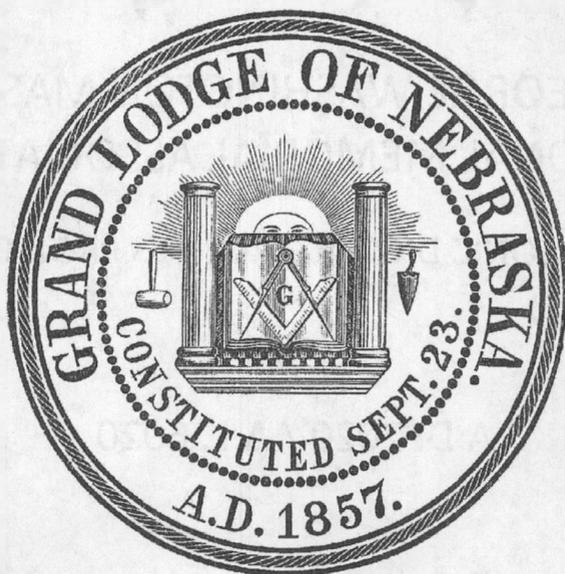


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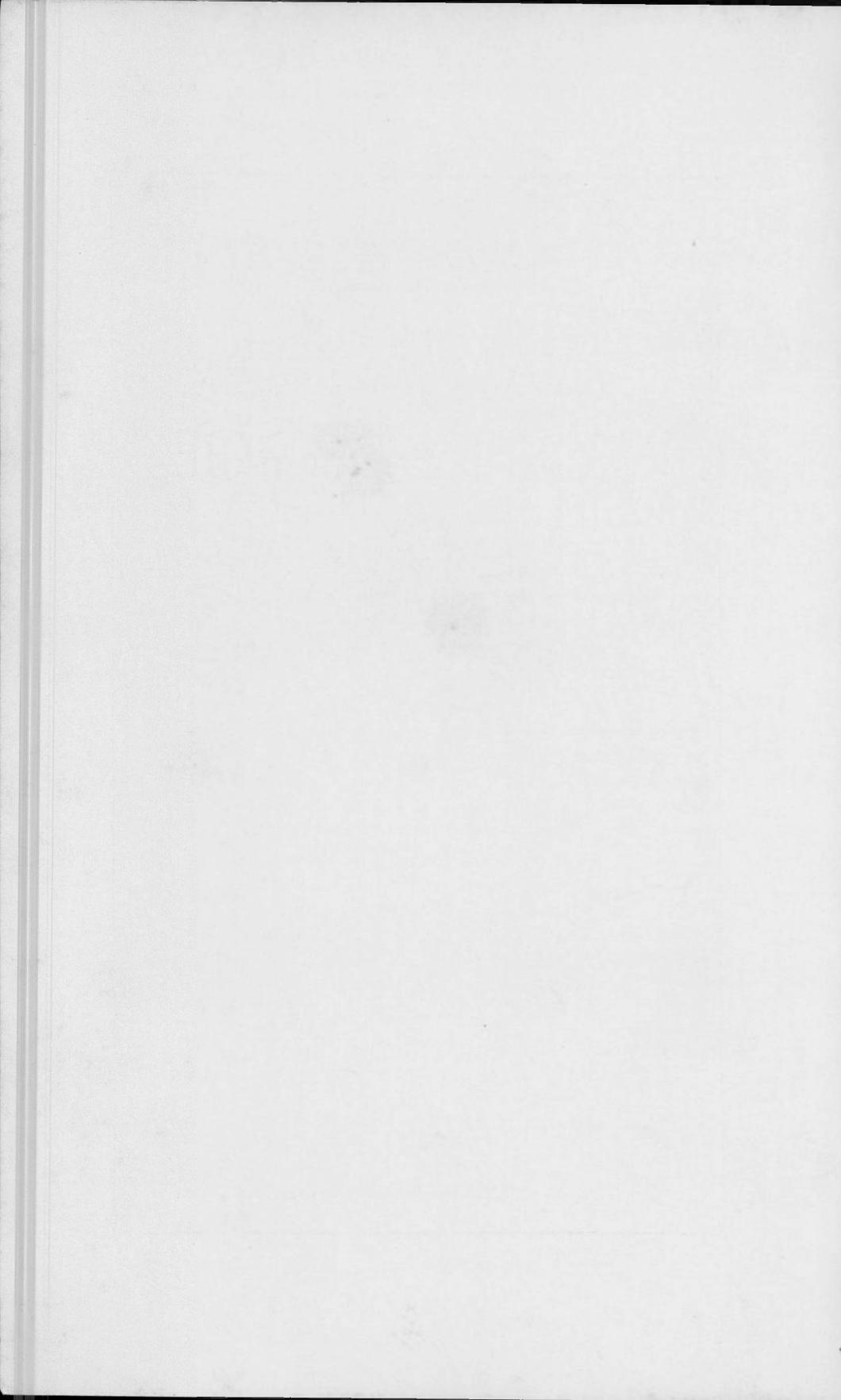
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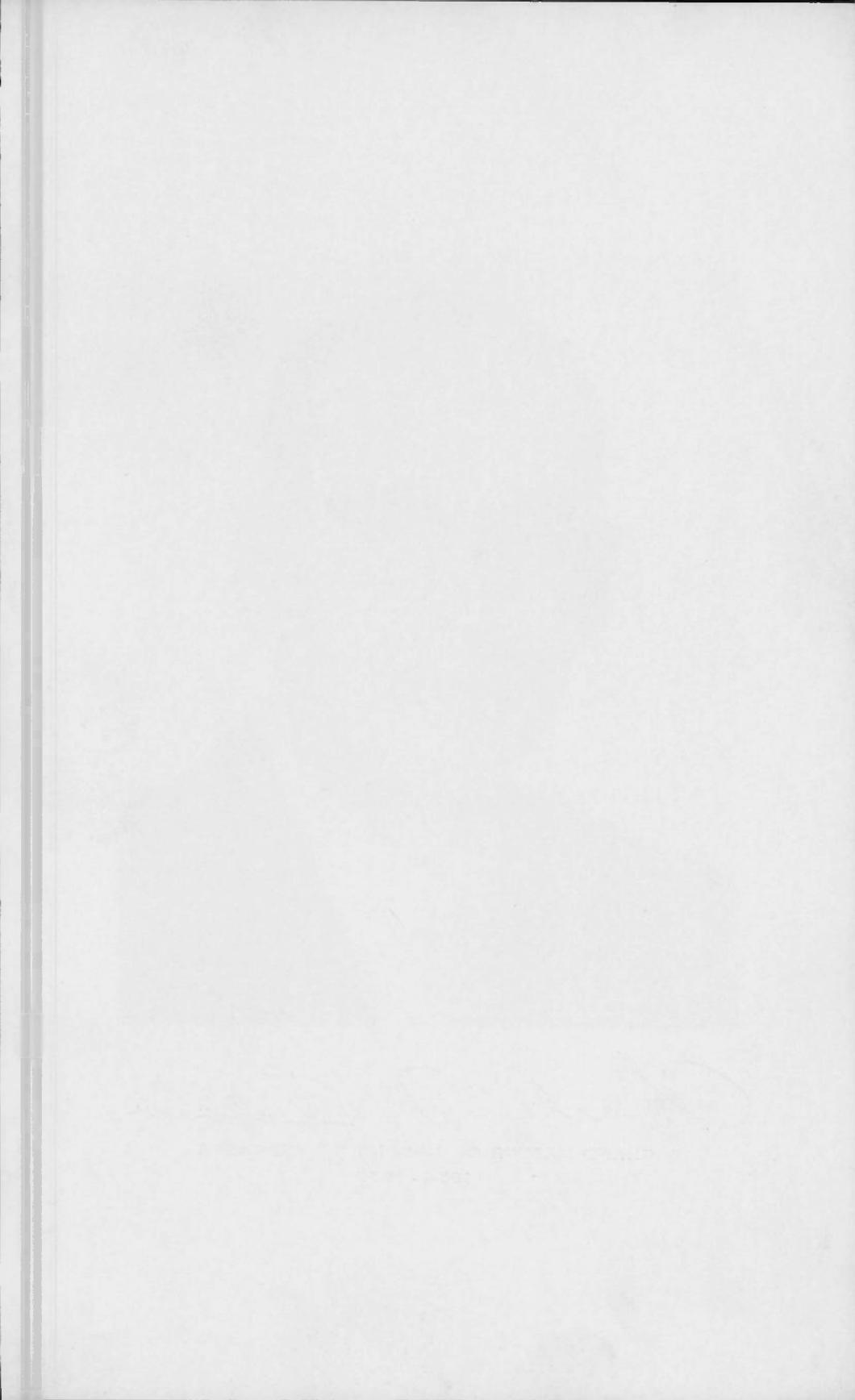




Charles F. Adams

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1954 - 1955



Biographical



Charles Forehand Adams

Charles Forehand Adams, 89th Grand Master, was born December 30, 1902, at Hooper, Nebraska, the son of George J. and Ninette Forehand Adams. He graduated from the Lincoln, Nebraska, High School in 1920, studied at the University of Nebraska, where he received his A.B. Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1925, and his LL. B. Degree from the College of Law in 1927.

On September 10, 1930, Brother Adams and Gertrude Rowe were married and they have three children, Sarah Jane, James R., and Ruth E. The Adams family live at 703 M Street, Aurora, and are members of the Presbyterian Church.

M. W. Brother Adams has been in individual practice of law since his graduation from law college, having practiced in Lincoln from 1927 until he moved to Aurora in 1930, where his present office is located in the Farmers State Bank Building. He has been a member of the Advisory Committee on Discipline of the Nebraska State Bar Association since 1949, and is the present City Attorney of Aurora and formerly County Attorney of Hamilton County. He is a Director and Past President of the Farmers State Bank; General Counsel of the Hamilton County Telephone Company; General Counsel of the First Securities Corporation, all of Aurora.

Brother Adams is active in civic affairs, having served as President of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Aurora Country Club and Rotary Club; he is a former member of the Aurora City Council and the Board of Education; former Chairman of the Hamilton County Republican Central Committee. He is a Director of the University of Nebraska Alumni Association and a member of Pi Kappa Phi Social Fraternity and Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity.

MASONIC HISTORY

Lodge: Initiated August 29, 1939, passed November 21, 1939, and raised March 8, 1940, all in Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora. He served as Master in 1946. Received Certificate of Proficiency May 21, 1951, and has regularly renewed his certification.

Chapter: Mark Master April 16, 1946; Past Master and Most Excellent Master April 18, 1946; Royal Arch May 9, 1946, all in Shekinah Chapter No. 32, Aurora. Received Order of High Priesthood December 7, 1950, serving as High Priest in 1951. Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alaska near Nebraska by M·E·Harold H. Thom on September 3, 1953.

