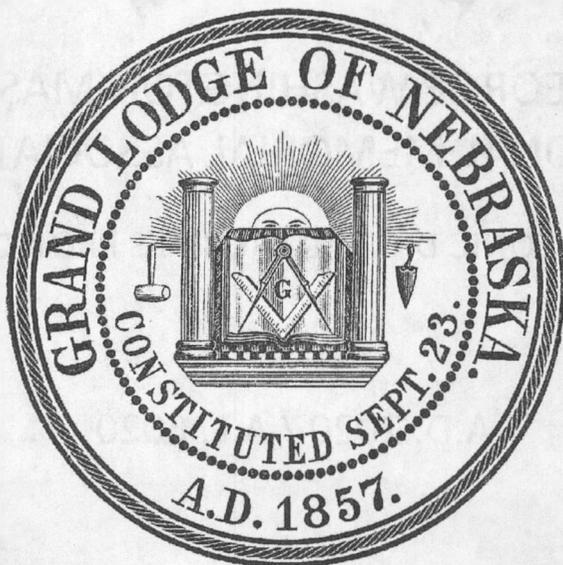


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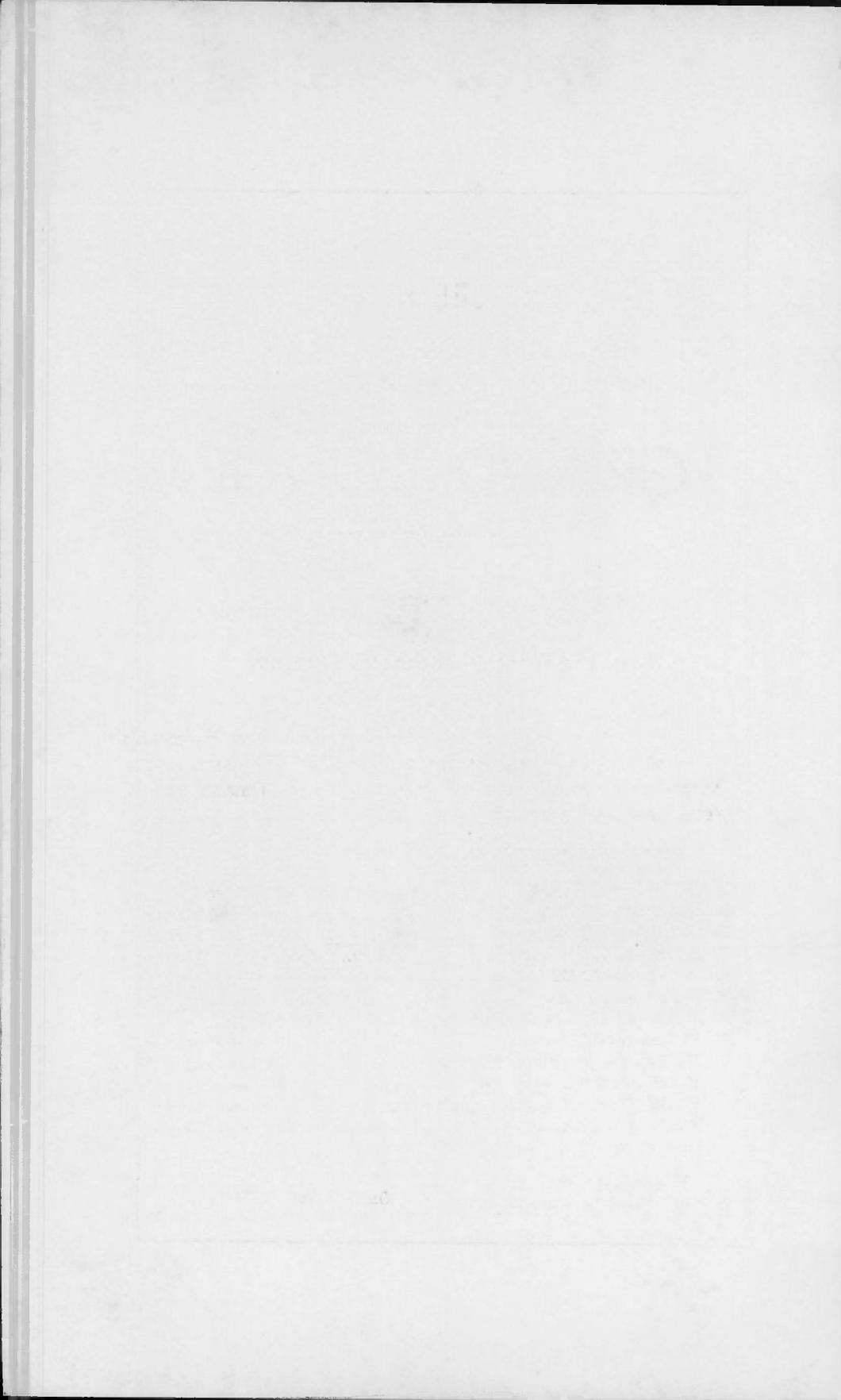
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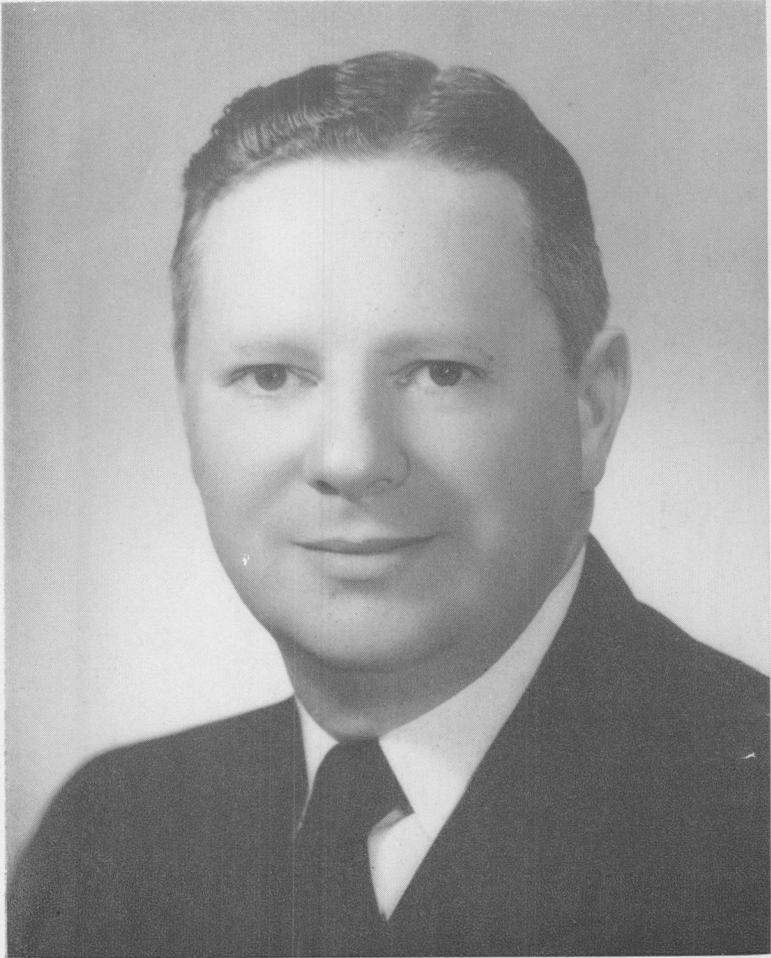
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Fay Smith

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
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Biographical

Fay Smith

M.·W.·Fay Smith, the 88th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, was born March 21, 1909, at Bellwood, Nebraska, the youngest of eight children born to Phillip Smith and Mary Buffalo. He attended the Bellwood Public Schools through the 11th Grade and graduated from Lincoln High School, Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1927. He attended the University of Nebraska, graduating with a BSc degree in 1931, and the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, receiving his M.D. degree in 1933. His Internship was spent at the University Hospital, Omaha, in 1933 and 1934.

On October 29, 1932, M.·W.·Brother Smith was married to Ruth Josephine Sandall at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. They have two daughters, Sylvia Ann and Carol Fae. He has practiced Medicine and Surgery in Imperial for twenty years. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

M.·W.·Brother Smith is Past President of the Imperial Lions Club, Past District Governor of Lions Club of Nebraska. He is Chairman of the Chase County Republican Central Committee, Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1948 and 1952. Dr. Smith is a Past President of the Chase County Fair Board, Secretary and Member of Imperial Board of Education for twelve years, and served as Mayor of Imperial in 1950-1952. He was elected President of the University of Nebraska Alumni Association for 1954-1955.

M.·W.·Fay Smith's Medical Activities include Past President of the Southwest Nebraska Medical Society; Chairman, Board of Trustees of Nebraska State Medical Association, Member of the

American Medical Association, International College of Surgeons, Governor's Hospital Advisory Council, and Preceptor Faculty Member of the College of Medicine of the University of Nebraska.

MASONIC HISTORY

Lodge: Initiated June 5, 1936, passed July 3, 1936 and raised August 21, 1936, in Purity Lodge No. 198, Imperial. He served as Master in 1941.

Chapter: Mark Master May 17, 1946, Past Master and Most Excellent Master May 27, 1946, and Royal Arch degree June 5, 1946, in King Cyrus Chapter No. 35, McCook.

Commandery: Order of the Red Cross and Malta November 17, 1947, and Order of the Temple December 15, 1947, in Saint John Commandery No. 16, McCook.

Council: Received the Royal Master and Select Master degrees on March 22, 1948, in Occonoxee Council No. 16, McCook.

Grand Lodge: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon June 9, 1948, by M·W· Elmer E. Magee; Grand Representative of Cuba near Nebraska on October 2, 1949, by M·W· Brother Ernest S. Schiefelbein. He was installed Grand Master on June 11, 1953.

Received the Scottish Rite through the 32° at Hastings, Nebraska, and elected Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 20, 1953. He is a member of Tehama Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Hastings, and Past Patron of Imperial Chapter No. 279, O. E. S. Imperial.

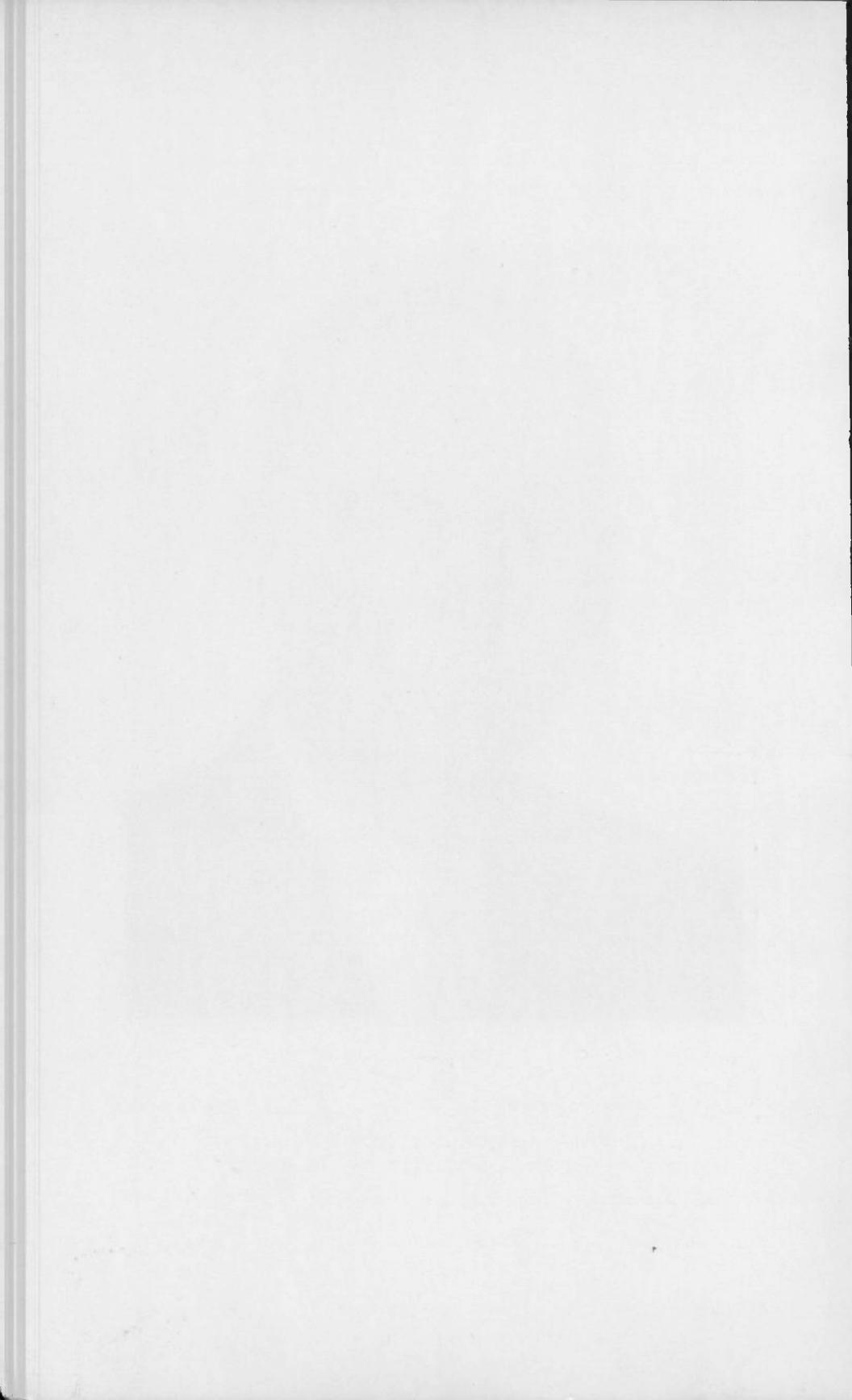
M·W· Brother Smith has endeared himself to all Masons in Nebraska through his devotion to the interests of Masonry in Nebraska, often at great personal sacrifice. How well he exemplifies this truth,—“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”



Charles F. Adams

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

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PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 8 and 9, 1954



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 8, 1954

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 8, A. D., 1954, A. L. 5954.

There were present the following:

M. W. Fay Smith, 198	Grand Master
R. W. Charles F. Adams, 68	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Herbert T. White, 11	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Merle M. Hale, 54	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32	Grand Secretary
V. W. Thomas A. Barton, 210	Grand Chaplain
W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Grand Orator
W. Harold H. Thom, 1	Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6	Grand Custodian
W. Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Grand Marshal
W. Roy I. Babbitt, 295	Grand Senior Deacon
W. John E. Beaver, 253	Grand Junior Deacon
Brother Robert A. Phelps, 32 (Pro-tem)	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. Charles F. Adams, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. Elmer E. Magee, introduced and given the Grand Honors.

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

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master:

Brethren, I regret to announce the illness of our Grand Tyler, W. James H. Bryant. I have appointed Brother Robert A. Phelps, 32, as Acting Grand Tyler for this Communication.

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Senior Deacon, then introduced the following Past Grand Masters, according to seniority:

Lewis E. Smith	(56th)	1921
Charles A. Chappell	(58th)	1923
Ralph O. Canaday	(68th)	1933
Virgil R. Johnson	(70th)	1934
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
Elmer E. Magee	(83rd)	1948
John S. Hedelund	(85th)	1950
Thomas J. Aron	(86th)	1951
Edward M. Knight	(87th)	1952

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master:

W. Brother Grand Senior Deacon, you will escort the Past Grand Masters to the East. Brethren, join me in giving the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska the Grand Honors.

M.·W.·Brethren, it is an honor and a pleasure to welcome you to this 97th Annual Communication. To have so many of our Past Grand Masters present is very gratifying to me and I know it is to all of the Brethren. I might have a selfish motive in wanting to be nice to this group since I do hope to have their approval on my work this year. This is not entirely the case, however. Many of these distinguished Brethren have been consulted by me throughout the year and I have found them always ready to help me with good advice. I want to thank them for all this help. They make up the Committee on Jurisprudence which is the stabilizing factor of this Grand Lodge. Because of their efforts we avoid many pitfalls and do not stray from our Constitution and the Landmarks. I thank you, Brethren, for your presence.

M.·W.·Thomas J. Aron gave the

RESPONSE

M.·W.·Grand Master, we certainly appreciate your kind words of welcome. It is a sincere pleasure to be thus recognized by you and this Grand Lodge.

The fact that we are able to meet at this 97th Annual Communication speaks well for all the Masons of Nebraska.

M.·W.· Sir, you have done a good job this past year. Each one of us, during our respective year in the office, tried to do the best he could for the good of Masonry.

When this Communication is concluded, it will be a pleasure to welcome you into our ranks. Then our group will be Smith to Smith with M.·W.·Lewis E. Smith as the Senior Past Grand Master and you, M.·W.·Fay Smith, as the Junior Past Grand Master.

M.·W.·Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master:

M.·W.·Grand Master and Brethren. Three of our Past Grand Masters are not present this morning. M.·W.·Chancellor A. Phillips and M.·W.·Ernest S. Schiefelbein are ill and M.·W.·Edward Huwaldt is unable to be present because of an important business matter. I would like to move that the Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, send a letter of warm fraternal greeting and best wishes to these brethren. (Motion seconded and carried unanimously.)

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.·W.·Walter S. Gray, Past Grand Master of New Jersey, R.·W.·Orestes Mitchell, Jr., Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M.·W.·James McBrayer Sellers, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Missouri, and R.·W.·Charles A. Mantz, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M.·W.·Donald W. Shaw, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Colorado.

RECEPTION OF OUR OWN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. . I. . Charles W. Reeve, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. . & S. . M. . in Nebraska; M. . E. . George H. Murphy, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. . A. . M of Nebraska; R. . E. . Charles O. Showalter, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. . T. . of Nebraska; Illustrious Joseph W. Seacrest, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska, and Grand Sword Bearer of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; Brother John H. McAlpin, Potentate, Tangier Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Omaha; Brother Martin O. Trindel, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska; R. . W. . Herbert T. White, President, The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. . William F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. . Herbert A. Ronin, President, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and Brother Robert 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

Brother Martin O. Trindel

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

It is a privilege and a pleasure to bring to you at the 97th 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.

M. . W. . Fay Smith, Grand Master:

Thank you very much, Brother Trindle. We shall enjoy this beautiful bouquet of flowers throughout the Annual Communication.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS

Presentation of the Flag of the United States and the Flag of Nebraska was made by Sir Knights of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1.

M. . W. . Fay Smith, Grand Master:

Brethren, I am going to ask you to talk into the microphone anytime you have anything to say. The proceedings are being taken on a tape recorder.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

W. Donald F. Paffenrath, Master, Nebraska Lodge No. 1, gave the Address of Welcome.

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

It is indeed a great honor and a privilege to be selected to extend, on behalf of the Omaha Lodges, a most hearty and sincere welcome to this, the 97th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

We of the eleven Lodges in Omaha look forward with a great deal of pleasure and anticipation to these annual meetings whereby we are enabled to renew old acquaintances and make many new ones. We hope you will avail yourselves of the full use of our facilities while here and attend some of the Omaha Lodges who will be most happy to welcome you. We stand ready at all times to assist you in any way possible.

We know and appreciate that many of the Brethren in attendance have made great personal sacrifices to be here and you are to be commended for your zeal and devotion to the Fraternity.

You who are here are the representatives of your respective Lodges and your Brethren have placed in you their full confidence that the business of this communication will be transacted so as to reflect credit upon everyone.

When you get down to the serious business at hand in your deliberations—remember that Freemasonry is far removed from all that is trivial, selfish or ungodly. Its structure is built upon the everlasting foundation of that God-given law, the Brotherhood of Man, in the family whose father is God. And be ever mindful, my Brethren, of the three great tenets of Masonic Profession

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Brethren, nowhere could a meeting of this nature be held except in the Free Nations of the World where Truth prevails and where there is no threat of dire consequences hanging over our heads if we do not follow a prescribed line of thought dictated by a few who seek to enslave the free—thinking people.

In this time of global tension and unrest, I trust that all of the Brethren in attendance here fully realize what a great privilege this is and in your deliberations will constantly seek Divine Guidance from above and thank God that you live in America where freedom of thought and expression is permitted. It is a great heritage, my Brethren. Fight for it—and preserve it at all times. And that Flag, my Brethren; Never let a night pass but you pray God to bless that Flag and to keep it flying always—for as long as we have Freedom we will be able to practice the tenets of Masonry and thereby have a better World in which to live.

In closing we wish to pay tribute to our Grand Master, M. W. Fay Smith, his officers and other members of the Grand Lodge who have so ably assisted him during the past year. And to our Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, and his very able assistants, we say "Thanks", for their untiring efforts to make Nebraska work outstanding.

Again Brethren, a most hearty welcome and may your visit here be most pleasant—is the sincere hope of the eleven Omaha Lodges.

Thank you.

W. Roy S. Cram, Master, Blazing Star Lodge No. 200, gave the response.

RESPONSE

M. W. Grand Master, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Members of this Grand Lodge. As representative of the 275 Masonic Lodges of Nebraska I wish to thank W. Brother Donald F. Paffenrath, Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, for the sincere and hearty welcome given to the Grand Lodge on behalf of the Omaha Masonic Lodges.

Omaha is recognized as the leading city of Nebraska and is well equipped to take care of large communications so we look to her for this service. Your warm, hearty, and sincere welcome is greatly appreciated by all members of the Grand Lodge. It is a true application of Masonic Principles. Brotherly love and friendship are exemplified. As we improve ourselves in Masonry, we are better and consequently happier. When we have finished our labor in the Grand Lodge and return to our homes, we will go home inspired to be better Masons and will have a beautiful memory of the fine hospitality given to the Grand Lodge by the Omaha Lodges.

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

Charters and Dispensations: W. Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 13, Chairman; Harry A. Spencer, 227; Louis L. Kammerer, 98.

Credentials: W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman; Elmo R. Clayton, 302; Clyde H. Jones, 173.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. Don L. McCoy, 11, Chairman; Thomas B. Oldham, 60; Clarence C. Turner, 308.

Finance: W. C. Ray Maey, 26, Chairman; Andrew B. Knight, 239; Welcome W. Naylor, 158; F. Plummer Martin, 184; Hal J. Samuel, 25.

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

Returns: W. Homer C. Davey, 317, Chairman; Alfred B. Saum, 46; Alfred H. Nissen, 138.

Unfinished Business: W. Richard O. Cowles, 217, Chairman; Roy W. Brendle, 210; Lyle M. Winterburn, 102.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman; Benjamin F. Eyre, 1; Edward M. Knight, 183.

Grievances: W. John F. Futcher, 302, Chairman; Richard C. Hallgren, 146; Charles C. Talbot, 148.

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

Temple Building Advisory: W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman; A. Victor Bryan, 263; E. Forrest Estes, 19.

Application 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. Edward M. Knight, 183, Chairman, and all Past Grand Masters Present.

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

Fraternal Dead: W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, Chairman; George F. Schell, 32; Siegfred L. Jacks, 198.

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

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

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

FRATERNAL GREETINGS

Fraternal greetings and best wishes were received from the following Grand Lodges meeting simultaneously with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska: South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Alberta.

M. W. Fay Smith, 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:

The 97th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge marks the end of a year in my life which will always be remembered as one of my greatest experiences. I have traveled 23,464 miles and written 1,100 letters. As a result I have met and contacted a very large group of men and women. I can not estimate the size of this group but I can state that it is composed of the finest people on the face of the earth. I only hope that I may have contributed as much to Masonry as Masonry has given to me.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge Officers I greet each of you and wish to express our appreciation for your attendance in these sessions.

You are the Grand Lodge and your decisions are supreme. I urge your active interest and participation.

NECROLOGY

The final step which we all must take has been experienced by 779 of our Brethren. A firm belief in the teachings of our great Fraternity has made that step much easier for those whom we honor now. Much less keenly do we feel the sorrow and sense of loss because of that same belief in Immortality.

This evening in our special session to which all Masons, wives and friends are invited, our Committee on Fraternal Dead will conduct appropriate services in the memory of our departed Brethren.

During my year it has been my sad duty, but great honor, to conduct the funerals of two of our Past Grand Masters.

On November 9, 1953, I drove to Chadron and conducted the services at the grave for M. W. Edwin Darling Crites. M. W. Edward M. Knight also attended and acted as Grand Senior Warden. R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, accompanied me and acted as Grand Secretary.

M. W. Brother Crites served as 61st Grand Master in 1926. His great knowledge of Masonry, his keen insight and analyzing mind made his remarks few but of great weight when spoken. The loss of his stabilizing influence upon Masonry in Nebraska is incalculable.

On March 24, 1954, I conducted the services at the grave at North Bend for M. W. John R. Tapster. M. W. Brother Tapster was our

66th Grand Master and served in 1931. The church, filled to overflowing, testified to the respect and love which his own townspeople felt for him.

That he was a tower of strength in the world of Masonry was amply shown by the fact that the following Past Grand Masters attended the funeral: Lewis E. Smith, Walter R. Raecke, Earl J. Lee, George A. Kurk, William B. Wanner, Benjamin F. Eyre, Elmer E. Magee, Ernest S. Schiefelbein, and John S. Hedelund. Grand Officers present were R. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; and W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian.

JORDAN MEDALS AND FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

The holder of the Gold Jordan Medal is Brother Edward Cronau of Lotus Lodge No. 289. He now resides in our Home at Plattsmouth. I am very happy and thankful that it has not fallen to me to make a presentation of this Medal this year.

I have had the honor of presenting the following Bronze Jordan Medals during the past year: February 8, 1954, Brother and fellow physician F. M. Bell, Perkins Lodge No. 308; April 15, Brother Orley McCallum, Wauneta Lodge No. 217.

It has been my pleasure to present the following Fifty-year buttons: September 24, 1953, Chauncey Messner, Boaz Lodge No. 185; November 3, Carl M. Matson, McCook Lodge No. 135; November 24, Theodore Goold, Ogalalla Lodge No. 159; January 4, 1954, Dr. John Brendel, Euclid Lodge No. 97; April 22, Charles Rogers, Boaz Lodge No. 185; May 27, Harry B. Dart and Glen G. Hampton, Gothenburg Lodge No. 249.

CORNER-STONES

November 5, 1953, the Corner-stone for the new Temple of Gilead Lodge No. 233, Butte, was laid. The oration was given by our Grand Orator, W. Herbert A. Ronin. Others present were R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; W. Ralph R. Carleton, Grand Marshal; W. John E. Beaver, Grand Junior Deacon, and Assistant Custodian W. Charles M. Frederick. Brother A. S. Evans accompanied me from Imperial and acted as Grand Officer in the Service. The Brethren and their ladies did a magnificent piece of work in the planning and feeding of those attending.

November 28, I laid the corner-stone for the new Temple of Perkins Lodge No. 308, Grant. Our Grand Orator, W. Herbert A. Ronin, gave the oration. Others present were R. W. Charles F. Adams, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Ralph R. Carleton, Grand Marshal, and W. James H. Bryant, Grand Tyler.

May 29, 1954, I laid the corner-stone of the Manual Arts Building at the Omaha Home for Boys. The request was made by Florence Lodge No. 281.

DEDICATIONS

On October 6, 1953, I dedicated the new Masonic Temple at Ravenna. Lotus Lodge No. 289 received the Grand Master officially before the dedication ceremonies. Present and assisting in the ceremonies were: R. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Ralph R. Carleton, Grand Marshal; M. W. John S. Hedelund; W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Past Grand Marshal; W. Robert W. Cook and W. Morris V. Balcom, Assistant Custodians.

It was also my pleasure and honor to introduce the famous Brother from Lotus Lodge 289, Brother Edward Cronau, the holder of the Gold Jordan Medal.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME AT PLATTSMOUTH

The Home has been of very great interest to me throughout my year. Being tangible evidence of the things which we profess to do in Masonry, its very existence was a continuing sense of satisfaction to me. Someone has said that our true beliefs are revealed by our actions rather than our professed creeds. Please visit the Home with us during this session and actually see what your beliefs in Masonry really are.

It was fitting that one of the first actions of my year should be my attendance at the Masonic Home Executives meeting at Plattsmouth on June 16, 1953. Here I met and talked with men engaged in this great work from over the entire country. Our Brethren in charge of our Home at Plattsmouth are recognized nationally as the best. W. William F. Evers and his fine son Raymond are invaluable to us and to the Home. W. Raymond C. Cook has been untiring in his devotion to the Home. It was my pleasure and education to sit with the Home Board in a regular meeting on September 8, 1953, and personally enter into the serious deliberations of that body. President and R. W. Herbert T. White is doing a fine piece of work in this capacity.

November 15, was a great day at the Home. On that day was held the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Home. M. W. Lewis E. Smith gave the address. This was most fitting as he was the only Brother present who was also present at the time of the origin of the Home. It is impossible to pay the amount of respect and thanks due him for his efforts through the years for the Home.

On January 23, 1954, I attended the Annual Meeting of the Home Board. Again I witnessed a very business-like and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Home. The following Trustees were nominated and elected for three years: W. Peter L. Bauer, W. Ralph M. Carhart, W. Harry A. Spencer, W. Charles B. Nicodemus, W. William F. Patterson, M. W. William B. Wanner, W. John E. Beaver, and W. Harold H. Thom.

It is a growing practice throughout the state for Memorial Funds to be established for departed Brethren. The money for the Memory Fund goes to the Home rather than for flowers. It enables the creation

of a very lasting Memorial rather than a very fragile and temporary one. I urge the increase of this practice.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE

On January 5, 1954, I met with the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge and observed the care and deliberation given to the handling of the Grand Lodge Funds. I am certain that the responsibility is in excellent hands and is spread wisely to protect all concerned.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

One of the responsibilities which goes with the office of Grand Master is the work with and for our charities. The Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont, supported equally by the Masons and Eastern Stars, has been of great interest to me.

On August 27, 1953, I attended a meeting of the Board during which serious discussion and much thought was given to the efficient operation and financing of the Home. It was a pleasure to face these problems with W.'.James C. Suttie and an inspiration to observe his insight into the problems of the Home gained through many years of service. No problem was too small to have a personal interest for him. The meeting was followed by a picnic dinner with the Board and the children. I commend you for your support of this Masonic Charity and urge your early and frequent visits to the Home.

On January 4, 1954, I had the pleasure of a half-day conference with Brother Robert Grassman, Superintendent of the Home. His intense interest in the Home and the children, together with his grasp of child psychology, greatly impressed me.

On January 5, I met with the Trustees of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Grand Lodge in a full afternoon session. The Grand Matron, Velma Morgan, together with her Grand Patron, W.'.Brother Frank L. Burbridge, and her Grand Secretary, Laura Nicholson, and R.'.W.'.Carl R. Greisen, our Grand Secretary, met with us also. A thorough discussion of the Home, its budget, and the many other problems concerning the financing and administration of the Home were covered.

As a result of this meeting and so that we may adequately meet our proportionate share of the maintenance of the Home, I am making some suggestions listed under recommendations in this address.

On January 23, I attended the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. It was my pleasure to nominate and see unanimously elected to the Board, W.'.August H. Boldt, of North Platte; W.'.Clarence A. Spier of Omaha; Brother Guy Olmstead of Fremont, and W.'.Howard J. Hunter of Wahoo, all for a three-year term. W.'.Jess Wade of Omaha was elected to fill the unexpired term of W.'.Ronald Patterson of Gothenburg who found it necessary to resign.

W. James C. Suttie refused to continue as President of the Board. As a small token of the appreciation of all the Masons of Nebraska for his untiring efforts and enormous amount of work, Brother Suttie was made President Emeritus of the Board.

The Board continues under fine leadership and administrative ability in the person of its new President, W. Herbert A. Ronin.

The Home lost one of its finest supporters this past year in the death of Mrs. Allie Wegner, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S. Her funeral was held September 27, 1953, in Fremont. I was represented by M. W. Lewis E. Smith on this occasion. Also attending were thirty Past Grand Officers and all but two Grand Officers of the O. E. S. and four past Grand Masters.

COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

Last year M. W. Edward M. Knight appointed a committee headed by Brother William F. Patterson to study this problem.

This has been a task of considerable magnitude and the committee now has some definite figures to present. Two bulletins have been sent to you during the year regarding this subject and I urge your attention to the report of this committee later in our present session.

Our thanks should go to Brother Patterson and his committee for their work in getting this problem solved for us.

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

I have approved a large number of applications for reinstatement. It is a pleasure to see worthy Brethren again take their places in our ranks after an absence which was justifiable. I would like to thank the Committee on Reinstatements for their work and cooperation. It is always necessary for the Grand Master to look to them for advice in this work. I urge the local Lodges to use the greatest care in the investigation of these cases.

BY-LAWS APPROVAL

I have had occasion to approve a considerable number of By-laws. It is gratifying to see so many Lodges bringing their By-laws up to date. I urge those who have not done so within the past few years to do so.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It has been my pleasure to recommend the following Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska: Alex Danielson of Harlan Lodge No. 116, Sweden; Steve G. Poulos of Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Greece; Louis V. Sylvester of Florence Lodge No. 281, Mississippi; Morris V. Balcom, of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Nuevo Leon, Mexico; Herbert A. Ronin of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, District of Columbia; John E. Beaver of Beemer Lodge No. 253, Quebec.

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

Philip H. Berdolt, New York; Armon Everett Baggett, North Carolina; Ernest L. Poyner, Maryland; Prof. George Sakellariou, Greece.

VISITS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

August 24, 25, 1953, Grand Lodge of Wyoming, represented by R.'. W.'. Carl R. Greisen and Mrs. Greisen.

September 14, 15, I attended the meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. These meetings are held once every two years and this meeting was held in Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Smith accompanied me as did R.'. W.'. Carl R. Greisen and Mrs. Greisen and M.'. W.'. Lewis E. Smith and Mrs. Smith. I was very favorably impressed with the quality and quantity of work being done by this organization. The Association honored me by having me address them at their formal banquet.

September 29, 30, Grand Lodge of Missouri. Mrs. Smith, R.'. W.'. Carl R. Greisen and Mrs. Greisen accompanied me. Of particular interest to me was the final disposition of a case relating to a Brother from Nebraska Lodge No. 1. This case originated in 1941 when the Brother was found guilty in Nebraska of un-Masonic conduct, being engaged in the liquor business in Nebraska. This was not a Masonic offense in Missouri. The Grand Lodge of Missouri did, however, uphold the Nebraska decision and expelled the Brother. This is a very important and just relationship to be maintained between Jurisdictions. The Grand Lodge of Missouri deserves our thanks and utmost cooperation.

M.'. W.'. Harry S. Truman attended these sessions and it was our interesting experience to have breakfast and dinner with him. He presented the Stone from the White House to his own Grand Lodge of Missouri.

October 13, 14, Grand Lodge of Illinois. Mrs. Smith accompanied me and as usual this was one of the highlights of the Grand Master's year. The Brethren of Illinois entertain royally. It was a real pleasure and a very profitable experience.

January 25, 26, 1954, Grand Lodge of Colorado. The opportunity to renew my friendship with M.'. W.'. Hubert Glover together with the wonderful Colorado hospitality made this another time to be long remembered.

February 10, 11, Grand Lodge of Kansas. R.'. W.'. Charles F. Adams, our Deputy Grand Master, represented me. I was sorry to miss the association and renewed friendship of the Kansas Brethren but know it was well cared for by Brother Charles.

February 22, 23, 24, Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C. This is a conference of Grand Masters from North America and many foreign jurisdictions. The opportunity to meet and hear the Masonic

leaders from over the entire world is a Masonic education in itself. The trials and experiences of Masons in many parts of the world make one appreciate the freedom of Masonry in this Country and in Nebraska.

Also attending with me were Mrs. Smith and my daughter, Carol; M. W. Lewis E. Smith and Mrs. Smith, R. W. Carl R. Greisen and Mrs. Greisen, R. W. Charles F. Adams and Mrs. Adams and their daughter, Ruth; and R. W. Herbert T. White.

It was my happy privilege on behalf of all the Brethren of Nebraska to entertain our entire Congressional Delegation at dinner at the Statler Hotel in Washington. They are a fine group of men, all Masons and all Republicans! It was also my delightful pleasure to have as our guest Sister Ethel Thorpe, Past Worthy Grand Matron of the O. E. S. of Nebraska.

February 22, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Here I represented the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and also presented another volume of the Pershing Series to the library in the Memorial in Alexandria.

May 22, Unfortunately our dates for this Session conflict with a number of our neighboring Jurisdictions. That we might have the advantage of their experiences and the opportunity of their association we called a meeting of the dais officers of the Grand Lodges of Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Kansas, in Omaha on May 22nd during which we enjoyed a healthy exchange of ideas.

VISITS TO AFFILIATED BODIES

June 26, 1953, Rainbow Assembly in Omaha. Represented by R. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Senior Warden.

November 19, Scottish Rite Reunion, Lincoln.

December 1, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Omaha.

December 2, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Omaha.

December 5, Court of Honour of the Supreme Council of the 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Lincoln.

December 10, Nebraska Consistory of Scottish Rite, Omaha.

January 31, 1954, Public Installation of Assembly No. 9 of Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Cambridge. During the service my daughter, Sylvia, was introduced as Grand Service of the Grand Assembly of Nebraska and I as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska.

March 10 and April 14, Imperial Chapter O.E.S.

April 22, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska. Represented by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Charles F. Adams.

April 29, Nebraska Consistory of Scottish Rite, Omaha.

May 1, Tangier Temple, Spring Ceremonial.

May 13, Grand Chapter O.E.S.

May 21, Sesostri Temple.

VISITATIONS TO NEBRASKA LODGES

June 18, 1953, 75th Anniversary of Aurora Lodge No. 68.

June 25, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184.

September 5, Alliance Lodge No. 183. On occasion of visit of Hammond, Indiana, Lodge and Indiana's Grand Master Newell A. Lamb.

September 8, Evening Star Lodge No. 49.

September 24, Boaz Lodge No. 185.

October 6, Lotus Lodge No. 289.

October 8, Kimball Lodge No. 294.

October 14, Omaha Lodge No. 288.

October 19, Mitchell Lodge No. 263.

October 21, Purity Lodge No. 198.

October 22, Liberty Lodge No. 300.

November 3, McCook Lodge No. 135. Master Mason Degree for son of Brother John Cunningham of Washington, D. C. who attended with M. W. Carl Claudy. Also in attendance: M. W. Harold S. Pond, Past Grand Master of North Dakota; M. W. C. N. Bell, Past Grand Master of Wyoming; V. W. George Sloan of Montana; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary of Nebraska. 700 attended the open meeting and dinner following the degree.

November 5, Gilead Lodge No. 233.

November 5, Atkinson Lodge No. 164.

November 9, Samaritan Lodge No. 158.

November 12, Melrose Lodge No. 60.

November 16, Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148.

November 24, Ogalalla Lodge No. 159.

November 28, Perkins Lodge No. 308.

December 18, Humboldt Lodge No. 40.

January 1, 1954, Purity Lodge No. 198.

January 4, Euclid Lodge No. 97. Honoring Dr. John Brendel for 50 years in Masonry.

January 5, Fremont Lodge No. 15. Installed officers.

January 6, Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Mid-West Lodge No. 317. Joint installation.

January 7, Golden Rod Lodge No. 306.

January 19, Platte Valley Lodge No. 32.

February 8, Perkins Lodge No. 308. Bronze Jordan Medal to Dr. F. M. Bell.

March 5, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75.

March 11, Republican Lodge No. 98.

March 22, Wymore Lodge No. 104.

March 24, North Bend Lodge No. 119.

March 31, Western Star Lodge No. 2.
April 1, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210.
April 8, Rawalt Lodge No. 138.
April 12, Robert Burns Lodge No. 173.
April 15, Wauneta Lodge No. 217.
April 22, Boaz Lodge No. 185.
April 26, Osceola Lodge No. 65.
May 27, Gothenburg Lodge No. 249.

GRAND MASTER'S BREAKFAST

Masonry is not a religion. It is, however, religious in nature and does support the church with all its strength.

To dramatize and implement these thoughts, I called a Grand Master's Breakfast for March 28th. This date was selected because it was two weeks before Easter. While that placed it as near as possible to that celebrated religious period, yet it did not interfere with the Church calendar at Easter Time.

The response was tremendous. 5,601 Masons have been reported to me as having attended this function. Following their Breakfast they all attended the Church of their choice. Much favorable newspaper publicity also resulted from this activity.

I thank you, Brethren, for your wonderful cooperation and I am certain that the effort was justified. It is impossible to recognize all who did an outstanding job. However, Bloomfield No. 218 is typical; with a resident membership of only forty, their attendance was fifty-two.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

W. Raymond C. Cook has been one of my closest and most faithful advisors throughout my year. His wide acquaintance and knowledge of Nebraska Masonry has served me well.

At the beginning of this year, I urged Brother Ray to make his work a little easier in view of the fact that he had undergone major surgery last summer. He promised me that he would follow this doctor's orders. Like all patients, he did not do so. Instead, he is turning in a number of individual and Lodge proficiencies, which exceeds all other years in the history of Masonry in Nebraska.

It has been my stated intention since the beginning of this year to give as much of my time and support as I possibly could give to the work of the Custodian and his assistants. This I have done.

I fully realize, as I hope all of you do, that the one thing that makes Masonry what it is, and keeps it from degenerating into anything less, is the work of Brother Ray and his fine Staff of Assistants. My thanks and appreciation go to all of them.

TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

My work with the Temple Advisory Committee has been most enjoyable. The Committee composed of W. Otto Nelsen, Chairman, W. E. Forrest Estes, and W. A. Victor Bryan has been very active. The Brethren of Nebraska in general and those needing the help of this Committee in particular owe a debt of gratitude to these Brethren. They have always had the welfare of the concerned Lodges at heart in making their recommendation. I personally thank them.

