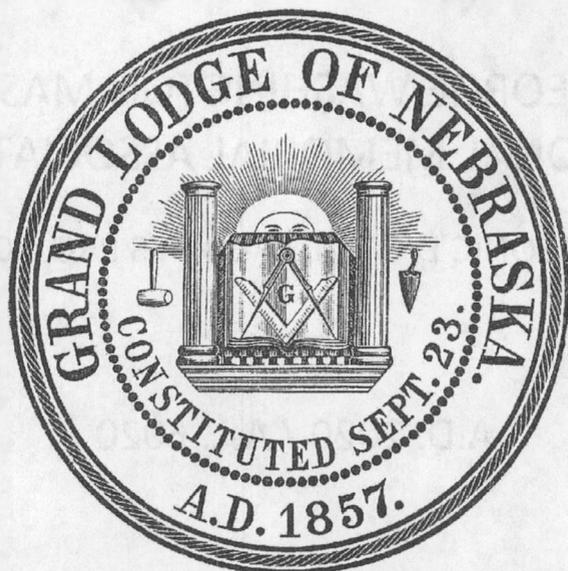


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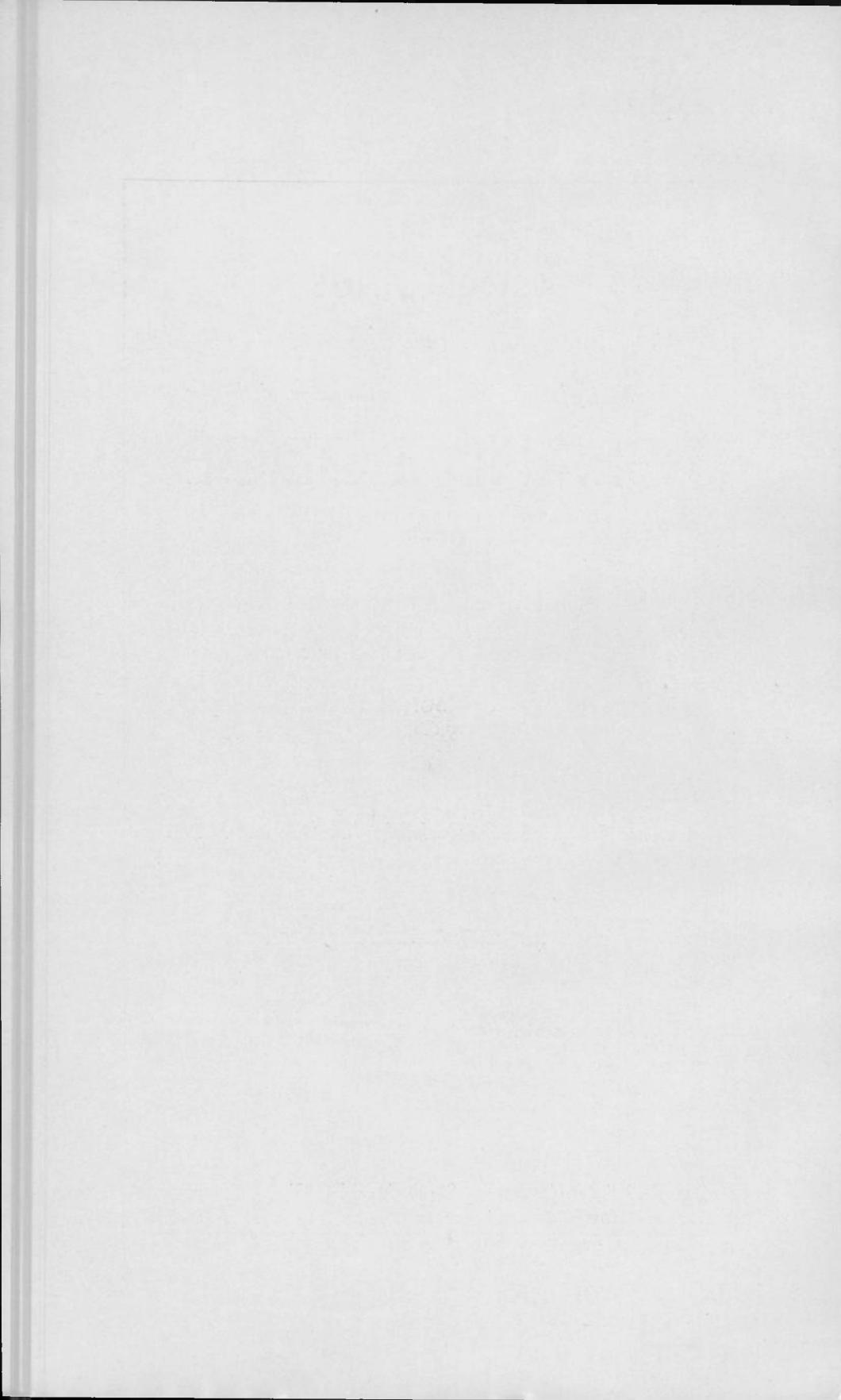


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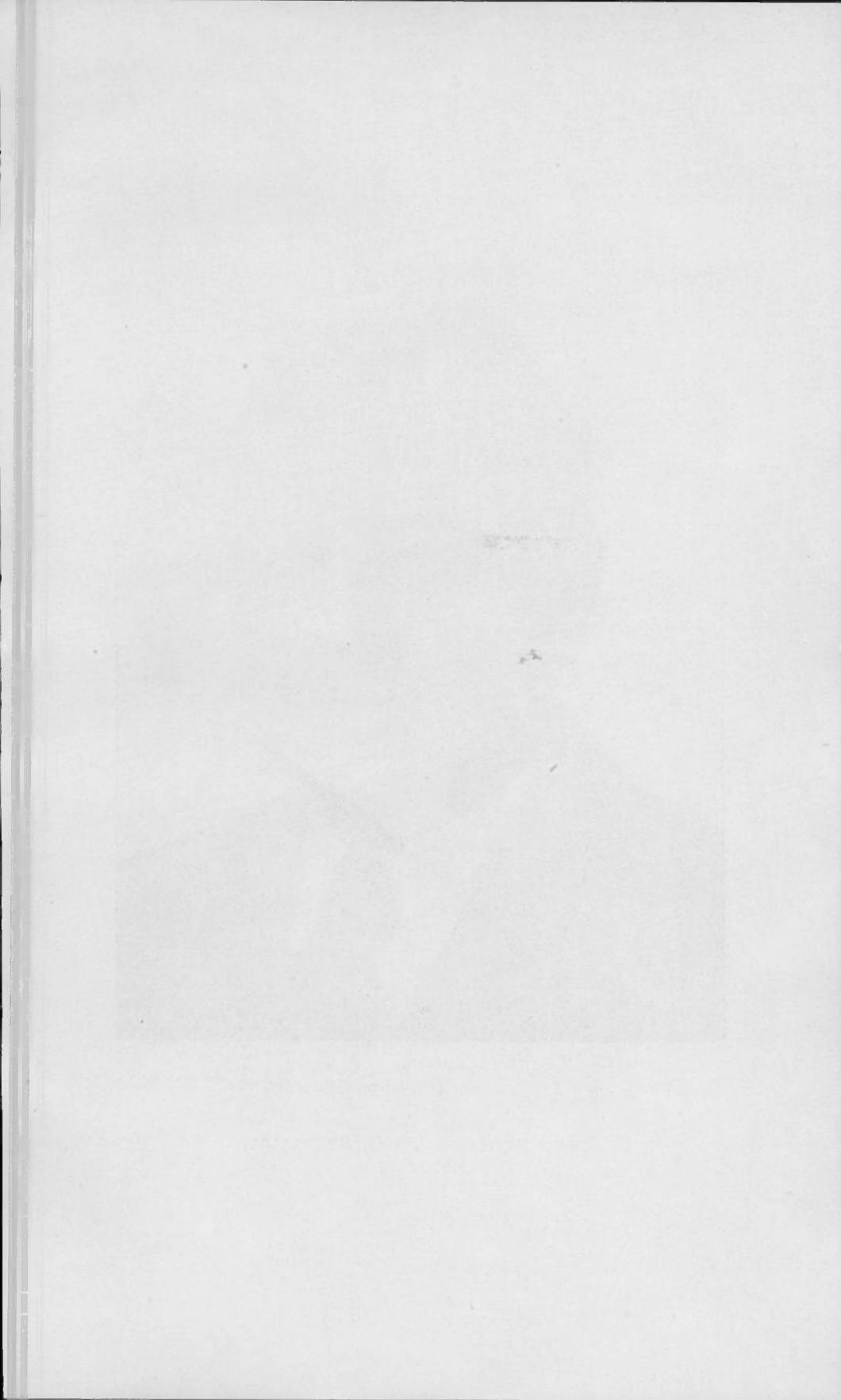
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*John E. Hedelund*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA  
1950-1951



# Biographical Sketch

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## John S. Hedelund

M.·W.·Brother John S. Hedelund was born on February 2, 1882 in the small rural Village of Uldum, in Vejle, Amt, Jutland, Denmark. His parents, with the youthful John, emigrated to the "Land of Oportunity" America, in August, 1884, arriving at Blair, Nebraska, in September of that year, where the family made its home.

M.·W.·Brother Hedelund was educated in the Public Schools of Blair, and was graduated in 1898.

Upon graduation, he entered the employment of the Crowell Lumber and Grain Company of Blair, and moved with the firm to Omaha in September, 1908. He has been actively engaged in the grain business in Omaha, with the Crowell Company and other firms, until 1923, when he went into partnership with his brother, Albert Hedelund, operating the United Grain Company, with which he had been associated since 1901. This partnership continued until his retirement from the firm in 1950. Upon his election as Grand Master, he sold his interests to devote his entire time to Masonry. He holds membership in the Omaha Grain Exchange and has been chairman of its Transportation Committee for the past ten years. He is also a member of the Grain and Feed Dealers' National Association, and has been a Director since 1938 and Chairman of its Trade Rules Committee since 1932.

A son, John Richard Hedelund, resides in Wenatchee, Washington, and is a member of Sibert Lodge, Gatun, Panama Canal Zone. A daughter, Mrs. Harriet C. Crawford, resides in Portland, Oregon. Both son and daughter are married. There are five grandchildren.

Long and varied interest in the affairs of the Episcopal Church has been maintained by M.·W.·Brother Hedelund. He has been a delegate to forty-one Diocesan Councils; Treasurer of the Diocese for three years; Secretary of the Standing Committee for sixteen

years; a member of its Cathedral Chapter (holding corporation) for thirty-six years; a member of the Diocese Committee on Legislaion for twenty years; a delegate to the General Convention of the Church and a member of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

M·W·Brother Hedelund received his Masonic degrees in George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha. He was raised December 15, 1922; became intensely interested in the work of the Nebraska jurisdiction, earning his first Certificate of Proficiency in 1925, maintaining both his interest and proficiency every consecutive year to date. He served as W·Master of his Lodge in 1929-1930, and was its Treasurer since 1936. He has attended every Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska since he became a Master Mason, and was Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Grievances from 1930 to 1940. He was appointed in the Grand Lodge Line as Grand Senior Deacon by M·W·Benjamin F. Eyre in 1946.

He has been a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons' Association since February 11, 1943.

He is a member of Omaha Chapter No. 1, R·A·M·, being Exalted April 27, 1926. He was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Omaha Council No. 1 October 26, 1950.

He received the several grades of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in Nebraska Consistory, Valley of Omaha, receiving the 32nd Degree May 9, 1946.

Few Nebraska Masons have devoted so much time and energy to the Ancient Craft as has M·W·Brother John S. Hedelund. The years of constant attendance at Grand Lodge Communications admirably prepared him for long and valuable service to the Craft. Few men have his knowledge of Masonic Law. Few, indeed, have had the courage and constancy to see to it that Masonic Law and Landmarks were observed.

As Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska he devoted his entire time to the affairs of that office. He endeared himself to a large portion of the Craft through his tireless travels over the jurisdiction and his attendance at large numbers of Masonic meetings. By precept and example he became to his Brethren teacher, counselor and friend. He has left his mark upon the hearts and lives of Nebraska Masons, and Masonry is the better for it.



*Thomas J. Aron*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA  
1951-1952



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# PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

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

### *NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION*

*Held in Omaha, June 5, 6 and 7, 1951.*



#### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 5, 1951

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 9:00 o'clock a.m., on Tuesday, June 5, A. D. 1951, A. L. 5951.

There were present the following:

#### GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268	Grand Master
R. W. Thomas J. Aron, 37	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Edward M. Knight, 183	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Fay Smith, 198	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32	Grand Secretary
V. W. Thomas A. Barton, 210	Grand Chaplain
W. Clarence T. Spier, 268	Grand Orator
W. Harold H. Thom, 1	Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6	Grand Custodian
W. Morace F. Smith, 265	Grand Marshal
W. Charles F. Adams, 68	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Herbert T. White, 11	Grand Junior Deacon
W. James H. Bryant, 199	Grand Tyler

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

Promptly at 9:00 o'clock a.m., a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. W. Thomas J. Aron, Deputy Grand Master, the Invocation being given by V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master, was received, escorted to the East by M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 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 Lodges represented, the Grand Master declared the Ninety-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, opened in ample form and directed the Grand Marshal to make due proclamation thereof.

#### RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Senior Deacon, then introduced the following Past Grand Masters, according to seniority:

Lewis E. Smith .....	(56th)	1921
Charles A. Chappell .....	(58th)	1923
Edwin D. Crites .....	(61st)	1926
John E. Tapster .....	(66th)	1931
Ralph O. Canaday .....	(68th)	1933
Virgil R. Johnson .....	(70th)	1934
Chancellor A. Phillips .....	(72nd)	1936
Walter R. Raecke .....	(74th)	1938
William J. Breckenridge .....	(75th)	1939
Earl J. Lee .....	(76th)	1940
Edward F. Carter .....	(77th)	1941
George A. Kurk .....	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner .....	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper .....	(80th)	1944-1945
Benjamin F. Eyre .....	(81st)	1946
Elmer E. Magee .....	(83rd)	1948
Ernest S. Schiefelbein .....	(84th)	1949

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

M. W. Sirs:

I welcome you this morning, and I do so with particular pleasure because, with the exception of M. W. Lewis E. Smith, I have served during the year in which each of you was Grand Master in various ways,

and for most of you as the Chairman of some committee, so that I feel I know all of you better than any of the other Brethren who are here, from the standpoint of personal contact. Your labors have been a contribution to Masonry; and your devotion, since you retired from the office of Grand Master, bespeaks your true loyalty to its principles and its aims. It is always a pleasure to see you here and to have you take part in our deliberations; to safeguard against our wandering away from the landmarks.

I do welcome you most heartily, and I hope that this Communication will be a pleasant and happy one for you.

M. . W. . John R. Tapster, gave the

#### RESPONSE

It is an honor and pleasure to respond to this fine tribute from the Grand Master. We are deeply grateful for this generous and hearty welcome, knowing that it comes from a sincere and loving heart.

Your year as Grand Master has been a very busy one, and has required your undivided attention. We congratulate you for your dignified and unselfish contribution to the Craft in whose service we are all united.

If the Past Grand Masters individually, or as a committee, have been of any assistance to you personally or to the members of this Grand Lodge, we are fully compensated.

We have in this group of Past Grand Masters almost 500 years of Grand Lodge service, with our oldest brother, Lewis E. Smith, furnishing some fifty years of that number. Notwithstanding all these years of service we feel that we have much work still unfinished upon our trestle board.

It is our most sincere wish that you have a very happy and successful Communication, and at the end of the 94th Annual Communication we will welcome you to this line of Past Grand Masters.

#### PRESENTATION OF GAVEL

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

M. . W. . Grand Master, Brother John, Brethren:

I have in my hand what appears to be a gavel. It is a gavel, but there is a little story behind it which I desire to tell you before presenting it to our M. . W. . Grand Master and through him to the Grand Lodge. We have a demonstration here of the changing conditions, the tearing down of the White House in Washington, D C. The White House was the first public building erected in Washington, and the corner-stone was laid October 13th, 1792, about a year before the laying of the corner-stone of the capitol building. I call this to your attention because I do not want you to get confused. The corner-stone of the capitol building was laid September 18, 1793, with President Washington presiding, he was acting for the Grand Master of Maryland.

The wood in this gavel was secured from the White House through the efforts of Senator Butler. Our brother William F. Evers has made this fine-looking gavel. There is a label on it, the metal, in which is impressed the great Seal of the United States, stars representing one for each state, and the original thirteen colonies. On this plate it says, "Original White House material, destroyed in 1950."

Brother John, it is a privilege to present this gavel to you at this time in order that we might know all the sentiments attached to it. I now present this to you to preside over this, your Grand Lodge Communication, and you in turn will hand it to your successor in office.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

Thank you very much, Brother Eyre. I am grateful to you on behalf of the Grand Lodge for having accomplished this.

Those of you who have been to Washington have just a recollection of the White House, which establishes for us one of the cherished memories of the founders of our Country.

The history connected with this gavel is that of the formation of the United States and its growth from a group of small states along the Atlantic Coast to a great nation that reaches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and we in the middle-west have had Abraham Lincoln as one of our great presidents who has seen for himself the building of the Union Pacific Railroad.

We have this as a memorial to it for all time to come.

### RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

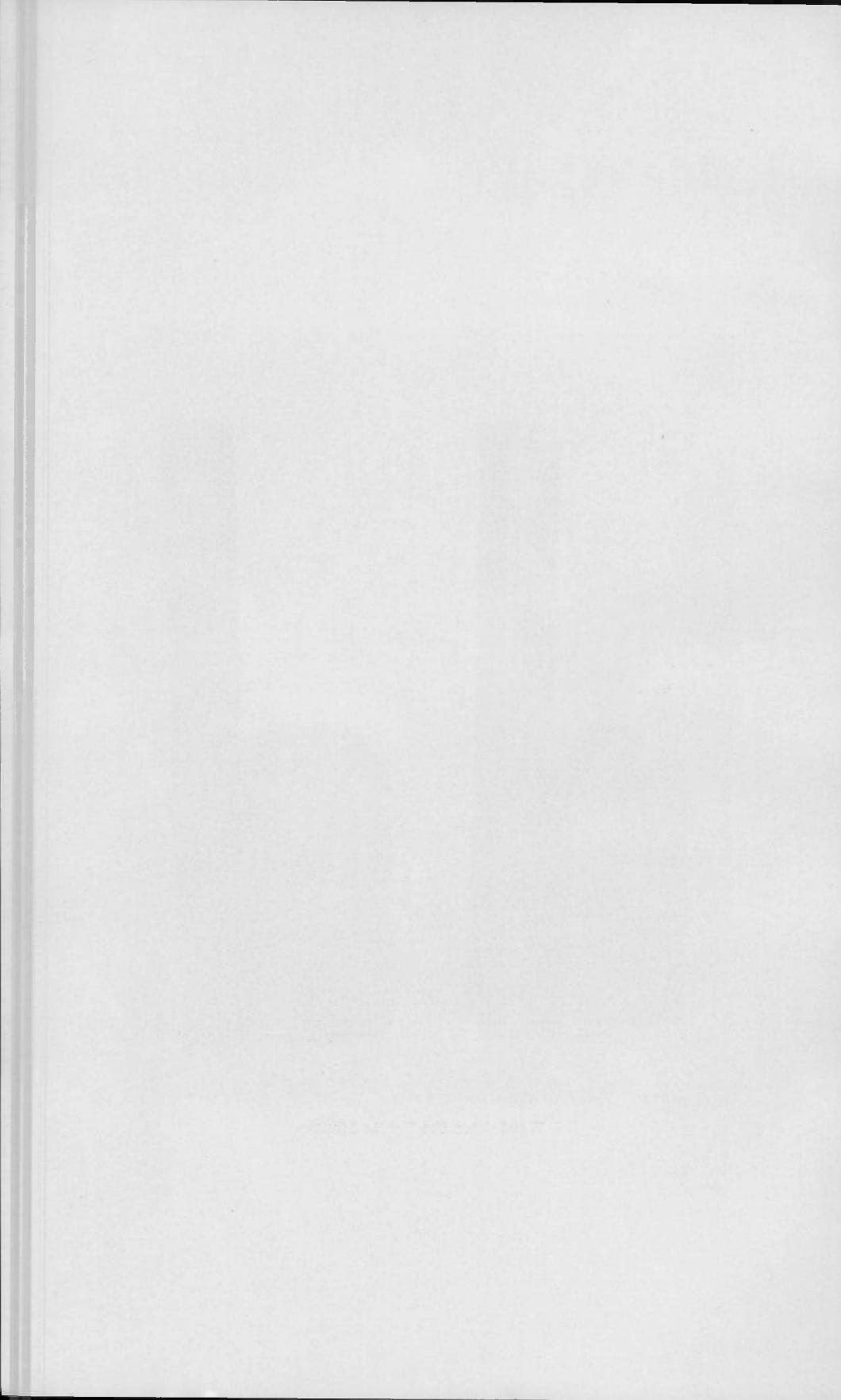
M. W. C. Lyle Hagaman, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of New Jersey; M. W. Glen G. Radcliffe, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa; R. W. S. Allen Daugherty, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. B. Harold Groff, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas; M. W. Elmer F. Strain, Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas; M. W. C. Wheeler Barnes, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Colorado; R. W. George W. Toft, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Neil C. DeWhirst, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of South Dakota; R. W. Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of South Dakota, were presented and given a cordial welcome by M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master, who introduced them to the Grand Lodge and invited them to seats in the East.

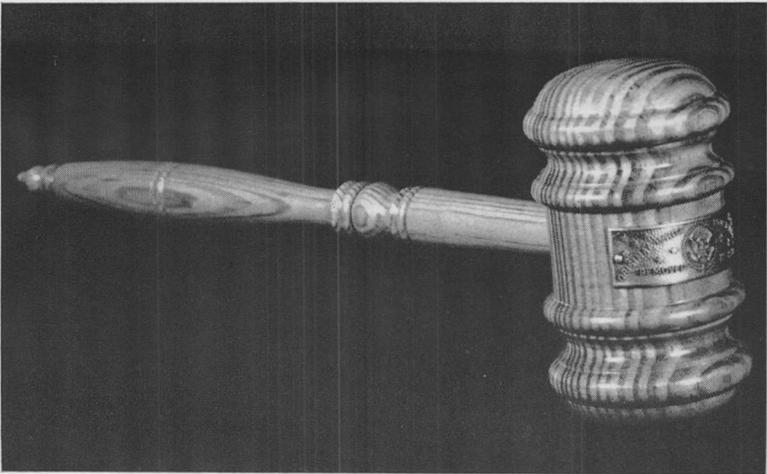
### RECEPTION OF OUR OWN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. I. Edward E. Carr, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska, M. E. Roy S. Planek, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Nebraska; R. E. George K. A. Leschinsky, Grand Com-

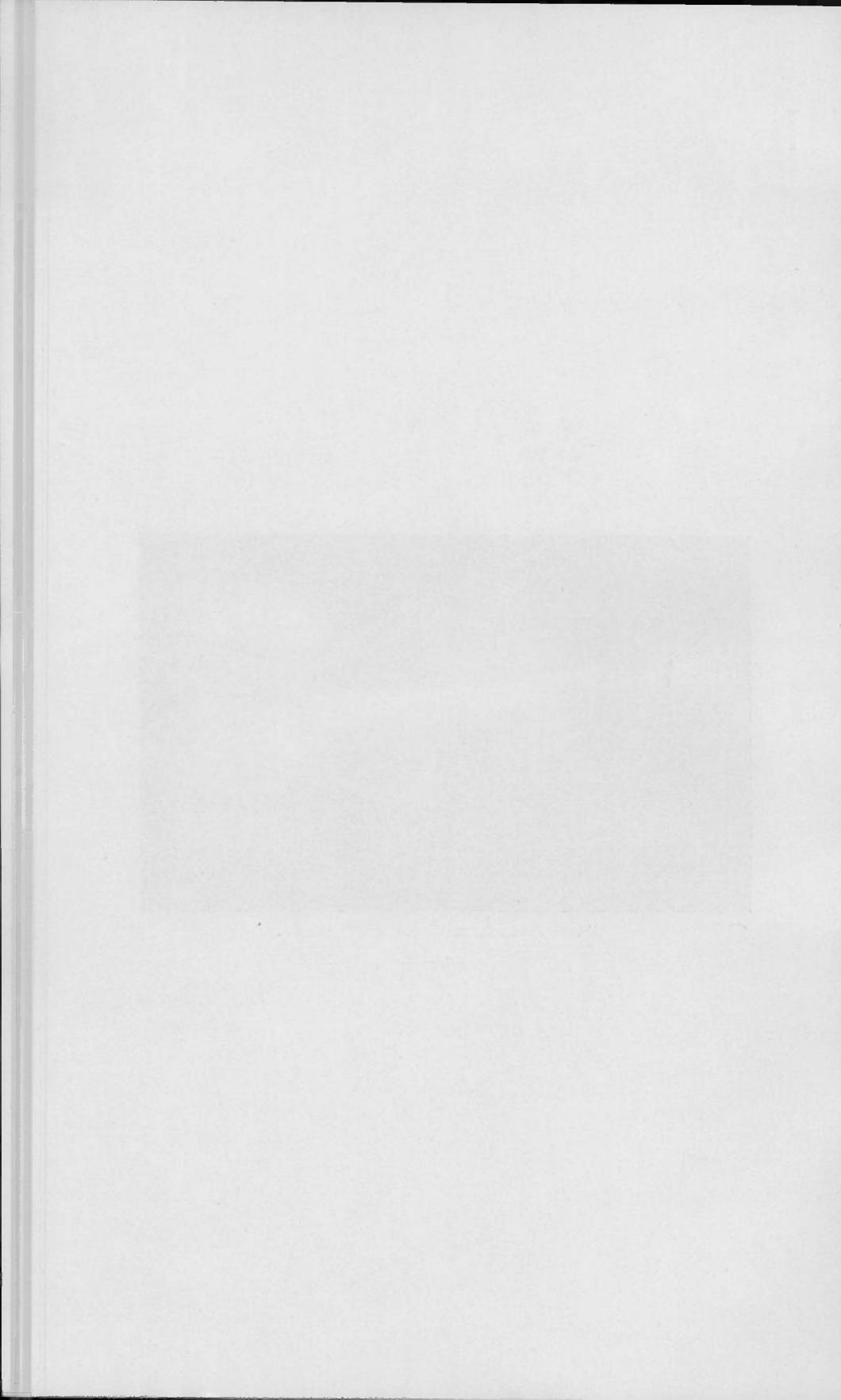


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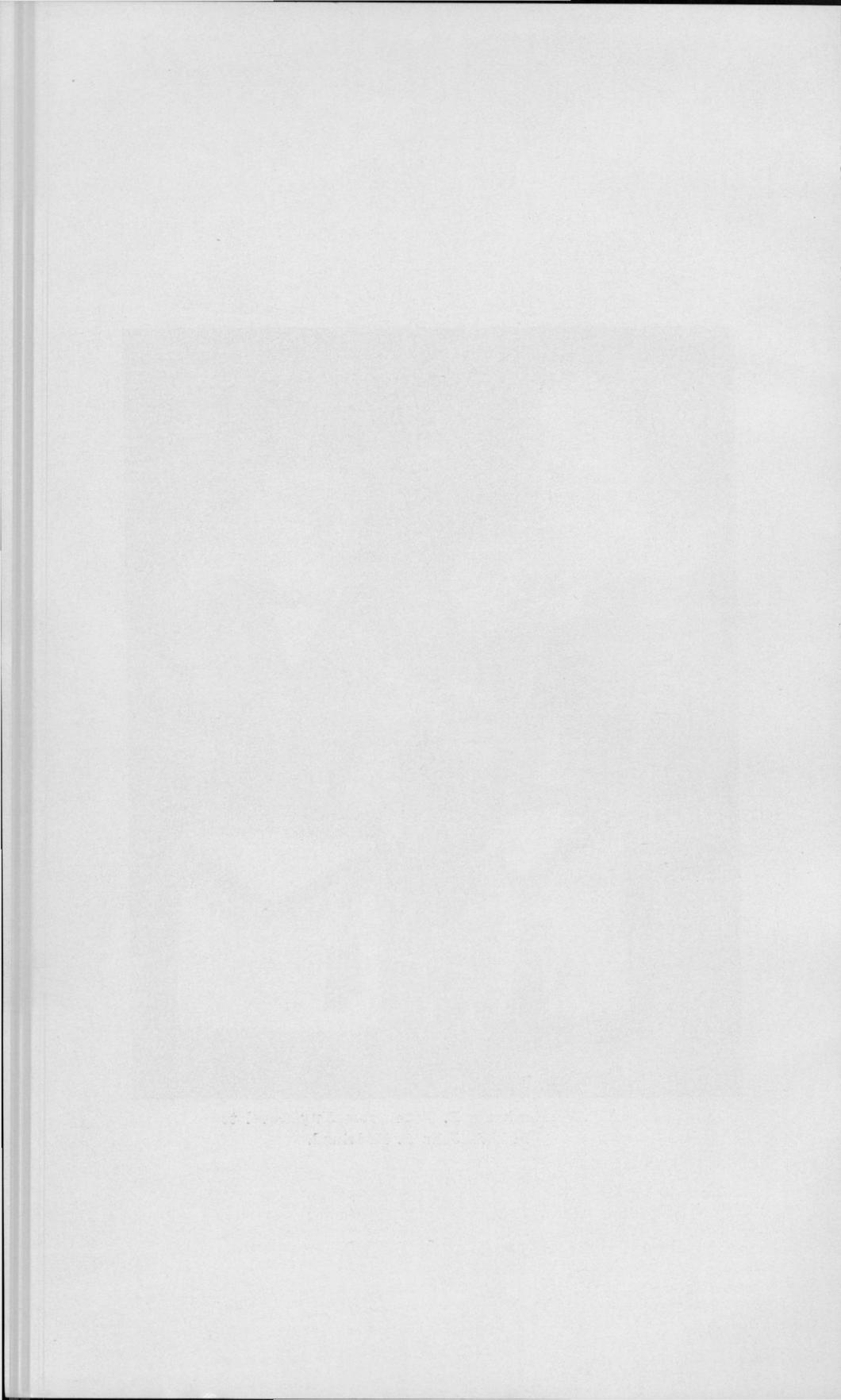


Gavel made from White House wood.





M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre presenting Gavel to  
M. W. John S. Hedelund.



mander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska; Brother Joseph W. Seacrest, Deputy for the Supreme Council, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite in Nebraska; M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska; W. William F. Evers, Superintendent of The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. James C. Suttie, President of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and W. J. Russell Reeder, Superintendent of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

### PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS

M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska:

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

On behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, I present this bouquet of flowers for the enjoyment of the brethren during this Grand Lodge Communication.

### PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

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

### ADDRESS OF WELCOME

W. Ralph S. Tully, Master, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, gave the address of welcome.

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

It is an honor undeserved, but most sincerely appreciated, and a pleasure in the highest degree, that I am enabled to stand before you this morning and in the name of the eleven Omaha Lodges, bid you welcome to this, the 94th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

Your attendance here is most welcome, for, after all, you, the officers of the constituent lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, constitute the Grand Lodge, and without your cooperation and support this body would find it most difficult, if not impossible, to function in this capacity.

We appreciate the fact that many of you have made personal sacrifices in taking the time from your own business or profession to be in attendance here, and we honor you in the fact that you place the welfare of the institution ahead of your own pleasure and profit.

This is an assembly of Freemasons, and I sincerely hope that you all appreciate the significance of that term; for where else on the face of the world, can you find a country where the right of the people to peaceably assemble is guaranteed by the laws of the land, and where every man is entitled to freedom of speech, freedom of thought and freedom of religious belief, regardless of his station or antecedents. Here is where the fraternity is free to promulgate its doctrines of tolerance and brotherhood unhindered by any hampering restrictions and where every man may wear the emblem of his affiliation proudly and openly with no fear of reprisals. Each and every one of us should thank our God every day and every night for the privilege we enjoy as citizens of a country where freedom is exemplified to its fullest extent.

In passing I feel it no more than just to pay a tribute of respect and profound admiration to our Grand Master and the members of the Grand Lodge for the whole hearted and efficient administration of this last year. The affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction have never been more ably managed, nor have the problems which have arisen been more efficiently and justly dealt with than has been the case under the able leadership of M. W. Grand Master John S. Hedelund.

In closing, we again make you welcome, doubly welcome, and we hope that your stay among us will be both pleasant and profitable. The doors of the Omaha Lodges are open to you and we invite you to avail yourselves of the opportunity to visit with us where you will be assured of a hearty and fraternal welcome.

I thank you.

W. Nels H. Ostergaard, Master, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, gave the

#### RESPONSE

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers,  
Distinguished Masons, and Members of this Grand Lodge:

The Omaha lodges through W. Brother Ralph S. Tully have once again welcomed the representatives of all Nebraska Masons to another Annual Communication. Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 of North Platte is honored to respond on behalf of the other lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. We, as the representatives of the lodges of Nebraska, deem it a great honor to be here. We appreciate the hospitality and the wonderful words of welcome. Today I am reminded of another response; about a year ago which our Grand Master M. W. Brother Hedelund gave to my request that he be the Installing Officer, if I were elected W. Master; he very graciously consented and on the evening of installation as he turned the gavel of authority over to me, I was so overcome with emotion, I could hardly speak. This, I thought, is one of the greatest moments of my life. But now this, to be chosen to speak for so many of my brethren, gives me something to think about. You no doubt have heard the familiar phrase, you get out of Masonry just what you put into it.

Somehow I can't agree, for this reason: I for one could never give to Masonry as much as I have already received from it the few years I have been a member of this, the greatest of Fraternities. Masonry teaches Brotherly Love. It has greatly enriched my life. It has given me friendship that I cherish dearly, everywhere we turn we find encouragement and hope.

When our R. W. Grand Secretary, Carl, informed me of our M. W. Grand Master's request, that I give the response, my heart sank and, as I generally do when in need of assistance, I turned to a good friend and brother, W. Cary W. Dresslar, Chaplain of Platte Valley Lodge, whom many of you know. He gave me encouragement and, I thought, well, they are all my brethren, and will forget and forgive any mistakes made in giving this response. This has been another great moment in my life. One really gets the feeling we are all on the same level here and only that which is important counts. When we leave here at the conclusion of this 94th Annual Communication, I hope we will all have gained just a little further light in Masonry and that each of us may cherish through the years its fond memories and the new friendships we have gained. On behalf of the constituent lodges I should like to thank our Grand Lodge officers for the many courtesies extended us this past year; particularly do I want to extend my thanks to our M. W. Grand Master and to that genial little man whose generous size is surpassed only by the greatness of his heart, W. Raymond C. Cook, for constantly traveling over the state and bringing assistance and good will to so many of the constituent lodges. Many thanks also to that wonderful Grand Secretary, who happens to be a member of my own lodge, for always standing ready and willing to help out in any little emergencies and difficulties we may have had in our respective lodges.

To the incoming Grand Lodge Officers, I pledge, on behalf of all constituent lodges, our loyal support, may your year in office be a most happy and memorable one and may the bonds between the Grand Lodge and constituent lodges grow stronger as the years go by.

Again thank you, M. W. Sir, for the privilege and honor of speaking on behalf of my brethren.

May God bless you, may God bless each and every one of you. Thank you.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

I want to express my thanks to brothers Tully and Ostergaard, who gave those very fine addresses to us.

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

**Charters and Dispensations:** W. Robert W. Cook, 33, Chairman, Orvis M. Meston, 148, Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9.

**Credentials:** W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman, William C. Smith, Sr., 136, William J. Money, 21, Richard W. Nims, 40, Bert E. Rymer, 265.

**Doings of Grand Officers:** W. William H. McHargue, 239, Chairman, Raymond H. Read, 56, Milford K. Brinegar, 199.

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

**Pay-roll:** W. Alfred G. Taylor, 205, Chairman, Alfred B. Saum, 46, Frank F. McMullin, 241.

**Returns:** W. Clyde H. Jones, 173, Chairman, Alvin C. Groesser, 97, Cyrus D. Sanders, 159.

**Unfinished Business:** W. J. Harold Shainholz, 184, Chairman, Orel B. Lupardus, 209, Howard G. Curley, 241.

**Entertainment of Distinguished Guests:** W. Lew B. Pixley, 1, Chairman, Earl H. Furman, 290, John E. Simpson, 11.

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

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

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

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

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

#### STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE

**Jurisprudence:** M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59, 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. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman, Francis H. Samson, 21, Clarence E. Norris, 97.

**Foreign Correspondence:** R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman, M. W. William B. Wanner, 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), Otto Burkhardt, 55 (1955).

**Masonic Education:** W. Roy W. Deal, 27, Chairman, M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 50, W. John E. Curtiss, 79, Ralph M. Carhart, 120, John A. Young, 240.

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

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

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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

**Centennial:** W. George W. Rosenlof, 77, Chairman, W. William J. Baird, 268, Carroll W. Schurmann, 15, 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.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master, read his address.

**ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER**

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

Brethren:

A year ago, you elected me to serve as your Grand Master for the twelve ensuing months. I promised you then that I would, effective July 1st, 1950, devote my entire time to the duties of this high office and I have kept that promise. There have been many designs on my trestle-board, both those which I drew for myself, and those which were placed there at request of the Craft. I have endeavored to work them out completely, carefully, wisely, and to lay on the Craft no undue burdens in the assistance which I have asked from them. The year has been a busy one; it has been a happy one. I am very conscious of and grateful for the willing and loyal support which has been given me. There still is much that I would like to do, but time did not permit me to accomplish all that I would; so I now turn it over to younger and stronger hands, with full confidence that the Grand Lodge officers who are in our line will lead our beloved Order to higher levels of light, of service and of influence in all that is good not only within our Masonic sphere of activity, but as citizens of our great Country.

**NECROLOGY**

The Angel of Death has laid his hand on many of our Brethren this past year. It is inevitable that as our Grand Jurisdiction approaches its centennial, we must expect to see the roll increase with those who have gone from us. The records of our Grand Secretary show that a total of 720 brethren answered the summons to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will make its report to you during these sessions, but I wish here to mention to you the loss of three members of the Grand Lodge.

Joseph B. Fradenberg, M. W. Grand Master from June 1920 to June 1921, and second oldest in our Grand Lodge list of Past Grand Masters, died at Omaha on June 14, 1950. He was born at St. Joseph, Missouri, on August 16, 1880; therefore just two months less than the three score and ten of which the Psalmist sings. Funeral services were held on June 16th in All Saints Episcopal Church at Omaha. Capitol Lodge No. 3, of

Omaha, opened lodge for an emergent communication, and I declared an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., opened in ample form, and with the rector of All Saints Church, a member of my own lodge, acting as Chaplain, I conducted services at the grave in Forest Lawn cemetery. Past Grand Masters present were M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Virgil R. Johnson, George A. Kurk and William B. Wanner.

James R. Cain, Jr., our senior M. W. Past Grand Master, died at Los Angeles, California on September 3, 1950. He was born August 4th, 1876, at Falls City, Nebraska, and was a member of Stella Lodge No. 105 of Stella. He served as Grand Master from June 1912, to June, 1913. Under auspices of Omaha Lodge No. 288 A. F. & A. M., an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. Grand Officers present were R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, and W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian. Past Grand Masters present were M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, John R. Tapster, William J. Breckenridge, Earl J. Lee, William B. Wanner, Benjamin F. Eyre, and Elmer E. Magee. We repaired to Scottish Rite Cathedral, where services were conducted by Reverend Joseph R. Kennedy, of the First Christian church, Omaha, and we than escorted the body to Forest Lawn cemetery, where, with the assistance of Reverend Brother Kennedy, member of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, I conducted funeral services at the grave, and committed the body.

M. W. Brother Cain was a most faithful and helpful member of the Grand Lodge at all times following his term of office. Gifted with a wonderful command of the English language, a fluent speaker, his remarks at Grand Lodge sessions were welcome and warmly received at all times. Until the day of his death he retained the suffix of Jr., and if the Brethren will look in his report to the Grand Lodge, made in 1913, they will find a tribute to his father in a most beautiful manner and wording, which bespeaks the reason for retaining that suffix. His counsel in the Committee on Jurisprudence and on the floor of the Grand Lodge will be missed.

Lute M. Savage, W. Grand Custodian from February 16, 1927 to December 8, 1948, died at The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth on January 10, 1951. He was born at Rochester, Vermont, on April 17, 1878, and was a Past Master of Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, and under their auspices, I opened an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge on January 13, 1951. Past Grand Masters present were M. W. Lewis E. Smith, John R. Tapster, Walter R. Raecke, William B. Wanner, Benjamin F. Eyre and Ernest S. Schiefelbein. Grand Lodge officers were R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, and W. Herbert T. White, Grand Junior Deacon.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Presbyterian Church by Reverend Brother Thomas R. Niven, following which we escorted the body to Forest Lawn cemetery, where I conducted services and committed the body. W. Brother Savage was faithful to his trust and

diligent in his labor as Grand Custodian; he was known and respected by the entire Grand Jurisdiction, and was elected Grand Custodian Emeritus on his retirement from active service.

These Worthy Brethren, with our other deceased Brethren, do rest from their labours, and their souls are in the Hand of God. May they rest in Peace and awaken in Eternal Light.

#### GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Brother Hiram A. Harter, resident in The Nebraska Masonic Home, who wore the Gold Jordan Medal since March 26th, 1946, died at the Home on May 16th, and was buried in Aurora on May 19th. Our Grand Senior Deacon, W. Charles F. Adams, represented the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master, because the Grand Secretary and I were out in the State on a series of Masonic visits at that time. Brother Harter was the tenth Mason to wear this Gold Jordan Medal, for the first presentation was made in 1907 to Past Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes. Search is now being made for the Brother who is entitled to receive it, and proper presentation will be made by the Grand Master as soon as that determination is made.

#### BRONZE JORDAN MEDAL

It was my privilege to present the Bronze Jordan Medal on May 16th to Brother George Goodbrod, a member of Exeter Lodge No. 283, at a guest meeting in the lodge room of that village. During the year, a total of 26 Medals have been presented, and I know that in each case it was well done. I extend to these worthy brethren my appreciation of and my thankfulness for their long membership in our fraternity.

#### FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

The records of our Grand Secretary show that 67 of these buttons were presented during the year, and the list of these brethren will be in our printed proceedings. It was my pleasure to present several of these; one at Humboldt, to Brother Rudolph Vertiska, Sr., one at Benkelman, to Brother William C. Hanson, Secretary of that lodge, who also wears their Bronze Jordan Medal and to Brother Walter Dale at Gothenburg who also wears the Bronze Jordan Medal.

I had the unique honor of being permitted to present the fifty-year button of Illinois to a very special friend of mine, a charter member of Brotherhood Lodge No. 986 A. F. & A. M. of Chicago, in a called meeting of that lodge, on the evening of October 20th. Arrangements were made through the Grand Secretary of Illinois, to permit my purchase of the button, and to make this presentation, which I considered a very special privilege.

#### CORNER-STONES

There were no Corner-stone laying ceremonies for lodge buildings this year. The Grand Lodge officers laid three corner-stones, all for

educational buildings. On Saturday, September 9th, at Bartlett, Wheeler County, a Corner-stone for a new gymnasium and assembly hall, for their County High School. Antelope Lodge No. 276 of Elgin opened Lodge for us, and accompanied us to Bartlett, where with a goodly group of citizens of Wheeler County, we had a very enjoyable ceremony and afternoon. Grand Lodge officers of the line were in greater measure present to assist.

On Monday, September 19th, at Wayne, we laid a Corner-stone for a new Men's Dormitory Building at the State Normal College. Wayne Lodge No. 120 opened lodge, and in large numbers joined us in this ceremony, which was well attended, and happily done. Again our Grand Lodge officers were present in almost complete total. It was my great personal pleasure to again meet, and have on the platform with me Dr. H. H. Hahn, former Dean of the College, a Past Master of our Washington Lodge No. 21 of Blair, where he was superintendent of schools in the early 1900's.

On Monday, March 12th, we laid the Corner-stone for a new auditorium and gymnasium for the Lake Alice Consolidated School, northwest of Scottsbluff. Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265 of Scottsbluff opened lodge and accompanied us to the school site, assisting in the ceremony, which was well attended by the parents, children, and friends who live in that Consolidated School District.

With our very firm belief in, and support of the Public School system I am most happy to let this public ceremony stand before the public as testimony of that fact, and I am sure that the children who witnessed it will carry that memory in their adult years as a reminder that they must maintain this tradition of American freedom.

#### DEDICATIONS

January 10th, 1951, accompanied by our Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian, Grand Historian and Grand Junior Deacon, I went to Creighton to dedicate the completed Temple building of Creighton Lodge No. 100. This is a former church building which the members of that Lodge bought some eleven years ago and on which they have consistently worked ever since that time, to make it a really beautiful Masonic Hall. Our ceremony was held in the evening, seating capacity was filled, and we heartily joined with the members of that Lodge in their joy over the completion of their labors. In every detail, there is evidence of competent and painstaking precision, with an eye to the preservation of beauty in its architecture and appointments.

On Friday, April 13, the new Masonic Hall at Wilsonville was dedicated. Valley Lodge No. 157, through the bequest of the widow of a former member of this lodge, was supplied with funds which enabled the Brethren to buy a downtown building, and on its second floor lay out and fit a very fine Masonic Hall. Plans had been approved by our Temple Building Advisory Committee; the work was completed and a very fine service of dedication was held in an open meeting. Grand Lodge

officers present were the Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian, Grand Marshal and Grand Tyler. Two Assistant Custodians were present, W. Lewis E. Baker and W. Paul D. Fleming. Brother Fleming was in charge of and one of the singers in a quartette which furnished music for this ceremony. We were also honored by the presence of M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, Past Grand Master, who assisted in the ceremony. The hall was filled with members, their ladies and visiting brethren from nearby lodges. The oration was delivered by W. Raymond C. Cook, our Grand Custodian, in excellent manner.

On Wednesday, May 23rd, dedication was made of the new Masonic Temple at Gothenburg. This is a beautiful building, dedicated entirely to Masonic purposes, and has been erected almost in its entirety by the work of the members of the lodge, so that its cost has been materially reduced by their untiring and devoted labors. It stands as a model of perfection in its arrangements and appointments, and I had real joy in being able to dedicate it in an open meeting on the evening of the above date, at which ceremony more than 300 Masons, their ladies, friends, and visiting brethren were present. Our Grand Chaplain, V. W. Thomas A. Barton, was orator of the evening and delivered a fine and inspiring address. Grand Lodge officers present were the Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian, Grand Chaplain and Grand Tyler. We were indebted to our Grand Senior Deacon, W. Charles F. Adams, for coming over to spend the day in helping the brethren of the lodge to complete their arrangements and to instruct W. Morris V. Balcom, acting Grand Marshal as to his duties in the ceremonies. Present also were Past Grand Master Chancellor A. Phillips, who acted as Deputy Grand Master, and William C. Schaper, who assisted in the ceremony as Grand Pursuivant, and Assistant Custodian Lewis E. Baker. It was a red letter day in Masonry, and the Lodge is to be highly congratulated for planning and completing so beautiful a Temple.

#### SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARIES

It was my pleasure to attend three of these functions, all of which were efficiently and delightfully handled:

June 23rd, Mosaic Lodge No. 55, of Norfolk, at which the Orator of the day was Reverend Dr. Bracy, Chancellor of Wesleyan University.

September 12th, York Lodge No. 56 of York, at which W. Mervin Patterson, present Secretary and Past Master of the Lodge read a short history of the lodge, and the oration was delivered by Brother John L. Riddell.

November 2nd, Melrose Lodge No. 60, of Orleans, at which the Orator of the day was our Grand Chaplain, V. W. Thomas A. Barton.

In each place, a fine dinner was served, the meetings were well attended; I spoke briefly at each of them, and I congratulate them on their fine record, wishing that they may celebrate their one hundredth

anniversary with even greater interest than was shown at these fine anniversary meetings.

#### NEW MASONIC TEMPLES

The Grand Lodge continues to be greatly indebted to the Temple Building Advisory Committee, which, under the chairmanship of W. Otto Nelsen, has done most efficient and helpful work in assisting our lodges to properly plan and finance either new buildings or the remodeling of old ones. Both the Wilsonville and Gothenburg building plans and specifications were approved, and in addition, Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 of Valentine submitted plans for a new Masonic Temple. These plans were approved by the committee, work progressed to the place where I gave the lodge permission to occupy the basement of the new building, and there is now request for the laying of the corner-stone sometime during the month of June. Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205 of Chappell requested permission to build an addition at the rear of their present building. Their plans for the addition, and their statement as to ability to finance it were approved by the Committee, and authority given to the lodge to proceed with the construction.

#### BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

I was able to sit in with this fine and able group of Brethren at the beginning of my year as Grand Master. For their subsequent meetings, other engagements prevented my presence. That was my loss; but none as to the matters which they have handled. Their exceptionally fine supervision over, and investment of our funds has been one for which we owe them sincere thanks. The financial statement which will be shown in our proceedings deserves your careful attention, and you will find that there were more than "normal" financial returns on our investments. We are most fortunate to have their services in this capacity, and it is my hope that the Committee as it now stands, may long remain without change, to insure our financial welfare.

#### THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

In spite of rainy weather in the summer of 1950, which delayed the work of placing foundation bases for the supporting pillars, and inability at times to secure structural steel, there was good progress in the preliminary work on the new addition. Through the winter, there has been activity on the part of the workmen. There will be accelerated efforts now that summer is here, and we hope to see the roof on both wings before the fall season comes to hamper us. Our contractor has been most co-operative and helpful; we will have a fine new unit, and one which redounds to the credit of the Masons who made it possible.

Pledges made for the construction of this new unit show a number of lodges in arrears, and judging by payments made, there is still a little over \$40,000.00 unpaid on the total quota of \$350,000.00. A letter was sent to all lodges who showed an unpaid balance, asking their special co-operation in securing payments to complete their quotas before

this Grand Lodge session. I have been gratified by the response, and very sincerely thank those who have helped to make the delinquency smaller. I trust that those lodges which have not been able to complete their quotas, will continue to work toward a 100% payment.

It is our intent to have all of you go down this afternoon to see for yourselves what has been done, will be done, and to meet the residents at our Home. At all times we are filled to capacity, and there is a waiting list, most of whom can and will be cared for when this new addition is available for use. It is a pleasing sensation to see the contentment and satisfaction of these elderly people with their home and the care that is given them. Each year that passes brings new laurels to our very fine and capable superintendent, Brother William F. Evers, to whom we are all indebted for the manner in which he represents us in fulfilling our duty toward those who are our brethren or their dependents. We are grateful, too, that the operating cost will be cared for under your acceptance of increased dues for the definite assignment to the needs of this Home.

#### SPECIAL GIFT TO THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Brother William Pieper, Senior Past Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, made an offer to the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home, of a gift in the sum of \$100,000.00 to be placed in a special building fund for the erection of future buildings at the Home; PROVIDED that, by August 15th, the Masons of Nebraska would meet it with a like amount. He has deposited his money in escrow in a Lincoln bank; the gifts of the Masons of Nebraska in a like amount must also be on deposit by that date. A good beginning in the matter of gifts has been made, effort will be intensified in the remaining time. I do earnestly request that all of you take this seriously to heart; making sure that such a generous gift is not permitted to be lost by our failure to see the needs of our Home for the Aged as this fine Brother has seen it, and that we may act in proper manner and measure to complete the required amount which Masonic Brethren must give.

#### MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Gifts for this fund continue to be made in a very satisfying manner. The use of this fund as an expression of tribute to a deceased Brother by his Brethren and friends is securing greater acceptance over the whole State; as being of a more permanent nature than flowers or other perishable gifts. It is a source of gratification that such testimonials continue to come in. We commend the practice to those lodges who have so far failed to call attention to it.

#### THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

As usual, Brother James C. Suttie, President of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, is doing his work quietly, unobtrusively and effectively, in every detail. We are most fortunate that he consented to

serve again as its President. The Home is well cared for under his direction by its Superintendent Brother J. Russell Reeder and his wife. Visits to the Home have shown children who reflect the happiness of their daily life in a friendly smile for a visitor, in a desire to show their personal possessions, the place they sleep, the rooms provided for their play. No Mason can go through that Home without giving thanks for being permitted to make a real home for these dependent children. A gift, made through the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha, provides a combination tennis and volley ball court, and in winter a skating rink, the funds for payment being made from the gifts of the Masonic brethren in response to the annual appeal for funds for Christmas, Birthday, and other general needs. As with the Home at Plattsmouth, operation from a financial point is made on a most economical basis; and our budget for the coming year has to be increased to meet actual needs. We commend this Home to you, for a visit, when you are in or driving through Fremont, and an occasional gift from any of you, to supplement the 15c per capita from your dues, (which is the annual contribution from each Mason) would be very welcome as a basis of a special fund which could be used for emergent needs. We have reason to be proud of this Home, its grounds, buildings, equipment, and we can be most thankful to those who do the actual work of making its "wheels go round" in the daily operations.

