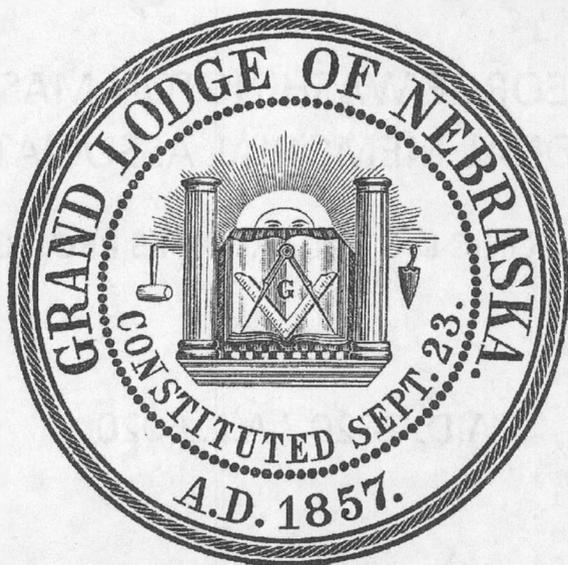


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*Ninety-sixth Annual Communication of the*

GRAND LODGE

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Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity  
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*Masonic Temple, Omaha, Nebraska,  
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MEMORANDUM

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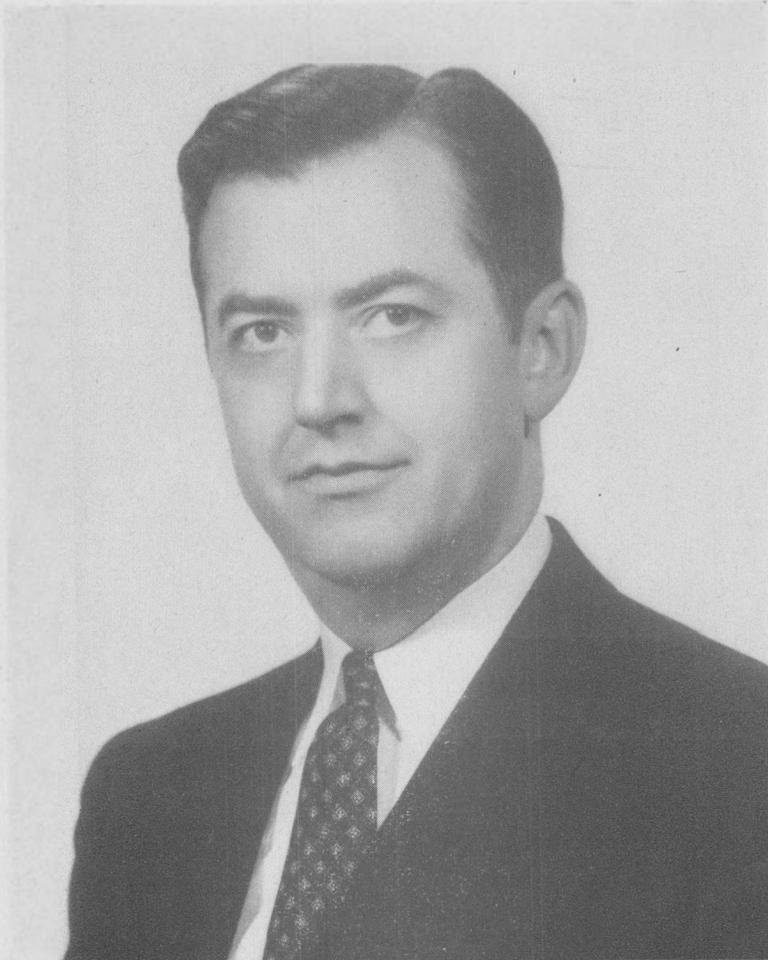
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*Edward M. Knight*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1952-1953



# Biographical

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## Edward McKean Knight

M. W. Edward M. Knight, the 87th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, was born December 4, 1911, at Alliance, Nebraska. He was the first of two children born to Florence McKean and Reuben E. Knight. He received his education in the Alliance Public Schools and the University of Nebraska where he was graduated in June, 1932, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He is registered Engineer E-132, State of Nebraska.

M. W. Brother Knight was married to Ruth McDuffee of Norfolk, Nebraska, on July 16, 1939. (Mrs. Knight served as Grand Chaplain, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, during the period Brother Knight was Grand Master.) They have two sons, Robert Edward, age 11; and Frank Millard, age 8. The Knight family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Since graduation he has been associated with the Alliance National Bank and at present is the Vice President and Cashier. He has taken part in many banking and civic activities. He is past President of Group 6, Nebraska Bankers Association. For the past 7 years he has been treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church of Alliance. He was president of the Alliance Rotary Club in 1950.

### MASONIC RECORD

Lodge: Initiated Janury 19, 1933, passed February 23 and raised March 23, in Alliance No. 183. Served as Master in 1941.

Chapter: Received all degrees September 15, 1938, Order of High Priesthood December 2, 1942, Served as High Priest 1942-1943, Sheba No. 54.

Commandery: Received the Red Cross and Order of Malta January 24, 1939, Order of the Temple January 31, 1939. Served as Commander in 1947, in Bunah No. 26. Member of Past Commander's Association of Nebraska. Appointed Grand Representative

of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana near Nebraska on June 17, 1947, by R.·E.·Otto E. Bullis.

Council: Received the degrees on February 12, 1947, and is at present serving as Captain of the Guard in Zerubbabel Council No. 27.

Grand Lodge: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon on June 5, 1947, by M.·W.·Edward Huwaldt, advancing through the line and was installed Grand Master on June 4, 1952. He is serving as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge, F.·&A.·M.· of Washington near Nebraska, appointed by M.·W.·Edward F. Carter on June 27, 1941.

Couer de Lion Conclave No. 10, Red Cross of Constantine, Omaha.

Sneh Bo' Aire Council No. 17, Allied Masonic Degrees, Omaha.

Alliance Consistory, A. A. S. R., Valley of Alliance, Past Wise Master, Alliance Chapter of Rose Croix; Officer Lodge of Perfection.

Tehama Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Hastings.

Aloyah Chapter No. 185, O. E. S. Worthy Patron 1951.

Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay.

Grand Council, Order of DeMolay.

Board of Directors, Masonic Temple Association, Alliance.

Reaching his exalted station as one of our youngest Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Brother Knight has steadily grown in stature as a Man and as a Mason, meeting every difficulty with serene confidence and giving to every question that calm, unbiased judgment which is usually the attainment of maturer years. No Brother was so lowly—no matter so trivial—that his ear and mind were not open to hear a plea, to adjust a difference, to decide an issue. The inherent sanctity of the station of Grand Master never circumscribed his relation to his Brethren, nor did he ever lose that friendly fellowship which is the open sesame to the hearts of all Nebraska Masons. The Grand Lodge will be richer during the coming years for his continued advice and counsel, and the imperishable marbles of memory will eternally record his achievements in the realm of Symbolic Masonry.



*Fay Smith*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1953-1954

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1931-1932

# PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

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

### NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

*Held in Omaha, June 9, 10 and 11, 1953*



#### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 9, 1953

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 9, A. D. 1953, A. L. 5953.

There were present the following :

M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183.....	Grand Master
R. W. Fay Smith, 198.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Charles F. Adams, 68.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Herbert T. White, 11.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. Thomas A. Barton, 210.....	Grand Chaplain
W. John A. Magyar, 240.....	Grand Orator
W. Harold H. Thom, 1.....	Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.....	Grand Marshal
W. Merle M. Hale, 54.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Roy I. Babbitt, 295.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. James H. Bryant, 199.....	Grand Tyler

Preceding the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, Brother Arthur N. Howe, 290, entertained the representatives and visitors from the various lodges 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. Fay Smith, Deputy Grand

Master, the invocation being given by V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Edward M. Knight, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. Edward Huwaldt, introduced and given the Grand Honors.

The Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Chartered Lodges. There being a constitutional number of the Lodges represented, the Grand Master declared the Ninety-sixth 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 proclamation thereof.

#### RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Merle M. Hale, 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
Ralph O. Canaday .....	(68th)	1933
Virgil R. Johnson .....	(70th)	1934
Chancellor A Phillips .....	(72nd)	1936
Walter R. Raecke .....	(74th)	1938
Earl J. Lee .....	(76th)	1940
Edward F. Carter .....	(77th)	1941
George A. Kurk .....	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner .....	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper .....	(80th)	1944-1945
Benjamin F. Eyre .....	(81st)	1946
Edward Huwaldt .....	(82nd)	1947
Elmer E. Magee .....	(83rd)	1948
Ernest S. Schiefelbein .....	(84th)	1949
John S. Hedelund .....	(85th)	1950
Thomas J. Aron .....	(86th)	1951

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

I say to the brethren of Nebraska, that before you stands an enormous amount of experience and Masonic knowledge. These brethren have served this Grand Lodge in so many ways over so many years that if we would add up the years as I have seen some business organizations do, I am sure the figure would be so large they would not want to have me mention it. These brethren are our most revered group in our Grand Lodge. We lean heavily upon them, and it is a distinct pleasure

to greet them here this morning. To you, M.'W.'.Sirs, we extend our warm fraternal greetings. We will count on you again this year as in the past. Your warm feeling of friendship makes it a happy pleasure to welcome you this morning.

M.'W.'.Ralph O. Canaday gave the

### RESPONSE

M.'W.'.Grand Master and brethren, it is an honor to respond to your welcome, and thank you for your cordial and sincere words of greeting. We always enjoy and look forward to these little welcoming ceremonies. You perhaps observe, as well as the brethren, that time has been making its mark upon us, our hair is getting a little grayer—that is we who have hair—our step is a little slower. There is one other affliction that comes with age, that is that we do love to have attention paid to us. The fact is that we enjoy a little flattery now and then, but regardless of this welcome, M.'W.'.Grand Master, we would have been here. We feel that we are an integral part of this organization. The longer we serve Masonry the more we appreciate it and appreciate the need of it in this old world of ours. We have but one desire, and that is that we may continue in this service as long as life lasts. We have but one regret, and that is that we have not been able to do all any of us want to do for our beloved organization. We love this old Grand Lodge. We are very thankful for this service, the opportunities we have had to render this service. We have but one wish, Sir, that is for your welfare and success and the welfare and success of the brethren and continued growth in numbers and influence of our organization.

M.'W.'.Edward M. Knight, Grand Master :

Thank you, M.'W.'.Brother Canaday. W.'Brother Senior Deacon will conduct the Past Grand Masters to the East.

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

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

M.'W.'.Grand Master and brethren: I have a note from M.'W.'. John R. Tapster, 66th Grand Master, who served in 1931, advising that because of illness it will be impossible for him to attend the 96th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. He has asked me to convey his regrets and to wish for the Grand Lodge a successful communication.

M.'W.'.Sir, if it please the Grand Lodge, I would like to convey to M.'W.'.Brother Tapster our feeling of warm fraternal love and wish for him a speedy recovery from his illness.

### RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. W. Wallace E. Caldwell, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Edward Turlington Howard, Grand Master, Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina; R. W. Harold R. Kopfman, Junior Grand Warden, Personal Representative of M. W. James Green, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Illinois; M. W. Bruce Newton, Grand Master, R. W. Floyd S. Ecord, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Elmer F. Strain, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master; M. W. S. Allan Daugherty, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas; M. W. Hubert Glover, Grand Master, and R. W. Charles A. Mantz, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Colorado.

### RECEPTION OF OUR OWN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. I. Warren D. Lichty, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M.; M. E. Harold H. Thom, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M.; R. E. George O. Sizemore, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T.; Ill. Joseph W. Seacrest, Grand Sword Bearer of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska; W. Frank L. Burbridge, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; R. W. Herbert T. White, President, W. William F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. James C. Suttie, President, and Brother Robert C. Grassman, Superintendent, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

During the Grand Lodge communication the M. W. Grand Master recognized the distinguished guests and each addressed the Grand Lodge.

### PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS

W. Frank L. Burbridge:

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

It is a privilege and a pleasure to bring to you at this 96th Annual Communication, fraternal greetings from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in the state of Nebraska and to present to you this basket of flowers and with it comes the good wishes of the Grand Chapter for a successful and harmonious communication.

In this day and age, when the world is filled with propaganda regarding various philosophies and theories it is desirable that men and women have some sort of an organization in which to unite to teach right thinking and right living. We have that type of institution in the Masonic fraternity and in the Order of the Eastern Star.

While the Order of the Eastern Star is no part of that great Masonic fraternity, its members are related to us by the dearest ties. We aid the widow and the orphan, we visit the sick, we alleviate the distressed and our unfortunate members and find joy in giving service.

The Order of the Eastern Star appeals to the lives of thinking men and women. It is not to be considered just a woman's organization, as some seem to think it is. Both men and women are giving their service to the great Order and it should bring out the best we have in us.

The Order of the Eastern Star has a spiritual appeal to all, like the ideals of Masonry.

It will always continue. It is more than a sisterhood and a brotherhood, more than a system of ritualism, or field for social enjoyment. It is religious though not a religion. All its lessons are based on Biblical History and are for the betterment and enlightenment of humanity.

The spirit of cooperation existing between the Masonic Fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star in this state is most pleasing. The Order of the Eastern Star owes its hopes for the future, its accomplishments of the past to the Masonic Fraternity, and we freely acknowledge our debt. We as members of the Eastern Star are ever willing and ready to lend all possible assistance to the Masonic Fraternity. We trust that as the years go by, this splendid cooperation and friendliness will continue.

M.·W.·Edward M. Knight, Grand Master:

Thank you, Brother Burbridge.

## PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

Major Harold H. Thom, U. S. Army, Retired, presented the United States flag.

M.·W.·Edward M. Knight, Grand Master:

Brethren, I am going to ask that you talk into the microphone anytime you have anything to say. The proceedings of past years have been taken down by court reporters. This year they are being taken on a tape recorder.

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME

W.·John F. Fitcher, Master, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, gave the Address of Welcome:

M.·W.·Grand Master, Officers of the Grand Lodge, Distinguished Guests, Worshipful Brethren and Brethren:

The custom of welcoming guests and friends is as old as history itself. Man found that his words sometimes were inadequate, no matter

how meticulously selected or well spoken, to express his innate desire for hospitality and good will. And so through the years he developed certain acts or signs to impress upon his guests the sincerity of his welcome. I presume that in point of time, the act probably preceded the spoken word. For when man was a little more than a savage, and could undoubtedly scarcely express his emotions, historians tell us he probably threw his crude club on the ground before his visitor to show him that he brought him no harm. As time went on, and man became more refined, he developed the practice of extending the bare hand, or raising it above his head, to show that its possessor was unarmed and that its observer was welcome. The ancient Greeks passed a few grains of salt to their guest, which when placed upon their tongues was an emblem of hospitality and proof that their welcome was sincere and their reception cordial.

Even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught against luxury and excess, broke bread and drank the cup, drank from the cup with his disciples and friends, not solely because they were hungry, but as evidence of his profound love and affection for them. As time went on, customs changed, from country to country, from culture to culture. And finally, through the history our ancient brethren conceived the idea that the right hand was the seat of fidelity.

So to us Masons, the right hand has a special significance: it brings brotherly love and joy to one another. And so, my Brethren, it is my pleasure to extend to you the great right hand of Masonic Fellowship and bid you a hearty and sincere welcome to this Communication. With the wish that your efforts and labors here will be fruitful, and that you will attain or at least approach that peace of mind that only God can give.

W. John R. Bixby, Master, Geneva Lodge No. 79, gave the response.

## RESPONSE

**Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren:**

I am cognizant of the privilege and honor afforded me to respond to the address of welcome just delivered on behalf of our hosts. For years it has been the custom of the Grand Lodge to gather here as the guests of the Omaha Lodges.

If the experiences of the past are a criterion from which we may judge, then we are assured that our stay in the principal city will not only be pleasant but profitable.

We come from the four corners of the bountiful State of Nebraska. We are the representatives of a great fraternity, one that has the respect of all good citizens. Not only in great cities, but in villages and towns, the influence of our society is a matter of public knowledge.

However, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the leadership of Masonry, both past and present, is to a large degree the basic cause of the high estate of our order. I congratulate you, therefore, M. W. Grand Master, and also your fellow Grand Officers on the Masonic year that is just closing, assuring you that your labor has been and will be appreciated by the brethren.

In time such as these, when war and rumors of war abound, men tend to lose faith in their ultimate destiny and wonder if, after all, our civilization may go down in ruin and decay brought about by the Godlessness and love of power of man himself. One of the institutions which gives man hope is our fraternity, which is based upon the belief that God made man in His image and destined him for a higher place than ruin and decay.

With that as one of the beliefs we meet in this great city today. We hold out to our brethren in a changing world, a Torch of Light.

It is a pleasure to know that we are welcomed by brothers who have the same trust that we have; to gather in their home and together share their faith.

R. W. Herbert T. White:

I have the privilege this year of being presiding officer of Tangier Temple of Ancient, Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. At our recent Spring ceremonial, because of the fact that our Grand Secretary, our Grand Historian and our Grand Custodian, were members of the class, you were kind enough in the midst of the busiest part of your year to come and help us make a very successful ceremony. So on behalf of Tangier Temple of the Shrine and myself as Potentate, we have a little bouquet here that we want to present to you, at this time, just as a small token of our appreciation of your helping us make that occasion such a success.

M. W. Edward M. Knight:

Thank you very much, R. W. Brother White. I enjoyed my visit with you very much at Tangier Temple, and I congratulate you on another of your many important duties.

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

**Charters and Dispensations:** W. Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9, Chairman, William E. Welstead, Jr., 15, Ralph W. Gentle, 75.

**Credentials:** W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman, William C. Smith, Sr., 136, Clyde H. Jones, 173.

**Doings of Grand Officers:** W. Richard L. Wait, 19, Chairman, Cyrus D. Sanders, 159, John V. Egli, 195.

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

**Pay-Roll:** W. Robert M. Herre, 224, Chairman, Frank F. McMullin, 241, Alfred G. Taylor, 205.

**Returns:** W. Everett M. Wood, 37, Chairman, Walter W. Small, 88, John R. Clements, 218.

**Unfinished Business:** Orville B. Hathaway, 184, Chairman, Richard Schmechel, 158, Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.

**Entertainment of Distinguished Guests:** M. W. George A. Kurk, 54, Chairman, Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Elmer E. Magee, 227.

**Grievances:** W. Robert G. Outman, 183, Chairman, Ralph R. Carleton, 306, Chris K. Bendorf, 21.

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

**Temple Building Advisory:** W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman (1955), A. Victor Bryan, 263 (1953), E. Forrest Estes, 19, (1954).

**Applications for Reinstatement:** W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman, Robert J. McDermott, 281, Earl H. Furman, 290.

**George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association:** W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman, Elmer P. Baruth, 323, Silas A. Hanke, 195.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE

**Jurisprudence:** M. W. Thomas J. Aron, 37, Chairman and all Past Grand Masters Present.

**Codification of the Law:** W. Clarence T. Spier, 268, Chairman, Herbert A. Ronin, 210, Arthur A. Weber, 254.

**Fraternal Dead:** W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, Chairman, Otto Novak, 64, Siegfred L. Jacks, 198.

**Foreign Correspondence:** R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman, M. W. William B. Wanner, 9, W. H. Rogers Sands, 201.

**Relief And Care Of Orphans:** M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman (1957), W. Alvin H. Miller, 19, (1953), Mahlon C. Morgan, 322 (1954), Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1955), Joseph M. Troxel, 184, (1956).

**Masonic Education:** W. Perry W. Phillips, 150, Chairman, Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33, Howard J. Hunter, 59, Floyd C. Wisner, 265, Ernest A. Gaither, 114.

**Nebraska Work:** M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman (1955), Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1953), Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, (1954).

**Grand Trustees:** W. Robert D. Wilson, 268, Chairman (1954), Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1953), M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1955).

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Centennial:** W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Chairman, William J. Baird, 268, Harold H. Thom, 1, M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268.

**Lodge By-Laws:** W. George R. Porter, 11, Chairman, Perry J. Morton, 19, Paul I. Eaton, 110.

**Comprehensive Liability Insurance:** Brother William F. Patterson, 25, Chairman, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.

M. W. Edward M. Knight, 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:

It now becomes my duty to present my written address, setting forth my official acts, showing the general condition of Masonry in Nebraska and making such recommendations as are deemed necessary.

To each of you I extend cordial fraternal greetings. I trust that this Ninety-sixth Annual Communication will be to you a source of Masonic knowledge and medium of establishing lasting friendships. Careful consideration of the problems before this Grand Lodge is vital to our success. Through your votes you determine policy so I urge upon you strict attention and thoughtful consideration throughout this Communication.

The duties of a Grand Master and the demands on his time are extensive. Were it not for the splendid cooperation experienced I would have found it a great burden. I gratefully acknowledge the labors of the Grand Lodge Officers, Committee Members and the Brethren of Nebraska. We have all been busy and the time has passed rapidly.

The philosophy of Freemasonry grew from faith in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, the Moral Law and the hope of Life Eternal. We proudly recognize the parallel of this philosophy with that shown in the foundation of this nation. Continuity of this philosophy in government is our business. The expressed earnest desire of our new Administration to adhere to these fundamentals was deeply gratifying. So long as we stay close to these teachings our National Government and the Masonic Fraternity can face the future with confidence.

**NECROLOGY**

We have cause to be thankful that during the past year we have not lost in death any of our Grand Lodge officers or Past Grand Masters. Later in this session the Grand Lodge Committee on Fraternal Dead will present a suitable memorial to the deceased brethren of this Jurisdiction. Special mention of Brother William J. Stevens of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 should be made here. He was presented the Gold Jordan Medal on July

15, 1951, and wore it proudly until the time of his death at Irvington, Nebraska, October 3, 1952. Past Grand Master Benjamin F. Eyre represented the Grand Lodge at his funeral in Tekamah, Sunday, October 5th.

#### GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

After due inquiry to all Nebraska Lodges it was determined that the resident Nebraska Mason, oldest in point of Masonic membership, was Brother Edward Cronau, a member of Lotus Lodge No. 289 of Ravenna. On Thursday, November 13, I journeyed to that city and presented to Brother Edward Cronau the Gold Jordan Medal in the presence of members of Lotus Lodge at the Masonic Temple. Brother Cronau was raised in Kewanee Lodge No. 158, Kewanee, Illinois, on August 4, 1882, affiliated with Lotus Lodge No. 289 as a Charter Member on June 8, 1915, and at the time of the presentation had been a member continuously for over seventy years. Brother Cronau responded appropriately stating that he had known personally our first Grand Master, Robert Carrel Jordan, whose likeness appears on all Jordan medals.

The lodges have continued the recognition of Bronze Jordan Medal holders and have honored many who have earned the Fifty-year Button. The Grand Secretary's report will show the number of each presented.

#### VISITS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

During the past year the Nebraska Grand Lodge was represented by the Grand Master or his personal representative in ten other jurisdictions.

The Centennial of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was held at Portland, on June 8 to 13, 1952. Grand Secretary and Mrs. Greisen, Mrs. Knight and I left immediately after Grand Lodge and were present for Oregon's Centennial Week, consisting of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., the Rose Festival and the Grand Lodge. Congratulations are due Oregon and we are grateful to have been among the guests. Much valuable information was obtained which will be helpful in planning our Centennial in four years.

The Grand Lodges of Iowa and South Dakota met at the same time as the Oregon Centennial. Past Grand Master Benjamin F. Eyre represented Nebraska at the Grand Lodge of Iowa held at Cedar Rapids. At Huron, Grand Senior Warden and Mrs. Charles F. Adams represented us at the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

The Grand Lodge of Wyoming met at Riverton on August 25 and 26, 1952. We were represented by our Deputy Grand Master and Mrs. Fay Smith.

Mrs. Knight and I were the guests of the Grand Lodge of Missouri at their Annual Communication in St. Louis September 30 and October 1, 1952. We were pleased to renew our friendship with Grand Treasurer Publico Cortini of the Grand Orient of Italy who was a guest.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois met in Chicago October 13 to 15, 1952. Mrs. Knight and I enjoyed the privilege of meeting the great number of



*M. W. Edward M. Knight presents Gold Jordan Medal  
to Brother Edward Cronau, 289, Ravenna, November 13, 1952*



Grand Masters of the United States and Canada always present at the Illinois Grand Lodge. Illinois, like Missouri and Iowa, is one of the parents of the Nebraska Grand Lodge.

The Mile High City entertained the Grand Lodge of Colorado January 26 to 28, 1953. Grand Secretary and Mrs. Carl R. Greisen, Mrs. Knight and I enjoyed our visit to Denver. Before the Colorado Grand Lodge was instituted Nebraska had three lodges in Colorado. Grand Master Hubert Glover of Colorado was born at York, Nebraska.

The Grand Council, R. & S. M., the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. and the Grand Lodge of Kansas met during the week of February 9 to 12, 1953, at Wichita. The constructive sessions were attended by a large Nebraska delegation. Nebraska visitors included M. I. Warren D. Lichty, Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M, M. E. Harold H. Thom, Grand High Priest R. A. M., Grand Junior Warden Herbert T. White, Grand Secretary and Mrs. Carl R. Greisen and Grand Master and Mrs. Knight.

The Annual Masonic Week was held in Washington, D. C. February 21 to 25, 1953. Included in the busy program were the Grand Masters' Conference, the Grand Secretaries' Conference, the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the annual meeting of the Allied Masonic Degrees, a Red Cross of Constantine initiation and a visit to the Scottish Rite House of the Temple. Nebraska's delegation consisted of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master Fay Smith, Grand Senior Warden Charles F. Adams, Grand Historian and Grand High Priest Harold H. Thom, Grand Secretary Carl R. Greisen and Past Grand Masters Lewis E. Smith and Benjamin F. Eyre, a part or all of which attended all the functions listed above. The Grand Masters' Conference is becoming more international in character. This year representatives were present from seven of the nine Canadian jurisdictions, Cuba, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Argentina, Germany and several Mexican jurisdictions. The Grand Master of Saskatchewan, Guy H. Hummel, was present and is of particular interest to us because he was born and grew to manhood at Humboldt, Nebraska.

Mrs. Knight and I looked forward to visiting the Grand Lodge of Minnesota at the celebration of its Centennial March 18 and 19, 1953, at St. Paul. The Grand Master's appendectomy intervened. Our Grand Lodge was represented by Grand Secretary and Mrs. Carl R. Greisen, who reported a delightful time and splendid entertainment. Again much valuable information was obtained for the Centennial we are anticipating.

Because the Grand Lodges of Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota will meet on identical dates this year there will be no visitation between these jurisdictions during the regular sessions. A meeting of the officers of these Grand Lodges was held at Sioux City, Iowa, April 6, 1953. Grand Senior Warden Charles F. Adams, Grand Secretary Carl R. Greisen, Grand Historian Harold H. Thom and the Grand Master were present. The banquet given by Landmark Lodge No. 103 was attended by 650 Masons from these states.

## AFFILIATED MASONIC BODIES

Whenever possible I accepted invitations to functions of affiliated Masonic Bodies. In some instances the Grand Chaplain of the Order of the Eastern Star, Ruth Knight, needed transportation and her Grand Master husband acted as chauffeur. I regret that it was impossible to accept all the invitations received. I would like to describe in detail those I did attend but time and space limits me to the tabulation below of meetings where I was officially recognized or represented.

June 18, 1952, Annual Assembly, Order of Rainbow, at McCook, represented by Deputy Grand Master Fay Smith.

August 16, Quarry meeting of Royal Arch Masons at Weeping Water.

August 26, O. E. S. Grand Chapter Officers, Gordon.

September 1, York Rite Roundup, North Platte.

September 2, O. E. S. Grand Chapter Officers, Alliance.

September 3, O. E. S. Grand Chapter Officers, Mullen.

September 9, O. E. S. Grand Chapter Officers, Bridgeport.

September 22, Royal Arch Masons Roundup, Scottsbluff.

September 25, O. E. S. Grand Chapter Officers, Norfolk.

September 26, O. E. S. Grand Chapter Officers, Tilden.

October 8, Initiation of Grand Senior Warden and Mrs. Charles F. Adams, in Aurora Chapter No. 93, O. E. S.

October 27, Bethel No. 3, Job's Daughters, Alliance.

November 20, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Omaha.

November 20, Grand Junior Warden, Herbert T. White, represented the Grand Lodge at Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Lincoln.

November 21, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Alliance.

December 2, Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters, Omaha.

December 3, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Omaha.

December 5, Masonic-Eastern Star Home Board meeting, Omaha.

December 5, Sesostris Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Lincoln.

January 30, 1953. Annual Meeting, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Omaha.

January 30, Annual Meeting, Masonic-Eastern Star Home Board, Omaha.

January 30, Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha.

March 20, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Alliance.

April 16, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Norfolk.

April 18, Grand Senior Warden Charles F. Adams represented me at National Federated Craft No. 45, Lincoln.

April 30, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Omaha.

May 1, Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha.

May 9, Tangier Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Omaha, initiation of Carl R. Greisen, Raymond C. Cook and Harold H. Thom.

May 12, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Norfolk.

May 24, Scottish Rite Educational, Welfare & Relief Association, Lincoln.

May 24, Reception in Omaha for Frank L. Burbridge, Worthy Grand Patron, and Velma Morgan, Worthy Grand Matron, and other new officers of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

#### VISITATIONS TO NEBRASKA LODGES

Here, again, I accepted all the invitations which could be worked in my schedule. Preference was always given to Nebraska Ancient Craft Lodges and yet there were many invitations I could not accept, much to my regret. I list below my official visitations and wish I could describe them completely as they richly deserve.

June 5, 1952, My home lodge, Alliance No. 183.

June 26, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha.

June 29, Joint Reception, Alliance Lodge No. 183, Aloyah Chapter No. 185 and Alliance Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite.

July 26, Canopy Lodge No. 209, Elmwood.

September 6, School District No. 8, Corner-stone Ceremony, for Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering.

September 8, Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff, burned the mortgage on their Masonic Temple.

September 11, Wakefield Central School Banquet.

September 12, York Lodge No. 56, Past Masters Night.

September 17, Hebron Central School Banquet.

September 28, Reception for Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Junior Deacon, by Minatare Lodge No. 295, Minatare.

October 2, Norfolk Central School Banquet.

October 3, Cedar County Lodges annual banquet, Laurel.

October 9, David City Central School Banquet.

October 23, George Washington observance at Ord Lodge No. 103.

October 24, Railroad Day at Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln.

November 6, Melrose Lodge No. 60, Orleans. Annual pheasant feed.

November 7, Geneva Lodge No. 79. Met with the Past Masters in the afternoon. Restored Charter to Lodge that night.

November 8, Corner-stone Ceremony, Administration Building of the Omaha Home for Boys. St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha.

November 8, Mizpah Lodge No. 302 moved Charter to Scottish Rite Cathedral, Omaha, for a joint meeting of the eleven Omaha Lodges commemorating Bi-centennial of George Washington's initiation.

November 12, Hastings Central School Banquet.

November 13, Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna. Presented Gold Jordan Medal to Brother Edward Cronau.

November 24, McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook.

December 8, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285-O. E. S. dinner, Bridgeport.

December 11, Special reception, Past Masters night, Alliance Lodge No. 183.

December 16, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney.

December 19, Pioneer Lodge No. 322, Lyman.

January 6, 1953, Installed officers, Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont.

January 7, Installed officers, Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings.

January 15, Installed officers, Alliance Lodge No. 183.

January 16, Gothenburg Central School Banquet.

February 5, Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron.

March 5, Harmony Lodge No. 321 of Dalton, dinner at Gurley.

March 10, Oshkosh Central School Banquet.

March 31, State House Night, Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln.

March 31, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln. Edward F. Carter, Jr., raised by his Past Grand Master father.

April 7, Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora.

April 21, Golden Rod Lodge No. 306, Lodgepole.

April 24, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney. Temple dedication.

April 25, Alliance Lodge No. 183, banquet for Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers.

April 28, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha.

April 29, Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha.

May 1, George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, Omaha.

May 2 and 3, Open House, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Plattsmouth.

May 7, Alpha Lodge No. 316, South Sioux City, dedication.

May 15, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte.

May 21, Oasis Lodge No. 271, Morrill.

May 29, Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, Corner-stone Public School.

#### CHARTER RELOCATIONS AND SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

June 15, 1952, I approved the moving of the Charter of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney, to their new Masonic Temple at 929 Jackson Street.

July 24, I issued a special dispensation to move the Charter of Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, to the Scottish Rite Cathedral for the night of November 8, 1952, for the purpose of a George Washington Bicentennial observance of the eleven Omaha lodges.

December 27, I issued a special dispensation to Perkins Lodge No. 308, Grant, to move their Charter to, and hold their regular and special

communications at the Masonic Hall of Ogalalla Lodge No. 159, Ogalalla, until a suitable meeting place is found in Grant. Their former meeting place had been destroyed by fire.

March 1, 1953, I refused to grant a special dispensation to Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna, to move their Charter to the Ravenna City Auditorium for the purpose of having Sesostris Temple confer the Master Mason degree in full Shrine regalia.

May 16, I issued a special dispensation to Hebron Lodge No. 43 to move their charter to and hold their regular and special communications in the grade school building between Lincoln and Jefferson on Sixth street until such time as their present Masonic Temple is repaired. The Temple was severely damaged by the tornado of May 9.

#### EXETER LODGE No. 283

December 16, 1952, Grand Secretary Carl R. Greisen and Past Grand Master John S. Hedelund, with the approval of the Grand Master, met with Exeter Lodge No. 283, Exeter. This lodge had only thirty-five members, a majority of which were non-resident. Future prospects did not look bright and the action taken was initiated by Exeter lodge.

Eighteen members and visitors of Exeter Lodge enjoyed a wild duck dinner after which the Lodge was opened and Brothers Hedelund and Greisen received. The business of terminating the existence of Exeter Lodge No. 283 was transacted, several farewell speeches were made, and the Lodge closed its final meeting. The records and paraphernalia were placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary and the members are free to affiliate with nearby lodges of their choice.

#### TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Temple Building Advisory Committee merits specific mention. The capable brothers of this committee, Otto Nelsen, Chairman; E. Forrest Estes and A. Victor Bryan have had a busy year and have rendered great service to Nebraska lodges and the Grand Lodge. In each case consideration was given to whether the proposal met Masonic requirements, the cost of the program, the cash available and the ability of the lodge to amortize its loan, if any. On receipt of favorable reports I approved the following:

September 8, 1952, Oakland Lodge No. 91, Oakland. Sale of lot.

November 5, Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312, Lynch. Purchase of building.

January 29, 1953, Minatare Lodge No. 295, Minatare. Purchase of building.

February 7, Chester Lodge No. 298, Chester. Remodel lodge.

February 7, Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering. Remodel building.

March 1, Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco. Purchase of building.

March 26, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport. Construct new temple.

March 27, Perkins Lodge No. 308, Grant. Construct new building.

April 2, Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice. Sale of present building and

April 3, Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna. Sale of present building  
and construction of new building.  
construction of new building.

#### OMAHA HOME FOR BOYS

In compliance with the adopted recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, June 4, 1952, the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys submitted to the Grand Master amended Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State July 10, 1952, changing the name of the corporation to The Omaha Home for Boys. Evidence was submitted that listing of the name in public places had been changed to conform and assurance given that telephone listing would be changed in the next directory.

On August 16, 1952, over signature and seal of the Grand Master, I issued the following letter to the Secretary of the Omaha Home for Boys, with copies to all Douglas County lodges:

"Amended Articles of Incorporation have been submitted to me, which officially change the name of the Boys Home at 52nd and Ames Avenue, Omaha, to read 'The Omaha Home for Boys', and I have approved this name as meeting the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

"I do, therefore, authorize the lodges of Omaha and Douglas County to proceed with their usual annual solicitation of funds from their members for the operation of this Home.

"This authorization is valid for my term of office as Grand Master, and represents the first year of the stipulated five year period."

W. Alexander McKie, Jr., Vice President, carried out the business for the Board and I found him and the members of the Board of Trustees very cooperative and desirous of complying with all the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

#### CORNER-STONES AND DEDICATIONS

Preliminary arrangements for Grand Lodge ceremonies of Lodge Dedications and Corner-stones laid are made by the Grand Marshal. I should like to give particular credit to W. Ernest O. Van Wey who has been our Grand Marshal the past two years. Every detail has been carefully planned and carried out by this very capable Brother and for the Grand Lodge I gratefully acknowledge his labors.

On the invitation of the School Board of Gering Valley District No. 8, through Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering, the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stone for their new schoolhouse in due and ancient form on Saturday, September 6, 1952. Grand Lodge officers who were received by Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 and took part in the ceremony were Edward M. Knight, Grand Master; Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Marshal; Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain; John A. Magyar, Grand Orator; Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Junior Deacon and Jesse

P. Entrekin, Assistant Custodian. The oration was given by Rev. Thomas A. Barton, our Grand Chaplain. We congratulate School District No. 8 on their building improvement and are glad to have had a part in the ceremonies.

October 21, the Grand Lodge received a formal invitation from the Board of Trustees of the Omaha Home for Boys to lay the cornerstone of their new Administration Building. The building was made possible by a bequest in the will of Ida Gallagher Smith in memory of her husband, Robert L. Smith. St. Johns Lodge No. 25 opened in Special Communication at 1:30 Saturday, November 8, received the Grand Master and presented other officers. The officers and brethren proceeded to 52nd and Ames where the corner-stone was laid in due and ancient form. Representatives of the Grand Lodge who took part in the ceremony and were afterwards entertained at a dinner included: Edward M. Knight, Grand Master; Herbert T. White, Grand Junior Warden; Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain; Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Marshal; Merle M. Hale, Grand Senior Deacon; James H. Bryant, Grand Tyler, and Lewis E. Smith, William B. Wanner and Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Masters. The oration was delivered by the Honorable Robert G. Simmons, Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

On Friday, April 24, 1953, the Grand Lodge dedicated the beautiful new Masonic Temple of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 at Sidney. This temple, one of the finest in Nebraska, has a very large lodge room, an auxiliary lodge room, kitchen, banquet room and numerous reception and paraphernalia rooms. On the night of the dedication it was filled to capacity, there being approximately 450 for the ceremony. Grand Lodge representatives present and taking part were as follows: Edward M. Knight, Grand Master; Fay Smith, Deputy Grand Master; Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Marshal; Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Junior Deacon; James H. Bryant, Grand Tyler; John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master, and Assistant Custodians Austin F. Whitmire and Jesse P. Entrekin. The oration was delivered by Grand Custodian Raymond C. Cook. This is a strong lodge in a fast growing community and we extend our congratulations and best wishes.

The completion of the new Masonic Temple of Alpha Lodge No. 316 at South Sioux City was celebrated with a banquet at the American Legion Hall and Dedication ceremonies at the Masonic Temple on Thursday, May 7, 1953. At the banquet music and entertainment was furnished by the Rainbow Girls and the gathering was addressed by our Grand Chaplain Thomas A. Barton. Immediately following the banquet the Grand Lodge officers were received at the new Masonic Temple and the Dedication ceremonies took place. Grand Lodge representatives present included Edward M. Knight, Grand Master; Herbert T. White, Grand Junior Warden; Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary;

Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain; John A. Magyar, Grand Orator; Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Marshal; John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master and Ralph M. Carhart, Assistant Custodian. The oration was delivered by Grand Orator John A. Magyar. Alpha Lodge has a fine new building, beautifully furnished, and can be justly proud that they completed the work without incurring indebtedness.

An Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow, on Friday, May 29, 1953, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of Broken Bow's new North Park Public Grade school building, after receiving request from the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools. Grand Lodge Officers present and taking part included Edward M. Knight, Grand Master; Charles F. Adams, Grand Senior Warden; Herbert T. White, Grand Junior Warden; Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain; John A. Magyar, Grand Orator; Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Marshal and William C. Schaper, Past Grand Master. Grand Orator John A. Magyar delivered an oration entitled "The Seven Lamps of Education." The City of Broken Bow is to be congratulated on the fine addition to its Public School System.

#### THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

I am glad to report that in April of this year the new addition and furnishings were sufficiently completed at The Nebraska Masonic Home so all the residents were moved into the new building. Invitations to an Open House at the Home May 2nd and 3rd were sent out by President Herbert T. White to every lodge in Nebraska. At 11:45 this morning we will call from labor to refreshment and journey by bus to the Home where lunch will be served. All in attendance at this Grand Lodge will have the opportunity to inspect the two new wings and to visit with the residents of the Home.

After this visit I am sure you will agree that our Superintendent William F. Evers, our Board of Trustees, and the Brethren of Nebraska are doing a work of which we all can be proud.

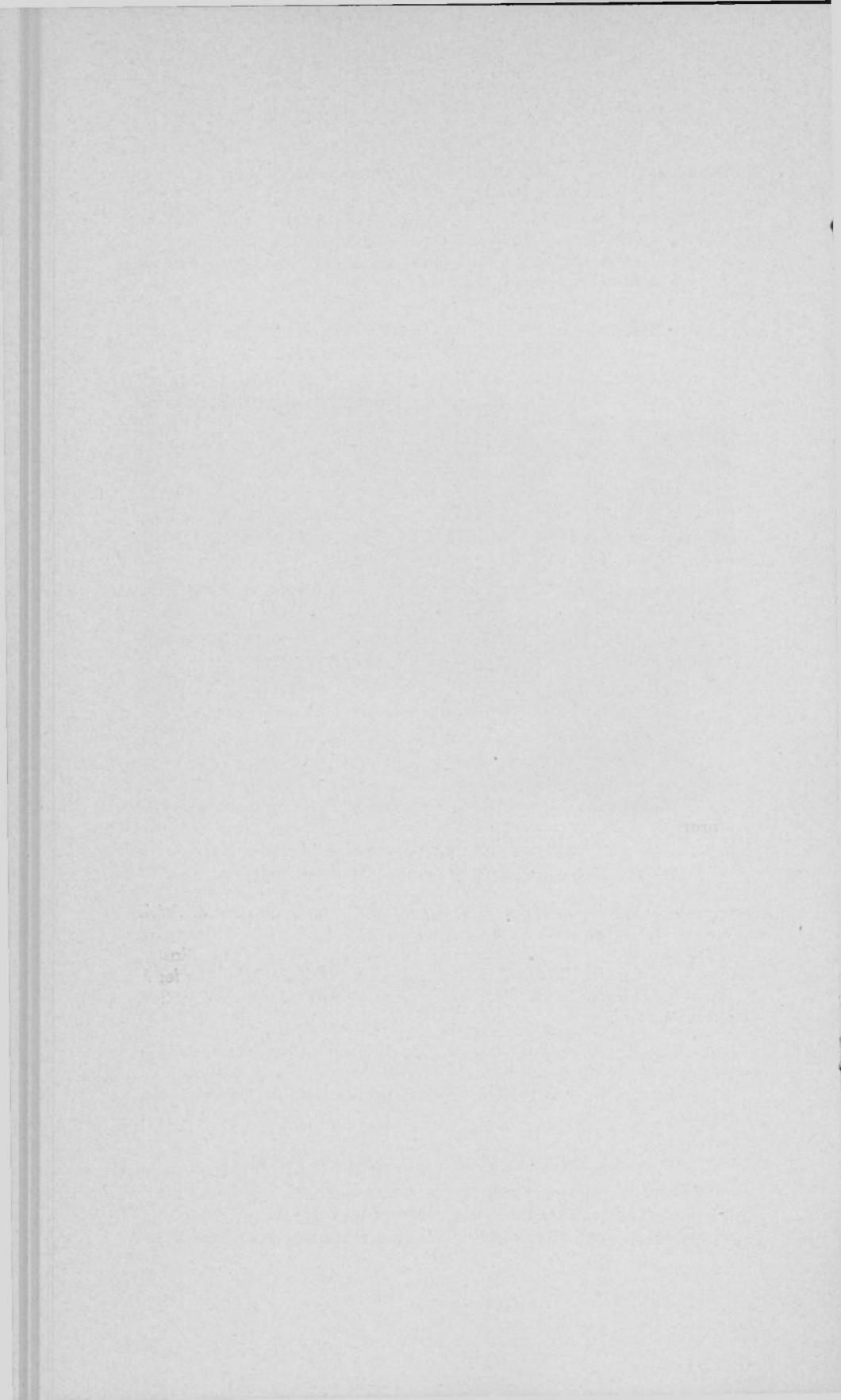
#### MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont is supported by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Superintendent Robert C. Grassman and members of the Board of Trustees, headed by James C. Suttie, President, are to be commended for excellent results attained with somewhat inadequate financial income to the home. At the annual meeting of the stockholders in January, I recommended the re-election of James C. Suttie and Harley V. Styer to three-year terms as Trustees. The articles of incorporation were amended to increase the number of trustees from twelve to twenty-four. Subsequently I recommended for three-year terms Henry R. Roose, Omaha, and Herbert A. Ronin, Lincoln; for two-year terms Louis V. Sylvester, Omaha, and Ward



*Laying of the corner-stone of public  
school building at Broken Bow, May 29, 1953.*

*Left to right: W. John A. Magyar, 240, Grand Orator; V. W. Thomas A. Barton, 210, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Grand Secretary; M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183, Grand Master; R. W. Herbert T. White, 11, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Grand Senior Warden, and W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249, Grand Marshal.*



V. Whitaker, Valley; and for one-years terms August H. Boldt, North Platte, and Howard J. Hunter, Wahoo. It is hoped that a comprehensive budget of operational and capital funds will be forthcoming together with a policy for handling trust funds.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR NEBRASKA AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Commissions as Grand Representatives have been issued the following brethren on the recommendation of the Grand Masters of their respective jurisdictions:

Texas, Harold A. Bateman, Dallas; Nova Scotia, C. Lorimer Fraser, Stellarton; Iceland, Bjarnes Bjarnason, Helgafell; Minnesota, Herbert C. S. Ramberg, Ada; Cuba, V. H. Francisco Enrique, Garcia; Montana, J. R. P. Reinemer, Circle; Panama, Elias S. Mizeachi, Panama; Ireland, John A. Wallace, Dublin; New Mexico, Howard M. Sleeper, Santa Fe; Ecuador, Fernando Gayangos Araya, Guayaquil.