On the basis of favorable reports from this Committee I have approved the following:

July 15, 1953, Tekamah Lodge No. 31. Transfer of Masonic property to Tekamah Temple Craft Association.

August 18, Gilead Lodge No. 233. Construct new Temple.

October 16, Minatare Lodge No. 295. Borrow additional \$1,000.00.

October 20, North Star Lodge No. 227. Borrow \$40,000.00 for remodeling.

November 23, Tekamah Lodge No. 31. Temple Craft Association to buy city lots and for Tekamah Lodge No. 31 to purchase 150 shares of capital stock of Tekamah Temple Craft Association @ \$10.00 per share.

November 26, Acacia Lodge No. 34. Purchase building.

January 14, 1954, Hebron Lodge No. 43. Borrow \$20,000.00. On March 17, 1954 approved additional loan of \$4,000.00, making total borrowed of \$24,000.00.

March 4, Mount Nebo Lodge No. 125. Borrow \$3,500.00 for alterations, contingent on raise of dues.

March 17, Upright Lodge No. 137. Purchase of building.

April 28, Hardy Lodge No. 117, Purchase building.

April 30, Bassett Lodge No. 254, rejected building proposal.

May 24, permission for Tekamah Temple Craft to sell real estate.

May 28, permission for Unity Lodge No. 96 to borrow \$1,500 for remodeling.

OMAHA HOME FOR BOYS

All information which I have received regarding the Home indicates that the recommendations of the Committee on Jurisprudence adopted June 4, 1952 have been met. I therefore authorized the Annual solicitation of the Lodges of Omaha and Douglas County for this Home. The authorization was for my term only, representing the second year of the stipulated five-year period.

It was also my privilege and honor to lay the corner-stone for the new Manual Arts Building for the Home. This ceremony took place May 29, 1954.

THE CENTENNIAL

As you know this is our 97th Annual Communication. Only three short years ahead is our 100th Birthday. Great plans are in the making for this wonderful occasion. W.'George W. Rosenlof heads the Committee making those plans and is to be complimented for the great amount of work he is doing and the foresight he is exhibiting. W.'Harold H. Thom is writing the history and this is no small task when one tries to cover 100 years. I have some additional remarks on the Centennial which I am making as recommendations under that heading.

AREA MEETINGS

Four Area Meetings conducted by the Committee on Masonic Education have been held. These have been fine meetings and well attended. W.'Perry W. Phillips found it necessary to resign as chairman of the committee before the first meeting. W.'Floyd H. Wisner very ably acted as chairman for the first two meetings held at Mitchell and Broken Bow while W.'Howard J. Hunter served as acting chairman for the last two at Wymore and Osceola. I want to thank these two Brethren for coming to our aid at these times. I also want to congratulate W.'Howard J. Hunter on his election as General Chairman of the Mid-West Conference on Masonic Education to be held in Indianapolis next November.

GRAND SECRETARIES, ACTIVE AND EMERITUS

With hard work, good luck, and a reasonable amount of intelligence a Grand Master might have a passing year. If he hopes it to be a year that will be noted for efficiency, good judgment and accomplishment he will have to have more. That extra something is the help of M.'W.'Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus, and R.'W.'Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

When I wanted to take the pulse of all the Masons of Nebraska and get an X-ray of the mind and thinking of that mythical individual made of all those Masons, I went to Brother Lew. He is "Mr. Mason" and is canny in his ability to come up with the right answer. I admire him, I love him, and I used him. I want to thank him now.

When I wanted advice relating to procedure, policy, diplomacy, Brethren, Lodges, or anything connected with the office of the Grand Secretary, I found Brother Carl there with the right advice. Our many visits, over a lunch or while riding the many miles over the state, will always be remembered with enjoyment and appreciation.

M.'W.'John S. Hedelund and Brother Bob Herre, both in the Grand Secretary's office, are efficiency plus and were always ready to help me with any problem related to their departments. I thank them.

DELINQUENT LODGES

Last year on motion by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, the Grand Lodge directed the Grand Master to contact all Lodges which had not attended Grand Lodge for two and three years and warn them of the law which subjects their charter to forfeiture after two years non-attendance.

Those Lodges which had not attended Grand Lodge for two years were Numbers 101, 111, 138, 160, 220 and 257. Those which had not attended for three years were Numbers 49 and 278.

All of these Lodges were contacted. All responded and promised to attend Grand Lodge this year except Magnolia Lodge No. 220 of Emerson. This Lodge did not acknowledge my letter.

Attendance at Grand Lodge is one of the best criteria for judging the health and value of a Lodge. I personally feel that the Grand Lodge law should be enforced automatically regarding representation at Grand Lodge.

CHARTER RELOCATIONS

1. August 14, 1953, Lotus Lodge No. 289. Move charter to New Temple.
2. September 21, Hebron Lodge No. 43. Move charter to temporary location.
3. October 31, Gilead Lodge No. 233. Move charter to new Masonic Temple.
4. November 28, Perkins Lodge No. 308. Moved charter for cornerstone ceremonies.
5. August 19, Minatare Lodge No. 295. Moved charter to new Temple.
6. July 15, Republican Lodge No. 98. Moved charter to new Temple.
7. December 21, Perkins Lodge No. 308. Open Lodge in Methodist Church for funeral.
8. May 15, 1954, Hebron Lodge No. 43. Move charter to rebuilt Masonic Temple.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

1. Joint permission, with the Grand Matron of the O. E. S., was given to the Board of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children to sell to Fremont Lodge No. 15 a plot of ground 250 feet by 250 feet, located in the Southeast corner of the Home Grounds for \$500.00.

2. I healed the election of officers of Mason City Lodge No. 170, said election having been postponed and held at an illegal time. I reprimanded the Lodge for the illegal act.

3. I joined with the Grand Matron of the O. E. S. in granting permission for the Board of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children to engage an architect and get estimates on a recreation building for

the Home. I specifically stated in the permission that no work would start or solicitations be made in relation to this project without permission of the Grand Lodge and also that no work could be started without all funds necessary for the project first being on hand.

4. June 20, 1953 Alliance Lodge No. 183. Permission to act as host to McKinley Lodge No. 712 F. & A. M. of Indiana and for McKinley Lodge No. 712 to confer the Master Mason Degree on Indiana Candidate.

5. Due to severe storms and other unavoidable conditions, I issued a number of dispensations to install officers out of time. Many were also issued to examine Brethren for whom too long a time had elapsed since the degrees.

6. At this writing I have issued special dispensations for eighty-eight to receive their Masonry without regard to time because of military service. The question has been raised as to the necessity of continuing this practice when we are not at war.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

Unfortunately, but as usual, a number of trial commissions had to be appointed. What a wonderful thing it would be to have a year without a trial. As long as our membership is made of humans, however, I suppose that this will never happen. The majority of the trials dealt with the liquor business.

I want to thank all of the Brethren who served on these commissions. It is an unpleasant duty that must be done.

APPEALS

1. A Brother of Nelson Lodge No. 77 was found guilty of un-Masonic conduct on a liquor charge and a penalty of Indefinite Suspension given. Customarily a sentence of Expulsion has been given in such cases. I therefore directed the case be appealed.

2. A Brother of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 was tried in Colorado and a sentence of Indefinite Suspension given. The Grand Lodge of Colorado then asked us to take appropriate action. After review of all evidence submitted by the Grand Lodge of Colorado, I ordered the Brother expelled and am referring this action to the Committee on Grievances.

3. A Brother of Wisner Lodge No. 114 was found guilty of un-Masonic conduct on a liquor charge and a penalty of Indefinite Suspension was imposed. Customarily a sentence of Expulsion has been given in such cases, I therefore directed the case be appealed.

ROB MORRIS LODGE NO. 46

A Brother in Rob Morris Lodge No. 46 was rejected by ballot in 1952. Thereafter he re-petitioned and the petition was received within the six months period prescribed by law. He was initiated the same

evening the new petition was balloted upon. This illegal act was healed by the Grand Lodge in 1952, and the candidate was declared blameless. The Lodge was reprimanded for the act. An objection was filed last year to stop the advancement of this man. The Master overruled the objection and the Grand Master sustained the Master. The Grand Lodge sustained this action of the Grand Master. Now, during my year, another objection has been filed to this Brother's advancement. The Master again overruled it and I sustained him. The objector has appealed again to the Grand Lodge. The point at issue is that the objector has been deprived his rights to stop this Brother without giving his reasons. It is my opinion that since this Brother has been declared blameless, and the illegal act healed, and the Brother is now an Entered Apprentice Mason in good standing, he should not be stopped unless a sufficient reason is given against the moral standing or character of the Brother.

It is also my personal opinion that this matter had been settled by the previous Grand Lodge and therefore should not be permitted to be appealed to the Grand Lodge at this time. Because of my desire to be fair to all concerned, I did, however, permit this appeal.

It is my hope that a ruling on this case may be made by this Grand Lodge which will be so clear and comprehensive that the Brother may be passed and raised with no further delay unless something is definitely given to the Master which is against the character of this man.

DECISIONS

The majority of all questions submitted to the Grand Master for his decision are covered by our Law. I urge that you make an effort to read your Law and thus make unnecessary the large number of requests for decisions. The following decisions were made this year:

1. I ruled that non-Masonic organizations, including the Acacia Fraternity, could not solicit Masons, as such, to assist in membership drives.

2. I called a special communication of Evening Star Lodge No. 49 because of unfavorable publicity resulting from acts of the Master. A reprimand was given the Master. The Lodge was also warned as to the Law concerning attendance in Grand Lodge.

3. I ruled that a man with no motion in his hip joints and the excursion of both knees limited to less than 20% of normal was ineligible for Masonry.

4. I ruled a man eligible for Masonry who was partially deaf but could hear with a hearing aid.

5. I ruled that a man who could read only very large type with the aid of glasses and appeared to have a progressive type of blindness was not eligible for Masonry.

6. I ruled that the loss of a foot made a man ineligible for Masonry.

7. I ruled that a Lodge may not rent the first floor of their Temple to be used as a pool hall.

8. I ruled that the Masons belonging to a group who owned a business block would be subject to charges of un-Masonic conduct should the business block, or part of it, be rented for a liquor store.

9. I ruled that "chain letters" such as have recently been circulated freely by Masons are contrary to postal regulations, against the best interests of Masonry, and therefore should not be permitted when sent in the name of Masons or Masonry.

10. I ruled that a man with a completely stiff knee was ineligible for Masonry.

11. A Brother of Florence Lodge No. 281 was tried on charges of a very serious moral nature. He was given a sentence of definite suspension of nine months. The trial commission also directed that the Brother "report regularly to the Junior Warden of his Lodge", and that he "would attend Masonic Communications at every opportunity" while under such sentence. Because of the seriousness of the offense and the impossible provisions of the sentence and the fact that this Brother would automatically be in good standing again in nine months, I felt definite action by me was warranted. I therefore set aside the sentence of the Trial Commission and ordered the Brother expelled.

12. The question of the propriety of Affiliated Masonic groups wearing any head dress during tiled communications of Blue Lodges was presented to me. I belong to Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Shrine but have not lost sight of the fact that my Master Degree was, "The last and highest". Also I am mindful that the Master represents supreme authority and alone is entitled to be covered. I so ruled.

13. A member of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75 circularized all Nebraska Lodges without consent of the Grand Master in violation of Sec. 2-614. In view of the statement of this Brother that he was advised that the circular was proper and that the sending of it was proper by members of the Committee on Jurisprudence, I feel that the situation should be reviewed and action taken thereon by that Committee.

14. The following question was submitted to me for opinion, "Is it not an essential and necessary requirement that all Grand Lodge Committees be available in the quarters assigned to them for that purpose, during the Sessions of the Grand Lodge?" My answer was, "All Grand Lodge Committees must hold session at times made known to all members of the Grand Lodge that all pertinent information may be furnished those committees."

15. The following question was submitted to me for my opinion, "Does the Committee on Grievances have the authority, under our present Code, to deny either the Lodge or Appellant the right of a hearing before the Committee for the presentation of additional testimony on a case which has been appealed and referred to said Committee, by the Grand Master for their consideration and recommend-

ation?". My answer was, "Sec. 3-804 provides for, "Any additional Testimony". Also, "This Committee should be interested in all facts pertaining to any case under consideration. Therefore they not only do not have the authority to deny the right of hearing, but should actually solicit such hearings if they will add to their ability to arrive at a just solution of the case".

16. A situation existing in one of our lodges was brought to my attention wherein the officers were using keys or ciphers. They had resisted suggestions that they discontinue their use. I clothed the Grand Custodian with my authority as Grand Master and asked him to visit the lodge and attempt to clear the situation. Due to my schedule it was impossible for me to make the trip personally. Of course, my decision in this matter was merely an interpretation of the law (Section 3-102m) and an effort to enforce the law. I realize that other jurisdictions permit keys of varying descriptions but our law prohibits any keys or ciphers and as long as our law does prohibit such, we must see that the law is enforced.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We have designated all Grand Masters beginning with M. W. Edward M. Knight to be members of Brother George Rosenlof's Committee on the Centennial as they become Grand Master until the Centennial. It would be advisable to immediately include all of the Grand Masters who will eventually serve on that committee so that they may become familiar with the work as soon as possible. Since we do not know the future Grand Masters, I suggest that the present Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden be immediately placed on that Committee.

2. I recommend that a portion of our Centennial Fund be set aside now so that as incidental expenses in the preliminary stages arise they may be paid. I suggest that an amount of \$1,500.00 be placed in that fund now.

3. I recommend that each Lodge have a permanent Home Committee whose duties it will be to deal with all matters relating to the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

4. The Grand Master is a busy man during his year in that office. He wears his apron a great deal and after two or three years it is finally a bit soiled and worn in appearance. The Grand Master should look the brightest of all on these occasions. Therefore I suggest that the custom of giving the Junior Past Grand Master his new apron be dispensed with and that he receive the new apron at the beginning of his term. It could be designated as a Grand Master's Apron but with the date of his year of office on it which would automatically distinguish it as a Past Grand Masters apron after his year. This is done in other jurisdictions and makes the Grand Master look sharp, whether he is or not.

5. I suggest a change in our Law which would require that an adequate reason be given to the Master when an objection is placed, after favorable ballot, to initiation, affiliation or waiver of jurisdiction. In more than one instance this year, I am sure that an injustice has been done an individual because a reason was not required.

6. Funds provided by our Law for our share of the support of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont have been inadequate when a realistic budget was presented.

- (1) I therefore recommend that this problem of proper financing be referred to the Grand Trustees.
- (2) Last year \$5,000.00 was appropriated from the Permanent Reserve Fund to amplify the Maintenance Fund of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. This amount should be returned to the Permanent Reserve Fund from the Children's Home Endowment Fund.

PURITY LODGE NO. 198

This address would lack the very life it must have if I did not stop to thank my own Lodge. The finest group of Masons that can be found anywhere are in the area in and about Imperial. They are fast friends and true Brothers. W.'.Fred Muscheites as Master and W.'.Siegfred L. Jacks as the perennial Secretary head this group and under their leadership I have had complete support. They even bought a beautiful hat for me at the beginning of my year and then spent more for a box to carry it in than they did for the hat! Very appropriately, the hat came from Magee's in Lincoln!

The people of my community as well as my Lodge have been with me 100%. I believe that I will still have some practice left when I go back home Thursday. They have all taken a great interest in my work with the Grand Lodge this year and I have had very little criticism. It is a by-word on the streets of Imperial, "Hello Doc. Glad to see you back, when do you leave again?" My thanks to all my patients for their patience and understanding.

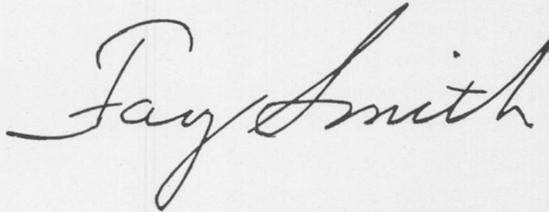
To my partner in the practice of medicine, Brother Elwood Yaw, I cannot say thanks enough. The days have been rough at home when I left him to carry the entire load. He has done it without a word of objection. No one ever stretched forth his hand and supported more strongly than Elwood has for me. It would have been entirely out of the question to serve this year had he not been with me all the way.

Finally, my wife, Jo, our two daughters, Sylvia and Carol, have all my thanks. They started me on all my trips with a loving smile, cheerful word and a clean shirt. When I returned tired, worn, and in a poor mood, they let me come in and nursed me back to good spirits again. Their lives have been very much disturbed by the effect of the life of a Grand Master touching them but they did not complain. They are a great trio. My thanks and love to them.

Finally, my Brethren, I say thanks to all of you and to all the Masons of Nebraska. You have given me a great experience and to my mind, one of the greatest honors that it is possible to give. I am returning the Grand Lodge to you in good shape with some 700 more members than we had at the beginning of the year. We have had steady, healthy growth and if it continues as it has in the past few years we will never need fear for the future of Masonry in Nebraska. Your Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, has been my right arm. He runs his office with efficiency and with the best interests of Masonry always as his goal. Your Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, has a group of Assistants that are responsible, along with their leader, for a record never before reached in the history of this Grand Lodge. Their devotion to keeping Masonry pure, their sincere efforts to teach our philosophy, assure us of our Masonic future.

To the best of my knowledge there is a wonderful feeling of friendship throughout the 45,000 Masons of Nebraska. There are no serious problems. Our objectives deserve our earnest efforts, and Brotherly Love prevails.

Fraternally submitted,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

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 eighth annual report we close one of the busiest years since coming to this office. We have visited many lodges, attended area meetings, Central Schools, corner-stone and dedication ceremonies, as well as lodge anniversaries. As always it has been most pleasant to visit the lodges and fellowship with the brethren, our sincere thanks to all of you for the many courtesies.

Last year we reported twelve lodges that failed to receive petitions or confer degrees. This year the number has increased to fifteen. These lodges have a very small membership and are located in communities where the population is decreasing. Most of them had a net loss this year.

VISITATIONS

It has as always been a pleasure to accompany the Grand Master on many visitations during the year.

INVESTMENTS

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

RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from every lodge and all dues for the year 1953 have been paid in full. The statistical table reflects the effort of this office and the cooperation of the lodge secretaries in reducing the number of suspended Master Masons, as well as the number of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Crafts. We reduced the number of suspended Master Masons by 2,895, the Entered Apprentices by 219 and Fellow Crafts by 107.

GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from the following lodges: Nebraska No. 1, Hebron No. 43, Bloomfield No. 218 and Right Angle No. 303, and three appeals: Nelson No. 77, Wymore No. 104 and Wisner No. 114.

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

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

The following lodges have been cited to appear and show cause why their charter should not be forfeited in accordance with action of Grand Lodge at its 96th Annual Communication: Ponca No. 101, DeWitt No. 111, Rawalt No. 138, Zeredatha No. 160, Magnolia No. 220 and Holbrook No. 257.

FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

During the year 109 buttons have been presented to brethren entitled to receive them. We have 530 brethren living who wear the fifty-year button, 177 of these brethren also wear the Bronze Jordan medal. Many lodges have a brother who wears the Bronze Jordan medal but has not been a Mason fifty years.

JORDAN MEDALS

During the past year there have been thirty-seven special meetings and ceremonies in presenting the oldest member of the lodge with the Robert Carrel Jordan Bronze Medal.

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES

I have attended ten Central Schools of Instruction, checked the records of 71 lodges, and visited with the secretaries. The attendance of the Grand Secretary at Central Schools affords him an opportunity

to visit personally with the lodge secretary as well as lodge officers and to discuss matters pertaining to the office of Secretary, the Lodge and Grand Lodge.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian and his fine corps of Assistants for their cooperation.

MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA, U. D.

To W. Ralph S. Tully, the officers and brethren of Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U. D., an orchid to each one of you.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT, LIVE STOCK NATIONAL BANK
1953-1954

DEBIT

Received from 44,287 members at \$3.00 each	\$132,861.00
Received from 1,635 Initiations at \$10.00 each	16,350.00
Received from 9 Affiliations at \$10.00 each	90.00
Received from Surety Bond Premiums	626.75
Received from supplies sold to Lodges	3,941.89
Received from 1,734 members for George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund at \$1.00 each	1,734.00
Total	\$155,603.64

CREDIT

Transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 88,574.00
Transferred to Maintenance Fund	6,643.05
Transferred to Relief Fund	8,857.40
Transferred to General Fund	45,226.55
Transferred to Supply Account	4,568.64
Transferred to Permanent Reserve Fund	1,734.00
Total	\$155,603.64

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

May 10, 1954

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1953	\$ 47,869.27
Received from Permanent Reserve Fund	6,000.00
Received from Special Account	45,226.55
Received from Refunds 1953 Budget	1,689.13
Received from Committee on Masonic Education	1,728.35
Total	\$102,513.30

CASH CREDIT

Pay-roll	\$ 10,784.90
Grand Lodge Dinner	743.22

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	850.00
Reporting of Grand Lodge Proceedings	26.40
Grand Tyler	15.00
Grand Organist	10.00
Committee on Masonic Education.....	1,800.00
Committee on Relief & Care of Orphans	600.00
Trial Commission	100.00
Grand Chaplain	100.00
Grand Trustees	50.00
Committee on the Work	100.00
Unassigned incidental expense under the direction of the Grand Master	1,807.50
Other Committees	100.00
Travel Expense, Grand Master	2,500.00
Travel Expense, Grand Secretary	500.00
Expense, Grand Custodian & Assistants	4,500.00
Expense, Grand Officers	600.00
Expense, Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus	500.00
Salary, Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary	6,000.00
Salary, Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian	4,500.00
Grand Secretary, Clerical Staff	6,480.00
Rent, Grand Lodge quarters to June 1954	2,200.00
Audit, Grand Lodge Books	225.00
Grand Secretary office expense	3,800.00
Jewel, Retiring Grand Master	168.00
Printing Proceedings and Advance Copies	2,276.03
Dues Masonic Relief Association	283.94
Liability Insurance Premium	38.37
Surety Bond Premium	313.20
Social Security Tax	450.15
Compensation Insurance Premium	21.00
Buses to Plattsmouth	256.76
To Committee on Masonic Education	1,728.35
Cash on hand May 10, 1954	47,485.48
Total	\$102,513.30

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1954

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10th, 1953	\$ 4,904.38
Received from supplies to lodges	3,944.49
Bond premiums from Secretaries and Treasurers	626.75
Grand Chapter R. A. M.	300.00
Total	\$ 9,775.62

CASH CREDIT

Premiums on Secretaries and Treasurers Bonds	\$ 563.85
Paid for supplies purchased	4,132.75
Grand Chapter R. A. M.	300.00
Postage	500.00
Cash on hand May 10th, 1954	4,279.02
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Total	\$ 9,775.62

RELIEF FUND

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10th, 1953	\$ 12,473.89
Received from Special Account	8,857.40
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Total	\$ 21,331.29

CASH CREDIT

Paid to Committee on Relief & Care of Orphans	\$ 3,000.00
Cash on hand May 10th, 1954	18,331.29
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Total	\$ 21,331.29

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 10, 1954

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1953	\$ 9,879.85
Securities sold and paid	10,012.50
Profit on Sale of Securities	1,775.25
Interest	1,648.74
Received from Special Account, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association	1,734.00
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Total	\$ 25,050.34

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased	\$ 11,382.51
Transferred to The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children..	5,000.00
Transferred to General Fund of the Grand Lodge	6,000.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1954	2,667.83
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Total	\$ 25,050.34

PERMANENT RESERVE SECURITIES

May 10, 1954

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
53	Western Light & Telephone Company 5½% pfd.	2,500	2,818.75
54	Tennessee Gas Transmission, Common		4,663.76
55	San Diego Gas & Electric, Common		1,537.50
56	Gas Service Company, Common		2,362.50
Total			\$ 38,283.14

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

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 10, 1954

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1953	\$ 6,925.98
Interest	5,651.38
Profit on sale of securities	1,989.10
Securities paid and sold	41,894.12
Total	\$ 56,460.58

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased	\$ 28,768.94
Transferred to The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children..	3,322.91
Cash on hand May 10, 1954	24,308.73
Total	\$ 56,460.58

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1954

No.	Name	Par	Cost
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
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
126—Wisconsin Public Service Corp., Common.....		4,406.84
127—Western Light & Telephone Company 5½% pfd.	2,500	2,818.75
129—Gas Service Company, Common		2,362.50
130—Southern Union Gas, Common		9,212.19
Total		\$137,712.96

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1954

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1953	\$ 17,913.74
Securities paid and sold	78,039.44
Profit on Securities paid and sold	1,968.78
Interest	9,124.64
Total	\$107,046.60

CASH CREDIT

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Student Fund	\$ 200.00
Securities purchased	63,335.09
Paid to The Nebraska Masonic Home	10,000.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1954	33,511.51
Total	\$107,046.60

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	\$283,313.06
Cash	\$ 33,511.51
Bills receivable	249,801.55
Total	\$283,313.06 \$283,313.06

INVENTORY

Cash	\$ 33,511.51
Bills receivable	249,801.55
Total	\$283,313.06

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1954

No.	Name	Par	Cost
375—	Province of Saskatchewan, 4½%	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,827.50
410—	Province of Manitoba, 4%	1,000	930.00
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
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
527—	El Paso Natural Gas Company, 4.10% pfd....	5,000	4,971.25
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
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
556—	Northern Natural Gas, Common.....		3,900.00
558—	Tennessee Gas Transmission, Common		4,663.76
559—	San Diego Gas & Electric, Common		3,075.00
561—	Wisconsin Electric Power, 3.60% pfd.	2,500	2,165.31
562—	Southwestern Investment Co., Bond, Series B,	10,000	10,000.00
563—	Gas Service Company, Common		2,362.50
564—	Northern Natural Gas, Common		8,004.24
Total			\$248,301.55

CHILDRENS' HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

May 10, 1954

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1953	\$ 15,496.55
Securities Paid and sold	79,644.47

Profit on sale of Securities	4,052.43
Interest	6,032.85
Total	\$105,226.30

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased	\$ 53,169.02
Transferred to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children..	6,285.60
Cash on hand May 10, 1954	45,771.68
Total	\$105,226.30

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1954

Inventory	\$144,982.52
Cash	45,771.68
Bills Receivable	\$180,427.80
Bequests	10,326.40
Total	\$190,754.20 \$190,754.20

INVENTORY

Securities Stocks and Bonds	\$138,382.52
Farm Mortgages	6,600.00
Cash	45,771.68
Total	\$190,754.20

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
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, 4¼% pfd	5,000	5,150.00
130—Iowa Power and Light, Common		5,485.85
137—Central Illinois Public Service, Pfd. 4%		9,061.88
146—Marshall-Wells Company, Common		5,196.75
147—Northern Indiana Public Service, Common....		6,367.50
148—Niagara Mohawk Power Company, Common...		8,417.13
150—Home Insurance Company, Common		4,100.00
151—Consolidated Cigar Corp. 5.00 pfd.	5,000	4,225.00
152—American Viscose Company, Common		3,334.66
153—Home Insurance Company, Common		4,200.00
Total		<u>\$138,382.52</u>

MAINTENANCE FUND

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10th, 1953	\$ 6,600.84
Received from Children's Home Endowment Fund	6,285.60
Received from Building & Improvement Fund	3,382.91
Received from Permanent Reserve Fund	5,000.00
Received from Grand Lodge Special Account	6,643.05
Total	<u>\$ 27,912.40</u>

CASH CREDIT

Maintenance Fund—The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$ 21,000.00
Cash on hand May 10th, 1954	6,912.40
Total	<u>\$ 27,912.40</u>

TRIAL BALANCE

May 10, 1954

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	47,985.48
Cash Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00
Cash Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00
Inventory	\$ 48,588.48
Total	<u>\$ 48,588.48</u> <u>\$ 48,588.48</u>

RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund Cash	\$ 47,485.48
Relief Fund Cash	18,331.29
Permanent Reserve Fund Securities	38,283.14
Permanent Reserve Fund Cash	2,667.83
Building & Improvement Securities	137,712.96
Building & Improvement Cash	24,302.73
Maintenance Fund Cash	6,912.40
Supply Account Cash	4,279.02
Orphans' Educational Fund Securities	249,801.55
Orphans' Educational Fund Cash	33,511.51
Childrens' Home Endowment Fund Securities	144,982.52
Childrens' Home Endowment Fund Cash	45,771.68
Grand Lodge Expense Account Cash	400.63
Grand Lodge Exchange Account, Cash	200.00
Grand Officers Expense Account, Cash	503.38
Total	\$755,152.12

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

May 10, 1954

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

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Per- centage
United States Government Bonds	\$133,000.00	\$133,000.00	17.6%
Canadian Provincial Bonds	11,000.00	10,423.97	1.4%
Australian Bonds	10,000.00	9,750.00	1.3%
County Bonds	15,000.00	15,000.00	1.9%
Industrial & Miscellaneous Bonds	45,000.00	45,156.46	5.9%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks	115,000.00	116,151.61	15.4%
Industrial & Misc. Preferred Stocks ..	123,000.00	127,610.63	16.9%
Industrial Common Stocks		23,531.41	3.2%
Public Utility Common Stocks		82,173.73	10.9%
(Sub-Totals) BONDS & STOCKS		(\$562,797.81)	
Mortgage Loans		8,100.00	1.1%
Cash		184,714.08	24.4%
Totals		\$755,611.89	100 %

DIVERSIFICATION OF INVESTMENTS
SHOWING TYPE OF SECURITIES OWNED
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 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 2½% 12-15-54/52.....	10,000.00
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
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
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
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\$133,000.00		\$133,000.00

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
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\$ 11,000.00		\$ 10,423.97

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

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

15,000.00	Ada County Grange Supply Co. of Meridian, Idaho 5% Nov. 1, 1954, 1955, 1956	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
10,000.00	Southwestern Investment Co. 5½% 12-1-63.....	10,117.64
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\$ 45,000.00		\$ 45,156.46

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
2,500.00	Western Light & Tel. 5½% Pfd.	2,818.75
2,500.00	Wisconsin Electric Power 3.60% Pfd.	2,163.31
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\$115,000.00		\$116,151.61

INDUSTRIAL & 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
5,000.00	Consolidated Cigar Corp. 5% Pfd.	4,225.00
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\$123,000.00		\$127,610.63

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS COMMON STOCKS

100 shares	Rhineland Paper Company	\$ 2,950.00
100 shares	Home Insurance Company	3,750.00
20 shares	Marshall Wells & Company	5,196.75
100 shares	Home Insurance Company	4,100.00
100 shares	American Viscose Corporation	3,334.66
100 shares	Home Insurance Company	4,200.00
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		\$ 23,531.41

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCKS

458 shares Iowa Power & Light Company	10,638.31
400 shares Public Service Elec. & Gas Company	10,200.00
229 shares Wisconsin Public Service Company	4,406.84
100 shares Gas Service Company	2,362.50
500 shares Southern Union Gas Company	9,212.19
220 shares Northern Indiana Public Service Company	6,367.50
300 shares Niagara Mohawk Power Company	8,417.13
200 shares Tennessee Gas Transmission Company	4,663.76
100 shares San Diego Gas & Electric Company	1,537.50
100 shares Gas Service Company	2,362.50
100 shares Northern Natural Gas Company	3,900.00
200 shares Tennessee Gas Transmission Company	4,663.76
200 shares San Diego Gas & Electric Company	3,075.00
100 shares Gas Service Company	2,362.50
200 shares Northern Natural Gas Company	8,004.24
	\$ 82,173.73

MORTGAGE LOANS

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

AN ANALYSIS OF BONDS & STOCKS
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 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	10,087.50	200.00
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	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
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	5,043.75	100.00
\$133,000.00		\$133,000.00	\$133,131.25	\$ 3,200.00
				Average Return 2.40%

CANADIAN PROVINCIAL BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 4-16-57	\$ 4,643.75	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 225.00
1,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4s 9/1/55	1,062.72	1,025.00	40.00
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57 ..	2,827.50	3,120.00	135.00
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4's 12-1-57	930.00	1,040.00	40.00
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56	960.00	1,050.00	45.00
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\$ 11,000.00		\$ 10,423.97	\$ 11,485.00	\$ 458.00
			Average Return 4.65%	

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

\$ 10,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 3¼% 1956...\$	9,750.00	\$ 10,075.00	\$ 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 & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

\$ 15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Co. 2½% 4-1-71	\$ 15,225.00	\$ 14,550.00	\$ 375.00
10,000.00	Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61	9,875.00	9,700.00	225.00
10,000.00	American Tobacco Co. 3¼% 2-1-77	9,938.82	10,300.00	325.00
10,000.00	Southwestern Investment Co. 5¼% 1963 ..	10,117.64	10,000.00	550.00
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\$ 45,000.00		\$ 45,156.46	\$ 44,550.00	\$ 1,475.00
			Average Return 3.26%	

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

\$ 5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...\$	5,200.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 195.00
5,000.00	Public Service of Indiana 3¼% Pfd.....	4,775.00	4,600.00	175.00
5,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. 4¼% Pfd	5,150.00	4,700.00	212.50
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...\$	5,200.00	4,350.00	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	10,900.00	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	9,100.00	390.00
5,000.00	Scranton Spring Brook Water 4.10% Pfd.	5,125.00	4,250.00	205.00
10,000.00	El Paso Natural Gas 4.10% Pfd.....\$	9,881.88	9,400.00	410.00
10,000.00	Central Illinois Public Ser. 4% Pfd.....\$	9,061.88	9,200.00	400.00
10,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission 4.64% Pfd...\$	9,922.50	9,450.00	464.00
2,500.00	Western Light & Tel. 5½% Pfd.\$	2,818.75	2,800.00	137.50

2,500.00	Western Light & Tel. 5½% Pfd.	2,818.75	2,800.00	137.50
2,500.00	Wisconsin Electric Power 3.60% Pfd.	2,165.31	2,250.00	90.00
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\$115,000.00		\$116,151.61	\$111,050.00	\$ 5,124.50
			Average Return 4.41%	

INDUSTRIAL & 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	9,900.00	350.00
5,000.00	General Foods Corp. 3½% Pfd.	5,025.00	4,800.00	175.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.	5,200.00	4,250.00	200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.	10,400.00	8,500.00	400.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.	5,200.00	4,250.00	200.00
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3 ¾% Pfd.	5,100.00	4,600.00	187.50
10,000.00	Westinghouse Elec. Corp. 3.80% Pfd.	10,050.00	10,125.00	380.00
5,000.00	Dow Chemical Co. 4% Pfd.	5,250.00	5,112.50	200.00
20,000.00	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. 5% Pfd.	22,500.00	21,750.00	1,000.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.	15,600.00	12,750.00	600.00
10,000.00	Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pfd.	10,450.00	8,200.00	400.00
10,000.00	Omar, Inc. 4½% Pfd. ..	10,310.00	9,100.00	450.00
3,000.00	Oswego Falls Corp. 5% Conv. Pfd.	3,100.63	4,100.00	150.00
5,000.00	Consolidated Cigar Corp. 5% Pfd.	4,225.00	4,250.00	250.00
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\$123,000.00		\$127,610.63	\$116,237.50	\$ 5,142.50
			Average Return 4.03%	

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS COMMON STOCKS

100 shares	Rhineland Paper Company	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 160.00
100 shares	Home Insurance Company	3,750.00	4,150.00	200.00
20 shares	Marshall Wells & Company	5,196.75	5,080.00	240.00
100 shares	Home Insurance Company	4,100.00	4,150.00	200.00
100 shares	American Viscose Corporation	3,334.66	3,400.00	200.00
100 shares	Home Insurance Company	4,200.00	4,150.00	200.00
		\$ 23,531.41	\$ 23,555.00	\$ 1,200.00
			Average Return 5.10%	

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCKS

458 shares Iowa Power & Light Co.	\$ 10,638.31	\$ 12,251.50	\$ 641.20
400 shares Public Service Electric & Gas Co.	10,200.00	10,750.00	640.00
229 shares Wisconsin Public Service Company	4,406.84	4,522.75	251.90
100 shares Gas Service Company	2,362.50	2,362.50	124.00
500 shares Southern Union Gas Company	9,212.19	9,125.00	450.00
220 shares Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	6,367.50	6,270.00	352.00
300 shares Niagara Mohawk Power Company	8,417.13	8,625.00	480.00
200 shares Tennessee Gas Transmission Co.	4,663.76	4,800.00	280.00
100 shares San Diego Gas & Electric Co.	1,537.50	1,525.00	80.00
100 shares Gas Service Company	2,362.50	2,362.50	124.00
100 shares Northern Natural Gas Company	3,900.00	4,000.00	180.00
200 shares Tennessee Gas Transmission Company	4,663.76	4,800.00	280.00
200 shares San Diego Gas & Electric Co.	3,075.00	3,050.00	160.00
100 shares Gas Service Company	2,362.50	2,362.50	124.00
200 shares Northern Natural Gas Company	8,004.24	8,000.00	360.00

\$ 82,173.73 \$ 84,806.75 \$ 4,527.10

Average Return 5.50%

BRETHREN WHO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE FIFTY
YEAR BUTTON BY THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.
OF NEBRASKA SINCE THE LAST REPORT AS
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PROCEEDINGS FOR 1953

Certificate

No.	Brother ..	Date Raised	Lodge	Number
1618	Haworth, James C.	June 16, 1903....	Elwood	167
1619	Lyman, Arthur	July 8, 1903....	Republican	98
1620	Peck, George D.	April 18, 1903....	Amity	169
1621	Wood, William W.	Nov. 8, 1901....	Nebraska	1
1622	Meyers, Isaac N.	June 6, 1903....	Lincoln	19
1623	Matthews, Jack	June 2, 1903....	Nebraska	1
1624	Pound, Roscoe	June 14, 1901....	Lancaster	54
1625	Seybolt, Floyd	Nov. 27, 1903....	Lancaster	54
1626	Skiles, Charles M.	Mar. 21, 1899....	Israel	187
1627	Spere, John A.	Febr. 27, 1903....	Lancaster	54
1628	Troup, Lewis M.	Febr. 20, 1903....	Lancaster	54
1629	Yule, Fred G.	July 23, 1903....	Lancaster	54
1630	Forster, Henry C.	June 10, 1903....	Oliver	38
1631	Christensen, John H.	Dec. 23, 1902....	Landmark	222
1632	Swanson, Sidney	June 18, 1903....	St. Johns	25
1633	Davis, Homer	Mar. 14, 1903....	Mt. Nebo	125
1634	Peterson, Charles E.	Mar. 28, 1903....	Mt. Nebo	125
1635	Middlebrook, Frank C.	June 5, 1902....	York	56
1636	Vieregg, Emil H.	July 20, 1903....	Ashlar	33
1637	Wood, Elmer D.	July 18, 1903....	Table Rock	108
1638	Osterberg, William C.	July 8, 1903....	Oakland	91
1639	Stone, Charles E.	June 4, 1903....	Hardy	117
1640	Marking, John	Aug. 6, 1903....	Faith	181
1641	Messner, Chauncey S.	Jan. 7, 1903....	Boaz	185
1642	Glossbrenner, Clarence W.	July 1, 1903....	Faith	181
1643	Johnson, Edgar O.	Apr. 11, 1899....	Mizpah	302
1644	Bradford, Harry E.	Sept. 12, 1903....	Minden	127
1645	Harlammert, Edward W.	July 21, 1903....	Bennett	94
1646	Martin, Evert J.	June 1, 1903....	George Armstrong.	241
1647	McPherson, Ai L.	June 2, 1903....	George Armstrong.	241
1648	Murphy, Patrick W.	Dec. 16, 1899....	Long Pine	136
1649	Howe, Arthur N.	Aug. 27, 1903....	Bee Hive	184
1650	Gould, Theodore F.	May 20, 1903....	Ogalalla	159
1651	Cooper, Charles L.	Jan. 3, 1893....	Wallace	279
1652	Cathroe, Harold J.	Sept. 23, 1903....	Covert	11
1653	Cuy, Harry E.	May 27, 1903....	Covert	11
1654	Goodrich, John Wesley.	Feb. 25, 1903....	Covert	11
1655	Shellenbarger, Alfred.	Jan. 14, 1903....	Stella	105
1656	Butts, G. Arthur.	Sept 10, 1903....	Blazing Star	200
1657	Abbott, Willard F.	Sept 3, 1903....	Mt. Moriah	57

1658—Smith, Hal C.	Nov. 2, 1903....	Western Star	2
1659—Rydberg, Charles A.	Oct. 2, 1903....	Kenesaw	144
1660—Nelson, John M.	Sept 9, 1903....	Oakland	91
1661—Neumann, Clyde C.	Oct. 29, 1903....	Oakland	91
1662—Johnson, Lucian B.	July 6, 1889....	Nebraska	1
1663—Viner, Harry H.	May 30, 1903....	Nebraska	1
1664—Henderson, Martin L. ...	Aug. 14, 1903....	East Lincoln	210
1665—Davison, Herbert E.	Sept. 23, 1903....	Wymore	104
1666—Newkirk, Edwin V.	Sept. 15, 1903....	Hiram	52
1667—Matsen, Carl Martin	June 26, 1903....	McCook	135
1668—Hargett, Anderson J....	Oct. 14, 1903....	Beaver City	93
1669—Johnson, Andrew K....	Oct. 28, 1898....	Crystal	191
1670—Hacker, Harvey D....	Nov. 4, 1903....	Zion	234
1671—Bundy, Walter W.	Oct. 31, 1903....	Crystal	191
1672—McKenzie, Guy C.	Nov. 19, 1903....	St. Johns	25
1673—Sugden, Charles W.	Oct. 26, 1903....	Edgar	67
1674—Cox, Herman F.	Oct. 7, 1903....	Hampton	245
1675—Hansen, Peter C.	June 10, 1903....	Hampton	245
1676—Kinsey, Henry S.	Oct. 13, 1903....	Gauge	208
1677—Reed, LeRoy F.	Dec. 11, 1903....	Auburn	124
1678—Williamson, William	June 17, 1903....	Hampton	245
1679—Artus, Harry E.	Dec. 3, 1903....	Bassett	254
1680—Kennedy, Stewart J.	Apr. 12, 1902....	Delta	230
1681—Schutz, Clarence E.	Jan. 2, 1896....	Wauneta	217
1682—Davies, George W....	May 9, 1903....	Pythagoras	156
1683—Ward, John M.	Dec. 1, 1903....	Palisade	216
1684—Stitt, Melvin	July 8, 1903....	Upright	137
1685—Towne, George L.	Nov. 24, 1903....	Lincoln	19
1686—Craddick, Nicholas	Jan. 22, 1902....	Utica	96
1687—Berry, James	Dec. 19, 1903....	Canopy	209
1688—Brendel, John W.	Jan. 4, 1904....	Euclid	97
1689—Opp, John E.	Nov. 2, 1904....	Euclid	97
1690—Coatney, Edward	Jan. 16, 1904....	Peru	14
1691—Siefken, Thomas A.	Feb. 19, 1904....	Hastings	50
1692—Jensen, Charles C.	Nov. 28, 1903....	Capitol	3
1693—Milliken, Harvey E.	Mar. 8, 1904....	Fremont	15
1694—Wilhelm, Irvin	Feb. 12, 1904....	Lee P. Gillette	272
1695—Davis, Sidney J.	Feb. 13, 1904....	Oasis	271
1696—Dixon, Jasper A.	Feb. 14, 1903....	Rawalt	138
1697—Hinman, Harry W.	Feb. 17, 1904....	Wymore	104
1698—Jones, John S.	Jan. 15, 1904....	Wymore	104
1699—Person, Benjamin....	Jan. 14, 1904....	Mt. Nebo	125
1700—Seid, W. E.	Oct. 3, 1901....	Hope	29
1701—Horn, Ulysses S.	Feb. 27, 1904....	Trestle Board	162
1702—Nichols, Clark G.	Mar. 16, 1904....	Minatare	295
1703—Natter, Edward J.	Apr. 30, 1904....	Solomon	10
1704—Burgert, Lukas W.	June 26, 1903....	Omaha	288

1705—Goin, Arthur	Mar. 29, 1904	Barneston	165
1706—Lee, Charles William	Jan. 30, 1904	Long Pine	136
1707—Drew, Gerald M.	Mar. 21, 1904	Capitol	3
1708—Smith, William J.	Feb. 12, 1904	York	56
1709—Rogers, Charles W.	Apr. 27, 1904	Boaz	185
1710—McCallum, Orley E.	Mar. 2, 1899	Wauneta	217
1711—Mauzy, Robert L.	July 25, 1904	Plattsmouth	6
1712—Tharp, Charles D.	Feb. 2, 1902	Fairmont	48
1713—Frazier, Lou W.	May 24, 1904	Fairmont	48
1714—Butterfield, Franklin E.	May 3, 1904	Creighton	100
1715—Dart, Harry B.	May 27, 1904	Gothenburg	249
1716—Hampton, Glen G.	June 25, 1904	Gothenburg	249
1717—McGaw, Harold L.	Oct. 19, 1903	Hastings	50
1718—Wolfe, Anson	Jan. 4, 1904	Occidental	215
1719—Johnson, Thomas M.	July 11, 1892	Golden Fleece	205
1720—Fletcher, William Gordon	Jan. 18, 1902	Pythagoras	156
1721—Reid, H. Frank	Apr. 29, 1904	Melrose	60
1722—Culler, Charles L.	June 20, 1903	Liberty	300
1723—Marston, Mark	Apr. 9, 1901	Minnekadusa	192
1724—Allen, Warren S.	June 24, 1893	Unity	163
1725—Hawley, Herbert	Apr. 7, 1903	Blue Hill	129
1726—Lobb, Arthur	Apr. 18, 1904	Clay Centre	139

RETURNS

Number of chartered Lodges last report		275
Number initiated during the year	1,636	
Number passed	1,695	
Number raised		1,734
Number affiliated		291
Number dual members		12
Number reinstated		328
Number gained by other causes		16
Total gross increase		2,381
Number demitted during the year		356
Number deceased		779
Number suspended		550
Number expelled		5
Number lost by other causes		6
Total loss		1,696
Net gain for year ending December 31, 1953		685
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1952		44,287
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1953		44,972

LODGE MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

Members	Number of Lodges
Less than 30	4
31 to 40	10
41 to 50	17
Total	31
Gained to over 50	5

Several of these made their gain by the re-instatement of suspended brethren.