The lean-to on the north side of the Junior Boys' Home, which is the kitchen space, has for some years been showing cracks in the brick work, due to settling of the foundation. This has now become a hazard which cannot be overlooked, and I authorized the President to proceed with letting a contract for its demolition, and the erection of a new addition in replacement thereof, this new addition to be 12 feet wide and 24 feet long, which will provide more adequate kitchen space on the first floor, and additional dormitory space on the second floor. The total cost was estimated at \$4,900.00, of which the Grand Lodge is to pay one-half, and the President in his report will make request for the necessary appropriation, which I trust the Grand Lodge will approve.

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

The renewal of draft law, and resumption of military action, by the move of our Armed forces acting in Korea, has again brought in many requests for special dispensation as to time for conferring degrees on petitioners. I have granted 109 such dispensations, and in each instance urged effort be made to make these brethren proficient in the work. To that request, there has been real response, and I am sure that most of these men will creditably acquit themselves in examination when they visit other lodges.

One dispensation was granted to a Brother who, working for the U. S. Reclamation Bureau, was summarily ordered to report for duty elsewhere. I considered his request a valid one, granted the dispensation, and the special fee was paid.

There were four requests made to install officers later than the specified legal time. Reasons given I judged to be adequate, and did give four of these dispensations, waiving the fee therefor.

One dispensation was given to change a meeting for specific and necessary reason.

It is evident that the lodges are endeavoring to do this degree work without dispensations whenever possible, and in a few cases, the dispensation was returned to me, stating that the petitioner had been able to stay, and take his work in regular time. For such cooperation, I bespeak my thanks. I do hope every lodge will make note of these special dispensations, and in future years, see that these brethren get special care to make them proficient as is required by our law.

#### MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA, U. D.

By virtue of authority given by the Grand Lodge at its communication in June 1950, with the help of our Grand Secretary, I was able to secure sufficient cooperation from the Omaha Lodges to form a special lodge, under dispensation, to conduct funeral services for deceased sojourning Brethren. The name of Memorial Lodge, of Omaha, U. D. was chosen; officers named, and while the lodge has been called on for only three funerals in the past year, its value has been definitely established. Under W. Harry C. Stafford, Past Master of Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha, efficient working plans have been arranged to make sure that a creditable number of Brethren come to the service. The funerals which they have conducted brought out more than thirty Masons on each occasion. Services were beautifully conducted, and reflect credit on our Fraternity. As Grand Master, I tender my thanks to those who worked with us to make this Lodge a reality; with a certain knowledge that every Lodge in Omaha will more heartily approve of it as time goes on.

#### BY-LAWS APPROVED

We continue to receive proposals to change By-laws of local lodges, but not in such great measure as our previous Grand Master, who had to pass on so many because of the increased Grand Lodge dues. During this past year, twenty-two proposals were acted on by local lodges and submitted to the Grand Master for approval.

Three, a complete new set of By-laws.

Eleven, changes in fees and dues.

Four, change in meeting dates.

Four, miscellaneous items.

I believe we should give consideration to having a set of By-laws drawn up which would remove some obsolete matter in the old forms now in hand; and that these should be made available to the local lodges at reasonable cost. Some lodges are working on forms which were printed in the early days of R. W. Francis E. White as Grand Secretary, and there has been much change since that time, which the local lodges find it not possible to re-state to meet present needs.

### AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF DELINQUENT BRETHREN

We have ended the second year of work under this amendment to our law relative to payment of dues, and the results bespeak its value and its benefit to the lodges. There were far fewer suspended brethren in this past year, there is general acceptance of the law by most of our members; and we know that it is of great help to the Secretary and the Committee on Membership in each lodge in securing payment of dues within the current year.

### REINSTATEMENTS

The Committee on Applications for reinstatement has had a busy year. Ninety-two (92) petitions were received and given careful consideration, and, following their report to the Grand Master, 87 of these were approved, five were disapproved. In practically every instance, I followed the recommendations of the Committee, having given careful consideration to the reasons where disapproval was the verdict.

Masonry desires to be fair with brethren who seek such a reinstatement, yet it must protect its interests and its rights for the good of the Fraternity as a whole. It is with regret that we do disapprove in rare instances, yet I think such action is just when made.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE

In compliance with the action of the Grand Lodge at its 93rd Annual Communication, I appointed a Committee consisting of W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. John S. Burley, 300, and W. George H. Holde- man, 56, to study Section 2-402 and 2-403, and report in this Annual Communication.

### GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

Because of the death of the three distinguished brethren whom I mention in my paragraph "Necrology" it was necessary to appoint Grand Representatives to succeed them in their respective Grand Jurisdictions. I therefore appointed the following:

V. W. Thomas A. Barton, for the Grand Lodge of South Australia, August 30, 1950; W. Herbert T. White, for the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, February 1, 1951; W. Clarence T. Spier, for the Grand Lodge of Vermont, January 29.

Also, I confirmed and accepted appointment made by other Grand Lodges as representatives of our Grand Lodge near their respective Jurisdictions:

Georgia, Frank G. Birdsong, April 24, 1951; Illinois, Harry L. Kline, July 11, 1950; Manitoba, Nathan Rothstein, March 22, 1951; New York, Samuel S. De Hoff, October 31, 1950; Nuevo Leon, Juan L. Arocha, October 23, 1950; Vienna, Hugo Barber, March 22, 1951; Virginia, Page Waller, April 27, 1951; Mississippi, Buford Walker, May 22, 1951.

I am sure that all these appointments will insure our continued cordial Brotherly relations with these Grand Jurisdictions.

## GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE

For the third successive year it has been my good fortune to sit in on these conferences and this year, as your Grand Master, I was invited to make the response to the address of welcome which is always given by the Grand Master of the District of Columbia. These Conferences are most helpful. There is real work done on the papers which are presented; the divergent views and methods of approach to the Masonic problems are constructive. There is no Grand Master who does not learn something which can be translated into active help in his own Grand Jurisdiction. A gathering of this kind bespeaks the high quality of the Masons who are at the head of their Grand Lodges. It is an honor to be one of them.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL  
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

In company with our Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Historian, and M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, I attended the annual meeting of this Association on February 22. The auditorium was well filled with Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and other distinguished Masonic brethren. It was my privilege to present to the Association for keeping in its library a four volume set of "Footprints on the Sands of Time", the biography of General John J. Pershing, prepared and arranged by our Brother Harry R. Follmer, 77, the Grand Lodge having made arrangements with him to complete this set in its beautifully prepared and bound copies. This is the initial gift of books of this kind, and was warmly received by the President and Officers of the Association.

There was no set program; the report of annual contributions to the funds for building construction showed about \$150,000.00 still to be collected from a very few Grand Jurisdictions; the funds for the Maintenance are much further in arrears, and it will require about \$400,000.00 to complete the 70-cent per capita quota which is asked for that purpose. As the building makes progress toward its completion, the beauty and magnificence of the structure and its furnishing and fittings become more apparent, reflecting credit on the Fraternity; paying tribute to the planners and workmen who are carrying out the plans. Most of all, everything about it does truly in a great way pay tribute of Masons to the greatest of all Americans, whose luster does not dim with the passing of time; whose wisdom as the Father of his Country in word and deed shines as a beacon for this generation toward which we must turn if we are to maintain the foundation of true liberty and Democracy on which the Nation was built. With the special committee appointed for that purpose, I went to the tomb of George Washington at Mount Vernon, and saw the wreath placed in Masonic tribute to him; one of many which on that day were brought to show that a grateful remembrance rests in the hearts of his countrymen.

## VISITS TO OTHER GRAND LODGES

We have, in this past year, had representatives at all Grand Lodge Communications in our neighboring Jurisdictions. Inasmuch as I was not able to attend most of them, I appointed others to attend, and represent our Grand Lodge.

South Dakota: Our Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Edward M. Knight and our Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen.

Iowa: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master, who made use of this visit to organize a Past Grand Masters Association in that Grand Jurisdiction.

Colorado: Our Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Fay Smith, and our Senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Lewis E. Smith.

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

Wyoming: I attended this Grand Lodge communication and had a very enjoyable time, with some amusing happenings during the sessions. My special escort was R. W. Irving E. Clark, Grand Secretary, and I am indebted to him and Mrs. Clark for the many courtesies they extended to me.

California: This was their one hundredth annual communication, for which special invitations were given to every Grand Master in the United States, Canada and jurisdictions south of us. In company with our Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, I attended this Grand Lodge communication, enjoying not only their Masonic meetings, but the many social activities which had been arranged for the visitors. Too much praise cannot be given them for the thoroughness with which every detail was cared for; both for the Brethren and for their ladies.

To say it was a magnificent and beautiful gathering in every part does not begin to convey the true picture. The long and careful preparation which preceded it was very evident at all times, and we returned with the certain knowledge that our Grand Lodge must at once begin its preparation for our own centennial in 1957; outlining the things to be done, and making advance arrangements for having them done. As I see it, our Committee on Centennial observance should be changed from one of simply gathering data, to one which can begin to make actual plans for the meeting and its necessary functions. The factual reports can now be cared for, and are being cared for by our Grand Historian, of whom I will speak later in this Address.

Kentucky: This Grand Jurisdiction observed its 150th annual Communication immediately following that of California's, and, again with the Grand Secretary, I attended the Kentucky anniversary. We were accompanied by our Senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Lewis E. Smith. Our Kentucky Brethren are true Masons, and the addresses made at their sessions, reviewing the History of their Grand Jurisdiction and outlining plans for the future, show that they have the real meaning of our Fraternity imbedded in their hearts. Their Homes for the Aged Masons, and for the Widows and Orphans bespeak the same type of care

and loving kindness which we practice in Nebraska. Having represented them for several years near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, I have visited often enough to feel much at home with them, and it was a joy to be present for this very special occasion.

Minnesota: It was the intention of your Grand Master and Grand Secretary to attend their Grand Lodge meeting, but the snowstorm which completely blocked travel north of Omaha at that particular time prevented our doing so. Our meeting with their Grand Master and Grand Secretary in Washington was a happy one, and we regret that we could not be with them.

North Dakota: Equally do we regret that it was not possible to attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. A cordial invitation came to us through their Grand Secretary, M. W. Walter L. Stockwell, one of the Senior Grand Secretaries of the United States, beloved by everyone who knew him—and his friends were legion. His sudden death later in the year was a shock to all of us, and he will be missed in the Masonic gatherings which he attended.

#### AFFILIATED MASONIC BODIES

In recognition of my office as Grand Master, I received numerous invitations to attend meetings of the affiliated bodies. For the most part, I was not able to accept, having made engagements with our lodges in the State, but I was present at, and received hearty welcome from Scottish Rite Banquet, Valley of Omaha, November 30; Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, December 5th; Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, December 6th and 7th; Scottish Rite Banquet, Valley of Omaha, April 26th.

It was a matter of regret that I could not accept other invitations that were extended to me. Our Masonic relations with all of them are happy and harmonious, and we are pleased to note that they are in state of growth as to membership, as are we in Ancient Craft Masonry.

#### VISITS TO LODGES

It has not been possible to cover as many as I had wished, one year is not enough time for any Grand Master to do that. I regret that I could not visit all the lodges but I submit the list of those I did visit:

June 10, 1950, Mid-West No. 317, 25th Anniversary.

June 22, Bee Hive No. 184.

June 29, East Lincoln No. 210.

August 1, Pilot No. 240.

September 6, Home Lodge, U. D., Plattsmouth, present aprons for use in conducting funerals.

September 9, Antelope No. 276.

September 11, Wayne No. 120.

September 14, 15, Purity No. 198, Central School.

- September 18, 19, Monument No. 293, Central School.  
October 27, Lancaster No. 54.  
October 28, Right Angle No. 303.  
November 3, Bartley No. 228.  
November 8, Rob Morris No. 46.  
November 15, Humboldt No. 40.  
November 16, Bee Hive No. 184.  
November 20, 21, Silver Cord No. 224, Area Meeting and Central School.  
November 29, Right Angle No. 303.  
December 8, George W. Lininger No. 268.  
December 11, Euclid No. 97.  
December 13, Omaha No. 288.  
January 2, 1951, Fremont No. 15, Installation of officers.  
January 3, Rob Morris No. 46, Installation of officers.  
January 8, Western Star No. 2, Installation of officers.  
January 10, Creighton No. 100, Dedication of their Temple.  
January 12, Superior No. 121, Installation of officers .  
January 13, John J. Mercer No. 290, Installation of officers.  
January 15, Platte Valley No. 32, Installation of officers.  
January 16, 17, Platte Valley No. 32, Central School.  
January 18, Gothenburg No. 249, Installation of officers.  
January 19, George W. Lininger No. 268 (my own lodge).  
January 20, York No. 56, Installation of officers.  
January 22, Falls City No. 9, Installation of officers.  
January 24, Hastings No. 50 and Mid-West No. 317, joint installation of officers.  
January 30, George Armstrong No. 241.  
February 1, Canopy No. 209.  
February 13, Springfield No. 112.  
February 28, Covert No. 11.  
March 2, Victory No. 310.  
March 7, Platte Valley No. 32.  
March 8, 9, Harmony No. 321, Central School.  
March 12, 13, Robert W. Furnas No. 265.  
March 14, 15, Samaritan No. 158.  
March 16, Alliance No. 183.  
March 21, Nehawka No. 246.  
March 26, York No. 56, Area Meeting.  
March 27, Lincoln No. 19.

- March 23, 29, Auburn No. 124, Central School.  
March 21, Omadi No. 5.  
April 4 and 5, Wymore No. 104, Central School.  
April 6, Gavel No. 199, special meeting to honor our Grand Tyler,  
W. James H. Bryant.  
April 9, Western No. 140, School of Instruction.  
April 10, Waterloo No. 102.  
April 11, 12, Aurora No. 68, Central School.  
April 13, a personal conference with Melrose No. 60.  
April 13, Dedication of new Masonic Hall of Valley No. 157.  
April 14, Mizpah No. 302, annual dinner.  
April 15, Justice No. 180, presentation of fifty-year button.  
April 18 and 19, Central School at Albion No. 78.  
April 23, North Bend No. 119, honoring M. W. John R. Tapster as a  
Fifty-year Mason.  
April 24, Herman, for special communication of Landmark No. 222.  
April 25 and 26, Trowel No. 71, Central School.  
April 27, Plattsmouth No. 6, for Past Masters meeting and dinner.  
April 28th, Washington No. 21, special meeting.  
April 30, Falls City No. 9 for Area meeting.  
May 2 and 3, Cable No. 225, Central School.  
May 4, Mullen No. 282, Individual School and dinner program.  
May 15, Geneva No. 79.  
May 15, Exeter No. 283.  
May 16, McCook No. 150.  
May 17, Holbrook No. 257.  
May 16, 17 and 18, short visits with Secretaries or Masters or both  
in lodges at Kenesaw, Wilcox, Alma, Republican City, Franklin, Red  
Cloud, Guide Rock, Nelson, Fairfield, Clay Center and Harvard.  
May 22, North Platte, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, a memorial  
service.

In connection with these visits to lodges over the Grand Jurisdiction, I ask your indulgence in special reference to two of them.

1. A reception and dinner given by my own Lodge, George W. Lininger No. 268, on December 8th, at the Omaha Club. There were present five Past Grand Masters; seven Grand Lodge officers; six Masters of other Omaha lodges; fifteen Past Masters and seven officers of George W. Lininger Lodge, in addition to the members, and one guest from outside Omaha, my brother George Hedelund of Washington Lodge No. 21, Blair. I was, and am, deeply appreciative of the very fine gathering, humble in remembrance of the tributes that were paid by the speakers, especially those of W. Sam W. Reynolds, who was speaker of the evening. It was a most happy occasion, and it was a matter of regret

that inclement weather kept away many others who would have come. Letters from those unable to come, add to the expressions of felicitation, and bespeak a Brotherly love for which I am truly thankful.

2. Washington Lodge No. 21, of Blair, which city was my boyhood home, and which I left forty-two years ago to make my home in Omaha. I have maintained a close association with friends there; have taken an interest in that Lodge and its membership; as a tribute to those Masons who were helpful to me and others like me in our childhood and youth. This lodge tendered a reception for me on the evening of April 28th.

I wish I might mention in detail many of the other happy events in lodges which are listed in my visitations. Time and space do not permit. I can only say that everywhere I have found evidence of sincere Brotherly love and affection; a warm welcome to me as a person as well as to me as Grand Master. The wholehearted acceptance of the Grand Master as a leader and co-worker for the good of the Craft, rather than as a superior officer to be held in awe has been a most pleasant experience for me. There has been a warmth of expression, verbally and otherwise, which I will remember always as the real meaning of Masonic Brotherhood.

#### GRAND CUSTODIAN

One of my pre-determined plans was that I would make visits as far as possible, to the Central Schools of Instruction, held under the direction of our Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook. To the best of my ability, I have done so, and have been amply rewarded in a closer relation with the Brethren who attend these schools, in a greater knowledge of what is done, in learning just how much painstaking work is done by him and his Assistant Custodians in this work. The esoteric work is well in hand; more and more Masons are working to make themselves proficient; more Lodges are working for and receiving Certificates of Proficiency. The ground work that has been laid in this will prove of cumulative value in years ahead. He has, this year, begun actively to bring about the unification of floor work in all lodges; the removal of things which tend to lessen the dignity and proper teaching of the meaning of our degrees; the emphasis on that dignity both on the part of those who confer them and the brethren who are in attendance; and details as to actual movements on the lodge floor which make them more graceful and more in keeping with what is being done. All this is being well received; in fact, gratefully received, by the lodges, and the manner in which our Grand Custodian is able to teach, lovingly and with every consideration for those who need correction, yet forcefully in his insistence on the acceptance of the things which have to be worked out, is one which endears him to all the Craft. Everything that is done has the approval of our Committee on Work, and it also has the unqualified approval of your Grand Master. I know that we may feel proud of our Masonic work, even more proud when we can all conform to the designs which are laid out for us now, and I am sure he will have the hearty

support of the Grand Masters who follow me. For his personal kindness and consideration there are no words which will express my feeling. I will ever keep in my Golden Book of Memories the recollection of the happy hours which I have spent with him, and my wish for him is that he may for many years continue to direct this work.

#### ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

During the year, changes were made in the list of Assistant Custodians. Morris V. Balcolm of Kearney, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, was appointed to succeed Ward B. Schrack, who moved out of our Grand Jurisdiction. William F. Flickinger, York Lodge No. 56, was appointed to succeed I. Donald Huston, who retired to devote his time to his private business. Harold M. Wilkerson of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 retired because he was not able to arrange his personal affairs in such a way as to give the necessary time to the work as Assistant Custodian. I have designated W. Brothers I. Donald Huston, who served from 1928 to 1951, and Ward B. Schrack, who served from 1933 to 1951, as Assistant Custodians Emeritus and they will be so listed in the records. Their long and faithful service entitles them to this distinction.

In my journeys, attending these Schools of Instruction, I have had the pleasure of seeing these Brethren work and I pay high tribute to all of them; expressing my thanks for the opportunity to know them better, and to understand in greater measure what it means to us as Masons to have their time and efforts so freely given for the furtherance of our work.

I am of the opinion that there are certain sections in which a new division should be made, and three Assistant Custodians serve the territory which two now endeavor to cover, and if our Grand Custodian makes such recommendation, I commend its approval to the incoming Grand Master.

#### GRAND HISTORIAN

The appointment of W. Harold H. Thom as Grand Historian has proved to be a happy one. As I said in a preceding paragraph in this address, he is preparing factual reports for our Centennial in 1957. He is working hard, has exceptional ability for the task, but I do bespeak assistance from all our lodges in making it possible for him to have in hand not only the customary facts and statistics, but unusual things in connection with the lodges and lodge history which may give to us at this time, and as a matter of record for those who are to follow us, a true and interesting picture of Masonry in Nebraska during its first hundred years of existence.

#### AREA MEETINGS

The customary four Area meetings were held this year. It is my idea that the territory should be divided into smaller groups of counties so that more Master Masons might be able to attend. The question of

room, both within the lodge halls, and at banquet tables, is one which must be considered. Therefore, with the Committee and other Grand Lodge officers, there was worked out a grouping which covered some counties in northeastern Nebraska, that meeting being held at Wausa; some in northwestern Nebraska, that meeting being held at Ainsworth; one in east central Nebraska, that meeting being held at York; and one in extreme southeastern Nebraska, that meeting held at Falls City.

The first two were held in connection with Central Schools of Instruction under direction of our Grand Custodian, but the plan did not work out well, and the last two conformed to previous pattern, except that there was conferred at York a Fellow Craft degree on an actual candidate, and Falls City, the degree of an Entered Apprentice Mason on an actual candidate. It is my opinion that if such degree work is to be continued, the Grand Custodian should have the right to pick out any lodge within the Area in which the meeting is held as the one to confer the degree. All meetings were well attended.

#### TRIAL COMMISSIONS

During the year, there were 16 Trial Commissions appointed, all of whom worked faithfully and earnestly, having in mind both the welfare of the Fraternity and the rights of the individual Brother. In most cases, however, the specifications were a violation of our laws in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquor.

Since 1936, which means a period of fifteen years, there has been no doubt about the law in regard to this matter, or the definite stand of Nebraska Masons against that business. Any Brother who enters into it, does so in full knowledge that he is violating his obligations, and making himself subject to discipline. He makes his own choice, and the sentence which he receives is one of his own making. I am very happy to see that the Commissions sustain our stand in this principle.

The thanks of the Grand Master and of the Grand Lodge goes in fullest measure to those who have given time and attention to such Trial Commissions.

#### DISCIPLINE

At Lexington, Thistle Lodge No. 61 is in the process of building a new Masonic Temple, under plans which were approved by M. W. Brother Schiefelbein and our Temple Building Advisory Committee. On February 10th of this year, the Lodge, without advising the Grand Master, proceeded to lay the corner-stone of that Temple, and items in the newspapers furnished the Grand Master with his first and only information in regard to it. On a trip to North Platte, with the Grand Custodian, we stopped to inspect this; found the stone placed, the Masonic emblem on the north end is imperfect in that the position of the Square and Compass is that of the Fellowcraft degree.

Our time did not permit contacting the Master or Secretary, but subsequently a request by letter brought newspaper clipping taken from the Lexington paper, and a letter from the W. Master giving details of the ceremony. In spite of his written statements that no Masonic ceremony was had, it is evident that the Lodge did conform to the details laid out in our regulations regarding such corner-stone laying, the matter of the copper box and its contents; an oration by one of the members; and other items, so that the community has received the impression that this is a Masonic corner-stone Laying. Inasmuch as our Monitor is most positive in its regulations that this ceremony is reserved to the Grand Lodge, and the community has lost its opportunity to see and hear our ceremony, I felt that the Lodge should be reprimanded for its actions, whether it was intentional or otherwise, and I did write such a reprimand, instructing the W. Master to have it read in open lodge and spread on the records of the lodge.

Accompanied by the Grand Secretary, I paid a visit on May 17th, to Holbrook in an attempt to contact the Master and Secretary of Holbrook Lodge No. 257. The Secretary, we found, works in another town and it was not possible to meet him, but we did locate the W. Master and he went with us to their Temple for a conference and discussion as to the condition of the lodge. With a total list of only 27 members and a resident group of only 18, there seemed to be question as to whether the lodge should continue to exist.

Reports which had reached me indicated that the members were not able to confer degrees. The minutes showed that brethren from lodges in adjoining towns came in to do this work, and that in one instance a candidate was sent to a lodge in another town to receive the Middle chamber lecture and ceremony. There is further evidence that the resident members were not willing to come to lodges for instruction under the direction of Assistant Custodian Lewis E. Baker, to whom their lodge is assigned for instruction. There is doubt, in looking over minutes for previous years that a quorum was present, even though names of officers are written in to make a total that would cover legal requirements. The sparsity and brevity of the minutes, very often only one sentence, certainly does not indicate any business done, nor any group of brethren present.

I found the W. Master very good to talk with, very eager to do all he can to get matters straightened out, and I am informed that both he and the Secretary did come to assigned schools of instruction and endeavored to learn the degree work, but it is quite evident that the lodge as a whole must be cited for failure to attend and to make themselves proficient enough to confer degrees or to show proper interest, and only drastic action can bring them to a realization of their position.

It is my judgment that the Charter of the Lodge should be arrested because of the evident inability of the lodge to do proper Masonic work, which condition has existed over a number of years without any attempt at correction and I did arrest their Charter, giving them until September

1st to make themselves proficient as a lodge, under the instruction of their assigned Assistant Custodian, W. Lewis E. Baker, with the proviso that when he knew them to be proficient he should notify the Grand Custodian who should then personally make an examination, and with his statement that the Holbrook brethren can properly confer the degrees, the Charter shall be returned to the lodge. Until such proficiency is made, I recommend that its return be held in abeyance.

The Masons who belong to this lodge can be amply and adequately cared for in lodges which exist in nearby towns, and it may be necessary eventually to order a consolidation, but the community need for use of the basement of their building is such that it should not be abandoned if possible to avoid doing so. There is a Chapter of Eastern Star which uses the building and helps to maintain it; there is no other place in the village in which any local small gathering can be held, and from the standpoint of its use as a factor of creating goodwill in the community, I would lean backward in endeavoring to keep the local lodge alive, and therefore wish to give them this opportunity to properly function.

#### DECISIONS

Each year brings to the desk of the Grand Master many questions as to interpretation of law, in which no controversy is had, and in which the answer simply requires a statement of the law, and Grand Lodge decisions sustaining it. I have had my quota of these, and in such cases it does not seem necessary to burden the record with them, in these proceedings. There is the written file in the office of the Grand Secretary, which can be referred to if there be need, or a desire on the part of the Committee on Jurisprudence to inspect that file.

I did make the following rulings which I think should be reported and passed upon.

1. A regular lodge meeting had eight brethren present, including the tyler, and one visitor. The Master brought up the question of a heavy expenditure of lodge funds for a heating plant. When the question had been stated, one member left the lodge room, and did not return. The proposition was voted on with only seven members present, which included the tyler. I ruled that when the One Brother left the lodge room, there was not a quorum under our law for the transaction of business, and that the action of the lodge in adopting the proposal was null and void; and that it must be again submitted at some future regular communication when the necessary quorum was present.

2. I ruled that a charter to a High Twelve Club at Kearney might not be issued, and have covered that in a special item regarding Masonic Clubs; as our law, in my interpretation, makes it a Masonic offense to join such a Club.

3. I ruled that a candidate whose left hand had never fully developed, but in which the fingers were whole, except for being short and

stubby; and whose thumb was fully developed, was eligible to be made a Mason.

4. I denied a request that the Grand Lodge should issue a circular letter, or otherwise as a lodge make special effort to induce voters to register or to vote in civil elections. It was my judgment that by word of mouth, one Mason might solicit such action on the part of the Masonic brethren, but that officially Masonry keeps itself out of political measures or meetings.

5. I ruled that the Eastern Star emblem in a lodge room may not hang in such a place or such a manner as to hide or obscure the letter "G", nor may the letter "G" be taken down to accommodate meetings of other Masonic bodies.

6. I ruled that unearned fees should be returned to the brother as soon as it was determined that he would not advance to receive the degrees for which he had prepaid those fees.

I also interpreted the law relative to unearned dues in case of demit by a brother to mean that he should receive a refund at once of the portion of those dues which had not been earned.

In both these matters there are quoted decisions which have been revoked by subsequent changes in the law, and it is, therefore, necessary to make careful study in order to reach the proper determination.

7. I ruled that in the case of a young man whose former home had been determined because that was the residence of his parents, and who still claimed such home by virtue of the fact that his mother resided there, but who had gone to another city and taken permanent employment which required his working, eating, and sleeping there, had thereby lost his residence in the first home, and became the property of the lodge having jurisdiction in the place in which he now resided, but must reside there a year before he could petition the lodge.

8. I followed previous decisions in determination that a man who lost his left hand by severance at the wrist was not eligible to be made a Mason.

9. I refused to waive proficiency in the Entered Apprentice degree before a candidate could advance, and requested the lodge to use more diligent effort to instruct such a brother.

10. I ruled that a man who had lost his right hand was not eligible to be made a Mason.

11. I refused to grant permission for a degree team in the uniform of Knights Templar to assist in conferring a degree.

12. I ruled that a man who had lost the second and fourth fingers of his right hand, and his right thumb at the first joint, was eligible to be made a Mason, since he could conform to our ceremonies and in this case I made personal inspection of the hand in question without the knowledge of the man as to my reason for doing so.

13. I ruled that a lodge might vote funds from its Treasury toward payment to the building fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home, but that notice of such intent should be given to every member of the lodge before a vote was taken.

14. Lebanon Lodge No. 323, Columbus, asked determination as to residence of a young man who formerly lived in Columbus, had been transferred to Norfolk, moved there with his family, and was now moving them back to Columbus while he goes into the service with our armed forces. I ruled that his residence in Norfolk had voided his former residence in Columbus, and that he now was subject to our law, which requires one year's residence there before he could petition for the degrees. He had not lived long enough in Norfolk to claim Masonic residence there.

15. I ruled that a resident of Bushnell, Nebraska was entitled to petition a lodge at Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, since we have concurrent jurisdiction with the Wyoming Grand Lodge, and that it was not necessary to secure a waiver from Kimball, which would have been his nearest Nebraska lodge, because mileage to Pine Bluffs was less. It was necessary that notice be given to Kimball, in order that determination might be made as to whether the man had ever petitioned that lodge, or had been rejected by it, and failing that, the usual thirty-day waiting period having been observed, Pine Bluffs might proceed with action on the petition.

16. I ruled that a Brother who had taken his Entered Apprentice degree about thirteen years ago, left the jurisdiction of the lodge in which he received it, but after having been made proficient might petition the lodge under whose jurisdiction he now lived, and ask them to secure a waiver to accept him for advancement.

Should such a waiver be refused, he had the right to at once petition the original lodge for advancement, but he is within his rights in asking for further degrees in his present place of residence under a request for waiver.

17. Bassett Lodge No. 254 made inquiry as to whether it might accept a petition from the Post Commander of the American Legion post in that town; inasmuch as liquor was served in a part of the building, under a "club" system, whereby members had their own lockers and bottles or packages, which were brought out to them and service given of other liquids to mix with the contents of their own bottle.

The plea was that this was not a part of the Legion Post proper; that the Post had nothing to do with its management, and therefore its officers were not responsible for what happened in that part of their building.

I ruled that the man was not eligible; that he was in the position of a director of a corporation who helped manage the affairs of such a corporation, and that he and other Directors of the Post were the body which governed tenants of the building, therefore, to all purposes and

intents, renting a hall for the sale and distribution of liquor. I further ruled that if other men, now members of the Masonic lodge were on that Board of management, they were subject to Masonic Discipline, and should be brought to trial.

#### HIGH TWELVE CLUB

On page 42 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year of 1947, under heading of Miscellaneous, the first item says that M. .W. . Brother Benjamin F. Eyre "granted permission for a noonday luncheon club to call themselves 'The High Twelve Club'. The name is derivative from the fact that the prerequisite for membership is being a Master Mason in good standing of a regular Masonic Lodge."

His wording indicates his belief that this was a local noonday club, which would be composed of Master Masons from the various Omaha lodges. Subsequent developments proved that this was a part of a national group, an organization with a National President, and, under solicitation, without any permission from succeeding Grand Masters, other High Twelve clubs were organized in various towns in the State. This year, permission was asked to organize one at Kearney, and I ruled that, under provisions of sub-section (n) of section 3-102 of the Grand Lodge law, which makes it a "Masonic offense to make application to, or join any lodge, society or institution that shall provide as a condition precedent that one shall be a Master Mason in good standing, or shall have taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason and Master Mason," it would be a Masonic offense for any Mason to join such a Club. It is my judgment that the existing High Twelve Club charters must be revoked, and that no Mason can belong to it unless the Grand Lodge sees fit to amend its law.

I am personally in full accord with the statement made by the Grand Master of Texas, M. .W. .Albert J. DeLange, in his address to the Grand Lodge of California at its 100th annual communication, in which, choosing as his topic: "The need of strict adherence to the fundamentals of Masonry" he said in part, "as to the non-Masonic organizations which require Masonry as a predicate to their respective memberships, I am personally very definitely of the view (and I believe it is shared by all the leaders and the vast majority of the members of my State) that a halt must be made to the multiplicity of such orders. \*\*\*\* The organization of such splinter groups detracts from the principle of the universality of Masonry. It results in a fragmentation of Masonry. It encourages diversity of interest and foments internecine strife. It dissipates our efforts and confuses our viewpoints. \*\*\*\* Let me say without equivocation that in my opinion a number of their activities have been very detrimental to the interests of Masonry, and thoroughly convinced that unless their practices come to harmonize with Masonic principle, and remain in such harmony, legislation must be taken by Masonic Bodies to prohibit or restrict the right of its members to join such organizations."

We have in our Grand Jurisdiction the necessary law; I trust it will remain there and be enforced.

#### DEGREE TEAMS

There is no provisions in our Law as to degree teams, nor should there be. These uniformed teams are doing work in a number of lodges; and where they are all members of the lodge in which they work, if they conform to the rules of our Grand Jurisdiction as to work and procedure, no exception can be taken. There are, however, some degree teams which are composed of groups operating independently; such as Shrine teams, Knights Templar teams; Overland Club teams; Telephone teams, and the like. These owe no direct allegiance to any lodge, and consider themselves free lances as to the time, place, and manner in which they work, subject only to the invitation of the Master of the lodge in which the degree is to be conferred.

I have refused permission for a degree team in Knights Templar uniform to confer such work on a candidate in one of our lodges; and I would equally refuse to permit a team in Shriners uniforms to do such work; neither of them as to uniform bearing any possible relation to the drama of our Third degree in its historical setting.

I would further rule that any such degree team has no right to operate or do degree work unless it is sponsored by a chartered lodge of our Nebraska Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge deals only with subordinate lodges which it has chartered; they are bound by its laws in every way; and a degree team should be under the jurisdiction of such a lodge, to whom the Grand Lodge might turn, in its need for regulation or discipline. I do not offer any amendment to Grand Lodge Law; I do feel that there should be an official expression from the Grand Lodge in this matter, and that, in line with such expression, the Committee on Work should make the necessary ruling to see that proper compliance is made. This type of degree work does the candidate no good; it becomes a show or spectacle put on for the so-called edification of the Masons on the benches, and too often, as such a show, it leads to practices which have no place in our work, and which tend to harm, rather than help, our Masonry, and the future attitude of the candidate toward his relationship to Masonry in view of what happened to him.

#### OMAHA MASONIC HOME FOR BOYS

This Home, originally sponsored by Omaha lodges and operated by Masons of Omaha, calls for special attention at this time. Its creation was made under permission of the Grand Lodge in 1924, when, with W. L. Brother Slonecker of Mizpah Lodge No. 302, as spokesman for the eleven lodges of Omaha, an agreement was entered into whereby the Home might operate as the "Masonic Home for Children at Omaha, commonly known as the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Boys" with the distinct proviso and agreement that these eleven lodges of Omaha would support in entirety the work of the home, and underwrite it financially;

that no solicitation of Masons outside Omaha would be made, and that the Grand Lodge assumed no responsibility for the said Home. This agreement continued in force until 1941; at which time, there having been evidence of financial difficulty, and the Omaha Lodges as such having withdrawn their official support to the Home, a committee, appointed in 1940 to make a thorough investigation, made its report, drew up a new agreement which was accepted by the Board of Trustees of the Home under date of May 22, 1941, and by the Grand Lodge at its Communication in June, 1941. Copies of that agreement were presumably mailed to all constituent lodges. The agreement, therefore, rested from June 1941 to the present time between the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and the Board of Trustees of the Home. Its various recommendations were signed by, and agreed to by each of those bodies.

A committee of the Grand Lodge was and is appointed to see that the provisions of the joint agreement are carried out "To fully protect the Masonic Order in this and other jurisdictions from any action of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys which might prove improvident to the Masonic fraternity."

There is definite statement that "the solicitation of Masons as such in Nebraska be limited to those residing in Douglas County, and such Masons living outside Douglas County who hold membership in lodges within that county, unless otherwise authorized by the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska."

There is the definite statement that "the solicitation of Masonic lodges and Masons as such, outside of the State of Nebraska, be not permitted without first obtaining the permission of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which solicitations are to be made, and that thereafter such approval be submitted to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, or to any person, persons or committee lawfully designated by him to act."

There is the further statement that "the purpose of this joint agreement is to protect the best interests of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and its subordinate lodges, and the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, by making it clear to all persons that the use of the word "Masonic" in the name of the home is not to be construed as evidence of Grand Lodge liability or sponsorship."

We have worked under this agreement for a period of ten years, and each Grand Master in office during that time has been subject to protests from other Grand Jurisdictions for invasion of their territory by solicitations of Masons; always with the further statement that they feel we should, as Masons, care for our own dependent children as they do with theirs.

We find that there is increasing solicitation of Masons as such, in lodges outside of Douglas County; that complete mailing to members of lodges is being done, and that by use of the film "Tad" sent to and shown in such lodges, there is evident and designed solicitation. We find that there is misconception on the part of Masons in Nebraska as to the nature

of the Boys Home, and that there is no information given that the boys therein are not Masonic dependents or wards. The feeling is created that the Home is abused by the Grand Lodge because it causes ill feeling and hinders work of what the Brethren think is definitely a Masonic charity.

In my judgment, this situation calls for a careful and complete review of this agreement, and I propose the following recommendations;

1. That we delete from Section 2-612 of the Masonic Code, everything following the words "without first having obtained the authority of the Grand Lodge to do so."

This will remove the exception given to the James G. Megeath Masonic Home for Boys, and that body under such corporate name no longer exists, nor is there any sponsorship by the lodges of Omaha, under whose promises and agreements it was written into our law.

2. That we delete from Section 2-704 of our Grand Lodge Code everything following the words "subordinate lodges or the members thereof" in Line 6. This will remove the sentence "Provided that this section shall not apply to lodges of Omaha furnishing a list of their members to the Masonic Home for children, commonly known as the James G. Megeath Home for Boys."

3. That in the careful review of this agreement of 1941, I recommend the removal of the right to use the word Masonic in the name of the Home. It is very evident to me, as Grand Master, that the officers and directing agencies of the Home have done nothing "to protect the best interests of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and its subordinate lodges". Quite to the contrary, they have created dissension among our Brethren, they have mis-stated the relationship between the Grand Lodge and their organization; they do very definitely solicit Masons as such within this State and through its lodge membership list.

They have harmed the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska by solicitation in other Grand Jurisdictions. Granted that such solicitation may be, as is their invariable reply, "We get these names on a general list which we purchase from firms who supply such mailing lists for a consideration and we do not know whether the names therein are Masons or not", the fact remains that when a Mason receives such a letter with the word "Masonic" prominently featured at its heading, he has every right to assume that he is solicited as a Mason.

They have further harmed Masonry as a whole, as well as within our Grand Jurisdiction, by soliciting in a general way through their "mailing lists" that are bought from professional supply houses of this kind, in that solicitation is made of all kinds and conditions of people. The impression given in their literature that this is a Masonic institution, conveys to the recipient of their appeal for funds the belief that "Masons" are asking others who are not Masons to support a Masonic charity, and our Order suffers by reason of the criticism that an institution which is of such size and strength finds it necessary to beg for funds from people who are alien to it, sometimes violently opposed to it, and who use these begging letters as a basis for publicizing us in a very unfavorable and detrimental way.

From my personal knowledge of this whole situation, and the contacts made during the past year as convincing proof of the violation of this agreement, I am convinced that the Grand Lodge can, and should, protect the dignity and standing of the Grand Lodge, and remove the word "Masonic" from the name of the Home, which it has a perfect right to do, just as it has the right to remove from Masonry any individual who refuses to submit to its laws.

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Removal of the word "Masonic" will also remove all need for agreements or supervision and will put the Home in its true light before our Masonic Brethren in Nebraska and also in other Grand Jurisdictions.

I ask that this whole matter be referred without debate to the Committee on Jurisprudence for their consideration and report to the Grand Lodge.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that Section 1-407 line 5 of the Law be amended as follows: strike out everything beginning with the words: "The initiation fee of \$10.00"; and substitute in lieu thereof the following, "The Initiation Fee of \$10.00 and all affiliation fees shall be allotted to the General Fund."

With the increase of dues which cares for the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and with available funds for the Relief and Care of Orphans, with ample income to cover the Maintenance Fund of the Children's Home at Fremont, there is not now the need for diversion to these agencies any portion of the Initiation and Affiliation Fees. The General Fund, however, is dependent entirely on the 65c per capita from dues and at present the \$5.00 from each Initiation Fee. In view of present day costs the amount so received and allotted is not enough to cover the existing needs, and I believe it wise to give to the General Fund the entire amount from these fees as my proposed amendment states.

2. I recommend that sub-section (p) of Section 3-102 of our Law be stricken out in its entirety.

This, in my judgment is only simple justice to the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

When, in 1940, the Grand Lodge removed the waiting period provided for in making application to York or Scottish Rite Bodies, it should also as a matter of justice have removed all restrictions as to application to the A.A.O.N.M.S. (Shrine). If we are going to police one, we should police all as to time limits. I trust the Grand Lodge will see the fairness of my recommendation and strike out sub-section (p).

#### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

To the officers in line, my sincere thanks for a year of fine cooperation. I have tried to make your burdens as light as possible, knowing that you will have enough of your own in years ahead, but whenever I have called on you, your response has been prompt and satisfactory. I do especially pay tribute to our Grand Marshal, W.' "Ted" Smith, for the efficient manner in which everything was made in readiness for special ceremonies, and to our Grand Senior Deacon, W.' Charles F. Adams, who so often assisted the Grand Marshal in this work. It means a great deal, as I have told them, for the Grand Master to be able to implicitly rely on the preparations for these ceremonies.

My wish for all of you is that the harmony and team work which now exist may not fail, or lessen, and that the pattern which is set in that regard may be an inspiration to others in the years ahead.

#### GRAND SECRETARY

Having moved my office to the room assigned to the Grand Master, I have been in and out of that office every day that I have been in Omaha. It will not be often that this is true; so I feel that I can speak with greater knowledge than most Grand Masters in my tribute to our Grand Secretary, R.' W.' Carl R. Greisen. Not only have we spent days together in the Grand Lodge offices; we have made trips together within the Grand Jurisdiction, we have made journeys together to other Grand Jurisdictions. I have conferred with him times without number when I needed his advice, his knowledge, his experience. Never has he failed me; never was there the least hesitation in laying down what he might be doing to take time out for such things as I might wish to discuss with him. His patience is unlimited; his courtesy never failing; his approach to every matter unbiased and considerate of everyone concerned. There is no way in which to measure the value of what he has done for me. No Grand Master can work alone, and find for himself the things that must be found in the work he does, and I count myself fortunate; the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska even more so, in having this Brother as its Grand Secretary. To know him is to love him; to work with him is to respect him; we have had many happy hours together, and my greatest regret in laying down the gavel at the end of this session is that the close association which we have had this past year must come to an end. The memory of that association, and the happy days in which they existed will always be a golden ray of sunshine in my recollections of my Masonic membership, and office.

## SPECIAL TRIBUTE

No man ever attains honors or offices in Masonry merely because of what he himself may have done. In the background always there are those who helped direct his path, who found time to stop and give him the benefit of their knowledge and experience, who came to help him as responsibility might be laid on his shoulders.

There are many to whom I am so indebted; there are a few who stand out, and I should like to pay special tribute to them today. Gone to the land beyond, and resting from their labors are three men who were of invaluable help; the rector of my Church in the city of Blair, from 1901 to 1927, Reverend Arthur E. Marsh, under whose guidance my career in Church Councils was begun, and continued for over forty years; and who, in his last years, demitted to become a member of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, in which our associations were more closely knit.

M. W. George H. Thummel, Past Grand Master, whom also I came to know in Church Councils, and who, from the day I first came inside the doors of Masonry, and those of the Grand Lodge, went out of his way to give me advice and help. Our Masonic records bespeak his greatness and his value to the Grand Jurisdiction; I am honored in having had his friendship and his confidence. W. Brother William McCormack, Past Master and Secretary of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268. There is a memorial to him on the wall on the fourth floor of this Temple which bespeaks the love of his Brethren; it was my good fortune to have the closest of associations with him from my first day as a Mason until the day of his death, in November 1940. No better Mason ever lived; no Mason ever had a more true understanding of its meaning and its value than he. The things which he believed and which he taught are those which, today, our Grand Custodian is working to inculcate over the whole State. His memory is ever green, and his works do live after him.

It is my very happy fortune to have as still living, two men to whom I am much indebted for devoted friendship and assistance.

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, whom also I came to know as soon as I was made a Mason, who, living in the same section of Omaha as I did, traveled to his office many mornings on the same car with me, and there laid the groundwork for the closer association in the years that followed. I know that he is beloved by every Mason in Nebraska; by countless numbers in other Grand Jurisdictions; and justly so, but I do know that to me he has been a true Brother, a kind mentor, an ever present help when I asked for it. My debt of gratitude to him can never be fully paid.

V. W. George Allen Beecher, Grand Chaplain Emeritus, whom I knew long before I became a Mason, but whose closer relationship came to me when he found me within the doors of my lodge. For the years of his friendship and brotherly love, I am thankful, and I am most thankful that I can pay this tribute to him while he is still with us. He towers as a giant in Masonic memories within our State; he towers in stature in the House of Bishops in the Episcopal Church. The good that he has

done cannot be measured by our measuring rods; it is written elsewhere in records that will be eternal.

#### STATE OF THE CRAFT

It is a source of gratification to know that we have now more than recovered our loss of members in the depression years of the 30's; that our total as of this date exceeds the high mark previously made. The Grand Secretary's report will give you exact totals and the comparison. Yet numbers alone do not express the true State of Masonry, so it is even more gratifying to know that there is a greater proficiency in the work; greater interest in proficiency, both individually and as lodges; that interest in our Masonic Homes at Fremont and Plattsmouth never was so great; and that the addition to the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth will stand as a permanent testimonial to the gifts of Masons of this era for the care of dependent and aged Brethren, their wives and widows; that the work done at Fremont for children never was so well done as it is today.

For such part as I may have had in this, not only as Grand Master, but during my years in the line of Grand officers, I say Thank you to the Grand Lodge representatives who made these offices and this year as your Grand Master a reality.

#### CONCLUSION

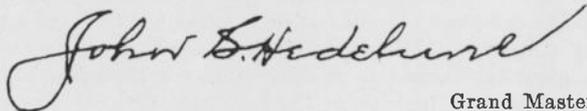
And now, my Brethren, I have unrolled before you the record of the past year, trusting that I have been able to paint the picture for your mind's eye so that you can, with me, grasp the greatness of our beloved Order, and the inspiration which it always has given to thinking minds and willing hands. The success of the term of office of every Grand Master rests with the Brethren whom he has met and talked with; the lodges he has visited; in his ability to present some of its truths in such a manner as to leave a lasting imprint. That alone is the reason for the office; that alone becomes its record for future generations to use as the rule by which to measure progress or retrogression.

For the high honor you bestowed on me, I am most grateful. It has been a labor of love; it leaves with me happy memories which I will cherish for the years that are still to be mine.

There is the story that when St. John the Evangelist was on his death bed, he was carried into a meeting of the faithful congregation, and asked to say something. He slowly lifted his head and said: "Little children, love one another." A second time he was brought back, and for the second time, he said to them: "Little children, love one another."

So my parting words to you are simply these: "May peace always be within your walls; and may Brotherly love ever prevail among you."

Fraternally submitted,



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 fifth annual report. We have enjoyed the many activities this year—dedication ceremonies, anniversaries, cornerstone ceremonies, area meetings, secretaries conferences, Grand Trustees meetings, visitations, etc.

We again report that with five exceptions all of the lodges this year have been active in the receiving of petitions and conferring of degrees. This is an improvement over last year.

## NECROLOGY

We mourn the loss of W. Luke M. Bates, Secretary of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine. Brother Bates was the third oldest secretary in point of years in this Grand Jurisdiction, having served as Secretary of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 for thirty-five years.

## VISITATIONS

It was my privilege and pleasure again this year to accompany the Grand Master on many visitations. Meeting with the brethren in their own lodge 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 1950 have been paid in full.

## GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from the following lodges: Rob Morris No. 46, Blazing Star No. 200 and Aurora No. 68.

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 93rd Annual Communication, Eminence Lodge No. 223 has been cited to appear at this Annual Communication and show cause why their charter should not be forfeited.

### FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

During the past year 67 buttons have been presented to brethren entitled to receive them.

### JORDAN MEDALS

During the past year there have been 25 special meetings and ceremonies in presenting the oldest member of the lodge with the Bronze Jordan Medal.

### CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES

This past year a Conference of Secretaries was held at Wausa, Ainsworth, York and Falls City.

These conferences have been well attended by the secretaries. We express our thanks and appreciation to a splendid group of secretaries. It has been a pleasure to work with them.

### GRAND CUSTODIAN

This year we have worked very close with the Grand Custodian and his Assistants. They have been ready and willing to assist whenever called upon. We express our sincere thanks to this fine group of brethren.

### MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA, U.'D.'

To the Officers and brethren of Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U.'D.' my sincere thanks and appreciation. This Memorial Lodge has been a great help to the Grand Secretary.

