brings me to my last thought, namely, whether each one of us is willing to respond with a sacrificial sharing from our hearts for our less fortunate brethren at The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. Our Grand Master has urged us to respond this year with every lodge completing its quota for the Building Fund. However, what I am here referring to is something entirely different. It is the voluntary sending of food to the Home at Thanksgiving. This custom originated, I believe, a few years ago when Robert W. Furnas Lodge, Scottsbluff, shipped a car of potatoes.

Two years ago, under the chairmanship of Ashlar's W. Robert W. Boon, whose avoirdupois is matched only by the greatness of his heart, the two Grand Island lodges, 318 and Ashlar 33, sent a year's supply of flour and sugar, plus canned goods, to the Home. Last fall, due to the fine publicity given by W. Brother Boon, several other lodges in Central Nebraska joined with Grand Island in this worthy project, resulting in 24,000 pounds of canned goods and other food arriving at the Home on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

If each lodge in Nebraska would respond in a like manner this year, with the sharing of a bit of that with which God has blessed us, think

of the joy you would bring to the hearts of those at Plattsmouth, such as Grand Custodian Emeritus W. Lute M. Savage, in the knowledge that their brethren throughout the state were thinking of them, and they were not forgotten. To avoid duplication, perhaps it would be advisable to check with the Superintendent, W. William F. Evers, concerning the most pertinent needs of the Home.

My prayer is that each Worshipful Master will determine that his lodge will be represented in this voluntary sharing, so that, in response to the increasing needs of our Home at Plattsmouth, caravans of food and other merchandise will be arriving in greater abundance than ever before, at Thanksgiving.

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

Charters and Dispensations: W. Robert W. Cook, 33, Chairman, Edward W. Lowder, 158, and Floyd C. Wisner, 265.

Credentials: W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman, William C. Smith, Sr., 136, Clarence E. Ledgway, 6, Kermit F. Hultgren, 126, Kem C. David, 169.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. Joseph D. Houston, 302, Chairman, Merle M. Hatch, 54, and John H. Williams, 211.

Finance: W. C. Ray Macy, 26, Chairman, Ernest E. James 1, Fred D. Moshier, 281, Melvin E. Johnson, 112, Welcome W. Naylor, 158.

Pay-roll: W. John K. Cassel, 224, Chairman, Alfred G. Taylor, 205, Silas A. Wilson, 46.

Returns: W. Clyde H. Jones, 173, Chairman, Wayne W. Loftis, 222, Frank F. McMullen, 241.

Unfinished Business: W. Carlos E. Schaper, 148, Chairman, Donald C. Yungblut, 19, John R. Barber, 98.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: W. Lew B. Pixley, 1, Chairman, Harry M. Green, 25, John E. Simpson, 11.

Grievances: W. Herbert T. White, 11, Chairman, Howard J. Hunter, 59, Bernard B. Harris, 265.

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

Temple Building Advisory Committee: W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman (1952), Victor Bryan, 263 (1950), Clarence V. Dixon, 227 (1951).

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: W. Cary W. Dressler, 32, Chairman, Elmer P. Baruth, 323, Perry W. Phillips, 150.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE

Jurisprudence Committee: M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman, all Past Grand Masters present.

Codification of the Law: W. Harold M. Kelley, 302, Chairman, Norris Chadderdon, 146, Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.

Fraternal Dead: W. Carroll E. Schurmann, 15, Chairman, Paul L. Constant, 11, Willis A. Garriss, 17.

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

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

Masonic Education: W. Roy W. Deal, 227, Chairman, Ralph M. Marrs, 184, M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Edward Huwaldt, 318, W. John E. Curtiss, 79.

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman (1952), Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1950), Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1951).

Grand Trustees: W. Robert D. Wilson, 268, Chairman (1951), Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1950), M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1952).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Omaha Masonic Home for Boys: M. W. Walter R. Raecke, 36, Chairman (1950), W. Carl W. Rensch, 19 (1951), Ralph M. Carhart, 120 (1952).

Centennial: W. George W. Rosenlof, 77, Chairman, William J. Baird, 268, Carroll E. Schurmann, 15, Harold H. Thom, 1.

Robert Carrel Jordan Memorial: M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

M. W. Elmer S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master, read his Address.

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

Brethren:

It is indeed a great pleasure and privilege for me to extend to you a most sincere and cordial welcome to this 93rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and to see so many of you present at this opening session, from all parts of the state.

To those who are here for the first time, I assure you that your participation in the affairs and deliberations of this Grand Lodge will be received with due respect and kindest consideration. It is my wish that your attendance be profitable, and that you will determine never again to miss an occasion of this kind. May the friendships you form here be a source of strength to help you carry on in the years that lie ahead.

To those in regular attendance, who value highly their Masonic friendships and cherish the memories of their past experiences at Grand Lodge, we are equally happy to again have your presence.

To our Distinguished Guests we extend a hearty welcome and we trust that your visit with us will be most pleasant and profitable.

A year ago you honored me at your 92nd Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge by electing me as your Grand Master. I wish to thank you and assure you of my heartfelt appreciation, and trust that the confidence so reposed in me has not been misplaced.

I have considered the office of Grand Master a sacred trust and have endeavored, with the help of Almighty God, to handle the problems and affairs of this great Order to the best of my ability. As we assemble here this morning for our 93rd Annual Communication, let us give thanks to our Supreme Grand Master for this privilege and His manifold blessings, which He has so generously bestowed upon us as an organization and as individuals.

During the year I voiced officially some thoughts and sentiments which perhaps should be recorded at least briefly; I chose as my motto or slogan "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE," and at our first official meeting of your Grand Lodge Officers at Wahoo, September 7, 1949, I directed that the program for the year should be the spreading of greater Masonic light throughout the State and emphasizing the great "power of example."

I am told that there is a Church in Switzerland among the Alps far up on the mountainside, and in it there are no lights or lamps. When the time comes for evening service, one can see the villagers coming from their homes, each one bearing his own light. At first, there is only a glimmer in the darkness, but when all have arrived for the service, the little Church is aglow with the combined light of many lamps and candles.

Many of us have only a small light, perhaps; others have a larger light. But the world has no light at all, save as we all bring our lights together. The world is waiting for the Masonic Lights of human love, friendliness, cheer, kindness, courage, faith, hope and prayer as should be exemplified in the individual life of every Master Mason. Are you bringing your light to help brighten a dark world?

There are five major approaches to Masonry, namely:

1. Historical
2. Ritualistic
3. Philosophical
4. Psychological
5. Ethical

I am of the opinion that in all our work and education in spreading the Light of Masonry, the emphasis should be placed on the Ethical Approach, as being the most vital and important.

We should never lose sight of the dynamics of Masonry as it affects individual character. We are taught that Masonry is not a religion, but

is a way of life. Masonry is a builder of men, of communities, of states, of nations. It teaches, both in theory and practice, the value of individual effort and the unlimited possibilities of power in the influence of a single human life.

Let every individual Mason here take back to his home lodge the thought that we have a personal responsibility in supporting and maintaining the noble democratic institutions of this great country—the home, the public schools, and the church.

In so doing, my Brethren, let us bear in mind that we should always exemplify the truth, light, and principles which we were taught at our Sacred Altar by being a power of example for good, and following the precepts set forth in the Sermon on the Mount by the Great Teacher and Saviour of men.

“Let your light so shine before
men, that they may see your good
works, and glorify your Father
which is in heaven.”

It now becomes necessary, according to our rules and regulations, to make an accounting to the Grand Lodge and to you Brethren of my acts and doings during my term of office.

NECROLOGY

The Great Architect of the Universe, in His Infinite Wisdom, on the 8th day of May, 1950, saw fit to call from labor our M. W. Brother Archie M. Smith, 69th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, having served this Grand Jurisdiction in 1933-1934.

M. W. Brother Smith and his wife met tragic death the afternoon of May 8, in the flashfloods near Lincoln. They were enroute by automobile from Geneva to attend the Diamond Jubilee of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Lincoln.

The constituent lodges of our Grand Jurisdiction have reported the loss of 690 of our beloved Brethren during the past year. To the bereaved we offer our heartfelt sympathy, and trust they have abiding faith and consolation in meeting their loved ones in the Heavenly Mansions prepared by our loving Father. The Committee on Fraternal Dead, in its report to this Grand Lodge, will pay a proper tribute of respect to these Brethren; however, I desire to mention the passing of the following eminent Brethren who rendered distinguished service for many years to the Craft in this jurisdiction.

W. Wesley W. Williams, Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance.

W. Benjamin F. Pitman, member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, Member of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home, 1916-1950; member of the Board of Trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, 1926-

1943. Brother Pitman received a Certificate from this Grand Lodge in 1949 for attending fifty consecutive Annual Communications.

W. F. Ray Dilts, Assistant Custodian.

W. Frank Cargill Patton, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Nebraska, and Venerable Lieutenant Grand Commander, Supreme Council 33° of the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

“Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.”

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

The Gold Jordan Medal of this Grand Jurisdiction is in the possession of, and worn with distinction by our Brother Hiram A. Harter, a member of Aurora Lodge No. 68 of Aurora. Brother Harter was born March 12, 1853, and is 97 years of age. He is one of our beloved guests at The Nebraska Masonic Home. We wish for Brother Harter many more happy years.

BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL

During the past year, Bronze Jordan Medals were presented to 28 Brethren in this jurisdiction. May we extend to each of these Brethren a word of appreciation for the faithful service they have rendered to Masonry. I had the pleasure of presenting several of these medals.

FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

It was my happy privilege on several occasions during the year to present 50-Year Buttons to those of our Brethren who have enjoyed a half-century of Masonic membership.

I extend my heartiest congratulations and best wishes that a generous portion of good health may be theirs for many years to come, and their remaining years may be a benediction upon our fraternity.

CORNER-STONE LAYING

It is a pleasure to report that we had a request to lay a corner-stone on November 15, 1949, in Beaver City for the Furnas County Court House. It was a venerable occasion long to be remembered by the community.

When properly done, this short but dignified ceremony reflects much credit upon our fraternity. Undoubtedly, we would receive many more invitations to perform this ceremony if the Masons throughout the state would call to the attention of those in authority on proper occasions the fact that such ceremony would be performed upon request.

DEDICATIONS

We had the pleasure and privilege during the past year of dedicating seven Masonic edifices to the cause of Freemasonry, which services were well attended. Much interest was manifested by the many Brethren and persons in attendance. We wish for the Brethren many happy and beneficial years in which to promote the interests of the craft in these communities, which are as follows:

October 28, 1949. Boaz 185, Danbury.

November 3. Silver Cord 224, Ainsworth.

November 11. Victory 310, Valley.

March 21, 1950. Cable 225, Arnold.

March 22. Bayard 301, Bayard.

May 15. Cairo 324, Cairo.

May 16. Swastika 280, Sargent.

APPROVAL OF NEW MASONIC TEMPLES

Upon the recommendation of the Temple Building Advisory Committee of this Grand Lodge, I have approved the financing and construction of new Masonic Temples for the following lodges:

April 28, 1950. Gothenburg 249 and Thistle No. 61.

The Temple Building Advisory Committee, and especially Brother Otto Nelsen, its chairman, each are entitled to words of commendation for the work and efforts put forth in examining plans and specifications, in making its recommendations to this Grand Lodge, and assisting and guiding the Brethren in promoting and erecting these new buildings.

The Brethren of these lodges are to be congratulated in promoting such worthy projects. We wish for them success in completing the new Temples without the loss of a human life in the construction thereof. We trust that these new Temples may be a monument to promoting the interests of Freemasonry.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

During the term of my office I have had the pleasure of attending all the meetings held by the Board of Grand Trustees. I wish to assure the members of this Grand Jurisdiction that the financial interests of our Grand Lodge are being well managed by very competent and efficient Brethren. These Trustees, I am sure, have our thanks and words of appreciation for their unselfish work and service rendered in sharing their busy lives for the interests of our Order.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

At Plattsmouth, your Grand Lodge maintains its splendid home for the aged, where many of our Brethren, their wives and widows are our guests. This home is efficiently operated by our distinguished Brother William F. Evers, Superintendent, and his capable wife. I have visited

this home on many occasions and have always been received with every courtesy. Brother Peter L. Bauer, of Columbus, is President of the Board of Trustees.

May I express my great appreciation to the management of this fine Home for the efficient service it is rendering to Masons, their families and loved ones in this Grand Jurisdiction. From a small beginning, through wise management, a sympathetic feeling for the ills of humanity, and a determination to render a much needed service, it has developed into one of the leaders in this field. It has become a haven of refuge in the time of storm, exemplifying a most important factor in a practical way of the tenets of our institution, and the obligation taken at our Sacred Altar of Masonry.

The \$450,000.00 contract for the construction of its improvement and expansion, so urgently needed, has been let, and the actual building of this project is under way and will be completed we hope in the ensuing Masonic year.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

In conjunction with the Order of the Eastern Star in this Grand Jurisdiction, we assist in maintaining a children's home at Fremont. Many times during the past year I have visited this Home and attended its Board of Trustees' meetings; upon every occasion I have been received as a most welcome visitor. This Grand Jurisdiction should be complimented on the very efficient operation and maintenance of this Home by our Eminent Brother James C. Suttie, President of the Board of Trustees, and Brother James Russell Reeder, Superintendent of the Home, assisted by his lovely wife and an able staff, all of whom are an honor and a credit to our great fraternity.

I had the joy and satisfaction of attending the Christmas party in the Home. I was very much delighted in seeing the happy faces of the boys and girls and their young hearts cheered by the happiness afforded through the generosity of the members of these two great orders. May we seriously consider this sacred trust which we have been so highly privileged to administer in having this golden opportunity to mold the young lives entrusted to our care, building in each life good citizenship and a Christian character.

DISPENSATIONS

Dispensations to constituent lodges, for good cause shown, were issued by me during my term of office, and are as follows:

To elect and install—12.

To confer degrees without regard to time on men in the armed forces
14.

Extension of time for proficiency—19.

Miscellaneous—7.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

I have approved 176 amendments to by-laws changing dues and fees, 10 amendments to change meeting time and date, 6 miscellaneous amendments and 16 complete by-laws, a total of 207.

REINSTATEMENTS

Applications for reinstatements were received from 102 petitioners who had been suspended for more than three years. In every instance I followed the recommendations of your Committee on Applications for Reinstatement. This Committee deserves our thanks and appreciation for its untiring and conscientious efforts in making thorough investigation of each applicant.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

In all my visits over this Grand Jurisdiction, I have heard the highest words of praise and deep appreciation of the splendid and efficient work of our Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, and his corps of assistants. The new geographical arrangement of the Assistant Custodians in the state has been notably productive of improved ritualistic work and stimulated interest in that part of our activities. This new arrangement has brought opportunity to learn the work to the more isolated constituent lodge. These Brethren have given much of their talent, time and energy to this effort—and at considerable personal sacrifice. I am sure we are all most appreciative of this, and extend to them our sincere thanks and hope for further success in obtaining uniformity and precision in the practice of the ritual. The goal established by this Grand Lodge is, "Every lodge proficient in the work and every lodge having at least one member who is certified."

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

It was my pleasure to appoint, on recommendation of W. Brother Raymond C. Cook, those Assistant Custodians who had served the previous year. In addition, on recommendation of W. Brother Cook, I appointed the following Assistant Custodians:

Paul D. Fleming, Beaver City No. 93.

Ralph M. Carhart, Wayne No. 120.

REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

At the request of the Grand Master of the respective Grand Lodges, I was happy to issue the following commissions as representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near their respective Grand Lodge:

Ottorino Maggiore, Italy.

V. B. Samuel Rodriguez, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Raimundo Nonato do Vale, Ceara, Brazil.

Jose Cesario Harta, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

Cassio Ciampolini, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Frederick James Hayward Mosman, New South Wales.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

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

Robert D. Wilson, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

William G. Putney, Italy.

George O. Sizemore, Ceara, Brazil.

John J. Helzer, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

Nile O. Walther, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Fay Smith, Cuba.

Ernest E. James, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

Howard J. Hunter, Kansas.

Welcome W. Naylor, Montana.

Morace F. Smith, Arizona.

Carlos E. Schaper, Maine.

GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE

I was much gratified to have the honor to attend the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America in Washington, D. C., February 20-21, 1950, accompanied by R. W. John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; M. W. William B. Wanner, Past Grand Master; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, and Grand Secretary Emeritus.

Grand Masters from Canada, Cuba, Mexico, Porto Rico, and Chile attended this conference. An excellent program and wonderful papers on timely subjects of interest to Masonry were presented, imparting to us much inspiration and information.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

The high point of the Conference of Grand Masters was the unveiling of the 18-foot bronze statue of our illustrious W. Brother George Washington on Wednesday, the 22nd day of February, 1950, in the Washington Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

A well-arranged and appropriate program was presented, including splendid addresses by distinguished Masons, among whom was M. W. Brother Harry S. Truman, Past Grand Master of Missouri, President of the United States, who spoke on "Foreign Affairs." It would be time well spent for anyone visiting our National Capitol to seize the opportunity to admire this Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, and see this inspiring statue of the Father of our Country, and a great Mason.

THE MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

On September 12 and 13, 1949, there was held in the Hotel Royal York, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the 28th Annual Meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. The Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska was represented by M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, R. W. John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and myself. The purpose and work of the association were brought out by many interesting papers by Brothers having first hand information pertaining to relief and the handling of disasters of national importance.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A special committee was appointed by your Grand Master, consisting of M. W. Edward F. Carter, Chairman, M. W. Walter R. Raecke, and M. W. Earl J. Lee, Past Grand Masters, to make a careful study of the proposed amendment to Article XIV of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. and to Section 2-904 of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge pertaining to its constitutionality in relation to the physical requirements necessary to petition for the degrees of Masonry. This committee made its report and recommendations to the Grand Master that the decision of this question was for me to make; the final decision, of course, rests with the Grand Lodge. A copy of the report of this committee, with my decision, was mailed January 23, 1950, to each of the chartered lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction for consideration. Your action and final decision on this question will be before you at this Communication.

I am sure that this committee has our thanks and appreciation for the splendid report, as it clearly presents to the members of this jurisdiction a definite and scholarly interpretation of the landmarks of our fraternity and the legal principles involved.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

We had the happy privilege during the past year to visit a number of our sister Grand Jurisdictions and observe the working of their Grand Lodges, note the problems that confront them, and their methods of solving them. Such visits also give opportunity for discussion of matters that are of general interest to Freemasonry wherever dispersed, and help to bring about a more pronounced fraternal feeling because of the personal contacts and friendships that are made.

On each such visitation every possible courtesy and consideration was extended, an official reception accorded and an opportunity given to address the Grand Lodge; banquets and informal gatherings also added much to the pleasure of such occasions.

A list of these visits are as follows:

M. W. Elmer E. Magee was my personal representative at the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, at Sioux Falls.

Grand Lodge of Iowa, at Cedar Rapids.

Grand Lodge of Wyoming, at Laramie.

I appointed R. W. Thomas J. Aron, Grand Senior Warden, to be my personal representative at the Grand Lodge of Colorado, at Denver.

Grand Lodge of Missouri, at St. Louis.

Grand Lodge of Illinois, at Chicago.

Grand Lodge of Texas, at Waco.

Grand Lodge of Louisiana, at New Orleans.

I appointed R. W. Edward M. Knight, Grand Junior Warden, to be my personal representative at the Grand Lodge of Kansas, at Topeka.

As individual Masons we greatly appreciated the honors and courtesies bestowed upon us at these occasions, and as Grand Officers we are most happy to bring such recognition to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. The memories of these occasions will ever be most pleasant ones.

VISITATIONS—AFFILIATED MASONIC BODIES

During the year I received many kind and courteous invitations to attend Masonic meetings throughout the state. By virtue of my office, I was received most graciously at the meetings of these recognized bodies of Freemasonry, which, with a few exceptions, are as follows:

November 18, 1949. Lincoln Consistory, Scottish Rite Banquet.

December 1. Valley of Omaha, Traditional Consistory Banquet, Scottish Rite.

December 7. Grand Chapter, R. A. M., R. W. John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master, my personal representative.

March 17, 1950. Valley of Lincoln, Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet.

March 20. Tangier Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. Visit of Harold Clayton Lloyd, Illustrious Imperial Potentate, by M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, my personal representative.

March 28. National Sojourners Club Banquet.

April 19. Past Commanders' Association Banquet, K. T.

April 21. Sesostri Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Banquet.

April 27. Valley of Omaha, Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet.

May 8. Grand Chapter, O. E. S., Banquet and Ball, Lincoln.

May 9. Grand Chapter, O. E. S. Diamond Jubilee, 75th Annual Session.

MASONIC VISITATIONS

Obviously a Grand Master cannot accept all the many invitations he receives. I regret that it was impossible for me and the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge to accept every invitation. We would have done so

had there not been conflicting engagements and other interference. I adopted the program of M. W. Elmer E. Magee, my predecessor, in visiting as many of the smaller lodges as possible, and those which had not heretofore had a visit from any Grand Lodge Officer. We were graciously received in each of these many visits and found a very energetic spirit of Freemasonry existing among the Brethren, much to our satisfaction, personal inspiration, and a buoyancy to promote the purposes of our great fraternity. A list of these visitations is as follows:

- June 23, 1949. Bee Hive 184, 60th Anniversary.
- June 24, Rob Morris 46, 75th Anniversary.
- July 17. Committee on Masonic Education.
- August 2. Occidental 215.
- August 5. Pomegranate 110.
- September 7. Wahoo 59.
- September 21. Hampton 245*.
- September 27. Eminence 223*.
- September 28. Justice 180x.
- September 30. Signet 193†.
- October 3. Aurora 68*.
- October 3. Reception for M. W. Don Carpenter, Grand Master of Iowa, Council Bluffs.
- October 4. Golden Rule 236, Dixon County Masonic Association.
- October 6. Garfield 95.
- October 7. Hooper 72†.
- October 10. Keystone 62*.
- October 14. Friendship 239*.
- October 17. Amity 169.
- October 21. Lancaster 54, Diamond Jubilee.
- October 22. Omaha 288.
- October 26. Washington 21†.
- October 28. Boaz 185.
- November 5. Exeter 283.
- November 5. Mystic Tie 166.
- November 2. Scribner 132†.
- November 3. Silver Cord 224.
- November 4. Oak Leaf 312.
- November 4. Pythagoras 156.
- November 7. Wahoo 59, Reception for the Grand Master.
- November 8. Jewel 149*.
- November 8. Friendship 239†.
- November 9. Cedar River 89†.

- November 10. Western 140^o.
November 11. Victory 310.
November 12. John J. Mercer 290.
November 14. Geneva 79.
November 15. Beaver City 93.
November 16. Emmet Crawford 148.
November 17. Hiram 52, 75th Anniversary.
November 18. Crete 37^o.
November 21. Thistle 61.
November 28. Euclid 97.
December 12. Pomegranate 110.
December 13. Mt. Nebo 125†.
December 15. Hartington 155.
December 16. George W. Lininger 268.
December 20. Blue Valley 64^o.
December 29. George Armstrong 241.
January 3, 1950. Fremont 15.
January 4. Wahoo 59.
January 6. Florence 281.
January 10. Western 140†.
January 14. John J. Mercer 290.
January 16. Golden Sheaf 202.
January 30. Euclid 97†.
February 3. George W. Lininger 268†.
February 10. Tekamah 31†.
February 15. Culbertson 174x.
February 16. Friend 73^o.
March 7. Ogalalla 159x.
March 20. Platte Valley 32.
March 21. Cable 225.
March 22. Mullen 282.
March 22. Bayard 301.
March 24. Gothenburg 249.
March 24. Cement 211.
March 27. Robert Burns 173x.
March 28. Nebraska 1†.
April 5. Nehawka 246, 50th Anniversary.
April 18. Landmark 222.
April 22. Mizpah 302.
April 24. Hartington 155.

- April 25. Oak Leaf 312.
 April 25. Wisner 114.
 April 26. Plattsmouth 6.
 May 2. Elm Creek 133xx
 May 9. Compass and Square 212xx.
 May 10. Gothenburg 249xx.
 May 14. Washington 21.
 May 15. Cairo 324.
 May 16. Lotus 289.
 May 16. Swastika 280.
 May 22. Wahoo 59, 75th Anniversary.
 May 23. Square 151.

†R.'.W.'.John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master.

©R.'.W.'.Thomas J. Aron, Grand Senior Warden.

xxV.'.W.'.Laurence R. Davis, Grand Chaplain.

†W.'.Russell A. Robinson, Grand Orator.

xW.'.Fay Smith, Grand Senior Deacon.

*W.'.Charles F. Adams, Grand Junior Deacon.

AREA MEETINGS

We again followed the plan of four Area Meetings in this Grand Jurisdiction, under the arrangements of the Committee on Masonic Education. The Area Meetings were held as follows:

October 17, 1949. Rushville.

November 14. Geneva.

March 20, 1950. North Platte.

April 24. Hartington.

We were favored by excellent addresses on timely subjects at these meetings.

The need has long been felt by the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction of bringing the Grand Lodge closer to its constituents, and of giving a systematic instruction in the work, tenets and principles of Freemasonry. I am of the opinion that this desire has been fully realized by such Area Meetings.

The host lodges and the Committee on Masonic Education deserve our compliments and congratulations for having accomplished this splendid undertaking.

We were especially honored at the Hartington meeting by the presence of M.'.W.'.Harry H. Margolin, Grand Master, R.'.W.'.Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary, and V.'.W.'.Frank W. Cannon, Grand Chaplain, of South Dakota.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

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

- Nebraska Lodge No. 1—2
- Lincoln Lodge No. 19—1
- Jordan Lodge No. 27—1
- Wahoo Lodge No. 59—1
- Wymore Lodge No. 104—1
- Square Lodge No. 151—1
- Bayard Lodge No. 301—1
- Mizpah Lodge No. 302—1
- Right Angle Lodge No. 303—1
- Craftsmen Lodge No. 314—1

The Trial Commissions thus appointed have nobly performed and disposed of the task assigned, and deserve our commendation.

DECISIONS

I have received many communications from the constituent lodges in relation to questions and problems arising in their various lodges. With a careful study of our Masonic Code most of these could be solved; however, I deemed it advisable to interpret the law and referred the inquirer to the section of the Code, and cases cited thereunder, for my authority. A few of these communications involved an opinion and decision on my part as Grand Master and are as follows:

Dual Membership

1. Jachin Lodge No. 146 of Holdrege asked the question, "Could a brother who holds membership in his parent lodge, Gothenburg No. 249 of Gothenburg, and holds resident membership in Jachin Lodge No. 146, secure a demit from said Gothenburg lodge without affecting his membership in the said Holdrege Lodge?"

I held that the brother would be entitled to a demit from the Gothenburg lodge without affecting his membership in the Holdrege lodge and suggested that the brother, in his written application for a demit to the Gothenburg lodge, state that this demit is wanted for the purpose of terminating his membership in the Gothenburg lodge. After procuring this demit, he should notify the Holdrege lodge that he has terminated membership in the Gothenburg lodge. The Holdrege lodge should then take up his demit and show on its records that his membership in the Gothenburg lodge has been terminated.

Bronze Jordan Medal

2. Jachin Lodge No. 146 of Holdrege raised the question as to who is entitled to the Bronze Jordan Medal, Brother A who was raised May

21, 1901, but who was suspended at least twice for a period of about four years in all, or Brother B who was raised April 11, 1902, with no suspensions.

I held that Brother B would be entitled to the Bronze Jordan Medal for the reason that Brother A was not a member in good standing continuously for as long a period of time as Brother B. Reasoning from an analogy on the law pertaining to the Fifty-year Button, I would say that the member must be a resident of Nebraska, with a continuous membership in a Nebraska lodge.

Affiliation

3. York Lodge No. 56 of York inquired whether a brother petitioning for affiliation on demit, and not otherwise vouched for, must be examined before sitting in the lodge or being elected a member thereof.

I held that the brother, not otherwise vouched for, must be examined before being permitted to sit in the lodge or being elected a member thereof.

Proficiency

4. Mason City Lodge No. 170 asked the questions, "Can charges be preferred against a Master Mason who flatly refuses to qualify and pass an examination as to his proficiency in the Master Mason Degree, and should such brother be allowed to cast a ballot on a petitioner for the degrees of Masonry when he himself can not prove himself to be a Master Mason?"

I held that such a brother renders himself liable to charges and your Lodge should prefer charges against him; also, that your lodge cannot deny such a brother the right to vote upon any question coming before the lodge, but that such a brother is not entitled to a demit, a diploma or to hold office in a lodge until he qualifies and passes an examination as to his proficiency in the Master Mason Degree.

DISPENSATION TO FORM NEW LODGE DENIED

A number of Master Masons of Omaha requested me to grant a dispensation to form a new lodge in Omaha. A hearing was granted to these Brethren. After the hearing, the matter was taken under advisement, and after diligent inquiry and investigation as to the advisability of establishing a new lodge in Omaha, the request was denied.

AUTHORITY GRANTED TO CHANGE THE MEETING PLACE OF LODGE

Authority was granted to the following lodges to change their meeting places to a new location. These new locations were approved by the Temple Building Advisory Committee:

Cairo No. 324, Cairo.

Crescent No. 143, Primrose.

Valley No. 157, Wilsonville.

Oak Leaf No. 312, Lynch.

THE OMAHA MASONIC HOME FOR BOYS

This home is doing a splendid work with the homeless boys who have been entrusted to its care. Its cottages in Omaha are well situated in beautiful surroundings, making it an ideal place to develop the character of young lives.

The Home is in no way connected with, or a part of, this Grand Lodge, and we do not assume any responsibility whatsoever in its support, government, or maintenance. However, we had the pleasure of a conference with Brother Harry Bruner, Executive Secretary.

AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION

The automatic suspension plan adopted by this Grand Jurisdiction last year, which is now in force, has proven to be just and beneficial both to the individual member and to his lodge.

RECEPTION GIVEN BY MY HOME LODGE

On November 7, 1949, I was given a public reception in the Wahoo Masonic Temple by Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo Chapter No. 43, R. A. M., and Stella Chapter No. 57, O. E. S. All of the lodges of Saunders County, namely, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, Square Lodge No. 151, Occidental Lodge No. 215 and Comet Lodge No. 229, were represented at this reception.

We were especially honored by the presence of M. W. Don Carpenter, Grand Master of Masons of Iowa; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, our Grand Secretary, and their wives.

The occasion was a most delightful one and I shall always treasure it in my fondest memories.

OCCASIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

On Friday, October 21, 1949, an occasional communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, for the purpose of presenting, on behalf of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, a Certificate of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to M. W. Roscoe Pound. The presentation was made by M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master and a Past Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, in reply to which M. W. Brother Pound responded with a very able and scholarly address for the occasion.

This was also the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

Lancaster Lodge No. 54 was a most excellent host in providing a banquet for this singular occasion.

On May 14, 1950, in company with the following Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters: R. W. John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Junior Deacon; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, John R. Tapster, Walter

R. Raecke, Earl J. Lee, George A. Kurk and Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Masters, and R. E. William F. Evers, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska, an Occasional Grand Lodge was opened at Blair for the purpose of conducting the funeral service for M. W. Archie M. Smith of Pender, 69th Grand Master of Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction. The Oration was delivered by M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master, with W. Harold H. Thom as Grand Chaplain.

MEMORIALS

A Memorial Fund has been established by the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home, a record of which is kept by R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Secretary, in his office in Omaha. Money may be paid to this fund by the members of our craft to perpetuate the memory of a loved one. Quite a few such memorials have been received during the year and we hope that this fund will be greatly increased in the years to come.

PERSHING MEMORIAL

W. Harry R. Follmer of Nelson Lodge No. 77 has made an excellent contribution in the way of a scholarly biography of Brother John J. Pershing, distinguished General of World War I and a Nebraska Mason. This work entitled "Foot Prints on the Sands of Time" evidences much time and effort spent on the part of Brother Follmer in gathering the facts and materials necessary to make this contribution available to all the members of the craft. It will be kept in the office of our Grand Secretary in Omaha.

We wish to extend to Brother Follmer our thanks and appreciation for this valuable and beautiful gift. It was presented to our Grand Lodge at the Area Meeting in Geneva, November 14, 1949.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Progress and improvement in our great fraternity in my opinion can only be made by discovering weaknesses and then applying corrective remedies; it is my belief that this philosophy holds true in our Freemasonry just as it does in civil, scientific, industrial and professional spheres.

One of the most important weaknesses of our fraternity relates to our newly-made members, our manner of rushing them through the degrees, and our apparent lack of interest in them at the time when their desire for more and further light in Masonry is their greatest need if they are to become strong and active members of the craft. I would advise that more time be spent with our candidates and our newly-made members in educating them in the principles, philosophy and historic background of our institution.

Under the new plans and program worked out by our Grand Custodian, and put into operation the past year by conducting more schools and Central Schools of Instructions throughout the state, I am sure that

the work of our fraternity will be more efficiently presented to the membership, which no doubt will bring the results desired.

With a large number of young men coming into our order, it is necessary that the program of our Committee on Masonic Education must bring to each individual member a better knowledge of the aim and purpose of our great fraternity.

It is gratifying to note the interest and enthusiasm shown by our brethren throughout the state. Our roll, as of December 31, 1949 shows our membership of Master Masons to be 41,379, an increase of 758 during the past year. Many of our constituent lodges own their homes free and clear of all encumbrances. Our Temple Building Advisory Committee has approved the construction of new Masonic edifices in several of the chartered lodges for the ensuing year, and the indications are for more of such improvements and acquisitions throughout this jurisdiction.

REQUIREMENTS

In order to accomplish the results as heretofore related under the various subjects, it has necessitated much time, effort, and travel on the part of your Grand Lodge Officers. I personally have traveled 6,985 miles by air, 5,600 miles by rail, 900 miles by bus and 11,500 miles by automobile, as well as writing 1,295 letters, which required the employment of a secretary part of the time. We were all very glad to have an opportunity of serving the membership of our craft in the interests of Masonry.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that Section 2-407, Nebraska Masonic Code, 1946, be repealed for the reason that said section is now covered by Section 2-607A, under the subject of Automatic Suspension.

2. I recommend that Section 2-607, Nebraska Masonic Code, 1946, pertaining to the payment of lodge dues, be repealed for the reason that said section is now covered by Section 2-607A, under the subject of Automatic Suspension.

3. I recommend that the sum of \$75,000.00 from the Building and Improvement Fund of this Grand Lodge be appropriated and transferred to the Building Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home to assist in the completion of the new building.

4. I recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to study Section 2-402 and Section 2-404 relating to the examination for proficiency of each of the degrees of Masonry, with a view of making the operation of the law more effective insofar as it relates to the examination for proficiency in the Master Mason degree, and for such committee to bring in an amendment or recommendation at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The matter of conducting funerals for deceased brethren who are not members of any Omaha lodge has proved to be a difficult one because

of the inability of the Omaha Lodges to bring out enough of their brethren to do this in a proper manner. This matter having come before the Masters and Wardens of the Omaha Lodges for discussion and an attempt at solution has brought about a request from them, approved at a meeting held during the month of May, 1950, that the Grand Lodge authorize and issue a dispensation creating a lodge in Omaha for the sole and only purpose of conducting the funeral of deceased sojourning Master Masons.

I approve this proposal and recommend that the Grand Lodge do grant such dispensation.

CONCLUSION

I realize that with the closing of this 93rd Annual Communication my stewardship of the problems and affairs of this Grand Lodge entrusted to my care during the past year will be completed, but my work in the interest of Freemasonry is not finished. I know there is much left undone for the good of the Order. We often think in performing tasks and duties that we have done our utmost.

I am reminded of the incident which occurred in the life of young Spencer, a student of Northwestern University, Chicago. Spencer was an expert swimmer, having swum the Mississippi while a boy. A ship with crew and passengers aboard, storm-tossed on Lake Michigan just off the Coast of Northwestern University Campus, signaled distress. No assistance seemed to be available. Young Spencer rose to the occasion, throwing himself amidst the tossing waves, and with his repeated heroic efforts single-handed rescued many lives from the sinking vessel.

As he lay prostrate and exhausted, his many friends gathered around expressing words of admiration for this noble deed of valor, to which he responded in feeble tones, scarcely audible, "Yes, but did I do my best?"

I should like to take this means of expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Masons of Nebraska for the honor and privilege of serving as Grand Master. In my life this has been a most interesting year, and I shall always remember and cherish the rich experiences which were mine. I tried to do the best I knew how to reciprocate the many kindnesses shown me by the Masons of Nebraska and for their more recent display of confidence in me.

The Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Committee members with whom I had the pleasure to labor for the interest of the Craft during my term of office have been extremely kind, patient, considerate and most cooperative with me, performing any and all work assigned to them. They have ever been a great help and inspiration to me, exemplifying the true spirit and attitude of a real Masonic brother.

To you, R. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen, our Grand Secretary, I wish to especially thank and express my deepest appreciation for the kind and personal assistance rendered. Your advice has always been timely and good, and your sound judgment in all things pertaining to the interest of

Masonry has proven very helpful and beneficial. I shall always cherish the memory of your companionship.

To you, W. V. Brother Raymond C. Cook, our Grand Custodian, my heart goes all out to you as a true friend and brother. You have been most kind and helpful, encouraging and inspiring me in the moments most needed. Your cheerful and radiant personality will long be enshrined in the minds and hearts of your brethren.

To R. W. V. Brother John S. Hedelund, our Deputy Grand Master, I owe an expression of deep gratitude for so ably and loyally assisting me throughout my administration. He is well versed in all that pertains to Freemasonry and with his sincere and dignified personality he has endeared himself to the members of the Craft.

We live in a troubled world, confusion on every hand. Many human beings are in distress. The great issue appears to be whether the world shall be privileged to enjoy the democratic way of life, or whether there shall be imposed upon it the atheistic communism which has engulfed the major part of the old world. We are very fortunate to live in a democracy, heirs to the greatest blessing mankind may experience; nothing in this life may be more precious than freedom to worship God as our conscience dictates.

Masons as individuals must awaken to the challenge of defending this great freedom. The day of indifference must be forgotten. We must arouse ourselves out of this lethargy and self-complacency as a hindering and worn-out garment, gird ourselves and step into the front rank, clothed in the whole armor of American liberty, and demonstrate to the world a greater degree of recognition of the sanctity of human life and the brotherhood of man, which thought was so elegantly expressed by our beloved Brother Robert Burns, a Master Mason, when he said:

“For a’ that, and a’ that,
It’s coming yet, for a’ that—
When man to man, the world o’er,
Shall brothers be for a’ that!”

Brethren, let us not be dismayed, for our trust is in God, and our faith is well founded. Let us go forward, having truth and justice on our side and combat the forces of evil for the faith that lies within us. Now finally, may our Heavenly Father bless and keep you always.

Fraternally submitted,

Ernest S. Schiefelbein

Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, presented his report.

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

I submit herewith my fourth annual report. This has been an exceptionally busy year, with many dedication ceremonies, one corner-stone laying, area meetings, secretaries' conferences, Grand Trustees Meetings, visitations, etc. We have enjoyed every minute of it.

We again report that with eight exceptions all of the lodges this year have been active in the receiving of petitions and the conferring of degrees. This is an increase of four over last year. These lodges are in small towns or villages. Time marches on.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

At the 92nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge resolutions were presented to amend Article II and Article V of the Constitution.

Notices of the proposed amendment to Article II and Article V of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge were mailed to each lodge.

206 lodges reported. For the amendment to Article II, 205 lodges voted unanimously and one lodge voted against the amendment. For the amendment to Article V, 204 lodges voted unanimously for the amendment and two lodges voted against the amendment.

AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION

Automatic suspension was received with enthusiasm as attested by the net gain of 758.

FEEES AND DUES

The average dues charged by the 276 lodges is \$6.50. The average fee for the degrees is \$47.00, minimum fee \$40.00.

VISITATIONS

It was my privilege and pleasure again this year to accompany the Grand Master on many visitations to the smaller lodges. Meeting with the brethren in their own lodges is an inspiration.

INVESTMENTS

The financial statement reflects the activity in the several funds. There is no past due interest on farm mortgages, bonds or preferred stock.

RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from every lodge and all dues for the year 1949 have been paid in full.

GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from the following lodges:

Fremont No. 15.

Wymore No. 104

These petitions have been referred to the Committee on Grievances for consideration and report at this annual communication.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

In compliance with the action of the Grand Lodge at its 92nd Annual Communication, Compass and Square Lodge No. 212 and Hampton Lodge No. 245 have been cited to appear at this Annual Communication and show cause why their charters should not be forfeited.

FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

During the past year 51 buttons have been presented to brethren entitled to receive them.

JORDAN MEDALS

During the past year there have been 28 special meetings and ceremonies in presenting the oldest members of the lodges with the Bronze Jordan Medal.

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES

This past year a Conference of Secretaries was held at Rushville, Geneva, North Platte and Hartington.

These conferences have been well attended by the secretaries and we have been pleased to have the Grand Officers in attendance from time to time.

We have in this Grand Jurisdiction a splendid group of secretaries. It has been a pleasure to work with them and we express our thanks for their cooperation.