Council: Received the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master December 18, 1947, in Lebanon Council No. 24, Central City; Super Excellent Master Degree December 6, 1949, in Omaha Council No. 1, Omaha, and served as Illustrious Master of Lebanon Council No. 24 in 1953. Received Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree December 2, 1952, and on December 6, 1954, was elected Steward of the Thrice Illustrious Masters Council of Nebraska. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Oklahoma near Nebraska by M·I·Fred Fouts on February 10, 1955.

Commandery: Order of Red Cross and Order of Malta August 23, 1946, and the Order of the Temple September 2, 1946, in Mount Lebanon Commandery No. 6, Grand Island. He is the Senior Warden of his Commandery at the present time.

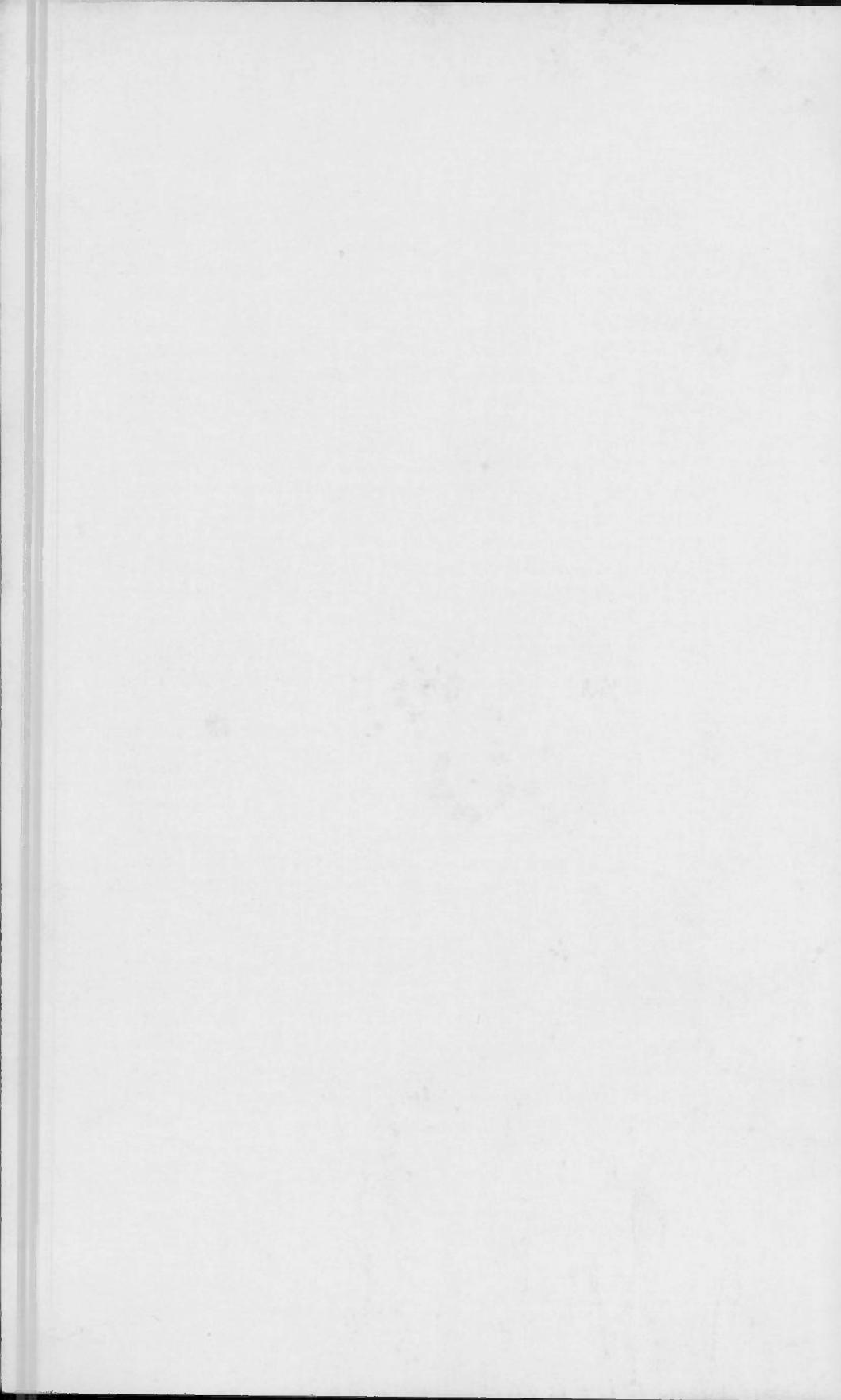
Grand Lodge: Appointed Grand Marshal in 1947 by M·W·Edward Huwaldt and again in 1948 by M·W·Elmer E. Magee. He was appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M·W·Ernest S. Schiefelbein on June 9, 1949, and elected and installed Grand Master on June 9, 1954. On July 10, 1947, he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia near Nebraska by M·W·Edward Huwaldt.

M·W·Brother Adams was appointed a member of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Grand Masters' Conference in 1954 and is a member of the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association since February, 1955.

M.·W.·Brother Adams is a member of Hastings Consistory, Valley of Hastings, Orient of Nebraska, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and on October 21, 1945, became Master of the Royal Secret, 32°. He has been a member of Sesostri Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Lincoln, since November 15, 1946; member of the Central Nebraska Shrine Club, Grand Island, and was a member of the Board of Directors from 1949 to 1953. He has been a member of Lincoln Court No. 118, Royal Order of Jesters, since January 13, 1953.

He has been a member of Sneh Bo' Aire Council No. 17, Allied Masonic Degrees since December 6, 1951, and was elected Chaplain on December 9, 1954; a member of the Grand College of Rites and of the Knight Masons of Ireland since February 21, 1953, and of Coeur de Lion Conclave No. 10, Red Cross of Constantine since December 9, 1954. On October 8, 1952, he became a member of Aurora Chapter No. 93, O.E.S.

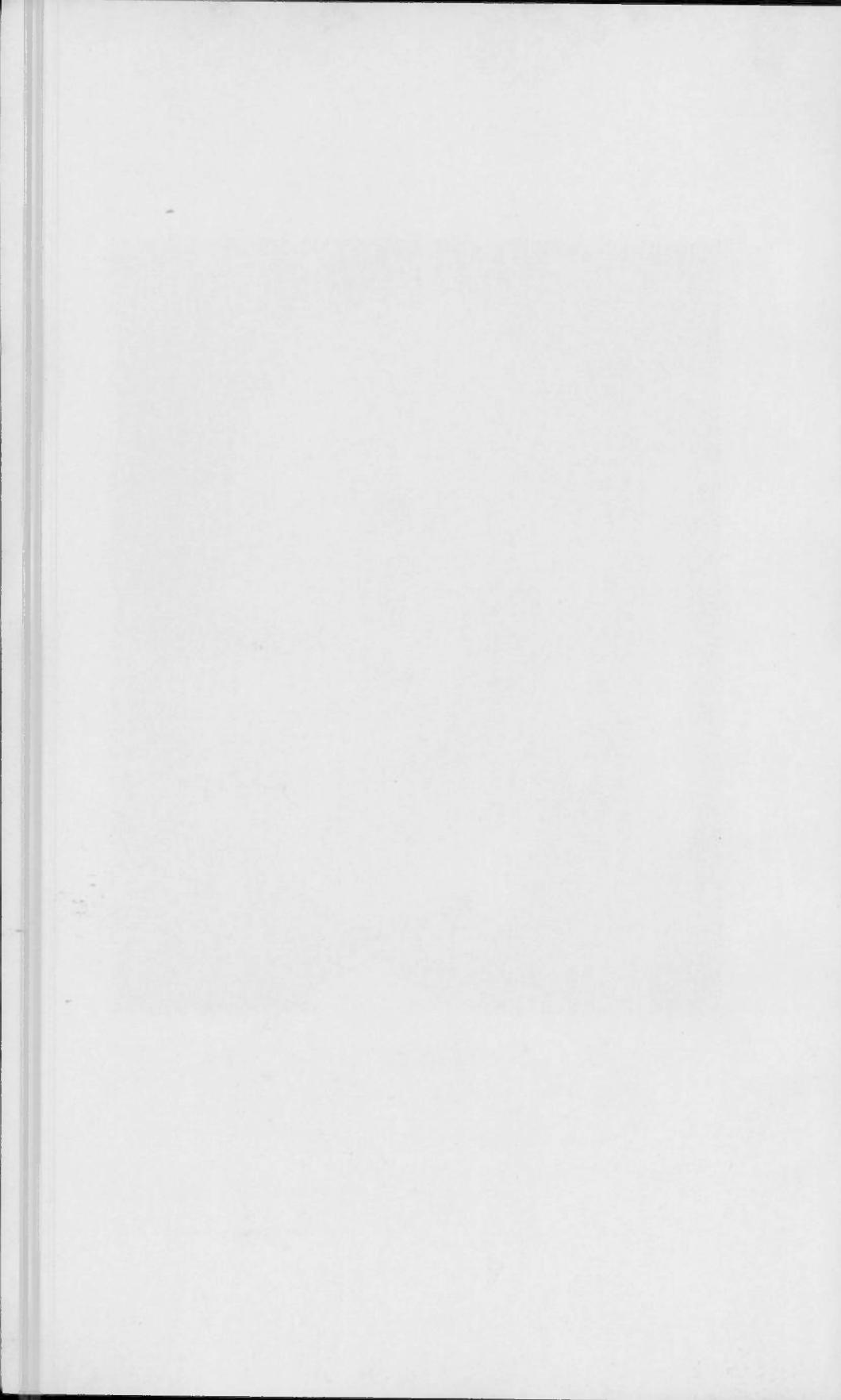
M.·W.·Brother Adams has brought to the high office of Grand Master an intense devotion to its exalted ideals which appeared in all his official acts and decisions. His legalistic training eminently fitted him to grasp the crux of every situation and to approach every problem with impartial disinterestedness, resolving each into those essentials which must govern every decision. His administration has been marked by a vitalizing activity which is reflected in increased interest in esoteric ritualism as well as appreciated physical accoutrements. He reaches the status of one of our "Elder Statesmen" while still in the prime of life and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is indeed fortunate that his advice and counsel will continue to be available for our guidance and instruction for many years to come. His recognition by the Masonic Fraternity in his appointment to positions of national scope and influence is indeed gratifying to Nebraska and he bespeaks the fact that we are not alone in our appreciation of his innate worth and ability. He has indeed earned the plaudits of the brethren he has served so faithfully and the encomiums of those whose privilege it has been to work with him through the year.