### SPECIAL ACCOUNT, LIVE STOCK NATIONAL BANK

1950-1951

#### Debit

Received from 41,379 members at \$3.00 each .....	\$124,137.00
Received from 2,072 Initiations at \$10.00 each .....	20,720.00
Received from 13 Affiliations at \$10.00 each .....	130.00
Received from Surety Bond Premiums .....	628.10
Received from supplies sold to Lodges .....	4,190.13
Received from 1,933 members for George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund at \$1.00 each .....	1,933.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$151,738.23</b>

#### Credit

Transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	\$ 82,758.00
Transferred to Maintenance Fund .....	11,386.85
Transferred to Relief Fund .....	13,585.80
Transferred to General Fund .....	37,256.35
Transferred to Supply Account .....	4,818.23
Transferred to Permanent Reserve .....	1,933.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$151,738.23</b>

## GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

## Cash Debit

Cash on hand May 10, 1950 .....	\$ 37,066.33
Received from Refunds, 1950 Budgets .....	401.27
Received from Permanent Reserve Fund .....	6,000.00
Received from Grand Commandery .....	100.00
Received from Interest .....	202.50
Received from Miscellaneous .....	15.00
Received from Special Dispensations .....	20.00
Return of checks not used .....	36.78
Special Account, 1950-1951 .....	37,256.35
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 81,098.23</b>

## Cash Credit

Pay-roll .....	\$ 4,825.38
Grand Lodge Dinner .....	650.00
Entertainment Distinguished Guests .....	600.00
Reporting and transcribing 1950 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 .....	1,997.38
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
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 .....	4,125.00
Rent Grand Lodge quarters to June 30, 1951 .....	2,200.00
Audit, Grand Lodge Books .....	100.00
Grand Secretary, Office Expense .....	3,220.79
Jewel, Retiring Grand Master .....	168.00
Printing Proceedings and Advance Copies .....	1,898.37
Dues to Masonic Relief Association .....	206.89
Liability Insurance Premium .....	51.28
Social Security Tax .....	276.60
Surety Bond Premium, Grand Lodge Employees .....	280.80
Purchase of New Jordan Medals .....	550.00

The Nebraska Masonic Home for use of car for Grand Lodge purposes .....	675.60
Aprons for Assistant Custodians .....	337.89
Additional Expense Grand Custodian .....	157.65
Office Equipment, Grand Custodian .....	672.60
Cash on hand May 10, 1951 .....	37,159.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 81,098.23</b>

### TRIAL BALANCE, GRAND LODGE

May 10, 1951

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 .....		\$ 37,762.00
Cash, Grand Lodge General Fund .....	\$ 37,159.00	
Cash, Grand Lodge Exchange Account .....	200.00	
Cash, Grand Lodge Expense Account .....	400.00	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 37,762.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,762.00</b>

### 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 Exchange Account .....		200.00
Cash, Grand Lodge Expense Account .....		400.00
Cash, Grand Lodge General Fund .....		37,159.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>37,762.00</b>

### RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1951

Cash Debit

Cash on hand May 10, 1950 .....	\$	13,764.29
Received from Special Account, 1951 .....		13,585.80
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27,350.09</b>

Cash Credit

Paid Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....\$	6,000.00
Paid to The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	4,000.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1951 .....	17,350.09
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 27,350.09</b>

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 10, 1951

Cash Debit

Cash on hand May 10, 1950 .....	\$ 3,688.35
Bonds paid and sold .....	2,910.00
Profit on Bonds sold .....	306.75
Received from Special Account, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund .....	1,933.00
Interest .....	1,112.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,950.10</b>

Cash Credit

Paid to Grand Lodge General Fund .....	\$ 6,000.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1951 .....	3,950.10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,950.10</b>

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1951

No.	Name	Par	Cost
42—U. S. Treasury Bonds, Series "G", 2½%.....		\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000.00
45—Fairmont Foods, 4% pfd.....		5,000	5,200.00
47—Fairmont Foods, 4% pfd.....		10,000	10,400.00
48—Missouri Power & Light Company, 3.90% Pfd.		5,000	5,200.00
49—Kansas Gas and Electric Co., Common.....			3,318.43
<b>Total .....</b>			<b>\$ 27,118.43</b>

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1951

Cash Debit

Cash on hand May 10, 1950 .....	\$ 4,868.44
Received from Supplies sold to Lodges .....	4,190.13
Bond premiums from Secretaries and Treasurers .....	628.10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,686.67</b>

Cash Credit

Premiums on Secretaries' and Treasurers' Bonds .....	\$ 565.29
Paid for Postage .....	410.00
Paid for Supplies .....	3,644.03
Cash on hand, May 10, 1951 .....	5,067.35
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,686.67</b>

## BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 10, 1951

## Cash Debit

Cash on hand May 10, 1950 .....	\$ 23,630.26
Interest .....	7,956.16
Securities Paid and Sold .....	138,622.91
Profit on sale of Securities .....	9,876.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$180,085.83</b>

## Cash Credit

Securities purchased .....	\$ 94,946.27
Paid to The Nebraska Masonic Home Building Fund.....	75,000.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1951 .....	10,139.56
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$180,085.83</b>

## BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1951

No.	Name	Par	Cost
60—	Union Stock Yards Co., 4%.....	\$10,000	\$ 8,080.00
84—	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co., 5% pfd...	10,000	10,000.00
86—	U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%....	5,000	5,000.00
87—	U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%....	4,000	4,000.00
88—	U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%....	15,000	15,000.00
89—	U. S. Treasury Coupon Bonds, 2%.....	10,000	10,000.00
91—	Fairmont Foods Co., 4% pfd.....	5,000	5,200.00
94—	Shell Union Oil Co., 2¼%.....	15,000	15,225.00
95—	Dana Corporation, 3.75% pfd.....	5,000	5,100.00
97—	Maryland Casualty Company, 4.20% pfd.....		8,587.50
99—	Westinghouse Electric Corp., 3.80% pfd.....	10,000	10,050.00
101—	Commonwealth of Australia, 3¼%.....	10,000	9,750.00
102—	Southern California Edison Co., 4.88% pfd...	10,000	10,500.00
104—	Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Common..		4,726.43
105—	Virginia Electric and Power Co., Common....		1,677.73
108—	Kansas Gas and Electric, Common.....		6,124.38
109—	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas, common.....		3,982.50
113—	Toledo Edison Company, Common.....		5,701.56
114—	Iowa Power and Light Company, Common....		4,535.36
116—	Province of Saskatchewan, Bonds .....		1,062.72
117—	The Southern Company, Common .....		3,407.87
119—	Rhineland Paper Company .....		2,950.00
120—	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. Common....		2,400.00
121—	Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co., Common....		4,533.59
122—	Tennessee Gas Transmission, Pfd., 4.64%....		9,922.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>\$167,517.15</b>

MAINTENANCE FUND

May 10, 1951

Cash Debit

Cash on hand May 10, 1950 .....	\$ 11,424.28
Received from Children's Home Endowment Fund .....	10,000.00
Received from Grand Lodge Special Account .....	11,386.85
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Total .....	\$ 32,811.13

Cash Credit

Maintenance—The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children..	\$ 21,000.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1951 .....	11,811.13
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Total .....	\$ 32,811.13

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1951

Cash Debit

Cash on hand May 10, 1950 .....	\$ 38,326.11
Paid on Farm Mortgages .....	4,720.00
Securities sold .....	40,594.65
Profit on sale of Securities .....	6,954.29
Interest .....	9,563.16
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Total .....	\$100,158.21

May 10, 1951

Cash Credit

Educational Committee Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children (Student Fund) .....	\$ 900.00
Securities purchased .....	62,143.14
Paid to The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	10,000.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1951 .....	27,115.07
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Total .....	\$100,158.21

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND FARM LOANS

No.	Name	County	Rate	Amount
468—	Jacqueline Schiefelbein.....200 acres	Saunders	4½%	\$ 1,500.00
509—	John D. Harms .....	Otoe	4 %	1,920.00
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Total .....				\$ 3,420.00

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

TRIAL BALANCE

Inventory .....	\$274,664.97
Cash .....	\$ 27,115.07

Bills Receivable .....	247,549.90	
Total .....	\$274,664.97	\$274,664.97

## INVENTORY

Cash .....	\$ 27,115.07
Bills Receivable .....	247,549.90
Total Assets May 10, 1951 .....	\$274,664.97
Total Bonds at cost .....	\$244,129.90
Total Farm Mortgages .....	3,420.00
Total .....	\$247,549.90

## ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1951

No.	Name	Par	Cost
375	—Province of Saskatchewan, 4½% .....	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,827.50
410	—Province of Manitoba, 4% .....	1,000	930.00
416	—Union Stock Yards Company, 4% .....	5,000	4,000.00
471½	—Western Light & Telephone Co., 5% pfd.....	6,775	6,871.50
476	—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%....	5,000	5,000.00
478	—Province of Manitoba, 4½% .....	1,000	960.00
488	—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%....	10,000	10,000.00
489	—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%....	20,000	20,000.00
493	—Dow Chemical Company, 4% pfd.....	5,000	5,250.00
495	—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%....	3,000	3,000.00
500	—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 5% pfd.....	20,000	22,500.00
502	—Fairmont Foods Co., 4% pfd.....	15,000	15,600.00
506	—Iowa Public Service, 3.90% pfd.....	10,000	10,200.00
507	—Southern Pacific Ry. Bonds, 2½% .....	10,000	9,875.00
508	—Fruehauf Trailer Company, 4% pfd.....	10,000	10,450.00
510	—Scranton Spring Brook Water Service Co., 4.10% pfd. ....	5,000	5,125.00
512	—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%....	1,000	1,000.00
514	—U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%....	5,000	5,000.00
515	—U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2% .....	5,000	5,000.00
517	—Detroit Edison Company, Common.....		2,606.32
518	—Central Illinois Public Service Company, Common .....		1,797.00
519	—Connecticut Light & Power Company, Common		5,458.13
520	—Commonwealth Edison Company, Common....		2,697.47
521	—Northern Natural Gas Company, Common....		3,415.32
522	—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Company, Common .....		1,850.31
523	—LaCleve Gas, Light Company, Common .....		1,360.24
526	—Commonwealth Edison Company, Common ....		3,012.32
527	—El Paso Natural Gas Company, 4.10% pfd....	5,000	4,971.25

529—Southern Natural Gas Company, Common.....		3,921.63
530—Northern Natural Gas Company, Common....		3,856.44
531—The Detroit Edison Company, Common .....		2,464.44
534—The Southern Company, Common .....		3,559.00
535—Virginia Electric and Power, Common .....		1,967.39
537—Omar, Inc., 4½% pfd.....	10,000	10,310.00
540—Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas, 5% pfd.....	10,000	10,576.39
541—Ada County, Idaho Grange Supply, 5%.....	15,000	15,000.00
542—Tennessee Gas Transmission Co., Common....		2,400.00
543—Detroit Edison Common .....		3,804.40
544—El Paso Natural Gas, Pfd. 4.10% .....	5,000	4,910.63
545—Western Light & Telephone, 5% .....		2,812.22
546—Central Illinois Public Service Co., Common...		2,870.00
547—Tennessee Gas Transmission Co., Common.....		4,920.00

Total ..... \$244,129.90

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

May 10, 1951

Cash Debit

Cash on hand May 10, 1950 .....	\$ 23,949.04
Interest .....	6,589.66
Securities sold .....	14,183.44
Profit on sale of securities .....	3,247.98

Total .....\$ 47,970.12

Cash Credit

Securities purchased .....	\$ 28,173.38
Paid to Maintenance Fund .....	10,000.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1951 .....	9,796.74

Total .....\$ 47,970.12

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1951

Inventory .....	\$171,882.99
Cash .....	9,796.74
Bills Receivable .....	\$171,853.33
Bequests .....	9,826.40

Total .....\$181,679.73 \$181,679.73

INVENTORY

May 10, 1951

Bonds .....	\$163,782.99
Farm Mortgages .....	8,100.00
Cash .....	9,796.74

Total .....\$181,679.73

## 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 SECURITIES

May 10, 1951

No.	Name	Par	Cost
68	Province of Manitoba, 4½%	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,643.75
98	U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%	4,000	4,000.00
100	U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%	5,000	5,000.00
104	U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%	5,000	5,000.00
105	U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%	23,000	23,000.00
106	U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%	5,000	5,000.00
108	U. S. Government Treasury Bonds, 2%	10,000	10,000.00
111	Missouri Power & Light Company, 3.90% pfd.	5,000	5,200.00
112	Willys Overland Motors, Inc., 4½% pfd.	5,000	5,000.00
113	American Potash & Chemical Corp., 4% pfd.	5,000	5,000.00
114	E. I. Dupont De Nemours Company, 3½% pfd.	10,000	10,200.00
115	Public Service of Indiana, 3½% pfd.	5,000	4,775.00
116	General Foods Corporation 3½% pfd.	5,000	5,025.00
117	Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, 4½% pfd	5,000	5,150.00
120	Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Common..		6,285.94
121	Southern Natural Gas, Common.....		3,556.76
122	Central Illinois Public Service, Common.....		1,747.75
126	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas, Common .....		1,837.50
127	Southern California Edison, Common .....		3,415.32
128	Central Illinois Public Service, Common.....		1,888.69
130	Iowa Power and Light, Common .....		4,868.75
131	Central Illinois Public Service, Common.....		2,056.25
132	Dayton Power & Light Co., Common.....		6,679.85
133	Southern Union Gas, Common .....		6,890.63
134	Northern Natural Gas, Common .....		3,516.07
135	Willys-Overland Motors Inc., 4½%	10,000	6,849.55
136	Southland Royalty Company, Common.....		4,714.64
137	Central Illinois Public Service Co., Pfd. 4%...		9,061.88
138	Southern Union Gas Co., Common .....		3,419.66
Total			\$163,782.99

## RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund, Cash	\$ 37,159.00
Relief Fund, Cash	17,350.09
Permanent Reserve Fund, Cash	3,950.10

Permanent Reserve Fund, Bonds .....	27,118.43
Building and Improvement Fund, Cash .....	10,139.56
Building and Improvement Fund, Securities .....	167,517.15
Maintenance Fund, Cash .....	11,811.13
Supply Account, Cash .....	5,067.35
Orphans Educational Fund, Cash .....	27,115.07
Orphans Educational Fund, Securities .....	247,549.90
Childrens Home Endowment Fund, Cash .....	9,796.74
Childrens Home Endowment Fund, Securities .....	171,882.99
Grand Lodge Expense Account, Cash .....	400.00
Exchange Account, Cash .....	200.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$737,057.51</b>

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

May 10, 1951

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

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Per- centage
United States Government Bonds.....	\$138,000.00	\$138,000.00	18.71%
Canadian Provincial Bonds .....	11,000.00	10,423.97	1.41%
Australian Bonds .....	10,000.00	9,750.00	1.31%
County Bonds .....	15,000.00	15,000.00	2.03%
Industrial & Miscellaneous Bonds....	25,000.00	25,100.00	3.39%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks .....	104,525.00	105,276.38	14.27%
Industrial & Misc. Preferred Stocks..	140,000.00	140,722.05	19.08%
Industrial Common Stocks .....		15,030.00	2.03%
Public Utility Common Stocks .....		86,670.78	11.88%
Natural Gas & Oil Common Stocks....		56,575.29	7.66%
(Sub-Totals) BONDS & STOCKS.		(\$602,548.47)	
Mortgage Loans .....		11,520.00	1.55%
Cash .....		122,989.04	16.68%
<b>Totals .....</b>		<b>\$737,057.51</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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
1,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4s 9-1-55 .....	1,062.72
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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\$ 11,000.00		\$ 10,423.97

## AUSTRALIAN BONDS

\$ 10,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 3¼% 1956 ..	\$ 9,750.00
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## COUNTY BONDS

Par Value		Cost
15,000.00	Ada County Grange Supply Co. of Meridian, Idaho 5% 1953, 1954, 1955 .....	15,000.00

## INDUSTRIAL &amp; 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
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\$ 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. 4¼% Pref. ....	5,150.00
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pref. ....	5,200.00
20,000.00	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. 5% Pref. ....	20,576.40
10,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.88% Pref. ....	10,500.00

9,525.00	Western Light & Telephone 5% Pref. ....	9,683.72
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
10,000.00	El Paso Natural Gas Company 4.10% Pref. ....	9,881.88
10,000.00	Central Illinois Public Service 4% Pref. ....	9,061.88
10,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission 4.64% Pref. ....	9,922.50
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\$104,525.00		\$105,276.38

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 5,000.00	American Potash & Chemical 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
15,000.00	Willys Overland Motors 4½% Pref. ....	11,849.55
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pref. ....	5,200.00
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3¾% Pref. ....	5,100.00
10,000.00	Maryland Casualty Co. 4.20% Pref. ....	8,587.50
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
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pref. ....	10,450.00
10,000.00	Omar Inc. 4½% Pref. ....	10,310.00
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\$140,000.00		\$140,722.05

INDUSTRIAL COMMON STOCK

100 shares	Union Stockyards Company of Omaha .....	\$ 8,080.00
50 shares	Union Stockyards Company of Omaha .....	4,000.00
100 shares	Rhineland Paper Company .....	2,950.00
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		\$ 15,030.00

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCKS

	Cost
350 shares Pacific Gas & Electric Company .....	\$ 11,012.37
400 shares Detroit Edison Company .....	8,875.16
600 shares Central Illinois Public Service Co. ....	10,359.69
400 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
400 shares Iowa Power & Light Company .....	9,404.11
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

600 shares The Southern Company .....	6,966.87
500 shares Toledo Edison Company .....	5,701.56
	\$ 86,670.78

## NATURAL GAS &amp; OIL COMMON STOCKS

220 shares Southern Natural Gas Company .....	\$ 7,478.39
300 shares Northern Natural Gas Company .....	10,787.83
504 shares Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. ....	7,670.31
200 shares Laclede Gas Light Company .....	1,360.24
500 shares Southern Union Gas Company .....	10,310.29
100 shares Southland Royalty Company .....	4,714.64
400 shares Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. ....	9,720.00
100 shares Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co. ....	4,533.59
	\$ 56,575.29

## MORTGAGE LOANS

	Cost
Jacqueline Schiefelbein 4% Mortgage .....	\$ 1,500.00
John D. Harms 4% Mortgage .....	1,920.00
Edward Niebaum 4½% Mortgage .....	1,500.00
Kathleen O'Grady 5% mortgage .....	2,600.00
Robert Levi 4½% Mortgage .....	4,000.00
	\$ 11,520.00

## GRAND LODGE A. F. &amp; 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	\$137,950.00	\$ 3,325.00	2.40%
Canadian Provincial Bds..	11,000.00	10,423.97	11,635.00	485.00	4.65%
Australian Bonds .....	10,000.00	9,750.00	9,150.00	325.00	3.33%
County Bonds .....	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	750.00	5.00%
Indus. & Misc. Bonds....	25,000.00	25,100.00	23,600.00	600.00	2.39%
Public Utility Pref. Stks.	104,000.00	105,276.38	100,675.00	4,610.75	4.38%
Indus. & Misc. Pref. Stks.		140,722.05	135,900.00	5,837.50	4.14%
Indus. Com. Stocks.....		15,030.00	14,325.00	760.00	5.05%
Public Utility Com. Stks.		86,670.87	87,950.00	5,370.00	6.19%
Nat. Gas & Oil Com. Stks.		56,575.29	59,634.50	3,034.00	5.36%
TOTALS .....		\$602,548.47	\$595,819.50	\$25,097.25	
		Average Income Per Year (on cost basis)..			4.16%

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	9,975.00	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	9,987.50	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	4,987.50	100.00
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\$138,000.00		\$138,000.00	\$137,950.00	\$ 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	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 225.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4s 9-1-55 .....	1,062.72	1,040.00	40.00
3,000.00	Prov. of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57 .....	2,827.50	3,150.00	135.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57 .....	930.00	1,035.00	40.00
1,000.00	Prov. of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56 .....	960.00	1,060.00	45.00
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\$ 11,000.00		\$ 10,423.97	\$ 11,635.00	\$ 485.00
				Average Return 4.65%

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 10,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 3¼% 1956...\$	9,750.00	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 325.00
				Average Return 3.33%

COUNTY BONDS

\$ 15,000.00	Ada County Grange Supply Co. of Meridian, Idaho 5% 1953, 1954, 1955....\$	15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 750.00
				Average Return 5.00%

## INDUSTRIAL &amp; MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Co. 2½% 4-1-71 .....	\$ 15,225.00	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 375.00
10,000.00	Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61 .....	9,875.00	9,350.00	225.00
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\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,100.00	\$ 23,600.00	\$ 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	\$ 4,475.00	\$ 195.00
5,000.00	Public Service of Indiana 3½% Pfd.....	4,775.00	4,250.00	175.00
5,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. 4¼% Pfd	5,150.00	4,700.00	212.50
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...	5,200.00	4,475.00	195.00
20,000.00	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas 5% Pfd...	20,576.40	20,600.00	1,000.00
10,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.88% Pfd...	10,500.00	11,200.00	488.00
9,525.00	Western Light & Telephone 5% Pfd.....	9,683.72	9,525.00	476.25
10,000.00	Iowa Public Service Company 3.90% Pfd.	10,200.00	9,000.00	390.00
5,000.00	Scranton Spring Brook Water 4.10% Pfd.	5,125.00	4,250.00	205.00
10,000.00	El Paso Natural Gas 4.10% Pfd.....	9,881.88	9,600.00	410.00
10,000.00	Central Illinois Public Ser. 4% Pfd....	9,061.88	8,950.00	400.00
10,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission 4.64% Pfd...	9,922.50	9,650.00	464.00
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\$104,525.00		\$105,276.38	\$100,675.00	\$ 4,610.75
			Average Return 4.38%	

## INDUSTRIAL &amp; MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Amer. Potash & Chem. Co. 4% "A" Pfd..\$	5,000.00	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 200.00
10,000.00	E. I. Dupont De Nemours Co. 3½% Pfd...	10,200.00	9,900.00	350.00
5,000.00	General Foods Corp. 3½% Pfd.....	5,025.00	4,825.00	175.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00	5,050.00	200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	10,400.00	10,100.00	400.00
15,000.00	Willys Overland Motors 4½% Pfd.....	11,849.55	10,650.00	675.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00	5,050.00	200.00
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3¼% Pfd.....	5,100.00	4,700.00	187.50
10,000.00	Maryland Casualty Co. 4.20% Pfd.....	8,587.50	10,000.00	420.00
10,000.00	Westinghouse Electric Corp. 3.80 %Pfd.			
	"B" .....	10,050.00	9,925.00	380.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Co. 4% Pfd.....	5,250.00	5,200.00	200.00
20,000.00	Goodyear Tire & Rubber 5% Pfd.....	22,500.00	21,400.00	1,000.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.....	15,600.00	15,150.00	600.00
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pfd.....	10,450.00	8,950.00	400.00
10,000.00	Omar, Inc. 4½% Pfd.....	10,310.00	10,100.00	450.00
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\$140,000.00		\$140,722.05	\$135,900.00	\$ 5,837.50
			Average Return 4.14%	

## INDUSTRIAL COMMON STOCKS

	Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
100 shares Union Stockyards of Omaha .....	\$ 8,080.00	\$ 7,650.00	\$ 400.00
50 shares Union Stockyards of Omaha .....	4,000.00	3,825.00	200.00
100 shares Rhinelander Paper Company .....	2,950.00	2,850.00	160.00
	\$ 15,030.00	\$ 14,325.00	\$ 760.00
		Average Return 5.05%	

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCK

	Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
350 shares Pacific Gas & Electric Co. ....	\$ 11,012.37	\$ 11,287.50	\$ 700.00
400 shares Detroit Edison Company .....	8,875.16	8,800.00	480.00
600 shares Central Ill. Pub. Ser. Co. ....	10,359.69	10,500.00	720.00
400 shares Connecticut Light & Power Co. ....	5,458.13	5,800.00	320.00
200 shares Commonwealth Edison Co. ....	5,709.79	5,675.00	320.00
100 shares Southern California Edison Co. ....	3,415.32	3,312.50	200.00
400 shares Iowa Power & Light Co. ....	9,404.11	8,600.00	560.00
200 shares Dayton Power & Light Co. ....	6,679.85	6,650.00	400.00
300 shares Kansas Gas & Electric Co. ....	9,442.81	10,050.00	600.00
200 shares Virginia Electric & Power Co. ....	3,645.12	4,250.00	240.00
600 shares The Southern Company .....	6,966.87	6,900.00	480.00
500 shares Toledo Edison Co. ....	5,701.56	6,125.00	350.00
	\$ 86,670.78	\$ 87,950.00	\$ 5,370.00
		Average Return 6.19%	

## NATURAL GAS &amp; OIL COMMON STOCK

	Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
220 shares Southern Natural Gas Company .....	\$ 7,478.39	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 550.00
300 shares Northern Natural Gas Co. ....	10,787.83	10,500.00	540.00
504 shares Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. ....	7,670.31	9,072.00	504.00
200 shares Laclede Gas Light Company .....	1,360.24	1,450.00	80.00
500 shares Southern Union Gas Company .....	10,310.29	9,750.00	400.00
100 shares Southland Royalty Company .....	4,714.64	4,987.50	200.00
400 shares Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. ....	9,720.00	9,400.00	560.00
100 shares Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co. ....	4,533.59	4,575.00	200.00
	\$ 56,575.29	\$ 59,634.50	\$ 3,034.00
		Average Return 5.36%	

BRETHREN WHO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE FIFTY  
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PROCEEDINGS FOR 1950

Certificate No.	Brother	Date Received		Lodge	Number
		Master Mason's	Degree		
1403	Sylvenus O. Lovell	April 27, 1889	Springfield	112	
1404	David Adams	May 1, 1900	Israel	187	
1405	Harmon B. Mosher	May 28, 1900	Lincoln	19	
1406	Calvin R. Phillippi	May 16, 1900	Lincoln	19	
1407	Thomas Hansen	March 2, 1900	Pilot	240	
1408	Charles A. Turen	June 25, 1900	Pilot	240	
1409	Daniel L. Showalter	Dec. 12, 1899	Lincoln	19	
1410	Charles W. Milisen	June 24, 1900	Ashlar	33	
1411	George E. Condra	July 21, 1900	Lincoln	19	
1412	Walter L. Anderson	July 16, 1900	Lancaster	54	
1413	Fred G. Cockrell	July 18, 1894	Victory	310	
1414	Frederick W. Bason	July 20, 1900	Geo. W. Lininger	268	
1415	John P. Gillis	Dec. 19, 1899	North Bend	119	
1416	William E. Anderson	July 7, 1900	Hampton	245	
1417	Charles Osborn	Jan. 29, 1897	Naphthali	206	
1418	Hans P. Lassen	Aug. 2, 1900	Ashlar	33	
1419	Edwin H. Cramer	Feb. 23, 1900	Hampton	245	
1420	Guy W. Higby	July 20, 1900	York	56	
1421	Andrew J. Howard	Sept. 12, 1900	Platte Valley	32	
1422	Alfred L. Brande	Sept. 18, 1900	Evergreen	153	
1423	Walter O. Barnes	Sept. 17, 1900	Faith	181	
1424	James W. Auld	May 18, 1900	Charity	53	
1425	Elmer E. Sturgeon	Aug. 6, 1900	Hay Springs	177	
1426	William L. Quante	May 20, 1899	Trestle Board	162	
1427	Fred C. Spethman	Aug. 18, 1900	Ashlar	33	
1428	William C. Parsons	Jan. 12, 1901	Blazing Star	200	
1429	John H. Crary	Dec. 5, 1900	Guide Rock	128	
1430	Walter Gaebler	July 13, 1898	Fraternity	235	
1431	William Prince	April 26, 1899	Fraternity	235	
1432	Charles Hendy, Jr.	Feb. 19, 1901	Platte Valley	32	
1433	Robert H. Willis	Sept. 6, 1898	Camp Clark	285	
1434	Sherman R. Severn	June 11, 1900	Tuscan	130	
1435	William S. Yates	Nov. 17, 1900	Franklin	264	
1436	Alvin D. Spencer	July 21, 1900	Barneston	165	
1437	Charles Nydahl	Mar. 6, 1901	Amity	169	
1438	Bernard E. Reddy	Oct. 4, 1900	Rob Morris	46	
1439	Fred G. Griffith	Oct. 23, 1900	Frank Welch	75	
1440	Theophilus C. Wilson	April 6, 1901	Ashlar	33	
1441	John R. Tapster	April 23, 1901	North Bend	119	
1442	George W. Hassett	April 20, 1901	Tecumseh	17	

1443—William C. Hanson	April 16, 1901	Justice	180
1444—Orville D. Corey	April 25, 1901	Geo. Washington	250
1445—Albert F. Ackerman	April 30, 1901	Geo. Washington	250
1446—Wm. R. Boose	Mar. 19, 1901	Falls City	9
1447—Herbert Knobbs	April 2, 1901	Covert	11
1448—Adam McMullen	Sept. 13, 1900	Wymore	104
1449—Julius J. Eimers	Feb. 14, 1899	Alpha	316
1450—George S. Copeland	July 17, 1900	Beatrice	26
1451—James R. Cauthers, Jr.	June 3, 1901	Highland	194
1452—Thomas V. Simanek, Jr.	Nov. 13, 1900	North Bend	119
1453—Clarence L. Norris	June 8, 1900	North Bend	119
1454—Thomas J. Vlasak	Nov. 17, 1900	North Bend	119
1455—Ernest L. Troyer	Feb. 10, 1900	East Lincoln	210
1456—Albert LaRue	April 21, 1899	Compass & Square	212
1457—George H. Burton	Nov. 11, 1899	Mosaic	55
1458—Ernest B. Perry	Sept. 18, 1900	Cambridge	150
1459—Frank W. Lemmon	Feb. 23, 1900	York	56
1460—Julius H. Bonderson	Feb. 22, 1899	Magnolia	220
1461—Francis R. Hiner	Aug. 11, 1900	McCook	135
1462—Charles F. Heber	Mar. 20, 1900	McCook	135
1463—Elmer E. DeLong	Oct. 8, 1900	McCook	135
1464—Albert G. Davis	Sept. 9, 1900	Lincoln	19
1465—J. Carl McReynolds	Dec. 8, 1900	Lincoln	19
1466—Rudolph Vertiska, Sr.	Nov. 15, 1900	Humboldt	40
1467—John Muir	Aug. 9, 1898	York	56
1468—Carl O. Johnson	Dec. 13, 1900	George Washington	250
1469—Charles C. Cushman	May 4, 1892	Hooper	72

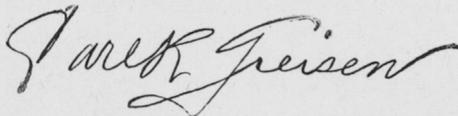
RETURNS

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

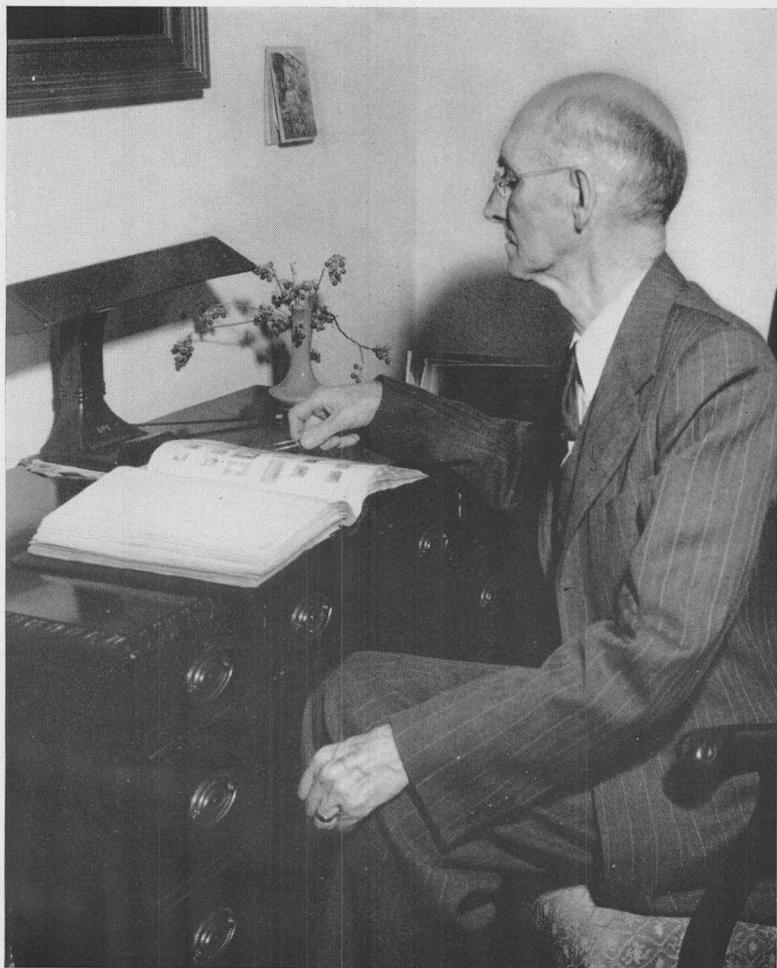
Number of chartered Lodges last report		276
Number initiated during year	2,072	
Number passed	1,963	
Number raised		1,933
Number affiliated		318
Number dual members		13
Number reinstated		372
Number gained by other causes		6
Total Gross Increase		2,642
Number demitted during the year		424
Number deceased		720
Number suspended		524
Number expelled		8
Number lost by other causes		5
Total Loss		1,681

Net gain for year ending December 31, 1950 .....	961
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1949.....	41,379
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1950.....	42,340

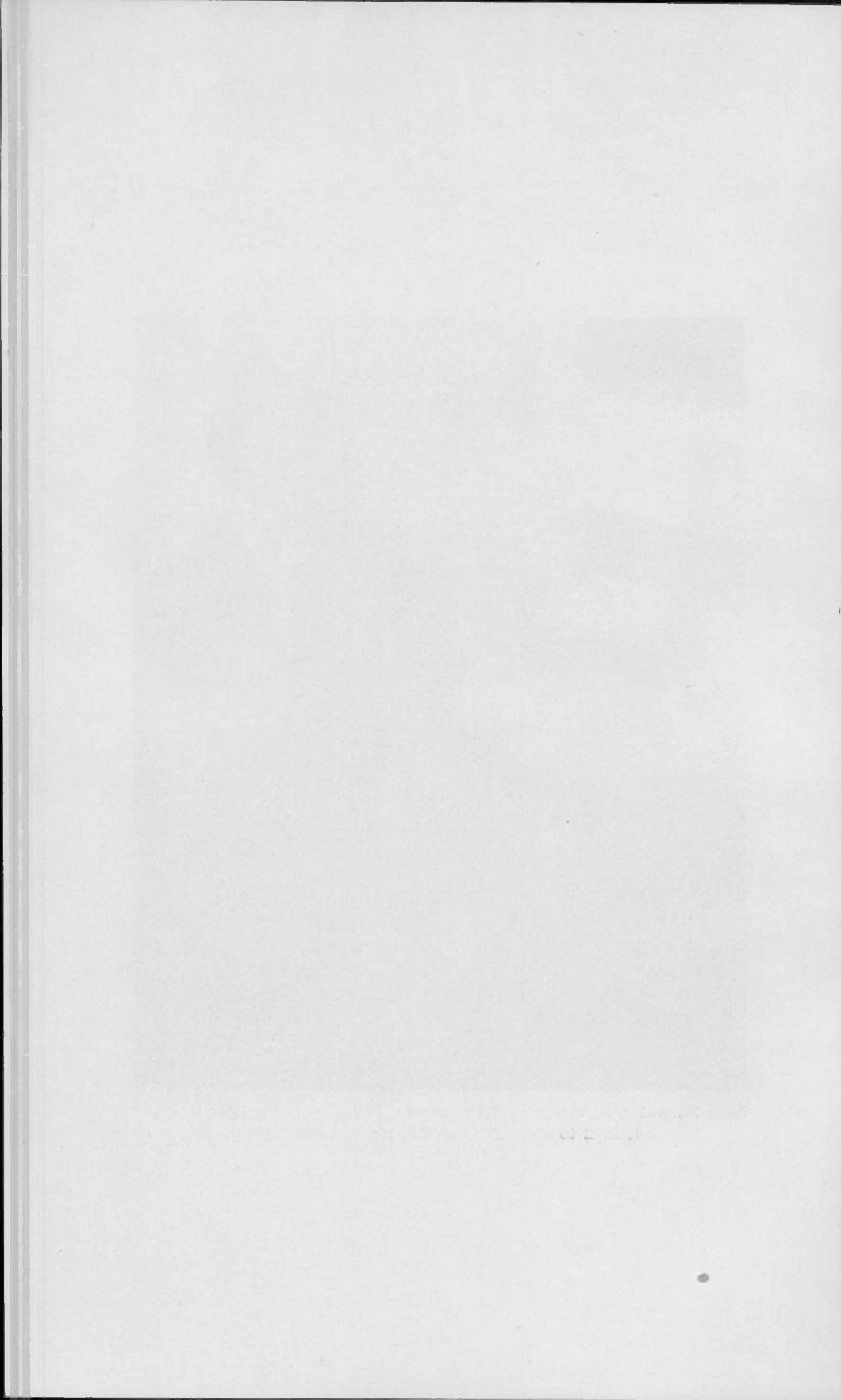
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Grand Secretary

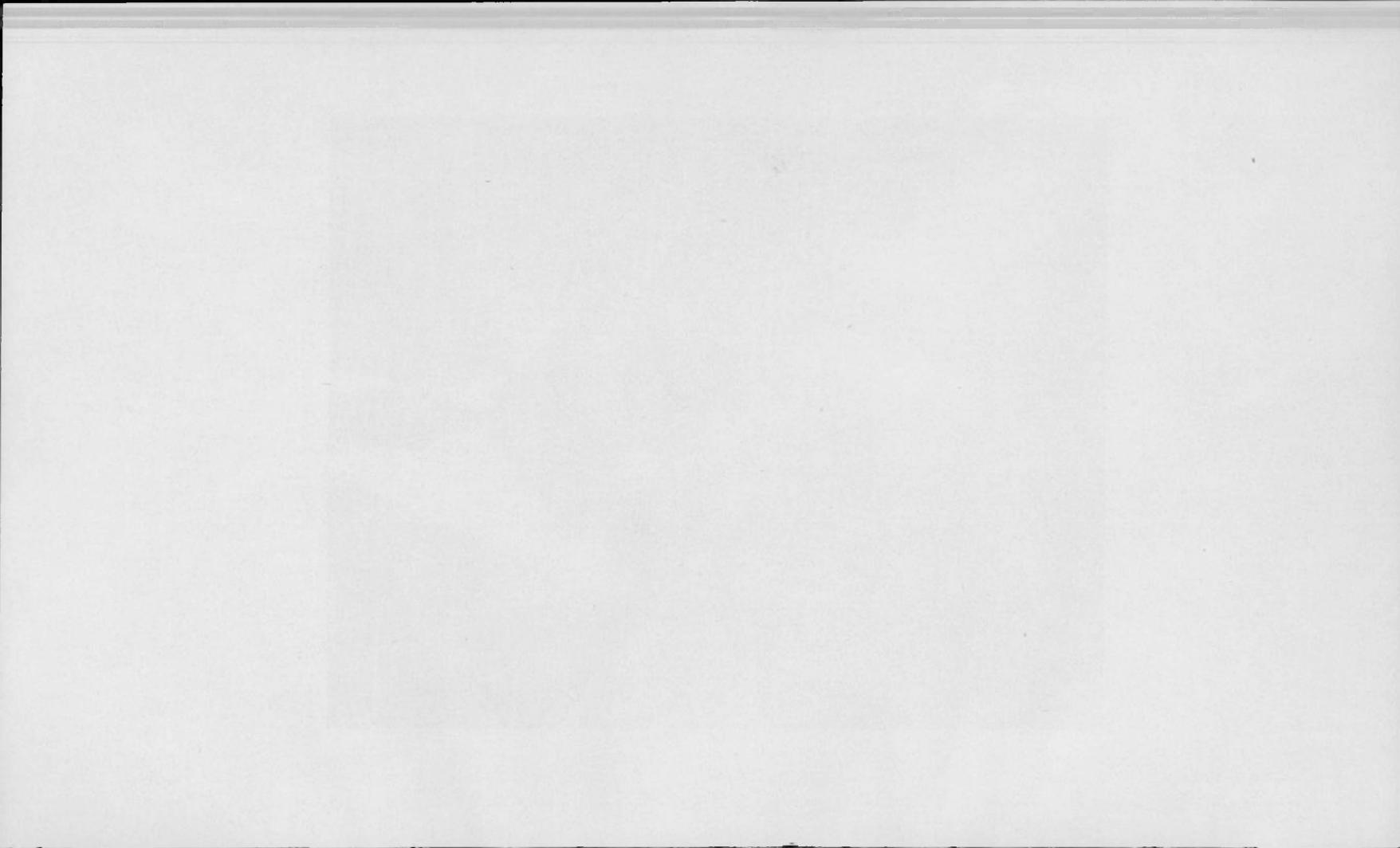


Luke M. Bates, Secretary of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, from January 1, 1912 to date of his death, November 5, 1950.





W. George R. Porter, Secretary of Covert Lodge No. 11 since 1918.



### VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

James H. Bryant.....	Gavel No. 199.....	45 years
Henry Lausen.....	Wood Lake No. 221.....	41 years
George R. Porter.....	Covert No. 11.....	34 years
Archie A. Meek.....	Lotus No. 289.....	32 years
William J. Breckenridge.....	Mid-West No. 317.....	31 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	Culbertson No. 174.....	31 years
James Morris Norton.....	DeWitt No. 111.....	30 years
Rudolph H. Jenney.....	Hartington No. 155.....	29 years
Fred H. Pieper.....	Utica No. 96.....	28 years
Fred R. Haggart.....	St. Paul No. 82.....	28 years
Harry A. Snyder.....	Atkinson No. 164.....	27 years
Eldon B. Johnson.....	Fidelity No. 51.....	26 years
Victor Seymour.....	Lancaster No. 54.....	26 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 Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

I submit my report of the activities of the office of Grand Custodian for this Masonic year.

## CENTRAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Generally speaking, a Central School of Instruction is primarily used as a testing ground for the proficiency of the officers of the lodges who have earlier had instruction in an Individual School and those brethren who have already attained a considerable degree of proficiency. Here they may refresh and polish both the esoteric and floor work of the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska. Here, also, they may participate in round table discussions in all matters of the ritual, forms, and ceremonies of Masonry.

Because the Central School usually brings together those most interested in the Work, it has been a convenient time and place to examine and re-examine many individual brethren for proficiency.

This year, the areas covered in Central Schools have been enlarged and a larger number of lodges have been invited to attend each school. Consequently, there have been fewer Central Schools, but there has been a much larger attendance at each. We have thereby gained the advantage of an enlarged fellowship and the inspiration of the meeting together of much larger groups of Masons.

It was believed that a social time at some of these schools might lighten the burden of the several sessions of intensive instruction and Work. Accordingly, six of the eighteen Central Schools featured a banquet with a program and an address on a subject pertaining to the approved and adopted work and ceremonies of our Grand Jurisdiction. Principal addresses were given by M. W. Brother Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Work, M. W. Brother Chancellor A. Phillips, Past Grand Master, also a member of the Committee on Work; and M. W. Brother John S. Hedlund, Grand Master. While these six Central School dinners were considered experimental, the results were so gratifying that more of them are planned for the future.

The greatest factor in the success of Central Schools this year was the presence of the Grand Master at all Central Schools except three. Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen were also generous with their time and assistance.

At the request of the Grand Master, two Central Schools were held in connection with Area Meetings sponsored by the Committee on Masonic Education. While these did not prove entirely satisfactory, I

wish to express to the Committee on Masonic Education through its Chairman, W. Roy W. Deal, and its Director, W. Curry W. Watson, my sincere appreciation for their complete cooperation and fraternal courtesy in the venture.

#### INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

Individual schools continue to prove most satisfactory and helpful in most of our lodges. More lodges have asked for individual schools this year than in any previous time. Originally 110 individual schools were assigned; twelve others were added to this list of assigned schools at the urgent request of the officers of those lodges. As this report is written, all but a small number have been held and most of them have been dated prior to this Grand Lodge Communication. Four individual schools have been refused on the plea that extensive posting in the Work was necessary before the schools could be of any value to the lodges. Our Custodians concurred in this opinion and some feel that this list should be somewhat enlarged. This is one of the problems our department must solve in the near future. It will not be an easy task as in each instance there is no adequate posting available or convenient.

#### CERTIFIED LODGES

There is concrete proof that individual schools are returning satisfactory results. Eighty-eight lodges have been certified this year. This is the greatest number of Nebraska lodges ever certified in one Masonic year and is an increase of nineteen lodges over last year's previous high point of sixty-nine. Of this number four lodges were certified for the first time in their history.

#### INDIVIDUALS CERTIFIED

Fifty-six original certificates have been issued to brethren who have passed first examinations. This is a slight increase over last year. This gain is not entirely reflected in the total number of certified men in the jurisdiction. Last year there were 402 brethren on the certified list which was an all time high. This year there is a total of 421 certified men in the Grand Jurisdiction.

Quite a large number of former certified men were lost by death, a smaller number were lost through lethargy, or an unwillingness to take the examination, while in some instances we found it impossible to reach and examine some of our former certified men. Neither our time nor our appropriation permitted this amount of travel.

#### THE NEW CERTIFICATE

For some time, we of this department have believed that we should return to the custom of giving certificates to the brethren who passed their first examinations. We felt that a certified man should possess a certificate as proof of his proficiency. These were formerly given for many years but were discontinued and the renewal proficiency cards

were given for first or original proficiency as well as renewals. With the consent and assistance of M.'W.'John S. Hedelund, Grand Master, a new certificate, suitable for framing and distinctively Masonic, was designed and created and is now being presented to the brethren who pass their original examination.

#### ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Nowhere could be found a finer, more loyally cooperative or competent group of brethren. They have accepted the responsibilities of their respective districts most acceptably and have given ample proof in these twelve months of trial that they are more than equal to the tasks which were given to them.

Two new appointments were made this year: W.'Morris V. Balcom, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, on June 8, 1950, and William F. Flickinger, York Lodge No. 56, York, on June 1, 1951. The appointments were made by the Grand Master and had the approval of the Committee on Work.

The resignations of three Assistant Custodians were regretfully accepted for good and sufficient cause shown. They are:

W.'Ward B. Schrack, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney.

W.'Harold M. Wilkerson, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln.

W.'I. Donald Huston, Osceola Lodge No. 65, Osceola.

W.'Brother Ward B. Schrack has moved from the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska. W.'Brother Wilkerson and W.'Brother Huston each felt that a continuation of their work as Assistant Custodian involved too great a personal sacrifice of their business activities and means of livelihood. W.'Brother Huston was Dean of the Assistant Custodians, having served this Grand Lodge since his first appointment in 1928; W.'Brother Wilkerson was first appointed in 1947; W.'Brother Schrack was first appointed in 1933. Each of these brethren have given generously of their time and talents in the past. Their resignations bring a real loss of Masonic zeal and fellowship to their Nebraska brethren.

These resignations have been reported to the Grand Master.

#### APPRECIATION

There have been certified men before who served this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Master. However, none has ever devoted so much of his time and attention to the work of this department. The officers of our constituent lodges, the rank and file of Nebraska Masons, as well as we of this department, are sincerely appreciative of the great service rendered by M.'W.'John S. Hedelund. Having received twenty-six consecutive certificates of proficiency, his interest in the work of our Grand Jurisdiction is as fresh and vital as in the days he first served as an officer of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268. From the bottom of grateful hearts, M.'W.'Brother Hedelund, we give our grateful thanks.

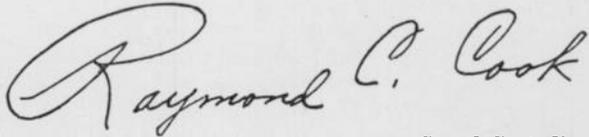
To other Grand Officers, may I say that you have all been most helpful and cooperative in the work of the Grand Custodian's Department. You have each contributed much in making our work pleasant and, we hope, effective.

To R. W. Carl R. Greisen, I can only say thanks a million for all the many acts of thoughtful kindness; the advice and counsel, and last but not least, the congenial fellowship and courtesy of your entire office personnel.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Work has this year as in the past been ever ready to assist in any way in keeping our Nebraska Work uniform and up to standard. Our Work together has been most harmonious and beneficial to the Craft.

To my Masonic Brethren of Nebraska, I want to say that to me you well represent the beauties of Brotherhood and Masonic Fellowship as we have labored together this year. I appreciate more than I can express the courteous zeal and fraternal good will that have gone into making this year with you one to be long remembered.

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.

Grand Custodian

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF  
GRAND OFFICERS

W. William H. McHargue, 239, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, which was adopted.

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

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

**To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:**

The Chapter on "Necrology".

**To the Committee on Jurisprudence:**

The Chapter on "High Twelve Club".

The Chapter on "Discipline".

The Chapter on "Corner-stones".

The Chapter on "Dedications".

Recommendation No. 1.

Recommendation No. 2.

The Chapter on "Gold Jordan Medal".

The Chapter on "Bronze Jordan Medal".

The Chapter on "Fifty-year Buttons".

The Chapter on "Degree Teams".

The Chapter on "New Masonic Temples".

The Chapter on "75th Anniversaries".

The Chapter on "Memorial Fund for The Nebraska Masonic Home".

The Chapter on "The Omaha Masonic Home for Boys".

The Chapter on "Reinstatements".

The Chapter on "By-Laws Approved".

The Chapter on "Special Dispensations".

The Chapter on "Decisions".

The Chapter on "Special Gift to The Nebraska Masonic Home".

The Chapter on "Automatic Suspension of Delinquent Brethren".

**To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:**

The Chapter on "Visits to Other Grand Lodges".

The Chapter on "Grand Master's Conference".

The Chapter on "Grand Lodge Representatives".

**To the Committee on Finance:**

The Chapter on "Board of Grand Trustees".

**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".

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

The Chapter on "Area Meetings".

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapter on "Memorial Lodge of Omaha U. D. I."

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Trial Commissions".

A review of the Grand Master's address indicates that this Grand Lodge has been indeed fortunate and will forever be indebted to M. W. I. Brother John S. Hedelund for his labors in the interest of the Craft during the past year. It should be recorded that he relinquished all activity in connection with his usual vocation in order to devote this year to the service of the Fraternity.

#### REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

To the Committee on Finance:

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 Report of the Grand Custodian be referred to the Committee on Work.

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 matter not herein referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

**M. W. C. WHEELER BARNES**

At this time the Grand Master called on M. W. C. Wheeler Barnes, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. M. W. Brother Barnes responded briefly.

At 11:55 A.M. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

Promptly at 12 o'clock noon the brethren of the Grand Lodge boarded eight buses for a journey to The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, for luncheon and a visit with the residents, and to inspect the two new wings of the Home, under construction.

**SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION**

Wednesday, June 6, 1951

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

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

I would like to have W. Brother Clarence E. Benschoter, Chairman of the Committee to Study Paragraph d-Sec. 3-102 of the Code, report at this time.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY PARAGRAPH**

(d) Sec. 3-102.

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

After a thorough study of the decisions of Past Grand Masters and Jurisprudence Committees your Committee is of the opinion that paragraph (d), Sec. 3-102 of the Masonic Code as it is now written, does not wholly conform to the present day conditions under which alcoholic liquors are sold.

Your committee believes the law should be amended so as to make it a Masonic offense for any Mason to **directly** engage in the manufacture, or sale, of alcoholic liquors as a beverage. We believe that if the Law was amended to this extent it would give our Grand Masters and Jurisprudence Committees a basis for new interpretations of the law which would make its application more clear and equitable.

YOUR COMMITTEE THEREFORE RECOMMENDS; that paragraph (d), Sec. 3-102 of the Masonic Code, relating to the Masonic offense of engaging in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors, be amended in conformity with the opinion above set forth.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

This report should have been read a year ago. The Committee on Jurisprudence has given it some consideration and I, therefore, refer it to the Committee on Jurisprudence without debate.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

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

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

The Grand Lodge of Israel—Tel-Aviv.

The Grand Lodge of Spain in Exile—Mexico City.

The Grand Loja Do Piaui—Brasil.

The Grand Lodge of Greece—Athens.

The Grand Loge Nationale Francaise—Neuilly—France.

The Gran Logia Del Peru—Lima.

The Grand Lodge of China.

The Gran Logia El Potosi—San Luis Potosi—Mexico.

The Grande Loge de France—Paris.

The Grand Orient de Belgique—Bruxelles—Belgium.

The Gran Logia Masoneria Argentina—Buenos Aires—Argentina.

Some of the above are renewed applications from former years. Others are new requests. The most determined and vocal applicant is the Grand Lodge of China. From a careful study of their proceedings for 1950, interesting because printed in both English and Chinese, we gather the following information: There was a net gain of nine members for the year. They now have 665 members as of June 1st, 1950. Recent letters claim a "shade under one thousand", but we see no way in which they could have gained so many during the past year. Massachusetts, English and Scottish proceedings, all of whom have lodges in China, along with Ireland, report their lodges are being closed or suspending

operations. From their (China) proceedings, we judge that China really has but one lodge left that is functioning to any degree. This lodge raised twelve members last year, accounting for half of the gain of twenty-five, which included three affiliations. We would like further time to study and observe on this particular Jurisdiction and therefore recommend that action on China, along with the other Grand Lodges seeking recognition this year, and those carried over from previous years, be laid over for further study, without prejudice, until the next annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Recognition of another Grand Lodge is an important matter, Brethren how important is so well stated by Brother Ralph J. Pollard, veteran reviewer of Maine, that we quote his remarks in the 1950 volume of that state in full: "The formal recognition of another sovereign Masonic power is by far the most important and far-reaching act which a Grand Lodge can be called upon to perform, and a heavy burden of responsibility rests upon those whose duty it is to advise the Grand Lodge on such matters. A mistake or an error of judgment on their part can result in the most serious consequences, not only to their own Grand Lodge, but to the Masonic Fraternity as a whole. Organizations, like individuals, are judged by the company they keep. Recognition carries with it the unqualified endorsement of the Grand Lodge granting each recognition, and indicates its complete approval of the principles, practices, and associations of the body recognized. This being so, it is clear that too much care cannot be taken in the investigation of applicant bodies, particularly of those hailing from sections of the world wheré unmasonic principles and practices are known to flourish. An excess of caution today is far better than embarrassment and vain regrets tomorrow."

#### PRESENTATION OF VIOLIN TO M. . W. . JOHN S. HEDELUND

At this time Brother Loran W. Chandler, 57, presented the Grand Master with a violin which he had made especially for M. . W. . Brother Hedelund.

Brother Loran W. Chandler, 57:

In 1946 I had the pleasure of making a violin and presenting it to M. . W. . Brother Benjamin F. Eyre at the time he presided over this Grand Lodge. It has taken me these many years since to make another, which I have the pleasure of presenting to you and to show you that it works, I will play a tune for you.

M. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

Brother Chandler, I thank you sincerely for this violin. I cannot play it myself, but I do have a grandson who will be able to in a few years.

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

M. W. John S. Hedelund, 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.

Alabama	Raymond C. Cook
Arizona	Morace F. Smith
Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee
Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore
Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James
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
Costa Rica	Ward B. Schrack
Cuba	Fay Smith
Czechoslovakia, Nat'l Grand Lodge of	
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
Manitoba	Ernest C. Purdy
Maryland	George A. Kurk
Massachusetts	William B. Wanner
Mexico	Earl J. Lee
Michigan	Lewis E. Smith
Missouri	Edward E. Carr
Montana	Welcome W. Naylor
New Hampshire	Virgil R. Johnson
New Jersey	Wallace E. Linn
New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel
New York	George R. Porter
Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming
North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire
Oklahoma	Curry W. Watson
Panama	Walter R. Raecke
Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith

Puerto Rico .....	Walter O. Barnes
Quebec .....	Edwin D. Crites
Rhode Island .....	Edward A. Hoagland
Saskatchewan .....	Harold H. Thom
Scotland .....	William Cosh
South Australia .....	Thomas A. Barton
South Carolina .....	Herbert T. White
South Dakota .....	Charles A. Chappell
Tamaulipas .....	Robert D. Wilson
Tennessee .....	William C. Schaper
Vermont .....	Clarence T. Spier
Virginia .....	William J. Breckenridge
Washington .....	Edward M. Knight
West Australia .....	Charles F. Adams
West Virginia .....	Alvin H. Miller
Wisconsin .....	Osborne P. Simon

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

**Brethren:**

In the absence of members of the Jurisprudence Committee, which makes your number seem quite small, there would be quite a large gathering here.