GRAND CUSTODIANS

This past year we have worked very closely with the Grand Custodian and his Assistants so far as this office was concerned. They have been ready and willing to assist whenever called upon. We express our sincere thanks to this fine group of brethren.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT, LIVE STOCK NATIONAL BANK

1949-1950

Debit

Received from 40,621 members at \$2.00 each.....	\$ 81,242.00
Received from 1,956 initiations at \$10.00 each	19,560.00

Received from 9 affiliations at \$10.00 each	90.00
Received from surety bond premium	625.90
Received from supplies sold to lodges	4,535.66
Received from 1,915 members for George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund at \$1.00 each	1,915.00
Total	\$107,968.56

Credit

Transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 40,621.00
Transferred to Supply account	4,535.66
Transferred to Supply account for bond premium	625.90
Transferred to Permanent Reserve Fund	1,915.00
Transferred to Relief Fund	13,104.20
Transferred to Maintenance Fund	10,983.15
Transferred to General Fund	36,183.65
Total	\$107,968.56

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 16, 1949	\$ 37,600.94
Received from 1949 budget, Grand Chaplain	28.00
Received from Grand Lodge Pay-roll	221.43
Received from Service, Annuities and Gifts	491.98
Received from Grand Secretary Travel expense	1.69
Received from Grand Officers expense	325.48
Received from Special Dispensations	70.00
Received from Grand Custodian	1.76
Received from Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus..	98.47
Received from Educational Committee	293.76
Received from penalty late returns	23.68
Received from Mt. Moriah Lodge of Perfection A.&A.S.R., one- half cost of bronze plaque	187.50
Received from Grand Chapter R.'A.'M.', telephone	75.00
Received from Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master	75.05
Received from Permanent Reserve Fund	2,750.00
Received from miscellaneous items	17.95
Received from Grand Commandery, telephone	100.00
Received from Exchange Account, lost check	7.00
Special account 1949-1950	36,183.65
Total	\$ 78,553.34

Cash Credit

Pay-roll	\$ 4,412.16
Grand Lodge dinner	665.55
Entertainment of distinguished guests	290.62

Reporting and transcribing 1949 Communication	70.00
Grand Tyler	15.00
Grand Organist	10.00
Committee on Masonic Education	3,600.00
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00
Trial Commission	100.00
Grand Chaplain	100.00
Grand Trustees	50.00
Other Committees	100.00
Unassigned incidental expense under direction of Grand Master	1,609.65
Travel expense, Grand Master	2,000.00
Travel expense, Grand Secretary	500.00
Expense, Grand Custodian and Assistants	4,000.00
Expense, Grand Officers	600.00
Expense, Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus.....	500.00
Expense, Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master	300.00
Salary, Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary	3,600.00
Additional Compensation, Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary...	900.00
Salary, Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian	3,000.00
Additional compensation, Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian.	1,200.00
Grand Secretary, clerical staff	3,893.45
Rent Grand Lodge quarters to June 30, 1950	2,200.00
Audit of Grand Lodge books	100.00
Grand Secretary office expense	3,012.35
Jewel, Retiring Grand Master	168.00
Printing proceedings and advance copies	2,258.34
Printing list of regular lodges	173.39
Dues to Masonic Relief Association	203.11
Social Security Tax	203.70
Liability and Workmen's Compensation	40.17
Insurance Premium, Grand Master's car	10.00
Surety Bond Premium, Employees Grand Lodge	280.80
Fire and wind insurance premium, Grand Lodge property.....	95.72
Plaque, Robert Carrel Jordan monument	75.00
Perpetual care of Robert Carrel Jordan lot, Prospect Hill Cemetery	300.00
Aprons for Assistant Custodians	250.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1950	37,066.33
Total	\$ 78,553.34

TRIAL BALANCE, GRAND LODGE

May 10, 1950

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	\$ 37,669.33

Cash, Grand Lodge General Fund	37,066.33	
Cash, Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00	
Cash, Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00	
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Total	\$ 37,669.33	\$ 37,669.33

Inventory

Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 1.00	
Stock in The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	1.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00	
Cash, Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00	
Cash, Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00	
Cash, Grand Lodge General Fund	37,066.33	
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Total	\$ 37,669.33	

RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1950

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 16, 1949	\$ 16,660.09	
Received from Special Account, 1949	13,104.20	
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Total	\$ 29,764.29	

Cash Credit

Paid Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	\$ 6,000.00	
Paid The Nebraska Masonic Home	10,000.00	
Cash on hand, May 10, 1950	13,764.29	
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Total	\$ 29,764.29	

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 10, 1950

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 16, 1949	\$ 1,620.10	
Bonds paid and sold	5,000.00	
Profit on bonds sold	98.13	
Received from Special Account, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund	1,915.00	
Return of loan to Supply Account	500.00	
Interest	1,123.55	
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Total	\$ 10,256.78	

Cash Credit

Securities purchased	\$ 3,318.43
Paid to Grand Lodge General Fund	2,750.00
Loaned to Supply Account	500.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1950	3,688.35

Total\$ 10,256.78

Total Bonds	\$ 30,028.43
Balance of loan to Supply account	4,000.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1950	3,688.35

Total\$ 37,716.78

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND BONDS

May 10, 1950

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 Foods, 4% pfd., par \$5,000, cost.....	5,200.00
47—Fairmont Foods, 4% pfd., par \$10,000, cost	10,400.00
48—Missouri Power & Light Company, 3.90% pfd., par 5,000, cost	5,200.00
49—Kansas Gas and Electric Co., Common, cost	3,318.43

Total\$ 30,028.43

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1950

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 16, 1949	\$ 4,359.55
Refund on Bond premium .....	.90
Borrowed from Permanent Reserve Fund	500.00
Supplies sold to lodges	4,540.66
Bond premium from secretaries and treasurers	625.90

Total\$ 10,027.01

Cash Credit

Premiums on secretaries and treasurers bonds	\$ 564.21
Paid for postage	410.44
Paid for supplies	3,683.92
Return of loan from Permanent Reserve Account	500.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1950	4,868.44

Total\$ 10,027.01

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 10, 1950

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 16, 1949	\$ 2,296.14
Interest	8,393.04
Securities paid and sold	42,100.00
Profit on sale of securities	1,771.01

Total\$ 54,560.19

Cash Credit

Securities purchased	\$ 30,929.93
Cash on hand, May 10, 1950	23,630.26

Total\$ 54,560.19

Trial Balance

Cash on hand	\$ 23,630.26
Bonds at cost	211,193.79

Total\$234,824.05

Inventory

Cash on hand, May 10, 1950	\$ 23,630.26
Bonds at cost	211,193.79

Total\$234,824.05

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND BONDS

May 10, 1950

No.	Amount
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
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
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

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
104—Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Common, cost.....	4,726.43
105—Virginia Electric and Power Co., common, cost	1,677.73
106—Tennessee Gas Transmission, common, cost	3,025.00
107—Mississippi River Fuel Corporation, common, cost	7,149.38
108—Kansas Gas and Electric, common, cost	6,124.38
109—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas, common, cost	3,382.50
110—Texas Utilities Company, common, cost	3,113.44
112—Texas Utilities Company, common, cost	2,357.50
Total	\$211,193.79

MAINTENANCE FUND

May 10, 1950

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 16, 1949	\$ 14,441.13
Received from Special Account	10,983.15
Received from Orphans' Educational Fund	5,000.00
Total	\$ 30,424.28

Cash Credit

Maintenance, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	\$ 19,000.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1950	11,424.28
Total	\$ 30,424.28

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1950

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 16, 1949	\$ 5,772.05
Paid on Farm Mortgages	6,320.00
Securities sold	79,691.88
Interest	9,265.84
Profit on sale of securities	6,138.15
Total	\$107,187.92

Cash Credit

Educational Committee, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children (Student Fund)	\$	600.00
Maintenance Fund, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children		5,000.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home		10,000.00
Securities purchased		53,261.81
Cash on hand, May 10, 1950		38,326.11
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Total	\$	107,187.92

TRIAL BALANCE

Inventory	\$	269,050.21
Cash	\$	38,326.11
Bills Receivable		230,724.10
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Total	\$	269,050.21
		\$269,050.21

INVENTORY

Cash	\$	38,326.11
Bills Receivable		230,724.10
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Total Assets, May 10, 1950	\$	269,050.21
Total Bonds at cost	\$	222,584.10
Total Farm Mortgages		8,140.00
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Total	\$	230,724.10

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND FARM LOANS

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount
297—	Michael Foley	99 acres Washington	4½%	4,400.00
468—	Jacqueline Schiefelbein....	200 acres Saunders	4 %	1,500.00
509—	John D. Harms	80 acres Otoe	4 %	2,240.00
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Total				\$ 8,140.00

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND BONDS

May 10, 1950

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
471½—Western Light & Tel. Co., 5% pfd., par \$6,775.00, cost...	6,871.50
476—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%, par \$5,000, cost	5,000.00

478—Province of Manitoba 4½%, par \$1,000, cost	960.00
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
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
500—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 5% pfd., par \$20,000, cost.	22,500.00
502—Fairmont Foods Co., 4% pfd., par \$15,000, cost	15,600.00
503—Bristol-Myers Co., 3¾% pfd., par \$4,700, cost	4,905.50
506—Iowa Public Service, 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—Seranton 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 Bonds, Series G, 2½%, par 1,000, cost..	1,000.00
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
517—Detroit Edison Company, Common, cost	2,406.32
518—Central Illinois Public Service Company, Common, cost..	1,640.00
519—Connecticut Light & Power Company, Common, cost.....	5,458.13
520—Commonwealth Edison Company, Common, cost.....	2,697.47
521—Northern Natural Gas Company, Common, cost.....	3,415.32
522—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company, Common, cost..	1,550.31
523—LaClede Gas, Light Company, Common, cost	1,360.24
525—Shamrock Oil and Gas, Common, cost	2,836.00
526—Commonwealth Edison Company, Common, cost	3,012.32
527—El Paso Natural Gas Company, 4.10% pfd., par \$5,000, cost	4,971.25
528—Texas Utilities Company, Common, cost	3,132.66
529—Southern Natural Gas Company, Common, cost	3,591.63
530—Northern Natural Gas Company, Common, cost	3,856.44
531—The Detroit Edison Company, Common, cost	2,244.44
532—Shamrock Oil and Gas, Common, cost	2,836.00
533—Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Common, cost	4,496.03
534—The Southern Company, Common, cost	3,559.00
535—Virginia Electric and Power, Common, cost	1,967.39
536—Continental Oil Company, Common, cost	6,248.65
537—Omar, Inc., 4½% pfd., par, \$10,000, cost	10,310.00

Total\$222,584.10

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

May 10, 1950

Cash Debit

Cash on hand, May 16, 1949	\$ 538.06
Interest	5,892.37
Paid on Farm Mortgages	3,000.00
Securities sold	63,159.68
Profit on sale of Securities	3,164.71
Total	\$ 75,754.82

Cash Credit

Securities purchased	\$ 47,805.78
Purchased for Farm Mortgage account	4,000.00
Cash on hand	23,949.04
Total	\$ 75,754.82

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1950

Inventory	\$157,893.05	
Cash	23,949.04	
Bills Receivable		\$172,015.69
Bequests		9,826.40
Total	\$181,842.09	\$181,842.09

INVENTORY

May 10, 1950

Bonds	\$149,793.05
Farm Mortgages	8,100.00
Cash on hand	23,949.04
Total	\$181,842.09

FARM MORTGAGES

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount
77—Edward Niebaum	160 acres	Washington	4½%	1,500.00
81—Kathleen O'Grady	240 acres	Colfax	5%	2,600.00
82—Robert Levi	Omaha property		4½%	4,000.00
Total				\$ 8,100.00

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND BONDS

May 10, 1950

No.	Amount
68—Province of Manitoba, 4½%, par \$5,000, cost	\$ 4,643.75
98—U. S. Government Bonds, Series G, 2½%, par \$4,000, cost.	4,000.00
100—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 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
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% 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
120—Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Common, cost	4,726.44
121—Southern Natural Gas, Common, cost	3,226.76
122—Central Illinois Public Service, Common, cost	1,588.75
124—Mississippi River Fuel Co., Common, cost	6,406.25
125—Tennessee Gas Transmission, Common, cost	2,895.63
126—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas, Common, cost	1,537.50
127—Southern California Edison, Common, cost	3,415.32
128—Central Illinois Public Service, Common, cost	1,729.69
129—Tennessee Gas Transmission, Common, cost	3,901.41
130—Iowa Power and Light, Common, cost	4,868.75
131—Central Illinois Public Service, Common, cost	1,896.25
132—Dayton Power & Light Co., Common, cost	6,679.85
133—Southern Union Gas, Common, cost	6,410.63
134—Northern Natural Gas, Common, cost	3,516.07
Total	\$149,793.05

RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund, cash	\$ 37,066.33
Relief Fund, cash	13,764.29
Permanent Reserve Fund, cash	3,688.35
Permanent Reserve Fund, Bonds and loans	34,028.43
Building and Improvement Fund, cash	23,630.26
Building and Improvement Fund, securities	211,193.79
Maintenance Fund, cash	11,424.28
Supply Account, cash	4,868.44
Orphans' Educational Fund, cash	38,326.11
Orphans' Educational Fund, securities	230,724.10
Children's Home Endowment Fund, cash	23,949.04
Children's Home Endowment Fund, securities	157,893.05
Grand Lodge Expense Account, cash	400.00
Exchange Account, cash	200.00
	\$791,156.47
Total	\$791,156.47

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

May 10, 1950

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

Type of Investment	Total	Total	Per-
	Par Value	Cost	centage
United States Government Bonds.....	\$138,000.00	\$138,000.00	17.44%
Canadian Provincial Bonds.....	55,000.00	51,643.18	6.53%
Australian Bonds	10,000.00	9,750.00	1.24%
Industrial & Miscellaneous Bonds.....	25,000.00	25,100.00	3.17%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks.....	66,775.00	67,992.75	8.59%
Industrial & Misc. Preferred Stocks...	161,400.00	165,051.00	20.87%
Industrial Common Stocks.....		12,080.00	1.52%
Public Utility Common Stocks		72,340.69	9.14%
Natural Gas & Oil Common Stocks....		71,641.75	9.05%
(Sub-Totals) BONDS & STOCKS..		(\$613,599.37)	
Mortgage Loans		16,240.00	2.06%
Cash		157,317.10	19.88%
Other Assets		4,000.00	.51%
		\$791,156.47	100.00%
TOTALS		\$791,156.47	100.00%

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA
 DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS
 SHOWING TYPE OF 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%	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
3,000.00	"	"	2½%	Series G	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
5,000.00	"	"	2½%	Series G	5,000.00
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
1,000.00	"	"	2½%	Series G	1,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	2½%	Series G	5,000.00
5,000.00	"	"	2	% 12-1-54/52	5,000.00
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\$138,000.00					\$138,000.00

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
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\$ 55,000.00					\$ 51,643.18

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

\$ 10,000.00 Commonwealth of Australia 3½% 1956 \$ 9,750.00

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

\$ 15,000.00 Shell Union Oil Co. 2½% 4-1-71 \$ 15,225.00
 10,000.00 Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61 9,875.00

\$ 25,000.00 \$ 25,100.00

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. 4½% 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 Iowa Public Service 3.90% Pref. 10,200.00
 5,000.00 Scranton Spring Brook Water 4.10% Pref. 5,125.00
 5,000.00 El Paso Natural Gas Co. 4.10% Pref. 4,971.25

\$ 66,775.00 \$ 67,992.75

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
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% 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
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Co. 4% Pref.	5,250.00
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
10,000.00	Omar Inc. 4½% Pref.	10,310.00

\$161,400.00

\$165,051.00

INDUSTRIAL COMMON STOCK

100 shares Union Stockyards Company of Omaha	\$ 8,080.00
50 shares Union Stockyards Company of Omaha	4,000.00
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	\$ 12,080.00

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCKS

	Cost
300 shares Pacific Gas & Electric Company	\$ 9,452.87
210 shares Detroit Edison Company	4,650.76
400 shares Central Illinois Public Service Co.	6,854.69
100 shares Connecticut Light & Power Company	5,458.13
200 shares Commonwealth Edison Company	5,709.79
100 shares Southern California Edison Company	3,415.32
200 shares Iowa Power & Light Company	4,868.75
200 shares Dayton Power & Light Company	6,679.85
300 shares Kansas Gas & Electric Company	9,442.81
200 shares Virginia Electric & Power Company	3,645.12
400 shares Texas Utilities Company	8,603.60
300 shares The Southern Company	3,559.00
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	\$ 72,340.69

NATURAL GAS & OIL COMMON STOCKS

200 shares Southern Natural Gas Company	\$ 6,818.39
300 shares Northern Natural Gas Company	10,787.83
400 shares Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas Co.	6,470.31
200 shares Laclede Gas Light Company	1,360.24
400 shares Mississippi River Fuel Corporation	13,555.63
400 shares Tennessee Gas Transmission Co.	9,822.04
200 shares Shamrock Oil & Gas Company	5,672.00
100 shares Standard Oil Co. of Indiana	4,496.03
100 shares Continental Oil Company	6,248.65
300 shares Southern Union Gas Company	6,410.63
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	\$ 71,641.75

MORTGAGE LOANS

	Cost
Michael Foley 4½%	\$ 4,400.00
Jacqueline Schiefelbein 4%	1,500.00
John D. Harms 4%	2,240.00
Edward Niebaum 4½%	1,500.00
Kathleen O'Grady 5%	2,600.00
Robert Levi 4½%	4,000.00
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	\$ 16,240.00

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

AN ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS
BONDS AND STOCKS

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Current Market Value	Annual Income Rec'd	%
U. S. Government Bonds..	\$138,000.00	\$138,000.00	\$138,312.50	\$ 3,325.00	2.40%
Canadian Provincial Bds.	55,000.00	51,643.18	59,947.50	2,325.00	4.50%
Australian Bonds	10,000.00	9,750.00	9,775.00	325.00	3.33%
Indus. & Misc. Bonds....	25,000.00	25,100.00	24,350.00	600.00	2.39%
Public Utility Pref. Stks.	66,775.00	67,992.75	67,083.50	2,904.25	4.27%
Indus. & Misc. Pref. Stks.	161,400.00	165,051.00	159,661.25	6,515.00	3.95%
Indus. Com. Stocks.....		12,080.00	10,575.00	570.00	4.72%
Public Utility Com. Stks.		72,340.69	77,522.50	4,409.00	6.09%
Nat. Gas & Oil Com. Stks.		71,641.75	75,600.00	3,900.00	5.50%
TOTALS		\$613,599.37	\$622,827.25	\$24,873.25	
Average Income Per Year (on cost basis)					4.06%

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%, 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	10,125.00	200.00
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G....	3,000.00	3,000.00	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	10,125.00	200.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G....	10,000.00	10,000.00	250.00
20,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G....	20,000.00	20,000.00	500.00
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G....	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.00
1,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G....	1,000.00	1,000.00	25.00
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	5,062.50	100.00
\$138,000.00		\$138,000.00	\$138,312.50	\$ 3,325.00
				Average Return 2.40%

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 4-16-57	\$ 4,643.75	\$ 5,562.50	\$ 225.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55	2,910.00	3,232.50	135.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 9-1-55	970.00	1,077.50	45.00
9,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	8,482.50	9,787.50	405.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4s 11-15-57	4,634.43	5,325.00	200.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	4,500.00	5,475.00	200.00
9,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	8,370.00	9,855.00	360.00
8,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 4-1-60	7,440.00	9,160.00	360.00
5,000.00	Prov. of Alberta 3½s	4,975.00	5,000.00	175.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	2,827.50	3,262.50	135.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	930.00	1,095.00	40.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56	960.00	1,115.00	45.00
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\$ 55,000.00		\$ 51,643.18	\$ 59,947.50	\$ 2,325.00
			Average Return 4.50%	

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 3¼% 1956....	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,775.00	\$ 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	\$ 14,850.00	\$ 375.00
10,000.00	Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61	9,875.00	9,500.00	225.00
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\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,100.00	\$ 24,350.00	\$ 600.00
			Average Return 2.39%	

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 4,675.00	\$ 195.00
5,000.00	Public Service of Indiana 3½% Pfd.....	4,775.00	4,450.00	175.00
5,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. 4¼% Pfd	5,150.00	5,100.00	212.50
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...	5,200.00	4,675.00	195.00
10,000.00	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. 5% Pfd.	10,000.00	10,400.00	500.00
10,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.88% Pfd...	10,500.00	11,600.00	488.00
6,775.00	Western Light & Telephone 5% Pfd.....	6,871.50	7,046.00	338.75
10,000.00	Iowa Public Service Company 3.90% Pfd.	10,200.00	9,200.00	390.00
5,000.00	Scranton Spring Brook Water 4.10% Pfd.	5,125.00	4,650.00	205.00
5,000.00	El Paso Natural Gas 4.10% Pfd.....	4,971.25	5,287.50	205.00
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\$ 66,775.00		\$ 67,992.75	\$ 67,083.50	\$ 2,904.25
			Average Return 4.27%	

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Amer. Potash & Chem. Co. 4% "A" Pref..	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 200.00
10,000.00	E. I. Dupont De Nemours Co. 3½% Pref..	10,200.00	10,375.00	350.00
5,000.00	General Foods Corp. 3½% Pfd.....	5,025.00	5,000.00	175.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00	5,100.00	200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	10,400.00	10,200.00	400.00
5,000.00	Willys Overland Motors 4½% Pref.....	5,000.00	2,537.50	225.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00	5,100.00	200.00
4,200.00	Bristol-Myers 3¼% Pref.....	4,373.00	4,252.50	157.50
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3¼% Pref.....	5,100.00	4,925.00	187.50
10,000.00	Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. 3¼% Pref.....	9,400.00	8,900.00	325.00
10,000.00	Maryland Casualty Co. 4.20% Pref.....	8,587.50	9,800.00	420.00
10,000.00	General Motors Corp. 3¼% Pref.....	10,000.00	10,450.00	375.00
10,000.00	Westinghouse Electric Corp. 3.80% Pref. "B"	10,050.00	10,425.00	380.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Co. 4% Pref.....	5,250.00	5,475.00	200.00
20,000.00	Goodyear Tire & Rubber 5% Pref.....	22,500.00	21,400.00	1,000.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	15,600.00	15,300.00	600.00
4,700.00	Bristol-Myers Co. 3¼% Pref.....	4,905.50	4,758.75	176.25
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pref.....	10,450.00	8,000.00	400.00
2,500.00	General Motors Corp. 3¼% Pref.....	2,500.00	2,612.50	93.75
10,000.00	Omar, Inc. 4½% Pref.	10,310.00	10,300.00	450.00
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\$161,400.00		\$165,051.00	\$159,661.25	\$ 6,515.00
				Average Return 3.95%

INDUSTRIAL COMMON STOCKS

	Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
100 shares Union Stockyards Co. of Omaha	\$ 8,080.00	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 380.00
50 shares Union Stockyards Co. of Omaha	4,000.00	3,525.00	190.00
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	\$ 12,080.00	\$ 10,575.00	\$ 570.00
			Average Return 4.72%

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCK

	Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
300 shares Pacific Gas & Electric Co.....	\$ 9,452.87	\$ 10,125.00	\$ 600.00
210 shares Detroit Edison Company	4,650.76	4,935.00	252.00
400 shares Central Ill. Pub. Ser. Co.	6,854.69	7,200.00	480.00
100 shares Connecticut Light & Power Co.....	5,458.13	5,800.00	325.00
200 shares Commonwealth Edison Company	5,709.79	6,400.00	320.00
100 shares Southern California Edison Co.	3,415.32	3,512.50	200.00
200 shares Iowa Power & Light Co.	4,868.75	4,450.00	280.00
200 shares Dayton Power & Light Co.	6,679.85	6,625.00	360.00
300 shares Kansas Gas & Electric Co.	9,442.81	10,050.00	600.00

200 shares Virginia Electric & Power Co.	3,645.12	4,200.00	240.00
400 shares Texas Utilities Company	8,603.60	10,400.00	512.00
300 shares The Southern Company	3,559.00	3,825.00	240.00

\$ 72,340.69 \$ 77,522.50 \$ 4,409.00

Average Return 6.09%

NATURAL GAS & OIL COMMON STOCK

	Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
200 shares Southern Natural Gas Company	\$ 6,818.39	\$ 7,850.00	\$ 400.00
300 shares Northern Natural Gas Co.	10,787.83	10,500.00	540.00
400 shares Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas Co.	6,470.31	6,700.00	400.00
200 shares Laclede Gas Light Company	1,360.24	1,425.00	40.00
400 shares Mississippi River Fuel Corp.	13,555.63	14,000.00	800.00
400 shares Tennessee Gas Transmission Co.	9,822.04	12,000.00	560.00
200 shares Shamrock Oil & Gas Co.	5,672.00	5,800.00	320.00
100 shares Standard Oil Co. of Indiana	4,496.03	4,800.00	200.00
100 shares Continental Oil Co.	6,248.65	6,525.00	400.00
300 Shares Southern Union Gas Co.	6,410.63	6,000.00	240.00

\$ 71,641.75 \$ 75,600.00 \$ 3,900.00

Average Return 5.50%

BRETHREN WHO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE FIFTY YEAR BUTTON BY THE GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA SINCE THE LAST REPORT AS SHOWN ON PAGES 460 AND 461 OF THE PROCEEDINGS FOR 1949

Certificate No.	Brother	Date Received		Lodge	Number
			Master Mason's Degree		
1352—	Charles J. Warner	.....	May 26, 1899	....Lancaster	54
1353—	William M. Jackson	.....	June 28, 1899	....Lancaster	54
1354—	Arthur W. Richardson	.....	June 1, 1899	....Lancaster	54
1355—	Samuel G. Tillett	.....	Aug. 15, 1899	....Alliance	183
1356—	Marion J. Walters	.....	Dec. 9, 1897	....Boaz	185
1357—	Charles H. Campbell	.....	Oct. 29, 1898	....Lebanon	323
1358—	Charles A. Saunders	.....	July 25, 1899	....Creighton	100
1359—	J. Edward C. Fisher	.....	Sept. 18, 1899	....Beatrice	26
1360—	John C. Oaks	.....	Oct. 14, 1899	....Oliver	38
1361—	William B. Bethune	.....	Aug. 30, 1899	....Lincoln	19
1362—	Charles T. McElroy	.....	Oct. 26, 1899	....Ashlar	33
1363—	Charles W. Buckley	.....	Dec. 1, 1899	....York	56
1364—	Edwin L. House	.....	Dec. 4, 1899	....Samaritan	158
1365—	W. Marion Pyle	.....	April 4, 1899	....Pawnee	23
1366—	Lora H. Aurand	.....	Nov. 14, 1899	....Friendship	239
1367—	Horace G. Morse	.....	Nov. 20, 1897	....Charity	53
1368—	Howard C. Auchmuty	.....	April 21, 1899	....Bee Hive	184

1369—Carl G. Norseen	Dec. 11, 1899....	Tekamah	31
1370—Ernest T. Manning	Dec. 21, 1899....	George W. Lininger	268
1371—Fred Evans	May 14, 1898....	Mystic Tie	166
1372—William W. Harris.....	June 27, 1899....	Auburn	124
1373—Ralph V. McPherson.....	Mar. 21, 1899....	George Armstrong	241
1374—Charles B. Clark	Mar. 8, 1899....	George Armstrong	241
1375—Charles A. Burbank	June 24, 1899....	Temple	175
1376—Edley E. Upstill	July 20, 1899....	Long Pine	136
1377—Joseph B. Boyce	May 29, 1897....	Canopy	209
1378—William Atchison, Sr.....	Dec. 21, 1899....	Canopy	209
1379—James F. Kirkpatrick....	Jan. 21, 1899....	Keystone	62
1380—James H. Majors	Feb. 13, 1900....	Peru	14
1381—George W. Coones.....	Oct. 5, 1897....	Ionic	87
1382—Herman Fricke	Oct. 31, 1899....	Globe	113
1383—Daniel J. Killen	Dec. 13, 1897....	Beatrice	26
1384—H. E. Erwin	April 10, 1899....	Alexandria	74
1385—Warren D. Hancock	Feb. 6, 1900....	George Armstrong	241
1386—LaForest L. Pratt	July 21, 1899....	Capitol	3
1387—Wilbur L. Burgess	Mar. 3, 1900....	George W. Lininger	268
1388—Thomas E. Anderson.....	Mar. 16, 1900....	Oliver	38
1389—Edwin J. Wolbach	April 5, 1900....	Ashlar	33
1390—George E. Bay	June 17, 1898....	Amethyst	190
1391—Edward W. Clack.....	Feb. 12, 1900....	Edgar	67
1392—Forrest C. Brown	Sept. 17, 1898....	Cable	225
1393—George A. Ross	Mar. 16, 1899....	Cable	225
1394—Charles M. Fisher	April 1, 1893....	Cable	225
1395—Charles Blank	Feb. 15, 1900....	Covert	11
1396—Dennison P. West	April 20, 1900....	Mt. Moriah	57
1397—Ben O. Malstrom	April 26, 1900....	St. Johns	25
1398—Patrick J. White	April 26, 1900....	St. Johns	25
1399—Adolph Merritt	Nov. 23, 1899....	St. Johns	25
1400—Frank H. Wolf	Oct. 15, 1900....	Golden Rod	306
1401—Andrew Hansen	May 8, 1900....	Bancroft	145
1402—John F. Reisman.....	April 23, 1900....	Covert	11

RETURNS

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

Number of chartered Lodges last report	276
Number initiated during year	1,956
Number passed	1,923
Number raised	1,915
Number affiliated	339
Number dual members	17
Number reinstated	204
Number gained by other causes	5

Total Gross Increase 2,480

Number demitted during year	432
Number deceased	690
Number suspended	593
Number expelled	6
Number lost by other causes	1
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Total Loss	1,722
Net gain for year ending December 31, 1949.....	758
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1948.....	40,621
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1949.....	41,379

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary



Henry Lausen, Secretary of Wood Lake Lodge No. 221, since 1910.

VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

James H. Bryant.....	Gavel No. 199.....	45 years
Henry Lausen.....	Wood Lake No. 221.....	40 years
Luke M. Bates.....	Minnekadusa No. 192.....	35 years
George R. Porter.....	Covert No. 11.....	33 years
Archie A. Meek.....	Lotus No. 289.....	31 years
William J. Breckenridge.....	Mid-West No. 317.....	30 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	Culbertson No. 174.....	30 years
James Morris Norton.....	De Witt No. 111.....	29 years
Rudolph H. Jenney.....	Hartington No. 155.....	28 years
Fred H. Pieper.....	Utica No. 96.....	27 years
Fred R. Haggart.....	St. Paul No. 82.....	27 years
Harry A. Snyder.....	Atkinson No. 164.....	26 years
Eldon B. Johnson.....	Fidelity No. 51.....	25 years
Victor Seymour.....	Lancaster No 54.....	25 years

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, presented his report.

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

Another Masonic year has passed into history and I submit the Grand Custodian's annual report.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

There were fewer Central Schools held this year because the Grand Lodge Officers, all the Assistant Custodians and the Grand Custodian believe that Individual Schools in our Lodges are the best means of keeping the letter of the work up to approved standards.

Twenty-one Central Schools were distributed over the jurisdiction as equitably as possible so that all interested officers of most of our Lodges had the opportunity of working together in polishing and refreshing the knowledge gained in Individual Schools in their own Lodges.

In general, our Central Schools were very successful and popular. The attendance was just double that of the average of a period covering the last ten years in the same localities. Here again, we feel the fine results of Individual Schools are reflected in this attendance figure. Average attendance at these Central Schools was in excess of 125. Some Schools deserve special mention. Gordon in the northwestern area registered 215; Scottsbluff in the Platte Valley Area was attended by 277; Sidney in the southwestern area drew 238 while the Omaha Brethren turned out over 300 strong and Lincoln registered over 400.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

A real effort has been made to hold as many Individual Schools as the appropriation of this Department permitted. That our Lodges appreciate this type of instruction is proven by the fact that out of 120 Individual Schools assigned, only one Lodge group refused to avail themselves of the opportunity.

Most of the Schools were of three evening sessions as our Masonic workers find it more convenient to attend evening meetings. However, there are a few localities where distance between Lodge and Custodian makes the cost of traveling for three meetings prohibitive and the two-day sessions are more practical.

As the reports of our Assistant Custodians on these Schools came in, together with the many enthusiastic and grateful letters from Lodge officers, all of us were more convinced than ever that Individual Schools of Instruction are the best means of promoting the letter of the work.

Space in these proceedings does not permit a listing of either the Central or Individual Schools. These are on permanent record in the Grand Custodian's office and are available to the Craft.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

Sixty-nine Lodges have been examined and have been found proficient in the work of this Grand Jurisdiction. This is just two more than were certified last year, although a few have fallen by the wayside and others have taken their place. Thistle Lodge No. 61 at Lexington, has just been issued their first certificate in the 74 years of their existence, but in most instances, however, the certified list consistently contained the same Lodges year after year. It is very necessary that others be added to this group of Lodges that annually feel the compulsion of doing certified work.

The number of individual Masons certified this Masonic year has reached an all time high of 402, every one of whom has been examined during the year. Of this number 55 Brethren have received certificates for the first time. This is more than double the number receiving first certificates last year and indicates that interest in the esoteric work of Masonry is increasing at a rather remarkable rate.

DISTRICTS DESIGNATED

Soon after the Grand Lodge Communication of last year, each Assistant Custodian was given an area of responsibility. He was made directly responsible for promoting the work in the several Lodges within the locality in which he resides. This was done with the approval of the Grand Master and has proven very helpful to Lodges and Custodians alike. The increased numbers of first certificates are a direct result of this new plan.

PERMANENT RECORDS

A complete filing system has been set up in the Grand Custodian's office in which the record of the certification of each Lodge and each Brother together with the record of each School of Instruction is made into permanent form. This should be valuable to the Grand Lodge in the future.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Two new appointments were made this year:

W.'.Paul D. Fleming, Beaver City, No. 93, July 7, 1949.

W.'.Ralph M. Carhart, Wayne, No. 120, April 3, 1950.

Our Department suffered a severe loss in the death of W.'.F. Ray Dilts in February of this year. W.'.Brother Dilts had served faithfully as Assistant Custodian since 1941. He will be missed by the Brethren of his district and by all Nebraska Masons.

Twice during the year, the Assistant Custodians were called together for conference, examination and instruction. We feel that this has been very helpful to our Department.

Because of the increased number of Individual Schools and the establishment of jurisdictional districts, the Assistant Custodians have been called upon for greatly increased service to the Craft. They have given of their time and talent without stint. I am proud of this group of fine Masonic Brethren and I hereby express my deep and sincere gratitude to each and every one of them.

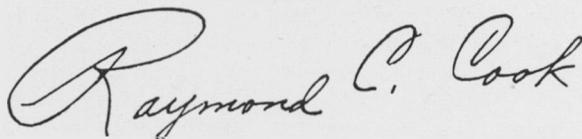
APPRECIATION

I could not close this report without expressing my grateful thanks to M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master; R. W. John S. Hedlund, Deputy Grand Master; to R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and to all line officers for the fine cooperation and assistance that each has given to our Department. It has been a pleasure to work with men of this Masonic stature.

I also wish to extend sincere appreciation to the Grand Lodge Committee on Nebraska Work. Full advantage has been taken of the counsel and advice to the Grand Custodian which is made available through this Committee.

To all my Nebraska Brethren, I can only say a fervent "thanks" for the enthusiasm and zeal which has made my work this year pleasant, and I hope worth-while.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Grand Custodian

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF
GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

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

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Lodge Officers respectfully reports and recommends that the address of M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master, under its designated heads, be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

- The Chapter on "Dispensations".
- The Chapter on "Reinstatements".
- The Chapter on "By-laws Approved".
- The Chapter on "Special Committee".
- The Chapter on "Decisions".
- The Chapter on "Authority Granted to Change Meeting Place of Lodge".
- The Chapter on "Recommendations 1, 2 and 4".
- The Chapter on "Approval of Masonic Temples".
- The Chapter on "Corner-stone Laying".
- The Chapter on "Dedications".
- The Chapter on "Occasional Communications".
- The Chapter on "Pershing Memorial".
- The Chapter on "Gold Jordan Medal".
- The Chapter on "Bronze Jordan Medal".
- The Chapter on "Fifty-Year Buttons".

To the Committee on Finance:

- The Chapter on "Recommendation 3".

To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

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

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

- The Chapter on "Dispensation to Form New Lodge Denied".

To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans:

- The Chapter on "The Masonic Relief Association".

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

- The Chapter on "Area Meetings".

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Trial Commissions".

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Chapter on "Necrology".

To the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial:

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

To the Committee on Work:

The Chapter on "Grand Custodian".

The Chapter on "Assistant Custodians".

A review of our Grand Master's address and report for the past year indicates that he has discharged his duties faithfully and been exceedingly busy looking after his Masonic duties, and deserves the highest honors for this good work which, without a doubt, is appreciated by all.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

To The Grand Lodge:

The Chapter on "Proposed Amendments".

To the Committee on Finance:

The Chapter on "Fees and Dues".

The Chapter on "Investments".

All financial statements of various accounts.

To the Committee on Returns:

The Chapter on "Returns".

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Grievances".

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapter on "Charters and Dispensations".

The Review of the Report of the Grand Secretary shows that the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge have been kept in excellent condition and that our Grand Secretary has performed his duties with the usual efficiency and dispatch.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the designated portions of the Grand Custodian's Report be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Work:

The Chapter on "Central Schools of Instruction".

The Chapter on "Individual Schools".

The Chapter on "Certificates of Proficiency".

The Chapter on "Districts Designated".

The Chapter on "Permanent Records".

Our Grand Custodian and his Assistants have worked hard in the interest of Masonry and Masonic Education, and are to be commended for their good work.

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

At 12:25 P.M the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Promptly at 1:30 P.M., the M. . W. . Grand Master accompanied by his corps of officers, distinguished guests and 200 Master Masons journeyed to Prospect Hill cemetery to unveil the bronze plaque on the monument of M. . W. . Robert Carrel Jordan, first Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska.

When all had gathered around the monument of M. . W. . Brother Jordan, the Grand Master, M. . W. . Ernest S. Schiefelbein, called attention to the action of the Grand Lodge in placing the plaque on the monument. Following prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Orator delivered the Address.

ADDRESS

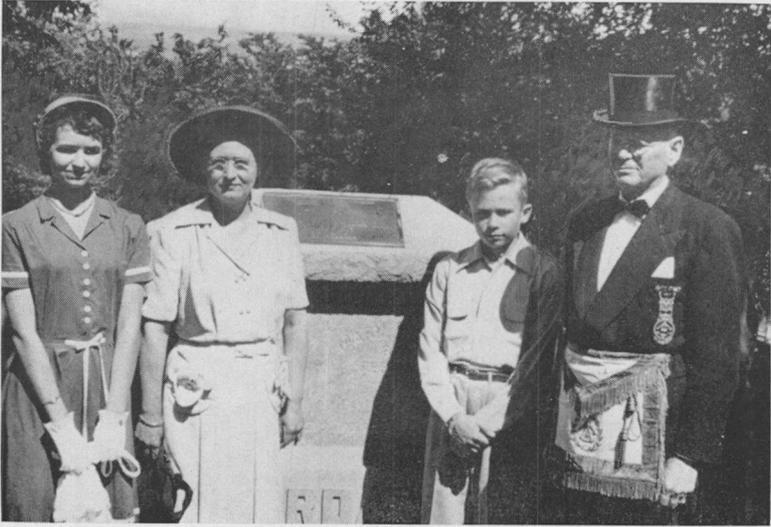
We pause, in the beauty of this summer hour, to share the memory of a most distinguished Brother, whose mortality has rested in this quiet place for more than half a century. Since we honor a Mason who shared in the labors incident to the founding of our Prairie State, we do but honor ourselves in this observance.

Coming to what was then a rude little river town, Robert Carrel Jordan brought a high idealism, and all the vigor of his manhood's early years, in contributing to the building of a new community; a community established upon those institutions which insured a rich experience to the men and women of his time, and which we still enjoy.

While we may not know all the incidents of his early pilgrimage, we do know that as soon as he was twenty-one Brother Jordan requested and received the Masonic Degrees in his Ohio home, and upon coming to Omaha was the first to confer the degree of a Master Mason in this territory; that he was the Master of Capitol Lodge No. 3 in Omaha and later Master of Ashlar Lodge No. 33 at Grand Island; that he was the first Grand Master of our Grand Lodge, the first Sovereign Inspector-General of the Scottish Rite; we know of our Brother that all his active years were given to the cause of Freemasonry. And while the intimate details of his life may be unknown, we can be certain that he shared with each of us the usual experiences of life; that he "loved and was loved"; that he knew hours of joy, hours of sorrow, and when at length he gained release from the tabernacle of clay, that he went on in confidence of a "blessed immortality".

My brethren, I am unable to think of our "pioneers" without being always reminded of the eloquent expression of Edmund Burke:

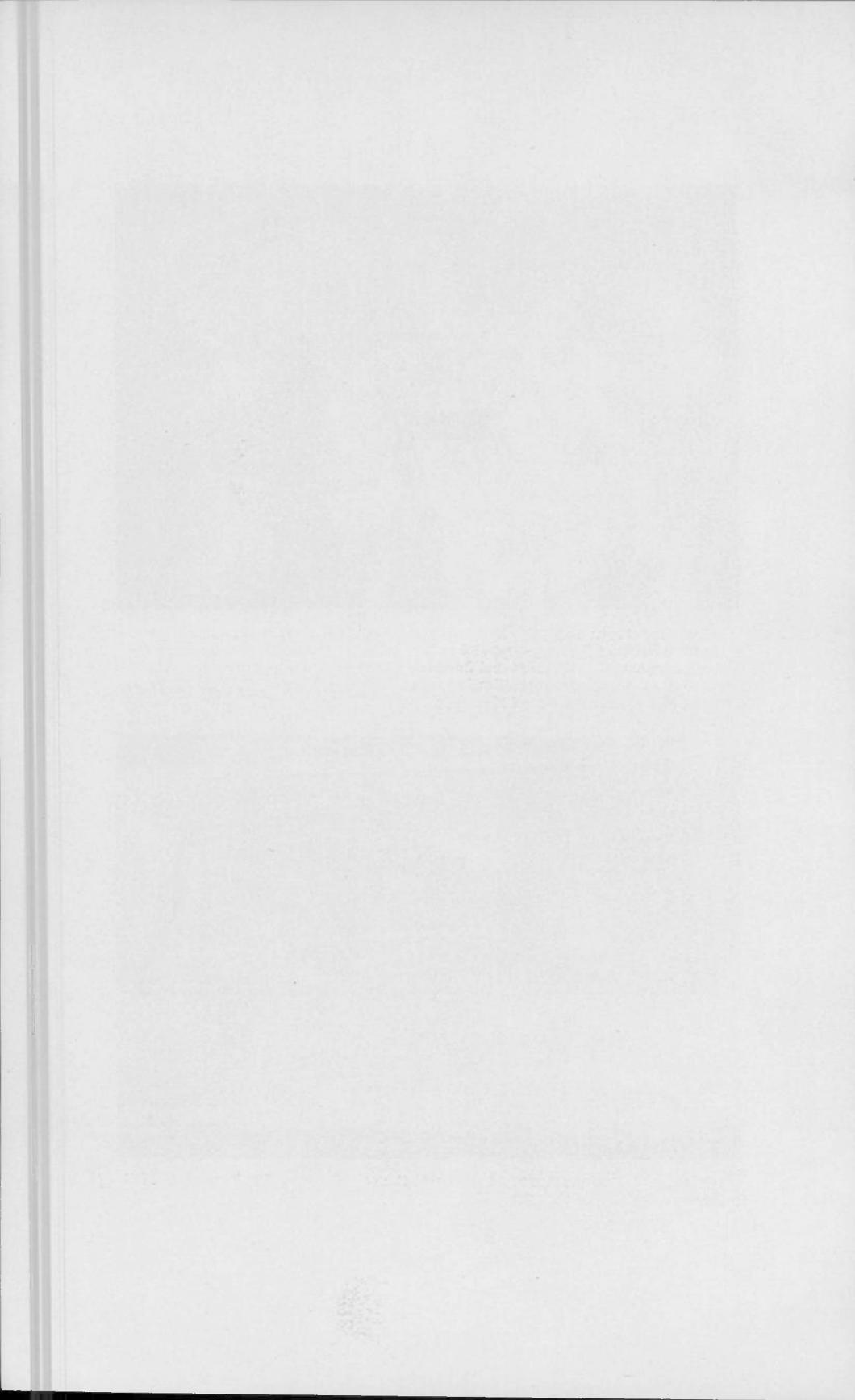
"Civilization is a contract between the
great dead, the living and the unborn."



Reading from left to right: Miss Mary Osa Stephens, Great-Great-Granddaughter of Robert Carrel Jordan; Mrs. Carloyn C. Stephens, Great-Granddaughter of Robert Carrel Jordan; Richard E. Stephens, Great-Great-Grandson of Robert Carrel Jordan, and M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska.



Plaque on Monument of Robert Carrel Jordan, in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Omaha, Nebraska





Unveiling the Plaque at the Robert Carrel Jordan Monument.



PLAQUE UNVEILED

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master; Mrs. Carolyn C. Stephens, Great-Granddaughter of Robert Carrel Jordan; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Emeritus.

and I am very sure, that beyond all peradventure, M. .W. .Brother Jordan had a soul-sense of the responsibility instinct in that declaration; his long years of activity evidenced that conviction. And I am also sure we can claim for our distinguished brother what Paul so dramatically set forth in his Letter to the Hebrews:

“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth”

and

“that he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

So, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, we dedicate this plaque to the memory of our distinguished Brother. And though it transpires, in the providence of God, that but one person may here claim kinship to our Brother, after the flesh, nevertheless, there are now a host of us, who, by reason of our “spiritual kinship” are glad to do him honor.