I have been privileged to recommend the following as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Puerto Rico, Roy I. Babbitt, Scottsbluff; Iceland, Nels H. Ostergaard, North Platte; Oklahoma, Lewis E. Baker, McCook.

#### GRAND CUSTODIAN

Grand Custodian Raymond C. Cook and his assistants have had a busy year and are continuing in the attainment of excellent results. The details of his year's work are given in the report of the Grand Custodian. It is gratifying to the Grand Master to hear that the number of certificates of proficiency issued is highest in our history. Ritualism, to be effective, must be perfectly understood by those taking part. The explanation of the meaning of various sections in addition to the teaching of the exact wording by our Grand Custodian has given the Brethren of Nebraska a firm ritualistic foundation. It is my opinion that Nebraska ritualistic work will rate well with the best of any jurisdiction.

A member of the Committee on Masonic Education or the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee presented a talk at each Central School Banquet in observance of the 200th anniversary of the initiation of George Washington. This took the place of the customary Area Meetings in the hope that a wide coverage of the State could be effected. Some observance of the anniversary of this important date, November 4, 1753, was held in every Grand Jurisdiction of the United States.

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS AND BY-LAW APPROVALS

The large number of men in the Armed Services has resulted in a continuation of requests for special dispensations to confer degrees without respect to time or proficiency. Lodges conferring such degrees are

charged with the responsibility of instructing and examining the candidates for proficiency at the earliest possible time. Fifteen special dispensations were issued to elect or install officers out of time. Permission to examine for proficiency later than usual time was granted in eighteen instances. By-law revisions were approved for twenty-four lodges. Copies of each action referred to in this paragraph were furnished to the Grand Secretary.

#### MODEL SET OF BY-LAWS

The Grand Master was instructed to appoint a Committee to Prepare a Model Set of By-Laws to be used as a guide in preparing new and revised by-laws by our constituent lodges. The Committee was appointed and will make its report.

#### COMPREHENSIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE

In compliance with the action of the Grand Lodge at its 95th Annual Communication, I appointed a committee to survey and study the possibility of blanket coverage for our Grand Lodge and constituent lodges. The committee will report its findings to the Grand Lodge. Brother William F. Patterson, 25, is chairman.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

Brothers LaVerne J. Smith, chairman, Robert J. McDermott and Earl H. Furman have handled a large number of applications for reinstatement in a very commendable manner. The best interests of Masonry guided them in their recommendations. Lodges should insist that complete information is furnished on applications for reinstatement so the Committee and the Grand Master may be convinced of the worthiness of the motives of the petitioner and that he is not a potential applicant for Masonic relief.

#### HIGH TWELVE CLUBS

On July 14, 1952, I issued the following ruling:

"Whereas the Grand Master in his report to the Grand Lodge in 1951 included a chapter on the legality of High Twelve Clubs with the statement that no Mason can belong to one until the Grand Lodge sees fit to amend its law;

"And whereas this portion of the report was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence who in item 27 of its report recommended that the consideration be laid over until the next Grand Lodge Communication. At the 1952 Communication this consideration in like manner was laid over an additional year;

"And whereas it is the opinion of the present Grand Master that until definite recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence is adopted by the Grand Lodge it was not the intent to outlaw such clubs;

"And whereas the membership of all such clubs is living in uncertainty and fear that their membership is a Masonic Offence;

"I now, therefore, as Grand Master, rule that existing High Twelve and similar clubs may continue to operate and the membership thereof need not fear that it is a Masonic violation because of such membership during the period they await final judgment of the Grand Lodge on such clubs."

The foregoing ruling was issued to keep existing clubs from dying during the long period of consideration by the Jurisprudence Committee, and was issued without indication to me of the contents of the Committee's forthcoming recommendation. I trust that the problem can be finally resolved at this communication.

#### GENEVA LODGE No. 79

On May 6, 1952, the Charter of Geneva Lodge No. 79 was arrested and reported in the Grand Master's Address in the proceedings of that year. The matter was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations who approved the action of the Grand Master and recommended that the matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master, with full power to reinstate the Charter, or take such further disciplinary action as to him might seem proper. This report was approved.

On two occasions I traveled to Geneva and made as thorough an investigation as time would permit. Under my order all resident members of Geneva Lodge No. 79 were summoned to be present at a meeting of that Lodge at 8 o'clock P. M. on Friday, November 7, 1952. During the afternoon of that day the Grand Secretary and I met with the Past Masters of the lodge, reviewed the conditions leading up to the arrest of the Charter, and outlined requirements for restoration.

In accordance with the summons issued Geneva Lodge No. 79 opened at 8 P. M. The Charter was restored with the statement that the lodge was being given one more chance to resolve its difficulties and eliminate the causes of dissension and that failure during this trial period would likely result in the Charter being revoked. The Lodge was required to furnish the Grand Master with copies of the Lodge minutes for the rest of the Masonic year. Six months had elapsed since the Charter had been arrested.

I am glad to report that Geneva Lodge has been receiving petitions, acting on them favorably, and is doing much degree work. I am reliably informed that the quality of men initiated has been high. Worshipful Master John R. Bixby is to be commended for his labors in restoring harmony and keeping the work moving. Lodge attendance has been good and the Brethren have indicated a will to succeed.

I believe it is too early to say the difficulties are completely eliminated. Scrutiny by the incoming Grand Master should be required. I do say that progress has been made.

#### TRIAL COMMISSIONS AND APPEALS

It became necessary to appoint fourteen trial commissions this year.

Appreciation is due the capable brethren who served well on these commissions. Complete records of the trials are on file in the Grand Secretary's office.

Two appeals have been referred to the Committee on Grievances. The first was the appeal of a brother of Covert Lodge No. 11 from the decision of a trial held May 3, 1951. The Grand Lodge in 1952 ruled in this case that the appellant had taken action within the proper time limit in filing his appeal.

The second appeal came from a brother of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 objecting to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice Mason. The Worshipful Master overruled the objection. When the objector appealed to the Grand Master, I sustained the decision of the Worshipful Master, believing that the reasons given were not disqualifying. The objector has appealed the decision of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge.

On receipt of notice that the Junior Warden of Jachin Lodge No. 146 had plead guilty to the charge of embezzlement of public funds in the District Court of Phelps County, I ordered the Worshipful Master of Jachin Lodge to bring charges for unmasonic conduct and arrested the Junior Warden's jewel of office pending the outcome of the trial.

#### DECISIONS

Many questions were directed to the Grand Master which were not new and were fully covered in the Law of Freemasonry of Nebraska. In such cases the law was quoted to the inquirer and no record is made here. Copies of such letters are in the hands of the Grand Secretary. I present the following rulings for your consideration:

1. Referring to section 3-904, I ruled that an objection to a petitioner for restoration does not stop the petitioner. All the petitioner needs is a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present at the regular communication where the petition is considered, and the approval of the Grand Lodge.

2. I ruled that a lodge should not issue a quantity of affidavits of membership in good standing to a brother making such request, particularly so when the lodge had no knowledge of the use to which the affidavits were put. Subsequent indications were that they were used for commercial purposes, which I interpret as contrary to the Law of Freemasonry of Nebraska.

3. We have a number of rulings that a member of the Armed Forces does not lose his residence while in the Service. A petitioner, a member of the Armed Forces, moved his family into the jurisdiction of a lodge and a month later left for overseas duty. On his return he was desirous of petitioning. I ruled that the petitioner, not having residence when he left, could not establish it for Masonic purposes while he was away.

4. I ruled that a man who can not hear at all, and has to depend entirely on lip-reading, can not meet the physical requirements for initiation.

5. On receiving information that a lodge elected officers by acclamation I ruled the election illegal and void. Officers must be elected by secret ballot. Subsequently a special dispensation to elect at the regular meeting in January was issued and the dispensation fee paid.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

I have given considerable thought to my first two recommendations which being financial in nature I should like to have referred to the Grand Trustees and the Committee on Finance. Going back to the revised code of 1929 the sections now designated as 1-201 and 1-202 we find the salaries of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian set at \$3,600 and \$3,000 respectively. The budget approved by the Grand Lodge in 1948 and subsequent years included a cost of living bonus for these officers in the amount of \$900 and \$1,200 respectively but the code was not amended.

The cost of living has greatly increased in recent years so salaries in all lines of endeavor had to be advanced accordingly. But this alone is not the whole basis for consideration.

The duties of the Grand Secretary have been greatly extended through the years. Detailed listing of these duties would take much time. Auditing returns and keeping the records of our 275 lodges and 44,000 Masons is a big job in itself. Preparation of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge is the job of the Grand Secretary. I could mention many other duties and the magnitude of correspondence required but the thing I want to emphasize is that of financial responsibility. Our Grand Lodge is a big business with an annual income and expenditures in excess of \$150,000. The Grand Secretary is responsible for these funds and in addition for the trust funds of the Grand Lodge. As a part of his duties he acts as Secretary of The Nebraska Masonic Home board without pay. The funds of these two institutions are nearing the \$2,000,000 mark and are all handled through the office of the Grand Secretary.

The work of the Grand Custodian is also increasing. The improved interest and efficiency of the officers of Nebraska lodges in ritualistic work speaks well for the time and effort spent by our Grand Custodian. The number of individual Certificates of Proficiency has doubled in the past four years and more lodges than ever before are certified. To maintain these standards of proficiency makes greater and greater demands on the time of the Grand Custodian.

In comparing salaries in our jurisdiction with those of comparable membership I find that we have fallen far behind in adequately compensating our Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian. In view of the advanced cost of living and the greatly increased responsibilities I present the following for your consideration:

1. I recommend that in section 1-201 the designation of Salary of the Grand Secretary be increased from \$3,600 to \$6,000 per annum.
2. I recommend that in section 1-202 the designation of compensation of the Grand Custodian be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,500 per annum.

3. Since there is no objection from the Omaha lodges, I recommend that, agreeable to the request of Papillion Lodge No. 39, they have concurrent jurisdiction with all Omaha lodges.

#### ALLIANCE LODGE No. 183

I have been graciously received by all the bodies of Masonry in Alliance. Shortly after installation Alliance Lodge No. 183, Aloyah Chapter No. 185, O. E. S. and the Alliance Scottish Rite gave a beautiful reception for Mrs. Knight and me. Several hundred came from all over Western Nebraska.

This spring Alliance Lodge planned a dinner honoring the Grand Master and Mrs. Knight, and had nearly three hundred reservations. The day before, on Friday the 13th, my emergency appendectomy caused the cancellation.

Undaunted, the Lodge set April 25th for the dinner and this time Worshipful Master Elm J. Sorensen and his committee headed by Robert G. Outman and Milton P. Grosshans put on a banquet that filled the Masonic Temple to capacity. We were honored by the presence of the following Grand Lodge representatives: Deputy Grand Master and Mrs. Fay Smith, Grand Secretary and Mrs. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Orator and Mrs. John A. Magyar, Grand Custodian and Mrs. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Marshal and Mrs. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Junior Deacon Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Tyler James H. Bryant, Past Grand Master and Mrs. John S. Hedelund, and the following Assistant Custodians and their wives: Austin F. Whitmire, Sidney; Jesse P. Entrekin, Gering; Robert W. Cook, Grand Island; Charles M. Frederick, Long Pine; Morris V. Balcom, Kearney; William F. Flickinger, Waco; and Forrest A. Lape, Alliance.

At the close of the dinner I was presented a myrtle wood gavel by William Chuda on behalf of Mizpah Lodge No. 302 of Omaha.

I deeply appreciate the loyal friends and brethren of Alliance Lodge who have honored me in so many ways.

#### APPRECIATION

To the Officers, Custodians and Committee Members of the Grand Lodge we owe our thanks for work well done. To them and all the Brethren of Nebraska I express my gratitude for the part they have taken in our great work. The Grand Secretary and the Past Grand Masters have assisted me through some difficult experiences. I received ready response when I called on them, for which I have great appreciation. My family and bank personnel carried on during my frequent absences and to them I say 'thank you.'

As I close my year I wish you all health and happiness, success in all great and important undertakings, and continued support to those who follow me.

The general condition of Masonry in Nebraska is good. Our growth

has not been spectacular but it has been continual over the past few years. Proficiency in ritualistic work is at an all-time high. Lodge records are satisfactory and are being improved by suggestion and help from the Grand Secretary's office. The lodges are maintaining high standards in membership and work. Adherence to Masonic fundamentals is evident and the belief is firm that these ideals will show the way to build a better world and to establish the peace we all so earnestly desire.

Fraternally submitted,

*Edward M. Knight*

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:

With this seventh annual report we close another very busy yet pleasant year. We have visited many lodges and always enjoy the fine fellowship of the brethren and sincerely thank you all for the many courtesies.

Last year we reported six lodges that failed to receive petitions or confer degrees. This year the number has increased to twelve. We regret to see this number of lodges inactive, however, most of them are located in small communities where the population is decreasing rather than increasing.

Two of our Veteran Secretaries retired this year, Brother Henry Lausen, Wood Lake No. 221—42 years; and Brother Fred H. Pieper, Utica No. 96—29 years. We wish them continued good health and happiness in their retirement.

### NECROLOGY

A number of our fine secretaries have laid down their working tools this past year and accepted the will and pleasure of Him who doeth all things well. They served Masonry well and were faithful to a trust.

### VISITATIONS

It has been a real pleasure again this year to accompany the Grand Master on many visitations.

### 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 1952 have been paid in full. Two lodges were extremely late with their returns. We regret that it was necessary to fine them.

### GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from the following lodges: Lincoln No. 19, John S. Bowen No. 232 and Beemer No. 253; and three appeals, one in the case of a member of Covert Lodge No. 11; one a member of Rob Morris No. 46, and one a member of Roman Eagle No. 203.

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

### CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

As of December 31, 1952, Exeter Lodge No. 283, A. F. & A. M.

of Exeter, voluntarily surrendered its charter, there being only seventeen resident members remaining on the rolls. These brethren have signified their intention of affiliation with nearby lodges.

FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

During the year 81 buttons have been presented to brethren entitled to receive them.

JORDAN MEDALS

During the past year there have been 27 special meetings and ceremonies in presenting the oldest member of the lodge with the Bronze Jordan Medal.

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES

I have attended seven Central Schools of Instruction, checked the records of forty lodges, and visited with the secretaries. We believe this personal visit with the secretary where we can discuss matters pertaining to the office of Secretary, the Lodge and Grand Lodge is beneficial to all.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

We express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, and his staff of Assistant Custodians for their splendid co-operation.

MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA, U. D. D.

To W. Ralph S. Tully, the officers and brethren of Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U. D. D., my sincere thanks and appreciation. This Memorial Lodge is worthy of the support of all Masons in Omaha.

CORRECTION

We refer to the proceedings of the 95th Annual Communication, page 484. During the morning session of June 4, M. W. Thomas J. Aron, Grand Master, instructed the Grand Junior Deacon, W. Merle M. Hale, to present the Grand Tyler, W. James H. Bryant, to the East. M. W. Brother Aron said, and we quote, "While these two stations are vacant I will ask Brother John J. Kubes, Sr., 37, to act as Grand Junior Deacon and Brother Robert A. Phelps, 32, to act as Grand Tyler." The transcript and the proceedings shows Brother John Hoover, Sr., 82 (which is an error) instead of Brother John Kubes, 37 (which is correct).

The above just to keep the record straight.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT, LIVE STOCK NATIONAL BANK

1952-1953

DEBIT

Received from 43279 members at \$3.00 each .....	\$ 129,837.00
Received from 1884 Initiations at \$10.00 each .....	18,840.00

Received from 12 Affiliations at \$10.00 each .....	120.00
Received from Surety Bond Premiums .....	628.90
Received from supplies sold to Lodges .....	3,927.15
Received from 1853 members for George Washington .....	
Masonic National Memorial Fund at \$1.00 each .....	1,853.00
Donation to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund .....	1.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 155,207.05</b>

## CREDIT

Transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	\$ 86,558.00
Transferred to Maintenance .....	6,491.85
Transferred to Relief Fund .....	8,655.80
Transferred to General Fund .....	47,091.35
Transferred to Supply Account .....	4,556.05
Transferred to Permanent Reserve Fund .....	1,854.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 155,207.05</b>

## GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

## CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand, May 10th, 1952 .....	\$ 52,710.38
Received from refunds, 1952 Budget .....	758.66
Received from Grand Lodge Relief Fund .....	3,000.00
Received from Pay Roll Account .....	33.76
Received from Exeter Lodge No. 283 .....	12.00
Received from Special Dispensations .....	40.00
Received from Fines .....	7.20
Received from Interest .....	504.82
Received from Special Account, 1952-53 .....	47,091.35
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 104,158.57</b>

## CASH CREDIT

Pay Roll .....	\$ 3,930.08
Grand Lodge Dinner .....	713.58
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests .....	885.00
Reporting and Transcribing 1952 Communication .....	75.00
Grand Tyler .....	15.00
Grand Organist .....	10.00
Committee on Masonic Education .....	1,000.00
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans .....	600.00
Trial Commission .....	100.00
Grand Chaplain .....	100.00
Grand Trustees .....	50.00
Committee on Work .....	100.00
Unassigned incidental expense under direction of Grand Master .....	2,000.00

Other Committees .....	100.00
Travel Expense Grand Master .....	2,500.00
Travel Expense Grand Secretary .....	500.00
Expense, Grand Custodian and Assistants .....	4,500.00
Expense Grand Officers .....	600.00
Expense Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus .....	500.00
Transferred to Permanent Reserve Fund .....	9,000.00
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 .....	5,900.00
Rent Grand Lodge Quarters to June, 1953 .....	2,200.00
Audit, Grand Lodge Books .....	100.00
Grand Secretary Office Expense .....	4,007.11
Jewel, Retiring Grand Master .....	168.00
Printing Proceedings and Advance Copies .....	2,705.62
Dues Masonic Relief Association .....	278.90
Liability Insurance Premium .....	13.00
Surety Bond Premium .....	313.20
Social Security Tax .....	345.60
Compensation Insurance Premium .....	33.60
Fire Insurance Premium .....	95.61
Transferred to Maintenance Fund Order of Eastern Star ....	1,150.00
Relief Fund Check No. 542 issued in error .....	3,000.00
Cash on hand, May 10th, 1953 .....	47,869.27
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Total .....	\$ 104,158.57

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1953

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10th, 1952 .....	\$ 4,864.82
Received from supplies to lodges .....	3,943.15
Bond premiums from Secretaries and Treasurers .....	628.90
Return of Cash from Exchange Account .....	400.00
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Total .....	\$ 9,836.87

CASH CREDIT

Premiums on Secretaries and Treasurers Bonds .....	\$ 566.37
Checks to Credit of Exchange Account .....	400.00
Imprinting new checks .....	2.00
Error writing check No. 852 .....	.80
Paid for Supplies .....	3,963.32
Cash on hand May 10th, 1953 .....	4,904.38
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Total .....	\$ 9,836.87

## RELIEF FUND

## CASH DEBIT

May 10, 1953

Cash on hand May 10th, 1952 .....	\$ 9,818.09
Received from Special Account .....	8,655.80
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 18,473.89</b>

## CASH CREDIT

Paid Committee on Relief & Care of Orphans .....	\$ 3,000.00
Paid to General Fund, Grand Lodge .....	3,000.00
Cash on hand, May 10, 1953 .....	12,473.89
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 18,473.89</b>

## PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 10, 1953

## CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1952 .....	\$ 5,224.47
Securities sold and paid .....	2,250.00
Profit on sale of securities .....	202.88
Received from special account, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association .....	1,854.00
Interest .....	1,536.00
Received from General Fund Grand Lodge .....	9,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 20,067.35</b>

## CASH CREDIT

Securities Purchased .....	\$ 10,187.50
Cash—May 10, 1953 .....	9,879.85
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 20,067.35</b>

## PERMANENT RESERVE SECURITIES

May 10, 1953

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
50—	Oswego Falls Corp., 5% pfd.....		3,100.63
52—	Kansas Gas and Electric Co., Common .....		10,012.50
<b>Total .....</b>			<b>\$ 36,913.13</b>

(\$20,000 of this Fund is earmarked for the Centennial Celebration, 1957)

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 10, 1953

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1952 .....	\$ 40,315.12
Interest .....	5,352.47
Securities paid and sold .....	8,007.76
Profit on Sale of Securities .....	705.68
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Total .....	\$ 54,381.03

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased .....	\$ 10,958.18
Transferred to Maintenance Fund .....	6,496.87
Cash on hand May 10, 1953 .....	6,925.98
Transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	30,000.00
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Total .....	\$ 54,381.03

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1953

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., 2½% .....	15,000	15,225.00
95—	Dana Corporation, 3.75% pfd.....	5,000	5,100.00
99—	Westinghouse Electric Corp., 3.80% pfd.....	10,000	10,050.00
101—	Commonwealth of Australia, 3½%.....	10,000	9,750.00
102—	Southern California Edison Co., 4.88% pfd...	10,000	10,500.00
113—	Toledo Edison Company, Common.....		5,701.56
114—	Iowa Power and Light Company, Common....		5,152.46
116—	Province of Saskatchewan, Bonds .....		1,062.72
119—	Rhineland Paper Company .....		2,950.00
122—	Tennessee Gas Transmission, Pfd., 4.64%....		9,922.50
124—	National Bank of Tulsa, Common .....		7,802.82
125—	U. S. Government Bonds 2% .....		\$ 10,341.08
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Total .....			\$150,838.14

## ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1953

## CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1952 .....	\$ 38,746.82
Securities paid and sold .....	32,263.74
Profit on sale of securities .....	2,827.40
Interest .....	10,360.28
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 84,198.24</b>

## CASH CREDIT

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Student Fund .....	\$ 700.00
Securities Purchased .....	55,562.50
Paid to The Nebraska Masonic Home .....	10,000.00
Paid for Printing .....	22.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1953.....	17,913.74
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 84,198.24</b>

## ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND FARM LOANS

No.	Name	County	Rate	Amount
468—	Jacqueline Schiefelbein....	200 acres	Saunders ...4½	\$ 1,500.00

## ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

## TRIAL BALANCE

Inventory .....	\$282,419.64
Cash .....	\$ 17,913.74
Bills receivable .....	264,505.90
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$282,419.64 282,419.64</b>

## INVENTORY

Cash .....	\$ 17,913.74
Bills receivable .....	264,505.90
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$282,419.64</b>

## ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1953

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
527—El Paso Natural Gas Company, 4.10% pfd....	5,000	4,971.25
531—The Detroit Edison Company, Common .....		2,464.44
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
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% Pfd. ....		2,812.22
548—Western Light & Telephone Co., 5% pfd.....		3,072.43
550—American Tobacco Co., Bonds 3½, 10,000.....		9,938.82
553—Home Insurance Company, Common .....		3,750.00
554—Public Service Electric, Common .....		10,200.00
555—U. S. Treasury Bonds 2% .....		35,000.00
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$263,005.90</b>

CHILDRENS' HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

May 10, 1953

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand, May 10, 1952 .....	\$ 14,923.38
Securities Paid and sold .....	29,570.81
Profit on sale of securities .....	2,483.85
Interest .....	6,285.60
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 53,263.64</b>

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased .....	\$ 30,967.10
Paid to Maintenance Fund .....	6,799.99
Cash on hand .....	15,496.55
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 53,263.64</b>

## TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1953

Inventory .....	\$171,457.97	
Cash .....	15,496.55	
Bills receivable .....	\$176,628.12	
Bequests .....	10,326.40	
Total .....	\$186,954.52	\$186,954.52

## INVENTORY

May 10, 1953

Securities—Stocks and Bonds .....	\$164,357.97	
Farm Mortgages .....	6,600.00	
Cash .....	15,496.55	
Total .....	\$186,954.52	

## FARM MORTGAGES

No.	Borrower	County	Rate	Amount
81—	Kathleen O'Grady	240 acres Colfax	5%	\$ 2,600.00
82—	Robert Levi	Omaha Property	4½%	4,000.00
Total				\$ 6,600.00

## CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1953

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
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
127—	Southern California Edison, Common		3,415.32
130—	Iowa Power and Light, Common		5,485.85
132—	Dayton Power & Light Co., Common		7,383.85
137—	Central Illinois Public Service, Pfd. 4%		9,061.88
139—	Kansas City Power & Light Co., Common		5,445.32
140—	Province of New Brunswick, Bonds, par \$10,000		9,877.00

141—Middle South Utilities Inc., Common.....	2,195.00
144—U. S. Treasury Bonds 2% .....	30,000.00
Total .....	<u>\$164,857.97</u>

## MAINTENANCE FUND

May 10, 1953

## CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand, May 10, 1952 .....	\$ 6,662.13
Received from Children's Home Endowment Fund .....	6,799.99
Received from Building and Improvement Fund .....	6,496.87
Received from General Fund, Grand Lodge .....	1,150.00
Received from Grand Lodge Special Account .....	6,491.85
Total .....	<u>\$ 27,600.84</u>

## CASH CREDIT

Maintenance Fund, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children .....	\$ 21,000.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1953 .....	6,600.84
Total .....	<u>\$ 27,600.84</u>

## TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1953

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 General Fund .....	\$ 47,869.27
Cash Grand Lodge Exchange Account .....	200.00
Cash Grand Lodge Expense Account .....	400.00
Inventory .....	\$ 48,472.27
Total .....	<u>\$ 48,472.27</u> <u>\$ 48,472.27</u>

## RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund Cash .....	\$ 47,869.27
Relief Fund Cash .....	12,473.89
Permanent Reserve Fund Securities .....	36,913.13
Permanent Reserve Fund—Cash .....	9,879.85
Building and Improvement Fund—Cash .....	6,925.98
Building and Improvement Fund—Securities .....	150,838.14
Maintenance Fund Cash .....	6,600.84
Supply Account Cash .....	4,904.38
Orphans' Educational Fund, Cash .....	17,913.74

Orphans' Educational Fund, Securities .....	264,505.90
Children's Home Endowment Fund, Cash .....	15,496.55
Children's Home Endowment Fund, Securities .....	171,457.97
Grand Lodge Expense Account, Cash .....	400.00
Grand Lodge Exchange Account, Cash .....	200.00

Total .....\$746,379.64

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

May 10, 1953

This Report Prepared by Buffett-Falk Company—Stanley F. Kuncel

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Per- centage
United States Government Bonds ....	\$213,000.00	\$213,341.08	28.6%
Canadian Provincial Bonds .....	21,000.00	20,300.97	2.7%
Australian Bonds .....	10,000.00	9,750.00	1.3%
County Bonds .....	15,000.00	15,000.00	2.1%
Industrial & Miscellaneous Bonds ....	35,000.00	35,038.82	4.7%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks .....	107,500.00	108,348.80	14.5%
Industrial & Misc. Preferred Stocks ..	118,000.00	123,385.63	16.5%
Industrial Common Stocks .....		26,582.82	3.6%
Public Utility Common Stocks .....		63,867.02	8.5%
(Sub-Totals) BONDS & STOCKS		(\$615,615.14)	
Mortgage Loans .....		8,100.00	1.1%
Cash .....		122,664.50	16.4%
Totals .....		\$746,379.64	100. %

DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS  
SHOWING TYPE OF SECURITIES OWNED

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 4,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 2/1/54.....	\$ 4,000.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 7/21/54....	5,000.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 4/1/55.....	5,000.00
23,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 9/21/55....	23,000.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 2/1/56....	5,000.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2% 12-15-54/52 .....	10,000.00
30,000.00	United States Treasury 2% 9-1-53 .....	30,000.00
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 9/21/55....	3,000.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 4/1/55.....	5,000.00
4,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 9/1/55 ....	4,000.00
15,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 2/1/56 ....	15,000.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2 %6-15-54/52 .....	10,000.00

10,000.00	United States Treasury 2 % 9/1/53 .....	10,341.08
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 7/24/54 ....	5,000.00
10,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 5/7/55 ....	10,000.00
20,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 9/21/55 ....	20,000.00
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 2/1/56 ....	3,000.00
1,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 2/1/54 ....	1,000.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 2/1/56.....	5,000.00
5,000.00	United States Treasury 2 % 12-1-54/52 .....	5,000.00
35,000.00	United States Treasury 2 % 9-1-53 .....	35,000.00
<u>\$213,000.00</u>		<u>\$213,341.08</u>

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

\$ 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
10,000.00	Province of New Brunswick 4¼% 12-1-70.....	9,877.00
<u>\$ 21,000.00</u>		<u>\$ 20,300.97</u>

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

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

15,000.00	Ada County Grange Supply Co. of Meridian, Idaho 5% 1953, 1954, 1955 .....	15,000.00
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INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

\$ 15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Co. 2½% 4-1-71 .....	\$ 15,225.00
10,000.00	Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61 .....	9,875.00
10,000.00	American Tobacco Co. 3¼% 2-1-77 .....	9,938.82
<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>		<u>\$ 35,038.82</u>

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

\$ 5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd. ....	\$ 5,200.00
5,000.00	Public Service of Indiana 3½% Pfd. ....	4,775.00
5,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. 4¼% Pfd.....	5,150.00
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd. ....	5,200.00
20,000.00	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co. 5% Pfd. ....	20,576.39
10,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.88% Pfd.....	10,500.00
12,500.00	Western Light & Telephone 5% Pfd. ....	12,756.15
10,000.00	Iowa Public Service 3.90% Pfd.....	10,200.00
5,000.00	Scranton Spring Brook Water 4.10% Pfd.....	5,125.00
10,000.00	El Paso Natural Gas Company 4.10% Pfd.....	9,881.88
10,000.00	Central Illinois Public Service 4% Pfd. ....	9,061.88
10,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission 4.64% Pfd. ....	9,922.50
<u>\$107,500.00</u>		<u>\$108,348.80</u>

## INDUSTRIAL &amp; MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

\$ 5,000.00	American Potash & Chemical 4% A Pfd.....	\$ 5,000.00
10,000.00	E. I. DuPont DeNemours Co. 3½% Pfd.....	10,200.00
5,000.00	General Foods Corporation 3½% Pfd.....	5,025.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Company 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Foods Company 4% Pfd.....	10,400.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Company 4% Pfd.....	5,200.00
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3¾% Pfd.....	5,100.00
10,000.00	Westinghouse Electric Corp. 3.80% Pfd. ....	10,050.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Company 4% Pfd.....	5,250.00
20,000.00	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. 5% Pfd.....	22,500.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Foods Company 4% Pfd.....	15,600.00
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Company 4% Pfd.....	10,450.00
10,000.00	Omar, Inc. 4½% Pfd.....	10,310.00
3,000.00	Oswego Falls Corp. 5% Conv. Pfd.....	3,100.63
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\$118,000.00		\$123,385.63

## INDUSTRIAL &amp; MISCELLANEOUS COMMON STOCKS

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
300 shares	National Bank of Tulsa.....	7,802.82
100 shares	Home Insurance Company.....	3,750.00
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		\$ 26,582.82

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCKS

400 shares	Detroit Edison Company.....	\$ 8,875.16
100 shares	Southern California Edison Company.....	3,415.32
458 shares	Iowa Power & Light Company .....	10,638.31
222 shares	Dayton Power & Light Company.....	7,383.85
500 shares	Toledo Edison Company.....	5,701.56
200 shares	Kansas City Power & Light Company.....	5,445.32
100 shares	Middle South Utilities, Inc.....	2,195.00
400 shares	Public Service Elec. & Gas Company .....	10,200.00
300 shares	Kansas Gas & Electric Company .....	10,012.50
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		\$ 63,867.02

## MORTGAGE LOANS

Jacqueline Schiefelbein 4½% Mtg. ....	\$ 1,500.00
Kathleen O'Grady 5% Mortgage .....	2,600.00
Robert Levi 4½% Mortgage .....	4,000.00
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	\$ 8,100.00

AN ANALYSIS OF BONDS & STOCKS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

\$ 4,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 2/1/54 .....	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 100.00
5,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 7/21/54 .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
5,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 4/1/55 .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
23,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 9/21/55 .....	23,000.00	23,000.00	575.00
5,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 2/1/56 .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
10,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2 % 12-15-54/52 .....	10,000.00	9,912.50	200.00
30,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2 % 9-1-53 .....	30,000.00	30,000.00	600.00
3,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 9/21/55 .....	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.00
5,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 4/1/55 .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
4,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 9/1/55 .....	4,000.00	4,000.00	100.00
15,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 2/1/56 .....	15,000.00	15,000.00	375.00
10,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2% 6-15-54/52 .....	10,000.00	9,937.50	200.00
10,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2 % 9/1/53 .....	10,341.08	10,000.00	200.00
5,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 7/24/54 .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
10,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 5/7/55 .....	10,000.00	10,000.00	250.00
20,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 9/21/55 .....	20,000.00	20,000.00	500.00
3,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 2/1/56 .....	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.00
1,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 2/1/54 .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	25.00
5,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 2/1/56 .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	125.00
5,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2 % 12-1-54-52 .....	5,000.00	4,956.25	100.00
35,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2 % 9-1-53 .....	35,000.00	35,000.00	700.00

\$213,000.00		\$213,341.08	\$212,806.25	\$ 4,825.00
				Average Return 2.26%

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

\$ 5,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 4-16-57 .....	\$ 4,643.75	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 225.00
1,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4s 9/1/55 ....	4,062.72	1,020.00	40.00
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57 ..	2,827.50	3,090.00	135.00
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4's 12-1-57 .....	930.00	1,030.00	40.00
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56 .....	960.00	1,047.50	45.00
10,000.00	Province of New Brunswick 4½% 12-1-70	9,877.00	10,100.00	425.00

\$ 21,000.00		\$ 20,300.97	\$21,437.50	\$ 910.00
				Average Return 4.48%

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

\$ 10,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 3¼% 1956...\$	9,750.00	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 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

\$ 15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Co. 2½% 4-1-71 .....	\$ 15,225.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 375.00
10,000.00	Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61 .....	9,875.00	9,000.00	225.00
10,000.00	American Tobacco Co. 3¼% 2-1-77 .....	9,938.82	9,600.00	325.00
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\$ 35,000.00		\$ 35,038.82	\$ 32,100.00	\$ 925.00
			Average Return 2.64%	

## PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

\$ 5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...\$	5,200.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 195.00
5,000.00	Public Service of Indiana 3½% Pfd.....	4,775.00	4,000.00	175.00
5,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. 4¼% Pfd	5,150.00	4,525.00	212.50
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...	5,200.00	4,100.00	195.00
20,000.00	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas 5% Pfd...	20,576.40	20,400.00	1,000.00
10,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.88% Pfd...	10,500.00	10,800.00	488.00
12,500.00	Western Light & Telephone 5% Pfd. ....	12,756.15	12,500.00	625.00
10,000.00	Iowa Public Service Co. 3.90% Pfd. ....	10,200.00	8,000.00	390.00
5,000.00	Scranton Spring Brook Water 4.10% Pfd.	5,125.00	4,150.00	205.00
10,000.00	El Paso Natural Gas 4.10% Pfd.....	9,881.88	9,000.00	410.00
10,000.00	Central Illinois Public Ser. 4% Pfd.....	9,061.88	8,100.00	400.00
10,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission 4.64% Pfd...	9,922.50	9,300.00	464.00
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\$107,500.00		\$108,348.81	\$ 98,975.00	\$ 4,759.50
			Average Return 4.39%	

## INDUSTRIAL &amp; MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

\$ 5,000.00	American Potash & Chemical \$4 A Pfd. ..\$	5,000.00	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 200.00
10,000.00	E. I. DuPont DeNemours Co. 3½% Pfd. ..	10,200.00	9,300.00	350.00
5,000.00	General Foods Corp. 3½% Pfd. ....	5,025.00	4,550.00	175.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd. ....	5,200.00	4,100.00	200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd. ....	10,400.00	8,200.00	400.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd. ....	5,200.00	4,100.00	200.00
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3 3/4% Pfd. ....	5,100.00	4,300.00	187.50
10,000.00	Westinghouse Elec. Corp. 3.80% Pfd. ....	10,050.00	9,500.00	380.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Co. 4% Pfd. ....	5,250.00	4,812.50	200.00
20,000.00	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. 5% Pfd. ....	22,500.00	21,300.00	1,000.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd. ....	15,600.00	12,300.00	600.00
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pfd. ....	10,450.00	7,600.00	400.00
10,000.00	Omar, Inc. 4½% Pfd. ....	10,310.00	10,300.00	450.00
3,000.00	Oswego Falls Corp. 5% Conv. Pfd. ....	3,100.63	3,100.00	150.00
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\$118,000.00		\$123,385.63	\$108,012.50	\$ 4,892.50
			Average Return 3.96%	

## INDUSTRIAL &amp; MISCELLANEOUS COMMON STOCK

100 shares Union Stockyards Co. of Omaha .....	\$ 8,080.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 400.00
50 shares Union Stockyards Co. of Omaha .....	4,000.00	3,800.00	200.00
100 shares Rhinelander Paper Company .....	2,950.00	2,225.00	160.00
300 shares National Bank of Tulsa .....	7,802.82	9,000.00	300.00
100 shares Home Insurance Company .....	3,750.00	4,000.00	200.00
	\$ 26,582.82	\$ 26,825.00	\$ 1,260.00
			Average Return 4.80%

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCK

400 shares Detroit Edison Company .....	\$ 8,875.16	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 560.00
100 shares Southern California Edison Co. ....	3,415.32	3,550.00	200.00
458 shares Iowa Power & Light Co. ....	10,638.31	10,992.00	641.20
222 shares Dayton Power & Light Co. ....	7,383.85	7,881.00	444.00
500 shares Toledo Edison Co. ....	5,701.56	6,125.00	350.00
200 shares Kansas City Power & Light Company ..	5,445.32	5,750.00	320.00
100 shares Middle South Utilities, Inc. ....	2,195.00	2,625.00	140.00
400 shares Public Service Electric & Gas Co. ....	10,200.00	10,550.00	640.00
300 shares Kansas Gas & Electric Company .....	10,012.50	10,425.00	600.00
	\$ 63,867.02	\$ 67,898.00	\$ 3,895.20
			Average Return 6.10%

BRETHREN WHO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE FIFTY  
YEAR BUTTON BY THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.,  
OF NEBRASKA SINCE THE LAST REPORT AS  
SHOWN ON PAGES 445 AND 446 OF THE  
PROCEEDINGS FOR 1952

## Certificate

No.	Brother	Date Raised	Lodge	Number
1536	Smiley, Frank	Mar. 18, 1902	Blue River	30
1537	Culver, Elwin E.	June 19, 1902	Blue River	30
1538	Hillier, Warren	July 6, 1901	Monument	293
1539	Meilenz, Fred M.	Aug. 13, 1902	Wahoo	59
1540	McCreery, Robert F.	Sept. 13, 1902	Wahoo	59
1541	Carlisle, William I.	Oct. 13, 1902	Wahoo	59
1542	Putney, William G.	Nov. 15, 1902	Wahoo	59
1543	Meilenz, Arthur H.	Nov. 26, 1902	Wahoo	59
1544	Hanna, Niel	June 14, 1902	Wood Lake	221
1545	Carr, Otho J.	June 17, 1902	Beaver City	93
1546	Neuman, Gustave E.	June 26, 1902	Ashlar	33
1547	Schurman, Rudolf B.	June 17, 1902	Fremont	15
1548	Smrha, Charles	June 20, 1902	Geneva	79
1549	Morris, Wilbert	July 3, 1902	Ashlar	33
1550	Smith, Ezra H.	July 26, 1902	York	56
1551	Tool, Arthur J.	July 26, 1902	Canopy	209
1552	Kerr, William W.	Mar. 24, 1902	St. Johns	25
1553	Seaman, Walter D.	July 16, 1902	St. Johns	25
1554	Mann, Franklin	Nov. 3, 1901	George W. Lininger	268
1555	Vaughan, Thomas H.	July 31, 1902	Guide Rock	128
1556	Parks, Thomas D.	May 6, 1902	Israel	187
1557	Robinson, Frank R.	May 20, 1902	Fairmont	48
1558	McClelland, David E.	Sept. 19, 1902	Beaver City	93
1559	Patrick, William R.	Sept. 23, 1902	Covert	11
1560	Kennedy, Horace F.	Oct. 25, 1902	Emmet Crawford	148
1561	Johnson, Peter A.	Sept. 13, 1902	Doniphan	86
1562	Flory, Orville H.	Aug. 5, 1901	Delta	230
1563	Hussong, Herbert L. P.	Sept. 7, 1900	Hardy	117
1564	Saylor, Luther J.	Sept. 23, 1902	Composite	81
1565	Cohee, Jesse L.	Sept. 3, 1902	Beemer	253
1566	Davis, John S.	Oct. 24, 1902	Platte Valley	32
1567	Callfas, William F.	Nov. 10, 1902	George W. Lininger	268
1568	Anderson, Earnest	Aug. 13, 1902	Grace	226
1569	Gsantner, Hayes	May 9, 1902	Capitol	3
1570	Turner, Harry F.	July 7, 1901	Fremont	15
1571	Jessup, Jesse G.	May 31, 1902	Clay Centre	139
1572	Graham, John H.	Nov. 20, 1902	Lincoln	19
1573	Clark, William R.	June 21, 1902	Lincoln	19
1574	Peck, George H.	Dec. 26, 1902	Relief	219
1575	Dennis, Jasper L.	Nov. 1, 1901	Golden Sheaf	202