I think it is quite fitting that you should be received immediately following the report of M. W. William B. Wanner, because it covers Masonry in its broad world relations, and we do here receive you as representatives for these Grand Lodges. While we commend to each of you if possible to visit the Grand Jurisdiction that you represent, I will say on behalf of V. W. Thomas A. Barton and myself we would have to take a considerable journey, but his would be much greater than mine, and I am afraid that if we were ever sent to South Australia and Denmark, that we would like the country so well we would never come back, and I am going to refrain from visiting and conduct these visits by correspondence.

Brethren, there never was a time when Masonry was in greater need of world fraternal relations, and it is a most hopeful sign that as soon as any semblance of order is restored in any of these war-torn countries, Freemasonry can immediately come from under-ground and begin its operations, and free speech, and advance in civilization begins once more. It and the Protestant churches are the two bodies which stand for the freedom of the world. The loss of one could mean the loss of the other. Therefore, it is your duty to keep informed of all the activities of the lodges which you represent. I hope that each of you will write a letter following this Grand Lodge Communication and tell them what we are trying to do, because what we do in the United States of America is the lamp, the life and strength of the world.

I am most happy to welcome you here and most happy to say that all of you here represent an active force in this Grand Jurisdiction.

I hope you will find it possible each year to return and take part in our annual communication.

## RESPONSE

W. Harold C. Weddel, 208, Grand Representative of New Mexico:

**M. W. Grand Master:**

On behalf of the Grand Representatives here assembled we thank you for your cordial welcome. We appreciate the privilege of representing the several Grand Jurisdictions recognized by this Grand Lodge. Brethren, as the representative of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of New Mexico, I shall be happy to convey the fraternal greeting that you have expressed and extend to you on behalf of the Grand Master of New Mexico his fraternal greetings and best wishes.

Today our hearts are saddened, we mourn the loss of three of our distinguished and illustrious members since the last annual communication. The Great Architect of the Universe has called from their labors on earth to that celestial lodge above M. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Australia; M. W. James R. Cain, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and W. Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian Emeritus, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

Their passing is a great loss to this Grand Jurisdiction and to us who knew and loved them. They represented Masonry in its highest plane, and our lives are enriched by the association with them and our remembrance of them.

In closing, M. W. Grand Master, I would like to express these words of tribute to you. You have given so generously of your time and talent to this Grand Lodge, and may the recollections of the accomplishments you have made and the pleasure we received from you in presiding at this 94th Annual Communication be among your most cherished memories.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

Thank you, W. Brother Weddel.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman, assisted by V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted.

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

In this mortal vale of tears, our constant enemy, Time, forces upon us certain accounting measures as the years roll by. Our brothers in the Craft, supreme and subordinate, do their part and make their mark in

our current affairs and fade into the mists beyond our ken. Happy is their lot when they look back on a life well spent in the furtherance of the noble precepts of our Ancient Art, and especially if they are confident they have passed the working tools into the hands of true and trusty craftsmen who will guarantee the keeping of the Ancient Landmarks, Customs and Usages of the Fraternity through these troubled times and pass them on to our children's children in due time.

It is fitting that we set aside time in Grand Lodge session to acknowledge our debt to these fine brothers. We particularly recognize the hours and days of toil given lovingly and freely by the tireless and here unmentioned brothers of constituent lodges who are the backbone of our great fraternity.

Since our last Communication, memorials have been received from 35 Sister Jurisdictions announcing the passing of 56 distinguished Grand Lodge Officers. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to these sister jurisdictions in their loss. Their loss is our loss and we add the names of these brethren to our own.

In this Grand Jurisdiction we regretfully record the passing of two Past Grand Masters and the Grand Custodian Emeritus.

M. W. Joseph B. Fradenburg was raised in and became Master of Capitol Lodge No. 3 of Omaha, Nebraska and was a Royal Arch Mason of Omaha Chapter No. 1. He was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska June 9, 1920, passed away June 14, 1950.

M. W. James R. Cain, Jr., was raised in and became Master of Stella Lodge No. 105, Stella, Nebraska, and was elected Grand Master of this Grand Lodge on June 5, 1912. He was installed by his father, M. W. James R. Cain, Sr. He was our senior Past Grand Master. Passed away September 3, 1950. Other Masonic honors and affiliations include Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. Member Nebraska Veteran Freemasons' Association, Royal Arch, Council and Commandery, York Rite; Scottish Rite: Coroneted 33rd, Inspector General Honorary. Past Sovereign Red Cross of Constantine.

The long sickness and passing away of Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian from 1927 to 1948 and Grand Custodian Emeritus from June 9, 1949 to his passing on January 10, 1951, came as a great shock to this Grand Jurisdiction which he served so long and faithfully, and in which he was personally known to so many Masons.

W. Lute M. Savage was raised in our Sister Jurisdiction of Vermont, later became affiliated with Capitol Lodge No. 3 and was elevated to Worshipful Master of this Nebraska lodge. He served as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas for many years and in 1944 was appointed Grand Representative of his native state of Vermont.

E. Companion Savage was a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar.

He was first High Priest of Delta Chapter No. 60. He served as Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Nebraska and was Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Vermont.

Other Masonic affiliations included: The Cryptic degrees of the Council in the York Rite. Rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in the Scottish Rite. Nebraska Veteran Freemason and served as association president in 1945-46. He was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The constituent lodges of this jurisdiction report 720 brethren having laid down their working tools to take on more spiritual labors under the continued guidance and supervision of the Grand Architect. These include Nebraska's oldest Mason, Hiram Harter, 97, holder of the Gold Jordan Medal, who passed away May 16, 1951, at The Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. In this progress spiritward we who are left behind must joyously pick up the tools of our departed brethren and continue the project of building manhood and a better world for the future as they who have departed have done for us in the ages past.

At this time the Grand Chaplain will repair to our Altar for the purpose of prayer as we stand in memory of our departed brethren of whatever race or country and wherever they may have been dispersed over the face of the world, with a special thought for those of our Craft who have and are serving and laying down their lives, many on battlefields, that we may continue as Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, member, 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 submits the following report:

Your Committee has under its supervision at the present time, four young people from The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

One young man is attending the University of Nebraska College of Business Administration; one young lady is attending the University of Nebraska, majoring in Home Economics; one young lady is at Clarkson Hospital taking nurses training, and one attending Doane College. All seem to be doing average to superior work.

One young lady at the Home has graduated this year from High school, but is undecided as to where she will pursue her education this fall.

As there will be four students under supervision of this Committee starting in September, we are asking for \$1,200.00 from the Grand Lodge to match an equal amount from the Grand Chapter, O.E.S., for the education of these students.

### ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers, and appointed the Assistant Custodians to act as tellers, W. Osborne P. Simon, Chairman.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Brother Thomas J. Aron, 37 .....Grand Master  
 Brother Edward M. Knight, 183 .....Deputy Grand Master  
 Brother Fay Smith, 198 .....Grand Senior Warden  
 Brother Charles F. Adams, 68 .....Grand Junior Warden  
 Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32 .....Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Brother Thomas A. Barton, 210 .....Grand Chaplain  
 Brother Thomas R. Niven, 303 .....Grand Orator  
 Brother Harold H. Thom, 1 .....Grand Historian  
 Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6 .....Grand Custodian  
 Brother Ernest E. Van Wey, 249 .....Grand Marshal  
 Brother Herbert T. White, 11 .....Grand Senior Deacon  
 Brother Merle M. Hale, 54 .....Grand Junior Deacon  
 Brother James H. Bryant, 199 .....Grand Tyler

### GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES, 1951-1952

**Codification of the Law:** W. Clarence T. Spier, 268, Chairman; Norris Chadderdon, 146, and Gerald J. Hallstead, 37.

**Fraternal Dead:** W. John A. Magyar, 240, Chairman; Robert S. Timm, 46, and Orel B. Lupardus, 209.

**Foreign Correspondence:** R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9, and W. U. Wesley Fox, 192.

**Relief and Care of Orphans:** M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, (1952), Chairman, W. Alvin H. Miller, 19 (1953), Mahlon C. Morgan, 322 (1954), Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1955), and John R. Hughes, 184 (1956).

**Masonic Education:** W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33, Chairman; Howard J. Hunter, 59; Arch H. Woolever, 56; Floyd C. Wisner, 265, and Ralph S. Tully, 25.

**Nebraska Work:** M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201 (1952), Chairman; Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1953), and Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1954).

**Grand Trustees:** W. Robert D. Wilson, 268 (1954), Chairman; W. Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1953), and M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1952).

**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; A. Victor Bryan, 263 (1953), and E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1954).

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

**Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund:** M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman; W. Albert L. Johnston, Jr., 37, and Lyle J. Bryant, 297.

**Applications for Reinstatement, Advisory:** W. Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290, Chairman; LaVerne J. Smith, 288, and Robert J. McDermott, 281.

## GRAND LODGE SPECIAL COMMITTEES 1951-1952

**Omaha Masonic Home for Boys:** M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318, Chairman, and W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120.

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

## REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

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

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

Enrollment at the Home steadily increasing; we have at present 50 youngsters, divided 6 Senior Girls, 13 Senior Boys, 16 Junior Girls, 15 Junior Boys. There are in process of completion 12 applications for admission.

General health of children is good, no hospitalization cases this year until May when two little girls had tonsils removed. Dr. Andrew Harvey has again done a remarkable job in looking after their health; have had no epidemics, very little sickness of any kind.

A few years ago the future of the Home was uncertain, with Federal and State agencies entering the picture with A.D.C. and other relief projects. Now with the higher cost of everything and inability to properly provide for the children our number is increasing rapidly and if present trend continues we will be close to capacity within the year. We are badly overcrowded at the two Junior Homes, but have always taken care of any youngster entitled to enter the Home and

will always do so. The little ones are greatly in the majority and we have several, both boys and girls, not yet kindergarten age.

The physical property is in much better shape and we have been able to get help and material to make some badly needed repairs and replacements. We have not accomplished all we would like to, but have come a long way and at a minimum of expense. We have had considerable painting and redecorating done, in fact painted some rooms that had not been painted in over 15 years.

A major and very important improvement made at request of State and local officials was installation of Automatic Fire Alarm system in Junior Boys' Home, the only home on the grounds not fire-proof. With completion of that work we were given necessary permit showing we had complied with all State requirements and now are, strictly speaking, operating the Home in full compliance with the law.

Farm and dairy operations play an important part in the Home, not only for the training of the children, but a large part of our food supply, particularly milk and eggs, comes from there. We have completed mechanization of all our operations there.

In April, after personal inspection, the Grand Master authorized and directed us to tear down a 12x12 addition or leanto, at Junior Boys' home, owing to its condition. We can find no record as to when this was built but it has pulled away from the main building due to severe settling and improper footing of a supporting "I" beam, and created a dangerous situation. All contractors examining it, advised strongly to wreck it as it would be impossible to do anything permanent with it. We have a contractor who has agreed to tear it down and build new 12x24 addition, 2 story, at cost of \$4,890, one-half of which Grand Chapter O. E. S. has voted to stand. This, when completed, will give us some badly needed room in a crowded home and greatly facilitate the work at the Home. Wet weather has delayed us but we hope to get going on it as soon as contractor is able to complete other work.

Our help problem has been terrific and shows very little indication of permanently improving. We have been consistently short of Matrons and Assistants all year and still are. We increased salaries after full consultation, but that does not seem to give relief. We are paying \$120 for cooks or assistant matrons, \$140 for matrons; they have their own quarters and all private conveniences in the buildings where they work. Of necessity the hours have been long, as we are always short-handed, and when one considers the Matron of one of the Senior Homes for example, who puts in from 5:30 A.M. until the last youngster is in at night, you can see why they feel they are tied down too much. If we are able to get additional help they will of course get more time off. The two Junior homes require matron and two assistants at each owing to the large number of real small children, and in the applications pending I mentioned, there are several from 2 to 5 years of age. We had to move some of the Junior Boys over to Senior Boys Home to make room, and so far it has worked out fairly well. We have run

into a number of cases where help would work three days a week, but they claim their social security or railroad pension would be jeopardized if they took a full time job, so I can't see where any permanent improvement can result.

The Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha, out of funds contributed by the Masonic Lodges of our Grand Jurisdiction for use in making special gifts to our Masonic Homes, and entrusted to the Omaha group for proper distribution, presented to our Children's Home at Fremont a couple of years ago money for a combination tennis court and ice rink, which can be adapted also for volley ball, badminton and shuffleboard. The major portion of the work completed last Fall and excellent use made of it by every youngster learning to skate. The Grand Master dedicated this in April. This facility has been of tremendous help to us in our recreational problems and makes a wonderful addition which will be greatly enjoyed by the children in years to come. Our sincere thanks to these good Masons for their thoughtfulness.

We are deeply grateful to our good friends all over the State who have so generously remembered the Home the past year. And when members take the time to stop and visit the Home, that is as fine a gift as a material one, for these youngsters like nothing better than to have someone visit with them and show an interest in their welfare. Brothers, please remember these are YOUR children, YOUR responsibility, and are in this Home strictly through Masonic or Eastern Star affiliation; your obligation requires that you be mindful of these children. Fifteen cents of your dues each year goes towards the maintenance and support of this Home, surely a small amount. Your own family is protected in every way, should misfortune occur, a protection that no insurance can buy.

Several years ago when The Nebraska Masonic Home drive started, at request of the Grand Master we withheld any advertising about the Home. Now we are instructed by the Grand Master to start getting out information to the lodges about this Home and what it means to all of you. Cases were recently cited where no knowledge whatever existed as to what you have at Fremont. How proud every Mason should be that the Masonic order takes care of its own. Illustrated folders should start to each of you shortly. There are wonderful picnic facilities on the grounds and room for 5 ball games at once. A number of basket picnics are held by various groups each year and if your lodge cares to make visitation or hold picnic at the Home, just let us know.

A great deal of duplication of reports can be avoided by referring you to the annual report of the Stockholders' meeting held in Omaha in January, at which time detailed information was submitted. A copy of this report can be had by writing the Grand Secretary of the Order of Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, Omaha.

Our budget requests this year a little higher but it won't cover all that we need by a considerable amount; however, we have a little money left out of some bequests and maybe we can get by.

M.'W.'.Grand Master John S. Hedelund has been splendid to work with and his counsel has always been timely and good. We have had frequent occasions to consult him on Home matters, and visitations he has made to the Home have made him very familiar with what is being done, and after all, possibly the best idea I could give you about him is—the children all like him immensely. He has done a world of good in his talks about the Home and given the brethren an insight into what they are supporting. The sincere thanks of the Board for all the courtesies extended, his good counsel, and deep understanding of the problems that have arisen.

Our Grand Secretary, R.'W.'.Carl R. Greisen, has earned our sincere thanks for his willing assistance, his quick grasp of some of the problems we have had, and all the grand help he has given. Grand Custodian Raymond C. Cook has made several visits to the Home, and we know we can always rely on his help.

There is one group who deserve your thanks and praise for a job exceptionally well done under the most difficult conditions, and I refer to Superintendent Reeder, his wife, matrons and assistants. As I told you we have been very short handed at times, and many nights Russell Reeder has stayed at the Senior Boys Home when we had no matron there, and Mrs. Reeder at the Junior Girls Home when no matron there. You don't leave your own family and do things like that unless you have that kindness of heart and spirit, that willingness and desire to want to sacrifice yourself and own home for the love of these little children, to know that they are all right in every way. Others at the Home have doubled up and filled in to help keep things going. It would have been difficult, if not impossible, for the Home to have functioned had they not laid all personal affairs aside in order to get over the emergency. The Board is proud to pay this tribute to every one at the Home for all they have done, their unquestioned loyalty, their personal sacrifices at times.

May I personally thank all of you who have been so courteous and helpful the past year.

M.'W.'.John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

I request permission to amend your motion that it be received and approved, because there are two items that deal with the matter of money for the rebuilding of the kitchen. Therefore with your permission I will make the motion to read that it be approved and received, and the matters relating to finance be referred to the proper committee.

I would like to say further that we express our gratitude to W.'. James C. Suttie, for continuing to act as President of this Home with approximately 69 wonderful loving children. He makes a real home for them. The Grand Lodge can never repay him for what he is doing, and I am happy to pay this tribute to you, Jim, and I know the brethren join me.

At this time the Grand Master called on R. W. George W. Toft, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Neil C. DeWhirst, Grand Master, and R. W. Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary of South Dakota. These brethren addressed the Grand Lodge briefly.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY SEC. 2-402 AND 2-403

W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee to Study Sec. 2-402 and 2-403 of the Nebraska Masonic Code, which was adopted.

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

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, in his annual address as Grand Master, included the following recommendation:

"4. I recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to study Section 2-402 and Section 2-403 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. (Page 28, 1950 Proceedings.)

This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence (Page 57) and approved by this Committee in its report (Page 116), which report was approved by the Grand Lodge (Page 115).

The problem for study arises out of the fact that too many newly made Master Masons do not comply with the provisions of Section 2-402 relating to proficiency and thus never become proficient in the Master Mason Degree. As the law now stands, a non-proficient Master Mason enjoys all of the rights and privileges of the fraternity, as provided in Section 2-403, but he cannot demit nor hold office. However, it should be noted that Section 2-403 also provides that a brother who "refuses" to become proficient "renders himself liable to charges." At the present time, failure or refusal to become proficient is not a specific Masonic offense, although formerly it was a specific Masonic offense to petition any York or Scottish Rite Body without first having complied with the law relating to proficiency. This provision, formerly appearing as Subsection "o" of Section 148 (now Section 3-102) was repealed in 1940.

It should be mentioned here that said Subsection "o" also required a waiting period before a Mason could lawfully petition the York or Scottish Rite Bodies, as well as requiring proficiency. In 1938 Grand Master Robertson recommended that this Subsection "o" be amended to eliminate the waiting period but retaining the requirement as to profi-

ciency. The Committee on Jurisprudence approved the recommendation, but the Grand Lodge refused to approve that part of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence. Thus, no change was made. (Page 93, 1938 Proceedings.) In 1940, by his Recommendation No. 4 (Page 578, 1940 Proceedings), Grand Master Breckenridge made the following recommendation:

"I recommend that we strike from Section 148 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, all of paragraph "o". This would eliminate the one year requirement before a Mason could petition for the York or Scottish Rite degrees and in view of present day conditions, I believe these cooperating bodies are entitled to this consideration."

It should be noted that mention is made only of the waiting period and not of the elimination of the proficiency requirement, although the recommendation was to repeal the subsection in its entirety. This recommendation was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence (Page 614) and approved by it (Page 618) and adopted by the Grand Lodge (Page 617).

While the scope of the study assigned to your Committee did not include a study of that section of the Code which enumerates Masonic offenses (Section 3-102), we did give consideration to a proposal to restore said Subsection "o" and set up as a specific Masonic offense the failure to comply with the provisions of Section 2-402 or the petitioning of a York or Scottish Rite Body without first having so complied.

However it is the opinion of your Committee that the trial and conviction of a brother for a NEGATIVE offense, i.e., the FAILURE to comply with a section of the Code which contains provisions for the extension of time within which the act may be done, presents serious difficulties and would serve only to create new problems instead of solving the problem now being studied. Because of this, and because we were not directed to include Section 3-102 in our study, we refrain from making any recommendation relating to the amendment of said Section 3-102, more specifically, the restoration of all or any part of Subsection "o" thereof.

Your Committee further feels that the problem of inducing the newly made Master Mason to become proficient with reasonable promptness rests primarily with the officers and brethren of his lodge. By proper explanation of the provisions of the Code, and by close cooperation with the brother, very few non-proficient brethren should remain upon the rolls.

However, your Committee feels that since the present law now deprives a non-proficient brother of certain Masonic rights and privileges, (Section 2-302 also provides that no one shall be elected or appointed to any office until proficient) the officers and brethren of the constituent lodges might be given some further assistance by depriving a non-proficient brother of the right to become affiliated with any other recog-

nized Masonic order until he attains proficiency. By "recognized Masonic order" we mean those mentioned in Subsection "n" of said Section 3-102, which provides, in substance, that it is a Masonic offense to join any such group except those specifically enumerated therein, namely, York or Scottish Rite Bodies, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, National Federated Craft, Allied Masonic Degrees, or the National Sojourners.

Your Committee therefore recommends that Section 2-403 of the Nebraska Masonic Code be amended so as to deprive a non-proficient Mason not only of the right to demit or hold office, but also of the right to join any recognized Masonic order, as follows:

Sec. 2-403 (66-A)—REFUSING EXAMINATION.—A brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination as provided by Section 66, (2-402), renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a demit, to a diploma, to hold an office in a lodge, nor to make application to or join any lodge, society or institution enumerated in Section 3-102, Subsection "n", of this Code until he has complied with said Section 2-402; provided, that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this Section.

A comparison of the foregoing proposed amendment with the section as it now stands will disclose that nothing has been stricken therefrom and that the only addition thereto is the clause relating to affiliation with other Masonic orders.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

You have just voted, Brothers, that every man must make himself proficient in the Master Mason's degree.

The Grand Custodian and I both told you of the progress that has been made in certificates of proficiency, both on the part of individuals and the lodges. I am particularly happy at this time to tell you that our Grand Senior Deacon, W. Charles F. Adams, has made himself proficient in all the work of Ancient Craft Masonry and is entitled to one of these original certificates of proficiency that some of you have seen in your own lodge, as we have presented them at Central Schools and on other occasions.

Therefore, W. Brother Charles, in this session of the Grand Lodge I am most happy to present to you this certificate of proficiency, and I know that you will get much happiness out of it. I know that with this certificate in hand and continuing certificates from this time forward you will be of great assistance to the Grand Custodian. I congratulate you in having worked to receive it, and I hope you will enjoy it as much as I know the brethren will enjoy your having the certificate.

W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Senior Deacon :

Thank you very much, M. W. Sir. I assure you that it is a pleasure to receive it. To the members of the Craft who have them, and those who do not, I know they will all agree that once we learn carefully and well our esoteric work the fraternity means just that much more to all of us.

### 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:**

Your Temple Building Advisory Committee desires to submit, for the consideration of this Grand Lodge, the following report of its activities for the year.

The activities of this Committee declined considerably during the year, due to curtailment of building activities, which, in turn, may be due to several things; namely, (1) high cost of material and labor, and (2) lack of full understanding regarding government restrictions as laid down by the National Production Authority.

For information and guidance of the brethren, the N.P.A. Order states in part: "that Section 5(b) 2, exempts from the terms of the Order, small jobs of new construction, the total cost of which will not exceed \$5,000. In computing such cost, it is not necessary to include the value of donated labor."

This Committee strongly recommends to officers of local lodges, who anticipate a building program or remodeling program in the near future, to begin now creating a building fund. If present income does not warrant setting aside money for a building fund, they should devise ways and means to do so. This Committee has been confronted with requests for assistance from numerous lodges who had lost their quarters for one reason or another, with no place to go and worst of all, insufficient funds. No lodge should let this happen. It is an easy matter to anticipate that some day some improvement will have to be made or the desire to have a better home. The Master of the lodge should appoint a special committee of three to five members, headed by a real live-wire business man whose duty would be to devise ways and means to improve lodge conditions.

We wish to apologize for the foregoing lecture and proceed now to report on our activities for the year, which, as stated before, have been greatly curtailed.

In our report of a year ago, we reported briefly on Thistle Lodge No. 61, at Lexington. This lodge started on January 1, 1945, solicitation of money, bonds, and signed pledges for a building fund and are today

well on their way in construction of a two-story brick building, 36'x82', to cost approximately \$40,000, including cost of the lot. The indebtedness of the lodge will be less than \$10,000. In Thistle Lodge you find a shining example of a lodge which anticipated its future needs, and orchids are in order for at least one member of their committee, Brother Raymond Emerson, Chairman, for the successful progress of this project.

May 25, 1950. A communication was received from the Secretary of Wauneta Lodge No. 217, Wauneta, stating that the lodge had appointed a committee of five members, including the Master and Secretary, and the three other members with terms to expire one each year. The committee had commenced solicitations and were then scouting around for appealing new lodge building plans.

May 25. Dating back to February 10, 1949, Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine, feeling the need and a desire to own a home of their own, started the preliminary organizational work of appointing some member or committee to see what could be done. Soon thereafter, a sizable bequest was made, with a proviso that it be used on a new building "within a reasonable time."

About one year later, plans were completed for a brick and tile building, 37'x90', to cost about \$45,000. By this time, over \$20,000 was on hand and they were then to commence solicitations among members in which it was estimated \$10,000 to \$15,000 additional would be available. It was the intention of the lodge to proceed as far as possible with the funds on hand, and then finance the remainder needed if, in so doing, would not develop too heavy a load, or, if so, to use the building as is until the needed additional funds were available. No application by the lodge has been made to this Committee to borrow money for this project. Approval on that basis was recommended to the Grand Master on June 13, 1950.

On or about April 27, Valley Lodge No. 157, Wilsonville, purchased a business building for \$1,600 to be remodeled and used jointly as a lodge building and grocery store. The necessary money was to be raised by popular subscription. Three months later, the lodge received a donation of \$4,000, honoring the memory of a deceased brother of the lodge. This bequest took care of all financial worries of the lodge in connection with the new building. Prior donations were refunded and all other pledges were canceled.

April 30, 1951, Golden Fleece Lodge No. 205, Chappell, was granted permission to construct an addition, 16'x24', to their present owned lodge building, the cost of which, with most labor donated, was estimated at \$2,900. With sufficient funds on hand, no indebtedness was incurred.

In closing this report, we wish to extend an invitation to officers of local lodges to contact this Committee regarding building problems and associated financial problems. We may be able to help.

## REPORT OF 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:**

The same investment policy which has been followed for some years by the Board of Grand Trustees was adhered to during the past year. The object of this policy is to produce the best possible returns consistent with a due regard for the safety and preservation of the principal fund.

While the investment policy remains unchanged, it becomes necessary from time to time to make certain changes in the methods employed to achieve the desired results. In the report of this Board at the Annual Communication two years ago we stated that it appeared to be a reasonable assumption that money would be in demand at somewhat higher prices than had been the case in the last few years, and that this should make it possible to secure some new issues of securities which would yield a moderately better return than those purchased during the last two or three years. We also reported that we had purchased some Public Utility Common Stocks which was a class of securities which had not previously been purchased in recent years and that the stocks selected included those which furnish electric power, manufactured gas and natural gas and a number of facts were given relative to the advantages of such securities when well selected.

In the two years which followed the 1949 report additional purchases of Public Utility Common Stocks have been made for the reasons already given and because of the changed situation brought about by advancing interest rates.

For some years prior to 1949 the investment portfolio had been made up largely of Bonds and Preferred Stocks which are "fixed income" investments and good results were achieved. It was confidently believed, however, that the prevailing rate of interest was headed upward which would be sure to result in lower prices of Bonds and Preferred Stocks which had been issued during a period of lower prevailing interest rates, and this has generally proven to be the case.

While all of the Bonds and Preferred Stocks in our portfolio have continuously paid their interest and dividends at the specified rates, the quoted market prices have gone down somewhat as a result of higher prevailing interest rates. On May 10, 1951 (the last day of the fiscal year) the Current Market Value of all Stocks and Bonds owned, including U. S. Government Bonds, was \$595,819.50 as compared with the cost thereof of \$602,548.47. It will, therefore, be seen that the Current Market Value was \$6,728.97 less than the cost, or about 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ %. The Current Market Value was less than cost on Bonds and Preferred Stocks as a class but more than cost on Public Utility Common Stocks and Natural Gas and Oil Common Stocks.

In connection with the fact that on May 10, 1951, the Current Market Value of all Stocks and Bonds was \$6,728.97 less than the cost thereof, we should bear in mind that the Income in Interest and Dividends on these securities on the date mentioned was at the rate of \$25,097.25 per year. These securities continue to pay well and we anticipate full payment of the Bonds at face value upon maturity.

The average income on all securities owned on May 10, 1951, based on the cost was 4.16% which was somewhat more than for the last several years and quite favorable when it is considered that almost 20% of the fund was invested during the entire year in United States Government Bonds bearing less than 2½% interest.

As is always the case, the securities markets and quotations are undergoing continual change. In handling the funds entrusted to it, this Board has attempted to purchase and sell various issues when the market appeared to be favorable, always exercising due care to refrain from transactions of a speculative nature. Particular attention and study have been given to the acquisition of Public Utility Common Stocks, which are not only sound and desirable for holding for a relatively long term and which at the same time promise a good income return steadily and regularly but also those which appeared to have good possibilities for price appreciation. It has all along been the feeling of the members of this Board that through the exercise of alertness and care we should be able to obtain suitable stocks possessing good possibilities for price appreciation without paying anything for the latter valuable quality.

While care is exercised in the acquisition of securities every effort has been made to take advantage of favorable opportunities to sell when for any reason this appears to be advisable. Losses may thus be avoided or profits realized. Generally, when a security has advanced sufficiently to make it possible to sell it so as to produce a profit equal to the interest or dividend income for the next two or three years, the security is sold. This may be done at times with Common Stocks or with Bonds or Preferred Stocks which have been purchased under the par value. During the past year such issues so sold, or surrendered upon being called for redemption, produced a net profit of \$21,605.61 which amount was equal to a little over 3½% of the total fund and, of course, is entirely aside from and in addition to the dividends and interest which had been received on these securities.

Your Board of Grand Trustees does not itself execute any purchases or sales of securities. It authorizes or directs such transactions which are handled in the Grand Secretary's office where all payments are made or received and where all of the records are kept.

It continues to be the purpose of the members of this Board to increase the investment fund as much as possible under a conservative program and with due regard for the preservation of the principal.

PRESENTATION OF ASSISTANT CUSTODIAN'S  
APRON TO W. ROY S. PLANCK

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

Brethren:

A few minutes ago I presented a certificate of proficiency to one of our Grand Lodge officers. A year ago we presented aprons to Assistant Custodians. We missed about three of them who were not able to be with us at that time. I thought I had them all taken care of, but I find this Illustrious Brother who stands beside me is still without proper adornment, and he is one of our very able and oldest in point of service as Assistant Custodian. Therefore, I wish now at this session of the Grand Lodge, in order that I might complete a mission assigned to me last year by the Grand Master to see that Brother Roy Planck was properly clothed as Assistant Custodian when he meets his brethren. I hope, W. Sir, that this will be a source of pleasure to you as it has been a source of gratification to the Grand Lodge to present you this apron.

W. Roy S. Planck, Assistant Custodian:

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I am particularly happy to get this mark of Assistant Custodian. I regret very much that during the past year and a half I have not been able to do all the things that an Assistant Custodian should do, but next year when my term as Grand High Priest is completed I am going to give W. Brother Ray my very best.

I thank you, M. W. Grand Master.

REPORT OF 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:

Each year as we have submitted our report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, we have attempted to call to your attention the history of the Orphans' Educational Fund, which basically is and has been the keystone of all our charitable activities since its inception in 1866. We have called attention to the struggle which existed to maintain the fund during its early formative period. We have paid tribute to those early pioneers who fostered the idea, the guiding hands which chartered the course and eventually culminated in the incorporation of The Nebraska Masonic Home under the laws of the State of Nebraska on May 28, 1889. The original unit of The Home was occupied in 1903.

Additional units have been added over a period of years. Those of you who visited the Home yesterday have seen the new modern infirmary unit in the course of completion. It is a labor of love and devotion and one to which Grand Master Nathaniel M. Ayers had the vision to refer in his annual report in 1903, when he said, "Let us build a monument to Masonry in Nebraska, to which future generations may point with pride and say, 'That was built by the Masons of Nebraska!'" Truly we have a lasting monument to Masonry in Nebraska which speaks louder for it than tongues of most gifted orators. The challenge has been a continuing one. Our responsibilities for the future maintenance of the Home will never cease.

Another important avenue of charitable activities is our Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. This Home is operated jointly with the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and has definitely filled a requirement, the compensation for which you cannot measure in tangible values.

The work of your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans is very closely related to the work of the Homes at Plattsmouth and at Fremont. Each group functions separately and independently from each other. This in our judgment is very necessary from an administrative standpoint. Our work like that of the Homes is a continuing one. The only change is that of the personalities of the individual requiring assistance.

During the past year your Committee has endeavored to function in the usual manner, giving consideration to each case handled on the basis of its individual merit as developed by our investigation. Primarily these requests come through the Subordinate Lodge and as a rule we never fail to receive their cooperation and support. We do expect the Lodge to carry their full share of the cost. Likewise we never fail to receive the cooperation of the Grand Chapter O.E.S. and the Scottish Rite Bodies whenever their memberships are included. On the other hand there are occasional instances, when in our judgment, the Officers of a particular lodge should have a stiff orientation course of education in order to give them a better and more thorough understanding of the true spirit of Masonic Charity.

Our total expense of operation in the amount of \$6,963.00 during the past year is well within our fixed income and budget. We have assisted a total of 43 adult people (27 women, 16 men) and 8 children. Included in this group are 21 adults who have been assisted regularly each month on a round the clock basis during the year. As we have heard so recently repeated over the air and in the newspapers "Old people never die, they just fade away."

A brief summary of the combined activities of your three Official Grand Lodge Charitable Groups is very startling and revealing. We submit it herewith for your information.

The Nebraska Masonic Home—100 residents.....	\$ 78,656.00
Masonic-Eastern Star Home—55 residents.....	37,533.00
Grand Lodge Relief Comm.—51 Individuals.....	6,963.00

Total—206 Individuals .....	\$123,152.00
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The picture as a whole is a vivid one of "Masonry in Action."

A complete audit of all records and accounts maintained by this Committee has been made by George L. Greenfield, Certified Public Accountants, and their report is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENTS, 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 Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:**

Your Committee on Reinstatements, advisory to the Grand Master, submit the following report of their activities for the year 1950-51.

During the past year 112 applications for reinstatement have been considered.

The combined ages of the applicants totaling 6,575 years; the average age of applicants being 58.7 years. The number and age of applicants by decades is as follows:

Thirty to 40 years, one; 40 to 50 years, thirteen; 50 to 60 years, sixty-one; 60 to 70 years, twenty-three; 70 to 80 years, eleven; 80 to 90 years, three.

The trend shows that suspended Brethren who have passed the half century mark feel the greater need of Masonry.

Various reasons were given as causes for suspension, the most prevalent being financial stress.

Your Committee would suggest that the Constituent Lodges increase their efforts to induce younger Brethren who have been suspended for non-payment of dues to reinstate and again participate in the fellowship offered by Freemasonry.

### 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, which was adopted.

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

The following leaders of Nebraska Masonry were present at the 41st annual Convention of the Memorial Association, held in Alexandria, Virginia, on February 22nd, 1951: M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master; R. W. Thomas J. Aron, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Edward M. Knight, Grand Senior Warden; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Emeritus; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian, and W. Charles S. Lobinger, 25.

The completion date of this great Masonic Shrine has not yet been determined or the amount of construction for this year. This has been due to the increased cost of labor, shortage of materials and governmental restrictions. But much has been done, such as the Library on the 6th floor of the Tower Section; new bronze doors in the halls of the first floor; air conditioning for the Alexandria Washington Lodge; a permanent asphalt parking lot which will accommodate several hundred cars; and many others, such as the Statue Base; lighting fixtures and stained glass windows.

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO FEBRUARY 10TH, 1951**

Building Construction .....	\$4,378,828.30
Grounds Construction .....	295,520.48
General Disbursements .....	366,902.34
Purchase of Land .....	73,313.88
Maintenance of Building .....	263,048.18
Maintenance of Grounds .....	73,010.63

Total .....\$5,450,623.81

**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED ON FEBRUARY 22ND, 1951**

For the Endowment Fund .....	\$ 56,851.80
For the Building Fund .....	138,042.83

Total .....\$ 194,894.63

As of February 10th, 1951, the net assets in cash and bonds is \$682,816.05 and cash contributions from Grand Lodges and other Masonic Bodies to February 23rd, 1951 are \$6,116,279.67.

Forty of the Grand Lodges have passed legislation providing for the payment of \$1.00 for each newly made Master Mason. No doubt all Grand Lodges will provide such action or other means of collecting this \$1.00.

Nebraska made no cash contribution this year, because in 1948, Most Worshipful Edward Huwaldt, Grand Master, recommended "that we pay the unpaid balance of \$21,918.90 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association by borrowing this amount from the Permanent Reserve Fund or such other fund as the Finance Committee

may deem proper. I further recommend we continue to appropriate \$500.00 as we have done in the past, until the said amount of \$21,918.90 is fully repaid into the fund from which it is borrowed." This recommendation was passed and Nebraska's quota is fully paid.

The Masonic population of Nebraska is 42,340 and we have contributed to the Memorial Association the sum of \$71,445.90.

This year 1,933 Master Masons were raised and the sum of \$1,933.00 has been transferred to the Permanent Reserve Fund.

Because of the Unveiling of the Statue of our Illustrious Brother George Washington, it has been necessary to revise the 16 mm. colored film with sound, and have twenty-five prints made for free distribution to the Lodges and other Masonic Bodies. This new film will again be available to you this fall through the Committee on Masonic Education and it is hoped that you will avail yourselves of the opportunity to show it. Should you want the film before fall, contact a member of this Committee and we will be glad to get it for you.

Please get your pamphlet of the "History of Memorial" before you leave for your homes. They are on a table near the entrance door of this room.

I said that no cash contribution was made by Nebraska this year, but a contribution was made by our Most Worshipful Grand Master. He presented to the Memorial Association a treatise in four volumes. I have his permission to quote from his presentation: "It is my privilege today to present to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association a treatise in four volumes: 'Footprints on the Sands of Time'; the memoirs of and a tribute paid by a Nebraska Mason, Brother Harry R. Follmer, to one who, like Washington, earned a special place in the hearts of all Americans because of the fidelity and ability with which he carried to victory our armies and those of our Allies in World War I; a Great American, a True Mason; a fine and able soldier, General John J. Pershing. We, as citizens of the United States of America, are proud of this distinguished and Great American, proud of his achievements; grateful for the service he rendered to mankind in an hour of darkness which threatened the peaceful civilization of the world . . . . As Grand Master of The Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, it is my great honor and privilege on behalf of the Brethren within this Grand Jurisdiction to pay this tribute to our distinguished Brother, a Nebraska Mason, a great American, our leader in the struggle to maintain liberty—General John J. Pershing".

There are some four million Master Masons in all of our Grand Jurisdictions and there is work to be done by each of us. I regret to say that all are not workers,—but think,—what those who work, could do with Communism, Socialism, social and political graft and all the other forces which are trying to undermine our American Constitution and our Freedom of Movement. Brethren, it is time to go to work for America, for Masonry, for ourselves if we have concern for the future, and the freedom for the generations which are to follow us. We, the Masons, four millions

of us, have much work to do, because our country will be as we make it. Every nation has as good a government as it deserves, or is ready to receive, whether it be a Dictatorship or a Republic. For the same reason, we must strive by every means at our command,—as individuals, and in our collective life, to make our State more perfect, more responsive to our Maker.

If our Nation is founded upon the inalienable rights of man to life, liberty and happiness, we must seek to make our life more abundant, our liberty more responsible, and our happiness more abiding. Until we learn the law for man—the law of values—of fellowship, of service, of working together for the common good, as well as we have learned “the law of things” in our amazing mastery of material things, we cannot make much advance toward fraternal righteousness.

We are living in an age of “changing”. Many forces are trying to change our “American Way of Life” into a form of mere existence, suitable to their own dictates. So, Brethren, we must build our house strong, and in accordance with the old, stable, immutable laws of God, or our house will not stand the force of Unamericanism, now blowing upon it.

In America we are proud of the fact that the Church is separate from State. Our freedom of faith is our most precious heritage, a thing of priceless worth. Too often we take it for granted, forgetting what it cost and to whom we are indebted for it.

The right of man to worship God in the way his heart loves best, is so in keeping with the idea and spirit of Masonry, so much a part of its genius, that we need to celebrate it anew in this 176th year of our national life.

We sit in a lodge listening to a ritual, not knowing when, where, or by whom it was written. It is a lyric fragment detached from time and place; it has come down to us singing its way on the unrelated wings of time. Its anonymousness is a part of its power. It is universal; it is not of an age or race, but of the world.

George Washington, like Masonry, was constructive. That he had around him many great minds does not detract from his glory. His was the directing spirit without which there would have been no Independence, no Union, no Constitution, and no Republic. His ways were the ways of truth. He built for eternity. His influence grows. His Stature increases with the increasing years. In wisdom of action, in purity of character, he stands alone. We cannot yet estimate him. We can only indicate our reverence for him and thank the Divine Providence which sent him to serve and inspire his fellow men.

And this “GREAT MASONIC SHRINE”, erected to forever enshrine the name of GEORGE WASHINGTON—is a universal symbol, to all people, bidding them to fashion their lives agreeable to the plans drawn by the Supreme Architect of the Universe upon His mundane trestleboard; that our Masonic forefathers were imbued with the spirit of Masonry in the forming of “OUR AMERICA”, and does tell to the world the story of our faith in God, our Country and Ourselves.

This Committee expresses to the Committee on Masonic Education sincere thanks for the cooperation given us, in stimulating interest among the lodges, in this great Memorial.

We recognize the need of getting more and complete information about this Memorial to all of our Nebraska lodges and offer our services in the promotion of any programs in any of our lodges.

At 12:05 P.M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 6, 1951

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

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

Before we resume the regular business of the Grand Lodge, brethren, I have a special matter to bring before you. W. Grand Senior Deacon, you will conduct to the East M. W. Lewis E. Smith. W. Brother Pieper, will you please rise.

Brethren:

In my address yesterday I called attention to a special gift to The Nebraska Masonic Home. In the bulletin which you received from The Nebraska Masonic Home about a month ago the statement was made that the amount of \$100,000 was being tendered to The Nebraska Masonic Home building fund for future building, providing the Masons of Nebraska could match it with an equal amount by the 15th of August, this year. We had a meeting in Lincoln about a month and a half ago to see what could be done about raising this money and at that time Illustrious Brother Joseph W. Seacrest, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, W. Brother Pieper and myself were present. We persuaded this donor to release his name, because we thought that by doing so he would stimulate the giving on the part of others who might know where he resided and perhaps would add to your interest in it and in your giving.

Therefore, I have great pleasure at this time in announcing to you that the brother who made this gift is W. William Pieper, senior Past Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, and I will ask M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, who was a factor in the negotiations between W. Brother Pieper who wanted to make this gift and The Nebraska Masonic Home, if he will make a further statement to you in regard to it.

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

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

This is a copy of the agreement signed by W. William Pieper and myself, as First Vice President of The Nebraska Masonic Home, by John S. Hedelund, the Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, and attested to by Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

TO THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME, INC.,  
PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA  
IN MEMORY OF OUR

FATHER, MOTHER, SISTERS.  
DECEASED.

A Tender is made by

J. HENRY, FRED L.

both deceased

and

WILLIAM PIEPER

Lincoln, Nebraska

of \$100,000.00 CASH.

For Masonic Home Building purposes only, subject to the following conditions;

The Nebraska Masonic Home, Inc., shall cause to be placed on deposit with the National Bank of Commerce at Lincoln, Nebraska, on or before August 15, 1951 the sum of \$100,000.00 CASH.

The Donor shall then immediately make the deposit of amount stated in tender, viz.: \$100,000.00 cash. The entire amount on deposit in said Bank shall be set aside for Masonic Building Purposes at Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

The Donor guarantees performance by placing in escrow with Bank above named, viz.: The National Bank of Commerce at Lincoln, Nebraska; \$100,000.00 face value United States Treasury Bonds.

Failure on part of The Nebraska Masonic Home, Inc. to perform their condition, said tender made by William Pieper and Brothers J. Henry and Fred L. Deceased, shall be null and void and of no avail, in which event no rights or claims, direct

or implied, shall accrue to the said THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME, INC.

The Donor desires, if accepted, prompt effort be made to attain the goal.

The Doner requests his name be not used, or published, unless specifically authorized by him.

Preferred the term, Gift Anonymous by a Mason.

February 15, 1951

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME, INC.

By (Signed) Lewis E. Smith  
1st Vice Pres.

(Signed) John S. Hedelund  
Grand Master

(Signed) Carl R. Greisen  
Grand Secretary

Donor—

(Signed) William Pieper

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

Brethren, it is the desire of Brother Pieper that the dedication shall be made by his minister, Dr. Frank A. Court.

DR. FRANK A. COURT

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Fellow Masons:

It is not very often that the privilege comes to a minister to speak for a fellow Mason in such an important way as it is now my privilege. Such a thing as this does not happen very often. However, I do not wish to appear presumptuous for I had nothing whatever to do with the gift, except the donor is a personal friend of mine, and one whom I admire in many ways.

So on behalf of William Pieper and deceased brothers J. Henry and Fred L., I wish to present this check for \$100,000.00 to The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth contingent upon the various lodges of the State raising a like amount.

Thus this is as it should be for it is in keeping with the desires of the donor. He is a humble individual, and does not desire to do things alone, thus he makes it possible for the Masons of Nebraska to double their money, for every dollar they give up to \$100,000.00 he in turn gives another dollar. Where could one find a better investment in happiness and

worthwhile giving? If it is true that old soldiers do not die, they simply fade away, it will also be true in Nebraska that old Masons do not die, but at the end of life will find happiness, security and fellowship in one of the finest Masonic Homes in all the world. With modern medical means prolonging life, it is absolutely necessary that we also add life to years, so we shall have to give more rather than less to take care of those who in the sunset of life look ahead, not to misery, but to peace and happiness.

It is the hope of the donor that this gift will inspire others to also give so that speedily the other \$100,000.00 may be raised so that the Home may immediately have the use of this money. So we trust your gratitude for this check will be that like the old Quaker who attended a prayer meeting and heard his fellow worshipers pray that God would help a family in need. After everybody had prayed the old Quaker reached in his pocket and pulled out a fifty dollar bill, he said, "My prayer is worth \$50.00 of help, how much is your prayer worth?" So a real sense of appreciation for this gift will depend on how much we are willing to give to the Master. It is given in the memory of loved ones. The Bible says, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them"

So it is great for parents to have made investment in life in sons, so that the sons in turn carry on the message and the memory of the parents.

So on behalf of William Pieper and his deceased brothers J. Henry and Fred L., I present this check for \$100,000.00, knowing that it is a thrilling and precious moment, it will mean much in the days to come in the security and happiness of those who face the sunset years.

May we stand for a moment in silent prayer, and then join in the Lord's prayer. (Lord's prayer.)

In the glory of God we dedicate this gift to the service of mankind.

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

Brethren:

It is my very great pleasure to present to you this friend of mine, this mighty good Mason, and he has been a working Mason, if I may say so. He is Past Master of his lodge, Past High Priest of his Chapter, Past Commander of his Commandery, and Past Master of the Council, and Past Potentate of Sesostri's Temple of the Shrine.

I have known this man and worked with him for more than thirty years. We have been close personal friends, and I want you to rise and give this man a welcome from this Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

Do you want to say a word?

W. Brother Pieper:

No.

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

It has been said that he is modest, and I think he has proved it. I will say something for him.

It is hard to translate into words another man's thoughts, but I do want you to know a few things that happened. W. Brother Pieper gave this money voluntarily, no one ever asked him for it. It is not the only gift that he has made to The Nebraska Masonic Home; he gave \$5,000.00 toward the building of the new wings under construction. This brother so loved Freemasonry that he wanted to do something for the old and infirm, our brethren, and their dependents who no longer can take care of themselves. It is really beyond my words to express to him the gratitude of this Grand Lodge and the brethren who are so much interested in The Nebraska Masonic Home. I have been a Trustee of the Home for more than forty-one years, and in all the years this is the greatest thing that has happened to The Nebraska Masonic Home. We have worked for years to interest the brethren in that Home, tried to bring to them the things that we are doing, and to have a brother appreciate it sufficiently to make such a gift as this, it seems to me that the members of the Home Board can feel a justified pride in their labors given freely over the years without expense; today we as members of that Home Board, are to present to the Grand Master this check, that it may be properly received in the Grand Lodge, then passed on to The Nebraska Masonic Home, which, of course, is a subsidiary organization of this Grand Lodge. Let's not forget that however much we may love the Home, and the thing it does, after all it is the being of this Grand Lodge of which you brethren should be proud to be members.

Now M. W. Grand Master, may I as the First Vice-President of The Nebraska Masonic Home, present you with this check for \$100,000.00, the gift of our beloved brother William Pieper to be used for the establishment of future buildings of the Home when conditions are right to do so.

**M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:**

**M. W. Brother Lew, Brother Pieper:**

I think, Brother Lew, that this is one of the crowning things of my year. I know of nothing in the history of Freemasonry in Nebraska which compares with it, unless we go back to the dogged determination of those pioneers whose contributions could not be made in even what we call respectable amounts today, but who from year to year gave a little bit of what they had to create the foundation that enabled us to buy the first unit. We have given now as Masons, most of us, for the building of this addition to the infirmary which we hope to have completed by the end of the year, and which then will accommodate all our aged guests in a fireproof modern structure. We still have on top of that hill the original building and the first addition to it, which in the light of years and modern construction are now out of date, fire hazards. No one should be

in them. They should be removed in toto, and it should not be too long, and this gift, if matched by the Masons of Nebraska will enable us to do that when the time comes that supplies are available and conditions more normal. So I am most happy, most thankful that this has come before I retired from office.

Brother Lew paid tribute to Brother Pieper, I don't know that I can add much to it, except to say to you that there have been a few rumors come to me that he wanted a memorial for himself and his family. Get it out of your heads, brethren, every bit of it.

We begged him for permission to use his name, and he said to me, "My mother had taught us that what we gave we gave anonymously, no one knew when or where, and that is the way I want this." He isn't asking for any bronze plate or great memorial. If he had his way about it you wouldn't know who he is. So when you get ready to do your share, remember that he with you is just one of the group that makes it possible. The greatness of the man is bespoken by his attitude in that regard.

I can't add words either, to thank you, Brother Pieper, but I do say that greatness of the soul, greatness in Masonry is evidenced by this thing, and I hope the Masons of Nebraska will appreciate it to the extent that they will rally around this cause and do it quickly, and make this a memorial to the Masons of this day and age under the leadership of a man who wished anonymously to match every dollar that you choose to give to make future building possible.

Thank you again, sir. I am very happy that it has come to me to receive and acknowledge this gift. (Continued applause.)

## PRESENTATION OF CHECK TO THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

By Miss Jeane Vierck, Worthy Grand Advisor of the  
Grand Assembly of the Order of Rainbow.

Miss Vierck:

**Mr. Hedelund, Officers of the Grand Lodge:**

On behalf of the Order of the Rainbow Girls of Nebraska, it is my pleasure to present this check of \$122.00 for your Masonic program. This money was raised through service projects by all of the Rainbow girls.

It was our pleasure to present a similar check to the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska for The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, and we also had the pleasure of a very pleasant visit there on Sunday, May 20th. It makes us very happy to be able to do our share and today we are pleased that we have the opportunity to present this check to help match the money which Mr. Pieper has given to you. Thank you. (Applause).

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

**Brethren:**

The Rainbow Girls presented a check a year ago which we used for special purposes at The Nebraska Masonic Home. They are today good enough to give us this check as a beginning toward the \$100,000.00 which we are now trying to raise. Thank you very much, and please carry to your Order our thanks and our high regard for your interest in our institutions, and for the fine work that you are doing for the girls.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

One of the pleasures of the Grand Master is the appointment of a Grand Orator. I stayed right close to my own family this time, and I thought perhaps somewhere I might be accused of trying to get too many Lininger men in the Grand Lodge Line for this year, but I know of no one who would do the work of the Grand Orator better than the man I have chosen. I met him in George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268 when I was receiving the degrees. He helped confer some of them on me, and I was fortunate enough to be appointed in line just behind him, so when he was W. Master I was Senior Warden of that Lodge, and in that process through the line, and in the year that he served as Master and I served as Senior Warden, we had a common understanding of each other, which developed into brotherly love which has never been broken.

You will find him an able speaker, and as the brother said he has for years been Vice-President of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children and rendered invaluable service, and he is therefore another working Mason.

I have great pleasure in presenting to you W. Brother Clarence T. Spier, of George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, our Grand Orator.