The Grand Master then called upon M. .W. .Brother Benjamin F. Eyre and Lewis E. Smith, who spoke extemporaneously of the Masonic and church life of M. .W. .Brother Jordan. Following the introduction of Mrs. Carolyn C. Stephens, great-granddaughter of M. .W. .Brother Jordan, and the Stephens children, Mary Osa, age 17, and Richard E., age 13, Mrs. Stephens, M. .W. .Brother Eyre and M. .W. .Brother Smith unveiled the bronze plaque. The Grand Chaplain then gave the Benediction.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 7, 1950.

At 9:30 A.M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

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

GREETINGS AND REGRETS

We have greetings and felicitations from the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Wyoming, wishing the Grand Lodge of Nebraska a most successful annual communication.

We also have a communication from W. Brother Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian Emeritus, and V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain Emeritus, extending greetings.

Brethren, all of our Past Grand Masters are present at this Annual Communication except M. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg of Omaha. Brother Joe is confined to his home with a serious heart ailment, and if it pleases this Grand Lodge I would like to send greetings to M. W. Brother Joe Fradenburg, Past Grand Master, and to V. W. Brother George Allen Beecher, and to W. Brother Lute M. Savage.

R. W. John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master:

I would like to move that the Grand Secretary be authorized to send the greetings and best wishes of this Grand Lodge to M. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg, Past Grand Master, V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain Emeritus, and W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian Emeritus.

Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENCE

M. W. William B. Wanner, Past Grand Master, presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was adopted.

M. W. William B. Wanner, 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 report that there has been a slight change in our fraternal relations with other Grand Jurisdictions with whom we are now exchanging representatives, which will be explained later in this report.

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

- The Grand Orient of Amazonas and Acre, Brazil
- The United Grand Lodge of Germany
- The Grand Lodge of Greece
- The Grand Lodge of the Territory of Trieste, Italy
- The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of China
- The Grand Lodge of the State of Nuevo Leon, Mexico

Your committee recommends the recognition and exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon, Mexico. This Grand Lodge is recognized by twenty-five of the Grand Lodges of the United States, as well as by the York Grand Lodge of Mexico; one of whose lodges is located in Monterrey, under the unique arrangement between this Grand Lodge and those of the Republic of Mexico. We believe the Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon to be regular and entitled to recognition.

We also received a letter from the Grand Lodge Von Wien for Austria, requesting information as to their status with this Grand Lodge. As far as Nebraska is concerned, we have always considered this Grand Lodge as regular and have continued recognition regardless of war conditions. Our representative was formerly Dr. Hilton of Lincoln and is now W. Henry H. Reese of Chappell. As far as our information goes, the Brethren of Austria are regular and making a determined effort to overcome their handicaps.

In June, 1949, this Grand Lodge recognized, on our recommendation, the Grand Orient of Italy. As a result of this, the Grand Lodge of Ireland severed relations with us as of January 27, 1950. Whether this is so important or not is beside the point. Your committee now is convinced that we made an error last year and acted too hastily in the matter of the Grand Orient of Italy. We now recommend withdrawal of recognition from the Grand Orient of Italy and from all Grand Lodges in Italy until conditions become more stable in that sad country. In this action we are supported by similar conduct by the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Wisconsin. Wisconsin reports that the United Grand Lodge of England had broken off relations with Newfoundland, because that Grand Lodge had recognized the Grand Orient of Italy. From the information that the committee has, it would appear that there are now ten Grand Lodges in Italy; as well as about forty other groups, all claiming to be Masonic, many in overlapping territory. They are not wise in uniting against a common foe, but continually quarrel among themselves for supremacy. The existence of all of them is more or less dependent on the whim of some of the cabinet officials of Italy, since their very right to exist is based solely on the interpretation of the new Italian Constitution. Your committee believes they know who of all the various groups is the legitimate successor to the original Grand Lodge of Italy, but we are not prepared to make any recommendation in that regard this year.

During the past year, the Masonic Service Association sent two distinguished brethren: M. W. Ray V. Denslow of Missouri and M. W. Martin J. Dietz of New Jersey, to Germany to investigate conditions. Their report was published in October, 1949. Most of Germany is now united in the United Grand Lodge of Germany, under Dr. Theodor Vogel as General Grand Master. This was accomplished only by the giving up by some of the Grand Lodges involved of some cherished rights in favor of the unity and harmony of the whole. It was a wonderful achievement. One can hardly comprehend the magnitude of the task. However there still exist large groups not in the new organization. To our understanding, it is difficult to envision three or four Grand Lodges existing in a single city, as is the case in Berlin today. For many reasons, we are taking no action at this communication.

In the case of the Grand Lodge of China, although this Grand Lodge is wholly regular and we wish to help them all we can, it is thought best, due to the occupation of their territory by the Soviet dominated party, to defer action until we can judge just what will happen in this far eastern land.

Last year we made a plea for increased recognition of Masonic bodies, if in any way possible. The Grand Jurisdiction of Wisconsin sent out a new list of rules, this past year, by which a Grand Lodge could be recognized. Three of these are much more liberal than those Nebraska now uses. We wish it were possible to recognize more Grand Lodges, but in our opinion, world conditions have shown no improvement during the past year; but have retrograded and deteriorated in many ways. We, therefore are returning, regretfully, to our more or less isolated position in the matter of recognition; hoping for the advent of the blessed day, when the Prince of Peace may really reign among us and brethren may be truly brethren with each other. Our enemies, and we have many, never cease their attacks and before the world, we should stand united and together.

Today Masonry stands on the threshold of a new era. Whichever way the balance swings, this fraternity will be vitally affected. The events of the next few years will determine our status for a generation. We may rise to greater heights or we might even pass completely away.

As to the other Grand Lodges seeking recognition this year, with the exception of Nuevo Leon, and those carried over from previous years, we recommend that action in these matters be laid over for further study, without prejudice, until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Claire V. Lindberg, 11, reporting for the chairman, W. Paul L. Constant, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted. W. Brother Lindberg was assisted by V. W. Laurence R. Davis, Grand Chaplain,

solo by W. Raymond C. Cook, 6, and organist W. Harold H. Thom, 1.

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

They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed
 Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above;
 A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
 To the places they blessed with their presence and love.
 The work which they left and the books which they read
 Speak mutely, though still with an eloquence rare,
 And the song that they sang, the words that they said,
 Yet linger and sigh on the desolate air.
 And oft when alone, and oft in the throng,
 Or when evil allures us, or sin draweth nigh,
 A whisper comes gently, "Nay, do not the wrong,"
 And we feel that our weakness is pitied on high.

Once again, we pause in our annual deliberations to honor the memories of our departed brethren. Since last we met, memorials have been received from 24 Sister Jurisdictions announcing the passing of 47 distinguished Grand Lodge Officers. Though but few of them were personally known to many of us our sympathies go out to those Jurisdictions which have been affected by the loss of these distinguished brethren. They will miss their devoted service and ripened counsel. It is impossible to pay to each of them the meed of honor so justly his due. We deem it fitting that their names be inscribed in our Proceedings and that a page therein be set aside to their memory.

In our own Grand Jurisdiction we are humbled in our thankfulness to the Almighty God that once more we record an unbroken official line. However, the Angel of Death called one of our most beloved Past Grand Masters to his eternal reward—Most Worshipful Brother Archie M. Smith, 69th in the official line, was taken from us, together with his dear wife, in one of Nebraska's greatest disasters. While driving to Lincoln to attend the Grand Chapter O. E. S. they were victims of a flash flood which overturned their car, and it was several days before their bodies were discovered.

M. W. ARCHIE M. SMITH

M. W. Brother Smith was born August 26, 1883, in Hansen, Nebraska, and died May 8, 1950, at Lincoln. He received the Entered Apprentice degree August 19, 1910, in Lily Lodge No. 154, Davenport, Nebraska; the Fellow-Craft November 6, 1911, in Olive Branch Lodge No. 174 at Walthill, Nebraska; and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on April 12, 1912, in Lily Lodge No. 154. He demitted from Lily Lodge No. 154 on May 9, 1919, and affiliated with Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203, Pender, Nebraska, on May 19, 1919, and served as W. Master from June 13, 1922 to June 21, 1927. On June 21, 1937 he became secretary of that lodge, serving until January 1, 1950.

M. W. Ira C. Freet appointed Brother Smith Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge on June 5, 1929, and he advanced through the line and was installed Grand Master on June 6, 1933, serving until June 5, 1934.

M. W. Brother Smith had been a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons' Association since June 5, 1933. He received the Capitular degrees in Haggai Chapter No. 39, Wakefield, Nebraska, in December, 1939, anointed in the Order of High Priesthood December 8, 1943, and was High Priest of Haggai Chapter No. 39 from 1943 to 1944.

He received the Orders of Knighthood in Damascus Commandery No. 20, at Norfolk, Nebraska, in 1940, and the Cryptic degrees in Hiram Council No. 7, Norfolk, December 5, 1940. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, Omaha, coming from the Scottish Rite Bodies at Sioux City, Iowa. He received the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, December 2, 1939. At the time of his passing he was Worthy Patron of Logan Valley Chapter No. 112, O.E.S., Pender.

With deep sorrow we record the passing of three of our Brethren who through their untiring efforts in our Fraternity have distinguished themselves in this Jurisdiction and their loss will be mourned by all who have walked the pilgrimage of life with them.

HON. FRANK CARGILL PATTON

Brother Patton, 33^o, was born December 10, 1871, Harrisville, Pennsylvania, and died March 24, 1950, at Washington, D. C. He was initiated May 11, 1910, passed June 22, 1910 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on July 13, 1910, in Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha, Nebraska.

He was a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons' Association since December, 1931. He received the Capitular degrees in Omaha Chapter No. 1, March 25, 1919, the Orders of Knighthood in Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1 on May 9, 1919, and received the Cryptic Degrees in Omaha Council No. 1, on June 3, 1921.

Hon. Brother Patton was a member of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home. In the Scottish Rite Bodies he was advanced to the office of Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Nebraska, and Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33^o of the Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America.

W. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PITMAN

W. Benjamin F. Pitman was born January 16, 1861, at Newcastle, Indiana, and died February 7, 1950, at Chadron, Nebraska.

W. Brother Pitman was initiated May 19, 1892, passed September 1, 1892, and raised October 18, 1892, in Samaritan Lodge No. 158, at Chadron. He served as W. Master of his lodge from 1899 to 1900.

He received the Degrees of Royal Arch Masonry in Occidental Chapter No. 48 at Chadron on March 6, 1896, the Order of High Priesthood on December 12, 1900, and served as High Priest of Occidental Chapter from 1901 to 1905. He was elected and served as Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Nebraska, December 12, 1912 to December 12, 1913, and

elected Grand Treasurer in 1926, serving in that office continually to the date of his death. He also served as Treasurer of the Grand Convention, Order of High Priesthood of Nebraska since 1926.

He had been a member of Scottish Rite, Omaha, since 1906. On October 21, 1919, he received the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, and on December 5, 1925 was coroneted Inspector General, Honorary, 33°.

W. F. RAY DILTS

F. Ray Dilts, born July 6, 1881 Tipton, Iowa. Died February 21, 1950, Wakefield, Nebraska. Past Master Corinthian Lodge No. 83, Wakefield, and an Assistant Custodian since 1941.

The constituent lodges of this Jurisdiction have reported a total of 690 brethren who have dropped the working tools from their nerveless hands and have entered into that country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

As we pause to offer tribute to our Honored Dead we are again reminded of the importance of the paragraph taken from our Ritual for a Lodge of Sorrow:

"It is appointed unto all men once to die, and after death cometh the resurrection. The dust shall return to the earth and the spirit unto God who gave it. In the grave all men are equal; the good deeds, the lofty thoughts, the heroic sacrifices alone survive and bear fruit in the lives of those who strive to emulate them.

"While, therefore, nature will have its way, and our tears will fall upon the graves of our brothers, let us be reminded by the evergreen symbol of our faith in immortal life that the dead are but sleeping, and be comforted by the reflection that their memories will not be forgotten; that they will still be loved by those who are soon to follow them; that in our archives their names are written, and that in our hearts there is still place for them. And so, trusting in the infinite love and tender mercy of Him without whose knowledge not even a sparrow falls, let us prepare to meet them where there is no parting and where with them we shall enjoy eternal rest."

How mournful seems, in broken dreams,
 The memory of the day,
 When icy Death hath sealed the breath
 Of some dear form of clay.
 When pale, unmoved the face we loved,
 The face we thought so fair,
 And the hand lies cold, whose fervent hold
 Once charmed away despair.
 Oh, what could heal the grief we feel
 For hopes that come no more,
 Had we ne'er heard the Scripture word,
 "Not lost, but gone before."

Oh sadly yet with vain regret
 The widowed heart must yearn;
 And mothers weep their babes asleep
 In the sunlight's vain return.
 The brother's heart shall rue to part
 From the one through childhood known;
 And the orphan's tears lament for years
 A friend and father gone.
 For death and life, with ceaseless strife,
 Beat wild on this world's shore,
 And all our calm is in that balm,
 "Not lost, but gone before."
 Oh! world wherein nor death, nor sin,
 Nor weary warfare dwells;
 Their blessed home we parted from
 With sobs and sad farewells.
 Where eyes awake, for whose dear sake,
 Our own with tears grow dim,
 And faint accords of dying words,
 Are changed for heaven's sweet hymn;
 Oh! there at last, life's trials past,
 We'll meet our loved once more,
 Whose feet have trod the path to God—
 "Not lost, but gone before."

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

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

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alabama	Raymond C. Cook
Arizona	Morace F. Smith
Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee
Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James
Brazil, Sao Paulo	Nile O. Walther
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro	Cecil C. Gates
British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron
Canada	Edward F. Carter
Chile	Ralph O. Canaday
Colorado	Carl R. Greisen
Connecticut	Chancellor A. Phillips
Cuba	Fay Smith

Delaware	Ross Van Sickle
Denmark	John S. Hedelund
England	John R. Tapster
Florida	Charles B. Nicodemus
Georgia	William F. Evers
Illinois	Ernest S. Schiefelbein
Indiana	John R. Hughes
Kansas	Howard J. Hunter
Maine	Carlos E. Schaper
Manitoba	Ernest C. Purdy
Maryland	George A. Kurk
Massachusetts	William B. Wanner
Mexico	Earl J. Lee
Michigan	Lewis E. Smith
Montana	Welcome W. Naylor
New Hampshire	Virgil R. Johnson
New Jersey	Wallace E. Linn
New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel
New York	George R. Porter
New Zealand	Stanley P. Bostwick
Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming
North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire
Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entrekkin
Oklahoma	Curry W. Watson
Panama	Walter R. Raecke
Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith
Puerto Rico	Walter O. Barnes
Quebec	Edwin D. Crites
Queensland	Edward Huwaldt
Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland
Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom
Scotland	William Cosh
South Carolina	James R. Cain, Jr.
South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell
Tamaulipas	Robert D. Wilson
Tennessee	William C. Schaper
Texas	Albert S. Johnston
Virginia	William J. Breckenridge
Washington	Edward M. Knight
West Australia	Charles F. Adams
West Virginia	Alvin H. Miller
Wisconsin	Osborne P. Simon

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master:

Brethren:

You are gathered about our sacred altar as Grand Representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions with whom we are affiliated, and have Masonic

relationship, and are recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. We welcome you here this morning, and wish that you would send the respective Grand Lodges whom you represent as Grand Representatives, a word of greeting, and inform the various jurisdictions of the important things that we have done and are doing in this Grand Jurisdiction.

We welcome you and hope that you will have many years of faithful service in the jurisdiction that you represent.

I thank you.

RESPONSE

By R. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Representative of Denmark.

We are before you and this Grand Lodge, as Nebraska Masons in good standing; most of us as accredited representatives with privilege of membership in this 93d annual communication. Therefore, we are at home, and speak as members of the Masonic Brotherhood of this State.

Over and above that, at this particular moment, we are called to receive your words of welcome, and to listen to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge as a visible sign of the interest of Masons in other Grand Jurisdictions, domestic and foreign, to whom, by virtue of their appointment, we are bound as special emissaries in the cause of Masonry.

In this roll call, we miss today three Brethren who were with us a year ago, and have been called to rest. W. Benjamin F. Pitman who had represented the Grand Lodge of Montana since 1930; W. F. Ray Dilts, who had represented Arizona since 1937, and M. W. Archie M. Smith, who represented Maine since 1927. These Brethren worthily represented their respective Grand Jurisdictions, carrying out the trust that was vested in them honorably and wisely.

As this roll was called, the names of Jurisdictions within the United States; the names of foreign countries, and each Brother took his place around our Altar, all of you can, no doubt, picture, as I have, the geographical locations of each, and mentally judge in your own mind whether they preceded us as a separate entity, or whether they are younger than we are in Nebraska. And as foreign nations come into the picture, see in your mind the races, with their languages, customs, habits, which are so different from ours. All these, if effort was made to bring them together on any ordinary basis, whether political or religious, or in a business way, would, and do, create again a Tower of Babel, which ultimately would fall to crush the hopes of its builders.

So it is with grateful hearts that we pay tribute to those whom we today represent, Brother Masons; gratitude to those of past years who kindled the flame and kept it burning from one generation to another; as a beacon for better understanding, better living, nobler thoughts; let it survive through the evils of ignorance, despotism, wars and persecutions.

Gratitude to our contemporaries, who join hands and minds and hearts in the work of holding high that beacon light in our own day, with its new threats of the forces of intolerance and error which endanger the welfare of the world.

Gratitude that we may have a part in shaping the future for our Brethren to be, and for the world in which they are to live.

Individually, we acknowledge and say "Thank you" to those whom we represent for their Brotherly love and esteem which warranted their appointment. We will be happy to communicate to them your words of greeting.

We thank you most sincerely, M. . W. . Grand Master, for your greetings. We are honored to be a part of this 93rd annual communication.

M. . W. . Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master :

Thank you, Brother John, for that splendid response.

RESOLUTION

W. . Ernest C. Purdy, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge, A. . F. . & A. . M. . of Manitoba, near Nebraska, presented the following resolution and moved its adoption :

Resolved that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, through the Grand Secretary's office, send an expression of sympathy to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for the tragedy which has befallen them in the results of the disastrous flood, which they have experienced. Their welfare has been a matter of deep concern to us.

Motion seconded and carried.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. . W. . Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers, and appointed the Assistant Custodians to act as tellers, W. . Jesse P. Entrekin, Chairman.

The following Grand Officers were elected :

- Brother John S. Hedelund, 268Grand Master
- Brother Thomas J. Aron, 37Deputy Grand Master
- Brother Edward M. Knight, 183Grand Senior Warden
- Brother Fay Smith, 198Grand Junior Warden
- Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Brother Thomas A. Barton, 210	.....Grand Chaplain
Brother Clarence T. Spier, 268	.....Grand Orator
Brother Harold H. Thom, 1	.....Grand Historian
Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6	.....Grand Custodian
Brother Morace F. Smith, 265	.....Grand Marshal
Brother Charles F. Adams, 68	.....Grand Senior Deacon
Brother Herbert T. White, 11	.....Grand Junior Deacon
Brother James H. Bryant, 199	.....Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES, 1950-1951

Codification of the Law: W. Harold M. Kelley, 302, Chairman; Norris Chadderdon, 146, and Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.

Fraternal Dead: W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman; Francis H. Samson, 21, and Clarence E. Norris, 97.

Foreign Correspondence: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wannier, 9, W. Carroll Lewis, 14.

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, (1952), Chairman, W. John R. Hughes, 184 (1951), Alvin H. Miller, 19 (1953), Mahlon C. Morgan, 322 (1954), and Otto Burkhardt, 55 (1955).

Masonic Education: W. Roy W. Deal, 227, Chairman, M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59, W. John E. Curtiss, 79, Ralph M. Carhart, 120, and John A. Young, 240.

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201 (1952), Chairman, Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1951), and Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1953).

Grand Trustees: W. Robert D. Wilson, 268 (1952), Chairman, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1951), W. Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1953).

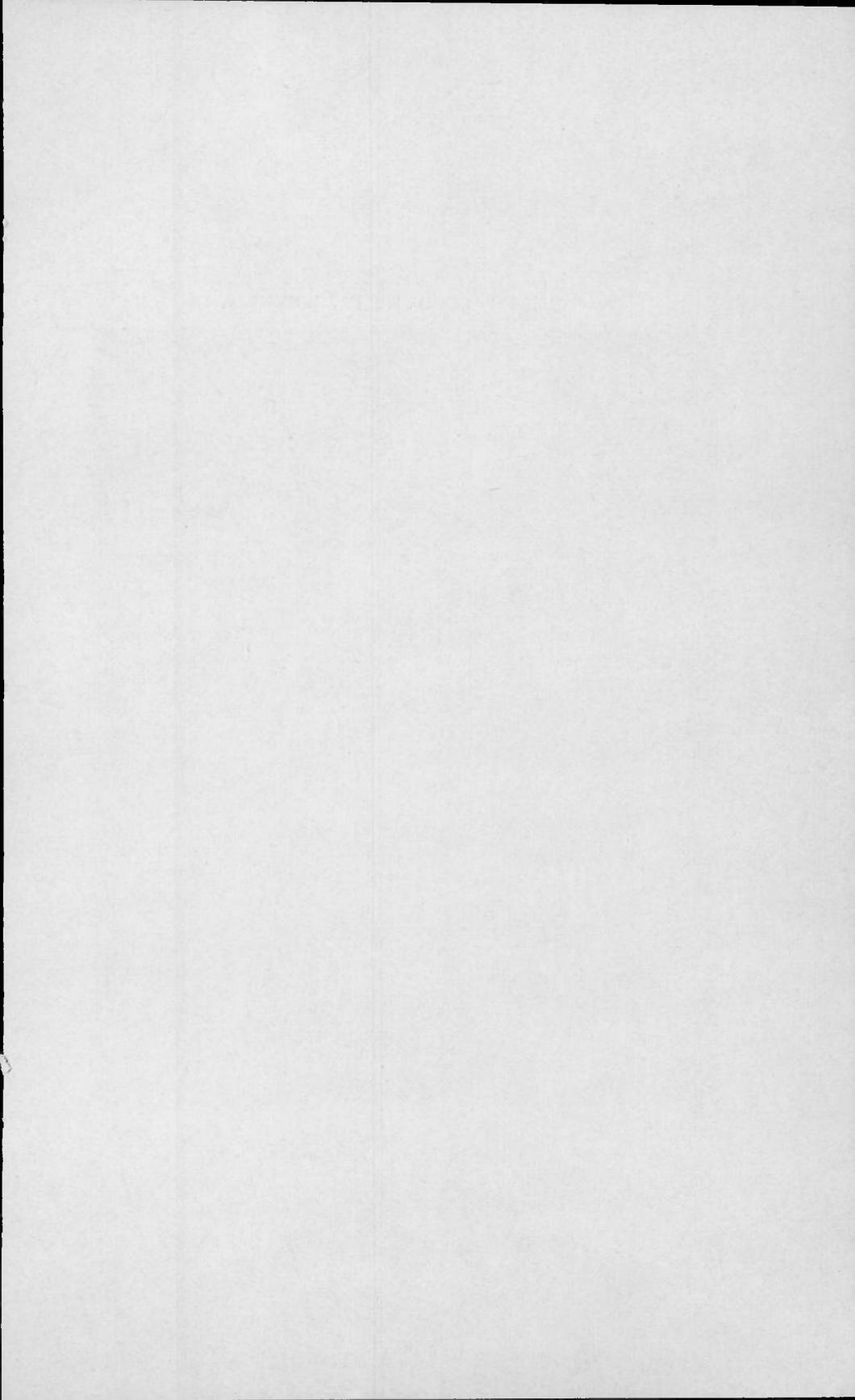
Grievances: W. Robert G. Outman, 183, Chairman, Floyd D. Lucas, 225, and Ralph R. Carleton, 306.

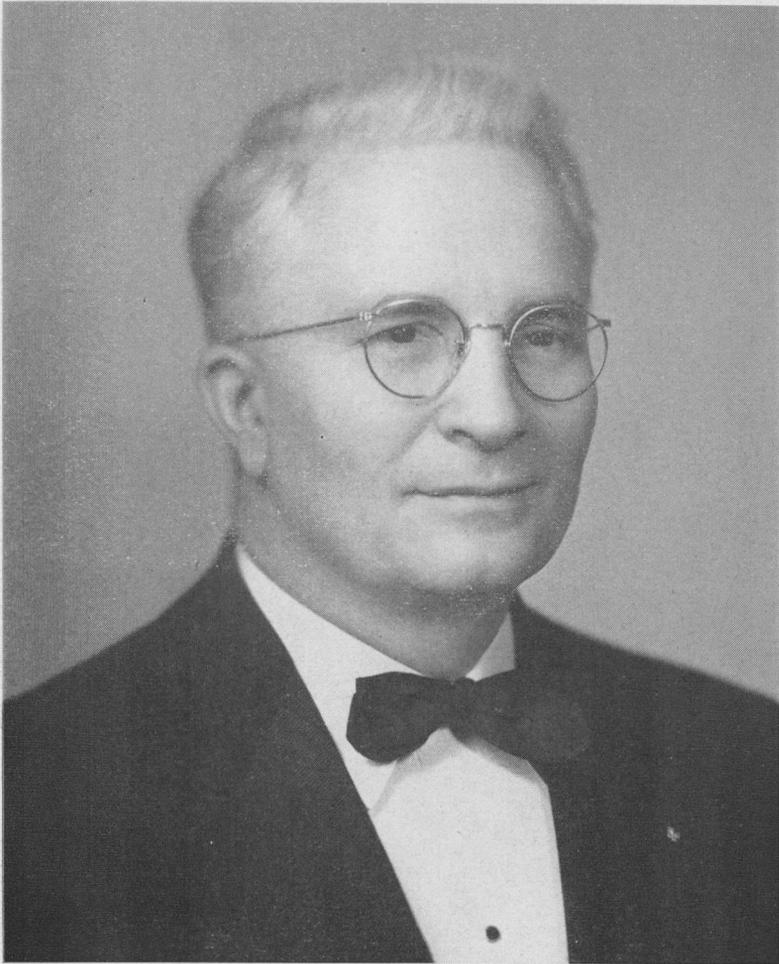
Temple Building Advisory: W. Otto Nelsen, 300 (1952), Chairman, Victor Bryan, 263 (1953), and Clarence V. Dixon, 227 (1951).

George Washington Masonic National Memorial: W. Cary W. Dreslar, 32, Chairman, Elmer P. Baruth, 323, and Perry W. Phillips, 150.

Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund: W. Albert L. Johnston, Jr., 37, Chairman, Linn W. McMillan, 54, and M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227.

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





W. HAROLD H. THOM, Grand Historian

GRAND LODGE SPECIAL COMMITTEES 1950-1951

Omaha Masonic Home for Boys: M. W. Walter R. Racecke, 36 (1953), Chairman, W. Carl W. Rensch, 19 (1951), and Ralph M. Carhart, 120 (1952).

Committee on Centennial: W. George W. Rosenlof, 77, Chairman, William J. Baird, 268, Carroll W. Schurmann, 15, and Harold H. Thom, 1.

Committee to Study Sec. 2-402 and 2-403: W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman, John S. Burley, 300, George H. Holdeman, 56.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Work, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Work desires to submit the following report for the consideration of this Grand Lodge:

Throughout the annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge, there appears in several places the action of this Grand Lodge adopting the Webb-Preston work as the monitorial and esoteric work of this Grand Jurisdiction. No way exists for your committee to determine the exact wording of the Webb-Preston work as it was then referred to. Consequently, it is the feeling of your committee that this Grand Lodge should adopt more precisely, for the guidance of your committee and the department of the Grand Custodian, the work of this Grand Jurisdiction.

We have found that the work which has been promulgated in this Grand Jurisdiction for the past twenty-five years is determinable without any dispute among those who are learned and proficient in the work. It is the belief of your committee that this work which has been so long promulgated, should provide the basis for Grand Lodge approval.

In the course of the investigation of the work by your committee, however, it has been discovered that a variance has crept into the work in one place only, which variance has never been authorized by this Grand Lodge. This situation, the committee feels, is for the determination of the Grand Lodge, it being the only body with authority to adopt or change the work.

It must be conceded that the Grand Lodge has the power to adopt a change, correct an error or to insist upon the restoration of the language formerly used.

(The chairman then submitted to the Grand Lodge a statement of the language used and the words necessary to correct the error).

Your committee moves the adoption of the work being promulgated on June 5, 1950, as the authorized esoteric and monitorial work of this Grand Jurisdiction except that the answer formerly used in the first section of the lecture in the Entered Apprentice Degree, which has hereinbefore been set forth, shall be restored as the authorized language to be used in this jurisdiction.

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

• There are amendments to the Constitution that the Grand Secretary has asked me to present, that were voted on by the Lodges last year.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Grand Secretary presented the following amendments to the Constitution and the affirmative and negative vote by the constituent lodges.

At the 92nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in Omaha, June 7, 8 and 9, 1949, an amendment was offered to Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. The proposed amendment to Article II of the Constitution is as follows:

That Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the language "Francis E. White as Grand Secretary Emeritus" so that said article as amended will read in full as follows:

ARTICLE II

Members

The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, and Grand Tyler, with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and the Wardens or their proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters as are members of a subordinate lodge.

Article XIII provides that the proposed amendment be submitted to the chartered lodges, for their approval or rejection.

There were 206 lodges voted on the amendment; 205 voted unanimously in favor of the amendment, 1 lodge voted against the amendment.

It was moved by M. W. Lewis E. Smith and seconded that the amendment to Article II of the Constitution be adopted. Motion carried.

At the 92nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in Omaha, June 7, 8 and 9, 1949, an amendment was offered to Article V of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. The proposed amendment to Article V of the Constitution is as follows:

That Article V of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by including in the list of officers a Grand Historian, so that said Article as amended will read in full as follows:

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be styled and take rank as follows:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master;
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master;
The Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden;
The Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden;
The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary;
The Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain;
The Worshipful Grand Orator;
The Worshipful Grand Historian;
The Worshipful Grand Custodian;
The Worshipful Grand Marshal;
The Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon;
The Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon;
The Grand Tyler.

Article XIII provides that the proposed amendment be submitted to the chartered lodges, for their approval or rejection.

There were 206 lodges voted on the amendment, 204 voted unanimously in favor of the amendment, 2 lodges voted against the amendment.

It was moved by M. W. Lewis E. Smith and seconded that the amendment to Article V of the Constitution be adopted. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

W. Peter L. Bauer, President, presented the report of The Nebraska Masonic Home, which was adopted.

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

This will be a memorable year for Masonry in the State of Nebraska because we have come to another important milestone in the building of our Masonic Home.

In the Record of the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and Board of Trustees of the Home for 1929, there is an interesting history of the Home written by Right Worshipful Francis E. White, which I have read with a great deal of interest. I think it would be fitting to review a few important facts from this interesting story at this time. "In 1884 the Committee on Accounts took the first steps—so far as can be ascertained from the proceedings—toward the establishing of a Masonic Home. The Committee made a report, which was adopted, providing for the collection of the Orphans Educational Fund, as soon as convenient, for the purpose

of establishing an Orphans and Widows Home." Nothing was done to collect the money or to establish the Home, but in 1887 Brother Newton R. Persinger offered a resolution providing for a commission of five to consider proposals for locating a Home, and giving the commission full power to locate and establish one, inside of ninety days from the rising of the Grand Lodge, appropriating \$10,000 and making an assessment of twenty-five cents per capita annually. The resolution was not adopted and Brother Persinger then offered another one, which was adopted, providing for a commission of seven to ask for proposals for the location of "a Masonic Orphans Home and School and a Home for Indigent Masons and their families, the Committee to report at the next session the result of their labors and such recommendations as they might deem desirable."

In 1888 Brother Coutant, Chairman of the Commission, reported, expressing the opinion that the time had come when the Grand Lodge would be fully justified in taking the first steps toward the organization of a Masonic Home. The commission recommended the organization of a corporation to be called The Nebraska Masonic Home, and in a general way, outlined a plan for the organization.

In 1889 Grand Master George B. France in his address made a strong appeal for a Home. At the same session, Brother George W. Lininger, for the Committee on The Nebraska Masonic Home, reported that on June 17, 1889, the Home was incorporated, and he made the Articles of Incorporation a part of his report. Two hundred eighty-five shares of stock were subscribed for that year.

In 1891 Grand Master Robert E. French reported in his address that he had sent out circulars asking for information in regard to prospective residents for the Home, and that but few responses had been made to his inquiries.

The records of the Home corporation show that a definite selection of a location for the Home was made at a meeting held June 17, 1889. Omaha received 134 votes; Plattsmouth, 21; and York, 6.

After all the effort put forth by the Trustees, they realized that it was impossible to comply with the recommendations of the Grand Lodge in regard to establishing a Masonic Home in Nebraska because the total amount of the funds reached only \$25,500. This was \$75,000 short of what the Grand Lodge had fixed as a minimum sum necessary. The number of members of the Grand Lodge at that time was approximately 8,000.

The first attempt to establish the Home had failed. Notwithstanding this failure some of the brethren did not give up the idea that at some time and in some way there would be a Masonic Home established in Nebraska. The association was not abandoned and reports were occasionally made showing the condition of the fund. No meetings of the Trustees seem to have been held between January 23, 1890 and January 23, 1903, a period of thirteen years.

On June 5, 1903 another meeting of the Board of Trustees was held, at which time a proposition was submitted to the Board from Francis E.

White offering his property in Plattsmouth for a Masonic Home. He informed the Trustees that they could have the property on such terms as they wanted, the Trustees to fix a price; and he would accept whatever in their judgment the property was worth; under no circumstances would he say what the price should be; or in any way set a value upon it.

Brother Gustave Andreen moved that the location of The Nebraska Masonic Home be fixed at Plattsmouth and that the Trustees be authorized to purchase the property offered by Francis E. White for the sum of \$5,000. As a result, our Home became a reality and it was opened September 1, 1903 with a matron and an assistant. The first resident was admitted October 20, 1903.

In 1904 the Grand Lodge enacted a law providing for an assessment of fifty cents per capita for maintaining the Home. In 1910 this sum was increased to seventy-five cents.

The first addition to the original building was built in 1906 at a cost of \$15,695.83. A second addition was built in 1908 and cost approximately \$22,000. During the year 1908 a laundry and heating plant were also erected at a cost of about \$7,000, entirely separate from the other buildings.

In 1922 Grand Master Lewis E. Smith recommended the building of an Infirmary at Plattsmouth and that the Grand Lodge appropriate sufficient funds to erect the building. The Committee on Finance appropriated \$50,000 toward the creation of a building fund for the erection of an Infirmary and additional sums out of the Building and Improvement Fund were appropriated.

The Infirmary building was built in 1923 and 1924 and ready for occupancy in the fall of 1925. Only one floor was furnished at that time and it was thought that this would be sufficient for several years. However, in 1926 it was found necessary to furnish the second floor. At the close of 1927 the entire building was in use.

When the cornerstone of the Infirmary building was laid on June 3, 1924, W. Brother John R. Webster delivered the oration and I want to quote from his speech: "There has been no thought of needless or lavish expenditure; but rather of economy. No one contemplates the construction of these buildings today, or in the near future; but little by little, and part by part, as additional facilities are required, portions of a building can be erected, just as wings may be added, one by one, to this Infirmary that will increase its capacity threefold. Having a design which looks to the future will minimize mistakes. Buildings erected will not be temporary makeshifts to supply pressing needs and then be torn down; but will be permanent parts of a well-considered plan and will fit in with other buildings, so that the final result will be one symmetrical whole. In making these plans your Committee exercised the greatest care. Professor Morris I. Evinger, of our State University, with a corps of competent engineers, made for us a topographical survey of the site and also prepared for us five complete sets of drawings; each showing a different

layout of buildings, drives, etc. As a matter of precaution, Mr. Henry Wright, landscape architect, of St. Louis was engaged as a consulting engineer. We also had the assistance of Mr. J. S. Butterfield, landscape engineer of the Missouri Pacific Railroad. All of the gentlemen met several times with the Committee at the Home, carefully examined the site and surroundings, studied the drawings of Professor Evinger and all agreed on the plans selected."

Today, twenty-five years later, we realize more than ever how well our brethren had planned.

During the past several years we have operated our Home with inadequate space and with limited funds. In spite of these handicaps, I know the Home has been conducted in a very efficient manner and without neglect to the loving care that is due to our residents. It has been evident for a long time that we have outgrown our present facilities and that we could have more efficient and better operation by having all of our residents housed in one fireproof building. The fact that our old building is a fire hazard has been of much concern to the members of your Board.

A Committee of Masonic Home Board members was appointed on January 23, 1945, to see what could be done about raising funds to build two wings to our present Infirmary building, thus completing this structure, as it originally had been planned and to provide the room and other facilities that are so badly needed.

The Committee planned carefully and had every hope that the necessary funds would be raised within a year but evidently they had their hopes set too high. However, the brochure that was prepared and sent to our members, together with the letters and reports of the progress we were making in our fund raising campaign were very wholesome and created a new interest in the Home, as well as in Masonic Charity.

Sufficient funds were raised by 1949 to warrant action by your Board of Trustees in starting the building program. John Latenser and Sons were employed as Architects and were told to prepare the necessary plans and specifications. We were anxious to get started on the building because many of our brethren who had contributed were becoming impatient at our apparent inactivity. However, we acted upon the advice of our Architects and waited until April of this year to submit the plans to Contractors for bids. As you perhaps already know, Francis R. Orshek Company, Incorporated, of Fremont were the successful bidders on the General Contract; J. H. Martig, Incorporated, of Omaha, was awarded the Contract for plumbing and heating; and the Electric Engineering Company of Lincoln, the Contract for electric wiring. The cost is to be \$453,949.00, which does not include the Architects' fees.

With the enlargement of the Home and the increase in the number of residents, naturally there will be an increased cost in operation. Thanks to the Grand Lodge and the kind consideration of our membership this situation will be met by the raise in the apportionment of the membership

dues allocated to the support of the Home voted at the last Grand Lodge Session.

Work is now underway on the construction of the two new wings, and I urge you to visit our Home at Plattsmouth this summer and see first hand the activity that is going on. The residents of the Home, as well as our Superintendent and his staff, will appreciate your interest.

There have been approximately 800 residents admitted to the Home since it was opened in 1903. I want to reiterate what has been suggested by previous presidents, that we must be looking into the future and anticipate further increasing needs and prepare ourselves with funds to meet these needs without the necessity for voluntary contributions. It is estimated that by 1980 we will need space for at least 350 residents.

I want you to know that the Board of Trustees are grateful to you for your generous assistance and the residents, who will have the privilege of occupying the new enlarged Home with all its comfortable appointments and restful solariums, will ask God's blessing upon you.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES

W. Robert D. Wilson, 268, Chairman, presented the report of the Grand Trustees, which was adopted.

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

During the past year additional issues of common stock of various Public Utility companies have been purchased as outlined in the investment program which was reported at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge last June. These were issues of companies engaged in the business of furnishing electric power, manufactured gas and natural gas.

These investments thus far have produced quite satisfactory results as the dividend income therefrom has been considerably above the average earnings of the other investments in the fund. Furthermore, the demand for electric power and for gas continues to increase and along with this the earnings of these companies generally are increasing.

The future of these companies appears to be good and it is believed that they would be in a relatively safe position with respect to inventory losses in the event of diminishing prices of raw materials and finished products, that they are comparatively free from competition and, quite generally, are reducing their costs of production through the installation of improved machinery, etc. It therefore seems advisable to make some further investments in securities of this class in the coming year, exercising due care in selecting sound stocks with due regard to the geographical location of the companies and the proper limitation of the maximum amount to be thus invested.

During the past year several securities of other classes have been sold at a good profit as it did not appear that there was a reasonable likelihood that the market prices would advance much further, if any, and it was believed that the proceeds of these sales could be more profitably utilized by investments in other securities.

The total current value of the fund increased quite well during the past year and it is the object to increase it further to the extent that this can be done under a conservative program and with due care for the preservation of the principal.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS

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

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

One of our eminent apostles of the Christian Church spoke in the following language and I quote from I Corinthians XIII, Charity:

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not Charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling Cymbal. And though I have the gift of Prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not Charity, I am nothing.”

The Apostle in comparing it with faith and hope, calls it the greatest of the three, and hence, in Masonry it is made the topmost round of the mystic ladder. We must not fall into the common error that Charity is only that sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor with pecuniary donations. Its Masonic as well as Christian application is more noble and more extensive.

John Wesley expressed his regret that the Greek had not been correctly translated as Love instead of Charity, so that the Apostolic Triad of Virtues would have been, not “Faith, Hope and Charity”, but “Faith, Hope and Love.” Then we would have understood the comparison made by St. Paul, when he said,

“Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profit me nothing.”

Guided by this sentiment, the true Mason will “Suffer long and be kind.” He will be slow to anger, and easy to forgive. He will stay his falling brother by gentle admonition and warn him with kindness of approaching danger. He will not open his lips against all reproach. His faults and his follies will be locked in his breast, and the prayer of mercy will ascend to Jehovah for his brother’s sins.

Masonic Charity does include the giving of physical relief, individual Masons give it, the Lodges give it, the Grand Lodge gives it. But if Charity began and ended with money, it would go but a little way. St. Paul said "And although I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and have not Charity (love), it profit me nothing." If the Charity of Freemasonry meant only the giving of alms, it would long ago have given place to a hundred institutions better able to provide relief.

Individual Charity is wholly in the control of the individual brother's conscience. But no conscience need control that larger and finer giving of comfort and counsel of joy and sadness of sympathy and spiritual help. Here the Mason may give as much as he will and be not the poorer but the richer for his giving.

Again we submit for your approval the report from your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans for the past Masonic year. This report is necessarily brief and does not pretend to include the detail of the cases called to our attention through the various channels of this Grand Jurisdiction. Needless to say, they were investigated through the agencies at our disposal and handled in accordance with the needs established through our investigations. If, in the course of our investigation we developed other close relationship, such as membership in the Scottish Rite, Shrine and Eastern Star, our recommendation has always been for active participation in the case by these organizations, and we are most happy to report to you that we have always received their hearty cooperation and support.

During the past year our total disbursements for relief was \$7,131.00 which is a slight increase over the preceding year. Based on our present membership of 41,379 Master Masons, this amount represents an expenditure of 17.2 cents per capita. Over a period of years 1930-1949 our curve chart of membership and comparative per capita expense presents a very interesting study in contrasts. From 1930 to 1941 our Membership Chart reflects a continuing downward trend each year from 42,027 members in 1930 to 30,852 members in 1941. Our per capita cost for relief during the same period is a continuing upward trend from 14 cents in 1930 to 31.3 cents in 1941. From 1941 to 1949 our membership has increased to its present figure of 41,379 members, while our per capita cost for relief has decreased from 31.3 cents to 17.2 cents.

We do not attempt to incorporate into this report any official record of the activities of our Homes at Plattsmouth or Fremont. These Homes are an integral and vital part of the benevolent and charitable program of this Grand Jurisdiction. During the past year 51 women and 32 men were provided with the comforts and care of the Home at Plattsmouth and a total of 39 children were cared for at Fremont. The combined cost of operating and maintaining these Homes, plus the amount expended by this Committee reveals a total annual cost for charitable and benevolent purposes, from the standpoint of Grand Lodge administration, in excess of \$135,000.00.

Your Chairman attended the Biennial meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada held at Toronto, Ontario on September 12 and 13, 1949. Practically every Grand Jurisdiction in this country and Canada was represented at this meeting and many interesting and educational papers were submitted and discussed.