Fraternally yours,

Stark Feisen
Grand Secretary

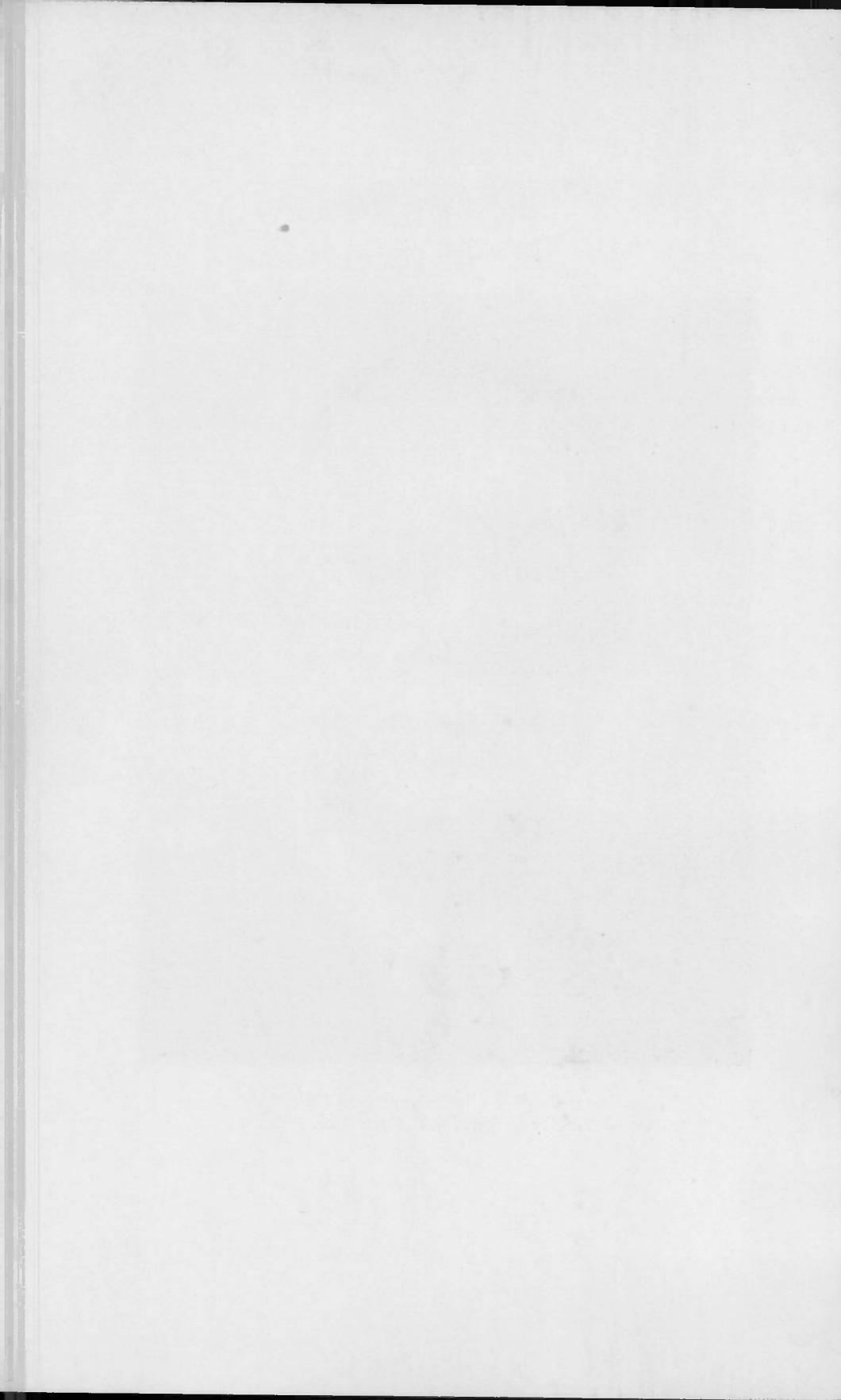
VETERAN SECRETARIES

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
Siegfried L. Jacks	.....Purity No. 198	.....27 years
Alexis R. Gustavson	.....Newman Grove No. 305	.....25 years

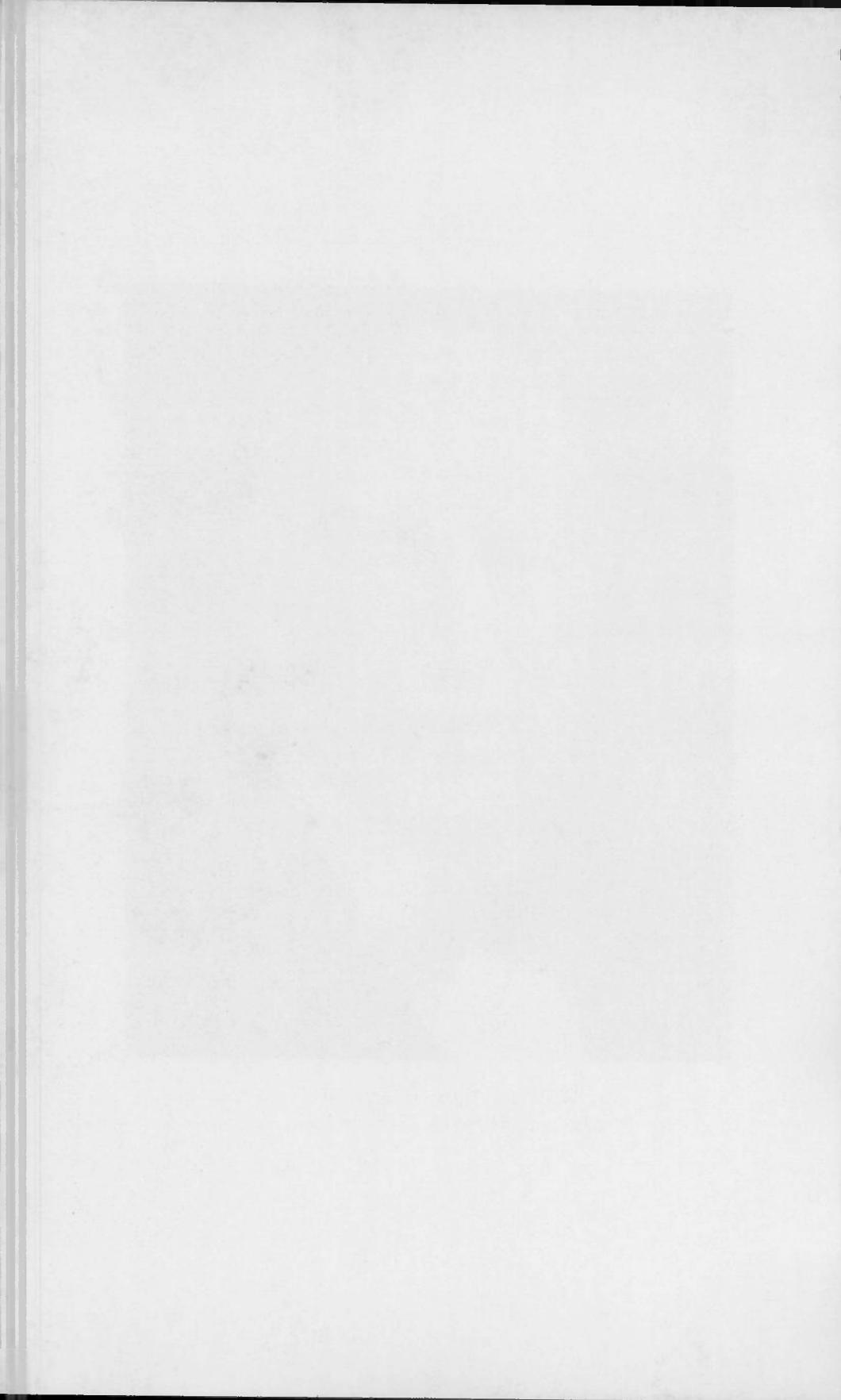


W. Eldon B. Johnson, Secretary of
Fidelity Lodge No. 51 since 1925.





*W. Victor Seymour, Secretary of
Lancaster Lodge No. 54 since 1925.*



THE 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 the Masonic year beginning June 11, 1953, and ending June 9, 1954.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Pursuant to Doctor's orders, I made an honest attempt to cut down my activities following major surgery in July. Accordingly, only sixteen Central Schools were scheduled beginning about two weeks later than usual because of the condition of health as the result of the surgery. The early fall season and extremely dry weather resulted in an unusually early corn harvest. These circumstances combined to lessen the attendance in our early fall schools very noticeably. However, there were 3,832 registrations from 200 invited lodges in the sixteen Central Schools. Both the floor work and esoteric work done in these Central Schools was, on the whole, the best work that we have seen in Central Schools and reflects a great deal of credit to the Masonic Officers and Brethren of the participating lodges and certainly furnishes fresh proof of the value of the program of Individual Schools and excellent work of the Assistant Custodians, each of whom has been diligently following this program of increased activity within their respective districts.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Following the policy of assigning individual schools in lodges where they are most needed or where certification is most likely to result, 127 individual schools were assigned. Eleven additional lodges requested schools even though none had been assigned. Four other lodges requested schools and paid the entire cost thereof when the appropriation of this department was exhausted. Certainly, this shows commendable zeal and sincerity and a very healthy condition in these lodges.

LODGE CERTIFICATION

One hundred and fifteen certificates have been issued to our Nebraska Lodges. This is the largest number of lodge certificates ever to be issued in any Masonic year in the history of the Grand Lodge. We congratulate the Officers and Brethren of these lodges most heartily.

Eight lodges were issued the first certificate in their history. They were Nelson No. 77, Wayne No. 120, Guide Rock No. 128, Bancroft No. 145, Prudence No. 179, Golden Sheaf No. 202, John S. Bowen No. 232, and Sioux No. 277.

Four Lodges deserve special mention: Acacia No. 34, first certificate in 20 years; Porter No. 106, first certificate in 22 years; Ogalalla No.

159, first certificate in 20 years, and Diamond No. 291, first certificate in 18 years.

Some areas have been very active in certification. For the first time, every Omaha Lodge is certified. In fact, every Lodge in Douglas County is certified. All lodges in Lincoln except one is now certified and we anticipate that this lodge will be certified before the new officers are installed in January. All seven Valley Lodges in the Scotts-bluff area have likewise earned certification, as have the seven lodges of Northwest Nebraska. Other areas are near these fine accomplishments, lacking only one or two lodges.

There are a few geographical areas that have a dearth of certified lodges and certified men. There has never been much Masonic interest in these localities. We are doing our best in these lodges. Some are responding. In others, there is little to encourage by way of progress. The situation was called to the attention of this Grand Lodge in last year's report.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

Five hundred thirty-eight Brethren have been issued individual certificates. Forty were certified for the first time. The death loss of certified Brethren was not as great as last year and again we must report that we have been unable to examine a few of our Brethren for renewal certificates. It is not an easy task to make contact with and annually examine more than five hundred men.

We believe that a list of the lodges showing the greatest zeal and cooperation in the matter of certification would prove interesting to the Grand Lodge. Accordingly, we have prepared a list of ten lodges with the largest number of certified men and also a list of certified Brethren according to total lodge membership.

Largest number of certified men: East Lincoln No. 210, 28; Lancaster No. 54, 25; Bee Hive No. 184, 22; Robert W. Furnas No. 265, 21; Lincoln No. 19, 21; Craftsmen No. 314, 20; Victory No. 310, 16; Alliance No. 183, 13; Liberty No. 300, 13; Ashlar No. 33, 13.

Highest percentage per membership: Victory No. 310, 7.84%; Sioux No. 277, 7.54%; Cable No. 225, 6.25%; Pioneer No. 322, 5.12%; Robert W. Furnas No. 265, 5.06%; Golden Rod No. 306, 5%; Utica No. 96, 4.65%; Alliance No. 183, 4.53%; Papillion No. 39, 4.16%; Hooper No. 72, 3.96%.

W. SYLVESTER SHUMARD

The Grand Lodge sustained a severe loss in the passing of Assistant Custodian Sylvester Shumard on February 13, 1954. The great outpouring of Masons at his last services and the great number of sincere messages of regret that came to me is testimony of the high regard and genuine

affection which the Brethren of the Craft held for him. He was an unselfish and devoted Mason of the highest type, giving of himself without stint to the service of his God and to his Brethren. It can be honestly said that he died in the service of Masonry.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Sometimes, the sudden and untimely death of one of these servants of the Grand Lodge brings us to a greater realization of the worth and value of this group of fine men. It is my conviction that no other group does so much and receives so little monetary recompense for their services to this Grand Lodge. A small token payment as a per diem and actual expenses are allowed for assigned work. However, each of them annually travels several hundred miles and spends many, many hours serving the Brethren of his respective district without any monetary remuneration or reward whatsoever. Actually, little notice is taken of this type of service so freely given because the rank and file of our membership are unaware of it. In justice to this group may I say that I am convinced that, in them, the Grand Lodge is getting maximum service at a minimum cost.

APPRECIATION

It is always pleasant to see a personal friend of many years elevated to the highest office within the power of Masons to bestow. That pleasure has increased as it has been my privilege to work for and with him this year. Most Worshipful Fay Smith has been generous with his time and most cooperative with this department. To him go the grateful thanks of all concerned.

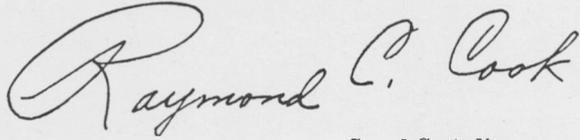
To the other Grand Lodge Officers, we extend our sincere appreciation for their presence and cooperation in the Central Schools of Instruction. Two or more of them were present on every occasion and each contributed much to the over-all program. Especially are we grateful to Grand Secretary Greisen, not only for his usual interest and cooperation in the work of this department but also and particularly for the continuation of his program of checking records and holding conferences with Secretaries at the Central School sessions.

I congratulate the Committee on Masonic Education for their program of activities this year. I regret that it has been possible for me to attend only one of the area meetings.

To the Committee on Nebraska Work, again I say "thanks" for the cooperation and advice that is always available to the Grand Custodian. Our work together has, as usual, been harmonious and helpful to this department in particular and to the Craft in general.

To all Nebraska Brethren who have helped in any way to bring about the highest point in the promulgation of our programs of better and more proficient work, we extend genuine and sincere thanks. To those few who have not availed themselves of the privilege of cooperation with us, we again offer our services.

Fraternally submitted.

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

Grand Custodian

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

W. Don L. McCoy, 11, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, which was adopted.

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

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

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Chapter on "Necrology".

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Chapter on "Jordan Medals and Fifty-year Buttons".

The Chapter on "Corner-stones".

The Chapter on "Dedications".

The Chapter on "Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children."

The Chapter on "By-Laws Approval".

The Chapter on "Omaha Home for Boys".

The Chapter on "Rob Morris Lodge No. 46".

The Chapter on "Decisions".

The Chapter on "Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance".

The Chapter on "Special Dispensations".

Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the Chapter on "Recommendations".

To the Grand Trustees:

Sub-paragraph (1) of Paragraph 6 of The Chapter on "Recommendations".

To the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

The Chapter on "Grand Representatives".

The Chapter on "Visits to Other Jurisdictions".

To the Committee on Nebraska Work:

The Chapter on "Grand Custodian".

To the Committee on Temple Building Advisory:

The Chapter on "Temple Building Advisory".

To the Centennial Committee:

The Chapter on "The Centennial".

Paragraph 1 of The Chapter on "Recommendations".

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapter on "Charter Relocations".

The Chapter on "Delinquent Lodges".

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Trial Commissions".

The Chapter on "Appeals".

To the Committee on Finance:

Paragraph 2 of the Chapter on "Recommendations".

Sub-paragraph (2) of Paragraph 6 of the Chapter on "Recommendations".

To the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement:

The Chapter on "Applications for Reinstatement".

To the Committee on Masonic Education:

The Chapter on "Area Meetings".

A careful review of the Grand Master's address indicates that he has taken much time from his busy life to fulfill the duties and obligations of his office in a most exemplary manner.

We are indeed fortunate to have had the services and guidance of M. W. Fay Smith as our Grand Master and he deserves the thanks of all the Craft for a year's work well done.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The review of the Report of the Grand Secretary shows that the financial affairs of our Grand Lodge are in excellent condition and that our Grand Secretary has performed his duties in a most commendable manner.

We recommend that the designated portion of the Report of the Grand Secretary be referred as follows:

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".

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. Raymond C. Cook and his Assistant Custodians have devoted much time and effort to improve the ritualistic work in this Grand Jurisdiction and to improve the proficiency of our Lodges and members. They are to be commended on a task well done.

Your committee further recommends that all matters not herein specifically referred to Committees be ratified and approved.

Fraternally submitted,

W. Don L. McCoy, 11, Chairman

W. Thomas B. Oldham, 60

W. Clarence C. Turner, 308

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 and a visit with the Residents. Buses will return at 4 o'clock and the evening session of the Grand Lodge will commence promptly at 7:30 with an organ recital by W. Hal J. Samuel. This will be an open meeting and the brethren may bring their ladies.

At 11:40 a.m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

Open Communication

The brethren and their ladies enjoyed an organ recital from 7:30 to 8 p. m. by W. Hal J. Samuel, 25. At 8 o'clock M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master and Treasurer of the State Executive Committee of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, introduced Miss Jacy Mathiesen, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls for the State of Nebraska, and her father Brother H. A. Mathiesen of Wolbach Lodge No. 292.

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master:

Ladies and Brethren, I am happy to introduce Miss Jacy Mathiesen, Grand Worthy Advisory of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Miss Mathiesen:

M. W. Grand Master and Masons, I bring you greetings from all the Rainbow Girls in the state. While Rainbow was founded many years ago it is relatively new in Nebraska. The Masons gave their help and support to make this organization possible and throughout the states Masons can be found on every advisory board. Our founder was W. Mark Sexson, who was a 33rd degree Mason, a past Grand Master, a past Grand Patron, and devoted his entire life to Fraternal and Christian work.

Rainbow is an organization for girls between the ages 13 and 20 and strives to build higher character in womanhood. Service is something that can be given by everyone and the Rainbow Girls each year have devoted their time to some project to raise money for a worthy cause. In appreciation of the support you have given to us, I would like to present to you this check for \$120.00 from the Rainbow Girls to be used for the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

We wish for you a most successful Grand Lodge Session.

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master :

Thank you, Miss Mathiesen, for your good wishes and for this check to be used for the Residents of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Please convey our sincere thanks to the Officers and members of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls of Nebraska.

At this time Mrs. Henry Roose sang two selections, "Calm as the Night" and "Danny Boy", accompanied at the organ by W. Hal J. Samuel.

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master :

Ladies and Brethren, I now present W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Orator.

ORATION MASONIC BROTHERHOOD

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

I am deeply honored, M. W. Sir, for the trust and the courtesies you have bestowed in appointing me your Grand Orator this past year. I have been proud to serve under your capable leadership, and I have personally admired your willingness to unselfishly devote your time and talents from your busy practice of medicine and surgery to the welfare and good of the Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. It is an added inspiration to have our lovely ladies as our special guests this evening.

In visiting so many subordinate lodges this past year, it has been a thrilling experience to meet so many Brethren, who have in common a great devotion to the ideals and teachings of Masonry. These vivid impressions of the common tie that holds us closely together in Freemasonry have guided and influenced the selection of the theme of my oration this evening, which is "Masonic Brotherhood."

I firmly believe Masonic Brotherhood to be the real heart of Freemasonry: I further believe that it is the greatest attribute of our Fraternity that has made it the vital force in the affairs of man today and that our hopes for a better and a happier living in the future depend on it.

The history of mankind through the ages is replete with man's thinking of his purpose on earth and his grave concern for the mysteries and uncertainties that will confront him after death. Man's intense desire for peace of mind and to improve himself has caused him to adopt many religions, philosophies and societies, most of which man has discarded and abandoned because they have not measured up to his critical analysis and painstaking searching for light, knowledge and truth.

However, Freemasonry has survived the test of time and has been aptly described by our Grand Custodian as "the oldest and best Fraternity in the world." All the great religions and societies of the world today that have survived and serve as a comfort and inspiration to man, have as their undergirding tenet and creed the brotherhood of man. Man is essentially a social creature and is dependent upon others for his needs. God truly has installed within man his basic need for fellowship!

Men now know that the doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man is true and vital. It is the beginning, the basis, the progress and destiny of civilization itself. It influences the character and personalities of individuals, and entire groups of people. It has the potential force to grow until the idea that men are brothers shall circumscribe the world.

Notwithstanding all the influence of the great religious and moral leaders in every age, including our day, advocating the just and noble cause of Brotherhood, there have been so many reservations, imperfections and conditions attached that this doctrine, so badly needed, continues to develop but slowly. However, Freemasonry has evolved through these many centuries as the highest and finest form of brotherhood.

While Masonic Brotherhood is meaningful to us, it is not properly evaluated or understood by the non-Masonic world. There is so much turmoil, strife and hatred in this great world that our very civilization is now and will continue to be endangered. Peace is the dream and fervent prayer of humanity, but we can never be assured of real and abiding peace until we start consecrating those things that brings peace. This requires much more than mere wishful thinking. If there is anything on earth that can insure the establishment of peace, it is the spirit of brotherly love and good will to men.

In appraising this bond of Masonic Brotherhood which is so prevalent and pronounced in our Masonic Lodges and which distinguish them from other orders and service organizations, I refer first to the beautiful, personalized ritualistic work which directly conveys to the candidate the knowledge that he is now our Brother and that he belongs to us, and we to him. The new candidate receives the full impact of this mystic tie on the night of his initiation. Masons, I know that you will never forget that deep feeling of exultation that came over you when the Worshipful Master first addressed you as: "My Brother." From that moment on, the initiate is accepted as a brother and so addressed in the Lodge Room. He quickly observes and reacts responsively to this friendly atmosphere and the cordial fellowship with the Brethren. The solemnity of this ritual combined with the marked attention given him as the degree is conferred on him alone, bestows upon him full recognition not as just a member, but as a brother!

An essential requisite of Masonic Brotherhood is that each of us must be worthy of the trust and respect of our brothers. We must, therefore, ever strive to maintain a proper adjustment of our emotional,

physical, mental and moral behavior. Tennyson once wrote: "My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure!" Clean minds and pure hearts best motivate helping hands.

The shining lustre of Masonic Brotherhood emerges from deeds which may require the sacrifice of material values. This great tenet of Masonry should ever be in our hearts as well as on our trestleboards, so that it naturally becomes a part of our lives and is evidenced in our acts of thoughtful service to others. Our circle of service can be drawn too small, so that it becomes selfish service. I am reminded of the story of the man whose goal in life was to accumulate money. He was never married, never got around to belong to any church and refrained from contributing to any needy cause. After his timely death, a handful of people gathered at the cemetery to see him laid away. After the service there was an embarrassing silence, and finally one man generously said: "There is one good thing you can say about John, he wasn't always as mean as he sometimes was!" The simple truth is that happiness can be realized and attained only if self-interest is kept incidental in a life of dedicated service to others.

It is the application of Masonic Brotherhood that gives it depth and meaning, and in which we find a firmer, stronger and more lovable Brotherhood, which is Masonry at its finest. It is the fraternal care of the aged and fatherless, hospitals for crippled children, the many acts of benevolence and charity, and comfort to the bereaved, all without desire of gain or reward and furnished in the spirit of Brotherhood, that gives Freemasonry its great charm.

"Fading away, like stars in the morning,
Losing their light in the glorious sun;
So do we pass from the earth and its toiling,
Only remembered for what we have done!"

Another essential attribute of Masonic Brotherhood is true equality. While God never made any two men of equal capacity and ability, all men are equal before God and before the law. This is one of the great goals of humanity, which although not yet attained, much progress has been made toward assuring equality of opportunity to develop the capabilities and talents with which God has endowed man. In every closing of our Lodge we are symbolically reminded of the equality of man. It is very significant to all Masons that in the Lodge Room, men of all stations of life, the employer, laborer, the professional man and the farmer are truly equal in the calling of each other Brothers. What great heights a man can climb by simply remaining on the level! From what great heights a man can fall if he fails to keep on the level!

The newly-made Mason is indoctrinated with the basic understanding that all men are free moral beings, that the dignity and rights of man are all to be respected as God so intended them to be. Freemasonry cultivates the relationship between man and Humanity. Masons in America today must actively assume and discharge the grave responsi-

bility of preserving our blessed democratic heritage which is so receptive to fellowship and brotherly love. We must zealously protect it from not only the external forces which seek to undermine and destroy, but against our negligence and indifference, the softness of our luxury and the complacency of our living. Masons must stand united in one sacred society of free men who compose a bulwark against oppression and tyranny, and constitute a powerful source of leadership for the cause of universal brotherhood and peace.

The foundation of Freemasonry is the Fatherhood of God, from which flows its sublime corollary, the Brotherhood of Man. Jesus of Nazareth proclaimed this great doctrine to his disciples at "The Last Supper":

"A new commandment I give unto you,
that ye love one another."

The New Testament alone makes over 200 references to the words "Brother", "Brotherly", and "Brethren". These words apply sometimes to all mankind, and at other times are limited to members of the Christian faith. Likewise, Masonic Brotherhood recognizes our divine and broad duties for humanity as well as the privileges and specific duties for brothers of the craft and their families. While Freemasonry is not a religious fraternity for it professes no creed, yet it is a society of religious men. All religions, Hebrew, Christian, Hindu, can find fellowship in our way of life designed to make good men better men by a common trust in God.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote: "Put God in your debt." By this he meant that we work for God when we serve our fellow man, and God will bless and reward us. What we are is God's gift to us. What we make of our lives is our gift to God.

Kipling, our illustrious Masonic poet, expresses so vividly the true worth of this noble labor.

"Only the Master shall praise us,
And only the Master shall blame,
And no one shall work for money,
And no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of working;
And each in his separate star,
Shall draw the thing as he sees it,
For the God of things as they are."

The rich experience and our sincere expression of Masonic Brotherhood enables us to find God in our lives.

"I sought my soul, my soul I could not see,
I sought my God, my God eluded me;
I sought my brother, and I found all three."

We can see the task we have before us more clearly when we understand the full meaning of Masonic Brotherhood. This doctrine cannot be adequately described by pen or tongue. It is like fine music such as we

have listened to this evening. We cannot see or properly explain it, but we know its beauty and its profound effect upon the lives of people.

When we recognize the true worth and dignity of every man with all his human faults; when we strive with all our might to keep faith with God, our fellow man and ourselves; when we tune our attentive ears to those in distress and our faithful hearts in earnest sympathy to those who sorrow; when we have an appreciative understanding that all men struggle against great hardships; when we have the wisdom to see good in every man, and when we render generous assistance to those in need and still we are grateful and happy in the joy of giving;—then we truly possess the spirit of Masonic Brotherhood which inspires us to a noble relationship with our fellow man.

Our great and sublime Light in Masonry reveals in great detail the building of King Solomon's Temple. God would not permit King David to build the Temple because he was a man of war and had shed the blood of man. On David's death, Solomon became king when he was twenty-one years of age, and he immediately applied himself to the great task of building the Temple on Mount Moriah within the walls of Jerusalem. King Hiram of Tyre assisted him by furnishing the finest cedars from his forests of Lebanon, and lending him great numbers of skilled craftsmen. There were employed about 184,000 workmen, and it required more than seven years for the building of this magnificent edifice. Peace and harmony prevailed throughout the construction of the temple, and there was a spirit of fellowship among the workmen and a deep satisfaction that their labor was for God.

Much of our Masonic ritual can be traced symbolically to King Solomon's Temple. Symbolism is said to be the very soul of Masonry. By the tools of speculative Masonry, each man must build for himself a spiritual temple, the materials of which must stand the critical inspection of God. Our daily acts and deeds compose the stones of our character temple which are united by the cement of brotherly love and affection. In fact our spiritual temples, like that of King Solomon's can only be built with divine assistance. Our time for building is very limited, for our bodies are only leased to us for an indefinite term of years, and God has the option of terminating at anytime without notice. May we, therefore, lay each stone of our character temple truly and well! The poet, R. J. McLaughlin, eloquently pleads this thought in these stirring words:

“There are works of loving kindness and of charity and good
And a structure to be builded with the stones of brotherhood,
For this mighty Temple's fabric is an empty mocking shell
Unless within it there be built a shrine of souls as well.
Take heed, then, Master Craftsman, when this temple shall arise
With its brave and gleaming towers pointing grandly to the skies.
Let yourselves compose the structure, let yourselves the Temple be,
That shall stand in great proportion unto all Eternity.”

The additional labor and sacrifice required to keep us in harmony with God and our brother, can bring to us the precious reward of the attainment of unbelievable achievements that stream from a well-spent life of purposeful living, a life worthy to be eternal.

The world is now languishing for a lack of good will and fraternal communion among its people. Many give lip service to the cause of brotherhood but until it has firmly and truly united all men, we shall never be assured of world-wide peace, nor shall man have realized his greatest happiness. Universal brotherhood may not be sufficiently powerful to accomplish lasting peace in our generation, but there is a compelling urgency that the flame of brotherhood must now burn more brightly in the hearts of men, and that it must be regenerated in areas of the world where it has been nearly extinguished.

Lawrence N. Greenleaf's great poem, "Hands Across the Sea," expresses the timely answer to our precarious living in this atomic age:

"The World's great heart is throbbing
with the spirit of unrest;
We hear the cry that welleteth up
from peoples long oppressed;
The striving for the mastery,
The ever-present fear,
With nation watching nation,
And the war clouds hovering near;
And the question ever riseth
As portentous signs we trace,
What will the final outcome be,
And what the saving grace?
And Masonry makes answer
With its never-changing plan:
The Fatherhood of God,
The Brotherhood of Man!"

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master :

W. Brother Ronin, I believe the prolonged applause expresses the sincere appreciation and thanks for that wonderful Oration.

The Shrine Chanters of Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. Omaha, sang several selections including a request number, "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master :

Ladies and Brethren, I now present W. Lewis R. Ricketts, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. . Brother Ricketts introduced Mrs. Henry Roose who sang "There is no death."

W. . Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted.

"Beside the dead we knelt in prayer,
And felt a presence as we prayed.
Lo! It was Jesus there.
He smiled: Be not afraid!

"Dear Lord, how shall we know that they
Shall walk unseen with us and Thee,
Nor sleep, nor wander far away?
He smiled: Abide in Me!"

As we pause at this point in our Annual Communication to honor and pay our respects to those of our beloved brethren who have passed to their just reward during the past year, your committee felt that this beautiful poem would furnish a particularly appropriate setting for our memorial. Tenderly and reverently it again turns our thoughts to that most basic of Christian and Masonic beliefs—that life is eternal, that death is only a horizon, and that a horizon is nothing save the limit of our own feeble sight. This deep faith in immortality is emphasized over and over again in the teachings of our cherished Fraternity. We desperately need its reassurance now as we ponder the losses which we have suffered since our last meeting together.

The Grand Secretary has received memorial cards issued by thirty-four Grand Lodges upon the death of Grand Lodge Officers. These have all been carefully preserved in our archives to be properly noted at this time in our session. Twenty-eight Past Grand Masters, one Deputy Grand Master, one Past Grand Chaplain, two Grand Secretaries, one Grand Treasurer, one Grand Senior Warden, and one Grand Junior Warden have all laid down their working tools. Our sincerest expressions of sympathy and condolence go to these sister jurisdictions whose loss has been so great.

Our own Grand Lodge has not been spared. We record the deaths of four Past Grand Lodge Officers with profound sorrow and the certainty that their places among us will be most difficult to fill.

M. . W. . Brother Edwin D. Crites was born January 29, 1884, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. His Masonic degrees were received in Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron, Nebraska, in 1907, and within six years he was elected Worshipful Master of his Lodge. In due time he became a member of the York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies, the Red Cross of Constantine, and was coroneted 33° Inspector General Honorary. He served as the 61st M. . W. . Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of

Nebraska in 1926-27, and thereafter, for twelve years, made an outstanding contribution to Nebraska Masonry as Foreign Correspondent and Reviewer of the Grand Lodge. In addition he served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, and as Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine. His father, Judge Albert W. Crites, had served as the 35th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska and also as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. It is the only instance in this Grand Jurisdiction where father and son have occupied both of these exalted positions. His professional life brought him into many positions of trust and responsibility. He had been County Attorney of Dawes County, Nebraska, and City Attorney of Chadron. In addition he served as President of the Board of Education of the State Normal Schools, and as Special Attorney for the Lands Division, United States Department of Justice. He died November 7, 1953, at Chadron, Nebraska. His funeral was held November 9, 1953, at the Auditorium of the State Teachers College.

M. W. John R. Tapster, 66th Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, was born November 30, 1876, at Sleaford, England. He came to this country as a young man, and on January 15, 1901, was initiated into North Bend Lodge No. 119, passed February 26, 1901, and raised April 23, 1901. He served his lodge as Master from 1909 to 1913, and again from 1919 until 1923. He was installed as Grand Master on June 11, 1931. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England on September 30, 1931. He was a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association, serving as President from December 5, 1951, to December 3, 1952. He was also a Scottish Rite Mason, receiving the decoration and investiture of the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 19, 1939. Brother Tapster was elected Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in May, 1941, and served as President of the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children from 1934 to 1939. He departed this life at North Bend, Nebraska, on March 21, 1954.

W. Brother William D. Redmond, Past Grand Orator of Masons of Nebraska, died on September 11, 1953, in his 84th year, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. A former deputy state superintendent of public instruction, he had also served as registrar of Peru and Wayne State Teachers Colleges.

W. Brother Sylvester Shumard was born August 17, 1879, at Fiat, Kansas. He held dual membership in DeWitt Lodge No. 111 and North Star Lodge No. 227 of Lincoln, Nebraska. He was a Past Master of DeWitt Lodge and a Past Patron of the Eastern Star Chapter there. In addition he was a member of Capstone Chapter No. 64, Royal Arch Masons. He was appointed Assistant Custodian of this Grand Jurisdiction in 1949 by M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein and continued his loyal and devoted service in this capacity until the date of his death. Many of the Lodges in southeastern Nebraska, to which he rendered faithful service as Assistant Custodian, will sorely miss his presence. He died at

Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 11, 1954, after a brief illness. Masonic services were conducted by our Grand Custodian, W. Brother Raymond C. Cook.

Of these beloved Brethren we may well say with the poet:

“For such as they there is no death:—
 Their life the eternal life commands;
 Above man’s aim his nature rose.
 The wisdom of a just content
 Made one small spot a continent,
 And tuned to poetry life’s prose.”

The constituent lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction report 779 Brethren as having laid down their working tools during the year just passed. Nebraska Masons have indeed suffered a heavy and severe loss in their passing. As we express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to their close friends and relatives, we also borrow the beautiful words of our Lord which he used in relating the parable of the talents: “Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord.” It is a most appropriate time for us to re-dedicate ourselves to the task of carrying forward the labors which they have so ably and faithfully performed.

We close this tribute with the loving words of a poet who seems perfectly to have captured the depth of our feelings at this moment:

Somewhere back of the sunset,
 Where loveliness never dies,
 They live in a land of glory
 ‘Mid the blue and gold of the skies.
 And we, who have known and loved them
 Whose passing has brought sad tears,
 Will cherish their memory always
 To brighten the passing years.

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 our soloist Mrs. Henry Roose to sing the Lord’s Prayer, accompanied by Brother Hal J. Samuel.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 9, 1954

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

By M. W. Lewis E. Smith

M. W. Grand Master, I ask the unanimous consent of this Grand Lodge to consider and act upon at this Annual Communication the following Resolution to amend certain sections of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge as follows:

RESOLUTION

1. That Section 1-406 (30)—ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND, which now reads as follows:

"Sec. 1-406 (30)—ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND. That the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund, which now amounts to \$265,215.47, shall constitute a Supplemental Endowment Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home and shall never be depleted below the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall, by the Grand Trustees, be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds. The net income therefrom shall, at the close of each fiscal year, be transferred by the Grand Trustees to The Nebraska Masonic Home and be used by it for the maintenance and operation of the Home. (1944)."

be amended to read:

"Sec. 1-406 (30)—ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—That the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund, which now amounts to \$265,215.47, shall constitute a Supplemental Endowment Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home and shall never be depleted below the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall, by the Grand Trustees, be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds."

The Resolution having been signed by the required number of members of the Grand Lodge, unanimous consent was given and on motion regularly seconded and carried the amendment 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 Masonic year.