1576—Joern, Otto W. ....	Nov. 25, 1902....	Springfield .....	112
1577—Snider, Edwin G. ....	Dec. 27, 1902....	Springfield .....	112
1578—Rudd, Anton A. ....	Nov. 17, 1899....	Frank Welch .....	75
1579—Talbot, V. Claris .....	Dec. 13, 1902....	Emmet Crawford ..	148
1580—Hart, Raymond S. ....	Nov. 22, 1901....	Rob Morris .....	46
1581—Landis, Harry D. ....	Febr. 7, 1903....	Oliver .....	38
1582—Case, Guy C. ....	Aug. 7, 1901....	Geneva .....	79
1583—Maxwell, Evans D. ....	Sept. 3, 1901....	Omaha .....	288
1584—Russell, George W.....	Jan. 10, 1903....	Justice .....	180
1585—Gasser, Harry W. ....	June 27, 1902....	Crete .....	37
1586—McDonald, John A. ....	April 16, 1903....	Lotus .....	289
1587—Miller, Albert R. ....	Febr. 16, 1903....	Cedar River .....	89
1588—Norris, C. L. ....	June 8, 1901....	North Bend .....	119
1589—Dennis, Jesse N. ....	Jan. 13, 1903....	Golden Sheaf .....	202
1590—Hehn, George A. ....	April 23, 1902....	Beemer .....	253
1591—Dixon, George E. ....	Febr. 7, 1903....	Keystone .....	62
1592—Moran, Clyde R. ....	June 15, 1900....	Pomegranate .....	110
1593—Will, Cary L. ....	Sept. 9, 1892....	Justice .....	180
1594—Fry, Charles S. ....	Nov. 11, 1902....	Eminence .....	223
1595—Simon, Eli G. ....	April 18, 1903....	Cambridge .....	150
1596—Hewitt, Philo J. ....	Mar. 24, 1903....	Thistle .....	61
1597—Harrington, Fred .....	April 21, 1903....	Sterling .....	70
1598—Newton, Jesse S. ....	April 10, 1903....	Wymore .....	104
1599—Thomas, William H. ....	Dec. 23, 1902....	Florence .....	281
1600—Tschudy, J. B. ....	May 7, 1902....	Lebanon .....	323
1601—Foster, Harry A. ....	July 12, 1899....	Nebraska .....	1
1602—Stiles, Earle R. ....	Mar. 25, 1898....	St. Johns .....	25
1603—White, William F. ....	April 23, 1903....	St. Johns .....	25
1604—Wilmoth, Eddy G. ....	Mar. 26, 1903....	St. Johns .....	25
1605—Meacham, George N. ....	March 2, 1903....	St. Johns .....	25
1606—Hansen, Fritz .....	May 1, 1903....	Oakland .....	91
1607—Platner, George W. ....	Mar. 16, 1903....	George W. Lininger	268
1608—Gilmour, Edwin P. ....	Mar. 18, 1903....	Lincoln .....	19
1609—Kudrna, James .....	March 8, 1903....	Lincoln .....	19
1610—Stine, James H. ....	June 18, 1902....	Covert .....	11
1611—Gelston, Edwin H. ....	Aug. 19, 1902....	Waterloo .....	102
1612—Marks, William W. ....	May 30, 1901....	St. Johns .....	25
1613—Adams, Ethan .....	May 15, 1903....	Craftsmen .....	314
1614—Haase, Franklin T. ....	July 3, 1897....	Magnolia .....	220
1615—Wixer, Fred .....	May 13, 1903....	Tekamah .....	31
1616—Krueger, Henry H. ....	May 18, 1903....	Capitol .....	3
1617—Smith, J. D. Clair .....	June 5, 1903....	Hartington .....	155

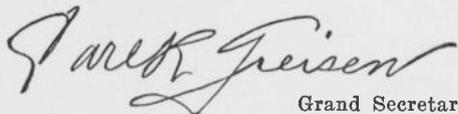
## RETURNS

Number of chartered Lodges last report .....		276
Number initiated during the year .....	1,884	
Number passed .....	1,723	
Number raised .....	1,853	
Number affiliated .....	281	
Number dual members .....	15	
Number reinstated .....	381	
Number gained by other causes .....	7	
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Total gross increase .....		2,537
Number demitted during the year .....	379	
Number deceased .....	695	
Number suspended .....	444	
Number expelled .....	6	
Number lost by other causes .....	5	
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Total Loss .....		1,529
Net gain for year ending December 31, 1952 .....		1,008
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1951 .....		43,279
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1952 .....		44,287

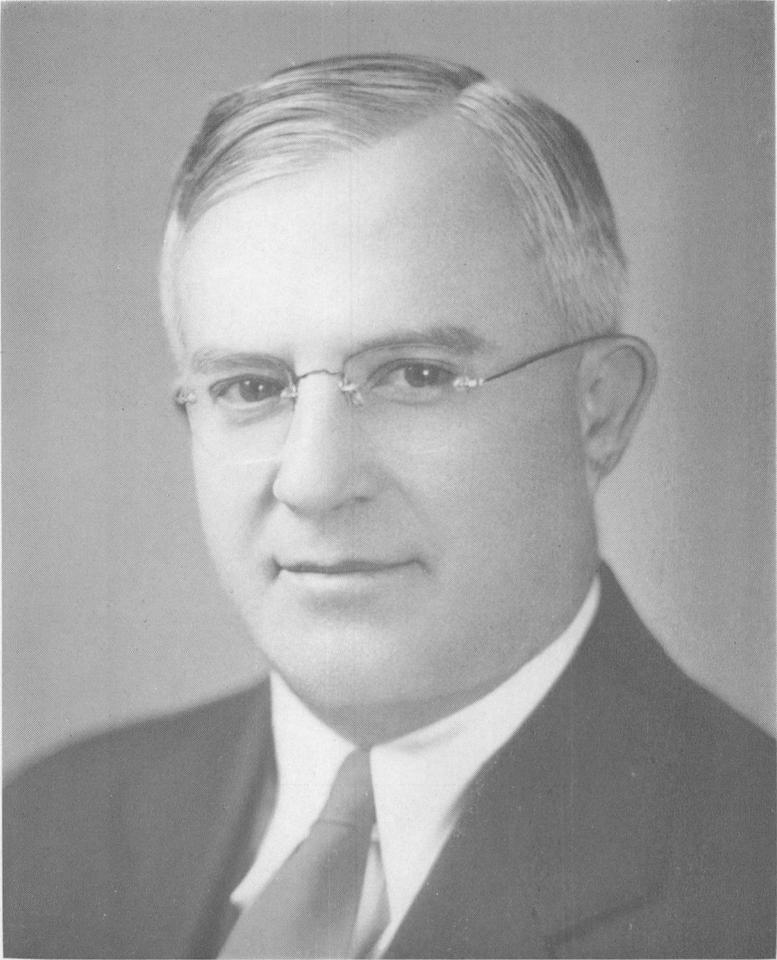
## LODGE MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

MEMBERS	NUMBER OF LODGES
Less than 50 .....	36
50 to 100 .....	124
100 to 200 .....	72
200 to 300 .....	15
300 to 400 .....	8
400 to 800 .....	10
900 to 999 .....	4
1,000 to 1,300 .....	5
Over 1,500 .....	1
Less than 200 .....	232
200 to 1,000 .....	37
Over 1000 .....	6

Fraternally yours,

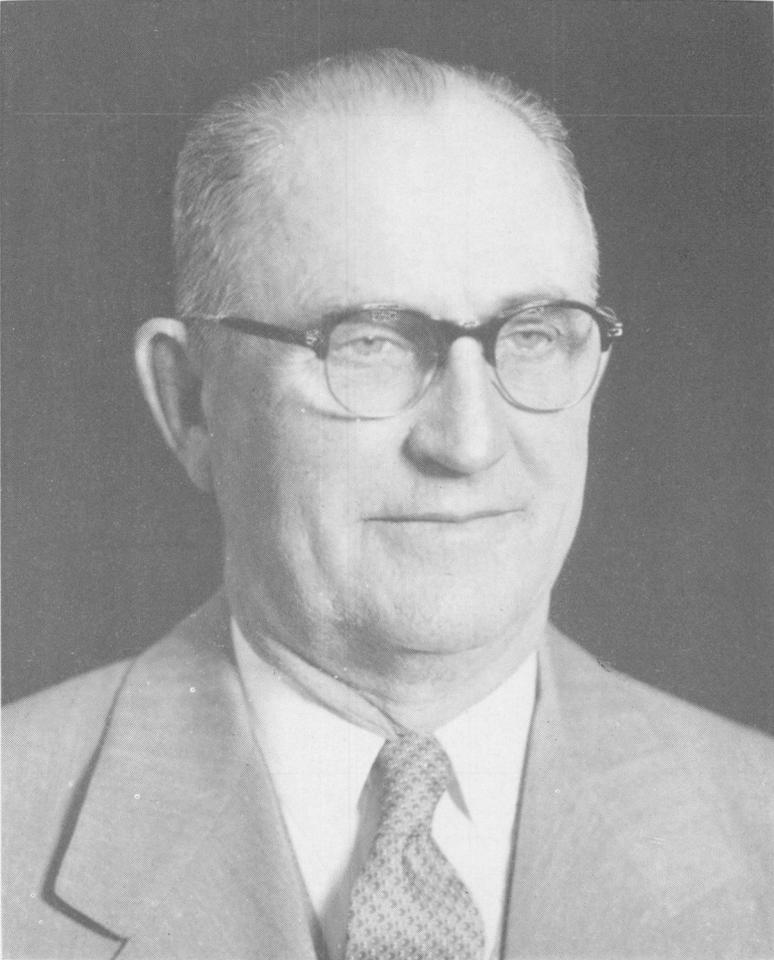


Grand Secretary



W. Arvene C. Eisenhart, Secretary of  
Culbertson Lodge No. 174 since 1921.

W. A. Brown, C. E. Smith, & J. H. Jones  
College Park, Md. 20742



W. Rudolph H. Jenny, Secretary  
of Hartington Lodge No. 155, since 1923



VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

James H. Bryant .....	Gavel No. 199 .....	47 years
George R. Porter .....	Covert No. 11 .....	36 years
Fred R. Haggart .....	St. Paul No. 82 .....	35 years
Archie A. Meek .....	Lotus No. 289 .....	34 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart .....	Culbertson No. 174 .....	33 years
Rudolph H. Jenny .....	Hartington No. 155 .....	31 years
Eldon B. Johnson .....	Fidelity No. 51 .....	28 years
Victor Seymour .....	Lancaster No. 54 .....	28 years
James A. Rose .....	Fairmont No. 48 .....	27 years
Siegfried L. Jacks .....	Purity No. 198 .....	27 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:**

The report of the Grand Custodian is fraternally submitted for this Masonic year.

### CENTRAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Participation and interest in our Central Schools again increased this year. There were 4,196 registrations from 221 constituent lodges at 19 schools. Because of the request of M. W. Edward M. Knight, Grand Master, that the Bi-Centennial Anniversary of the conferring of the Masonic degrees on our first President, George Washington, should be given a special place in the program of each Central School, a larger number of lodges were invited from greater distances than would normally have been done. I feel sure that this fact was responsible for the increased attendance and we were most happy that the Brethren took advantage of the opportunity to join in the celebration of this notable event.

The weather was not so favorable this year. The Central School at Victory Lodge No. 310, Valley, was cancelled except for the first morning session, because of the severe Thanksgiving day blizzard. Three other schools were adversely affected because of heavy rain storms.

Two or more of the Grand Lodge officers were in attendance at every School while the Grand Master or his personal representative was given an official reception into the host lodge.

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, was able to be present at many of these sessions and check the records of the lodges of the respective areas covered at Central Schools. It is his hope and mine that this will continue to be the manner of checking all records since it provides the opportunity of a personal discussion with secretaries of their problems and procedure.

The sincere thanks of this department of the Grand Lodge is fraternally extended to all who contributed in any way to the success of our Central School program. To the host lodges and the program talent furnished by them, to the Grand Lodge officers and members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education, and George Washington Masonic National Memorial, we say "thank you," sincerely.

### INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

We genuinely wish that it were possible for each Nebraska Lodge to be assigned an individual school every year. But because the appropriation given to us will not permit it, we try to assign schools where they are most needed or where certification is most possible and likely.

One hundred twenty of the schools assigned have been held. Four lodges were excused from holding schools for reasons deemed sufficient and proper.

We are enthusiastic over the results obtained from individual schools. It is here that officers of a lodge receive personal and individual attention and learn to combine their efforts as a "team." It is here that the beautiful and meaningful floor work of our ceremonies may be directed and explained. It is here that the basic perfection of esoteric work becomes familiar and well founded. The Central Schools then give opportunity to "Knock off The Rough Corners" and to polish the work to a higher degree of perfection.

#### THIS IS THE "PAY OFF" YEAR.

That our total program of promotion and promulgation is paying handsome dividends is evidenced by these results which have come after four years of increased activity:

1. Five hundred nineteen Nebraska Masons have been examined and given individual certificates of proficiency. This roll of certified Brethren has doubled in the last four years and now stands at an all time high.
2. Ninety-six Nebraska Lodges have been certified this Masonic year. This is the greatest number of lodges to be certified in any one year. It is a third of our total lodges.
3. Of this number, eleven lodges have received the first certificate in their history. Some of this number have accomplished a miracle. All have performed a herculean task in the light of the condition of work a few years back. The list of these lodges are as follows: Pawnee No. 23, Signet No. 193, Bassett No. 254, Golden Fleece No. 205, Boaz No. 185, Comet No. 229, Tekamah No. 31, Silver Cord No. 224, Atkinson No. 164, Jewel No. 149, and Wood Lake No. 221.

We congratulate the officers and members of these lodges. May your tribe increase and may your lodges continue to grace our certified list for all the years to come.

#### THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SILVER LINING

We wish we could close this report on this note of victory of Masonic accomplishment, but because there is another side to the picture and because there is a situation existing in a dozen lodges, with which this Grand Lodge will ultimately have to deal, unless some of the evils are corrected, we feel that in all fairness this situation should be brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge at this time.

There are about a dozen of our lodges that show no progress or even any interest in progress. The work that was done thirty years ago is considered plenty good enough today—and the same men that did it then are mostly still conferring degrees now. They do not want to

change a single word or peculiar ceremonial habit on the grounds that since they have always done it "that way," that it automatically became right and proper regardless of what the prescribed and accepted work of our jurisdiction is.

In these lodges, schools of instruction are tolerated as a necessary evil and under these circumstances, we are wasting our time and effort until such time as new officers and new blood will accept the responsibilities of the duties of their Masonic offices. In some of these lodges it has been many years since the officers of the lodges have conferred any degrees and have felt that the only effort necessary was to open and close, in their peculiar fashion. Each officer, after his appointment in line, is advanced regularly as a matter of course, without learning any of his work except his part in opening and closing. In some instances he may attend only two or three meetings a year. To him the lodge is perpetually at "refreshment". He accepts the honors and title of a Past Master without having the remotest conception of the beauties of Masonry or the greatness of the privilege and opportunity which has been his as Master of his lodge of dispensing light and instruction which is the duty of all men who become Masters. Some of these free-wheeling officers would not accept election or permit themselves any connection with a Masonic office if it were otherwise. Some would rather like to get into work but dare not offend the Brother, who, from long habit, has grown to consider that a particular part of the work is his exclusively.

Many thoughtful and sincere Brethren have talked and written to me about these conditions. They are concerned, as we all should be, about these few unhealthy situations. Some constructive suggestions have been made to correct these evils but they appear to be a bit severe until everything is done that can be done to bring these lodges and the officers to a full sense of their duties and responsibilities.

#### ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

We are most grateful that health and circumstances have permitted our entire group of Assistant Custodians to carry on their work in their usual efficient manner. These fine Brethren give generously of their time and talent. Without their outstanding Masonic contribution, the accomplishments of the last several years could not have been possible. I take this means of expressing my genuine and deep appreciation for their loyalty and devotion to Masonic principles.

#### APPRECIATION

To Grand Master M.'W.'Edward M. Knight I extend sincere thanks for his constant cooperation, his generosity, in giving so much of his time to our work. He has carried a certificate of proficiency for many years and knows the importance of doing good Masonic work.

To all the Grand Lodge Officers, and especially to Grand Secretary Greisen go the grateful thanks of everyone of us in this department.

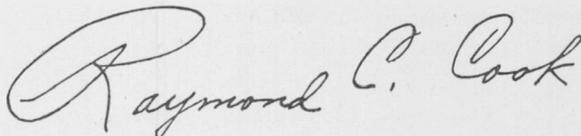
The thoughtful consideration and always available advice and cooperation will never be forgotten.

It has been a pleasure to work closely this year with the Committee on Masonic Education. I extend to Chairman W. Perry W. Phillips grateful thanks for a year of pleasant memories of a task well done.

To the Grand Lodge Committee on Work, I again wish to express my gratitude for the advice and counsel always available and for the courteous and fraternal manner in which this committee has related its functioning with this department of the Grand Lodge.

To my Nebraska Brethren, who have been so cooperative and zealous, may I say, on behalf of all the Assistant Custodians as well as myself, "thanks a million."

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 typed name.

Grand Custodian

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

W. Richard L. Wait, 19, Chairman, presented the report of 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. Edward M. Knight, Grand Master, under its designated heads be referred as follows:

**To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:**

The Section on "Necrology".

**To the Committee on Jurisprudence:**

The Section of "Gold Jordan Medal".

The Section on "Visitations to Nebraska Lodges".

The Section on "Omaha Home for Boys".

The Section on "Corner-stones and Dedications".

The Section on "The Nebraska Masonic Home".

The Section on "Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children."

The Section on "Special Dispensations and By-laws Approved."

The Section on "Applications for Reinstatement".

The Section on "High Twelve Clubs".

The Section on "Decisions".

The Section on "Jachin Lodge No. 146".

Recommendation No. 3.

**To the Grand Trustees, Committees on Jurisprudence and Finance:**

Recommendations No. 1 and No. 2.

**To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:**

The Section on "Visits to Other Jurisdictions".

The Section on "Affiliated Masonic Bodies".

The Section on "Grand Representatives Near Nebraska and Other Jurisdictions."

**To the Committee on Temple Building:**

The Section on "Temple Building Advisory Committee".

**To the Committee on Grievances:**

The Section on "Trial Commissions and Appeals".

**To the Committee on Work:**

The Section on "Grand Custodian".

**To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:**

The Section on "Geneva Lodge No. 79".

The Section on "Exeter Lodge No. 283".

The Section on "Charter Relocations and Special Dispensations".

To the Incoming Grand Master:

The Section on "Comprehensive Liability Insurance".

Careful scrutiny of the Grand Master's address certainly indicates that Masonry over Nebraska in general and over the nation as a whole has been very fortunate indeed to have had the services and careful guidance of M. W. Edward M. Knight and we shall ever be grateful to him indeed. To borrow a phrase from the Bible, "Well done, good and faithful servant".

#### 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 Fraternal Dead:

The Section on "Necrology".

To the Committee on Finance:

The Section on "Investments".

All financial statements of various accounts.

To the Committee on Returns:

The Section on "Returns".

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Section on "Grievances".

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Section 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 the usual excellent conditions to which we have been accustomed and that our Grand Secretary has performed the duties of his office, which are very weighty indeed, 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.

W. Brother Ray and his very worthy Assistants have worked diligently in the attempt to improve the ritualistic work and that the number of certificates of proficiency issued is the highest in our history attests to the fact that they have succeeded.

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

Fraternally submitted,

W. Richard L. Wait, 19, Chairman

W. Cyrus D. Sanders, 159

W. John V. Egli, 195

At this time M. W. Edward M. Knight, Grand Master, called on M. W. Hubert Glover, Grand Master of Colorado, and a native Nebraskan. Judge Glover spoke briefly, giving us some of the highlights of Masonry in Colorado.

The Grand Master announced that buses were now in front of the Temple awaiting to convey the Grand Lodge to The Nebraska Masonic Home for lunch.

At 11:45 a. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

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

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

M. W. William B. Wanner, 9, presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

M. W. William B. Wanner, 9, 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; with the exception that the Grand Lodge of Ireland has appointed a representative for Nebraska, thus healing the breach that has prevailed since January, 1950. We are happy to be in their good graces again.

During the past Masonic year your Committee has received only one new request for recognition: The Grand Lodge of the United States of Venezuela. There have been several letters from former applicants, reiterating their claims and requests, but to date, the above is the only new one received; and that during the latter days of May, giving no time for study. Earlier in the year, a nicely printed yearbook was sent us from Venezuela, illustrated with portraits of Grand Officers, etc., with the names of the officers of their 78 lodges. They are recognized

by 21 Grand Lodges in the United States, by England but not by Ireland or Scotland. They have five lodges U. D. at this time.

During the year reports have reached us regarding the serious difficulties confronting the Masons in Colombia. There are five Grand Lodges in this country. We have been in fraternal relation with the one in Barranquilla for a number of years and have an application on file from the Grand Lodge of Bogota. From our information, it appears that Columbia has been in the throes of a violent political controversy. A party dominated by a Spanish Facist group has seized control of the legislature. As a result, some 85% of the Colombian Masons have either fled from the country or gone underground. Some eighty prominent members, including the Grand Master of Bogota, are in prison. Some improvement in conditions has recently been noted and we hope for these brave brethren, that their condition may rapidly improve.

The trouble noted last year in the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo do not improve very much. The second Grand Lodge formed there has been forced to take another name, calling themselves the Grande Loja do Unida de Sao Paulo, thus making a distinction from the Grande Loja do Estado de Sao Paulo, which we recognized. The State of Sao Paulo is one of the most prosperous in South America. The City of Sao Paulo is a town of almost three million people, with a skyline resembling Chicago and with a vast building boom that shows no sign of abatement. This state has been a favorite location in Brazil for American business firms and many of our largest corporations have plants there. The seaport is Santos, thru which passes most of the coffee you drink. Some American jurisdictions have withdrawn recognition but at least for the present we recommend no change in our relations.

In the matter of the Grand Lodge of Israel, which some reviewers claim has again assumed the name of the Grand Lodge of Palestine, their first title, but which is not borne out by their letterhead, as of as late a date as April 22nd of this year; a serious and disturbing element has presented itself. Under date of March 31st, 1953, the Grand Lodge of Scotland has issued a circular promising support and recognition to the Grand Lodge of Israel; this Grand Lodge, however, being composed of ten Scottish lodges in that area, five of which are in the Israel or Jewish part of Palestine and established prior to 1932, the oldest being chartered in 1910. The ceremony of Erection and Consecration is to take place in the YMCA Hall in Jerusalem on the 20th of October of this year. We await developments with interest. This sort of problem is one of the toughest items that any Commission on Recognition has to face.

An interesting booklet was recently received giving a report of the activities of the Grand Master of Austria for 1952. He was busy; getting recognition from England, the most important job; arranging a Conference of European Grand Masters; constituting new lodges; instituting charitable programs; starting a library, etc. Their great trouble is that the present members are all of overage and the young men have to be taught what Masonry stands for.

The Grand Lodge of Egypt has seen fit to enter the field of politics and has sent out circulars asking Grand Lodges to pass resolutions condemning the British Government and demanding immediate evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone and the Sudan; and the repudiation of treaties. They promise that compliance would be written in letters of gold in the annals of a grateful country. So far as can be found, no Grand Lodge has accepted the appeal.

A Yearbook of 225 pages was received from the Grand Lodge of Chile. This book is profusely illustrated with pictures of Grand Officers and exterior and interior views of Temples and Lodge rooms, Past Grand Masters, etc. Take it all in all, from the looks of the gentlemen portrayed, outside of some who had a Spanish flavor, they appeared to be a high class group of citizens, very similar to those you would meet in any Masonic meeting in this country. Some of the lodge rooms are outstanding with beautiful decorations, while others are less ornate, as you might expect. We notice every lodge room has a checkered pavement.

Most committees on fraternal relations noted the Commission on Recognition formed by the Conference of Grand Masters of the United States at their meeting in 1952. There was the observation that great things were expected of this agency and a definite hope that we would have help and assistance in this very confusing and difficult matter of foreign recognition. The Commission during the past year, devoted most of their attention to the Mexican Grand Lodges of which there are nineteen, with the idea of solidifying our own continent first. Some definite progress was made along this line. A letter from the Secretary of the Commission states that it is his impression that a report will be issued during the coming year allowing every United States Jurisdiction to recognize any of the Mexican Grand Lodges now belonging to their Confederation, which has been in existence for a number of years, if they wish to do so. The Commission was continued for another year. The work of such a committee is of necessity a slow one, since there are many delicate problems to be solved. No one should expect a solution of many of them for years, perhaps, since the questions involved are many years old to start with. We sincerely pray their efforts may be productive and that their work will be supported by all. Thirty jurisdictions contributed this year to the support of the Commission, among them Nebraska.

Therefore, in view of the confused and difficult conditions in the world at present and the conflicting relations existing between various confederations, we recommend that all applications for recognition be continued for further study, without prejudice, until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

We may be overly cautious, but reading in the various reports of withdrawals of recognition; confusion in the minds of the various committees, we feel this is the only safe course to follow. Quoting from Nevada for instance, "The last two instances (where recognition had been withdrawn) show why we should be cautious in the future. We are

of the opinion that, due to world-wide tension, political instability, and in some instances, sudden changes in national or racial temperament, we deem it advisable not to be too hasty in our actions."

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES  
NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. W. Edward M. Knight, 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
Arkansas .....	Elmer E. Magee
Brazil, Ceara .....	George O. Sizemore
Brazil, Minas Gerais .....	Ernest E. James
Brazil, Rio De Janeiro .....	Cecil C. Gates
Brazil, Lodge of Paraiba .....	Benjamin F. Eyre
British Columbia .....	Thomas J. Aron
Canada .....	Edward F. Carter
Chile .....	Ralph O. Canaday
Colorado .....	Carl R. Greisen
Connecticut .....	Chancellor A. Phillips
Costa Rica .....	Frank A. Anderson
Cuba .....	Fay Smith
Delaware .....	Ross Van Sickle
Denmark .....	John S. Hedelund
Florida .....	Charles B. Nicodemus
Georgia .....	William F. Evers
Illinois .....	Ernest S. Schiefelbein
Indiana .....	Roy S. Planek
Kansas .....	Howard J. Hunter
Maryland .....	George A. Kurk
Massachusetts .....	William B. Wanner
Mexico .....	Earl J. Lee
Michigan .....	Lewis E. Smith
Minnesota .....	Merle M. Hale
Montana .....	Welcome W. Naylor
New Hampshire .....	Virgil R. Johnson
New Jersey .....	Wallace E. Linn
New York .....	George R. Porter
New Zealand .....	James H. Bryant
Nicaragua .....	Paul D. Fleming
North Dakota .....	Austin F. Whitmire
Nova Scotia .....	Jesse P. Entrekin
Oklahoma .....	Lewis E. Baker
Panama .....	Walter R. Raecke
Prince Edward Island .....	Donald C. Smith

Puerto Rico .....	Roy I. Babbitt
Quebec .....	Edwin D. Crites
Queensland .....	Edward Huwaldt
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 .....	Ernest O. Van Wey
Washington .....	Edward M. Knight
West Australia .....	Charles F. Adams
West Virginia .....	Alvin H. Miller
Wisconsin .....	Osborne P. Simon

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

I extend a very cordial greeting to you this morning. In our travels through the various jurisdictions we frequently meet the representatives of Nebraska near the jurisdiction in which we are visiting. Samuel S. DeHoff of New York made himself known when we visited the Grand Master's Conference in Washington, D. C. When we visited the Centennial of Oregon, last year, M. W. Clarence D. Phillips looked after us. It isn't often we have anything important, but when we do, we do have you as a group ready to serve. It is your duty to keep in touch with the jurisdiction you represent and we commend you to your duties and for the fine service you do.

The response was given by W. Paul D. Fleming, 93, Grand Representative of Nicaragua.

#### ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Edward M. Knight, 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 Fay Smith, 198,.....	Grand Master
Brother Charles F. Adams, 68,.....	Deputy Grand Master
Brother Herbert T. White, 11,.....	Grand Senior Warden
Brother Merle M. Hale, 54,.....	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 Herbert A. Ronin, 210,.....	Grand Orator

Brother Harold H. Thom, 1,.....Grand Historian  
 Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6,.....Grand Custodian  
 Brother Ralph R. Carleton, 306,.....Grand Marshal  
 Brother Roy I. Babbitt, 295,.....Grand Senior Deacon  
 Brother John E. Beaver, 253,.....Grand Junior Deacon  
 Brother James H. Bryant, 199,.....Grand Tyler

**GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES, 1953-1954**

**Codification of the Law:** Brothers Bernard R. Pipher, 31, Chairman; Milton P. Grosshans, 183, and Wilbur E. Allen, 316.

**Fraternal Dead:** W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, Chairman; Brother George F. Schell, 32, and W. Siegfried L. Jacks, 198.

**Foreign Correspondence:** R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; Brother D. Merrill Edgerly, Jr., 268.

**Relief and Care of Orphans:** M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1957), Chairman; W. Mahlon H. Morgan, 322 (1954); Otto Burkhardt, 55 (1955); Joseph M. Troxel, 184 (1956), and Alvin H. Miller, 19 (1958).

**Masonic Education:** W. Perry W. Phillips, 150, Chairman; Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33; Howard J. Hunter, 59; Floyd C. Wisner, 265. Ernest A. Gaither, 114.

**Nebraska Work:** M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201 (1955) Chairman; Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1956), and Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, (1954).

**Grand Trustees:** W. Robert D. Wilson, 268 (1954); Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1956) and M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1955).

**Grievances:** W. John F. Futcher, 302, Chairman; Brothers Richard C. Hallgren, 146, and Charley C. Talbot, 148.

**Temple Building Advisory:** W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman (1955); A. Victor Bryan, 263 (1956), and E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1954).

**George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association:** W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; Elmer P. Baruth, 323, and Silas A. Hanke, 195.

**Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund:** M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman; W. Lyle J. Bryant, 297, and Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.

**Applications for Reinstatement:** W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Robert J. McDermott, 281; Earl H. Furman, 290.

**GRAND LODGE SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Centennial:** W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Chairman, Harold H. Thom, 1; M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268; Edward M. Knight, 183; Fay Smith, 198, and R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.

**Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance:** Brother William F. Patterson, 25; Chairman; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.

## REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Deal which was followed by prayer from the altar by V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain.

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

There is no death, nor change, nor any ending,  
 Only a journey; and so many go  
 That we who stay at last discern the blending  
 Of the two roads, two breaths, two lives, and so  
 Come to the quiet knowledge that the dead  
 Are but ourselves made beautiful instead.

In this hour we pause to honor those members of our Order who during the past year have been called from their labors among us to the everlasting refreshment of Eternal Life; we pay tribute to those whom we have loved awhile, and lost again, and losing, realized the deep joy of brotherhood with them, the comfort of memory and the beauty of their service which neither time nor distance can dim. We mourn their departure and cherish their memories in our hearts. To their families and loved ones we extend our sympathy and fervently pray that they may be comforted.

What is this rest of death, sweet friend?  
 What is the rising up, and where?  
 I say, death is a lengthened prayer,  
 A longer night, a larger end.

There is no Death! What seems so is transition;  
 This life of mortal breath  
 Is but a suburb of the life elysian,  
 Whose portal we call Death.

During the year just passed official memorial cards have been received by the Grand Secretary from thirty-six Grand Lodges announcing the passing of certain of their Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Masters. The Scythe of Time has cut deeply into their ranks. Our sincerest expressions of condolence go to these jurisdictions where forty-one Past Grand Masters, one Deputy Grand Master, two Grand Senior Wardens, two Grand Secretaries, two Grand Treasurers, one Grand Chaplain, one Grand Orator and one Grand Historian have all laid down their working tools.

While it is not possible to note the names and accomplishments of each of these departed brethren, there is one instance which is so unique as to merit special mention. William L. Bush, Past Grand Master of Colorado, who died October 1, 1952, had been a Mason for almost sixty-eight years and had been a Past Grand Master for over fifty-nine years. His election as Grand Master of Colorado in 1893 at the age of thirty-three still stands as the record in Colorado for the youngest person ever

to hold that exalted office. We suspect that this is a record which few if any of the other Masonic jurisdictions can duplicate.

Also worthy of note is the fact that official memorials were received from the Grand Lodges of China, Costa Rica, Panama, the State of Rio Grande Do Sul in Brazil, and several of the Provinces of Canada. Certainly no more convincing evidence is needed to show the close relationship we bear to Masonic jurisdictions all over the world.

As we prayerfully pay loving tribute to those who have been summoned to the Land of Eternal Rest, we offer grateful thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe that the official line of this Grand Jurisdiction has been permitted to remain intact and that all of our beloved and respected Past Grand Masters have been spared to grace this session of the Grand Lodge with their presence and to lend their esteemed counsel to its deliberations.

Passing now to our own constituent lodges, it is with profound sorrow that we record the names of 695 brethren who have received their ready admission into the Celestial Lodge above during the past year. To those who were near and dear to them we express our heartfelt sympathy at their loss and the loss which Nebraska Masons have suffered. With our fond remembrances of them we entertain the sure and certain conviction that these beloved brethren have all passed to that Land where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest, the goal of all loyal and faithful Masons. We rejoice that this is so. Our hearts are full to overflowing with thankfulness for the opportunities which have been ours to associate with them and to learn the profound Masonic lessons which these faithful brethren have so ably carried forward in the true tradition of the Fraternity.

The poet caught a glimpse of our feeling on this occasion when he said:

Passed on, beyond our mortal vision,  
 But now the thought is robbed of gloom,  
 Within the Father's many mansions  
 Still dwelling in another room.  
 The ones whose going left us lonely  
 Are scaling heights undreamed of yore,  
 And guided by Love's unfolding,  
 Have gone upstairs and shut the door.

And another poet expressed these beautiful words of tribute:

Lovingly now, this tribute we've paid  
 To friends with whom we've walked awhile,  
 Our lives are richer for their friendship,  
 For the clasp of their hands and their friendly smile.  
 Now lifting our eyes from the sorrows of earth  
 Let us look beyond to the other shore,

And believe with hearts attuned by faith  
 We shall meet again to part no more.  
 For these friends who in Heaven dwell  
 Tenderly now we say, Farewell! Farewell!

M. W. Sir, we recommend the setting aside and suitable inscription of a page in our proceedings for our departed brethren; and may we suggest that you have the Grand Lodge stand in tribute to them and that you request the Grand Chaplain to offer a prayer for them and their loved ones at this time.

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

My brethren, the distinguished visitor we have from North Carolina will address us tonight. There is a particular part of his speech that he always likes to give in a tiled meeting. He also has a special duty to perform. I am going to give him a very formal introduction tonight at the banquet, and I am going to present him to you at this time to perform that duty and make whatever remarks he chooses. M. W. Brother Wallace E. Caldwell, Past Grand Master of North Carolina.

M. W. Wallace E. Caldwell :

I wish to extend to you M. W. Sir and to the brethren, the greetings of M. W. Edwin Turlington Howard, the Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina, and the 55,000 Masons of that Jurisdiction.

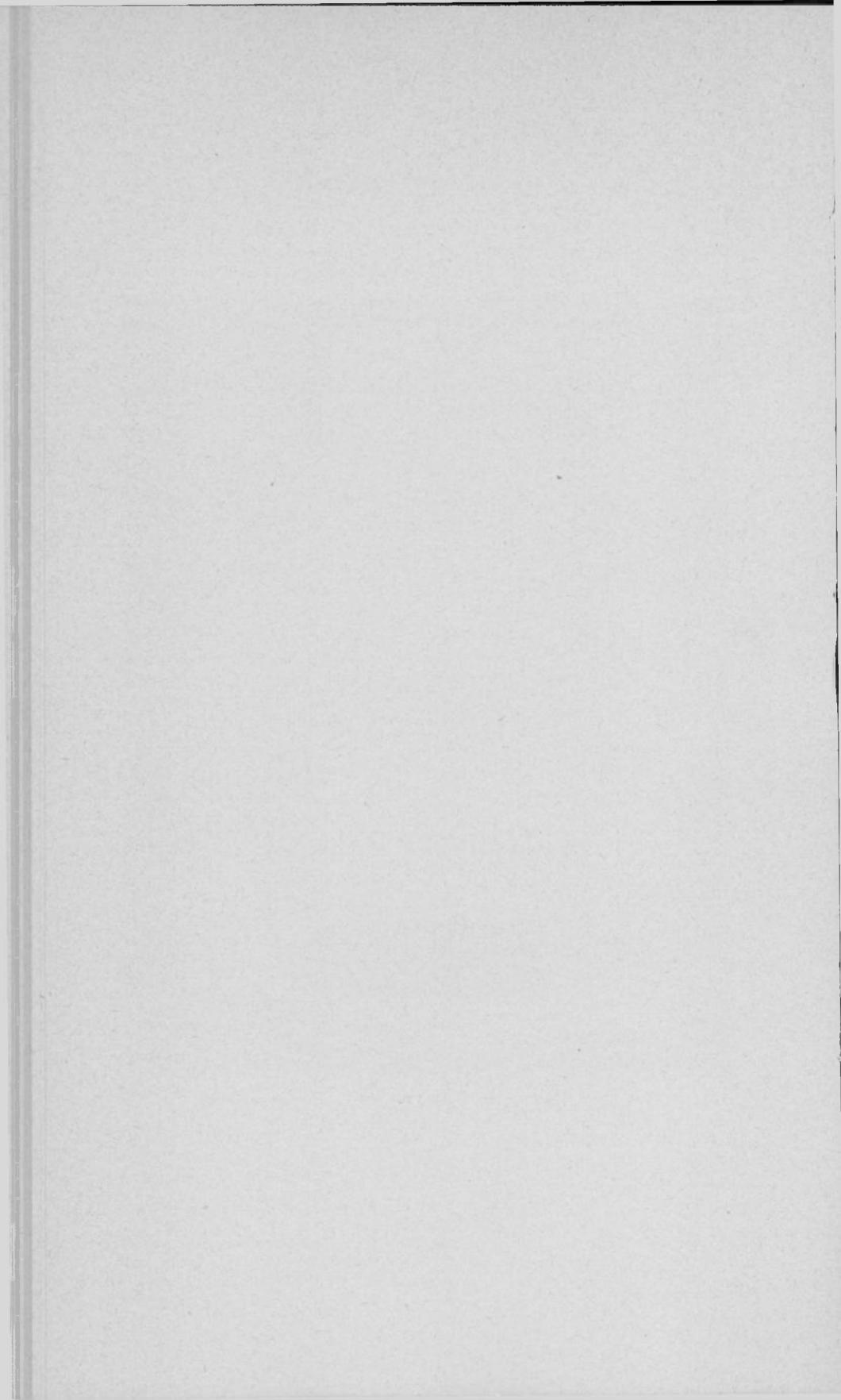
I stand here first, in a highly honored and honorable position, one which it is a great privilege and personal pleasure to accept and a duty to perform. I stand as Ambassador of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, as personal Representative of M. W. Brother Harry S. Truman, Past Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, and former President of the United States. My task requires perhaps just a few words of explanation. Words which, however, I think you will all know about anyway.

In ancient times, Craftsmen put marks on their stones as guaranteeing their work, probably on the basis of the stones as presented with their marks upon them they received their wages. To students of ancient structures these marks are very familiar. I have in my study at home, a picture of stones taken from a building erected in Jerusalem in the year 50 A. D., on which Masons' marks are so clearly represented that the Archeologist who found them and who was not a speculative Mason put in the caption below the picture, "Notice the Masons' marks."

A short time ago it became necessary to rebuild the White House. In the rebuilding the inside was torn out and the building was built practically anew on the inside. When they got into the foundations of the building, there were discovered stones bearing Masons' marks, indicating pretty definitely that those stones were laid by Master Masons, who in accordance with the tradition of the operative craft (they being however, Speculative Masons), placed their marks upon the



This stone was taken from the White House in 1950.



stones, in hopes the future generation might realize the extent which Masonry entered into the building of the President's residence symbolically to the building of the United States of America.

The question, "What to do with these stones," was presented to President Truman. He found there were sufficient number for distribution, and he turned not to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, but to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, that being the Supreme Body controlling Masonic activities in our National Capitol, and requested the District of Columbia to present one of these stones to each Grand Jurisdiction in the United States. On each occasion, some brother has been designated by the Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia as his personal ambassador and the ambassador of the Grand Lodge and Representative of M. W. Brother Truman. I have been given the honor, as I said, of being the one to present this stone to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Here is the stone, it bears here the Mason's Mark, and it bears an inscription, "Original White House material, removed in 1950." That is the stone, with it comes a letter.

To you, M. W. Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, it is my pleasure to present the stone and the letter framed, for suitable preservation.

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

M. W. Brother Caldwell, I do accept this stone from the White House as a permanent memento to go in our museum and this letter from M. W. Brother Truman, I accept on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. You report back to M. W. Brother Camalier our thanks and we are delighted that you were the one to present it to us. Thank you very much.

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 22, 1952

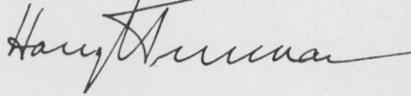
Most Worshipful Sir:

Through the good offices of an ambassador from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, which is Masonically supreme in the Capital of the Nation, I place in your hands a stone taken from the walls of The White House during its just-completed rebuilding.

A sufficient number of these stones, each with a Masonic symbol upon it, was discovered to give one to each Grand Lodge in the United States.

These evidences of the number of members of the Craft who built the President's official residence so intimately aligns Freemasonry with the formation and the founding of our Government that I believe your Grand Lodge will cherish this link between the Fraternity and the Government of the Nation, of which The White House is a symbol.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,



To the Most Worshipful Grand Master  
of the Grand Lodge of Free, Ancient  
& Accepted Masons,  
The Masonic Temple,  
Omaha,  
Nebraska.

The above letter and the stone were presented to the Grand Lodge, A.F.M. of Nebraska, by M.W. Wallace E. Caldwell, Past Grand Master of North Carolina, for and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, 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:**

Another Masonic year has passed and your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans is again called upon to provide you with a report of our activities during the interim of time this Grand Lodge has been at recess. A statement or a report such as this sounds very simple, wherein we provide you with a statistical tabulation of the number of cases handled and the related expense involved. We only wish that the report could be simplified to that extent. To provide a detailed report of our work, would take you from coast to coast and border to border. We will, therefore, endeavor to be brief and provide for you such information as may be of general interest, and of necessity pertinent to our work.

The Entered Apprentice practices the Rite of Destitution before he hears the beautiful words of the lecture descriptive of the three principal rounds of Jacob's ladder: "The greatest of these is Charity, for Faith is lost in sight, Hope ends in fruition, but Charity extends beyond the grave through the boundless realms of eternity."

John Wesley, that great Minister of the Gospel, expressed his regret that the Greek had not been correctly translated as Love instead of Charity, so that the Apostolic Triad of Virtues would have been, not "Faith, Hope and Charity", but "Faith, Hope and Love." Then we would have understood the comparison made by St. Paul the Apostle, when he said, "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and though I give my body to be burned, and have not Love, it profit me nothing."

Masonic giving to the destitute is not confined to alms. Putting a quarter in a brother's hand will hardly extend beyond the grave through the boundless realms of eternity.

Masonic Charity (Love) does include the giving of physical relief, individual Masons give it, the Lodge gives it, and the Grand Lodge gives it. But if charity began and ended with money, it would go but a little way. If the charity of Freemasonry meant only the giving of alms, it would long ago have given place to a hundred institutions better able to provide Relief.

The Charity taught in the Lodge is Charity of thought, Charity of giving self. The visit to the sick is true Masonic Charity. The Brother's hand laid upon a bowed shoulder in comfort and to give courage is Masonic Charity. The word of counsel to the fatherless, the tear dropped in sympathy with the widowed, the joyous letter of congratulation to a fortunate brother—all are Masonic Charity—and these, indeed, extend beyond the grave through the boundless realms of eternity.

What a magnificent Temple of Love is our Home at Plattsmouth. Beautiful beyond comparison, the residents, happy, contented, and administered to with thoughtful and loving care. We are grateful to those, who through their love, their prayers, their sacrifices, and may we say through their sweat and tears have made this House of Love available. Likewise, we cannot overlook or forget our Home for Children at Fremont. These two fine Homes typify our Masonic Love and Charity which will and does extend beyond the grave through the boundless realms of eternity.

Your Committee has granted relief to a number of emergency cases; cases calling for immediate help in small amounts of money. No new cases of continuing nature have been referred to us and three old cases have been terminated by death, and one by request.

The total disbursement from June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953 was \$4,693.67 representing an expenditure of ten cents plus per capita. We are grateful to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and to Tangier Temple of the Shrine, for their hearty co-operation, when the investigations required their assistance.

We are pleased to inform you that the Committee has a substantial balance left in the budget established by your Finance Committee.

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

A complete audit of all records and accounts maintained by this Committee for the past year has been made by George L. Greenfield, Certified Public Accountant, and his report is attached hereto and made a part of this record.

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

W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Temple Building, Advisory to the Grand Master, 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 past Grand Lodge year:

The number of cases coming to the attention of this Committee during the past year has been the greatest during the membership of any of its present Committee members.

This Committee again strongly recommends to officers of local lodges, to take a look at their own local situation, and, if they anticipate a building program or remodeling program in the near future, to begin now creating a building fund. The Master of the lodge should appoint a special committee of three or five members, headed by a real live-wire business man who can devote the time, and whose duty would be to devise and recommend ways and means to improve lodge conditions. If present income does not warrant setting aside money for a building fund, the committee should devise and suggest ways and means to do so. It is an easy matter to anticipate that some day some improvement will have to be made and the desire to have a better home.

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

"No Subordinate Lodge shall incur indebtedness to purchase, or construct, or remodel any building; nor shall any Subordinate Lodge purchase or subscribe for any stock, or shares, or interest, in any Temple Craft, or other building association, or corporation, without first obtaining the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master."

It is the practice of this Committee, in cases coming to our attention, where the element of time and distance is not greatly involved, to have a member of the Committee visit the local lodge to discuss their problems.