We are pleased to report that we have maintained our expense for this work within the budget provided by your Finance Committee. A complete audit of all records and accounts maintained has been made by G. L. Greenfield, Certified Public Accountant, and this report is attached hereto and made a part of this record.

In conclusion we desire to submit a brief paragraph as a memorial to one of our brothers, who for many years had served faithfully and well as a member of this Committee.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PITMAN

Born January 16, 1861 at Newcastle, Indiana. Died February 7, 1950, at Chadron, Nebraska.

It was only a year ago that this Grand Lodge had the privilege and honor of presenting this Venerable Brother with a gold embossed Certificate or Plaque which read as follows:

“The Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, at its 92nd Annual Communication, present this Certificate to Worshipful Brother Benjamin F. Pitman, in grateful recognition of his faithful service in attending fifty consecutive annual communications.”

He was made an Entered Apprentice Mason May 19, 1892, passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft September 1, 1892 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason October 18, 1892 in Samaritan Lodge No. 158 A. F. & A. M. at Chadron, Nebraska. He served the Lodge as its Worshipful Master in 1899-1900. In his devotion to Masonry he received practically every distinguished honor in the gift of this Grand Jurisdiction. His Masonic record is a long and meritorious one covering a period of nearly fifty-eight years, during which time he gave to the fraternity a service rarely equaled.

His record as a member of our Official Charitable Boards is as follows:
Member of Board of Trustees The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, 1916-1950.

Member of Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, 1925-1950.

Member of Board of Trustees Masonic-Eastern Star Home—Fremont, 1926-1943.

Worshipful Brother Pitman departed this life February 7, 1950, at his home in Chadron at the age of eighty-nine years, twenty-two days. Services were held from the Episcopal Church on February 9 with Masonic Committal services by Samaritan Lodge, at Greenwood Cemetery, Chadron. Your Chairman, accompanied by R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and W. John R. Hughes, were in attendance at his services. Thus we close the record.

"The silver cord is loosed, the golden bowl is broken, the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel at the cistern; man has gone to his long home and the mourners go about the streets." Our Brother has laid down the working tools of his profession and entered into the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

It is not for us to measure the length of the cord, to tell the capacity of the bowl, or to determine the drawing power of the wheel. He who holds the water in the hollow of His hand and metes out Heaven with a span and weighs the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance, now has the soul of our Brother in His own Divine keeping. We may not replace the pieces and say, "here was the man." God alone can put the fragments together and estimate their true worth. What nobler epitaph can any man have than this, that he served his generation and by the will of God he fell asleep!

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

PRESENTATION OF CHECK TO THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Prior to the opening of the Afternoon Session of the Grand Lodge, Miss Dorothy Sullivan, Worthy Grand Advisor of the Grand Assembly of the Order of Rainbow, presented a check in the amount of \$100.00 to be used for The Nebraska Masonic Home.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 7, 1950

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

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W. James C. Suttie, President of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, presented his report, which was adopted.

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

It is again my privilege to bring you this report. Present enrollment 39 children, and as reported last year, the junior boys are the largest group with more of them coming. Nine applications are pending, two of them for three-year-olds. Children are doing well in their studies, church work, 4-H activities and other interests.

We have had no epidemics or hospitalizations this past year, just minor scattered cases of mumps, etc., like in any private home, and great credit for this is due to the fine work of Doctor Harvey, Fremont Lodge No. 15. We have an agreement of years standing with him to look after the children for \$300.00 per annum, a sum which does not near cover the expense of supplies he furnishes; he will come at any hour upon call and takes a deep personal interest in every youngster. He is a fine Mason, quietly doing his share. When we have had surgical work such as tonsil or appendicitis emergencies, we never get a bill from the surgeons at Fremont. No socialized medicine here.

While at Lincoln last month, a couple of brothers brought up the question of per capita cost being high. It is, and I would be the first to admit it. We have the plant and equipment to take care of more than twice the present enrollment, and twenty more would very slightly raise the per capita cost. I have been able to get a little data for 1949, and Fremont compares quite favorably.

Illinois Masonic Home (adults) 226 people, average cost.....	\$ 922.00
Ohio Masonic Home (adults) 433 people, average cost	1,178.00
Oxford Orphanage, North Carolina, 317 people, average cost.....	877.00
Masonic Home, Virginia, 75 people, average cost.....	1,144.00
Fremont, average 40, based on budget of \$36,000	900.00

North Carolina I am informed, receives quite substantial State Aid.

In spite of constant increasing costs in everything and the necessity of some rather heavy repairs, the budget we are asking for shows a decrease over the preceding two years, being as follows: 1948, \$37,415.00; 1949, \$37,740.00; 1950, \$36,000.00.

We are proceeding with some work that has been too long delayed; for instance, we are painting in all the Homes, and you can understand the necessity for that when some of the walls have not been painted in 15 years, very few of them in past ten years, and in one of the Homes, closets that never were painted. So instead of the dark, dirty-looking walls you can now see a bright, clean appearance—this has greatly increased the morale and pride of everyone in these Homes.

We have some money from estates and gifts that was not specifically ear-marked but can be used in the General Fund. We are holding this to use in correcting a bad situation that has developed at the Junior Boys' Home, the oldest Home on the grounds. A good many years ago a brick addition was built on the east side of the kitchen. Evidently due to insufficient footings, this addition has pulled away from the main building and has created a bad hazard that must be corrected. We are trying to ascertain whether or not it will have to be torn down and rebuilt, or if possible jack it up into position and place new footings under it. We have no estimates as yet as to what this will cost.

Very often one hears the Home referred to as "Eastern Star Home." Proper legal name is "The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children", and of the children enrolled at present, 71% are through Masonic Lodge affiliations and 29% through Eastern Star chapters.

It is hard to tell you what the future of a Home such as this has. With Federal and State governments entering into relief matters affecting children, with consequent effect on enrollment at Homes such as ours, there is always a question as to how far this will go and what we can expect. We have never denied admission to any deserving child, and the M.'W.'. Grand Master has cooperated most freely in any special case. Every brother knows what his obligation is to our orphans; he can rest assured we are taking care of our own in just the way you would want your own youngster looked after should misfortune occur to you. We are checked by a State agency and we cooperate with them, but only last month rejected an offer which we felt might save us a few dollars, but which we feel very definitely would open the door towards further infringement into Home operations. The Masonic Fraternity takes care of its own and we feel very strongly that we are perfectly able to get along without Government aid or interference.

One of the finest rewards we receive is to see a youngster graduate from high school and start to college. We have three such graduates this Spring. When these children leave the Home, they are turned over to the Educational Committee, one of your hard-working committees that does a tremendous amount of work but yet is seldom known. They locate these youngsters in homes where they work for their room and board, watch their school work and grades, look after their well-being, in fact, act as sort of parents. It has been a pleasure for us to work with this Committee, and we want to extend our thanks and appreciation. The members of this committee are, W.'Merle Hale, Lincoln, Chairman; Albert M. Johnson, Crete; Linn W. McMillin, Lincoln.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with M.'W.'.Grand Master Ernest S. Schiefelbein. He has a heart as big as all outdoors, and time and time again he could be seen with a group of youngsters off by themselves having a good time. He learned one thing they need, just a little interest in them and the bars are down and he is immediately one of them. Children know. There wasn't a "bigger kid" on the grounds Christmas Eve than he was, and I know he got as much enjoyment out of Santa at each Home, as the youngsters. He has that human understanding and inner goodness it takes and may he be spared to go to the Home for many visits with Santa.

During the war and since, we have had a tremendous problem in getting proper help and we still are faced with it. At no time have we had a full crew, which has necessitated long hours on the part of everyone on the grounds. The Board sincerely expresses its deep and sincere thanks to those loyal and untiring matrons, assistants, and others at the Home who have given their all for the children, under the very capable and efficient leadership of W.'J. Russell Reeder, Superintendent. I personally know what Superintendent Reeder has gone through and cannot say enough for his fine administration in spite of some terrific problems; he deserves your thanks for a job well done.

W. Carl R. Greison, Grand Secretary, has cooperated in every way, and it is a big help to know he is always ready and willing.

The Board appreciates the opportunity to serve you and we have endeavored to carry on in the true Masonic spirit and tradition, well realizing these children are a sacred trust given us by you; may we never fail in that duty.

RESOLUTION

W. James C. Suttie, President of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Omaha, Nebraska, May 3, 1950.

To

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA,
GRAND CHAPTER, O.E.S. OF NEBRASKA,

We respectfully request authority for the following:

Construction, ultimately, of a recreation building on the vacant ground between the Junior Boys and Senior Boys Buildings.

This building to be in complete harmony architecturally with other buildings on the grounds.

To be built as recreation and meeting hall, with seating capacity of around 150 to 200. South end of building to have Superintendent's office, with small room as library adjoining. Basement to be excavated under the office portion and used for the purpose of storing food and other supplies.

During the term of Mrs. Jane Outhouse as Worthy Grand Matron, her project was the collection of funds toward the construction of such building. There is now approximately \$13,000.00 in that fund.

We are now assured of several rather large donations immediately to go into this fund, if authority is granted to go ahead with the building when sufficient money is available, and reason for the application at this time is to take advantage of such offers.

It is understood clearly that no construction will be started until funds are sufficient to completely cover all work, and when that time comes, complete building plans, estimates, etc., will be submitted to the Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron for their approval.

The only meeting place on the grounds at present is the narrow room in the basement of Senior Girls Home and it is not at all satisfactory but a makeshift; a number of times the crowds were far greater than could be accommodated. Nor has it proven satisfactory to have the Superintendent's office and extra supplies in the Superintendent's home as at present; we lack enough storage room and the Superintendent and his family have no privacy.

It is our belief that the eventual construction of this building will be a major addition to the Home, long needed; it will provide needed facilities in the way of a satisfactory meeting place, attract more visiting brothers and sisters, give them a place to hold their meetings, provide additional entertainment for the children, and very definitely eliminate present unsatisfactory lack of such place.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home on April 18, 1950, the President of the Board was instructed to present the foregoing to the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. for their approval.

I, Allie Wegner, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, do hereby certify that the foregoing request was presented to the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, on May 10, 1950, and referred to the Board of Grand Trustees.

It was approved by the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Nebraska, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

ALLIE WEGNER,

Grand Secretary

(SEAL)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

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

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

The Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee has had two girls under its jurisdiction during the past school term. One girl attended the University of Nebraska, and the other girl the Lincoln School of Commerce. Both earned their board and room by doing housework in Lincoln homes, while the funds provided this Committee took care of other expenses such as tuition, books, clothes, doctor bills, etc. Both girls did well in their school work, and were also particularly well-liked in the homes where they stayed.

Next year we will have a boy and a girl from the Home who are eligible for assistance under the rules established when our Committee was originated; that is, both of these students are regularly admitted members of the Home. In addition there is another girl from the Home who is graduating from High School this year who, technically, is not eligible for educational assistance. This girl is the daughter of one of the matrons at the Home, and has lived in the Senior Girls' Home for the past three years. While eligible for admittance to the Home under their regulations, she has never been formally admitted. The Home Board recommends, and our Committee concurs in the recommendation, that this

very worthy young lady be provided the same educational assistance from our Committee as is given a regularly admitted Home resident. Such approval was voted by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at their recent Grand Chapter meeting.

Last year we requested an appropriation of \$750.00, but drew only \$600.00. For the coming year we ask that an appropriation of \$1,000.00 be allowed; however, only such portion of this as is needed will be requisitioned. A similar amount has already been appropriated by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY TO THE GRAND MASTER

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

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

Once again it becomes the duty of your Temple Building Advisory Committee to report on its activities of the past Grand Lodge year.

The total number of cases coming under the jurisdiction of this Committee during the past year was somewhat less than the previous year, but the activities are still encouraging.

This Committee strongly recommends to officers of local lodges, who do not own their present quarters, or quarters that are not the most desirable and convenient for Masonic purposes, the appointment of a special committee in their respective lodges, whose duty would be to devise ways and means to improve the lodge conditions. This may be accomplished in several ways, namely: (1) remodeling and reconditioning of present owned building; (2) if a lodge is occupying rented quarters, investigate the possibility of purchasing existing property and remodeling same specifically for lodge purposes, or lodge and commercial; (3) constructing entire new temple for lodge purposes, or jointly lodge and commercial. The local stepped-up interest in Masonry may be surprising to the officers of the lodge.

Since there are Masters and Wardens attending Grand Lodge for the first time, we wish to emphasize the importance of following the letter of the Grand Lodge Law, which will be found under Section 2-616, Page 105 of our Masonic Code.

Your Committee reports, herewith, on the following cases submitted for consideration. The report on the following cases are made primarily to acquaint you with the problems of other lodges and what they are doing to overcome them.

July 11, 1949—Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, Syracuse, was granted permission to incur an indebtedness of \$1,000 in connection with the application of Permastone to the exterior walls of the building, jointly owned by the bank and the Lodge.

July 25—Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Tekamah, approached this Committee for suggestions looking toward a long-term plan and program for either extensive rebuilding and remodeling or the construction of an entire new building. There are numerous ways by which this can be accomplished, but the point your committee wishes to stress is, that here is a lodge that recognizes the needs of the future and is doing something about it now.

October 18—Plainview Lodge No. 204, Plainview, commenced committee work, looking toward the possibility of constructing a new Masonic Temple.

December 20—Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington, asked permission to proceed with the construction of a new Masonic Temple. On or about January 1, 1945, Thistle Lodge commenced solicitation of money, bonds, and signed pledges for a building fund, actual construction to start within five years of January 1, 1945. On or about November 1, 1949, plans were completed and the foundation was put in place on previously owned lot. On March 13, 1950, our Committee approved the plans and financial program which calls for a two-story brick building, 36 ft. by 82 ft. to cost \$38,000, including lot and foundation. Thistle Lodge was also granted permission to borrow a limited amount of money in connection with this program.

January 5, 1950—Cairo Lodge No. 324, Cairo, was granted permission to execute a five-year lease of the second floor of a new business building in Cairo, said second story having been constructed to conform with Masonic requirements and needs of the lodge. No debt was incurred.

May 3—Crescent Lodge No. 143, Primrose, was granted permission to move to previously purchased and remodeled building. No debt was incurred.

April 27—Gothenburg Lodge No. 249 was granted permission to proceed with construction of a new one-story and basement brick building, 40 ft. by 80 ft. at an estimated cost of \$15,400 not including previously donated lot. The lodge was also granted permission to borrow a limited amount of money in connection with the program, if and when needed.

May 5—Valley Lodge No. 157, Wilsonville, informed this Committee that the lodge was working on a program which involved the purchase and remodeling of an existing building in Wilsonville. No recommendation has been made in the above case.

In closing this annual report, your Committee wishes to stress again the seriousness of complying with the Grand Lodge Law covering the purchase, construction, or remodeling any building, or incurring any debt without first obtaining the approval of the Grand Master, or this Committee representing the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master.

ORATION

W. Russell A. Robinson, 119, Grand Orator, delivered the oration.

"WHAT SHALL I CRY"

"The voice said Cry. And he said, what shall I cry? All flesh is grass and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field—". In this poetic exclamation by the great Prophet is a characterization, not only of his own generation, but of all humanity. The "tense" of the prophet-poet's expression is "past" and "present" and "future", for it delineates our race from the unremembered moment of human origin. Through all the piling centuries, down to our "little day" in the ocean of eternity. In the evening hour of last year's early summer, when requested by our Grand Master to discharge my present office, this Isaianic challenge reverberated through my soul: as though a voice said "Cry." And I, reflecting upon my bewildered and groping generation, could only answer, "What shall I cry?"

For who may live these fretful, feverish hours unconscious of the restlessness which agitates our world? Who may be unaware of the misery and despair in earth's unhappy lands? Despite all the distractions and pressures of our usual vocations, in our quiet moments, we are terribly aware of the tides which tug and pull through all earth's millions; of the fierce heat of hatreds unquenched by victory or defeat in war. Our radios and newspapers ceaselessly testify to the seeming futility, the emptiness and frustration of so many thousands, whose thinking and living, and the self-chosen death by the many, evidence that they drift without a rudder, a compass, an anchor or a harbor.

In our own most blessed land of all the earth, even the most casual observer must be appalled by the spectacle we daily exhibit. The prevailing attitude, or philosophy, is aptly described in the popular song "Enjoy Yourself, It's Later Than You Think"—"Enjoy Yourself"—We are witnessing a crescendo of arrogant intellectualism; an insolent agnosticism—an intolerant unbelief, a chief source of which is to be found in many of the universities—where our youth are being indoctrinated in a philosophy of scepticism and doubt. We wade a veritable river of sewage, the filth spewed forth by our "best sellers"; books which ridicule the old virtues and morality, and smugly portray fornication and adultery as merely the normal expression of human nature. Consider our divorce spectacle by which we demonstrate that the marital obligation is little more honored than a contract for a pound of prunes. Is not irreverence and profanity the "rule", rather than the exception? As I contemplate these manifestations of our generation, I am constantly reminded of the pungent observation by a keen student of human affairs, who, some years ago remarked of our time as one of "jazz music, jazz politics and jazz religion".

While unbelief has influenced other ages, and is not peculiar to our own, nevertheless in our time we find it espoused by whole populations with a sort of religious fervor; establishing their governments, (one prominent in the comity of nations) dedicated to a denial of God's authority and His love. Should we be so naive as to discount or underestimate the vicious effect of unbelief, let us reflect upon the Congress of the Nations recently held at San Francisco, when the representatives of an anguished world convened, following the greatest catastrophe ever sustained by humanity since the tragedy of Golgotha. If ever human hearts were numbed by agony; if ever mankind should have been humbled and wholly aware of its utter helplessness—that was the hour, and if ever despairing hearts were eagerly and pathetically expectant—that was the time, yet,—not by oversight (which would have been shameful enough) but by deliberate forethought and design, no mention of Diety or a syllable of prayer was permitted to ascend to the God of men and of nations. What should have been one of humanity's most glorious hours became a degrading exhibition of subservience to the arrogant demands of a tiny minority of God-denying nations—and, my brethren "our" representatives shared in that meeting; that assembly was representative of "our" generation. Can we wonder that a devout and learned observer of our "day"—has termed it—"the century of despair".

As I attempt to appraise our present situation, the expression by a distinguished Frenchman, more than a third of a century ago, bears in upon me. His summation was, to the effect, that while science through invention and discovery, had given man many artificial organs, and thus so prodigiously enlarged man's physical capacity and power; the soul of man had not developed or dilated to the same dimension. But—even as we view the Frankenstein thus disclosed—we instantly remember all the other new powers developed in the intervening years, and are shocked in the reality that this is the Genesis of a new age; the age of atomic fission. Perchance we may at last appreciate the warning of Woodrow Wilson, who declared long ago "That education which does not mold the soul of man as it is fashioning his mind, is lethal poison for the individual and social dynamite for the body politic".

Thus it is, my brethren, that we stand in the presence of a future which no human intellect may admeasure, or predict.

Constrained by these prospects, awed by these portents, I could not have the temerity to now address you unless sustained by a certain knowledge, and encouraged by a certain hope. Nor would I dare attempt this office except for the inspiration "of the time and place"; for we come in this lovely June-time to assemble in a Lodge creeted to God; before an altar dedicated to the ancient wisdom—here to practice and perpetuate the mysteries. And while I am overwhelmingly aware that I can bring no gifts of wisdom to the treasure we inherit from antiquity, or voice a new eloquence to add even a tiny gleam to the luster of our "Jewels", I can come, humbly and prayerfully, to share with you what has proved for me—to be a balm in Gilead.

As we thus assemble, we cannot fail to remember that we, here, follow in a "glorious train", for we can trace our corporate existence through several centuries, although we must also be reminded that the truly "ancient" in our Craft is its doctrine; a doctrine that is ageless. Therefore we have to be thrilled and inspired in the remembrance, as eloquent brethren have so often and so fondly recounted, that our enlightened ancestors were included in those hosts which sought the Holy Grail in the Palestine of long ago; that others were observers of the invasion of Asia by the Phalanges of Macedonia; that others watched as Roman legions overran the Isle of Britain, and, as the Norman Duke defeated the Saxon Harald. That others were worshipping witnesses at the Manger in Little Bethlehem, for we read of wise men traveling from the East with a ringing affirmation on their lips—

"Where is He that is born King", they said, "for we have seen His star in the East and are come to worship Him."

And surely others observed as "the Babe" "Grew and waxed in wisdom and in favor with God and man", and later stood in awful sorrow as He was killed "outside the city gate". And, may we not believe, that in a day long hid by more than four millennia, when skilled and learned Craftsmen erected the Pyramid in Old Egypt, that some "Grand Master"—there laid its level, squared its corners and held the plumb-line true by which its apex, even to this very moment, points into the desert sky, as through so many whirling centuries, a monument to geometrical perfection.

While many of us may have been impatient, if not discouraged, by the multitude of detail and trivia which obscures so many of the important events and activities of the past, it eventually transpires that, with the brilliant Toynbee, we may now understand history as the story of the development, or progress of human souls, and we trace the human stream as it flowed forth from God's creating hand to flood the earth, not to study political ideas or governments, or to determine the influence of climate or geography on man's activities, or to read a tale of kings and warriors (important as these may be in human affairs), but to discover man's endeavor and capacity to fulfill his God-given purposes, and to those who thus follow the "highway" of history, avoiding all detours into the by-paths of war or the proud pomp of empires, is discernable a golden thread of man's ascending thought; his constant aspiration to learn and do the will of God. And as we trace this golden thread through the long cable of sequence by which our "todays" are forever connected with all the "yesterdays", we find, in every age and place, intelligent and consecrated souls who, despite all the events and circumstance of Barbarian practice, or pagan teaching, consistently sought after the true wisdom. As we read the story of this age-old quest, we can almost share their high adventure as, age by age, they pondered "the deep things of God"; meditating upon all the Divine attributes, the Divine names; thinking on His power and majesty, His righteousness and justice. As more and more light flooded in upon their questing souls, and as they laid hold of and appropriated eternal truth—we find them learning of God's father-

hood and the brotherhood of man, thus attaining to that sublime principle; the principle of love, which the rugged Jeremiah so beautifully declared:

“Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee”.

What a splendor must have burst upon them—with the knowledge that even as they “sought”, a God of love was seeking them.

That they found so much of which they had been in search, is evidenced by multitudinous proofs, of which the Bible, our “rule and guide of faith”, is a veritable treasury, and thus is transmitted to us for our inspiration and enlightenment a wealth of wisdom, in this inheritance are found certain principles which are so vital in spiritual experience, we may term them “supreme principles”, of which, we may be sure, these seekers recognized and adopted the following, as “guides” in their quest:

“That the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God”.

“That if any lack wisdom, let him ask of God”.

“That the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God for they are foolishness to him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned”.

Thus inspired and guided, the seekers of the past came to know, with the writer of Ecclesiastes, that “God had made man upright but they have sought out many inventions”, and also learned that “man was created little lower than the angels”, and thereby came, inevitably to learn of an awful tragedy; a tragedy so profound no mortal mind may ever plumb its mystery; the tragedy of man’s fall from his high estate to the dead-level of helpless mortality, though buried in that prostrate flesh continued to dwell an immortal soul. Compelled by this knowledge these men undertook the most profound search in all human adventure; the search for the “ultimate” in wisdom; the search for the secret of regeneration, the redemption of the soul of man.

Today, as we retrospect upon that quest, we should remind ourselves of the character of those seekers of the long ago; we should reflect upon their years of discipline, their humble piety and their unremitting study for they practiced the most rigid morality, and by reason of their learning in all the arts and sciences, attained a magnificent intelligence. And yet, notwithstanding, they knew that no morality, no matter how pure and undefiled the life, nor any power of the human mind, could energize prostrate humanity. They possessed a sure insight, or soul-sense—that led them, unerringly, to know that prostrate man could never raise himself; that only through contact with the infinite could he rise, reaching out his hand, as it were, to God. And so, with minds enlightened by their knowledge of God’s fatherhood, and their souls illuminated by his abiding love—they sought the secret of man’s redemption. And,—while we cannot know the torturous path these seekers had to journey; while we may not know its length in time or cost in human energy, we do know, that in a glorious moment of antiquity, the soul of a consecrated seeker, in intimate communion with the infinite, was flooded by “a light that never shone

on land or sea", and by Divine revelation was vouchsafed a glimpse of the pathway to the Father's house.

Although that great moment in eternity has long been lost to history, there speaks to us, even from the distant shadows of antiquity, the triumphant affirmation of one to whom the secret was revealed, and our hearts warm and our spirits quicken as we hear his exultant shout of victory:

"I know (cries Job) that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand in the latter day upon the earth and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet separated from my flesh shall I see God".

Constrained by the power and beauty thus made manifest; overwhelmed by the grace of providence which so long preserved this testimony, we pause—hushed—as though we stood within the temple's inner court, before the veil which hides the mercy seat.

And so, my brethren, as I trace this golden thread through all man's wandering on our globe, even as I see accomplished that "quest of the ages", I learn with all my fellows that it is a continuing quest; that each soul must adventure for itself, and as an ancient brother once declared, "Thy seeking is the cause of thy finding". And I learn that what was "truth" or "wisdom" to our ancient brethren is a "substitute" for you and me; that the truth found by any seeker is always a 'substitute' for all others. As I understand the mysteries, and study the pilgrimage of souls, the lesson is this; each soul must perceive and appropriate truth for himself.

With the construction of the tabernacle and the subsequent building of the temple, the story of the quest comes within the floodlight of history, and we may say we are thus afforded maps with which to trace the journey of souls who seek to learn and do the will of God, and as we continue so to trace we must surely learn that "narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it". For we find, with a monotonous repetition, that in every civilization and epoch the great majority of men never undertake the quest, that for them "broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be who go in thereat"; that by reason of unbelief, or careless disregard for knowledge, they spend their few days in pursuit of those things which seem always to entice and seduce the sons of men. As I understand the record of man's activities as he wanders, age by age, upon the earth; as I read a lesson from history, it is simply this; man will NOT learn. And my study of the mysteries and of history leads me to share with Toynebee the conviction that all civilizations are contemporary—one with the other; that the summation of the great Isaiah is wholly true—"then", "now" and in the days to come.

"All flesh is grass and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field—"

Surely this described Isaiah's Israel, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, and—all the peoples of our earth in this mid-century hour. And though I may not bring new wisdom for our time of uncertainty and dread, I can share with you a knowledge that sustains and fortifies—the remembrance that in every age "wise men" "sought" and "found". Men who accepted the connection of events, and all the circumstances of their time, serene and undismayed in their sure knowledge of their eternal relationship with God, soothed by a sure sense of His overruling providence. And for our day, this day of atomic fission, I can only find a rudder and a compass, an anchor and a harbor in that same faith.

Unregenerated man still lies prostrate on the same dead-level, yet I can declare that—I have a word, and though skin and flesh may slip and cleave, there IS a strength, and He shall prevail; a power which if self-perceived and self-appropriated is able to raise prostrate mortality to the perpendicular of resurrected eternal being:

"In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made which has been made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men***.

That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not*****.

But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become sons of God, even to them who believe on His name. Which are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the father) full of grace and truth".

"What manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called sons of God".

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doeth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is".

"The voice said Cry. And he said what shall I cry? All flesh is grass and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field—the grass withereth, the flower fadeth—but the word of our God shall stand forever".

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Chairman, presented a partial report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

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

This is a portion of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and relates to the matter referred to us by the Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers relative to a special committee report on physical qualifications. The committee report, together with the decision of the Grand Master under date of January 23, 1950, was mailed to the Worshipful Master of each constituent lodge.

To the Worshipful Master of all Constituent Lodges:

At the 92nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, held June 7, 8 and 9, 1949, amendments were offered to Article XIV of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and to Section 2-904 of the Law, relating to the physical qualifications of candidates for the degrees of Masonry.

This raises a serious question of Masonic Law and a difficult problem as to my duty with reference thereto. In order that I might be fully advised as to my responsibility as Grand Master, and in the furtherance of my desire to arrive at a correct conclusion, I appointed a special committee to make a full and complete report as to my duty under the existing situation. On this committee I appointed M. W. Edward F. Carter as Chairman, and M. W. Walter R. Raecke and M. W. Earl J. Lee as members. The report of this committee is now in my hands.

I have concluded that the report of the Special Committee correctly decides the issue and the steps that I am required to take as Grand Master. In order that each chartered lodge may have the reasons for my decision, I am enclosing a copy of the report of the Special Committee.

I request that this report be read and discussed in each chartered lodge in order that my position is made clear and that the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction may become informed of the serious nature of the problems involved. I have tried to arrive at a correct conclusion. While I am morally convinced of the correctness of my position, the problem involves a subject that is much misunderstood.

The final decision rests with the Grand Lodge in which your lodge will be represented. A careful study of the questions involved should be made by your lodge before the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The matter is of such serious import that I sincerely trust you will see to it that complete discussion is afforded and your Grand Lodge representatives informed on this matter.

Fraternally submitted,
ERNEST S. SCHIEFELBEIN,
Grand Master

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein,
Grand Master, A. F. & A. M.,
Wahoo, Nebraska.

Most Worshipful Sir:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of the proposed amendment to Article XIV of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and to Section 2-904 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., begs leave to report as follows:

The proposed amendment to Article XIV of the Constitution is as follows: "The physical qualifications for initiation into the rites of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction shall be as follows: That the candidate be a man of lawful age, not maimed, crippled, blinded or deaf, except that the Grand Master may in his discretion grant a waiver for the initiation, passing, and raising of any candidate who has been accepted by a subordinate lodge who may be suffering from loss of any limb or part thereof, an ear or any other portion of his flesh which does not impair his manhood, or loss to some degree of sight and hearing provided that the candidate by use of an artificial appliance can amply see, hear and take part in the work of the lodge."

The proposed amendment to Section 2-904 of the By-laws is as follows: "That portion of the aforesaid section reading 'nor one having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies' be changed to read substantially as follows 'nor one having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies provided that if a candidate by use of an artificial appliance is enabled to earn an adequate living for himself and family and is enabled to communicate the proper signs and grips of our order in a satisfactory manner and is accepted by a subordinate lodge, then the Grand Master may in his discretion grant a waiver for the initiation, passing and raising of such candidate.'"

We assume that the matter most pressing is the proposed constitutional amendment in view of the method provided in the Constitution for its amendment Article XIII provides: "This constitution may be altered or amended in the following manner only. The proposed alteration or amendment must be made in writing at some stated communication; if seconded by five members it shall be entered upon the minutes, and be thereby submitted to the several chartered lodges, for their approval or rejection. If a majority of the lodges approve thereof, by certificate over their respective seals, to the next succeeding Grand Lodge the Grand Master shall put the question upon its adoption, and if concurred in by a majority of the members present and voting, it shall from thenceforth be considered as a part of this constitution."

It will be noted that a proposed amendment to the Constitution, after being presented in writing and signed by five members, is to be submitted to the several chartered lodges for their approval or rejection. The question here presented is the determination of the action required of the Grand Master on the proposed constitutional amendment. More specifically stated, the question is: If the proposed amendment is in conflict with the Landmarks of Freemasonry, what action is the Grand Master required to take?

The most essential element of a Landmark is its antiquity. Consequently, its first requisite to constitute it a Landmark is that it must have existed from "time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." It necessarily follows that they must antedate recorded history. They consist of those peculiar marks of distinction by which we are separated from the profane world and by which we are able to identify the Order throughout the ages. The fact that no attempt was made to reduce the Landmarks to writing until 1858, confirms rather than denies, that they arise out of customary Masonic law. The enumeration of the Landmarks by Masonic writers is merely evidence tending to establish them as such. While Masonic writers have disagreed as to the number of Ancient Landmarks, the disagreement has been more apparent than real. The larger numbered groups appear to be a breakdown of the smaller numbered groups. But these distinctions are not of importance here because all recognized Masonic writers agree that it is a Landmark that a candidate for Freemasonry must be unmutilated—he must not have physical imperfections by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies. This qualification arises from the very nature of the Masonic institution and from its symbolic teachings and, according to all available evidence, it has always been a Landmark. A review of the following authorities affords convincing proof of the truth of this statement. Report of Committee on Physical Qualifications, Proceedings, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, 1944; Report of Committee on Physical Qualifications, Proceedings, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, 1949; Report of Committee on the Eighteenth Landmark, Proceedings, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, 1938; Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry (1946), Vol. 1, p. 559; Principles of Masonic Jurisprudence, Simons, p. 13.

A Landmark is the highest form of Masonic law. It is unalterable and unchangeable. Mackey states that: "The last and crowning Landmark of all is, that these Landmarks can never be changed." They are superior to Constitutions, Regulations and Masonic Common Law. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska recognized this when it incorporated the following into the Preamble of its Constitution: "Provided, always, that the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity be held inviolate." It was clearly the intention of our Grand Lodge in adopting a Constitution to have it operate within the scope of the Landmarks and subject to all restrictions therein contained.

A Grand Lodge has no right to enact or enlarge a Landmark. Neither does it have a right to abolish or detract from one. The Grand Lodge being supreme in its jurisdiction, it may lawfully make or alter Regulations, By-laws, Edicts, or its own Constitution, provided always that the Landmarks are preserved. A casual reading of the proposed amendments shows that they violate the Landmark dealing with physical qualifications. Consequently, the Grand Lodge has no right to adopt them.

The supreme or sovereign power of this grand jurisdiction is placed in the Grand Lodge. Our Constitution in this respect is declaratory of the principles of Masonic law and within the grants and prohibitions contained in the Landmarks. As the supreme or sovereign power of the jurisdiction, it has power to violate a Landmark, although it has no right to do so. In other words, the maintenance of the Landmarks involves the application of morals and ethics, the desire to obey Masonic principles and a disposition to maintain the injunction of our forefathers to "Remove not the Ancient Landmarks, which thy fathers have set."

Masonry is a fraternal institution whose fundamental characteristics have been fixed from time immemorial. They cannot be changed at the whim or caprice of the membership. We are Masons because we adhere to the peculiar characteristics set out in the Landmarks. To the extent that we fail to comply with them, to that extent we fail to preserve Freemasonry according to the ancient charges. Freemasonry is the oldest organization of its kind in the world today. It has attained this position because it has fervently adhered to these guide posts throughout the ages. The paths of history are strewn with the ruins of similar institutions which have permitted innovations to bring them to an untimely end. We are now asked to abandon the principles of the most ancient institution of them all in favor of the practices of those institutions now represented only by the ruins of the past.

An appeal for the adoption of these amendments will undoubtedly be made on the basis of sentiment and sympathy. It will undoubtedly be pointed out that many patriotic and worthy men became physically incapacitated in war and have thereby become ineligible to receive the degrees of Masonry. This we must admit. We desire to point out, however, that no man has a right to become a Mason. There is no Landmark, Constitution, or Regulation that confers inalienable rights such as we find in political constitutions. We are in fact an exclusive institution. Many worthy men, sound of body, are denied admission to the Order by a single negative vote or a stop asserted by a single member. The fact that good men, seemingly worthy, are rejected is nothing new in Masonry. Such results are not only contemplated but the rights of members to accomplish such results are scrupulously protected.

Wars have occurred periodically throughout history. Physical disabilities to worthy men have undoubtedly occurred in all of them, and yet Masonry has adhered to the principle of physical competency. Arguments just as appealing have been made in the past, but our Masonic ancestors have held fast. We must concede that there are jurisdictions that have

permitted the power to violate the Landmarks to overcome the want of the right to do so. We have found no convincing evidence that any such Grand Jurisdictions have outdistanced the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska in the fulfilment of its Masonic obligations to the craft or to the public. It is the introduction of such innovations, appealing and sympathetic as they may be, that leads to a Freemasonry based upon the whim and caprice of shifting sentiments, and to the eventual destruction of the Freemasonry that has weathered the stormy periods of history, ancient and modern. Sentiment and sympathy are virtues in their proper place, but they are destructive vices when used as an argument to support the violation or defilement of a Landmark of Masonry. The primary question posed is whether we shall continue to maintain Freemasonry as it has been handed down to us, or whether we shall undertake to improve upon the wisdom of the ages and assume to revise that which has withstood the social upheavals of the centuries.

The innovation contained in the proposed amendments could well be the opening wedge to more destructive changes. One innovation leads to another until the original structure becomes blurred and indistinct. If physical qualifications can be removed, it follows that the bar can be lifted as to women, old men in dotage, young men in nonage, atheists, madmen and fools. Masonry must be maintained as a rock to which we can safely tie; we cannot permit it to become a fleeting and transitory thing. It takes courage to resist the assaults made upon our ancient institution, both from within and without. Our Masonic philosophy teaches that we should always be in the right and that temptations, however attractive they be made to appear, be resisted. It advocates the maintenance of the established Order and an ethical and moral fiber adequate to sustain it. We stand for right as against power. We must therefore urge the preservation of the Landmarks of Masonry as against a naked power to defile them. Any apparent benefit coming from the proposed change will be overshadowed by the mischief it would create, and what is more serious still, it might produce such divergencies in the fundamental concepts of Masonry by the simple method of perverting its Landmarks that its universal character would be completely lost. Common sense, and Masonic law as well, require that the Landmarks be preserved unswayed. In no other way can we be assured that it shall continue as the most venerable fraternity with a universality so essential to success in the teaching of its philosophy.

What then is the duty of the Grand Master in such a situation as is here presented? It might be well to remind you that you were enjoined in the Charge of the Fellowcraft degree that: "Our laws and regulations you are strenuously to support; and be always ready to assist in seeing them duly executed." In the Charge of the Master's degree you were instructed: "The ancient landmarks of the order entrusted to your care, you are carefully to preserve; and never suffer them to be infringed upon or countenance a deviation from the established usages and customs of the Fraternity." When you were installed as Master of your lodge you

were told: "As a Mason, he should cling to the ancient landmarks, and be sternly opposed to their infringement; * * *." You were installed in conformity with the "irrevocable landmarks of Masonry." You were required to answer the following question in the affirmative before you could be installed. "You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations in the body of Masonry?" These are matters not to be lightly taken. They clearly impose a duty upon you to be sternly opposed to the infringement of the Landmarks. The Constitution of this Grand Jurisdiction is itself subordinate to the Landmarks as is evidenced by the language hereinbefore quoted from the Preamble.

Whether under such circumstances you shall adhere to the Landmarks or follow the direction of the Constitution pertaining to the submission of the proposed constitutional amendment to the chartered lodges, poses a rather simple question of Masonic law. The Landmarks are the superior law and they must be adhered to by you. The proposed amendments being in conflict with the highest law of Freemasonry, they are effective for no purpose, unless and until the Grand Lodge by the exercise of its power to do so, authorizes the violation of the Landmark of Masonry dealing with the physical qualifications of candidates for the degrees.

We, therefore, advise you with respect to the proposed amendment to Article XIV of the Constitution as follows: (1) That you not submit the proposed amendment to the chartered lodges as directed by Article XIII of the Constitution for the reason that it contravenes a Landmark, a highest law of Masonry and one to which the Constitution itself is servient. (2) That such delay in submission be continued until such time as the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, shall specifically authorize that it be submitted, or until such time as the Grand Lodge shall by appropriate action remove the objections to such submission which have been herein set out.

With respect to the proposed amendment to Section 2-904 of the By-laws, we advise that no action be taken thereon prior to the next Grand Lodge Communication. We point out that its effect will largely be governed by the action of the Grand Lodge with reference to the proposed constitutional amendment.

We feel obligated to point out to you, Most Worshipful Sir, that this is a most serious matter to the future of Freemasonry in Nebraska. It calls for the exercise of sound judgment on your part and that of the Grand Lodge. We have tried to analyze the situation, as impartially as our abilities would permit. The decision is for you to make; the final decision, of course, rests with the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD F. CARTER, Past Grand Master
Chairman

WALTER R. RAECKE, Past Grand Master
EARL J. LEE, Past Grand Master

We approve the decision and action of the Grand Master in following the recommendation of the Special Committee relating to the proposed Amendments to Article XIV of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge and Section 2-904 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge, which deal with physical qualifications of petitioners.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Chairman, moved the adoption of this portion of the report, seconded and carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman, 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: Nos. 10, 21, 44, 57, 62, 64, 70, 73, 88, 101, 105, 111, 116, 128, 130, 134, 138, 151, 154, 156, 157, 160, 165, 166, 168, 170, 175, 179, 193, 214, 220, 221, 223, 235, 243, 247, 251, 254, 256, 257, 261, 267, 279, 282, 283, 301, 307, 313, 321.