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

Grosse Loge Von Berlin, Berlin, Germany
Grande Loge de France, Paris, France
Grande Loja Do Parana, Brasil
Gran Logia Unida Mexicana DeLam, Vera Cruz, Mexico
Gran Logia De La Republica Filipina, Manila, Philippines
Gran Logia Del Peru, Lima, Peru

We have had several letters from several former applicants, requesting that their claims may be granted at this Communication. We propose this year to recommend the recognition of and exchange of representatives with the following: Argentina, National Grand Lodge of France and the United Grand Lodge of Germany.

The United Grand Lodge of Germany is now recognized by a large majority of the Grand Lodges of the United States. Dr. Theodore Vogel, Grand Master, visited the United States last year and addressed the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, making many friends. The organization he heads is attempting to follow the democratic forms, based on the principles of the Grand Lodge of England. Dr. Vogel recently sent a letter to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, regarding the Oregon Military Lodge, U.D. in Germany, stating he has no objection to its continuance and expressing the hope that his lodge might form a link of closer fraternal contact between the two jurisdictions, although in our opinion this is an invasion of territory on the part of Oregon. It was hoped by your committee that this Grand Lodge would eventually include the territory of Berlin, but since nothing of the sort seems to be forthcoming, it is useless to delay recognition longer.

The French National Grand Lodge is one of three existing in France, the other two being the Grand Lodge of France and the Grand Orient. Years ago, as a result of their concept of freedom of worship and thought, the latter two either removed the Bible from their altars or substituted a book of blank paper. The Grand Lodge of France has practically restored the Bible to its lodges and the time may soon come when it, too, will be eligible for recognition. The National Grand Lodge is very like our own in essentials, it is growing, five new lodges were consecrated this year. These three Grand Lodges work in the same territory, but as exclusive jurisdiction is of little consequence except in the United States, this is something we must get used to over here in this business of universal recognition. The color line may pass too, some day as it has in Asia and Africa. The National Grand Lodge of France fulfills all the requirements of our Grand Lodge and we therefore make our recommendation as above.

Argentina is now in its 94th year. There are 56 lodges working today. Several new ones are in process of organization. Net gain last year was 209. In 1906 they started an Orphans' Home, which cares for children of any faith, as well as those of Masonic parentage. They

require a year to elapse between degrees, the candidate must be 22 years old and must state that he has no communistic, fascist or nazi ideas or ideals. They have withdrawn from the "Inter-American Conference" from which questionable doctrines have come in the past. They have stood for many years, foursquare against the fierce opposition of a dominant church. After careful study of all the available information, your committee is fully satisfied that all requirements have been met.

In going over the list of recognized jurisdictions, certain peculiar omissions in the list have been noted. One is Tasmania, which is one of the states of Australia. We have been exchanging proceedings for years and the charts of the Masonic Service Association for years back show us in accord with them, but I can find no record of when this was done. All the other states of Australia, with representatives, are listed in our proceedings except Tasmania. The earliest mention that I can find is in 1899, when Tasmania, as well as the other states in Australia, is listed with the name of the Grand Secretary. As this list contains only those states or countries recognized, we believe the Australian States were recognized in that year, but our Grand Secretary either forgot or inadvertently omitted the reference to the report of the committee. Therefore your committee offers the following resolution: "WHEREAS it appears to the satisfaction of the Committee that this Grand Lodge has heretofore extended recognition to the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Tasmania, whose Grand Master is R. P. Furnage and whose Grand Secretary is H. A. Wilkinson, located at 117 Macquarie St., Hobart; but that no record thereof appears among the proceedings of our Grand Lodge and WHEREAS it further appears to the Committee that it is proper and beneficial so to do;

"NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, hereby extends recognition to and hereby does authorize the establishment of fraternal relations and an exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Tasmania."

Two other strange omissions in our list are Alpina, Switzerland and Holland or the Netherlands. Perhaps it is simply because neither has taken the trouble to do so. Both of these Grand Lodges, while not large in numbers, loom large as a bulwark of uprightness and regularity Masonically on the Continent of Europe. Both are much older than Nebraska in length of life, therefore, it is necessary that we request recognition from them. Your committee, therefore, recommends that recognition from these two Grand Lodges be requested and that the incoming Grand Master and Grand Secretary enter into negotiations with them that we may become in fraternal accord with these two fine organizations, who have pursued the even tenor of their ways these many years in spite of constant opposition.

Since preparing the report and since arriving at Grand Lodge, we have received three important items of information regarding the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel. First: in the proceedings of Scotland,

under date of April 22, 1954, is an account of the visit to this Grand Lodge by Lord Balfour, in which he states that several new lodges had been established consisting principally of Arabs, not Jews; of the harmony existing between Arabs and Jews in the Masonic Lodges. Second: the 1954 Washington Conference Book, containing a letter to Dr. Roy, in which is given the apportionment of the sixteen officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel, seven from the old Grand Lodge and nine being members of the Scottish lodges. This indicates a complete amalgamation of the two Grand Lodges into one. Third: a letter on the letterhead of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel, signed by Brother E. Dubinsky, Secretary, who was the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Israel. This letter requests recognition from us of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel. In view of this new evidence, we now move the recognition of and exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel and wish them continued success in their undertakings.

The seeming clearing up in the muddy waters of Mexican Masonry was again roiled by the breaking off of the Intervisitation Agreement between the Mexican Confederation of Grand Lodges and the York Grand Lodge of Mexico by the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. Under date of September 3rd, 1953, a letter was received from Cantwell C. Brown, Grand Secretary of the York Grand Lodge, stating this was done without discussion or consultation with them. The York Grand Lodge has existed under treaty with the Grand Lodges of Mexico for many years and has tried to raise the standards in that country. We have been in fraternal relations with them for many years. This discord is to be regretted since only last year, the Conference of Grand Master's Committee on Information had concentrated on Mexico, with the idea of getting more of their Grand Lodges recognized by United States Jurisdictions.

It is apparent that the problem of Grand Lodge recognition again bulks largely in the proceedings of our associate Grand Lodges. We are encouraged in our stand in the past by observing that a policy of "Proceed with Caution" prevails almost universally. General recognition is a worth while goal, but it must never be obtained and cannot be gained by the sacrifice of any of our ancient usages or landmarks of the fraternity. "The problem of foreign recognition becomes more confusing as the world becomes more confused." This confusion is a result of past wars and the threat or shadow of wars to come. The Committee on Information regarding Recognition of the Grand Master's Conference was continued for another year with Dr. Thomas S. Roy of Massachusetts as Chairman. Nebraska was honored by the election of R. W. Charles F. Adams, Deputy Grand Master, as a member of the Committee.

Therefore, in view of the confused and difficult conditions in the world at present, we recommend that all the past and present applications not acted upon in this report, be continued for further study, without prejudice, until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

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. This report appears in full following the list of Chartered Lodges.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Acting Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education, which was adopted.

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

Your Educational Committee this year returned to the customary four Area Meetings in this Grand Jurisdiction. In order to adequately serve the state geographically, the late fall meetings were held at Mitchell and Broken Bow under the fine leadership and direction of Floyd C. Wisner of Scottsbluff, and the early spring meetings were held at Wymore and Osecola with Howard J. Hunter as Chairman.

The afternoon meetings were devoted to informative talks by members of the Committee and our Grand Secretary, Carl R. Greisen, and Guy L. Raber of Scottsbluff, assisted. At this time also the Grand Master and his Grand Officers were officially received. It is generally agreed that these meetings serve a very desirable purpose of acquainting particularly the outstate brethren with their Grand Officers.

The evening banquets under the able direction of our Deputy Grand Master afforded further opportunity to get better acquainted, to hear the always appropriate remarks of our Grand Master Fay Smith, and to hear one principal speaker. We were particularly fortunate this year to have both our Grand Chaplain, Thomas A. Barton, and our Grand Orator, Herbert A. Ronin, as speakers of the evening. Our area meetings always close promptly at 9 P. M.

Your Committee is most appreciative of the gracious co-operation of M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master, and for the fine individual showing of his Grand Officers. Their presence added much to these meetings. The host lodges were especially co-operative and as anxious as the Committee to make the Craft at home and feel their time well repaid in attending. While the meetings are particularly slanted toward the Master, Wardens and Secretaries of the lodges invited, yet, all interested Master Masons are very welcome and seem, from their remarks, to particularly enjoy the Area Meetings, as a general meeting to keep at least the principal officers in touch with Masonic affairs from a Grand

Lodge level. Area Meetings are devoted to all Masonic informational subjects not ritual. Ritual matters are in the capable hands of Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, and his fine assistants who have been most cooperative with us in our work.

We were honored at our Wymore Area Meeting by visiting dignitaries from our sister Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas: Grand Senior Warden Scott E. Kelsey, Grand Secretary Arthur H. Strickland, P. G. M. and Director of Masonic Education, Charles S. McGinness, P. G. M.

The Grand Lodge allocated to our use \$1,800.00 of which \$1,697.71 was utilized for necessary expenses, including \$850.00 for a re-order of educational booklets that are distributed to the constituent lodges. A balance of \$102.29 has been returned to the Grand Lodge. The members of the Committee serve as volunteers without pay.

Our educational booklets continue to be well used by many lodges, 3396 being requisitioned by 65 lodges. It would seem the Committee still has an educational job with many lodges who are not using them in entirety.

Last November, R. W. Charles F. Adams, Deputy Grand Master, and W. Howard J. Hunter attended the 4th Annual Midwest Conference on Masonic Education at Chicago. This Conference is composed of ten Midwest Grand Jurisdictions: Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, and is an inspirational yet most practical working conference attended by some of the most outstanding Masonic Educators of our time. Attendance at this worthwhile Conference permits us to get the benefit of the experience of these other jurisdictions as well as our own.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

By R. W. Charles F. Adams

M. W. Grand Master, I ask the unanimous consent of this Grand Lodge to consider and act upon at this annual communication the following resolution to amend certain sections of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, as follows:

RESOLUTION

1. That Section 1-301 (9), Subsection (17) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended by striking out the following words:

“Which committee shall consist of not less than five, nor more than twenty-five members, to be appointed by the Grand Master, who shall designate its chairman.”

so that said Subsection (17) shall read as follows:

“Committee on Masonic Education.”

2. That Section 1-319 (26-B) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be amended to read as follows:

"COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION—

The Committee on Masonic Education shall consist of six members to be appointed by the Grand Master, each to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire two members thereof annually. It shall be the duty of said Committee 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."

3. That original Section 1-319 (26-B) of the Nebraska Masonic Code for 1946 be repealed.

The Resolution having been signed by the required number of members of the Grand Lodge, unanimous consent was given and on motion regularly seconded and carried the amendment was adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

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

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Brother Charles F. Adams, 68	.....	Grand Master
Brother Herbert T. White, 11	.....	Deputy Grand Master
Brother Merle M. Hale, 54	.....	Grand Senior Warden
Brother Roy I. Babbitt, 295	.....	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 Joe R. Kennedy, 290	.....	Grand Orator
Brother Harold H. Thom, 1	.....	Grand Historian
Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6	.....	Grand Custodian
Brother Herbert A. Ronin, 210	.....	Grand Marshal
Brother John E. Beaver, 253	.....	Grand Senior Deacon
Brother Joseph C. Tye, 46	.....	Grand Junior Deacon
Brother James H. Bryant, 199	.....	Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES, 1954-1955

Codification of the Law: W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; Arthur O. Auserod, 276, and Alfred B. Saum, 46.

Fraternal Dead: W. Paul R. Pierce, 50, Chairman; Charles H. Phares, 36, and Wayne E. Nordstrom, 68.

Foreign Correspondence: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9, and W. Bob R. Anderson, 318.

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, (1957), Chairman; W. Alvin H. Miller, 19, (1958); Joseph N. Troxel, 184, (1956); Otto Burkhardt, 55, (1955), and Arthur A. Gregory, 265, (1959).

Masonic Education: W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, Chairman, (1957); M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268, (1957); W. Floyd C. Wisner, 265, (1956); W. Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33, (1957); W. Philip H. Robinson, 155, (1955); W. Silas A. Wilson, 46, (1955).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, (1955), Chairman; Chancellor A. Phillips, 150, (1956), and Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, (1957).

Grand Trustees: W. Robert D. Wilson, 268, (1957); M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136, (1955), and W. Carl D. Ganz, 209, (1956).

Grievances: W. John F. Futeher, 302, Chairman; Brother Arnold H. Mains, 15, and James W. White, 135.

Temple Building Advisory: W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman, (1955); A. Victor Bryan, 263, (1956), and E. Forrest Estes, 19, (1957).

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.

Application for Reinstatement: W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Robert J. McDermott, 281, and 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; M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183; M. Fay Smith, 198; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68; R. W. Herbert T. White, 11; R. W. Merle M. Hale, 54, and M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136.

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children: W. John E. Beaver, 253, Chairman; Brother George K. A. Leschinsky, 33, and W. Norris W. Lallman, 72.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183, 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 considered matters which were submitted to it, and makes the following report with its recommendations:

1. The Committee notes reference to it of the paragraphs on "Jordan Medals and Fifty-year buttons." Our only possible action is to commend the prompt and faithful presentation of these distinctive awards to those entitled to them.

2. Corner-stones and Dedications. The Chapter on each of these items indicates that the buildings for which corner-stones were laid, and those which were dedicated were such as to meet the requirements of Grand Lodge law, and we approve the action in each case.

3. The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. We approve this Chapter with the exception of paragraph No. 5, which has to do with proposed financing and has been referred to the Grand Trustees.

4. We approve the Chapter on By-laws, especially so in the matter of having them brought up to date by lodges which have made no revision for some time.

5. We approve the Chapter on the Omaha Home for Boys.

6. Special Dispensations. We approve Item No. 1 and Item No. 2.

7. We approve that portion of Paragraph No. 3, which stipulates that no work can be done, or solicitation made for funds in relation to this project without permission of the Grand Lodge, and also that no work can be started without all funds necessary for the project first being in hand.

Your Committee does not approve of the construction of such a building. The Home at Fremont was established as a Home for our Masonic children in order to provide them with the comforts and privileges of a private home. The erection of this building would merely duplicate facilities now available to them in the Fremont public schools. We further believe that the Grand Lodge should not assume any part of the maintenance cost of such a project. Because of the problems involved, we recommend the appointment by the Grand Master of a Committee of not to exceed five members to make a careful study of the whole matter and report to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

8. We approve Item No. 4 and 5.

9. We approve Item No. 6, insofar as they have been issued by the Grand Master, but believe that this Grand Lodge should look with disfavor on such special dispensations while we are not at war, and recommend to future Grand Masters a more careful scrutiny for the real necessity back of each request.

10. Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance. Your Committee finds that it was not the intention to have this item submitted to us but to present it directly to the members of the Grand Lodge now in session, and therefore have not considered the subject.

11. Rob Morris Lodge No. 46. Your Committee is in full accord with, and approves the paragraph on Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, that the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree shall be declared legal

under the statement made by Grand Master Aron; and that the matter be now closed.

12. We approve Decision No. 1 after striking out the words, "including the Acacia Fraternity."

13. We approve Decision No. 2 and No. 3.

14. Your Committee finds that Decision No. 4 is a re-statement of an approved decision in 1949, therefore, requires no action.

15. We approve Decision No. 5, because the opinion of the Grand Master is that the party in question is rapidly approaching total blindness and would likely become a charge on the Fraternity.

16. We find that Decision No. 6 is a re-statement of approved decisions made both in 1901 and 1909, and therefore requires no action.

17. We find that Decisions No. 7 and 8 are correct statements of Masonic law, which require no approval by either this Committee or the Grand Lodge.

18. We approve Decision No. 9.

19. We find that Decision No. 10 is a re-statement of an approved decision made in 1929, and therefore requires no action.

20. With reference to Decision No. 11, we disapprove the action of the Grand Master in setting aside sentence of a Trial Commission in the case of Florence Lodge No. 281, and the immediate imposition of a sentence of expulsion. While the offense justifies the sentence imposed by the Grand Master, we recommend that this matter be immediately referred to the Committee on Grievances as an appeal by the Grand Master from the original sentence, it being insufficient.

21. We approve Decision No. 12 as being in accord with the approved report of the Committee on Work to the Grand Lodge in 1953. (Page 70, 1953 proceedings.)

22. With reference to Decision No. 13, it is the opinion of the Committee that inasmuch as unofficial interpretations of law made possible the sending out of the circular letter in question, the law should be clarified. We, therefore, recommend that Paragraph 2 of Section 2-614 be amended to read as follows:

"No lodge or member of any lodge shall send circular letters, copies of resolutions or other communications of a similar character to other lodges without written consent of the Grand Master, but his consent to all proper communications of such character shall not be withheld because he may disagree with the views expressed therein. Neither shall any communication be read in any lodge unless the consent of the Grand Master be shown thereon."

We recommend that the original Paragraph 2 of Section 2-614 be repealed.

23. We approve Decision No. 14 and 15.

24. We approve Decision No. 16. It is the judgment of the Committee

that the Grand Master correctly interpret the law and he is to be commended for his prompt enforcement thereof.

25. We disapprove recommendation No. 3. It is our belief that many of our lodges have never had applications for admission to the Home. We suggest that lodges be advised by the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home as to their continued responsibility for anyone who might make application.

26. We disapprove recommendation No. 4 and suggest that the present custom of presenting a Past Grand Master's apron be continued and that such apron be of the same quality and design as is now in use.

27. We disapprove recommendation No. 5 believing that the law as it now stands is just and equitable.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

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

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

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge last year you will recall our Committee requested that it be continued because we were not able at that time to report fully to you on the subject of Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance.

We told you then that if during the year we worked out the cost figure of this coverage, we would then advise each lodge by circular and have for you in our next report an analysis of how many of the lodges were prepared to immediately join in such a program.

We have mailed several bulletins during this year and as we anticipated, we were able to tell you that your cost would be 11c per member for a liability policy with limits of \$1,000,000.00 for Bodily Injury and \$250,000.00 Property Damage.

We have explained in those bulletins that this coverage applies to the lodge itself, covering its premises and its various activities throughout the year that might be either on the premises or away from the premises. We have called to your attention that this coverage is designed for the lodge itself and not for any of the other bodies that might use your lodge room, but if an accident occurred in which liability was found to be imposed upon the lodge while the quarters were used by other people, the policy would protect the lodge and if it had legal liability, it would pay for such accidents arising on the premises of the lodge.

We have tried to estimate various types of outside activities that you might have, yet they are so varied that we have mentioned only a few such as picnics, lodge dinners, etc. We have told you that this protects you for products liability for food or beverage you might serve.

Last year we stated to you that we felt definitely that every constituent lodge should have public liability insurance because of the prevalent conditions that has made the carrying of public liability insurance a necessity for all lodges.

We still feel that our conclusion was correct and that this type of coverage is a definite necessity and the re-action from the several bulletins that we have sent out indicate that most of you agree with us.

Our task was to provide one insurance company to write this insurance for all the lodges. By virtue of the volume we felt that it was possible to obtain this coverage for you at the lowest possible rate and we feel that the rate we now have is most desirable for the type of coverage and the limits of liability.

On the basis of a per member measurement the cost will follow the size of the lodge which is, in our opinion, the most accurate method of measuring both the cost and the hazard.

You will perhaps recall this coverage was offered by an agent in another state who had suggested this type of coverage to the various Grand Jurisdictions. We felt that we could handle this on a local level in our own state and retain much more control of it and we feel that we have succeeded.

Following the adoption of the Report, Chairman William F. Patterson stated that he would prepare and submit a Resolution for the action of the Grand Lodge, setting forth the item of Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance, to be known as Paragraph b of Section 2-314.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. W. Fay Smith, 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. The following brethren responded:

Alabama	Raymond C. Cook
Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee
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
Costa Rica	Frank A. Anderson

Cuba	Fay Smith
Delaware	Ross Van Sickle
Denmark	John S. Hedelund
District of Columbia.....	Herbert A. Ronin
Ecuador	Guy W. Anderson
Florida	Charles B. Nicodemus
Georgia	William F. Evers
Kansas	Howard J. Hunter
Maryland	George A. Kurk
Massachusetts	William B. Wanner
Mexico	Earl J. Lee
Michigan	Lewis E. Smith
Minnesota	Merle M. Hale
Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester
Montana	Welcome W. Naylor
New Hampshire	Virgil R. Johnson
New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel
New York	George R. Porter
Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming
North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire
Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entrekin
Nuevo Leon	Morris V. Balcom
Oklahoma	Lewis E. Baker
Panama	Walter R. Raecke
Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith
Puerto Rico	Roy I. Babbitt
Quebec	John E. Beaver
Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland
Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom
Scotland	William Cosh
South Australia	Thomas A. Barton
South Carolina	Herbert T. White
South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell
Tamaulipas	Robert D. Wilson
Tennessee	William C. Schaper
Vermont	Clarence T. Spier
Washington	Edward M. Knight
West Australia	Charles F. Adams
West Virginia	Alvin H. Miller
Wisconsin	Osborne P. Simon

The response was given by W. Donald C. Smith, 1, Grand Representative of Prince Edward Island.

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

M. W. Grand Master and brethren: The following resolution was received by the Grand Lodge at its 96th Annual Communication and laid over for action at this 97th Annual Communication:

RESOLUTION

"That portion of Section 2-904, 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.'"

R. .W. .Charles F. Adams, Deputy Grand Master:

M. .W. .Grand Master, with reference to the proposed amendment to our By-laws that has just been read, I rise to point of order.

M. .W. .Fay Smith, Grand Master:

What is your point of order?

R. .W. .Charles F. Adams, Deputy Grand Master:

M. .W. .Grand Master, my point of order and my contention is that the proposed amendment to the By-laws of this Grand Lodge is out of order because it violates and contravenes the Constitution of this Grand Lodge and because it violates and contravenes the Ancient Landmarks of the Fraternity.

M. .W. .Fay Smith, Grand Master:

The brother having raised as a point of order, the question as to whether or not this proposed amendment to our By-laws may be considered because it violates and contravenes and violates the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry, calls for an interpretation and decision as to the Constitution of this Grand Jurisdiction and therefore in accordance with the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, Section 1-304, I do hereby submit it to the Committee on Jurisprudence. When their report is made to the Grand Lodge, the decision they make will be subject to the discussion and action by this Grand Lodge here assembled.

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

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 9, 1954

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

RESOLUTION

By Brother William F. Patterson, 25, Chairman of the Committee on Public Liability Insurance.

M. W. Grand Master and brethren:

The report of the Committee on Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance having been presented to the Grand Lodge during its session this forenoon, and adopted, we hereby submit the following resolution as a matter of enacting that report into law of this Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska purchase Comprehensive Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance in the amount of one million dollars public liability, \$250,000 property damage covering all the lodges in the state at a cost not to exceed 11c per member per year and that the lodges shall be billed by the Grand Secretary proportionately to their membership at not to exceed 11c per member per year for this coverage. The original purchase of this policy shall be made by the Grand Secretary and become effective upon the adoption of this resolution with the approval of the Grand Trustees, and to be known as Paragraph b, Section 2-314. (Upon motion regularly made and seconded, the resolution was adopted and referred to the Committee on Codification of the law.)

REPORT OF THE 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:

To the casual observer the report of the activities of this Committee for the year is usually accepted in a routine manner.

To the interested Brother attending Grand Lodge for perhaps the first time, the report provides only a brief sketch of the activities and experiences of your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. In either case the statistical information is reviewed, the number of cases handled is recorded, together with the related expense, and the report is accepted and placed on file.

To the Members of the Committee who are actually engaged in administering the work, this report has an entirely different meaning and perspective. There is in this report the unwritten word which indi-

cates the heartaches, worries, fears, frustration and tears of those who come to us for advice and assistance, and who perhaps through no fault of their own are at the end of the road, a deadend road of despair, so to speak, and they know not which way to turn for further guidance. We encourage them to tell their story while we listen. We direct questions at them in an effort to bring out the underlying cause of their situation, sometimes we break through that outer crust of resistance, and when this is done the pattern of their troubles begins to take shape in our mind. We then have a better understanding of approach to the solution of the matter. It is not always easy to evaluate the case under consideration or determine the best course to pursue, because each case is different. Just as personalities are different our reactions are different. We do, however, have a standard or yard stick of measurement which we apply on all cases; namely, assure ourselves that their membership is what they claim, and then give them the benefit of any doubt, rather than withhold any assistance of a temporary nature. It is true we have made errors in judgment following this policy, but by doing so, we have perhaps saved the life of a brother or sister, as has been our experience.

Another point we desire to call to your attention is the fact that this is the only Committee of your Grand Lodge which works around the clock and is subject to call twenty-four hours per day throughout the year. This point has been established and proven on numerous occasions.

There are times when the work of this Committee is related in a very close manner to the work of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home. This is as it should be. We are both endeavoring to do our particular part of a charitable work and for the benefit of those entitled to receive relief. The general overall policy of this Committee is very flexible, and permits immediate action if and when the occasion requires. We are not restricted in our operations by rules and regulations. The Home Board has a very rigid set of rules and regulations under which they operate. While this is very important and necessary, yet we feel there should be some flexibility in their operation which would permit immediate action under emergency circumstances. There should be no delay in the prompt handling of all applications for the Home submitted for their consideration.

During the past year we have disbursed a total of \$4,228.39 which is a reduction of \$465.18 over the preceding year. The amount disbursed represents 9.4 cents per capita based on our present membership of 44,972 Master Masons on our rolls December 31, 1953. This is the second lowest per capita cost since 1930. In most cases our expense is cleared through the subordinate lodge of which the recipient is a member. We express our appreciation to these lodges for their cooperation and support in this work. There are other allied groups which have assisted in a very substantial manner in

cases where their membership is affected. To the Grand Chapter O.E.S., the Scottish Rite Relief Board, Tangier Temple and the Masonic Temple Craft Board of Omaha we say "Thank you" for the support and assistance provided by your organizations.

A complete audit of all records and accounts maintained by this Committee has been made by James E. Hollander, Certified Public Accountant, and his report is attached hereto and made a part of this record.

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 desires to submit the following report for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

The work of this Committee has not been arduous during the past year. Two reasons exist that account for this. In the first place the work of the Committee has leveled off. Questions of policy and procedure have generally been determined. This has resulted in a more or less stabilized condition, leaving only hard work to obtain the proper results. The Grand Custodian and his Assistants, rather than this Committee, perform that function. They have done their work well for which we commend them highly. In the second place, complete harmony exists between the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian and this Committee. Each has carefully refrained from encroaching upon the functions of the others all of which insures proper instruction and supervision of the letter of the work in this Grand Jurisdiction.

We have encouraged something more than a learning of the letter of the work. To give it well, it must be understood by him who gives it. Some study of the philosophy of Freemasonry is essential to a proper interpretation and representations of its meaning. We have advocated the initiation of greater interest in this field. The Grand Custodian has done much in this respect, but the limits of the field are boundless.

The condition of the work in our subordinate lodges is excellent. The job is being well done. But to know the letter of the work does not afford a complete answer. We urge a greater study of the historical, philosophical and modern aspect of the work on the subordinate lodge level. It is only in this way that Freemasonry will become something to tie to in times of trouble and adversity. Freemasonry is not a luxury to be abandoned when financial retrenchment first appears necessary. It is only those who do not understand the great moral and religious principles of the order that are prone to follow this course. For this, we as a Grand Lodge are somewhat to blame. A proper instruction of Masonic values and a correct appraisal of its virtues will, we think, correct the misconceptions as to its compensations as a way of life.

We consider such a program incidental to the primary work of the Committee. But no small group can accomplish the desired result. The efforts of all are required. We shall continue as we have in the past to do all we can to bring about this desired condition.

Our report is one of optimism. The work of the Committee is correct and satisfactory. The work of the subordinate lodges was never better. The letter of the work has been amply protected against error and is being correctly taught. Discord and dissension among the groups with whom we work is unknown. We are pleased to be able to present such a report.

REPORT OF THE TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

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 up to the attention of this Committee during the past year has been up to par with the past several years.

This Committee recommends to officers of local lodges to survey their local situation, and, if they anticipate a building or remodeling program in the near future, to begin now creating a building fund. The Master of their lodge should appoint a committee of three or five members, headed by a business man who can devote the time, 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 improvements 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, on cases called to our attention, where the element of time and distance is not greatly involved, to have at least one representative of this Committee visit the local lodge and discuss their problem.

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.

January 27, 1953, Minatare Lodge No. 295, was granted permission to purchase a two-story business brick building for \$7,500, the second story of which was to be remodeled for lodge purposes. This was reported in last year's proceedings. On October 14, this Committee recommended approval to Minatare Lodge to borrow an additional \$1,000 to complete the remodeling program. This Lodge has an annual rental income of \$1,500 per year.

May 9, Hebron Lodge No. 43, Hebron, incurred considerable damage to their business-lodge building by the hurricane of that date. The second floor lodge hall portion was a complete loss, with considerable damage to the business portion. Insurance policies were paid off 100%. Remodeling cost amounted to \$56,000, which was necessitated borrowing \$24,000. This was considered a heavy debt load for a small lodge, but the Committee recommended approval, upon agreement by the Lodge, to increase dues of members from \$6 to \$8 per year, to allot all rental income to amortization of the loan, and that all bodies using the facilities of the Lodge be required to pay rent for its use.

August 14, upon request of Crystal Lodge No. 191, Scotia, we advised the Lodge to proceed at once to construct a fire escape stairway on the back of their lodge building. Their lodge is an old frame building and had only one entrance or exit.

August 14, this Committee recommended approval to Gilead Lodge No. 233, Butte, to proceed with construction of a new lodge building 30' x 70', as per plans submitted. No indebtedness was to be incurred, as the lodge figured they had enough cash on hand to cover material, and all labor was to be donated.

October 16, this Committee recommended approval to North Star Lodge No. 227, Lincoln, to enter into contracts covering a two-story brick addition, 24' x 81', to their present business-lodge building, involving an expenditure of \$47,000. This was a much needed addition, in that it provides larger dining room and kitchen facilities, and also enlarges their commercial rental space, which now provides a monthly income of \$462.50 per month.

November 24, we recommended that Acacia Lodge No. 34, Schuyler, be granted approval of the purchase and remodeling of a two-story brick city school building 42' x 70' in size, located on a plot of ground 132' x 264', for the purchase price of \$5,300. Remodeling plans, estimated to cost an additional \$5,000, have not been submitted to this Committee or the Grand Master for approval.

February 22, 1954, we recommended that Mount Nebo Lodge No. 125, Genoa, be granted permission to borrow \$3,500, to be used in the alteration of the business front of their lodge building. As result of the alteration, the monthly rental was increased

from \$65 to \$100 per month. Dues of the membership were also increased from \$5 to \$7.50 per year.

February 23, this Committee was represented at a meeting of the membership of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, at Valentine, in a further attempt to raise necessary additional funds to complete their new Masonic Temple. The outcome and results of the plan agreed upon at this meeting are not known, and no alternate plan has been submitted to this Committee for further consideration.

March 11, this Committee recommended that Upright Lodge No. 137, Burchard, be granted permission to purchase the U. B. Church, if and when offered for sale. The purchase price would be \$900 and remodeling costs were estimated at \$800. No indebtedness was to be incurred.

March 12, our Committee met with members of the building committee of Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln, regarding plans and financing program of proposed new Masonic Temple, estimated to cost \$40,000. It is hoped that construction can be started yet this year.

March 17, this Committee was confronted with a request of Bassett Lodge No. 254, which involved permission to construct an enclosed basement on their present owned ground, to be used as a lodge hall until such time as the lodge could accumulate additional funds to complete the building. No guarantee or time limit was involved. The Committee was unanimous in recommending rejection of this plan, because of possible adverse reflection upon the Masonic Order, to hold meetings in basement rooms. It has always been against the policy of the Grand Lodge, and certainly against the dignity of Masonry to permit meetings in basement rooms. Our experience has been that, if lodge members want a new lodge home badly enough, and will organize and go to work for it, they can have it.

April 16, the Masonic Temple Craft of Columbus was granted approval to proceed with additions to their business-lodge building to increase the size of their present dining hall and kitchen, and to provide additional dressing rooms, closets, etc. No debt was to be incurred.

April 27, this Committee recommended granting permission to Hardy Lodge No. 117, Hardy, to purchase a one-story wooden building, located in the business section of Hardy. The purchase price of the building was \$1,500, but the owner offered to waive \$1,000 of the purchase price as a memorial to her late husband, so that the net cost to the lodge was only \$500. There would be some expense in remodeling, but no debt would be incurred in the project.

April 28, we were informed by Wauneta Lodge No. 217, of the purchase of additional ground adjoining their present building. The brethren of this Lodge started in May, 1950, on ways and means

to get the necessary cash to commence the construction of a new Masonic Temple, something they have been dreaming of for a long time. Building plans and financing program have not yet been submitted to this Committee for approval.

May 18, this Committee recommended approval to Tekamah Temple Craft Association for the sale of a portion of their ground to the City of Tekamah, and the provisions of the contract entered into governing the land in the future. The ground which was sold adjoins the ground upon which their lodge building stands.

May 27, this Committee recommended that Utica Lodge No. 96 be granted permission to incur an indebtedness not to exceed \$1,500 in connection with alterations and improvements to their business-lodge building, total cost estimated at \$2,500. As a result of the new improvements, rental income was to be increased.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Homer C. Davey, 317, 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 Subordinate Lodges" for the year 1953, have been checked and we are pleased to advise all lodges have made satisfactory reports.

We solicit the continued 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 Apprentice, Fellow Crafts and suspended Master Masons on the rolls from the past years.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Secretaries be sure that their Grand Lodge reports are signed by the Worshipful Master and themselves and seal affixed before mailing.
2. Care be taken to make reports more legible.
3. Secretaries maintain a monthly working sheet which will enable them to summarize their year's work promptly and more accurately.
4. Secretaries to fill out with all details the information requested on Bronze Jordan Medals.

5. List name, age and occupation of all officers of their respective lodges.
6. Give complete information as requested on amount of Insurance carried and name of Insurance Company.

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 Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund is pleased to present the following report:

During the past year the Committee has had two young people from our Home at Fremont under their supervision. Both are finishing their second year in college and will be on their own financially from this point on.

One is a young man who has been enrolled in the college of Business Administration at the University of Nebraska. Last year he was an honor student, in the upper ten per cent in his college. This year we are hopeful that he will again appear on this select list. He is a fine young man and we can be proud of him.

Our other student is enrolled at Midland College where she has done quite well in her work. We can be proud, too, of this fine young lady.

Both of these students have earned their own room and board while attending college.

There are no high school graduates in the Fremont Home this year so there will be no one under the supervision of the Committee this next year. Therefore, no funds are requested for this year. However, next June will see several young folks graduating and we will have to come to the Grand Lodge with a sizeable request next year.

It has been an inspiration to the members of this Committee to work with these young people from the Home and we thank you for the privilege of serving them.

REPORT OF BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

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

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

In the year ended on May 10, 1954, 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...	\$22,575.25
Profit on securities sold.....	10,126.64
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Total	\$32,701.89

The total amount of interest and dividends received on bonds and stocks was equal to 3.67% of the cost of all bonds and stocks owned on May 10, 1953. If computed upon the cost of securities owned on May 10, 1954, the rate of return was 4.01%. This is, of course, entirely aside from and in addition to the profits obtained from securities sold.

In addition to the amounts already given, the sum of \$370.00 was received in the year ended on May 10, 1954, as interest on farm mortgages.

Although this report is supposed to cover only the last year it is interesting to note that in the last three years combined the total proceeds of the investment portfolio have aggregated more than \$100,000.00. This amount consists of income from the following sources:

Interest and dividends received on bonds and stocks	\$ 70,127.69
Profit on securities sold	33,690.55
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Total	\$103,818.24

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

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

The Grand Master in his annual address has referred to the Board of Trustees the question of finances for the maintenance of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. After consultation and consideration of the various activities of this Grand Lodge we are recommending the following resolution that will be in force until such time as the Grand Lodge sees fit to amend or revoke it.

Be It Resolved, That the net income of the following funds of this Grand Lodge, namely; Building and Improvement Fund, Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund, Maintenance Fund and Childrens' Home Endowment Fund, shall be dedicated to the maintenance of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Fremont, Nebraska. The earnings of these funds may be appropriated by the Finance Committee of this Grand Lodge in such amounts as they feel are necessary for our share of the maintenance of the above named home and in keeping with the ability of this Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Reinstatements, 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 ninety-two petitions for its review and recommendation in the year now closing. Favorable recommendations were made in connection with eighty-four petitions, three being returned for more information and only five not recommended.

The ages of the petitioners are grouped in classes as follows:

50 years of age or less	18
51-60 years of age	28
61-70 years of age	40
71-80 years of age	5
81 years of age or over	1
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The average number of years suspended increased from last year to 17.18 years, and the number of years in membership decreased to 12.98 years. The petitioners not recommended had been suspended an average of 20.8 years with an average term of 15.4 years in membership.

We recommend careful and complete investigation of the financial and moral responsibility of all applicants for reinstatement.

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: 4, 14, 23, 44, 70, 74, 78, 84, 99, 100, 108, 128, 143, 156, 163, 167, 189, 190, 191, 203, 219, 225, 233, 247, 248, 267, 272, 284, 311 and 322.

Total number of lodges 275, number not represented 30. Lodges not represented for the last two annual communications are: Nos. 108, 191, 225, 247, 267.

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W.	Fay Smith, 198	Grand Master
R. W.	Charles F. Adams, 68	Deputy Grand Master
R. W.	Herbert T. White, 11	Grand Senior Warden
R. W.	Merle M. Hale, 54	Grand Junior Warden
R. W.	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Grand Secretary
V. W.	Thomas A. Barton, 210	Grand Chaplain
W.	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Grand Orator
W.	Harold H. Thom, 1	Grand Historian
W.	Raymond C. Cook, 6	Grand Custodian
W.	Ralph Carleton, 306	Grand Marshal
W.	Roy I. Babbitt, 295	Grand Senior Deacon
W.	John E. Beaver, 253	Grand Junior Deacon
W.	Robert A. Phelps, 32, pro-tem	Grand Tyler

Past Grand Masters: M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Charles A. Chappell, Ralph O. Canaday, Virgil R. Johnson, Walter R. Raecke, Earl J. Lee, Edward F. Carter, George A. Kurk, William B. Wanner, William C. Schaper, Benjamin F. Eyre, Elmer E. Magee, John S. Hedelund, Thomas J. Aron and Edward M. Knight.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska .....No. 1	Donald F. Paffenrath	Charles Foudt	Raymond E. Seaman
Western Star.. " 2	Neils C. Madsen ...	William M. Gray...	Francis W. Cole ...
Capitol " 3	*William Von Kroge, Jr.	*Emil Krause	*Rudolph Melchior ..
Nemaña Valley " 4	.....	.....	.....
Omadi " 5	Walter M. Beerman	*Charles Fueston ...	.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	Leslie J. Hutchinson	Maynard Range ...	John L. Beckman ..
Falls City..... " 9	Robert A. Goodale..	*Willard I. Lewis Jr.	.....
Solomon " 10	Gordon Clausen ...	*Harold O. Swanson	James J. Knag
Covert " 11	Don L. McCoy	William L. Hopson.	*George R. Porter...
Orient " 13	*Frederick Morehouse .....	.....	.....
Peru " 14	.....	.....	.....
Fremont " 15	W. Beltrand Kolbo	Arnold F. Mains...	*James M. Hansen..
Tecumseh " 17	Harry B. Richardson	*Ormal Richardson..	Alfred G. Aden
Lincoln " 19	Burrell R. Dunn	*Perry J. Morton....	Howard E. Nessler
Washington ... " 21	*Chris K. Bendorf	.....	.....
Pawnee " 23	.....	.....	.....
Saint Johns... " 25	William A. Pettengill	Alfred E. Geschke..	*Benjamin F. Owen.
Beatrice " 26	.....	*Virgil R. Johnson..	.....
Jordan " 27	Leland R. Olson ...	.....	.....
Hope " 29	.....	Benjamin J. Long..	.....
Blue River.... " 30	*Clarence C. Wertman .....	.....	.....
Tekamah " 31	Bernard T. Pipher..	*Anton R. Kokes ...	.....
Platte Valley.. " 32	George F. Schell...	Carroll E. Wilson..	*Edward W. Cross ..
Ashlar " 33	*Robert W. Boon...	*Robert W. Boon ...	*Bayard H. Paine, Jr.
Acacia " 34	Forrest H. Pulver..	.....	*Carroll K. Longacre
Fairbury " 35	Donald W. Larkins.	.....	.....
Lone Tree..... " 36	Charles H. Phares..	Billy O. Green .....	.....
Crete " 37	*John J. Kubes, Jr...	*John J. Kubes, Sr...	Charles F. Bspales.
Oliver " 38	*Howard N. Colman.	.....	.....
Papillion " 39	*Howard B. Johnson	.....	.....
Humboldt " 40	Albert W. Watsek..	.....	Coleman W. Gilliland
Northern Light " 41	Fred Hansen	*David C. Spangler..	.....
Hebron " 43	Victor B. McClure..	.....	.....
Harvard " 44	.....	.....	.....
Rob Morris ... " 46	Norris L. Rusmisell	Warren E. Paine ..	Vernie L. Fields...
Fairmont " 48	*Bert Frederick ...	.....	.....
Evening Star No. 49	*Carl H. Nolde
Hastings " 50	Paul R. Pierce	J. Edward Fisher..	Ervin E. Kimball..