Herbert J. White

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1955 - 1956



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NINETY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 7, 8 and 9, 1955



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 7, 1955

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 7, A. D. 1955, A. L. 5955.

There were present the following:

M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68.....	Grand Master
R. W. Herbert T. White, 11.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Merle M. Hale, 54.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, 295.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
W. Harold H. Thom, 1 (pro-tem).....	Grand Chaplain
W. Joe R. Kennedy, 290.....	Grand Orator
W. Harold H. Thom, 1.....	Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....	Grand Marshal
W. John E. Beaver, 253.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Joseph C. Tye, 46.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. James H. Bryant, 199.....	Grand Tyler

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

Promptly at 8:45 o'clock a. m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form by R. W. Herbert T. White, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Chaplain pro-tem.

M. W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 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-eighth 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. Charles F. Adams, Grand Master :

Brethren, I regret to announce that our Grand Chaplain, V. W. Thomas A. Barton has been transferred to the Veterans Hospital at Denver, Colorado, and I am appointing W. Brother Harold H. Thom, our Grand Historian, as Grand Chaplain pro-tem for this Annual Communication.

The Grand Master instructed the Grand Marshal to escort the Grand Chaplain, W. Brother Harold H. Thom, to the altar for the purpose of Prayer.

W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Chaplain pro-tem :

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, we would silence the boisterous tumults of the world without us and within, that in the secret place of the Most High we may abide under the shadow of the Almighty. In the hush of these quiet moments, may we hear the whispered word of Thy sustaining counsel whereby we shall find courage, fortitude, fidelity and purity of thought to strengthen and control our lives. In dark ways be our light, in dim paths be our guide; if we must sometimes journey alone, may we walk without fear knowing that we go not unattended for Thou art ever with us. We give Thee hearty thanks for the consecrated and devoted service of our leaders during the past year, especially the careful and considered planning of our Grand Master. May the consciousness of duty well performed and responsibilities well administered be to them as the sweet flavor of incense and the approbation of their brethren, a well deserved honor. As we have gathered together in peace and harmony in this

Ninety-eighth Annual Communication of our beloved Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, so may the benediction of Thy peace rest upon all our deliberations. May all discussions bring forth light without heat, may all decisions be made in accordance with Thy will and for the advancement and promotion of our exalted purposes and may the fellowship of our mystic brotherhood enrich our lives and bring us ever closer to each other and to Thee. We ask it all in the name and for the sake of our Blessed Redeemer. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS

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

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Deacon, then presented 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
Edward Huwaldt	(82nd)	1947
Elmer E. Magee	(83rd)	1948
Ernest S. Schiefelbein	(84th)	1949
John S. Hedelund	(85th)	1950
Thomas J. Aron	(86th)	1951
Edward M. Knight	(87th)	1952
Fay Smith	(88th)	1953

W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Deacon:

M. W. Grand Master, I have the pleasure and honor of presenting the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters.

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

W. Grand Senior Deacon, you will conduct our distinguished Past Grand Masters to the East. My brethren, it is my pleasure to introduce these distinguished brother Masons to you.

M. W. Sirs, it is an honor, indeed, to welcome you to this our 98th Annual Communication. All of us here cherish the friendships which we have formed with you during the past years which have been nurtured by our common interest in Masonry. Beyond friendship, however, is the respect and admiration which we have for you. Your years of endeavor have endued you with a competency of Masonic wisdom and that wisdom you have shared with us. The stature of this Grand Lodge, today, is due in no small measure to the contributions which you have made down through the years. May you and we continue to enjoy the very pleasant associations for many years to come.

M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Past Grand Master, gave the

RESPONSE

M. W. Grand Master, on behalf of the Past Grand Masters assembled here this morning, I sincerely thank you for your most cordial welcome and invitation to this our Ninety-eighth Annual Communication. With your permission, M. W. Sir, and for the entertainment and information of the brethren assembled here this morning, I would like to turn back the pages of history for just a moment. Exactly thirty years ago this month at the 68th Annual Communication in June 1925, 266 of the 286 chartered lodges were represented. Some of the Past Grand Masters were gathered before the Grand Lodge. They had been welcomed as was the custom at that time and received by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master. The eloquent and brilliant M. W. Past Grand Master, Henry H. Wilson, responded in part as follows: "I am very happy to present to you some of the Past Grand Masters of Nebraska. They are a rare collection of old fossils. We have here a rare museum in geneology. The oldest in point of service is Brother Thummel who spent his tadpole stage in the black soil of Illinois. He soon developed amphibian characteristics enabling him to leave the swamps of his native state for the highlands and fresh air of Nebraska."

After recognizing some of the other Past Grand Masters Brother Wilson went on to say, "I now come down to infants of the class and present to you M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith who first saw the light in the primeval forest of Wisconsin in 1875. He has not had a sufficient period of incubation to make him a real fossil, but he took his place among us in 1922 when he became Past Grand Master."

He then said, "Our infant is Brother Charles A. Chappell, the only specimen from the state of Indiana where he was born in 1882. He took his place among us only a year ago, when he too, became a fossil."

Brethren, I think special honor and recognition is due Brothers Smith and Chappell for this long record of loyalty and service to our

Grand Lodge. I am going to ask them to stand and take another hand from you brethren, please. (Long applause)

I was interrupted just now by a Junior, he said, "Which Smith"? Will you stand, Brother Fay?

M. W. Brother Adams, we realize that you have been very busy and have given unstintingly of your time and your talents to the cause of our great Fraternity during the past year. I had the privilege of hearing and seeing you lay the corner-stone of our new three million dollar high school in Grand Island last September. The ceremony was dignified, beautifully and impressively carried out. Although your task is not finished and you have a way to travel that is beset with many dangers, I am sure the 45,000 and more brethren of Nebraska recognize in you a genial, capable, sincere and energetic leader, and join us here in saying to you this morning "Congratulations and thank you, M. W. Sir, for a good job well done."

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

Thank you, M. W. Brother Huwaldt. I shall endeavor to merit those words of confidence.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

R. W. Fred B. Layman, Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Earle W. Adams, Grand Master of Kentucky; M. W. Al E. Orton, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Kentucky; M. W. Orestes Mitchell, Jr., Grand Master of Missouri; M. W. Francis J. Scully, Grand Master of Arkansas; M. W. Carroll T. Hughes, Grand Master of Illinois; M. W. Don Carpenter, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Wilbur F. Earhart, Grand Master of Iowa; M. W. Willard L. Hillyer, Grand Master of Minnesota; M. W. Scott E. Kelsey, Grand Master of Kansas; M. W. Elmer F. Strain, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary Emeritus of Kansas; M. W. Charles A. Mantz, Grand Master of Colorado.

RECEPTION OF OUR OWN DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. I. Fred Fouts, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; M. E. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; R. E. Guy L. Raber, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska; W. Norris W. Lallman, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Nebraska; Ill. 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; Ill. Clayton F. Andrews, Imperial Oriental Guide, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Brother Edwin C. Boehmer, Potentate, Sesostris Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Brother William F. Patterson, President, W. William F. Evers, Superintendent,

Brother Raymond F. Evers, Assistant Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. Herbert A. Ronin, President, Brother Robert Grassman, Superintendent, The Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children; Brother Victor E. Anderson, the Governor of Nebraska.

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

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS

W. Norris W. Lallman, Worthy Grand Patron:

M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren: It is a pleasure to bring you fraternal greetings from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, and to present you with this basket of flowers with the wish for a successful Communication. I have visited many Chapters in Nebraska and have found that the ones that have been the most successful have many brothers present. This shows that when Masons and Eastern Stars work together in harmony they both are benefited. I especially want to thank the M. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Secretary for the wonderful cooperation they have given us this past year. My wish is that the harmony that exists may grow stronger and stronger as the years go by. Thank you.

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

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

RECEPTION OF ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

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

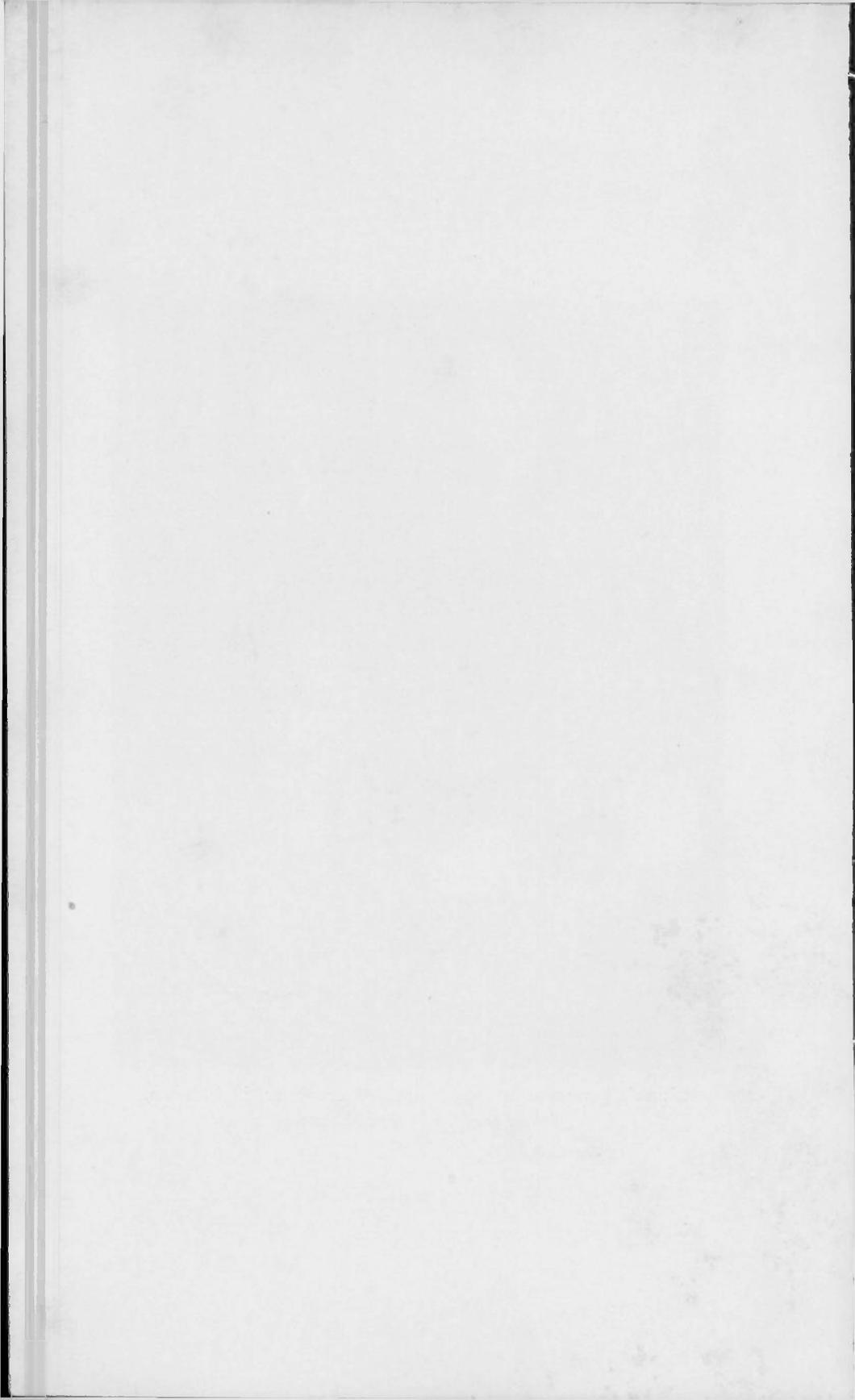
W. Brother Grand Senior Deacon, you will conduct the Assistant Custodians to the East facing the West.