Total number of lodges 276, number represented 227, number not represented 49. Lodges not represented for the last two annual communications are Nos. 10, 70, 73, 101, 157, 166, 179, 223, 243, 251, 267. Lodges not represented for the last three annual communications, No. 223.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
NebraskaNo. 1	Thomas D. Williams	Wilton S. Miller....	John H. Brown
Western Star.. " 2	Irvin R. Ailes.....	.....	William R. Nixon
Capitol " 3	*Wallie W. Messick..	Rudolph Melchoir...	*Wallie W. Messick
Nemaha Valley " 4	*Abe L. Lawrence....	.....	*Abe L. Lawrence
Omadi " 5	David R. Warner....	.....	.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	Clarence E. Ledgway	.....	C. Warren Rhylander
Falls City.... " 9	Kenneth M. Gaither	Willard I. Lewis, Jr.	James A. Wetmore
Solomon " 10	.....	.....	.....
Covert " 11	*Herbert T. White...	Stanley P. Street...	Thomas F. Blaylock
Orient " 13	.....	.....	Frederick H. Morehouse
Peru " 14	Howard Paseo.....	.....	.....
Fremont " 15	Gustave A. Gritzmacher.....	Walter L. Handy....	.....
Tecumseh " 17	Wayne C. McCoy...	*Willis A. Garris....	Wilbur G. Fink
Lincoln " 19	Donald C. Yungblut.	E. Forrest Estes....	Austin S. Bacon
Washington .. " 21	.....	.....	.....
Pawnee " 23	*Harry Heinecke....	*Harry Heinecke....	*Harry Heinecke
Saint Johns... " 25	John R. Byerly.....	Ralph S. Tully.....	*Gustave A. Gran
Beatrice " 26	*Harry C. Price.....	*Harry C. Price....	*Harry C. Price
Jordan " 27	Norbert H. Meyer...	Edward M. Young....	.....
Hope " 29	.....	*Benjamin J. Long..	Richard R. Knapp, Jr.
Blue River.... " 30	Clifford C. Fieselman	*Palmer C. Luce....	.....
Tekamah " 31	Harold M. Nelson...	*Charles I. MacDonald	*Anton R. Kokes
Platte Valley.. " 32	*Robert A. Phelps....	.....	*Cary W. Dresslar
Ashlar " 33	Bayard H. Paine, Jr.	Arlo H. Schlieker...	Chester C. Linder
Acacia " 34	*Roy C. Meyers.....	.....	Ray R. Davenport
Fairbury " 35	Carl H. Barber.....	.....	.....
Lone Tree.... " 36	Harold Parker.....	Wilhelm P. Hansen.	*Dean E. Eckhoff
Crete " 37	James B. Logsdon...	Ben F. Fink.....	*John J. Kubes, Jr.
Oliver " 38	James Struve.....	Robert B. Olmstead.	*Thomas E. Anderson
Papillion " 39	Thomas G. Daniell...	.....	*Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt " 40	.....	Richard W. Nimms..	.....
Northern Light " 41	Arthur Lampli.....	.....	Christian R. Roth
Hebron " 43	Harlan S. Gordon...	.....	.....
Harvard " 44	.....	.....	.....
Rob Morris .. " 46	Robert M. Cole....	*Silas A. Wilson....	John F. Spahr
Fairmont " 48	Hubert E. McClellan	*Hubert E. McClellan	*Hubert E. McClellan
Evening Star.. " 49	Wayne C. Rowlison..	.....	*George Barnell
Hastings " 50	Joseph Mikulas....	Charles R. Brown...	*Hubert F. Favinger
Fidelity " 51	Glenn M. Armagost..	Ray D. Welte.....
Hiram " 52	John R. Peterson....	James H. Haney....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
CharityNo. 53	*Donald G. Henderson	J. Cleo Smith.....	*J. Cleo Smith
Lancaster " 54	Merle M. Hatch.....	Rolland A. Poff....	Harold A. Thorson
Mosaic " 55	Maurice P. Pederson	Justin F. Fauss....	Alfred G. Miller
York " 56	Roy M. Railsback...	Raymond H. Read..	*George H. Holdeman
Mount Moriah " 57	.....	.....	.....
Wahoo " 59	Howard J. Hunter..	Gothard Anderson..	*Lauren W. Walther
Melrose " 60	Maurice H. Mintzmyer.....	.....	R. Nate Johnson
Thistle " 61	Ralph D. Bolen.....	*Joseph E. Snyder..	*Ray Knudsen
Keystone " 62	.....	.....	.....
Blue Valley ... " 64	.....	.....	.....
Osceola " 65	*Phil B. Campbell...	.....	*I. Donald Huston
Edgar " 67	Edward L. Bottom..	*Robert E. Mikkelsen	*Clarence B. Smith
Aurora " 68	Raymond W. Douglas	Max E. Williams...	*Wayne Beach
Sterling " 70	.....	.....	.....
Trowel " 71	Raymond J. Lauritzen.....	Harold A. Tilton...	Roy D. Christensen
Hooper " 72	.....	Melvin A. Ruwe....	.....
Friend " 73	.....	.....	.....
Alexandria ... " 74	*Donald L. Kerwood.	.....	.....
Frank Welch .. " 75	*Don E. Weimer.....	Don E. Weimer.....	*Don E. Weimer
Nelson " 77	Guy B. Bruce.....	Wayne Wroughton..	*Harry S. Follmer
Albion " 78	*Albert N. Lamb....	.....	.....
Geneva " 79	Ben D. Fussell.....	.....	*Gerald Walton
Composite " 81	*Pearl C. Hillegass..	.....	.....
Saint Paul ... " 82	Howard C. Nicholas.	.....	*Benjamin C. Brown
Corinthian ... " 83	*John A. Kinney.....	*Gordon T. Nuernberger.....	.....
Fairfield " 84	Clyde Shaw .....	.....	.....
Doniphan " 86	*Donald M. Underwood.....	LaVern Van Buskirk	Wendell L. Johnson
Ionic " 87	Kirk H. Snowden...	Walter P. Scott....	.....
Star " 88	.....	.....	.....
Cedar River... " 89	Fred Peterson.....	*Forrest G. Leininger.	Paul E. Smith
Oakland " 91	Raymond Larson...	LeRoy Johanson...	Gordon C. Nelson
Beaver City... " 93	Guy Van Steenberg.	.....	.....
Bennett " 94	Harry W. Burt.....	*Arch Church.....	*Roy Church
Garfield " 95	*Lloyd G. Gillespie..	.....	.....
Utica " 96	Lee M. Chapin.....	David J. Frazer.....	Louis A. Pollock
Euclid " 97	Clarence E. Norris...	Calvin H. Carsten..	Harold C. Elliott
Republican ... " 98	John R. Barber.....	.....	.....
Shelton " 99	Dwain Russell.....	*Clare W. Coleman..
Creighton " 100	Charles A. Kent....	Gerald H. Langhorst
Ponca " 101

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
WaterlooNo. 102	Forrest W. Noyes...	Theodore E. Denker.	Lorenz C. Stahl
Ord " 103	*Almond R. Brox.....	.....	.....
Wymore " 104	Clair Marshall.....	*William L. Jones...	*Franklin W. Myers
Stella " 105	.....	.....	.....
Porter " 106	*Lamont L. Stephens.	.....	.....
Table Rock... " 108	Bruce McCourtney..	.....	.....
Pomegranate .. " 110	Leland S. Wagner...	*Carl W. Ziegenbein..	*Frank W. Thompson
DeWitt " 111	.....	.....	.....
Springfield ... " 112	Wilfred J. White...	Glenn F. McCamley..	*Wilfred J. White
Globe " 113	Sivern D. Peterson..	.....	.....
Wisner " 114	.....	Amil E. Stramsky...	Judson M. Meier
Harlan " 116	.....	.....	.....
Hardy " 117	*George B. McDowell	.....	.....
North Bend... " 119	Scott R. Beadle.....	.....	.....
Wayne " 120	*Ralph L. Crockett...	*Harry F. Stammer..	.....
Superior " 121	.....	.....	Carl A. Hull
Auburn " 124	*Harry E. Weekly...	*H. Fred A. Rothert..	.....
Mount Nebo... "" 125	.....	David F. Olson.....	*Clinton C. Jurgensen
Stromsburg ... " 126	Kermit F. Hultgren.	.....	*Fred R. Netsell
Minden " 127	Russell C. Jacobson.	.....	.....
Guide Rock... " 128	.....	.....	.....
Blue Hill..... " 129	*Frank O. Delahoyde.	.....	.....
Tuscan " 130	.....	.....	.....
Scribner " 132	Walter Maas.....	Oscar Aldrich.....	Virgil Swanson
Elm Creek " 133	Cooper H. Butt.....	Wayne Webb.....	Joy W. Laughlin
Solar " 134	.....	.....	.....
McCook " 135	Ray. D. McCafferty.	Edward J. Peterson.	*Frances B. Beaty
Long Pine " 136	*William C. Smith, Jr.	*Charles M. Frederick	*William C. Smith, Jr.
Upright " 137	*Jerome L. Cox.....	.....	.....
Rawalt " 138	.....	.....	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	*Earl Fryar.....	.....	.....
Western " 140	*Arthur J. Henry....	.....	Fred S. Winter
Crescent " 143	*Harry P. Hansen....	.....	.....
Kenesaw " 144	*Resin G. Bennett....	.....	.....
Bancroft " 145	*Lawrence H. Preston	.....	*Frank A. Wood
Jachin " 146	.....	Richard C. Hallgren.	.....
Siloam " 147	.....	LeRoy S. Bartlett..	.....
Emmet Crawford" 148	Edward W. Lowder..	.....	*Edward W. Lowder
Jewel " 149	*Rudolph H. Pfingston	*Don A. Thornton...	.....
Cambridge " 150	*R. George Meininger.	*R. George Meininger	*R. George Meininger
Square " 151

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Evergreen ... No. 153	*Homer F. Birch....	Homer F. Birch
Lily " 154	.....	.....	.....
Hartington ... " 155	.....	Harry A. Stockwell..	.....
Pythagoras ... " 156	.....	.....	.....
Valley " 157	.....	.....	.....
Samaritan " 158	Ira T. Reed.....	*Welcome W. Naylor.	Tom P. Mullins
Ogalalla " 159	Ercel C. DeLay....	.....	.....
Zeredatha " 160	.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion ... " 161	*Edward L. Scow....	.....	*Fred Scow
Trestle Board.. " 162	Willis E. Ludington.	*Willis E. Ludington.	*Willis E. Ludington
Unity " 163	.....	.....	Walter O. Marolf
Atkinson " 164	*Raymer L. Funk....	*Raymer L. Funk....	*Raymer L. Funk
Barneston " 165	.....	.....	.....
Mystic Tie " 166	.....	.....	.....
Elwood " 167	Herman P. Weissert	.....	.....
Curtis " 168	.....	.....	.....
Amity " 169	Kem David.....	.....	.....
Mason City ... " 170	.....	.....	.....
Merna " 171	*Glenn J. Graybeal..	.....	.....
Robert Burns.. " 173	Warren A. Issacson..	Floyd Carlson.....	*Bruff C. Jones
Culbertson ... " 174	.....	Joy McDonald.....	Arthur W. Duckworth
Temple " 175	.....	.....	.....
Gladstone " 176	*Bert Knapp.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs... " 177	James F. Evans....	Frank D. Diercks...	.....
Prudence " 179	.....	.....	.....
Justice " 180	Ward L. McGlashan.	.....	J. Audlie Dunn
Faith " 181	*Walter O. Barnes..	*Walter O. Barnes..	*Walter O. Barnes
Alliance " 183	Robert G. Outman..	*Reuben E. Knight...	*Karl J. Stern
Bee Hive " 184	Frank J. Kruger....	*John R. Hughes.....	.....
Boaz " 185	*Clyde E. Weyeneth..	*Clyde E. Weyeneth..	*Clyde E. Weyeneth
Israel " 187	Ben Heard.....	.....	.....
Meridian " 188	*Jesse W. Henry....	*Jesse W. Henry....	Jesse W. Henry
Granite " 189	*Andrew C. Walter..	.....	.....
Amethyst " 190	Clarence W. Beam..	.....	.....
Crystal " 191	*Karl S. Ashley....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa .. " 192	Henry A. Fox.....	.....	.....
Signet " 193	.....	.....	.....
Highland " 194	*Carl P. Bonebright..
Arcana " 195	Roger D. Reeve....
Morning Star.. " 197	Stanley R. Hartman.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
PurityNo. 198	*Siegfried L. Jacks...
Gavel " 199	*James H Bryant....	*James H. Bryant...	*James H. Bryant
Blazing Star... " 200	Herbert B. AuchMoedy .....	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff... " 201	*Nathaniel A. S. McLean.....	*Nathaniel A. S. McLean.....	*Nathaniel A. S. McLean
Golden Sheaf.. " 202	*James O. Kimball...	*James O. Kimball..	*James O. Kimball
Roman Eagle.. " 203	Gerald R. McGath...	*William G. Cornwell.	Ervin V. Mutz
Plainview " 204	Carl Youngreen.....	.....	.....
Golden Fleece.. " 205	J. Rex Sutton.....	Ray F. Frederick...	Allen R. Cave
Napthali " 206	Frank Cully.....	Gilbert L. Plager...	.....
Parian " 207	*Lewis R. Cantrell...	Lewis R. Cantrell...	*Lewis R. Cantrell
Gauge " 208	Frank H. Cook.....	.....	.....
Canopy " 209	W. J. Bryan McDonald.....	Orel B. Lupardus...	Corliss M. Totman
East Lincoln.. " 210	Herbert A. Ronin...	John W. Kruse.....	Harold W. Springer
Cement " 211	John H. Williams...	.....	.....
Compass and Square " 212	Lee E. Quail.....	Victor W. Eklun....	.....
Plumblineline " 214	.....	.....	.....
Occidental " 215	*Robert C. Fleming...	*Robert C. Fleming...	*Robert C. Fleming
Palisade " 216	C. Vincent Leffler..	Reece H. Sailors...	.....
Wauneta " 217	J. Oren Hopkins....	*J. Oren Hopkins....	*Fred R. Grimm
Bloomfield ... " 218	Leonard C. Kuhl....	.....	.....
Relief " 219	*Carl J. Swanson....	Carl J. Swanson....	*Carl J. Swanson
Magnolia " 220	.....	.....	.....
Wood Lake ... " 221	.....	.....	.....
Landmark " 222	Warren O. Wakefield	.....	.....
Eminence " 223	.....	.....	.....
Silver Cord ... " 224	*Robert H. Tyler....	Robert H. Tyler....	Lawrence B. Smith
Cable " 225	Lowell W. Watkins.	Charles D. Quig....	.....
Grace " 226	W. Eugene Extrom..	.....	.....
North Star... " 227	Ralph E. Applequist.	William A. German..	*Clinton B. Gass
Bartley " 228	Walter M. Phillips..	*Henry Butherus...	*Walter M. Phillips
Comet " 229	.....	Martin E. Johnson..	*Francis J. Beaman
Delta " 230	*James O. Duncan...	*James O. Duncan...	.....
Mount Hermon " 231	.....	*Jens B. R. Miller...	*Fred E. Wendell
John S. Bowen. " 232	Charles Buell.....	.....	.....
Gilead " 233	James S. Hansen....	.....	.....
Zion " 234	Laverne Van Matre.	James R. Jones....	.....
Fraternity " 235	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rule... " 236	Wilmer E. Anderson.	*Arthur F. Fegley...	*Wilmer E. Anderson
Cubit " 237	Waldo J. McPherson.

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Friendship ...No. 239	LaVern Keller.....
Pilot " 240	Arthur W. Crellin..	*Paul E. Christensen.	Marion Lotz
George			
Armstrong.. " 241	*Frank F. McMullin.	.....	.....
Tyrian " 243	.....	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	Wilfred Stephens...	.....	*C. Glendon Harp
Nehawka " 246	Sheldon B. Mitchell.	George H. Rieke....	Boyd A. Mayfield
Corner-stone... " 247	.....	.....	.....
Laurel " 248	Andrew Detlefsen...	Harold August.....	.....
Gothenburg ... " 249	Frank Kolb.....	Alvin Bringelson...	Ronald H. Patterson
George			
Washington. " 250	John C. Nelson, Jr..	.....	.....
Wausa " 251	.....	.....	.....
Beemer " 253	George E. Konopik.	.....	.....
Bassett " 254	.....	.....	.....
Hickman " 256	.....	.....	.....
Holbrook " 257	.....	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	Harry C. Mason.....	.....	.....
Ornan " 261	.....	.....	.....
Endeavor " 262	*Walter C. Smith....	*Walter C. Smith....	*Walter C. Smith
Mitchell " 263	C. Stan Blehschmidt.	*C. Stan Blehschmidt.	*C. Stan Blehschmidt
Franklin " 264	*Jesse U. Malick....	.....	.....
Robert W.			
Furnas " 265	Floyd C. Wisner.....	Bert E. Rymer.....	Thomas O. McFarland
Silver " 266	Laurence R. Meacham.....	J. Willard Carter...	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	.....	.....	.....
George W.	William C.		
Lininger " 268	Ramsey, Jr.....	*Isaac W. Moorman..	Martin J. Hedelund
Oasis " 271	Owen T. Hess.....	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette. " 272	Oscar A. Weiler....	*Harry H. Moller...	*James P. Baker
Crofton " 273	.....	Alfred P. Buschelman.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	Harold F. Hoar....	Lawrence A. Peterson.....	*Lester Hrdy
Ramah " 275	*John H. Sutlief....	.....	.....
Antelope " 276	.....	Dewey J. Carr.....	.....
Sioux " 277	George A. Clarke....	*George A. Clarke....	*George A. Clarke
Litchfield " 278	Austin F. Bates....	.....	.....
Wallace " 279	.....	.....	.....
Swastika " 280	.....	.....	*John C. Green
Florence " 281	Robert J. McDermott	*William A. Yoder...	William L. Hughes
Mullen " 282

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
ExeterNo. 283
Seneca " 284	*Nicholas J. Wirz.....	Gordon McLeod
Camp Clarke.. " 285	T. Richard Merrell..	*Charles E. Elliott...	.....
Oshkosh " 286	David W. Fickes...	*Glenn Paulsen.....	*David W. Fickes
Union " 287	Carlton B. Rhoten..	*Henry C. McKee.....	.....
Omaha " 288	William O. Mains...	.....	*Fred E. Graham
Lotus " 289	Truman M. Maul...	.....	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	Earl H. Furman....	.....	Jess W. Wade
Diamond " 291	Wayne Lautenschlager ..	.....	.....
Wolbach " 292	Hans A. Mathiesen..	.....	.....
Monument " 293	Edward J. Lollman..	.....	.....
Kimball " 294	Teddy W. Mundell..	.....	.....
Minatare " 295	George H. White...	George H. White....	*George H. White
Cotner " 297	Lyle J. Bryant.....	Marion A. Childress..	Ben D. Workman
Chester " 298	*James E. Woodward..	.....	J. Barclay Gallion
Sutherland ... " 299	Jacob R. Haugland..	John D. Stewart....	Robert Tyler
Liberty " 300	Glenn W. Burnett...	Donald A. Keys.....	*John S. Burley
Bayard " 301	.....	.....	.....
Mizpah " 302	Dan W. Campbell...*	Elmo R. Clayton....	*George E. Mitchell
Right Angle.. " 303	Orion A. Kennedy...	Leon G. M. Vosseler..	Eugene L. Bumsted
Ruskin " 304	William P. Krogh...	*Ernest C. Nelson....	.....
Newman Grove " 305	.....	.....	Robert E. Cox
Golden Rod... " 306	*Clarence L. Meyer..	Ben H. Vacik.....	Clarence L. Meyer
William E. Hill " 307	.....	.....	.....
Perkins " 308	Carl C. Gauger.....	.....	.....
Winnebago ... " 309	Paul E. Belt, Sr....*	Albin Nichelsen....	*Gilmer S. Leftwich
Victory " 310	Richard H. Laverty..	Ward V. Whitaker...	.....
Polk " 311	*Albert E. Sundberg..	.....	.....
Oak Leaf..... " 312	John E. Lightfoot...*	Wallace E. Moffett..	.....
Potter " 313	.....	.....	.....
Craftsmen ... " 314	Raymond E. Waller..	Theodore J. Leacock..	Lyle S. Graybill
Alpha " 316	*John L. Hazlegrove..*	John L. Hazlegrove..*	John L. Hazlegrove
Mid-West " 317	Cyril Henrichs.....	Harold Schmer.....	*William J. Breckenridge
Grand Island.. " 318	Arnold H. Harvey...*	Albert B. Osborn....	.....
Bladen " 319	Harry L. Robinson..	.....	*Harry L. Robinson
College View.. " 320	Turley Cook.....*	Eugene W. Tedd....	*Jack Watson
Harmony " 321	.....	.....	.....
Pioneer " 322	Walter Butcher....*	Walter Butcher....*	Walter Butcher
Lebanon " 323	*Clarence A. Pittman.*	Robert E. Lund.....*	*Elmer P. Baruth
Cairo " 324	Vernon L. Heupel..

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

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

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 of Fremont Lodge No. 15, 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 Fremont Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M., be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 2. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Harvard Lodge No. 44, 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 Harvard Lodge No. 44, A. F. & A. M., be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 3. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., for restoration be not granted, and that he not be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the petition of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., be not granted and that he not be restored to good standing as a Mason."

Your committee has had referred to it for review sentences imposed by the Trial Commission on two brothers against whom charges have been filed and heard during the past year with the request by the M. W. Grand Master that this Committee carefully review such sentences and report whether the Committee thinks the penalties in each of these cases should be increased from indefinite suspension to expulsion. Your committee has considered these cases and makes the following recommendations:

No. 1. With reference to the sentence imposed upon a former member of Jordan Lodge No. 27 A. F. & A. M., your committee was unable to find any circumstances in this record which your committee felt would warrant any less penalty than expulsion. This former member went into the liquor business after the Grand Lodge had definitely formulated its policy thereon, and is still engaged in this business, and offers no prospect of a cessation thereof. Your committee, therefore, makes the following recommendation:

"Be it resolved, that the sentence imposed by the Trial Commission upon a former member of Jordan Lodge No. 27 A. F. & A. M., of indefinite suspension be changed to a sentence of expulsion."

No. 2. Your committee has carefully considered the record in the case of a trial of a Fellow Craft Brother of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, A. F. & A. M. and has been unable to find any circumstances in this record that would warrant a lesser penalty than expulsion. This Fellow Craft Brother has become engaged in the beer distributing business prior to the completion of his work, and is still engaged in the business with no prospects shown of any cessation thereof. Your committee, therefore, makes the following recommendation:

"Be it resolved, that the sentence of indefinite suspension on a former Fellow Craft Brother of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, A. F. & A. M., imposed by the Trial Commission, be changed to a sentence of expulsion."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Clyde H. Jones, Chairman, 173, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was adopted.

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

The following report is respectfully submitted by your Committee on Returns.

We commend the Grand Secretary and his staff on the efficient work they are doing in their office, and also commend the constituent Lodges for the attention given to the important matter of Lodge records.

We make the following recommendations to help the Grand Secretary and his staff:—

First: Be sure that the checks are sent along with both copies of the Returns to the Grand Secretary, and get them in during January.

Second: Be sure that correct names are placed on the proper pages on the Returns, and those preparing hand-written reports are urged to make the letters in the name more legible.

Third: Be sure that officers sign the returns before sending them in.

Fourth: Be sure to fill in proper dates of receiving Degrees.

Fifth: Be sure to have correct names on Diplomas.

Sixth: When suspending members do it in December instead of in January.

Seventh: Keep posted on the Code, and, last of all, get the reports in on time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. Robert W. Cook, 33, Chairman, 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 which various matters have been referred, begs leave to submit the following report:

This Committee has formally approved the Grand Master's decision in refusing to grant a Charter to a group of Omaha Masons.

In line with the citation of Hampton Lodge No. 245 and Compass and Square Lodge No. 212, this Committee has made a thorough investigation and the lodges in question, now being aware of the gravity of their action, we recommend that this citation be dropped.

Your Committee also examined the reports of the Credentials Committee and found the following Lodge has not been represented for a period of three years. Eminence Lodge No. 223.

We therefore recommend that the above-mentioned Lodge be cited to appear before this Committee at the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OMAHA MASONIC HOME FOR BOYS

M. W. Walter R. Raecke, 36, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, which was adopted.

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

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

We are pleased to advise that all of our contacts with the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys during the past year have been pleasant, cordial and satisfactory. No serious problems of any kind have been encountered. Monthly reports have been submitted by the Home to your Committee, showing receipts and disbursements in a general way, as well as donations of various items of personal property. The reports also include the names and ages of the boys resident in the Home. The April 1950 report, being the last one received, shows a total of 73 boys, varying in age from 7 to 18. This shows a slight drop from the 78 reported a year ago.

One of the members of our Committee has recently visited the Home. Among the projects at the Home we find that the boys are caring for

23 4-H baby beef calves. Such activities are bound to help make useful citizens of these young people.

Copy for advertising matter and circulars has been submitted to your Committee for approval prior to publication.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

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

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

The past year has been one of activity for the Committee on Masonic Education and we have endeavored to the best of our ability to bring information and light to the local lodges of the Grand Jurisdiction. It has been our aim and hope to bring to the brethren a better understanding of the teachings of our Order and to inspire them with a deeper feeling of the responsibilities we owe to our fellow men. How successful we have been can only be told in the actions of our brethren as time goes on. However, from the responses to our literature and from the attendance at our area meetings we feel that we are stimulating a portion of our membership to a study of the teachings of Masonic principles and to a better understanding of our philosophy. Because of the fine support and cooperation of all Grand Lodge officers our efforts have seemed easier this year. Especially are we indebted to Grand Custodian W. Raymond C. Cook and his efficient staff of Assistant Custodians for assuming a major part of the work at the area meetings.

Our Grand Master, M. W. Ernest E. Schiefelbein, has attended all area meetings and his presence has been an inspiration to all. Our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. John S. Hedelund, has served as Master of Ceremonies at each banquet with efficiency and inspiration, and the secretaries' conferences under the direction of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, have brought much information to the local lodges and undoubtedly have added much to the efficiency of the work. All other Grand Lodge Officers have aided us in many ways and without which our work could not have been successful.

These area meetings have been held at Rushville, Geneva, North Platte and at Hartington. Detailed reports of these meetings are found in the report of the director of our committee, W. Curry W. Watson, which is attached to this report and which is available for any brother's inspection. To the Masters, officers and brethren of these lodges we express our many thanks and appreciation for a work well done. Nearly a thousand members from 150 lodges attended these meetings and the good done cannot be estimated. To bring the Grand Lodge to the local meeting places and to give the local brethren an opportunity to see the men who are entrusted with the running of our order, is surely worth while. The exchange of ideas in the conferences and to see the exemplification of the work by skilled performers offers much for the good of the Order.

But the area meetings have been a small part of the activity of this committee. We have cooperated with the Grand Lodge Committee in promoting the George Washington Masonic National Memorial and have assisted in spreading information concerning this very deserving work. Monthly bulletins have been sent to all Masters of Lodges containing much information on Masonic topics. Literature has been available to all newly-made Masons with the hope that all lodges will eventually make use of such. We believe that better Masons may result. A very large percentage of our lodges are now using this material. A Speakers' Bureau has been used a great deal and it is our plan to enlarge this group and to make it still more useful to the brethren. A 16 MM film called "Unfinished Business" has been widely used in the State and has proved most helpful to show to members how much fraternal assistance and benefit can be derived from true Masonry. This film was loaned to the Committee by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and then loaned to the local lodges without cost to them.

The Committee expenses have been authorized by a Grand Lodge appropriation of \$3,600 for the past few years. While we have not used all this amount in any year we feel that this amount should be continued. We have been as frugal as we could be and have turned back any unexpended amount at the close of the fiscal year. This year we shall return \$277.71. The cost of literature and other materials is indefinite and we would like to be assured of being able to carry on the program.

It is with no small feeling of satisfaction that the members of your committee have served in this important work of the Grand Lodge. We appreciate the opportunity to be of some little service in making the work of Masonry felt more keenly in all sections of our Grand Jurisdiction.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT, ADVISORY TO GRAND MASTER

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 Reinstatements, advisory to the Grand Master, respectfully reports that during the year 1949-1950, 149 Applications for Reinstatement were referred to your Committee.

The combined age of all applicants amounts to 8,700 years, or an average age of approximately 58 $\frac{1}{4}$ years.

Only one applicant was between the age of 30 to 40 years, 23 between 40 to 50 years, 60 between the age of 50 and 60 years, 49 between 60 and 70 years, and 16 between 70 and 80 years.

Most applications showed that suspension was caused from "Financial Reasons", although some few showed present assets of more than \$100,000.

Although the number of applicants numbered only about one-half the number of the previous year, the trend shows that older Brethren are seeking to renew their standing in Masonry.

The Constituent Lodges have cooperated with your Committee in a very fine manner during the past year, and we wish to express our thanks and appreciation, and the hope that this same fine spirit will continue to prevail.

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Chairman, submitted the final report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to present the following report with reference to the portion of the Grand Master's Address referred to this Committee:

1. Of particular interest to the Committee was the list of dedications of Masonic Temples. We wish to congratulate the brethren of these various Lodges and to wish for them a happy and prosperous tenure in their Masonic buildings.

2. Your Committee has noted the two Masonic Temples in Gothenburg and Lexington, which are planned for construction. We congratulate the brethren on their forward-looking plans and look forward to the time when they will come to fruition. The part which the Temple Building Advisory Committee has played in these plans is to be commended, and we recommend to all lodges contemplating future construction their early contact with this Committee, who can give them a great deal of advice and assistance.

We move the adoption of this portion of the report.

Seconded and carried.

3. The Jurisprudence Committee approves the dispensations granted by the Grand Master during his term of office.

We wish to call attention to the Dispensation which was issued to Omaha Lodge No. 288, which permitted Colorado brethren to confer in a Nebraska Lodge the Master's Degree with Colorado ritual on a Colorado candidate.

We want to point out to the lodges of Nebraska that such work can only be carried on with the full approval of the Grand Masters of both Grand Jurisdictions, and any lodge contemplating such work should be sure that our Masonic Law is complied with.

We wish to especially admonish the W. Master of any Lodge whose candidate is taken to another jurisdiction to receive his Master's Degree with Nebraska Ritual, that it is the responsibility of the Master to see that the Degree work is conferred by brethren who are proficient in the work

and who can confer the Degree in an impressive manner. This is also true where a W. Master invites members of Masonic organizations to confer degrees in their Lodge. The impressiveness of the work and its accuracy should be maintained regardless of who confers the degrees.

4. We approve the action of the Grand Master in approving amendments to by-laws and new by-laws proposed by lodges during the year.

5. We approve the action of the Grand Master on re-instatements. We move the adoption of this portion of the report.

Seconded and carried.

6. We approve Decision No. 1 relating to Dual Membership. This decision follows the law of our Grand Jurisdiction and also clarifies a point which has been in doubt. It points out that the Brother retains his membership when demitting from one of his Dual Membership lodges, which in that case would take up the demit of the brother. Thus a demit would not be carried by a brother while holding membership in a lodge.

7. We approve Decision No. 2 in regard to the Bronze Jordan Medal with the following exception: We believe that the last sentence of this Decision, "Reasoning from an analogy on the law pertaining to the Fifty-year button, I would say that the member must be a resident of Nebraska, with a continuous membership in a Nebraska Lodge," should be stricken from this Decision as our Masonic Law does not require continuous membership in a Nebraska Lodge in determining who is entitled to wear the Bronze Jordan Medal. Membership may be in any lodge in a recognized jurisdiction except that the brother must be a resident member of a Nebraska Lodge at the time of the presentation of the Medal.

8. We approve Decision No. 3.

9. We approve Decision No. 4.

10. We approve the action of the Grand Master in granting authority to change the meeting place of a lodge.

We move the adoption of this portion of the report.

Seconded and carried.

11. We disapprove Recommendation No. 1.

12. We disapprove Recommendation No. 2. Neither Sec. 2-407 nor Sec. 2-607 are covered in the new Sec. 2-607A, and it is necessary to retain them in order that our procedure relating to suspensions be clear.

13. We approve Recommendation No. 4.

14. With reference to Recommendation No. 5: The Grand Master is invested with authority to issue dispensations; we approve the Recommendation. Since such dispensation would terminate on April 30, 1951, we further recommend that the Grand Master appoint a special committee to study and recommend an amendment to the Constitution authorizing and governing funeral lodges.

We move the adoption of this portion of the report.

Seconded and carried.

Other Matters

All other matters referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers require no action by the Committee and are recommended for approval by the Grand Lodge.

I now move the adoption of the entire report of the Committee on Jurisprudence as a whole.

Seconded and carried.

W. W. William O. Mains, 288.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I noticed in the proceedings that three years ago M. W. Brother Edward Huwaldt appointed a Special Committee to make a careful study and survey of Section 3-102 paragraph D of our Masonic Code relating to intoxicating liquor, at the following Communication, which would be in 1948, that Committee asked to be continued another year, which was approved by the Grand Lodge. At the 92nd Annual Communication in 1949 the Committee submitted their report, which was referred by the then Grand Master to the Jurisprudence Committee. Also in 1949 the Jurisprudence Committee in their final report stated: "Since a report of the Special Committee appointed to make a study and survey of Section 3-102, paragraph D was referred to this Committee we ask that it be given until the 1950 Annual Communication in which to continue our study and make a report." That report of the Jurisprudence Committee has not been presented at this Session of the Grand Lodge, and I would like to ask that this matter be taken up and the Jurisprudence Committee be requested to report thereon, or be directed to report at some other definite time.

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master:

M. W. Elmer Magee, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, will make a report to W. W. Brother Mains.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master:

I think that the only thing that we can say is that the Jurisprudence Committee failed to follow through on this matter, which they said they would do last year, because it was not mentioned, or brought to our attention, and we thought we had concluded our business. I think it would be unwise to attempt to make a report of the Jurisprudence Committee on that matter at this time. I would suggest that it be directed particularly to the attention of next year's Jurisprudence Committee, in order that a report may be finally made. I am sorry that the matter was neglected.

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master:

Will you make that in the form of a motion.

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master:

I move that the matter pertaining to Sec. 3-102 paragraph D be placed in the files of the Jurisprudence Committee as unfinished business, and that they report on it at the next Annual Communication.

Seconded and carried.

At 4:35 p.m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Thursday, June 8, 1950

At 9:30 a.m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

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

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

About ten days ago I received a letter from the M. W. Grand Master Roger Keith of Massachusetts, stating that he had supplemented me more or less by John Richard Hedelund, son of our Grand Master-elect, R. W. John S. Hedelund, who would act as his representative on this day, so it is my great pleasure to present to the Grand Lodge Brother John Richard Hedelund, who is a member of Sibert Lodge, Gatun, Panama Canal Zone, under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, who is the personal representative of the M. W. Roger Keith, Grand Master of Massachusetts.

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master:

Brother Hedelund:

It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you to our 93rd Annual Communication, and it must be very gratifying to you, being the son of our dear beloved R. W. Deputy Grand Master, John S. Hedelund, who has been honored by this jurisdiction by being elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

I wish that you would carry back a message of fraternal greetings to your Grand Master.

John Richard Hedelund:

Thank you for the honor, M. W. Grand Master.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL

W. John K. Cassell, 224, 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-third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, is as follows:

Mileage	\$ 2,905.38
Per Diem	1,920.00
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Total	\$ 4,825.38

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

W. Harold M. Kelley, 302, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Codification reports as follows: The approved decisions of the Grand Master and the approved report of the Committee on Jurisprudence have been carefully considered and studied by your Committee and in the opinion of the Committee, no proposed by-laws or amendments thereto should be presented to the Grand Lodge at this communication.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

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

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

The 40th Annual Convention of the Memorial Association was held in the Auditorium of the Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, on February 22nd, 1950.

Our Nebraska Masonic Leaders were M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master; R. W. John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. William B. Wanner, Past Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Emeritus; Robert E. Lund, Grand King, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

Brethren, it is my feeling that none of you would want me to go into this Memorial Association report in detail, so I have and will give you a few of the most important events.

We have these new history pamphlets on the Memorial and hope that everyone of you will take one before you leave for your home. They are very interesting and will give you the story of The Temple on Shooters' Hill.

The President of the Association, Dr. Elmer R. Arn, reports that since last year, the Assembly Room has been completed, one elevator installed, all floor openings have been closed, permanent treads in stairs of the Spiral Stairway, the North Rooms completed and dedicated last December 3rd, Bronze Doors, Windows and Grills around the first floor, permanent roofs over the Portico and Auditorium.

To better acquaint the Craft with our National Masonic Memorial to George Washington, the Association has a new 16mm color sound film, which is available for showing in your lodge. It is entitled "Unfinished Business" and is 30 minutes long. This new film will show the most important developments in the erection of the Memorial.

At this year's meeting the Association received from the Grand Lodge Representatives present:

For the Building Fund	\$193,163.24
For the Endowment Fund	39,209.40
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Total	\$232,372.64

These amounts alone give you an idea of the growing interest that Masons from every State in the Union are showing.

The Mural decorations which are to be placed in the Memorial Hall will portray important Masonic events of Washington's life. They will contribute much to the human interest, which is predominant throughout the Temple.

UNVEILING OF THE STATUE

The Heroic Bronze Statue, depicting Our Illustrious Brother, George Washington, as Worshipful Master of his Lodge was unveiled on February 22nd, 1950 at 2:30 p.m., with elaborate ceremonies, which were under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, with M.'W.' Enoch D. Flowers, Grand Master, officiating.

Greetings were given by Godfrey P. Runaldu, W.'Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and many other Distinguished Masonic Leaders.

The President of The United States, M.'W.' Harry S. Truman, Past Grand Master of Missouri, and Honorary Grand Master of the Grand Council, gave the presentation address for the Order of DeMolay. This address is very inspiring and since it is for all to hear and know about, I am happy to quote to you a part of it. I quote:

"George Washington, like ourselves, lived in a period of great change, a period when new forces and new ideas were sweeping across the world. He was a leader of his people in a revolution against tyranny. He commanded an army in a long and bitter war. He was a major figure in the creation of new kind of constitution.

"Finally, as the first living President of our nation, he translated that constitution into a living government.

"Washington's efforts for freedom were twofold. He was concerned first with making the ideal of democratic government work. He was also concerned with the defense of that ideal against the forces opposed to it.

"Washington was unwavering in his devotion to the democratic concept. He never yielded to those who urged him to assume extraordinary powers. Even in the darkest days of the Revolution, when his task as Commander-in-chief of the American forces was rendered doubly difficult by the weakness of the Congress and the rivalries among the states, he always considered himself as a servant of the people. In all that he did, he strove to make democratic institutions more effective.

"He knew, too, that they had to be defended—that there were times when the use of force to defend democracy could not be avoided. He not only led the armies in the revolution but, as President, he was always alert to the necessity for a vigorous national defense. . . .

"The progress we have made in this country since the days of Washington is proof of the vitality and truth of the ideals he fought for. We must be no less firm, no less resolute, no less steadfast than he was. We move upon a greater stage than he did, but our problems are fundamentally the same problems that faced the first President of this nation—to make democracy work and to defend it from its enemies.

"George Washington sought guidance from Almighty God as he faced these tasks in his time; let us be guided today by Divine Providence as we strive for lasting peace with freedom and justice for all mankind."

Abraham Lincoln, a great man and a great leader, wrote these lines about George Washington. I quote:

"On that name no eulogy is expected.

It cannot be.

"To add brightness to the sun,—

or glory to the name of Washington,

Is alike impossible. Let no one attempt it.

"In solemn awe we pronounce the name,

and in its naked, deathless splendor,

Leave it to shine on."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This year the sum of \$1,915.00 has been received from newly-raised Master Masons. This sum will go to the Permanent Reserve Fund, from which \$21,918.90 was borrowed to pay the unpaid balance due the Memorial Association.

This Committee recommends the continuance of the collection of \$1.00 from each newly-raised Master Mason and that the Grand Lodge continue to appropriate \$500.00 as has been done in the past, until the full sum of \$21,918.90 is fully repaid into the Permanent Reserve Fund.

The members of this Committee express to the Committee on Masonic Education their sincere appreciation for the cooperation and assistance given us, in helping to stimulate interest in our great Memorial.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. C. Ray Macy, 26, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Finance submits their report 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, C.P.A., and have examined all matters of finance which have in any way been referred to this Committee by the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, 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 1949 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

EXPENSE ANNUAL SESSION	Appro- priated	Expended or with- drawn	Savings	Over- draft
Payrolls	\$ 4,412.16	\$ 4,412.16		
Grand Lodge dinner	675.00	665.55	9.45	
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	500.00	290.62	209.38	
Reporting and Transcribing Session	75.00	70.00	5.00	
Grand Tyler	15.00	15.00		
Grand Organist	10.00	10.00		
	\$ 5,687.16	\$ 5,463.33	223.83	

EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Masonic Education	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00	600.00	
Trial Commission	100.00	100.00	
Grand Chaplain	100.00	100.00	
Grand Trustees	50.00	50.00	
Other Committees	100.00	100.00	
Unassigned incidental expense under direction of Grand Master.	2,000.00	1,609.65	390.35
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	6,550.00	6,159.65	390.35

TRAVELING EXPENSES

Grand Master	2,500.00	2,000.00	500.00
Grand Secretary	500.00	500.00	
Grand Custodian and Staff	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Other Grand Lodge Officers under direction of Grand Master....	600.00	600.00	
Grand Secretary Emeritus	500.00	500.00	
Grand Master Elmer E. Magee's travel expense account of not having withdrawn proper amount from the appropriation set up last year	300.00	300.00	
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	8,400.00	7,900.00	500.00

SALARIES

Grand Secretary	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Grand Secretary, additional compensation	900.00	900.00	
Grand Secretary, clerical staff....	3,900.00	3,893.45	6.55
Grand Custodian	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Grand Custodian, additional compensation	1,200.00	1,200.00	
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	12,600.00	12,593.45	6.55

FIXED EXPENSES

Rent, Grand Lodge quarters to June 19, 1950	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Cost of annual audit	100.00	100.00	
Grand Secretary Office expense....	2,800.00	3,012.35	212.35
Cost, jewel for retiring Grand Master	168.00	168.00	
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	5,268.00	5,480.35	212.35

PRINTING

Proceedings 1949 session, including advance reports	1,750.00	2,258.34	508.34
Lists of Regular Lodges	125.00	173.39	48.39
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	1,875.00	2,431.73	556.73

INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

Workmen's Compensation and Lia- bility Premium to June, 1950..	37.00	40.17	3.17
Dues to Masonic Relief Assn. 40,621 members	203.11	203.11	
Social Security Tax	210.00	203.70	6.30
Liability Insurance Grand Master's auto	25.00	10.00	15.00
Surety bond for Grand Lodge Offi- cers and employees	275.00	280.80	5.80
\$20,000 insurance on Grand Lodge property for 3-year term	95.72	95.72	
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	845.83	833.50	21.30 8.97

MISCELLANEOUS

For procurement of a suitable plaque conforming to report of the Robert Carrel Jordan Com- mittee	100.00	75.00	25.00
For purchasing Perpetual Care for the Robert Carrel Jordan Lot in Prospect Hill Cemetery, to be matched by an equal amount from the Scottish Rite Bodies.	150.00	300.00	150.00
For purchasing aprons for the As- sistant Custodians according to Grand Master Elmer E. Magee's Recommendation No. 8	250.00	250.00	
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	500.00	625.00	25.00 150.00

Total\$41,725.99 \$41,487.01 \$1,167.03 \$928.05

The total cost of the plaque and perpetual care for the Robert Carrel Jordan lot was \$375.00. However, the Scottish Rite Bodies of Omaha reimbursed the Grand Lodge in the amount of \$187.50 to cover one-half of the total expense, which is shown in the Grand Secretary's Report.

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 ASSISTANTS

The amount of \$4,000.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. Their expenses, according to the report filed, amounts to \$4,157.65, making an over-expenditure of \$157.65, which the Grand Custodian has paid from personal funds. We feel that W. Raymond C. Cook should be reimbursed for this amount and are setting the same up in the General Budget for this year.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

The amount of \$3,600 was appropriated and \$3,600 was withdrawn, to which \$28.00 is added for booklets sold by this Committee, making a total available of \$3,628.00. Their report filed shows an expenditure of \$3,350.29 leaving an unexpended balance of \$277.71, which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

TRAVEL EXPENSE, LEWIS E. SMITH,
GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

\$500.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. According to the report filed \$482.00 was expended, leaving a balance of \$18.00 which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND CHAPLAIN EXPENSE

The amount of \$100.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. The report filed shows an expenditure of \$84.10, leaving a balance of \$15.90 which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 3

Grand Master Ernest S. Schiefelbein, in his annual address, has recommended that the sum of \$75,000 be appropriated from the Grand Lodge Building and Improvement Fund and transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home Building Fund, to assist in the completion of the new building.

The Finance Committee approves this recommendation and will, under the heading of "Special Appropriations" provide for this transfer.

Last year, in accordance with the Grand Master's recommendation No. 9, additional compensation was paid to the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian to meet the high level of living costs without change in Grand Lodge law, in the amounts of \$900.00 for Grand Secretary and \$1,200.00 for the Grand Custodian, to be paid in monthly amounts.

Realizing the same conditions that prompted this action still prevail, we recommend the same amounts to be paid in the same manner for the coming year, and are setting up the proper amounts in the General Fund Budget.