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
FidelityNo. 51	Herman F. Hansen	Charles E. Davis...
Hiram " 52	.....	W. Therlo Reck- meyer .....	.....
Charity " 53	Nathan D. Guy ....	.....	.....
Lancaster " 54	Vern D. Carey.....	Joe H. Hartley....	*Richard W. Gray...
Mosaic " 55	*Justice F. Fauss...	.....	.....
York " 56	William E. Beachler	.....	Raymond Pickrell..
Mount Moriah . " 57	James C. Lowson..	.....	.....
Wahoo " 59	Paul Rood .....	.....	.....
Melrose " 60	Thomas B. Oldham.	.....	.....
Thistle " 61	Edward L. Spuhler.	*Chester E. Rork ...	*Gerald D. Young...
Keystone " 62	.....	.....	Joe A. Millsap.....
Blue Valley ... " 64	Stuart J. Bohacek..	Francis R. Menke..	*Stuart J. Bohacek..
Osceola " 65	John Inness	Morris O. Dunn....	*I. Donald Huston..
Edgar " 67	Robert E. Mikkelsen	*Robert E. Mikkelsen	*Everette S. Shaw...
Aurora " 68	*C. James Wisner ..	Harold C. Dieckman	.....
Sterling " 70	.....	.....	.....
Trowel " 71	*Ellis A. Stevens...	.....	J. Gilbert Wiese ...
Hooper " 72	*Norris W. Lallman	.....	.....
Friend " 73	Ralph Samuelson ..	.....	*George J. Asmus...
Alexandria ... " 74	.....	.....	.....
Frank Welch .. " 75	Henry Baeckel Jr..	*William P. Acker- man	*Henry Baeckel Jr..
Nelson " 77	*Harry R. Follmer...	.....	.....
Albion " 78	.....	.....	.....
Geneva " 79	Donald D. Kim- brough	*Gerald B. Walton..	David A. Portwood.
Composite " 81	Louis Kallenbach..	.....	Edwin R. Keiser...
Saint Paul " 82	George C. Hiett....	Raymond A. Forbes	*Walter L. Kimber..
Corinthian " 83	Roy S. Wiggains...	*V. H. R. Hanson...	Alvin G. Sundell...
Fairfield " 84	.....	.....	.....
Doniphan " 86	Clinton G. Under- wood	*Donald M. Under- wood .....	.....
Ionic " 87	Floyd Hildreth	*Vac Randa .....	.....
Star " 88	Ray Gatewood ....	.....	*Walter W. Small ..
Cedar River... " 89	Arna A. Petersen..	.....	.....
Oakland " 91	William R. Larsen..	James A. Sears	Sherman Hultquist.
Beaver City... " 93	*Paul D. Fleming...	.....	.....
Bennett " 94	Reid J. Thomson...	*Robert N. Stall...	*Arch H. Church....
Garfield " 95	*Lloyd G. Gillespie..	.....	.....
Utica " 96	Harold E. Rhodes..	*Clair R. McNeil...	.....
EuclidNo. 97	*Chris Rasmussen	Elmer A. Michelsen, Jr.
Republican ... " 98	Louis L. Kammerer

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
SheltonNo. 99
Creighton " 100
Ponca " 101	*Dean H. Ehle
Waterloo " 102	Lyle M. Winterburn	Richard W. Bull....	.....
Ord " 103	John J. Wozab.....	Richard F. Rowbal..	*Leonard B. Woods..
Wymore " 104	Maurice C. Crowley	*Warren E. Robinson	.....
Stella " 105	Clyde T. Argabright	.....	.....
Porter " 106	John W. Parks.....	Arnold L. Lorentz..	.....
Table Rock... " 108	.....	.....	.....
Pomegranate .. " 110	Richard Vance	Frank M. Thompson	*Paul I. Eaton
DeWitt " 111	George H. Norton..	.....	.....
Springfield ... " 112	E. Donald Schmidt.	*Glen F. McCamley..	.....
Globe " 113	Duncan F. Whyte..	.....	.....
Wisner " 114	Bernard J. Freese..	*Carl W. Freese	*Judson M. Meier...
Harlan " 116	Allen W. Parker...	.....	.....
Hardy " 117	*Edward M. Leigh..	*Herbert O. Pedersen	.....
North Bend... " 119	Jens H. Thomsen...	Willis Walla	*Richard K. Block..
Wayne " 120	Fred Denkinger ...	Robert A. Merchont	Robert E. Harrison..
Superior " 121	*George F. Day.....	.....	Chester C. Stuck...
Auburn " 124	H. Wilson McLain..	Donald O. Brown...	Robert E. Humphrey
Mount Nebo .. " 125	Keith D. Wheeler..	William R. Smoots..	Robert B. Conrad..
Stromsburg ... " 126	Forrest F. Berggren	Donald E. Nordberg	Lloyd E. Knight...
Minden " 127	Robert P. Randall..	.....	.....
Guide Rock... " 128	.....	.....	.....
Blue Hill..... " 129	Thomas C. Vaughan	.....	.....
Tuscan " 130	Daren D. Riblett...	.....	.....
Scribner " 132	Ralph Fuerst	Alfred A. Ristow...	Harold Mueksch ...
Elm Creek " 133	Fred W. Richael ...	*Joy W. Laughlin...	.....
Solar " 134	Hubert M. Burruss..	.....	.....
McCook " 135	*Herbert M. Gilbert.	Herbert M. Gilbert	*Herbert M. Gilbert
Long Pine " 136	Paul R. Sellars.....	.....	.....
Upright " 137	*William A. Yarpe..	.....	.....
Rawalt " 138	B. Dale Fish.....	*Alfred H. Nissen...	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	Kenneth A. Palmer	.....	.....
Western " 140	*Arthur Henry.....	.....	*Lewis G. Winters..
Crescent " 143	.....	.....	.....
Kenesaw " 144	*Rezin G. Bennett...	.....	.....
Bancroft " 145	Hiram K. Richard- son	Frank A. Wood....	Carl Eric Anderson
Jachin " 146	Richard C. Hallgren	.....	.....
Siloam " 147	*Fred O. Zink	Wilbur L. Moon....	.....
Emmet Crawford " 148	Charles O. Talbot..	*Charles O. Talbot..	*Charles O. Talbot..
Jewel " 149	Henry J. Langhorst	William J. Wille- ford	*Arlington G. Tyser.

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Cambridge ..No. 150	Gerald B. Ross.....	*Gerald B. Ross.....	*Gerald B. Ross....
Square " 151	G. Harold Clark....	*Joseph Gray.....	.....
Evergreen " 153	*Homer F. Birch....	.....	.....
Lily " 154	*Roy J. Lonsdale....	.....	.....
Hartington " 155	.....	*Willard W. Burney..	.....
Pythagoras " 156	.....	.....	.....
Valley " 157	Guy L. Thielbar... ..	.....	.....
Samaritan " 158	Allen R. Millar....	Ernest M. Johnson..	*George A. Stevens..
Ogalalla " 159	Jack J. Hill.....	.....	.....
Zeredatha " 160	Paul W. Goebel....	.....	Fred R. Oerter
Mount Zion ... " 161	*Ernest E. Lee.....	Mervin Ransom....	.....
Trestle Board.. " 162	M. Allan Casey....	.....	Charles W. Boells- torff
Unity " 163	.....	.....	.....
Barneston " 165	*Ralph Powell.....	*S. M. Gleeten.....	.....
Mystic Tie " 166	Arthur Lindahl....	*Fred Lindahl.....	.....
Elwood " 167	.....	.....	.....
Curtis " 168	*Klyte Burt .....	.....	.....
Amity " 169	.....	Stuart Johnson .....	.....
Mason City .. " 170	*George J. Anderson	.....	.....
Merna " 171	Edwin E. Butter- field .....	.....	.....
Robert Burns.. " 173	Clement E. Ragan..	*Clyde H. Jones ....	.....
Culbertson " 174	.....	*Osborne P. Simon..	.....
Temple " 175	*Lewis C. McClung..	.....	.....
Gladstone " 176	*Curtis S. Mc- Callister	*Curtis S. Mc- Callister	*Curtis S. Mc- Callister
Hay Springs... " 177	.....	Joseph A. Olson .....	.....
Prudence " 179	Walter E. Anderson	*C. Rene Huffman..	.....
Justice " 180	Charles T. Carpenter	.....	.....
Faith " 181	Willis B. Furman..	*Willis B. Furman..	*Warren A. Richter..
Alliance " 183	Milton P. Grosshans	*Milton P. Grosshans	*Milton P. Grosshans
Bee Hive " 184	Melvin C. McGeorge	Kenneth E. Ryan..	.....
Boaz " 185	R. Marvin Boyd....	.....	.....
Israel " 187	.....	James M. Stephens..	.....
Meridian " 188	Edd Robison.....	.....	.....
Granite " 189	.....	.....	.....
Amethyst " 190	.....	.....	.....
Crystal " 191	.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa . " 192	W. Everett Brown..	*Leon E. Prang....	.....
Signet " 193	Arthur S. Fayman..	.....	.....
Highland " 194	Donald I. DeVries..	.....	.....
Arcana " 195	Frederick E. Hlava	*Daniel N. Betner...
Morning Star.. " 197	Don O. Richter	*Frank W. Titler...

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Purity " 198	B. Fred Muscheites
Gavel " 199	*Herbert B. Wittenberger
Blazing Star... " 200	Roy S. Cram	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff... " 201	Mervil L. Greenlee	*Mervil N. Greenlee	*Mervil L. Greenlee
Golden Sheaf.. " 202	*Keith Johnson	Keith Johnson	*Keith Johnson
Roman Eagle " 203	.....	.....	.....
Plainview " 204	Keith M. Douglas	.....	W. H. Weeseth
Golden Fleece.. " 205	T. Winford Carter	Irvin F. Clark	.....
Naphthali " 206	John D. Steiner	*Walter I. Filley	.....
Parian " 207	Ralph E. Empfield	*Ralph E. Empfield	*Nigel G. Sprouse
Gauge " 208	*Elmer Armstrong	.....	.....
Canopy " 209	Floyd L. Althouse	Orris C. Richert	George Bornemeier
East Lincoln.. " 210	Roy W. Brendle	George Maser	Lyle A. VanArsdol
Cement " 211	Otto E. Meyer	Edward L. Batie	Clyde Batie
Compass and Square " 212	Ralph Henderson	Delmer R. Dickerson	Morris L. Eutsler
Plumbline " 214	*Clarence D. Gottula	.....	.....
Occidental " 215	Carsten L. Lichtenberg	.....	*Carsten L. Lichtenberg
Palisade " 216	Donald L. Leffler	Merle L. Sailors	.....
Wanneta " 217	Richard O. Cowles	.....	.....
Bloomfield ... " 218	John R. Clements	.....	.....
Relief " 219	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia " 220	Paul G. Fuchser	*Harold W. Langmack	*Dene M. Frey
Wood Lake ... " 221	Lyle L. Best	.....	.....
Landmark " 222	C. Vernon Hovendick	.....	.....
Eminence " 223	Alvin L. Bish	*Richard D. Kreutz	.....
Silver Cord ... " 224	.....	Donald H. Jackson	.....
Cable " 225	.....	.....	.....
Grace " 226	*Ferdinand V. Hulquist	.....	.....
North Star... " 227	Lloyd S. Wymore	*Roy W. Deal	.....
Bartley " 228	Wayne D. Kerst	*Wayne D. Kerst	*Wayne D. Kerst
Comet " 229	*Otis Beaman	.....	.....
Delta " 230	*James O. Duncan	*Edward C. Hall	.....
Mount Hermon " 231	LeRoy W. Schacht	*Leslie Reasoner	Rudolph Biere
John S. Bowen. " 232	Clarence Paulsen	Fred Gregerson	.....
Gilead " 233	.....	.....	.....
Zion " 234	Merlyn D. Shepherd	Robert L. Rothwell
Fraternity ... " 235	Wayne L. Keistine
Golden Rule... " 236	Irvin R. Dueant

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
CubitNo. 237	Denver A. Mc-Pherson
Friendship " 239	Victor F. Gjerloff.. .....	.....	*Robert O. Jones....
Pilot " 240	Paul E. Christensen	Jess N. Anderson.. .....	.....
George Armstrong.. " 241	John S. Monson.....	Clem Williamsen...	*Herbert C. H. Moberg
Tyrian " 243	*Eugene A. Follmer. ....	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	Elmer L. Spray	*Marvin E. Davis	*Glendon Harp
Nehawka " 246	*Boyd A. Mayfield.. ..	John L. Alden .... .....	.....
Corner Stone " 247	.....	.....	.....
Laurel " 248	.....	.....	.....
Gotherburg .. " 249	James E. Teets	*B. A. Norsworthy Jr. ....	.....
George Washington. " 250	Otis W. Cave Jr....	Ira C. Lehr	Martin H. Gates... ..
Wausa " 251	*Melvin E. Rosen... ..	*Melvin E. Rosen... ..	*Melvin E. Rosen... ..
Beemer " 253	*John E. Beaver....	.....	.....
Bassett " 254	Roy L. Johns .....	.....	.....
Hickman " 256	Harvey S. Beck....	Harvey C. Damrae	*Charles W. Krull... ..
Holbrook " 257	Ray L. Wilmot.....	*Ray L. Wilmot	*Ray L. Wilmot
Anselmo " 258	*Leonard V. Lindly. ..	.....	.....
Ornan " 261	Chester M. Nelson.. ..	*Earl Conklin .....	.....
Endeavor " 262	William F. Klepser ..	*William F. Klepser ..	*Walter C. Smith....
Mitchell " 263	Lawrence M. Lee... ..	*Harold H. Newton. ....	.....
Franklin " 264	*William S. Yates....	.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas " 265	Arthur A. Gregory. ....	.....	.....
Silver " 266	George F. Biechta.. ..	*J. Willard Carter... ..	Merle L. Peterson.. ..
James A. Tulleys " 267	.....	.....	.....
George W. Lininger " 268	D. Merrill Egerly Jr. ....	.....	.....
Oasis " 271	.....	Roger I. Wickman.. ..	.....
Lee P. Gillette. " 272	.....	.....	.....
Crofton " 273	A. Norman Mc-Shannon	*Alfred P. Buschel- man	*Irvin W. Collinson.
Olive Branch.. " 274	*William H. Plummer	Claus W. Eicke....	Chauncey V. Dye
Ramah " 275	*Oscar W. Ecklund.. ..	.....	.....
Antelope " 276	*Richard B. Huffman ..	*Richard B. Huffman ..	Richard B. Huffman ..
Sioux " 277	Elmer L. Pullen....	.....	Charles Lee
Litchfield " 278	*Charles A. Rydberg
Wallace " 279	Clarence Young....
Swastika " 280	Kenneth W. Peter- son

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
FlorenceNo. 281	William H. Bruner.	Gordon E. Brown..	William A. Chris- man Jr.
Mullen " 282	Neal J. Dutton	*Richard A. Moller..	*Neal J. Dutton....
Seneca " 284	.....	.....	.....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	Charles E. Elliott ..	Urlin C. McCartney	*Edward K. Milmine
Oshkosh " 286	H. Bartlett Utt ....	.....	.....
Union " 287	Ira S. Rhoten Jr..	*Henry E. McKee..	*Ira S. Rhoten Jr....
Omaha " 288	*George E. Johnson.	.....	*Lawrence J. Smith.
Lotus " 289	Henry A. Nelson...	*Robert W. Irvin...	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	.....	*Lewis F. Reepe...	John C. Stolley....
Diamond " 291	Donald C. Parkhurst	Forrest E. Maple...	.....
Wolbach " 292	Andrew J. Thomsen	Fred W. Frost.....	.....
Monument " 293	*Samuel C. Hagan..	.....	.....
Kimball " 294	John W. Alden....	.....	.....
Minatare " 295	*Roland E. Bush....	*Roland E. Bush....	Roland E. Bush....
Cotner " 297	*Watson S. Coleman	Watson S. Coleman.	*Kenneth P. Wall Jr.
Chester " 298	*Ira G. Forell.....	.....	.....
Sutherland ... " 299	*Charles F. Casey...	.....	.....
Liberty " 300	Russell E. Oquist...	James P. Vance....	*James Tyler Jr....
Bayard " 301	*Charles H. Ninegar	*Charles H. Ninegar.	*Charles H. Ninegar
Mizpah " 302	*George E. Mitchell	.....	.....
Right Angle.. " 303	Wendell W. George	Albert H. Allen....	*George J. Hittle....
Ruskin " 304	*Chauncey O. Hull..	.....	.....
Newman Grove " 305	Homer C. McDonald	.....	.....
Golden Rod... " 306	Allen J. Lindley...	Wayne L. Campbell	Horace W. Quinn...
William E. Hill " 307	Marion Sisco.....	.....	Lane Superman
Perkins " 308	Clarence C. Turner.	Fred W. Jackman..	.....
Winnebago ... " 309	*Albin Nickelson ...	Harry Matthews...	.....
Victory " 310	Earl E. Bentz.....	Henry G. Ohrn.....	.....
Polk " 311	.....	.....	.....
Oak Leaf..... " 312	*Louis Nelson ....	.....	.....
Potter " 313	Theodore Carlson..	.....	.....
Craftsmen " 314	William E. Goggins	*Curry D. Bryson...	Roy A. Carlson
Alpha " 316	Wilbur E. Allen....	.....	.....
Mid-West " 317	*Homer C. Davey...	.....	.....
Grand Island. " 318	Robert R. Anderson	*Albert B. Osborn...	*Floyd Nicholas
Bladen " 319	Orville L. Nissen..	*Henry Erickson...	.....
College View.. " 320	Miles J. Puckett...	Forest Brown .....	.....
Harmony " 321	Clifton J. Berry...	*Clifton J. Berry....	*Clifton J. Berry....
Pioneer " 322
Lebanon " 323	*Robert E. Lund	Orval W. Cooley ..
Cairo " 324	Hugh W. Hinkson..

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAY-ROLL

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

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

Your Committee on Pay-roll respectfully reports that the amount due for mileage and per diem for the Ninety-seventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge is\$10,353.80

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 the President of your Nebraska Masonic Home it is again my privilege to bring to you this comparatively brief report of the affairs at your Masonic Home. The financial condition of the Home is fully set forth in the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The Nebraska Masonic Home sent to each Lodge by our capable Grand Secretary and to that I will not endeavor to add anything other than to point out that your Board continues to live within its Budget and within the funds provided for the operation. That has been the set policy of your Board during all my time of service thereon, and it will continue to be its policy strictly adhered to.

Since my last report some outstanding events have occurred at your Home. On June 16, 17 and 18, 1953, we served as hosts to the National Association of Masonic Home Executives at their Annual Session. Your President attended many of the sessions and was pleased to hear many complimentary remarks on our quarters. This session was very helpful in aiding your executives to benefit from the experience of operating such Homes by Masons in other Grand Jurisdictions.

On November 15, we celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of our Home with appropriate ceremonies. Very interesting talks were given by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Honorary President of the Home, and Superintendent William F. Evers. Splendid organ music was furnished by W. Hal J. Samuel of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, and by the Chanters of Tangier Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. of Omaha. A fine attendance was present.

On May 11, 1954, we dedicated the fine new windows in the Chapel at the time of the opening of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star. As the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of the past two years, Sisters Velma Morgan and Gertrude Marshall and Brothers Frank L. Burbridge and Thomas A. Barton had raised the funds for these windows as projects, the program featured their part therein. They are a beautiful addition to this Chapel.

By the time this report is given, the members of this Grand Lodge will have visited the Home in the trip made yesterday. We of the Board hope this trip was both educational and entertaining for only by the realization of all of Nebraska Masonry of what they have down at Plattsmouth can this great Charity be made as important as it must be.

We continue to keep our facilities filled to capacity and we have a lengthening application list. Our statistics are compiled by the calendar year and on January 1, 1954, we had 29 men and 52 women. There are more there at the present time. I would again call your attention to the average age of these guests. The average age of the men was 82.6 years and of the women 81.5 years. The average period of residence is 6 years and 6 months. This will show you that as the average age of our guests increases the required amount of care increases. Our infirmary cases continue to rise in number.

This rise in Infirmary cases cause our costs to increase greatly. In 1953 our per capita cost arose to \$1310.15 a rise of \$140 per person. This in spite of reduced food costs. It now more than doubles the cost in 1945. It is due entirely to the rise in labor cost. It will be readily seen that infirmary cases cost far more through necessary nursing costs than those cases of merely aged.

Through the fine work of the Masonic organizations and individuals of the Grand Island area, our Home was again the recipient of loads of provisions to stock our storerooms with flour, sugar, canned goods and commodities representing a value of about \$3,500.00. The Builders Club, Scottsbluff Valley and vicinity again sent their semi-trailer truck loaded with potatoes, squash, onions, cabbage, turnips and other fresh vegetables which again filled our vegetable cellar. The Eastern Star Chapters brought jellies and canned goods, magazine subscriptions, clothings and other miscellaneous and needed articles. The Masons of Nebraska through the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha provided our guests with Christmas gifts. We also have had generous donations from Eastern Star Kensington, Scottish and York Rite Women's Clubs, Shrine organizations, individual Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Scottish Rite bodies, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters and many individual brothers and sisters and friends. These help us so materially in the operation of this as a Home not as an institution. We gratefully thank each and all of these contributors who thus do so much so effectively to make our aged and dependent happy. And we do succeed with all this fine help in keeping them happy in their declining years.

Your Home is operated by the Trustees on the money provided by your \$2.00 per capita and such donations as are received, like those outlined above together with income from our Endowment Fund. This Fund your Board of Trustees continually tries to build up. Your Board does not intend to ask the Grand Lodge for more money and yet with more requests for admission and rising labor costs as the folks become

more and more Infirmity cases, it is easy to see we must supplement these funds. To do this, every Mason can help by urging remembrance of The Nebraska Masonic Home in wills and bequests as well as by more voluntary contributions. Your Board puts all money received from these sources in the Endowment Fund and use only the income, keeping the principal intact.

The local lodge and the brethren thereof can also help us in making a thorough investigation of all requests for admission that come before them. Too many Lodges make only a perfunctory investigation or none, when an application for admission comes before them. The Lodge and the members thereof, in almost every instant can and do know more about the applicant than your Board can ever find, without an expensive investigation. Unfortunately in our experience, we do come across those who have natural protectors, well able to provide for the helpless, but who have tired of doing so, and feel that Masonry is an insurance company. We are not, brethren, and what we do, is done as Masonic Charity, which of necessity must go first to those who need it most. Fervently do we pray for the time, when we can take all who apply, but that time is not yet. Until then we do need and ask your Masonic Assistance. Speaking for the Board of Trustees, we will always exert our utmost efforts to see that every dollar is made to do as much work as possible.

I would not conclude this Report without again expressing my thanks to all who have given and still do give of their time and money, to make this a real Masonic Home. Your Board of Trustees is proud of this fine Home and the way it is operated. Our Superintendent, William F. Evers, makes his every act in the operation of the Home Masonry in Action. True, we pay him a salary, but his work is beyond price. We could never buy what he puts in. The Masonic Day never ends for him in making it a true Home for our guests. Our Assistant Superintendent, Raymond F. Evers is doing a splendid job, and gets my thanks. We are leaning quite heavily on Ray. To Secretary Carl R. Greisen, words are rather weak, for your President has to use him both as architect and craftsman. Always kind and thoughtful I shall always be grateful to him. Brother Robert M. "Bob" Herre does such fine work, and lifts so much of the executive burden, that it is difficult to put thanks for it into mere words. Also to all of the Trustees who come many miles at their own expense, and every one of whom is always ready and willing to undertake any tasks to help further this great Charity, thanks for such Masonry. The only pay you receive must rest in the knowledge, that yours is Masonry in Action, and the knowledge that you are living your Masonic obligations.

Finally, to all of the Nebraska Brethren, we ask your continued thought and cooperation for this, your Home. Come and visit with us when you can. You will always find a Masonic welcome there. And I think when you walk out after seeing what is being done, you will be proud that you are a Nebraska Mason. And I cannot close without

trying to say to you, Grand Master Fay Smith, that despite a busy year, you have shown everyone how much this Home meant to you, and for your fine assistance you deserve and get the Palm.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, 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:

It is a distinct personal privilege for me to make the official Report for the twenty-four member Board at The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. I am very happy and pleased to make this general comment, that it has been another constructive year of continuing devoted service and generous provision for our wonderful children and that the results of your generosity, sharing and affection for the children in the Home have contributed much to their happiness and well being. All of our fifty-one children are in good health, and are busy and doing well at school, in music, including our Home band, in 4-H, and F. F. A. and in other activities.

The attainment of the benevolent purpose of our Fraternity is truly best measured and determined by what we do, rather than by what we are admonished to do in the teachings of Masonry. The great work and true work, you have accomplished and are accomplishing in building character and maintaining these children of members of the Masonic and Eastern Star Order, is tangible evidence indeed of purposeful living and an achievement of the great charitable purpose of our Fraternity. May I earnestly congratulate all of you for your financial and generous support of our Home

The published report of our last annual meeting of the stockholders contains a complete list of all the organizations and individuals who have given gifts to the Home, those beyond your regular support of the Home through your Grand Lodge contribution. Special commendation is due the sixteen Lodges for their generous donations of 100 bags of potatoes and other vegetables, and the complete set of hand tools for our small shop from the Masters' and Wardens' Club of Lincoln. This report also details the financial status of the Home including receipts, disbursements, inventories and budgetary items. I direct your attention to the fact that we have an endowment fund in excess of \$41,000 and a Memorial Recreation Building Fund of some \$33,000, both of which funds contain latent possibilities of further strengthening and developing our Home. I shall not encumber the record of this report by repetition of the details of this information which is enumerated in our annual report.

Our M. W. Grand Master, Fay Smith, has had a great interest in the children as well as in the operational problems at the home. His support and cooperation with the new President of the Board has been most gratifying. Both he and Grand Secretary Carl have given good counsel and valuable assistance on the varied problems that arise in connection with the children, the Courts, the regulatory authorities, and financial problems that continually arise. This is not the easiest job in the world, but everyone's support makes it more pleasant, and as our Grand Master says: "If you're around them much, the children certainly grow on you!"

After fourteen years of capable and devoted service as President of the Home, W. Brother James C. Suttie declined to serve another year in that capacity. He remains on the Board and continues to give us good counsel and assistance from his wealth of experience and knowledge of the operation of the home. I am deeply appreciative of the loyal support and help of the other fine Board members who give so freely of their time and all at their own expense.

Superintendent Robert C. Grassman and his able staff are doing wonders for and with our children. There have been only some very minor problems with the children in recent months which have been held to a minimum and successfully coped with by Superintendent Grassman. The children love and respect him, which is the finest compliment that can be paid him.

The Board sold about two acres in the Southeast corner of our tract to the Masonic Lodge at Fremont. They plan to build a beautiful new Temple on this location, which will materially improve the appearance of the grounds.

Our buildings at the Home are of good construction, but because of their age, continue to require repairs. This past year we replaced the entire heating unit and built a new water line at Senior Girls' Home. A new poultry house will replace the old one that has a precarious sag. Other improvements will be required for next year. The 4-H and F. F. A. program at the Home continues active with some of the Senior Girls now participating. It was the decision of the Board that we give up our milk production because of the state requirements for vaccination and pasteurization. We are continuing beef and pork raising for our own consumption, which certainly helps the food budget and is valuable training for the children.

We believe you want a first class home, and we do have just that kind of a home. The Superintendent and your Board will endeavor to hold operational costs to a minimum consistent with the high standards of our Home. We are most appreciative of the fine and loyal support you have given us in the past, and we sincerely hope that it will continue. We earnestly invite your suggestions and counsel.

It has been aptly said:

"I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day."

I suggest that whenever you are able, stop in and see the children and see how fine they are, and what a wonderful Home you are providing for them! It is a privilege to be identified with this work. It is a wonderful investment in our next generation.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183, Chairman, presented the supplemental report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the point of order made by the Deputy Grand Master, as follows:

"My point of order and my contention is that the proposed amendment to the by-laws of this Grand Lodge is out of order because it violates and contravenes the Constitution of this Grand Lodge and because it violates and contravenes the Ancient Landmarks of the Fraternity."

submit the following report to the Grand Master:

The preamble to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge provides as follows:

"Provided, always, that the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity be held inviolate."

Section 1 of Article IX is as follows:

"The powers and authority of the Grand Lodge shall be supreme in this state, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government, legislative, executive, and judicial—limited only by a strict adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity, and by the provisions of its own constitution and regulations."

No by-law of the Grand Lodge can be legal if it is contrary to the provisions of the Constitution. The Constitution itself provides that it is limited "by a strict adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity."

This question has been on many occasions studied by various Committees of the Grand Lodge. The reports of these Committees have unanimously concluded that the qualification of physical perfection is a landmark.

This Committee is in accord with this view. We believe, therefore, that the proposed by-law would be contrary to this Ancient Landmark, and the point of order is well taken.

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master:

Thank you, M. W. Brother Knight. In view of this report of

the Jurisprudence Committee and interpretation of our law, it is my decision that the point is well taken and that being the case we can not consider further action on this by-law. I do want to say that my decision may be appealed and taken to the floor and your action will be supreme. We are not trying to by-pass anyone in this action. If there is no appeal the matter is closed as of now. If there is an appeal, we will take it to the floor and by vote of you brethren decide whether or not this point is well taken. Is there any appeal from this decision?

W. William P. Ackerman, member of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney, appealed the decision of the Grand Master.

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master:

This is a matter which I hope can be settled briefly, because we do have much to take care of yet this afternoon. However, I can conceive of it becoming very lengthy. I wonder if there would be any of the brethren here who would object if we would decide now how much time we are going to devote to this question, being certain that each side receives an equal opportunity to express its side of the case. Is there any objection to giving an adequate time? I am thinking of twenty minutes on each side. Something of that sort. If there is no objection, I'll rule that way and I am sure it is in the interest of fairness and also in expediting this matter. Only qualified members who hold credentials, of course, may speak. We would like you to go to the microphone and state your name and the lodge that you officially represent.

W. William P. Ackerman, 75, used the entire twenty minutes urging the Grand Lodge to sustain his appeal.

M. W. Brothers John S. Hedelund, Ralph O. Canaday and Lewis E. Smith spoke against the appeal.

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master:

Brethren, the time has expired. We will close the debate and I will call for a vote. A yes vote sustains Brother Ackerman and defeats the decision of the Grand Master. Now is that clear? A yes vote is for Brother Ackerman and a no vote is for the decision of the Grand Master and the Jurisprudence Committee. I believe that is clear. So that there may be no misunderstanding, there are many of you here I know who are not qualified to vote, so I again remind you, that only those who are accredited delegates of their lodges, have the right to vote.

All those in favor of the appeal, please rise who are entitled to vote. Please remain standing until the Deacons have made the count. You may be seated. All those opposed, which now means that you are sustaining the Grand Master and the Jurisprudence Committee in this matter, will you please rise and remain standing until the Deacons have completed the count.

Brethren, you have sustained the Grand Master in his decision in deciding that this proposed by-law was a violation of our Landmarks and the Constitution of this Grand Lodge. That concludes the matter.

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:

To every Mason this National Masonic Memorial presents many Masonic Inspirations.

Last February 22nd, the 44th annual meeting was held and the Memorial is not yet completed. Much work has been done—there is much work to be done. This undertaking is much greater than was anticipated and we are faced with an obstacle—but our determination to complete our building is greater than the obstacle. We all know that our Temple is going to be completed, because “That which we start, that we shall finish.”

How many of you in this room know something of this Memorial? (raise hands).

How many of you have been there? (raise hands).

Are you willing to promote its interest to the members of your lodge?

Then see any member of this Committee while you are here for this Grand Lodge Communication. We are anxious to be of service to you, but to be of good service to you, your co-operation is necessary, if you are to be properly informed. It is our duty to get the story of this Memorial to you and to show you why it should be your personal monument to Freemasonry, in which you can see your own personal devotion to civil and religious liberty and to a stable, orderly and constitutional government and why you should give unselfish service to the needs of humanity.

Now the Memorial is not being completed as rapidly as was planned. Please remember that the corner-stone was laid more than thirty years ago—the building dedicated more than twenty years ago. Our work must continue. If any of us “could have been” at a Directors meeting twenty or thirty years ago—we would have been assured that the Temple would be completed—endowed—and in full operation long before 1954. But many obstacles have intervened to delay progress. For a time during the war, much of the needed material could not be obtained. Labor and materials were not available. Much was needed for the war effort.

Little by little it is being completed and endowed, and without debt; and as rapidly as the funds are available. The day “when” is dependent upon Masons.

During the year the Nebraska Lodges made 1,734 good men Master Masons. The Masonic population of Nebraska is 44,972 and in the U. S. 3,810,184. For a time think of that number of good men united in any effort to do good. If each Mason would give but a small amount to the completion of the Temple, it would be speedily completed and we would be glad. Glad that our efforts, talent and money had erected a Shrine worthy of every good principle on which our fraternity stands.

This Great Temple does stand for the world to see that you and I have builded it, not only to the memory of Washington, but one to remove any shadow of doubt that might dim the light of Freemasonry. It stands to convince the world of the good efforts of Masonry.

We do not think that it is necessary to quote to you a stack of figures, consisting of maintenance and construction costs, but we do believe that it is necessary to inform you that the men who govern the affairs of the Memorial are diligently working for its completion—and that your cooperation is needed.

To give you some idea of its popularity and importance—there are well over 100,000 visitors each year. Secretary Schondau tells us that he has seen as many as 40 busloads of Senior Students at one time, who came for study and observation. It is known the world over and does reflect the name we bear.

This Committee recommends that every lodge use the new film, which will soon be available; also the new colored slides. Both should be ready for your use when you resume your lodge activities next fall. We would also like for each Secretary to order a supply of the History pamphlets and give one to the newly made Master Mason at the time he receives the receipt card for the one dollar that he pays to the Memorial. We also wish that each lodge would order a colored picture of the Memorial, which would help decorate the walls of your temple.

For you, Brethren and all Masons, let this Temple speak to the world that we have dedicated ourselves to the sacred Landmarks of Masonry, that our great Fraternity, under God, shall stand "till time shall be no more" that we are walking demonstrations of BROTHERLY LOVE for we have seen HIS LIGHT and have so consecrated ourselves.

More than twenty-five years ago, Joseph Fort Newton, a great Mason, wrote these words about the Memorial:

"And when the work of the builders is done, and the Memorial stands stately in the sunlight, white and magnificent in the night it will be at once a perpetual Shrine and a prophetic symbol; a Shrine where men who despair of the present may re-kindle their Masonic faith and patriotic hopes; a symbol of the unity and power of Masonry, in whose fellowship our first President lived and wrought—led by its light, taught by its truth, hallowed by its spirit—the Republic itself at once its Monument and his Memorial."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. Willard I. Lewis, 13, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted.

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

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submits the following report.

1. We approve the Chapter on Charter Relocations, in the Grand Master's Address.

2. The following lodges were cited to appear before this Committee, for not being represented at Grand Lodge for two successive years: Ponca Lodge No. 101, DeWitt Lodge No. 111, Rawalt Lodge No. 138, Zeredatha Lodge No. 160, Magnolia Lodge No. 220, and Holbrook Lodge No. 257. This Committee met with the representatives of each of these lodges, and our investigation shows, that in most cases there seems to be three principal reasons for their absence from Grand Lodge.

a. Lack of sufficient interest of Past Masters, who should have represented their respective lodges when they were Masters.

b. The apparent disinterest, of some of the present Masters and Wardens.

c. Lack of understanding, on the part of the membership, concerning Sec. 2-516 of the Masonic Code.

Recommendations: We recommend that the incoming Grand Master, summons the membership of each of the above named lodges to attend a special meeting of their respective lodges, and that the Grand Master, or his personal representative, meet with them, and explain the necessity of each subordinate lodge being represented at each Grand Lodge Communication.

The following lodges were cited to appear before this Committee for not being represented at Grand Lodge for three years: Evening Star Lodge No. 49 and Litchfield Lodge No. 278. Evening Star Lodge No. 49, was represented this year by a brother who has never been active in the lodge, but he was able to give an acceptable excuse for the absence of the Master, but could not give an excuse for the absence of the Wardens. Litchfield Lodge No. 278, was represented this year by the Treasurer, who could give an acceptable excuse for the non-attendance of the Master, but could give no excuse for the Wardens' not being present this year.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Inasmuch as both of these lodges were not represented at the three previous Grand Lodge Communications, we recommend that the incoming Grand Master summons all of the members of Evening Star Lodge No. 49, and Litchfield Lodge No. 278, to a special meeting, to show cause to the Grand Master or his author-

ized representative, why the Charter of Evening Star Lodge No. 49, and Litchfield Lodge No. 278, should not be forfeited for lack of interest on the part of the officers, and the failure to comply with Sec. 2-516 of the Masonic Code.

3. This Committee also examined the report of the Credential Committee, and find that the following lodges have not been represented for a period of two years: Table Rock Lodge No. 108, Crystal Lodge No. 191, Cable Lodge No. 225, Corner Stone Lodge No. 247, and James A. Tulleys Lodge No. 267.

We, therefore recommend that the above named lodges be cited to appear before this committee, at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to show cause why their charters should not be forfeited.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. John F. Fatcher, 302, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Grievances has had several petitions for restoration presented to it and after careful consideration of the facts and matters involved, offers the following report:

No. 1. Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 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 Nebraska Lodge No. 1 be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 2. Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Hebron Lodge No. 43 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 Hebron Lodge No. 43 be granted, and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 3. Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104 for restoration be not granted and that he not be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104, be not granted, and that he not be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 4. Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former Entered Apprentice Mason of Bloomfield Lodge No. 218 for

restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as an Entered Apprentice Mason, and offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former Entered Apprentice Mason of Bloomfield Lodge No. 218 be granted and that he be restored to good standing as an Entered Apprentice Mason."

No. 5. Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of Right Angle Lodge No. 303 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 Right Angle Lodge No. 303 be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 6. Your Committee has had referred to it for review two cases wherein the respective Trial Commission imposed a sentence of Indefinite Suspension on two brethren during the past year with the request by the M.'W.'.Grand Master, that this Committee carefully consider the penalty imposed and ascertain whether or not the sentence should not be increased to expulsion. Careful consideration has been given these cases and your Committee makes the following recommendations:

The record of the Trial Commission fails to reveal any fact or circumstance which would recommend any less penalty than that of expulsion. This former member of Nelson Lodge No. 77 engaged in the business of selling alcoholic liquors after the Grand Lodge had definitely formulated its policy with respect thereto. Your Committee therefore offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the sentence imposed by the Trial Commission upon a former member of Nelson Lodge No. 77 of indefinite suspension be increased to expulsion."

7. Your Committee has had referred to it by the M.'W.'. Grand Master for review and recommendation his ruling of expulsion of a former member of Nebraska Lodge No. 1.

This former member was tried before a trial referee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Colorado upon charges filed in Mesa Lodge No. 55 at Grand Junction, Colorado. The Referee found him guilty of embezzlement as charged and ordered his suspension until December 31, 1955. This judgment upon recommendation of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances was affirmed by the Grand Lodge of Colorado and the transcript of the proceedings referred to the M.'W.'.Grand Master of Nebraska, who affirmed the decision of the Grand Lodge of Colorado but ordered the penalty changed from suspension to expulsion.

Your Committee has carefully considered the transcript of the testimony, the confession of the former member to the charges against him, the judgment of the Referee, the action of the Grand Lodge of Colorado and the M.'W.'.Grand Master of Nebraska and finds no fact or circumstance which would warrant a lesser penalty than expulsion and therefore offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the action of the M. W. Grand Master be in all things affirmed and that the sentence of definite suspension be increased to expulsion."

No. 8. The record of the Trial Commission fails to reveal any fact or circumstance which would recommend any less penalty than that of expulsion. This former member of Wisner Lodge No. 114 engaged in the business of selling alcoholic liquors in violation of the adopted policy of the Grand Lodge with respect thereto. Your Committee therefore offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the sentence imposed by the Trial Commission upon a former member of Wisner Lodge No. 114 of indefinite suspension be increased to expulsion."

No. 9. The Jurisprudence Committee has referred Decision No. 11 of the Grand Master to this Committee. The Judgment of the Trial Commission was as follows: "We find the accused not guilty as charged, but find him guilty of intent to commit indecent, lewd, and filthy acts, and do hereby sentence him to an indefinite suspension of nine months". We are to determine whether or not the sentence should be increased to expulsion. After careful consideration of all of the evidence presented to the Trial Commission your Committee makes the following recommendations:

The record of the Trial Commission failed to reveal any fact or circumstance which would recommend any less penalty than that of expulsion. This former member of Florence Lodge No. 281 was charged and convicted of lewd and indecent acts, and, therefore, your Committee offers the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the sentence imposed by the Trial Commission upon a former member of Florence Lodge No. 281 of indefinite suspension be increased to expulsion."

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:

One year ago your Special Centennial Committee reported to you as to preliminary plans for the appropriate celebration of our 100th Anniversary. Briefly, it announced plans being formulated for pre-centennial regional or area meetings during the fiscal year of 1956-57, beginning with the fall months. Some 20 are now being envisioned and sometime during this next Fall, we will send out full information concerning these and will definitely organize plans and send out preliminary suggestions.

The officers of the Grand Lodge, it is expected, will arrange their itineraries for 1956-57 in such a manner as to be present at these regional pre-centennial celebrations and contribute to their effectiveness.