Your Committee reports, herewith, briefly on the following cases submitted for consideration. These reports are made primarily to acquaint and inform you with the problems of others and their solutions.

In July, 1949, Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Tekamah, commenced organizational work on a long-term improvement program. According to word from their chairman in December, 1952, their plans are progressing and the building fund is growing. They incorporated a Temple Craft Association.

October 3, 1952, Oak Leaf Lodge No. 312, Lynch, was granted permission to purchase a building to be remodeled and used as the future home of Oak Leaf Lodge. The recommended price of the building was \$1,200.00, of which one-half would be paid in cash, the remainder to be paid in installments over a short period of time, accruing interest at 5% on the unpaid balance.

January 14, 1953, we received a telephone call from Acacia Lodge No. 34 located at Schuyler, relative to inspection of the building they were interested in buying. The Committee was unable to make the trip at that time, but requested certain information which has not been furnished. Nothing further has developed.

January 22, Gilead Lodge No. 233 at Butte, has been without a lodge hall of their own since the owner took possession of the building they were occupying up to May, 1948. They have been holding lodge meetings at Spencer. The Lodge has purchased a building site, but as yet have not commenced actual construction.

January 27, Minatare Lodge No. 295 at Minatare asked permission to purchase a two-story brick building which could be purchased for \$7,500. A similar building constructed today would probably cost \$30,000. Since the building would have a rental income of \$1,500, the Committee recommended approval of the purchase of the building and incurring a debt in the full amount of \$7,500, loaned by a Mason of the lodge.

February 7, Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201 was granted permission to borrow \$800.00 from the local bank to complete remodeling of their business building front.

February 6, Recommended that Chester Lodge No. 298 be granted permission to borrow up to \$300.00 for remodeling of their lodge building. This lodge has an annual rental income of \$300.00.

February 16, Our Committee received a request from Wayne Lodge No. 120 at Wayne, for consent to bid on a business building in which their lodge is located, the building coming up for sale in the liquidation of an estate. The building is 60 years old and it is the opinion of a committee of three appointed by the Master of Wayne Lodge that they would have to bid \$20,000.00 for the building, and that all repairs necessary would amount to an additional \$5,500.00, making a total cost of over \$25,000.00. Present rental income is not sufficient on an investment of this size. The financing plan, as proposed, would require over 20 years for completion. Disapproval was recommended to the Grand Master, it being the opinion of this Committee, that if a lodge has to spend that sum of money, they should look toward construction of a new building, so that when it is fully paid they will still have a building good for many years, instead of one that will require constant repairs and upkeep.

February 23, a Committee representative met with members of North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln, regarding a proposed \$40,000.00 addition to their present business-lodge building.

February 25, Comet Lodge No. 229, Ceresco. In March, 1948, this Committee approved the purchase of a part of the business building in which the lodge was located. They paid, due to some pressure, \$4,500.00 for the building at that time, with a small debt incurred. The other half of the building suddenly became for sale in February of this year, and for self-guaranteed preservation, it was necessary to buy this other half, which could be bought for \$1,725.00, plus some back taxes. Since there was a small debt remaining from the original purchase, it became necessary to grant further permission for an additional debt of \$1,800.00, and, since the combined properties have a rental income of \$780.00 per year, all of which will be applied on their loans, this Committee recommended approval.

February 26, we received a communication from Lotus Lodge No. 289 at Ravenna, to the effect that a storm at that time practically wrecked their 60-year old building from further occupancy. A Committee went to work, and, while they had about \$2,750.00 on hand, the committee, plus the membership, raised enough new money in 30 days to secure the necessary funds to construct a new building without incurring any debt. They even found several prospects interested in the purchase of their old building. A mere example of what can be done when you have your back up against the wall. Our Committee naturally recommended approval.

March 23, Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, located at Bridgeport, was granted permission to proceed with construction of a new Masonic Temple, 36 x 90 feet to cost not exceeding \$7,000. Pledges were secured amounting to \$7,000.00 and, together with cash and U. S. Bonds on hand, supplied them with a sizeable working capital. The lodge was granted permission to incur a debt not exceeding \$4,000.00, if and when needed, to be amortized in full in not to exceed ten years. This seemingly low cost figure is due to donated material and labor, and also some material at cost.

March 25, Perkins Lodge No. 308, Grant, granted permission to construct a 40 x 110 foot one-story building estimated to cost not to exceed \$33,000.00. Under a plan of free labor and discount commitments on material, they expect the building to cost not more than \$25,000.00. Perkins Lodge is small in membership and, therefore, could not hope to pay off any sizable loan. At their request they were granted permission to proceed when sufficient funds were available so that the building would be debt free upon completion.

March 28, the Committee recommended approval to Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice, to proceed with the proposed sale of their present building and the erection of a new Masonic Temple, estimated to cost \$65,000.00. It was anticipated that no debt would be incurred, a very healthy situation, indeed.

April 22, On June 13, 1950, just three years ago, this Committee recommended approval to Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, at Valentine, to proceed with construction of their 37' x 90' brick and tile building to the extent of funds available at that time. It was the thought at that time that they might complete the building without incurring any debt by continuing solicitations among the membership, to the extent needed to complete the building. This plan did not materialize. Our Committee just recently was asked to consider a financing plan submitted to us, which involved not only extending a debt over a long period of time, but, also, involved what the Committee considers excessive dues for Blue Lodge Masons. The proposed plan was to issue \$25,000.00 in \$100.00 non-interest bearing certificates, which would become an outstanding obligation of the lodge, and also to raise their present dues from \$8.00 to \$14.00 per year, the \$6.00 increase to be placed in a fund for the ultimate retirement of the above-named certifi-

ates. The plan would require about 25 years for completion. Disapproval was recommended to the Grand Master, it being the opinion of this Committee that the plan was unsound and dangerous to the future welfare of the lodge.

May 9, Hebron Lodge No. 43, Hebron, was numbered among the unfortunate victims of the Hebron hurricane. Hebron Lodge owns a combined business and lodge building, of which the lodge hall portion was a complete loss, some damage to the business portion. Insurance policies in the amount of \$27,000.00 were paid off 100%, but this amount is not sufficient to rebuild; consequently a financing program will have to be inaugurated.

May 11, Committee represented at a meeting of the building committee of Fremont Lodge No. 15, regarding the possible construction of a new Masonic Temple and sale of their old business and lodge building.

May 28, In September, 1946, this Committee recommended the purchase of a business building by Utica Lodge No. 96, at Utica, which they transformed by combined labors of the membership into a fine Masonic hall. They have placed before our Committee again, a request to incur a debt in connection with improvement, which involve a new store front and also an improved stairway entrance. Action deferred for further information.

In closing this report, we wish to extend an invitation to officers of local lodges to visit with this Committee regarding building problems and associated financial problems. We would be happy to meet with any of the brethren during this Grand Lodge session.

### REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES

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

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

In the year ended on May 10, 1953, the interest and dividends received on bonds and stocks owned and the profit realized on such of these securities as were sold were as follows:

Interest and dividends received on bonds and stocks...	\$23,194.35
Profit on stocks sold .....	6,217.19
Total .....	\$29,411.54

The total amount of interest and dividends received on stocks and bonds during the year was equal to 4% of the total cost of all stocks and bonds owned on May 10, 1952. If computed upon the cost of the securities owned on May 10, 1953, the rate of return would be 3.77%.

In addition to the figures already given, the sum of \$340.00 was received in the year ended on May 10, 1953, as interest on farm mortgages.

The matter of prevailing interest rates is one of great importance in the production of income for a fund of this kind. Interest rates were quite low for a considerable period prior to the last couple of years and it is only recently that interest rates have moved up to their present level. In view of this situation various issues of common stock were purchased during the last three years. These were principally issues of public utilities, banks and insurance companies. The yield on these investments has been better than on fixed income issues such as bonds and preferred stocks and in addition substantial profits have been realized through the sale of various of such issues of common stocks in the period mentioned.

Quite recently the prevailing level of interest rates has moved upward rather rapidly. This, of course, has followed as a result of the increasing demands for money on the part of industry, superimposed upon the need on the part of the Federal Government for funds to refinance maturing bonds and to fill the gap created by deficit spending.

Our portfolio of investment still contains \$113,000.00 of United States bonds of Series "G" which were purchased during World War II and which bear interest at only 2½% per annum. These bonds were purchased primarily to assist in the war effort as the interest rate is rather low. This, however, has been a factor in holding down the average returns on the investment in stocks and bonds. Series "G" bonds mature 12 years from the date of issue but it will not be very long until they will become due and the proceeds can be reinvested at a more favorable rate of interest. \$15,000.00 worth of these bonds will mature in 1954, \$70,000.00 worth in 1955 and the remaining \$28,000.00 worth in 1956.

Last fall it appeared that prices of many public utility common stocks had reached such high level that it would be wise to sell various issues thereof and take the profits which had accumulated. It was thought that with the many conflicting factors influencing the national economy, that somewhat lower prices might very probably be expected by early summer of 1953. A number of such issues were accordingly sold and contributed to the profits mentioned earlier in this report. Many of these stocks could be repurchased today at less than they were sold for.

Not considering it wise to make new investments at the moment, \$100,000.00 worth of short-term U. S. Government Bonds bearing interest at 2% were purchased with the object in view of having such funds available without delay when better paying investments were to be had and during the interim of receiving interest although at the modest rate of 2%. \$75,000.00 worth of these bonds will become due on September 15, 1953, and \$25,000.00 worth in 1954 but these bonds are of such a type that they can be sold advantageously at any time before maturity if favorable opportunities present themselves to invest these funds safely and at a better rate of return.

All securities in this fund are paying interest or dividends regularly and promptly and all of the bonds are expected to be paid in full at maturity.

It is believed that the coming year will afford opportunities to secure somewhat higher interest rates on funds then available for investment and that this object can be achieved without undue risk.

Your Board of Grand Trustees continues to adhere to the policy of obtaining the best possible return on investments consistent with a due regard for the safety and preservation of the principal fund.

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES

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

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

Your Trustees have had under consideration the matter of adjusting the salaries of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian. The matter was presented to us by the Grand Master for our consideration and advice. After consultation and a good deal of consideration, your Grand Trustees recommend to the M. W. Grand Lodge that the salary of the Grand Secretary be fixed at \$6,000 and the salary of the Grand Custodian be fixed at \$4,500. In view of the responsibility and duties to be performed by these two officers of the Grand Lodge, your Committee feel this is a just and equitable salary for their services.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK

M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Work, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on the Work submits the following report:

1. With reference to the chapter on Degree Teams contained in the report of the Grand Master in 1951, and which was referred to this Committee and laid over until this annual communication of the Grand Lodge in 1953, we report and recommend as follows:

(a) Any subordinate lodge may properly confer degrees in full form, including the use of tuxedos, full dress or costumes; provided, First, that all work given, including the floor work, shall be in accordance with the Nebraska work as taught in this jurisdiction; and provided, Second, that the dress used shall meet the approval of the Grand Custodian.

(b) Your Committee further recommends that degree teams organized by outside organizations, including other Masonic bodies or groups, will not be permitted to confer degrees within this jurisdiction except when sponsored by and under the control of a regularly con-

stituted lodge of this grand jurisdiction. Degrees conferred in conformity with this paragraph of the report must also comply with the requirements of paragraph (a) hereof.

2. We approve the report of the Grand Custodian. That part of the report designated as "The Other Side of the Silver Lining" we respectfully refer to the incoming Grand Master for his consideration and determination. It is the function of the Grand Master, in our opinion, to enforce the laws of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction and not that of this Committee. We express our approval of the fine work done by the Grand Custodian and his Assistant Custodians. We are particularly grateful for the fine cooperation we have received from each and the willingness of all to fit themselves into the general program of this Committee.

3. The Committee has received occasional requests that we recommend changes in the monitorial and esoteric work of this jurisdiction. The Committee feels that such proposals should not be considered unless most conclusive reasons exist for so doing. We have no changes to propose at this session of the Grand Lodge. We point out that the function of this Committee is to preserve the work as adopted by this Grand Lodge. In the performance of this duty we think the recommendations for change should be conservatively treated and made only when a real necessity exists for so doing.

4. Your Committee feels that the Committee has made a contribution to the welfare of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. This has been made possible by the fine cooperation we have received from the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian. Each have kept within their respective spheres and at the same time integrated their functions to the attainment of a common good. Harmony has prevailed all to the great advantage of the Order. This is as it should be and we recommend it to you for your approval.

At 11:50 a. m. June 10, 1953, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 10, 1953

At 1:20 p. m., prior to calling the Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor, Brother Harry A. Johnson, a member of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, introduced his daughter, Miss Janet Johnson, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls for the state of Nebraska.

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

Brother Johnson, will you present your daughter to the East. On behalf of the Grand Lodge, I am very happy to present you Miss Johnson, representing the Order of Rainbow for Girls and welcome you to our Grand Lodge.

Miss Johnson :

M. W. Grand Master, and friends, I come to you today to represent the Order of Rainbow for Girls of Nebraska and to wish for you a very happy and successful session of this Grand Lodge. As a daughter of a Master Mason, and as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, I am ever mindful of the great Masonic fraternity and its efforts to promote the spirit of brotherly love, relief and truth. It was a Mason who organized and wrote the ritual for our beautiful Rainbow Order, and we shall never cease being grateful to all Masons everywhere, for their interest in the girlhood of our country. We invite you to attend our meetings at any time.

Week after next on Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27, our Grand Assembly is to be held in this very room. How proud we would be to see you all there. We are taught in Rainbow, that our lives are made richer, through love and service. Love and service to our country, to mankind and to God. Our girls have given of their time and their talent through service to others less fortunate than ourselves.

As Grand Worthy Advisor of the State of Nebraska, and on behalf of each Rainbow Girl, I count it a privilege to present to you this check for the Old People's Home at Plattsmouth, It is not words and numerals written upon a piece of paper, but it is love and service inscribed upon the heart of every girl who had a part in earning it. My heartiest good wishes and thanks to you all.

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

Worthy Grand Advisor, the applause, I think testifies what your most worthy sentiments have meant to the brethren here today in coming to them, explaining your Order, your ideals and at the same time making a contribution to a Home which to us, is very dear to our hearts. I wish for you and all girls of your wonderful Order utmost success, and I hope that our brethren of Nebraska will give you encouragement and attend the meetings to which you have just invited us. Thank you very much for coming and visiting us today. My brethren, I should have opened this I suppose in the presence of the young lady. It is a check for \$150.65 from the Grand Assembly, Order of the Rainbow, and represents work done by these girls, in their various projects. It represents a great deal to them and our appreciation is indeed great. I will turn it over to the Grand Secretary. Thank you.

ORATION

W. John R. Magyar, 240, Grand Orator, delivered the Oration.

## DUTY AND DEMOCRACY

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brethren of the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

It is a privilege to bring you this oration. When I became a Master Mason little did I dream that someday it would be my honor to address this body. At this time, M. W. Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, may I say, "thank you" for the privilege which has been mine in serving with you and the Grand Lodge in this appointment.

Now during the time that is allotted to me may I merely say at first that it is not my intention to set myself up as an authority on Masonry. It will be my purpose to remind all of us of certain truths since the fact of forgetting does come to us in the passing of time. Sometimes without even being aware of it we permit the light of knowledge to grow dim by the passage of time . . . , or, because we have not felt any particular need of traveling the highway of life by the light of Masonry which has been imparted to us in past years. Thus it is my hope that together we may find herein a new spark for the lamp of masonic living, perhaps, even a whole new wick for the old lamp, and that we may go forth from this Communication with a brighter light to hold before the world of men and nations.

Will you, therefore, think with me upon the subject of Duty and Democracy. For only as you and I as Masons retain a high and noble conception of what our duties are in relation to our fellowman can we hope to maintain the glorious democracy in which we and our fellow Masons live.

When first we entered a Masonic lodge we did so with varied and mixed emotions. We had high hopes that masonry would mean a great deal to us—and we also had high hopes of making a contribution in turn. There were some who entered the lodge with doubts and hesitancy as to what might happen, for they were 'kidded' by some prankster as to what would happen in the ritualistic work. Most of us, though, honestly came with high expectations of Masonry; and we were not disappointed. And as we stood before the altar of Masonry we were informed that we would not be required nor expected to do that which would in any way conflict with any of those exalted duties we owed to God, to our country or to our neighbor. Not once, but on three separate occasions were we reminded of the fact that we had exalted duties. Of course, we had those duties long before we entered the lodge, but after we were brought to light and instructed, they were revealed to us in a new light. These duties assumed a different hue. Yet it is with some regret we see those who wander from the pathway of Masonry, who do not have fellowship with the brethren. Once they aspired to work with us, but now, they walk in old paths.

Erroneously they assume that once having been raised to the degree of a Master Mason they know all there is to know about Masonry. Those who have labored long in Masonry know that none

can possibly acquire all the knowledge there is in Masonry. However, let us think kindly of such for theirs is the great loss; they are joiners; true Masons are builders.

For such brethren there are no duties to perform, no responsibilities to fulfill. Mackey in his great work has this to say relative to the duty of a Mason, "The duty of a Mason as an honest man is plain and easy. It requires of him honesty in contract, sincerity in affirming, simplicity in bargaining and faithfulness in performing. To sleep little, and study much, to say little and to think much, to learn that he may be able to do, and then do it earnestly and vigorously whatever the good of his fellows, his country and mankind requires."

Now I am aware of the fact that this word DUTY is a harsh word. It doesn't have the pleasant ring to the ear that some words might have that I could mention. From Masonic history we learn that our ancient Brethren had a very clear understanding of the duties that fell upon them. The ancient landmarks and customs bear ample testimony of this fact. Many good men are unable to enter our fraternity because of these landmarks and customs. The craft in the past excluded all those who could not for various and sundry reasons assume all of the duties and responsibilities as Master Masons.

Let us see who had the right idea. It may develop that the Masonic Fraternity has survived and grown to such vast dimensions because the craft of the past had this stern creed which put duty in its proper place. A soft creed of life and service breeds death.

Now a proper understanding of this word DUTY may be found in the romantic incident which took place as the Tanner sang his ballad to Robin Hood and his merry men. King Arthur sat in his royal hall with his knights. Into the hall walked a dame:

"Her nose was hooked, her eyes were bleared,  
Her locks were lank and white;  
Upon her chin there grew a beard,  
She was a gruesome sight."

She claimed that she was the victim of a foul disease from which she would be released if a Christian Knight would kiss her willingly three times upon the lips. King Arthur declined the knightly service; he was married. Lancelot's haughty pride kept him from fouling his mouth. Tristram had too weak a stomach. Kay was afraid that no lady would ever kiss him afterward. But Sir Keith, a youthful knight, offered to give her such relief as a Christian can! He kissed the fearful hag, once, twice, three times. "A wondrous change came in a thrice, and she was foul no more." Stanza after stanza celebrates the change: "Her cheeks grew red as any rose . . . her breath grew sweet as summer breeze . . . her filthy robes were changed to silk." Sir Keith knelt on one knee, kissed her robes, and begged to be her slave. The beauty was kind:

"She bent her down and kissed his brow,  
She kissed his lips and eyes.  
Quote she, "Thou art my Master now,  
My Lord, My Love, Arise."

Then Will Scarlett said the illuminating word: "It hath often seemed to me, that it hath a certain motive in it, even such as this: that a duty which seemeth to us sometimes ugly and harsh, when we do kiss it fairly upon the mouth, so to speak, is no such foul thing after all." But mind you, you must kiss the old hag fairly on the mouth.

If this word duty still sounds harsh to us as Masons, all we need to do is look around and notice the brethren to whom Masonry means a great deal. They are those who have served the Lodge faithfully in the past, they serve in the present, and if the Lord be willing, they will serve us well into the future. And for the most part they are the same men who recognize their duty to God, their country and to their fellowman. We see few such fall by the wayside, Masonically speaking, who have learned the significance of the duty that falls upon them.

Considering DUTY then in relation to DEMOCRACY—We ought first to have some idea just what Democracy is. It is not a political system nor is it a religion as might be said of communism—wherein the state is virtually worshipped. Democracy is you. It is you and your neighbor. Democracy is you and your neighbor and your neighbor's neighbor. It is this—no more and no less. Thus if we cannot see our duty in relation to our neighbor whom we can see, we can hardly be expected to recognize it on a larger scale. If you and I do not like the idea of being our brother's keeper, certainly we should not object to being our brother's brother. If only this idea would be put into practice the world would travel a long way in the direction of peace, happiness and the life before man in the ideal.

Somewhere I read the story of two brothers, both of them farmers, who lived on neighboring farms. One was a bachelor, the other married and had a family of four children. When they had finished their harvesting together and the wheat was all in shocks, they knew it had been a good year. As the bachelor brother sat at home one evening the thought came to him that his brother, with his family, really had a lot of expenses which he didn't have and he decided that during the night he would do something about it. He decided that he would carry some of his grain and set it up in his brother's field. That same night the thought came to the brother with the family as he considered his joy and richness in his family, that he was truly blessed. He mentioned this to the group and it was agreed by all that perhaps they could share with the bachelor brother some of their crop. Thus while the two brothers proceeded to the task of making the other happy—they began carrying sheaves from one field to another. While they were thus engaged the moon came up in all its splendor and shone upon the earth. In making a turn in the path adjoining the fields, the two men met—

each with bundles of grain in his arms. It is said that their joy was so great that they made a vow to build a temple to God on the spot as a memorial. Here they felt was the spot nearest to heaven. Thus it is ever when brethren recognize duty they owe one to another. Now if you and I do not like the idea of duty as expressed in meddling, and none of us do, then why not try sometime just being your brother's brother.

I assure you this is not being too academic as we think of being our brother's brother—for it does have a direct relation between men and nations. What is true of us as individuals is in this instance true of nations. Taussig tells the story of three brothers who passing through a forest came upon, not death, but death's brother, gold. It was a large chest of gold and they were too far from town to carry it. It was decided that one of the brothers should go back to town for a cart and some food while the other two stood guard. The youngest of the brothers was chosen to go.

As he returned to town he began to think how nice it would be if he could keep the gold for himself. So he began to make his plans accordingly. The two older brothers had similar thoughts, they too felt it was better to divide the gold only two ways instead of three. Plans were made to rid themselves of the younger brother.

Arriving in town the younger brother bought food and found a cart for hire. He immediately poisoned the food. When he came to his brothers they immediately killed him and cast his body to one side. Loading the gold on the cart first, and having completed the task they sat down to rest and refresh themselves with the food brought from town. Whereupon they too died and their bodies were found lying near the gold. If the nations, as well as individuals, do not learn the duty of behaving as a brother's brother we may all experience a similar fate. We have spent this time in thinking about our duty to our fellowman because it is only as we see our duty in this area of life that we can see it in relation to the larger sphere of Duty as seen in relation to Democracy.

Now Russia also calls herself a democracy. But we know that in terms of what democracy means to us Russia is not a democracy. The difference between us lies in the fact that Russia and other communistic nations lack the spiritual base upon which our way of life is established. Communism proclaims that all human rights are created by the state, and given to citizens by the state.

Therefore all citizens are answerable to the state. In contrast, we believe that man is endowed by his Creator with certain rights. The state does not give us our rights. Even though we speak of it being so. We rather have the state to make our rights secure. Behind each citizen we affirm there stands the Creator to whom each man is finally responsible.

In our Democracy we believe that because of this men will do certain things not because they are compelled by law, but because they require it of themselves. We believe that man is bound to God and to God he is responsible. Isn't this the basic tenet of Masonry? If a man will not respect God neither will he have regard for his fellowman. Morality is not a matter of legislation neither are human ethics. The problems of men and nations would be comparatively simple if they were matters for legislation. But life is not so simple. Man must practice self-discipline if he is to recognize his duty in every respect and then perform it. Life must be raised to a higher level because only so can democracy survive.

This discipline, this higher morality is the foundation of democracy. For only those who have learned to respect their fellowman and his rights can maintain democracy. Then every man will do his duty to God, his neighbor, and to his neighbor's neighbor. Now, is this a false assumption? We must admit that there is some evidence that this viewpoint is not shared by all. There are those in the world who no longer try to live by high and noble ideals. Corruption is evident in men of high positions. They have lost the sense of duty to others. Such persons need to be feared as much as the various "isms" that seek to undermine our country. The question remains: "Are the masses equal to democracy?" Perhaps not! But there is always the leaven, the groups with determination which will perform their duty, that will not shirk any task and thereby raise the level of all men.

Democracy rests in the belief that man is of considerable worth, also in his possibilities for growth and development as well as his capacity for self-direction. Thus it is required of the few that they not only do their duty, but by their efforts continually strive to lift their fellowman to a higher level that they, too, may see their duty and meet the requirements of Democracy.

We can make the importance of this more obvious by pointing out a few of the further differences between Democracy in America, and that which is proclaimed by communism. Communism rests on external authority while a democracy rests in a very real way, even as do our lodges, on the internal attitude or authority of the individual citizens. In one the authority is prominent and very powerful while in the other the idea is that the government is best which governs least. And this is possible only among a people who require less external authority because they have an internal authority based upon faith in God, they have a higher moral standard for they admit it has been set forth by the Divine Architect of human life. This inner-compulsion is a greater force within life than that which may be commanded by law. Communism rests upon the leadership of a strong man whereas Democracy rests upon strong character. In one the critic is liquidated; in the other he is permitted freedom of expression. Our only method of control is to have enough citizens who are willing to gladly live on such a high

plain that they can silence the critic by actions which speak louder than mere words. For democracy it must ever be remembered is a way of life and not a philosophy that we speak of now and then.

This is the place where the Masonic Fraternity rises to great heights. We are dedicated to lifting the standards of life morally and ethically. We are constantly reminded of our DUTY to GOD, to our Country, and, to our fellowman. Our ancient brethren had a stern creed of duty as they wrought first in stone and then upon the human mind and heart. Today Freemasonry is dedicated not to labors of marble, or stone but to the task of carving human hearts in designs of beauty, the opening of the stained glass windows of the soul to the light of God, and to the teachings that will tile the roof of man's outlook on life giving him a glimpse of the starry decked heavens, where the Supreme Architect displays His handiwork.

As we go about our labors brethren, let us have this thought in mind, that my duty and your duty lies in the fact that we aid each other in achieving that character which is grand, which is true, which is loyal to its convictions. That man has a definite place in the designs of the God. To Him as good men and Masons we have a duty which we cannot neglect if we would see and recognize our duty to our fellowman. Thus if we have great convictions of God and be true to them our Democracy will long survive and grow. Bear in mind brethren that the initials of the United States also spell "US" and we are America.

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

Thank you, W. Brother Magyar.

R. W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Senior Warden:

M. W. Grand Master I move that the thanks and appreciation of this Grand Lodge be extended to our Grand Orator for his inspiring and challenging address, for his service to the Craft throughout this Masonic year. I know that he has been very unselfish in his efforts to serve the Grand Lodge, he has delivered many splendid orations at Masonic occasions, and I think he is entitled to a formal expression of our appreciation.

Seconded and carried by a rising vote with applause.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The following proposed amendment signed by six members of the Grand Lodge was read by the Grand Secretary, who moved that it be received and laid over until the 97th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in June, 1954. Motion seconded and carried.

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

The undersigned, in accordance with Section 1-502 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, propose that Section 2-904 of said By-laws be amended substantially as hereinafter quoted, and the undersigned duly move and second the adoption by this Grand Lodge of said proposed amendment, substantially in the following form:

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

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Thomas J. Aron, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, 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 Jurisprudence has carefully considered all matters referred to it and is pleased to submit the following report:

1. We approve the actions of the Grand Master as detailed in the section of his address entitled, "Gold Jordan Medal." (Adopted)
2. We commend the Grand Master for his many visitations to Nebraska lodges and approve that section of his address. (Adopted)
3. We approve the section entitled "Omaha Home for Boys." (Adopted)
4. We approve the section on "Corner-stones and Dedications." (Adopted)
5. We approve the section on "The Nebraska Masonic Home." (Adopted)
6. We approve the section on "Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children." (Adopted)
7. We approve the section on "Special Dispensations and By-Laws Approved," with the following exceptions; a dispensation was issued to Oshkosh Lodge No. 286 at Oshkosh to permit the conferring of the Master's degree on a Fellow Craft Mason without regard to time or proficiency. The brother was moving to another state and the lodge wished to confer the degree before he left. The Jurisprudence Committee

believes that this brother could have received his Master's degree by request in an Oklahoma lodge or could have returned to Oshkosh at a future time to receive it. We believe that this action taken though within the Grand Master's power, was in violation of the spirit of Sec. 2-914 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge which says, "No Entered Apprentice Mason or Fellow Craft Mason shall receive the next degree sooner than on the 28th day after he received the preceding degree." We believe that except in cases of candidates in the Armed Forces, the granting of such dispensations should be limited to extreme and unusual emergencies. (Adopted)

8. We approve the section on "Applications for Reinstatement." (Adopted)

9. We approve the section on "High Twelve Clubs." (Adopted)

10. We approve the last paragraph of the section on "Trial Commissions and Appeals." (Adopted)

11. We approve Decision Number 1. (Adopted)

12. We approve Decision Number 2. (Adopted)

13. Since Decision Number 3 does not contain enough evidence of the applicant's intent for the Jurisprudence Committee to form an opinion and since additional information is not presently available, we neither approve nor disapprove of the Grand Masters' decision, but recommend that the matter be referred to the incoming Grand Matser. (Adopted)

14. We approve Decision Number 4. (Adopted)

15. We approve Decision Number 5. (Adopted)

16. We approve Recommendation Number 1. (Adopted)

17. We approve Recommendation Number 2. (Adopted)

18. Since no objections are on file from Omaha lodges, we approve Recommendation Number 3 (Adopted)

19. In the address of the Grand Master in 1952, it was proposed that Sec. 2-304 of the Masonic Code relating to vacancies be amended. This matter was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, who, after considerable discussion, asked that the matter be laid over for one year to allow further study.

Your Committee now submits the following recommendation to the Grand Lodge:

We recommend that Sec. 2-304 of the Masonic Code be repealed and in its place the following be adopted:

Sec. 2-304—Vacancies—An installed officer cannot resign or demit; if absent, the Master shall fill the office by temporary appointment from meeting to meeting. The arrest of the jewel of an officer does not vacate the office. The expulsion or suspension of an officer vacates his office. An officer-elect who has accepted shall not be deemed to have refused the office by reason of absence from installation.

In the event of the death, expulsion or suspension of a secretary or treasurer the lodge may elect and install a successor for the remainder of the term, without dispensation.

R. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Junior Warden, moved to amend the last paragraph to read as follows:

"In the event of death, expulsion or suspension of a secretary or treasurer, the lodge SHALL elect and install a successor for the remainder of the term, without dispensation."

The motion was lost for want of a second.

20. Your Jurisprudence Committee has carefully considered the ruling of the Grand Master in 1951 relating to High Twelve Clubs and believe that a strict interpretation of Sec. 3-102 subsection (n) does make members of High Twelve and other similar clubs subject to Masonic discipline.

We, therefore, approve the ruling of the Grand Master in 1951 relative to this section of the Code.

However, since we believe that it was not the intent of the Grand Lodge to apply this section of the code to social groups or luncheon clubs, we recommend that Sec. 3-102 subsection (n) of the code be repealed and in its place the following be adopted:

Amend Sec. 3-102, n, by striking the word "or" preceding the words, "the National Sojourners" and adding at the end of the paragraph the words, "the Past Grand Masters Association, or to organizations now in existence which do not require the taking of any obligation and which do not have any secret ritual or ceremony."

so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 3-102, n, "making application to, or joining, 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, provided that this inhibition shall not apply to 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, the National Sojourners, the Past Grand Masters Association, or to organizations now in existence which do not require the taking of any obligation and which do not have any secret ritual or ceremony." (Adopted)

## 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. 29, 49, 86, 101, 103, 108, 111, 130, 138, 139, 140, 147, 149, 160, 161, 165, 168, 176, 191, 194, 206, 207, 208, 211, 212, 216, 220, 222, 225, 228, 232, 234, 235, 239, 243, 247, 257, 267, 273, 274, 275, 278, 279, 282, 287, 298, 299, 324.

Total number of lodges 275, number not represented 48. Lodges not represented for the last two Annual Communications are Nos. 49, 101, 111, 138, 160, 220, 257, 278. Lodges not represented for the last three communications are Nos. 49 and 278.

### GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183	Grand Master
R. W. Fay Smith, 198	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Charles F. Adams, 68	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Herbert T. White, 11	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32	Grand Secretary
V. W. Thomas A. Barton, 210	Grand Chaplain
W. Harold H. Thom, 1	Grand Historian
W. John A. Magyar, 240	Grand Orator
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6	Grand Custodian
W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Grand Marshal
W. Merle M. Hale, 54	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Roy I. Babbitt, 265	Grand Junior Deacon
W. James H. Bryant, 199	Grand Tyler

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

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska .....No. 1	George F. Spencer..	Donald F. Paffenrath .....	.....
Western Star.. " 2	.....	Neils C. Madsen ...	.....
Capitol ..... " 3	*Carl A. Milius .....	*William Van Kroge, Jr. ....	*William Tegtmeier.
Nemaha Valley " 4	*J. Adolf Wensein..	*J. Adolf Wensein..	*J. Adolf Wensein...
Omadi ..... " 5	Willard A. Sides ...	*Charles H. Fuerston .....	.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	Marion Reed .....	Leslie J. Hutchinson	Maynard Ramege ...
Falls City..... " 9	H. Wendell Miller..	Robert A. Goodale..	Garth W. Poteet....
Solomon ..... " 10	George A. Rohwer..	Gordon D. Clausen..	Richard S. Wilson..
Covert ..... " 11	Charles O. Baker...	Don L. McCoy.....	William L. Hopson.
Orient ..... " 13	*Willard I. Lewis, Jr.	.....	.....
Peru ..... " 14	Haney D. Melstead.	.....	Everett Heywood..
Fremont ..... " 15	William E. Welstead, Jr. ....	W. Beltrand Kolbo.	Arnold E. Mains ...
Tecumseh ..... " 17	Keith Campbell ...	.....	.....
Lincoln ..... " 19	Richard L. Wait ...	Burrell R. Dunn ...	*Howard E. Nessler
Washington .. " 21	Phillip S. Moore ...	.....	.....
Pawnee ..... " 23	H. Reed Dusenbery.	Ralph I. Berry .....	.....
Saint Johns... " 25	Hal J. Samuel .....	.....	*Harry M. Green ...
Beatrice ..... " 26	Erland J. Lewis .....	.....	.....
Jordan ..... " 27	Donald Starr .....	.....	*William H. Hasebrock .....
Hope ..... " 29	.....	.....	.....
Blue River.... " 30	Clifford C. Fieselman .....	Keith D. Boshart...	*Chris P. Helm .....
Tekamah ..... " 31	Charles McDonald..	.....	.....
Platte Valley.. " 32	Robert L. Murphy .	George F. Schell ...	*Russell S. Keep....
Ashlar ..... " 33	Benjamin D. Wood.	*Robert W. Boon...	*Darrell J. Wood....
Acacia ..... " 34	Emil E. Kindra....	Forrest Pulver ...	.....
Fairbury ..... " 35	Wayne Swartz .....	Donald W. Larkins.	.....
Lone Tree.... " 36	Dean E. Eckhoff...	Charles H. Phares..	Billy O. Green .....
Crete ..... " 37	*John J. Kubes, Jr..	Leonard W. Stewart	*John J. Kubes, Jr..
Oliver ..... " 38	*Howard N. Colman.	.....	.....
Papillion ..... " 39	*Fred R. Lamb.....	*Fred R. Lamb.....	*Fred R. Lamb.....
Humboldt .... " 40	Robert A. Chamberlain .....	Albert W. Watsek..	*Henry J. Kroese ...
Northern Light " 41	.....	Fred Hansen .....	*Samuel Cushing ...
Hebron ..... " 43	*Francis O. Woodward .....	.....	.....
Harvard ..... " 44	Clayton England ...	*James E. Foster....	.....
Rob Morris ... " 46	*Russell H. Jones...	*Clyde W. Frank....	Kenneth G. Bieck ..
Fairmont ..... " 48	*Leslie E. Miles, Jr.	Norris L. Rusmisell	.....
		*Leslie E. Miles, Jr.	*Leslie E. Miles, Jr..

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Evening Star No. 49	.....	.....	.....
Hastings ..... " 50	Floyd J. Nelson ....	*Paul Pierce .....	J. Edward Fisher ..
Fidelity ..... " 51	Edgar V. Thomas..	*Roy D. Welte .....	*Glenn M. Armogost.
Hiram ..... " 52	Ralph E. Clausen..	.....	.....
Charity ..... " 53	Frank E. Morhart..	*Phillip F. Traut .....	*Frank E. Morhart ..
Lancaster ..... " 54	Joseph F. Brown ..	Vern D. Carey .....	*Alfred B. Gorman ..
Mosaic ..... " 55	*Maurice P. Pederson	Robert L. Benson ..	.....
York ..... " 56	Charles F. Flick- inger .....	*Donald H. Jones....	.....
Mount Moriah . " 57	Donald E. Slosson..	James C. Lowson ..	*Loron W. Chandler.
Wahoo ..... " 59	John K. Schultz....	Paul Rood .....	*Edwin R. Levin ....
Melrose ..... " 60	.....	Thomas B. Oldham ..	.....
Thistle ..... " 61	Delbert W. Carroll.	*Robert L. Snyder ..	.....
Keystone ..... " 62	F. Dale Heinzman..	Paul R. Weber .....	.....
Blue Valley ... " 64	Eugene C. Zajicek..	.....	.....
Osceola ..... " 65	Harold L. Jones....	.....	.....
Edgar ..... " 67	*Arthur Scism .....	*Arthur Scism .....	*Arthur Scism .....
Aurora ..... " 68	Irvin L. Peterson ..	Wayne E. Nordstrom	.....
Sterling ..... " 70	H. Dale Park .....	.....	William H. Husing.
Trowel ..... " 71	Max E. McGee .....	.....	.....
Hooper ..... " 72	Lawrence H. Hunte- man .....	.....	Norris W. Lallman.
Friend ..... " 73	Carl O. Lyle .....	Ralph Samuelson ..	*Anzie M. McBride .
Alexandria ... " 74	Dale L. Ross .....	*Warren J. Chase ...	*Elmer K. Wolfe ...
Frank Welch .. " 75	Ralph W. Gentle ...	*Ralph W. Gentle ...	*William P. Acker- man .....
Nelson ..... " 77	*Harry R. Follmer ..	.....	.....
Albion ..... " 78	*Albert N. Lamb ..	.....	.....
Geneva ..... " 79	John R. Bixby .....	Ansel T. Maw .....	.....
Composite ... " 81	Herbert D. Tread- way .....	.....	*Pearl C. Hillegass..
Saint Paul ... " 82	.....	.....	Raymond A. Forbes
Corinthian ... " 83	Walter L. Moller ...	Roy S. Wiggains ..	Mark E. Williams ..
Fairfield ..... " 84	*Warren M. Wilson..	Frank C. Fisher .....	.....
Doniphan ..... " 86	.....	.....	.....
Ionie ..... " 87	George Skokan .....	Floyd Hildreth .....	Fulton Olson .....
3star ..... " 88	.....	*Harold Hale .....	.....
Cedar River... " 89	Forrest G. Leininger	.....	.....
Oakland ..... " 91	Harry L. Scheffell..	William R. Larson..	James A. Sears ....
Beaver City... " 93	*Paul D. Fleming ...	.....	.....
Bennett ..... " 94	*Arch H. Church ...	.....	.....
Garfield ..... " 95	*Lloyd G. Gillespie..	*Lloyd G. Gillespie..	.....
Utica ..... " 96	Loren L. McNeil ...	.....	.....

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Euclid .....No. 97	*F. DeForest Philpot	.....	.....
Republican ... " 98	*Lennie E. Workman	*Louie L. Kammerer.	.....
Shelton ..... " 99	.....	Harold Liggett .....	.....
Creighton .... " 100	Gerald H. Langhorst	*Norman D. Neal ...	*Gordon N. Watkins.
Ponca ..... " 101	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo ..... " 102	Ernest R. King .....	.....	.....
Ord ..... " 103	.....	.....	.....
Wymore ..... " 104	Gerald L. Werner...	.....	.....
Stella ..... " 105	Merrill T. Banks...	.....	.....
Porter ..... " 106	Floyd H. Dunker...	.....	.....
Table Rock... " 108	.....	.....	.....
Pomegranate .. " 110	Jesse H. Campbell..	.....	Frank M. Thompson
DeWitt ..... " 111	.....	.....	.....
Springfield ... " 112	.....	.....	*Glenn F. McCamley.
Globe ..... " 113	Arvin V. Reeves .....	.....	.....
Wisner ..... " 114	Francis C. Lorensen	*Carl H. Freese .....	*Raymond A. Jensen.
Harlan ..... " 116	John L. Hardin....	Allen W. Parker ...	.....
Hardy ..... " 117	Herbert O. Pedersen	.....	.....
North Bend... " 119	Marvin Otte .....	.....	.....
Wayne ..... " 120	Howard W. H. Witt	Fred Denkinger ...	*Walter S. Bresslar .
Superior ..... " 121	C. Lester Aldrich...	.....	George F. Day .....
Auburn ..... " 124	*Harry E. Weakley..	.....	.....
Mount Nebo ... " 125	Clinton C. Jurgensen	Keith D. Wheeler..	.....
Stromsburg ... " 126	Matthew H. Peterson .....	Forrest F. Berggren	.....
Minden ..... " 127	*Charles A. Chappell.	.....	.....
Guide Rock... " 128	Earl W. Carpenter.	*Richard L. Ely ...	*Dean Hunter .....
Blue Hill..... " 129	*Otto Jicha .....	*Otto Jicha .....	Otto Jicha .....
Tusean ..... " 130	.....	.....	.....
Scribner ..... " 132	Carroll W. Maynard	Ralph Fuerst .....	Neal C. Johnson ...
Elm Creek .... " 133	.....	Fred W. Richael ...	.....
Solar ..... " 134	Frank K. Betts .....	*Herbert L. Wurtz..	.....
McCook ..... " 135	Glenn V. Myers .....	*Leonard E. Hanford	James W. White ...
Long Pine .... " 136	*Charles M. Frederick	*William C. Smith, Sr.	*William C. Smith, Sr. ....
Upright ..... " 137	Elmer Rinne .....	.....	.....
Rawalt ..... " 138	.....	.....	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	.....	.....	.....
Western ..... " 140	.....	.....	.....
Crescent ..... " 143	*Thomas G. McBride	.....	.....
Kenesaw ..... " 144	*Rezin G. Bennett ..	.....	.....
Bancroft ..... " 145	Gerald J. Havekost.	Hiram K. Richard- son .....	*Lawrence H. Preston

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Jachin .....No. 146	*Carl E. Hallgren....	Richard C. Hallgren	.....
Siloam ..... " 147	.....	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford" 148	Henry J. Dean .....	.....	.....
Jewel ..... " 149	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge .... " 150	Gerald W. Johnston.	*Gerald W. Johnston	*Gerald W. Johnston.
Square ..... " 151	John D. Gerdes ....	.....	.....
Evergreen .... " 153	*Homer F. Birch ...	.....	.....
Lily ..... " 154	Kenneth W. Mosier.	*Roy J. Lonsdale ...	.....
Hartington ... " 155	.....	Vernon C. Nelson ..	.....
Pythagoras ... " 156	.....	James H. Pruden ..	.....
Valley ..... " 157	Clarence J. Treat ..	.....	.....
Samaritan .... " 158	Richard Schmechel .	*Warren D. Lichty ..	*Richard Schmechel.
Ogalalla ..... " 159	Cyrus D. Sanders ..	.....	.....
Zeredatha .... " 160	.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion ... " 161	.....	.....	.....
Trestle Board.. " 162	Kenneth Williamson	M. Allen Casey ....	.....
Unity ..... " 163	Walter O. Marolf..	.....	.....
Atkinson ..... " 164	*Carroll C. Raymer..	.....	.....
Barneston .... " 165	.....	.....	.....
Mystic Tie .... " 166	*Roy R. Barkdoll ...	*George O. Mills ....	.....
Elwood ..... " 167	Ray C. Griffin ....	.....	.....
Curtis ..... " 168	.....	.....	.....
Amity ..... " 169	Floyd A. Lincoln..	.....	.....
Mason City ... " 170	*Chester A. Lamb ..	.....	.....
Merna ..... " 171	Edwin E. Butterfield	.....	.....
Robert Burns.. " 173	Charles H. Conner..	*Lester E. Spears...	*Clyde H. Jones ....
Culbertson ... " 174	Mainard C. Wertz..	*Mainard C. Wertz..	*Maynard C. Wertz..
Temple ..... " 175	Benjamin F. Cox, Jr.	*Roy M. McFerran..	.....
Gladstone .... " 176	.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs... " 177	Charles R. Marcy..	*Donald R. Arm- strong .....	*Joseph D. Olson ...
Prudence ..... " 179	Harvey G. Walden..	*C. Rene Huffman..	*Carl C. Hansen....
Justice ..... " 180	Hubert E. Dyke....	.....	.....
Faith ..... " 181	E. Berlyn Johnson..	.....	.....
Alliance ..... " 183	Ehm J. Sorensen ...	*Reuben E. Knight..	*James W. Keebaugh
Bee Hive ..... " 184	Orville B. Hathaway	*Nathan H. Hale, Sr.	Kenneth E. Ryan..
Boaz ..... " 185	*Clyde A. Weyeneth.	*Clyde A. Weyeneth.	*Clyde A. Weyeneth.
Israel ..... " 187	Carl E. Diers.....	*Allan W. Withers..	.....
Meridian ..... " 188	Kenneth R. Muirhead .....	Edd Robinson .....	.....
Granite ..... " 189	.....	*Jay Thompson .....	.....
Amethyst ..... " 190	Charles W. Dryery..	.....	.....
Crystal ..... " 191	.....	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Minnekadusa No. 192	*Delbert V. Clark...	.....	.....
Signet ..... " 193	Alva Dykes .....	.....	.....
Highland ..... " 194	.....	.....	.....
Arcana ..... " 195	John V. Egli .....	.....	William G. Moss ...
Morning Star.. " 197	Keith C. Moore.....	.....	.....
Purity ..... " 198	Arlon E. Johnston..	.....	.....
Gavel ..... " 199	*Herbert B. Witten- berger .....	*Herbert B. Witten- berger .....	*James H. Bryant ..
Blazing Star.. " 200	.....	Roy S. Cram .....	.....
Scotts Bluff.. " 201	*Nathaniel A. S. McLean .....	*Nathaniel A. S. McLean .....	*Nathaniel A. S. McLean .....
Golden Sheaf.. " 202	*Osborn H. Scott....	*Osborn H. Scott ..	*Osborn H. Scott ...
Roman Eagle . " 203	Elias G. Conger ...	*Loren J. Callahan..	.....
Plainview .... " 204	Duane M. Douglas..	Keith M. Douglas..	*Elmer C. Pond ....
Golden Fleece.. " 205	Cecil E. Shunk.....	T. Winford Carter..	.....
Napthali ..... " 206	.....	.....	.....
Parian ..... " 207	.....	.....	.....
Gauge ..... " 208	.....	.....	.....
Canopy ..... " 209	Charles F. Edwards	.....	Floyd L. Althouse..
East Lincoln.. " 210	Alva B. Jennings...	Roy N. Brendle ....	George Maser .....
Cement ..... " 211	.....	.....	.....
Compass and Square ..... " 212	.....	.....	.....
Plumbline .... " 214	Clarence D. Gottula	.....	.....
Occidental .... " 215	*Carsten L. Lichten- berg .....	Carsten L. Lichten- berg .....	.....
Palisade ..... " 216	.....	.....	.....
Wauneta ..... " 217	*C. Robert Carlson..	*C. Robert Carlson..	*C. Robert Carlson..
Bloomfield ... " 218	Lawrence C. Donat.	.....	.....
Relief ..... " 219	*Carl J. Swanson....	.....	.....
Magnolia ..... " 220	.....	.....	.....
Wood Lake .... " 221	John M. Pedersen..	.....	.....
Landmark ..... " 222	.....	.....	.....
Eminence ..... " 223	Eldon L. Bish.....	.....	.....
Silver Cord ... " 224	Thomas B. Rinehart	*J. Lyle Brown ...	.....
Cable ..... " 225	.....	.....	.....
Grace ..... " 226	Ferdinand Hulquist.	.....	.....
North Star.... " 227	Clinton B. Gass....	Lloyd S. Wymore..	.....
Bartley ..... " 228	.....	.....	.....
Comet ..... " 229	*Otis Beaman .....	.....	.....
Delta ..... " 230	.....	*James O. Duncan...	.....
Mount Hermon " 231	.....	.....	*Warren D. Brown..
John S. Bowen. " 232	.....	.....	.....
Gilead ..... " 233	Ronald A. Raush...	.....	*Gustave E. Sieler...