My brethren, I present to you at this time the Assistant Custodians of the Grand Lodge who are in attendance at this Annual Communication. For the benefit of our visiting brethren from other jurisdictions may I say that they sometimes have the titles in other states as Assistant Lecturers or Deputy Grand Lecturers. These brethren are the teachers of the esoteric work of our ritual.

W. Osborne P. Simon, 174.....	1930
W. Jesse P. Entekin, 295.....	1934
W. Harold D. Weddel, 208.....	1937
W. Cecil C. Gates, 227.....	1938
W. Ross Van Sickle, 184.....	1938
W. Roy S. Planck, 15.....	1940



*M. W. Grand Master introducing Brother Victor E. Anderson,
Governor of the State of Nebraska.*



W..Buren P. Wells, 36.....	1940
W..Clarence G. McNamee, 55.....	1941
W..Lewis E. Baker, 135.....	1943
W..Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....	1946
W..LaVerne A. Walker, 55.....	1946
W..Ernest E. James, 1.....	1948
W..Frank A. Anderson, 17.....	1949
W..Robert W. Cook, 33.....	1949
W..Charles M. Frederick, 136.....	1949
W..Paul D. Fleming 93.....	1949
W..Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....	1950
W..Morris V. Balcom, 46.....	1950
W..William F. Flickinger, 56.....	1951
W..Forest A. Lape, 183.....	1951
W..Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314.....	1954

Now my brethren, will you give a hearty welcome to Brother Raymond C. Cook, and his corps of assistants. I want to tell you again that it is a pleasure to present you to the Grand Lodge. Each of you enjoys the close personal friendship of the brethren in your particular area, but as I said a moment ago, I think it is nice if the brethren throughout the state have an opportunity to meet those of you with whom they are less acquainted. On behalf of the Grand Lodge, I express to you my appreciation and that of the Grand Lodge for your devoted service in the teaching of the ritual.

W..Paul D. Fleming, 93, gave the

RESPONSE

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

I feel very humble in being asked to respond to this fine welcome. We wish to thank the Grand Master for this welcome. It indeed makes us feel sort of warm around the heart to know, that we are appreciated in our work. We are most happy in our work, M..W..Grand Master, not only because we are working under the direction of a fine and able Grand Custodian, our W..Brother Raymond C. Cook, but because in the schools which we conduct we meet fine Masons who are interested in the work of Masonry and are loyal to it.

As the years go by, we Custodians become increasingly aware of the Masonic significance of the trowel, one of the working tools you see embossed on the aprons we wear. It is our duty and privilege to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection among our lodges and to trowel down and smooth up the work and be able to transmit it unimpaired to our Masonic posterity.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES
NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. W. Charles F. Adams, 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
Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass
Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee
Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James
Brazil, Rio De Janeiro	Cecil C. Gates
Brazil, Lodge of Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre
Brazil, Sao Paulo	Delbert H. Pinkerton
British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron
Canada	Edward F. Carter
Chile	Ralph O. Canaday
Colorado	Carl R. Greisen
Costa Rica	Frank A. Anderson
Cuba	Joseph C. Tye
Delaware	Ross Van Sickle
Denmark	John S. Hedelund
District of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin
Egypt	Emil H. Vierigg
England	Fay Smith
Florida	Charles B. Nicodemus
France	Ralph M. Carhart
Georgia	William F. Evers
Iceland	Nels Ostergaard
Idaho	David C. Spangler
Illinois	Ernest S. Schiefelbein
Indiana	Roy S. Planck
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
Netherlands	Piebe Dykstra
New Hampshire	Virgil R. Johnson
New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel
New York	George R. Porter
New Zealand	James H. Bryant

Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming
Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entrekin
Nuevo Leon	Morris V. Balcom
Oklahoma	Lewis E. Baker
Panama	Walter R. Raecke
Philippine Islands	John C. Greene
Puerto Rico	Roy I. Babbitt
Quebec	John E. Beaver
Queensland	Edward Huwaldt
Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom
Scotland	William Cosh
South Carolina	Herbert T. White
South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell
Sweden	W. Alex Danielson
Tamaulipas	Robert D. Wilson
Tasmania	C. Ray Macy
Tennessee	William C. Schaper
Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey
Washington	Edward M. Knight
West Australia	Charles F. Adams
West Virginia	Alvin H. Miller
Wisconsin	Osborne P. Simon

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

Brethren, some of those whose names were called are busy at Committee work, but we have a very nice representation here of our representatives near Nebraska of other Grand Lodges. Brethren of the Grand Lodge, you see them before you, these representatives of other Grand Lodges throughout the United States and throughout the world. Each of these brethren, together with the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Jurisdiction corresponding to their appointment, constitute a symbol of the fraternal relations existing between two sovereign Grand Lodges. It has been my pleasure to recommend the appointment of several of the brethren that are here before you. I shall make further reference to that in my address a little later this morning. And now to you Grand Representatives, may I suggest that you continue to use every reasonable means to communicate with the Grand Lodges that you represent and the Grand Representative of our Grand Lodge near that Jurisdiction. You will not only derive much personal satisfaction but you will be performing a service on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

W. Nels H. Ostergaard, 32, Grand Representative of Iceland, gave the

RESPONSE

Thank you, M. W. Grand Master. On behalf of the Grand Representatives, I thank you for your warm and hearty welcome. We appreciate the privilege of representing the various Grand Jurisdictions

recognized by our Grand Lodge. And though some of us may at some time or another have had opportunities of visiting the Grand Jurisdictions that we represent, others would have to travel long distances. I should very much like to visit the Grand Lodge of Iceland but that is impossible. Most of us must be content with correspondence. On behalf of all the Grand Representatives, I pledge our earnest endeavors to keep the light of fraternal love and friendship shining throughout the various Grand Jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

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

I recognize Brother Jack Pinkerton, Junior Warden of Nebraska Lodge No. 1.

Brother Jack Pinkerton:

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

As most of you know, this is the 100th anniversary of organized Masonry in Nebraska, for it was on October 3, 1855, that a lodge now known as Nebraska Lodge No. 1, was chartered as Nebraska Lodge No. 184, Illinois.

To commemorate this occasion, Nebraska Lodge No. 1 has purchased a new Bible which is being used for the first time at this Grand Lodge Communication. The officers and members of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 would appreciate the help of the Masters or the representatives of the subordinate lodges of Nebraska. After this morning session and during the balance of this Grand Lodge, this Bible will be in the lounge room directly across the hall from this room, where it will be available for the signatures of the Master or Representative of each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. We earnestly solicit your cooperation in obtaining the signatures of each Master or representative.

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

Brethren, it is customary to have a welcome from the Master of one of the Omaha lodges. We felt that this honor should be delegated to the Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1. He had a very recent death in his family and was called away just a day or two ago. So I am going to ask a Past Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 to do the honors. He happens to be a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

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

M. W. Grand Master, His Excellency the Governor, Distinguished Guests and Members of the Grand Lodge:

As your Grand Master has told you, the Worshipful Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 was scheduled to make this address of welcome but it was impossible for him to be here because of the death of his father. I feel honored in being selected to represent the lodges of Omaha to give these few words of welcome to those in attendance at this, the Ninety-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska. For the benefit of our Distinguished Guests and also for many of you representatives of subordinate lodges who are here for the first time, according to the provisions of our Nebraska Masonic Code, the Grand Lodge always meets in Omaha for its Annual Communication. Likewise, it has been customary over a long period of time for the Omaha lodges to act as host for the visiting brethren from out state. As the representative of the twelve lodges who now meet in Omaha on a concurrent basis we welcome you to the City of Omaha and to this Grand Lodge Communication. We want to roll out the mat of welcome for you and to extend to you the fraternal greetings of the brethren in Omaha, who at this time, according to the figures of December 31, 1954, represent approximately 12,000 Masons. We feel honored by your presence. We want to make it as pleasant as possible during your short stay here in the city.

Again we bid you a hearty welcome and if you are free tonight, there will be a good ball game at the ball park.

W. Raymond E. Hall, 78, gave the

RESPONSE

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

Representing the subordinate lodges of Nebraska, I heartily accept the kind invitation which has been extended to all of us by Past Grand Master Eyre. It is indeed a privilege and pleasure to be guests of the Omaha Lodges at this time.

It is most gratifying to apprehend increased activity of Masonry in Nebraska. The increase in number of candidates seeking admission is further carried out by the sincerity of the brothers who are working in the various degrees. I earnestly believe our degrees and ritual are being conducted in a most satisfactory manner. Further evidence of our continued progress is the efforts of the individual lodges in bettering their equipment and facilities. Many of the lodges have re-decorated, several have added equipment, others have remodeled their quarters while others have moved to better buildings and several have

constructed or are constructing new Temples. This is a very healthy situation because growth depends upon activity and Masons do enjoy their growth. Ours is the most wonderful organization and it is most pleasant to recognize a universal fraternal spirit. I again thank the Omaha Lodges for their most gracious hospitality.

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

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

Charters and Dispensations: W. Ralph R. Carleton, 306, Chairman; Merlin R. Hall, 59; Stanley R. Jordan, 192.

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

Credentials: W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman; Clyde H. Jones, 173; John C. Green, 280; Ernest O. Van Wey, 249; Herman E. Reimers, 1; Alfred B. Saum, 46; Harold C. Dieckman, 68.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. David Spilman, 290, Chairman; Urlin G. McCartney, 285; Arnold F. Mains, 15.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227, Chairman; Edward M. Knight, 183; Thomas J. Aron, 37.

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

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

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

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

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

Grievances: W. John F. Fatcher, 302, Chairman; Arnold F. Mains, 15; James W. White, 135.