The general theme of the pre-centennial area meetings will be "Nebraska Masonry During Its One Hundred Years." Each lodge, it is recommended, should appoint an appropriate committee to prepare a suitable history of its entire period of existence, showing significant developments both within the lodge and without. It is expected that complete copies will be filed with the Historian of the Grand Lodge, who will incorporate the most significant historical data and information within the Historical Account of the Grand Lodge, to be published following our Centennial Celebration.

Your Committee is meeting on tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to continue its deliberations and to organize plans to be carried out in the very near future.

It is our firm belief that the Annual Communication of 1957 will indeed be a milestone in the life of the Grand Lodge. It will not only record progress already made, but also project challenging undertakings for the years to come. We anticipate your full support and confidence as we carry on.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Codification of the Law, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits the following report: It is hereby recommended:

1. That Section 1-406 (30) of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by the deletion of the following language:

"The net income therefrom shall, at the close of each fiscal year, be transferred by the Grand Trustees to the Nebraska Masonic Home and be used by it for the maintenance and operation of the Home."

2. That Section 1-301 (9), Subsection (17) of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by the deletion of the following language:

"which committee shall consist of not less than five, nor more than twenty-five members, to be appointed by the Grand Master, who shall designate its chairman."

so that said subsection shall read as follows:

"(17) Committee on Masonic Education."

3. That Section 1-319 (26-B) of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION—The Committee on Masonic Education shall consist of six members to be appointed by the Grand Master, each to serve for a period of three years and who shall be appointed for such terms as shall retire two members thereof an-





W. Brother C. Ray Macy, 26

A continuous member of the Committee on Finance and
Chairman at many communications since 1925.

nually. It shall be the duty of said Committee 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."

4. That the original Section 1-319 (26-B) of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be repealed.

5. That Section 2-614 (89-A) of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge shall be amended to read as follows:

"SOLICITATION—No solicitation of lodges for financial aid shall be carried on by lodges or Masons, except upon approval in advance by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

No lodge, or member of any lodge, shall send circular letters, copies of resolutions or other communications of a similar character to other lodges without written consent of the Grand Master, but his consent to all proper communications of such character shall not be withheld because he may disagree with the views expressed therein. Neither shall any such communication be read in any lodge unless the consent of the Grand Master is shown thereon."

6. That the original Section 2-614 (89-A) of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be repealed.

7. That the following law be enacted and become a part of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge:

"Section 2-314 (59-B). Comprehensive Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance—The Grand Lodge shall purchase a policy or policies of Comprehensive Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 public liability, and \$250,000.00 property damage liability, such insurance to cover all subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. The cost of such insurance shall not exceed eleven cents per member per year, and every subordinate lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge its share of such cost in proportion to its membership upon presentation to the subordinate lodge of a statement of such share by the Grand Secretary.

The original purchase of such insurance shall be made by the Grand Secretary upon approval by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge."

8. The approved decisions of the Grand Master require nothing more than recording as annotations to the proper sections of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. C. Ray Macy, 26, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Finance submits its reports as follows:

We have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and the various Committees and other units of the Grand Lodge having any part in the financial program of the Grand Lodge.

We have carefully reviewed the report of the auditor, submitted by James E. Hollander, and have examined all matters of finance which have in any way been referred to this Committee by the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, Committees or individuals connected with the Grand Lodge, and respectfully report our findings and recommendations for your consideration.

GENERAL FUND COMPARISON

In accordance with the practice followed for the past several years, we have prepared a list showing a comparison between the General Fund Budget adopted last year and the actual expenses during the past year.

We submit herewith as a matter of permanent record our findings.

COMPARISON OF 1953 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

EXPENSE OF ANNUAL SESSION	Expended		Over- draft
	Appro- priated	or With- drawn		Savings
Payroll	\$10,794.90	\$10,784.90	\$ 10.00
Grand Lodge Dinner	800.00	743.22	56.78
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	850.00	850.00	✓
Reporting of Grand Lodge Proceedings	75.00	26.40	48.60
Grand Tyler	15.00	15.00	✓
Grand Organist	10.00	10.00	✓
Committee on Masonic Education ..	1,800.00	1,800.00	✓
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00	600.00	✓
Trial Commissions	100.00	100.00	✓
Grand Chaplain	100.00	100.00	✓
Grand Trustees	50.00	50.00	✓
Committee on the Work	100.00	100.00	✓
Unassigned incidental expense under the direction of the Grand Master	2,000.00	1,807.50	192.50
Other Committees	100.00	100.00	✓
Travel expense, Grand Master	2,500.00	2,500.00	✓
Travel expense, Grand Secretary	500.00	500.00	✓
Travel expense, Grand Custodian and Assistants	4,500.00	4,500.00	✓
Expense, Grand Officers	600.00	600.00	✓
Expense, Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus	500.00	500.00	✓

CENTENNIAL FUND

At the 90th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge W. George W. Rosenlof, Chairman of the Committee on Centennial, presented their report and with it the recommendation that at this Communication and at each succeeding Communication up to and including that of 1957, there be authorized an annual appropriation of \$2,000 to be set aside as a special Centennial Celebration Fund to defray necessary expenditures involved including the publication of proposed history of the Grand Lodge. This report was adopted at that Grand Lodge Communication.

The report of the Committee on Finance of June, 1949, recommended that \$22,000 of the Permanent Reserve Fund be ear-marked for the Centennial Fund.

The work of the Centennial Committee has progressed to such a point that funds will be needed during this year to defray expenses that have been or will be incurred.

We recommend that \$1,500 be appropriated from the Permanent Reserve Fund to the Centennial Contingent Fund, and later in our report under Special Appropriations, this will be provided for.

This will cover Recommendation No. 2 of M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 6 (2)

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master, has recommended that \$5,000 appropriated last year from the Permanent Reserve Fund to amplify the Maintenance Fund of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children be returned to the Permanent Reserve Fund by an appropriation from the Childrens Home Endowment Fund for this amount.

This Committee approves this recommendation and will make necessary provisions for this transfer later in this report.

GENERAL FUND

There is cash in this Fund in the amount of \$47,485.48 on deposit in the Live Stock National Bank as of May 10, 1954. There has been or will be returned to the General Fund unexpended balance from various Committees of \$113.44. This makes a total of \$47,598.92 available for the 1954 General Budget.

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GENERAL FUND BUDGET

EXPENSE OF ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Pay-roll, 1954	\$	10,353.80
Grand Lodge dinner		750.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests		850.00
Reporting and transcribing of 1954 Communication.....		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 Commissions	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	1,250.00
TRAVELING EXPENSE	
Grand Master	2,500.00
Grand Secretary	1,250.00
Grand Custodian and Assistants	4,800.00
Other Grand Officers under Direction of the Grand Master	600.00
Grand Secretary Emeritus, M. W. 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, 1955	2,200.00
Audit of Grand Lodge Books and Securities	225.00
Grand Secretary's Office Expense	4,000.00
Jewel for Retiring Grand Master	154.00
PRINTING	
Proceedings of 1954 Communication, including Advance copies, etc.	2,900.00
INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS	
Workman's Compensation and Liability Insurance to 6/18/55	40.60
Dues to Masonic Relief Assn. of U. S. and Canada 44,972 members	287.36
Social Security Tax	475.00
Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers, committees and employees	315.00
Liability Insurance to cover Grand Lodge Liability on Grand Master's and others cars (blanket insurance)	22.00
Owners-Landlords and Tenants Schedule Liability Insurance	13.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Cost of Transportation of Grand Lodge for visit to The Nebraska Masonic Home	232.61
New equipment for Grand Secretary's Office	635.00
For purchase of 100 fifty-year buttons at \$2.45 each, plus 10% tax	269.50
For purchase of 25 Past Grand Masters Association lapel buttons	75.00
Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian	3.31
To cover one year's premium for Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance as per Grand Lodge action	4,946.92
TOTAL	\$ 59,598.10

In the adoption of the above Budget amounting to \$58,598.10 it will be necessary to amplify the General Fund by a special appropriation from the Permanent Reserve Fund, and will be provided for under the heading of Special Appropriations.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

MAINTENANCE FUND, THE 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\$28,000.00

As there is only \$6,912.40 available in this fund, it will be necessary to amplify this by special appropriation from other funds as provided by law.

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the amount in the Maintenance Fund of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, from income and profit on sale of securities 8,000.00

Special appropriation to reimburse the Permanent Reserve Fund for the amount appropriated last year for the Maintenance Fund, as per M.'W.'Fay Smith, Grand Master Recommendation No. 6 (2) 5,000.00

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the Maintenance Fund of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, as provided by law 8,200.00

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the Maintenance Fund of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home as provided by law 5,000.00

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

Special appropriation for the Centennial Contingent Fund, as per M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master, Recommendation No. 2	1,500.00
To amplify the General Fund to meet the Budget adopted for 1954	12,100.00

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.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

W. Richard O. Cowles, 217, 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 there is no unfinished business.

R. W. Herbert T. White:

M. W. Grand Master, I move that this Grand Lodge give a vote of thanks and appreciation to the Masters, officers and members of the eleven Omaha lodges who have put forth so much effort and have succeeded in making this 97th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge as pleasant and as successful as it has been.

M. W. Fay Smith, Grand Master:

The motion has been made and seconded, brethren, are there any remarks? As many as favor the motion will make known by the usual sign of voting. Down hands, opposed, motion is carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

M. W. Lewis E. Smith:

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 9, 10, and 11, 1953, and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published by the Grand Secretary be ratified and approved. (Seconded and carried).

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. William C. Schaper, Past Grand Master, was Installing Officer, assisted by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, Installing Marshal.

M. W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Master:

My brethren, there is a lot I would like to say, but because the hour is late, I want to make this just as brief as possible. First I want to thank M. W. Brother Schaper for acting as installing officer this afternoon. To my deep regret, M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein who appointed me as Grand Junior Deacon, is confined to his home with illness. And, therefore I asked M. W. Brother Schaper, who appointed Brother Schiefelbein in line to act as installing Grand Master for this ceremony and I do appreciate it, as well as do I appreciate M. W. Brother Smith as the Grand Marshal. My only hope is, it takes as well as some of the more elaborate and longer ceremonies.

Brethren, just a few remarks and we will close this Grand Lodge. I think you would like to know just a little bit more about two members of the new Grand Lodge group. You have known the others for some time. May I remind you that our Grand Orator, W. Joe R. Kennedy, is a member of John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, and was the speaker at the Nebraska Veterans Freemasons Association dinner this noon. He is the Minister of the First Christian Church, Omaha. Our Grand Junior Deacon, W. Joseph C. Tye of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, is a lawyer and a Presbyterian. I hope you get to know them better in the coming months.

Masonic tradition informs us that of necessity some must rule and govern, also that although we may be for a time elevated above our fellows, yet we remain one of them and we will rejoin them at the expiration of our term. It is in all sincerity and in all humility that I approach the coming year in a spirit of service to my fellow men and without any preconceived notion of personal importance. The office to which you have elevated me is, however, one of great importance, and with the aid and guidance of the Grand Master of the Universe, I shall do my best to fulfill the duties that shall be enjoined upon me with a firm and steadfast adherence to the Ancient Landmarks of the Fraternity. It is in this spirit then, my brethren, that I now solicit your cooperation to the end that Masonry in Nebraska shall continue its great program of brotherly love, relief and truth. Brethren, our representative form of Government, our free enterprise system, our free public schools, our Protestant Christianity and our Freemasonry are vitally interdependent one upon the other. This reference to the dominant religion of our brethren in America is made only to emphasize the fact that our Fraternity has always and will always champion and defend the right of every citizen and every brother to complete freedom in religious matters.

There will be many occasions when I shall be unable to do those things which a Grand Master should try to do, and things which I would derive very much pleasure and satisfaction from doing. I happen to be a country lawyer in individual practice. I have no partners and no associates to carry the burdens of the office when I am away. But I shall do my best to discharge my duties to the Craft, my family and my clients, and I ask your indulgence to that extent.

And now I would like to present my brethren from Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora. They have traveled a good many miles, and I can't think of anything that has ever happened to me that has been any nicer. It causes within me a feeling of deep humility, gratitude and love for my brother Masons and my brethren from Aurora Lodge. I am going to ask them to stand. Brethren of the Grand Lodge, will you express your appreciation and mine for making this trip to see me installed? Thank you brethren, very, very much. I would like to tell you about each one of them. They are a grand bunch of fellows. I recognize W. Brother Irvin L. Peterson, Past Master of Aurora Lodge No. 68.

W. Brother Irvin L. Peterson:

M. W. Brother Charles, we want you to know that the members of Aurora Lodge No. 68 are very proud and greatly honored by your being elected and installed as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska. I have the honor and privilege on behalf of the members of Aurora Lodge No. 68 to present you this gavel. The wood for the head of this gavel is made of Mahogany donated by Brother Lloyd L. Sack, and the handle is made of Myrtlewood which is found only in Oregon and the Holy Land, and was donated by Brother Orville N. Olson. W. Brother Keith E. Ernst, Past Master of Aurora Lodge No. 68, made the gavel. I also wish to present to you this apron case on behalf of Aurora Lodge No. 68. We hope you will accept these gifts as a token of our esteem for you and we hope you will find them of use during your year. And we wish you the greatest of success as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska.

M. W. Charles F. Adams:

Brethren of Aurora Lodge, your presence here was all that I ever expected. Here we have two beautiful gifts. I will cherish the gavel and I'll cherish and use the apron case. I will have to say thank you, and how I really mean it, when I get back home.

Brethren, there are other friends in our community. There are three lodges in Hamilton County other than my own. We are sort of a county family out there, and I know there are some brethren here from these lodges, and I'd like to have them stand, if they will, the brethren of Hampton Lodge No. 245, Eminence Lodge No. 223 and Keystone Lodge No. 62. Just one more word, I want to again ask Brother Fred Christiansen of Hampton Lodge No. 245 to stand. My brethren, I present to

you the Brother Mason who raised me to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, and I am delighted that he is here at this installation. Will you welcome him again, please? Thank you.

M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee:

M. . W. . Grand Master, may I proceed with another ceremony at this time?

M. . W. . Charles F. Adams:

You may.

M. . W. . Elmer E. Magee:

M. . W. . Brother Fay, six years ago almost this very day, you were installed as Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska together with the brethren of the Grand Lodge. We have watched you progress step by step until a year ago when you were installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. We are proud of the record which you have made during the past year. We have marvelled at the sacrifice of time and energy which you have given in the service of the Grand Lodge. I knew now that you have been breathing a sigh of relief in having turned over some of those responsibilities, but I also know that you will continue as an active Mason and an active member of the Grand Lodge as long as you live. I have here a jewel to be presented to you, it is a beautiful piece of work. Its intrinsic value is rather great, yet we are not giving it to you because of that, but as an expression of our affection for you and something which you may keep to remind you of the year just passed, and of your continued duties to our Grand Lodge. It is a pleasure therefore, for me to pin on your breast the Jewel of a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

M. . W. . Fay Smith:

M. . W. . Brother Elmer, I want to thank you most sincerely for the Jewel. In view of the fact you are my Masonic Father, I appreciate it a great deal that you are here to present this Jewel to me, and certainly I do pledge my continued support to Masonry in Nebraska as long as I do live. Thank you.

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

M. . W. . Grand Master, and my brethren, I am particularly happy to present to our retiring Grand Master this beautiful apron. He wants to look sharp, be sharp, feel sharp and he was more or less dissatisfied with his Grand Master's apron because he thought it was soiled. I now present him, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, this Past Grand Master's apron, unsoiled, and we charge him to keep it as such. It is a pleasure, Fay, to present it to you.

M. W. Fay Smith:

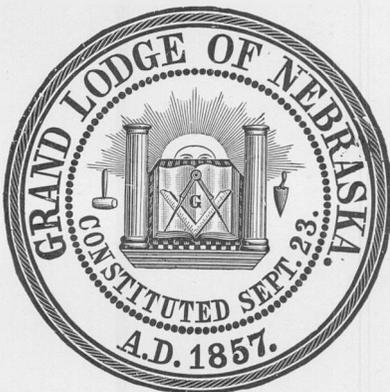
Thank you so much, Brother Carl, and I know of no one I would rather have hand me the apron. I take the ribbing in good graces and still think the Jurisprudence Committee handled me gently. I told my wife last night that I occasionally see Brother Carl and our newly installed Grand Master off in a huddle planning things for next year, and I said, "You don't suppose that they think they can run this Grand Lodge without me."

She said, "Yes, I am sure they will."

Your Grand Lodge is in excellent hands, and I wish for them a most successful year. Thank you again.

At 5:40 p.m. no further business appearing, after prayer by V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Charles J. Adams
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-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Omaha, Nebraska, June 8 and 9, 1954, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, this 12th day of July, 1954.

Frank Feisen
Grand Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

This page is inscribed

To the Memory of

Most Worshipful

EDWIN D. CRITES

Past Grand Master

Installed June 9, 1926

Born January 29, 1884

Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Died November 7, 1953

Chadron, Nebraska

IN MEMORIAM

This page is inscribed

To the Memory of

Most Worshipful

JOHN R. TAPSTER

Past Grand Master

Installed June 11, 1931

Born November 30, 1876

Sleaford, England

Died March 21, 1954

North Bend, Nebraska

IN MEMORIAM

This page is fraternally and affectionately
dedicated to the memory of
Seven Hundred Seventy-nine
Beloved Brethren
of this Grand Jurisdiction
who will be seen on earth no more.

*"Light rest the ashes upon thee and may the
sunshine of Heaven beam bright at thy waking."*

IN MEMORIAM

To the Distinguished Dead
of other
Grand Jurisdictions
This page is
Fraternally and Affectionately
Dedicated.

**VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS
WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.**

Lewis E. Smith, 52 Years	1901-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15- 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29- 30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54
William Corh 46 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- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54
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- 44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54
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
William F. Evers, 35 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- 52-53-54
George A. Stevens, 33 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- 51-54
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
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
C. Ray Macy, 31 Years	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54
Benjamin F. Eyre, 31 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54
John S. Hedelund, 31 Years	1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38- 39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54
Raymond C. Cook, 31 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- 51-52-53-54
Carl R. Greisen, 31 Years	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54
Jesse Lowther, 30 Years	1916-17-20-21-22-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34- 35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48
William 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 26 Years	1928-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54

Perry J. Morton, 25 Years	1928-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-50 51-52-53-54
Pearl C. Hillegass, 25 Years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54
Walter R. Raecke 25 Years	1924-25-26-1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54
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
Herbert T. White 23 Years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-50 51-52-53-54

WE HAVE SET APART THIS PAGE DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS WHO HAVE PASSED
BEYOND THE VEIL.

NAME	Died	Year Served
ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Jan. 9th, 1899	(1st)..1857-58-59
GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Nov. 12th, 1896 ...	(2nd)..1860-61-62
DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Nov. 27th, 1912	(3rd)..1863-64
ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	June 1st, 1905	(4th)..1865-66
ORSAMUS H. IRISH.....	Jan. 27th, 1883	(5th)..1867-68
HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Nov. 23rd, 1914	(6th)..1869-70
WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Dec. 29th, 1917	(7th)..1871-72
MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Feb. 18th, 1915	(8th)..1873
FRANK WELCH	Sept. 4th, 1878	(9th)..1874
ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	July 10th, 1894	(10th)..1875
GEORGE H. THUMMEL.....	Feb. 5th, 1932	(11th)..1876
GEORGE W. LININGER.....	June 8th, 1907	(12th)..1877
EDWARD K. VALENTINE.....	April 11th, 1916	(13th)..1878
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Feb. 2nd, 1904	(14th)..1879
JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Jan. 21st, 1901	(15th)..1880
JAMES R. CAIN, Sr.....	Nov. 24th, 1920	(16th)..1881
EDWIN F. WARREN.....	July 9th, 1923	(17th)..1882
SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Nov. 15th, 1913	(18th)..1883
JOHN JAY WEMPLE.....	May 28th, 1943	(19th)..1884
MANOAH B. REESE.....	Sept. 28th, 1917	(20th)..1885
CHARLES K. COUTANT.....	Aug. 23rd, 1910	(21st)..1886
MILTON J. HULL.....	Sept. 18th, 1923	(22nd)..1887
GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	Aug. 16th, 1914	(23rd)..1888
JOHN J. MERCER.....	Feb. 25th, 1915	(24th)..1889
ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Feb. 16th, 1927	(25th)..1890
BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER.....	May 8th, 1909	(26th)..1891
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON.....	Dec. 8th, 1928	(27th)..1892
JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Nov. 12th, 1918	(28th)..1893
JOHN A. EHRHARDT	Nov. 1st, 1925	(29th)..1894
HENRY H. WILSON.....	June 28th, 1941	(30th)..1895

Name	Died	Year Served
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Aug. 24th, 1915.....	(31st)..1896
JOHN B. DINSMORE	Oct. 6th, 1915.....	(32nd)..1897
FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Dec. 24th, 1917.....	(33rd)..1898
WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....	Aug. 17th, 1922.....	(34th)..1899
ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Aug. 23rd, 1915.....	(35th)..1900
ROBERT E. EVANS.....	July 8th, 1925.....	(36th)..1901
NATHANIEL M. AYERS.....	Nov. 19th, 1913.....	(37th)..1902
FRANK E. BULLARD.....	Jan. 31st, 1933.....	(38th)..1903
CHARLES E. BURNHAM.....	May 29th, 1933.....	(39th)..1904
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL.....	May 2nd, 1911.....	(40th)..1905
ZUINGLE M. BAIRD	Dec. 17th, 1916.....	(41st)..1906
ORNAN J. KING.....	Dec. 26th, 1927.....	(42nd)..1907
WILLIAM A. DE BORD.....	May 17th, 1916.....	(43rd)..1908
MICHAEL DOWLING.....	May 5th, 1921.....	(44th)..1909
HARRY A. CHENEY.....	June 27th 1948.....	(45th)..1910
HENRY GIBBONS.....	Aug. 22nd. 1923.....	(46th)..1911
JAMES R. CAIN, JR.	Sept. 3rd, 1950.....	(47th)..1912
APLHA MORGAN	April 17th, 1924.....	(48th)..1913
THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Aug. 12th, 1919.....	(49th)..1914
SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	Aug. 11th, 1931.....	(50th)..1915
ANDREW H. VIELE.....	May 9th, 1941.....	(51st)..1916
FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....	Aug. 13th, 1944.....	(52nd)..1917
AMBROSE C. EPPERSON.....	Mar. 16th, 1944.....	(53rd)..1918
JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	July 31st. 1934.....	(54th)..1919
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG.....	June 14th, 1950.....	(55th)..1920
EDWARD M. WELLMAN.....	Aug. 31st, 1922.....	(57th)..1922
ROBERT R. DICKSON.....	June 18th, 1941.....	(59th)..1924
JOHN WRIGHT.....	Oct. 29th, 1936.....	(60th)..1925
EDWIN D. CRITES.....	Nov. 7th, 1953.....	(61st)..1926
ALBERT R. DAVIS.....	Mar. 7th, 1929.....	(62nd)..1927
FRANK H. WOODLAND.....	Oct. 23rd. 1940.....	(63rd)..1928
IRA C. FREET.....	Oct. 13th, 1944.....	(64th)..1929
ORVILLE A. ANDREWS.....	Oct. 16th. 1936.....	(65th)..1930
JOHN R. TAPSTER.....	Mar. 21st, 1954.....	(66th)..1931
EDWIN B. JOHNSTON.....	Feb. 11th, 1933.....	(67th)..1932
ARCHIE M. SMITH.....	May 8th, 1950.....	(69th)..1933
WILLIAM C. RAMSEY.....	May 19th. 1938.....	(71st)..1935
WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON.....	July 3rd, 1944.....	(73rd)..1937
WILLIAM J. BRECKENRIDGE...Nov.	16th, 1951.....	(75th)..1939

PAST GRAND MASTERS
 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE
 A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

LEWIS E. SMITH	.....	(56th) ..	1921
	321 Trust Building		
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL	.....	(58th) ..	1923
	Minden		
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) ..	1940
	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		
FAY SMITH	.....	(88th) ..	1953
	Box 7, Imperial		
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
 321 Trust Building
 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	Caigary.
Argentina	Alcibiades Lappas	Cangallo 1242 (R28), Buenos Aires
Arizona	Joseph A. E. Ivey	Box 1488, Tucson
Arkansas	Woodleif A. Thomas	Little Rock.
Brazil, United Grand Lodge of Bahia	Estanislaw Martinez Barral	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, 473 Box 5, Belo Horizonte
Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Dr. Carlos Barcellos Fagundes	Box 683, Praca Garibaldi 21, Porto Alegre
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro	Jose Rodrigues	Box 2215, Rio de Janeiro
Brazil, Sao Paulo	Hans Heilbrunn	Box 8348, Sao Paulo
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Augusto de Almeida Simoes	Joao, Pessoa Box 633, Paraiba
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	Emerito de Lima	Apartadox Postal No. 333
Connecticut	Earle K. Haling	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica	Juan Jose Soto	Apartado Y, San Jose
Cuba	Jose F. Castellanos	Apt. 72, Havana
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	818 Market Street, Wilmington
Denmark	Einar Hoeg	Blegdamsvej, 23 Copenhagen
District of Columbia	Raymond N. Babcock	Masonic Temple, Washington
Ecuador	Jose Aurelio Vallejo y Caza	Masonic Temple, Guayaquil.
Egypt	Mohamed Rifaat	P. O. Box 1714, Cairo.
England	Sydney A. White	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida	George W. Huff	Jacksonville.
National Grand Lodge of France	R. A. Davies	Cily-en-Bierre (Seine-et-Marne)
Georgia	Daniel W. Locklin	Macon.
Germany, United Grand Lodge	Walther Schiffman	P. O. Box 16288 a. m.-Frankfurt
Greece	D. 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	Box 111, Harrisburg
Indiana	Dwight L. Smith	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis.
Iowa	Earl B. Delzell	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Israel, State of	E. Dubinsky	P. O. B. 2080, Tel Aviv
Kansas	Arthur H. Strickland	320 W. 5th, Topeka
Kentucky	Al. E. Orton	Shubert Bldg., Louisville.
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens, Jr.	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine	Convers E. Leach	Portland.
Manitoba	Thomas C. 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	Byron F. Gaither	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	Harold O. Cady	Concord.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—(Concluded)

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
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	F. 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.
Nova Scotia	Reginald V. Harris	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Nuevo Leon, Mexico	Ernesto de Villarreal Cantu	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 Isaies	Box 8385 Ferndon's Junce Station, Santurce
Quebec	R. W. Louthood	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
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	Harvey C. Byrd	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	Plattsmouth.	May 4, 1939
F. Whitfield.	Edmonton.	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta.	Earl M. Bolen, 130	Ulysses.	May 2, 1924
D. Eduardo Ayala	Buenos Aires.	Sept. 23, 1954	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass, 81	Rising City.	Sept. 15, 1954
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
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho.	Val. do Salvador.	Sept. 19, 1936	Brazil, Bahia	Mainard E. Crosby, 32	North Platte.	Sept. 19, 1936
Roumundo Nonata da Vale.	Ceara.	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte.	Nov. 7, 1949
Jose Cesario Horto.	Minas Gerais.	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha.	Jan. 7, 1950
Guilherne Wittine.	Rio de Janeiro.	Dec. 2, 1944	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Lincoln.	Sept. 19, 1941
Abio Herve.	Rio Grande do Sul.	Oct. 10, 1949	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	John J. Helzer, 158	Chadron.	Nov. 15, 1949
Onelio Leal DaSilva	Paraiba	Feb. 4, 1954	Brazil, Lodge of Paraiba.	Benjamin F. Eyr. 1	Omaha.	Jan. 3, 1936
Walter Pinto.	Sao Paulo.	Nov. 14, 1951	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	Jan. 17, 1954
John Woolcook.	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	June 2, 1929
Cecilia Nieto Casobo.	San Jose.	Dec. 10, 1918	Costa Rica	Frank A. Anderson, 17	Tecumseh.	Jan. 5, 1952
V. H. Francisco Enrique	Garcia	Nov. 5, 1952	Cuba.	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
James T. Chandler.	Wilmingten.	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.	Herbert A. Ranin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Fernandos Gayangos Aroya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Ecuador.	Guy W. Anderson, 36	Lincoln	May 12, 1939
Ibrahim F. K. Pacha.	Alexandria.	Oct. 10, 1933	Egypt.	Emil H. Vierica, 33	Grand Island.	July 23, 1947
William R. S. Bathurst.	Wiltshire.	May 18, 1950	England.	Fay Smith, 198	Imperial.	June 17, 1954
Leon E. Forbes.	Jacksonville.	April 15, 1944	Florida.	Charles B. Nicodemus, 15	Fremont.	April 15, 1944
Frank G. Birdsong.	LaGrange.	April 24, 1951	Georgia.	Ralph M. Corhart, 83	Wayne.	Sept. 23, 1954
Richard Back.	Braunschweig.	Aug. 2, 1954	Germany.	Carl H. Freese, 114	Platts mouth.	Jan. 23, 1941
George Sakellariou	Athens.	April 10, 1954	Greece	Steve G. Paulos, 318	Wisner.	July 13, 1954
Bjarne Bjornason	Helgofell.	Jan. 7, 1953	Iceland	Nels Ostergaard, 32	Grand Island	Nov. 20, 1953
Everett W. Rising.	Nampa.	April 30, 1932	Idaho.	David C. Spangler, 41	North Platte	June 26, 1953
Harry L. Kline.	Decatur.	July 11, 1950	Illinois.	Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59	Stanton.	Dec. 7, 1925
John P. Lippincott.	South Bend.	Feb. 26, 1948	Indiana.	Roy S. Planck, 15	Wahoo.	Dec. 20, 1944
John A. Wallace.	Dublin.	Jan. 7, 1953	Ireland.	Thomas T. Varney, 176	Fremont.	Mar. 7, 1952
Israel Levin.	Tel Aviv.	Sept. 14, 1954	Israel, State of	William Grodinsky, 11	Ansley.	Dec. 20, 1944
Homer B. Osborn.	Wichita.	Sept. 28, 1944	Kansas.	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Omaha.	July 26, 1954
C. E. Tyree, Sr.	Beattyville.	April 20, 1945	Kentucky.	Barton H. Kuhns, 268	Wahoo.	Jan. 13, 1950
Charles F. Ratcliffe.	Baton Rouge.	Sept. 18, 1936	Louisiana.	Norris Chadderdon, 146	Omaha.	Sept. 10, 1946
James A. Sanker.	Belfast.	Sept. 14, 1948	Maine.	Carlos E. Schaper, 148	Haldrege.	June 22, 1937
Nathan Rothstein.	Winnipeg.	Mar. 22, 1951	Manitoba.	Ernest C. Purdy, 195	Broken Bow.	May 26, 1950
Ernest L. Poynor.	Rescoe Pound.	Dec. 8, 1953	Maryland.	George A. Kurk, 54	Gordon.	June 24, 1943
Roscoe Pound.	Cambridge.	May 1, 1929	Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Lincoln.	June 22, 1937
Horace Dillon.	Torrone, Coah.	Mar. 17, 1944	Mexico.	Earl J. Lee, 15	Falls City.	June 22, 1937
Frank W. Richey.	Dowagiac.	Feb. 23, 1907	Michigan.	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Fremont.	April 9, 1934
Herbert S. Romberg.	Ada.	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota.	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln.	Aug. 29, 1917
Buford Walker.	Picayune.	May 28, 1951	Mississippi.	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Lincoln.	Feb. 14, 1952
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REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
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	Reno	June 19, 1911	Nevada	Phil B. Campbell, 65	Osceola	May 4, 1939
LeBaron Wilson	St. John	Mar. 7, 1921	New Brunswick	Mahlan 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	Maplewood	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	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Frederick J. Hayward	Mosman	Mar. 10, 1950	New So. Wales	Glen L. Rice, 3	Seward	July 10, 1947
Philip H. Berdolt	New York City	Nov. 27, 1953	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
Armon E. Baggett		Oct. 22, 1953	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 Lorimer	Stellarton	July 28, 1952	Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entrekim, 295	Gering	July 10, 1941
Juan L. Arocha	Monterrey	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Morris V. Balcom, 46	Kearney	May 7, 1954
Robert L. Troeschler	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	Varro E. Tyler, 2	Nebraska City	Dec. 9, 1941
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 12, 1953	Panama	Walter R. Raecke, 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	John E. Beaver, 253	Beemer	Jan. 8, 1954
Harry Hill	Brisbane	May 31, 1923	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Qct. 31, 1940
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Mark Musk	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	Sioux Falls	Aug. 6, 1908	South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Minden	Aug. 26, 1918
G. A. E. Lagerfelt	Linkoping, Sweden	Oct. 6, 1939	Sweden	W. Alex Danielson, 116	Alma	Sept. 10, 1953
V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949	Tamaulipas	Robert D. Wilson, 268	Omaha	Aug. 8, 1949
			Tasmania	C. Ray Macy, 26	Beatrice	Sept. 23, 1954
P. D. Kersh	Jackson	Sept. 14, 1948	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
Harold A. Bateman	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. Burleigh 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. Hoffmon	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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- Acacia, 34.
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 Amethyst, 190.
 Amity, 169.
 Anselmo, 258.
 Antelope, 276.
 Arcana, 195.
 Ashlar, 33.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.

 Bancroft, 145.
 Barnston, 165.
 Bartley, 228.
 Bassett, 254.
 Bayard, 301.
 Beatrice, 26.
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 Bee Hive, 184.
 Beemer, 253.
 Bennett, 91.
 Bladen, 319.
 Blazing Star, 200.
 Bloomfield, 218.
 Blue Hill, 129.
 Blue River, 30.
 Blue Valley, 64.
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 Cable, 225.
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 Cambridge, 150.
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 Canopy, 209.
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 Golden Rod, 306.
 Golden Rule, 236.
 Golden Sheaf, 202.
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 Granite, 189.
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 Hampton, 245.
 Hardy, 117.
 Harlan, 116.
 Harmony, 321.
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Hickman, 256.
 Highland, 194.
 Hiram, 52.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Hooper, 72.
 Hope, 29.
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 Ionic, 87.
 Israel, 187.

 Jachin, 146.
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 Jewel, 149.
 John J. Mercer, 290.
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 Jordan, 27.
 Justice, 180.

 Kenesaw, 144.
 Keystone, 62.
 Kimball, 294.

 Lancaster, 54.
 Landmark, 222.
 Laurel, 248.
 Lebanon, 323.
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 Lily, 154.
 Lincoln, 19.
 Litchfield, 278.
 Lone Tree, 36.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Lotus, 289.

 Magnolia, 220.
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 McCook, 135.
 Melrose, 60.
 Meridian, 188.
 Merna, 171.
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 Minutaire, 295.
 Minden, 127.
 Minnekadusa, 192.
 Mitchell, 263.
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 Palisade, 216.
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St. Johns, 25.
Stromsburg, 126
Superior, 121.
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Trestle Board, 162.
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Valley, 157.
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 Allen, 236.
 Alliance, 183.
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 Bentrice, 26.
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 Benkelman, 180.
 Bennet, 94.
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 Blue Hill, 129.
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 Burchard, 147.
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 Cairo, 324.
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 Cambridge, 150.
 Carleton, 199.
 Cedar Bluffs, 215.
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 Ceresco, 229.
 Chadron, 158.
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 Chester, 298.
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 Clay Center, 139.
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 College View, 320.
 Columbus, 223.
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 Cortland, 194.
 Cozad, 188.
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 Creighton, 100.
 Crete, 37.
 Crofton, 273.
 Culbertson, 174.
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 Dalton, 321.