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Zion .....No. 234	.....	.....	.....
Fraternity .... " 235	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rule... " 236	Millard M. Martin..	*Millard M. Martin..	*Millard M. Martin..
Cubit ..... " 237	Landis A. Rulla....	Loren J. Scott.....	.....
Friendship .... " 239	.....	.....	.....
Pilot ..... " 240	Floyd L. Hale .....	Paul E. Christensen	Jess N. Anderson ..
George	Herbert C. H.	.....	.....
Armstrong... " 241	Moberg .....	.....	.....
Tyrian ..... " 243	.....	.....	.....
Hampton ..... " 245	C. Glendon Harp...	.....	.....
Nehawka ..... " 246	Dean E. Nutzman..	Boyd A. Mayfield ..	*William A. Ost ....
Corner Stone . " 247	.....	.....	.....
Laurel ..... " 248	Ralph W. Morten...	Ernest C. Smith....	*Charles E. Franz...
Gother burg ... " 249	Paul E. Pape Sr....	James E. Teets ....	.....
George	.....	.....	.....
Washington. " 250	Harold R. Beachell.	Otis W. Cave Jr....	.....
Wausa ..... " 251	George Oxley .....	Walter Lundeen ...	.....
Beemer ..... " 253	John R. Cohee.....	.....	.....
Bassett ..... " 254	Earl L. Anderson...	Roy L. Johns .....	.....
Hickman ..... " 256	Vernon Etmund....	.....	.....
Holbrook ..... " 257	.....	.....	.....
Anselmo ..... " 258	Norman C. Scott...	.....	.....
Ornan ..... " 261	*Francis Axberg ...	.....	.....
Endeavor .... " 262	*Walter C. Smith....	.....	.....
Mitchell ..... " 263	*Martin E. Turpin...	*Martin E. Turpin...	*Martin E. Turpin ..
Franklin ..... " 264	Jess U. Maliek ....	.....	.....
Robert W.	.....	.....	.....
Furnas ..... " 265	*Bert E. Rymer.....	.....	.....
Silver ..... " 266	Robert L. Tooker...	George F. Buchta...	Oscar L. Imm.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	.....	.....	.....
George W.	.....	D. Merrill Edgerly	.....
Liningr .... " 268	.....	Jr. ....	.....
Oasis ..... " 271	Bernard L. Walker.	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette. " 272	Merlin R. Balfour..	Lester M. Lowrey..	*Harry H. Moller ...
Crofton ..... " 273	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	.....	.....	.....
Ramah ..... " 275	.....	.....	.....
Antelope ..... " 276	.....	Arthur O. Auserod..	.....
Sioux ..... " 277	*John Marking .....	.....	.....
Litchfield ..... " 278	.....	.....	.....
Wallace ..... " 279	.....	.....	.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Swastika ...No. 280	*Carl J. Benson.....	.....	.....
Florence ..... " 281	.....	William H. Bruner.	.....
Mullen ..... " 282	.....	.....	.....
Seneca ..... " 284	Louis J. Merz .....	Jay E. Miller, Jr....	.....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	Lester E. Sherfey ..	.....	.....
Oshkosh ..... " 286	*Marvin L. Clark ..	.....	Marvin L. Clark...
Union ..... " 287	.....	.....	.....
Omaha ..... " 288	Raymond L. Huber ..	Earl A. Rohrig .....	George E. Johnson..
Lotus ..... " 289	*Truman McMaui ..	.....	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	Robert D. McBride ..	.....	*Lewis F. Reepe .....
Diamond ..... " 291	Harold V. Mitchell..	Donald C. Parkhurst	*Thomas A. Drayton.
Wolbach ..... " 292	William Allen .....	Andrew J. Thomsen	.....
Monument ... " 293	Soren H. Sorensen..	.....	.....
Kimball ..... " 294	William F. Johnson..	.....	.....
Minatare ..... " 295	.....	.....	*Clark G. Nichols...
Cotner ..... " 297	Thomas E. Fowler..	*Albert R. Kennedy..	Watson S. Coleman.
Chester ..... " 298	.....	.....	.....
Sutherland ... " 299	.....	.....	.....
Liberty ..... " 300	Howard A. Stewart..	Russell E. Oquist...	James P. Vance ...
Bayard ..... " 301	Frank H. Smith .....	*Frank H. Smith....	*Frank H. Smith....
Mizpah ..... " 302	John F. Futcher.....	.....	.....
Right Angle.. " 303	*Eugene L. Bumstead	Wendell W. George..	*George J. Hittle ...
Ruskin ..... " 304	Marvin L. Thayer...	*Chauncey O. Hull..	.....
Newman Grove " 305	Harold Blecker .....	.....	.....
Golden Rod... " 306	Charlie C. Wise .....	Allen J. Lindley ...	Wayne L. Campbell
William E. Hill " 307	Harry D. Abker.....	.....	.....
Perkins ..... " 308	Louis P. Guildner..	Clarence C. Turner..	*Charles G. Jackman
Winnebago ... " 309	*Harry Matthews...	.....	*Albin Nickelson....
Victory ..... " 310	Howard H. Johnson	Earl E. Bentz .....	Henry F. Ohm .....
Polk ..... " 311	*William A. Wurtz..	.....	.....
Oak Leaf..... " 312	*Wallace E. Moffett..	*George L. Campbell	.....
Potter ..... " 313	Ray S. Seranton....	Theodore Carlson...	.....
Craftsmen ... " 314	Delbert H. Pinkerton .....	William E. Goggins	*Curry B. Bryson ...
Alpha ..... " 316	Gerald L. Curry .....	.....	.....
Mid-West ... " 317	*Willard E. Pettis...*	*Homer C. Davey....	Willard E. Pettis...
Grand Island.. " 318	Robert L. Sorensen.	Robert R. Anderson	Wayne R. Morris ..
Bladen ..... " 319	.....	.....	*William H. Vankirk
College View.. " 320	Towey M. Johnson..	*Silas R. Davenport.	Forrest Brown .....
Harmony ..... " 321	Kenneth Larson....	*Kenneth Larson ...	*Kenneth Larson ...
Pioneer ..... " 322	Roy W. Robinson...	.....	.....
Lebanon ..... " 323	Elmer J. Hodges...	Howard L. Christensen .....	.....
Cairo ..... " 324	.....	.....	*Henry A. Fontz....

\*Proxy.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL

W. Robert M. Herre, 224, presented the report of the Committee on Pay-roll which was adopted.

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

You committee on Pay-roll respectfully reports that the amount due for mileage and per diem for the Ninety-Sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge is.....\$12,477.50

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Everett M. Wood, 37, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns which was adopted.

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

The following report is respectfully submitted by your committee on returns.

The files and correspondence in the office of the Grand Secretary with reference to the "Returns of the subordinate Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction" for the year 1952, have been checked and we are pleased to advise all lodges in Nebraska have made satisfactory reports.

We commend the cooperation of the Secretaries of the constituent lodges with the Grand Secretary in the removal of many names from the huge carry-over of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and suspended Master Masons on the rolls from the past years.

We commend the Grand Secretary and his staff for the excellent and efficient records maintained in the office and the prompt and courteous service rendered.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Secretaries preparing hand-written reports are again urged to exercise greater care in the legibility of reports.
2. No effort should be spared to have all returns in during January.
3. That more careful scrutiny and rechecking be given returns by Secretaries. Emphasis is placed on this recommendation due to the huge amount of correspondence on file to complete the 1952 reports and we recommend a more thorough study of the Masonic Code by the Secretaries.
4. Attention is called to Masters and Secretaries of all constituent lodges that the signature of each must appear on the annual returns.

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

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on the Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund is pleased to submit the following report:

Two young people from our Home in Fremont have been under the supervision of your Committee during the past year. One, a boy, has been enrolled at the University in the College of Business Administration; the other, a girl, has been attending Midland College in Fremont. Each has another year under our supervision and they are continuing their education in their respective schools.

One of our girls at the Home is graduating from High School this year. She is undecided whether she will continue her education. We, as a Committee, will be pleased to work with her in coming to a decision and in helping to carry it through.

We are asking for \$900 to carry out the work of this Committee for the coming year. An equal amount has been approved by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Your Committee has enjoyed its opportunity of serving the Grand Lodge and particularly of getting acquainted with these fine young people from our Home.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

W. Perry W. Phillips, 150, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education.

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

During the past year the activity of the Committee on Masonic Education and the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial was concentrated and combined in commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the making of George Washington a Mason. The program was carried out in conjunction with the central schools of instruction held throughout our Grand Jurisdiction by our Grand Custodian.

Every member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Committee and the Committee on Masonic Education assisted in the execution of this assignment. On behalf of the other members of these committees I wish to thank all of the officers of the Grand Lodge for their cooperation and assistance throughout the year to our committees.

The program was well received by the brethren and I am happy to report that the members of the two committees enjoyed the opportunity to individually participate in the assignment given us by the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge allocated to our use the sum of \$1,000.00, and of this amount a total of \$530.18 was expended, leaving an unexpended balance of \$469.82 which was returned to the Grand Lodge.

On November 14th and 15th, 1952, your chairman and W. Howard J. Hunter, of the Committee on Masonic Education, and R. W. Fay Smith, Deputy Grand Master, attended the Third Annual Midwest Conference on Masonic Education held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The participating Grand Jurisdictions were and are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The conference was originated and sponsored by the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa, and to date, all of the annual sessions have been held in that State. It is a very inspirational conference and in regular attendance are some of the leading Masonic Educators of the nation.

The Midwest Conference has undertaken a most noteworthy project, that of sponsoring, jointly, with the Masonic Service Association of Washington, D. C., the publication of a "History of Freemasonry in the United States". The writing of this book will be undertaken by Brother H. L. Haywood, an eminently qualified Masonic author and scholar. It is estimated that his work will be completed in June of 1954, and that publication of his writings will be made immediately thereafter.

A review of the activities of the Committee on Education in former years indicates that a great variety of ideas have been used and that all of them were well received by the Fraternity. Too much time would be consumed by this report if a detailed summary of the activities of all former committees were to be made, but in review, it is proper to recall that the committee has undertaken the publication and distribution of a variety of pamphlets and bulletins; the maintenance of a speakers bureau; and the sponsorship of educational programs in area meetings throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

The By-Laws of the Grand Lodge define the duties of the Committee on Masonic Education in the words following and I quote:

"It shall be the duty of the Committee on Masonic Education to disseminate Masonic light and information for the purpose of bringing the Craft to a higher and fuller understanding of the ideals and purposes of the Fraternity."

Thus it set forth a broad but definite outline for the Committee to follow in its field. However, a full and conscientious discharge of such prescribed duties warrants additional personnel for this Committee, which at this time is limited to five, and the expenditure of additional Grand Lodge funds.

The Committee offers the following suggestions for the more complete execution of its duties:

1. That the membership of the Committee be enlarged to ten.
2. That a permanent Masonic Library be established in the Masonic Temple Building in Omaha and that a library board be created to properly manage the acquisition of suitable books, pamphlets, motion pictures and periodic publication, and the lending of the books, pictures and publication to the constituent lodges; that annual appropriations of funds by the Grand Lodge be made to such permanent library, for its support and maintenance.
3. That a permanent educational program be outlined and adopted by the Grand Lodge for execution by the Committee on Masonic Education.

It is the firm conviction of the chairman of this committee that the greatest benefit to the greatest number of the members of our Fraternity can be accomplished through a sustaining and repetitious educational program rather than continuing the present policy of using a few Masonic scholars on a volunteer basis to disseminate Masonic light and information. It is recognized that there is no end to Masonic Education; that any program for educational purposes should have a well rounded and definitely prescribed outline and that the best purposes cannot be accomplished in bringing the Craft to a higher and fuller understanding of the ideals and purposes of the Fraternity unless some continuous program be adopted.

In closing, the committee wish to thank the officers of the Grand Lodge, every one of them, for their wonderful support and cooperation in the work of this committee. It has been a pleasure and a very great honor to work with them.

I move the adoption of the report. (Motion was seconded.)

M. W. John S. Hedelund,

M. W. Grand Master and brethren, you have here some very comprehensive suggestions, which, if you adopt the report indicate your approval, it seems to me that they are of such scope that they should require further study on the part of this Grand Lodge or its officers before you go on record. I should, therefore, like to amend the motion of the committee that the report be received and referred to the incoming Grand Master for such further study and advice as he may deem wise to present to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication. (Motion to amend was seconded and carried and the Report was Adopted).

At this time M. W. George A. Kurk, Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests, presented Ill. Brother Joseph W. Seacrest, Grand Sword Bearer of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska.

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

Brethren, it is my pleasure to present to you Ill. Brother Joseph W. Seacrest, Grand Sword Bearer of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska.

Ill. Joseph W. Seacrest:

Brethren, I am happy to be here this afternoon, to say to you "hello". Scottish Rite Masonry recognizes the M. W. Grand Master and the Grand Lodge as supreme authority of Masonry in Nebraska. I have only one little thought that I would like to leave, and that is this. Frequently as I go about, it appears to me that numbers of the profane have the idea that Masonry competes with the church, and you and I know that isn't so. I believe that as you have an opportunity to talk in groups that you should help convey the idea that we believe that a good Mason should belong to a church and support that church, not only financially but by attendance, and I think the more we spread that word, the more it will help us and help the church in all we are trying to do.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. Willard I. Lewis, 9, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations which was adopted.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to which various matters have been referred, submits the following report:

1. We approve the action of the Grand Master concerning Geneva Lodge No. 79.

2. Inasmuch as the members of Exeter Lodge No. 283 voluntarily surrendered their charter, we approve the action taken by the Grand Master.

3. We concur with the recommendation of the Grand Master concerning the moving of the Charter of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 to their new Temple; also the special dispensation to move the Charter of Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, to the Scottish Rite Cathedral for the night of November 8, 1952, for the purpose of a George Washington Bi-Centennial observance of the eleven Omaha Lodges; also the special dispensation to Perkins Lodge No. 308, Grant, to move their Charter to and hold their regular and special communications at the Masonic Hall of Ogalalla Lodge No. 159, Ogalalla, until a suitable meeting place is found in Grant; also his refusal to grant a special dispensation to Lotus Lodge No. 289, Ravenna, to move their Charter to the Ravenna City Auditorium for the purpose of having Sesostris Temple confer the

Master Mason Degree in full shrine regalia; also the special dispensation to Hebron Lodge No. 43 to move their Charter to and hold their regular and special communications in the grade school building between Lincoln and Jefferson on Sixth Street until such time as their present Masonic Temple is repaired.

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

Evening Star Lodge No. 49, Sutton; Litchfield Lodge No. 278, Litchfield.

We also find that the following lodges have not been represented for a period of two years:

Ponca Lodge No. 101, DeWitt Lodge No. 111, Rawalt Lodge No. 138, Zeredetha Lodge No. 160, Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Holbrook Lodge No. 257 and Anselmo No. 258.

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

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

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren: When the Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported a year ago, they failed to cite Evening Star Lodge No. 49 and Litchfield Lodge No. 278 to appear at this annual communication and show cause why their charters should not be forfeited. These two lodges have failed to be represented for two consecutive years. This year they are citing the lodges and there are several of them but we have two lodges, namely Evening Star No. 49 and Litchfield No. 278 that were not represented at Grand Lodge this year and which makes the third year that they have failed to come to Grand Lodge. The law is very clear and failure to be represented for two consecutive communications subjects them to the loss of their charters. I think these two lodges, Evening Star No. 49 and Litchfield No. 278, should be penalized or at least called on by the Grand Master to explain why their charter should not be arrested and I so move. (Motion seconded and carried).

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT, ADVISORY TO THE GRAND MASTER

W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, which was adopted.

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

The Committee Advisory to the Grand Master on Applications for Reinstatement received 97 petitions for consideration during the year

ended May 31, 1953. Two petitions were returned for further information and had not been returned to the Committee at the time of this report. Nine petitions were not approved by the Committee for various reasons shown by applications. Eighty-six petitions were recommended for favorable action by the Grand Master. The following table shows interesting data for the past year.

Age	Number Received	Recom- mended	Not Approved	Returned
50 years of age or less.....	19	19		
51-60 years of age.....	44	42	1	1
61-70 years of age.....	25	22	2	1
71-80 years of age.....	8	3	5	
81 years of age or over.....	1		1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>

An analysis of application showed the average number of years in membership to have been 12.8 years; while suspensions averaged 16.3 years. Petitions not approved averaged 14.8 years in membership and 22 years under suspension. We congratulate the Secretaries of the Lodges for their improved efforts in better preparing applications. We notice more care in getting reports on persons long absent from the Lodge territory.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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

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

The study of the minutes of the 43rd annual Convention of the Memorial Association gives many interesting facts. At this meeting Masonic leaders were in attendance from every State in the Union. They were there from Canada, Germany, China, Argentina, Costa Rica, Philippine Republic and Mexico.

This representative body of Masons is definite proof that wherever Masons convene there is a worthy cause to be considered. This almost world wide representation is also proof that Masons and Masonry in almost every land stand together and pray together for a world Brotherhood that would remove the cause of war and bring us back again to Peace, Goodwill and Fellowship.

#### CONSTRUCTION

There still remains much to be done to complete this Great Masonic Shrine. Much money and many materials are needed, but some day will be the Dedication Day and many of you, who are here, will be at the Dedication.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

This year the contributions amounted to  
was \$163,813.40.

## PUBLICITY

There will soon be available new natural colored films, which tell a beautiful story of the Memorial. Also, there will soon be available new colored slides. There is also a large folding display panel, which features photographs and views of the Washington relics. This committee has requested the use of all of these, but as yet have not received them. We had hoped to have the display panel to use at this communication, but it has not been received. This committee urges you Masters and Secretaries to request the use of the film and slides. Either of them will give you a pleasant evening. The display panel will be yours to use just as soon as it is received.

This year quite a number of lodges have used the present film and have reported the showing a success.

Now this committee is concerned about the future developments and publicity of the Memorial and we ask that each lodge give us assistance. Promotional ideas are needed and will be welcomed. We are sure that you are proud of your fraternal relationship with George Washington, we are sure that you are proud of your ownership in the Memorial. It is hoped that each of the 1,853 who were made Master Masons in 1952, know what their one dollar paid to the Memorial was for.

If you have the January issue of the National Geographic, read the article "Across the Potomac from Washington."

This committee urges each Secretary to give to each newly made Master Mason, one of the History Pamphlets as well as his receipt card for his one dollar paid to the Memorial. This history is interesting and your new Mason will read and enjoy it.

This committee hopes for a continuation of some Grand Lodge activity, such as area schools, Brotherhood dinners or whatever you may wish to name them, in which we may participate and promote the Memorial more especially in the smaller lodges.

Each member of this committee have enjoyed the school banquet assignments. We have enjoyed co-operating with Grand Custodian Ray and with Perry, the Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education.

We sincerely thank Grand Master Ed and Grand Secretary Carl for their courtesy to us.

We have enjoyed the pleasant association with the Brethren.

Each of us respect with reverence our Masonic obligations, each of us have at least one talent, let's bring them to the surface and be worthy of the name we bear.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LIABILITY

Brother William F. Patterson, 25, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Comprehensive Public Liability, which was adopted.

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

The subject of this type of public liability coverage on constituent lodges, Temple Associations, and the Grand Lodge, was called to the attention of the Grand Lodge last year by M.'W.'.Thomas J. Aron, then Grand Master.

The incoming Grand Master, M.'W.'.Edward M. Knight, appointed me as chairman of the committee and our Grand Secretary, R.'W.'.Brother Carl R. Greisen, as a committee member to investigate the matter of public liability coverage as suggested.

We have reached certain conclusions in our labors during the year. We feel definitely that every constituent lodge should have public liability insurance because of prevalent conditions which have made the carrying of public liability insurance a necessity for all Lodges.

We also feel that the cost to each constituent lodge will be much less if this protection is bought as a single unit and is designed to cover all of the constituent lodges.

We have spent the entire year at this task and the further we went into this matter, the more we discovered that a great amount of information was necessary and there were a great number of angles that we wished to investigate carefully before recommending that we spend our money in this way.

We have discovered that it was possible to start a program of this sort by dealing with an agent in another state who has been very active in suggesting this type of coverage to the various Grand Jurisdictions.

This brother has given a considerable amount of information and figures by mail and at the secretary's conference in Washington and it may be that when we make our final recommendations that this might be the desirable way to handle this coverage if the Grand Lodge decides to adopt it.

We felt however, that it was more desirable, if possible, to handle this on a local level where we would have more control over it and are spending some effort at this time in that respect but we still are unable to come before you with a clear cut recommendation because of the size of this task.

The cost has been estimated in various amounts and as yet we have no accurate figures that we can give you. We have thought that it might be possible to obtain this at an average cost of something slightly over

10c per member exclusive of coverage on Temple Associations on the larger buildings. We have also been told that it can be worked out on a graduated scale depending on the size of the lodge but all of this is yet in a rough enough stage that to our regret, we must say to you that our report is not yet ready for your consideration and we would like to suggest to you that with the approval of the Grand Lodge and the incoming Grand Master, our committee be continued and we be permitted to carry over our report to the next Grand Lodge which will allow us the necessary time on this important matter.

If, with your approval, our committee is continued, it is our thought that at such time during the year that we get this matter worked out to a definite cost figure, we will by circular advise each constituent lodge as regards the cost to that lodge and will have for you in our next report an analysis of how many of the lodges are prepared to immediately join in such a program.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Robert G. Outman, 183, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted section by section, then as a whole as amended.

#### **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 offers the following report.

No. 1. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 for restoration be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19 be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason." (Adopted)

No. 2. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232 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 John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232 be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason." (Adopted)

No. 3. Your committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Beemer Lodge No. 253 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 Beemer Lodge No. 253 be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason." (Adopted)

Your committee has had referred to it for review sentence imposed by the Trial Commission on a brother against whom charges have been filed and heard during the past year with 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 Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203, 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 business of running a liquor store after the Grand Lodge had definitely formulated its policy thereon, and is still engaged in this business, and offers no prospect of cessation thereof. Your committee therefore offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the sentence imposed by the Trial Commission upon a former member of Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203 indefinite suspension be changed to a sentence of expulsion." (Adopted)

Your committee has had referred to it for review the appeal of a brother who objected to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice Mason. The objection was disallowed by both the Worshipful Master of the Lodge and the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Your committee has carefully reviewed this case and makes the following recommendation.

No. 2. With reference to the appeal of a brother of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46. This brother's objection to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice Mason was disallowed by both the Worshipful Master of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Your committee was unable to find anything in the record that would in any way alter the disallowing of this objection, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the objection by a brother of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice Mason be disallowed, and that he be allowed to advance in Masonry." I move the adoption of this portion of the report. Motion seconded.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell:

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

The petitioner in question had been rejected. In less than five months he repeteritioned, the petition was received, went through to favorable ballot and the degree of Entered Apprentice Mason conferred the same meeting the ballot was spread. Objection was filed after the conferring of the degree, reasons were required and submitted, the objections overruled by the Master, appeal taken to the Grand Master who sustained the Master, and appeal then taken to the Grand Lodge. Under the record on the question of the objections to the Entered Apprentice Mason the Grand Master should be sustained.

Our law provides no new petition can be received from a rejected petitioner within six months from the date of the ballot rejecting him. That law has been violated and a Master Mason has been deprived of his Masonic right to reject by ballot or to file objections without assigning reasons. That should not be sustained and is not directly involved in the matter before the Grand Lodge. To avoid any possibility of an erroneous construction later on I move to amend the motion to approve the action of the Grand Master by adding thereto: This approval does not take into consideration, nor determine the question of the re-petitioning within the period of six months and that is not hereby determined.

(The motion to amend was seconded and on vote adopted. The motion as amended was by vote adopted.)

Your committee has had referred to it for review a case in which a brother has been declared not guilty by the Trial Commission. The charges against this brother were heard May 3, 1951. An appeal from this decision has been made by a brother of his lodge. After this committee carefully reviewed this case and gave careful consideration to transcripts that were made at the hearing of the trial commission. Your Committee offers the following recommendation:

No. 3. With reference to exoneration by the Trial Commission of a member of Covert Lodge No. 11, your committee was unable to find any circumstances in trial commissions transcript that would in any way alter the decision of not guilty. Your committee therefore offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the finding of not guilty by the Trial Commission be upheld, and that this brother of Covert Lodge No. 11 remain in good standing as a Mason." I move the adoption of this portion of the report. Motion seconded.

(M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre spoke on behalf of the appellant. Remarks by M. W. John S. Hedelund, M. W. Elmer E. Magee and W. Charles O. Baker, Master of Covert Lodge No. 11.) M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre offered a substitute motion as follows:

"That the proceedings of the Trial Commission be set aside and that the case be remanded to the lodge for a new trial."

The motion was seconded and upon vote was declared lost. The original motion of the Committee on Grievances prevailed.

At this time the Grand Master called on M. W. Bruce Newton, Grand Master of Kansas, and R. W. Harold R. Kopfman, Junior Grand Warden and Personal Representative

of M. W. James Green, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, for remarks. Each had an inspiring message.

At 4:30 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Thursday, June 11, 1953

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.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

W. Clarence T. Spier, 268, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted section by section then as a whole.

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

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits the following report.

The approved decisions of the Grand Master and the approved report of the Committee on Jurisprudence have been carefully considered by your Committee and the Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That Section 2-304 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-304—Vacancies—An installed officer cannot resign or demit; if absent, the Master shall fill the office by temporary appointment from meeting to meeting. The arrest of the jewel of an officer does not vacate the office. The expulsion or suspension of an officer vacates his office. An officer-elect who has accepted shall not be deemed to have refused the office by reason of absence from installation.

“In the event of the death, expulsion or suspension of a secretary or treasurer the lodge may elect and install a successor for the remainder of the term, without dispensation.”

2. That the original Section 2-304 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be repealed.

3. That Section 3-102 n, of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 3-102 n—Making application to, or joining, 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, provided that this inhibition shall not apply to 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, the National Sojourners, the Past Grand Masters Association, or to organizations now in existence which do not require the taking of any obligations and which do not have any secret ritual or ceremony."

4. That the original Section 3-102, n of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be repealed.

5. That Section 1-201 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended with respect to the stated salary of the Grand Secretary so that the clause in said Section specifying the salary of the Grand Secretary shall read as follows: "For all of such services he shall receive a salary of \$6,000.00 per annum payable monthly."

6. That the original clause in said Section specifying the salary of the Grand Secretary in the following words, "For all of such services he shall receive a salary of \$3,600.00 per annum payable monthly," be repealed.

7. That Section 1-202 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended with respect to the stated salary of the Grand Custodian so that the clause in said Section specifying the salary of the Grand Custodian shall read as follows: "shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$4,500.00 per year payable monthly, together with all necessary expenses in and about such work."

8. That the original clause in said Section specifying the salary of the Grand Custodian in the following words, "shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$3,000.00 per year payable monthly, together with all necessary expenses in and about such work," be repealed.

9. That Section 2-801 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by adding the following sentence to said Section: "Provided further that Papillion Lodge No. 39 shall have concurrent jurisdiction with all Omaha lodges."

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

W. Orville B. Hathaway, 184, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, which was adopted:

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business reports that there is no unfinished business.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL

W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Centennial, which was adopted.

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

Your special committee of the Grand Lodge, commonly referred to as the Committee on the Centennial, is pleased to report that it has held one very important meeting during the year to give consideration to a number of matters that in its judgment need early attention.

This is the Ninety-sixth Annual Communication, the first one having been held in September of 1857. The one hundredth communication will be held in June of 1957. In anticipation of that event, your committee is now preparing to go into full gear and is prepared to make certain recommendations that it is believed will be of interest to all of you at this time.

1. Following the Ninety-ninth Communication in 1956, it is recommended that all of the lodges within our jurisdiction will plan for and carry out during that one hundredth year regional celebrations in commemoration of this most significant occasion. It is not expected nor deemed desirable that each lodge will carry out an independent celebration. Rather it is the thought of your committee that the State of Nebraska will be divided into regional areas—some fifteen or twenty of them—and that in each area there be held a commemorative celebration during the year beginning after the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1956 and concluding prior to the 100th Communication in 1957. In this manner we can insure to the Brethren of the entire State of Nebraska an opportunity to participate in and to be a part of the celebration. It is further recommended that there be suitable representation of the officers of the Grand Lodge itself at each of these regional celebrations. The host lodge will assume full responsibility for the organization of all committees and will call for assistance and leadership from the officers and members of each lodge within the area of jurisdiction as set up by your Centennial Committee. The determination of suitable dates will of necessity be the joint responsibility of the regional area committees and of the officers of the Grand Lodge working with the Centennial Committee of the Grand Lodge.

Tentatively your Centennial Committee is envisioning regional or area celebrations at such points as: North Platte, Scottsbluff, Hastings, Fremont, Norfolk, McCook, Ainsworth, Chadron, Alliance, Beatrice, York, Falls City, Wayne, Lincoln and Omaha. Some revision in this may be found necessary as we continue our planning. This matter will be receiving major consideration during the next ensuing year.

2. The One hundredth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge meeting in Omaha will be the occasion of the culminating events of this celebration. Your committee is tentatively suggesting that festivities will begin with a more or less religious service on Sunday night pre-

ceding the official business sessions of the Communication. An outstanding and nationally recognized spiritual leader will be invited to speak. On Monday night it is planned to have a symphony concert by a recognized symphony orchestra. The Grand Ball and Formal Reception will probably be planned for Tuesday evening and the climatic event as now planned will occur on Wednesday night—The 100th Anniversary Banquet. Your committee believes that this should be a truly magnificent occasion. No expense will be spared in making it a never-to-be-forgotten celebration.

3. Your committee believes that at this Centennial Celebration there should be an occasion for the full recognition of all of the leadership of the Grand Lodge, past and present. It is planned that an appropriate pilgrimage be made to The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont and a suitable commemorative service for those of our leaders of the Grand Lodge who have passed into the realms beyond not built with hands, but eternal in the Heavens.

4. Your committee recommends that at the Communication you authorize it to proceed with the formation of the numerous committees that shall be charged under its guidance and jurisdiction with carrying out their several and separate assignments. Among these committees soon to be organized, we are suggesting such committees as:

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| 1. The Program Committee                  | 7. The Banquet Committee                     |
| 2. The Hospitality Committee              | 8. The Committee on Decorations              |
| 3. The Committee on Invitations           | 9. The Committee on Publicity                |
| 4. The Housing Committee                  | 10. The Music Committee                      |
| 5. The Registration Committee             | 11. The Committee on Distinguished<br>Guests |
| 6. The Committee on Local<br>Arrangements | 12. The Committee on Entertainment           |

It is recommended further that the Grand Lodge authorize the payment of all necessary expenses for travel and subsistence for attendance at meetings of these committees out of the funds already authorized and set apart for the purpose. The Secretary of the Grand Lodge and the Chairman of this Centennial Committee to be responsible for the approval of all vouchers so presented. Members of the Centennial Committee, it is recommended, shall serve in ex-officio capacity on any committee where their help and guidance may be found desirable. Proper co-ordination is then better insured.

5. Your committee has already taken preliminary steps looking to the preparation and publication of a suitable volume of the History of the Grand Lodge of the State of Nebraska and of the Centennial Celebration itself. Under its guidance, W. Harold H. Thom is now engaged in the preparation of manuscript materials which he will submit to the Centennial Committee and to the then Officers of the Grand Lodge for publication following the Celebration in 1957.

6. It is further recommended that authority be given for the enlargement of the Centennial Committee by the inclusion of the Grand Secretary, Brother Carl R. Greisen, and the Grand Masters in succession beginning with M. W. Edward M. Knight, 1952-53.

7. It is expected that your committee will now proceed on a more intensive basis in its planning. It will meet more frequently during the coming year and bring to you its further recommendations at the next Annual Communication one year hence.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MODEL SET OF BY-LAWS

W. George R. Porter, 11, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Model Set of By-laws, which was adopted.

This model set of by-laws will be found in the back of the 1953 Cumulative Supplement to the Masonic Code.

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

Your committee, appointed to prepare a Model Set or By-Laws to be used as a guide in preparing new and revised by-laws by our constituent lodges, report that we have given careful consideration to the Set of By-laws submitted herewith and recommend their adoption.

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

W. James C. Suttie, 281, 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:**

A complete detailed report of Home activities for the year 1952 is given in the published report of annual meeting of the stockholders, held at Omaha, January 30th. If you desire a copy, kindly write Grand Secretary O.E.S., Allie Wegner, Omaha, and she will mail you one. Anything said here would be largely a duplication, hence this report will be short.

There are in the Home at the present time 47 children, with two more to enter when school is out. We have capacity for 92. The children are generally doing well in school, their general health good, and all have their varied activities such as 4-H work, etc.

Two years ago while Worthy Grand Matron of the O.E.S., Mrs. Pauline Moomey of Hastings, had as her project the complete renovating and refurbishing of the Junior Boys Home and that Home is in excellent

shape. Last year Worthy Grand Matron Gertrude Marshall of Tilden had similar project at Senior Boys Home, and the work of refurbishing and renovating at that Home is rapidly nearing completion.

In addition as an aid to her project, a former resident of the Home, Paul Bundy, now living in Fremont, desired to show his appreciation for what had been done for him in the past and provided all new dining room furniture.

The grounds and physical plant are in good condition now, although as previously reported the buildings are old and will need repairs annually.

Under Superintendent Grassman's direction we have made some radical changes in our livestock situation at the farm and are gradually building up a pure-bred herd. This would not have been possible, had it not been for the wonderful gifts made by some members following the fine work done by M. W. Edward M. Knight and Worthy Grand Patron Thomas A. Barton out in the state. The 4-H work of the senior boys is an integral part of their training.

For many years the Board of this Home consisted of twelve members, with the Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Master ex-officio members. At the January stockholders meeting, upon motion of the Grand Master, the board was increased to twenty-four members.

We are presenting a budget of \$47,665.00. The highest amount we can get from the Order of Eastern Star is a little over \$21,000.00 to be matched with like amount from the Grand Lodge. Like all Homes, costs are steadily increasing every year and we cannot continue to operate satisfactorily without adequate funds. A few comparative costs may be of interest:

1952—average 44 children, per capita cost \$1,112. We spent considerable getting property in good physical shape as detailed above. 1951—average 49 children, per capita cost \$949.36. 1950—average for 47 children, per capita cost \$800.00. Masonic Home for Children, Covina, Calif., 62 children, per capita \$2,476.83 year ending July 31, 1952. Masonic Home for Children, LaGrange, Ill., 71 children per capita \$2,143.89 Year 1952. Oxford, North Carolina, 324 children, per capita \$952.50 also subsidized by State of North Carolina, \$148.65 per capita, year 1952. Masonic Home for Children, Alexandria, La. show increase in expense year ending 12/31/52 of \$18,646.10. 42 children per capita \$1,451.68.

At the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, at Norfolk, last month, the Grand Chapter voted to increase per capita allowance to the Home. This will go into effect next year, not this year, so we will not get the benefit of it until 1954.

The National Conference of Masonic Homes Executives Association of the U. S. A. will be our guests at the Home the afternoon of June 18th, following their convention at Plattsmouth.

On behalf of the Board, we wish to express our sincere thanks to M. W. Edward M. Knight for his efforts, for his insight into our problems, and willingness at all times to all he could towards the operation of the Home. The support he has given us all year has meant a lot to all of us. He has a heart as big as he is, as evidenced in the case of a little five-year old girl who needed a Home and help.

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Master, has been willing at all times to help, we have called upon him frequently, and despite a busy schedule, Carl has always found time to work out problems that come up. We appreciate working closely with him.

We would like nothing better than to have you visit the Home and see what it being accomplished under the able direction of Superintendent Grassman. You will like him if you knew him. We have a film showing various activities at the Home which is available to any lodge desiring to show it.

May I express our sincere thanks in being able to do our share in looking after these youngsters at Fremont.

#### REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

R. W. Herbert T. White, 11, President, presented the report of The Nebraska Masonic Home, which was adopted.

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

As President of your Nebraska Masonic Home I am privileged to bring you this brief report of the condition of affairs at your Home. By the time this report is given most of those present this morning will have seen the Home during the pilgrimage made yesterday and have partaken of the picnic lunch so ably prepared and presented by our good Superintendent and his assistants. Therefore, no time will be devoted to the physical conditions of the new structure as this you will have seen for yourselves. The Grand Lodge is the holder of the controlling interest in the stock of this Corporation and as you are the Grand Lodge we do want all to know as much about our Home as is possible. It is the belief of your Board of Trustees that if Nebraska Masonry is thoroughly enlightened on this practical application of the greatest of Masonic tenets, charity, then the Nebraska brethren will make the finest monument that our Masonry can know.

It is a genuine pleasure to report the final completion of the new structure and the occupancy thereof by all our guests. We now have these aged and needy sisters and brothers in an edifice as fireproof as can be and where all necessary comforts and even some luxuries can be and are provided to ease their declining years. On May 2 and May 3 we held an official "Open House" asking in all Masons, their families and friends to view the new place. Despite rainy weather both days more than five thousand visitors attended. Trained guides were provided by the Plattsmouth Masonic bodies, and the Eastern Star chapter assisted

with refreshments and many other ways. Our Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, delivered an impressive sermon on Sunday afternoon to a crowded Chapel. Masons are always welcome at the Home and we hope all Nebraska Masons will avail themselves of a standing invitation to call and see the Home. The old folks, our guests, enjoy visitors.

We are rapidly filling the new quarters and have been able to catch up with our approved waiting list for the first time in years. As this is written we have 32 men and 54 women in the Home. The average age of the men is 83.1 years and that of the women is 81.5. This average age is continually rising. The average period of residence dropped some from last year now standing at 6 years and 11 months. During 1952 we had 14 deaths, 6 women and 8 men. Our Infirmary cases continue to increase in numbers and the amount of care required goes up with the average age. Nevertheless in 1952 for the first time since 1941 we were able to effect a slight decrease in the per capita cost per year. Labor costs continue to rise but we have noted a leveling off in food costs. Through the fine work of the Masonic Organizations and individuals of the Grand Island area 37,000 pounds of flour, sugar, canned goods and commodities were donated in 1952. The Builders Club of Western Nebraska sent a truck loaded with potatoes, beans and fresh vegetables, almost a winters supply. The Eastern Star Chapters brought 1706 quarts of canned goods and jellies, many magazine subscriptions and bedding, towels etc. which provide both entertainment and help in the Home's operation. The Masons of Nebraska through the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha gave Christmas gifts as do the Scottish Rite Womens Club and many Eastern Star Kensingtons. Also we have generous donations from Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Scottish Rite bodies, Shrines, Rainbow Girls, Jobs Daughters, Individual Brothers and Sisters and many friends have continued to send to the Home those generous contributions which help us so materially in its operation. We gratefully thank each and all of these contributors who thus do so much to make our aged and dependent happy.

Your Board of Trustees operate this Home on a budget set up at the start of each year and we use all possible means to keep within that budget. This not only is sound business but is a necessity. Your Home is operated by the proceeds of the \$2.00 per capita of your dues and interest on our endowments. We are now caring for all our aged and dependent Masons and their eligible relatives that our funds permit yet new applications are always coming. Your Board of Trustees do not want to ask the Grand Lodge for more money and we ask again your cooperation in maintaining this position. If our Endowment Fund can be increased through bequests and gifts it can help us solve our problem. For the present, at least, we must keep this Home for the strictly needy, those no longer able to provide their own care and who do not have anyone who by the ties of nature and law able to provide for them. We have no place now for those whose natural protectors can provide

for them but have merely tired of providing their care. Your Board will continue the policy of going to the utmost ends to see that no needy Mason or his dependents shall want for sustenance and comfort in their declining years. To do this we must have help of every Nebraska Mason as well as the officers. You can help by urging remembrance of The Nebraska Masonic Home in their wills and by voluntary contributions. Your Board puts money received this way into the Endowment Fund and use only the income keeping the principal intact.

This Fall will be the Fiftieth Anniversary of the opening of this Home. Great progress has been made since that day fifty years ago. Your Board is planning ceremonies to commemorate this event and we hope that all Nebraska Masons will join with us in celebrating this day. Suitable notice will be given every Lodge in the State in ample time of the date of this Jubilee.