Jurisprudence: M. W. Fay Smith, 198, Chairman; and all Past Grand Masters present.

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

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

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

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

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

Returns: W. John A. Bottorf, 49, Chairman; Charles H. Ninegar, 301; Donald A. Hansen, 145.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Centennial: W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Chairman; W. Harold H. Thom, 1; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32; M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268; M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183; M. W. Fay Smith, 198; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68; R. W. Herbert T. White, 11; R. W. Merle M. Hale, 54; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136; M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.

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

FRATERNAL GREETINGS

Fraternal greetings and best wishes were received from the following Grand Lodges: Alberta and Wisconsin.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Brethren:

We have again assembled in a free state of a free nation to resume our deliberations as a Grand Lodge. This right of free assembly is one which we are inclined to take for granted, yet millions of people throughout the world dare not do what we do here today. We must never forget that the privilege of enjoying this inalienable right has been won at great sacrifice by those who have gone before us, and to them, and especially to our Masonic brethren among them, we shall be forever indebted. To God, Who forever presides and forever reigns, we humbly express our gratitude for His beneficence.

May I again remind you that this is your Grand Lodge, or rather, that you are the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Under our law, the three representatives of each of the two hundred seventy-five chartered lodges, together with the officers of the Grand Lodge and the Past Grand Masters, when in Grand Lodge assembled, constitute the sovereign Masonic body in our state. You have seen fit to repose some authority and some responsibility in your Grand Master and in your Grand Lodge officers and you have leaned heavily upon the Past Grand Masters for their counsel and advice. In truth and in fact, however, you who are here assembled are the supreme authority. It is for this reason that I bespeak your careful attention to and consideration of the several matters which are to come before you at this Annual Communication. The decisions which you will make will be of far-reaching and lasting importance to your brethren in Nebraska.

One year has now elapsed since you elected me to the office of Grand Master. It is now my duty to submit a report of my stewardship and to make such recommendations as I believe are for the best interests of the Craft. It has been a pleasant and most rewarding year although, at times, the duties of the office seemed a bit arduous. According to my diary, I have traveled, on Masonic business, approximately 16,400 miles by automobile, 6,350 miles on the airlines and 1,000 miles by train.

NECROLOGY

We are indeed grateful that the Great Architect of the Universe in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to defer the summons for each of our Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters. We are saddened, however, by the passing of seven hundred eighty-one brethren of our subordinate lodges who have entered the Celestial Lodge above. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will present its report later in the session, at which time we shall pause to pay tribute to their memory and to the memory of other distinguished members from other jurisdictions.

JORDAN MEDALS AND FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

Brother Edward Cronau of Lotus Lodge No. 289, who presently resides in The Nebraska Masonic Home, continues to be the holder of our Gold Jordan Medal. We rejoice that he continues in good health and that it has not been necessary to make a presentation of this Medal this year.

The Grand Secretary's report includes the presentation of the Bronze Jordan Medals to various brethren of our subordinate lodges during the past year. It was my pleasure personally to present these Medals to the following: Frank A. Brewster, Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege, on November 4, 1954; Willis W. Mahannah, Gilcad Lodge No. 223, Butte, on November 5, 1954; John W. Morehouse, Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha, on December 2, 1954; Charles F. Betcke, Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Emerson, on December 21, 1954, and Phylander H. Young, Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine, on March 10, 1955.

The Grand Secretary's report will likewise show the brethren to whom the Fifty-Year Buttons were presented. I had the honor of personally presenting these Buttons to the following brethren: Mitchell T. Franey, Hickman Lodge No. 256, Hickman, on June 18, 1954; James R. McCloud, York Lodge No. 56, York, on July 30, 1954; Florance H. McCarthy, Nehawka Lodge No. 246, Nehawka, on September 22, 1954; Clayton E. Babcock, Verne Hedge, Frank H. Johnson, Frank E. Kokesch, John T. McGreer, and Elmer Layman, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln, on September 24, 1954; Harold A. Letson, Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud, on October 20, 1954; Milton J. Bohrer, Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City, on November 17, 1954; William A. Lallman, Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper, on November 23, 1954, Frank M. Henderson, Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Emerson, on December 21, 1954, David J. Traill, Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island, on May 17, 1955.

CORNER-STONES

On July 9, 1954, I laid the corner-stone for the Vocational Arts Building of the Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney. The invitation from the Board of Education of State Normal Schools was conveyed through Rob Morris Lodge No. 46. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted at the ceremony: M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master, R. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal, W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Deacon, and W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Junior Deacon.

On September 2, 1954, I laid the corner-stone for the Cherry County Courthouse at Valentine. The invitation from the Board of County Commissioners of Cherry County was conveyed through Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted at the ceremony: R. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal, and W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Deacon.

On September 3, 1954, I laid the corner-stone for the Grand Island Senior High School at Grand Island. The invitation from the Board of Education of Grand Island was conveyed through Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and Grand Island Lodge No. 318. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted at the ceremony: M. W. Lewis E. Smith, M. W. Charles A. Chappell, M. W. Walter R. Raecke, M. W. William C. Schaper and M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Past Grand Masters, R. W. Herbert T. White, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal, W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Deacon, and W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Junior Deacon.

On April 12, 1955, I laid the corner-stone for the Masonic Temple at Tekamah. The invitation from the Tekamah Templecraft Association was conveyed through Tekamah Lodge No. 31. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted at the ceremony: M.'W.'Benjamin F. Eyre and M.'W.'John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Masters, R.'W.'Herbert T. White, Deputy Grand Master, R.'W.'Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Junior Warden, R.'W.'Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, V.'W.'Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, W.'Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal, W.'John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Deacon, and W.'Joseph C. Tye, Grand Junior Deacon.

On April 28, 1955, I laid the corner-stone for the Masonic Temple at Wauneta. The invitation from Wauneta Masonic-Eastern Star, Inc., was conveyed through Wauneta Lodge No. 217. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted at the ceremony: M.'W.'Fay Smith, Past Grand Master, V.'W.'Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, W.'Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal.

In each instance the Grand Lodge officers were received by the subordinate lodge (a joint meeting of both lodges in Grand Island) and an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. Preliminary arrangements as well as all final details were most capably made by our Grand Marshal, W.'Herbert A. Ronin. I extend to him my personal appreciation and that of the Grand Lodge for his very efficient service.

The attention of the brethren of the subordinate lodges is called to the fact that the Grand Lodge will be most happy to accept invitations to lay the corner-stones of buildings erected for the worship of God, for educational or charitable objects or for the purpose of the administration of justice and free government. Inasmuch as considerable preparation is necessary, such invitations should be extended several weeks in advance of the ceremony.

DEDICATIONS

On November 5, 1954, we dedicated the new Masonic Temple of Gilead Lodge No. 233 at Butte. This is a completely new building and is a credit to the lodge and the community. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted at the ceremony: R.'W.'Merle M. Hale, Grand Senior Warden, R.'W.'Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, V.'W.'Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, W.'Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, and W.'Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal.

On March 10, 1955, we dedicated the new Masonic Temple of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 at Valentine. This beautiful new Temple is one of the finest in northwestern Nebraska. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted at the ceremony: M.'W.'John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master, R.'W.'Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, W.'Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian, W.'Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal, and W.'John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Deacon.

On the following day, March 11, 1955, we dedicated the new Masonic Temple of Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285 at Bridgeport. This also is a completely new building, very beautifully appointed, and one of which the brethren can be very proud. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted at the ceremony: M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master, R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian, W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal, and W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Deacon.

On April 12, 1955, we dedicated the new Masonic Hall of Bancroft Lodge No. 145 at Bancroft. This building was formerly occupied by a theatre and has been completely remodeled to accommodate the lodge. It is a most adequate building for their purposes. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted at the ceremony: M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master, R. W. Herbert T. White, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, W. Joe R. Kennedy, Grand Orator, W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal, and W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Deacon. Sister Wilma Harms, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., who formerly resided in Bancroft, was organist for the ceremony.

On May 4, 1955, we dedicated the new Masonic Hall of Keystone Lodge No. 62 at Phillips. This is a remodeled store building on the main street of the town and provides a very suitable meeting place for the brethren of that community. The following Grand Lodge officers were present and assisted at the ceremony: R. W. Herbert T. White, Deputy Grand Master, V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian, W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal, and W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Deacon. Also present were M. W. Charles A. Chappell and M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Past Grand Masters.

In each instance the Grand Lodge officers were received by the subordinate lodge and an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge opened in ample form. Our Grand Marshal, W. Herbert A. Ronin, was in charge of all details and his assistance was sincerely appreciated.

CHARTER RELOCATIONS

On September 27, 1954, I authorized the moving of the charter of Perkins Lodge No. 308, Grant, from its temporary location in the lodge room of Ogalalla Lodge No. 159 at Ogalalla to the new Masonic Temple at Grant.

On October 1, 1954, I authorized the moving of the charter of Hardy Lodge No. 117, Hardy, from the I. O. O. F. Hall in Hardy, to the new Masonic Temple of Hardy Lodge No. 117.

On January 6, 1955, I authorized the moving of the charter of Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine, from its old Hall to the new Masonic Temple in Valentine.

On February 1, 1955, I authorized the moving of the charter of Bancroft Lodge No. 145, Bancroft, from its old Hall to the new Masonic Hall in Bancroft.

On March 21, 1955, I authorized the moving of the charter of Upright Lodge No. 137, Burchard, from its old Hall to the new Masonic Temple in Burchard.

On April 6, 1955, I authorized the moving of the charter of Keystone Lodge No. 62, Phillips, from its old Hall to the new Masonic Hall in Phillips.

In each instance, I caused an inspection to be made of the new building before permission to move the charter was delivered to the officers of the lodge. I felt that this was important in order that the Grand Lodge might be assured that the new building was satisfactory as to condition and arrangement.

I am making a recommendation later in this address relative to the amendment of Section 2-502, which prescribes the conditions under which a lodge may remove from one building to another in the same or another town. I feel that this section is also applicable when a lodge decides to buy an existing building or build a new building in the same town as well as when it proposes to move to another town, and that the law should be more specific in this regard.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

I approved fourteen completely new sets of by-laws for subordinate lodges and twenty amendments to existing by-laws. The complete revisions followed the model set of by-laws printed in the Cumulative Supplement to the Nebraska Masonic Code, 1946. The amendments to existing by-laws dealt largely with the matter of fees and dues. In some instances I felt it necessary to specify the effective date of the amendment in order that no question might arise as to the time when the increase in dues or fees should become effective.

The attention of the subordinate lodges is again called to the importance of reviewing their by-laws and giving consideration to the adoption of a completely new set of by-laws following the model form recommended by the Grand Lodge in 1953.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL

I granted the following dispensations:

December 14, 1954, to Kimball Lodge No. 294, Kimball, to elect a Junior Warden.