GENERAL FUND

There is cash in this Fund in the amount of \$37,066.33 on deposit in the Live Stock National Bank as of May 10, 1950. There is to be returned to the General Fund unexpended balances from various committees and other sources, amounting to \$311.61, which makes a total available for appropriation to cover the 1950 General Budget of \$37,377.94.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET—1950

EXPENSE OF ANNUAL SESSION

Payroll, 1950	\$ 4,825.38
Grand Lodge Dinner	650.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests.....	600.00
Reporting and Transcribing session	75.00
Grand Tyler	15.00
Grand Organist	10.00

\$ 6,175.38

EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Masonic Education	3,600.00
Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00
Trial Commission	100.00
Grand Chaplain	100.00
Grand Trustees	50.00
Other Committees	100.00
Unassigned incidental expense under direction of Grand Master	2,000.00

6,550.00

TRAVELING EXPENSES

Grand Master	2,000.00
Grand Secretary	500.00
Grand Custodian and Staff	4,000.00
Other Grand Officers under direction of Grand Master	600.00
Grand Secretary Emeritus	500.00

7,600.00

SALARIES

Grand Secretary	3,600.00
Grand Secretary, additional compensation.....	900.00
Grand Secretary, clerical staff	3,900.00
Grand Custodian	3,000.00
Grand Custodian, additional compensation....	1,200.00

12,600.00

FIXED EXPENSES

Rent of Grand Lodge quarters to June, 1951	2,200.00	
Cost of annual audit	100.00	
Grand Secretary Office Expense	2,850.00	
Cost of Jewel for Retiring Grand Master	168.00	
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5,318.00

PRINTING

Proceedings 1950 session, including advance reports, etc.	2,350.00	2,350.00
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INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

Workmen's Compensation and Liability premium to June, 1951	34.25	
Dues to Masonic Relief Assn. of U. S. and Canada, 41,379 members at $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ each	206.89	
Social Security Tax	305.00	
Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and employees	275.00	
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MISCELLANEOUS

100 new bronze Jordan medals, including cost of dies, which remain property of Grand Lodge	650.00	
The Nebraska Masonic Home for use of car for Grand Lodge purposes 11,260 miles at 6¢ mile	675.60	
To cover additional cost of aprons for Assistant Custodians, above amount appropriated last year as 50 aprons were ordered to meet future needs and quantity price	337.89	
To reimburse the Grand Custodian for personal funds advanced above the regular appropriation	157.65	
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1,821.14

Grand Total

 \$43,235.66

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

MAINTENANCE FUND, MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Estimated maintenance for the coming year (to be matched by an equal appropriation from the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star) \$ 18,000.00

RELIEF FUND

Special appropriation to increase existing revenue to the Maintenance Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth 10,000.00

ORPHAN'S 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 Eastern Star).....\$ 1,000.00

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the amount in Maintenance Fund of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont.....\$ 10,000.00

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the General Fund to meet the 1950 Budget\$ 6,000.00

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Special appropriation to The Nebraska Masonic Home Building Fund, according to Grand Master Schiefelbein's recommendation No. 3\$ 75,000.00

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.

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

M. W. Grand Master :

I move that the published proceedings of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., held June 7, 8 and 9, 1949, and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published by the Grand Secretary be ratified and approved.

Seconded and carried.

W. Morace F. Smith, 265, Grand Marshal.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

At this time I would like to call attention to the fact that the eleven lodges of Omaha have again played the part of a very gracious host to our Grand Lodge in this, our 93rd Annual Communication, and because of that fact, I would like to move that a vote of thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the eleven lodges, to the Scottish Rite Cathedral Trustees for their generosity in making it possible for us to have our

dinner there in traditional form, to the Scottish Rite Women's Association for serving that bountiful dinner, and I would also like to add the names of the organist, W. Arthur N. Howe, and the soloist, Brother August E. Ruser. Make those individuals a part of this expression of appreciation.

Seconded and carried.

RESOLUTION

Brother Harry R. Follmer, 77, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Craft:

At this Ninety-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, I, Harry R. Follmer, member of Nelson Lodge No. 77, and one of the representatives of that Lodge at this Annual Communication, take this opportunity to say that we are sensible of the distinctive honor paid us on page No. 16 of the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Ernest S. Schiefelbein.

I should like to take this opportunity, being the author of the volumes now in the library of the R. W. Grand Secretary, Carl R. Greisen, and having here in my possession a replica of the volumes, "Footprints on the Sands of Time", dedicated to General John J. Pershing, to request that, if and when in your good judgment as Officers of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the Library is completed in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, you may present these volumes, "Footprints on the Sands of Time", for that Library, or for the archives of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

W. Donald C. Yungbluth, 19, presented the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business reports that there is no unfinished business.

W. RAYMOND C. POLLARD, GRAND TYLER

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master:

Brother Grand Senior Deacon, conduct Brother Pollard to the East.

Brethren, I have the honor of presenting to you W. Raymond C. Pollard, your Grand Tyler, who has served this Grand Lodge since 1943. Brother Pollard has rendered a very great service, he has been very efficient.

It has been at his own request that he lay down his tools as Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge. Join me in giving Brother Pollard a rising vote of thanks. (Applause)

W. . Raymond C. Pollard, Grand Tyler :

M. . W. . Grand Master and Brethren :

I thank you very kindly.

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

We do have one brother attending this Grand Lodge who has a very unique experience. Brother James H. Bryant, who is to be installed as Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, first attended this Grand Lodge in 1893. He is the only living man, so far as I know, who was acquainted with our First Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska whose memory we honored Tuesday by unveiling the plaque.

It is really something to have a man in this presence who knew the man who established the Grand Lodge of Nebraska ninety-three years ago. So today, as this brother is installed, I hope you will give him a hand, as he is a very old Mason. He has been a Mason a good many years, sixty-eight years a Mason, he was Master of his lodge in 1897. He has been secretary of his Lodge for forty-five years, so you know that he has been a working Mason, one of the boys, if you will permit me to say so, who has really helped bear the burden as we see it today in Freemasonry.

To me it is a thrill to be able to know and to clasp the hand of a Brother who was privileged to know our first Grand Master.

I am very happy to present W. . Brother James H. Bryant.

M. . W. . Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master :

Brother Bryant, we are very happy that you are with us. You hold the distinction of being the oldest secretary in this Grand Jurisdiction, and your attendance at the Grand Lodge has been very faithful, and I hope that it has been very enjoyable to you. We hold you in high esteem, and may you have many years to serve this Grand Lodge in the interest of Masonry. I know that all the members of the Grand Lodge will be very happy to greet you, as I have been privileged during the past years to greet you every September at the State Fair, where you have made the Administration office a visit. Our best wishes and our fondest hopes go with you and may God give strength to you in the years to come.

W. . James H. Bryant :

M. . W. . Grand Master :

I am sure happy to be here. I never had so much fuss made over me in my life.

Brother Thomas A. Barton, 210:

Noting the presentation of the son of our R. W. Deputy Grand Master, as personal representative of the Grand Master of Massachusetts, there must be a story back of this and I would like to have R. W. Brother John S. Hedelund tell us something about it.

R. W. John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master:

I hardly know what Brother Barton means, but I will try briefly to give you the things back of my son's being here today. Serving in World War II first training troops in California, then overseas duty in South Pacific areas, he was invalided and returned for hospitalization in the northwest. Following this, and to some extent having regained his health, he was sent to the Panama Canal Zone where he served until practically all troops from the far East were returned to the States. During that period of service he petitioned Sibert Lodge, Gatun, Panama Canal Zone, for the degrees of Masonry and received them. This lodge and others in the Canal Zone are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The present secretary of Sibert Lodge, a Past Master of that lodge, also has been District Deputy Grand Master of the Panama Canal Zone area, and, therefore, is a Mason of some consequence in his Grand Lodge standing.

Being advised by my son that in the normal course of events I might expect to be elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska at this annual communication, and that John Richard expected to be present, he wrote to M. W. Roger Keith, Grand Master of Massachusetts, setting forth these facts and asked that some special credentials might be given my son for this event. To this request M. W. Brother Keith responded in a most gracious and, to us, an unexpected manner, by making my son his personal representative for this one day in which I am to be installed as your Grand Master.

As such personal representative, he was, therefore, received here today and given Grand Honors, under proper credentials submitted to our Grand Secretary.

For this high courtesy, and your welcome to him, we both are deeply grateful. It is a matter of both pleasure and pride to me to have my son present at this Communication. I do not know which might be considered more important; to have your son think that you are a good father, or for the father to know that he has a good son; but I do know that I have a good son, and I think that his presence here testifies to the fact that he thinks he has a good father.

I thank you all for your deep interest in him, and your kindness to me. Thank you very much.

RECEPTION OF BRETHREN WEARING FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

M. . W. . Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master :

I wish to present at this time Brothers Lewis E. Smith, 136, James R. Cain, Jr., 105, Lauritz A. Larson, 168, and James H. Bryant, 199. Brethren, we wish to acknowledge you as being the wearers of the fifty-year button.

RECEPTION OF BRETHREN HOLDING BRONZE JORDAN MEDALS

M. . W. . Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Grand Master :

I wish to present at this time Brothers Lauritz A. Larson, 168; Walter O. Barnes, 181; Lewis E. Smith, 136, and James H. Bryant, 199, who wear the Bronze Jordan Medal.

May you exemplify the great spirit and principles of Brother Robert Carrel Jordan. May you have many years in which to serve the interests of Freemasonry in your communities.

M. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Deputy Grand Master :

W. . Brethren :

Those of you who attended the annual dinner last night had a fine dinner, enjoying, I am sure, an address you will long remember. I think we were very much favored by having a busy Grand Secretary of such a large Grand Jurisdiction take the time to fly back here and visit with us, and make that address. In order that there may be a permanent and official record made I move that a vote of thanks be extended to M. . W. . Lloyd E. Wilson, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, expressing our sincere thanks and our appreciation, not only for his visit, but his very fine message that he brought to us.

Motion seconded and carried.

M. . W. . Ernest S. Schiefelbein,, Grand Master :

This practically concludes the business of the 93rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

As your Grand Master for the past year I wish to thank all of you Grand Officers, all the members of the committees, and the members of the Grand Lodge. I enjoyed my work immensely. We have a wonderful group of Masons all over the State of Nebraska, and splendid personalities and character in the Grand Lodge Officers. It has been a great pleasure, and I enjoyed it very much.

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

M. W. Grand Master, and Brethren:

I believe we all realize that our Grand Master has had a very successful year; that he has devoted so many hours of service to this Grand Lodge throughout the Jurisdiction, and in concluding this Grand Lodge meeting, the 93rd Annual Communication, I think we, as a Grand Lodge, should express our appreciation to our retiring Grand Master for his very faithful and efficient service during the past year, and I so move.

Seconded and carried.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master, was Installing Officer, assisted by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, Installing Marshal.

THE NEW GRAND MASTER

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

My Brethren:

I have had the privilege of being installed by the Past Grand Master who appointed me in line, M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre. I am indebted to Brother Ben, and through Ben to his Brother Charles Eyre for the place that I hold today. Brother Charles Eyre was the Custodian for the perfection of the work in my lodge when I went in. I knew him almost from the first day I came to Omaha.

I had the privilege of having as my Grand Marshal, our Past Grand Master Lewis E. Smith, who, in the providence of God, lived in the same part of Omaha that I did when I first was made a Mason, and I learned much from him as from day to day we would ride downtown on the same streetcar, and walk from there to our respective offices. I can never be able to repay him for his kindness, his helpfulness and his instruction for the good of Masonry. I am deeply indebted to both of them. I am indebted to my son, as I told you, for coming, and for the greetings which he brings, and I request and direct him to convey both to the Grand Master of Massachusetts, and to the Secretary and Deputy Grand Master of his Panama Canal Jurisdiction, my sincere thanks for their greeting, their friendly interest and the honor which they bestowed upon me in this representation.

I am honored in having with me today two younger brothers who stand here. One of them, Martin J., a member of my own Lodge, George W. Lininger, 268, and at present its Junior Warden, and George T., a member in my boyhood town, Washington Lodge No. 21 of Blair. I am happy to have them here. I know that they are grateful with me to you for having bestowed upon me this honor. There are some members of my

own lodge, 268, such as you are and where you are, will you please rise. Brethren, this is our working tools. On that side, is W. Isaac W. Moorman who for years was our secretary; he is a Past Master from the State of Iowa, he wears the fifty-year badge and the Bronze Jordan Medal for our Lodge. I am particularly happy, Brother Ike, that you could be here today and see this installation. Thank you, Brethren, for coming. There are some brethren from Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair. Will they please stand.

I spent the first twenty-six years of my life in Blair, brethren, and I have never lost track of it. Again I owe much to the Masons of that town for the things which have made it possible for me to be here today.

Brother Christiansen, will you convey to the members of Washington Lodge No. 21 my good wishes and greetings.

I am not going to talk very long to you brethren, you will hear from me during the year.

I want to address my remarks to our retiring Grand Master. From the day that he was stricken there was not one of us that did not pray ardently that he might recover to finish his year. It was a joy that we helped him in any way we could, and we are deeply grateful that he has that beautiful character and so honored us by his return to office.

I have a line of officers, brothers, of whom I am very, very proud. We are happy together. We have a good time as we work out the problems of the Grand Lodge as we go about it in a most proper manner, and we have only the happiest recollections up to this time, and which I am sure we will maintain in the days ahead. I hope to see you, many of you, during the coming year, and we know that if the welcome we have received in the past years in Masonry is maintained that we are going to have a happy time with you. So we look forward to this year, all of us, with you in such ways as we can serve you.

I promise you my best endeavors. I am arranging my business affairs so that effective the first of July I will be able to give 100% of my time and ability to such things as Masonry may require of me, and I hope that when I come back next year that you will approve what we have done.

I thank you very much.

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

Brethren:

At this time I am happy to present a son of Brother Hedelund, who has a word to say.

Brother John Richard Hedelund :

On behalf of the Grand Master M. W. Roger Keith of Massachusetts, and Sibert Lodge, my own Lodge, I wish to say that they are taking this, it seems to me, very seriously, more so, perhaps, than my father's own Lodge.

I want to congratulate you.

For myself I want to thank you, brethren, for the opportunity that you have given him; I know he will serve you well, and I know that he will be a better Mason and a better man before his term is over.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER'S
JEWEL TO M. W. ERNEST S. SCHIEFELBEIN

M. W. William C. Schaper :

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

It is my privilege now to perform a very happy duty.

M. W. Sir, you are the Junior Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction. I think one of the happiest things that has ever been said is for a father to say to his son, "This is my son, in whom I am well pleased." I am happy, M. W. Sir, to invest you with this Jewel, and congratulate you upon a successful year as the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction. Your brethren and the Past Grand Masters have followed your year with interest, and the hearty welcome that you have received today is testimony of the fond fraternal feelings that your brethren bear toward you.

This Grand Jurisdiction has provided a Past Grand Master's jewel which I am happy to present to you for the Grand Lodge at this time.

The Grand Lodge has done another thing for their Past Grand Masters, and that is to present to the Junior Past Grand Master a Past Grand Master's apron. It is with pleasure that I, for the Grand Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, present to you this Past Grand Master's apron.

M. W. Sir, let me congratulate you once more as you are now the Junior Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and as such you are now a permanent member of the Grand Lodge.

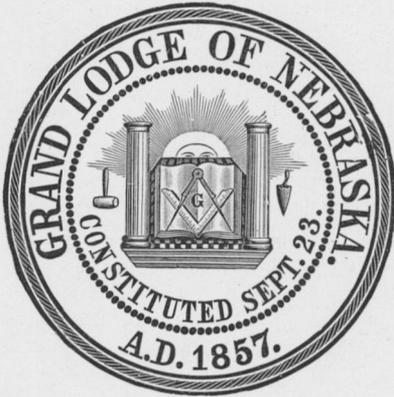
M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Past Grand Master :

I thank you most heartily, M. W. William C. Schaper, and the Past Grand Masters of this jurisdiction for those kind and beautiful words. I will treasure this a long time, and to this Grand Lodge I wish to thank you for this beautiful Jewel and this beautiful Apron presented to me by this Grand Lodge, which signifies that I have been ushered or permitted to join the ranks of the Past Grand Masters. It surely was an inspiration as I sat at the table with you Past Grand Masters, and to be inducted into the organization of the Past Grand Masters of this jurisdiction. There is a feeling of sadness in leaving one organization that I was privileged to serve as Grand Master, to join another organization who has done so much for this Jurisdiction. I hope that I may make a contribution of some kind to this organization, and I was particularly pleased to have M. W. Brother William C. Schaper present me with this Jewel and this Apron. He was responsible for starting me in the line of this Grand Lodge, and he also had the privilege of taking me out. I surely have a great feel-

ing, indeed, for him, and also you brethren for having the privilege of serving as your Grand Master during the past year, and I hope I have made some contribution. I am sure that I will have the personal satisfaction of having had the privilege of your friendship and companionship during the past year, and to you, the newly-elected Grand Master, I wish all kinds of success and good feelings of the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, and M. W. Brother John, you have been a faithful helper of mine during the last year, and all you Grand Lodge Officers for the year 1950 and 1951 I wish for you a most successful year, and you brethren of the Craft much success in the interest of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

I thank you.

At 11:30 a.m., no further business appearing, after prayer by V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.



Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the Ninety-third 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 6, 7, 8, 1950, and printed under my directions.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, this 10th day of July, 1950.

Frank Feisen

Grand Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

This page is fraternally and affectionately
dedicated to the memory of
Six Hundred Ninety
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.

IN MEMORIAM

This page is inscribed

To the Memory of

Most Worshipful

ARCHIE M. SMITH

Past Grand Master

Installed June 6, 1933

Born August 26, 1883

Died May 8, 1950

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Lewis E. Smith, 48 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- 34-35-36-37-38-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50
James R. Cain, 46 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- 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-43-44-46-47-48-49-50
William Cosh, 42 Years	1908-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23- 24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50
Joseph B. Fradenburg, 40 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- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
Charles A. Chappell, 38 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- 44-46-47-48-49-50
Chancellor A. Phillips, 36 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- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50
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- 47-48
Edwin D. Crites, 33 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- 49-50
John R. Tapster, 32 Years	1907-08-09-10-11-12-13-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29- 30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-44-49- 50
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
George A. Stevens, 31 Years	1917-18-19-20-21-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49
William F. Evers, 31 Years	1920-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35- 36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50
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
John R. Hughes, 30 Years	1919-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33- 34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49- 50

Benjamin F. Eyre, 28 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50
John S. Hedelund, 27 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50
Raymond C. Cook, 27 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36- 37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50
Carl R. Greisen, 27 Years	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50
C. Ray Macy, 27 Years	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50
William C. Smith, 24 Years	1926-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50
William J. Breckenridge, 22 Years	1918-19-25-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-50
James H. Bryant, 21 Years	1893-94-97-99-1902-04-05-08-17-20-21-27-29-30-34 42-43-47-48-49-50

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
HARRY A. CHENEY.....	Died June 27th, 1948.....	(45th) ..	1910
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
ARCHIE M. SMITH.....	Died May 8th, 1950.....	(69th) ..	1933
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

JAMES R. CAIN, JR.	(47th) ..	1912
Omaha National Bank, Omaha		
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG	(55th) ..	1920
820 City National Bank Bldg., Omaha		
LEWIS E. SMITH	(56th) ..	1921
920 O Street, 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		
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		
ELMER E. MAGEE	(83rd) ..	1948
1201 O Street, Lincoln		
ERNEST S. SCHIEFELBEIN	(84th) ..	1949
Wahoo		
NATHAN ROSCOE POUND	Honorary ..	1949
304 School Street, Watertown, Massachusetts		

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

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

LEWIS E. SMITH
 929 O Street
 Lincoln, Nebraska



GRAND CHAPLAIN EMERITUS

GEORGE ALLEN BEECHER
 Hastings, Nebr.



GRAND CUSTODIAN EMERITUS

LUTE M. SAVAGE
 Plattsmouth, Nebraska

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama.....	C. H. Stubinger.....	Box 98, Montgomery
Alberta.....	George Moore.....	Calgary.
Arizona.....	Joseph A. E. Ivey.....	Box 1488, Tucson
Arkansas.....	Woodleif A. Thomas.....	Little Rock.
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Bahia.....	Aguinaldo M. Lobo.....	Bahia.
Brazil, Ceara.....	Luis Nepomuceno de Mattos	Box 76, Fortaleza, Ceara
Brazil, Minas Gerais.	Paul de Miranda Pinto.....	Sede Provisoria, Avenida Olegario Magiel, 454 Box 5, Belo Horizonte
Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul.....	Jonas H. Py.....	Box 1824, Porto Alegre
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro.....	Jose Rodrigues.....	Box 2215, Rio de Janeiro
Brazil, Sao Paulo.....	O. M. DeFleury.....	Box 2611, Sao Paulo
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiiba.....	Augusto de Almeida Simoes.	Jono, 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.....	319 Masonic Temple, Denver
Colombia National Grand Lodge....	Jose G. Fabre.....	Barranquilla
Connecticut.....	Earle K. Haling.....	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	Enrique Chaves Bolanos...	Apartado Y, San Jose
Cuba.....	Jose F. Castellanos.....	Apt. 72, Havana
Czechoslovakia National Grand Lodge.....	P. Korbcl, 8, Dorchester Court....	London, S. W. 1, England
Delaware.....	Chester R. Jones.....	Wilmington.
Denmark.....	H. E. Iverson.....	Freemasons Hall, 33 Smallgade, Copenhagen
District of Columbia.	Aubrey H. Clayton.....	Masonic Temple, Washington
Ecuador.....	Augusto Jyon.....	Masonic Temple, Guayaquil.
Egypt.....	Mohamed Rifant.....	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.....	320 W. 8th. Topeka
Kentucky.....	Al. E. Orton.....	Shubert Bldg., Louisville.
Louisiana.....	D. Peter Laguens, Jr.....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine.....	Convers E. Leach.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	Harry Coddington.....	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	Claud Shaffer.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Frank H. Hilton.....	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Mexico, (York Gr. Ldg)	William Webber.....	Apt. 1986, Mexico City
Michigan.....	F. Homer Newton.....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids
Minnesota.....	John H. Anderson.....	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Sid F. Curtis.....	Meridian.
Missouri.....	Harold L. Reader.....	Masonic Temple, St. Louis.
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Box 896, Helena.
Nebraska.....	Carl R. Greisen.....	Masonic Temple, Omaha.
Nevada.....	Edward C. Peterson.....	Masonic Temple, Carson City.
New Brunswick.....	R. D. Magee.....	Box 643, St. John
New Hampshire.....	J. Melvin Dresser.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Isaac Cherry.....	Masonic Hall, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Chandler C. Thomas.....	Box 535, Albuquerque
New South Wales..	James S. Miller.....	Masonic Temple, Sydney.
New York.....	George R. Irving.....	Masonic Hall, New York
New Zealand.....	Henry A. Lamb.....	P. O. Box 548, Dunedin
Nicaragua.....	Sofonias Salvatierra.....	Apt. 102, Managua.
North Carolina.....	Wilbur L. McIver.....	Box 3068, Raleigh
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Box 1269, Fargo.

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Nova Scotia	Reginald V. Harris	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Nuevo Leon, Mexico	Enrique A. Verastegui	Apt. Num. 309, Monterrey
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Masonic Temple, Guthrie.
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Panama	Juliox Icoza	Box 84, Panama
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
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	F. J. Ellen	Freemasons Hall, North Terrace, Adelaide
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota	Elvin F. Strain	Box 468, Sioux Falls
Sweden	Eric Hallin	Stockholm 6, Sweden
Tamaulipas	Jose I. Casarrubias	Apt. Postal No. 419, Tampico, Tamps., Mexico
Tasmania	H. A. Wilkinson	117 Macquarie St., Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville.
Texas	George H. Belew	Box 446, Waco.
Utah	Emery R. Gibson	650 So. Temple Street, 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	Frank F. Flaig	Box 2346, Masonic Temple, Charleston
Wisconsin	Paul W. Grossebach	705 E. Wells St., Milwaukee
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Masonic Temple, Casper

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GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	Date Appointed
Alabama	Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Plattsmouth	May 4, 1939
Alberta	Earl M. Bolen 130	Ulysses	May 2, 1924
Arizona	Morace F. Smith, 265.....	Scottsbluff.....	Mar. 18, 1950
Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee, 227.....	Lincoln	Aug. 24, 1944
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Bahia	Mainard E. Crosby, 32 ...	North Platte . . .	Sept. 19, 1936
Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32... ..	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1949
Brazil, Minas Gerais.....	Ernest E. James, 1.....	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul..	John J. Helzer	Chadron.....	Nov. 15, 1949
Brazil, Sao Paulo	Nile O. Walther.....	Wahoo.....	Nov. 15, 1949
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.....	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
Brazil, Gr. Lodge of Rio de Janeiro	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 19, 1941
British Columbia.	Thomas J. Aron, 37.....	Crete	July 10, 1947
Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201 ...	Capitol Bldg., Lin- coln	June 22, 1937 Feb. 17, 1930
Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 285... ..	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
Colombia Nat'l Grand Lodge...	Fred G. Christensen, 33... ..	Grand Island	July 2, 1938
Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Connecticut	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
Costa Rica	Ward B. Schrack, 46.....	Kearney	July 2, 1938
Cuba	Fay Smith, 198	Imperial	Oct. 2, 1949
Czechoslovakia, Nat'l G. L. of.	.....	.....	.....
Delaware	Ross Van Sickle, 184.....	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Denmark	John S. Hedelund, 268.....	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
Dist. of Columbia.	Dwight P. Griswold, 195... ..	Lincoln	Nov. 4, 1942
Ecuador	Guy W. Anderson, 36.....	Archer	May 12, 1939
Egypt	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	Howard J. Hunter, 59.....	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
Kentucky	Barton H. Kuhns, 268.....	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
Louisiana	Norris Chadderdon, 146... ..	Holdrege	June 22, 1937
Maine	Carlos E. Schaper, 148... ..	Broken Bow	May 26, 1950
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, 1935
Montana	Welcome W. Naylor, 158... ..	Chadron	Mar. 4, 1950
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, 3	Omaha	July 10, 1947
New York	George R. Porter, 11.....	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
New Zealand	Stanley P. Bostwick, 3	Omaha	Nov. 24, 1936
Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93.....	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
North Carolina	John J. Wilson, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire, 306... ..	Sidney	Dec. 20, 1944
Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entrekin, 295... ..	Gering	July 10, 1941
Neuvo Leon	William G. Putney, 59.....	Wahoo	Aug. 9, 1950
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

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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
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
Tamaulipas	Robert D. Wilson	Omaha	Aug. 8, 1949
Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148..	Broken Bow.....	May 4, 1936
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. 29, 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, 185..	Alliance	June 27, 1941
West Australia..	Charles F. Adams, 68.....	Aurora	July 10, 1947
West Virginia ..	Alvin H. Miller, 19	Lincoln	May 4, 1933
Wisconsin	Osborne P. Simon, 174 ...	Culbertson	June 24, 1943

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Alabama	Arthur A. Wood, Sr.....	Adamsville	Dec. 2, 1948
Alberta	F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944
Arizona	John Fletcher Sills, Jr.....	Prescott	Apr. 13, 1949
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, Ceara	Roumundo Nonato do Vale.	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949
Brazil, Gr. Lodge of Minas Gerais	Jose Cesario Harto.....	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949
Brazil, Gr. Lodge of Rio de Janeiro	Guilherme Wittine.....	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 2, 1944
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Rio do Sul .....	.....	.....	.....
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Luiz Carrilho do Rego Barros	Joao, Pessoa	Dec. 30, 1935
Brazil Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo	Cassio Campolini	Sao Paulo.....	Sept. 21, 1949
British Columbia.	John Woolcock.....	Victoria	Apr. 12, 1949
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	George S. Hull.....	Clinton	Sept. 22, 1948
Costa Rica	Cecilio Nieto Casobo.....	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918
Cuba	Juan F. A. Del Rio.....	Camaguey	Oct. 23, 1946
Czechoslovakia, Nat'l G. L. of	.....	.....	.....
Delaware	James T. Chandler	Wilmington	Jan. 3, 1930
Denmark	Alex Troedsson	Copenhagen	Sept. 10, 1946
Dist. of Columbia.	John Linn McGrew	Washington, 3168 18th St. N. W. ...	July 6, 1917
Ecuador	F. E. Navarro Allende ...	Guayaquil	June 16, 1931
Egypt	Ibrahim F. K. Pacha	Alexandria	Oct. 10, 1933
England	William R. S. Bathurst...	Cold Ashton Manor, Chippenham, Wilt- shire	May 18, 1950
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	John P. Lippincott.....	South Bend.....	Feb. 26, 1949
Ireland .....	.....	.....	.....
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. Sanker	Belfast	Sept. 14, 1948
Manitoba	Harry A. Kaplan	Winnipeg	Apr. 14, 1949
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	Harry T. Thompson.....	Ophiem	May 14, 1949
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	Aug. 11, 1947
New Mexico	Thomas M. Novinger	Springer	Dec. 9, 1947
New So. Wales ..	Frederick J. Hayward.....	Mosman	Mar. 10, 1950
New York	Max H. Jess	New York City	Aug. 26, 1944
New Zealand ...	William Grant Hay	Box 108, Dunedin...	Jan. 6, 1926

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Nicaragua	Gral. Anastasio Somaza...	Managua	Dec. 9, 1941
North Carolina	H. B. Leavitt	Asheville	Aug. 6, 1932
North Dakota	Albert H. Hood	Yarmouth	July 1, 1941
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
Quebec	Alex Nickle	Montreal	Jan. 31, 1934
Queensland	Harry Hill	Brisbane	May 31, 1923
Rhode Island	Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	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
Tamaulipas	V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949
Tennessee	P. D. Kersh	Jackson	Sept. 14, 1948
Texas	John Mc Kee	Dallas	Sept. 14, 1948
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	July 18, 1946
West Australia	R. H. G. Clark	Perth	Apr. 22, 1941
West Virginia	Harry E. Hoffman	Clarksburg	Feb. 12, 1947
Wisconsin	George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946

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 Nehawka, 246.
 Nelson, 77.
 Nemaha Valley, 4.
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 Northern Light, 41.
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 Oakland, 91.
 Oak Leaf, 312.
 Oasis, 271.
 Occidental, 215.
 Ogallala, 159.
 Olive Branch, 274.
 Oliver, 83.
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 Omaha, 288.
 Ord, 103.
 Orient, 13.
 Oran, 261.
 Osceola, 65.
 Oshkosh, 286.

 Palisade, 216.
 Papillion, 39.
 Parian, 207.
 Pawnee, 23.
 Perkins, 308.
 Peru, 14.
 Pilot, 240.
 Pioneer, 322.
 Plainview, 204.
 Platte Valley, 32.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Plumblin, 214.
 Polk, 311.
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Fonca, 101.
Porter, 106.
Potter, 313.
Prudence, 179.
Purity, 198.
Pythagoras, 156.

Ramah, 275.
Rawalt, 138.
Relief, 219.
Republican, 98.
Right Angle, 303.
Robert Burns, 173.
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Rob Morris, 46.
Roman Eagle, 203.
Ruskin, 304.

Saint Johns, 25.
Saint Paul, 82.
Samaritan, 158.
Scotts Bluff, 201.
Scribner, 132.
Seneca, 284.
Shelton, 99.

Signet, 193.
Siloam, 147.
Silver, 266.
Silver Cord, 224.
Sioux, 277.
Solar, 134.
Solomon, 10.
Springfield, 112.
Square, 151.
Star, 88.
Stella, 105.
Sterling, 70.
Stromsburg, 126.
Superior, 121.
Sutherland, 299.
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Table Rock, 108.
Tecumseh, 17.
Tekamah, 31.
Temple, 175.
Thistle, 61.
Trestle Board, 162.
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Utica, 96.

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Wahoo, 59.
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Wauneta, 217.
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Bladen, 319.
Blair, 21.
Bloomfield, 218.
Blue Hill, 129.
Bridgeport, 285.
Brock, 162.
Broken Bow, 148.
Brownville, 4.
Burchard, 137.
Burwell, 200.
Butte, 233.
- Cairo, 324.
Callaway, 207.
Cambridge, 150.
Carleton, 199.
Cedar Bluffs, 215.
Central City, 36.
Ceresco, 229.
Chadron, 158.
Chapman, 239.
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Cortland, 194.
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- Dakota City, 5.
Dalton, 321.
- Danbury, 185.
Davenport, 154.
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Doniphan, 86.
Douglas, 237.
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- Edgar, 67.
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- Fairbury, 35.
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Fort Calhoun, 10.
Franklin, 264.
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Fullerton, 89.
- Geneva, 79.
Genoa, 125.
Gering, 201.
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- Hampton, 245.
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Hebron, 43.
Herman, 222.
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Humboldt, 40.
Hyannis, 234.
- Imperial, 198.
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- Kearney, 46.
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- Laurel, 248.
Leigh, 193.
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Litchfield, 278.
Lodgepole, 306.
Long Pine, 136.
Loup City, 106.
Lyman, 322.
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Lyons, 240.
- Madison, 113.
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Milford, 90.
Minatare, 295.
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- Oak, 243.
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- Page, 156.
Palisade, 216.
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Pender, 203.
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Phillips, 62.
Pierce, 153.
Plainview, 204.
Plattsmouth, 6.
Ploek, 311.
Lonca, 101.
Potter, 313.
Primrose, 143.
- Randolph, 202.
Ravenna, 289.
Red Cloud, 53.
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Rushville, 169.	Stratton, 173.	Wakefield, 83.
Ruskin, 304.	Stromsburg, 126.	Wallace, 279.
Saint Edward, 280.	Stuart, 147.	Walthill, 274.
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Sargent, 280.	Superior, 121.	Wauneta, 217.
Schuyler, 84.	Surprise, 130.	Wausa, 251.
Scotia, 191.	Sutherland, 299.	Wayne, 120.
Scottsbluff, 265.	Sutton, 49.	Weeping Water, 97.
Scribner, 132.	Syracuse, 57.	Western, 140.
Seneca, 284.	Table Rock, 108.	West Point, 27.
Seward, 88.	Tecumseh, 17.	Wilber, 64.
Shelby, 161.	Tekamah, 31.	Wilcox, 226.
Shelton, 99.	Tilden, 166.	Wilsonville, 157.
Sidney, 75.	Tobias, 149.	Winnebago, 309.
Silver Creek, 266.	Ulysses, 187.	Winside, 235.
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Spencer, 261.	Valentine, 192.	Wolbach, 292.
Springfield, 112.	Valley, 310.	Wood Lake, 221.
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Box Butte, 183.	Gosper, 167.	Phelps, 146, 275.
Boyd, 233, 261, 312.	Grant, 234.	Pierce, 153, 204, 247.
Brown, 136, 224.	Greeley, 191, 292.	Platte, 323.
Buffalo, 46, 99, 133, 189, 289.	Hall, 83, 86, 211, 318, 324.	Polk, 65, 126, 161, 311.
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Cedar, 155, 202, 219, 248.	Holt, 95, 147, 156, 164.	Saline, 37, 64, 73, 111, 140, 149.
Chase, 198, 217.	Hooker, 282.	Sarpy, 39, 112.
Cherry, 192, 221.	Howard, 82.	Saunders, 59, 110, 151, 215, 229.
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Cuming, 27, 114, 145, 253.	Keith, 159.	Sherman, 106, 278.
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Dawes, 158, 181.	Lancaster, 19, 54, 94, 210, 227, 250, 256, 297, 300, 314, 320.	Thayer, 43, 74, 154, 199, 298.
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Deuel, 205.	Logan, 190.	Thurston, 203, 274, 309.
Dixon, 83, 101, 220, 236.	Madison, 55, 113, 166, 305.	Valley, 103, 208.
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Franklin, 264.	Nuckolls, 77, 117, 121, 243, 304.	
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EXTINCT NEBRASKA LODGES, U. D. OR CHARTERED

- Adams, U. D., (ext.)
 Adoniram, 159, (ext.)
 Ainsworth, U. D., (131).
 (ext.)
 Allen, U. D., (236)
 Anchor, 142, (ext.)
 Arapahoe, 109, (ext.)
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)
 Armada, U. D., (ext.)
 Ashland, 18, (ext.)
- Bannack City, U. D.,
 (ext.)
- 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.
 Brainard, 115, (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (223).
 Burchard, U. D., (137).
 Burnett, U. D., (166).
 Butte, U. D., (233).
- Carleton, U. D., (199).
 Cedar, U. D., (13).
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215).
 Cedar Rapids, U. D.,
 (143).
 Central City, U. D., (ext.)
 Ceresco, U. D., (229).
 Chadron, U. D., (158).
 Chapman, U. D., (239).
 Columbus, U. D., (ext.)
 Columbus, U. D., (58).
 Columbus, 8, (ext.)
 Cowles, 296, (ext.)
 Crab Orchard, U. D.,
 (238), ext.
 Crawford, U. D., (181).
 Cuming City, U. D., (21).
 Custer, U. D., (148).
- Dakota, (5).
 Danbury, U. D., (185).
 Davenport, U. D., (154).
 Decatur, 7, (ext.)
 Doric, 118, (ext.)
 Douglas, U. D., (237).
- Elk Creek, 90
 Eureka, 16, (ext.)
 Ewing, U. D., (156).
 Exeter, U. D., (ext.)
 *Consolidated.
- Firth, U. D., 66, (ext.)
 Fortitude, 69, (ext.)
- Genoa, U. D., (125).
 Gibbon, (see 46).
 Gibbon, U. D., (189).
 Giddings, (2).
 Grafton, 172, (ext.)
 Grant, U. D., (34).
 Grant, U. D., (186).
 Greenwood, U. D., (163).
 Gresham, U. D., (197).
- Hamilton, U. D., (68).
 Harmony, U. D., (ext.)
 Hermon, U. D., (231).
 Hesperia, 178, (ext.)
 Hildreth, 252
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29)
 Holdrege, U. D., (146)
 Hubbell, 92
 Hyannis, U. D., (234).
 Huntley, 270, (extinct).
- Idaho, U. D., (ext.)
 Imperial, U. D., (198).
 Incense, 182
 Indianola, 123, (ext.)
 Ithmar, 238, (ext.)
- Jasper, 122, (ext.)
 Jemtha, U. D., (264).
 Johnson, U. D., 141, (ext.)
 *Joppa, 76
 *Juniata, 42
- Lafayette, 24, (ext.)
 Lebanon, 58, (ext.)
 Leigh, U. D., (193).
 *Level, 196
 Liberty, U. D., (152)
 Livingstone, 66, (ext.)
 Loup Fork, U. D., 8, (ext.)
- Mackey, U. D., (242).
 Macoy, 22, (ext.)
 Magic City, U. D., (194).
 Miller, 213, (ext.)
 Monitor, U. D., (ext.)
 Morrill, U. D., (271).
- Nebraska City, 12 (ext.)
 Norfolk, U. D., (55)
 North Loup, U. D., (142).
 (ext.)
- Odell, U. D., 122, (ext.)
 Ohiowa, U. D., (182).
 Orion, 242, (ext.)
 Overton, U. D., (267).
 Oxford, U. D., (138).
- Pacific, U. D., (310).
 *Palmer, (315).
 Palestine, U. D., (ext.)
 Palmyra, 45, (ext.)
 *Parallel Lodge No. 152,
 (ext.)
 Pawnee City, U. D., (23).
 Peru, U. D., (ext.)
 Plumb, 186, (ext.)
- Reynolds, U. D., (160).
 Rising, U. D., (161).
 Rising Star, U. D., 20.
 (ext.)
 *Riverside, 269,
 (Consolidated).
 Riverton, 63, (consolidated)
 Rock Bluff, 20, (ext.)
 Rocky Mountain, 8,
 (transferred).
- Salem, 47, (ext.)
 Saline, U. D., (73).
 Saline, U. D., (101).
 Saline, U. D., (118).
 Samuel W. Hayes, U. D.,
 (287).
 Scotia, U. D., (191).
 Seward, U. D., (38).
 Shelby, U. D., (161).
 Shickley, U. D., 178,
 (extinct).
 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Sincerity, 244, (ext.)
 Springview, 260 (ext.)
 Square & Compass 213, ext.
 Stanton, U. D., (41).
 Steele City, 107, (ext.)
 Stockville, U. D., (196).
 Summit, 7, (transferred).
 Summit, 141, (ext.)
 Syracuse, U. D., (57).
- Talmage, U. D., (162).
 Temple, U. D., (5).
 Tobias, U. D., (149).
 Trenton, U. D., (ext.)
 Trilumular, U. D., (210).
 *Tyre, 85, (Consolidated)
- Ulysses, U. D., (187).
- Valentine, U. D., (113).
 Valparaiso, U. D., (151).
- Waco, 80 (ext.)
 Weeping Water, U. D., (97)
 Wilcox, U. D., (226).
 Winside, U. D., (235).
 Winter Creek, U. D., (265)
 Wyoming, 28 (transferred)
- Zeredatha, U. D., (98) (ext.)

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.

CONSOLIDATIONS

- Joppa Lodge No. 76 with Franklin No. 264, Oct. 18, 1934.
- Parallel Lodge No. 152 with Barneston No. 165, Jan. 2, 1940.
- Tyre Lodge No. 85 with Wymore No. 104, July 7, 1941.
- Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 with Hampton No. 245, May 21, 1942.
- Level Lodge No. 196 with Cambridge No. 150, June 4, 1942.
- Riverside Lodge No. 269 with Cedar River No. 89, June 5, 1942.
- Juniata Lodge No. 42 with Kenesaw No. 144, July 15, 1942.
- Palmer Lodge No. 315 with St. Paul No. 82, Oct. 6, 1942.
- Riverton Lodge No. 63 with Franklin No. 264, May 16, 1945.
- Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 with Tecumsch No. 17, Nov. 11, 1944.
- Hildreth Lodge No. 252 with Grace No. 226, Oct. 11, 1945.
- Hubbell Lodge No. 92 with Hebron No. 43, Feb. 8, 1946.
- Incense Lodge No. 182 with Jewel No. 149, April 22, 1947.
- Bee Lodge No. 259 with Oliver No. 38, June 13, 1947.