#### ORATION

W. Clarence T. Spier, 268, Grand Orator, delivered the oration.

M. W. Brother Hedelund, Distinguished Guests, my respected and revered colleagues in the Grand Lodge and Brethren:

Just a year ago Grand Master Hedelund accorded me the honor of appointment as Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. I accepted gratefully and willingly, mindful of my own shortcomings and my inability to do justice to the task the office presented. It is with deep humility that I stand before you this afternoon, not presuming in any sense to bring to you a message that is new or ideas that you yourselves have not for many years embraced and accepted. If there is one thing that will distinguish my remarks today it will be their brevity.

A few short weeks after this Grand Lodge was assembled a year ago, the people of America were confronted with and found themselves in the midst of one of the gravest national problems ever faced in all our history—the Communist hordes of North Korea marched south across the thirty-eighth parallel. The United States rose to meet this act of aggression and destiny again knocked at the door of this nation.

In the history of all people and in the history of all nations there come times when the knock of destiny is with marked insistence. We have in our lifetimes recognized this knock, but not in the same sense or degree that we have heard its echoes from the Korean peninsula. This is the third occasion in our national history when our rendezvous with destiny has required us to mold the course of events and map the path we are to follow. The first instance is evidenced by our Declaration of Independence and the War of the Revolution. The second came into being with the roar of the guns at Fort Sumter in the War between the States. The third is the knock that in late June, 1950, we heard with startling clearness and that is still sounding in our ears. On these three occasions the people of this nation molded and charted the course they were to pursue. The shape of things to come, the picture that the future will present, not only in our nation but in the world, depends upon us, the people of the United States, and our moral courage, wisdom, vision and will are the tools with which our course will be marked and our conduct defined.

In times of crises we turn to fundamentals. We review the past, examine our experience and measure our future actions by the teachings thus obtained and the knowledge thus acquired. It is, therefore, fitting, natural and in perfect character with our method of meeting and answering problems that we pause to review the fundamentals upon which our governmental structure has been erected, that we may clear our vision, restore our confidence, and remedy the failure of statesmanship in this time of chaos in national policies both foreign and domestic. From whence have we come and whither are we traveling? A quiet review of the foundation upon which our national existence is built will answer for us the first clause of the question and furnish to us a clear indication of the road over which we are traveling and the destination at which we hope to arrive.

The philosophy of America is a definite proposition. This proposition was perfectly expressed 175 years ago by the framers of the Declaration of Independence. To understand the philosophy and account for the definite expression of the proposition requires only a glance at its religious background. Since the dawn of Christianity men have first accepted the fatherhood of God and subsequently acknowledged the brotherhood of men, but it was not until the representatives of the American colonies met in 1776 that this religious conception was reduced to definite and succinct expression and applied to the affairs and relationships of men with respect to their government. The revolution in human affairs had been slow but a small group of wise and courageous men pronounced to

the world the basic principle and theory of emancipation of the individual from the subjugation of thought, word and deed to the tyranny of political, spiritual and economic power that had governed men without thought of their desires and in disregard of their status as human beings; the status of the individual as created by a divine Creator and endowed by that Creator with certain rights, which were equal rights and which could not be stripped from them by other men or agencies created by them. These equal rights are the so-called natural rights—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These are not merely theories; they are realities, deeply impressed in the hearts and minds of the people of this nation. These natural rights as pronounced and established must be maintained by a system of government created by and through the consent of the governed. The American system of government was established to secure these natural rights by a political system harmonizing these rights with the fact that man is a social and political being.

It is interesting to note that the essential principles of the American political system, as exemplified by our form of government, are unchanged by time. Everything that has happened to our government, its structure and its form since its foundation was not only provided for by its creators but in many instances anticipated by them. Political philosophy has made no progress since Adams, Hamilton, Madison and Jefferson. They were the outstanding political scientists of their day and the system of government they created expresses political and governmental truths and principles that are as applicable now as then to the government of any people on earth.

To maintain inviolate the three natural rights required the implementation of civil and political rights through governmental agency; and such implementation required the substance of principle and the solidity of governmental unity. The essential principles of the American system of government are simple and few; they are three: liberty, equality, constitutionalism, or the principle of limitation of power. The unchanging purpose is to keep the power of central government out of the hands of any one group whose selfish interest might in time prove too strong for the liberties of the rest of the people. Constitutionalism is the expression of the conviction that all governments are a potential menace to liberty and should be subject to definite limitation. Liberty is the power of self determination. To preserve and maintain it, a government of ample but restricted power is essential. This, of course, requires unanimous acquiescence in the basic theory that government derives its power only from the consent of the governed. To safeguard liberty by specifically announcing restriction on governmental power gave the Bill of Rights its existence and denied to the Federal government imposition in the fields in which governing powers have ever shown a disposition to intrude and destroy. The power to construe rights conferred upon the Judicial Branch of our government creates the necessary balance between the Judicial, Legislative and Executive branches and secures to the people a government of laws and not of men. Liberty in our philosophy

has always been and must continue to be protected at all times against all foes and in absolute priority.

Men are born with equal rights. This is the equality of our political philosophy. The issue of equal rights precipitated the great crisis of the constitution on the issue of slavery and the constitution survived this test of its own first principles. In an attempt to adjust and rectify considered inequities we have manufactured an atmosphere of chronic social crisis. Into the arms of Federal government has been given a host of new powers in such fashion and with such rapidity that some men despair of liberty and our American system.

The reasons the founders gave for fearing a strong central government seem all to have come true—big armies, heavy taxes, mountainous debts, swarms of officials and a steady narrowing of the self-determining power of the individual. Equality has become distorted and liberty is impaired. Let us restore our sense of balance with respect to the question of equality that we may not lose our perspective, through the exhortations of plausible demagogues appealing to the minorities through a garbled, inaccurate and indefensible application and meaning of equality and what it stands for and represents in the structure of our philosophy.

The Constitution is the catalyst combining liberty and equality. It permits the people to have exactly the type of government they choose and to exemplify the equality for which we stand—equality before the law.

We have for many years been charmed by the phrase "The American Way of Life", and have, perhaps, accepted the recital of this pleasant phrase without accepting the interest or responsibility of analysis. Our way of life springs from our inherent belief in the American proposition, the natural right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is founded on the American philosophy and the resulting system of government and at the same time it is responsible for that philosophy and that government. The American way of life is really the American ways of life, for there are ways without number. Can we travel to the far west, through our own mid-west, the south and the industrial east without recognizing that there is no set pattern or standardized method for American every-day life? All sections and every different community suggest definite and different characteristics and every-day modes of life vary as do our areas, sections and peoples. Our critics loudly and pointedly tell us that we are materialistic and standardized. The fact our critics overlook, perhaps because to them it is an imponderable, is our great diversity. Races, creeds, interests, ideas, customs, we have them by the score, and they vary, not from section to section or community to community, but from house to house. In fact it is a basic American characteristic to be extremely suspicious of anything of which there is only one. Our suspicion for our Federal Government is a notable illustration of this characteristic. The real American way of life is all of these. There is unity in diversity, unity of ideals, principles, belief,

unity of the practical and the ideal. Our inherent characteristics manifest this—the strenuousness of our life either in our business or in our relaxation; the idea that each of us is the equal of any other man; our generosity, kindness, friendliness, and our unfailing and perhaps too oft evident tendency to fly to the help of anyone who we think is being picked on or abused—these characteristics mark the perfection and evidence of the ideal of Democratic equality. The American way of life is in reality an ideal. It is a way of life to permit and encourage the development of the individual by his own free will in his own way toward his own goals and his own ideals.

We have completed the circle from the basic American philosophy or proposition through the American system of government and a way of life that is the motivating power of it all. Our philosophy created the system and the ideals flowered but the ideals started the progression and created the philosophy.

This is the road we have traveled. This is the self-generated power that has brought us to the present day. We have traveled a road marked by a basic proposition, the natural rights of the individual human being. All we have done has been in furtherance of this basic philosophy that it may grow and spread among those peoples of the world who since the dawn of history have consciously or unconsciously sought betterment for their position. The key to the future is the development of the potential in the individual. Our American philosophy has created the greatest agency and opportunity for individual growth that the world has ever seen. The essential condition is liberty—freedom—not merely the negative freedom from political and economic restrictions and hazards, but the positive freedom to develop and change, to experiment, to carry on. Our task is to maintain in proper equilibrium both the negative and positive freedoms. We must be constantly alerted to one insidious danger—the most serious losses of freedom are those not consciously recognized as such. For these we must be ever watchful. As our problems become more complex we may retreat into apathy or reach new perspectives on our present and future goals. It is the essential virtue of the American philosophy that we shall be free to attain them.

We are traveling from the prologue of the past into the picture that will be the future; from the sunset of the west to the sunrise of the east; from the twilight of our yesterday into the dawn of unending tomorrows. We should face the future with the same calm courage and faith that has brought us through the past. The potential of tomorrow is the result of our accomplishments, objectives and ideals today. It rests with us to see that our way will not be lost, and the natural rights of mankind—life—liberty and the pursuit of happiness march on triumphant down the endless road of the future.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

Brethren:

Your applause indicates your approval of my choice of Grand Orator. And I thank you very much, W. Brother Spier, for the very inspiring,

educational address, which will be printed in the proceedings, and which I hope, my brothers, you will again make use of at some of your lodge meetings in order that those who could not be here might also benefit from it.

M.·W.·John S. Hedelund, Grand Master, then called on M.·W.·C. Lyle Hagaman, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F.·& A.·M.· of New Jersey, who addressed the Grand Lodge.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W.·Robert G. Outman, 183, 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 Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, 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 Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, 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 Blazing Star Lodge No. 200, 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 Blazing Star Lodge No. 200, 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 Aurora Lodge No. 68, 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 Aurora Lodge No. 68, A.·F.·& A.·M.· be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”

Your committee has had referred to it for review sentence imposed by the Trial Commisison on a brother 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 sentence and report whether the committee thinks the penalty in this case should be

increased from indefinite suspension to Expulsion. Your committee has considered this case and makes the following recommendation:

No. 1. With reference to the sentence imposed upon a former member of Star Lodge No. 88, 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 beer distributing 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 Star Lodge No. 88, A. F. & A. M., of indefinite suspension 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, A. F. & A. M. 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 also commend the Secretaries of the Constituent Lodges for their efficient work in helping the Grand Secretary and his staff.

We make the following recommendations:

First: Revised Membership Roster with complete address of Brethren in good standing.

Second: Verify all entries on report before mailing in.

Third: Eliminate errors in name and dates.

Fourth: That a copy of this report be sent to each Secretary of the Constituent Lodges.

### REPORT OF THE 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:

In line with the citation of Eminence Lodge No. 223, Giltner, this committee has made a thorough investigation and finds this lodge to be in sound condition, that its membership is more than 90% farmers who find it most difficult to suspend their farming operations the first of

June. However, they now being aware of the gravity of their actions, we recommend that the citation be dropped.

Your committee also examined the reports of the Credentials Committee and find that the following lodges have not been represented for a period of three years:

Solomon Lodge No. 10, Ft. Calhoun; Sterling Lodge No. 70, Sterling; Valley Lodge No. 157, Wilsonville; Wausa Lodge No. 251, Wausa, and James A. Tulleys Lodge No. 267, Overton.

We therefore recommend that the above named lodges be cited to appear before this committee at the next Communication of the Grand Lodge.

### 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, 34, 48, 49, 70, 72, 84 86, 94, 99, 108, 139, 147, 149, 155, 157, 165, 171, 176, 187, 189, 191, 194, 207, 212, 216, 217, 219, 226, 234\*\*, 248, 251, 254, 267, 273, 274, 275, 276, 278, 282, 284, 285, 291, 293, 305, 307, 308, 313, 319, 322.

Total number of lodges 276, number represented 226, number not represented 50. Lodges not represented for the last two annual communications are Nos. 10, 70, 157, 165, 251, 254, 267, 282, 307, 313. Lodges not represented for the last three annual communications, Nos. 10, 70, 157, 251, 267.

#### GRAND OFFICERS

- M. W. John S. Hedelund .....Grand Master
- R. W. Thomas J. Aron .....Deputy Grand Master
- R. W. Edward M. Knight .....Grand Senior Warden
- R. W. Fay Smith .....Grand Junior Warden
- R. W. Carl R. Greisen .....Grand Secretary
- V. W. Thomas A. Barton .....Grand Chaplain
- W. Clarence T. Spier .....Grand Orator
- W. Harold H. Thom .....Grand Historian
- W. Raymond C. Cook .....Grand Custodian
- W. Morace F. Smith .....Grand Marshal
- W. Charles F. Adams .....Grand Senior Deacon
- W. Herbert T. White .....Grand Junior Deacon
- W. James H. Bryant .....Grand Tyler

Past Grand Masters: M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, Edwin D. Crites, John R. Tapster, Ralph O. Canaday, Virgil R. Johnson, Chancellor A. Phillips, Walter R. Raecke, William J. Breckenridge, Earl J. Lee, Edward F. Carter, George A. Kurk, William B. Wanner, William C. Schaper, Benjamin F. Eyre, Elmer E. Magee, Ernest S. Schiefelbein.

## REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska . . . . .	No. 1	*Charles E. McCann.	John H. Brown. . . . .	George Spencer
Western Star. . . . .	2	Fred Stearns . . . . .	William R. Nixon. . . . .	.....
Capitol . . . . .	3	Rudolph Melchoir. . . . .	Wesley Lindahl . . . . .	.....
Nemaha Valley . . . . .	4	Dean Walker, Jr. . . . .	*Franklin F. Oldfeld. . . . .	*Don Lawrence
Omadi . . . . .	5	Kenneth A. Bliven. . . . .	Willard A. Sides. . . . .	*Charles H. Fueston
Plattsmouth . . . . .	6	Royal Smith . . . . .	C. Warren Rhylander . . . . .	.....
Falls City. . . . .	9	Willard I. Lewis . . . . .	*Willard I. Lewis. . . . .	*Willard I. Lewis
Solomon . . . . .	10	.....	.....	.....
Covert . . . . .	11	Stanley P. Street. . . . .	Thomas F. Blaylock. . . . .	Charles O. Baker
Orient . . . . .	13	*Leo H. Kreutzer. . . . .	.....	.....
Peru . . . . .	14	Earl Applegate . . . . .	*Donald E. Lavigne. . . . .	Harry D. Milstead
Fremont . . . . .	15	Walter L. Handy. . . . .	Gilbert H. Ruwe. . . . .	*James M. Hansen
Tecumseh . . . . .	17	Wayne C. McCoy. . . . .	Wilber G. Fink. . . . .	.....
Lincoln . . . . .	19	E. Forrest Estes. . . . .	*Perry J. Morton. . . . .	Richard L. Wait
Washington . . . . .	21	William J. Money. . . . .	*Chris K. Bendorf. . . . .	*Donald R. Ehlers
Pawnee . . . . .	23	*Harry Heinecke . . . . .	.....	.....
Saint Johns. . . . .	25	Ralph S. Tully. . . . .	.....	.....
Beatrice . . . . .	26	Ferreal F. Friday. . . . .	*Ferreal F. Friday. . . . .	.....
Jordan . . . . .	27	Edward M. Young. . . . .	Dean W. Lancaster. . . . .	.....
Hope . . . . .	29	.....	*Eldon E. Larimore. . . . .	.....
Blue River. . . . .	30	John A. Fieke. . . . .	*J. Elmer Yost. . . . .	Kenneth R. Jaeger
Tekamah . . . . .	31	.....	*Anton R. Kokes. . . . .	*Charles McDonald
Platte Valley. . . . .	32	Nels H. Ostergaard. . . . .	*Cary W. Dresslar. . . . .	*Robert A. Phelps
Ashlar . . . . .	33	Arlo H. Schlieker. . . . .	Chester C. Linder. . . . .	Benjamin D. Wood
Acacia . . . . .	34	.....	.....	.....
Fairbury . . . . .	35	John D. Melcher. . . . .	.....	.....
Lone Tree. . . . .	36	Wilhelm P. Hansen. . . . .	Robert B. Desch. . . . .	Dean E. Eckhoff
Crete . . . . .	37	Ben F. Fink. . . . .	*John J. Kubes, Jr. . . . .	Glenn M. Park
Oliver . . . . .	38	*Thomas E. Anderson	*Thomas E. Anderson	.....
Papillion . . . . .	39	Orville B. Enterman	.....	.....
Humboldt . . . . .	40	Richard W. Nims. . . . .	*Richard W. Nims. . . . .	Rob. A. Chamberlain
Northern Light	41	Arthur Lamml. . . . .	.....	.....
Hebron . . . . .	43	F. O. Woodward. . . . .	.....	.....
Harvard . . . . .	44	J. Herbert Robertson	*Lisle Hanna . . . . .	*Arnold F. Edmiston
Rob Morris . . . . .	46	Alfred B. Saum. . . . .	John F. Spohr. . . . .	Charles P. Brink
Fairmont . . . . .	48	.....	.....	.....
Evening Star. . . . .	49	.....	.....	.....
Hastings . . . . .	50	Charles R. Brown. . . . .	*Hubert F. Favinger. . . . .	*Curtis L. Walters
Fidelity . . . . .	51	Roy D. Welte. . . . .	Robert D. Larson. . . . .	Edgar V. Thomas
Hiram . . . . .	52	James M. Haney. . . . .	.....	.....
Charity . . . . .	53	*Frank E. Morhart. . . . .	*Frank M. Morhart. . . . .	Frank M. Morhart

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Lancaster ... No. 54	Rolland A. Poff.....	.....	Floyd E. Dickerson
Mosaic ..... " 55	Justin F. Fauss...	Alfred G. Miller....	*Richard J. McNamee
York ..... " 56	Raymond H. Read..	Donald H. Jones...	.....
Mount Moriah . " 57	Marshall Halversen.	Donald E. Glosson..	*Clarence Beers
Wahoo ..... " 59	Gothard Anderson..	Myrle TeKolste ...	John K. Schultz
Melrose ..... " 60	Oliver Richards ...	R. Nathan Johnson..	.....
Thistle ..... " 61	G. Hanford Smith..	.....	Delbert W. Carroll
Keystone .... " 62	Robert D. Jensen...	Harry Olson .....	.....
Blue Valley ... " 64	Robert Timm.....	Dennis O. Aksamit..	.....
Osceola ..... " 65	George J. Inness...	Wallace F. Monson..	Harold L. Jones
Edgar ..... " 67	Arthur H. Swanson.	Ezra A. Good.....	*Ezra A. Good
Aurora ..... " 68	Harry T. Kelly.....	.....	.....
Sterling ..... " 70	.....	.....	.....
Trowel ..... " 71	Harold A. Tilton...	Roy D. Christensen.	.....
Hooper ..... " 72	.....	.....	.....
Friend ..... " 73	Edward D. Fritz...	*Edward D. Fritz...	*Edward D. Fritz
Alexandria ... " 74	Daryl L. Easley...	*Elmer K. Wolfe....	*Ben F. Allen
Frank Welch .. " 75	*Ralph Gentle .....	*Ralph Gentle .....	Ralph Gentle
Nelson ..... " 77	.....	.....	*Harry R. Follmer
Albion ..... " 78	Albert N. Lamb....	.....	.....
Geneva ..... " 79	Francis Kimbrough.	*Bert D. Fussell....	Guy A. Brown, Jr.
Composite .... " 81	.....	Herbert D. Treadway	*Pearl C. Hillegass
Saint Paul .... " 82	Verden C. McIntyre	*Ed G. Paulsen.....	*Alfred L. Baliman
Corinthian ... " 83	Gordon Neunberger.	Walter Otte .....	Charles B. Coe
Fairfield .... " 84	.....	.....	.....
Doniphan .... " 86	.....	.....	.....
Ionic ..... " 87	Walter P. Scott...	*Walter P. Scott...	*Walter P. Scott
Star ..... " 88	*Walter W. Small...	Claude Englert .....	.....
Cedar River... " 89	Edward F. Schulte.	.....	.....
Oakland ..... " 91	LeRoy Johnson ...	Gordon Nelson .....	Harry L. Scheffel
Beaver City... " 93	.....	.....	Commodore O. Lamb
Bennett ..... " 94	.....	.....	.....
Garfield ..... " 95	Lloyd G. Gillespie..	.....	.....
Utica ..... " 96	David J. Frager...	Louis A. Pollock...	Loren S. McNeil
Euclid ..... " 97	Calvin Carsten ...	Harold C. Elliott...	*Chris Rasmussen
Republican ... " 98	Burgal Lyden .....	*H. Price Croley...	.....
Shelton ..... " 99	.....	.....	.....
Creighton ... " 100	.....	*Gordon N. Watkins.	Gerald H. Langhorst
Ponca ..... " 101	*Dean H. Ehle.....	.....	.....
Waterloo .... " 102	.....	Lorenz C. Stohl...	.....
Ord ..... " 103	*T. Bruce Covey...	.....	.....
Wymore ..... " 104	.....	Wallace S. Laughlin	.....
Stella ..... " 105	Wm. P. Sultzbaugh.	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Porter .....No. 106	.....	Orville H. Lilley...	.....
Table Rock.... " 108	.....	.....	.....
Pomegranate .. " 110	Alvin N. Holmes...	*Carl W. Ziegenbein.	Jesse H. Campbell
DeWitt ..... " 111	Harold Zwonechek..	George H. Norton...	.....
Springfield ... " 112	Glen McCamley....	Henry A. Davis....	.....
Globe ..... " 113	William G. Test....	.....	.....
Wisner ..... " 114	*Carl H. Freese....	Judson M. Meier...	.....
Harlan ..... " 116	*Thomas C. Rogers..	.....	.....
Hardy ..... " 117	*George B. McDowell	.....	.....
North Bend... " 119	R. Willard Scott...	Thorward E. Miller.	Mervin Otte
Wayne ..... " 120	Orville M. Sherry..	*Ralph Crockett ....	*Walter S. Bressler
Superior ..... " 121	.....	Carl A. Hull .....	C. Lester Aldrich
Auburn ..... " 124	*Fred A. Rothert....	*Harry E. Weekly...	.....
Mount Nebo... " 125	David F. Olsen....	*Clyde E. Pearson...	Clinton C. Jurgensen
Stromsburg ... " 126	Arnold Detmer ...	.....	.....
Minden ..... " 127	Duane D. Newbold..	.....	.....
Guide Rock... " 128	Richard L. Ely....	Allen C. Vaughn...	.....
Blue Hill.... " 129	Frank O. Delehoyde.	.....	.....
Tuscan ..... " 130	Read B. Otto.....	Lloyd Whitmore ...	Earl D. Smith
Scribner ..... " 132	Oscar Aldrich.....	Virgil Swanson ...	*Harold Muckseh
Elm Creek ... " 133	.....	Joy W. Laughlin...	.....
Solar ..... " 134	*Arthur Seddendorf..	Leonard R. Church..	.....
McCook ..... " 135	Ed. J. Petersen, Jr..	*Ed. J. Petersen, Jr..	*Ed. J. Petersen, Jr.
Long Pine ... " 136	*Charles M. Frederick	*William C. Smith, Sr.	.....
Upright ..... " 137	*N. Rex Graham....	.....	.....
Rawalt ..... " 138	Lewis B. Goehring..	.....	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	.....	.....	.....
Western ..... " 140	Harlan E. Sims....	*Arthur J. Henry....	Harlan E. Sims
Crescent ..... " 143	Warren C. Hansen..	.....	.....
Kenesaw ..... " 144	*Resin G. Bennett...	.....	.....
Bancroft ..... " 145	*Lawrence H. Preston	*Gerald J. Havekost.	*Frank A. Wood
Jachin ..... " 146	Richard C. Hallgren.	*Neil Hultquist .....	.....
Siloam ..... " 147	.....	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford " 148	Orvis M. Meston...	Leonard C. Wachter	.....
Jewel ..... " 149	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge ... " 150	*C. A. Phillips.....	.....	*Chancellor A. Phillips
Square ..... " 151	Herman J. Schmidt.	.....	.....
Evergreen .... " 153	Douglas Kratochvil.	.....	Harold R. Frey
Lily ..... " 154	Kenneth Saum .....	.....	.....
Hartington ... " 155	.....	.....	.....
Pythagoras ... " 156	Lloyd B. Fusselman.	William S. Simmons	.....

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Valley .....No. 157	.....	.....	.....
Samaritan .... " 158	Tom P. Mullins.....	*Welcome W. Naylor	*George A. Stevens
Ogalalla ..... " 159	Melvin H. Adams...	*Cyrus D. Sanders...	.....
Zeredatha .... " 160	Lester Hansmire....	Paul Geobel .....	.....
Mount Zion ... " 161	*Fred Scow .....	.....	.....
Trestle Board.. " 162	Ernest E. Jennings.	.....	*Clair C. Christy
Unity ..... " 163	Emmett A. Landon.	Walter Marolf .....	.....
Atkinson ..... " 164	*Edgar A. Robertson.	*Edgar A. Robertson.	Edgar A. Robertson
Barneston .... " 165	.....	.....	.....
Mystic Tie .... " 166	Carl F. Johnson....	*George E. Mills....	*Roy Barkdoll
Elwood ..... " 167	*George T. Burt....	.....	.....
Curtis ..... " 168	*Klyte Burt .....	.....	.....
Amity ..... " 169	Floyd A. Lincoln...	.....	.....
Mason City .. " 170	.....	*Henry O. Knudson..	.....
Merna ..... " 171	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns.. " 173	Floyd Carlson .....	*Warren A. Isaacson.	*Clyde H. Jones
Culbertson .... " 174	*Frank L. Lee.....	*Osborne P. Simon...	*Osborne P. Simon
Temple ..... " 175	.....	*Edgar S. Burroughs.	Benjamin F. Cox, Jr.
Gladstone .... " 176	.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs... " 177	Frank D. Diercks... *	*Frank D. Diercks...	*Frank D. Diercks
Prudence ..... " 179	Carl P. Paulsen.....	*Velmar E. Horner..	.....
Justice ..... " 180	*J. Audlie Dunn.....	J. Audlie Dunn.....	.....
Faith ..... " 181	*Walter O. Barnes... *	*Walter O. Barnes...	.....
Alliance ..... " 183	William E. Becker..	Robert C. Lawrence.	*Reuben E. Knight
Bee Hive ..... " 184	J. Harold Shainholtz	Joe M. Troxel.....	Orville B. Hathaway
Boaz ..... " 185	*Robert A. Jeffrey... *	*Robert A. Jeffrey...	*Robert A. Jeffrey
Israel ..... " 187	.....	.....	.....
Meridian ..... " 188	*Jesse W. Henry....	Jesse W. Henry....	*Ernest L. Ryan
Granite ..... " 189	.....	.....	.....
Amethyst ..... " 190	Kurtis W. Bowden..	.....	.....
Crystal ..... " 191	.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa .. " 192	U. Wesley Fox.....	.....	.....
Signet ..... " 193	James R. Harper...	.....	Alva Dykes
Highland ..... " 194	.....	.....	.....
Arcana ..... " 195	Fred B. Fitch.....	.....	.....
Morning Star.. " 197	*Gordon A. Hartman.	.....	.....
Purity ..... " 198	Arlyn Klein .....	.....	.....
Gavel ..... " 199	Milford K. Brinegar	*Milford K. Brinegar	*James H. Bryant
Blazing Star.. " 200	Lloyd L. Smith....	Robert W. Brownell	.....
Scotts Bluff... " 201	Merle D. Vilmur....	H. Rogers Sands....	*Merle D. Vilmur
Golden Sheaf.. " 202	James O. Kimball..	*Osborn H. Scott....	*James O. Kimball

\*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Roman Eagle.No. 203	Henry C. Bruns....	Emery H. Mutz....	Elias G. Conger
Plainview .... " 204	Hubert L. Kuhl....	Harold R. Young...	.....
Golden Fleece.. " 205	*Alfred G. Taylor...	*Alfred G. Taylor...	*Alfred G. Taylor
Naphthali ..... " 206	James R. Hays.....	*John D. Steiner....	Keith A. Hays
Parian ..... " 207	.....	.....	.....
Gauge ..... " 208	.....	Virgil V. Bugbee....	.....
Canopy ..... " 209	Orel B. Lupardus...	Corliss M. Tatman...	C. Talbert Edwards
East Lincoln.. " 210	John H. Kruse.....	Harold W. Springer..	Alva B. Jennings
Cement ..... " 211	Darrel H. Alberts..	Otto E. Meyer.....	.....
Compass and Square .... " 212	.....	.....	.....
Plumbline .... " 214	Kenneth M. Martin..	Sam A. Mosby.....	*Lowell Scaggs
Occidental .... " 215	Ernest E. Beck.....	Clarence G. Prange..	Elvin H. Rhode
Palisade ..... " 216	.....	.....	.....
Wauneta ..... " 217	.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield ... " 218	*John R. Clements...	Everett F. Kuhl....	.....
Relief ..... " 219	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia ..... " 220	George R. Hahn.....	.....	.....
Wood Lake .... " 221	Jack S. Kreycek...	.....	.....
Landmark .... " 222	Kenneth B. Wachter	J. Melvin West.....	Floyd Triplett
Eminence ..... " 223	Bert W. Hays.....	.....	Eldon L. Bish
Silver Cord ... " 224	Robert H. Tyler....	Lawrence B. Smith..	*Robert H. Tyler
Cable ..... " 225	.....	*Floyd D. Lucas.....	Alfred R. Kenoyer
Grace ..... " 226	.....	.....	.....
North Star.... " 227	William A. German..	.....	.....
Bartley ..... " 228	Phill E. Crawford..	*Phill E. Crawford..	*Henry Butherus
Comet ..... " 229	Martin E. Johnson..	*Francis J. Beaman..	*LeRoy Quick
Delta ..... " 230	*James O. Duncan...	*James O. Duncan...	.....
Mount Hermon " 231	Warren Brown ....	*Warren Ferguson...	.....
John S. Bowen. " 232	*Nic Friedrichsen...	*Fred M. Paulsen...	Clarence Paulsen
Gilead ..... " 233	Howard N. Sieler...	.....	.....
**Zion ..... " 234	.....	.....	.....
Fraternity .... " 235	*Walter Gaebler ....	.....	.....
Golden Rule... " 236	*Oliver W. Money...	Maynard K. Prouse..	Millard M. Martin
Cubit ..... " 237	Lloyd R. Brugman..	Walter L. Hartman..	*C. Clyde Mayes
Friendship .... " 239	William McHargue..	.....	.....
Pilot ..... " 240	John A. Magyar....	Marion Lotz .....	.....
George Armstrong.. " 241	Howard G. Curley..	Byron Bartling ....	*Byron Bartling
Tyrian ..... " 243	Vernon L. Corman..	.....	.....
Hampton ..... " 245	L. E. Christiansen..	*Elmer L. Spray....	.....
Nehawka ..... " 246	George H. Rieke....	.....	R. Sterling Harris

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Corner-stone .No. 247	*Alfred N. Lundstrom	.....	.....
Laurel ..... " 248	.....	.....	.....
Gothenburg ... " 249	Alvin Bringelson...	Eugene Hecox .....	.....
George			
Washington. " 250	Delbert C. Barnes...	Hiram C. Bell.....	Harold R. Beachell
Wausa ..... " 251	.....	.....	.....
Beemer ..... " 253	*John E. Beaver.....	*Frederick C. Buhk..	.....
Bassett ..... " 254	.....	.....	.....
Hickman ..... " 256	Elmer J. Etmund...	.....	Vernon H. Etmund
Holbrook ..... " 257	*Samuel F. Davis.....	.....	.....
Anselmo ..... " 258	James A. Schmidt...	.....	.....
Ornan ..... " 261	Earl Conklin .....	Chester M. Nelson..	.....
Endeavor .... " 262	.....	*Joseph Reiter .....	*Walter C. Smith
Mitchell ..... " 263	*A. Victor Bryan....	*A. Victor Bryan....	*A. Victor Bryan
Franklin ..... " 264	.....	.....	Jesse U. Malick
Robert W.			
Furnas ..... " 265	Bert E. Rymer.....	.....	.....
Silver ..... " 266	*Elmer H. Tooker...	.....	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	.....	.....	.....
George W.			
Lininger .... " 268	Edward C. Reynolds	Martin J. Hedelund.	*D. M. Edgerly, Jr.
Oasis ..... " 271	*Clarence P. Fox....	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette. " 272	Elmer Kosbohm ...	Arlo E. Wirth.....	Merlin R. Balfour
Crofton ..... " 273	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	.....	.....	.....
Ramah ..... " 275	.....	.....	.....
Antelope ..... " 276	.....	.....	.....
Sioux ..... " 277	*John Marking .....	Charles Lee .....	*Charles Lee
Litchfield .... " 278	.....	.....	.....
Wallace ..... " 279	*Channing J. Lewis..	.....	.....
Swastika ..... " 280	Gerald E. Coslor....	.....	.....
Florence ..... " 281	.....	*L. Irving Rockwell..	*William A. Yoder
Mullen ..... " 282	.....	.....	.....
Exeter ..... " 283	Roy Eberhardt .....	.....	.....
Seneca ..... " 284	.....	.....	.....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	.....	.....	.....
Oshkosh ..... " 286	Lynn Chichester ...	John J. Miller.....	*Lynn Chichester
Union ..... " 287	Joe A. Dowding....	Gordy E. Johnson..	*Arthur J. Lamborn
Omaha ..... " 288	Guy H. Hobbs.....	*Frederick J. Bolshaw	.....
Lotus ..... " 289	*Truman M. Maul....	*Henry A. Nelson...	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	Thomas J. Foy.....	Jess W. Wade.....	.....
Diamond ..... " 291	.....	.....	.....

\*Proxy.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Wolbach .....No. 292	Merle A. Thomsen..	*Alfred J. Larsen...	Andrew J. Thomsen
Monument .... " 293	.....	.....	.....
Kimball ..... " 294	*Tom H. Lutey.....	Tom H. Lutey.....	*Tom H. Lutey
Minatare ..... " 295	*George H. White...	*George H. White...	*George H. White
Cotner ..... " 297	.....	Ben D. Workman...	Thomas Fowler
Chester ..... " 298	*Paul W. Dry.....	*James E. Woodward	.....
Sutherland .... " 299	John D. Stewart...	Robert Tyler .....	Edward J. Lawyer
Liberty ..... " 300	Donald A. Keys....	Arthur W. Mason...	Howard A. Stewart
Bayard ..... " 301	Edgar A. McDonald.	Harry Reifschneider.	*Edgar A. McDonald
Mizpah ..... " 302	.....	*George E. Mitchell..	.....
Right Angle.. " 303	Leon G. Vossler...	Eugene L. Bumsted..	Robert C. Bruce
Ruskin ..... " 304	Evon Sykes .....	*Christian F. Hansen	.....
Newman Grove " 305	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rod... " 306	Ben H. Vaecck.....	Clarence L. Meyer..	*Wayne L. Campbell
William E. Hill " 307	.....	.....	.....
Perkins ..... " 308	.....	.....	.....
Winnebago .... " 309	Albin Nickelson...	*Anton J. Barkop...	.....
Victory ..... " 310	Ward V. Whitaker.	Charlie Zaretir .....	Howard H. Johnson
Polk ..... " 311	.....	Parker W. Aker....	.....
Oak Leaf..... " 312	LeRoy D. Mulhair..	.....	*Wallace E. Moffett
Potter ..... " 313	.....	.....	.....
Craftsmen .... " 314	Theodore J. Leacock	Lyle S. Graybill....	Delbert H. Pinkerton
Alpha ..... " 316	*Wilber E. Allen....	*Howard M. Richards	Gerald L. Curry
Mid-West .... " 317	Harold A. Schmer..	Willard E. Pettes..	*Myron C. Harris
Grand Island.. " 318	*Albert B. Osborn...	.....	.....
Bladen ..... " 319	.....	.....	.....
College View.. " 320	Lloyd M. Finks....	*Henderikus Ottjes..	Eugene W. Tedd
Harmony ..... " 321	Raymond Weed ....	*Raymond Weed ....	*Raymond Weed
Pioneer ..... " 322	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon ..... " 323	Joseph P. Young...	*Robert E. Lund.....	Elmer J. Hodges
Cairo ..... " 324	Milton J. Veeder...	Wayne S. Sorensen.	Rudolph V. Larson

\*Proxy.

\*\*Worshipful Master and Junior Warden of Zion No. 234 were killed enroute to Grand Lodge.

### ZION LODGE No. 234

A distressing incident occurred to mar the sessions of Grand Lodge. As Brothers James R. Jones and Ferdinand C. Eeke, Worshipful Master and Junior Warden respectively of Zion Lodge No. 234, were approaching Grand Island in their automobile, enroute to Grand Lodge, an accident happened which resulted in death for both of them. R. W. Grand Senior Warden, Edward M. Knight, called the matter to the attention of Grand Lodge, whereupon M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master, asked the Grand Chaplain to lead the Grand Lodge in prayer for the souls of our departed Brothers, after which R. W. Knight offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

#### RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, while enroute to this Communication of the Grand Lodge, and near Grand Island, Nebraska, an accident happened which took the lives of W. Brother James R. Jones and Brother Ferdinand C. Eeke, Master and Junior Warden respectively of Zion Lodge No. 234; and,

"WHEREAS, the untimely death of these distinguished Brethren has brought not only grief and sorrow to their families, but Grand Lodge has lost two of its faithful members;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Grand Lodge extend to the families of each of these Brethren its deepest sympathy in their hour of sorrow and to Zion Lodge No. 234 condolence in the passing of two of its faithful and devoted members; and,

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the families of our deceased Brethren and to Zion Lodge No. 234."

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master, called on M. W. Glen G. Radcliffe, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, who addressed the Grand Lodge.

#### 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 increased activity for the Committee on Masonic Education. Increased interest, greater use of materials, and more correspondence has meant more time and effort but this means doing more to spread the light of Masonry. It has been our constant aim to bring to the brethren more information and inspiration so that the progress of our great order may continue. In an age when the world is divided as never before into two great ideologies it is imperative that

the teachings and ideals of Masonry be more fully understood and practised if the ideals and hopes of our forefathers are to be realized. Masonry and Democracy go hand in hand in order that mankind may reach higher and higher in the development of a free mind and spirit. Where one fails the other fails. Ritualism alone is not enough. And it is greatly encouraging that more and more of the brethren are studying and learning of these teachings. And equally encouraging is the fact that other Grand Jurisdictions are going forward in the work of Masonic Education.

Your Committee with the help of the Grand Lodge Officers has held many meetings the past year and has attempted to increase and improve the efficiency of its work. We have been especially happy for the interest and time given to this work by our M. W. Grand Master, John S. Hedelund. He has attended every area meeting, has offered many valuable suggestions and participated actively in all meetings. To our Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, and his Assistant Custodians, we are greatly indebted. Present at all area meetings, committee meetings, and with some of his Assistants always ready to give aid has made the work of the Committee much easier. The valuable talks of the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian have made lasting contributions to the education of Nebraska Masons. Our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Thomas J. Aron, has presided at the banquet meetings in every area with efficiency, poise, and dignity. The presence of our Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, at all meetings has been a real stimulus to all. Your Committee is most grateful to all Grand Lodge Officers for their help in the various duties assigned to us.

A detailed report of the Committee is found in the report of the Director, W. Curry W. Watson, a copy of which is attached to this report and which is available to any brother interested. May we briefly suggest the various phases of the work attempted during the year.

1. A bulletin has been published each month which has gone to all Masters and Secretaries and to many other Grand Jurisdictions. In return for the latter we have received much valuable literature.

2. Because of the increased demand for the Educational Booklets it has been necessary to reprint all issues. It is very gratifying to find an ever increasing number of lodges making use of this material.

3. A number of special bulletins has been published. These have been in many areas of Masonic education such as programs for Ladies Nights, Patriotic meetings, Special days, Guest Nights, and others.

4. The Speakers Bureau has been continued from which any lodge may secure the name of a speaker for any Masonic occasion.

5. In cooperation with the Grand Lodge Committee on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial your Committee has booked and distributed the 16mm film "The Temple on Shooters Hill" to lodges that were interested.

6. A special bulletin was prepared giving a list of books and where obtained which every Mason should read. This was done in cooperation with the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education of Iowa.

7. Four area meetings were held during the year. The first was on October 30, 1950, at Wausa, the second on November 20 at Ainsworth, the third on March 26, 1951, at York, and the fourth on April 30 at Falls City. Each of the host lodges did everything possible to make the meetings a success and we are deeply grateful to officers and members of these lodges for their fine cooperation. Details of these meetings are found in the report of the director.

At the suggestion of the Grand Master the number of lodges invited to each area meeting was limited to a smaller number. In the first two, as an experiment these were held in conjunction with a school for instruction. At each meeting, with the assistance of the Grand Custodian, one of the Masonic degrees was conferred, all three degrees at different places. From the responses of the brethren it is the feeling of the Committee that the area meetings are the places where real Masonry can be taught and the presence of the Grand Lodge Officers means much to the local lodges.

8. Your Director and Chairman were privileged to attend a Midwest Conference on Masonic Education at Cedar Rapids, Iowa in December. Ten states were represented and the exchange of ideas and the addresses given by outstanding scholars in Masonry proved most inspirational and instructive.

The Grand Lodge for the past several years has appropriated \$3,600.00 for the use of the Committee. We have used this money as carefully as we could and have always been able to remit some to the Grand Lodge. This we will be able to do this year. Your Committee feels that this amount should be allocated again.

In conclusion may we again thank the Grand Lodge Officers for their cooperation and help, to the local lodges for their efforts and use of the literature. It has been a pleasure to serve the Grand Lodge.

## REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

W. Raymond C. Cook, Second Vice President, presented the report of The Nebraska Masonic Home, which was adopted.

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

It is a pleasure to again bring greetings from The Nebraska Masonic Home to this, the ninety-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Because of the illness of Brother Peter L. Bauer, President of the Board of Trustees, it becomes my privilege to bring this report to the Masons of Nebraska.

I know that you Brethren will be pleased to learn that Brother Bauer is progressing satisfactorily, and with the Board of Trustees,

look forward to the time when he will again be able to assume his duties as President in his usual competent and efficient manner.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is a venerable Masonic institution. Ninety people live there—they call it “home”. The residents, whose average age is 82 plus, find that life is purposeful and still worth living. They are a part of the more than 825 of our Brothers and Sisters who have found in our Home a haven of rest in the twilight of life.

The centuries-old conception of Masonic relief is that every Master Mason has a right to expect help, aid, and assistance from the Craft when he becomes aged, indigent, helpless, ill, and destitute; and further, that certain of his eligible dependents also have the same right. It is not only the duty but the privilege of all members of the Craft to furnish this relief. Therefore, we feel that Masonic relief is a personal thing, a Masonic proposition. The care that we give to our aged and indigent should not be impersonal or coldly professional, but should flow from the great, pulsing, warm heart of Masonry. It does little good to add years to life if we do not add life to years.

Motivated by this concept of our relief tasks, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska established The Nebraska Masonic Home September 10, 1903. For almost half a century we have been occupied in this great work.

Dreams lead to visions. Purpose and desire turn visions into realities. Through transitory stages, by the desire and generosity of a great fraternity, our dreams have become realities. In 1907 and 1908 additions were built on the original building of the Home. In 1922 Grand Master Lewis E. Smith recommended the building of the Infirmary. In 1924, at the corner-stone laying ceremonies, Brother John R. Webster, Chairman of the Building Committee, speaking of the over-all master plan drawn up at that time for future building and enlargement, said in his oration, “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 three fold. 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.”

Yesterday, you saw at Plattsmouth the building of the first two wings in accordance with this long range, overall plan. We know that you have been impressed with the excellence of the work, both in architectural design and building skill. The firm of John Latenser and Sons of Omaha has done an outstanding piece of work in planning and designing these new additions. They have long been recognized as leaders in the field of hospital designing. They have incorporated many new features of design in these buildings. One in particular, the “Y” sun deck, as the roof of the one-story annex on the front of the two new

wings, is indeed, "something new under the sun." We predict that it will set the pattern and national trend in this type of building.

The general contractor, Francis R. Orshek Company, Incorporated, Fremont, has been careful and painstaking in the construction. Although labor and material have been in short supply and weather conditions have been discouraging, nothing has been slighted; nothing left undone. The same high praise can be given J. H. Martig, Incorporated, Omaha, heating and plumbing contractor; and the Electric Engineering Company of Lincoln, the electric wiring contractor. As Chairman of the Building Committee, may I express the sincere appreciation of the Board of Trustees for the satisfaction and pleasure that come in associating with firms of integrity and high business principle. Like the Cathedral structures of the Middle Ages, built by our Ancient Brethren, the life of our buildings will be measured in terms of centuries rather than years.

We commend the foresight of all contractors in seeing to it that all material, equipment and fixtures necessary for the completion of the building are on the premises and in storage at the building site.

This year, the conversion from coal to natural gas, with coal standby, as the fuel for the central heating system was successfully accomplished. The new steam lines into the infirmary as well as the new buildings have also been installed and were used the past winter months. This change over to gas together with the new steam lines have added greatly to the efficiency and economy of the home heating.

A new and modern refrigeration system is being installed in the basement of the infirmary. A walk-in, cooling room, sharp freeze, vegetable room and processing room are all integral parts of the system and will be of sufficient capacity to fill the increased needs of the new wings.

Furnishings for the rooms of the new wings together with furnishings for solariums and parlor are on order and will be on hand at the completion of the building. All room furnishings have been made possible through memorial gifts from individual Masons and Eastern Stars, together with Masonic bodies, O.E.S. Chapters and the Grand Chapter, O.E.S.

This report of the progress of our new building would not be complete without an expression of gratitude from this Board to Superintendent William F. Evers for his untiring service and his versatile talents. He has not only performed his usual duties as Superintendent, but is performing yeoman service as Building Inspector on the construction of the new wings. Because of his experience and training, he is able to give to the Masons of Nebraska this invaluable and necessary service.

Assistant Superintendent Raymond F. Evers, a reserve officer in the United States Air Corps, was called into service April 10, 1951. In the four years that Brother Raymond Evers has held the position of Assistant Superintendent, he has proven himself a worthy and most promising understudy of his father. He was given leave of absence by

the Board of Trustees for the length of his time of service in the Air Corps.

At the threshold of the second half century, it is proper that we think of the future. It is perfectly clear that society has not and can not eliminate all the misfortunes and tragedies which befall our Masonic Brethren. What are the prospects for our aged Brothers and Sisters as we look into the future? Certain facts stand out in bold relief in the present social and economic conditions which explain the problems of the present and predict the probable future.

First: There is a steadily increasing percentage of our total population in the age group of sixty-five and above. Their numbers have doubled since 1880. We now have six million more people in this age group than we had in 1900. We can expect science and medicine to advance and improve mental and physical health to the point where the normal span of life will bring this age group to twenty-two millions of people in 1980. If The Nebraska Masonic Home continues to serve 3 per cent of the Masons and their eligible dependents in this age group, as we do now, our Home will need to care for approximately 365 needy residents in 1980.

Second: We are living in an ever increasingly mechanized age; an age that is high geared and technical; an age that demands youth and has little employment for old age.

Third: Inflation has wrecked the retirement plans of many of our aged. The dollars saved by our thrifty Brethren buy less than half of the necessities of life which they were expected to provide. This factor alone is putting tremendous pressure on our Home.

Fourth: Masonry must not, and will not, shift to the taxpayers of the Nation its centuries old responsibilities of taking care of its own. The burden of modern government is so great that we dare not expect more than a minimum of physical care from this source.

Fifth: The need of this group is fast shifting from an economic need only, to a need for nursing and medical care as well. Old age is not a disease; the human body just wears out. At the present time over seventy-five per cent of our Home residents are either bed-fast or in need of nursing and medical care. The percentage will increase. Therefore, necessity has brought us the realization that the Masonic Home of the future must render this type of service.

Thinking Masons of today are beginning to see these future needs. Recently, a Nebraska brother of great heart and Masonic stature made the tender of a gift of \$100,000 to our Home if the Masons of Nebraska gave a like amount. The total sum of \$200,000 is only to be used for a future enlargement of our buildings and facilities in accordance with the over-all plans drawn up in 1924. The offer was made with the understanding that the donor was to remain anonymous and no memorial designation of the building was asked or even desired. This is indeed, the most unselfish type of giving; giving which stimulates others to

give to a worthy cause, yet demands no rewards or honors. Some few weeks ago, close Masonic friends and associates persuaded this brother that his name should be made public. Accordingly, you have seen Brother William Pieper present his check for \$100,000 to The Nebraska Masonic Home at a session of this Grand Lodge, to be used as heretofore stipulated.

My brethren, we would be most unfair to the Masons of our generation as well as to those Masons yet unborn, if we do not take advantage of this generous and noble offer. We must not fail in this great opportunity to assure the future building needs of our Masonic Home, even as we successfully complete the building needs of the present.

As we close this report we ask one question: Why are we engaged in the operation of The Nebraska Masonic Home? Is it because of profit? Certainly not! There is not a Masonic Home in the Nation that shows a profit and we thank God for it. Is it because of duty? Frankly, there may be some feeling of compulsion to duty entering into the operation of the Home. However, a sense of duty is not the highest motive. But, if we are stirred by the impulse of Brotherly Love and Affection for our aged, then we have the finest of all motives. Then the work of operating our Masonic Home becomes both beautiful and practical because it is founded on love.

You may put up a structure of brick and stone,  
 Such as never was put up before;  
 Place therein the rarest woods grown,  
 And carve every pillar and door,  
 You may fill it with splendors of quarry and mine,  
 Describe it with words of persuasions  
 But it's only a building, though ever so fine  
 If it hasn't the spirit of Masons.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OMAHA MASONIC HOME FOR BOYS

W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120, on behalf of the Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on 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:

No problems presenting any difficulty have been referred to this Committee.

We have received monthly reports showing in general the receipts and disbursements, as well as donations of miscellaneous personal property.

The reports include the names and ages of the boys, varying from 5 to 18 years. The latest report, for April, 1951, shows 77 boys now in the Home, being 4 more than one year ago. The number seems to run quite steadily between 70 and 80.

The April report shows that on May 1, 1951, the Home had \$32,280.70 on hand in the General Fund and \$33,735.70 in the Building Fund.

The farm project, particularly including the raising of 4-H baby beef calves, is one of the practical and worthwhile activities of the Home.

As required by the agreement entered into some years ago between the Home and the Grand Lodge, copy for advertising matter and circulars has been duly submitted to your Committee for approval prior to publication.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master, called on M. W. Elmer F. Strain, Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, who addressed the Grand Lodge.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Chairman, submitted the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted section by section.

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has carefully considered the matters referred to it by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers and respectfully recommend the following actions to the Grand Lodge.

1. We approve the Chapters on "Gold Jordan Medal", "Bronze Jordan Medal" and "Fifty-year Buttons." (Adopted)
2. We approve the Chapters on "Corner-stones", "Dedications", "Seventy-fifth Anniversaries", and "New Masonic Temples". (Adopted)
3. We approve the Chapter on "Memorial Fund for The Nebraska Masonic Home". (Adopted)
4. We approve the first, second, third and fifth paragraphs of the Chapter on "Special Dispensations". (Adopted)
5. We disapprove the fourth paragraph of the Chapter on "Special Dispensations", relating to a dispensation given to change a meeting. (Adopted)
6. We approve the Chapters on "By-laws approved", "Automatic Suspension of Delinquent Brethren" and "Reinstatements." (Adopted)
7. We approve paragraphs one and two of the Chapter on "Discipline." (Adopted)
8. We approve the action of the Grand Master reported in the Chapter on "Discipline", with reference to Holbrook Lodge No. 257, excepting as to the Charter arrest extending to September 1, 1951, or until

proficiency is shown prior thereto, this being governed by the provision in Article X of the Constitution, which authorizes the arrest of Charters and suspension of operations of a lodge only until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. It is further recommended that the Charter be now restored to the lodge and that the matters relating to Holbrook Lodge No. 257 be referred to the Grand Custodian, under the direction of the Grand Master, for his special attention and assistance. (Adopted)

9. We approve Decision No. 1. (Adopted)

10. Decision No. 2 is covered later in the Chapter on "High Twelve Clubs."

11. We approve Decision No. 3. (Adopted)

12. We approve Decision No. 4. (Adopted)

13. We approve Decision No. 5 only as it relates to a lodge while in session; at other times the letter "G" may be covered or removed. (Adopted)

14. We approve the first paragraph of Decision No. 6.

An interpretation of Section 2-608 of the law is involved. The words "fees paid in advance", therein contained, clearly refer to fees required to be advanced under our Masonic law. They have no application to fees gratuitously advanced. The fees involved in the matter before us were not required to be advanced when paid, nor had such fees, or any part thereof, subsequently become fees required to be advanced. The lodge therefore never gained any interest in these advancements and the brother is entitled to their return. (Adopted)

15. We approve the second paragraph of Decision No. 6. (Adopted)

16. We disapprove Decision No. 7. We move the adoption of this part of the report. (Motion lost and the Grand Lodge approved the decision of the Grand Master.)