December 24, 1954, to Bayard Lodge No. 301, Bayard, to elect a Junior Warden.

December 24, 1954, to Minatare Lodge No. 295, Minatare, to elect a Secretary.

January 20, 1955, to Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 231, Cook, to install the Junior Warden.

February 8, 1955, to Star Lodge No. 88, Decatur, to install the Master.

February 22, 1955, to Clay Centre Lodge No. 139, Clay Center, to install the Master.

Good cause having been shown, and by authority of Section 2-315 of the Code, I waived the fee in each instance.

BAYARD LODGE NO. 301

June 1, 1955, I granted a dispensation to Bayard Lodge No. 301 to move its charter to the Omaha Masonic Temple on June 6, 1955, for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason degree.

DISPENSATIONS TO CONFER DEGREES

I granted thirty-eight special dispensations to confer the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, or Master Mason only, without regard to time, waived the fee and waived the requirement for proficiency, the candidate in each instance being or about to be a member of the armed forces. While I have endeavored to continue the custom and usage established by my predecessors, I am somewhat concerned about the continuance of the practice, particularly as it applies to the matter of proficiency. I am making two recommendations with respect thereto.

I granted a special dispensation to confer the Master Mason degree without regard to time on a Fellow Craft member of Kimball Lodge No. 294, Kimball. He was about to leave for his native land of Norway to visit his mother who was in poor health and wished to sit in lodge with his Norwegian relatives. I specifically required the payment of the \$10.00 dispensation fee, but waived the requirement as to proficiency. In this instance, I believe I was justified in so doing.

I refused to grant a special dispensation to confer the Master Mason degree without regard to time (and to waive proficiency in the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degree) on a Fellow Craft member of Endeavor Lodge No. 262, Indianola. He was being transferred by his employer to St. Louis, Missouri.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PROFICIENCY

I granted extension of time to examine thirty-five Master Masons for proficiency as authorized by Section 2-402, Subsection 2, of the Code. I do not see how I could have done otherwise, for a refusal would have been detrimental to the brother and his lodge in particular, and would not have been for the best interests of Masonry in general.

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

I have approved seventy-five applications for reinstatement, all of them being for brethren who were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

In a few instances I declined to approve the application for reasons that seemed to be compelling. In most of these cases the applicant was of an advanced age, had been suspended for many years and was possessed of a very small amount of property.

I wish to acknowledge the faithful and untiring efforts of the members of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement, composed of the following: W. LaVerne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; Robert J. McDermott, 281; Earl H. Furman, 290. This is one of our Grand Lodge committees that is active throughout the entire year. The helpful advice of these brethren is sincerely appreciated.

TEMPLE BUILDING AND FINANCING AND TEMPLE CRAFT ASSOCIATIONS

The activity of the subordinate lodges in acquiring new Masonic Temples and Lodge Halls seems to be definitely on the increase. As heretofore reported, we laid two corner-stones for Masonic Temples and dedicated five lodge buildings. In addition thereto, approximately twenty lodges are now in the process of building new buildings or remodeling existing buildings for meeting places. I have approved a large number of proposals for building, remodeling and financing. The Grand Lodge should give full aid and encouragement to the subordinate lodges in such matters.

All this work is cleared through the Temple Building Advisory Committee, which has functioned faithfully and well throughout the year. I wish to pay special tribute to the members of this committee for their untiring efforts on behalf of Masonry in our jurisdiction. They are the following: W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman; A. Victor Bryan, 263; E. Forrest Estes, 19.

We have received a number of inquiries relative to the organization of temple craft associations. It is the opinion of the committee and the Grand Lodge officers that such associations are unnecessary unless more than one subordinate lodge is interested in the building to be owned by such association, and that the administrative problems will be greatly simplified by the lodge itself taking title to and managing the property. In one instance, that of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, I approved the dissolution of the temple craft association and the conveyance of title to the lodge. On April 16, 1955, I issued a bulletin calling the attention of the lodges to the provisions of the Nebraska Statutes whereby each lodge could become a corporation by the mere filing of a certified copy of its charter in the office of the County Clerk. The Nebraska law further provides that a lodge is not qualified to take title to real estate until it becomes a legal corporation by this method.

I am submitting a recommendation for the amendment of our law relative to the duties of the Temple Building Advisory Committee and the control by the Grand Lodge over the activities of the subordinate lodges in erecting or remodeling buildings for Masonic Temples or Lodge Halls.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Upon nomination by the Grand Masters of the several jurisdictions affected, I issued commissions for the following Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Delaware, Fagan Simonton, Wilmington; Germany, Dr. Richard Boek, Braunschweig; Argentina, Dr. Eduardo Ayala, Buenos Aires; Israel, Israel Levin, Tel Aviv; France, (National Grand Lodge), Edouard Jeanmonod, Paris; South Dakota, Robert F. Patterson, Vermillion; The Netherlands, W. R. Wansink, Rotterdam; British Columbia, William Fraser, Creston.

It has been my pleasure to recommend the following brethren as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and commissions have been or will be issued to them:

England, Fay Smith, Purity Lodge No. 198, Imperial; Cuba, Joseph C. Tye, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney; Sao Paulo, Brazil, Delbert H. Pinkerton, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln; Israel, William Grodinsky, Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha; Germany, Carl H. Freese, Wisner Lodge No. 114, Wisner; Argentina, Pearl C. Hillegass, Composite Lodge No. 81, Rising City; France (National Grand Lodge), Ralph M. Carhart, Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne; Tasmania, C. Ray Macy, Beatrice Lodge No. 26, Beatrice; Netherlands, Piebe Dykstra, Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha.

These Representatives of our Grand Lodge and near our Grand Lodge are symbols, as it were, of the universality of Masonry and the fraternal relations which we enjoy with our sister jurisdictions. I urge our Nebraska brethren who have been thus honored to use every reasonable effort to communicate with the Grand Lodges which they represent and with the Representative of our Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge which they represent. Such communications will do much to bring about a closer relationship between our Nebraska brethren and our brother Masons throughout the world.

BULLETINS ISSUED

On November 10, 1954, the Grand Secretary and I issued a bulletin regarding our comprehensive public liability insurance. We felt that there was still some misunderstanding about this most important matter and endeavored again to explain the program. On February 18, 1955, I issued a general bulletin calling attention to (1) A recent violation of Section 2-614 of our Code regarding circular letters and solicitations, (2) The failure of many newly made Master Masons to become proficient in the work and (3) Urging a good attendance at this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

LODGE ANNIVERSARIES

On June 2, 1954, I was present at the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Hickman Lodge No. 256, Hickman. The brethren and their ladies and friends gathered for dinner, after which a short program including a history of the lodge was given.

On June 25, 1954, I attended the Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebration of Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney. Lodge was opened in the afternoon, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers were received, dinner was served and a short program was held in the lodge room for the members and guests.

I wrote the Secretary of Alexandria Lodge No. 74, Alexandria, and the Secretary of Holbrook Lodge No. 257, Holbrook, reminding them that it would be quite appropriate to observe their Seventy-fifth and Fiftieth Anniversaries, respectively, by a suitable celebration. I heard nothing from either of these lodges so I presume nothing was done. In my opinion, no lodge should overlook the opportunity to observe, with appropriate ceremonies, its Twenty-fifth, Fiftieth and Seventy-fifth Anniversaries.

BELLEVUE LODGE U. D.

On March 5, 1955, I had the pleasure of instituting Bellevue Lodge U. D., Bellevue. This is the first lodge to be created under dispensation since Cairo Lodge No. 324, Cairo, in 1936. The Bellevue brethren have done exceptionally well in their organization and in becoming proficient in our esoteric work. They have been busy conferring degrees and have a beautiful place in which to meet. I anticipate that they will petition for a charter at this Annual Communication and that this Grand Lodge will see fit to grant a charter to them.

The new Lodge at Bellevue was instituted exactly one hundred years after Nebraska Lodge No. 184 was created at Bellevue by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, that being the first organized lodge in what is now the State of Nebraska. The original lodge at Bellevue became Nebraska Lodge No. 1. This charter was transferred to Omaha in 1888.

NEBRASKA LODGE NO. 1

As mentioned in the preceding chapter, Nebraska Lodge No. 1 is the oldest lodge in Nebraska, having functioned in Bellevue until 1888 and in Omaha thereafter. This lodge received its first charter from the Grand Lodge of Illinois on October 3, 1855. In my opinion, suitable recognition of this fact should be made at this Annual Communication. I am making a recommendation with reference thereto.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

I am pleased to report that our beautiful Home for our aged brothers and sisters continues to be operated in the true spirit of Masonic charity. I have made several visits to the Home during the past year and also

attended the annual stockholders meeting on January 24, 1955, and the Board of Directors meeting on the afternoon of that day. As a member of the Nominating Committee, I was pleased to recommend the re-election of the eight Trustees whose terms expired. Our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Herbert T. White, declined re-election as President and was succeeded by Brother William F. Patterson, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees for several years last past and was serving as Vice President at the time of his election to the Presidency. I am confident that Brother Patterson will discharge the duties of his office with credit to himself and benefit to the Fraternity.

In addition to the devoted services of the members of the Board of Trustees, I pay particular tribute to our Superintendent and his son, the Assistant Superintendent, Brothers William F. Evers and Raymond F. Evers. Their devotion to our guests at the Home is truly outstanding. Let us show our appreciation to them by accepting their invitation to visit the Home during this Annual Communication.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

The Home at Fremont, sponsored jointly by this Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, has been a matter of particular interest to me this year. At our last Annual Communication I was directed to appoint a special committee to make a careful study of a proposed building to house administrative and recreational facilities. On this committee I appointed W. John E. Beaver, Beemer Lodge No. 253, Beemer, our Grand Senior Deacon, as Chairman, Brother George K. A. Leschinsky, Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island, R. E. Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, and W. Norris W. Lallman, Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper, Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S. Their report will be submitted at this Annual Communication.

I attended meetings of the Board of Trustees on July 14, 1954, January 24, 1955, and May 10, 1955, and the annual meeting of the stockholders on January 24, 1955. W. Herbert A. Ronin, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln, was re-elected as President. He has done an outstanding job in this capacity since he assumed the office in January, 1954. My personal thanks and those of the Grand Lodge are hereby extended to him, and to Brother Robert Grassman, the Superintendent.

We have enjoyed excellent cooperation with Sister Zelma Megrue, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., and her corps of officers, especially Sister Wilma Harms, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., and Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Home.

We are making a pilgrimage to the Home during this Annual Communication and I urge every brother to avail himself of the opportunity to make this visit that he may, more intelligently, act upon the recommendations contained in the report of the special committee.