 Danbury, 185.
 Davenport, 154.
 David City, 51.
 Decatur, 88.
 DeWitt, 111.
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 Douglas, 237.
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 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)
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 Belgrade, U. D., (269)
 Bell Creek, U. D., (241)
 Benkelman, U. D., (180)
 Benson, U. D., (290)
 Blue Springs, U. D., (85)
 *Bradshaw, 255
 Brainard, 115, (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (223)
 Burchard, U. D., (137)
 Burnett, U. D., (166)
 Butte, U. D., (233)
 Carleton, U. D., (199)
 Cedar, U. D., (13)
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215)
 Cedar Rapids, U. D., (143)
 Central City, U. D., (ext.)
 Ceresco, U. D., (229)
 Chadron, U. D., (158)
 Chapman, U. D., (239)
 Columbus, U. D., (ext.)
 Columbus, U. D., (58)
 Columbus, 8, (ext.)
 Cowles, 296, (ext.)
 Crab Orchard, U. D., (238), ext.
 Crawford, U. D., (181)
 Cuming City, U. D., (21)
 Custer, U. D., (148)
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 Danbury, U. D., (185)
 Davenport, U. D., (154)
 Decatur, 7, (ext.)
 Doric, 118, (ext.)
 Douglas, U. D., (237)
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 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)
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 Harmony, U. D., (ext.)
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 Hildreth, 252
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 *Joppa, 76
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 Lafayette, 24, (ext.)
 Lebanon, 58, (ext.)
 Leigh, U. D., (193)
 *Level, 196
 Liberty, U. D., (152)
 Livingstone, 66, (ext.)
 Loup Fork, U. D., 8, (ext.)
 Mackey, U. D., (242)
 Macoy, 22, (ext.)
 Magic City, U. D., (194)
 Miller, 213, (ext.)
 Monitor, U. D., (ext.)
 Morrill, U. D., (271)
 Nebraska City, 12 (ext.)
 Norfolk, U. D., (55)
 North Loup, U. D., (142), (ext.)
 Odell, U. D., 122, (ext.)
 Ohiowa, U. D., (182)
 Orion, 242, (ext.)
 Overton, U. D., (267)
 Oxford, U. D., (138)
 Pacific, U. D., (310)
 *Palmer, (315)
 Palestine, U. D., (ext.)
 Palmyra, 45, (ext.)
 *Parallel Lodge No. 152, (ext.)
 Pawnee City, U. D., (23)
 Peru, U. D., (ext.)
 Plumb, 186, (ext.)
 Reynolds, U. D., (160)
 Rising, U. D., (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
Dorie 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
Hhmar 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 No. 296.....	Cowles	December 31, 1946
Exeter No. 283	Exeter	December 16, 1952

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska	1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Donald F. Paffenrath	Walter Dinkel
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	Neils C. Madsen	Fred M. Stearns
Capitol	3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Sander Ekstrand	Wallie W. Messick
Nemaha Valley	4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before	William Seibert	Abe Lawrence
5 Omadi	5	Dakota City	Dakota	Second Tuesday	Walter M. Beermann	Raymond H. Ream
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	Leslie J. Hutchinson	Emil J. Weyrich
Falls City	9	Falls City	Richardson	Second Thursday	Robert A. Goodale	George W. Goldsmith
Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before	Gordon D. Clausen	Edward H. Lorenzen
Covert	11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Don L. McCoy	George R. Porter
10 Orient	13	Rulo	Richardson	First and third Mondays	Charles R. Voegel, Sr.	Willard I. Lewis, Jr.
Peru	14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	Ross B. Adams	Wallace W. Barnes
Fremont	15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	W. Beltrand Kolbo	Roy S. Planck
Tecumseh	17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Harry B. Richardson	Dale R. Bush
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Burrell R. Dunn	Perry J. Morton
15 Washington	21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Earl P. Long	Chris K. Bendorf
Pawnee	23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	H. Reed Dusenberv	David D. Dusenbery
St. Johns	25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	William A. Pettengill	Harry M. Green
Beatrice	26	Beatrice	Gage	Second Monday	Lloyd W. Shank	Percy R. Bick
Jordan	27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesday	Leland W. Olson	John A. Wagner
20 Hope	29	Nemaha	Nemaha	Friday on or before	Norman Kennedy	Jay Burns
Blue River	30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	Keith D. Boshart	Clarence C. Wertman
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	Burt	Second Wednesday	Bernad T. Pipher	Anton R. Kokes
Platte Valley	32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	George F. Schell	Edward W. Cross
Ashlar	33	Schuyler	Hall	Second Thursday	Russell L. Fickes	Robert W. Cook
25 Acacia	34	Gardner	Colfax	Third Tuesday	Forrest H. Pulver	Carroll K. Longacre
Fairbury	35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Donald W. Larkins	Walter E. Scott
Lone Tree	36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Charles H. Phares	Lee C. Coolidge
Crete	37	Crete	Saline	First Thursday	Leonard W. Stewart	Everett M. Wood
Oliver	38	Seward	Seward	Third Thursday	Marlin Reynolds	Walter E. Beck
30 Papillion	39	Papillion	Sarpy	Second Wednesday	Daniel M. Seibold	Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt	40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Albert W. Watsek	Halley M. Fishwood
Northern Light	41	Stanton	Stanton	Second Thursday	Fred Hansen	Fred R. Waring
Hebron	43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Victor B. McClure	Harlan S. Gordon
Harvard	44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Gerald Hohnstein	Ira F. Fishback
35 Rob Morris	46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Norris L. Rusmisell	Donald L. Gherman

	Fairmont 48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Second Tuesday	Everett Real	James A. Rose
	Evening Star 49	Sutton	Clay	Second Thursday	Donald H. Traudt	Roy M. King
	Hastings 50	Hastings	Adams	First Thursday	Paul R. Pierce	Curtis L. Walters
	Fidelity 51	David City	Butler	First Tuesday	Herman F. Hansen	Eldon B. Johnson
40	Hiram 52	Arlington	Washington	Second Thursday	LeRoy C. Brown	John R. Peterson
	Charity 53	Red Cloud	Webster	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Nathan D. Guy	Marion Bloom
	Lancaster 54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Vern D. Carey	Victor Seymour
	Mosaic 55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Robert E. Benson	Clarence G. McNamee
	York 56	York	York	Last Friday	William E. Beachler	Robert V. Jones
45	Mt. Moriah 57	Syracuse	Otoe	Second Thursday	James E. Lowson	Charles L. Strong
	Wahoo 59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	Paul Rood	Edwin R. Levin
	Melrose 60	Orleans	Harlan	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Thomas B. Oldham	M. H. Mintzmeier
	Thistle 61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Edward L. Spuhler	Joseph E. Snyder
	Keystone 62	Phillips	Hamilton	Second Monday	Paul R. Weber	Robert D. Jensen
50	Blue Valley 64	Wilber	Saline	First and Third Tuesdays	Stuart J. Bohacek	Otto Novak
	Osceola 65	Osceola	Polk	Second Thursday	John A. Inness	I. Donald Huston
	Edgar 67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays	Robert E. Mikkelsen	Harold W. Schnittker
	Aurora 68	Aurora	Hamilton	First Tuesday	Wayne E. Nordstrom	Claude A. Rennau
	Sterling 70	Sterling	Johnson	Second Monday	H. Dale Park	Arnold W. Feistner
55	Trowel 71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Keith Pilcher	Lee R. Fleming
	Hooper 72	Hooper	Dodge	First Friday	Delmar Groetke	Norris W. Lallman
	Friend 73	Friend	Saline	First and third Wednesdays	Ralph Samuelson	Alva N. Murray
	Alexandria 74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Tuesday	Gerald W. Joe	Guy B. Averill
	Frank Welch 75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Henry Baekkel, Jr.	Harold K. Bond
60	Nelson 77	Nelson	Nuckolls	First Thursday	Frank R. Harris	Warren C. Hall
	Albion 78	Albion	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Lloyd A. Hahn	John E. Williard
	Geneva 79	Geneva	Fillmore	First Tuesday	Donald D. Kimbrough	Gerald B. Walton
	Composite 81	Rising City	Butler	First Tuesday	Louis Kallenback	Fredolph C. Chalquist
	St. Paul 82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	George C. Hiett	Fred R. Haggart
65	Corinthian 83	Wakefield	Dixon	Third Friday	Roy S. Wiggains	V. H. Robert Hanson
	Fairfield 84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Mondays	F. Cliff Fisher	Charles V. Glenn
	Doniphan 85	Doniphan	Hall	First Friday	Clinton G. Underwood	Harlo M. Treat
	Ionic 87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before	Floyd Hildreth	John R. Wagner
	Star 88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	Ray Gatewood	Walter W. Small
70	Cedar River 89	Fullerton	Nance	First and third Mondays	Arna Peterson	Wayne H. Nicholls
	Oakland 91	Oakland	Burt	First Thursday	William R. Larson	Charles W. West, Sr.
	Beaver City 93	Beaver City	Furnas	Second Monday	Homer S. Young	Dewey S. Heidloff
	Bennett 94	Bennet	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Reed Thompson	Harry W. Burt
	Garfield 95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays	Iwight I. Harder	Lloyd G. Gillespie
75	Utica 96	Utica	Seward	Second Thursday	Harold E. Rhoades	Clair R. McNeil

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Euclid	97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	Gorden L. Heneger	Alvin C. Groesser
Republican	98	Republican City	Harlan	Second Wednesday	Louis L. Kammerer	Lennie E. Workman
Shelton	99	Shelton	Buffalo	Third Tuesday	Lloyd Oliver	Frederic M. Wiseman
Creighton	100	Creighton	Knox	First Tuesday	G. William Wilkins	Carl I. Oppen
80 Ponca	101	Ponca	Dixon	Third Thursday	Russell L. Fleury	Dean H. Ehle
Waterloo	102	Waterloo	Douglas	First Tuesday	Lyle M. Winterburn	Herbert L. Johnson
Ord	103	Ord	Valley	First Wednesday	John J. Wozab	Ralph L. Craig
Wymore	104	Wymore	Gage	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Maurice C. Crowley	O. Wayne Miller
Stella	105	Stella	Richardson	First Thursday	Clyde T. Argabright	Elmer R. Ham
85 Porter	106	Loup City	Sherman	Second and fourth Tuesdays	John W. Parks	Frederick J. Leschinsky
Table Rock	108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Lloyd Covault	Orval O. Johnson
Pomegranate	110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	Richard Vance	Paul I. Eaton
DeWitt	111	DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before O.	George H. Norton	William W. Savage
Springfield	112	Springfield	Sarpy	Second Tues. and fourth Sat.	E. Donald Schmidt	William Ward
90 Globe	113	Madison	Madison	First Tuesday	Duncan T. Whyte	Vern O. Peterson
Wisner	114	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Bernard J. Freese	Raymond A. Jensen
Harlan	116	Alma	Harlan	First and third Tuesdays	Allen W. Parker	Thomas C. Rogers
Hardy	117	Hardy	Nuckolls	First Thursday	Ezra Olsen	Kenneth C. Pederson
North Bend	119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Jens H. Thomson	Leon J. Cherny
95 Wayne	120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Thursdays	Fred Denkinger	Walter S. Bressler
Superior	121	Superior	Nuckolls	Second Tuesday	George E. Chambers	Merle P. Hayes
Auburn	124	Auburn	Nemaha	First Tuesday	H. Wilson McLain	William N. Boyd
Mount Nebo	125	Genoa	Nance	Second Tuesday	Keith D. Wheeler	Dorris L. Cuddeford
Stromsburg	126	Stromsburg	Polk	Second Tuesday	Forrest F. Berggren	Arnold F. Detmer
100 Minden	127	Minden	Kearney	Second Wednesday	Robert Randall	Jack White
Guide Rock	128	Guide Rock	Webster	Second Thursday	Bryce Ohmstede	Neal Zimmerman
Blue Hill	129	Blue Hill	Webster	Second and fourth Mondays	Thomas C. Vaughan	Oliver H. Martin
Tuscan	130	Surprise	Butler	Second Thursday	D. Daren Riblett	Arthur Kunzman
Scribner	132	Scribner	Dodge	First Tuesday	Ralph Fuerst	Donald D. Hill, Sr.
105 Elm Creek	133	Elm Creek	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Fred W. Richeal	Cooper H. Butt
Solar	134	Clarks	Merrick	Second Tuesday	Hubert M. Burruss	Leonard Selko
McCook	135	McCook	Red Willow	First and third Tuesdays	Francis B. Beaty	Lewis E. Baker
Long Pine	136	Long Pine	Brown	Third Tuesday	Paul R. Sellars	Benjamin C. Dewell
Upright	137	Burchard	Pawnee	First and third Wednesdays	Kenneth A. Bowman	William Yarpe
110 Rawalt	138	Oxford	Furnas	Third Thursday	Bernard Dale Fish	Alfred H. Nissen

Clay Centre 139	Clay Center	Clay	Second Tuesday	Kenneth A. Palmer	George M. Porter
Western 140	Western	Saline	Second Monday	Edward Timmel	Glenn C. Wiegers
Crescent 143	Primrose	Boone	Second Thursday	Elwin R. Shaver	Harry P. Hansen
Kenesaw 144	Kenesaw	Adams	Second Thursday	Paul Parker	Edward F. Guilkey
115 Bancroft 145	Bancroft	Cuming	Second and fourth Mondays	Hiram K. Richardson	Donald A. Hansen
Jachin 146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Richard C. Hallgren	Elmer G. Brunzell
Siloam 147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or before O	Clarence E. McClurg	Harry L. Cowles
Emmet Crawford 143	Broken Bow	Custer	Third Wednesday	Charley C. Talbot	Carlos C. Schaper
Jewel 149	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Henry J. Langhorst	John L. Pfingston
120 Cambridge 150	Cambridge	Furnas	First and third Tuesdays	Gerald B. Ross	Harley I. Simon
Square 151	Vulparaiso	Saunders	Second and fourth Tuesdays	G. Harold Clark	Herman J. Schmidt
Evergreen 153	Pierce	Pierce	Second Tuesday	Archie R. Lederer	Homer F. Birch
Lily 154	Davenport	Thayer	Third Thursday	Melvin M. Jennings, Jr.	Vivian H. Virchow
Hartington 155	Hartington	Cedar	First Thursday	Vernon G. Nelson	Rudolph H. Jenny
125 Pythagoras 156	Page	Holt	First Friday	James H. Pruden	LuVern Van Conett
Valley 157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Second Tuesday	Guy L. Thielbar	Lewis L. Skiles
Samaritan 158	Chadron	Dawes	First and third Thursdays	Allen R. Miller	George A. Stevens
Ogallala 159	Ogallala	Keith	First Tuesday	Jack J. Hill	Howard F. Payne
Zeredatha 160	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Thursdays	Paul W. Goebel	Paul A. Ude
130 Mount Zion 161	Shelby	Polk	Second Monday	Rolon J. Scow	Ernest E. Lees
Trestle Board 162	Brock	Nemaha	First Tuesday	M. Allan Casey	Floyd Christy
Unity 163	Greenwood	Cass	First and third Tuesdays	Gerald Barger	Emmet A. Landon
Atkinson 164	Atkinson	Holt	First and third Wednesdays	Edgar A. Robertson	Raymer L. Funk
Barneston 165	Barneston	Gage	First Tuesday	E. Elmo Willey	E. Howard Goin
135 Mystic Tie 166	Madison	Madison	Third Thursday	Arthur Lindahl	Fred Lindahl
Elwood 167	Elwood	Gosper	Second Monday	Dean Christensen	Aubrey O. Mitchem
Curtis 168	Curtis	Frontier	Second and fourth Tuesdays	R. Scott Wilkinson	Klyte D. Burt
Amity 169	Rushville	Sheridan	First and third Tuesdays	Bennett Johnson	George A. Mills, Sr
Mason City 170	Mason City	Custer	Second Tuesday	John E. Amsberry	Henry O. Knudson
140 Merna 171	Merna	Custer	First Thursday	Edwin E. Butterfield	Sam W. Lyon
Robert Burns 173	Stratton	Hitchcock	Second and fourth Mondays	Clement E. Ragan	Clyde H. Jones
Culbertson 174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays	Earl M. Buzzell	Arvene C. Eisenhart
Temple 175	Filley	Gage	Third Tuesday	Edgar S. Burroughs	Marcus N. Andersen
Gladstone 176	Ansley	Custer	Third Thursday	Roy D. Breeden	Curtis S. McCallister
145 Hay Springs 177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays	Clifton S. Hale	Roy T. Stiehl
Prudence 179	Beaver Crossing	Seward	First Tuesday	Walter E. Anderson	Grant E. Hansen
Justice 180	Benkelman	Dundy	Second and fourth Mondays	Charles T. Carpenter	L. Wayne Kettler
Faith 181	Crawford	Dawes	Second and fourth Thursdays	Willis B. Furman, Sr	Ward L. Mosher
Alliance 183	Alliance	Box Butte	Second Thursday	Milton P. Grosshans	William E. Edwards
150 Bee Hive 184	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Melvin C. McGeorge	Louis J. Bishop
South Side Station					

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Boaz	185	Danbury	Red Willow	First Wednesday	R. Marvin Boyd	Clyde E. Weyeneth
Israel	187	Ulysses	Butler	Third Tuesday	Carl E. Diers	Allen W. Withers
Meridian	188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Tuesday	Ed Robison	Merritt C. Diehl
Granite	189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Laurence T. Osborn	Calvin A. Gordon
155 Amethyst	190	Stapleton	Logan	First and third Wednesdays	Edwin H. Burnham	Virgil K. Magnuson
Crystal	191	Scotia	Greeley	Second Thursday	Vurnum C. Keep	Edgar E. Stillman
Minnekadusa	192	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	W. Everett Brown	Arthur P. Starkjohann
Signet	193	Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before	Arthur G. Fayman	F. Otto Nelson
Highland	194	Cortland	Gage	Second Tuesday	Donald I. DeVreer	Edward T. Douglas
160 Arcana	195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays	Frederick E. Hlava	Aage H. Christensen
Morning Star	197	Gresham	York	First Friday	Don O. Richter	Earl K. Husbands
Purity	198	Imperial	Chase	First Friday	B. Fred Muscheites	Siegfried L. Jacks
Gavel	199	Carleton	Thayer	First Tuesday	William A. Rachow	James H. Bryant
Blazing Star	200	Burwell	Garfield	Second Thursday	Roy S. Cram	John Beynon
165 Scotts Bluff	201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Mervil L. Greenlee	Ray E. Twibell
Golden Sheaf	202	Randolph	Cedar	Second Monday	Osborn H. Scott	Anton B. Helms
Roman Eagle	203	Pender	Thurston	First and Third Tuesdays	Joe Piedi	Loren J. Callahan
Plainview	204	Plainview	Pierce	First Tuesday	Keith M. Douglas	Leslie G. Weber
Golden Fleece	205	Chappell	Deuel	First Thursday	T. Winford Carter	Alfred G. Taylor
170 Napthali	206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Guy L. Learned	Robert L. Upson
Parian	207	Callaway	Custer	First Thursday	Ralph E. Empfield	Allston S. Asmus
Gauge	208	Arcadia	Valley	First and third Tuesdays	Elmer Armstrong	Arnold N. Tuning
Canopy	209	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before	Floyd L. Althouse	Bergil E. Sumner
East Lincoln	210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Roy N. Brendle	Charles F. Eberline
175 Cement	211	Wood River	Hall	Third Thursday	Otto E. Meyer	John J. Carter
Compass & Square	212	Sumner	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Ralph Henderson	Lee E. Quail
Plumbline	214	Adams	Gage	Second Monday	Thomas G. Carey	Clarence D. Gottula
Occidental	215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	First Thursday	Carsten L. Lichtenberg	August Wiegand
Palisade	216	Palisade	Hitchcock	First Tuesday	Donald L. Leffler	Viron E. Baxter
180 Wauweta	217	Wauweta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Richard O. Cowles	C. Robert Carlson
Bloomfield	218	Bloomfield	Knox	First Tuesday	John R. Clements	Leonard C. Kuhl
Relief	219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Thursday	Thomas H. Craig	Earl Preston
Magnolia	220	Emerson	Dixon	Third Tuesday	Paul G. Fuchser	Roscoe B. Pearce
Wood Lake	221	Wood Lake	Cherry	Fourth Tuesday	Lyle L. Best	Harry H. Kirkman
185 Landmark	222	Herman	Washington	Third Tuesday	C. Vernon Hovendick	Wayne W. Loftis

Eminence	223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Alvin L. Bish	James C. Bierbower
Silver Cord	224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Tuesday	Clarence G. Jansen	Harold E. Hooker
Cable	225	Arnold	Custer	First Tuesday	David W. Mills	L. Paul Hartman
Grace	226	Wilcox	Kearney	Second and fourth Mondays	Robert R. Caswell	Robert P. Hollifield
190 North Star	227	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Lloyd S. Wymore	Roy W. Deal
Bartley	228	Bartley	Red Willow	Second Wednesday	Wayne D. Kerst	August W. Teter
Comet	229	Ceresco	Saunders	First Thursday	Paul C. Bulling	Otis Beaman
Delta	230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and 4th Wednesdays	Glenn O. Wright	Kenneth R. Weed
Mt. Hermon	231	Cook	Johnson	Second Tuesday	LeRoy Schacht	Fred Gittinger
195 John S. Bowen	232	Kennard	Washington	Third Thursday	Clarence Paulson	Nic Friedricksen
Gilead	233	Butte	Boyd	Second, 4th and 5th Mondays	Robert G. Allpress	William P. Willis
Zion	234	Hvannis	Grant	Second Wednesday	Merlyn D. Shepherd	Howard J. Kommers
Fraternity	235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Thursday	Earl Davis	Irving F. Gaebler
Golden Rule	236	Allen	Dixon	First and third Tuesdays	Irvin R. Durant	Don F. Schneider
200 Cubit	237	Douglas	Otoe	First Thursday	Denver A. McPherson	Mark Roberts
Friendship	239	Chapman	Merrick	Second Friday	Victor F. Gjerloff	Andrew B. Knight
Pilot	240	Lyons	Burt	Third Thursday	Paul E. Christensen	Edwin A. Loppnow
George Armstrong	241	Craig	Burt	First Tuesday	John S. Monson	Frank F. McMullin
Tyrian	243	Oak	Nuckolls	First Monday	Bruce A. Scroggin	Leonard K. Scroggin
205 Hampton	245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	Elmer L. Spray	Fred W. Christiansen
Nehawka	246	Nehawka	Cass	Second Wednesday	Boyd A. Mayfield	George H. Rieke
Corner-Stone	247	Osmond	Pierce	Second Friday	Clifford J. Dennis	Joseph Cizek
Laurel	248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Thursdays	Ernest G. Smith	Richard L. Herse
Gothenburg	249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	James E. Teets	Ernest O. Van Wey
210 George Washington	250	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Otis W. Cave, Jr.	Otis W. Cave, Sr.
Wausa	251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	Walter Lundeen	Melvin E. Rosen
Beemer	253	Beemer	Cuming	First Tuesday	Vernon J. Cohee	Clarence C. Conrad
Bassett	254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Roy L. Johns	Earl L. Anderson
Hickman	256	Hickman	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Harvey S. Beck	Marvin G. Walvoord
215 Holbrook	257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Ray L. Wilmot	Warren R. Atkeson
Anselmo	258	Anselmo	Custer	Second Tuesday	Norman C. Scott	Miles M. Kepler
Oran	261	Spencer	Boyd	First and Third Mondays	Chester Nelson	Earl Conklin
Endeavor	262	Indianola	Red Willow	First and Third Thursdays	William F. Klepser	Willis H. Staley
Mitchell	263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Lawrence M. Lee	Martin E. Turpen
220 Franklin	264	Franklin	Franklin	Second Monday	Clarence A. Paulson	William S. Yates
Robert W. Furnas	265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	First and third Mondays	Arthur A. Gregory	Bernard B. Harris
Silver	266	Silver Creek	Merrick	Second Thursday	George F. Buchta	Paul V. Hobert
James A. Tulleys	267	Overton	Dawson	Second Monday	F. Kermit Edlund	Russell M. Warren
George W. Lininger	268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	D. Merrill Edgerly Jr.	John S. Hedelund
225 Oasis	271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Second Thursday	R. Lewis Curry	Carl Thomas
†Havelock Station.		†University Place	Station.			

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LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Lee P. Gillette	272	Dunbar	Otoe	First Monday	Leston M. Lowrey	Harry H. Moller
Crofton	273	Crofton	Knox	First Tuesday	A. Norman McShannon	Ellis Q. McShannon
Olive Branch	274	Walthill	Thurston	Second Monday	Orville J. Crew	William H. Plummer
Ramah	275	Bertrand	Phelps	First Thursday	E. Everett Waters	Donald G. Mintun
230 Antelope	276	Elgin	Antelope	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Arthur O. Auserod	Donald S. Hinman
Sioux	277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	Elmer L. Pullen	Clarence A. Schnurr
Litchfield	278	Litchfield	Sherman	Second Thursday	W. Ray Eastabrooks	Harve I. Lang
Wallace	279	Wallace	Lincoln	First Tuesday	Clarence Young	Raymond B. Meeker
Swastika	280	Sargent	Custer	First Wednesday	Kenneth W. Peterson	John C. Green
235 Florence	281	Omaha †	Douglas	First Monday	William Harry Bruner	Elmer E. Shively
Mullen	282	Mullen	Hooker	Second Tuesday	Neal J. Dutton	John A. Burnett
Seneca	284	Seneca	Thomas	Second Wednesday	Jay E. Miller, Jr.	Alfred Hilpmann
Camp Clarke	285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	Charles E. Elliott	Edward K. Milmine
Oshkosh	286	Oshkosh	Garden	First Monday	H. Bartlett Utt	John T. Sager
240 Union	287	Palmyra	Otoe	First Friday	Ira S. Rhoten, Jr.	Joseph A. Dowding
Omaha	288	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	Earl A. Rohrig	Frederick J. Bolshaw
Lotus	289	Ravenna	Buffalo	Second Tuesday	Henry A. Nelson	Archie A. Meek
John J. Mercer	290	Omaha †	Douglas	First Tuesday	Lewis M. Poff, Sr.	George J. Storms
Diamond	291	Orchard	Antelope	Second Thursday	Donald C. Parkhurst	Howard E. Bradstreet
245 Wolbach	292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	Andrew J. Thomsen	Merle A. Thomsen
Monument	293	Arapahoe	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Roland E. Emmett	Miles E. Lewis
Kimball	294	Kimball	Kimball	First Monday	John W. Alden	Charles M. Fisher
Minatare	295	Minatare	Scotts Bluff	Second Friday	Ralph S. Vogel	J. Clive Jull
Cotner	297	Lincoln ‡	Lancaster	First Monday	Jay Pugsley	Harry B. Hall
250 Chester	298	Chester	Thayer	First and third Mondays	J. Barclay Gallion	James E. Woodward
Sutherland	299	Sutherland	Lincoln	First Wednesday	Kenneth W. White	John F. Fleak
Liberty	300	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	Russell E. Oquist	John S. Burley
Bayard	301	Bayard	Morrill	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	Leonard H. Henderson	Charles H. Ninear
Mizpah	302	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Clifford B. Constance	Elmo R. Clayton
255 Right Angle	303	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Wendell W. George	Cloyd L. Hawley
Ruskin	304	Ruskin	Nuckolls	Second and fourth Thursdays	Marvin L. Thayer	Erik H. Tarring
Newman Grove	305	Newman Grove	Madison	Second Monday	Homer C. McDonald	Alexis R. Gustavson
Golden Rod	306	Lodgepole	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Allen J. Lindley	Ralph R. Carleton
William E. Hill	307	Otoe	Otoe	Third Tuesday	Marion Sisco	Forrest P. Halvorsen
260 Perkins	308	Grant	Perkins	First Monday	Clarence C. Turner	Otto E. Gauger
†Benson Station.		†Florence Station.		‡Bethany Station.		

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Winnebago	309	Winnebago	Thurston	First Thursday	Neal D. Nelson	Floyd A. Taylor
Victory	310	Valley	Douglas	Second Thursday	Earl E. Benz	Francis A. Roberts
Polk	311	Polk	Polk	Second Monday	Lloyd Kroger	Everett W. Green
Oak Leaf	312	Lynch	Bovd	Second Tuesday	Russell L. Moffett	Wallace E. Moffett
265 Potter	313	Potter	Cheyenne	Second Tuesday	Theodore Carlson	Elmer H. Seyfang
Craftsmen	314	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	William Goggins	Curry D. Bryson
Alpha	316	SouthSiouxCity	Dakota	Second Thursday	Wilber E. Allen	Clarence A. Stewart
Mid-West	317	Hastings	Adams	First Wednesday	Robert J. Van Fleet	Homer C. Davey
Grand Island	318	Grand Island	Hall	First Tuesday	Robert R. Anderson	Albert B. Osborn
270 Bladen	319	Bladen	Webster	Second Tuesday	Orville L. Nisson	Howard R. James
College View	320	Lincoln †	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Miles J. Puckett	Silas R. Davenport
Harmony	321	Dalton	Cheyenne	Second Wednesday	Clifton J. Berry	Clifton E. Osborn
Pioneer	322	Lyman	Scotts Bluff	Second Tuesday	Frederic H. Young	George R. Peterson
Lebanon	323	Columbus	Platte	Second Wednesday	Howard L. Christensen	Carl H. Hoge
275 Cairo	324	Cairo	Hall	Second Monday	Hugh Hinkson	Edward T. Swanson

†College View Station.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Name	Appointed
Osborne P. Simon, 174, Culbertson	1930
Austin F. Whitmire, 75, 1057 6th Ave., Sidney	1931
Jesse P. Entrekin, 295, 1404 R. Street, 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, 1950 N. Main, Fremont	1940
Buren P. Wells, 36, Archer	1940
Clarence G. McNamee, 55, 605 So. 8th, 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, 1202 So. 55th, Omaha 6	1948
Frank Anderson, 17, Box 703, Tecumseh	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, Wavne	1950
Morris V. Balcom, 46, Box 567, Kearney	1950
William F. Flickinger, 56, Waco	1951
Forrest A. Lape, 183, 512 Platte Ave., Alliance	1951
Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, 2741 South St., Lincoln	1954

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS EMERITUS

Elmer Surber, 210, 2433 Titus, Omaha	1929
Fred G. Christensen, 33, Grand Island	1938
Earl M. Bolen, 130, Ulysses	1914
Jesse Lowther, 219, Plattsmouth	1919
Wallace E. Linn, 1, 4109 N. 23rd, Omaha	1934
Ward B. Schraack, 2306 E. 6th Ave., Denver, Colo.	1933
I. Donald Huston, 65, Osceola	1928

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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 2, 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 Acaia	" 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, 77... June 19, 78
	Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	July 16, 77... June 19, 78
55	Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	January 28, 78... June 19, 78
	Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 78... June 25, 79
	Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 78... June 25, 79
	Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	December 26, 78... June 25, 79
	Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 78... June 25, 79
60	Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 79... June 23, 80

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Albion	No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 79...	June 23, 80
Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 79...	June 23, 80
Composite	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 80...	June 22, 81
Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
65 Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	September 3, 80...	June 22, 81
Doniphan	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	January 7, 81...	June 22, 81
Ionic	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	January 24, 81...	June 20, 82
Star	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	September 17, 81...	June 20, 82
70 Cedar River	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	January 19, 82...	June 20, 82
Oakland	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	February 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	May 3, 82...	June 19, 83
Bennett	" 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster.....	May 5, 82...	June 19, 83
Garfield	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	June 28, 82...	June 19, 83
75 Utica	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Euclid	" 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	July 21, 82...	June 19, 83
Republican	" 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	July 27, 82...	June 19, 83
Shelton	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83
Creighton	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	August 19, 82...	June 19, 83
80 Ponca	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	September 1, 82...	June 19, 83
Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	September 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Ord	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	September 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Wymore	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	November 10, 82...	June 19, 83
Stella	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	December 4, 82...	June 19, 83
85 Porter	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	December 9, 82...	June 19, 83
Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	January 24, 83...	June 19, 83
Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13, 83...	June 19, 83
DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February 28, 83...	June 19, 83
Springfield	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	March 30, 83...	June 19, 83
90 Globe	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	February 16, 82...	June 24, 84

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Wisner No. 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	February 12, 83...	June 24, 84
	Harlan " 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
	Hardy " 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	July 18, 83...	June 24, 84
	North Bend " 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	September 5, 83...	June 24, 84
95	Wayne " 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	September 26, 83...	June 24, 84
	Superior " 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	November 22, 83...	June 24, 84
	Auburn " 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	December 25, 83...	June 24, 84
	Mount Nebo " 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	January 1, 84...	June 24, 84
	Stromsburg " 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16, 84...	June 24, 84
100	Minden " 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	January 22, 84...	June 24, 84
	Guide Rock " 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	January 28, 84...	June 24, 84
	Blue Hill " 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	February 18, 84...	June 24, 84
	Tuscan " 130	Surprise.....	Butler.....	February 20, 84...	June 24, 85
	Scribner " 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85
105	Elm Creek " 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
	Solar " 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
	McCook " 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Long Pine " 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Upright " 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	November 14, 84...	June 24, 85
110	Rawalt " 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	November 15, 84...	June 24, 85
	Clay Centre " 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Western " 140	Western.....	Saline.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Crescent " 143	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
	Israel " 187	Ulysses.....	Butler.....	February 2, 89...	June 20, 89
	Meridian " 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	February 4, 89...	June 20, 89
	Granite " 189	Gibbon.....	Buffalo.....	February 18, 89...	June 20, 89
155	Amethyst " 190	Gandy.....	Logan.....	August 5, 89...	June 20, 90
	Crystal " 191	Scotia.....	Greeley.....	August 7, 89...	June 20, 90
	Minnekadusa " 192	Valentine.....	Cherry.....	August 15, 89...	June 20, 90
	Signet " 193	Leigh.....	Colfax.....	September 3, 89...	June 20, 90
	Highland " 194	Cortland.....	Gage.....	September 21, 89...	June 20, 90
160	Arcana " 195	Gordon.....	Sheridan.....	October 17, 89...	June 20, 90
	Morning Star " 197	Gresham.....	York.....	December 16, 89...	June 20, 90
	Purity " 198	Imperial.....	Chase.....	December 24, 89...	June 20, 90
	Gavel " 199	Carleton.....	Thayer.....	July 20, 89...	June 18, 91
	Blazing Star " 200	Burwell.....	Garfield.....	August 5, 90...	June 18, 91
165	Scotts Bluff " 201	Gering.....	Scotts Bluff.....	August 8, 90...	June 18, 91
	Golden Sheaf " 202	Randolph.....	Cedar.....	August 29, 90...	June 18, 91
	Roman Eagle " 203	Pender.....	Thurston.....	August 30, 90...	June 18, 91
	Plainview " 204	Plainview.....	Pierce.....	September 1, 90...	June 18, 91
	Golden Fleece " 205	Chappell.....	Deuel.....	September 2, 90...	June 18, 91
170	Napthali " 206	Diller.....	Jefferson.....	December 31, 90...	June 18, 91
	Parian " 207	Callaway.....	Custer.....	January 31, 91...	June 18, 91
	Gauge " 208	Arcadia.....	Valley.....	August 24, 91...	June 16, 92
	Canopy " 209	Elmwood.....	Cass.....	September 4, 91...	June 16, 92
	East Lincoln " 210	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	November 5, 91...	June 16, 92
175	Cement " 211	Wood River.....	Hall.....	November 27, 91...	June 16, 92
	Compass & Square " 212	Sumner.....	Dawson.....	December 12, 91...	June 16, 92
	Plumblin " 214	Adams.....	Gage.....	November 17, 91...	June 15, 93
	Occidental " 215	Cedar Bluffs.....	Saunders.....	July 16, 92...	June 15, 93
	Palisade " 216	Palisade.....	Hitchcock.....	July 18, 92...	June 15, 93
180	Wauneta " 217	Wauneta.....	Chase.....	December 7, 92...	June 15, 93

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Bloomfield	No. 218	Bloomfield.....	Knox.....	January 18, 93... June 15, 93
	Relief	" 219	Coleridge.....	Cedar.....	January 19, 93... June 15, 93
	Magnolia	" 220	Emerson.....	Dixon.....	January 21, 93... June 15, 93
	Wood Lake	" 221	Wood Lake.....	Cherry.....	September 22, 92... June 21, 94
185	Landmark	" 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	March 1, 93... June 21, 94
	Eminence	" 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton.....	September 26, 93... June 21, 94
	Silver Cord	" 224	Ainsworth.....	Brown.....	October 17, 93... June 21, 94
	Cable	" 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	November 17, 93... June 21, 94
	Grace	" 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney.....	January 20, 93... June 13, 95
190	North Star	" 227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 28, 94... June 13, 95
	Bartley	" 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November 23, 94... June 13, 95
	Comet	" 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	December 5, 94... June 13, 95
	Delta	" 230	Saint Edward.....	Boone.....	December 11, 94... June 13, 95
	Mount Hermon	" 231	Cook.....	Johnson.....	December 19, 94... June 13, 95
195	John S. Bowen	" 232	Kennard.....	Washington.....	February 6, 95... June 13, 95
	Gilead	" 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	November 22, 94... June 10, 96
	Zion	" 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	July 19, 95... June 10, 96
	Fraternity	" 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	August 2, 95... June 10, 96
	Golden Rule	" 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	August 3, 95... June 10, 96
200	Cubit	" 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	August 9, 95... June 10, 96
	Friendship	" 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	October 7, 95... June 10, 96
	Pilot	" 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	November 29, 95... June 10, 96
	George Armstrong	" 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	August 1, 95... June 17, 97
	Tyrian	" 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls.....	August 24, 98... June 8, 99
205	Hampton	" 245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	July 13, 99... June 7, 00
	Nehawka	" 246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	January 2, 00... June 7, 00
	Corner-Stone	" 247	Osmond.....	Pierce.....	January 3, 00... June 7, 00
	Laurel	" 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	February 12, 00... June 7, 00
	Gothenburg	" 249	Gothenburg.....	Dawson.....	June 20, 00... June 6, 01
210	George Washington	" 250	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 20, 00... June 6, 01

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Wausa	No. 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	November 18, 00... June 6, 01
	Beemer	" 253	Beemer.....	Cuming.....	January 1, 02... June 5, 02
	Bassett	" 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	October 8, 02... June 4, 03
	Hickman	" 256	Hickman.....	Lancaster.....	December 7, 03... June 9, 04
215	Holbrook	" 257	Holbrook.....	Furnas.....	January 11, 04... June 9, 04
	Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo.....	Custer.....	December 10, 04... June 7, 05
	Ornan	" 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	March 5, 06... June 5, 07
	Endeavor	" 262	Indianola.....	Red Willow.....	June 28, 06... June 5, 07
	Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff.....	July 5, 06... June 5, 07
220	Franklin	" 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	June 11, 07... June 10, 08
	Robert W. Furnas	" 265	Scottsbluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 21, 07... June 10, 08
	Silver	" 266	Silver Creek.....	Merrick.....	June 14, 07... June 10, 08
	James A. Tulleys	" 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	December 26, 07... June 10, 08
	George W. Lininger	" 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 26, 08... June 10, 08
225	Oasis	" 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 14, 09... June 8, 10
	Lee P. Gillette	" 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	June 14, 09... June 8, 10
	Crofton	" 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	July 10, 09... June 8, 10
	Olive Branch	" 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September 20, 09... June 8, 10
	Ramah	" 275	Bertrand.....	Phelps.....	November 8, 09... June 8, 10
230	Antelope	" 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	January 12, 10... June 8, 10
	Sioux	" 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	June 10, 10... June 6, 11
	Litchfield	" 278	Litchfield.....	Sherman.....	December 19, 10... June 6, 11
	Wallace	" 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	February 25, 11... June 4, 12
	Swastika	" 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	October 18, 12... June 4, 13
235	Florence	" 281	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 17, 13... June 4, 13
	Mullen	" 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	July 22, 13... June 9, 14
	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

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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

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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

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss		
Nebraska.....	1	29	175	28	15	19	466	1356	26	5	0	4	2	1393	10	43	19	1	2	75	1318	1
Western Star....	2	7	39	4	8	10	95	261	4	2	0	7	0	274	0	4	10	0	0	14	260	2
Capitol.....	3	38	64	39	21	5	303	936	44	1	0	0	0	981	2	21	5	0	0	28	953	3
Nemaha Valley...	4	2	4	2	2	0	24	51	1	0	0	1	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	1	52	4
Omadi.....	5	1	26	3	3	1	41	115	2	0	0	1	0	118	1	0	1	0	0	2	116	5
Plattsmouth....	6	9	17	8	4	5	33	305	9	1	0	2	0	317	3	7	6	0	0	16	301	6
Falls City.....	9	6	25	9	6	0	82	283	10	2	0	0	0	295	0	9	0	0	0	9	286	9
Solomon.....	10	3	4	1	2	2	13	90	1	0	0	0	0	91	0	0	2	0	0	2	89	10
Covert.....	11	63	47	72	23	5	213	1548	78	3	0	6	0	1635	8	26	5	0	0	39	1596	11
Orient.....	13	3	6	4	4	2	19	48	2	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	2	0	1	3	47	13
Peru.....	14	3	8	2	2	3	27	102	1	0	0	3	0	106	3	0	3	0	0	6	100	14
Fremont.....	15	21	21	22	8	2	113	570	23	9	0	4	0	606	2	8	2	0	0	12	594	15
Tecumseh.....	17	7	17	5	8	1	57	194	3	0	0	0	0	197	2	3	1	0	0	6	191	17
Lincoln.....	19	31	91	29	16	7	362	1010	31	8	0	3	0	1052	9	19	7	0	0	35	1017	19
Washington.....	21	5	8	6	2	0	30	160	6	0	0	2	0	168	1	4	0	0	0	5	163	21
Pawnee.....	23	4	9	5	5	6	48	121	6	0	0	0	0	127	3	3	6	0	0	12	115	23
Saint John.....	25	36	73	37	19	5	354	987	35	1	0	2	0	1025	4	23	5	0	0	32	993	25
Beatrice.....	26	11	31	15	24	5	141	357	16	6	0	4	0	383	1	5	5	0	0	11	372	26
Jordan.....	27	3	5	2	0	0	24	79	2	2	0	1	0	84	0	2	0	0	0	2	82	27
Hope.....	29	2	3	2	0	0	13	46	3	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	29
Blue River.....	30	7	10	4	2	1	33	90	3	2	0	0	0	95	3	0	1	0	0	4	91	30
Tekamah.....	31	6	5	6	2	0	39	141	9	1	0	2	0	153	1	4	0	0	0	5	148	31
Platte Valley....	32	24	51	30	21	2	206	449	30	5	0	1	0	485	1	9	2	0	0	12	473	32
Ashlar.....	33	27	33	27	13	0	192	582	27	7	0	6	0	622	5	8	0	0	0	13	609	33
Acacia.....	34	4	8	2	3	4	50	175	3	1	0	0	1	180	1	1	4	0	0	6	174	34
Fairbury.....	35	10	32	10	6	2	39	246	9	12	0	3	0	270	2	8	2	0	0	12	258	35
Lone Tree.....	36	11	9	14	5	2	27	211	13	1	0	2	0	227	5	7	2	0	0	14	213	36
Crete.....	37	11	14	5	4	8	61	185	5	1	0	15	0	206	2	5	8	0	0	15	191	37
Oliver.....	38	4	6	3	0	6	64	196	2	0	1	0	0	199	2	4	6	0	0	12	187	38
Papillion.....	39	6	7	7	2	0	27	136	12	1	0	1	0	150	1	5	0	0	0	6	144	39
Humboldt.....	40	3	8	2	2	3	23	126	3	0	0	0	0	129	0	0	3	0	0	3	126	40
Northern Light..	41	5	13	4	1	0	18	97	4	0	0	1	0	102	0	4	0	0	0	4	98	41
Hebron.....	43	0	17	2	8	0	45	135	5	1	0	0	0	141	1	3	0	0	0	4	137	43
Harvard.....	44	4	10	3	2	0	29	76	3	1	0	0	0	80	3	0	0	0	0	3	77	44
Rob Morris.....	46	14	33	15	6	9	157	348	14	3	0	1	0	366	3	7	9	0	0	19	347	46
Fairmont.....	48	0	1	1	1	1	26	94	2	1	0	0	0	97	2	0	1	0	0	3	94	48
Evening Star....	49	1	1	1	2	2	20	107	2	0	0	0	0	109	2	1	2	0	0	5	104	49
Hastings.....	50	21	32	25	1	8	162	499	28	4	0	9	0	540	6	16	8	0	0	30	510	50
Fidelity.....	51	5	8	6	2	0	52	152	5	2	0	0	0	159	0	3	0	0	0	3	156	51

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		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1953	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1953	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1953	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1952	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total		By Demission	By Death		By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Hiram	52	3	8	3	6	1	11	90	3	1	0	1	0	95	0	1	1	0	0	2	93	52
Charity	53	4	25	5	6	1	70	162	4	2	0	0	0	168	1	3	1	0	0	5	163	53
Lancaster	54	20	68	21	15	16	270	910	22	3	0	2	0	937	4	20	16	0	0	40	897	54
Mosaic	55	7	40	14	6	9	105	396	12	4	0	7	0	419	3	5	9	0	0	17	402	55
York	56	9	10	9	4	0	68	267	9	2	1	0	0	279	3	5	0	0	0	8	271	56
Mt. Moriah	57	4	3	5	2	1	46	70	4	0	0	0	0	74	0	2	1	0	0	3	71	57
Wahoo	59	13	12	9	3	0	60	259	9	0	0	0	0	268	0	3	0	0	0	3	265	59
Melrose	60	3	12	8	0	0	37	58	10	0	0	4	0	72	1	1	0	0	0	2	70	60
Thistle	61	16	12	16	7	1	55	199	14	2	0	1	0	216	3	5	1	0	0	9	207	61
Keystone	62	1	4	1	2	1	18	42	2	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	1	0	0	2	42	62
Blue Valley	64	3	5	3	5	1	17	69	6	2	0	1	0	78	0	2	1	0	0	3	75	64
Osceola	65	1	3	3	6	0	20	94	1	0	0	0	0	95	3	3	0	0	0	6	89	65
Edgar	67	2	0	2	1	2	23	107	2	0	0	0	0	109	2	2	2	0	0	6	103	67
Aurora	68	3	12	3	5	0	36	159	2	2	1	2	0	166	3	5	0	0	0	8	158	68
Sterling	70	0	9	0	3	0	30	54	1	0	0	0	0	55	0	2	0	0	0	2	53	70
Trowel	71	6	9	9	4	1	46	80	8	1	0	3	0	92	0	1	1	0	0	2	90	71
Hooper	72	2	6	3	1	2	19	101	2	2	0	0	0	105	0	2	2	0	0	4	101	72
Friend	73	1	1	6	3	0	9	65	5	2	0	0	0	72	1	4	0	0	1	6	66	73
Alexandria	74	1	12	1	1	0	22	34	1	0	0	1	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	74
Frank Welch	75	13	17	15	9	6	92	275	13	5	0	7	0	300	5	6	6	0	0	17	283	75
Nelson	77	2	9	3	5	1	40	73	4	0	0	2	2	81	1	0	2	0	0	3	78	77
Albion	78	3	25	2	4	4	43	115	2	0	0	1	0	118	1	1	4	0	0	6	112	78
Geneva	79	4	9	8	2	0	26	132	6	5	0	0	0	143	1	0	0	0	0	1	142	79
Composite	81	5	2	5	2	0	27	53	4	1	0	1	0	59	0	2	0	0	0	2	57	81
St. Paul	82	8	21	4	5	1	30	212	5	3	0	0	0	220	3	5	1	0	0	9	211	82
Corinthian	83	2	4	3	2	1	19	72	3	2	0	1	0	78	1	2	2	0	0	5	73	83
Fairfield	84	0	7	0	2	0	24	62	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	1	61	84
Doniphan	86	4	10	1	2	0	16	45	1	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	1	45	86
Ionic	87	4	24	6	8	1	43	107	5	0	0	0	0	112	1	2	1	0	0	4	108	87
Star	88	3	14	2	3	2	20	124	3	0	0	1	0	128	1	3	2	0	0	6	122	88
Cedar River	89	2	12	5	2	3	85	104	6	0	0	3	1	114	2	4	3	0	0	9	105	89
Oakland	91	3	9	6	1	0	35	143	12	0	0	0	0	155	2	2	0	0	0	4	151	91
Beaver City	93	1	6	3	2	0	29	75	3	0	0	1	0	79	1	1	0	0	0	2	77	93
Bennett	94	2	10	3	1	1	33	61	2	0	0	0	0	63	1	3	1	0	0	5	58	94
Garfield	95	4	12	4	0	0	17	85	4	4	0	1	0	94	4	2	0	0	1	7	87	95
Utica	96	5	4	6	3	0	29	82	4	0	0	0	1	87	0	1	0	0	0	1	86	96
Euclid	97	2	13	2	1	3	45	106	1	0	0	1	0	108	2	0	3	0	0	5	103	97
Republican	98	1	6	0	3	4	23	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	4	0	0	4	56	98
Shelton	99	1	3	1	0	0	23	79	1	0	0	0	0	80	0	2	0	0	0	2	78	99