17. We approve Decision No. 8. (Adopted)

18. We approve Decision No. 9. (Adopted)

19. We approve Decision No. 10. (Adopted)

20. In regard to Decision No. 11, the Jurisprudence Committee deems it improper for a subordinate lodge to allow the conferral of a degree by Masons dressed in the uniform of Knights Templar. (Adopted)

21. We approve Decision No. 12. (Adopted)

22. We approve Decision No. 13 up to and including the word "Home" in the second line; the balance to be disapproved. (Adopted)

23. We approve Decision No. 14. (Adopted)

24. We approve Decision No. 15. (Adopted)

25. We approve Decision No. 16. (Adopted)

26. We disapprove Decision No. 17 since the sale or manufacture of liquor is not shown in the case cited; therefore, the Jurisprudence Committee is of the opinion that no Masonic violation is involved. We move

the adoption of this part of the report. (Motion lost and the Grand Lodge approved the decision of the Grand Master.)

27. We recommend that consideration of the Chapter on "High Twelve Club" be laid over until the next communication of the Grand Lodge, in order that the Jurisprudence Committee may further study this Chapter and make recommendation to the Grand Lodge at that time. (Adopted)

28. In regard to the Chapter on "Degree Teams," the Jurisprudence Committee requests that the matter contained in this Chapter be referred to the Committee on Work, who shall bring recommendations to the Jurisprudence Committee at the next Annual Communication; the Jurisprudence Committee, in turn, to present its recommendations to the Grand Lodge at that Communication. (Adopted)

29. We approve recommendation No. 1 of the Chapter relating to "Omaha Masonic Home for Boys" which amends Section 2-612 of the Masonic Code so that it reads as follows: That hereafter, no lodge or lodges shall establish a Masonic charitable work, or become obligated for continuing contributions for charitable purposes, nor shall any lodge or lodges, or person or persons, use the word "Masonic," or other term indicating Masonic activities, regarding any such institution or work, which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first obtaining the authority of the Grand Lodge so to do. (Adopted)

30. We approve recommendation No. 2 of the Chapter relating to "Omaha Masonic Home for Boys" which amends Sec. 2-704 of the Masonic Code so that it reads: The Grand Secretary or the subordinate lodges shall not furnish any person, who intends to use the same for business purposes or for soliciting or circularizing subordinate lodges or the members thereof with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge or a roster of the subordinate lodges or the members thereof. (Adopted)

31. We approve recommendation No. 3 of the Chapter to the effect that the right to use the word "Masonic" in the name of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys be removed and terminated. We move the adoption of this part of the report. Motion seconded and the Grand Master called for remarks.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

Any other brother desire to speak?

W. Stanley P. Street, Master Covert Lodge No. 11:

I am sorry I have not been able to give the time on this question, not being able to attend the Grand Lodge as much as I have wanted to, but from what I have heard of it so far it looks to me like there is going to be as much trouble in 1952 as there is today.

I have hoped for a good many years that the Grand Lodge would recognize that Home and permit us to solicit the other lodges in the

State. However I had not drafted any report because the Omaha Lodges up to this time have done a wonderful job in maintaining that home, but it does seem to me if we remove the name of Masonic from that home, a name that has been established as a part of the home that we might do them an injustice. I don't believe there is a brother in the Lodge or any place who does not wish that work to be more extensive, and it just seems to me like somehow or other, that while perhaps the name Masonic might have been put in there wrongfully in the beginning, it is now a part of the home, a part of the name, and that we would be handicapped in going out for the funds to properly maintain that home. If I am wrong, I would like to be corrected, because it seems to me that is a point that should be brought out before the brethren vote on that. I for one would not have anything done that would take anything from any of those boys, that would stop us from taking care of more of those boys.

M. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

Thank you.

Brother Thomas F. Blaylock, Senior Warden Covert Lodge No. 11 :

M. . W. . Grand Master, I would like to appoint Mr. Burbridge as my proxy.

M. . W. . John S. Hedelund :

I regret the rules will not allow you to appoint a proxy when you are a certified representative. That is a rule of the Grand Lodge, and it cannot be changed.

Brother Thomas F. Blaylock, Senior Warden, Covert Lodge No. 11 :

Burbridge got me into this. I have to talk now.

As far as this Home out there for boys is concerned, to the best of my knowledge, the length of time that I have had any dealings with it whatsoever, I don't know of any particular instance where the Masons outside of Douglas County have actually been solicited for funds as Masons, in solicitations that I personally know of. Might have been done through the High Twelve organization, those outside of this assembly. If they have done it in the name of Masonry, it was not supposed to have been done. As far as I am personally concerned the boys out there are generally taken care of by the Masons of Omaha and Nebraska. Anything that is done at this time to remove the name Masonic, in my personal opinion, would hurt the Masonic organization more than it would hurt that home, actually, because my personal opinion is about the home, they can leave it out, might just as well take out the Masonic, but when the people stop out there at Boys Town, and look up at our Home, they will say the Masons of the State of

Nebraska would not leave the name Masonic in the Home for Boys. I hate to see anything done to hurt Masonry and that bunch of boys out there at that home.

Thank you, sir.

M. .W. .John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

Any other brother desire to speak.

W. .E. Forrest Estes, Master, Lincoln Lodge No. 19 :

In Lincoln we are not as closely associated with the Omaha Masonic Boys Home as the lodges of Omaha are. I think one of the great mistakes of Masons in general and the Grand Lodge in particular, is making, is the lack of petitions of those under the age of 21. That is something that we have not been doing, and we should do. I would rather see the Grand Lodge take it over and operate it as a Grand Lodge body for boys without Masonic affiliation, that is one of the things that has helped in their hospital for crippled children, and it certainly would not hurt Masonry.

M. .W. .John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

Any other brother who desires to speak.

At this time the Grand Master invited the Deputy Grand Master to preside and addressed the Grand Lodge.

**Brethren:**

There is not a man in this room, with one exception, who was present at the time that the James G. Megeath Home, or Omaha Masonic Home for children was organized, who can speak from personal knowledge as to what was done. I can. I was there. I said to you in my report that in 1924 the eleven Omaha Lodges with Lester Slonecker as their spokesman appeared before the Grand Lodge, asked permission to operate this home, made a voluntary statement, and a plea, they begged, if you please, for permission to operate it on the basis that they would support it in toto, that no solicitations would be made outside of the lodges in Omaha. They did not live up to that agreement, and have widened their scope to the lodges in Douglas County. To that I have no objection. The eleven lodges of Omaha said they would do it. They paid the money out of their treasury for some years, and when the depression years came they were unable to do it, and withdrew one by one, which caused the first individual solicitation of the members of those lodges. Grand Master William Robertson recognized the fact that they could not use their lodge funds for this purpose because it is not a Masonic institution. The boys in that home are not dependents of Masons, and answering the brother who spoke, this Grand Lodge cannot sponsor or underwrite any institution which is not strictly a Masonic institution. We have our Home at Fremont to take care of our Masonic children as dependents, that is

our institution. They violated their agreement, and they went into financial difficulties, and the matter got so bad that it was brought before the Grand Lodge because in its consent to the use of that name there was an implication that the Grand Lodge might be involved. Therefore the whole matter was canvassed by a committee from the Grand Lodge, who after a series of extensive hearings worked out the agreement under which the Home now operates, with a change in the name of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys. There were copies of that agreement made, presumably they were sent to every lodge. The agreement was also copied in the proceedings for the year 1941, and I am rather curious to know how many of you, either Omaha lodges or otherwise, knew that such an agreement existed. I should like to know. Just one man back in the corner. They agreed to that contract which they made, the Board of Trustees, and thereby completely released the Omaha lodges as such. That little thing went out right then and we went into an agreement with a new body, the Board of Trustees of the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys. They agreed, as I told you, that solicitations, insofar as Masons in Nebraska were concerned, should be limited strictly to those who were members of lodges in Douglas county and resident there, and to such Masons living outside of Douglas county who held membership in the lodges within Douglas county, unless otherwise authorized by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge has not authorized anything of that kind. When the brother says that he does not know of solicitation outside of Omaha, let me say to you as Grand Master, I do, and I have in years gone by, but this year by personal contact with lodges out in the state I found that in many instances they have a complete mailing list of the members of that lodge. They solicit by bulletin, they solicit by their films, and they solicit personally, and I can give you the name of the solicitors that went out in addition to the directors of the Home. That is a violation. They promised that they would not solicit outside of the State of Nebraska without the consent of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction in which solicitations are to be made, and that thereafter such approval be submitted to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. They probably don't solicit them as Masons, but as I said in my remarks on this subject they have bought what we commonly call sucker lists. You can buy lists of any kind, lists of ladies who want perfume, lists of ladies who will buy hosiery, lists of men who will give for this, that and the other thing, and this is a list of people who are interested in dependent children. They were given verbal permission late in 1942 by the Grand Master to buy and use such a list, which list of course solicited Masons in other Grand Jurisdictions. And there has been in those years violent protests on the part of the Grand Lodge of Texas, the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma; the Grand Lodge of Indiana, the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and personal protests are made each year when the members of boards of trustees and superintendents of Masonic Homes meet. Two of our representatives there were told that we are trying to solicit funds from them for care of our Masonic dependents,

when they think we should care for them just as they do for their own. And you cannot make them understand with this touch that this is not a Masonic institution, and that these boys for whom funds are solicited are not Masonic children of Masonic families. They are rather hurt to us about this proposition, telling us, "Stay out of our Grand Jurisdiction," and much as we try to explain it, we can't get anywhere with it. The purpose of the joint agreement was that it should protect the interests of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. And as I said in this one article they harm us, and they harm Masonry as a whole by soliciting from people at large under a Masonic name for something where the implication is Masonic from people who have no sympathy for us, from people who probably at times are violently opposed to Masonic institutions, and those people ask why, with an institution as great as a Masonic institution have to beg from the rest of us to take care of its dependents. My brethren, it has reached the place where without authorization from this Grand Lodge, a thing to which they agreed perfectly, they are making absolute solicitations, they are getting responses to it. The agreement certainly does not stand on its merits, and they are the violators and not we, and the Grand Lodge has a perfect right to protect the name Masonic in this as it does in anything else which tends to harm its good name and standing.

I say to you I have given this careful consideration over a number of years, and the violations which I found this year, which I called to the attention of the director, and the only reply I received from him was "I do so very much regret when these controversies arise." There was no statement that he wasn't doing those things; there was no statement that he would stop it, and I found not that it had been stopped, but that it has spread.

Brethren, if you let this thing continue, the camel takes the tent and you will be outside. Brethren, I do earnestly plead with you that you support the Grand Master, and support the Committee on Jurisprudence, in removing the name Masonic. There is nothing to prevent the members of each Omaha lodge contributing in as great measure as they do now. There is everything to say that if they solicit without the name Masonic they can approach anybody or everybody without harming anybody. It is just a question of wanting to trade on the prestige of the word Masonic, and thereby harm us and violate an agreement which they themselves made.

I plead earnestly that you will support the recommendation of the Grand Master, and that of the Committee on Jurisprudence which has carefully considered this subject.

Are there any further remarks on this question?

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

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I rather hesitate to speak on this subject, and yet with all the experience I have had I feel that I do know some things that ought to be known by you brethren, before you decide to vote.

When times are as good as they are today you can expand an institution. If my information is correct the Masons of Omaha will be asked to raise this year, 1951, some forty-two or three thousand dollars for the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys. I want to go back just a little, I want to call your attention to the way the word Masonic became associated with this Home. I was Deputy Grand Master in 1920 and 1921. The Grand Master was Joseph B. Fradenburg, a resident of Omaha, a Past Master of Capitol Lodge No. 3, and when the Grand Lodge met in 1921, at which I was elected Grand Master there was no mention of this home, in fact I never heard of it; I was Grand Master for a year, I never heard of it, and then when I came down in the Office of Grand Secretary I found there was a home for boys, and the question came up, where this word Masonic came in. Joe Fradenburg told me that he gave them permission, but he did not report it to the Grand Lodge. This is the first time that this particular subject has ever been in the Grand Lodge, because I have attended every Communication of this Grand Lodge from that day to this. They have never been able to find the letter, if Joe wrote it. Now, I am not saying that Joe did or did not write it, I don't know, but if he did write it, no one has it, at least they never have been able to find it. They probably took this name honestly enough, I am not trying to say they stole it. I believe in my heart that Joe Fradenburg said, "Just go ahead and use it, it is all right." Whether he thought it was important or not, I don't know. He apparently did not because he did not report it to the Grand Lodge. He had a better scheme, he tried to sell the Grand Lodge a hospital here in Omaha. They were in financial difficulties, and he recommended the purchase by the Grand Lodge, it came pretty nearly owning a hospital right here in this City of Omaha, to do commercial work. Brethren, there is just no end to where you can go if you want to do good deeds. I believe in charity. I believe that the brethren that know me know that I have given half a lifetime to charitable work. I worked a lot during the twenty-five years I was in the office, we were through the panic times, and brethren it was tough. It was plenty tough. We had over 100 old people at Plattsmouth. We had at that time about seventy-five children at Fremont; we had over a hundred old people in the State of Nebraska, that we were taking care of with little pittances of \$35.00 or \$40.00 a month, and some of them \$15.00 a month, just what they had to have so that they could eke out an existence. And then the grasshoppers came to northeastern Nebraska, during the drought of 1934 or 1935, I think 1934. The Grand Lodge had to go up there and pay out \$18,000.00 within a period of six weeks so that the men who had cattle would not lose them, they could not get feed, they tried every way, Government, Red Cross and everything else, nobody would do a thing, and the Grand Lodge that year, when money was just as scarce as it could be, put out in Masonic charity well over \$100,000.00.

Now brethren, we can take on work of all kinds. I know a crying need in the State of Nebraska is for a home for girls. They did a lot

for boys, nobody did anything for girls. Nobody ever thought about that, or didn't care. We can do innumerable things, and good things, and this home for boys is a good thing, and I appreciate all that, but after all brethren, they are not Masonic boys. Let's get this thing clear. These boys at that home, not one of them, not a single one, because if they were Masonic charges they would be out at Fremont where we have room to take care of them. Now, just a moment, if I may recite one thing to give you an idea of what we have been up against on our side of the fence. There are two sides to every case. I am not sure whether it was 1934 or 1935, it makes no difference, one of the large lodges in this city owed the Grand Lodge two years Grand Lodge dues. They were not the only one that owed Grand Lodge dues. This Grand Lodge had been carrying a lot of lodges in Nebraska, and there are men here who know that we had been carrying some lodges three or four or five years, some of the small ones until they could get their breath and could get back, and all of them paid up, but this particular lodge just did not pay anything, it was a big lodge, I called the Master down and got no place. I thought it was too big a job for me, I sent for the Grand Master, Virgil Johnson, who I think is in the room, and he came up here, and this man that was Master of that lodge at this time was a teacher in Central High School, a coach, and he came down, and he told the Grand Master this story, he said, "Last year, the Master of our Lodge, my predecessor, appointed the Senior and Junior Wardens, I was the Senior Warden, now Master, on a committee to collect dues for this particular lodge." Well, he said, "I got instructions at the same time that there would be no dues collected until the full quota for the Boys Home has been collected." The consequence was after they had been out and pounded the brethren and money was scarce, and \$5.00 looked bigger than the curtain at the end of this room, they went out and tried to collect \$6.00 apiece off the boys for dues and they just could not do it, and they didn't have any money. That was just one instance. I know others. There were four lodges in the City of Omaha that were unable to pay their dues in full, some owed a little, some owed quite a lot, some owed as much as \$3,000.00, and yet the quota to the Boys Home at all times was paid.

Now brethren, it was my job to have charge of the funds in those days, it cost us about \$30,000.00 to run the Home, about \$2,500.00 a month. The home out at Fremont with 75 children cost us around \$20,000.00, and the Grand Lodge Relief Committee was spending anywhere from ten to fifteen, some years twenty thousand dollars to take care of the old people that could not take care of themselves. I am telling you I laid awake many nights wondering just how and where I could get my hands on the cash. We had good securities, but securities had gone from a hundred cents to as low as from forty to sixty cents; you just could not turn yourself. Here we were with these obligations of ours, if it is our obligation, brethren, but some of our brethren would rather put the money out for people who had no claim on us whatever, than to look after our own. That is perfectly all right, if a man wants to do that with his own money he has that right. As long as we have

these Masonic obligations, they are our first and our only obligation.

Brethren, I hope you will think about this, and the proposition that is here presented to us at this moment.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

Motion is made to adopt the recommendation of the Grand Master, that the word Masonic be discontinued in the institution known as the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys. Those in favor of the motion kindly indicate by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Those who are opposed. Motion of the committee on the recommendation of the Grand Master is approved. The Committee will complete its report tomorrow.

At 5:25 p.m., June 6, 1951, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 7, 1951

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

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

W. I. DONALD HUSTON, 65, ASSISTANT CUSTODIAN  
EMERITUS

At his request we this year transferred him from the active list to the emeritus list. He has served this Grand Lodge long and faithfully both under W. Lute M. Savage, and recently under W. Raymond C. Cook.

I just want to present him to you as one of the brethren who has done much to maintain the work of Masonry and work in this Grand Lodge for many years.

I think we owe him an expression of thanks and appreciation.

W. I. Donald Huston, 65, Assistant Custodian Emeritus :

M. W. Grand Master, and members of the Grand Lodge :

I assure you I appreciate very much the kind words of commendation which M. W. Brother Hedelund has just spoken in my behalf.

It has been a privilege and an honor to have had a small part in helping to promulgate the esoteric and floor work of Masonry in Nebraska.

I had hoped to round out about twenty-five years of service, but after giving the matter some thought and consideration, existing conditions and circumstances have arisen which make it necessary for me to retire.

While I have noticed some changes in physical conditions since I received my appointment back in 1928 I don't feel that I am yet an old man, and while I am stepping aside from the active ranks of the custodians it is not my purpose to fade away.

I thank you.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE (Continued)

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

We will now continue the consideration of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, M. W. Brother Schiefelbein.

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Chairman :

32. We approve recommendation No. 1 of the Grand Master's Address which allots all funds received from initiation and affiliation fees to the General Fund, and disapprove such recommendation as it applies to the removal of the last paragraph of Sec. 1-407 which pertains to the Building and Improvement Fund. I move the adoption of this section of the report. (Adopted)

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

### Brethren:

Let me say that this is the place where we get all of the fees received for initiation and affiliation. As to the last paragraph, it was not my intention to remove that, and I fully concur with the Committee on Jurisprudence in overruling that part of my address, because it does belong in there, and should stay.

(Motion seconded)

It has been moved and seconded, and there being no remarks, those who are in favor of the adoption of this part of the report will signify by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Down hands, contrary, it is so ordered.

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Chairman :

33. We approve Recommendation No. 2. I move the adoption of this section of the report. (Adopted)

34. This next item was referred to a Special Committee to study Paragraph d, Sec. 3-102 of the Code, which relates to intoxicating liquor.

We disapprove the recommendation of the Special Committee appointed to study paragraph d, Sec. 3-102, relating to intoxicating liquor.

I move the adoption of this part of the report. (Adopted)

M. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

The motion is made and seconded, and the result will be that subsection d of Section 3-102 will remain as it now stands, which reads, "Engaging in the manufacture of intoxicating liquor, wine and beer, or the sale of such liquors as a beverage."

Are there any remarks? There being none, those in favor of adopting the Committee's report to continue the law as it now stands, will signify by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Down hands, contrary, it is so ordered.

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

This concludes our report, which is respectfully submitted. I move the adoption of the report as amended as a whole. Motion seconded and carried.

M. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

Brethren:

Your Grand Master calls attention to page 116, item number 14, of the 1950 proceedings, which referred to recommendation number 5, authorizing a funeral lodge under dispensation. The item reads, "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."

As I said in my address, brethren, with the help of the Grand Secretary and some members of Omaha we created Memorial Lodge of Omaha U. . D. . to care for the funerals of sojourners in this City. There are no other applications, the matter seems to work out satisfactorily, but it doesn't seem to me at this time there is any necessity for changing the law, and I feel that we should not do so, and I request that authority be given to continue Memorial Lodge U. . D. . for another year, and to report to the next Grand Lodge, and that this matter herein related be terminated by this action.

Will some one make such a motion?

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

I so move.

(Seconded)

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

I would like to inquire, on this motion, does that mean they have to terminate on April 30th?

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

I suppose any lodge under dispensation is terminated.

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

I think this Grand Lodge by appropriate motion can make this a continuing lodge U. D.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

I appreciate that because it is a necessity and a great help.

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

I will change my motion that it be a continuing one.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

The motion and a second has been made, Brethren, which will enable us to continue Memorial Lodge of Omaha U. D. without having it renewed each year. Are there any further remarks? If not, those who are in favor of that motion, which would eliminate any consideration of sub-section 14 and will let the matter stand as it is today, will signify by the usual voting sign of a Mason. Contrary. It is so ordered. Thank you, Brethren.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

We made a technical error yesterday, brethren, in considering the report of the Special Committee to Study Section 2-402 and 2-403, in that we unanimously adopted the report which provided for amendment to Section 2-403 in regard to proficiency. The Committee on Codification and the Committee on Jurisprudence both informed us that this could not be done in that way, and your Grand Master had some doubts about it when we did it. I would, therefore, like a motion on the part of some one who voted in favor of the adoption of that report for reconsideration.

W. Herbert T. White, Grand Junior Deacon:

I so move, M. W. Grand Master. (Seconded)

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

Brethren, you have heard the motion and second. This will require a two-thirds vote to lift it from the table. All those who are in favor of the motion make it known by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Down hands, contrary, motion carried.

A reconsideration is now in order. Brother Adams, you will please present this matter for further consideration.

W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Senior Deacon:

M. W. Grand Master:

I now offer, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1-502 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge, a proposed amendment in writing, offered by myself as a member of this Grand Lodge, and seconded by five or more members.

I would like to say that the language which I am about to read is identical with the language which was presented to you yesterday and adopted by this Grand Lodge by its unanimous vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE  
GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA

I hereby propose that Section 2-403 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended so as to deprive a non-proficient Mason not only of the right to demit or hold office, but also of the right to join any recognized Masonic order, as follows:

"Sec. 2-403 (66-A)—REFUSING EXAMINATION.—A Brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination as provided by Section 66, (2-402), renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a demit, to a diploma, to hold an office in a lodge, nor to make application to or join any lodge, society or institution enumerated in Section 3-102, Subsection "n", of this Code until he has complied with said Section 2-402; provided, that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this Section."

M. W. Grand Master:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1-502 of the By-laws I hereby request the unanimous consent of this Grand Lodge to consider and act upon this proposed amendment at this Annual Communication.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

If we do not have unanimous consent, it would have to come up for your approval today and then lie over for a year. If you are willing to give your unanimous consent we can dispose of it in its entirety today. This is in accordance with the By-laws of the Grand Lodge. Is there any objection to giving unanimous consent to considering on the basis of final action today. Hearing none, W. Brother Adams the motion will be in order.

W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Senior Deacon:

I move the adoption of the amendment as proposed and filed in writing with the Grand Secretary and as just read to this Grand Lodge.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

Is there a second? (Seconded). The motion is made and seconded. Are there any remarks? The only addition, brethren, is that the brother must make himself proficient before he can petition any of the so-called higher bodies of Masonry. There being no further remarks, the motion having been made and seconded, those who are in favor of its adoption will signify by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Contrary. The motion is adopted. Thank you, Brother Adams.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL

W. George W. Rosenlof, 77, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Centennial, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Centennial was appointed by M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre subsequent to the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1946. One year later at the time of the Grand Lodge this committee made its first report, and recommended in brief that the proposed centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, be held at the time of and in conjunction with the One Hundredth Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1957, and that it be held in Omaha; that there be authorized a publication of a suitable and appropriate history of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, and for that purpose there be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master a special sub-committee under the direction of the Centennial Committee to prepare a suitable manuscript for publication. That we commend to the Constituent lodges of Nebraska, the holding of a Special Communication in celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge, this to be held at convenient and suitable times prior to the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge. The purpose of these special communications would be to acquaint the brethren with the history, growth and development of the Grand Lodge, during its first one hundred years; that at the appropriate time the Grand Master appoint such other committees as will be found necessary in carrying out all of the activities of the anniversary celebration, and that the Grand Lodge authorize the setting aside each year of a sum of money as a special Centennial Celebration Fund, to defray all the necessary expenses involved including the publication of the history of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

At the Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1947, the brethren voted to set aside \$2,000.00 annually, beginning with 1947 and continuing throughout a ten-year period. At the time of the Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1949, M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein appointed W. Harold H. Thom to serve on the Committee and to assume the responsibility in preparing a suitable manuscript with a history of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Your Committee met and prepared a report for presentation at this Communication of the Grand Lodge. We wish to report that W. Brother Thom has already begun the collection of very interesting documentary evidence of an historical nature indicative of significant events in the history of the Grand Lodge. This work will be continued vigorously in the immediate future, and we can assure the brethren that the manuscript will be fully completed, published and made available for distribution at the time of the One Hundredth Annual Communication.

As necessity requires your committee will recommend to the M. W. Grand Master and to this Grand Lodge the appointment of the various special committees, functioning under the direction of the Centennial Committee that will be essential to carrying out the will of the Grand Lodge in providing for the Centennial Celebration. The Committee does not now believe that the appointment of any of these committees is a matter for immediate consideration.

The Committee does not feel at this time, nor does it expect, that it will be necessary for it to bring in a recommendation requesting any supplementary funds beyond those already authorized to be made available during the ten-year period preceding 1957.

Your Committee is confident that the Grand Lodge will spare no effort to make this Centennial Celebration an event long to be remembered by all Master Masons throughout our jurisdiction.

Your Committee pledges its fullest support and its efforts to this end.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL**

W. Alfred G. Taylor, 205, Chairman, 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 Pay-roll respectfully reports that the amount due for mileage and per diem for the Ninety-fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge is as follows:

Mileage .....	\$ 2,881.38
Per Diem .....	1,990.00
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Total .....	\$ 4,871.38

**MINUTES APPROVED**

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. of Nebraska, held on June 6, 7 and 8, 1950, and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published by the Grand Secretary be ratified and approved (Seconded and carried).

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

W. Orel B. Lupardus, 209, member, presented the Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, which was approved.

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business reports that there is no unfinished business.

W. Harold H. Thom, 1, Grand Historian:

**M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:**

The thought of the Committee on Centennial and of your Grand Historian is that an interesting and readable summation of the growth, and a continuity of Masonic activities in the last 100 years is what should be prepared for this Centennial Celebration in 1957. Statistics are a matter of record. They do not belong in a history, and we are not primarily concerned with statistics as such. There may be a graph or two showing the growth of the Grand Lodge; a diffusion of Lodges and of the Masonic brethren over the State and similar matter, but very few statistics is our thought, will be included in this history. What we want are those items which lie close to the heart, those things which show what Masonry as such has done for the communities in which it has operated and for the State as a whole. We have been very interested in receiving from various lodges over the State copies of programs celebrating fifty-year and seventy-five-year anniversaries, and occasionally histories prepared by some good brother of these various lodges. In some of these manuscripts which have come to my desk, items have been found which I think will be interesting to the craft as a whole. Just as a citation of that matter the Grand Senior Deacon informed me last night of a matter which I knew, but it had slipped my mind temporarily, that the Temple which they now occupy was formerly a Congregational Church, and that when it was erected as a church its corner-stone was laid by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. They were not thinking at that time that it would eventually become a Masonic Temple. That is an indication of the way in which the Grand Lodge and its activities has tied in to the life of the communities of the State, and those are the things in which we are interested in bringing to the craft in general, and to this Grand Lodge in particular when we prepare this history for your perusal in 1957. As you brethren in your various lodges over the State have these celebrations, I shall appreciate it greatly if you would forward to me at the Masonic Temple here, copies of your programs, copies of addresses that are given, and any of those matters which you feel I might be able to derive some interesting material from, and I shall do my very best to make for you an interesting and readable and worth while history of our first 100 years.

### BROTHER JAMES M. JOHNSON

Brother James M. Johnson was introduced and given a rising vote of thanks for his 25 years' service as Official Stenographic Reporter of the Grand Lodge proceedings.

### RECEPTION OF GRAND TYLER

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master:

I don't know whether or not I did Brother Bryant a favor. He has been a regular attendant of this Grand Lodge for a long time, now we have consigned him to outer darkness where he regulates your going and coming, but I know of no appointment that I made which gave me greater pleasure, in which there has been greater satisfaction in the performance of duties. He is a thing of beauty and a joy forever. He is eighty-five years young, a Mason who can tell us much about Masonry. I did not want this Communication to close without officially presenting him to you. I know he will be your Grand Tyler next year, and I hope he may continue for many years, but I want to present him to you that you might show your appreciation of his services. (Applause)

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. Ernest E. James, 1, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Finance, 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 Finance submit our 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, and committees or individuals connected with the Grand Lodge, and respectfully report our findings and recommendations for your consideration.

### GENERAL FUND COMPARISON

In accordance with the practice followed for the past several years, we have prepared a list showing a comparison between the General Fund Budget adopted last year and the actual expenses during this past year.

We submit, herewith as a matter of permanent record, our findings.

COMPARISON OF 1950 GENERAL FUND  
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriated	Expended or withdrawn	Savings	Over- draft
<b>EXPENSE ANNUAL SESSION</b>				
Payrolls .....	4,825.38	4,825.38		
Grand Lodge Dinner .....	650.00	650.00		
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests .....	600.00	600.00		
Reporting and Transcribing Session	75.00	70.00	5.00	
Grand Tyler .....	15.00	15.00		
Grand Organist .....	10.00	10.00		
	\$ 6,175.38	\$ 6,170.38	\$ 5.00	
<b>EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES</b>				
Masonic Education .....	3,600.00	3,458.65	141.35	
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	1,997.38	2.62	
	6,550.00	6,406.03	143.97	
<b>TRAVELING EXPENSES</b>				
Grand Master .....	2,000.00	2,000.00		
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	496.50	3.50	
	7,600.00	7,596.50	3.50	
<b>SALARIES</b>				
Grand Secretary .....	3,600.00	3,600.00		
Grand Secretary, additional compensation .....	900.00	900.00		
Grand Secretary, clerical staff....	3,900.00	4,125.00		225.00
Grand Custodian .....	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Grand Custodian, additional compensation .....	1,200.00	1,200.00		
	12,600.00	12,825.00		225.00

## FIXED EXPENSES

Rent of Grand Lodge quarters....	2,200.00	2,200.00		
Cost of annual audit .....	100.00	100.00		
Grand Secretary office expense...	2,850.00	3,220.79		370.79
Cost of jewel for retiring Grand Master .....	168.00	168.00		
	5,318.00	5,688.79		370.79

## PRINTING

Proceedings 1950 Session, including advance reports .....	2,350.00	1,898.37	451.63	
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## INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

Workmen's comp. & Liab. prem. to June 1951 .....	34.25	51.28		17.03
Dues to Masonic Relief Assn.....	206.89	206.89		
Social Security Tax.....	305.00	276.60	28.40	
Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Offi- cers, Committees and employees.	275.00	280.80		5.80
	821.14	815.57	28.40	22.83

## MISCELLANEOUS

Bronze Jordan Medals .....	650.00	550.00	100.00	
Nebraska Masonic Home for use of car .....	675.60	675.60		
Additional cost of aprons.....	337.89	337.89		
Additional Expense of Grand Custodian .....	157.65	157.65		
Office Equipment .....		672.60		672.60
	1,821.14	2,393.74	100.00	672.60

TOTALS .....\$43,235.66 \$43,794.38 \$732.50 \$1,291.22

The following is a list of unexpended balances from appropriations withdrawn which have, or will be, returned to the Grand Lodge General Fund.

## COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

An amount of \$3,600.00 was appropriated and withdrawn to which \$12.38 was added for the sale of booklets, etc., by this Committee, making a total available of \$3,612.38. Their report filed shows an expenditure of \$3,471.03, leaving a balance of \$141.35, 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 \$496.50 was expended, leaving a balance of \$3.50 which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

Additional compensation was paid last year to the Grand Secretary in the amount of \$900.00 and to the Grand Custodian in the amount of \$1,200 in monthly installments.

Recognizing that the same conditions prevail we recommend that the like amounts be paid in the same manner during the coming year and are setting up the proper amounts in General Fund Budget.

GENERAL FUND

There is cash in this fund in the amount of \$37,159.00 on deposit in the Live Stock National Bank as of May 10, 1951.

There is to be returned to the General Fund unexpended balances from various committees and other sources, amounting to \$10,144.85, which makes available \$47,303.85 to cover the 1951 General Budget.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

EXPENSE OF ANNUAL SESSION

Payroll, 1951 .....	\$ 4,871.38	
Grand Lodge Dinner .....	650.00	
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests.....	600.00	
Reporting and Transcribing of Session.....	75.00	
Grand Tyler .....	15.00	
Grand Organist .....	10.00	\$ 6,221.38

EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Masonic Education .....	\$ 1,000.00	
Relief and Care of Orphans .....	600.00	
Trial Commission .....	100.00	
Committee on Work .....	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	\$ 4,050.00

TRAVELING EXPENSE

Grand Master .....	\$ 2,500.00	
Grand Secretary .....	500.00	
Grand Custodian and Staff.....	4,500.00	
Other Grand Officers under direction of		
Grand Master .....	600.00	
Grand Secretary Emeritus .....	500.00	\$ 8,600.00

SALARIES

Grand Secretary .....	\$ 3,600.00	
Grand Secretary, additional compensation .....	900.00	
Grand Secretary, clerical staff .....	5,400.00	
Grand Custodian .....	3,000.00	
Grand Custodian, additional compensation.....	1,200.00	\$14,100.00

FIXED EXPENSES

Rent of Grand Lodge quarters to 1952 .....	\$ 2,200.00	
Cost of annual audit .....	100.00	
Grand Secretary office expense .....	3,400.00	
Cost of Grand Master's jewel.....	168.00	\$ 5,868.00

PRINTING

Proceedings of 1951 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 1952 .....	\$ 34.49	
Dues to Masonic Relief Assn. of U. S. & Canada, 43,340 members .....	274.20	
Social Security Tax .....	300.00	
Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and employees .....	275.00	\$ 883.69

MISCELLANEOUS

Nebraska Masonic Home for use of car by Grand Lodge, 6,782 miles at .06 per mile.....	\$ 406.92	
Cost of transporting Grand Lodge for visit to The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	263.12	\$ 670.04

GRAND TOTAL ..... \$42,743.11

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS  
 MAINTENANCE FUND, MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME  
 FOR CHILDREN

Estimated maintenance for the ensuing year (to be matched by an equal appropriation from the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star) .....\$20,500.00

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND

Special appropriation for the Masonic-Eastern Star Home Student Fund (to be matched by a like amount from the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star).....\$ 1,200.00

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the amount in Maintenance Fund of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont.....\$ 9,000.00

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Special appropriation for Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont for rebuilding addition to be matched by an equal appropriation from the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star .....\$ 2,445.00

RELIEF FUND

Special appropriation to comply with Grand Master's Recommendation No. 1 approved by this Grand Lodge, to amplify the General Fund with amount originally allotted for Relief.\$10,000.00

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 :

OMAHA HOME FOR BOYS

The Omaha Home for Boys' Committee met with the Jurisprudence Committee this morning, and they felt that to have this name taken out just in a moment wasn't just fair, and we appreciate that with an institution with books and forms and many other things that it cannot be done over night, and therefore they are framing a law, an amendment to the law which was passed yesterday, making an effective date; in other words I think the date is to be April 1st, 1952, in which the law will become operative, which will give them a matter of nine months to work it out, and then for any reason I assume that if they did not quite finish, it is possible they might get a little extension from the Grand Master for a month or two, but this gives them sufficient time, we believe, to work it out, and on the Committee we have only seven lawyers,—I hope there is no lawyer in the room—everybody wants to do it, but nobody can agree on the language, so I think they will be through in a few minutes, I pray they will.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

You may say to them that is entirely satisfactory to me as the Grand Master.

Brethren:

We will have the Report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, and if this other amendment is drawn and can be presented, he will make a supplementary report.

Might I say to you that the proposal which Most Worshipful Brother Lewis E. Smith just made is entirely satisfactory to your present Grand Master.

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, section by section and then as a whole.

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

Your Committee on Codification reports as follows:

Pursuant to the approved recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Administrative Action of the Grand Lodge, we recommend:

1. That Section 1-407 (31) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946, as amended, be further amended to read as follows:

The per capita tax of \$3.00 shall be divided as follows:

- To The Nebraska Masonic Home .....\$2.00
- To the Maintenance Fund, Children's Home at Fremont... .15
- To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans..... .20
- To the General Fund ..... .65

The Initiation Fee of \$10.00 and all Affiliation Fees shall be allotted to the General Fund.

Provided, that all funds in the Building and Improvement Fund on June 8, 1938, shall continue to be known as the Building and Improvement Fund, together with all accretions except as provided in Section 31-C (1940). (1949)

2. That Section 1-407 (31) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946, as amended, be repealed.

3. That Section 3-102 (148) sub-section p, of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946, as amended, be repealed.

4. That Section 2-612 (88-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946, be amended to read as follows:

That hereafter, no lodge or lodges shall establish a Masonic charitable institution, or undertake a continuing Masonic charitable work, or become obligated for continuing contributions for charitable purposes, nor shall any lodge or lodges, or person or persons, use the word "Masonic," or other term indicating Masonic activities, regarding any such institution or work, which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of the Grand Lodge so to do.

5. That the original Section 2-612 (88-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

6. That Section 2-704 (92-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

The Grand Secretary or the subordinate lodges shall not furnish any person, who intends to use the same for business purposes or for soliciting or circularizing subordinate lodges or the members thereof with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge or a roster of the subordinate lodges or the members thereof.

7. That Section 2-704 (92-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946, and subsequent amendments, be repealed.

8. That Section 2-403 (66-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

A brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination as provided by Section 66, (2-402), renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a demit, TO a diploma, to hold an office in a lodge, NOR TO MAKE APPLICATION TO OR JOIN ANY LODGE, SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION ENUMERATED IN SECTION 3-102, SUBSECTION "n", OF THIS CODE until he has complied with said Section 2-402; provided, that in exceptional cases, for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this Section.

9. That Section 2-403 (66-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946, and subsequent amendments, be repealed.

M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Chairman, Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Committee on Jurisprudence desires to offer an amendment to Section 2-612 of our Code: which when amended will read as follows:

That hereafter no lodge or lodges shall establish a Masonic Charitable institution or undertake a continuing Masonic Charitable work or become obligated for continuing contribution for charitable purposes, nor shall any lodge or lodges or person or persons use the word "Masonic" or other term implicating Masonic activities, regarding any such institution or work which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of the Grand Lodge so to do, provided that this section shall not apply to the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys until May 1st, 1952.

I move the adoption of this amendment. (Adopted)

W. Harold M. Kelley, Chairman, Committee on Codification of the Law:

M. W. Grand Master, I think we can dispose of this very quickly now. Pursuant to the approved recommendation of the Committee on

Jurisprudence and administrative action of the Grand Lodge, we recommend that Section 2-612 (88-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

That hereafter no lodge or lodges shall establish a Masonic Charitable institution or undertake a continuing Masonic Charitable work or become obligated for continuing contribution for charitable purposes, nor shall any lodge or lodges or person or persons use the word "Masonic" or other terms implicating Masonic activities regarding any such institution or work which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of the Grand Lodge so to do, provided that this section shall not apply to the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys until May 1st, 1952.

That Section 2-612 (88-A) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 as amended be repealed. (Adopted)

M. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

Motion made and seconded that the report be adopted, those of you who are in favor will signify by the usual sign of a Mason when voting. Contrary. So ordered.

M. . W. . John S. Hedelund, Grand Master :

Brethren, so far as I know this completes the business of this Grand Lodge Communication. We will now proceed to install the officers.

#### 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.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL TO M. . W. . JOHN S. HEDELUND

M. . W. . Benjamin F. Eyre :

Brother John, M. . W. . Grand Master and Brethren:

It was just a few short years ago that it was my privilege to appoint in the line of Grand Officers of this M. . W. . Grand Lodge the brother who has just retired as your Grand Master. I need not tell you of the labors which he has put upon himself in carrying out the many varying duties of his various offices. During this past year, I think the record stands for itself—he not only retired from his business, he moved his office over here into this building, and he devoted every hour of the day each week in full realization that his objective throughout the year was

to devote his time to the welfare of this Grand Lodge. Brethren, the record speaks for itself, he has done a most wonderful job, many hours of labor, many trips out in the State, never at home because always when I had occasion to call him they would say, "John is out in the State."

John, we know you have had a fine year of administration, we know that maybe the path has been a little bit rough at times, but after all is said and done, it was really worth the time to you, and will go down in your memory book as one of the outstanding, if not the most outstanding year of your Masonic life.

And so to indicate to you in a small way the appreciation of this Grand Lodge for those many years of labor and service we are pleased to present to you at this time the Past Grand Master's Jewel as authorized by this Grand Jurisdiction, and it is at this time a pleasure for me to pin this on you, John. There it is.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Brother Eyre, my Brethren:

It is kind of hard, you know, to say Goodbye.

I took the place in the Grand Lodge line, moving through the chairs in the hope that I might contribute something to Masonry. That has ever been my purpose, it has been my sole purpose in this past year. The hours that I have spent have been happy ones, the friendships that I have made I shall never forget.

I hope that you will carry in your memory just as happy recollections of my visits and contacts with you as I do of those which I have had with you.

For the honors with which you have favored me I am deeply grateful. I shall never forget them.

Thank you, brethren.

M. W. Thomas J. Aron, Grand Master:

M. W. Brother John:

We who have been your associates for the past several years want you to know that we have enjoyed working with you and for you; your knowledge and devotion to Masonry is indeed an inspiration not only to us, but to everyone. John, to know you is to love you. Personally I shall not hesitate to call upon you at any time for advice and help, and all of us pray that you may be with us for many years to come.

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

M. W. Brother Hedelund, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Some years ago the Grand Lodge saw fit to purchase aprons for its Past Grand Masters that they might be properly clothed.

M. W. Brother John has just been presented with his Past Grand Master's Jewel. During the year, John, I have enjoyed traveling and working with you, and I have on numerous occasions tied the Grand Master's apron on you, and I want to say to the brethren that when we first started out last June the strings of your Grand Master's apron were quite lengthy, but as the year drew to a close, brethren, you can see the strings were shorter and shorter. Too many dinners and banquets.

It will give me a great deal of pleasure and I shall consider it an honor, M. W. Sir, if I may be allowed to tie this apron on you.

M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master:

Thank you, Brother Carl, and I think you know without my saying to you in words how very, very much I have enjoyed your friendship, your confidence, your help in this past year. I paid tribute to you in my address, I repeat it word for word, if I could verbally, but I could not add anything to it. We have had a year of love and understanding and brotherly fellowship which I think is unequaled, and I know that you are going to enjoy the same kind of associations with the brothers who are in the line, because you have that temperament, and that ability and willingness to work with them for the good of Masonry.

I do appreciate it very much. Thank you, Brother Carl.

### THE NEW GRAND MASTER

M. W. Thomas J. Aron, Grand Master:

My Brethren:

I have never accepted a charge with more pleasure and yet with greater humility. Being human it is a personal pleasure as you no doubt would believe.

As I stated yesterday, in accepting the office, I feel particularly happy because Crete Lodge No. 37, which has been working since 1872 will now have their first Grand Master.

Right here I would like to introduce W. Ben Fink, Master, and the ten or twelve working Masons from Crete Lodge No. 37, who are seated on the front row.

My chief concern is that it will be most difficult to follow in the paths of those leaders who have gone before me.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska has charted a definite course. I make only one pledge, and that is that I will try to do the best I can. With the splendid corps of Grand Lodge officers to assist me we will try our best to continue the good work.

Being regularly employed it will not be possible for me to visit as much as I might like. However, it is my plan to have individual Grand Lodge officers be present in different sections of the State visiting different Central Schools of Instruction and other Masonic occasions.

You of the Constituent lodges will appreciate the fact that man is only human, and that we cannot accept every invitation.

M. W. Virgil R. Johnson, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master:

I move that the thanks and appreciation of this Grand Lodge be extended to the eleven Omaha Lodges for the many courtesies that they have extended to us during this Grand Lodge Communication. (Seconded and carried by a rising vote.)

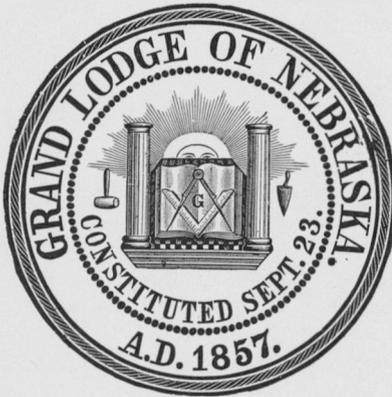
Brother Everett M. Woods, Secretary Crete Lodge No. 37:

M. W. Grand Master:

It is a pleasure to introduce ourselves to you and the Grand Lodge Officers. I wish to assure you brethren on behalf of the small delegation that we have here from Crete, that Crete Lodge is indeed most happy and proud to have a Grand Master.

I wish personally on behalf of Crete Lodge No. 37 to invite each and all of the Grand Lodge Officers to Crete Lodge No. 37 on Friday, October 12, at which time we will honor the M. W. Grand Master.

At 12:10 P.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-fourth 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 5, 6, 7, 1951, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, this 10th day of July, 1951.

*Frank Feisen*

Grand Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

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This page is inscribed

To the Memory of

Most Worshipful

JAMES R. CAIN, JR.

Past Grand Master

Installed June 5, 1912

Born October 4, 1876

Died September 3, 1950

## IN MEMORIAM

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This page is inscribed

To the Memory of

Most Worshipful

JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG

Past Grand Master

Installed June 9, 1920

Born August 16, 1880

Died June 14, 1950

IN MEMORIAM

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This page is inscribed

To the Memory of

Worshipful

LUTE M. SAVAGE

Grand Custodian Emeritus

Elected June 9, 1949

Grand Custodian

Installed February 16, 1927

Born April 17, 1878

Died January 10, 1951

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## IN MEMORIAM

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This page is fraternally and affectionately  
dedicated to the memory of  
Seven Hundred Twenty  
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."*

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## IN MEMORIAM

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To the Distinguished Dead  
of other  
Grand Jurisdictions  
This page is  
Fraternally and Affectionately  
Dedicated.

## VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Lewis E. Smith, 49 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- 51
William Cosh, 43 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- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51
Charles A. Chappell, 39 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- 44-46-47-48-49-50-51
Chancellor A. Phillips, 37 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- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51
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, 34 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- 49-50-51
John R. Tapster, 33 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- 50-51
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
George A. Stevens, 32 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- 51
William F. Evers, 32 Years	1920-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35- 36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51
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, 31 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- 50-51
Benjamin F. Eyre, 29 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51
John S. Hedelund, 28 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51
Raymond C. Cook, 28 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36- 37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51
Carl R. Greisen, 28 Years	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51

C. Ray Macy, 28 Years	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51
William C. Smith, 25 Years	1926-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51
William J. Breckenridge, 23 Years	1918-19-25-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-50-51
James H. Bryant, 22 Years	1893-94-97-99-1902-04-05-08-17-20-21-27-29-30-34 42-43-47-48-49-50-51
Perry J. Morton, 22 Years	1928-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-49-50-51
Pearl C. Hillegass, 22 Years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51

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
JAMES R. CAIN, JR.....	Died	Sept. 3rd, 1950.....	(47th)..1912
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
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG..Died	June 14th, 1950.....	(55th)..1920	
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

LEWIS E. SMITH .....	(56th) ..	1921
929 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		
JOHN S. HEDELUND .....	(85th) ..	1950
Omaha		
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.



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.....	Diego Menzenes do Noscemento.....	Masonic Temple Rua Carlos Gomes, N. 21, Salvador
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 Paraiba.....	Augusto de Almeida Simoes.	Joao, Pessoa.
British Columbia....	J. H. N. Morgan.....	Freemason's Hall, 692 Seymour St. 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. Korbel, 8, Dorchester Court....	London, S. W. 1, England
Delaware.....	Chester R. Jones.....	818 Market Street, Wilmington
Denmark.....	H. E. Iverson.....	Freemasons Hall, 33 Smallgade, Copenhagen
District of Columbia.	Aubrey H. Clayton.....	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Ecuador.....	Jose Aurelio Vallejo Ycaza.	Masonic Temple, Guayaquil.
Egypt.....	Mohamed Rifaat.....	P. O. Box 1714, Cairo.
England.....	Sydney A. White.....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida.....	George W. Huff.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Daniel W. Locklin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Clyde I. Rush.....	Masonic Temple, Boise.
Illinois.....	Richard C. Davenport.....	Harrisburg.
Indiana.....	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. Lg)	L. M. Phillips.....	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.....	Ralph N. Lodge.....	Box 1158, 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. 402, Managua.
North Carolina.....	Wilbur L. McIver.....	Box 3068, Raleigh
North Dakota.....	Harold S. Pond.....	Box 1269, Fargo.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—(Concluded)

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
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 .....	Julioz Icaza .....	Box 84, Panama
Pennsylvania .....	Frederick S. Hammann...	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
Philippine Islands...	Antonic Gonzales .....	138 Kuano St., Manila
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall .....	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico .....	Jose J. Vicens .....	Box 474, San Juan
Quebec .....	R. W. Louthard .....	1559 St. Mark St., Montreal
Queensland .....	Leslie P. Marks .....	Brisbane.
Rhode Island .....	N. Arthur Hyland.....	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan .....	Robert A. Tate .....	Masonic Temple, Regina.
Scotland .....	Alexander F. Buchan.....	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh.
South Australia.....	F. J. Ellen.....	Freemasons Hall, North Terrace, Adelaide
South Carolina .....	Henry F. Collins.....	Columbia.
South Dakota .....	Elvin F. Strain.....	Box 468, Sioux Falls
Sweden .....	Eric Hallin .....	Stockholm 6, Sweden
Tamaulipas .....	Carlos M. Castro Chauvet..	Apt. Postal No. 419, Tampico, Tamps., Mexico
Tasmania .....	H. A. Wilkinson .....	117 Macquarie St., Hobart
Tennessee .....	Thomas E. Doss .....	Nashville.
Texas .....	Leo Hart .....	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.
Vienna .....	Rudolph Rappas .....	Wien I. Dorotheergaase 12, Vienna
Virginia .....	James N. Hillman .....	Masonic Temple, Richmond.
Washington .....	John I. Preissner .....	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia ..	F. W. M. Sanders .....	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia.....	Frank F. Flaig.....	Box 2346, Masonic Temple, Charleston
Wisconsin .....	Paul W. Grossenbach.....	705 E. Wells St., Milwaukee
Wyoming .....	Irving E. Clark .....	Box 459, Casper

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR  
THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

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
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 .....	Fay Smith, 198 .....	Imperial .....	Oct. 2, 1949
Cuba .....	.....	.....	.....
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
Ecunador .....	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 .....	.....	.....	.....
Mississippi .....	Lamont L. Stephens, 106..	Loup City .....	May 1, 1924
Missouri .....	Edward E. Carr, 32.....	North Platte .....	July 2, 1936
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 .....	.....	.....	.....
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. Entrekkin, 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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GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	Date Appointed
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..	Thomas A. Barton, 210....	Grand Island .....	Aug. 30, 1950
South Carolina..	Herbert T. White, 11....	Omaha .....	Feb. 1, 1951
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, 1939
Texas .....	Albert S. Johnston, 19....	Lincoln .....	June 27, 1941
Utah .....	William A. Kommers, 234.	Hyannis .....	Mar. 10, 1945
Vermont .....	Clarence T. Spier, 268 ...	Omaha .....	Jan. 29, 1951
Victoria .....	Charles H. Marley, 1.....	Omaha .....	May 4, 1939
Vienna .....	Henry H. Reese, 205.....	Chappell .....	May 1, 1946
Virginia .....	Wm. J. Breckenridge, 317.	Hastings .....	Nov. 24, 1936
Washington .....	Edward M. Knight, 183..	Alliance .....	June 27, 1941
West Australia..	Charles F. Adams, 68.....	Aurora .....	July 10, 1947
West Virginia ..	Alvin H. Miller, 19.....	Lincoln .....	May 4, 1939
Wisconsin .....	Osborne P. Simon, 174...	Culbertson .....	June 24, 1943

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Alabama .....	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	Jose Maria Serna .....	Barranquilla .....	July 31, 1951
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 .....	Frank G. Birdsong.....	LaGrange .....	Apr. 24, 1951
Idaho .....	Everett W. Rising .....	Nampa .....	Apr. 30, 1932
Illinois .....	Harry L. Kline .....	Decatur .....	July 11, 1950
Indiana .....	John P. Lippincott.....	South Bend.....	Feb. 26, 1949
Ireland .....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas .....	Homer B. Osborn .....	Wichita .....	Sept. 28, 1944
Kentucky .....	O. 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 .....	Nathan Rothstein .....	Winnipeg .....	Mar. 22, 1951
Maryland .....	William F. Broenning .....	Baltimore .....	July 25, 1919
Massachusetts	Roscoe Pound .....	Cambridge .....	May 1, 1929
Mexico .....	Horace Dillon .....	Torreón, Coah .....	Mar. 17, 1944
Michigan .....	Frank W. Richey .....	Dowagiac .....	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota .....	William Frank Holman .....	Minneapolis .....	Apr. 18, 1942
Mississippi .....	Burford Walker .....	Picayune .....	May 28, 1951
Missouri .....	Edmund E. Morris .....	Kansas City .....	Jan. 9, 1929
Montana .....	Harry T. Thompson .....	Onhiem .....	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 .....	Samuel S. DeHoff .....	New York City....	Oct. 31, 1950
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
Nuevo Leon .....	Juan L. Arocha .....	Monterrey .....	Oct. 23, 1950
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
Vienna .....	Hugo Barber .....	Vienna .....	Mar. 22, 1951
Virginia .....	C. Page Waller .....	Alexandria .....	Apr. 27, 1951
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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- Acacia, 34.  
 Albion, 78.  
 Alexandria, 74.  
 Alliance, 183.  
 Alpha, 316.  
 Amethyst, 190.  
 Amity, 169.  
 Angelino, 258.  
 Antelope, 276.  
 Arcana, 195.  
 Ashlar, 83.  
 Atkinson, 164.  
 Auburn, 124.  
 Aurora, 68.  
  