THE OMAHA HOME FOR BOYS

Our relations with this institution and its officers and Trustees continue to be most pleasant. They are making an earnest effort to comply with the recommendations of the Committee on Jurisprudence adopted at our Annual Communication in 1952. W. W. Harry Bruner, Executive Secretary, accepted my invitation to discuss certain matters relative to the letters and circulars which had been distributed throughout the United States, and he assured me that henceforth no reference would be made to any connection between this institution and the Masonic Fraternity. This will be in keeping with the spirit as well as the letter of the agreement heretofore entered into between it and this Grand Lodge.

On July 9, 1954, I granted authority to it and the subordinate lodges in Douglas County to continue the organized solicitation of funds for the maintenance of the institution from Masons as such residing in Douglas County. I specified that this authority was granted only for my term of office as Grand Master, and that it represented the third year of the stipulated five-year period. You are reminded that the children of Masons and sisters of the Eastern Star are cared for at our Home at Fremont, and that the Omaha Home for Boys opens its doors to boys without Masonic connections and regardless of race, creed or color. In this sense, it is not a Masonic charity and this was the basic reason for our Grand Lodge action in 1952. However, it is worthy of the support of every person interested in furthering the work of such an institution.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

This Board has full charge of the investment and reinvestment of all Grand Lodge funds. W. Robert D. Wilson, of Omaha, is Chairman, and the other members are W. Brother Carl D. Ganz, of Lincoln, and M. W. Lewis E. Smith, of Lincoln. It was my privilege to attend a meeting of this Board in Lincoln on November 30, 1954. I was greatly impressed with the manner in which these brethren informed themselves as to the various securities owned by the Grand Lodge and the advisability of buying and selling investments to the end that the funds in their charge would not only be invested with safety, but would yield a fair return. On behalf of the Masons of Nebraska, I extend to them our sincere appreciation.

MASONIC EDUCATION

The activities of our Committee on Masonic Education will be submitted in the report of this Committee which you will hear later during this Annual Communication. The accomplishments of this Committee have been outstanding this past year. This is due in no small part to the able leadership of the Chairman, W. Howard J. Hunter, Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo. Not only has he contributed much to the program of Masonic education in Nebraska, but he was also honored and recognized for his ability by being made Chairman of the Midwest Cox.

ference on Masonic Education in Indianapolis last fall. Many Grand Lodges are presently engaged in determining the proper ways and means to bring still further light in Masonry to the members of the Craft. The other Grand Lodges in this Conference, particularly Iowa and Indiana, have a rich background of experience in this all-important program. We are indebted to them for many of the ideas which we have put into practice in Nebraska. Although we have progressed further in this activity than some of the other Grand Lodges, our work is not yet done. It must be a continuing program to be really effective.

During the past year, we have conducted four Area Meetings on Masonic education and have continued to supply the booklets which are presented to the candidates at the time they take their degrees. I urge each of the subordinate lodges to put into effect its own program of Masonic education to the end that we will have a better informed body of Masons in Nebraska. Masonic education begins where the Ritual leaves off. Each is dependent upon the other. We must not lose interest in our newly-made brethren after they have passed their examination for proficiency in the Master Mason degree. We must provide them with an opportunity to learn more and more about the philosophy, the traditions and the history of our great fraternity.

CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

Just one year from now we will begin our Centennial Year and we have already planned a splendid program for the observance of this auspicious occasion. A vast amount of preliminary work has already been done by the Committee, under the able leadership of W. George W. Rosenlof, Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln. The report of this Committee will be submitted later in the session.

The Committee has had three meetings during the year and it was my privilege to meet with them at their meeting on October 13, 1954, in Lincoln. It is the plan of the Committee to enlist the enthusiastic support of every Master Mason in Nebraska in this Centennial observance. The climax will come at our Annual Communication in June, 1957.

COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

This program for the protection of the subordinate lodges and the Grand Lodge was authorized at our last Annual Communication after a number of years of study. Despite the fact that the matter had been thoroughly discussed at previous Annual Communications, I felt that there was still some misunderstanding on the part of the brethren as to exactly what this protection was. I therefore issued a bulletin to all of the lodges on November 10, 1954, in which we endeavored to explain again what we had done and why it was done.

We have already had one claim which the insurer promptly investigated and paid. It is to be hoped that after some additional experience as to the cost of underwriting the risks insured against, we may enjoy the benefit of a lower rate or additional coverage for affiliated bodies using our Masonic Temples and Lodge Halls, or both.

GRAND MASTERS' CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held in Washington, D. C., on February 23 and 24, 1955. This Conference is not in any sense a General Grand Lodge, nor have any of the participating Grand Lodges surrendered any portion of their sovereignty to it. On the contrary, it is merely a meeting to afford an opportunity to exchange ideas on mutual problems. In addition to the Grand Masters and other officers of the Grand Lodge holding membership in the Conference, many distinguished Masons from other jurisdictions were in attendance as visitors and guests. At the annual banquet of the Conference, we were pleased to have as our guests the Senators and Members of Congress from Nebraska and their ladies. Our state is proud of the fact that our Congressional delegation is one hundred per cent Masonic.

One of the important activities of the Conference is the work carried on by the Commission on Information for Recognition. The Commission is charged with the duty of collecting and disseminating information on the state of the Craft throughout the world with particular emphasis on those matters bearing upon the question of fraternal relations and recognition of other Grand Lodges. I have now served a little over a year on my six-year term as a member of this Commission. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve with the other members of the Commission, all of whom are distinguished Masons. They are: M.'W.'. Thomas S. Roy, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, Chairman, M.'W.'. Oliver H. Dabezies, Past Grand Master of Louisiana, M.'W.'. Einar W. Johnson, Past Grand Master of Minnesota, M.'W.'. Arthur M. Warren, Past Grand Master of California, and M.'W.'. Robert H. Gollmar, Past Grand Master of Wisconsin. Brother Dabezies' term expired this February and the member appointed to succeed him was M.'W.'. W. Ralph Howard, then Deputy Grand Master of Oklahoma.

Our capable and efficient Secretary, M.'W.'. Karl J. Mohr, Past Grand Master of Illinois, passed away on May 4, 1955. Not only was he the Secretary of the Commission on Information for Recognition, but also Secretary of the Grand Masters' Conference. His passing leaves a void which will be difficult indeed to fill.

The Nebraska delegation to the Conference this year included M.'W.'. Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, R.'W.'. Herbert T. White, Deputy Grand Master, R.'W.'. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and W.'. William F. Evers, Superintendent of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Mrs. Evers, Mrs. Adams and my daughters Sally and Ruth, also accompanied us.

With the exception of the ladies, we were all guests of Imperial Potentate Frank S. Land at a breakfast honoring the President of the United States. While he is not a member of the Craft, he expressed great admiration for the ideals and purposes of Masonry. Special guests included members of the Supreme Court of the United States, the President's cabinet and others high in government circles. It was a most colorful and inspiring occasion. I had the honor to be appointed on the reception committee to greet the President on his arrival at Hotel Statler.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

The Forty-fifth Annual Convention of the Association was held in the Memorial Building in Alexandria, Virginia, on February 22, 1955. This magnificent structure is rapidly nearing completion. Recently finished is a large mural painting on the south side of the rotunda depicting Brother George Washington laying the corner-stone of the National Capitol. More details will appear in the report of our Grand Lodge Committee on the Memorial.

The President of the Association is M.'W.'. Clifford D. Jory, Past Grand Master of Iowa, who is to be commended for his untiring efforts in behalf of this important undertaking. Nebraska was honored by my election to the Board of Directors for a term of three years.

DELINQUENT LODGES

The report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations at our last Annual Communication appears on Page 280 of the Proceedings. Therein it was recommended that I make a personal visitation to six lodges which were not represented at our Annual Communication in 1952 and 1953. It became impossible for me to make these visits, but I did write a letter to each of them stressing the importance of attendance at Grand Lodge.

The Committee report further recommended that I visit Evening Star Lodge No. 49, Sutton, and Litchfield Lodge No. 278, Litchfield, for the reason that neither had been represented at our Annual Communication for the three previous years of 1951, 1952 and 1953. I visited both of these lodges personally and emphasized the fact that the charter of a subordinate lodge was subject to forfeiture for failure to comply with Section 2-516 of the Code. In each instance I found a lodge with capable officers and interested brethren who assured me that their failure to be represented was unintentional and due to unexpected circumstances. I feel that neither of them will fail to be represented at Grand Lodge henceforth.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

It has been my unpleasant duty to appoint eleven trial commissions for the trial of sixteen brothers accused of un-Masonic con-

duct. With one exception, these all dealt with the subject of the sale of intoxicating liquors. The exception dealt with a violation of Section 2-614 of the Code which prohibits the solicitation of funds and the sending of circular letters without the written consent of the Grand Master.

Except as hereinafter noted, I approved the findings and judgment of the trial commissions. In two instances, however, the trial commission voted a penalty of indefinite suspension only. In these cases I have directed that the record be certified to the Committee on Grievances and that said Committee carefully consider the penalty imposed and ascertain whether or not the sentence be increased to expulsion. In another case, involving an alleged offense against the criminal laws of Nebraska, the accused brother himself has taken an appeal and this has likewise been referred to the Committee on Grievances for report at this Annual Communication.

The provisions of our Masonic Code with reference to appeals from the judgments of trial commissions appear to be inadequate. The time element has been the subject of consideration by this Grand Lodge at previous Annual Communications. In my opinion, there is need for further revision. I am making a recommendation on this matter.

I am further recommending some clarification of our liquor laws with reference to indirect participation in such activities.

VISITATIONS—SUBORDINATE LODGES

June 18, 1954—Hickman Lodge No. 256, Hickman, Fiftieth Anniversary. Presented Fifty-Year button. Dinner meeting with guests.

June 25—Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney. Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

July 9—Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney. Laid corner-stone, Vocational Arts Building, K. S. T. C.

July 30—York Lodge No. 56, York. Presented Fifty-Year button.

August 24—Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Scottsbluff. I arrived unexpectedly and found many brethren in the Lodge Hall busily studying our esoteric work. Lodge was not opened.

August 25—Alliance Lodge No. 183, Alliance. Home lodge of M. W. Edward M. Knight, Past Grand Master.

August 27—Keystone Lodge No. 62, Phillips. All Hamilton County lodges were invited and represented.

September 2—Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine. Laid corner-stone for Cherry County Courthouse.

September 3—Ashlar Lodge No. 33 and Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island. Laid corner-stone, new Senior High School. M. W. Edward Huwaldt, Past Grand Master, is a member of Grand Island Lodge.

September 9—Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora. Reception for Grand Master.