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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 Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45	Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47	Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58	Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66	Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69	Ulysses	July 14, 1887
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
Parallel No. 152	Liberty	Jan. 2, 1940
Grafton Lodge No. 172	Grafton	December 31, 1948
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
Cowles Lodge No. 296	Cowles	December 31, 1946

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	Thomas D. Williams	Felix A. Huggenberger
	Western Star	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Irvin R. Ailes	Charles Ott
	Capitol	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Vollie G. Cosner	Wallie W. Messick
	Nemaha Valley	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	Dean Walker, Jr.	Abe L. Lawrence
5	Omadi	" 5	Dakota City	Dakota	Second Tuesday	David R. Warner	Raymond H. Ream
	Plattsmouth	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	Clarence E. Ledgway	Ordell L. Hennings
	Falls City	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Second Thursday	Kenneth M. Gaither	William B. Wanner
	Solomon	" 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	William Stratbucker	Richard T. Sievers
	Covert	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Lamont H. Stroud	George R. Porter
10	Orient	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	Lewis M. Baker	Peter N. Frederick
	Peru	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	Howard Pasco	Wallace W. Barnes
	Fremont	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Gustave A. Gritzmacher	Roy S. Planck
	Tecumseh	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Wayne C. McCoy	Dale R. Bush
	Lincoln	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Donald C. Yungblut	Perry J. Morton
15	Washington	" 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Francis H. Samson	Wayne H. Lambertz
	Pawnee	" 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Joseph B. Gifford	J. Robert Minick
	Saint Johns	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	John R. Byerly	Gustave E. Gran
	Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second Monday	Richard E. Hawes	Harry C. Price
	Jordan	" 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Thursdays	Norbert H. Meyer	Charles V. Stewart
20	Hope	" 29	Nemaha	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	Kenneth Stiers	Jay Burns
	Blue River	" 30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	Clifford C. Fieselman	Clarence C. Wertman
	Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	Second Wednesday	Harold M. Nelson	Roy R. Kokes
	Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Floyd W. Crawford	Edward W. Cross
	Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Bayard H. Paine, Jr.	Fred G. Christensen
25	Acacia	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	Third Tuesday	Russell D. Vanderkolck	Louis J. Michaelson
	Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Carl H. Barber	Leighton L. Nuckolls
	Lone Tree	" 36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Harold Parker	Les C. Coolidge
	Crete	" 37	Crete	Saline	First Thursday	James B. Logsdon	Everett M. Wood
	Oliver	" 38	Seward	Seward	Third Thursday	James Struve	Walter E. Beck
30	Papillion	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	Second Wednesday	Thomas G. Daniell	Fred R. Lamb
	Humboldt	" 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Philip L. Settell	William E. Prater, act.
	Northern Light	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Second Thursday	Arthur Lammlie	Donald W. Matheson
	Hebron	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Harlan S. Gordon	Harvey E. Barbee
	Harvard	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Clyde W. Frank	Ira F. Fishback
35	Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Robert M. Cole	Silas A. Wilson

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY	
	Fairmont	No. 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Second Tuesday.....	Hubert E. McClellan..	James A. Rose
	Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Wayne C. Rowlison...	George Barnell
	Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Thursday.....	Joseph E. Mikulas...	Curtis L. Walters
	Fidelity	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	Glenn M. Armogost...	Eldon B. Johnson
40	Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington...	Second Thursday.....	John R. Peterson.....	Harry C. McClellan
	Charity	" 53	Red Cloud...	Webster.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Cecil J. Yost.....	Marion Bloom
	Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	Merle M. Hatch.....	Victor Seymour
	Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Maurice P. Pederson..	Clarence G. McNamee
	York	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Roy M. Railsback.....	Mervin Patterson
45	Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Second Thursday.....	Loron W. Chandler....	Russell M. Joyce
	Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Howard J. Hunter....	Edwin R. Levin
	Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Maurice H. Mintzmeyer.	Harold G. Simmons
	Thistle	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Ralph D. Bolen.....	Joseph E. Snyder
	Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Second Monday.....	Robert D. Jensen.....	Arthur J. Peterson
50	Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	First and Third Tuesdays...	George D. Brock.....	Otto Novak
	Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	First Friday.....	Delmar W. McFadden..	I. Donald Huston
	Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Edward L. Bottom....	Arthur H. Swanson
	Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Raymond W. Douglas..	Claude A. Rennau
	Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	Second Monday.....	Lawrence F. Broman..	Arnold W. Feistner
55	Trowel	" 71	Naligh.....	Antelope....	First and third Tuesdays...	Raymond J. Lauritzen..	Lee R. Fleming
	Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	First Friday.....	Gerald W. Janssen....	Norris W. Lallman
	Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	First and third Thursdays...	Charles E. Roush.....	William J. Rhynalds
	Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria...	Thayer.....	Second and fourth Tuesday.	Daryl L. Easley.....	Guy B. Averill
	Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne...	First Tuesday.....	Walter S. Cork.....	Harold K. Bond
60	Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls....	First Thursday.....	Guy B. Bruce.....	Warren O. Hall
	Albion	" 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Lynn E. Sherwood....	James L. Papez
	Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore....	First and third Tuesdays...	Ben D. Fussell.....	Gerald Walton
	Composite	" 81	Rising City...	Butler.....	First Tuesday.....	Ivan Lihlhofer.....	Fredolph C. Chalquist
	Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul...	Howard.....	Third Thursday.....	Howard C. Nicholas...	Fred R. Haggart
65	Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield...	Dixon.....	Third Friday.....	Frank V. Turney.....	Carroll D. VanValin
	Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	First and third Mondays...	Clyde Shaw.....	Charles V. Glenn
	Doniphan	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	First Friday.....	Leo E. Bader.....	Charles L. Spellman
	Ionic	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	Thursday on or before O....	Kirk H. Snowden.....	George Skokan
	Star	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	H. Bayard Johnson...	Walter W. Small
70	Cedar River	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	First and third Mondays...	Fred Petersen.....	Louis Vaughn

	Oakland	No. 91	Oakland.....	Burt	First Thursday	Raymond Larson.....	Charles W. West, Sr
	Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City..	Furnas	Second Monday.....	George Shafer, Jr.....	Edwin H. Franklin
	Bennett	" 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster	First Tuesday.....	Lee D. Gove.....	Harry W. Burt
	Garfield	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt	First and third Thursdays..	Chauncey Porter.....	B. William Griffin
75	Utica	" 96	Utica.....	Seward	Second Thursday	Lee M. Chapin.....	Fred H. Pieper
	Euclid	" 97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday.....	Clarence E. Norris....	Alvin C. Groesser
	Republican	" 98	Republican City	Harlan	Second Wednesday.....	John R. Barber.....	Lennie E. Workman
	Shelton	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo	Third Tuesday	Dwain Russell.....	Ralph Soderstrom
	Creighton	" 100	Creighton....	Knox	First Tuesday.....	Charles A. Kent.....	Carl I. Oppen
80	Ponca	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon	Third Thursday.....	Marvin Rahn.....	Dean H. Ehle
	Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas	First Tuesday.....	Forrest W. Noyes.....	Herbert L. Johnson
	Ord	" 103	Ord.....	Valley	First Wednesday.....	Rollin R. Dye.....	Duane E. Armstrong
	Wymore	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage	Second & fourth Wednesdays.	Clair Marshall.....	Samuel R. Youds
	Stella	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson	First Thursday.....	Earl Hicks.....	Elmer R. Ham
85	Porter	" 106	Loup City....	Sherman	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Orville H. Lilley.....	Frederick J. Leschinsky
	Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock...	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Bruce McCourtney....	Orval O. Johnson
	Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders	First Friday.....	Leland S. Wagner.....	Paul I. Eaton
	DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline	Monday on or before O.....	Donald Plucknett.....	James M. Norton
	Springfield	" 112	Springfield..	Sarpy	Second Tues. and fourth Sat..	Wilfred J. White.....	William Ward
90	Globe	" 113	Madison.....	Madison	First Tuesday.....	Sivern D. Peterson.....	Thomas E. Farrell
	Wisner	" 114	Wisner.....	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Niel D. Saville.....	Carl H. Freese
	Harlan	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan	First and third Tuesdays..	George R. Feese.....	Thomas C. Rogers
	Hardy	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls	First Thursday.....	Alfred Christensen....	George B. McDowell
	North Bend	" 119	North Bend..	Dodge	Second Tuesday.....	Scott R. Beadle.....	Leon J. Cherny
95	Wayne	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne	Second and fourth Thursdays	Archie Wert.....	Walter S. Bressler
	Superior	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls	Second Wednesday	Ira B. Leslie.....	Merle P. Hayes
	Auburn	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha	First Tuesday.....	Boyd Magor.....	William N. Boyd, act.
	Mount Nebo	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance	Second Tuesday.....	William R. Pierson....	Leland M. Vorhees
	Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg..	Polk	Second Tuesday.....	Kermit F. Hultgren....	Kenneth H. Christensen
100	Minden	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney	Second Wednesday.....	Russel C. Jacobson....	John C. Tarkington
	Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock..	Webster	Second Thursday	Dean Hunter.....	Bryce Ohmstede
	Blue Hill	" 129	Blue Hill....	Webster	Second and fourth Mondays	T. Lester Anderson....	Oliver H. Martin
	Tuscan	" 130	Surprise.....	Burtler	Second Thursday.....	Read B. Otto.....	Arthur Kunzman
	Scribner	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge	First Wednesday.....	Walter Maas.....	Donald D. Hill, Sr
105	Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek....	Buffalo	First Tuesday.....	Cooper H. Butt.....	John McMullin
	Solar	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick	Second Tuesday	Donald E. Grate.....	Samuel C. Wallace
	McCook	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow	First and third Tuesdays...	Raymond D. McCafferty	George F. Moss
	Long Pine	" 136	Long Pine....	Brown	Third Tuesday	Doyle H. Hallenback...	William C. Smith, S.
	Upright	" 137	Burchard....	Pawnee	First and third Wednesdays.	William R. Graham....	William Yarpe
110	Rawalt	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas	Third Thursday.....	Neal G. Rhynalds.....	Elmer A. Blincow

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115	Clay Centre	No. 139	Clay Center..	Clay.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William M. Latta.....	George M. Porter
	Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	Second Thursday.....	Morton T. Kilmer.....	Fred S. Winter
	Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	Second Thursday.....	Bruce McDuffee.....	Harry P. Hansen
	Kenesaw	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before O.....	Paul Parker.....	Edward E. Guilkey
	Bancroft	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	W. Reed Moore.....	Lawrence H. Prestor.
120	Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Robert S. Eldridge....	Elmer G. Brunzell
	Siloam	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or before O.....	Mark M. Nelson.....	Harry L. Cowles
	Emmet Crawford	" 148	Broken Bow..	Custer.....	Third Wednesday.....	Edward W. Lowder....	Ross F. Le La Cheur
	Jewel	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Norman B. Dunker....	John L. Pfingston
	Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge...	Furnas.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Robert S. Heisleman..	Harley I. Simon
125	Square	" 151	Valparaiso..	Saunders....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Louis E. Carlson.....	Harry Parker
	Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Second Tuesday.....	Burton H. Andersen..	Alfred L. Brande
	Lily	" 154	Davenport..	Thayer.....	Friday on or before O.....	Kenneth Saum.....	Harry B. Livings
	Hartington	" 155	Hartington..	Cedar.....	First Thursday.....	Harold Martindale...	Rudolph H. Jenny
	Pythagoras	" 156	Page.....	Holt.....	First Friday.....	Ray A. Snell.....	Harold L. Banta
130	Valley	" 157	Wilsonville..	Furnas.....	Second Tuesday.....	Robert E. Adkins.....	Lewis L. Skiles
	Samaritan	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays..	Ira T. Reed.....	George A. Stevens
	Ogallala	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	First Tuesday.....	Ercel C. DeLay.....	Cyrus D. Sanders
	Zeredatha	" 160	Reynolds....	Jefferson...	First and third Thursdays..	August B. Hien.....	Paul C. Krause
	Mount Zion	" 161	Shebly.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	Lloyd E. Scow.....	Homer Brigham
135	Trestle Board	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	First Tuesday.....	Willis E. Ludington...	Floyd Christy
	Unity	" 163	Greenwood..	Cass.....	First and third Tuesdays..	Emmett A. Landon...	Benjamin P. Howard
	Atkinson	" 164	Atkinson....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays.	Clarence E. Spence...	Harry A. Snyder
	Barneston	" 165	Barneston...	Gage.....	First Tuesday.....	George Goin.....	Lowell C. Rees
	Mystic Tie	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison...	Third Thursday.....	George O. Mills.....	Thomas H. Thomsen
140	Elwood	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Second Monday.....	Herman P. Weissert...	Anton T. Almquist
	Curtis	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier...	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Allan W. Adams.....	Klyte Burt
	Amity	" 169	Rushville...	Sheridan...	First and third Tuesdays..	Kem C. David.....	George A. Mills, Sr.
	Mason City	" 170	Mason City..	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	Richard S. Martin...	William D. Redmond
	Merna	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	First Thursday.....	Leslie Lomax.....	Sam W. Lyon
145	Robert Burns	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock...	Second and fourth Mondays.	Warren A. Isaacson...	Clyde H. Jones
	Culbertson	" 174	Culbertson...	Hitchcock...	First and third Wednesdays.	Forest W. Quick.....	Arvane C. Eisenhart
	Temple	" 175	Pilley.....	Gage.....	Third Tuesday.....	Henry R. Miller.....	William W. Thompson
	Gladstone	" 176	Anselmy....	Custer.....	Thursday after O.....	Frank M. Cox.....	William Hein
	Hay Springs	" 177	Hay Springs..	Sheridan...	Second and fourth Mondays.	James F. Evans.....	Roy T. Stiehl

Prudence	No. 179	Beaver Crossing	Seward	First Tuesday	Velmer E. Horner	Grant E. Hanson
Justice	" 180	Benkelman	Dundy	Second and fourth Mondays	Ward L. McGlashan	William C. Hanson
Faith	" 181	Crawford	Dawes	Second and fourth Thursdays	James R. Ivins	Walter O. Barnes
Alliance	" 183	Alliance	Box Butte	Thursday on or before O	Robert G. Outman	William E. Edwards
150 Bee Hive	" 184	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Frank J. Kruger	John R. Hughes
Boaz	" 185	Danbury	Red Willow	First Wednesday	Rollo V. Brown	Clyde E. Weyeneth
Israel	" 187	Ulysses	Butler	Third Tuesday	Ben Heard	Carl E. Diers
Meridian	" 188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Tuesday	H. Dale Carlson	J. Harlan Peden
Granite	" 189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Jay Thompson	Calvin A. Gordon
155 Amethyst	" 190	Stapleton	Logan	First and third Wednesdays	Clarence W. Beam	Virgil K. Magnusson
Crystal	" 191	Scotia	Greeley	Second Thursday	Lavern Jess	John V. Maddox
Minnekadusa	" 192	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	Henry A. Fox, Jr.	Luke M. Bates
Signet	" 193	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before O	Robert H. Stevens	F. Otto Nelson
Highland	" 194	Cortland	Gage	Second Tuesday	William O. Boesiger	Carl P. Bonebright
160 Arcana	" 195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays	Roger D. Reeves	William G. Moss
Morning Star	" 197	Gresham	York	First Friday	Stanley R. Hartman	Earl K. Husbands
Purity	" 198	Imperial	Chase	First Friday	Maynard W. Overboe	Siegfried L. Jack
Gavel	" 199	Carleton	Thayer	First Tuesday	Harold A. Bice	James H. Bryant
Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell	Garfield	Second Thursday	Herbert B. Auchmoedy	John A. Beynon
165 Scotts Bluff	" 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	Second & fourth Wednesdays	William K. Young	Ray E. Twibell
Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph	Cedar	Second Monday	Roy W. Gibson	Anton B. Helms
Roman Eagle	" 203	Pender	Thurston	First and Third Tuesdays	Gerald R. McGath	William G. Cornwell
Plainview	" 204	Plainview	Pierce	First Tuesday	Carl Younggreen	Frank Metschies
Golden Fleece	" 205	Chappell	Deuel	First Thursday	J. Rex Sutton	Alfred G. Taylor
170 Naphthali	" 206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Frank Cully	Robert L. Upson
Parian	" 207	Callaway	Custer	First Thursday	Harold T. Headley	Allston Asmus
Gauge	" 208	Arcadia	Valley	First and third Tuesdays	Frank H. Cook	Percy E. Doe
Canopy	" 209	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before O	W. J. Bryan McDonald	Bergil E. Sumner
East Lincoln	" 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Herbert A. Ronin	Charles F. Eberline
175 Cement	" 211	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before O	John H. Williams	John J. Carter, Jr.
Compass & Square	" 212	Sumner	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Lee E. Quail	Clarence W. George
Plumbline	" 214	Adams	Gage	Second Monday	Kenneth M. Martin	Clarence D. Gottula
Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	Third Thursday	J. Duane Woods	August Wiegand
Palisade	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	First Tuesday	C. Vincent Leffler	Richard P. Ward
180 Wauneta	" 217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Oren T. Hopkins	C. Robert Carlson
Bloomfield	" 218	Bloomfield	Knox	First Tuesday	Leonard C. Kuhl	John R. Clements
Relief	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday	Loverne B. Yost	William C. Mitchell
Magnolia	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	Third Tuesday	George R. Hahn	Merlin D. Wagers
Wood Lake	" 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	Fourth Tuesday	George E. O'Halloran	Henry Iausen
185 Landmark	" 222	Herman	Washington	Third Tuesday	Warren O. Wakefield	Wayne W. Loftis

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Eminence	No. 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Rolland H. Kreutz....	James C. Bierbower
Silver Cord	" 224	Ainsworth....	Brown.....	Second Tuesday.....	Harold E. Hooker....	John K. Cassel
Cable	" 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	First Tuesday.....	Lowell L. Watkins....	Paul L. Hartman
Grace	" 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	W. Eugene Extrom....	Arthur E. Newton
190 North Star	" 227	Lincoln †.....	Lancaster....	First Wednesday.....	Ralph E. Appleyquist..	Roy W. Deal
Bartley	" 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow...	Second Tuesday.....	Walter M. Phillips....	August W. Teter
Comet	" 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders....	First Thursday.....	Rance Blodgett.....	Otis Beaman
Delta	" 230	Saint Edward.	Boone.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Kenneth R. Weed.....	Forrest B. Long
Mount Hermon	" 231	Cook.....	Johnson.....	Second Tuesday.....	Douglas D. Brown....	Fred Gittinger
195 John S. Bowen	" 232	Kennard.....	Washington...	Third Thursday.....	Charles Buell.....	Nic Friedricksen
Gilead	" 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	Second, 4th and 5th Mondays	James S. Hansen.....	William J. Rinehart
Zion	" 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	Second Wednesday.....	Laverne Van Matre....	Howard J. Kammers
Fraternity	" 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	Fourth Thursday.....	George H. Farran....	Irving F. Gaebler
200 Golden Rule	" 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	First and third Tuesdays...	Wilmer E. Anderson...	Oliver W. Money
Cubit	" 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	First Thursday.....	Waldo J. McPherson...	C. Clyde Mayes
Friendship	" 239	Chapman....	Merrick.....	Second Friday.....	E. LaVerne Keller....	Ed. Klingenberg, Jr
Pilot	" 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	Third Thursday.....	Arthur W. Crellin....	Edwin A. Loppnow
George Armstrong	" 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	First Tuesday.....	Vivian E. Carlson....	Frank F. McMullin
Tyrian	" 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls....	First Monday.....	Gail A. Jones.....	Merton McCartney
205 Hampton	" 245	Hampton....	Hamilton....	First and third Wednesdays.	Wilfred Stevens.....	Fred W. Christensen
Nehawka	" 246	Nehawka....	Cass.....	Second Wednesday.....	Sheldon B. Mitchell...	George M. Pollard
Corner Stone	" 247	Osmond.....	Pierce.....	Second Friday.....	Joe B. Ross.....	Joseph Cizek
Laurel	" 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Andrew Detlefsen....	Richard L. Herse
Gothenburg	" 249	Gothenburg..	Dawson.....	Second Wednesday.....	Frank Kolb.....	Ernest O. Van Wey
210 George Washington	" 250	Lincoln †.....	Lancaster....	First Tuesday.....	John C. Nelson, Jr....	Otis W. Cave
Wausa	" 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	First Thursday.....	Neman Schurr.....	Melvin Rosen
Beemer	" 253	Beemer.....	Cuming.....	First Tuesday.....	George E. Konopik....	John E. Beaver
Bassett	" 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	Second Thursday.....	Percy J. Everett.....	Wayne E. Pomers
Hickman	" 256	Hickman....	Lancaster....	Third Thursday.....	Ervin E. Williams....	James A. Mulder
215 Holbrook	" 257	Holbrook....	Furnas.....	Second and fourth Mondays.	Warren R. Atkeson...	Harold L. Frack
Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo....	Custer.....	Second Tuesday.....	Harry C. Mason.....	Chauncey J. Sittler
Ornan	" 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	First and Third Mondays.	Richard P. Jones....	Jack B. Wells
Endeavor	" 262	Indianola...	Red Willow...	First and Third Thursdays.	B. Adrian Quigley...	Joseph Reiter
Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell....	Scotts Bluff..	Second Monday.....	C. Stanford B'ehschmidt	A. Victor Bryan
220 Franklin	" 264	Franklin....	Franklin....	Second Monday.....	Walter C. Pollman....	Maurice F. McAvoy
†Havelock Station.		†University Place	Station.			

	Robert W. Furnas No. 265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	First and third Mondays . . .	Floyd C. Wisner	Bernard B. Harris
	Silver " 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	Second Thursday	Laurence R. Meacham	Floyd Buchanan
	James A. Tulleys " 267	Overton	Dawson	Second Monday	Ervin M. Monnington	Russell M. Warren
	Geo. W. Lininger " 26R	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	William C. Ramsey, Jr.	Ernest W. Anderson
225	Oasis " 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Second Thursday	Owen T. Hess	William M. Blough
	Lee P. Gillette " 272	Dunbar	Otoe	First Monday	Oscar A. Weiler	James P. Baker
	Crofton " 273	Crofton	Knox	First Tuesday	Lawrence J. Morman	Ralph E. Wakely, act.
	Olive Branch " 274	Walthill	Thurston	Second Monday	Harold F. Hoar	William H. Plummei
	Ramah " 275	Bertrand	Phelps	First Thursday	Ernest R. Anderson	William B. Meeker
230	Antelope " 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays . . .	Leland D. Pierce	Donald S. Hinman
	Sioux " 277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	George Clarke	Robert Koch
	Litchfield " 27R	Litchfield	Sherman	Second Thursday	Austin F. Bates	Harve I. Lang
	Wallace " 279	Wallace	Lincoln	First Tuesday	Robert G. Gathman	Frank H. Whitlake
	Swastika " 280	Sargent	Custer	First Wednesday	Karl A. Ziegler	John C. Green
235	Florence " 281	Omaha †	Douglas	First Monday	Robert J. McDermott	William A. Yoder
	Mullen " 282	Mullen	Hooker	Tuesday on or before O	Wilbert Ericksen	William O. McIntyre
	Exeter " 283	Exeter	Fillmore	First and Third Tuesdays . . .	Roy A. Eberhardt	Donald H. Johns
	Seneca " 284	Seneca	Thomas	Second Wednesday	Joseph O. Spencer	Alfred Hilpmann
	Camp Clarke " 285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	T. Richard Merrell	Edward K. Milmine
240	Oshkosh " 286	Oshkosh	Garden	First Monday	David W. Fickes	W. E. Van Norman
	Union " 287	Palmyra	Otoe	First Friday	Carlton B. Rhoten	Arthur J. Lamborn
	Omaha " 288	Omaha	Douglas	First Saturday	William O. Mains	Frederick J. Bolshaw
	Lotus " 289	Ravenna	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Truman M. Maul	Archie A. Meek
	John J. Mercer " 290	Omaha †	Douglas	First Tuesday	Earl H. Furman	George J. Storms
245	Diamond " 291	Orchard	Antelope	Second Thursday	W. W. Lautenschlager	Roy H. Knapp
	Wolbach " 292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays . .	Hans A. Mathiesen	Herman B. Johnson
	Monument " 293	Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays . .	Edward J. Lollman	Arlo A. Anderson
	Kimball " 294	Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	Teddy W. Mundell	C. Delmar Larsen
	Minatare " 295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Second Friday	George H. White	J. Clive Jull
250	Cotner " 297	Lincoln ‡	Lancaster	First Monday	Lyle J. Bryant	Arthur J. Barrett
	Chester " 298	Chester	Thayer	First and third Mondays . . .	Floyd O. Haifleigh	James E. Woodward
	Sutherland " 299	Sutherland	Lincoln	First Wednesday	Jacob R. Haugland	John F. Fleak
	Liberty " 300	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Glenn W. Burnett	John S. Burley
	Bayard " 301	Bayard	Morrill	First and third Tuesdays . . .	Frank H. Smith	Charles H. Ninegar
255	Mizpah " 302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Dan W. Campbell	Elmo R. Clayton
	Right Angle " 303	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Orion A. Kennedy	Henry M. Edwards
	Ruskin " 304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Thursdays	William P. Krogh	Chauncey O. Hull
	Newman Grove " 305	Newman Grove	Madison	Second and fourth Monday . . .	William C. Hastings	Alexis R. Gustavson
	Golden Rod " 306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Floyd E. Wise	Ralph R. Carleton
260	William E. Hill " 307	Otoe	Otoe	Third Tuesday	Joe E. Halterman	Lawrence Naffziger
	Benson Station.	† Florence Station.		‡ Bethany Station.		

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Perkins	No. 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	First Monday.....	Carl C. Gauger.....	Otto E. Gauger
Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago...	Thurston.....	First Thursday.....	Paul E. Belt.....	Floyd A. Taylor
Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	Second Thursday.....	Richard H. Lavery...	Francis A. Roberts
Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	C. Marvin Frederickson.	Everett W. Green
265 Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	Second Thursday.....	John E. Lightfoot.....	Claude A. Rutledge
Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	Second Tuesday.....	James Coulter.....	Elmer H. Seyfang
Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster....	First Tuesday.....	Raymond E. Waller....	Curry D. Bryson
Alpha	" 316	SouthSiouxCity	Dakota.....	Second Thursday.....	Quintin D. Colson.....	Clarence N. Stewart
Mid-West	" 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Wednesday.....	Cyril A. Heinrichs....	William J. Breckenrid
270 Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island..	Hall.....	First Tuesday.....	Arnold H. Harvey.....	Albert B. Osborn
Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Harry L. Robinson....	William H. Vankirk
College View	" 320	Lincoln †.....	Lancaster....	First Wednesday.....	Turley Cook.....	J. Max Johnson
Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	Second Wednesday.....	Neal Rowan.....	W. Carr Ross
Pioneer	" 322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Tuesday.....	Walter Butcher.....	Joseph H. Lawson
275 Lebanon	" 323	Columbus....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Clifford C. Quante....	Carl H. Hoge
Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	Second Monday.....	Vernon L. Heupel.....	Darwin T. Murfin

†College View Station.

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
Jesse P. Entrekkin, 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
Ernest C. Purdy, 195, Gordon.....	First appointed 1942
Lewis E. Baker, 135, McCook.....	First appointed 1943
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
Frank Anderson, 17, Tecumseh.....	First appointed 1949
Sylvester Shumard, 227, Lincoln.....	First appointed 1949
Robert W. Cook, 33, Grand Island.....	First appointed 1949
Charles M. Frederick, 136, Long Pine....	First appointed 1949
Paul D. Fleming, 93, Beaver City.....	First appointed 1949
Ralph M. Carhart, 83 Wayne.....	First appointed 1950
Morris V. Baleom, 46, Kearney.....	First appointed 1950

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS EMERITUS

Stanley P. Bostwick, 3, Plattsmouth....	First appointed 1924
Elmer Surber, 210, Omaha.....	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

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem' ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes		Total Loss	
Nebraska.....	1	39	87	37	21	28	498	1303	32	4	0	9	0	1348	6	28	28	0	0	62	1286	1
Western Star.....	2	11	35	11	6	6	80	271	11	1	0	3	0	286	5	7	6	0	0	18	268	2
Capitol.....	3	38	82	38	26	11	402	917	36	5	1	2	0	961	6	17	11	0	0	34	927	3
Nemaha Valley.....	4	0	5	0	1	1	47	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	1	1	1	0	0	3	41	4
Omadi.....	5	4	36	2	5	0	57	118	2	0	0	0	0	120	1	4	0	0	0	5	115	5
Plattsmouth.....	6	8	34	9	4	7	51	302	11	0	0	0	0	313	1	10	7	0	0	18	295	6
Falls City.....	9	5	25	7	3	1	95	227	7	5	0	1	0	240	0	7	1	0	0	8	232	9
Solomon.....	10	2	10	1	3	1	12	79	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	1	1	0	0	2	77	10
Covert.....	11	62	86	60	34	7	317	1453	54	13	0	5	0	1525	6	26	7	0	0	39	1486	11
Orient.....	13	3	6	3	1	0	24	30	6	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	1	35	13
Peru.....	14	11	11	12	2	4	34	92	10	2	0	2	0	106	0	0	4	0	0	4	102	14
Fremont.....	15	17	32	16	12	3	133	518	12	8	0	0	0	538	14	6	3	0	0	23	515	15
Tecumseh.....	17	6	31	3	11	1	86	180	3	2	0	1	0	186	0	2	1	0	0	3	183	17
Lincoln.....	19	46	92	48	20	6	420	907	43	8	0	6	0	964	11	9	6	0	0	26	938	19
Washington.....	21	8	11	10	6	0	42	163	10	0	0	1	0	174	4	2	0	0	0	6	168	21
Pawnee.....	23	6	16	4	8	5	56	123	6	1	0	0	0	130	2	5	5	0	0	12	118	23
Saint Johns.....	25	49	98	53	24	11	482	900	53	5	0	11	0	969	9	19	11	0	0	39	930	25
Beatrice.....	26	11	56	13	18	0	212	331	15	4	0	1	0	351	8	5	0	0	0	13	338	26
Jordan.....	27	2	4	4	0	1	24	79	5	0	0	0	0	84	3	1	1	0	0	5	79	27
Hope.....	29	0	8	2	0	0	32	45	3	0	0	0	0	48	0	1	0	0	0	1	47	29
Blue River.....	30	8	11	4	2	0	46	78	3	2	0	1	0	84	4	1	0	0	0	5	79	30
Tekamah.....	31	2	4	3	2	2	47	127	7	1	0	2	0	137	2	3	2	0	0	7	130	31
Platte Valley.....	32	17	59	20	23	0	103	412	14	3	0	0	0	429	3	8	0	0	0	11	418	32
Ashlar.....	33	28	49	22	17	5	238	531	18	5	1	1	0	556	6	15	5	0	0	26	530	33
Acacia.....	34	5	13	3	2	0	43	167	3	2	0	0	0	172	1	5	0	0	0	6	166	34
Fairbury.....	35	6	38	5	5	0	52	236	6	8	0	0	0	250	3	5	0	0	0	8	242	35
Lone Tree.....	36	5	10	3	5	3	60	194	3	1	0	0	0	198	1	6	3	0	0	10	188	36
Crete.....	37	7	16	7	8	5	79	171	6	4	2	0	0	183	1	0	5	0	0	6	177	37
Oliver.....	38	5	13	8	1	4	97	174	12	4	0	0	0	190	3	6	4	0	0	13	177	38
Papillion.....	39	14	14	12	12	1	41	80	13	2	0	0	0	95	0	3	1	0	0	4	91	39
Humboldt.....	40	7	13	6	3	3	23	119	6	3	0	0	0	128	0	3	3	1	0	7	121	40
Northern Light.....	41	3	12	3	1	0	34	87	4	1	0	0	0	92	1	2	0	0	0	3	89	41
Hebron.....	43	1	30	7	12	1	79	122	4	1	0	0	0	127	1	1	1	0	1	4	123	43
Harvard.....	44	2	14	0	1	5	41	70	0	0	0	0	0	70	3	1	5	0	0	9	61	44
Rob Morris.....	46	20	61	24	7	1	185	288	27	0	0	2	0	317	7	0	1	0	0	8	309	46
Fairmont.....	48	1	13	1	3	0	49	94	1	4	0	0	0	99	2	3	0	0	0	5	94	48
Evening Star.....	49	2	5	2	2	1	29	88	5	2	0	3	0	98	3	2	1	0	0	6	92	49
Hastings.....	50	26	65	21	5	13	186	481	22	2	0	1	0	506	5	11	13	0	0	29	477	50
Fidelity.....	51	14	20	16	5	2	71	144	15	3	0	0	0	162	2	0	2	0	0	4	158	51

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Hiram.....	52	0	12	1	6	2	35	91	0	0	0	0	91	0	2	2	0	0	4	87	52	
Charity.....	53	4	19	6	7	3	70	141	4	1	0	0	146	1	4	3	0	0	8	138	53	
Lancaster.....	54	43	68	47	16	2	289	835	46	9	1	7	898	4	9	2	0	0	15	883	54	
Mosaic.....	55	16	46	19	9	7	116	397	21	1	0	2	421	9	5	7	0	0	21	400	55	
York.....	56	7	15	6	2	1	87	258	7	3	0	1	269	4	7	1	0	0	12	257	56	
Mt. Moriah.....	57	1	19	5	4	1	51	67	3	1	0	0	71	0	2	1	0	0	3	68	57	
Wahoo.....	59	10	9	10	4	0	66	251	10	1	0	1	263	3	1	0	0	0	4	259	59	
Melrose.....	60	1	16	2	1	6	38	75	3	2	0	0	80	0	1	6	0	0	7	73	60	
Thistle.....	61	13	13	13	7	0	60	173	15	2	0	0	190	3	4	0	0	0	7	183	61	
Keystone.....	62	1	6	2	2	0	18	39	2	0	0	0	41	0	2	0	0	0	2	39	62	
Blue Valley.....	64	1	5	2	4	2	39	68	1	1	0	0	70	2	3	2	0	0	7	63	64	
Osceola.....	65	2	5	7	5	2	23	81	6	1	0	1	89	2	1	2	0	0	5	84	65	
Edgar.....	67	3	1	2	1	0	23	109	2	1	0	0	112	3	4	0	0	0	7	105	67	
Aurora.....	68	4	14	8	6	2	47	135	10	6	0	0	151	3	3	2	1	0	9	142	68	
Sterling.....	70	1	15	1	1	0	58	50	0	1	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	70	
Trowel.....	71	6	20	6	6	1	54	70	4	0	0	3	77	1	1	1	0	0	3	74	71	
Hooper.....	72	2	12	3	1	0	22	108	2	1	0	1	112	0	3	0	0	0	3	109	72	
Friend.....	73	8	3	6	2	4	33	61	5	1	0	0	67	0	2	4	0	0	6	61	73	
Alexandria.....	74	0	9	0	1	2	23	33	1	0	0	0	34	0	2	2	0	0	4	30	74	
Frank Welch.....	75	12	21	15	12	6	103	248	11	3	0	1	263	6	2	6	0	0	14	249	75	
Nelson.....	77	0	8	1	8	2	56	69	1	2	0	0	72	1	2	2	0	0	5	67	77	
Albion.....	78	5	19	3	3	7	56	110	5	1	0	0	116	1	1	7	0	0	9	107	78	
Geneva.....	79	5	10	4	0	0	25	153	4	0	1	0	158	3	4	0	0	0	7	151	79	
Composite.....	81	1	10	1	2	2	34	49	1	0	0	0	50	0	1	2	0	0	3	47	81	
Saint Paul.....	82	9	20	10	6	1	38	193	9	0	0	1	203	0	6	1	0	0	7	196	82	
Corinthian.....	83	6	10	3	2	1	29	64	1	0	0	0	65	1	1	1	0	0	3	62	83	
Fairfield.....	84	1	15	1	2	6	48	65	1	1	0	0	67	1	3	6	0	0	10	57	84	
Doniphan.....	86	1	12	0	5	1	31	40	0	0	2	0	42	0	0	1	0	0	1	41	86	
Ionic.....	87	6	31	3	42	0	55	94	5	0	0	1	100	1	1	0	0	0	2	98	87	
Star.....	88	5	10	6	2	0	21	108	7	1	0	2	118	0	1	0	0	0	1	117	88	
Cedar River.....	89	6	10	8	1	3	101	109	7	0	0	0	116	3	2	3	0	0	8	108	89	
Oakland.....	91	3	9	3	2	0	37	136	1	1	0	0	138	3	0	0	0	0	3	135	91	
Beaver City.....	93	0	7	1	3	4	37	76	2	0	0	0	78	2	1	4	0	0	7	71	93	
Bennett.....	94	2	10	2	1	0	44	57	3	0	0	1	61	1	1	0	0	0	2	59	94	
Garfield.....	95	2	13	6	5	4	50	73	2	1	0	0	76	2	1	4	0	0	7	69	95	
Utica.....	96	2	10	3	7	1	34	82	4	1	0	0	87	1	1	1	0	0	3	84	96	
Euclid.....	97	2	14	7	6	1	52	101	3	1	0	1	106	1	2	1	0	0	4	102	97	
Republican.....	98	8	10	5	6	1	24	52	2	0	0	0	54	1	0	1	0	0	2	52	98	
Shelton.....	99	0	11	0	2	0	30	66	0	0	0	0	66	0	2	0	0	0	2	64	99	

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Creighton.....	100	5	19	5	3	0	40	102	5	1	0	0	0	108	0	1	0	0	0	1	107	100		
Ponca.....	101	3	7	1	4	0	35	83	3	0	0	0	86	0	2	0	0	0	2	84	101			
Waterloo.....	102	9	14	7	3	5	48	124	9	1	0	3	137	0	1	5	0	0	6	131	102			
Ord.....	103	11	20	9	3	0	66	132	8	3	0	0	143	3	1	0	0	0	4	139	103			
Wymore.....	104	11	38	7	3	5	67	237	7	1	0	0	245	2	5	5	1	0	13	232	104			
Stella.....	105	4	9	7	2	6	30	59	6	0	0	0	65	1	0	6	0	0	7	58	105			
Porter.....	106	2	7	2	3	0	22	47	1	0	0	0	48	0	1	0	1	0	2	46	106			
Table Rock.....	108	1	0	1	0	0	30	50	2	0	0	0	52	0	1	0	0	0	1	51	108			
Pomegranate.....	110	21	14	17	5	0	43	180	18	1	0	1	200	1	3	0	0	0	4	196	110			
DeWitt.....	111	4	17	1	2	0	50	54	1	2	1	0	58	1	1	0	0	0	2	56	111			
Springfield.....	112	2	21	2	6	0	39	113	2	2	0	0	117	1	1	0	0	0	2	115	112			
Globe.....	113	0	12	0	1	0	36	89	0	0	0	0	89	1	0	0	0	0	1	88	113			
Wisner.....	114	2	12	9	1	0	48	87	10	1	0	1	99	1	1	0	0	0	2	97	114			
Harlan.....	116	3	8	2	3	0	20	92	2	1	0	0	95	1	3	0	0	0	4	91	116			
Hardy.....	117	3	3	3	1	1	23	27	2	0	0	0	29	0	0	1	0	0	1	28	117			
North Bend.....	119	6	3	6	1	0	16	105	6	1	0	0	112	1	0	0	0	0	1	111	119			
Wayne.....	120	9	7	10	5	8	42	174	7	4	0	0	185	3	5	8	0	0	16	169	120			
Superior.....	121	11	16	13	4	1	58	153	11	1	0	2	169	4	2	1	0	0	7	162	121			
Auburn.....	124	6	16	4	0	1	56	145	7	4	0	0	158	0	4	1	0	0	5	153	124			
Mt. Nebo.....	125	3	15	3	3	3	56	93	4	0	0	0	97	0	2	3	0	0	5	92	125			
Stromsburg.....	126	1	4	1	1	1	41	69	1	0	1	0	71	2	2	1	0	0	5	66	126			
Minden.....	127	3	10	2	6	0	28	93	3	0	0	0	96	3	6	0	0	0	9	87	127			
Guide Rock.....	128	2	2	1	0	3	9	50	2	0	0	0	52	1	1	3	0	0	5	47	128			
Blue Hill.....	129	3	5	3	1	1	42	53	2	0	0	0	55	0	2	1	0	0	3	52	129			
Tuscan.....	130	1	0	1	0	1	20	48	1	0	0	0	49	1	1	1	0	0	3	46	130			
Scribner.....	132	4	7	3	2	0	28	57	3	0	0	0	60	1	2	0	0	0	3	57	132			
Elm Creek.....	133	4	12	6	4	4	46	51	5	1	0	0	57	1	2	4	0	0	7	50	133			
Solar.....	134	3	4	3	1	1	30	74	3	0	0	0	77	0	3	1	0	0	4	73	134			
McCook.....	135	26	33	28	5	0	82	335	26	6	0	2	369	3	6	0	0	0	9	360	135			
Long Pine.....	136	1	14	2	4	1	28	76	0	0	1	0	77	3	3	1	0	0	7	70	136			
Upright.....	137	7	12	8	3	0	16	63	8	1	0	0	72	0	2	0	0	0	2	70	137			
Rawalt.....	138	2	4	4	0	0	33	80	4	0	0	0	84	2	3	0	0	0	5	79	138			
Clay Centre.....	139	0	6	1	3	0	31	80	0	2	0	1	83	1	2	0	0	0	3	80	139			
Western.....	140	4	6	1	2	0	39	26	1	1	0	0	28	0	1	0	0	0	1	27	140			
Crescent.....	143	1	7	2	3	2	39	57	7	0	0	0	64	2	0	2	0	0	4	60	143			
Kenesaw.....	144	0	19	1	3	3	82	86	3	0	0	0	89	1	4	3	0	0	8	81	144			
Bancroft.....	145	3	8	6	8	0	47	55	7	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	145			
Jachin.....	146	9	20	7	3	1	80	183	6	1	1	0	191	0	7	1	0	0	8	183	146			
Siloam.....	147	1	1	1	0	0	25	31	4	1	0	0	36	3	1	0	0	0	4	32	147			
Emmet Crawford	148	4	20	5	4	11	57	182	4	1	0	0	187	1	1	11	0	0	13	174	148			

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Jewel.....	149	0	3	2	1	0	49	79	2	0	0	0	0	81	2	0	0	0	0	2	79	149
Cambridge.....	150	9	8	10	1	2	49	125	10	1	0	0	0	136	3	3	2	0	0	8	128	150
Square.....	151	2	14	1	4	0	45	69	1	1	0	2	0	73	1	0	0	1	0	2	71	151
Evergreen.....	153	2	4	5	0	0	10	74	5	0	0	0	0	79	0	2	0	0	0	2	77	153
Lily.....	154	1	7	3	1	0	33	65	3	0	0	0	0	68	1	0	0	0	0	1	67	154
Hartington.....	155	0	29	1	3	0	43	81	0	2	0	2	0	85	1	2	0	0	0	3	82	155
Pythagoras.....	156	1	20	1	4	0	40	47	2	0	0	0	0	49	0	2	0	0	0	2	47	156
Valley.....	157	1	2	1	0	0	29	48	2	0	0	2	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	157
Samaritan.....	158	11	12	12	7	2	27	280	18	4	1	0	0	303	1	13	2	0	0	16	287	158
Ogallala.....	159	6	23	4	6	7	65	145	8	1	0	4	0	158	2	2	7	0	0	11	147	159
Zeredatha.....	160	1	3	1	2	0	15	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	1	0	0	0	0	1	39	160
Mount Zion.....	161	1	3	3	3	4	28	57	1	1	0	0	0	59	0	2	4	0	0	6	53	161
Trestle Board.....	162	4	3	5	1	5	26	93	7	0	0	2	0	102	1	3	5	0	0	9	93	162
Unity.....	163	2	8	4	2	1	43	50	3	0	0	0	0	53	1	0	1	0	0	2	51	163
Atkinson.....	164	0	8	3	2	0	22	48	3	0	0	0	0	51	1	0	0	0	0	1	50	164
Barneston.....	165	6	14	6	7	3	97	49	6	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	3	0	0	3	52	165
Mystic Tie.....	166	2	7	0	0	2	35	48	0	0	0	0	0	48	1	2	2	0	0	5	43	166
Elwood.....	167	2	8	1	3	0	38	45	1	0	0	1	0	47	1	1	0	0	0	2	45	167
Curtis.....	168	2	17	1	3	0	27	92	1	1	1	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	168
Amity.....	169	2	7	4	0	0	35	104	4	0	0	0	0	108	1	2	0	0	0	3	105	169
Mason City.....	170	2	5	1	2	0	31	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	1	0	0	0	1	48	170
Merna.....	171	1	11	1	4	1	44	48	1	0	0	1	0	50	0	1	1	0	0	2	48	171
Robert Burns.....	173	3	6	4	1	0	10	82	7	2	1	0	0	92	1	5	0	0	0	6	86	173
Culbertson.....	174	1	6	1	5	1	24	58	1	0	0	0	0	59	1	1	1	0	0	3	56	174
Temple.....	175	0	12	0	4	7	44	48	0	0	0	0	0	48	3	2	7	0	0	12	36	175
Gladstone.....	176	3	12	1	4	2	51	99	1	0	0	0	0	100	2	1	2	0	0	5	95	176
Hay Springs.....	177	3	8	0	0	0	24	81	1	0	0	0	0	82	0	1	0	0	0	1	81	177
Prudence.....	179	2	9	2	3	2	47	44	1	0	0	0	0	45	1	0	2	0	0	3	42	179
Justice.....	180	16	17	10	6	3	51	112	6	1	2	1	0	122	0	2	3	0	0	5	117	180
Faith.....	181	6	16	5	4	0	104	134	4	0	0	0	0	138	0	2	0	0	0	2	136	181
Alliance.....	183	14	49	12	12	6	137	298	10	3	1	2	0	314	2	6	6	0	0	14	300	183
Bee Hive.....	184	67	46	58	14	20	176	837	57	12	0	3	0	909	5	12	20	0	0	37	872	184
Boaz.....	185	1	4	2	6	0	12	66	2	0	0	0	0	68	0	2	0	0	0	2	66	185
Israel.....	187	0	5	0	0	0	42	30	1	0	0	0	0	31	0	1	0	0	0	1	30	187
Meridian.....	188	7	18	8	3	0	49	135	6	1	0	0	0	142	0	1	0	0	0	1	141	188
Granite.....	189	4	5	3	4	5	50	73	3	1	0	1	0	78	1	0	5	0	0	6	72	189
Amethyst.....	190	2	9	2	1	0	19	50	3	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	1	52	190
Crystal.....	191	0	19	0	2	0	35	79	0	0	0	1	0	80	1	0	0	0	0	1	79	191