On the days of June 16, 17 and 18, the National Association of Masonic Home Executives will hold their sessions at our Home at Plattsmouth. These are very interesting and we are able to extend a welcome to any of the Nebraska Masons that are able to be present.

I cannot conclude this report without again expressing my thanks to all who have given of their time and money to operate this Home as a real Masonic Home. I speak the feeling of the Board of Trustees when I say we are proud of this Home. My especial thanks go to our Superintendent William F. Evers who works twenty-four hours every day in caring for our aged guests and does it in a manner that Masonry fairly exudes from every act. His son, our Assistant Superintendent, Raymond F. Evers deserves and gets our thanks. To our most capable Secretary Carl R. Greisen, upon whom I of necessity lean so much I am unable to find words to express my gratitude. To Brother Robert M. Herre and each and every member of the Board of Trustees who give so freely of their time and talents I repeat, thank you. Your only pay is that of real Masters Wages, the knowledge that you are living in the real spirit of Masonry.

Finally Brethren we ask your continued thought and cooperation for your Home. Come and visit this Home whenever you can. It will make you more appreciative of your Masonry and proud that you are a Mason. And to Grand Master Knight may the Supreme Architect bless you for your fine help during your busy year.

At this time the Grand Master called on R. W. Charles A. Mantz, Senior Grand Warden of Colorado, a former Nebraskan, and an international lawyer who spoke of his experiences in the Orient during the war.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

W. Ernest E. James, 1, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Finance submits its 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 carefully received the report of the auditors, submitted by McGladrey, Hansen, Dunn & Co., 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 1952 GENERAL FUND  
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES**

	Appro-	Expended		
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		drawn		draft
<b>EXPENSE OF ANNUAL SESSION</b>				
Payroll, 1952.....	\$ 3,930.08	\$ 3,930.08		
Grand Lodge Dinner.....	750.00	713.58	36.42	
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests .....	850.00	885.00		35.00
Reporting and Transcribing Session, 1952 .....	75.00	75.00		
Grand Tyler .....	15.00	15.00		
Grand Organist .....	10.00	10.00		
<b>EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES</b>				
Masonic Education .....	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Relief & Care of Orphans .....	600.00	600.00		
Trial Commission .....	100.00	100.00		
Committee on Work .....	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	2,000.00		

## TRAVELING EXPENSE

Grand Master .....	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Grand Secretary .....	500.00	500.00	
Grand Custodian and Assistants ....	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Other Grand Officers under direction of Grand Master .....	600.00	600.00	
Grand Secretary Emeritus, Lewis E. Smith .....	500.00	500.00	

## SALARIES

Grand Secretary .....	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Additional Compensation of Grand Secretary .....	900.00	900.00	
Grand Secretary, Clerical staff.....	5,900.00	5,900.00	
Grand Custodian .....	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Additional Compensation Grand Custodian .....	1,200.00	1,200.00	

## FIXED EXPENSES

Rent of Grand Lodge Quarters to 1953 .....	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Audit of Grand Lodge Books.....	100.00	100.00	
Grand Secretary, Office Expense....	3,600.00	4,007.11	407.11
Jewel, Retiring Grand Master.....	168.00	168.00	

## PRINTING

Proceedings 1952 Session, including advance copies, etc. ....	2,350.00	2,705.62	355.62
Printing lists of regular Lodges....	170.00		170.00

## INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

Workmen's Compensation and Liability premium to June 18, 1953 .....	33.60	33.60	
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of U. S. & Canada, 43,279 members .....	278.90	278.90	
Social Security Tax .....	350.00	345.60	4.40
Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Employees .....	285.00	313.20	28.20
Premium on two \$10,000 policies covering Grand Lodge Furniture and Fixture for 3 years expir- ing 6/10/55 .....	95.61	95.60	.01
Liability Insurance Premium Grand Master's car.....	25.00	13.00	12.00

MISCELLANEOUS

To amplify the Maintenance Fund sufficient to provide the necessary funds for our appropriation to the Masonic-Eastern Star

Home for Children, Fremont....	1,150.00	1,150.00		
TOTAL .....	\$43,686.19	\$44,289.29	\$222.83	\$825.93

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

The amount of \$1,000.00 was appropriated and withdrawn. Their report filed shows an expenditure of \$530.18, leaving a balance of \$469.82, 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 \$425.14 was expended, leaving a balance of \$74.86 which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS Nos. 1 and 2

This refers to the salaries of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian which was referred jointly to the Jurisprudence Committee, the Grand Trustees and the Finance Committee.

This Committee is in accord with these recommendations and we are setting up in the General Fund Budget the proper amount for each. We recommend that when approved this be referred to the Codification Committee for proper changes in the law.

GENERAL FUND

There is cash in this fund in the amount of \$47,869.27 on deposit in the Livestock National Bank as of May 19, 1953. There has been, or will be returned to the General Fund unexpended balance from various committees of \$544.68. This makes a total of \$48,413.95 available for the 1953 General Budget.

1953

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

EXPENSE OF ANNUAL SESSION

Payroll, 1953 .....	\$ 10,794.90
Grand Lodge Dinners .....	800.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests .....	850.00
Reporting and Transcribing 1953 Session .....	75.00
Grand Tyler .....	15.00
Grand Organist .....	10.00

## EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

Masonic Education .....	1,800.00
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

## TRAVELING EXPENSE

Grand Master .....	2,500.00
Grand Secretary .....	500.00
Grand Custodian and Assistants .....	4,500.00
Other Grand Officers under Direction of the Grand Master .....	600.00
Grand Secretary Emeritus, Lewis E. Smith .....	500.00

## SALARIES

Grand Secretary .....	6,000.00
Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff .....	6,500.00
Grand Custodian .....	4,500.00

## FIXED EXPENSES

Rent of Grand Lodge Quarters to June, 1954 .....	2,200.00
Audit of Grand Lodge Books & Securities .....	225.00
Grand Secretary's Office Expense .....	3,600.00
Jewel for Retiring Grand Master .....	168.00

## PRINTING

Proceedings of 1953 Session including Advance copies, etc. ....	2,500.00
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## INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

Workman's Compensation & Liability Insurance to 6/18/54	38.37
Dues to Masonic Relief Assn. of U. S. and Canada 44,317 members .....	284.08
Social Security Tax .....	380.00
Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers, committees and employees .....	315.00
Liability Insurance to cover Grand Lodge Liability on Grand Master's & other cars (blanket insurance) ....	25.00

## MISCELLANEOUS

Cost of Transportation of Grand Lodge for visit to Plattsmouth Home .....	256.76
TOTAL .....	\$ 52,987.11

In the adoption of the above Budget amounting to \$52,987.11 it will be necessary to amplify the General Fund by a special appropriation from the Permanent Reserve Fund, and will be provided under the heading of Special Appropriations.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

MAINTENANCE FUND, MASONIC-EASTERN STAR  
HOME FOR CHILDREN

For estimated maintenance for the ensuing year (to be matched by an equal appropriation from the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star) .....\$21,000.00  
(As there is only \$6600.84 available in this fund, it will be necessary to amplify it by special appropriation from other funds as provided by law.)

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

Special appropriation for the Masonic-Eastern Star Home Student Fund (to be matched by an equal amount from the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star) ..... 900.00

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the amount in the Maintenance Fund of the Masonic Eastern Star Home at Fremont ..... 6,285.60  
(This year's accrued interest only)

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the Maintenance fund of the Masonic Eastern Star Home at Fremont, as provided by law authorizing one-half of the annual accrued interest and all profit from the sale of securities ..... 3,382.91

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

To amplify the Maintenance Fund of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont ..... 5,000.00  
To amplify the General Fund to meet the 1953 adopted budget 6,000.00

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.:Edward M. Knight, Grand Master:

My brethren, I have signed quite a number of these original proficiency certificates this year. These are the last two that I will sign. It is a particular pleasure to end the year by personally presenting these two original certificates to Brothers Russell Keep, 32, and

Orville Lilley, 106. It represents a great deal of work. These new certified members are what keep our ritual strong and continue to build for the future of our Grand Lodge. Brethren, I hope that you will continue to be proficient throughout the years. Congratulations to you both.

Brother Orville Lilley, 106:

M. W. Sir, thank you for both of us.

#### 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 3 and 4, 1952, and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published by the Grand Secretary be ratified and approved.

(Seconded and carried)

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Past Grand Master

M. W. Grand Master and brethren, you may recall, that Mrs. R. E. Stevens of Grand Island, is the only living descendant and great granddaughter of Robert Carrel Jordan. You may also remember, that at our annual communication in 1948, she participated in the ceremony, when a suitable plaque was placed on the tombstone of our most distinguished Past Grand Master in Prospect Hill Cemetery here in Omaha. Just before I left Grand Island, Monday morning, Mrs. Stevens called me and told me that she had found among her keepsakes a Masonic ring, a pin and jewel, and a book of memos, which belonged to Robert Carrel Jordan. I brought them in and gave them to the Grand Secretary and they are now in his office. She felt that they were too valuable to be kept in a private home and if the Grand Lodge would like to have them, she asked that I present them for her. And so M. W. Grand Master, I move that these memos of our most distinguished Past Grand Master, Robert Carrel Jordan, be received by the Grand Lodge and placed with other historic relics and keepsakes of Robert Carrel Jordan.

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

Thank you M. W. Brother Huwaldt. On behalf of the Grand Lodge, we do accept and the request that you made as to their keeping is so ordered and a letter of appreciation will be sent to Mrs. Stevens.

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

I have in my hand here a program that was placed before every member of the Grand Lodge of Indiana about a month ago. There is

a lodge in Hammond, Indiana, McKinley Lodge No. 712, which plans an excursion every year to some distant lodge. One hundred fifty to two hundred fifty brethren quit work and go on a trip. The man who is Master of that lodge at this time is a former resident of Alliance, Nebraska; and this program states that McKinley Lodge No. 712 is going to visit Alliance Lodge No. 183, in September, 200 strong all the way from Hammond, Indiana. I think that is about as unusual a meeting as I ever heard of. I just mention that as a point of interest. Of course you know Alliance is my home lodge.

R. W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Senior Warden:

M. W. Grand Master, I move that a vote of thanks and appreciation be extended by this Grand Lodge to the eleven Omaha Lodges and their brethren for the fine efforts they have put forth in making our 96th Annual Communication a grand success. (Seconded and carried).

#### INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master, was Installing officer, assisted by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, Installing Marshal.

#### THE NEW GRAND MASTER

Brethren, I am just three degrees hotter than you are here. And I won't detain you longer than to say a few words. First of all, I want to thank M. W. Brother Magee my installing officer, and for the appointment a number of years ago. I hope that he was as proud of his appointment at that time, as I am of my new appointment, and I hope that he may continue to have that pride through this year. I want to thank M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith, for being the installing marshal. I will never forget when he escorted me to the Junior Deacons place, he whispered to me, "I just hope I can take you up to the East." He looks the same to me as he did then, and I see no reason why he will not have that privilege for many more years to come. I thank him, most sincerely.

I want to pledge to every Mason in Nebraska my willingness and my hope to be a good Grand Master. I will do everything in my power to be one, I will give as much of my time as I possibly can. As you know I am a doctor, and we are busy, I have a partner, Dr. Elwood Yaw, who is very understanding and very tolerant. I know that he will help me in every way that he can. But we still do practice medicine out in Imperial and I will have to do considerable of that also, so if I do decline an invitation once in a while, you know that it is because I have to decline it. Please try to understand, I am still going to do as much traveling as I possibly can. Even my old partner, Dr. George

Hoffmiester, came to me the day before I left and said that anything he could do, he would be happy to do in my absence. So that I do have some staunch Doctor friends back home, both of them Masons, both understanding and I do appreciate those gentlemen.

The plans for the year—I am concentrating my attention at the present time on two departments, the department of the Grand Custodian and the department of Masonic Education. I want to emphasize throughout the entire year, the work of both departments. I have told W. Brother Ray Cook, and I say it again publicly, that I will give him my wholehearted support, not only to him personally but to his Assistant Custodians, and I wish for them a very successful year, and certainly I will contribute everything that I possibly can to make it one. We are going to try to vitalize a Committee on Masonic Education, to make it a very active part in the Grand Lodge, and it is my hope that we will do such things this year that can be of a continuing nature and of a growing one. One that when the next Grand Master comes along he can add to what we are doing. I hope it will become a very vital part of our Grand Lodge.

I want to thank Brother Edward M. Knight, our retiring Grand Master. I can't imagine a scene being left more peacefully, I am warned that it is only the calm before the storm, but certainly he has attempted to clean up his year and he hands it to me in fine condition.

I want to thank my own lodge, Purity No. 198, for being represented in fairly good numbers this morning and not only for that but to thank them for the support they have given me throughout the years. I am not unmindful of the fact that it is because of their location that helped somewhat in my opportunity to share in this Grand Lodge work. They have certainly been cooperative, understanding, and I do appreciate everything they have done. A number of them rode in with one of the brothers yesterday. He is probably the wildest driver that anyone has ever known, and it almost made me feel that these brethren exemplified that old adage, that no greater love hath a brother than that—he is willing to lay down his life for his friend, and that is what these brethren did when they rode in with Melvin Carter yesterday. I would like to take your time for just a moment, to have the Grand Senior Deacon present one of the brethren at the altar. Brother Senior Deacon, present brother Siegfried L. Jacks at the altar. Brother Sieg, I didn't tell you I was going to do this or you wouldn't have come this morning, but I did want to point you out as an unusual brother in Nebraska. Brother Seig has forty-one years of Masonry, and twenty-five years as secretary of Purity Lodge No. 198 at Imperial He is "Mr. Mason" in Imperial. He has been my chief supporter throughout the years. You know when you are a little boy, you sort of like to be approved by your mother and father, and then as you grow up it becomes your wife and sons and daughters. Unfortunately I have no sons, I have a wife and two daughters. They can't be here today, my

parents are both gone and they can't be here. I have sort of transferred that feeling to Brother Seig. It is a pleasure to have him here. Now I would like to have all the other brethren from Purity Lodge stand; also Dr. C. Robert Carlson, our next door neighbor, to stand with them. I want you to see these fellows. Thank you, brethren.

I want to tell the brethren of Imperial that I appreciate this hat which I am wearing, which is a present from the brethren, and with it comes a very beautiful carrying case, ordered and delivered by Magees of Lincoln. It worked just like it had been planned. A large number of the brethren entered into the supplying of this gift and I have their names and I do appreciate that very much. I thought that it might become the property of Purity Lodge, but I am afraid we are going to have some trouble. The old carrying case and the old hat that belongs to the Grand Lodge is about worn out.

### PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL TO M. W. EDWARD M. KNIGHT

M. W. Edward Huwaldt:

M. W. Grand Master and brethren, Ed, will you step right up here in this spotlight? M. W. Brother Ed you have given us a very fine and successful administration, your record of achievement in every way has justified my choice of you as Grand Junior Deacon six years ago. Your term as Grand Master is over, you have just completed your basic training for the strenuous and arduous duties of a Past Grand Master. You learned at our Past Grand Master's dinner, Monday evening that we will make use of your experience and your talents for many years to come. I was told that you were the youngest Grand Master in the United States, is that true?

M. W. Edward M. Knight, Past Grand Master:

At the present time.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Past Grand Master:

Your youth and vigor and talents and ability assure us many more years of service to our Grand Lodge. It is a distinct personal pleasure to present to you this Past Grand Master's Jewel in recognition of your splendid service as Grand Master, and as a reminder that we still have much more for you to do. Congratulations M. W. Brother Ed.

M. W. Edward M. Knight, Past Grand Master:

Thank you M. W. Brother Edward Huwaldt. This jewel is very beautiful. It will be to me a reminder of many pleasant experiences of the past year. I am indeed happy that I could have it presented to me by M. W. Brother Huwaldt, who started me in my Grand Lodge

work, appointing me as Junior Deacon in 1947. I have been looking forward to this particular time when I could become officially a Past Grand Master and turn over the duties to M. W. Brother Fay. I assure you, my heart will always be in the work of the Grand Lodge, and I am very grateful for all the recognition which has been given to me, and I hope that we have served in such a way, that some accomplishment will stand, for the future. Thank you very much.

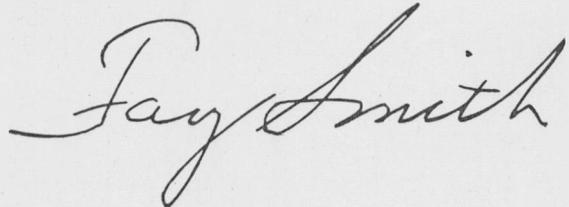
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary :

M. W. Brother Knight, it seems to be the duty of the Grand Secretary to present the retiring Grand Master with a Past Grand Master's apron. I believe M. W. Brother Virgil R. Johnson nicknamed the apron "the Hot Pad". Today I agree with him. However, it is a very beautiful apron and M. W. Brother Ed, it is an honor for me to present you this apron on behalf of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

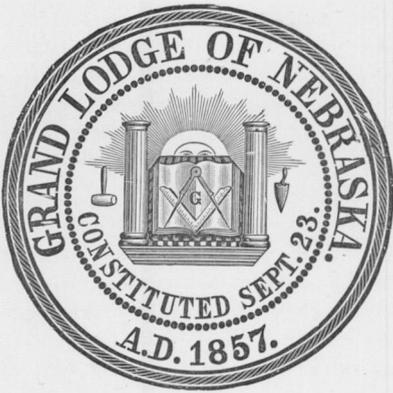
M. W. Edward M. Knight, Past Grand Master :

I really need an apron here, the Grand Custodian undressed me while you were giving your talk, Carl. It is a beautiful apron which I will cherish as long as I shall live, and I suppose that M. W. Brother Virgil is right, but as hot as I am, there is absolutely nothing that could add or detract. My brethren, thank you again for this recognition.

At 11:45 a.m., no further business appearing, after prayer by V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fay Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

Grand Master



Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the Ninety-sixth 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 9, 10, and 11, 1953, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, this 8th day of July, 1953.

*J. W. R. Feisen*

Grand Secretary

**VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS  
WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.**

Lewis E. Smith, 51 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- 51-52-53
William Cosh, 45 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- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53
Charles A. Chappell, 41 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- 44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53
Chancellor A. Phillips, 38 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- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-53
Edwin D. Crites, 36 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- 49-50-51-52-53
John R. Tapster, 34 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- 50-51-52
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
William F. Evers, 34 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- 52-53
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
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
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
Benjamin F. Eyre, 30 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53
John S. Hedelund, 30 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53
Raymond C. Cook, 30 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- 51-52-53
Carl R. Greisen, 30 Years	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53

C. Ray Macy, 30 Years	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53
William C. Smith, 27 Years	1926-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53
Virgil R. Johnson 25 Years	1928-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53
James H. Bryant, 24 Years	1893-94-97-99-1902-04-05-08-17-20-21-27-29-30-34 42-43-47-48-49-50-51-52-53
Perry J. Morton, 24 Years	1928-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-49-50-51-52-53
Pearl C. Hillegass, 24 Years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53
Walter R. Raecke 24 Years	1924-25-26-1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-48-49-51-52-53
Herbert T. White 22 Years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53.

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
WILLIAM J. BRECKENRIDGE	Died Nov. 16th, 1951.....	(75th) ..1939

PAST GRAND MASTERS  
 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE  
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- 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
- EARL J. LEE ..... (76th) ..194C  
 1617 Colson, 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  
 401 Masonic Temple, Omaha
- THOMAS J. ARON ..... (86th) ..1951  
 Crete State Bank, Crete
- EDWARD M. KNIGHT ..... (87th) ..1952  
 Alliance National Bank, Alliance
- 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



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.....	Edward H. Rivers.....	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
Brazil, Minas Gerais.....	Sebastio Duarte de Almeida	Avenida do Brasil, 478 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 8348, Sao Paulo
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiiba.....	Augusto de Almeida Simoes.	Joaq, 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, Box 217,
Chile.....	Zacarias Gomez Marzheimer	Box 28674, Santiago.
Colorado.....	Harry W. Bundy.....	319 Masonic Temple, Denver
Columbia 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
Delaware.....	Chester R. Jones.....	818 Market Street, Wilmington
Denmark.....	Svend F. Jacobsen.....	Blegdamsvej, 23 Copenhagen
District of Columbia.....	Raymond N. Babcock....	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.
Greece.....	Dr. Anntos Rammas.....	Tektonikon, Idryma 19, Acharnon Street, Athens.
Iceland.....	Olafur Gislason.....	Freemasonry Hall, Borgartun 4, Reykjavik.
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.....	Thomas E. Jackson.....	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	Claud Shaffer.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Earl W. Taylor.....	Masonic Temple, Boston 16
Mexico, (York Gr. Lg)	Cantwell C. Brown.....	Quinta Elspeth, Irlanda 15, Mexico.
Michigan.....	Charles E. Sherman.....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	John B. Tomhave.....	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.....	Edward R. Carman.....	Masonic Hall, New York
New Zealand.....	E. G. Northern.....	Box 1833, Wellington
Nicaragua.....	Victor M. Delgadillo.....	Apt. 102, Managua.
North Carolina.....	Wilbur L. McIver.....	Box 3068, Raleigh
North Dakota.....	Harold S. Pond.....	Box 1269, Fargo.

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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 .....	J. Fred Latham .....	Masonic Temple, Guthrie.
Oregon .....	Harry D. Proudfoot .....	Masonic Temple, Portland
Panama .....	Nathan A. Reid .....	Box 84, Panama
Pennsylvania .....	George A. Avery .....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
Philippine Islands...	Antonio Gonzales .....	520 San Marcelino, Manila
Prince Edward Island	F. A. Van Iderstine .....	Charlottetown.
Puerto Rico .....	Emiliano Isaales .....	Box 8385 Ferndon's Junce Station, Santurce
Quebec .....	R. W. Louthard .....	1559 St. Mark St., Montreal
Queensland .....	E. G. Radford .....	Box 675, 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 .....	G. E. A. Bottiger .....	Stockholm 6, Sweden
Tamaulipas.....	Ruben Marquez Roma .....	Apt. Postal No. 419, Tampico, Tamps., Mexico
Tasmania.....	H. A. Wilkinson.....	117 Macquarie St., Hobart
Tennessee .....	Thomas E. Doss .....	Nashville. Box 216
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 .....	C. W. Davis .....	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 ..	N. J. Munro .....	Box D 177, Gen. P. O. Perth
West Virginia.....	Julian B. Hollingsworth..	Charleston 28.
Wisconsin.....	Paul W. Grossenbach.....	705 E. Wells St., Milwaukee
Wyoming .....	Irving E. Clark .....	Box 459, Casper

REPRESENTATIVES NEAR AND FROM OTHER GRAND LODGES

REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Arthur T. Wood, Sr.	Adamsville	Dec. 2, 1948	Alabama	Raymond C. Cook, 6	Plattsburgh	May 4, 1939
F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta	Earl M. Balen, 130	Ulysses	May 2, 1924
John Fletcher Sills, Jr.	Prescott	April 13, 1949	Arizona	Morace F. Smith, 265	Scottsbluff	Mar. 18, 1950
A. B. Arbaugh	Jasper	Feb. 19, 1942	Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee, 227	Lincoln	Aug. 24, 1944
Roul Ballalai de Carvalho	Val. do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Brazil, Bahia	Mainard E. Crosby, 32	North Platte	Sept. 19, 1936
Romundo Nonata do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1949
Jose Cesario Horla	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Guilherme Wittine	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 2, 1944	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 19, 1941
Abia Herve	Rio Grande do Sul	Oct. 10, 1949	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	John J. Helzer, 158	Chadron	Nov. 15, 1949
Luiz Carrilho do Rego Barros	Joao, Pessoa	Dec. 30, 1935	Brazil, Lodge of Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
Walter Pinto	Sao Paulo	Nov. 14, 1951	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Nile O. Walther, 59	Fremont	Nov. 15, 1949
John Woolcock	Victoria	April 12, 1949	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
C. M. Pitts	Ottawa	April 15, 1944	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Rodolfo C. Oliveira	Estado 62, Santiago	Mar. 18, 1930	Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 285	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
Jose Maria Serna	Barranquilla	July 31, 1951	Colombia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Fred G. Christensen, 33	Grand Island	July 2, 1938
Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932	Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 24, 1943
George S. Hull	Clinton	Sept. 22, 1948	Connecticut	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
Cecilio Nieto Casabo	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918	Costa Rica	Frank A. Anderson, 17	Tecumseh	Jan. 5, 1952
V. H. Francisco Enrique	Garcia	Nov. 5, 1952	Cuba	Fay Smith, 198	Imperial	Oct. 2, 1949
James T. Chandler	Wilmington	Jan. 3, 1930	Delaware	Ross Van Sickle, 184	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Alex Troedsson	Copenhagen	Sept. 10, 1946	Denmark	John S. Hedelund, 268	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
John Linn McGrew	Washington	July 6, 1917	Dist. of Columbia	Dwight P. Griswold, 195	Scottsbluff	Nov. 4, 1942
Fernandos Gayangos Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Ecuador	Guy W. Anderson, 36	Lincoln	May 12, 1939
Ibrahim F. K. Pacha	Alexandria	Oct. 10, 1933	Egypt	Emil H. Vierigg, 33	Grand Island	July 23, 1947
William R. S. Bathurst	Wiltshire	May 18, 1950	England	John R. Tapster, 119	North Bend	Sept. 30, 1931
Leon E. Forbes	Jacksonville	April 15, 1944	Florida	Charles B. Nicodemus, 15	Fremont	April 15, 1944
Frank G. Birdsong	LaGrange	April 24, 1951	Georgia	William F. Evers, 6	Plattsburgh	Jan. 23, 1941
			Greece	Steve G. Paulos, 318	Grand Island	July 17, 1953
			Ireland	Nels Ostergaard, 32	North Platte	June 26, 1953
Bjarne Bjarnason	Helgafell	Jan. 7, 1953	Iowa	David C. Spangler, 41	Stanton	Dec. 7, 1925
Everett W. Rising	Nampa	April 30, 1932	Illinois	Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59	Wahoo	Dec. 20, 1944
Harry L. Kline	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Indiana	Roy S. Planck, 15	Fremont	Mar. 7, 1952
John P. Lippincott	South Bend	Feb. 26, 1949	Iceland	Thomas T. Vorney, 176	Decatur	Dec. 20, 1944
John A. Wallace	Dublin	Jan. 7, 1953	Kansas	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
Homer B. Osborn	Wichita	Sept. 28, 1944	Kentucky	Barton H. Kuhns, 268	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
C. E. Tyree, Sr.	Beattyville	April 20, 1945	Louisiana	Norris Chadderdon, 146	Holdrege	June 22, 1937
Charles F. Ratcliffe	Baton Rouge	Sept. 18, 1936	Maine	Carlos E. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 26, 1950
James A. Sanker	Belfast	Sept. 14, 1948	Manitoba	Ernest C. Purdy, 195	Gordon	June 24, 1943
Nathan Rothstein	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951	Maryland	George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
William F. Brønning	Baltimore	July 25, 1919	Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937
Roscoe Pound	Cambridge	May 1, 1929	Mexico	Earl J. Lee, 15	Fremont	April 9, 1924
Horace Dillon	Torreon, Coah.	Mar. 17, 1944	Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1917
Frank W. Richey	Dowagiac	Feb. 23, 1907	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952
Herbert S. Ramberg	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
Buford Walker	Picayune	May 28, 1951				

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Edmund E. Morris	Kansas City	Jan. 9, 1929	Missouri	Edward E. Carr, 32	North Platte	July 2, 1938
J. R. P. Reinemer	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Montana	Welcome W. Naylor, 158	Chadron	Mar. 4, 1950
Harry H. Atkinson	Steno	June 19, 1911	Nevada	Phil B. Campbell, 65	Oseola	May 4, 1939
LeBaron Wilson	St. John	Mar. 7, 1921	New Brunswick	Mahlon C. Morgan, 322	Gering	Sept. 3, 1946
John O. Lovejoy	Bristol	April 14, 1934	New Hampshire	Virgil R. Johnson, 26	Beatrice	Oct. 10, 1931
John A. Stecker	Moplewood	Aug. 11, 1947	New Jersey	Wallace E. Linn, 1	Omaha	May 4, 1939
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208	Arcadia	Oct. 18, 1943
Frederick J. Hayward	Mosman	Mar. 10, 1950	New So. Wales	Glen L. Rice, 3	Seward	July 10, 1947
Samuel S. DeHoff	New York City	Oct. 31, 1950	New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
William Grant Hay	Box 108, Dunedin	Jan. 6, 1926	New Zealand	James H. Bryant, 199	Carleton	April 22, 1952
Gral. Anastasio Somaza	Managua	Dec. 9, 1941	Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
H. B. Leavitt	Asheville	Aug. 6, 1932	North Carolina	John J. Wilson, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Albert H. Hood	Yarmouth	July 1, 1941	North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire, 306	Sidney	Dec. 20, 1944
C. Fraser Larimer	Stellarton	July 28, 1952	Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entrekim, 295	Gering	July 10, 1941
Juan L. Arocha	Monterrey	Oct. 23, 1950	Neuvo Leon	William G. Putney, 59	Wahoo	Aug. 9, 1950
Robert L. Troescher	Youngstown	April 26, 1952	Ohio	Eldridge G. Reed, 46	Kearney	April 2, 1945
Manford S. Runyan	Oklahoma City	Feb. 7, 1941	Oklahoma	Lewis E. Baker, 135	McCook	Apr. 28, 1953
Clarence D. Phillips	Portland	Sept. 4, 1937	Oregon	Vorro E. Tyler, 2	Nebraska City	Dec. 9, 1941
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 12, 1953	Panama	Walter R. Roecke, 36	Central City	April 8, 1935
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946	Philippine Island	John C. Green, 280	Sargent	Oct. 17, 1945
Roy C. McLean	Souris	Mar. 24, 1943	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
A. G. Lightbourn	Fajardo	May 3, 1945	Puerto Rico	Roy I. Babbitt, 295	Scottsbluff	Aug. 23, 1952
Alex Nickle	Montreal	Jan. 31, 1934	Quebec	Edwin D. Crites, 158	Chadron	April 20, 1920
Harry Hill	Brisbane	May 31, 1923	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Graffon H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Mark Husk	Prince Albert	July 1, 1936	Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom, 1	Omaha	July 10, 1947
Canon G. K. Sturrock Clarke	Edinburgh	Nov. 19, 1942	Scotland	William Cosh, 11	Omaha	Aug. 6, 1914
Frank Ernest Haddrick	Adelaide	June 9, 1910	South Australia	Thomas A. Barton, 210	Grand Island	Aug. 30, 1950
Horace Greeley Adams	Charleston	Aug. 7, 1942	South Carolina	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	Feb. 1, 1951
Marshall R. Brown	Stoux Falls	Aug. 6, 1908	South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Minden	Aug. 26, 1918
G. A. E. Lagerfelt	Lingoping	Oct. 6, 1939	Sweden	W. Alex Danielson, 116	Alma	Sept. 10, 1953
V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949	Tamaulipas	Robert D. Wilson, 262	Omaha	Aug. 8, 1949
P. D. Kersh	Jackson	Sept. 14, 1948	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
Harold A. Boteman	Dallas	July 28, 1952	Texas	Albert S. Johnston, 19	Lincoln	June 27, 1941
George F. Meissner	Ogden	Feb. 3, 1944	Utah	William A. Kommers, 234	Hyannis	Mar. 10, 1945
D. Burtleigh Smalley, Jr.	Johnson	Feb. 4, 1943	Vermont	Clarence T. Spier, 268	Omaha	Jan. 29, 1951
Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Victoria	Charles H. Marley, 1	Omaha	May 4, 1939
Hugo Barber	Vienna	Mar. 22, 1951	Vienna	Henry H. Reese, 205	Chappell	May 1, 1946
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	S. Arlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
Stewart E. Perry	Puyallup	July 18, 1946	Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183	Alliance	June 27, 1941
R. H. G. Clark	Perth	Apr. 22, 1941	West Australia	Charles F. Adams, 68	Aurora	July 10, 1947
Harry E. Hoffman	Clarksburg	Feb. 12, 1947	West Virginia	Alvin H. Miller, 19	Lincoln	May 4, 1939
George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946	Wisconsin	Osborne P. Simon, 174	Culbertson	June 24, 1943

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 Mount Moriah, 57.  
 Mount Nebo, 125.  
 Mount Zion, 161.  
 Mullen, 282.  
 Mystic Tie, 166.  
  
 Naphali, 206.  
 Nebraska, 1.  
 Nehawka, 246.  
 Nelson, 77.  
 Nemaha Valley, 4.  
 Newman Grove, 305.  
 North Bend, 119.  
 Northern Light, 41.  
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 Onkland, 91.  
 Oak Leaf, 312.  
 Oasis, 271.  
 Occidental, 215.  
 Ogalalla, 159.  
 Olive Branch, 274.  
 Oliver, 38.  
 Omadi, 5.  
 Omaha, 288.  
 Ord, 103.  
 Orient, 13.  
 Oruan, 261.  
 Osceola, 65.  
 Oshkosh, 286.  
  
 Palisade, 216.  
 Papillion, 39.  
 Parian, 207.  
 Pawnee, 23.  
 Perkins, 308.  
 Penn, 14.  
 Pilot, 240.  
 Pioneer, 322.  
 Plainview, 204.  
 Platts Valley, 82.  
 Plattsmouth, 6.  
 Plumbline, 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.  
Signet, 193.

Siloam, 147.  
Silver, 266.  
Silver Cord, 224.  
Sioux, 277.  
Solar, 134.  
Solomon, 10.  
Springfield, 112.  
Square, 151.  
Star, 88.  
Stella, 105.  
Sterling, 70.  
St. Johns, 25.  
Stronburg, 126.  
Superior, 121.  
Sutherland, 299.  
Swastika, 280.

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Tecumseh, 17.  
Tekamah, 31.  
Temple, 175.  
Thistle, 61.  
Trestle Board, 162.  
Trowel, 71.  
Tuscan, 130.  
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Upright, 137.  
Utica, 96.

Valley, 157.  
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Wahoo, 59.  
Wallace, 279.  
Washington, 21.  
Waterloo, 102.  
Wauweta, 217.  
Wausa, 251.  
Wayne, 120.  
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William E. Hill, 307.  
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Anselmo, 258.  
Ansley, 176.  
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Arcadia, 208.  
Arlington, 52.  
Arnold, 225.  
Ashland, 110.  
Atkinson, 164.  
Auburn, 124.  
Aurora, 68.
- Bancroft, 145.  
Barneston, 165.  
Bartley, 228.  
Bassett, 254.  
Bayard, 301.  
Bentrice, 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.  
Brook, 162.  
Broken Bow, 148.  
Brownville, 4.  
Burchard, 137.  
Burwell, 200.  
Butte, 235.
- Cairo, 324.  
Callaway, 207.  
Cambridge, 150.  
Carleton, 199.  
Cedar Bluffs, 215.  
Central City, 36.  
Ceresco, 229.  
Chadron, 158.  
Chapman, 239.  
Shappell, 205.  
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Cortland, 194.  
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- Dakota City, 5.  
Dalton, 321.
- Danbury, 185.  
Davenport, 154.  
David City, 51.  
Decatur, 88.  
DeWitt, 111.  
Diller, 206.  
Domiphan, 86.  
Douglas, 237.  
Dunbar, 272.
- Edgar, 67.  
Elgin, 276.  
Elm Creek, 133.  
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Emerson, 220.
- Fairbury, 35.  
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Fairmount, 48.  
Falls City, 9.  
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Franklin, 264.  
Fremont, 15.  
Friend, 73.  
Fullerton, 89.
- Geneva, 79.  
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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.  
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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.  
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Lexington, 61.  
Lincoln, 19, 54, 210, 227.  
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Lodgepole, 306.  
Long Pine, 136.  
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Lyons, 240.
- Madison, 113.  
Mason City, 170.  
McCook, 135.  
Merna, 171.  
Milford, 30.  
Minatare, 295.  
Minden, 127.  
Mitchell, 263.  
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- Nebraska City, 2.  
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Neligh, 71.  
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Newman Grove, 305  
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Norfolk, 55.  
North Bend, 119.  
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- Oak, 243.  
Oakland, 91.  
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O'Neill, 95.  
Orchard, 291.  
Ord, 103.  
Orleans, 60.  
Osceola, 65.  
Oshkosh, 286.  
Osmond, 247.  
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Oxford, 138.
- Page, 156.  
Palisade, 216.  
Palmyra, 287.  
Papillion, 99.  
Pawnee City, 23.  
Pender, 205.  
Peru, 14.  
Phillips, 62.  
Pierce, 153.  
Plainview, 204.  
Plattsmouth, 6.  
Polk, 311.  
Ponca, 101.  
Potter, 313.  
Primrose, 143.
- Randolph, 202.  
Ravenna, 289.  
Red Cloud, 53.  
Republican City, 98.  
Reynolds, 160.  
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Rushville, 169.	Stratton, 173.	Wakefield, 83.
Ruskin, 304.	Stromsburg, 126.	Wallace, 279.
Saint Edward, 230.	Stuart, 147.	Walthill, 274.
Saint Paul, 82.	Sumner, 212.	Waterloo, 102.
Sargent, 280.	Superior, 121.	Wauneta, 217.
Schuyler, 34.	Surprise, 130.	Wausa, 251.
Scotia, 191.	Sutherland, 299.	Wayne, 120.
Scottsbluff, 265.	Sutton, 49.	Weeping Water, 97.
Scribner, 132.	Syracuse, 57.	Western, 140.
Seneca, 284.	Table Rock, 108.	West Point, 27.
Seward, 38.	Tecumseh, 17.	Wilber, 64.
Shelby, 161.	Tekamah, 31.	Wilcox, 226.
Shelton, 99.	Tilden, 166.	Wilsonville, 157.
Sidney, 75.	Tobias, 149.	Winnebago, 309.
Silver Creek, 266.	Ulysses, 187.	Winside, 235.
South Sioux City, 316.	Utica, 96.	Wisner, 114.
Spencer, 261.	Valentine, 192.	Wolbach, 292.
Springfield, 112.	Valley, 310.	Wood Lake, 221.
Stanton, 41.	Valparaiso, 151.	Wood River, 211.
Stapleton, 190.		Wymore, 104.
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Box Butte, 183.	Gosper, 167.	Perkins, 308.
Boyd, 233, 261, 312.	Grant, 234.	Phelps, 146, 275.
Brown, 136, 224.	Greene, 191, 292.	Pierce, 153, 204, 247.
Buffalo, 46, 99, 133, 189, 289.	Hall, 33, 86, 211, 318, 324.	Platte, 323.
Burt, 31, 88, 91, 240, 241.	Hamilton, 62, 68, 223, 245.	Polk, 65, 126, 161, 311.
Butler, 51, 81, 130, 187.	Harlan, 60, 98, 116.	Red Willow, 135, 185, 228, 262.
Cass, 6, 97, 163, 209, 246.	Hitchcock, 173, 174, 216.	Richardson, 9, 13, 40, 105.
Cedar, 155, 202, 219, 248.	Holt, 95, 147, 156, 164.	Rock, 254.
Chase, 198, 217.	Hooker, 282.	
Cherry, 192, 221.	Howard, 82.	Saline, 37, 64, 73, 111, 140, 149.
Cheyenne, 75, 306, 313, 321.	Jefferson, 35, 160, 206.	Sarpy, 39, 112.
Clay, 44, 49, 67, 84, 139.	Johnson, 17, 70, 231.	Saunders, 59, 110, 151, 215, 229.
Colfax, 34, 193.	Kearney, 127, 226.	Scotts Bluff, 201, 263, 265, 271, 295, 322.
Cuming, 27, 114, 145, 253.	Keith, 159.	Seward, 30, 38, 96, 179.
Custer, 148, 170, 171, 176, 207, 225, 258, 280.	Kimball, 294.	Sheridan, 169, 177, 195.
Dakota, 5, 316.	Knox, 87, 100, 218, 251, 273.	Sherman, 106, 278.
Dawes, 158, 181.	Lancaster, 19, 54, 94, 210, 227, 250, 256, 297, 300, 314, 320.	Sioux, 277.
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Dodge, 15, 72, 119, 132.	Merrick, 36, 134, 239, 266.	Thurston, 203, 274, 309.
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## EXTINCT NEBRASKA LODGES, U. D. OR CHARTERED

- Adams, U. D., (ext.)  
 Adoniram, 159, (ext.)  
 Ainsworth, U. D., (131), (ext.)  
 Allen, U. D., (236)  
 Anchor, 142, (ext.)  
 Arapahoe, 109, (ext.)  
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)  
 Armada, U. D., (ext.)  
 Ashland, 18, (ext.)  
 Bannack City, U. D., (ext.)  
 Battle Creek, U. D., (ext.)  
 Beaver, U. D., (179)  
 Beaver Valley, U. D., (230)  
 Bee, 259, (consolidated)  
 Belgrade, U. D., (269)  
 Bell Creek, U. D., (241)  
 Benkelman, U. D., (180)  
 Benson, U. D., (290)  
 Blue Springs, U. D., (85)  
 \*Bradshaw, 255  
 Brainard, 115, (ext.)  
 Bromfield, U. D., (ext.)  
 Bromfield, U. D., (223)  
 Burchard, U. D., (137)  
 Burnett, U. D., (166)  
 Butte, U. D., (233)  
 Carleton, U. D., (199)  
 Cedar, U. D., (13)  
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215)  
 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143)  
 Central City, U. D., (ext.)  
 Ceresco, U. D., (229)  
 Chadron, U. D., (158)  
 Chapman, U. D., (239)  
 Columbus, U. D., (ext.)  
 Columbus, U. D., (58)  
 Columbus, 8, (ext.)  
 Cowles, 296, (ext.)  
 Crab Orchard, U. D., (238), ext.  
 Crawford, U. D., (181)  
 Cumming City, U. D., (21)  
 Custer, U. D., (148)  
 Dakota, (5)  
 Danbury, U. D., (185)  
 Davenport, U. D., (154)  
 Decatur, 7, (ext.)  
 Doric, 118, (ext.)  
 Douglas, U. D., (237)  
 Elk Creek, 90  
 Eureka, 16, (ext.)  
 Ewing, U. D., (156)  
 Exeter, U. D., (ext.)  
 Exeter, 283 (ext.)  
 \*Consolidated.  
 Firth, U. D., 66 (ext.)  
 Fortitude, 69, (ext.)  
 Genoa, U. D., (125)  
 Gibbon, (see 46)  
 Gibbon, U. D., (189)  
 Giddings, (2)  
 Grafton, 172, (ext.)  
 Grant, U. D., (34)  
 Grant, U. D., (186)  
 Greenwood, U. D., (163)  
 Gresham, U. D., (197)  
 Hamilton, U. D., (68)  
 Harmony, U. D., (ext.)  
 Hermon, U. D., (231)  
 Hesperia, 178, (ext.)  
 Hildreth, 252  
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29)  
 Holdrege, U. D., (146)  
 Hubbell, 92  
 Hyannis, U. D., (234)  
 Huntley, 270, (extinct.)  
 Idaho, U. D., (ext.)  
 Imperial, U. D., (198)  
 Incense, 182  
 Indianola, 123, (ext.)  
 Ithmar, 238, (ext.)  
 Jasper, 122, (ext.)  
 Jephtha, U. D., (264)  
 Johnson, U. D., (141, (ext.)  
 \*Joppa, 76  
 \*Junjata, 42  
 Lafayette, 24, (ext.)  
 Lebanon, 58, (ext.)  
 Leigh, U. D., (193)  
 \*Level, 196  
 Liberty, U. D., (152)  
 Livingstone, 66, (ext.)  
 Loup Fork, U. D., 8, (ext.)  
 Mackey, U. D., (242)  
 Macoy, 22, (ext.)  
 Magic City, U. D., (184)  
 Miller, 213, (ext.)  
 Monitor, U. D., (ext.)  
 Morrill, U. D., (271)  
 Nebraska City, 12 (ext.)  
 Norfolk, U. D., (55)  
 North Loup, U. D., (142), (ext.)  
 Odell, U. D., 122, (ext.)  
 Ohioa, U. D., (182)  
 Orion, 242, (ext.)  
 Overton, U. D., (267)  
 Oxford, U. D., (188)  
 Pacific, U. D., (310)  
 \*Palmer, (315)  
 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)  
 Salem, 47, (ext.)  
 Saline, U. D., (73)  
 Saline, U. D., (101)  
 Saline, U. D., (118)  
 Samuel W. Hayes, U. D., (287)  
 Scotia, U. D., (191)  
 Seward, U. D., (38)  
 Shelby, U. D., (161)  
 Shickley, U. D., 178, (extinct.)  
 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)  
 Sincerity, 244, (ext.)  
 Springview, 260 (ext.)  
 Square & Compass, 213, ext.  
 Stanton, U. D., (41)  
 Steele City, 107, (ext.)  
 Stockville, U. D., (196)  
 Summit, 7, (transferred)  
 Summit, 141, (ext.)  
 Syracuse, U. D., (57)  
 Talmage, U. D., (162)  
 Temple, U. D., (5)  
 Tobias, U. D., (149)  
 Trenton, U. D., (ext.)  
 Trilumular, U. D., (210)  
 \*Tyre, 85, (Consolidated)  
 Ulysses, U. D., (187)  
 Valentine, U. D., (113)  
 Valparaiso, U. D., (151)  
 Waco, 80 (ext.)  
 Weeping Water, U. D., (97)  
 Wilcox, U. D., (226)  
 Winside, U. D., (235)  
 Winter Creek, U. D., (265)  
 Wyoming, 28 (transferred)  
 Zeredatha, U. D., (98) (ext.)

LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORY OTHER THAN NEBRASKA

NAME OF LODGE	LOCATION
Summit No. 7 .....	Parkville, Colorado...Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8....	Gold Hill, Colorado..Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U.'D.'.....	Central City, Colorado..Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannack City, U.'D.'.....	Bannack City, Idaho..Instituted April —, 1863, or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U.'D.'....	United States Army..Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct, prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U.'D.'.....	Nevada City, Idaho....Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28....	South Pass City, Wyoming....Instituted 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
Exeter No. 283 .....	Exeter .....	December 16, 1952

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, with Locations, Dates of Regular Meetings, Officers, Etc.

LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska	1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	George F. Spencer	Walter Dinkel
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Clarence W. Rankin	George W. Goldsmith
Capitol	3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Herman G. Reinholz	Wallie W. Messick
Nemaha Valley	4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before O	Frank E. Thomas	Abe Lawrence
5 Omadi	5	Dakota City	Dakota	Second Tuesday	Willard A. Sides	Raymond H. Ream
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	Marion Reed	Emil J. Weyrich
Falls City	9	Falls City	Richardson	Second Thursday	H. Wendell Miller	George W. Goldsmith
Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before O	George A. Rohwer	Edward H. Lorenzen
Covert	11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Charles O. Baker	George R. Porter
10 Orient	13	Rule	Richardson	First and third Mondays	Robert E. Kreutzer	Clarence W. Kermodae
Peru	14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	Harvey D. Melstead	Wallace W. Barnes
Fremont	15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	William E. Welstead, Jr.	Roy S. Planck
Tecumseh	17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Keith Campbell	Dale R. Bush
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Richard L. Wait	Perry J. Morton
15 Washington	21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Philip S. Moore	Chris K. Bendorf
Pawnee	23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	H. Reed Dusenbery	Ralph I. Berry
St. Johns	25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Hal J. Samuel	Ray M. Green
Beatrice	26	Beatrice	Gage	Second Monday	Erland J. Lewis	Percy R. Bick
Jordan	27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Thursdays	Donald Starr	Charles V. Stewart
20 Hope	29	Nemaha	Nemaha	Friday on or before O	Orval P. Handley	Jay Burns
Blue River	30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	Clifford C. Feiselman	Clarence C. Wertman
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	Burt	Second Wednesday	Fred H. Kjeldgaard	Anton R. Kokes
Platte Valley	32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Robert L. Murphy	Edward W. Cross
Ashlar	33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Benjamin D. Wood	Robert W. Cook
25 Acacia	34	Schuyler	Colfax	Third Tuesday	Emil Jindra	Carroll K. Longacre
Fairbury	35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Wayne Swartz	Walter E. Scott
Lone Tree	36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Dean E. Eckhoff	Lee C. Coolidge
Crete	37	Crete	Saline	First Thursday	Glenn M. Park	Everett M. Wood
Oliver	38	Seward	Seward	Third Thursday	Gordon Tipton	Walter E. Beck
30 Papillion	39	Papillion	Sarpy	Second Wednesday	William A. Corby	Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt	40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Robert A. Chamberlain	Richard W. Nims
Northern Light	41	Stanton	Stanton	Second Thursday	Russell V. Barth	Fred R. Waring
Hebron	43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	John H. Ells	Harlan S. Gordon
Harvard	44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Clayton England	Ira F. Fishback
35 Rob Morris	46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Charles P. Brink	Donald L. Gherman

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Fairmont	48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Second Tuesday	Lesley L. Miles Jr.	James A. Rose
Evening Star	49	Sutton	Clay	Second Thursday	Roy M. King	John A. Bortorf
Hastings	50	Hastings	Adams	First Thursday	Floyd J. Nelson	Curtis L. Walters
Fidelity	51	David City	Butler	First Tuesday	Edgar V. Thomas	Eldon B. Johnson
40 Hiram	52	Arlington	Washington	Second Thursday	Ralph E. Clausen	John R. Peterson
Charity	53	Red Cloud	Webster	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Frank E. Morhart	Marion Bloom
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Joseph F. Brown	Victor Seymour
Mosaic	55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Merton C. Bressler	Clarence G. McNamee
York	56	York	York	Last Friday	Charles L. Flickinger	Robert V. Jones
45 Mt. Moriah	57	Syracuse	Otoe	Second Thursday	Donald E. Slosson	Marshall D. Halvorson
Wahoo	59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	John K. Schultz	Edwin R. Levin
Melrose	60	Orleans	Harlan	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Laurence J. Lloyd	M. H. Mintzmeier
Thistle	61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Delbert W. Carroll	Joseph E. Snyder
Keystone	62	Phillips	Hamilton	Second Monday	Frederick D. Heinzman	Robert D. Jensen
50 Blue Valley	64	Wilber	Saline	First and Third Tuesdays	Eugene C. Zajicek	Otto Novak
Osceola	65	Osceola	Polk	First Friday	Harold L. Jones	I. Donald Huston
Edgar	67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays	Wayne V. Hunter	Elmer H. Duest
Aurora	68	Aurora	Hamilton	First and third Tuesdays	Irvin L. Peterson	Claude A. Rennau
Sterling	70	Sterling	Johnson	Second Monday	H. Dale Park	Arnold W. Feistner
55 Trowel	71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Max E. McGee	Lee R. Fleming
Hooper	72	Hooper	Dodge	First Friday	Lawrence H. Hunteman	Norris W. Lallman
Friend	73	Friend	Saline	First and third Thursdays	Carl O. Lyle	Alva N. Murray
Alexandria	74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Tuesday	Dale Ross	Guy B. Averill
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Ralph W. Gentle	Harold K. Bond
60 Nelson	77	Nelson	Nuckolls	First Thursday	Clem Reeve	Warren C. Hall
Albion	78	Albion	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Edward S. Papez	Ivan C. Caldwell
Geneva	79	Geneva	Fillmore	First Tuesday	John R. Bixby	Gerald B. Walton
Composite	81	Rising City	Butler	First Tuesday	Herbert D. Treadway	Fredolph C. Chalquist
St. Paul	82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	Reynold L. Trosper	Fred E. Haggart
65 Corinthian	83	Wakarusa	Dixon	Third Friday	Walter L. Moller	V. H. Robert Hanson
Fairfield	84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Mondays	Jack B. Hubbell	Charles V. Glenn
Doniphan	86	Doniphan	Hall	First Friday	Donald M. Underwood	E. L. Van Buskirk
Ionic	87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before O	George Skokan	John R. Wagner
Star	88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	Keith C. Johnson	Walter W. Small
70 Cedar River	89	Fullerton	Nance	First and third Mondays	Forrest G. Leininger	Wayne H. Nicholls

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 Gage .....  
 Richardson .....  
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 Pawnee .....  
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 Sarpy .....  
 Madison .....  
 Cuming .....  
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 Thomas McKay .....  
 Charles E. Jones .....  
 Loren L. McNeil .....  
 J. Virgil Rhodes .....  
 James D. Bishop .....  
 Harbor .....  
 Lester Stibor .....  
 Gerald H. Langhorst .....  
 Lawrence E. Peterson .....  
 Ernest R. King .....  
 Duane E. Armstrong .....  
 Gerald L. Werner .....  
 Merrill T. Banks .....  
 Floyd D. Dunker .....  
 Joseph R. Binder .....  
 Jesse H. Campbell .....  
 Paul H. Zimmerman .....  
 Herbert F. Eager .....  
 Arvin V. Reeves .....  
 Francis C. Lorensen .....  
 John L. Hardin .....  
 Herbert O. Pedersen .....  
 Mervin Otte .....  
 Howard W. H. Witt .....  
 C. Lester Aldrich .....  
 George F. Davis .....  
 Clinton C. Jurgensen .....  
 Matthew H. Peterson .....  
 Collins W. Strand .....  
 Earl W. Carpenter .....  
 William B. Vaughan .....  
 Read B. Otto .....  
 Carroll W. Maynard .....  
 John S. Ludden .....  
 Frank K. Betts .....  
 Glenn V. Meyers .....  
 Dewey E. Wheeler .....  
 Elmer Rinne .....  
 Paul W. McCoy .....  
 Charles W. West, Sr. ....  
 Dewey S. Heidloff .....  
 Harry W. Burt .....  
 Lloyd G. Gillespie .....  
 Clair R. McNeil .....  
 Alvin C. Groesser .....  
 Lennie E. Workman .....  
 Gustav W. Wellensiek .....  
 Carl I. Oppen .....  
 Dean H. Ehle .....  
 Herbert L. Johnson .....  
 Ralph L. Craig .....  
 O. Wayne Miller .....  
 Elmer R. Ham .....  
 Frederick J. Leschinsky .....  
 Orval O. Johnson .....  
 Paul I. Eaton .....  
 James M. Norton .....  
 William Ward .....  
 Vern O. Peterson .....  
 Raymond A. Jensen .....  
 Thomas C. Rogers .....  
 Earl Crandell .....  
 Leon J. Cherny .....  
 Walter S. Bressler .....  
 Merle P. Hayes .....  
 William N. Boyd .....  
 David F. Olson .....  
 Arnold F. Detmer .....  
 Jack White .....  
 Neal Zimmerman .....  
 Oliver H. Martin .....  
 Arthur Kunzman .....  
 Donald D. Hill, Sr. ....  
 Cooper H. Butt .....  
 Billie B. Hoffer .....  
 Lewis E. Baker .....  
 William C. Smith, Sr. ....  
 William Yarpe .....  
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Clay Centre	139	Clay Center	Clay	Second Tuesday	Kenneth A. Palmer	George M. Porter
Western	140	Western	Saline	Second Thursday	Edward Timmel	Glenn C. Wiegens
Crescent	143	Primrose	Boone	Second Thursday	George E. Heany	Harry P. Hansen
Kenesaw	144	Kenesaw	Adams	Second Thursday	Raymond Cleland	Edward E. Guilkey
115 Bancroft	145	Bancroft	Cuming	Second and fourth Mondays	Gerald J. Havekost	Lawrence H. Preston
Jachin	146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Harlan C. Shriner	Elmer G. Brunzell
Siloam	147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or before O	Charles E. McClurg	Harry L. Cowles
Emmet Crawford	148	Broken Bow	Custer	Third Wednesday	Henry J. Dean	Paul R. Hicks
Jewel	149	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Rudolph H. Pfingston	John L. Pfingston
120 Cambridge	150	Cambridge	Furnas	First and third Tuesdays	Gerald W. Johnston	Harley I. Simon
Square	151	Valparaiso	Saunders	Second and fourth Tuesdays	John D. Gerdes	Harry Parker
Evergreen	153	Pierce	Pierce	Second Tuesday	Harold R. Frey	Homer F. Birch
Lily	154	Davenport	Thayer	Third Thursday	Kenneth W. Mosier	Vivian H. Virchow
Hartington	155	Hartington	Cedar	First Thursday	Willard W. Burney	Rudolph H. Jenny
125 Pythagoras	156	Page	Holt	First Friday	Anton Nissen	LuVern Van Conett
Valley	157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Second Tuesday	Clarence J. Treat	Lewis L. Skiles
Samaritan	158	Chadron	Dawes	First and third Thursdays	Richard Schrnechel	George A. Stevens
Ogalalla	159	Ogallala	Keith	First Tuesday	Cyrus D. Sanders	Howard F. Payne
Zeredatha	160	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Thursdays	Paul A. Goebel	Paul A. Ude
130 Mount Zion	161	Shelby	Polk	Second Monday	Don Linton	W. Paul Killion
Trestle Board	162	Brock	Nemaha	First Tuesday	Kenneth Williamson	Floyd Christy
Unity	163	Greenwood	Cass	First and third Tuesdays	Walter O. Marolf	Emmett A. Landon
Atkinson	164	Atkinson	Holt	First and third Wednesdays	Raymer L. Funk	LeRoy C. Richards
Barneston	165	Barneston	Gage	First Tuesday	Eugene H. Goin	Robert L. Howe
135 Mystic Tie	166	Tilden	Madison	Third Thursday	Clement J. Baker	Albert J. Skrivan
Elwood	167	Elwood	Gosper	Second Monday	Ray A. Griffin	Aubrey O. Mitchem
Curtis	168	Curtis	Frontier	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Clarence L. Sloan	Klyte D. Burt
Amity	169	Rushville	Sheridan	First and third Tuesdays	Floyd A. Lincoln	George A. Mills, Sr.
Mason City	170	Mason City	Custer	Second Tuesday	John E. Amsberry	Ray H. Duke
140 Merna	171	Merna	Custer	First Thursday	Edwin E. Butterfield	Sam W. Lyon
Robert Burns	173	Stratton	Hitchcock	Second and fourth Mondays	Charles Harold Conner	Clyde H. Jones
Culbertson	174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays	Mainard Wertz	Arvene C. Eisenhart
Temple	175	Filley	Gage	Third Tuesday	Benjamin F. Cox, Jr.	Marcus N. Andersen
Gladstone	176	Ansley	Custer	Third Thursday	Frank M. Cox	Roy D. Breeden
145 Hay Springs	177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays	Charles R. Marcy	Roy T. Stiehl

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Beaver Crossing	Seward	Dundy	Dundas
Benkelman	Dundy	Dundas	Dundas
Crawford	Dundas	Dundas	Dundas
Alliance	Box Butte	Dundas	Dundas
Omaha	Douglas	Dundas	Dundas
Danbury	Red Willow	Dundas	Dundas
Ulysses	Butler	Dundas	Dundas
Cozad	Dawson	Dundas	Dundas
Gibbon	Buffalo	Dundas	Dundas
Stapleton	Logan	Dundas	Dundas
Scotia	Greeley	Dundas	Dundas
Valentine	Cherry	Dundas	Dundas
Leigh	Colfax	Dundas	Dundas
Cortland	Gage	Dundas	Dundas
Gordon	Sheridan	Dundas	Dundas
Gresham	York	Dundas	Dundas
Imperial	Chase	Dundas	Dundas
Carleton	Thayer	Dundas	Dundas
Burwell	Garfield	Dundas	Dundas
Gering	Scotts Bluff	Dundas	Dundas
Randolph	Cedar	Dundas	Dundas
Pender	Thurston	Dundas	Dundas
Plainview	Pierce	Dundas	Dundas
Chappell	Deuel	Dundas	Dundas
Diller	Jefferson	Dundas	Dundas
Callaway	Custer	Dundas	Dundas
Arcadia	Valley	Dundas	Dundas
Elmwood	Cass	Dundas	Dundas
Lincoln	Lancaster	Dundas	Dundas
Wood River	Hall	Dundas	Dundas
Sumner	Dawson	Dundas	Dundas
Adams	Gage	Dundas	Dundas
Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	Dundas	Dundas
Palisade	Hitchcock	Dundas	Dundas
Wauneta	Chase	Dundas	Dundas
Bloomfield	Knox	Dundas	Dundas
Coleridge	Cedar	Dundas	Dundas
Emerson	Dixon	Dundas	Dundas
Wood Lake	Cherry	Dundas	Dundas
Herman	Washington	Dundas	Dundas

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Harvey G. Walden	Hubert E. Dyke	E. Berlyn Johnson	Ehm J. Sorensen	Orville B. Hathaway	Harold M. Boyd	Carl E. Diers	Kenneth R. Muirhead	William F. Nulter	Charles W. Druey	Elton M. Jess	Howard J. Gile	Alva Dykes	Everitt Suiter	John V. Egli	Keith C. Moore	Arlon E. Johnston	Cecil O. Stables	Peter O. Petersen	Thomas E. O'Connor	Dallas Phillips	Elias G. Conger	Duane M. Douglas	Cecil E. Shunk	Keith A. Hays	Nigel G. Sprouse	Virgil V. Bugbee	Charles T. Edwards, Jr.	Alva B. Jennings	Otto E. Meyer	Merlyn C. Dickerson	Charles P. Nickeson	Elmer H. Rohde	Le Roy W. Hood	Lloyd W. Ough, Jr.	Lawrence C. Donat	Thomas W. Craig	Harold W. Langmack	John M. Pedersen	Floyd Triplett
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Eminence	223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Eldon E. Bish	James C. Bierbower
Silver Cord	224	Ainaworth	Brown	Second Tuesday	Thomas B. Rinehart	Harold E. Hooker
Cable	225	Arnold	Custer	First Tuesday	Alfred R. Kenoyer	L. Paul Hartman
Grace	226	Wilcox	Kearney	Second and fourth Mondays.	Cecil Glenn	Glenn Witte
190 North Star	227	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Clinton B. Gass	Roy W. Deal
Bartley	228	Bartley	Red Willow	Second Tuesday	Charles F. Case	August W. Teter
Comet	229	Ceresco	Saunders	First Thursday	Keith G. Quick	Otis Beaman
Delta	230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Glenn O. Wright	Kenneth R. Weed
Mt. Hermon	231	Cook	Johnson	Second Tuesday	Alonzo Combs	Fred Gittinger
195 John S. Bowen	232	Kennard	Washington	Third Thursday	Elmer Petersen	Nic Friedrichsen
Gilead	233	Butte	Boyd	Second, 4th and 5th Mondays	Ronald A. Roush	William P. Wills
Zion	234	Hyannis	Grant	Second Wednesday	Roy Hebbert	Howard J. Kommers
Fraternity	235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Thursday	Donald C. Quinn	Irving F. Gaebler
Golden Rule	236	Allen	Dixon	First and third Tuesdays	Millard M. Martin	Don F. Schneider
200 Cubit	237	Douglas	Otoe	First Thursday	Landis A. Rulla	Mark Roberts
Friendship	239	Chapman	Merrick	Second Friday	Andrew B. Knight	Edw. Klingenberg, Jr.
Pilot	240	Lyons	Burt	Third Thursday	Floyd L. Hale	Edwin A. Loppnow
George Armstrong	241	Craig	Burt	First Tuesday	Herbert C. H. Moberg	Frank F. McMullin
Tyrian	243	Oak	Nuckolls	First Monday	Bruce A. Scroggin	Leonard K. Scroggin
205 Hampton	245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays.	C. Glendon Harp	Fred W. Christiansen
Nehawka	246	Nehawka	Cass	Second Wednesday	Dean E. Nutzman	George E. Pollard
Corner-Stone	247	Osmond	Pierce	Second Friday	Henry A. Thomsen	Joseph Cizek
Laurel	248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Thursdays	Ralph W. Morten	Richard L. Herse
Gothenburg	249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	Paul E. Pape, Sr.	Ernest O. Van Wey
210 George Washington	250	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Harold R. Beachell	Otis W. Cave
Wausa	251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	George Oxley	Melvin Rosen
Beemer	253	Beemer	Cuming	First Tuesday	John R. Cohee	Frank Wostoupal, Jr.
Bassett	254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Earl L. Anderson	Edmund D. Shaw
Hickman	256	Hickman	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Vernon H. Etmund	James A. Mulder
215 Holbrook	257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays.	Albert Phillipson	Jacob C. Van Cleave
Anselmo	258	Anselmo	Custer	Second Tuesday	Norman C. Scott	Miles M. Kepler
Ornan	261	Spencer	Boyd	First and Third Mondays	Gayle E. Couch	Earl Conklin
Endeavor	262	Indianola	Red Willow	First and Third Thursdays	James F. Lee	Que Quigley
Mitchell	263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	John H. Tinsman	Martin E. Turpen
220 Franklin	264	Franklin	Franklin	Second Monday	Jesse U. Malick	William S. Yates
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Sioux...277	Harrison...277	Sioux...277	Second Monday...	Fred Hamaker...277	Clarence A. Schnurr...277
Litchfield...278	Litchfield...278	Sherman...278	Second Thursday...	Claude M. Sayers...278	Harve I. Lang...278
Wallace...279	Wallace...279	Lincoln...279	First Tuesday...	Donald R. Hummell...279	Gerald W. Phillips...279
Swastika...280	Sargent...280	Custer...280	First Wednesday...	Emil M. Swanda...280	John C. Green...280
235 Florence...281	Omaha †...281	Douglas...281	First Monday...	I. Dale Vierson...281	William A. Yoder...281
Mullen...282	Mullen...282	Hooker...282	Second Tuesday...	Ross Hager...282	William C. McIntyre...282
Seneca...284	Seneca...284	Thomas...284	Second Wednesday...	Louis J. Merz...284	Alfred Hilpmann...284
Camp Clarke...285	Bridgeport...285	Morrill...285	First Tuesday...	Lester E. Sherfey...285	Edward K. Milhine...285
Oshkosh...286	Garden...286	Garden...286	First Monday...	Leonard R. Patty...286	John T. Sager...286
240 Union...287	Palmyra...287	Otoe...287	First Friday...	Jacob R. Clem...287	Joe A. Dowding...287
Omaha...288	Omaha...288	Douglas...288	First Wednesday...	Raymond L. Huber...288	Frederick J. Bolshaw...288
Lotus...289	Ravenna...289	Buffalo...289	Second Tuesday...	John W. Kelly...289	Archie A. Meek...289
John J. Mercer...290	Omaha †...290	Douglas...290	First Tuesday...	Robert D. McBride...290	George J. Storms...290
Diamond...291	Orchard...291	Antelope...291	Second Thursday...	Harold P. Mitchell...291	Howard E. Bradstreet...291
245 Wolbach...292	Wolbach...292	Greeley...292	First and third Wednesdays...	William Allen...292	Merle A. Thomsen...292
Monument...293	Arapahoe...293	Furnas...293	Second and fourth Mondays...	Soren H. Sorensen...293	Miles E. Lewis...293
Kimball...294	Kimball...294	Kimball...294	First Monday...	William F. Johnson...294	Charles M. Fisher...294
Minatare...295	Minatare...295	Scotts Bluff...295	Second Friday...	Frank G. Weiss...295	J. Clive Jull...295
Cotner...297	Lincoln †...297	Lancaster...297	First Monday...	Thomas E. Fowler...297	Harry B. Hall...297
250 Chester...298	Chester...298	Thayer...298	First and third Mondays...	William J. Crouse...298	James E. Woodward...298
Sutherland...299	Sutherland...299	Lincoln...299	First Wednesday...	Edward J. Lawyer...299	John F. Fleak...299
Liberty...300	Lincoln...300	Lancaster...300	First Thursday...	Howard A. Stewart...300	John S. Burley...300
Bayard...301	Bayard...301	Morrill...301	Second and Fourth Tuesdays...	Frank H. Smith...301	Charles H. Ninegar...301
Mizpah...302	Omaha...302	Douglas...302	First Friday...	John F. Futcher...302	Elmo R. Clayton...302
255 Right Angle...303	Omaha...303	Douglas...303	First Thursday...	Robert C. Bruce...303	Cloyd L. Hawley...303
Ruskin...304	Ruskin...304	Nuckolls...304	Second and fourth Thursdays...	Marvin L. Thayer...304	Chauncey O. Hull...304
Newman Grove...305	Newman Grove...305	Madison...305	Second Monday...	Harold C. Blecker...305	Alexis R. Gustavson...305
Golden Rod...306	Lodgepole...306	Cheyenne...306	Second Tuesday...	Charlie C. Wise...306	Ralph R. Carleton...306
William E. Hill...307	Otoe...307	Otoe...307	Third Tuesday...	Harry D. Abker...307	Forrest R. Halvorsen...307
260 Perkins...308	Grant...308	Perkins...308	First Monday...	Louis P. Guildner...308	Otto E. Gauger...308
†Benson Station.	†Florence Station.		‡Bethany Station.		

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Winnebago	309	Winnebago	Thurston	First Thursday	Neal D. Nelson	Floyd A. Taylor
Victory	310	Valley	Douglas	Second Thursday	Howard H. Johnson	Francis A. Roberts
Polk	311	Polk	Polk	Second Monday	Hugo Person	Everett W. Green
Oak Leaf	312	Lynch	Boyd	Second Tuesday	Earl M. Moody	Wallace E. Moffett
265 Potter	313	Potter	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Ray S. Scranton	Elmer H. Seyfang
Craftsmen	314	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Delbert H. Pinkerton	Curry D. Bryson
Alpha	316	South Sioux City	Dakota	Second Thursday	Gerald L. Curry	Clarence A. Stewart
Mid-West	317	Hastings	Adams	First Wednesday	John S. Breeden	Homer C. Davey
Grand Island	318	Grand Island	Hall	First Tuesday	Robert L. Sorensen	Albert B. Osborn
270 Bladen	319	Bladen	Webster	Second Tuesday	Eldon H. Davis	Howard R. James
College View	320	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Towey E. Johnson	Silas R. Davenport
Harmony	321	Dalton	Cheyenne	Second Wednesday	Kenneth G. Larson	Orville G. Johnson
Pioneer	322	Tyman	Scotts Bluff	Second Tuesday	Roy W. Robinson	Joseph H. Lawson
Lebanon	323	Columbus	Platte	Second Wednesday	Elmer J. Hodges	Carl H. Hoge
275 Cairo	324	Cairo	Hall	Second Monday	Rudolph V. Larson	Edward T. Swanson

†College View Station.

**ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Osborne P. Simon, 174, Culbertson .....	1930
Austin F. Whitmire, 75, 1057 6th Ave., Sidney .....	1931
Jesse P. Entrekin, 295, Gering .....	1934
Harold D. Weddel, Box 552, Lexington .....	1937
Cecil C. Gates, 4807 St. Paul Ave., Lincoln .....	1938
Ross Van Sickle, 184, 2515 So. 35th, 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
Lewis E. Baker, 135, 703 East 4th, McCook .....	1943
Louis V. Sylvester, 281, 2572 Vane, Omaha .....	1946
LaVerne A. Walker, 55, Norfolk .....	1946
Ernest E. James, 1, Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., Omaha .....	1948
Frank Anderson, 17, Box 703, Tecumseh .....	1949
Sylvester Shumard, 227, 2700 Sumner, Lincoln .....	1949
Robert W. Cook, 33, Box 524, 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, Box 567, Kearney .....	1950
William F. Flickinger, 56, Waco .....	1951
Forrest A. Lape, 512 Platte Ave., Alliance .....	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, Plattsmouth .....	1919
Wallace E. Linn, 1, Omaha .....	1934
Ward B. Schrack, 2306 E. 6th Ave., Denver, Colo. ....	1933
I. Donald Huston, 65, Osceola .....	1928

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1952	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1952	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1952	No. on Rolls December 31, 1951	GAIN					Total	LOSS							
									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			
																				Total Loss		
Nebraska.....	1	45	188	44	16	0	495	1323	51	6	0	2	0	1382	2	23	0	1	0	26	1356	1
Western Star....	2	6	36	8	8	11	97	266	7	1	0	6	0	280	1	7	11	0	0	19	261	2
Capitol.....	3	40	77	33	30	3	362	922	31	2	0	3	4	962	3	20	3	0	0	26	936	3
Nemaha Valley..	4	0	4	0	1	0	45	52	0	0	0	1	0	53	0	2	0	0	0	2	51	4
Omaha.....	5	3	29	3	2	1	61	118	2	1	0	1	0	122	3	3	1	0	0	7	115	5
Plattsmouth....	6	12	32	14	6	1	51	301	12	1	0	1	0	315	2	7	1	0	0	10	305	6
Falls City.....	9	25	28	23	7	1	87	269	21	2	0	0	0	292	4	4	1	0	0	9	283	9
Solomon.....	10	3	2	3	2	0	12	87	3	0	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	10
Covert.....	11	53	93	54	40	5	325	1544	45	7	0	4	0	1600	9	38	5	0	0	52	1548	11
Orient.....	13	2	6	1	2	0	19	47	1	1	0	1	0	50	0	2	0	0	0	2	48	13
Peru.....	14	3	7	2	0	4	38	99	2	1	0	6	0	108	0	2	4	0	0	6	102	14
Fremont.....	15	20	31	25	8	4	138	552	26	9	1	3	0	591	5	12	4	0	0	21	570	15
Tecumseh.....	17	6	16	6	6	0	85	190	9	0	0	1	0	200	1	5	0	0	0	6	194	17
Lincoln.....	19	29	96	31	19	10	427	1605	26	4	0	8	0	1043	9	14	10	0	0	33	1019	19
Washington.....	21	6	9	4	2	2	34	167	4	1	0	1	0	173	5	6	2	0	0	13	160	21
Pawnee.....	23	7	10	8	6	0	57	115	11	0	0	0	0	126	1	4	0	0	0	5	121	23
Saint John.....	25	43	74	41	17	1	470	967	42	4	0	10	0	1023	5	30	1	0	0	36	987	25
Beatrice.....	26	17	55	14	15	5	216	348	17	8	0	1	0	374	5	7	5	0	0	17	357	26
Jordan.....	27	2	4	2	0	1	25	78	4	0	0	1	0	83	0	3	1	0	0	4	79	27
Hope.....	29	0	3	1	1	0	32	48	0	1	0	0	0	49	1	2	0	0	0	3	46	29
Blue River.....	30	1	7	1	1	0	38	88	1	1	0	1	0	91	0	1	0	0	0	1	90	30
Tekamah.....	31	6	5	7	5	1	49	140	4	2	0	0	0	146	0	4	1	0	0	5	141	31
Platte Valley...	32	25	71	13	24	0	86	441	21	2	0	0	0	464	4	11	0	0	0	15	449	32
Ashlar.....	33	37	33	36	13	6	227	571	34	1	0	2	0	608	5	15	6	0	0	26	582	33
Acacia.....	34	10	6	12	4	0	46	170	8	1	0	1	0	180	1	4	0	0	0	5	175	34
Fairbury.....	35	13	36	11	6	0	46	243	10	0	0	0	0	253	3	4	0	0	0	7	246	35
Lone Tree.....	36	5	11	6	6	1	55	208	7	1	0	1	0	217	1	4	1	0	0	6	211	36
Crete.....	37	4	8	4	4	15	90	186	3	0	0	15	0	204	1	3	15	0	0	19	185	37
Oliver.....	38	5	12	5	0	1	93	189	5	4	0	2	0	200	0	3	1	0	0	4	196	38
Papillion.....	39	13	7	13	14	1	41	121	15	2	0	0	0	138	0	1	1	0	0	2	136	39
Humboldt.....	40	4	11	4	4	0	24	125	3	0	0	1	0	129	0	3	0	0	0	3	126	40
Northern Light..	41	2	12	0	1	0	34	97	1	1	0	0	0	99	0	2	0	0	0	2	97	41
Hebron.....	43	6	19	4	11	0	80	133	3	0	0	0	1	137	1	1	0	0	0	2	135	43
Harvard.....	44	3	12	5	2	0	39	67	5	2	0	2	0	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	44
Rob Morris.....	46	19	35	6	5	2	186	327	18	6	2	7	0	360	4	5	2	1	0	12	348	46
Fairmont.....	48	1	1	2	2	0	49	91	2	0	0	1	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	48
Evening Star....	49	2	1	1	4	0	22	105	2	2	0	0	0	109	0	2	0	0	0	2	107	49
Hastings.....	50	32	36	33	4	8	193	480	27	9	0	2	0	518	6	5	8	0	0	19	499	50
Fidelity.....	51	5	9	5	1	1	73	148	5	0	0	5	0	158	0	5	1	0	0	6	152	51

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Hiram	52	3	13	1	8	1	35	83	5	2	0	0	2	0	92	0	1	1	0	0	2	90	52	
Charity	53	15	26	14	5	0	69	148	15	2	0	0	0	0	165	1	2	0	0	0	3	162	53	
Lancaster	54	31	74	33	18	9	296	904	28	5	0	6	0	0	943	8	16	9	0	0	0	33	910	54
Mosaic	55	12	47	7	4	13	135	398	9	5	0	3	0	0	415	1	5	13	0	0	0	19	396	55
York	56	13	10	12	4	3	88	266	10	1	0	1	0	0	278	1	7	3	0	0	0	11	267	56
Mt. Moriah	57	1	4	0	1	1	51	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	70	57
Wahoo	59	3	8	4	3	0	69	263	3	0	0	0	0	0	266	2	5	0	0	0	0	7	259	59
Melrose	60	6	21	2	3	8	44	67	0	1	0	1	0	0	69	0	3	8	0	0	0	11	58	60
Thistle	61	13	13	10	5	2	68	187	12	3	0	4	0	0	206	3	2	2	0	0	0	7	199	61
Keystone	62	2	4	2	2	1	18	43	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	42	62
Blue Valley	64	5	5	1	5	0	36	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	64
Osceola	65	2	5	2	4	0	20	86	8	0	0	1	0	0	95	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	94	65
Edgar	67	4	0	5	1	1	25	102	8	1	0	0	0	0	111	2	1	1	0	0	0	4	107	67
Aurora	68	3	14	2	4	0	42	155	4	2	0	1	0	0	162	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	159	68
Sterling	70	4	15	5	1	0	54	52	4	0	0	1	0	0	57	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	54	70
Trowel	71	4	12	6	3	4	58	79	6	0	0	1	0	0	86	2	0	4	0	0	0	6	80	71
Hooper	72	2	7	1	0	0	22	101	1	1	0	0	0	0	103	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	101	72
Friend	73	3	6	1	2	0	9	68	0	1	0	1	0	0	70	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	65	73
Alexandria	74	2	12	1	1	0	27	34	1	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	34	74
Frank Welch	75	15	22	12	9	4	105	268	13	6	0	1	0	0	288	3	6	4	0	0	0	13	275	75
Nelson	77	3	11	2	8	1	56	70	3	1	0	0	0	0	74	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	73	77
Albion	78	4	24	3	4	0	51	108	4	1	0	4	0	0	117	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	115	78
Geneva	79	7	13	2	0	1	27	132	2	1	0	0	0	0	135	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	132	79
Composite	81	2	2	3	1	0	35	49	3	0	0	1	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	81
St. Paul	82	14	18	12	6	0	35	205	10	0	0	0	0	0	215	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	212	82
Corinthian	83	1	6	5	2	1	24	70	3	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	72	83
Fairfield	84	1	13	1	2	0	44	62	1	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	62	84
Doniphan	86	1	9	0	4	0	33	45	0	1	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	45	86
Ionic	87	6	27	6	46	0	55	104	3	1	0	0	0	0	108	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	107	87
Star	88	13	13	10	4	1	19	120	9	0	0	0	0	0	129	1	3	1	0	0	0	5	124	88
Cedar River	89	6	15	4	4	0	102	102	3	2	0	1	1	1	109	4	1	0	0	0	0	5	104	89
Oakland	91	12	12	10	7	2	37	138	8	0	0	0	0	0	146	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	143	91
Beaver City	93	7	8	5	3	0	31	72	5	0	0	2	0	0	79	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	75	93
Bennett	94	0	11	0	0	0	42	60	0	0	1	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	94
Garfield	95	6	13	3	0	0	49	59	6	1	0	19	0	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	95
Utica	96	3	5	2	1	3	36	86	2	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	82	96
Euclid	97	4	13	5	0	2	53	107	6	1	0	0	0	0	114	1	4	2	0	1	8	106	97	
Republican	98	0	5	0	3	0	24	58	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	98
Shelton	99	0	3	4	0	0	31	73	7	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	1	1	79	99	

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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
Creighton.....	100	4	112	4	1	1	36	110	5	0	0	1	0	116	0	2	1	0	0	3	113	100
Ponca.....	101	2	6	0	8	0	35	90	0	0	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	101
Waterloo.....	102	8	13	8	0	2	50	153	8	0	0	1	0	162	0	2	2	0	0	4	158	102
Ord.....	103	1	18	4	5	2	68	145	2	0	0	0	0	147	4	3	2	0	0	9	138	103
Wymore.....	104	8	23	9	5	5	74	230	7	1	0	3	0	241	5	7	5	1	0	18	223	104
Stella.....	105	2	10	1	2	1	26	64	1	2	0	0	0	67	0	2	1	0	0	3	64	105
Porter.....	106	5	5	3	1	0	13	52	3	0	0	0	0	55	1	1	0	0	0	2	53	106
Table Rock.....	108	3	0	3	0	2	31	52	3	0	0	3	0	58	0	1	2	0	0	3	55	108
Pomegranate.....	110	13	16	12	6	0	42	208	8	1	1	0	0	218	2	2	0	0	0	4	214	110
DeWitt.....	111	0	13	1	2	0	52	58	2	0	0	0	0	60	1	0	0	0	0	1	59	111
Springfield.....	112	3	20	4	3	1	40	116	5	0	0	2	0	123	1	2	1	0	0	4	119	112
Globe.....	113	2	17	3	5	0	10	81	2	0	0	0	0	83	1	0	0	0	0	1	82	113
Wisner.....	114	9	11	7	1	0	25	108	7	0	0	0	0	115	1	3	0	0	0	4	111	114
Harlan.....	116	1	10	0	3	0	17	96	0	1	0	0	0	97	2	0	0	0	0	2	95	116
Hardy.....	117	2	3	5	0	0	22	39	7	0	0	0	0	46	1	1	0	0	0	2	44	117
North Bend.....	119	6	3	5	1	0	16	116	8	0	0	0	0	124	1	3	0	0	0	4	120	119
Wayne.....	120	9	8	8	3	2	41	193	6	3	0	2	0	204	2	3	2	0	0	7	197	120
Superior.....	121	5	15	5	3	2	46	180	3	5	0	1	0	189	5	3	2	0	0	10	179	121
Auburn.....	124	4	10	2	1	1	57	156	4	2	0	1	0	163	1	2	1	0	0	4	159	124
Mt. Nebo.....	125	3	17	4	5	1	56	109	5	0	0	1	0	115	2	3	1	0	0	6	109	125
Stromsburg.....	126	0	4	2	1	2	33	78	2	0	0	0	0	80	0	2	2	0	0	4	76	126
Minden.....	127	5	11	4	6	3	32	89	4	0	0	2	0	95	1	1	3	0	0	5	90	127
Guide Rock.....	128	9	1	9	3	4	13	53	8	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	4	0	0	4	57	128
Blue Hill.....	129	1	5	1	0	2	42	53	1	0	0	0	0	54	0	2	2	0	0	4	50	129
Tuscan.....	130	2	1	2	2	0	19	35	2	0	0	4	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	1	40	130
Scribner.....	132	0	7	0	2	1	30	51	0	0	1	0	0	52	0	2	1	0	0	3	49	132
Elm Creek.....	133	1	10	2	6	1	45	61	2	1	0	0	0	64	1	0	1	0	0	2	62	133
Solar.....	134	4	3	3	2	0	31	75	2	0	0	0	0	77	0	2	0	0	0	2	75	134
McCook.....	135	15	40	13	8	4	78	370	12	4	0	0	0	386	1	5	4	0	0	10	376	135
Long Pine.....	136	0	9	0	2	0	28	71	2	1	0	0	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	136
Upright.....	137	4	11	2	2	0	17	80	2	0	0	1	0	83	0	1	0	0	0	1	82	137
Rawalt.....	138	6	2	6	0	3	41	73	6	1	0	1	0	81	0	0	3	0	0	3	78	138
Clay Centre.....	139	3	7	3	1	2	40	68	5	0	0	1	0	74	1	1	2	0	0	4	70	139
Western.....	140	1	4	1	2	0	39	27	1	1	0	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	0	1	28	140
Crescent.....	143	0	7	0	4	2	41	61	2	1	0	1	0	65	1	0	2	0	0	3	62	143
Kencsaw.....	144	2	16	5	6	1	80	80	2	0	0	0	0	82	0	1	1	0	0	2	80	144
Bancroft.....	145	5	6	5	9	3	49	67	5	0	0	0	0	72	2	1	3	0	0	6	66	145
Jachin.....	146	3	19	3	4	1	81	181	5	2	0	2	0	190	2	3	1	0	0	6	184	146
Siloam.....	147	1	1	1	0	1	28	27	1	0	0	0	0	28	0	1	1	0	0	2	26	147
Emmet Crawford	148	12	27	10	4	0	51	188	13	1	0	1	0	203	1	3	0	0	0	4	199	148

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																						No. on Rolls, December 31, 1952
Jewel.....	149	2	3	1	1	0	51	74	1	0	0	0	0	75	1	1	0	0	0	2	73	149
Cambridge.....	150	3	10	2	0	2	53	127	5	1	0	1	0	134	1	2	2	0	0	5	129	150
Square.....	151	0	16	0	4	4	53	69	4	0	0	0	0	73	0	1	4	0	0	5	68	151
Evergreen.....	153	0	6	1	1	4	15	75	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	3	4	0	0	7	68	153
Lily.....	154	1	8	3	3	0	22	69	2	0	0	0	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	1	70	154
Hartington.....	155	2	20	2	3	1	44	80	2	1	1	1	0	85	3	2	1	0	0	6	79	155
Pythagoras.....	156	0	21	0	3	1	45	44	1	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	1	0	0	1	44	156
Valley.....	157	5	4	4	2	0	26	49	3	0	1	0	0	53	1	2	0	0	0	3	50	157
Samaritan.....	158	9	16	12	6	3	29	292	10	2	1	1	0	306	3	4	3	0	0	10	296	158
Ogalalla.....	159	10	24	13	8	0	62	151	13	1	0	1	0	166	1	1	0	0	0	2	164	159
Zeredetha.....	160	0	1	0	1	0	16	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	160
Mount Zion.....	161	3	3	3	3	7	35	51	2	0	0	2	0	55	0	0	7	0	0	7	48	161
Trestle Board.....	162	3	4	3	3	1	25	90	1	1	1	1	0	94	1	0	1	0	0	2	92	162
Unity.....	163	1	9	2	4	0	44	55	1	0	0	1	0	57	1	2	0	0	0	3	54	163
Atkinson.....	164	6	12	6	2	0	22	50	7	0	0	0	0	57	1	2	0	0	0	3	54	164
Barneston.....	165	3	9	2	2	3	88	64	1	0	0	5	0	70	2	1	3	0	0	6	64	165
Mystic Tie.....	166	0	7	4	0	0	34	43	4	0	0	0	0	47	0	1	0	0	0	1	46	166
Elwood.....	167	2	7	2	4	0	38	48	1	1	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	167
Curtis.....	168	2	18	1	5	0	32	96	0	0	0	0	0	96	2	1	0	0	0	3	93	168
Amity.....	169	6	10	4	2	1	37	107	2	3	0	1	0	113	1	2	1	0	0	4	109	169
Mason City.....	170	0	4	1	0	0	29	49	2	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	170
Merna.....	171	5	19	3	4	0	33	49	4	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	171
Robert Burns.....	173	3	7	7	2	1	14	93	10	0	0	1	0	104	0	1	1	0	0	2	102	173
Culbertson.....	174	5	10	2	7	1	24	58	3	0	0	1	0	62	0	0	1	0	0	1	61	174
Temple.....	175	0	13	1	4	0	44	36	1	0	0	1	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	1	37	175
Gladstone.....	176	0	10	0	4	6	53	83	0	0	0	9	0	92	0	3	6	0	0	9	83	176
Hay Springs.....	177	5	8	5	1	0	21	91	6	1	0	2	0	100	0	1	0	0	0	1	99	177
Prudence.....	179	4	17	3	10	0	46	47	3	0	0	1	0	51	1	0	0	0	0	1	50	179
Justice.....	180	4	16	4	0	0	40	142	4	0	0	1	0	147	1	1	0	0	0	2	145	180
Faith.....	181	4	16	4	7	3	103	146	4	0	1	1	0	152	1	6	3	0	0	10	142	181
Alliance.....	183	13	149	13	13	1	134	311	12	5	0	3	0	331	0	8	1	0	0	9	322	183
Bee Hive.....	184	47	49	52	9	0	172	955	56	3	0	3	0	1017	2	12	0	0	0	14	1003	184
Boaz.....	185	3	3	3	3	0	11	73	4	1	0	3	0	81	0	3	0	0	0	3	78	185
Israel.....	187	0	7	0	1	0	42	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	1	0	0	0	1	29	187
Meridian.....	188	10	19	10	2	5	57	137	11	1	0	4	0	153	2	1	5	0	0	8	145	188
Granite.....	189	1	6	1	3	6	51	79	1	0	0	2	0	82	0	0	6	0	0	6	76	189
Amethyst.....	190	2	7	2	1	0	19	57	3	0	0	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	190
Crystal.....	191	1	18	1	1	0	35	87	1	0	0	0	0	88	0	1	0	0	0	1	87	191