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion				Other Causes	
																						Other Causes
Jewel	149	1	8	3	2	1	30	73	3	0	0	0	0	76	0	1	1	0	0	2	74	149
Cambridge	150	0	8	0	0	1	41	129	0	0	0	2	0	131	3	3	1	0	0	7	124	150
Square	151	1	16	2	4	0	52	68	3	0	0	3	0	74	0	1	0	0	0	1	73	151
Evergreen	153	0	6	0	1	3	18	68	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	1	2	0	0	3	65	153
Lily	154	3	8	2	2	0	20	70	3	0	0	0	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	1	72	154
Hartington	155	0	18	2	4	0	33	79	1	0	0	1	0	81	0	1	0	0	0	1	80	155
Pythagoras	156	1	18	1	3	1	37	44	1	0	0	0	0	45	1	4	1	0	0	6	39	156
Valley	157	3	2	4	1	2	25	50	5	1	0	0	0	56	1	0	2	0	0	3	53	157
Samaritan	158	10	15	10	6	1	27	296	10	5	0	2	0	313	0	5	1	0	0	6	307	158
Ogalalla	159	6	21	5	10	0	59	164	2	6	0	1	0	173	1	7	0	0	0	8	165	159
Zeredatha	160	1	2	0	1	0	5	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	1	37	160
Mount Zion	161	3	4	2	2	4	32	48	3	1	1	7	0	60	1	0	4	0	0	5	55	161
Trestle Board	162	3	5	2	1	1	25	92	4	0	0	0	0	96	1	1	1	0	0	3	93	162
Unity	163	7	12	4	4	0	34	54	4	1	0	0	0	59	1	0	0	0	1	58	163	
Atkinson	164	1	12	2	2	0	22	54	2	0	0	1	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	1	56	164
Barneston	165	1	5	2	2	3	47	64	1	2	0	2	0	69	0	1	3	0	0	4	65	165
Mystic Tie	166	2	9	0	0	3	30	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	3	0	0	3	43	166
Elwood	167	1	7	1	4	0	30	50	1	1	0	0	0	52	2	0	0	0	0	2	50	167
Curtis	168	4	19	4	5	2	26	93	4	1	0	0	0	98	1	0	2	0	0	3	95	168
Amity	169	5	10	5	1	1	34	109	6	1	0	1	0	117	4	0	1	0	0	5	112	169
Mason City	170	3	6	1	0	0	22	51	1	0	0	0	0	52	0	3	0	0	0	3	49	170
Merna	171	0	15	3	4	0	32	53	3	1	0	0	0	57	0	2	0	0	0	2	55	171
Robert Burns	173	4	7	4	1	1	14	102	4	0	0	1	0	107	2	2	1	0	0	5	102	173
Culbertson	174	2	7	5	7	1	17	61	5	0	0	0	0	66	1	1	1	0	0	3	63	174
Temple	175	0	13	0	2	1	33	37	0	0	0	3	0	40	0	2	1	0	0	3	37	175
Gladstone	176	5	11	3	6	0	49	83	1	0	0	1	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	176
Hay Springs	177	4	5	7	1	1	22	99	7	0	1	0	0	107	2	1	1	0	0	4	103	177
Prudence	179	4	15	6	11	3	37	50	5	0	0	0	1	56	0	2	3	0	0	5	51	179
Justice	180	3	12	6	1	1	34	145	5	0	0	0	0	150	2	5	1	0	0	8	142	180
Faith	181	1	8	3	6	3	84	142	3	0	0	2	0	147	1	1	3	0	0	5	142	181
Alliance	183	13	126	14	9	6	126	322	12	2	1	3	0	340	0	3	6	0	0	9	331	183
Bee Hive	184	52	44	53	8	24	181	1003	54	5	0	1	0	1063	11	12	24	0	0	47	1016	184
Boaz	185	3	3	3	3	1	9	78	3	0	0	0	0	81	1	0	1	0	0	2	79	185
Israel	187	0	6	0	1	0	30	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	1	0	0	0	0	1	28	187
Meridian	188	3	18	4	2	16	60	145	4	1	0	3	0	153	0	3	14	0	0	17	136	188
Granite	189	2	7	1	2	4	36	76	1	2	0	4	0	83	3	4	4	0	0	11	72	189
Amethyst	190	2	7	2	1	0	17	59	2	0	0	0	0	61	0	1	0	0	0	1	60	190
Crystal	191	3	15	4	2	0	27	87	3	1	0	0	0	91	1	4	0	0	0	5	86	191

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Minnekadusa	192	15	22	14	6	1	43	142	15	3	0	0	0	160	3	1	1	0	0	5	155	192	
Signet	193	4	8	0	0	2	18	66	1	0	0	1	0	68	1	1	2	0	0	4	64	193	
Highland	194	2	6	2	1	2	23	44	2	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	1	0	0	2	44	194	
Arcana	195	2	15	3	2	4	47	140	3	1	0	1	0	145	2	0	4	0	0	6	139	195	
Morning Star	197	1	4	2	1	2	20	69	2	0	0	4	0	75	0	2	2	0	0	4	71	197	
Purity	198	1	20	2	6	1	29	141	1	1	0	1	0	144	0	2	1	0	0	3	141	198	
Gavel	199	0	1	0	0	0	8	54	0	0	0	0	0	54	1	0	0	0	0	1	53	199	
Blazing Star	200	1	9	2	1	1	33	95	4	1	0	0	2	102	0	1	1	0	0	2	100	200	
Scotts Bluff	201	6	15	7	4	4	56	177	5	5	0	2	0	189	0	1	4	0	0	5	184	201	
Golden Sheaf	202	0	17	3	4	1	49	81	2	0	0	0	0	83	1	0	1	0	0	2	81	202	
Roman Eagle	203	5	8	10	8	3	18	66	5	0	0	0	0	71	0	1	3	0	0	4	67	203	
Plainview	204	3	8	3	7	2	38	122	3	2	0	0	0	127	4	2	2	0	0	8	119	204	
Golden Fleece	205	7	9	5	4	0	25	201	4	0	0	0	0	205	3	2	0	0	0	5	200	205	
Napthali	206	1	3	1	0	1	34	58	1	0	0	0	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	1	58	206	
Parian	207	2	10	2	2	1	40	68	0	1	0	0	0	69	1	0	1	0	0	2	67	207	
Gauge	208	0	8	0	4	0	19	46	1	0	0	0	0	47	0	2	0	0	0	2	45	208	
Canopy	209	7	16	6	5	1	58	129	6	0	0	1	0	136	0	3	1	0	0	4	132	209	
East Lincoln	210	37	77	36	13	12	280	1099	42	6	0	3	0	1150	5	18	12	1	0	36	1114	210	
Cement	211	4	5	2	0	0	7	94	2	1	0	0	0	97	0	4	0	0	0	4	93	211	
Compass & Square	212	1	6	1	0	0	41	64	1	0	0	0	0	65	1	0	0	0	0	1	64	212	
Plumblin	214	0	3	0	1	4	40	50	0	1	0	2	0	53	2	1	4	0	0	7	46	214	
Occidental	215	1	4	1	1	0	34	80	1	0	0	0	0	81	0	2	0	0	0	2	79	215	
Palisade	216	7	9	9	5	1	36	103	8	0	0	2	0	113	1	5	1	0	0	7	106	216	
Wauneta	217	3	8	1	4	1	20	59	0	1	0	2	0	62	0	0	1	0	0	1	61	217	
Bloufield	218	0	13	0	3	3	47	78	0	0	0	2	0	80	1	1	3	0	0	5	75	218	
Relief	219	10	6	8	1	0	13	46	8	2	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	219	
Magnolia	220	5	7	5	1	0	12	71	4	0	0	0	0	75	0	1	0	0	0	1	74	220	
Wood Lake	221	2	9	2	3	0	11	72	1	1	0	1	0	75	2	2	0	0	0	4	71	221	
Landmark	222	2	3	2	0	1	25	109	2	0	0	0	0	111	0	2	1	0	0	3	108	222	
Eminence	223	4	7	1	1	0	16	61	1	0	0	0	0	62	0	2	0	0	0	2	60	223	
Silver Cord	224	4	13	2	4	4	22	158	2	1	0	2	0	163	1	3	4	0	0	8	155	224	
Cable	225	4	12	2	5	6	37	100	2	0	0	3	0	105	1	2	6	0	0	9	96	225	
Grace	226	4	15	5	3	0	37	79	7	0	0	0	0	86	0	1	0	0	0	1	85	226	
North Star	227	24	32	24	10	5	77	464	22	3	0	2	0	491	6	8	5	0	1	20	471	227	
Bartley	228	1	2	2	0	1	14	64	2	0	0	1	0	67	0	1	1	0	0	2	65	228	
Comet	229	6	6	6	3	1	34	88	5	0	0	1	0	94	1	1	1	0	0	3	91	229	
Delta	230	2	12	0	1	0	20	43	0	0	0	1	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	230	
Mt. Hermon	231	1	4	1	3	0	37	40	1	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	1	40	231	
John S. Bowen	232	3	3	4	2	3	17	64	3	0	0	2	0	69	0	1	3	0	0	4	65	232	
Gilead	233	3	21	4	8	1	22	54	5	0	0	1	0	60	0	1	1	0	0	2	58	233	

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Men's ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes				
Seneca.....	284	3	12	5	3	1	36	81	5	0	0	3	1	90	2	3	1	0	0	6	84	284	
Camp Clarke.....	285	7	19	9	7	0	32	176	6	0	4	1	187	2	3	0	0	0	0	5	182	285	
Oshkosh.....	286	3	17	5	4	10	49	122	6	1	0	1	130	2	2	10	0	0	14	116	286		
Union.....	287	4	5	3	2	0	13	60	1	0	0	0	61	0	1	0	0	0	1	60	287		
Omaha.....	288	24	33	23	8	10	205	579	18	0	6	0	603	2	6	10	0	0	18	585	288		
Lotus.....	289	11	8	11	5	4	28	169	7	1	0	0	177	0	1	4	0	0	5	172	289		
John J. Mercer.....	290	65	49	63	7	5	172	1251	66	7	0	4	1328	11	11	5	0	0	27	1301	290		
Diamond.....	291	3	8	5	1	1	28	70	6	0	0	1	77	0	0	1	0	0	1	76	291		
Wolbach.....	292	1	7	0	1	0	29	42	0	0	5	0	47	3	0	0	0	0	3	44	292		
Monument.....	293	3	7	4	1	0	18	65	5	1	0	0	71	2	2	0	0	0	4	67	293		
Kimball.....	294	9	8	6	0	1	34	131	9	3	0	2	145	0	2	1	0	0	3	142	294		
Minatare.....	295	1	7	0	1	5	31	100	0	0	2	0	102	2	0	5	0	0	7	95	295		
Cotner.....	297	8	15	9	2	2	53	227	9	0	5	0	241	3	7	2	0	0	12	229	297		
Chester.....	298	0	2	0	0	0	10	42	0	0	1	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	298		
Sutherland.....	299	2	9	1	1	2	14	101	1	0	0	0	102	1	1	1	0	0	3	99	299		
Liberty.....	300	28	26	28	6	6	133	426	31	5	0	8	470	1	8	6	0	0	15	455	300		
Bayard.....	301	2	8	4	3	5	32	111	4	2	0	1	118	0	4	5	0	0	9	109	301		
Mizpah.....	302	51	53	54	21	18	232	1191	51	2	0	5	1249	9	15	18	0	0	42	1207	302		
Right Angle.....	303	14	18	13	10	6	118	649	13	1	0	6	670	4	10	6	0	0	20	650	303		
Ruskin.....	304	0	4	0	2	0	18	37	1	0	0	0	38	0	1	0	0	0	1	37	304		
Newman Grove.....	305	1	3	2	2	0	25	59	3	1	0	0	63	1	2	0	0	0	3	60	305		
Golden Rod.....	306	2	2	2	1	2	11	80	2	0	0	0	82	0	0	2	0	0	2	80	306		
William E. Hill.....	307	1	10	0	2	0	30	35	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	1	34	307		
Perkins.....	308	4	7	2	1	2	30	106	3	1	0	1	111	1	2	2	0	0	5	106	308		
Winnebago.....	309	3	19	5	7	2	14	57	5	0	0	1	63	0	1	2	0	0	3	60	309		
Victory.....	310	3	5	3	6	4	45	208	3	0	0	3	214	6	0	4	0	0	10	204	310		
Polk.....	311	0	9	3	0	0	11	59	3	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	311		
Oak Leaf.....	312	2	9	5	0	1	7	48	5	0	0	0	53	0	0	1	0	0	0	52	312		
Potter.....	313	5	6	4	0	1	21	96	4	0	0	0	100	0	2	1	0	0	3	97	313		
Craftsmen.....	314	17	21	21	5	5	68	564	22	1	0	1	588	1	3	5	0	0	9	579	314		
Alpha.....	316	9	26	12	8	0	10	168	10	4	0	0	182	1	2	0	1	0	4	178	316		
Mid-West.....	317	29	46	30	13	5	54	400	25	10	0	3	438	4	10	5	0	0	19	419	317		
Grand Island.....	318	19	9	16	2	1	40	264	18	2	0	0	284	2	3	1	0	0	6	278	318		
Bladen.....	319	0	5	2	0	2	20	46	2	0	0	1	49	1	0	2	0	0	3	46	319		
College View.....	320	7	12	8	0	13	30	177	8	1	0	2	188	0	8	13	0	0	21	167	320		
Harmony.....	321	2	6	1	2	1	7	75	1	0	0	2	78	1	2	1	0	0	4	74	321		
Pioneer.....	322	2	4	2	1	1	12	78	1	0	0	0	79	0	0	1	0	0	1	78	322		

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Lebanon	323	7	12	5	4	2	34	178	6	2	1	1	0	188	0	4	2	0	0	6	182	323
Cairo	324	1	1	2	1	0	0	58	1	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	324
Totals		1635	3671	1695	992	552	11650	44287	1734	291	12	328	16	46668	356	779	550	5	6	1696	44972	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Prepared by M. W. William B. Wanner

For the seventh time, it has been my happy privilege to read 68 volumes of proceedings from the broad Masonic world. The terrain by this time has become familiar, one just about knows from which volume he will be able to extract nuggets for this particular type of review, although one never can tell. Something of interest may lie in each, therefore close scrutiny is required of each book. Such a nugget is found in the foreword of the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and I quote: "Worry is becoming a disease in many Masonic jurisdictions. Like a heavy cold, it lacks a cure. Physicians almost prefer to permit a cold to turn into pneumonia. They claim they can lick pneumonia, but not the common cold. The problem of worry is in the same category. No antidote seemingly will be discovered until the disease grows worse. What are Masonic leaders worrying about? We are living too long, thereby filling beyond capacity Masonic Homes. Too many men are joiners, not builders. Masonic illiteracy is widespread. The doctrine of physical perfection in man is endangering Masonic growth. A wooden leg disturbs acceptance of a candidate, but a wooden head may shed no slivers. We are worried lest the lower end of man, not the upper, is made of ash or maple, if not cork—but unmindful of an ivory pate. Old H.C.L. affects everything including lodge dues and members decline to up them. If it isn't chain letters, it is now chain prayers. Automatic suspension for N.P.D. is liable to make some political Mason mad. Dual membership is a sop to the rich. The Master's hat too often looks like it came from the gutter rather than the haberdasher. Should rituals be coded, ciphered or discarded? One noted P.G.M. 'kids' a colleague for being painted in oil with a Masonic emblem in his lapel not the square and compasses. Landmarks of yesterday are outmoded today. The 'ancient' needs modernizing. Why provide pensions for Masonic employees? These are some of the things Masonic leaders are worrying about. They wish they knew constructive answers to the problems. We wonder if it lies in the reply Calvin Coolidge gave the press when it badgered him for a comment on the book by Rupert Hughes so caustic about the life of George Washington. Coolidge looked out his White House window to the tall, stately shaft symbolizing the service given by the Father of His Country and succinctly remarked, 'His monument still stands.' Brethren, Masonry still stands! So will it stand long, despite our worries. Let worry be changed to constructive work upon the minds of mankind and Masonry will remain the beacon light of real, true, genuine brotherhood whose goal is peace on earth, good will toward men."

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The general gain in membership continues but at a much slower pace. Some of the gains noted are very small, one being noted as only ten for the year. The greatest gains are in the South and West. The principle items that caught my attention this year were the great number of new lodges instituted and the development of Youth Agencies of many kinds. After many writers over a number of years have called the attention of the brethren that there were too few lodges for their Masonic population, something seems to have happened this year and it is the rare jurisdiction that does not report new lodges, quite a few in goodly numbers. Rhode Island and Saskatchewan lead in youth movements in collaboration with Masonic lodges. Three rallies were held in Rosetown, Tisdale and Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, with over a thousand in attendance. Rhode Island has employed a Youth Director. His duties are to set up basketball, bowling, tennis, table tennis, softball, swimming and volleyball leagues throughout the state on the physical side; canteens, minstrels, splash parties and entertainments in connection with lodges on the recreational side. Already six states in the New England area have joined in a DeMolay Basketball Tournament. Many other states have youth programs, principally arranged around existing DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls.

Fifty-year button wearers now compose a little over one per cent of our membership and it is predicted that the number will double in the next ten years. Washington State adopted the fifty-year recognition program this year for the first time. New Jersey held an elaborate recognition ceremony for fifty-year members, combining three of their Masonic districts, with Grand Officers present and musical selections.

Vicious attacks on our institutions continue in many parts of the globe. In Columbia, Masonry has almost been wiped out. Forty-two Protestant churches, destroyed by fire or dynamite; 110 schools closed; fifty-one men, women and children killed. In England, the long struggle in the Church of England, boiled up by the exclusion of all Freemason Clergy from the pulpit of St. Mary Magdalene Church in London. Their General Assembly spent several days, three years ago on this question. In the Philippines, court action was necessary to quiet charges against three Masonic Directors of the Public School System by the Roman Catholic Church. They were cleared of all charges. Even in this country, the State of California is rocked by a court action by the Grand Lodge against the constitutionality of a recent school tax law. The Grand Orator of Arizona speaks out in this fashion: "There is another 'ISM' abroad in this fair land of ours that is far more inimical to the freedoms that we cherish than is Communism. Let us, for once, call a spade a spade. The name of this 'ism' is Roman Catholicism. It is an insidious institution that seeks to control men's minds, thoughts and actions from the cradle to the grave under the guise of religion. It is always reaching out for temporal power with every means that can be exercised

by its leaders. It will be satisfied with nothing less than a complete dictatorship of the whole world with its seat in Vatican City. It opposes more or less openly as the occasion may seem to require, our Public Schools, freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and especially freedom of religion." Amen.

ENGLAND

The simplicity and directness that should be a part of Masonry and which is sometimes lost in these days of large lodges and Grand Lodge restrictions is well illustrated by the following letter to Brother Edward A. Glad of Illinois from a friend in England; giving the way of life in that country, and explaining to some extent the reason why, when even at the height of our depression, Britain was still forging ahead Masonically.

"Dear Glad:

It is not easy to answer the queries in your letter of August 8—for this being a 'free Country' still, in some respects, within certain very broad limits we do as we darned well please! Except for a statutory minimum membership, Lodges can have as many or as few members as they please. As it is generally felt that every man should have a chance of serving in all the offices, and of occupying the Chair, our Lodges tend to the small—and quite often, if the tail becomes too attenuated, a section will hive off and form a new lodge with the help of three or four PMs to get them started. We have of course Lodges with a membership running into three figures, but the average I should say, is about fifty. The number of meetings depends on what the particular group wants, and this varies enormously with individual inclination and other commitments. We try to take only one degree at any meeting. The minimum in the Craft to replace normal wastage is 6 degree nights and one installation night per annum, with an occasional emergency to work off the waiting list which sometimes accumulates, as suitable candidates tend to come in bunches, with quiet periods in between.

Occasionally, in isolated areas, we have fortnightly meetings during the winter months, for such lodges have also a Club-flavor, but in large towns from four to seven per annum is pretty general. If that is not enough for any particular individual, he joins another lodge, for there is no bar to the number of lodges a man can belong to. The personnel also varies according to circumstances, in small towns it is a cross-section of the population, in large ones, men tend to group themselves so that they all have some common interest, e.g. School, Varsity, Banking, Insurance, Medical, Stage, Music, etc.; etc. As the craft has some 1500 lodges in London, 4000 in the Provinces and 700 overseas, I know you will excuse me striking an average of meetings per annum.

Business at meetings is entirely hand-to-mouth. Discretion to pay all normal bills, etc., is in the sole hands of the Treasurer, he only has to give notices in respect of special matters, such as grants to charity,

etc. When there is no degree work, there will sometimes be a discussion on some subjects or they will have a meal and general chat, although I must admit that in some cases there is a slavish adherence to a full Toast List, in others this is omitted except on formal occasions, and the talk is really interesting. By-laws confine themselves to domestic matters, such as dates, place, subscription, Initiation fees, number of black-balls to exclude, merely anything that is not specifically covered by the relevant Constitutions. Our policy may be summarized as: (a) Bodies numerically small; (b) Meetings, the minimum consistent with local requirements, so that a man can widen his experience by entering the Higher Degrees without the whole business becoming a wearisome labor; (c) An understanding by all concerned that every man shall do his best, and that the "Assistentes" sitting around the room shall not disturb the Ceremonial by fidgeting or chattering! (d) The candidate is the only important man in the room, and his comprehension of what is going on is the object of the exercise.

G. E. W. Bridge"

HISTORIANS

Many states have Historians as one of their officers. A good many present annual papers to their Grand Lodges on some aspects of the past or present that strikes their fancy. This covers a wide list of assorted subjects as shown by a few of the titles selected at random from this years reading:

Delaware, "William Marshall"; Manitoba, "Capt. Rodgers, 7 Oaks Massacre"; New Jersey, "Transition from Operative to Speculative Masonry"; N. Dakota, "Masonic Governors of North Dakota"; Michigan, "Pre Grand Lodge Period of Michigan"; Idaho, "Influence of Masonry for Law and Order in Idaho, 1860-1880"; Washington, "Events Leading to Establishment of Grand Lodge of Washington", and Wyoming, "General Aspects of Masonic History".

BLIND PERSONS

At the May 21st, 1953, meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the following was adopted: "A Daughter Lodge shall not consider an application for initiation by any candidate who is totally blind without first obtaining a Dispensation from the Grand Master Mason". The Grand Master of Oregon in 1953 granted a dispensation to a blind candidate, who had been blind since a youth, and who was an outstanding attorney, head of several corporations and one time Mayor of his city. That the conferring of degrees upon the totally blind in Europe at least, must be of considerable age, is evidenced by the fact that in the list of the donations to the museum of the Grand Lodge of England are two items this year. The first is a two volume set of the "Perfect Ceremonies of Craft Masonry" in Braille, and the second is "The Esotery of Board of Installed Masters" in Braille.

LANDMARKS

Vermont, after long discussion, superceded the twenty-five landmarks of Mackey, adopted in 1893, by the following seven:

1. A Belief in one everliving, true God.
2. A Belief in Immortality.
3. The necessity of a Volume of Sacred Laws on the Altar.
4. A Legend of the Third Degree.
5. Secrecy.
6. The Symbolism of the operative art.
7. A Mason must be a man, of lawful age, and well recommended.

Thirteen States have no list of or adopted landmarks. In regard to the 18th landmark of Mackey; of the 49 states, 43 have no physical requirement, six of the 49 have. Mackey said in 1874: "In the discussion of the question, what are and what are not the landmarks of Masonry, there has been much diversity of opinion among writers."

WHITE HOUSE STONES

An account of the presentation of historic stones from the old White House in Washington, is given in every volume of U. S. proceedings. There is, however, a marked difference in how this was done, and the apparent effect it produced on the various Grand Lodges. Some were very nonchalant. For some a single paragraph or a few lines sufficed, while in others, the entire ceremony was carried, word for word. Minnesota, Rhode Island and Wisconsin print photographs of their stones and the President's letter. In Montana, the past Grand Masters were called to the East, and the stone delivered to their keeping. What they will do with it we don't know. Most states placed theirs in their museums.

MASONIC HOMES

Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, West Virginia, Kentucky and Wisconsin, all raised their per capita assessments for Masonic Home purposes. Scotland has established an Aged Mason's Benevolent Fund. Virginia, for the first time, established an Old Folks Home. It is to be built on the same grounds the Children's Home is occupying, but a separate building. It is to be a one-story, capacity of thirty. They are figuring that will be enough, with an annual cost of \$30,000. We think they will find that demand and costs will increase with the years. Over the country, the Grand Lodges that seem to be in financial trouble are those burdened with excessive Masonic Home set-ups. The only question is: which is the greater need? That is the question each man individually must answer for himself and each Grand Body the same. Brother Luther A. Morgan, Superintendent of the Old Masons Home of Kentucky made an eloquent plea for increased hospital facilities. His plea was answered by an increase of fifty cents in the assessment for that purpose.

CHAPTER REFERENCES

The two chapters specifically referred to us by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, we of course approve. We enjoin the new Representatives in Nebraska to be diligent in attendance and to correspond with the jurisdiction that they represent. Our Grand Master is a very considerate and modest individual. He does not state that he made a great hit in his address to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. This appearance was an unusual honor indeed for Nebraska, and we congratulate him. He visited or caused to be visited by an official representative many jurisdictions, and we commend him for the Conference arranged because of conflicting dates with our neighboring states.

GLEANINGS

The booklet or magazine, published by the Correspondence Committee of the Grand Lodge of California, is a good piece of work. Its purpose seems to be threefold. First; it gives the Grand Master and Grand Secretary a place to dispense information. Second; it is filled with worthwhile quotes on Masonic subjects from varied sources; and third, reviews of current Grand Lodge Communications are given for the information of the brethren, fresh, timely and authentic.

Realf Ottesen, P. G. M., made one of the finest addresses of welcome to the Grand Lodge of Iowa at their meeting in Davenport that we have ever read. He traced the coming of different groups of people to the community over the past 100 years, and the influence Masonry had had on their development and culture during that time. It was very good.

Brother Robert A. Tate, Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan for many years, was elected an Honorary P. G. M. He was invested with the regalia by his father, P. G. M. W. B. Tate, which regalia had been presented to the father by the Grand Lodge in 1910. It was an impressive ceremony and unique in their annals. In Mississippi, one P. G. M. presented another P. G. M. with a Fifty-year pin, with the remark that he was the Master of the lodge at the raising of the second and had originally appointed him on the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge in 1930. That is unusual, too. The Grand Master of Minnesota introduced Brother Charles P. Montgomery, Assistant Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge. He is a fifty-year button wearer, and has worked for the Grand Lodge for 54 years. His father was once Grand Secretary and his first employer. He first attended Grand Lodge in 1898. He is retiring this year. In Wisconsin, Grand Master Gollmar was invested with the jewel of his office by his father and clothed with the Grand Master's Apron by his son; all three members of the same lodge.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence of Colorado, presents a topical review. This year (1952), much of the space is given to a description of the efforts over the country, made by the Catholic

Church to overthrow the Separation of Church and State and the undermining of the First Amendment to the Constitution. This is important to every man who loves freedom and justice and we wish we could print the entire section of the report, but it would cover several pages.

Washington State passed a stringent proficiency law. Within sixty days from his raising, a brother must pass his examination, then he can pay his dues. If he fails to comply, he is automatically dropped and can only be restored to membership by passing exam and then paying dues, plus a like amount as penalty.

Minnesota celebrated their Centennial with a program in the St. Paul Municipal Auditorium, the high spot of which was an address by Dr. Roy of Massachusetts on the "Challenge of Masonry". Wish we could print it in its entirety. It was divided as follows: Freemasonry, a Force; Freemasonry, a Tool. It was a wonderful challenge to our order. The Grand Lodge was congratulated by the Legislature.

Unusual outdoor meetings were held in several states. In Florida, a meeting was carried on in a depression between two Indian mounds on a point of land jutting out into the salt marsh. It was easily tiled as dense scrub covered it. Some 2700 brethren attended. South Carolina held a meeting in a rock quarry, the 13th of its kind with brethren present from many states. It was the largest attended meeting in the state. Oregon held three meetings, two on mountains and one in a cave. Tennessee held a meeting in a marble quarry, with 1278 present by card count.

Many lodges are observing anniversaries these days as we are all getting older. It would be hard to beat the program of Redwood No. 35 of Rhode Island, who had a special program every month and at their annual meeting presented two hospitals with \$3,000 each to endow a room at each in the name of "Masonic Charity and Universal Brotherhood."

The Memorial Temple to be erected in San Francisco will be in a way self supporting. It is planned to rent the auditorium to selected groups at times when not needed by the Grand Lodge. 3,200 comfortable seats with full view of the stage are planned for the main room. An underground garage will accommodate 400 cars and will be a source of further income.

Tom Q. Ellis, whom many of you know, gave an eloquent tribute to P. G. M. J. Rice Williams, Grand Lecturer of Mississippi. Brother Williams' remarks: "Letting Down the Bars" and "Let there be NO Levity" have been most widely quoted by reviewers over the country and with mighty good reason. They are hard sound SENSE. Two short quotations will illustrate this. "It is much easier to keep an immoral man out than it is to get him out; especially if he is socially, politically or financially prominent. Getting him out disrupts the lodge. Keeping him in destroys its usefulness in that community." "There is a tendency to forget this admonition at the crucial moment in the Third

Degree. If Masons pass a ripple of laughter over the Hall at the crucial moment, it destroys the sublimity of the scene and entirely subverts the teaching of the Degree."

Many jurisdictions have blood bank programs. In British Columbia the Grand Master in 1953 was awarded a beautifully colored certificate by the Canadian Red Cross for a TWENTY time donation. Honor to Brother Lawrence Healey.

A special Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland was held to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the laying of the first stone on the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Public officials from the Governor down as well as descendants of the founders were there. New York celebrated the 68th anniversary of the laying of the corner-stone of the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island. Its French designer was a Mason.

New Hampshire claims to have the oldest Freemason. He is Brother Alfred D. Nute who was raised on October 27th, 1874. He was 100 years of age on August 3rd, 1953. He is a member of Humane Lodge No. 21 of Rochester.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, continues to progress towards completion. The artist who is to paint the murals in the Memorial Room, Mr. Allyn Cox, is at work. The second elevator is about completed. The marble stairs leading to the Assembly Hall have been completed. The first maintenance work since the building was finished in 1932, was done this year, the apex of the tower was repainted. Some Grand Masters find, with all the influx of candidates during the past few years, that they do not know anything about the Memorial and must be educated to appreciate what the Grand Master is talking about. Time flies. Maryland and Pennsylvania presented busts of the first and second Presidents of the Association. Gen. Thomas J. Shryock of Maryland was the first President. On the 22nd of February, 1911, the first meeting was held with twenty-three jurisdictions present. Incidentally, Nebraska was one of the twenty-three, P. G. M. Milton J. Hull represented Nebraska. Brother Shryock served twenty-six terms as Grand Master of Maryland, a total of thirty-three years altogether. He died in 1917. Louis A. Watres of Pennsylvania was the second President, holding the office for many years from 1917 until his death. The completion of the Memorial is at least in sight. Four Tennessee lodges availed themselves of the right to initiate candidates in the Memorial last year.

The Grand Orient of Universal Masonry, mentioned a few years ago, still survives. How, we do not know. Under date of November, 1953, a nineteen-page letter was received from this organization in Paris. It is interesting reading, although we cannot altogether subscribe to their doctrines. They claim to be prospering. One thought from their voluminous proceedings we will print: "How can people pray to God and go to church, and at the same time wage war, hate and be

cruel to other people and still claim to be wholesome, peaceful and honorable citizens?"

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba on invitation of the Grand Master of North Dakota visited Langdon, North Dakota, on May 11th, 1953, and opened their Grand Lodge in the United States. On May 1st, it was just the reverse, when the North Dakota Grand Lodge was opened in Canada. On May 11th, after talks, the play, "A Rose upon the Altar" was presented, and Grand Lodge closed at 11:00 P.M. Many Canadian Brethren traveled long distances to be present.

New Zealand again called the attention of the Brethren to the error of their ways in belonging to the Order of the Eastern Star. To make matters more emphatic, they reprinted the law and warn that in the future, a Masonic member of the Star would be dealt with severely.

In the account of the 100th Anniversary of Baalbec Lodge of East Boston, Massachusetts, there was a letter read from one of their brethren, written in 1880, from the very spot after which their lodge was named. The ruins of the great Temple, in which his tent was pitched, were built by the Phoenicians, six or eight hundred years before Christ. It was entered by a stairway 150 feet wide and 100 feet high, adorned with columns and sculptures as delicately wrought as if designed for a boudoir. It was one of the so-called "Wonders of the World". It well deserved the name, since even in ruins, the size of the blocks of stone, fill the beholder with awe and admiration. Stones, 60 to 63 feet long, 13 feet high and 13 feet thick! How did they handle them? Laid long ago, they are as fresh and firm today, as 3000 years ago. The quarries are at least a half mile distant.

In the Florida proceedings, we find a tribute to Dr. John Gorrie, Freemason, 1803-1855. Extremely active in many, many fields in the town of Apalachicola, it was he in the practice of his profession who invented the first ice-making machine and the first air-conditioning system. Patents were issued in 1850 and 1851 in England and the United States. In 1911, a statue of Dr. Gorrie was placed in the Hall of Fame in Washington. Bridges, ships, schools, Star Chapters have been named after him. It is difficult to see, how in his short life he could carry on as many activities as he did. A committee was appointed to place a Masonic marker on his gravesite.

P. G. M. Joe A. Ewalt was introduced by the Grand Master of Kentucky. Those of us who know this kindly, old time gentleman will never forget him. In his remarks he told of his first attendance at Grand Lodge in 1888, and except for two omissions, this was his 63rd consecutive appearance. Of the delegates at the session in 1888, he is the only man left. He served as the head of all the York Rite Bodies in Kentucky, a distinction accorded only eight others, and he is the sole survivor. He is now 87 years old.

In California five Past Grand Masters died during the year, and another right after Grand Lodge closed, making six in 1953, the heaviest loss in their history. They have set up an Honor Roll of members of California Lodges, who must have been dead at least twenty-five years to qualify, of Military or Naval Heroes or those contributing to the growth of America. Eleven names, among them Luther Burbank, John Hays Hammond and Leland Stanford, adorn the list. They adopted a twelve-month waiting period before taking other degrees.

Montana has a Committee on School of Religion, a part of the University of Montana. Financial assistance was given to the school to the amount of 2½¢ per capita for the next two years. They feel this assistance is a worthy objective and well within the scope of their Masonic principles.

In the proceedings of Victoria, Australia, a list of names of excluded brethren is given for the reason that they had failed to pay their dues in their Mark Master Lodges and hence were dropped in the Craft Lodge. The same thing happens to a failure to pay Royal Arch Chapter dues.

Freemasonry in Australia has made remarkable growth in the past fifty years. In Victoria, in 1901, there were 8,385 members; in 1951 there were 96,236. Treasurer's balance were 1971 pounds in 1901; today 665,236. 186 lodges in 1901, today 715 lodges. The Grand Lodge operates a hospital in Melbourne that is nearly self-supporting, in spite of the fact that indigent patients are treated free. Last year 1,202 of the 1,286 persons who were patients there were from Masonic families, who received rebates from established rates. The daily average number of patients was fifty-three, whose average stay was fifteen days. The increase in membership, etc., cited for Victoria, could be listed for most of the other states. Last March 20th, 4,000 of them gathered in the Town Hall in Melbourne, in a Lodge of Sorrow in memory of His Most Gracious Majesty, King George VI.

Colorado adopted a Lodge of Research. The Grand Master of Connecticut, Brother Robert H. Nisbit, attempted to form a Lodge of Research on the Eastern Seaboard composed of artists, architects, engineers, designers, mathematicians, etc., to try and recapture some of the "Lost Secrets" of form and proportion of that elusive thing called Beauty, known and used by the Ancient Builders. It is still in the process of formation.

The proceedings of Virginia give a complete and detailed account of the ceremonies on the 200th Anniversary of the Masonic Birthday of George Washington, the Mason. It was a great success. They were favored by the presence of many distinguished brethren from all parts of the United States. Virginia proceedings are always interesting as they report in full what most jurisdictions leave to your imagination. Full praise was given to William Moseley Brown, author of the book, George Washington—Freemason, who was responsible for much of the success of the undertaking.

P. G. M. Bailey Newcomb of North Carolina, made a detailed and beautiful report to the Grand Lodge of that state on the Installation Ceremony of the new Grand Master of England, which he witnessed in London. He tells of his wife's refusal to drink the various toasts, particularly that to the King, which are such a part of any lodge dinner in England, in anything but water, and the amazement and admiration of their hosts for her. The whole report is a finely written piece of prose, covering not only the ceremony, but also expressing his esteem for the British as a whole, who, as he states suffered six BILLION dollars damage in a single night of bombing, but still continue virile, alert, courageous and capable of Masonic leadership here and abroad. They also carry facsimile pages of the Grand Lodge of England report of this same matter.

Food packages are still arriving in Britain. They are of great benefit to the larders of the aged and infirm. They are of material aid, but most of all they bring home the depth of understanding, the good will and sympathy of countless friends throughout the whole Commonwealth of England.

Montana established their Grand Lodge in 1866, 87 years ago. The Deputy for the Scottish Rite as a tribute and with apology to Lincoln, gave a paraphrase of the Gettysburg Address of January, 1866, as follows:

"Four-score and seven years ago, our Fathers brought forth in this state a Grand Lodge of Masons, conceived in the love of God, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created Brothers. We are meeting in annual Communication of that Grand Lodge, testing whether all of our deeds of the past year were wholly acceptable and making plans to insure that Masonry in this State shall endure forever. While in solemn Communication, let us pause to remember the great men who founded this Grand Lodge; as well as those who guided it through the early years. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this, but in a larger sense we are here to rededicate our own lives to the high purposes of our beloved Fraternity. The spirits of those noble men, who labored in behalf of Masonry in this State are with us today. It is fitting that we dedicate this Communication to them in consecration of their hallowed memories. Their great deeds speak for themselves. It is far beyond our poor words, power of words, to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it never can forget what they accomplished. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to carry on the good work that they so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored leaders we take increased devotion to the cause which they gave their unselfish devotion. That we here highly resolve that they shall not have labored in vain, that this Grand Lodge under God shall have a new birth of zeal and loyalty in promoting the Doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the

Brotherhood of Man, and that Masonry of free men, by free men, for free men shall not perish from the earth."

In Tasmania, the Grand Master says this concerning candidates. "To be a 'good fellow', a 'good sport' or 'good mixer' is not a qualification for membership. We must see that our candidates come from a higher plane than that, otherwise we will find our standards taking a downward trend and things which besmirch the good name of the Fraternity will become more and more evident on the surface of Freemasonry, these are some of the things which seem to be creeping into the social or surface side of our Craft and I am sorry to say, are bringing the Craft into disfavor with those of the outside World who are not Masons."

We close this report with a quotation from Horace Mann. "Republics, one after another, have perished through a want of intelligence and virtue in the masses of the people. They have been delivered over to anarchy and thence to despotism. If we do not prepare children to become good citizens, if we do not enrich their minds with knowledge, imbue their hearts with love of truth and duty and a reverence for all things sacred and holy, then our republic must go down to destruction, as others have done before it."

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