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem ship	Reinstatement		Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension				By Expulsion	Other Causes
Minnekadusa...	192	3	20	2	7	1	53	123	4	1	0	2	0	130	1	3	1	0	0	5	125	192
Signet.....	193	3	9	2	0	1	25	62	3	0	0	0	0	65	1	0	1	0	0	2	63	193
Highland.....	194	0	7	0	2	0	32	33	1	0	0	1	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	194
Arcana.....	195	3	13	1	2	3	42	130	0	1	0	1	0	132	1	3	3	0	0	7	125	195
Morning Star...	197	0	6	2	2	3	26	66	0	0	0	0	0	66	1	0	3	0	0	4	62	197
Purity.....	198	8	25	9	6	3	40	134	12	1	0	0	0	147	1	3	3	0	0	7	140	198
Gavel.....	199	1	4	0	1	0	11	46	0	1	0	0	0	47	0	2	0	0	0	2	45	199
Blazing Star.....	200	2	5	2	1	2	36	93	2	0	0	2	0	97	2	1	2	0	0	5	92	200
Scotts Bluff.....	201	5	21	5	5	0	50	174	2	0	0	1	0	177	0	5	0	0	0	5	172	201
Golden Sheaf....	202	3	25	1	1	0	60	78	1	0	0	1	0	80	2	0	0	0	0	2	78	202
Roman Eagle....	203	3	16	1	0	0	20	53	4	0	0	1	0	58	1	0	0	0	0	1	57	203
Plainview.....	204	6	8	6	7	0	40	108	4	0	0	1	0	113	3	2	0	0	0	5	108	204
Golden Fleece...	205	10	11	7	5	0	26	184	10	2	0	0	0	196	2	3	0	0	0	5	191	205
Napthali.....	206	3	1	3	0	0	41	57	4	0	0	0	0	61	1	0	0	0	0	1	60	206
Parian.....	207	3	7	1	0	0	39	70	3	0	0	0	0	73	4	0	0	0	0	4	69	207
Gauge.....	208	0	11	0	4	0	19	44	1	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	44	208
Canopy.....	209	3	15	4	6	3	69	113	4	0	0	3	0	120	2	2	3	0	0	7	113	209
East Lincoln....	210	83	73	75	15	14	276	910	78	8	0	4	0	1000	5	14	14	0	0	33	967	210
Cement.....	211	1	4	1	0	0	10	88	1	1	0	0	0	90	0	2	0	0	0	2	88	211
Compass & Square	212	7	6	7	4	0	38	55	5	2	0	0	0	62	1	0	0	0	0	1	61	212
Plumbline.....	214	1	2	1	0	0	35	58	1	0	0	0	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	1	58	214
Occidental.....	215	0	5	0	2	0	38	82	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	2	0	0	0	2	80	215
Palisade.....	216	3	12	2	4	4	49	104	4	1	0	0	0	109	0	1	4	0	0	5	104	216
Wauneta.....	217	4	10	5	3	1	36	54	3	0	0	0	0	57	0	2	1	0	0	3	54	217
Bloomfield.....	218	3	18	1	2	0	47	80	1	0	0	0	0	81	3	2	0	0	0	5	76	218
Relief.....	219	2	6	1	0	0	14	42	1	0	0	0	0	43	1	0	0	0	0	1	42	219
Magnolia.....	220	0	4	0	1	0	20	71	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	1	0	0	0	1	70	220
Wood Lake.....	221	4	11	3	4	1	17	62	4	0	0	1	0	67	0	2	1	0	0	3	64	221
Landmark.....	222	6	4	5	0	0	29	104	10	0	0	0	0	114	0	2	0	0	0	2	112	222
Eminence.....	223	3	5	4	4	2	26	47	3	1	0	1	0	52	0	0	2	0	0	2	50	223
Silver Cord.....	224	4	11	5	3	7	22	153	6	1	0	1	0	161	5	5	7	0	0	17	144	224
Cable.....	225	5	11	3	5	0	26	100	3	0	0	0	0	103	2	1	0	0	0	3	100	225
Grace.....	226	4	16	5	4	0	48	73	5	0	0	1	0	79	1	1	0	0	0	2	77	226
North Star.....	227	27	31	31	7	1	81	373	34	6	0	2	1	416	5	3	1	0	0	9	407	227
Bartley.....	228	3	3	2	0	2	14	66	2	1	0	0	0	69	0	0	2	0	0	2	67	228
Comet.....	229	1	3	0	2	3	35	83	0	0	0	0	0	83	1	1	3	0	0	5	78	229
Delta.....	230	1	10	2	1	0	21	43	2	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	230
Mt. Hermon.....	231	4	5	3	1	0	21	34	3	0	0	2	0	39	0	2	0	0	0	2	37	231
John S. Bowen...	232	6	11	2	1	2	23	55	5	1	0	0	0	61	0	0	2	0	0	2	59	232
Gilead.....	233	1	23	1	8	0	30	56	1	0	0	0	0	57	4	1	0	0	0	5	52	233

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			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1949	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1949		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1949	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1949		By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem' ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission	By Death		By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes				
																				No. on Rolls, December 31, 1948			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1948	Total	Total Loss
Zion	234	5	12	4	5	0	43	95	4	0	0	0	0	0	99	1	2	0	0	0	3	96	234
Fraternity	235	0	5	0	2	0	25	55	0	0	0	0	0	55	2	1	0	0	0	3	52	235	
Golden Rule	236	0	10	0	4	1	14	64	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	1	0	0	1	63	236		
Cubit	237	1	5	1	1	0	23	66	1	0	0	0	67	2	0	0	0	0	2	65	237		
Friendship	239	6	4	6	8	0	20	85	2	2	0	0	89	0	1	0	0	0	1	88	239		
Pilot	240	4	6	7	4	0	25	105	7	2	0	0	114	2	2	0	0	0	4	110	240		
George Armstrong	241	1	11	1	1	0	14	88	1	0	0	0	89	0	1	0	0	0	1	88	241		
Tyrian	243	5	5	5	1	0	12	28	4	0	0	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	1	31	243		
Hamp on	245	2	14	2	2	1	39	76	3	0	0	0	79	2	3	1	0	0	6	73	245		
Nehawka	246	2	5	1	0	2	18	116	1	0	0	0	117	0	1	2	0	0	3	114	246		
Corner-Stone	247	2	15	4	1	0	50	34	4	0	0	0	38	1	2	0	0	0	3	35	247		
Laurel	248	2	19	4	3	0	53	103	3	0	0	1	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	248		
Gothenburg	249	9	12	7	3	1	30	119	7	4	0	1	131	5	3	1	0	0	9	122	249		
Geo. Washington	250	8	20	9	3	13	111	321	8	1	0	1	331	1	6	13	0	0	20	311	250		
Wausau	251	1	3	0	0	3	24	65	0	0	0	0	65	2	0	3	0	0	5	60	251		
Beemer	253	6	2	8	8	0	16	34	0	0	0	0	34	0	1	0	0	0	1	33	253		
Bassett	254	1	13	3	2	0	30	92	3	0	0	1	96	1	1	0	0	0	2	94	254		
Hickman	256	2	4	2	0	4	31	56	2	2	0	0	60	1	1	4	0	0	6	54	256		
Holbrook	257	1	7	0	0	0	23	27	0	1	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	257		
Anselmo	258	0	20	1	8	8	58	98	1	0	0	0	99	0	0	8	0	0	8	91	258		
Ornan	261	4	8	3	0	3	31	81	4	0	0	0	85	0	1	3	0	0	4	81	261		
Endeavor	262	6	5	10	0	0	15	72	11	0	0	1	84	2	4	0	0	0	6	78	262		
Mitchell	263	12	9	10	1	1	38	151	11	1	0	5	168	0	2	1	0	0	3	165	263		
Franklin	264	5	26	4	4	4	106	104	5	0	0	3	112	1	3	4	0	0	8	104	264		
Robert W. Furnas	265	30	26	25	7	4	70	334	24	4	0	1	363	1	4	4	0	0	9	354	265		
Silver	266	3	11	1	2	2	22	63	1	0	0	0	64	0	1	2	0	0	3	61	266		
James A. Tulleys	267	1	0	5	1	0	20	47	7	3	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	1	56	267		
Geo. W. Lininger	268	6	7	8	3	1	68	234	8	1	0	2	245	1	4	1	0	0	6	239	268		
Oasis	271	4	8	3	2	0	54	125	2	2	0	1	130	0	1	0	0	0	1	129	271		
Lee P. Gillette	272	7	3	7	0	2	21	73	7	1	0	0	81	0	0	2	0	0	2	79	272		
Crofton	273	2	0	2	1	5	23	68	1	2	0	0	71	0	2	5	0	0	7	64	273		
Olive Branch	274	3	13	3	6	3	39	67	3	0	0	0	70	0	1	3	0	0	4	66	274		
Ramah	275	1	2	1	2	0	7	73	1	1	0	1	76	0	1	0	0	0	1	75	275		
Antelope	276	6	7	10	5	0	12	41	10	0	1	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	276		
Sioux	277	3	3	2	4	0	8	42	2	0	0	1	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	44	277		
Litchfield	278	2	3	3	1	0	25	46	3	0	0	0	49	2	2	0	0	0	4	45	278		
Wallace	279	1	4	1	0	0	20	37	1	1	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	279		
Swastika	280	1	12	0	2	2	26	69	2	0	0	0	71	0	3	2	0	0	5	66	280		
Florence	281	52	35	51	3	10	119	692	59	6	0	5	762	8	13	10	0	0	31	731	281		
Mullen	282	4	3	4	0	0	30	62	4	0	0	2	68	3	0	0	0	0	3	65	282		

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss	
Exeter.....	283	1	2	0	0	0	24	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	283
Seneca.....	284	1	12	0	8	19	54	81	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	1	19	0	0	0	20	61	284
Camp Clarke.....	285	5	18	7	3	1	30	163	7	1	0	1	0	172	2	1	1	0	0	0	4	168	285
Oshkosh.....	286	12	23	5	5	9	41	98	4	3	0	0	0	105	0	3	9	0	0	0	12	93	286
Union.....	287	2	5	1	0	0	15	56	1	0	0	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	56	287
Omaha.....	288	26	29	25	4	9	197	532	24	1	0	8	0	565	1	9	9	0	0	0	19	546	288
Lotus.....	289	8	8	6	1	0	25	157	5	0	0	1	0	163	2	6	0	0	0	0	8	155	289
John J. Mercer.....	290	87	48	72	9	18	163	1065	69	4	0	5	0	1143	6	3	18	0	0	0	27	1116	290
Diamond.....	291	1	7	1	2	0	28	65	1	0	0	0	0	66	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	64	291
Wolbach.....	292	3	4	4	2	0	24	45	5	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	292
Monument.....	293	1	7	3	2	0	21	61	1	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	293
Kimball.....	294	8	5	8	1	0	42	121	8	2	0	1	0	132	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	129	294
Minatare.....	295	3	7	4	3	0	26	99	2	0	0	0	0	101	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	295
Cotner.....	297	9	16	8	2	7	54	205	12	3	0	1	0	221	1	3	7	0	0	0	11	210	297
Chester.....	298	0	0	1	0	0	11	37	1	1	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	298
Sutherland.....	299	2	0	1	1	0	11	94	4	1	0	0	0	99	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	98	299
Liberty.....	300	30	26	26	12	4	125	359	21	1	1	7	0	389	5	6	4	0	0	0	15	374	300
Bayard.....	301	7	8	7	8	7	29	103	5	5	0	1	0	114	1	0	7	0	0	0	8	106	301
Mizpah.....	302	69	43	65	21	7	204	1026	66	6	0	2	0	1100	13	9	7	0	0	0	29	1071	302
Right Angle.....	303	24	17	24	9	5	118	625	24	2	0	2	0	653	6	7	5	0	0	0	18	635	303
Ruskin.....	304	1	6	1	2	2	17	38	1	0	0	1	0	40	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	36	304
Newman Grove.....	305	1	5	3	2	0	28	53	3	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	305
Golden Rod.....	306	1	0	2	2	2	10	80	4	0	0	0	0	84	1	2	2	0	0	0	5	79	306
William E. Hill.....	307	0	9	0	2	1	32	34	1	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	33	307
Perkins.....	308	1	5	3	1	0	22	107	3	1	0	0	0	111	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	107	308
Winnebago.....	309	0	12	3	6	2	14	56	4	0	0	1	0	61	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	57	309
Victory.....	310	13	6	15	7	5	35	196	9	2	0	2	0	209	2	1	5	0	0	0	8	201	310
Polk.....	311	3	6	1	0	0	13	55	2	0	0	0	0	57	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	55	311
Oak Leaf.....	312	0	7	0	0	0	8	45	1	0	0	0	0	46	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	312
Potter.....	313	4	7	1	0	3	20	95	1	0	0	1	0	97	1	1	3	0	0	0	5	92	313
Craftsmen.....	314	38	25	40	9	3	59	455	39	5	0	4	0	503	3	6	3	0	0	0	12	491	314
Alpha.....	316	11	24	7	6	0	7	121	6	0	0	0	0	127	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	126	316
Mid-West.....	317	21	36	20	3	4	43	367	19	7	0	1	0	394	8	3	4	0	0	0	15	379	317
Grand Island.....	318	14	10	12	2	1	43	186	13	8	0	1	0	208	3	3	1	1	0	0	8	200	318
Bladen.....	319	3	6	3	1	5	19	47	2	1	0	0	0	50	1	1	5	0	0	0	7	43	319
College View.....	320	9	8	9	0	2	14	148	11	0	0	0	0	159	4	0	2	0	0	0	6	153	320
Harmony.....	321	4	7	3	3	3	8	70	2	0	0	0	0	72	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	68	321
Pioneer.....	322	3	4	3	0	1	9	70	4	0	0	1	0	75	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	74	322

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							No. on Rolls December 31, 1948	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls December 31, 1949	No. of Lodge
Lebanon...	323	7	10	4	1	3	31	167	4	5	1	0	178	1	6	3	0	0	10	168	323
Cairo....	324	1	0	1	0	1	46	1	0	0	0	0	47	0	1	1	0	0	2	45	324
Totals..	1956	4053	1923	1114	593	1468	4062	1915	339	17	204	543	101	432	690	593	6	1	1722	41379	

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, WITH LOCATIONS, DATES CREATED AND CHARTERED.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February —, 55...	Oct. 3, 55
Nebraska	" 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56
Western Star	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 9, 57...	June 3, 57
Capitol	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	December 15, 57...	June 2, 58
Nemaha Valley	" 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
5 Omadi	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Plattsmouth	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	October 4, 64...	June 23, 65
Falls City	" 10	Fort Calhoun.....	Washington.....	August 15, 65...	June 22, 66
Solomon	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66
Covert	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67
10 Orient	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67
Peru	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
Fremont	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	December 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 69
Tecumseh	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
Lincoln	" 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24, 68...	June 25, 68
15 Washington	" 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
Pawnee	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
Saint Johns	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
Beatrice	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
Jordan	" 29	Nemaha.....	Nemaha.....	November 8, 69...	June 23, 70
20 Hope	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
Blue River	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
Tekamah	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
Platte Valley	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
Ashlar	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
25 Acacia	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
Fairbury	" 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	August 9, 71...	June 19, 72
Lone Tree	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8, 72...	June 19, 72
Crete	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
Oliver	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	November 18, 72...	June 18, 73
30 Papillion					

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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.....	Saline.....	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	Baneroft	" 145	Baneroft.....	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
	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
	Gladstone " 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	February 18, 88...	June 21, 88
145	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
	Alliance " 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	January 18, 89...	June 20, 89
150	Bee Hive " 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 22, 89...	June 20, 89

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Boaz No. 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
	Granite " 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	February 18, 89...	June 20, 89
155	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
	Highland " 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	September 21, 89...	June 20, 90
160	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
	Blazing Star " 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	August 5, 90...	June 18, 91
165	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
	Golden Fleece " 205	Chappell.....	Deuel.....	September 2, 90...	June 18, 91
170	Napthali " 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
	East Lincoln " 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	November 5, 91...	June 16, 92
175	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
	Palisade " 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock.....	July 18, 92...	June 15, 93
180	Wauneta " 217	Wauneta.....	Chase.....	December 7, 92...	June 15, 93

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Bloomfield No. 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
	Wood Lake " 221	Wood Lake.....	Cherry.....	September 22, 92...	June 21, 94
185	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
	Grace " 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney.....	January 20, 93...	June 13, 95
190	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
	Mount Hermon " 231	Cook.....	Johnson.....	December 19, 94...	June 13, 95
195	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
	Fraternity " 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	August 2, 95...	June 10, 96
	Golden Rule " 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	August 3, 95...	June 10, 96
200	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
	Tyrian " 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls.....	August 24, 98...	June 8, 99
205	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
	Gothenburg " 249	Lincoln.....	Dawson.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
210	George Washington " 250	Bridgeport.....	Lancaster.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Wausa No. 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	November 18, 00...	June 6, 01
	Beemer " 253	Beemer.....	Cuming.....	January 1, 02...	June 5, 02
	Bassett " 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	October 8, 02...	June 4, 03
	Hickman " 256	Hickman.....	Lancaster.....	December 7, 03...	June 9, 04
215	Holbrook " 257	Holbrook.....	Furnas.....	January 11, 04...	June 9, 04
	Anselmo " 258	Anselmo.....	Custer.....	December 10, 04...	June 7, 05
	Ornan " 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	March 5, 06...	June 5, 07
	Endeavor " 262	Indianola.....	Red Willow.....	June 28, 06...	June 5, 07
	Mitchell " 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff.....	July 5, 06...	June 5, 07
220	Franklin " 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	June 11, 07...	June 10, 08
	Robert W. Furnas " 265	Scottsbluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 21, 07...	June 10, 08
	Silver " 266	Silver Creek.....	Merrick.....	June 14, 07...	June 10, 08
	James A. Tulleys " 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	December 26, 07...	June 10, 08
	George W. Lininger " 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 26, 08...	June 10, 08
225	Oasis " 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
	Lee P. Gillette " 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
	Crofton " 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	July 10, 09...	June 8, 10
	Olive Branch " 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September 20, 09...	June 8, 10
	Ramah " 275	Bertrand.....	Phelps.....	November 8, 09...	June 8, 10
230	Antelope " 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	January 12, 10...	June 8, 10
	Sioux " 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	June 10, 10...	June 6, 11
	Litchfield " 278	Litchfield.....	Sherman.....	December 19, 10...	June 6, 11
	Wallace " 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	February 25, 11...	June 4, 12
	Swastika " 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	October 18, 12...	June 4, 13
235	Florence " 281	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 17, 13...	June 4, 13
	Mullen " 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	July 22, 13...	June 9, 14
	Exeter " 283	Exeter.....	Fillmore.....	September 8, 13...	June 9, 14
	Seneca " 284	Seneca.....	Thomas.....	September 29, 13...	June 9, 14
	Camp Clarke " 285	Oshkosh.....	Morrill.....	October 16, 13...	June 9, 14
240	Oshkosh " 286	Gothenburg.....	Garden.....	November 25, 13...	June 9, 14

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Union No. 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15, 13...	June 8, 15
	Omaha " 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24, 14...	June 8, 15
	Lotus " 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	June 11, 14...	June 8, 15
	John J. Mercer " 290	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 21, 14...	June 8, 15
245	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
	Kimball " 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June 10, 15...	June 7, 16
	Minatare " 295	Minatare.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 10, 15...	June 7, 16
250	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
	Liberty " 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	January 10, 18...	June 5, 18
	Bayard " 301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	January 19, 18...	June 5, 18
255	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
	Newman Grove " 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January 14, 20...	June 9, 20
	Golden Rod " 306	Lodgepole.....	Cheyenne.....	August 19, 20...	June 8, 21
260	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
	Victory " 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	December 27, 20...	June 8, 21
	Polk " 301	Polk.....	Polk.....	January 4, 21...	June 8, 21
265	Oak Leaf " 312	Lynch.....	Royd.....	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
	Alpha " 316	South Sioux City.....	Dakota.....	January 27, 25...	June 10, 25
	Mid-West " 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 8, 25...	June 10, 25
270	Grand Island " 318	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	April 1, 25...	June 9, 26

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Bladen	No. 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	January 11, 26...	June 9, 26
College View	" 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 1, 27...	June 6, 28
Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	February 21, 28...	June 5, 29
Pioneer	" 322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 28, 28...	June 5, 29
275 Lebanon	" 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November 14, 28...	June 5, 29
Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January 16, 36...	June 8, 37

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GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

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

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence wishes to thank our Grand Master, M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, for the privilege of again exploring the proceedings of the Masonry of the World. The task entails many, many hours of reading, sometimes monotonous, but the rewards are many. As in previous years, due to limited allotted space, the committee has again adopted the topical form of review. Many of the items covered in last year's review are still in the forefront of many Grand Lodges. In fact, some of these topics may justly be called 'hardy perennials', springing up every year and quite likely to continue to occupy the thinking among well wishers of the fraternity for years to come.

PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

Some brethren may well ask: "Why do we have a Committee on Foreign Correspondence and what is its purpose?" Most Grand Jurisdictions in the United States and Canada and many in European and other continents have Committees on Foreign Correspondence or some similar name. Usually one member writes the report and does most of the work for the committee. The committee is supposed to closely read the proceedings of other jurisdictions and report thereon to their Grand Lodge. The chief purpose of such report is to observe compliance with the ancient landmarks of the craft and report any variation of established custom for the benefit of their own jurisdiction. An example of how this happens was presented three years ago, when the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts took action in regard to Negro or Prince Hall Masonry, which was regarded by many other Grand Jurisdictions as a violation of certain established customs. Three of these Grand Lodges severed relations with Massachusetts and if something had not happened, a very serious situation could have developed. Without these Committees on Foreign Correspondence, the action on the part of Massachusetts, could have been overlooked for years, at least in some parts of the world and possibly not been discovered by ordinary means at all. New ways of handling problems, new legislation, or changes in legislation are brought to the attention of the various jurisdictions, almost as soon as the proceedings are off the press, due to monthly presentation of partial reports in the official publication of many states. The Committee on Masonic Correspondence has a definite place in the machinery of Grand Lodge.

In regard to the incident referred to above: Negro Freemasonry; I am happy to report that the situation has adjusted itself and the incident is closed, I hope for another hundred years. On May 11th, 1949, at a quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the following resolution was adopted: "therefore in the interests of Masonic unity, we

recommend that the vote of the Grand Lodge on March 12th, 1947, whereby our earlier report was approved, should be rescinded." This fine act by the oldest of American Grand Lodges in retreating from a position, largely misunderstood by most of their critics, in the interest of harmony and brotherhood was promptly accepted by everyone. Great appreciation is due those brethren whose courage, clear vision and farsightedness, was responsible for this memorable action. Thus on December 7th, 1949, immediately following the opening of the Grand Lodge of Texas; who had been the first to sever relations with Massachusetts, the Grand Master recognized the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who reported as follows: "that the vote taken by the Grand Lodge of Texas at its Grand Annual Communication December 1st, 1948, when fraternal relations with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts were discontinued, be rescinded." The report was adopted, this wrote finis to a chapter of American Masonry which no one wants to read again. Good will and Brotherly Feeling again prevail! So Mote It Be!

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The annual gain for almost every Grand Lodge in the world continues. There are now more than 3½ million American Masons, more than 200,000 Canadian brethren. We have now surpassed the previous high point of 3½ million of 1930. Last year's gain for the United States alone was almost 150,000 members. Tremendous, yes, but smaller than a year ago and still smaller than two years ago. The peak has passed and perhaps it is just as well. Nebraska's statistics present the national trend very well. At the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association on February 22, 1950, the delegates were handed a sheet, listing the amounts contributed by each state, the Masonic population in 1932, and the present Masonic population. In going over this list, I was forceably struck by the following: every state now has more members than in 1932, except Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin; these six north middle-western states and then going to New England: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey and New York. These twelve states are still lagging, have never regained the losses of the great depression of the thirties. I wonder why? New York, is of course, still in first place, despite a 56,000 member gap since 1932; but Illinois has dropped from 2nd to 3rd place. Ohio has risen from 4th place to 2nd, with nearly 250,000, while Pennsylvania has dropped from 3rd to 4th position. Texas has almost doubled their roll since 1932, having now nearly 200,000 members. Nebraska has now almost made up the gap since 1932. In this region, Nebraska and the Dakotas, have had actual population losses during the past twenty years. We are still having them, all three states are expected to show losses in the 1950 census. Thus, while nationally, we have exceeded the previous high mark, we are lagging behind the general growth in population. None of the three states in this region are seriously behind, in fact we have come closer to the national percentage gain than most and deserve great credit for at

least holding our own. Grand Masters still differ as to whether such growth is good or bad. They are equally divided as to the size of lodges, whether large or small ones are the better. Both have their proponents and both are subject to attack, since there are advantages and disadvantages in both.

Suspensions continue to rise and reinstatements to decrease. Perhaps the rainy day, predicted by some folks for so long, is really on the horizon. Let us hope that everyone has learned enough from the mistakes of the past, that the roof will be secure against the deluge. All are agreed that the situation will entail greater effort on the part of the Educational Facilities of the Grand Lodge and the local lodge, or disaster will overcome us. Not merely in a catechism, that is really puerile, but in the real and fundamental principles of the fraternity. Elmer E. Beach, reviewer for Illinois, states: "All of us have heard Freemasonry referred to as a progressive moral science, taught agreeably to ancient custom, but in the past, too often the teaching has been little more than a farce. Today many Grand Lodges are instructing candidates, before and after the conferring of the degrees, in Masonic history, symbolism and Masonry's place as a vital force in this troubled world. A well-informed Masonry is a strong Masonry." Another phase of this problem presents itself. As Brother Henry Ahrens, P.G.M., who writes the reviews for West Virginia, speaking of the influx of membership, so wisely points out: "At least forty per cent of the Craft living today have been made Masons within the past decade. The effect on Masonry of the myriad of new members, who have not had the opportunity of being thoroughly indoctrinated with the principles of the institution, is apparent from the plans and ideas advanced which are at variance with the concepts of Freemasonry. There is also a tendency on the part of the Grand Lodges to deviate from established usages and customs and engage in policies and projects, commendable though they may be, extraneous to the real purpose of Masonry." Perhaps the old order changeth. Whether for good or ill, who knows? Would it not be better, however, if Masonry would hold fast to that which has been proven and continue its efforts in endeavoring to make men better?" To show this tendency, for instance in one state alone, lodges are: supporting a ward in a hospital, cooperating with Boy Scouts, sending hundreds of children to summer camps, awards for children in the public schools, scholarships, assisting in salvage and clothing drives, providing Christmas gifts for the poor, contributions to various character building agencies. These are all fine things, but are they Masonic, should the members as individuals rather have participated in these activities?

COMMUNISM

The burden of many a Grand Master's address during the past two years, of most Grand Orators' speeches, of many Grand Chaplains' prayers, is occupied with the alarming tendency everywhere toward the growth of those so-called philosophies, which are directly opposed to everything that we as citizens and as Masons, cherish and believe in. Spy and witch

hunts headline our newspapers. We are told that our civil rights and institutions are being undermined and that our very liberty is threatened by these sinister forces. That we as Masons should take notice. Confusion exists in our political and economic temples. Capital and labor are both uncertain of the future. Many Grand Lodges have adopted resolutions condemning all forms of communistic activity and calling for a rally around the ancient standards of the Fraternity. Vermont and Alabama have passed such, with "teeth", making the embracing of such doctrines a chargeable offense.

However, there are those who charge that such action is contrary to the old prohibition of the discussion of politics and religion in the lodge. Under date of October, 1949, the United Grand Lodge of England sent to each Grand Secretary a circular concerning a "Declaration of Principles as Adopted by the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario." This starts with the statement: Masonry abhors Communism. The circular further states: "We wish you to know that the United Grand Lodge of England has never made any such statement. In August, 1938, the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland adopted an identical statement called 'Aims and Relationships of the Craft' from which I quote paragraph seven: 'The Grand Lodge has always consistently refused to express any opinion on questions of foreign or domestic State policy either at home or abroad, and it will not allow its name to be associated with any action, however humanitarian it may appear to be, which infringes its unalterable policy of standing aloof from every question affecting the relations between one government and another, or between political parties, or questions as to rival theories of government.' Quoting further from the circular: 'The Grand Lodge has been asked if it still stands by this declaration, particularly in regard to paragraph seven. The Grand Lodge of England replied that it still stood by every word of the declaration, and has since asked for the opinion of the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland. A conference was held between the Grand Lodges and all three unhesitatingly reaffirm the statement that was pronounced in 1938, nothing in present-day affairs has been found that would cause them to recede from that attitude. If Freemasonry once deviated from its course by expressing an opinion on political or theological questions, it would be called upon not only publicly to approve or denounce any movement which might arise in the future, but would sow the seeds of discord among its own members. The three Grand Lodges are convinced that it is only by this rigid adherence to this policy that Freemasonry has survived the constantly changing doctrines of the outside world, and are compelled to place on record their complete disapproval of any action which may tend to permit the slightest departure from the basic principles of Freemasonry. They are strongly of opinion that if any of the three Grand Lodges does so, it cannot maintain a claim to be following the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and must ultimately face disintegration.' This is certainly sound sense. This pronouncement by the Mother Grand Lodge of the World will certainly

have its effect. No one wishes to antagonize or question this most powerful member of our world fraternity. As Winston Churchill said in a recent address: 'How easy it is to impair great unities and how hard to make them!'

On the other hand, this subject is so important to our very life, that if increased interest in our daily duties as citizens can be aroused in this manner, then I think we should not condemn the method used. Just what is controversial for discussion in a Masonic lodge? What is a political question? Opinions might differ widely, such as the Prohibition Party or the Anti-Masonic Party of the early 19th century. These subjects have always been discussed in various ways. Public Masonic demonstration against Communism would be out of order and violate our long established principles. But every Mason as a citizen should be informed of this deadly threat, this dread blot, which hates our institution and all that we have ever stood for in the past.

Quoting from some Grand Masters who are associated with the Grand Lodge of England. Grand Master Beattie of Western Australia states: "Then there arose an atheistic and tyrannical movement that neither believed in God nor respected the sanctity of human life. That movement, cradled in one Great Eastern European Nation, has spread, principally thru illiterate peoples, beyond the confines of its own country. And so the world today is faced with one of the most deadly human ideologies, which is infiltrating its theories into every phase of human activity. With that infiltration, we are very deeply concerned with its effect on our own Commonwealth." The Grand Master of New South Wales: "At the last annual communication, I called upon the brethren to recognize to the full their responsibility for the daily pursuit of Masonic virtues. Recent events have but emphasized the necessity for the call. An evil spirit, which would deny everything our Order stands for, has raised its head in our fair land. It seeks to set class against class. It would undermine true individuality. It teaches disrespect for the law." M. W. Brother Simpson of the Grand Lodge of Canada: "But there are in our Dominion, many thousands who have no such loyalties as Masons have. Many of them are engaged in subversive activities, seeking to undermine the British Institutions, which we cherish. They crave power over their fellowmen, they would abolish religion and turn our churches into museums, our schools into slave labor camps.—'Tell us what we can do?' many brethren have asked. First, every one of us must use his franchise on every occasion. Second, in conversation, remind our friends of the danger that is very real and very near." Grand Master Long of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia: "On the other hand, the Communist philosophy, sponsored by Russia, officially repudiates the ethical and spiritual traditions and heritage of our Western World. Freemasonry and Communism are mutually exclusive and contradictory ideas and philosophies of life and thought. The Totalitarian doctrine is a deification of the State, as the instrument thru which the Proletariat will achieve its ends of absolute domination. Its official creed is an abstruse materialism and a denial of

the existence of God, the human soul and of the doctrine of personal immortality. Its form of government is ruthless, etc., etc." The Grand Master of New York covers perhaps all American declarations as follows: "I believe I speak the mind of Masonry in the United States, when I say: 'Masonry is unalterably opposed to Communism because this philosophy stands opposed to the dearest tenets of our Order—the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man and the sanctity of the human personality.'"

Grand Masters throughout the world fear the fanaticism, the determined misrepresentation of facts and the wilful shading which are being used to further the crusade of Communism. This cold war, fought by maniacs on their side, permits any means being used or employed to gain their objective. Masons are urged to be vigilant in practising the principles of our Order in these grim times that Democracy finds herself and to be steadfast in their belief that Communism is a false religion and an imaginary ideology. We must keep alert, find out all we can about this evil. We must work, vote, make Masonry and Life one and the same; this is to make the greatest contribution to society. If Communism comes, all we love will die.

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The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers has referred four chapters of the Grand Master's Address to this committee. We heartily commend the Grand Master for his many visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions, especially since he has been more or less physically handicapped during the year. We also commend his action in sending other members of his official family, when he could not go in person. Such visits broaden the viewpoint of any Grand Officer and often help solve some puzzling problems. We also approve the appointment of Grand Representatives to and from Nebraska for other jurisdictions.

The Grand Masters' Conference was held in Washington during the week of February 19th to 23rd, inclusive. This "Holy Week" as one reviewer irreverently calls it, is becoming a "must" for all jurisdictions. More Grand Lodges are sending their Deputy Grand Masters to this important gathering. In addition to the representatives from the United States, many were present from the Dominion of Canada; one had a place on the program, and also the Grand Masters of Chile and Cuba, both of whom addressed the Conference. The Grand Sire of the Odd Fellows of the World gave a talk on legislation pertinent to both our organizations. The outstanding personality in this year's association was Judge Ellsworth Meyer, Grand Master of California, who presented the first paper on the agenda and who also addressed the Grand Secretaries' Banquet. The celebration in California this fall should be noteworthy under his direction. The speaker at the Grand Masters' Banquet was Sumner Pike, acting chairman of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, who revealed all the secrets of that vast project to those present. We recommend the practice of sending the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to this annual meeting be continued.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

The high point of this year's Washington meetings for many was this meeting on the birthday of George Washington, the Mason. The affairs of this association are progressing very well and the day is not far distant when the building will be fully completed. At the business meeting in the morning, the parade of Grand Masters turned over to the Association more than a quarter million dollars, the largest so far. After the usual lunch, came the great event, to which so many had looked forward for so long: the unveiling of the eighteen-foot statue of Washington, the work of Brother Bryant Baker, a member of an English lodge. The event was covered by news-reel cameras, press photographers and the various phases of the program were interrupted by the almost constant flash of their camera bulbs. Music was provided by the United States Air Force Band. Greetings were extended by many dignitaries. Then came the event of the unveiling, which was done by the Grand Master of Virginia, President Elmer Arn, Brother McKay, Grand Master of DeMolay and President Truman, P.G.M. of Missouri. After which, President Truman delivered a speech on Foreign Policy.

The statue is almost a replica of the position of Washington, wearing his apron, presiding over a lodge; as seen in the picture reproduction which hangs in most Nebraska Lodge rooms today. It completes the Memorial, gives it a focal point and takes away the emptiness that this room has always had before. Every Mason, while on a trip through the East is urged to visit this Masonic shrine and pay homage to the memory of our most distinguished brother. Following the ceremony, the delegates were privileged to witness the conferral of the Third Degree according to the Virginia ritual.

TEXAS GRAND LODGE TEMPLE

Last year I made mention in brief of this building. On December 7, 1949, in Waco, where it is situated, the Temple was dedicated with the aid of many Grand Masters over the United States, one of whom was our M. W. Brother Ernest. M. W. Archie Smith also visited this building shortly before his death. The building is a huge one, containing more than two million cubic feet. Two years were occupied in the building.

Very plain in exterior form, the interior is embellished with beautiful marbles, walnut walls, etc. A special memorial room is dedicated to the Freemasons of Texas, who have served our Country with Honor and Devotion to preserve Freedom and Liberty.

The Grand Lodge room is semi-circular in form and with the balcony will seat in comfort 3,700. The work floor is visible from every seat. Fifty-five carloads of Bedford Stone were used on the exterior. The principal entrance is flanked by two symbolic pillars designed under the direction of Past Grand Master Lightfoot, and are supposed to be exact replicas of those outside Solomon's Temple. The globes are 6½ feet in

diameter. The dedicatory address was delivered by Senator Tom Connally and is a perfect example of what an old time patriotic speech should be.

GLEANINGS

W. J. S. Branch, Past Master of Harmony Lodge No. 149 of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, who was present for his 67th Grand Lodge Communication, having missed only once in a period of sixty-eight consecutive years, was recognized by the Grand Master and given an ovation by the membership of the Grand Lodge. He beats W. Benjamin F. Pitman's Nebraska record.

We notice with some misgiving that all too many Grand Masters have found it necessary to reprimand lodges for lack of dignity and decency, especially in the second section of the third degree. Nothing trivial should be allowed to interfere with the impressiveness and solemnity of this experience in the Masonic life of a candidate. Masonry can be harmed by too much roughness, levity and horseplay being introduced in this section. Any brother who delights in this practice is displaying his own lack of understanding of the degree. Any Master who permits it shows his own inaptitude for his high office.

A majority of the jurisdictions have Grand Historians, an office Nebraska is about to adopt. Some devote their activities to collecting histories of individual lodges, others to Grand Lodge incidents and history and still others take the place of such organizations as Lodges of Research.

The Grand Lodge of England can be grateful to the various Grand Lodges of her Colonies and Dominions, nurtured through the years past. Food packages of varying content have been showered upon Britain from them ever since the close of hostilities. Canada in Ontario last year sent 1,200 twenty-five-pound packages, worth 144 thousand dollars. In the past five years this Grand Lodge has contributed more than one-half million dollars for this purpose. Australia, New Zealand and others in Canada have kept a constant stream flowing, no small undertaking in packing and shipping, with various regulations to contend with at all times.

Many of our Eastern Jurisdictions conduct Blood Bank campaigns among the members for the benefit of their members and families. In the District of Columbia, blood valued at commercial rates at more than \$10,000 was contributed. One lodge gave 233% of their quota and was awarded an engraved altar Bible, given by Past Grand Master Carl H. Claudy.

The District of Columbia has an annual "Night of Thrills" conducted at Griffith Stadium. The net proceeds this last year were \$35,000.00 which go to their various Masonic charities. Only once in a number of years has the event been rained out. A circus, program, ball game, etc., entertain the crowd. Clark Griffith is largely responsible for this undertaking and several years ago received special recognition from the Grand Lodge as a 'thank you'.

Quite a few Grand Masters have had to take disciplinary measures against members for incidents involving liquor, bingo games, gambling and disrespect for the Sabbath Day. Money needs caused raffles, lotteries, carnivals, all unmasonic practices, to be too often indulged in by misguided members. The frequency of such scandals clearly indicates a sharp need for more general knowledge of Masonic principles or still sharper Masonic discipline.

The responsibility of the fraternity to the youth of these United States is becoming more and more evident as various Grand Lodges study the matter. Youth movements, such as DeMolay for boys; Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls and others for girls are getting backing from more and more lodges as Grand Lodges remove restrictions from them. In this day when Communism seems everywhere to be hiding; in this period of economic and social unrest and discontent, we, as Masons, should make every possible effort to direct youth in the path of right living. Much subversive doctrine, that seems to be gaining headway over our country, could be overcome at least in part by a militant policy of cooperation and training for our boys and girls. Remember what Hitler did with the youth of Germany, not overcome yet. Remember the parade of East German Youth only yesterday under Stalin. These children are our members of tomorrow, the leaders on one side or the other, for or against our way of life. On them depends the future of the world.

Exclusive territorial jurisdiction is a firmly rooted doctrine in these United States. In fact, the recent misunderstanding between some of our Grand Lodges was based on this doctrine. However, in many parts of this globe, Grand Lodges exist in perfect harmony together. In Mexico, the York Grand Lodge has existed for many years with the Grand Lodges there. I was reminded of this again in the remarks of Brother J. S. McNeillie, addressing the Grand Lodge of Scotland concerning activities in Southern Rhodesia, Africa. Quote: "but in conclusion, I would like to bring to you the greetings not only of Scottish Freemasonry, but all Masons in Southern and Northern Rhodesia. I should like to relate to the fact that we have four Constitutions: English, Scottish, Irish and Netherlandic, working under separate District and Provincial Grand Lodge Charters, but working as one body, believing that Freemasonry stands for the betterment of mankind." Another speaking of a lodge in Egypt: "Among those who attend the Scottish Lodges are Scotsmen, Englishmen, Jews, Welchmen, Egyptians and various other nationalities. I doubt whether a more united band could be found anywhere under the auspices of Freemasonry."

Many Grand Lodges are concerned over the rising cost of maintaining Masonic Homes and Charities. Even some of our Eastern Jurisdictions with large endowment funds are feeling the pinch. Our own costs have risen and perhaps will rise still further with the completion of our new additions. But Nebraska is still among the lower-cost groups, while giving all that can be expected to make a real home. Nowhere in any proceedings is found any indication of denying to the needy or his de-

pendent, care for their necessity. The strong grip still holds. The inquiry seems to be more on the line of providing the best for the least expenditure possible.

At the Grand Secretaries' Conference, Brother "Woody" Thomas presented an interesting experiment in lodge accounting, requiring a monthly report from every secretary and doing away with the annual return. The plan has both advantages and disadvantages. It was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas and their Secretary's Association. This state, incidentally, along with Texas, requires a birth certificate to accompany each lodge petition. The new plan gives the Grand Secretary's office a close relationship with the workings of the local lodge, since each petition must be cleared through his office before a ballot can proceed.

A brother in British Columbia said: "I have come to tell the Grand Master of a clandestine lodge!" In his own words: "Well, you see, my Brethren, it happened this way. I have a little cabin in the Gulch where I live quietly and alone. There are no near neighbors. My eyesight is bad and does not permit me to read. The Fall and Winter evenings are long and often dreary, and when the shadows gather one feels in need of something to keep his mind busy and at ease. So, last Fall I thought to myself why not form a Masonic Lodge. And, so I did, by my own Warrant. There was no need for regalia or furniture. In the center of my cabin I arranged an Altar and the Lights. In the West I placed a large length of stove-wood, and another in the South and at all other proper stations. I, of course, as Worshipful Master, presided in the East. At the regular hour I proceeded to open Lodge. Going from station to station, I asked the prescribed questions, made the usual replies, and performed the accustomed ceremonies, until the lodge was duly opened in the respective degrees. Then we proceeded with the usual order of business and when all was finished, closed the Lodge in due form. There were of course, candidates for membership; who were all of the same solid material as my junior officers; and had to be balloted upon. All were accepted and later initiated, passed and raised. Each degree was conferred in full form, and in a manner which delighted and satisfied the critical eye and ear of the Worshipful Master. Our meetings continued monthly until last summer. The attendance was noteworthy, in fact one hundred per cent, throughout the entire season. Every officer knew his work and did it well and the Lodge year closed with peace, good will and harmony prevailing."

Brethren, who of us would not have enjoyed playing the role of an eavesdropper for an evening on that little cabin in the Gulch?

"The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power,
To tell just when the hands will stop
At a late or an early hour.
Now is the only time you own—
Live, Love, Toil with a will.
Place no faith in tomorrow for
The Clock may then be still."

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