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																					By		
Minnekadusa	192	9	24	7	8	0	55	130	9	4	0	2	0	145	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	142	192
Signet	193	1	4	2	1	0	23	65	2	0	0	2	0	69	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	66	193
Highland	194	2	9	1	1	1	32	39	8	0	0	0	0	47	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	44	194
Arcana	195	8	16	5	2	1	45	136	6	1	0	0	0	143	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	140	195
Morning Star	197	2	6	1	1	2	27	70	1	0	0	3	0	74	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	69	197
Purity	198	2	20	0	5	0	39	139	2	1	0	1	0	143	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	141	198
Gavel	199	2	1	3	0	0	9	50	4	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	199
Blazing Star	200	9	10	5	3	1	38	92	5	1	0	0	0	98	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	95	200
Scotts Bluff	201	7	22	5	2	5	62	172	6	1	0	6	0	185	3	0	5	0	0	0	8	177	201
Golden Sheaf	202	3	21	2	2	0	58	80	1	2	1	1	0	85	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	81	202
Roman Eagle	203	7	14	4	3	0	15	66	3	1	0	0	0	70	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	66	203
Plainview	204	3	8	3	7	1	41	120	4	0	0	0	0	124	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	122	204
Golden Fleece	205	7	8	9	3	0	27	194	11	0	0	0	0	205	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	201	205
Napthali	206	4	3	1	0	0	42	58	1	0	0	0	0	59	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	58	206
Parian	207	1	10	0	0	2	42	68	0	1	0	3	0	72	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	68	207
Gauge	208	1	8	2	5	0	19	41	2	0	0	3	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	208
Canopy	209	2	16	1	5	0	60	129	1	0	0	1	0	131	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	129	209
East Lincoln	210	46	76	40	19	6	279	1078	41	3	1	4	0	1127	8	13	6	1	0	28	1099	210	
Cement	211	1	3	2	0	0	8	92	2	1	1	0	0	96	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	94	211
Compass & Square	212	1	6	2	0	0	41	62	3	1	0	0	0	66	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	64	212
Plumblin	214	1	3	1	1	5	42	53	3	0	0	0	0	56	1	0	5	0	0	0	6	50	214
Occidental	215	4	4	5	1	2	43	78	5	0	0	1	0	84	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	80	215
Palisade	216	5	14	3	4	3	47	107	3	0	0	0	0	110	2	2	3	0	0	0	7	103	216
Wauwata	217	2	6	4	3	2	37	57	5	0	0	1	0	63	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	59	217
Bloomfield	218	7	14	9	3	3	54	71	8	3	0	1	0	83	1	1	3	0	0	0	5	78	218
Relief	219	1	4	1	1	0	13	48	0	0	0	0	0	48	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	46	219
Magnolia	220	3	7	3	0	0	20	70	3	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	71	220
Wood Lake	221	1	9	1	2	0	14	74	4	0	0	0	0	78	4	2	0	0	0	0	6	72	221
Landmark	222	1	3	2	0	2	25	109	2	1	0	1	0	113	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	109	222
Eminence	223	1	4	0	1	0	18	60	1	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	223
Silver Cord	224	8	11	8	4	0	20	155	8	0	0	2	0	165	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	158	224
Cable	225	2	10	2	5	2	39	95	2	0	0	6	0	103	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	100	225
Grace	226	3	16	5	6	1	49	76	3	0	0	3	0	82	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	79	226
North Star	227	21	32	21	8	3	79	442	21	3	0	6	0	472	2	3	3	0	0	0	8	464	227
Barthey	228	2	3	1	0	2	15	66	1	0	0	1	0	68	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	64	228
Comet	229	2	6	1	2	2	41	85	2	0	0	3	0	90	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	88	229
Delta	230	0	10	0	1	0	22	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	43	230
Mt. Hermon	231	0	4	0	3	0	40	40	1	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	40	231
John S. Bowen	232	1	4	3	1	0	15	63	3	0	0	0	0	66	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	64	232
Gilead	233	2	23	2	9	1	31	54	3	0	0	0	0	57	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	54	233

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Zion	234	6	14	5	8	0	44	91	2	0	0	0	0	93	2	1	0	0	0	3	90	234
Fraternity	235	1	5	0	0	0	26	55	0	0	0	0	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	1	54	235
Golden Rule	236	2	7	3	4	0	14	58	3	0	6	2	0	63	1	4	0	0	0	5	58	236
Cubit	237	1	5	1	1	0	23	64	2	0	0	0	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	1	65	237
Friendship	239	4	5	3	5	5	24	100	2	0	0	0	0	102	0	2	5	0	0	7	95	239
Pilot	240	4	6	3	2	0	26	117	5	3	0	1	0	126	0	1	0	0	0	1	125	240
George Armstrong	241	0	12	1	0	2	18	93	1	0	0	0	0	94	1	2	2	0	0	5	89	241
Tyrian	243	0	5	0	0	1	13	33	0	0	0	1	0	34	0	0	1	0	0	1	33	243
Hampton	245	3	18	2	2	1	39	64	2	0	0	2	0	68	0	1	1	0	0	2	66	245
Nehawka	246	3	4	6	1	1	21	116	5	0	0	0	0	121	1	2	1	0	0	4	117	246
Corner Stone	247	1	16	1	1	0	50	35	1	0	0	0	0	36	3	2	0	0	0	5	31	247
Laurel	248	9	27	2	4	4	58	106	3	3	0	1	0	113	3	0	4	0	0	7	106	248
Gothenburg	249	8	12	9	5	0	24	138	8	6	0	0	0	152	0	2	0	0	0	2	150	249
Geo. Washington	250	12	21	12	26	4	111	323	12	2	0	4	0	341	1	2	4	0	0	7	334	250
Wausa	251	2	2	3	1	1	23	63	2	2	0	0	0	67	0	1	1	0	0	2	65	251
Beemer	253	3	6	2	0	0	15	45	2	1	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	253
Bassett	254	4	16	4	1	0	33	90	4	2	0	2	0	98	0	2	0	0	0	2	96	254
Hickman	256	3	2	5	0	0	25	60	5	1	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	256
Holbrook	257	1	7	0	0	0	23	27	1	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	257
Anselmo	258	7	21	8	9	0	56	91	6	0	0	3	0	100	2	1	0	0	0	3	97	258
Ornan	261	3	5	5	0	2	34	80	5	0	0	4	0	89	1	0	2	0	0	3	86	261
Endeavor	262	11	5	13	0	0	15	86	13	0	0	0	0	99	0	1	0	0	0	1	98	262
Mitchell	263	3	8	3	3	2	39	170	2	0	0	0	0	174	2	5	2	0	0	9	165	263
Franklin	264	3	24	6	6	0	107	108	6	0	0	1	0	115	0	2	0	0	0	2	113	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	22	24	24	8	1	73	378	23	2	0	4	0	407	2	2	1	0	0	5	402	265
Silver	266	2	7	1	2	1	17	63	2	0	0	0	0	65	1	0	1	0	0	2	63	266
James A. Tulleys	267	1	1	1	1	1	15	58	1	0	0	1	0	60	0	0	1	0	0	1	59	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	13	10	9	3	0	57	238	14	5	0	1	0	258	5	4	0	0	0	9	249	268
Oasis	271	6	8	7	3	0	55	137	6	4	0	1	1	149	4	4	0	0	0	8	141	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	0	3	0	0	0	18	75	0	0	0	5	0	80	1	3	0	0	0	4	76	272
Crofton	273	1	0	1	0	0	22	60	1	1	0	3	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	273
Olive Branch	274	1	15	0	6	0	37	66	0	0	0	1	0	67	1	2	0	0	0	3	64	274
Ramah	275	0	1	6	0	0	9	76	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	275
Antelope	276	4	7	4	6	2	16	59	7	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	2	0	0	3	63	276
Sioux	277	2	2	5	5	0	5	46	2	0	0	0	0	48	1	0	0	0	0	1	47	277
Litchfield	278	0	3	0	1	2	27	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	1	1	2	0	0	4	40	278
Wallace	279	2	6	0	2	1	22	41	1	0	0	0	0	42	2	0	1	0	0	3	39	279
Swastika	280	4	10	5	4	0	21	71	3	0	0	0	0	74	0	3	0	0	0	3	71	280
Florence	281	40	38	32	8	6	121	774	30	6	0	5	0	815	5	8	6	0	0	19	796	281
Mullen	282	0	4	2	0	0	27	72	3	0	0	0	0	75	0	1	0	0	0	1	74	282

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Exeter.....	283	0	1	0	0	2	26	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	33	0	2	0	0	0	0	35	*0	283
Seneca.....	284	4	14	1	3	3	39	76	7	0	0	3	0	86	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	81	284
Camp Clarke.....	285	8	21	10	4	5	36	176	9	3	0	2	0	190	4	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	14	176	285
Oshkosh.....	286	8	19	4	5	0	39	121	4	0	0	0	0	125	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	122	286
Union.....	287	5	4	6	0	0	13	55	6	0	0	0	0	61	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	60	287
Omaha.....	288	20	32	25	3	7	203	563	29	0	0	9	0	601	2	13	7	0	0	0	0	22	579	288	
Lotus.....	289	9	8	7	1	0	24	165	9	1	0	0	0	175	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	169	289	
John J. Mercer.....	290	70	47	63	10	12	173	1200	66	9	0	7	0	1282	10	8	12	1	0	31	1251	290			
Diamond.....	291	4	10	7	2	2	29	70	6	1	0	0	0	77	1	1	2	0	3	4	70	291			
Wolbach.....	292	4	6	5	2	10	34	51	3	0	0	0	0	54	0	2	10	0	0	12	42	292			
Monument.....	293	3	9	3	2	0	21	63	1	1	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	293	
Kimball.....	294	3	5	4	3	1	36	134	1	0	0	1	0	136	2	2	1	0	0	5	131	294			
Minatare.....	295	0	6	0	1	3	28	103	0	1	0	1	0	105	2	0	3	0	0	5	100	295			
Cotner.....	297	7	16	7	2	6	56	226	7	2	0	1	0	236	1	2	6	0	0	9	227	297			
Chester.....	298	1	2	3	0	0	11	39	3	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	298	
Sutherland.....	299	1	8	0	1	1	12	102	0	0	1	0	0	103	0	1	1	0	0	2	101	299			
Liberty.....	300	25	27	27	9	12	135	413	27	3	0	4	0	447	4	5	12	0	0	21	426	300			
Bayard.....	301	5	10	3	3	1	30	113	5	0	0	1	0	119	2	5	1	0	0	8	111	301			
Mizpah.....	302	72	56	64	18	11	219	1128	73	7	0	7	0	1215	4	9	11	0	0	24	1191	302			
Right Angle.....	303	22	18	26	10	7	119	629	24	0	0	20	0	673	9	8	7	0	0	24	649	303			
Ruskin.....	304	1	4	1	3	0	18	37	2	0	0	0	0	39	1	1	0	0	0	2	37	304			
Newman Grove.....	305	2	5	2	3	0	25	56	2	0	0	2	0	60	1	0	0	0	0	1	59	305			
Golden Rod.....	306	5	2	3	1	0	9	80	3	0	0	0	0	83	0	3	0	0	0	3	80	306			
William E. Hill.....	307	2	9	2	2	0	30	34	2	0	0	0	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	1	35	307			
Perkins.....	308	5	7	7	2	3	28	104	6	1	0	1	0	112	3	0	3	0	0	6	106	308			
Winnebago.....	309	5	19	2	7	1	13	61	1	0	0	0	0	62	4	0	1	0	0	5	57	309			
Victory.....	310	5	5	5	6	5	44	204	9	0	0	1	0	214	0	1	5	0	0	6	208	310			
Polk.....	311	5	9	1	0	0	11	54	3	0	2	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	311			
Oak Leaf.....	312	7	12	2	0	0	6	49	2	0	0	0	0	51	3	0	0	0	0	3	48	312			
Potter.....	313	7	5	6	0	0	20	90	6	1	0	1	0	98	1	1	0	0	0	2	96	313			
Craftsmen.....	314	15	25	15	6	4	64	551	18	3	0	1	0	573	2	3	4	0	0	9	564	314			
Alpha.....	316	13	29	13	6	1	9	158	11	4	0	0	0	173	1	3	1	0	0	5	168	316			
Mid-West.....	317	28	47	26	8	11	52	381	32	5	0	2	0	420	4	5	11	0	0	20	400	317			
Grand Island.....	318	19	7	25	5	0	39	232	30	2	1	0	0	265	1	0	0	0	0	1	264	318			
Bladen.....	319	4	7	2	0	0	19	44	2	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	319			
College View.....	320	9	13	9	0	5	19	174	10	2	0	1	0	187	1	4	5	0	0	10	177	320			
Harmony.....	321	1	5	2	2	2	8	75	2	0	0	1	0	78	1	0	2	0	0	3	75	321			
Pioneer.....	322	5	4	6	0	1	11	74	6	0	0	0	0	80	1	0	1	0	0	2	78	322			

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E.A.A.		F.C.C.		SUSP.	MASTER MASONS										No. on Rolls December 31, 1952	No. of Lodge				
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1952	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1952		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1952	GAIN					Total	LOSS							
						No. on Rolls, December 31, 1951			By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death			By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Lebanon Cairo. . . . .	323 324	12 3	10 2	10 3	5 0	1 0	33 0	172 55	8 3	1 1	0 0	2 0	0 0	183 59	0 0	3 1	1 0	1 0	0 0	5 1	178 58	323 324
Totals. . . . .		184	3890	1723	1099	444	14545	43279	1853	281	15	381	7	45816	379	695	444	6	5	1529	44287	

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February —, 55...	Oct. 3, 55
Western Star	" 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56
Capitol	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 9, 57...	June 3, 57
Nemaha Valley	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	December 15, 57...	June 9, 58
5 Omadi	" 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Plattsmouth	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Falls City	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	October 4, 64...	June 23, 65
Solomon	" 10	Fort Calhoun.....	Washington.....	August 15, 65...	June 22, 66
Covert	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66
10 Orient	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67
Peru	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67
Fremont	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
Tecumseh	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	December 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 69
Lincoln	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
15 Washington	" 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24, 68...	June 25, 68
Pawnee	" 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
St. Johns	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
Jordan	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
20 Hope	" 29	Nemaha.....	Nemaha.....	November 8, 69...	June 23, 70
Blue River	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
25 Acacia	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
Lone Tree	" 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	August 9, 71...	June 19, 72
Crete	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8, 72...	June 19, 72
Oliver	" 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 28, 78... June 19, 78
	Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 78... June 25, 79
	Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 78... June 25, 79
	Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	December 26, 78... June 25, 79
	Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 78... June 25, 79
60	Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 79... June 23, 80

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Albion	No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 79...	June 23, 80
Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 79...	June 23, 80
Composite	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 80...	June 22, 81
Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
65 Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	September 3, 80...	June 22, 81
Doniphan	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	January 7, 81...	June 22, 81
Ionic	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	January 24, 81...	June 20, 82
Star	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	September 17, 81...	June 20, 82
70 Cedar River	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nancee.....	January 19, 82...	June 20, 82
Oakland	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	February 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	May 3, 82...	June 19, 83
Bennett	" 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster.....	May 5, 82...	June 19, 83
Garfield	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	June 28, 82...	June 19, 83
75 Utica	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Euclid	" 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	July 21, 82...	June 19, 83
Republican	" 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	July 27, 82...	June 19, 83
Shelton	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83
Creighton	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	August 19, 82...	June 19, 83
80 Ponca	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	September 1, 82...	June 19, 83
Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	September 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Ord	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	September 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Wymore	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	November 10, 82...	June 19, 83
Stella	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	December 4, 82...	June 19, 83
85 Porter	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	December 9, 82...	June 19, 83
Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	January 24, 83...	June 19, 83
Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13, 83...	June 19, 83
DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February 28, 83...	June 19, 83
Springfield	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	March 30, 83...	June 19, 83
90 Globe	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	February 16, 82...	June 24, 84

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	February 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Harlan	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	July 12, 83.....	June 24, 84
Hardy	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	July 18, 83.....	June 24, 84
North Bend	" 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	September 5, 83...	June 24, 84
95 Wayne	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	September 26, 83...	June 24, 84
Superior	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	November 22, 83...	June 24, 84
Auburn	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	December 25, 83...	June 24, 84
Mount Nebo	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	January 1, 84.....	June 24, 84
Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16, 84...	June 24, 84
100 Minden	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	January 22, 84...	June 24, 84
Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	January 28, 84...	June 24, 84
Blue Hill	" 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	February 18, 84...	June 24, 84
Tuscan	" 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	February 20, 84...	June 24, 85
Scribner	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	July 9, 84.....	June 24, 85
105 Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	August 8, 84.....	June 24, 85
Solar	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	August 8, 84.....	June 24, 85
McCook	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	October 6, 84.....	June 24, 85
Long Pine	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	October 6, 84.....	June 24, 85
Upright	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	November 14, 84...	June 24, 85
110 Rawalt	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	November 15, 84...	June 24, 85
Clay Centre	" 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Cresecent	" 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
Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	March 31, 85...	June 17, 86
Siloam	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	April 30, 85...	June 17, 86
Emmet Crawford	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	July 13, 85.....	June 17, 86
Jewel	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	August 15, 85...	June 17, 86
120 Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	August 10, 85...	June 17, 86

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Square No. 151	Valparaiso.....	Saunders.....	September 7, 85...	June 17, 86
	Evergreen " 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	November 27, 85...	June 17, 86
	Lily " 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28, 85...	June 17, 86
	Hartington " 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	January 26, 86...	June 17, 86
125	Pythagoras " 156	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
	Israet	" 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
	Sionx " 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
	Seneca " 284	Seneca.....	Thomas.....	September 29, 13...	June 9, 14
	Camp Clarke " 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16, 13...	June 9, 14
	Oshkosh " 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November 25, 13...	June 9, 14
240	Union " 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15, 13...	June 8, 15

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, WITH LOCATIONS, DATES CREATED AND CHARTERED.

LODGE			TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Omaha	No. 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
	Diamond	" 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	November 23, 14...	June 8, 15
245	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
	Cotner	" 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 15, 17...	June 5, 18
250	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
	Mizpah	" 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 12, 18...	June 4, 19
255	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
	William E. Hill	" 307	Otoe.....	Otoe.....	November 8, 20...	June 8, 21
260	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
	Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	June 23, 21...	June 7, 22
265	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
	Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	April 1, 25...	June 9, 26
270	Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	January 11, 26...	June 9, 26

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, WITH LOCATIONS. DATES CREATED AND CHARTERED.

LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
College View	No. 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
Lebanon	" 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November 14, 28...	June 5, 29
275 Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January 16, 36...	June 8, 37

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

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For the sixth time, we have been privileged to make a circumambulation about the Masonic Altars of the World; to follow in imagination the Grand Officers in their visitations to thousands of lodges. The work is tedious at times, but the reward is great. Because of our limited space, we are always faced with an "embarrassment of riches" for here are the finest minds in Masonry revealed; the richest gems of oratory; the different problems presented: What to include, what to omit, what will be of the most interest to Nebraska; that's the question! This year sixty-seven volumes have received careful reading, some with greater profit and enjoyment than others, because their makeup and presentation vary almost as much as does their geography. Brother Baillie, reveiwer of Nova Scotia, defines Masonry thus in his prologue: "Masonry cannot be defined in so many words. It has drawn from the Commandments of Moses, the Beatitudes of Jesus, the teachings of Confucius, and other sages who have looked into the heart of mankind. It has taken from the arts of Ancient Egypt, Phoenicia and Greece, the architecture of the Builders of the Middle Ages, and bound all together under the name of Brotherhood."

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

The gain in membership continues, but at a much slower pace. In fact some gains are very small. We now have about 3,720,000 members in the United States. These are scattered among 15,438 lodges. The average number of members per lodge is 241, an increase of five since last year. Nebraska lodges have increased four members per lodge over a year ago, or an average of 161 today. There have only been 62 new lodges formed over the country during the year, in spite of the emphasis of many Grand Masters that there are too many large lodges who are nothing but degree mills.

Taken mostly from California report, the following are some very interesting figures. The average number of Masons per 1000 white males in the United States is 50. The highest percentage goes to Maine and Vermont, who are tied at 98 per 1000. Kansas ranks well up with 96, Indiana follows close with 86, Montana with 82. Nebraska is credited with 64, which is well above the average.

The net worth of Grand Lodges is also interesting. A table follows giving some random extracts.

STATE	WHITE MALES Per 1,000	NET WORTH MILLIONS	MEMBERSHIP RANK	GRAND LODGE EXPENDITURE PER MEMBER
Pennsylvania	44	26	4	\$5.00
New York	40	14	1	5.32
California	38	9	6	3.02
Illinois	56	4.25	3	2.04
Maryland	36	4.75	32	6.99
Massachusetts	50	7	9	4.79
New Jersey	40	6.5	11	3.84
Ohio	66	5.75	2	3.12
Texas	52	6.34	5	2.65
Tennessee	44	1.5	17	1.84
Nebraska				
(comparative)	64	.75	31	2.88

New York leads the membership list with about 300,000; Nevada is 49th with 4,727. The lowest Grand Lodge expenditure per member is Maine, 64c and Colorado \$1.36, both of whom operate no Masonic homes. Thirteen states have no homes: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont and Wyoming.

The amounts spent for Masonic Home support are also interesting. The five highest are in thousands: New York, 806; Pennsylvania, 736; Ohio, 715; California, 473; Texas, 426. Mississippi is lowest with \$42,000.00. The expenditures for all U. S. Masonic Homes is given at \$7,845,392.54, with the total paid out for all the Grand Lodges in the U. S. as \$12,875,153.20. The average per member expense for Jurisdictions operating homes is \$3.73 and for those not operating homes \$2.22. In the matter of Masonic Homes, one is impressed with the similarities more than with the differences. Here the story is all the same; waiting lists, necessity for more rooms, more buildings, costly repairs of older buildings, more hospital space and steadily rising costs. The need for more funds is evident everywhere. The effort to increase the endowment funds is given increasing importance. Kentucky has an endowment fund of four millions. Oklahoma is rapidly increasing their fund. But if the care of our older brethren is the heart of Masonry, we feel sure the members will rise to the occasion.

Dwight L. Smith, PGM, reveiwer for Indiana asks for help in this question: "For the convenience and comfort of those of us who would like to speak accurately, we wish someone would tell us what to call the Other Bodies. To some they are appendant bodies; to others, concordant; to others extraneous; to still others, auxiliary. "Higher" bodies will not do—that is asking for trouble. To those who wish to be facetious, they are 'splinter' groups. Others repeat the sonorous phrase 'any organization requiring Masonic standing as a prerequisite to membership, What are they?' Somebody help this fine reviewer!

Grand Masters are again concerned over the influx of new members in the past few years. They state emphatically that ritualism has its definite place, but there must be more than correct presentation of ritual. Examples from many sources follow. The Grand Master of British Columbia: "Let me remind you once more, as I have done in my addresses to the Lodges, that the primary function of a Masonic Lodge is to make Freemasons and not merely to increase its membership, and that Freemasonry was never intended to make bad men good, but rather to make good men better." From the Grand Master of Florida, Brother Horne: "I have known many to be referred to as a 'Bright Mason' purely because of his ability as a ritualist; I have listened sometimes with a certain degree of envy at the perfection with which these bright Masons have conferred the three degrees, Yet I have left many lodge rooms much more inspired because the Spirit of Masonry and the love of Masonry was shown in every word spoken, though none of the officers could have rated a Certificate of Proficiency." From Tasmania: "The real purpose of Masonry far transcends any such consideration in the fact that it teaches men how to fashion good lives. Masonry builds character; it inspires men to seek to render service to their fellow man; it puts into their hearts and hands the very tools with which to fashion such lives and to build such character, and what is more, it starts to do these things right at the very commencement of a man's Masonic experience, in the Entered Apprentice Degree." M. W. Brother Hoole, Grand Master of Montana: "Freemasonry was not founded for the purpose of conferring degrees. For the past few years that has seemed to be its great object. Its original design was to make men more conscious of their duty to God, their country, their neighbor, and to themselves. It was to bring men together in a finer and higher type of fellowship." From Saskatchewan: "We stress the importance of the proper knowledge of our ritual—this is as it should be, but the Spirit of Masonry is more important than the letter. One cannot be made a Mason by hearing or even learning letter perfect our beautiful ritual, but only by understanding the meaning of the ritual and by carrying into actual practice the principles of the Order. Masonic Charity is more than supplying money. The sick, the bereaved, the aged, the discouraged, the fatherless, should all receive the sympathetic attention of every member of the lodge." And from an address by Charles H. Johnson, quoted by the Grand Master of Maine: "If we can get the individual members impregnated with the ideals and the principles of Masonry and link it together with the ideals of America, then we shall have forces in action that will counteract every kind of ism that seeks the destruction of our Republic and of the institutions upon which it stands. If we can get this magnificent body of men to depend not merely upon Ritual and festivities, but to have their souls filled with the spirit of the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God and the loyalty to our Flag, to Education, and to Religion and all those things that Masonry stands for, we shall have a working force in this country that will be a

stabilizing force, and will save the country in times of crisis and in times of despair." One more, we give you this pointed and direct expression of opinion on the Other Body problem from the Grand Master of Iowa: "A great many Masons do not hesitate very long nor devote much time to their Masonic Mother, the Symbolic Lodge. Their ambition, often spurred on by over-zealous or uninformed Brethren active in the appendant orders, seems to be to acquire, as rapidly as possible, what they think, or are led to believe are 'higher degrees' and to reach that grand and glorious place where they are known as 'high Masons'. In many places the Blue Lodge degrees are being used as stepping-stones only and the candidate is made to feel that the degree work of the symbolic lodge is but of passing importance, a matter mere incident on his way to the real thing."

#### GRAND LODGE PUBLICATIONS

A great many Jurisdictions are interested in a Grand Lodge publication that will reach every member. It grows from the desire to educate and assimilate the new member. There are many difficulties that they face, not the least of which is the correction of mailing lists of these non-paying readers, many of whom do not care whether they receive it or not. Another great difficulty is the advertising. Its character on one hand and on the other, the fact that private publishers sometimes care more for the revenue received than what goes to the reader. New York spends almost \$65,000 for their Family Magazine without great satisfaction. California eliminated a number of papers in that state and now allow only such papers as meet rigid requirements. Missouri was critical of a number of publications in that state. We wonder how many so-called Masonic papers have been started and fallen by the wayside in the past hundred years? We also wonder why? Some of the finest have gone, such as the "Builder", whose issues are collectors items today. There are good ones in Iowa, Florida, Indiana and Texas. Some of these are printed in the trade schools of their Homes.

#### HISTORICAL ITEMS

The Grand Historian of Ohio, presented an interesting paper about Louis Kossuth, great Hungarian Patriot, who became a member of Ohio Lodge No. 133 in Cincinnati, in February, 1852. His fee was later donated by the lodge to the fund being raised to support his quarrel with Austria. It is illustrated with an engraving of six postage stamps later issued by the Hungarian Government in honor of their national hero. The interesting part of this Centennial paper to us is found in a footnote wherein it is noted that Brother Robert Carrel Jordan, who became a member of Aurora Lodge No. 48 at Portsmouth in 1846, while living in Cincinnati, witnessed the conferring of the Masonic Degrees upon Brother Kossuth and his staff; he of course became our first Grand Master in 1857.

Masonic History is a fascinating subject. Often we gain glimpses of the past from sources not close to the subject. From places as far apart as Connecticut and Washington State this year, we find histories given of the early beginnings of lodges in Ohio. And while on this subject, we noted in the proceedings of South Dakota, where a visitor from Illinois told of the beginners of Masonry in this state, one of our three Masonic parents.

“In 1805, Pennsylvania chartered a lodge in Illinois in a town called “The Village of Immaculate Conception of the Holy Virgin.” In this little Catholic town, Masonry got its start in Illinois. In 1825, Kaskaskia, as it was then known had a population of 10,000; in 1857, it had been completely swallowed by the mighty Mississippi River.

Many states celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the making of George Washington an Entered Apprentice Mason on or about last November 4th in Fredericksburg, Virginia. In the proceedings of Scotland, we find mention of this celebration and a note that this lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland and remained a loyal adherent until the formation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1778. In Durham County, England is found the original home of the Washington family, part of which was built in 1183, the walls are three feet thick. The family eventually settled in Sulgrave Manor, Northhamptonshire in 1540 and it was from here that John and Lawrence Washington left for America in 1656. John’s great, great grandson was George Washington. The stones of this English home show many marks of the masons who worked on them.

Grand Master New of Maryland spoke to Virginians at their Celebration and told of the Grand Master of Maryland laying the corner-stone on July 4th, 1814, of the first monument in honor of Washington in America in the City of Baltimore. This monument cost \$200,000, a lot of money in those days. It was paid for partly by donation and partly by a lottery. It is 186 feet high and topped with a statue of George, 16 feet tall and weighing 17 tons. It was completed in 1829. In 1827, the residents of Boonesboro, hearing of this monument, went up into the mountains and collected a lot of fieldstone and the whole town erected a monument to Washington in one day. It is 51 feet in circumference and about 13 feet high. It later fell down and the Odd Fellows re-erected it. It was later struck by lightning and was finally re-erected by the Order of the Eastern Star. The first statue to Washington was located at Richmond in 1788, was carved from marble and approved by Washington himself. The inscription is worthy of being repeated today. “The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia has caused this statue to be erected as a monument of affection and gratitude to George Washington, who, uniting to the endowments of the hero, the virtues of the patriot, and exercising both in establishing the liberties of his country, has rendered his name dear to his fellow citizens and given the world an immortal example of true glory. Done

in the Year of Christ, One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Eight and in the year of the Commonwealth the Twelfth.”

The Grand Lodge of Colorado celebrated the 90th Anniversary of their Grand Lodge, part of which was a historical presentation, in which is given an account of the rise and fall of their 2nd and 3rd numbered lodges, which were chartered by Nebraska as Nos. 7 and 8 on June 5th, 1861. No. 7 at Parkville is now only a vast sea of gravel and sand left by the gold dredges. No. 8 at Gold Hill, was also a mining town in the foothills west of Boulder. The brethren at Breckenridge have marked with a monument the site of the cabin where No. 7 (2) met.

In 1849, several brethren of Hiram Lodge No. 1 of Connecticut, started for California to mine gold. They petitioned for a lodge and got a charter, No. 76, which afterwards met in Sacramento. This lodge, with one from the District of Columbia and one from Missouri formed the Grand Lodge of California. A pioneer, crossing the prairie, found a pile of abandoned books, among them a Bible. As bibles were scarce, he took it with him. He arrived in Sacramento and traded the Bible to a dentist for work. At the first meeting of 76, they found they had no Bible, the dentist got his and it has remained with the lodge since. Every Governor of California has taken his oath of office on this book.

#### SECTION REFERENCES

Three sections of the Grand Master's report have been referred to this Committee for attention. We commend the Grand Master and his Associate Officers for their many visits to other Grand Jurisdictions. Such visitors are productive of interest to the brethren visited and tend to strengthen the Masonic ties that bind, to say nothing of the information that our own brethren pick up along the way. The week in Washington, always one of the high points in any Grand Master's year, was a busy one. We recommend the practice of including the Deputy Grand Master in this visit be continued. We approve of his appointment of Grand Representatives, both to and from Nebraska. We enjoin upon them the obligation to take their duties seriously and thus help bring about the ideal of universal Masonry, wherever it may be found.

#### MASONIC STONES

During the past few years while the White House in Washington was undergoing its severe face-lifting, many interesting discoveries were made. The original architect of both the White House and the Capital Building was a member of a lodge in the District of Columbia, of which they are very proud and he was also a good Roman Catholic. About a year ago it was found that in the walls of the White House, the stones of the building each bore a masonic mark, wrought by the mason who carved his symbol upon the stone as he laid it into the wall. This proves that the House of the Presidents was undoubtedly built under the guidance and direction of Master Masons. Through the good offices of the Grand

Master of the District, M. W. Brother Camalier, President Truman set aside enough of these stones so that each state may have one for their possession. The stones will be set in metal frames with brass markers together with an accompanying letter from President Truman. One will be presented to each Grand Lodge by a representative of the District. Funds were appropriated for this purpose. M. W. Carl H. Claudy, well known in the Masonic world and who by the way has attended almost 200 Grand Communications in 38 states, will personally deliver about a dozen this year.

### GLEANINGS

The Grand Master of the Philippines, of all people, is suggesting a Grand Lodge of Japan! He says: "It is my firm conviction that Freemasonry will stay in Japan. And by a queer twist of fate, it fell upon this Grand Lodge to spread the light of Freemasonry to that country. What an irony! But such is Masonry in action."

Rhode Island held a Special Communication on Sunday, December 2nd, last to dedicate the new Temple of Doric Lodge No. 38. Over 2500 brethren and friends were present. Servicemen are not subject to residence requirements in this state, should they wish to petition a Rhode Island Lodge. We don't do it this way.

Anzac Day, April 25th, is observed in Brisbane, Australia, where the Memorial Masonic Temple was filled with 168 wreaths from various Masonic Bodies to commemorate the memory of the Brethren who paid the supreme sacrifice during the Wars of 1914-18 and 1935-45. Some Masonic charity in their memory would provide a more lasting memorial, in our humble opinion.

A lodge in Manitoba built a new hall and were in debt. It was located in the heart of the cattle country. The lodge secured a square and compass branding iron. The members, who could and would, branded a calf with this iron, the same to be sold to best advantage when grown and the proceeds applied on the debt. The iron will hang in the East in the lodge. Unique and useful.

Grand Master of South Australia: "The Board has also given consideration to the practice which has crept into this jurisdiction in recent years of the Worshipful Master removing his glove when shaking hands with a visiting Master or when administering the Obligation and of the removal of gloves when a Brother is entrusting the secrets. I confirm the Board's decision that gloves are an essential part of the correct Masonic dress and they should not be removed in the Lodge Room except by a brother who is taking an obligation." How many of our Masters would like that on a hot evening? Which also calls attention to the Grand Master of Virginia, which is of course an old, old jurisdiction chartered direct from the British Isles; being presented after his installation as Grand Master with the USUAL Hat and GLOVES.

Several jurisdictions are planning or have held celebrations in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the printing of the Gutenberg Bible in 1455. The exact date is a little uncertain. The printing of this book was the first step in the enlightenment of the peoples of the world and very likely will be widely observed during the next year.

South Dakota's first Grand Master in 1875 was named Thomas H. Brown. He was re-elected in 1882 and helped stabilize the ritual which they took from Wisconsin. His son, Marshall R. Brown was elected Grand Master in 1915, and his son and grandson of the above, Roger S. Brown, was elected and installed Grand Master on June 11th, 1952. Brother Roger Brown is also a Past GHP and GMGC. In West Virginia, Henry Ahrens, PGM, presented the PGM's Jewel to his blood brother Charles B. Ahrens. During the apron presentation, it was brought out that from a half-block of the old 5th Ward in Wheeling, W. V., there has been produced three Grand Commanders, K. T.; an Imperial Potentate of the Shrine; many 33rds and three Grand Masters of Masons.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio met in the Taft Auditorium in Cincinnati last October. The Bible used belongs to Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2 of that city and was printed in 1793. It was presented to the Lodge by their lodge treasurer on December 27th, 1797.

Grand Chaplain, California: "There are seventy-five references to the Bible in our ritual and every proper name in the ritual is from the Bible."

Last year we made brief mention of the chain-letter evil. This year paragraphs concerning this item appear in the addresses of Grand Masters of California, Arizona, Kansas, Rhode Island, Saskatchewan, Maine, New York, Florida, Minnesota, Maryland, Massachusetts and others. Their general feeling is that it is rather appalling that Masons are taken in by this superstitious practice. It was universally condemned as being a Masonic as well as postal offense.

California is going to build a Grand Lodge Memorial Temple to house Grand Lodge officers and the Grand Lodge. It is to cost three million dollars and an assessment of \$1 per member was levied to pay for it. The Judge Advocate plan similar to that of New York was adopted. Plural membership was voted and two research lodges, one for north and south California were chartered.

In the nick of time, West Virginia got through the legislature a bill giving them a perpetual charter and the right to use exclusively the name: The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of West Virginia, Incorporated. Arkansas was incorporated in 1846, but as the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons. Since they had not used that name for a number of years, the Act was amended to use the name of M.'W.'. Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

Quebec's Grand Master dedicated a Masonic Memorial Hall in Montreal. On its altar are inscribed the Memorial Honor Roll and on

the walls are six fine mural paintings of scenes of interest from Canadian Lodge history.

Grand Master California, dedicating eleven new temples: "Another interesting trend too in the building of these temples is that they are all on one floor. They are not two story buildings. With ample parking spaces, this type of architecture seems to fit the modern trend in both urban and suburban communities."

The District Superintendent of Chile, speaking at the Grand Lodge of Scotland a year ago: "I would say the number of Scotsmen (in Chile) is a very small one, but we have Scottish Lodges and we work as such. Just as an instance Lodge No. 445 in Peru has as Master a Swiss; the S. W. is a North American; the J. W. is an Anglo-Peruvian; the Secretary is a Brother of Israel and the Organist is a Chinese. The distances are rather long. A visit with my brethren in Chile means an air trip of about 8 hours each way. We have one lodge called the Roof of the World lodge and they worked once at 17,800 feet. They work regularly at 14,000 feet and when we go up we always take our oxygen bottles to keep up. The brethren come in from all parts of the mines and travel hundreds of miles and think nothing of it. The State of Peru has 43 lodges in a territory of 800x1400 miles. What a job for the office-bearers of the Grand Lodge."

Most jurisdictions have as the first item a portrait of their Grand Master either elected or sitting. However, this year Ohio has a first; something new and different: a picture in full color of M. W. Brother William M. Judd. His address by the way, is one of the best we have read. The Grand Master of Vermont requested each lodge to set up a welfare trust fund created by assessment of at least \$100 per member. He also wanted assessments of \$1, or better still, \$2 per member for fellowship and \$2 annually for maintenance for big and little repairs. Very good suggestions, but you can imagine how much was done about them.

Conferences, conferences; looks like soon all a Grand Master will have to do is to attend them. The Conference of Grand Masters in Washington started it all. Then came two in Canada: the Western Canadian Grand Lodges at Banff, and the All-Canada, which meets once in two years; the South and Central Americas have one. This year we find two new ones; the Rocky Mountain Conference composed of Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana; and the European composed of England, Scotland, Ireland, Netherlands, Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

The proceedings of Wisconsin have twelve graphs concerning their Masonic Home, giving cost items over the years, average ages, Wisconsin membership, annual admissions, purchasing power, etc. They are similar to some compiled by California a year ago showing trends in that state.

Masonic libraries are receiving more attention and better still are being better patronized than ever before. Every jurisdiction reporting

on this subject states circulation far exceeds other years and more visitors are viewing the Museum, which is generally associated with the library.

At the meeting of Virginia, a special committee of fifteen escorted M. W. John H. Cowles to the Lodge Room. He responded to the welcome in his usual happy manner. This was probably one of his last public appearances. He is a native of Virginia.

The Installation of England's Grand Master is mentioned by many. Brother Roy of Massachusetts states: "While I am not the first Grand Master to journey to England, I am the first to be out of the United States only eight full days, and yet have some hours over seven full days stay in England." A modern miracle! The Grand Master of Virginia, who responded for America, states: "We should comment upon the very excellent and dignified manner in which the Earl of Derby conducted the entire ceremony entrusted to him. It was a thing of beauty and a Masonic masterpiece."

E. C. Peterson, Grand Secretary of Nevada, points out that Communism is really here even in this Western country when a book "I Want To Be Like Stalin" has been used in the High School Civics Class of one of our Mid-Western cities and required reading for all Seniors. An extract follows: "The outline of American History follows a simple pattern. The Colonies were settled as an outthrust of British Capitalism. During the Colonial period, two exploiting classes appeared in the new land: the Capitalists of the North and the Slaveholders of the South. Thus at the time of the war of Independence, the people were subjected to a triple exploitation: by the British bourgeois, by the Northern Capitalists and by the Southern Slaveholders." When such a Communist textbook, with its distorted account of history, is permitted to enter our High Schools, it is time for Masonry to awake.

There are twelve lodges in Pennsylvania without names, only numbers. And of course, no lodge in Massachusetts has a number, only names.

William Schaw was a Scotchman, born in 1550 and was an operative as well as a speculative mason. He was connected with the Court of King James VI of Scotland and was quite a politician as well as a builder. He became the Queen's Chamberlain before his death. In 1598, he wrote a set of general regulations for the Scottish Craft, which has become known as the Schaw Statutes. These, though somewhat similar to the English regulations, were different in many respects. Masters, Fellow Crafts and Apprentices were spoken of not as degrees, but simply gradations in rank and the word Ludge or Lodge is constantly used to designate the place of meeting. The government of the lodge was vested in the Wardens and Deacons and these the Fellow Crafts and Apprentices were to obey. The head officer was called the General Warden. The oldest lodge in the world, Mary's Chapel or Edinburgh No. 1, which is now in its 352nd year, has copied on their

minute book of July 21st, 1599 these regulations. At a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on November 27th 1952, a direct descendant of Schaw, Lord Eglinton stated that reading about the regulations, wondered where they were. They were found not to be in the museum, where they supposed to rest. Search was made and the original copy was found to be in his family private papers. They were in good condition in spite of their age. He had them handsomely bound in leather and presented them to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. An item of historical significance.

On September 10th, 1952, M.'W.'Thomas S. Roy, Grand Master of Massachusetts, who spoke so eloquently at our Grand Lodge last year, delivered as part of his address an Answer to Anti-Masonic Religious Propaganda. It covers all all phases of this delicate subject and is a masterpiece. It is very fitting that a Baptist Minister of forty years experience should be the instrument for the rebuttal of much vicious propaganda by our enemies.

The 200th Anniversary of the initiation of George Washington as an Entered Apprentice Mason was celebrated by the Grand Lodge of Virginia on November 4th, 1952. The two lodges: Fredericksburg No. 4 and Alexandria-Washington No. 22, conferred the Entered Apprentice degree on a candidate attired in a costume similar to that worn by Washington in that period. The officers were costumed in colonial dress. The Grand Lodge was opened in emergent communication and was addressed by M.'W.'Brother Luther Hartsell, PGM of North Carolina, who presented a new historical biography of Washington's ancestors. Religious services were held in the Presbyteiran Church, with the sermon delivered by the Rev. Thomas W. Hooper, PGM of Virginia. A play "John Brent" was given in the evening by Scottish Rite members from Richmond.

We close this report with three quotations, the first from a Grand Orator, the source of which we regret to have mislaid and we apologize to him. "The tangible things in which Masonry indulges are her hospitals, her homes, orphanages, temples; those are the things of physical matter that Masonry supports. But the really great things about Masonry are the intangible principles for which Masonry stands, and these far outweigh the tangible. The fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, justice, freedom, prudence, temperance, those are the things that have made Masonry come down thru the ages. Those are the things that made it possible for Freemasonry to take root and to build of this the greatest of all institutions. They are the things that have made Masonry stand out as a bulwark against the encroachment of the state upon the church and the church upon the state." From the Fraternal Correspondent of Alberta: "Of the many topics under discussion Brotherhood stands out more vividly than possibly any other. This may seem strange to Freemasons who are specifically enjoined to practice this virtue, but the many ills affecting the world today can be traced to the lack of under-

standing of the true meaning of Brotherhood, and emphasis is being laid upon us to more nearly approach the true significance of the meaning of Brotherhood and endeavor to truly recognize our fellowman of whatever race or clan as brothers under the skin." And from Jean Jacques Rousseau: "There can be no patriotism without liberty, no liberty without virtue, no virtue without citizens; create citizens, and you have everything you need; without them, you will have nothing but debased slaves, from the rulers of the State downwards. To form citizens is not the work of a day; and in order to have men it is necessary to educate them."

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