 Bancroft, 145.  
 Barneston, 165.  
 Bartley, 228.  
 Bassett, 254.  
 Bayard, 301.  
 Beatrice, 26.  
 Beaver City, 93.  
 Bee Hive, 184.  
 Beemer, 253.  
 Bennett, 94.  
 Bladen, 319.  
 Blazing Star, 200.  
 Bloomfield, 218.  
 Blue Hill, 129.  
 Blue River, 30.  
 Blue Valley, 64.  
 Boaz, 185.  
  
 Cable, 225.  
 Cairo, 324.  
 Cambridge, 150.  
 Camp Clarke, 285.  
 Canopy, 209.  
 Capitol, 3.  
 Cedar River, 89.  
 Cement, 211.  
 Charity, 53.  
 Chester, 238.  
 Clay Centre, 139.  
 College View, 320.  
 Comet, 229.  
 Compass and Square, 212.  
 Composite, 81.  
 Corinthian, 89.  
 Corner-Stone, 247.  
 Cotner, 297.  
 Covert, 11.  
 Craftsmen, 314.  
 Creighton, 100.  
 Crescent, 143.  
 Crete, 37.  
 Crofton, 273.  
 Crystal, 191.  
 Cubit, 237.  
 Culbertson, 174.  
 Curtis, 168.  
  
 Delta, 230.  
 DeWitt, 111.  
 Diamond, 291.  
 Doniphan, 86.  
  
 East Lincoln, 210.  
 Edgar, 67.  
 Elm Creek, 133.  
 Elwood, 167.  
 Eminence, 223.  
 Emmet Crawford, 148.  
 Endeavor, 262.  
  
 Enclid, 97.  
 Evening Star, 49.  
 Evergreen, 153.  
 Exeter, 283.  
  
 Fairbury, 35.  
 Fairfield, 84.  
 Fairmont, 48.  
 Faith, 181.  
 Falls City, 9.  
 Fidelity, 51.  
 Florence, 281.  
 Franklin, 264.  
 Frank Welch, 75.  
 Fraternity, 235.  
 Fremont, 15.  
 Friend, 73.  
 Friendship, 239.  
  
 Garfield, 95.  
 Gauge, 208.  
 Gavel, 199.  
 Geneva, 79.  
 George Armstrong, 241.  
 George Washington, 250.  
 George W. Lininger, 268.  
 Gilead, 233.  
 Gladstone, 176.  
 Globe, 113.  
 Golden Fleece, 205.  
 Golden Rod, 306.  
 Golden Rule, 236.  
 Golden Sheaf, 202.  
 Gothenburg, 249.  
 Grace, 226.  
 Grand Island, 318.  
 Granite, 189.  
 Guide Rock, 128.  
  
 Hampton, 245.  
 Hardy, 117.  
 Harlan, 116.  
 Harmony, 321.  
 Hartington, 155.  
 Harvard, 44.  
 Hastings, 50.  
 Hay Springs, 177.  
 Hebron, 43.  
 Hickman, 256.  
 Highland, 194.  
 Hiram, 62.  
 Holbrook, 257.  
 Hooper, 72.  
 Hope, 29.  
 Humboldt, 40.  
  
 Ionic, 87.  
 Israel, 187.  
  
 Jachin, 146.  
 James A. Tulleys, 267.  
 Jewel, 149.  
 John J. Mercer, 290.  
 John S. Bowen, 232.  
 Jordan, 27.  
 Justice, 180.  
  
 Kenesaw, 144.  
 Keystone, 62.  
 Kimball, 294.  
  
 Lancaster, 54.  
 Landmark, 222.  
 Laurel, 248.  
 Lebanon, 323.  
 Lee P. Gillette, 272.  
 Liberty, 300.  
 Lily, 154.  
 Lincoln, 19.  
 Litchfield, 278.  
 Lone Tree, 36.  
 Long Pine, 136.  
 Lotus, 289.  
  
 Magnolia, 220.  
 Mason City, 170.  
 McCook, 135.  
 Melrose, 60.  
 Meridian, 188.  
 Merna, 171.  
 Mid-West, 317.  
 Minatare, 295.  
 Minden, 127.  
 Minnekadusa, 192.  
 Mitchell, 263.  
 Mizpah, 302.  
 Monument, 293.  
 Morning Star, 197.  
 Mosaic, 55.  
 Mount Hermon, 231.  
 Mount Moriah, 57.  
 Mount Nebo, 125.  
 Mount Zion, 161.  
 Mullen, 282.  
 Mystic Tie, 166.  
  
 Naphthali, 206.  
 Nebraska, 1.  
 Nehawka, 246.  
 Nelson, 77.  
 Nemaha Valley, 4.  
 Newman Grove, 30b.  
 North Bend, 119.  
 Northern Light, 41.  
 North Star, 227.  
  
 Oakland, 91.  
 Oak Leaf, 312.  
 Oasis, 271.  
 Occidental, 215.  
 Ogallala, 159.  
 Olive Branch, 274.  
 Oliver, 38.  
 Omadi, 5.  
 Omaha, 288.  
 Ord, 103.  
 Orient, 13.  
 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.  
 Pomegranate, 110.

Ponca, 101.  
Porter, 106.  
Potter, 313.  
Prudence, 179.  
Purity, 198.  
Pythagoras, 156.

Ramah, 275.  
Rawalt, 138.  
Relief, 219.  
Republican, 98.  
Right Angle, 303.  
Robert Burns, 173.  
Robert W. Furnas, 265.  
Rob Morris, 46.  
Roman Eagle, 203.  
Ruskin, 304.

Saint Paul, 82.  
Samaritan, 158.  
Scotts Bluff, 201.  
Scribner, 132.  
Seneca, 284.  
Shelton, 99.  
Signal, 193.

Silcam, 147.  
Silver, 266.  
Silver Cord, 224.  
Sioux, 277.  
Solar, 134.  
Solomon, 10.  
Springfield, 112.  
Square, 151.  
Star, 88.  
Stella, 105.  
Sterling, 70.  
St. Johns, 25.  
Stromsburg, 126.  
Superior, 121.  
Sutherland, 299.  
Swastika, 280.

Table Rock, 108.  
Tecumseh, 17.  
Tekamah, 31.  
Temple, 175.  
Thistle, 61.  
Trestle Board, 162.  
Trowel, 71.  
Tuscan, 130.  
Tyrian, 243.

Union, 287.  
Unity, 163.  
Upright, 137.  
Utica, 96.

Valley, 157.  
Victory, 310.

Wahoo, 59.  
Wallace, 279.  
Washington, 21.  
Waterloo, 102.  
Wauneta, 217.  
Wausa, 251.  
Wayne, 120.  
Western, 140.  
Western Star, 2.  
William E. Hill, 307.  
Winnebago, 309.  
Wisner, 114.  
Wolbach, 292.  
Wood Lake, 221.  
Wymore, 104.

York, 56.

Zeredatha, 160.  
Zion, 234.

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BY TOWNS ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

- Adams, 214.  
 Ainsworth, 224.  
 Albion, 78.  
 Alexandria, 74.  
 Allen, 236.  
 Alliance, 183.  
 Alma, 116.  
 Anselmo, 258.  
 Ansley, 176.  
 Arapahoe, 293.  
 Arcadia, 208.  
 Arlington, 52.  
 Arnold, 225.  
 Ashland, 110.  
 Atkinson, 164.  
 Auburn, 124.  
 Aurora, 68.  
  
 Bancroft, 145.  
 Barneston, 165.  
 Bartley, 228.  
 Bassett, 254.  
 Bayard, 301.  
 Beatrice, 26.  
 Beaver City, 93.  
 Beaver Crossing, 179.  
 Beemer, 253.  
 Benkelman, 180.  
 Bennet, 94.  
 Benson, (Omaha), 290.  
 Bertrand, 275.  
 Bladen, 319.  
 Blair, 21.  
 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, 203.  
 Chadron, 158.  
 Chapman, 239.  
 Chappell, 205.  
 Chester, 298.  
 Clarks, 134.  
 Clay Center, 139.  
 Coleridge, 219.  
 College View, 320.  
 Columbus, 323.  
 Cook, 231.  
 Cortland, 194.  
 Cozad, 188.  
 Craig, 241.  
 Crawford, 181.  
 Creighton, 100.  
 Crete, 37.  
 Crofton, 273.  
 Culbertson, 174.  
 Curtis, 168.  
  
 Dakota City, 5.  
 Dalton, 321.  
  
 Danbury, 185.  
 Davenport, 154.  
 David City, 51.  
 Decatur, 88.  
 DeWitt, 111.  
 Diller, 206.  
 Doniphan, 86.  
 Douglas, 237.  
 Dunbar, 272.  
  
 Edgar, 67.  
 Elgin, 276.  
 Elm Creek, 133.  
 Elmwood, 209.  
 Elwood, 167.  
 Emerson, 220.  
 Exeter, 283.  
  
 Fairbury, 35.  
 Fairfield, 84.  
 Fairmont, 48.  
 Falls City, 9.  
 Filley, 175.  
 Florence, (Omaha), 281.  
 Fort Calhoun, 10.  
 Franklin, 264.  
 Fremont, 15.  
 Friend, 73.  
 Fullerton, 89.  
  
 Geneva, 79.  
 Genoa, 125.  
 Gering, 201.  
 Gibbon, 189.  
 Giltner, 223.  
 Gordon, 195.  
 Gothenburg, 249.  
 Grand Island, 33, 318.  
 Grant, 308.  
 Greenwood, 163.  
 Gresham, 197.  
 Guide Rock, 128.  
  
 Hampton, 245.  
 Hardy, 117.  
 Harrison, 277.  
 Hartington, 155.  
 Harvard, 44.  
 Hastings, 50, 317.  
 Hay Springs, 177.  
 Hebron, 43.  
 Herman, 222.  
 Hickman, 256.  
 Holbrook, 257.  
 Holdrege, 146.  
 Hooper, 72.  
 Humboldt, 40.  
 Hyannis, 234.  
  
 Imperial, 198.  
 Indianola, 262.  
  
 Kearney, 46.  
 Kenesaw, 144.  
 Kennard, 232.  
 Kimball, 294.  
  
 Laurel, 248.  
 Leigh, 193.  
 Lexington, 61.  
 Lincoln, 19, 54, 210, 227,  
 250, 297, 300, 314, 320.  
 Litchfield, 273.  
 Lodgepole, 306.  
 Long Pine, 136.  
 Loup City, 106.  
 Lyman, 322.  
 Lynch, 312.  
 Lyons, 240.  
  
 Madison, 113.  
 Mason City, 170.  
 McCook, 135.  
 Merna, 171.  
 Milford, 30.  
 Minatare, 295.  
 Minden, 127.  
 Mitchell, 263.  
 Morrill, 271.  
 Mullen, 232.  
  
 Nebraska City, 2.  
 Nehawka, 246.  
 Neligh, 71.  
 Nelson, 77.  
 Nemaha, 29.  
 Newman Grove, 305.  
 Niobrara, 87.  
 Norfolk, 55.  
 North Bend, 119.  
 North Platte, 32.  
  
 Oak, 243.  
 Oakland, 91.  
 Ogallala, 159.  
 Omaha, 1, 3, 11, 25, 184, 268,  
 281, 288, 290, 302, 303.  
 O'Neill, 95.  
 Orchard, 291.  
 Ord, 103.  
 Orleans, 60.  
 Osceola, 65.  
 Oshkosh, 286.  
 Osmond, 247.  
 Otoe, 307.  
 Overton, 267.  
 Oxford, 138.  
  
 Page, 156.  
 Palisade, 216.  
 Palmyra, 287.  
 Papillion, 39.  
 Pawnee City, 23.  
 Pender, 203.  
 Peru, 14.  
 Phillips, 62.  
 Pierce, 153.  
 Plainview, 204.  
 Plattsmouth, 6.  
 Polk, 311.  
 Ponca, 101.  
 Potter, 313.  
 Primrose, 143.  
  
 Randolph, 202.  
 Ravenna, 289.  
 Red Cloud, 53.  
 Republican City, 98.  
 Reynolds, 160.  
 Rising City, 81.

Rulo, 18.  
 Rushville, 169.  
 Ruskin, 304.  
 Saint Edward, 230.  
 Saint Paul, 82.  
 Sargent, 280.  
 Schuyler, 34.  
 Scotia, 191.  
 Scottsbluff, 265.  
 Scribner, 132.  
 Seneca, 284.  
 Seward, 38.  
 Shelby, 161.  
 Shelton, 99.  
 Sidney, 75.  
 Silver Creek, 266.  
 South Sioux City, 316.  
 Spencer, 261.  
 Springfield, 112.  
 Stanton, 41.  
 Stapleton, 190  
 Stella, 105

Sterling, 70.  
 Stratton, 173.  
 Stromsburg, 126.  
 Stuart, 147.  
 Sumner, 212.  
 Superior, 121.  
 Surprise, 130.  
 Sutherland, 299.  
 Sutton, 49.  
 Syracuse, 57.  
 Table Rock, 108.  
 Tecumseh, 17.  
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 Allen, U. D., (236)  
 Anchor, 142, (ext.)  
 Arspahoe, 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)  
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 Belgrade, U. D., (269)  
 Bell Creek, U. D., (241).  
 Benkelman, U. D., (180).  
 Benson, U. D., (290).  
 Blue Springs, U. D., (85).  
 \*Bradshaw, 255,  
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 Bromfield, U. D., (ext.)  
 Bromfield, U. D., (223).  
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 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).  
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 Danbury, U. D., (185).  
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 Doric, 118, (ext.)  
 Douglas, U. D., (237).  
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 Eureka, 16, (ext.)  
 Ewing, U. D., (156).  
 Exeter, U. D., (ext.)  
 \*Consolidated.
- Firth, U. D., 66, (ext.)  
 Fortitude, 69, (ext.)  
 Genoa, U. D., (125).  
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 Hamilton, U. D., (68).  
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 Holdrege, U. D., (146)  
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 Hyannis, U. D., (234).  
 Huntley, 270, (extinct).  
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 Ithmar, 238, (ext.)  
 Jasper, 122, (ext.)  
 Jephtha, U. D., (264).  
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 \*Joppa, 76  
 \*Juniata, 42  
 Lafayette, 24, (ext.)  
 Lebanon, 58, (ext.)  
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 \*Level, 196  
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 Macey, 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.)  
 Ohioa, 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., (81).  
 Rising Star, U. D., 20, (ext.)  
 \*Riverside, 269, (Consolidated).  
 Riverton, 63, (consolidated)  
 Rock Bluff, 20, (ext.)  
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (transferred).  
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 Scotia, U. D., (191).  
 Seward, U. D., (38).  
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 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)  
 Sincerity, 244, (ext.)  
 Springview, 260 (ext.)  
 Square & Compass, 213, ext.  
 Stanton, U. D., (41).  
 Steele City, 107, (ext.)  
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 Summit, 7, (transferred).  
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 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)  
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 Zeredatha, U. D., (93) (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.
Bannaek City, U..D'.....	Bannaek City, Idaho.. Instituted April —, 1863, or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U..D'....	United States Army.. Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct, prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U..D'.....	Nevada City, Idaho.... Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28....	South Pass City, Wyoming..... Instituted No- vember 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 Tecumseh 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.

## EXTINCT NEBRASKA LODGES

NAME	LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7	Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8	Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12	Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16	Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18	Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20	Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
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	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebaska	1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Wilton S. Miller	Harry E. Koontz
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Fred Stearns	Edwin Steinmetz
Capitol	3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Rudolph Melchior	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	Kenneth W. Bliven	Raymond H. Ream
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	Royal Smith	Ordell L. Hennings
Falls City	9	Falls City	Richardson	Second Thursday	Willard I. Lewis, Jr.	Richard A. Ketter
Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	Walter T. Ohrt	Richard T. Sievers
Covert	11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Stanley P. Street	George R. Porter
10 Orient	13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	George Kreutzer	Peter N. Frederick
Peru	14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	E. Earl Applegate	Wallace W. Barnes
Fremont	15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Walter L. Handy	Roy S. Planck
Tecumseh	17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Wayne C. McCoy	Dale R. Bush
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	E. Forrest Estes	Perry J. Morton
15 Washington	21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	William J. Money	Wayne H. Lambertz
Pawnee	23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Ervin B. Colwell	Harry Heinecke
St. Johns	25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Ralph S. Tully	Gustave E. Gran
Beatrice	26	Beatrice	Gage	Second Monday	Ferreal F. Friday	Harry C. Price
Jordan	27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Thursdays	Edward M. Young	Charles V. Stewart
20 Hope	29	Nemaha	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	William T. Stevenson Jr	Jay Burns
Blue River	30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	John A. Fieke	Clarence C. Wertman
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	Burt	Second Wednesday	Leo L. Loerch	Anton R. Kokes
Platte Valley	32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Nels H. Ostergaard	Edward W. Cross
Ashlar	33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Arlo H. Schlieker	Robert W. Cook
25 Acacia	34	Schuyler	Colfax	Third Tuesday	Chester E. Davenport	Louis J. Michaelson
Fairbury	35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	John D. Melcher	Leighton L. Nuckolls
Lone Tree	36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Wilhelm P. Hansen	Lee C. Coolidge
Crete	37	Crete	Saline	First Thursday	Ben F. Fink	Everett M. Wood
Oliver	38	Seward	Seward	Third Thursday	Robert B. Olmstead	Walter E. Beck
30 Papillion	39	Papillion	Sarpy	Second Wednesday	Orville B. Entenman	Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt	40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Richard W. Nims	Albert W. Watsek
Northern Light	41	Stanton	Stanton	Second Thursday	Arthur Lamml	Fred R. Waring
Hebron	43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Francis O. Woodard	Harvey E. Barbee
Harvard	44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	J. Herbert Robertson	Ira F. Fishback
35 Rob Morris	46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Alfred B. Saum	Donald Gherman

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Fairmont	48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Second Tuesday	Sidney E. Atwood, Jr.	James A. Rose
Evening Star	49	Sutton	Clay	Second and fourth Thursdays	Paul J. Bender	George Barnell
Hastings	50	Hastings	Adams	First Thursday	Charles R. Brown	Curtis L. Walters
Fidelity	51	David City	Butler	First Tuesday	Roy D. Welte	Eldon B. Johnson
40 Hiram	52	Arlington	Washington	Second Thursday	James H. Haney	Harry C. McClellan
Charity	53	Red Cloud	Webster	Second and fourth Tuesdays	J. Cleo Smith	Marion Bloom
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Rolland A. Poff	Victor Seymour
Mosaic	55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Justin F. Fauss	Clarence G. McNamee
York	56	York	York	Last Friday	Raymond H. Read	Mervin Patterson
45 Mt. Moriah	57	Syracuse	Otoe	Second Thursday	Marshall D. Halvorsen	Russell M. Joyce
Wahoo	59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	Gothard Anderson	Edwin R. Levin
Melrose	60	Orleans	Harlan	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Oliver Richards	Maurice H. Mintzmeyer
Thistle	61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	G. Hanford Smith	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	Robert G. Timm	Otto Novak
Osceola	65	Osceola	Polk	First Friday	George J. Inness	I. Donald Huston
Edgar	67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays	Maurice H. Hand	Arthur H. Swanson
Aurora	68	Aurora	Hamilton	First and third Tuesdays	Max E. Williams	Claude A. Rennau
Sterling	70	Sterling	Johnson	Second Monday	James L. Chiles	Arnold W. Feistner
55 Trowel	71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Harold A. Tilton	Lee R. Fleming
Hooper	72	Hooper	Dodge	First Friday	Melvin A. Ruwe	Norris W. Lallman
Friend	73	Friend	Saline	First and third Thursdays	Edward A. Fritz	Alva N. Murray
Alexandria	74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Tuesday	Daryl L. Easley	Guy B. Averill
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Don E. Weimer	Harold K. Bond
60 Nelson	77	Nelson	Nuckolls	First Thursday	E. Wayne Wroughton	Warren C. Hall
Albion	78	Albion	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Marvin L. Streeter	Dean W. Reid
Geneva	79	Geneva	Fillmore	First and third Tuesdays	Francis J. Kimbrough	Gerald B. Walton
Composite	81	Rising City	Butler	First Tuesday	Oscar Schmidt	Fredolph C. Chalquist
St. Paul	82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	Verden E. McIntyre	Fred R. Haggart
65 Corinthian	83	Wakefield	Dixon	Third Friday	Gordon L. Nuernberger	V. H. Robert Hanson
Fairfield	84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Mondays	Glenn M. Stark	Charles V. Glenn
Doniphan	86	Doniphan	Hall	First Friday	E. LaVerne Van Buskirk	Charles L. Spellman
Ionic	87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before O	Walter P. Scott	Kirk H. Snowden
Star	88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	Wallie H. Deman	Walter W. Small
70 Cedar River	89	Fullerton	Nance	First and third Mondays	Edward F. Schulte	Louis Vaughn

Oakland . . . . .	91	Oakland . . . . .	Burt . . . . .	First Thursday . . . . .	LeRoy Johansen . . . . .	Charles W. West, Sr.
Beaver City . . . . .	93	Beaver City . . . . .	Furnas . . . . .	Second Monday . . . . .	Clarence E. Haines . . . . .	Edwin H. Franklin
Bennett . . . . .	94	Bennet . . . . .	Lancaster . . . . .	First Tuesday . . . . .	Floyd A. Roepka . . . . .	Harry W. Burt
Garfield . . . . .	95	O'Neill . . . . .	Holt . . . . .	First and third Thursdays . . . . .	Raymond W. Bright . . . . .	Winfred W. Waller
75 Utica . . . . .	96	Utica . . . . .	Seward . . . . .	Second Thursday . . . . .	David J. Frazer . . . . .	Fred H. Pieper
Euclid . . . . .	97	Weeping Water	Cass . . . . .	First Monday . . . . .	Calvin F. Carsten . . . . .	Alvin C. Groesser
Republican . . . . .	98	Republican City	Harlan . . . . .	Second Wednesday . . . . .	Burgal Lyden . . . . .	Lennie E. Workman
Shelton . . . . .	99	Shelton . . . . .	Buffalo . . . . .	Third Tuesday . . . . .	George H. Wyman . . . . .	Ralph Soderstrom
Creighton . . . . .	100	Creighton . . . . .	Knox . . . . .	First Tuesday . . . . .	Jerome E. Gardner . . . . .	Carl I. Oppen
80 Ponca . . . . .	101	Ponca . . . . .	Dixon . . . . .	Third Thursday . . . . .	Fred B. Anderson . . . . .	Dean H. Ehle
Waterloo . . . . .	102	Waterloo . . . . .	Douglas . . . . .	First Tuesday . . . . .	Theodore E. Denker . . . . .	Herbert L. Johnson
Ord . . . . .	103	Ord . . . . .	Valley . . . . .	First Wednesday . . . . .	Rollin R. Dye . . . . .	Ralph L. Craig
Wymore . . . . .	104	Wymore . . . . .	Gage . . . . .	Second & fourth Wednesdays . . . . .	Herbert W. Hotz . . . . .	O. Wayne Miller
Stella . . . . .	105	Stella . . . . .	Richardson . . . . .	First Thursday . . . . .	Raymond A. Minnette . . . . .	Elmer R. Ham
85 Porter . . . . .	106	Loup City . . . . .	Sherman . . . . .	Second and fourth Tuesdays . . . . .	Clarence Mohr . . . . .	Frederick J. Leschinsky
Table Rock . . . . .	108	Table Rock . . . . .	Pawnee . . . . .	Second and fourth Tuesdays . . . . .	Glenn Binder . . . . .	Orval O. Johnson
Pomegranate . . . . .	110	Ashland . . . . .	Saunders . . . . .	First Friday . . . . .	Alvin N. Holmes . . . . .	Paul I. Eaton
DeWitt . . . . .	111	DeWitt . . . . .	Saline . . . . .	Monday on or before ○ . . . . .	Harold Zwonechek . . . . .	James M. Norton
Springfield . . . . .	112	Springfield . . . . .	Sarpy . . . . .	Second Tues. and fourth Sat. . . . .	Glen F. McCamley . . . . .	William Ward
90 Globe . . . . .	113	Madison . . . . .	Madison . . . . .	First Tuesday . . . . .	William G. Test . . . . .	Vern O. Peterson
Wisner . . . . .	114	Wisner . . . . .	Cuming . . . . .	Second and fourth Tuesdays . . . . .	Amil E. Stransky . . . . .	Carl H. Freese
Harlan . . . . .	116	Alma . . . . .	Harlan . . . . .	First and third Tuesdays . . . . .	Ernest J. Seyler . . . . .	Thomas C. Rogers
Hardy . . . . .	117	Hardy . . . . .	Nuckolls . . . . .	First Thursday . . . . .	Edward M. Leigh . . . . .	George B. McDowell
North Bend . . . . .	119	North Bend . . . . .	Dodge . . . . .	Second Tuesday . . . . .	R. Willard Scott . . . . .	Leon J. Cherny
95 Wayne . . . . .	120	Wayne . . . . .	Wayne . . . . .	Second and fourth Thursdays . . . . .	Orville M. Sherry . . . . .	Walter S. Bressler
Superior . . . . .	121	Superior . . . . .	Nuckolls . . . . .	Second Wednesday . . . . .	Cloyde R. Messersmith . . . . .	Merle P. Hayes
Auburn . . . . .	124	Auburn . . . . .	Nemaha . . . . .	First Tuesday . . . . .	Chester A. May . . . . .	William N. Boyd
Mount Nebo . . . . .	125	Genoa . . . . .	Nance . . . . .	Second Tuesday . . . . .	David F. Olson . . . . .	Lyman C. Beck
Stromsburg . . . . .	126	Stromsburg . . . . .	Polk . . . . .	Second Tuesday . . . . .	Arnold F. Detmer . . . . .	Kermit F. Hultgren
100 Minden . . . . .	127	Minden . . . . .	Kearney . . . . .	Second Wednesday . . . . .	Duane D. Newbold . . . . .	John O. Tarkington
Guide Rock . . . . .	128	Guide Rock . . . . .	Webster . . . . .	Second Thursday . . . . .	Richard L. Ely . . . . .	Lloyd Greenhalgh
Blue Hill . . . . .	129	Blue Hill . . . . .	Butler . . . . .	Second and fourth Mondays . . . . .	T. Lester Anderson . . . . .	Oliver H. Martin
Tuscan . . . . .	130	Surprise . . . . .	Dodge . . . . .	Second Thursday . . . . .	Read B. Otto . . . . .	Arthur Kunzman
Scribner . . . . .	132	Scribner . . . . .	Buffalo . . . . .	First Wednesday . . . . .	Oscar Aldrich . . . . .	Donald D. Hill, Sr.
105 Elm Creek . . . . .	133	Elm Creek . . . . .	Clarks . . . . .	First Tuesday . . . . .	Wayne M. Webb . . . . .	Cooper H. Butt
Solar . . . . .	134	McCook . . . . .	Red Willow . . . . .	Second Tuesday . . . . .	Ray L. Cook . . . . .	Vernie W. Smith
McCook . . . . .	135	Long Pine . . . . .	Brown . . . . .	First and third Tuesdays . . . . .	Edward J. Petersen, Jr. . . . .	Lewis E. Baker
Long Pine . . . . .	136	Burchard . . . . .	Oxford . . . . .	Third Tuesday . . . . .	Doyle H. Hollenbeck . . . . .	William C. Smith, Sr.
Upright . . . . .	137	Furnas . . . . .		First and third Wednesdays . . . . .	Jerome L. Cox . . . . .	William Yarpe
110 Rawalt . . . . .	138			Third Thursday . . . . .	Louis B. Goehring . . . . .	Alfred H. Nissen

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Clay Centre	139	Clay Center	Clay	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Oliver C. Smith	George M. Porter
Western	140	Western	Saline	Second Thursday	Harlen E. Simms	Glen P. Wieggers
Crescent	143	Primrose	Boone	Second Thursday	Warren C. Hansen	Harry P. Hansen
Kenesaw	144	Kenesaw	Adams	Second Thursday	William L. Ramsey	Edward E. Guilkey
115 Bancroft	145	Bancroft	Cuming	Second and fourth Mondays.	Raymond Russman	Lawrence H. Preston
Jachin	146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Richard C. Hallgren	Elmer G. Brunzell
Siloam	147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or before ○	Mark M. Nelson	Harry L. Cowles
Emmet Crawford	148	Broken Bow	Custer	Third Wednesday	Orvis M. Meston	Ross F. Le La Cheur
Jewel	149	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William H. Kotas	John L. Pfingston
120 Cambridge	150	Cambridge	Furnas	First and third Tuesdays	Cordy Kester	Harley I. Simon
Square	151	Valparaiso	Sanders	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Edward J. Haynes	Harry Parker
Evergreen	153	Pierce	Pierce	Second Tuesday	Douglas D. Kratochvil	Tom P. Mullens
Lily	154	Davenport	Thayer	Third Thursday	C. Kenneth Saum	Vivian Virchow
Hartington	155	Hartington	Cedar	First Thursday	Harry A. Stockwell	Rudolph H. Jenny
125 Pythagoras	156	Page	Holt	First Friday	Lloyd B. Fusselman	Harold L. Banta
Valley	157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Second Tuesday	Charles E. Hendrix	Lewis L. Skiles
Samaritan	158	Chadron	Dawes	First and third Thursdays	Tom P. Mullens	George A. Stevens
Ogallala	159	Ogallala	Keith	First Tuesday	Melvin H. Adams	Cyrus D. Sanders
Zeredatha	160	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Thursdays	Lester R. Hansmire	Paul C. Krause
130 Mount Zion	161	Shelby	Polk	Second Monday	Louis R. Scow	Homer Brigham
Trestle Board	162	Brock	Nemaha	First Tuesday	Ernest E. Jennings	Floyd Christy
Unity	163	Greenwood	Cass	First and third Tuesdays	Emmett A. Landon	Benjamin P. Howard
Atkinson	164	Atkinson	Holt	First and third Wednesdays	Raymer L. Funk	Harry A. Snyder
Barneston	165	Barneston	Gage	First Tuesday	Robert L. Howe	Lowell C. Rees
135 Mystic Tie	166	Tilden	Madison	Third Thursday	Carl F. Johnson	Roy R. Barkdoll
Elwood	167	Elwood	Gosper	Second Monday	Willis L. Brown	Anton T. Almquist
Curtis	168	Curtis	Frontier	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Robert Ellsworth	Klyte Burt
Amity	169	Rushville	Sheridan	First and third Tuesdays	Floyd A. Lincoln	Clarence E. Benschoter
Mason City	170	Mason City	Custer	Second Tuesday	Fred Rosborg	Claude I. Narragon
140 Merna	171	Merna	Custer	First Thursday	Frank S. Bartak	Sam W. Lyon
Robert Burns	173	Stratton	Hitchcock	Second and fourth Mondays.	Floyd Carlson	Clyde H. Jones
Culbertson	174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays	Joy McDonald	Arveno C. Eisenhart
Temple	175	Filley	Gage	Third Tuesday	Henry R. Miller	William W. Thompson
Gladstone	176	Anselmy	Custer	First Thursday on or after ○	Max J. Gonge	William Hein
145 Hay Springs	177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays.	Frank D. Diercks	Roy T. Stiehl

Prudence	179
Justice	180
Faith	181
Alliance	183
150 Bee Hive	184
Boaz	185
Israel	187
Meridian	188
Granite	189
155 Amethyst	190
Crystal	191
Minnekadusa	192
Signet	193
Highland	194
160 Arcana	195
Morning Star	197
Purity	198
Gavel	199
Blazing Star	200
165 Scottsbluff	201
Golden Sheaf	202
Roman Eagle	203
Plainview	204
Golden Fleece	205
170 Naphthali	206
Parian	207
Gauge	208
Canopy	209
East Lincoln	210
175 Cement	211
Compass & Square	212
Plumblin	214
Occidental	215
Palisade	216
180 Wauneta	217
Bloomfield	218
Relief	219
Magnolia	220
Wood Lake	221
185 Landmark	222

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Beaver Crossing
Benkelman
Crawford
Alliance
Omaha†
Danbury
Ulysses
Cozad
Gibbon
Stapleton
Scotia
Valentine
Leigh
Cortland
Gordon
Gresham
Imperial
Carleton
Burwell
Gering
Randolph
Peuder
Plainview
Chappell
Diller
Callaway
Arcadia
Elmwood
Lincoln
Wood River
Sumner
Adams
Cedar Bluffs
Palisade
Wauneta
Bloomfield
Coleridge
Emerson
Wood Lake
Herman

Seward
Dundy
Dawes
Box Butte
Douglas
Red Willow
Butler
Dawson
Buffalo
Logan
Greeley
Cherry
Colfax
Gage
Sheridan
York
Chase
Thayer
Garfield
Scotts Bluff
Cedar
Thurston
Pierce
Deuel
Jefferson
Custer
Valley
Cass
Lancaster
Hall
Dawson
Gage
Saunders
Hitchcock
Chase
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Cedar
Dixon
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Third Tuesday

Carl P. Paulsen
Harold T. Barnes
Alexander W. Cross
William E. Becker
J. Harold Shainholtz
Raleigh J. Clegg
William R. Byam
Arnold J. Draucker
Francis A. Merrell
Kurtis W. Bowden
Edgar Stillman
U. Wesley Fox
James R. Harper
Edward R. Douglass
Fred B. Fitch
Gerald W. Burgess
Arlan Klein
Milford K. Brinegar
Lloyd L. Smith
Merle D. Vilmur
James O. Kimball
Henry C. Bruns
Hubert L. Kuhl
Ray F. Frederick
James R. Hays
Harold T. Headley
H. Eugene Hastings
Orel B. Lupardus
John W. Kruse
Darrel H. Alberts
Victor W. Ecklund
Kenneth M. Martin
Ernest E. Beck
Reece H. Sailors
Bruce E. Resler
Leonard C. Kuhl
Carl J. Swanson
George R. Hahn
Jack S. Kreycik
Kenneth B. Wachter

Grant E. Hansen
William O. Hanson
Walter O. Barnes
William E. Edwards
John R. Hughes
Clyde E. Weyeneth
Leland J. Smith
J. Harlen Peden
Calvin A. Gordon
Virgil K. Magnuson
John V. Maddox
Arthur P. Starkjohann
F. Otto Nelson
Donald I. DeVries
William A. Morey
Earl K. Husbands
Siegfried L. Jacks
James H. Bryant
John A. Beynon
Ray E. Twibell
Anton B. Helms
William G. Cornwell
Frank Metschies
Alfred G. Taylor
Robert L. Upson
Allston Asmus
Percy E. Doe
Bergil E. Sumner
Charles F. Eberline
John J. Carter
Clarence W. George
Clarence D. Gottula
Elmer H. Henderson
Viron E. Baxter
C. Robert Carlson
John R. Clements
William C. Mitchell
Renrick E. Dobbs
Henry Lausen
Wayne W. Loftis

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Eminence	223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Bert W. Hays	James C. Bierbower
Silver Cord	224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Tuesday	Robert H. Tyler	John K. Cassel
Cable	225	Arnold	Custer	First Tuesday	Charles D. Quig	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	William A. German	Roy W. Deal
Bartley	228		Red Willow	Second Tuesday	Phill E. Crawford	August W. Teter
Comet	229	Ceresco	Saunders	First Thursday	Martin E. Johnson	Otis Beaman
Delta	230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and 4th Wednesdays	Floyd A. Weed	Forrest B. Long
Mt. Hermon	231	Cook	Johnson	Second Tuesday	Warren D. Brown	Fred Gittinger
195 John S. Bowen	232	Kennard	Washington	Third Thursday	Hans Bertelsen	Nic Friedrichsen
Gilead	233	Butte	Boyd	Second, 4th and 5th Mondays	Herbert N. Sieler	William J. Rinehart
Zion	234	Hyannis	Grant	Second Wednesday	James R. Jones	Howard J. Kommers
Fraternity	235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Thursday	Frank F. Weible	Irving F. Gaebler
Golden Rule	236	Allen	Dixon	First and third Tuesdays	Vernon W. Chase	Oliver W. Money
200 Cubit	237	Douglas	Otne	First Thursday	Lloyd R. Bruggmann	C. Clyde Mayes
Friendship	239	Chapman	Merrick	Second Friday	William H. McHargue	Ewd. Klingenberg, Jr.
Pilot	240	Lyons	Burt	Third Thursday	John A. Magyar	Edwin A. Loppnow
George Armstrong	241	Craig	Burt	First Tuesday	Howard G. Curley	Frank F. McMullin
Tyrian	243	Oak	Nuckolls	First Monday	Vernon L. Corman	Merton McCartney
205 Hampton	245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	Leslie E. Christiansen	Fred W. Christiansen
Nehawka	246	Nehawka	Cass	Second Wednesday	George H. Rieke	George M. Pollard
Corner-Stone	247	Osmond	Pierce	Second Friday	Henry A. Thomsen	Joseph Cizek
Laurel	248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Thursdays	Harold August	Richard L. Herse
Gothenburg	249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	Alvin Bringelson	Ernest O. Van Wey
210 George Washington	250	Lincoln ‡	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Delbert C. Barnes	Otis W. Cave
Wausa	251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	John Oakeson	Melvin Rosen
Beemer	253	Beemer	Cuming	First Tuesday	F. Max Buhk	Harold Nellor
Bassett	254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Arthur A. Weber	Wayne E. Peterson
Hickman	256	Hickman	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Elmer E. Ermund	James A. Mulder
215 Holbrook	257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Elvin C. Mues	Warren R. Atkeson
Anselmo	258	Anselmo	Custer	Second Tuesday	James A. Schmidt	Chancey J. Sittler
Ornan	261	Spencer	Boyd	First and Third Mondays	Earl Conklin	Jack B. Wells
Endeavor	262	Indianola	Red Willow	First and Third Thursdays	Que Quigley	B. Adrian Quigley
Mitchell	263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Kenneth E. Mitchell	Martin E. Turpen
220 Franklin	264	Franklin	Franklin	Second Monday	Irwin C. Williams	Maurice F. McAvoy
‡Havelock Station,		†University Place	Station.			

Robert W. Furnas...265	Scottsbluff...265	Scotts Bluff...265	First and third Mondays...265	Bert E. Rymer...265	Bernard B. Harris...265
Silver...266	Silver Creek...266	Merrick...266	Second Thursday...266	J. Willard Carter...266	Floyd Buchanan...266
James A. Tulleys...267	Overton...267	Dawson...267	Second Monday...267	Charles H. Counter...267	Russell M. Warren...267
George W. Lininger...268	Omaha...268	Douglas...268	First Friday...268	Edward C. Reynolds...268	Ernest W. Anderson...268
225 Oasis...271	Morrill...271	Scotts Bluff...271	Second Thursday...271	Leonhardt A. Surber...271	William M. Blough...271
Lee P. Gillette...272	Dunbar...272	Otoe...272	First Monday...272	Elmer C. Kasbohm...272	James P. Baker...272
Crofton...273	Crofton...273	Knox...273	First Tuesday...273	LeRoy Solomon...273	Ralph E. Wakeley...273
Olive Branch...274	Walshill...274	Thurston...274	Second Monday...274	Lawrence A. Peterson...274	Vyrlie E. Crowell...274
Ramah...275	Bertrand...275	Phelps...275	First Thursday...275	Oscar W. Ecklund...275	William B. Meeker...275
230 Antelope...276	Elgin...276	Antelope...276	First and third Tuesdays...276	Leland D. Pierce...276	Donald S. Hinman...276
Sioux...277	Harrison...277	Sioux...277	Second Monday...277	Elmer L. Pullen...277	Vern E. Marsteller...277
Litchfield...278	Litchfield...278	Sherman...278	Second Thursday...278	Richard W. Dickerson...278	Harve I. Lang...278
Wallace...279	Wallace...279	Lincoln...279	First Tuesday...279	Frank H. Gathman...279	Frank H. Whitlake...279
Swastika...280	Sargent...280	Custer...280	First Wednesday...280	Gerald E. Coslor...280	John C. Green...280
235 Florence...281	Omaha †...281	Douglas...281	First Monday...281	Albert V. Knepper...281	William A. Yoder...281
Mullen...282	Mullen...282	Hooker...282	Tuesday on or before O...282	Donald A. Cox...282	William C. McIntyre...282
Exeter...283	Exeter...283	Fillmore...283	First and Third Tuesdays...283	Roy A. Eberhardt...283	Donald H. Johns...283
Seneca...284	Seneca...284	Thomas...284	Second Wednesday...284	Gordon McLeod...284	Alfred Hilpman...284
Camp Clarke...285	Bridgeport...285	Morrill...285	First Tuesday...285	Arthur C. Johnson...285	Edward K. Milmine...285
240 Oshkosh...286	Oshkosh...286	Garden...286	First Monday...286	Lynn Chichester...286	John T. Sager...286
Union...287	Palmyra...287	Otoe...287	First Friday...287	Joe A. Dowding...287	Arthur J. Lamborn...287
Omaha...288	Omaha...288	Douglas...288	First Wednesday...288	Guy H. Hobbs...288	Frederick J. Bolshaw...288
Lotus...289	Ravenna...289	Buffalo...289	First Tuesday...289	John W. Kelly...289	Archie A. Meek...289
John J. Mercer...290	Omaha †...290	Douglas...290	First Tuesday...290	Thomas J. Foy...290	George J. Storms...290
245 Diamond...291	Orchard...291	Antelope...291	Second Thursday...291	James E. Clifton, Jr...291	Howard E. Bradstreet...291
Wolbach...292	Wolbach...292	Greeley...292	First and third Wednesdays...292	Merle A. Thomsen...292	Edwin L. Johnson...292
Monument...293	Arapahoe...293	Furnas...293	Second and fourth Mondays...293	Merlin R. Calkins...293	Arlo A. Anderson...293
Kimball...294	Kimball...294	Kimball...294	First Monday...294	Jess M. Long...294	C. Delmar Larsen...294
Minatare...295	Minatare...295	Scotts Bluff...295	Second Friday...295	Fred F. Hanich...295	J. Clive Jull...295
250 Cotner...297	Lincoln ‡...297	Lancaster...297	First Monday...297	Marion A. Childress...297	Harry B. Hall...297
Chester...298	Chester...298	Thayer...298	First and third Mondays...298	William Dry...298	James E. Woodward...298
Sutherland...299	Sutherland...299	Lincoln...299	First Wednesday...299	John D. Stewart...299	John F. Fleak...299
Liberty...300	Lincoln...300	Lancaster...300	First Thursday...300	Donald A. Keys...300	John S. Burley...300
Bayard...301	Bayard...301	Morrill...301	First and third Tuesdays...301	Edgar A. McDonald...301	Charles H. Ninegar...301
255 Mizpah...302	Omaha...302	Douglas...302	First Friday...302	R. Lynn Sherwood...302	Elmo R. Clayton...302
Right Angle...303	Omaha...303	Douglas...303	First Thursday...303	Leon G. Vossler...303	Henry M. Edwards...303
Ruskin...304	Ruskin...304	Nuckolls...304	Second and fourth Thursdays...304	Evon Sykes...304	Chauncey O. Hull...304
Newman Grove...305	Newman Grove...305	Madison...305	Second and fourth Monday...305	John E. McDonnell...305	Alexis R. Gustavson...305
Golden Rod...306	Lodgepole...306	Cheyenne...306	Second Tuesday...306	Ben H. Vacik...306	Ralph R. Carleton...306
260 William E. Hill...307	Otoe...307	Otoe...307	Third Tuesday...307	Ralph Brandt...307	Lawrence Naffziger...307
†Benson Station.	†Florence Station.	‡Bethany Station.			

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Perkins .....	308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	First Monday.....	Adam H. Lichtenberg...	Otto E. Gauger
Winnebago .....	309	Winnebago...	Thurston.....	First Thursday.....	Ray Hamilton .....	Floyd A. Taylor
Victory .....	310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	Second Thursday.....	Ward V. Whitaker ...	Francis A. Roberts
Polk .....	311	Polk.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	Richard L. Anderson..	Everett W. Green
265 Oak Leaf .....	312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	Second Thursday.....	LeRoy D. Mulhair ...	Roger L. Woolf
Potter .....	313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	Second Tuesday.....	George E. McGowen...	Elmer H. Seyfang
Craftsmen .....	314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	Theodore J. Leacock..	Curry D. Bryson
Alpha .....	316	SouthSiouxCity	Dakota.....	Second Thursday.....	P. Raymond Madison..	Clarence A. Stewart
Mid-West .....	317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Wednesday.....	Harold A. Schmer.....	William J. Breckenridge
270 Grand Island .....	318	Grand Island..	Hall.....	First Tuesday.....	Albert T. Swihart ...	Albert B. Osborn
Bladen .....	319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Donald M. Paulson ...	Howard R. James
College View .....	320	Lincoln †.....	Lancaster.....	First Wednesday.....	Lloyd M. Finks.....	Silas R. Davenport
Harmony .....	321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	Second Wednesday.....	Raymond W. Weed ...	W. Carr Ross
Pioneer .....	322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff..	Second Tuesday.....	J. Maxwell Vons .....	Joseph H. Lawson
275 Lebanon .....	323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Joseph P. Young .....	Carl H. Hoge
Cairo .....	324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	Second Monday.....	Milton J. Veeder .....	Darwin T. Murfin

†College View Station.

**ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Osborne P. Simon, 174, Culbertson .....	1930
Austin F. Whitmire, 75, Sidney .....	1931
Jesse P. Entrekkin, 295, Gering .....	1934
Harold D. Weddel, 208, Arcadia .....	1937
Cecil C. Gates, 227, Lincoln .....	1938
Ross Van Sickle, 184, Omaha .....	1938
Steven W. Beck, 43, Hebron .....	1940
Roy S. Planck, 15, Fremont .....	1940
Buren P. Wells, 36, Archer .....	1940
Clarence G. McNamee, 55, Norfolk .....	1941
Ernest C. Purdy, 195, Gordon .....	1942
Lewis E. Baker, 135, McCook .....	1943
Louis V. Sylvester, 281, Omaha .....	1946
LaVerne A. Walker, 55, Norfolk .....	1946
Ernest E. James, 1, Omaha .....	1948
Frank Anderson, 17, Tecumseh .....	1949
Sylvester Shumard, 227, Lincoln .....	1949
Robert W. Cook, 33, Grand Island .....	1949
Charles M. Frederick, 136, Long Pine .....	1949
Paul D. Fleming, 93, Beaver City .....	1949
Ralph M. Carhart, 83, Wayne .....	1950
Morris V. Balcom, 46, Kearney .....	1950
William F. Flickinger, 56, Waco .....	1951

**ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS EMERITUS**

Elmer Surber, 210, Omaha .....	1929
Fred G. Christensen, 33, Grand Island .....	1938
Earl M. Bolen, 130, Ulysses .....	1914
Jesse Lowther, 219, Coleridge .....	1919
Wallace E. Linn, 1, Omaha .....	1934
Ward B. Schrack, 46, 1311 W. Alameda Ave., Denver, Colo.	1933
I. Donald Huston, 65, Osceola .....	1928

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS														No. of Lodge	
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1950	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1950	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1950	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1949	GAIN					Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls, December 31, 1950			
									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes		Total Loss		
Nebraska.....	1	54	91	50	19	26	504	1286	52	4	0	20	0	1362	18	24	26	1	0	69	1293	1	
Western Star....	2	6	36	5	7	18	97	268	4	3	0	1	0	276	2	3	18	0	0	23	253	2	
Capitol.....	3	39	83	38	26	4	403	927	38	1	0	3	0	969	5	24	4	0	0	33	936	3	
Nemaha Valley..	4	6	4	7	2	0	46	41	6	0	0	1	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	4
Omadi.....	5	9	34	10	8	3	60	115	7	2	0	0	0	124	1	3	3	0	0	7	117	5	
Plattsmouth.....	6	8	32	10	5	2	51	295	9	0	0	2	3	309	1	4	2	0	0	7	302	6	
Falls City.....	9	14	30	9	6	0	94	232	6	4	0	1	0	243	2	4	0	0	0	6	237	9	
Solomon.....	10	4	10	4	3	0	12	77	4	0	0	0	0	81	2	1	0	0	0	3	78	10	
Covert.....	11	70	84	71	43	11	323	1486	62	2	0	4	0	1554	8	28	11	0	0	47	1507	11	
Orient.....	13	7	8	5	3	0	20	35	3	1	1	4	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	1	43	13	
Peru.....	14	3	11	3	0	5	35	102	5	1	0	4	0	112	3	5	5	0	0	13	99	14	
Fremont.....	15	29	40	20	13	4	137	515	19	7	1	0	0	542	4	7	4	0	0	15	527	15	
Tecumseh.....	17	5	29	7	10	0	86	183	8	1	0	0	0	192	2	6	0	0	0	8	184	17	
Lincoln.....	19	62	97	57	18	6	418	938	59	11	0	6	0	1014	2	16	6	0	0	24	990	19	
Washington.....	21	2	10	3	4	5	47	168	5	3	0	0	0	176	1	3	5	0	0	9	167	21	
Pawnee.....	23	6	19	3	9	3	58	118	2	1	0	1	0	122	0	2	3	0	0	5	117	23	
Saint Johns.....	25	42	102	38	23	12	484	930	39	8	0	8	1	986	4	20	12	0	0	36	950	25	
Beatrice.....	26	17	58	15	21	2	211	338	12	5	0	3	0	358	5	7	2	0	0	14	344	26	
Jordan.....	27	1	4	1	0	1	24	79	1	0	0	2	0	82	0	1	1	0	0	2	80	27	
Hope.....	29	4	10	2	0	0	32	47	2	0	0	0	0	49	0	1	0	0	0	1	48	29	
Blue River.....	30	6	8	9	4	1	46	79	7	0	0	1	0	87	1	1	1	0	0	3	84	30	
Tekamah.....	31	4	4	4	3	3	49	130	3	2	0	1	0	136	1	2	3	0	0	6	130	31	
Platte Valley...	32	24	59	16	19	6	92	418	18	9	0	0	0	445	3	7	6	0	0	16	429	32	
Ashlar.....	33	25	48	26	12	5	232	530	31	7	0	6	0	574	7	9	5	0	0	21	553	33	
Acacia.....	34	15	16	12	3	2	45	166	11	0	0	0	0	177	2	2	2	0	0	6	171	34	
Fairbury.....	35	8	36	10	4	0	52	242	11	0	0	0	0	253	5	4	0	0	0	9	244	35	
Lone Tree.....	36	11	10	11	6	0	55	188	10	5	0	5	0	208	0	1	0	0	0	1	207	36	
Crete.....	37	13	17	12	8	4	79	177	12	3	1	4	0	197	0	4	4	0	0	8	189	37	
Oliver.....	38	14	14	13	2	1	95	177	12	0	0	3	0	192	1	4	1	0	0	6	186	38	
Papillion.....	39	15	11	17	8	1	41	91	21	3	0	1	0	116	2	1	1	0	0	4	112	39	
Humboldt.....	40	9	16	6	4	3	26	121	5	1	0	0	0	127	3	1	3	0	0	7	120	40	
Northern Light..	41	11	12	11	2	0	34	89	10	0	0	0	0	99	1	5	0	0	0	6	93	41	
Hebron.....	43	1	30	1	9	1	80	123	3	0	0	0	0	126	0	0	1	0	0	1	125	43	
Harvard.....	44	0	14	0	1	1	41	61	0	2	0	1	0	64	1	0	1	0	0	2	62	44	
Rob Morris.....	46	14	38	9	7	6	191	309	9	9	0	0	0	327	3	2	6	0	0	11	316	46	
Fairmont.....	48	3	15	1	3	0	49	94	1	2	0	0	0	97	0	3	0	0	0	3	94	48	
Evening Star....	49	6	3	8	8	0	28	92	2	6	0	1	0	101	0	1	0	0	0	1	100	49	
Hastings.....	50	23	73	14	8	9	190	477	11	2	0	5	0	495	7	16	9	0	0	32	463	50	
Fidelity.....	51	2	20	2	3	3	73	158	4	0	0	1	0	163	1	3	3	1	0	8	155	51	

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Hiram.....	52	3	13	2	7	0	35	87	1	0	0	0	0	88	0	1	0	0	0	1	87	52
Charity.....	53	10	20	9	9	1	69	138	7	0	0	2	0	147	1	3	1	0	0	5	142	53
Lancaster.....	54	48	70	46	19	10	294	883	43	2	0	3	0	931	4	9	10	0	0	23	908	54
Mosaic.....	55	19	45	20	11	6	118	400	18	4	0	4	0	426	11	7	6	0	0	24	402	55
York.....	56	13	17	11	1	0	86	257	12	1	0	1	0	271	2	3	0	0	0	5	266	56
Mt. Moriah.....	57	4	21	2	3	0	50	68	3	2	0	1	0	74	0	1	0	0	0	1	73	57
Wahoo.....	59	9	10	8	2	3	68	259	10	1	0	1	0	271	2	3	3	0	0	8	263	59
Melrose.....	60	1	16	1	1	4	38	73	1	0	0	0	0	78	1	4	4	0	0	9	69	60
Thistle.....	61	7	10	10	8	7	67	183	9	0	0	0	0	192	5	1	7	0	0	13	179	61
Keystone.....	62	2	6	2	1	1	19	39	3	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	1	0	0	1	41	62
Blue Valley.....	64	3	5	3	5	0	38	63	4	1	0	1	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	1	68	64
Osceola.....	65	3	6	2	4	0	25	84	3	2	0	1	0	90	2	1	0	0	0	3	87	65
Edgar.....	67	1	1	1	0	0	22	105	2	0	0	1	0	108	0	3	0	0	0	3	105	67
Aurora.....	68	7	15	6	8	0	42	142	4	3	0	4	0	153	0	3	0	0	0	3	150	68
Sterling.....	70	0	15	0	0	1	58	51	1	0	0	1	0	53	0	1	1	0	0	2	51	70
Trowel.....	71	5	19	6	5	2	56	74	7	1	0	0	0	82	2	0	2	0	0	4	78	71
Hooper.....	72	0	11	1	0	0	22	109	2	0	0	0	0	111	2	6	0	0	0	8	103	72
Friend.....	73	3	2	4	2	0	32	61	4	0	0	1	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	1	65	73
Alexandria.....	74	2	10	1	0	0	27	30	2	0	0	1	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	74
Frank Welch.....	75	11	22	10	13	2	104	249	9	1	1	1	0	261	4	1	2	0	0	7	254	75
Nelson.....	77	5	10	3	7	5	50	67	4	1	0	3	0	75	1	1	5	0	0	7	68	77
Albion.....	78	7	20	6	5	4	52	107	4	1	0	8	0	120	4	4	4	0	0	12	108	78
Geneva.....	79	0	8	1	0	2	25	151	1	0	0	2	0	154	3	7	2	0	0	12	142	79
Composite.....	81	4	13	1	2	0	34	47	1	1	0	0	0	49	1	1	0	0	0	2	47	81
Saint Paul.....	82	5	21	3	4	1	38	196	5	0	0	0	0	201	1	6	1	0	0	8	193	82
Corinthian.....	83	5	11	4	0	0	29	62	6	0	0	0	0	68	0	2	0	0	0	2	66	83
Fairfield.....	84	6	14	7	6	2	45	57	3	0	0	4	0	64	1	2	2	0	0	5	59	84
Doniphan.....	86	4	8	8	5	3	34	41	8	0	0	0	0	49	1	1	3	0	0	5	44	86
Ionic.....	87	7	33	5	43	0	55	98	4	0	0	0	0	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	87
Star.....	88	2	9	3	2	1	20	117	3	1	0	0	0	121	1	3	1	1	0	6	115	88
Cedar River.....	89	0	8	2	2	1	102	108	1	2	0	1	0	112	1	5	1	0	0	7	105	89
Oakland.....	91	6	10	5	3	0	37	135	4	3	0	0	0	142	2	1	0	0	0	3	139	91
Beaver City.....	93	1	7	1	4	0	33	71	0	0	0	1	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	1	71	93
Bennett.....	94	3	12	1	0	0	43	59	1	0	0	1	0	61	0	1	0	0	0	1	60	94
Garfield.....	95	2	11	4	3	4	52	69	6	0	0	2	0	77	0	4	4	0	0	8	69	95
Utica.....	96	1	6	2	1	1	34	84	2	1	0	0	0	87	0	4	1	0	0	5	82	96
Euclid.....	97	2	14	2	4	1	53	102	4	0	0	0	0	106	2	1	1	0	0	4	102	97
Republican.....	98	5	8	7	3	1	25	52	10	0	0	0	0	62	0	1	1	0	0	2	60	98
Shelton.....	99	8	12	7	2	1	31	64	7	0	0	0	0	71	0	2	1	0	0	3	68	99

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Creighton.....	100	7	19	7	2	3	39	107	8	2	0	4	0	0	122	3	5	3	0	0	11	111	100
Ponca.....	101	2	5	4	6	0	35	84	2	1	0	0	0	0	87	3	0	0	0	0	3	84	101
Waterloo.....	102	8	16	6	4	0	48	131	9	0	0	0	0	140	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	140	102
Ord.....	103	2	18	4	3	0	64	139	4	0	2	0	2	145	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	144	103
Wymore.....	104	2	30	10	6	3	67	232	7	0	0	1	0	240	3	6	3	0	1	1	1	227	104
Stella.....	105	0	9	0	1	2	26	58	1	0	0	6	0	65	0	1	2	0	0	3	3	62	105
Porter.....	106	3	9	1	2	0	22	46	2	0	0	0	0	48	0	1	0	0	0	1	47	106	
Table Rock.....	108	4	0	4	0	0	30	51	2	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	5	53	108	
Pomegranate.....	110	9	16	7	6	0	42	196	6	2	0	0	0	204	2	2	0	0	1	5	199	110	
DeWitt.....	111	0	15	2	2	2	52	56	2	0	0	0	0	58	1	0	2	0	0	3	55	111	
Springfield.....	112	2	21	2	7	3	41	115	1	1	0	0	0	117	2	1	3	0	0	6	111	112	
Globe.....	113	2	14	0	1	0	36	88	0	1	0	0	0	89	3	5	0	0	0	8	81	113	
Wisner.....	114	7	9	6	6	1	20	97	6	2	0	2	0	107	1	2	0	0	0	3	104	114	
Harlan.....	116	4	9	3	4	0	26	91	2	0	0	0	1	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	116	
Hardy.....	117	2	3	2	0	0	22	28	3	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	117	
North Bend.....	119	6	3	6	3	0	16	111	4	0	0	0	0	115	2	1	0	0	0	3	112	119	
WATNE.....	120	9	6	9	4	2	41	169	10	5	0	3	0	187	0	2	2	0	0	4	183	120	
Superior.....	121	10	16	10	1	1	58	162	13	1	0	1	0	177	2	2	1	0	0	5	173	121	
Auburn.....	124	8	9	10	2	0	56	153	9	1	0	0	0	161	3	0	1	0	0	4	158	124	
Mt. Nebo.....	125	14	16	12	6	1	56	92	9	1	0	2	0	104	0	3	1	0	0	4	100	125	
Stromsburg.....	126	4	6	2	1	3	42	66	2	0	0	2	0	70	0	0	3	0	0	3	67	126	
Minden.....	127	4	12	2	7	2	29	87	1	0	0	1	0	89	0	0	2	0	0	2	87	127	
Guide Rock.....	128	4	0	6	1	0	41	47	5	0	0	1	0	53	1	1	0	0	0	1	51	128	
Blue Hill.....	129	1	5	1	0	0	8	52	2	0	0	1	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	1	54	129	
Tuscan.....	130	2	1	1	1	0	19	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	4	0	0	0	0	4	42	130	
Scribner.....	132	4	9	2	2	0	28	57	2	0	0	0	0	59	2	3	0	0	0	5	54	132	
Elm Creek.....	133	8	13	7	6	0	46	50	5	0	0	0	0	55	0	1	0	0	0	1	54	133	
Solar.....	134	3	4	3	3	1	30	73	3	0	0	0	0	76	0	2	0	0	0	2	74	134	
McCook.....	135	15	42	6	6	2	84	360	8	3	0	0	0	371	7	6	2	2	0	15	356	135	
Long Pine.....	136	1	14	1	3	0	28	70	2	1	0	0	0	73	2	2	0	0	0	4	69	136	
Upright.....	137	8	15	5	5	1	17	70	3	0	0	0	0	73	0	1	1	0	0	2	71	137	
Rawalt.....	138	2	2	4	0	4	37	79	4	0	0	0	0	83	2	2	0	0	0	8	75	138	
Clay Centre.....	139	3	7	2	2	0	39	80	2	0	0	0	0	82	1	4	8	0	0	13	69	139	
Western.....	140	0	5	1	2	0	39	27	2	0	0	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	1	1	28	140	
Crescent.....	143	4	9	2	5	0	39	60	0	0	0	1	0	61	0	1	0	0	0	1	60	143	
Kenesaw.....	144	0	18	1	3	2	81	81	1	0	0	2	0	84	1	0	2	0	0	3	81	144	
Barcroft.....	145	2	5	5	8	0	47	62	5	0	0	0	0	67	2	1	0	0	0	3	64	145	
Jacin.....	146	1	19	2	3	0	80	183	2	1	0	0	0	186	2	4	0	0	0	6	180	146	
Siloam.....	147	1	2	0	0	2	27	32	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	2	0	0	3	30	147	
Emmet Crawford	148	7	22	5	3	8	55	174	6	3	0	10	0	193	1	3	8	0	0	12	181	148	

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																						Total Loss
Jewel.....	149	0	3	0	1	1	50	79	0	0	0	0	0	79	1	3	1	0	0	5	74	149
Cambridge.....	150	5	10	3	0	5	52	128	4	2	0	2	0	136	1	0	5	0	0	6	130	150
Square.....	151	1	14	1	4	4	49	71	1	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	4	0	0	4	68	151
Evergreen.....	153	4	6	2	0	1	11	77	2	1	0	0	0	80	1	0	1	0	0	2	78	153
Lily.....	154	3	8	2	2	0	32	67	1	0	0	1	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	154
Hartington.....	155	6	33	2	3	1	42	82	2	2	0	1	0	87	3	2	1	0	0	6	81	155
Pythagoras.....	156	3	21	2	4	3	43	47	2	0	0	0	0	49	0	2	3	0	0	5	44	156
Valley.....	157	2	3	1	0	1	26	52	1	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	1	0	0	2	51	157
Samaritan.....	158	7	9	10	7	2	29	287	10	1	0	0	0	298	4	6	2	0	0	12	286	158
Ogalalla.....	159	3	23	3	6	2	63	147	3	2	0	4	0	156	3	2	2	0	0	7	149	159
Zeredatha.....	160	3	6	0	1	1	16	39	1	0	0	0	0	40	1	2	1	0	0	4	36	160
Mount Zion.....	161	1	3	1	3	7	33	53	1	0	0	3	0	57	1	1	7	0	0	9	48	161
Trestle Board.....	162	2	3	2	1	1	26	93	2	0	0	1	0	96	0	2	1	0	0	3	93	162
Unity.....	163	3	9	2	3	1	44	51	1	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	1	0	0	1	51	163
Atkinson.....	164	1	7	2	2	1	23	50	2	1	0	0	0	53	2	1	1	0	0	4	49	164
Barneston.....	165	1	11	2	8	0	92	52	1	0	0	5	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	1	57	165
Mystic Tie.....	166	0	7	0	0	0	35	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	166
Elwood.....	167	3	9	2	3	0	38	45	2	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	167
Curtis.....	168	4	17	3	4	1	28	95	2	1	0	0	0	98	0	1	1	0	0	2	96	168
Amity.....	169	8	11	4	1	1	37	105	3	2	0	0	0	110	1	2	1	0	1	5	105	169
Mason City.....	170	1	4	1	0	0	29	48	3	0	0	2	0	53	2	1	0	0	0	3	50	170
Merna.....	171	1	17	1	5	0	44	48	0	0	0	0	0	48	1	3	0	0	0	4	44	171
Robert Burns.....	173	11	7	10	3	2	11	86	8	1	0	1	0	96	1	1	2	0	0	4	92	173
Culbertson.....	174	5	8	3	6	0	23	56	2	0	0	1	0	59	1	0	0	0	0	1	58	174
Temple.....	175	4	14	2	5	0	44	36	1	0	0	0	0	37	0	2	0	0	0	2	35	175
Gladstone.....	176	1	10	3	5	5	53	95	2	0	0	3	0	100	1	2	5	0	0	8	92	176
Hay Springs.....	177	2	6	4	0	0	24	81	4	3	0	0	0	88	0	2	0	0	0	2	86	177
Prudence.....	179	0	9	0	2	0	46	42	1	0	0	1	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	179
Justice.....	180	13	15	15	2	0	50	117	19	1	2	1	0	140	3	1	0	0	0	4	136	180
Faith.....	181	5	16	5	9	2	104	136	4	2	1	2	0	145	1	5	2	0	0	0	137	181
Alliance.....	183	9	47	11	12	4	137	300	11	2	0	4	0	317	2	8	4	0	0	14	303	183
Bee Hive.....	184	68	49	65	14	8	177	872	65	6	0	5	0	948	6	13	8	0	0	27	921	184
Boaz.....	185	5	3	6	4	0	12	66	8	0	0	0	0	74	0	1	0	0	0	1	73	185
Israel.....	187	4	7	2	1	0	42	30	1	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	187
Meridian.....	188	5	20	3	2	7	56	141	4	0	0	0	0	145	2	0	7	0	0	9	136	188
Granite.....	189	4	5	4	2	0	45	72	6	0	0	4	0	82	2	0	0	0	0	2	80	189
Amethyst.....	190	2	7	3	1	0	19	52	3	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	190
Crystal.....	191	5	20	4	1	0	35	79	5	0	0	0	0	84	0	1	0	0	0	1	83	191

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Minnekadusa....	192	10	22	8	8	2	54	125	7	0	0	1	0	133	0	1	2	0	0	3	130	192	
Signet.....	193	5	11	3	3	1	0	23	63	2	0	0	1	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	1	65	193
Highland.....	194	3	7	3	3	0	31	34	2	1	0	1	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	194	
Arcana.....	195	7	13	9	11	2	44	125	9	0	0	0	0	134	1	0	2	0	0	3	131	195	
Morning Star....	197	4	5	5	2	2	26	62	5	0	0	2	0	69	0	1	2	0	0	3	66	197	
Purity.....	198	7	23	7	5	1	40	140	8	1	0	0	0	149	3	6	1	0	0	10	139	198	
Gavel.....	199	1	3	2	0	0	10	45	3	1	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	199	
Blazing Star....	200	5	7	3	1	2	38	92	3	1	0	0	0	96	1	2	2	0	0	5	91	200	
Scotts Bluff....	201	7	23	6	3	5	54	172	8	5	0	1	0	186	6	3	5	0	0	14	172	201	
Golden Sheaf....	202	1	25	3	1	0	58	78	3	0	0	2	0	83	2	2	0	0	0	4	79	202	
Roman Eagle....	203	5	14	5	1	0	16	57	4	1	0	0	0	62	1	1	0	0	0	2	60	203	
Plainview.....	204	13	12	9	7	0	40	108	9	2	0	0	0	119	1	3	0	0	0	4	115	204	
Golden Fleece....	205	9	12	8	3	2	26	191	10	1	0	1	0	203	4	1	2	0	0	7	196	205	
Napthali.....	206	2	1	2	0	1	42	60	2	0	0	0	1	63	3	3	1	0	0	7	56	206	
Parian.....	207	6	9	4	1	1	40	69	3	2	0	0	0	74	1	2	1	0	0	4	70	207	
Gauge.....	208	0	10	1	4	4	23	44	1	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	4	0	0	4	41	208	
Canopy.....	209	9	15	9	5	0	67	113	10	1	0	2	0	126	0	4	0	0	0	4	122	209	
East Lincoln....	210	76	71	79	13	1	270	967	81	11	0	8	0	1067	10	21	1	1	0	33	1034	210	
Cement.....	211	8	4	8	4	0	10	88	4	0	0	0	0	92	1	4	0	0	0	5	87	211	
Compass & Square	212	3	5	4	1	4	41	61	7	0	0	1	0	69	3	2	4	0	0	9	60	212	
Plumbline.....	214	0	2	0	0	2	35	58	0	0	0	2	0	60	1	0	2	0	0	3	57	214	
Occidental.....	215	1	5	1	2	3	41	80	1	0	0	0	0	81	0	0	3	0	0	3	78	215	
Palisade.....	216	5	12	5	4	3	52	104	5	2	0	0	0	111	1	0	3	0	0	4	107	216	
Wauneta.....	217	2	8	4	3	0	35	54	4	0	0	1	0	59	1	1	0	0	0	2	57	217	
Bloomfield.....	218	2	17	3	2	2	49	76	3	0	0	0	0	79	1	3	2	0	0	6	73	218	
Relief.....	219	1	7	0	0	0	13	42	0	3	0	1	0	46	1	0	0	0	0	1	45	219	
Magnolia.....	220	6	8	2	1	0	20	70	2	0	0	0	0	72	1	4	0	0	0	5	67	220	
Wood Lake.....	221	3	10	4	4	0	16	64	4	1	0	1	0	70	0	1	0	0	0	1	69	221	
Landmark.....	222	2	3	3	1	0	28	112	2	1	0	0	0	115	0	4	0	0	0	4	111	222	
Eminence.....	223	3	4	4	1	1	18	50	5	0	0	3	0	58	0	1	1	0	0	2	56	223	
Silver Cord.....	224	9	10	10	5	3	21	144	8	2	0	4	0	158	3	2	3	0	0	8	150	224	
Cable.....	225	11	13	9	6	17	40	100	8	1	0	3	0	112	1	1	17	0	0	19	93	225	
Grace.....	226	5	15	6	7	6	53	77	3	2	1	0	0	83	1	2	6	0	0	9	74	226	
North Star.....	227	26	36	20	8	5	81	407	19	2	0	3	0	431	5	4	5	0	0	14	417	227	
Bartley.....	228	0	2	1	1	3	16	67	0	0	0	1	0	68	0	1	3	0	0	4	64	228	
Comet.....	229	10	5	8	2	2	40	78	8	0	0	3	0	89	1	4	2	0	0	7	82	229	
Delta.....	230	1	10	1	1	0	21	45	1	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	1	45	230	
Mt. Hermon....	231	3	5	3	1	1	22	37	3	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	1	0	0	1	39	231	
John S. Bowen...	232	0	4	4	1	0	15	59	3	0	0	3	0	65	1	0	0	0	0	1	64	232	
Gilead.....	233	3	25	1	8	0	30	52	1	0	0	0	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	1	52	233	

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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		
Zion.....	234	1	12	1	4	0	43	96	2	0	0	0	0	98	1	2	0	0	0	3	95	234
Fraternity.....	235	5	7	3	0	1	26	52	5	0	0	0	0	57	2	0	1	0	0	3	54	235
Golden Rule.....	236	1	10	1	4	0	14	63	1	0	0	0	0	64	1	2	0	0	0	3	61	236
Cubit.....	237	1	5	1	2	0	23	65	0	0	0	0	0	65	1	1	0	0	0	2	63	237
Friendship.....	239	0	3	1	4	0	19	88	5	2	0	1	0	96	0	1	0	0	0	1	95	239
Pilot.....	240	8	8	6	3	1	26	110	7	1	0	0	0	118	2	3	1	0	0	6	112	240
GeorgeArmstrong	241	4	12	3	2	0	14	88	2	0	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	241
Tyrian.....	243	1	5	1	0	1	13	31	2	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	1	0	0	1	32	243
Hampton.....	245	3	17	0	1	0	38	73	1	0	0	1	0	75	2	4	0	0	0	6	69	245
Nehawka.....	246	3	8	0	0	1	19	114	0	0	0	0	0	114	0	0	1	0	0	1	113	246
Corner-Stone....	247	1	16	0	1	0	50	35	0	0	0	0	0	35	3	0	0	0	0	3	32	247
Laurel.....	248	4	20	3	3	1	54	107	3	1	0	0	0	111	3	1	1	0	0	5	106	248
Gothenburg.....	249	9	12	9	2	0	27	122	10	1	0	2	0	135	1	1	0	0	0	2	133	249
Geo. Washington	250	11	23	9	3	3	110	311	9	1	0	4	0	325	3	6	3	1	0	13	312	250
Wausa.....	251	4	2	5	0	2	25	60	5	0	0	1	0	66	1	1	2	0	0	4	62	251
Beemer.....	253	5	3	4	1	0	16	33	11	0	0	0	0	44	1	0	0	0	0	1	43	253
Bassett.....	254	0	13	0	2	6	36	94	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	0	6	0	0	6	88	254
Hickman.....	256	6	5	5	0	2	31	54	5	1	0	2	1	63	0	0	2	0	0	2	61	256
Holbrook.....	257	0	6	1	1	0	23	28	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	1	0	0	0	2	26	257
Anselmo.....	258	1	20	1	7	4	58	91	1	0	0	4	0	96	1	1	4	0	0	6	90	258
Ornan.....	261	6	9	5	2	0	28	81	3	0	0	3	0	87	0	1	0	0	0	1	86	261
Endeavor.....	262	6	5	6	0	1	16	78	6	1	0	0	0	85	1	2	1	0	0	4	81	262
Mitchell.....	263	7	8	7	1	6	44	165	7	3	0	0	0	175	0	3	6	0	0	9	166	263
Franklin.....	264	7	26	7	4	1	107	104	5	2	0	0	0	111	3	3	1	0	0	1	104	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	18	25	20	6	2	72	354	20	4	1	0	0	379	3	8	2	0	0	13	366	265
Silver.....	266	0	10	1	2	2	23	61	1	0	0	1	0	63	0	0	2	0	0	2	61	266
James A. Tulleys	267	4	1	3	1	0	20	56	3	0	0	0	0	59	1	1	0	0	0	2	57	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	2	6	3	5	0	68	239	1	0	0	0	0	240	1	6	0	0	0	7	233	268
Oasis.....	271	7	7	8	3	1	55	129	7	2	0	0	0	138	0	2	1	0	0	3	135	271
Lee P. Gillette..	272	1	3	1	0	2	23	79	1	0	0	0	0	80	0	1	2	0	0	3	77	272
Crofton.....	273	0	0	0	0	0	22	64	1	0	0	1	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	1	65	273
Olive Branch....	274	3	15	1	6	1	37	66	1	0	0	3	0	70	1	2	1	0	0	4	66	274
Ramah.....	275	3	1	3	0	0	7	75	4	1	0	0	0	80	3	1	0	0	0	4	76	275
Antelope.....	276	13	12	8	6	1	13	52	7	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	1	0	0	1	58	276
Sioux.....	277	4	5	2	4	3	10	44	2	0	1	1	0	48	1	2	3	0	0	6	42	277
Litchfield.....	278	3	5	1	1	0	25	45	1	0	0	1	0	47	0	1	0	0	0	1	46	278
Wallace.....	279	1	4	1	1	0	20	39	1	1	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	279
Swastika.....	280	5	10	6	4	0	24	66	4	1	0	2	0	73	3	2	0	0	0	5	68	280
Florence.....	281	37	31	40	7	3	117	731	36	8	0	4	0	779	5	11	3	0	0	19	760	281
Mullen.....	282	1	2	2	0	0	29	65	2	2	0	1	0	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	282

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			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1950	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1950		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1950	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1950		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	Total Loss					
																								No. on Rolls, December 31, 1950	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1950	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1950
Exeter.....	283	0	1	1	0	0	24	34	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	283
Seneca.....	284	1	11	2	8	2	38	61	2	0	0	17	0	0	80	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	77	284
Camp Clarke.....	285	9	19	8	5	0	30	168	6	1	1	0	0	0	176	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	175	285
Oshkosh.....	286	13	20	16	4	3	41	93	17	0	0	2	0	0	112	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	107	286	
Union.....	287	2	5	2	0	0	13	56	2	0	0	1	0	0	59	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	56	287	
Omaha.....	288	29	32	26	4	10	202	546	26	2	0	5	0	0	579	7	10	10	0	0	0	0	27	552	288	
Lotus.....	289	8	6	10	6	2	26	155	5	1	0	1	0	0	162	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	157	289	
John J. Mercer.....	290	63	38	73	3	6	160	1116	79	10	0	10	0	0	1215	12	15	6	0	0	0	33	1182	290		
Diamond.....	291	4	9	2	1	0	28	64	3	0	1	0	0	0	68	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	65	291	
Wolbach.....	292	1	5	0	2	0	24	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	292	
Monument.....	293	1	8	0	0	2	23	62	2	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	60	293		
Kimball.....	294	3	5	3	0	2	35	129	4	4	0	0	0	0	137	3	1	2	0	0	0	6	131	294		
Minatare.....	295	4	6	5	3	0	24	100	5	0	0	1	0	0	106	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	104	295		
Cotner.....	297	11	15	11	2	5	52	210	11	1	0	7	0	0	229	1	2	5	0	0	0	8	221	297		
Chester.....	298	2	2	0	0	0	11	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	298		
Sutherland.....	299	5	10	3	1	0	11	98	3	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	2	0	0	0	2	99	299			
Liberty.....	300	23	23	27	12	4	122	374	27	4	0	7	0	0	412	5	9	4	0	1	19	393	300			
Bayard.....	301	2	8	2	5	3	30	106	5	2	0	5	0	0	118	2	0	5	1	0	8	110	301			
Mizpah.....	302	60	46	57	24	7	209	1071	54	8	0	2	0	0	1135	11	18	7	0	1	37	1098	302			
Right Angle.....	303	16	16	17	10	9	123	635	16	1	1	4	0	0	657	5	6	9	0	0	20	637	303			
Ruskin.....	304	2	6	2	2	3	19	36	2	0	0	1	0	0	39	0	0	3	0	0	3	36	304			
Newman Grove.....	305	0	4	1	2	0	28	56	1	0	0	0	0	0	57	2	2	0	0	0	4	53	305			
Golden Rod.....	306	1	0	1	1	0	8	79	2	0	0	2	0	0	83	0	3	0	0	0	3	80	306			
William E. Hill.....	307	0	9	0	2	0	32	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	307			
Perkins.....	308	3	5	3	1	2	24	107	3	1	0	0	0	0	111	2	1	2	0	0	5	106	308			
Winnebago.....	309	8	14	6	6	0	12	57	6	0	0	2	0	0	65	2	2	0	0	0	4	61	309			
Victory.....	310	7	5	8	2	4	39	201	13	0	0	0	0	0	214	5	2	4	0	0	11	203	310			
Polk.....	311	2	6	2	0	0	13	55	2	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	2	0	0	0	2	55	311			
Oak Leaf.....	312	2	6	3	1	0	7	45	2	0	0	0	0	0	47	1	1	0	0	0	2	45	312			
Potter.....	313	0	4	3	0	1	20	92	3	0	0	1	0	0	96	0	3	1	0	0	4	92	313			
Craftsmen.....	314	38	29	36	11	1	58	491	33	8	0	2	0	0	534	3	5	1	0	0	9	525	314			
Alpha.....	316	12	26	10	7	0	7	126	9	4	0	0	0	0	139	0	1	0	0	0	1	138	316			
Mid-West.....	317	18	35	19	8	2	44	379	14	5	0	1	0	0	399	6	5	2	0	0	13	386	317			
Grand Island.....	318	16	9	17	4	1	41	200	15	3	0	1	0	0	219	3	3	1	1	0	8	211	318			
Bladen.....	319	0	6	0	0	1	20	43	1	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	1	0	0	1	43	319			
College View.....	320	12	9	11	0	3	16	153	12	1	0	2	0	0	168	2	1	3	1	0	7	161	320			
Harmony.....	321	4	9	2	3	3	9	68	2	1	0	2	0	0	73	0	1	3	0	0	4	69	321			
Pioneer.....	322	3	4	3	1	1	10	74	2	0	0	0	0	0	76	1	0	1	0	0	2	74	322			

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Lebanon	323	11	9	12	3	3	34	168	10	2	0	0	0	0	180	2	3	3	0	0	8	172
Cairo	324	10	3	7	2	0	0	45	5	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	324
Totals		2072	4103	1963	1143	524	1472	41379	1933	318	13	372	6	44021	424	720	524	8	5	1681	42340	

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
	" 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56
	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 9, 57...	June 3, 57
	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	December 15, 57...	June 2, 58
5	Omadi " 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	October 4, 64...	June 23, 65
	" 10	Fort Calhoun.....	Washington.....	August 15, 65...	June 22, 66
	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66
10	Orient " 13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67
	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67
	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	December 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
15	Washington " 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24, 68...	June 25, 68
	" 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	May 23, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
20	Hope " 29	Nemaha.....	Nemaha.....	November 8, 69...	June 23, 70
	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
25	Acacia " 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
	" 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	August 9, 71...	June 19, 72
	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8, 72...	June 19, 72
	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
30	Papillion " 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	November 18, 72...	June 18, 73

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16, 72... June 18, 73
	Northern Light	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	January 20, 73... June 18, 73
	Hebron	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10, 73... June 18, 73
	Harvard	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25, 73... June 18, 73
35	Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	February 21, 73... June 26, 74
	Fairmont	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	December 4, 73... June 26, 74
	Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22, 73... June 26, 74
	Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 3, 74... June 26, 74
	Fidelity	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	January 19, 74... June 26, 74
40	Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	February 26, 74... June 26, 74
	Charity	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	March 2, 74... June 26, 74
	Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	April 20, 74... June 26, 74
	Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	October 1, 74... June 23, 75
	York	" 56	York.....	York.....	October 1, 74... June 23, 75
45	Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	November 7, 74... June 23, 75
	Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20, 75... June 23, 75
	Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	March 10, 75... June 24, 75
	Thistle	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8, 75... June 21, 76
	Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1, 76... June 21, 76
50	Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	October 6, 76... June 20, 77
	Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23, 76... June 20, 77
	Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	February 27, 77... June 20, 77
	Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	February 10, 76... June 19, 78
	Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	July 16, 77... June 19, 78
55	Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	January 23, 78... June 19, 78
	Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 78... June 25, 79
	Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 78... June 25, 79
	Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	December 26, 78... June 25, 79
	Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 78... June 25, 79
60	Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 79... June 23, 80

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Albion	No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 79...	June 23, 80
Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 79...	June 23, 80
Composite	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 80...	June 22, 81
Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
65 Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	September 3, 80...	June 22, 81
Doniphan	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	January 7, 81...	June 22, 81
Ionic	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	January 24, 81...	June 20, 82
Star	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	September 17, 81...	June 20, 82
70 Cedar River	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	January 19, 82...	June 20, 82
Oakland	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	February 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	May 3, 82...	June 19, 83
Bennett	" 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster.....	May 5, 82...	June 19, 83
Garfield	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	June 28, 82...	June 19, 83
75 Utica	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Euclid	" 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	July 21, 82...	June 19, 83
Republican	" 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	July 27, 82...	June 19, 83
Shelton	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83
Creighton	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	August 19, 82...	June 19, 83
80 Ponca	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	September 1, 82...	June 19, 83
Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	September 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Ord	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	September 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Wymore	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	November 10, 82...	June 19, 83
Stella	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	December 4, 82...	June 19, 83
85 Porter	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	December 9, 82...	June 19, 83
Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	January 24, 83...	June 19, 83
Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13, 83...	June 19, 83
DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February 28, 83...	June 19, 83
Springfield	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	March 30, 83...	June 19, 83
90 Globe	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	February 16, 82...	June 24, 84

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Wisner No. 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	February 12, 83...	June 24, 84
	Harlan " 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
	Hardy " 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	July 18, 83...	June 24, 84
	North Bend " 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	September 5, 83...	June 24, 84
95	Wayne " 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	September 26, 83...	June 24, 84
	Superior " 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	November 22, 83...	June 24, 84
	Auburn " 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	December 25, 83...	June 24, 84
	Mount Nebo " 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	January 1, 84...	June 24, 84
	Stromsburg " 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16, 84...	June 24, 84
100	Minden " 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	January 22, 84...	June 24, 84
	Guide Rock " 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	January 28, 84...	June 24, 84
	Blue Hill " 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	February 18, 84...	June 24, 84
	Tuscan " 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	February 20, 84...	June 24, 85
	Scribner " 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85
105	Elm Creek " 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
	Solar " 134	Clarks.....	Merriek.....	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	Primrose.....	Boone.....	January 24, 85...	June 24, 85
	Kenesaw " 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	January 28, 85...	June 24, 85
115	Bancroft " 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	February 25, 85...	June 24, 85
	Jaehin " 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	Page.....	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
	Plumbline	" 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	Wileox.....	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	Gothenburg.....	Dawson.....	June 20, 00... June 6, 01
210	George Washington	" 250	Lincoln.....	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	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16, 13...	June 9, 14
240	Oshkosh " 286	Oshkosh.....	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 " 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	January 4, 21...	June 8, 21
265	Oak Leaf " 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	June 23, 21...	June 7, 22
	Potter " 313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	September 10, 21...	June 7, 22
	Craftsmen " 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March 22, 22...	June 5, 23
	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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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

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

Again we thank the Grand Masters of the past four years for the privilege of surveying the Masonic World; of the chance to become acquainted, however briefly, with its leaders in thought and deed, and follow their dreams and accomplishments. The task clearly shows the reason why this institution, freedom-loving and highly democratic in its principles, is always the first thing suppressed by dictatorship, wherever it is supreme. For two reasons we have again used the topical form of review: First, because of space limitations; second, we think general trends of thought and unusual items are more generally interesting than dry statistics. The volumes of sixty-one Jurisdictions have been carefully read.

### NECROLOGY

Death comes to all men, sooner or later. However, the shock of losing friends and brothers is not lessened by the oft repeated statement that man is born to die. The past year has laid an exceptionally heavy toll on some faithful leaders and servants of the Craft over the nation. Five Grand Secretaries have laid down their pens for other duties: Walter Lincoln Stockwell of North Dakota, Dean of them all; Oliver Franklin Hart of South Carolina, William Franklin Weiler of Wisconsin, George Haggard Belew of Texas, and Matthew Galt, Jr., of Pennsylvania. Four veteran reviewers ceased their labors: Robert O. Jaspersen of Wisconsin, Elmer E. Beach of Illinois, Edwin F. Gayle of Louisiana, and Harry Lester Baum of Colorado. Other leaders were Charles Clapp Clark of Iowa, originator of the Iowa plan of Instruction; Walter E. Stover of South Dakota, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, K. T. .; Jewel Preston Lightfoot of Texas and William Leslie Sharp of Illinois. A majority of your committee was personally acquainted with all of these men and know that their imprint on the fraternity will not be soon lost. Who, having once seen them in action, could forget Walter Stockwell, Frank Hart, Charlie Clark or Jewel Lightfoot? M. W. Brother Baum's reviews were among the best, if not the finest of all those written each year. These men were leaders in all branches of Freemasonry and Masonic work, pioneers in thought, deeds and action! We bid them hail and farewell!

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

Freemasonry, throughout the World, continues the numerical gains noted during the past few years. Smaller gains, but still impressive, raising membership in many Jurisdictions to all-time highs. There are now more than three and one-half MILLION Masons in the United States alone. What a great power for good this should and could be! Speaking

of the growth of the Mother Grand Lodge in England, Deputy Grand Master Darrell in an address to the Grand Lodge of Scotland stated: "A number of years ago we had 500 lodges. Fifty years ago the number was increased to 2,700 and in a few days, I shall be consecrating a lodge which will be numbered 6,700." The total number of Masons in Britain is approximately 1,114,000. Canada has 211,000; Australia, 265,000; Continental Europe, 34,000; Latin America, 29,000 or a grand total of well over five million. The size of lodges continues to worry many a Grand Master. Most deplore the lack of fellowship and the lack of opportunity for more men to work in the large lodge. One of the problems is the town of from 15 to 20 thousand population, too many members for one lodge and not enough for two good ones. "Fads" or strange new proposals seem to be fewer in numbers. There is a greater tendency to think things over for a year than to rush something through. Our own M. W. Brother Roscoe Pound once said—"I hope Masonry will never become so up to date, that it will be out of date tomorrow!" This has been quoted by several reviewers and can be well considered by every jurisdiction. Let us hope that Masonry will never become too big, too modern, too high pressured, too much big business, too Super-Colossal, too much just another Club. For when that time comes Masonry will no longer be Masonry. Brother Henry Ahrens, P.G.M. of West Virginia, states: "The strength of Masonry rests on the individual and through the individual, we must work. Therefore, would it not be better to carefully investigate and scrutinize all applicants with the one thought in mind that good MASONS, not just members, were desired? Were this done and were we, as individuals, to go forth in the outside world and live according to the precepts of Masonry and endeavor to do our part in preserving the American way of life, we would not fear for the future of Masonry or our Country." We still think the investigating committee is the most important committee in any lodge. We recommend to the attention of all brethren present the article by Colonel Brown sent out by the Committee on Masonic Education in the May Bulletin. There is the truth in plain language. Brother M. A. Stillwaugh has this to say: "Let us be honest with ourselves. Isn't it true that when we think of the lodge, we see a picture of the room, the officers, the ritual being exemplified, social affairs, dues, lodge politics and who is getting or going to get what? All of that, every bit of it, is the machine created to do the functional work of the lodge itself. None of it has too much to do with the teaching, exemplification and exploitation of the magnificent fundamental principles of Freemasonry. Impartial observers believe this situation has a great deal to do with the relatively impotent role Masonry plays in the life of today. In other words, we are building pillars of plaster, instead of making them of granite or bronze. CHARACTER, individual and collective character, is the material from which we must build our pillars. Too much preoccupation with the machine leads to neglect of the major purpose of the fraternity, which is the building and establishment of character that will not only benefit its possessor, but find noble expression in the community at large. When we learn to pay only the re-

quired amount of attention to the machinery we use and devote more time and care upon the product it turns out, attendance and interest will increase. When we stop being so engrossed with the wheels and levers of that machine and insist upon seeing real results from it, the Fraternity will once again assume its traditional place of influence and dignity in the profane world around it. Then will the craft become a Pillar of Strength and not a crumbling shaft of Plaster."

#### COMMUNISM

Communism, with its proven inroads into American Masonry and the Declaration by the English Triumvirate, forbidding all discussion of politics in lodge meetings, mentioned by this committee last year, continues to absorb a great deal of space in both reviewers and Grand Masters' addresses. Some are neutral, some violently opposed to the stand taken by our European friends and some support them wholeheartedly. Some feel "it can't happen here" and others that we have been too complacent, that perhaps things are happening under our very noses, so to speak, and that more strict regulations for admission should be required. Quoting Brother Ahrens again: "The several Grand Masters condemned all subversive movements and deplored their continued growth as a menace to self-governing, free people. They cautioned the brethren to exercise extreme care in investigating petitioners to prevent, as far as humanly possible, the infiltration of radical elements into the Fraternity. Great stress is laid on the necessity of additional Masonic Education to make the members more cognizant of the principles and purposes of Freemasonry. We believe this could best be done while the candidate is progressing with the work. Why not lengthen the time between the conferral of degrees, devote more time to explaining what Masonry is and confer the ritual in an intelligent and impressive manner? If this were done and we fail to indoctrinate the candidate with the concepts of Freemasonry and create a desire within him to become a better man, our efforts will have been in vain, and all the lectures, literature, etc., we may offer will be of no avail, because he will neither be present, nor will he read them." Those infiltrating groups are small in numbers, all they seem to want to do at present is to stir up trouble in lodges, but once established, they are hard to eradicate.

#### CHAPTER REFERENCES

Three chapters of the Grand Master's address have been referred to this Committee by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers. We heartily commend the Grand Master for his many visitations and for sending his associate officers when he could not go himself. These visits cement the bonds of friendship and good will and cannot help but be educational as well. We congratulate him on his appointment of Grand Representatives and know they will be present when their names are called. W. Brother Herbert T. White visited South Carolina this year at their Communication. According to all reports, our Grand Master

brought credit to himself and to Nebraska in his response to the address of welcome to the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, on February 20, 1951. The custom of sending the Deputy Grand Master as well as the usual officers is being more widely observed each year. Many fine papers were presented, one of the best being "Freemasonry and its Members," or "How does your lodge keep its members interested?" by M. W. Brother Carl Huhn of Washington. We recommend the custom of sending our Deputy Grand Master to the Washington meetings in February be continued.

#### OTHER WASHINGTON MEETINGS

The meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in Alexandria, Virginia, this year was but a repetition of the past few years' good income. Several Grand Lodges completed their quotas this year. Nearly \$200,000 was donated and although much work remains to be done, the end is actually in sight. Much work was done outside on the grounds and driveways. The library on the sixth floor, where the books presented by our Grand Master will be placed, is the special contribution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as they have been very active in the work of the association for many years. The room will be finished in walnut and will be one of the most beautiful rooms in the structure. Four rooms remain to be completed in the tower: the States Memorial, the Museum and it is hoped the Grand Encampment, K. T. and the General Grand Chapter will assume the other two. Sketches for the mural paintings in the Memorial Hall were shown and tentatively approved. They are to be 16 x 48 feet in size and will add needed warmth and color to the room. About three years are required for the completion of the paintings.

The Grand Secretaries' Conference was attended by M. W. Brother Smith and R. W. Brother Greisen. The usual good program of papers concerning Grand Lodge office business was presented. Brother J. Edgar Hoover was to have talked but was called away on short notice, an assistant took over. M. W. Brother Tom Ellis, who visited our Grand Chapter recently, was the dinner speaker.

The Masonic Service Association also met at the same time. Approximately \$75,000 was contributed by nineteen Grand Lodges and other organizations toward the Veteran Hospital Visitation service plan, but the expense was over \$180,000. Some criticism was expressed as to the statistics presented as somewhat misleading. Thirty-four States are now members of the Association, comprising the vast majority of our membership.

#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

In previous reports, we have made some mention of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands as having made the best progress from distress of any Grand Lodge to our knowledge. Their 1950 report shows a continuation along these lines, better cash balances, etc. They are very

proud of the Grand Lodge of China and have nearly regained the loss of membership suffered when China was constituted, having only 280 less members than one year ago and many more Fellow Crafts and Apprentices. At the opening of the session, Brother Aurelio B. Aquino, Grand Representative of Nebraska, brought fraternal greetings from "the Masons in the Heart of the United States" on behalf of M. W. W. Brother Ernest S. Schiefelbein. In the Grand Master's address, he speaks of founding more lodges in Japan. These are not the first lodges in Japan, but before the war, the Japanese government had limited candidates to other than Japanese nationals.

Now high officials of the government are joining and such as Prince Lee of the Royal Family, the President of the House of Councilors, four Diet members, the editor of the 'Nippon Times' newspaper are among the candidates. General MacArthur received the group constituting the lodges. One might ask: how could such things be? After all the suffering wrought by the Japanese on the Islands, that they could mingle together in lodges! This is one of the things that excite our admiration for these people and we are taking the space to quote parts of two addresses made on these occasions: Brother Boradi brought tears to the eyes of his own brethren, the Japanese and the "high brass" of the Americans present when he spoke. He told of the cruel treatment received by the Filipinos here in the Philippines from the Japanese during the occupation of his country by these people: he told how his own brother was tortured and killed before his eyes; he told of the many atrocities on the part of the Japanese soldiers in the Islands; giving many examples of horrible incidents. He stated that when he first learned of the intention to receive Japanese as brothers in our fraternity, he as well as most of our brethren, could not see how this, in all sincerity, could possibly be done. But, he added, the teachings of Masonry taught us to be tolerant, and to forgive. He said he realized that the Japanese civilians present, were most likely innocent of all this, yet it was their people who had committed the crime. He said, he had convinced himself, that as a Freemason, it was his duty to forgive, and that as Freemasons, we had forgiven, but he stated that it would take a generation or two to enable us to forget. He expressed the hope and prayed that the Japanese who were being admitted as Freemasons, would bear this in mind and convince their brethren, by deeds and not words that they repented the wrongs done his countrymen. Brother Naotake Sato, president of the House of Councilors, said in part, "when the late war broke out, in our country there were some intellectuals and pacifists. But these people were not influential enough to check the militarists. We cannot regret too much for having the United States and Great Britain our enemy, and fight in China, Philippines, Australia, Malaya Peninsula, and Indonesia, giving the people there untold suffering and loss of life and property. We Japanese are now in the deepest repentance of our sins, begging the pardon of all the nations of the world. However, all the people of Japan are determined to go the right way, looking forward to the time when will be excused by their generosity.

"To achieve this objective, we have taken a step in the direction of Democracy. I believe the Brotherly Love, advocated by Freemasonry can never fail to help us." We hope they are as sincere as the Filipinos. We would say that these brethren have really received the Spirit of Masonry into their hearts, exceeding and excelling many of their white skinned brethren.

#### FUNNY BUSINESS

Freemasonry and Freemasons have always been known for their charity. This fact has caused many persons to impose on the fraternity through frauds of various kinds. The files of the Relief Association of the United States and Canada are filled with thousands of cases of men and women who have attempted, at least, to cash in on our benevolence. One of the greatest impositions of all time on an international basis was discovered this year by the receipt of a so-called report of the Sovereign Permanent and Independent World-Wide Greater Masonic Congress (Popular Masonic Parliament) held in Paris, France, from July 4th to August 15th, 1950. This report is supposed to be signed by thirty-three participating bodies, among them some of our American Grand Lodges, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Grand Imperial Council of the Shrine and a lot of others, unknown to most of us, such as the Order of the Holy Ghost; The Morning Dew, etc., etc. Inquiry to some of the Grand Lodges named brought indignant denial of participation, as was expected. The purpose of this Congress was to make drastic revision of the rituals of all rites and degrees, all of which were exemplified before this mixed audience according to the report. World-shaking reforms of all kinds were also discussed, but the real purpose of the meeting seems to have been, however, a plan to solicit funds to the tune of \$125,000 as a starter, to start a canning factory, a tourist center, etc., etc., on the island of Cuba. Donations to this fund, or rather investment, will yield 7% interest. Why buy government bonds?

In October, 1950, another circular was sent out from New York City, again outlining the purposes of the Association, whose name is now the Supreme Order of Masonic Arts—Universal Brotherhood and Commonweal-Esoteric Instruction and Spiritual Orient, but signed by the same men as officers as the first one. Their circulars read like nightmares. They are really going to reform the world and Masonry along with it. Any individual brother can join this world-shaking organization on payment of \$3.00 and one dollar per month dues. After three years' dues have been paid, you can obtain a loan from them of up to \$500 without interest! So here is your chance, brethren, to get in on the ground floor of this World Masonic Family—The Grand Realm of Universal Masonry! "Nuff Sed".

#### HUNGARY

In 1948, we received a request for recognition from the "Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary", which request was deferred for further study, without prejudice. On June 12th, 1950, the Interior Ministry of Hungary

in Budapest, announced that Hungary's Freemason Lodges had been dissolved. The announcement called the lodges "The meeting places of the enemies of the Peoples Democratic (Communist) Republic, of Capitalistic elements and of the Adherents of Western Imperialism." Thus passed into history, at least for a time, an institution which was 200 years old in 1950, and to which the outstanding liberal elements of Hungary had always belonged. Austrian Masons, with whom we are in fraternal relations, before the ban on Masonry was lifted in their own Country, would cross the border into Hungary and form their lodges, hold their initiatory ceremonies on its friendly soil. The Hungarians have always been a freedom-loving people.

It is reported that the Minister of the Interior (Communist) of Czechoslovakia has stated, that the main purpose of his Ministry would be the liquidation of societies which might be rallying points for reactionaries. Masonic lodge rooms in this Country are now generally used for "Workers Clubs."

#### GLEANINGS

##### YORK

The York Grand Lodge of Mexico (English Speaking) with whom we have been in accord for many years, has recently completed and dedicated a beautiful and modern new Temple in Mexico City, where they have two lodges, No. 1 and 3. For many years they rented quarters from a Jewish Congregation.

##### RECORD

In Illinois, one man and his seven sons are members of Oconee Lodge No. 392; six of the sons were raised before their father became a member. As this lodge has but 89 members and if the members attendance is like most lodges, if all the Nichols family come at once, they could have quite a little to say about what went on.

#### FORTY-SEVENTH PROPOSITION

The Forty-seventh Proposition of Euclid is part of our lecture in the Third Degree, and attributed to Pythagoras. Just how some parts of our lectures were arrived at is somewhat of a mystery and this is an example. Recent excavations at Shadipper (now Tel Har-Mil) an Iraq-Sumerian town, have turned up some 2,400 clay tablets, found in private houses and used as school books in the period about 2000 B.C. These tablets give the solution of the above problem 17 centuries before it appears in Euclid's Textbook and 14 centuries before the birth of Pythagoras.

##### ALABAMA

Alabama, at their 130th Annual Communication, deleted the word "Ancient" from their title, which is now the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Alabama.

### DE MOLAY

The Grand Council, Order of DeMolay, in October, 1950, started an official publication called the "International DeMolay Cordon." This is mentioned here because more and more states and Grand Masters seem to be paying attention to the "Youth Movement." Some Grand Masters state that it (DeMolay) is the solution to the communist menace in the world; that we owe a positive obligation to the young men of our country in bringing something of this kind to their attention for training and guidance during their formative years.

### BLANK REVISION

More Grand Lodges are revising their petition forms and questionnaire blanks. They are also making the investigating committee reports in such form, that to report, a committee must have done some work, not merely sign their names. Some petitions really require a life history from the candidate.

### SYDNEY A. WHITE

R. W. Brother Sydney A. White, Grand Secretary of the English Grand Lodge, has safely returned from a trip of 127,000 miles to Australia. 34,000 miles were covered in traveling to the various Grand Lodges of Western Australia, where he was a guest at their golden Jubilee; Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia, which are some 4,200 miles apart. Everywhere this distinguished Brother went he brought greetings from the Mother Grand Lodge, as only he can do so well and cemented more firmly the bonds of brotherhood between England and Australia. The Island or Continent of Australia is about the size of the United States. Many surprisingly very beautiful Temples are to be found, far from civilized parts, finished in rare woods, where often the erection and furnishings are the work of the brethren themselves. Australia is far from being a wilderness, as some of us are prone to think.

### LANGUAGES

In Wisconsin, Aurora Lodge No. 30 in Milwaukee, recently celebrated their 100th birthday. It is the only lodge in the state using the German language in their work. Louisiana has several lodges, whose ritual is conducted in French. At a recent visit of the Grand Master of England to Norway, the ritual of initiation was translated into English for the benefit of the visitors.

### POWERS

Masters of lodges in Ontario, Canada, have two rights not shared by any Jurisdiction in the United States. They can resign from office and they can refuse to initiate a candidate, although regularly elected to membership by their lodge.

## LODGE PLANS

Mississippi published in their proceedings this year complete plans and specifications for model lodge rooms and building construction. Complete blue-print service is to be supplied for a fee of \$30, and any profit to go to the Masonic Home Funds. Everything in the erection, furniture, fixtures, electrical installation, etc., is covered, even down to the dimensions of the gavel blocks. The idea is to save architect's fees and charges for the smaller lodges.

## MASONIC HOMES

Practically every state that operates a Masonic Home is coming more and more to realize that changing economic conditions are changing their Home into a Masonic Hospital. An increasing number of Jurisdictions are either adding hospital facilities or increasing those already in use. Costs are rising and the help problem is again coming to the front. New York State is spending a million dollars on a new Infirmary this year. They recently distributed to six Colleges of Medicine in that state, a fund of \$600,000 raised by contribution for study of Rheumatic Fever. Nebraska Masons can well be proud of the fact that we were one of the earliest pioneers in giving medical care to residents in our Masonic Home through our Infirmary.

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We close this report with a quotation from Geoffrey Chaucer, written about 1370 A.D:

“The lyf so short, the craft so long to lerne,  
Th’ assay so hard, so sharp the conquering.”

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