September 22—Nehawka Lodge No. 246, Nehawka. Presented Fifty-Year button.

September 24—Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Lincoln. Telephone Day. Presented several Fifty-Year buttons. Home lodge of R.'W.'.Merle M. Hale, Grand Senior Warden, and M.'W.'.George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master.

September 30—Liberty Lodge No. 300, Lincoln. Past Masters' Night.

October 7—Purity Lodge No. 198, Imperial. Home lodge of M.'W.'. Fay Smith, Past Grand Master.

October 18—Zion Lodge No. 234, Hyannis. Area Meeting.

October 19—Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora. (Informal visitation.)

October 20—Charity Lodge No. 53, Red Cloud. Central School of Instruction. Presented Fifty-Year button.

October 26—Melrose Lodge No. 60, Orleans. Annual pheasant dinner. Lodge was not opened.

October 27—Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney. Past Masters' Night. Home lodge of W.'Joseph C. Tye, Grand Junior Deacon.

October 29—Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City. Home lodge of M.'W.'.Walter R. Raecke, Past Grand Master.

November 2—Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora. (Informal visitation.)

November 4—Jachin Lodge No. 146, Holdrege. Presented Bronze Jordan Medal. Guest Night.

November 5—Gilead Lodge No. 233, Butte. Temple dedication. Presented Bronze Jordan Medal.

November 15—Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora. (Informal visitation.)

November 17—Falls City Lodge No. 9, Falls City. Presented Fifty-Year button. Home lodge of M.'W.'.William B. Wanner, Past Grand Master.

November 22—McCook Lodge No. 135, McCook. Area Meeting.

November 23—Hooper Lodge No. 72, Hooper. My birthplace. Presented Fifty-Year button.

December 2—Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, Omaha. Presented Bronze Jordan Medal.

December 7—Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Omaha. Home lodge of M.'W.'. Benjamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master, and W.'Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian.

December 8—Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha. Home lodge of R.'W.'. Herbert T. White, Deputy Grand Master.

December 13—Eminence Lodge No. 223, Giltner. Open meeting. Sixtieth Anniversary.

December 14—Friendship Lodge No. 239, Chapman.

December 21—Magnolia Lodge No. 220, Emerson. Presented Bronze Jordan Medal and Fifty-Year button.

December 21—Roman Eagle Lodge No. 203, Pender. My boyhood home.

January 4, 1955—Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont. Installed officers. Home lodge of M. W. Earl J. Lee, Past Grand Master.

January 6—Hastings Lodge No. 50 and Mid-West Lodge No. 317, Hastings. Joint meeting. Installed officers of both lodges. M. W. Ralph O. Canaday, Past Grand Master, acted as Installing Marshal.

January 11—Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, North Platte. Installation of officers. Home lodge of R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

January 18—Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora. Installed officers.

January 19—Hampton Lodge No. 245, Hampton.

February 4—Doniphan Lodge No. 86, Doniphan.

February 7—Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln. Conference re temple building project.

February 14—Harvard Lodge No. 44, Harvard. Guest Night.

March 5—Bellevue Lodge U. D., Bellevue. Instituted this lodge under dispensation.

March 7—Hebron Lodge No. 43, Hebron. Area Meeting.

March 10—Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192, Valentine. Dedication of new Masonic Temple.

March 11—Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport. Dedication of new Masonic Temple.

March 12—Minatare Lodge No. 295, Minatare. Home lodge of R. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Junior Warden, who now resides in Scottsbluff.

March 15—Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora. (Informal visitation.)

March 16—Ord Lodge No. 103, Ord. Central School of Instruction.

March 18—Beemer Lodge No. 253, Beemer. Home lodge of W. John E. Beaver, Grand Senior Deacon.

March 29—Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln. State House Day.

March 31—East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Lincoln. Home lodge of V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain (who now resides in Grand Island), and of W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal.

April 2—Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Wahoo. Grand Officers' Night. Home lodge of M. W. Ernest S. Schiefelbein, Past Grand Master.

April 7—Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Plattsmouth. Past Masters' Night. Home lodge of W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, and W. William F. Evers, Superintendent of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

April 11—Wayne Lodge No. 120, Wayne. Area Meeting.

April 12—Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Tekamah. Laid corner-stone of new Masonic Temple.

April 12—Baneroft Lodge No. 145, Baneroft. Dedication of new Lodge Hall.

April 14—Litchfield Lodge No. 278, Litchfield.

April 26—John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, Omaha. Home lodge of W. Joe R. Kennedy, Grand Orator.

April 26—Fidelity Lodge No. 51, David City. I arrived unexpectedly just before lodge was closed and requested the brethren to dispense with the ceremony of reception.

April 28—Wauneta Lodge No. 217, Wauneta. Laid corner-stone for new Masonic Temple.

April 29—Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora. (Informal visitation.)

May 3—Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora. (Informal visitation.)

May 4—Keystone Lodge No. 62, Phillips. Dedication of new Lodge Hall.

May 12—Evening Star Lodge No. 49, Sutton.

May 17—Grand Island Lodge No. 318, Grand Island. Dinner meeting with the ladies. Presented Fifty-Year button.

May 18—Aurora Lodge No. 68, Aurora. Examination for lodge proficiency.

May 24—Albion Lodge No. 78, Albion.

Unless otherwise mentioned, these were all duly tiled communications and I was received with the customary ceremony. Our new ceremony of reception of the Grand Master, as authorized by the Committee on Work and the Grand Custodian, is simple but beautiful and dignified, and I appreciate the effort which the brethren have put forth to learn and use this ceremony. I also express my appreciation for the warm hospitality which was extended to me in each of these visits. These opportunities to meet and enjoy Masonic fellowship with my brethren are some of the truly great privileges which I have enjoyed this past year. To my regret I was compelled to decline many invitations on account of conflicting engagements.

VISITATIONS—OTHER GRAND LODGES

Wyoming at Casper on August 23 and 24, 1954. Grand Master Homer E. Zorn of Greybull presided and M. W. O. H. Gerhard Jacobsen of Glendo was elected and installed as his successor. Mrs. Adams and my daughter, Ruth, accompanied me.

Missouri at St. Louis on September 28 and 29, 1954. Grand Master James M. Sellers of Lexington was succeeded by M. W. Orestes Mitchell, Jr., of St. Joseph. Mrs. Adams accompanied me.

Illinois at Chicago on October 12, 1954. Grand Master Carroll T. Hughes of Jacksonville was re-elected for another year in accordance with Illinois custom. Mrs. Adams accompanied me.

Colorado at Denver on January 25 and 26, 1955. Grand Master Donald W. Shaw of Paoli surrendered the gavel to M. W. Charles W. Mantz of Denver. R. W. Carl R. Greisen, our Grand Secretary, Mrs. Greisen and Mrs. Adams made the trip with me.

Kansas at Wichita on February 9 and 10, 1955. R.'W.'.Merle M. Hale, our Grand Senior Warden, represented me here. I regret that I was unable to be present when M.'W.'.Floyd S. Ecord of Burlington presided and when M.'W.'.Scott E. Kelsey of Topeka was installed as his successor.

Minnesota at St. Paul on March 23 and 24, 1955. Judge Leroy E. Matson of St. Paul was succeeded as Grand Master by M.'W.'.Willard L. Hillyer of Winona. R.'W.'.Carl R. Greisen, Mrs. Greisen and Mrs. Adams accompanied me.

In every instance, the hospitality of the brethren of our sister jurisdictions was most genuine and cordial. It was my privilege to bring them the sincere good wishes and warm fraternal greetings from the Masons of Nebraska. Invariably I was accorded the high honors due the office of Grand Master in which it has been my privilege to serve.

Grand Lodge Officers' Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on May 14, 1955. The Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska enjoyed a one-day conference for the exchange of ideas on mutual problems and for Masonic fellowship. The conference originated in 1953 due to the conflict of dates of the Annual Communication of these Grand Lodges. It is unfortunate that this conflict frequently prohibits the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries from attending the Grand Lodge sessions of these sister jurisdictions, but this conference is a partial substitute. The brethren of South Dakota were most genial hosts this year.

Nebraska was honored by receiving invitations to attend the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, South Carolina and Pennsylvania. It was with genuine regret that I was compelled to decline these cordial invitations, but each of them was sincerely appreciated.

VISITATIONS—AFFILIATED BODIES

August 3, 1954—Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Called at office of R.'W.'.Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary.

September 11—York Rite Association of Omaha sponsored the conferral of the Mark Master degree in a quarry at Weeping Water.

September 13—Lincoln Court No. 118, Royal Order of Jesters, Lincoln. My membership is in this Court.

September 17—Central States Shrine Association, Denver, Colorado. Seventeenth Ceremonial Session. I was invited to make this trip as the guest of my own Shrine Temple, Sesostris of Lincoln.

October 4—Grant Lodge No. 169, Boscobel, Wisconsin. My grandfather, Charles F. Adams, was Master of this lodge in 1880. He died a short time later and is buried in Boscobel. M.'W.'.Carl W. Hofmeister, Grand Master, and many of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin were present.

October 4—Iowa Masonic Library, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I inspected this beautiful and then partially completed building and was the guest of R. W. Earl B. Delzell, Grand Secretary of Iowa, at a noon luncheon. I plan to attend the dedication ceremonies of this magnificent building on June 13, 1955.

October 21—Central Nebraska Royal Arch Convocation, Central City.

November 4—Tehama Shrine Temple, Hastings. Fall Ceremonial.

November 9—Shekinah Chapter No. 32, Royal Arch Masons, Aurora. Annual oyster feed and election of officers. My home Chapter.

November 19—Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, Grand Island. My home Commandery.

November 20—Electa Chapter No. 8, O. E. S., Lincoln. My daughter, Sally Adams, is a member of this Chapter.

December 2—Scottish Rite Bodies, Omaha. Fall Reunion. M. W. Benamin F. Eyre, Past Grand Master, is General Secretary.

December 3—Sesostriis Shrine Temple, Lincoln. Fall Ceremonial.

December 6—The Nebraska Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters. I was elected and installed as Thrice Illustrious Steward.

December 7—Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters in Nebraska, Omaha. Seventy-fifth Annual Assembly.

December 7—Omaha Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters. Super Excellent Master degree.

December 8—Sir Galahad Priory No. 7, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. Fourteenth Annual Conclave.

December 8 and 9—Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation.

December 8—Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association, annual dinner and meeting. I was invited to deliver the principal address.

December 8—Order of High Priesthood of Nebraska. Eighty-second Annual Convention. I was admitted into this Order in 1950.

December 9—Sneh Bo' Aire Council No. 17, Allied Masonic Degrees. Annual Communication. I was installed as Chaplain.

December 10—Tangier Shrine Temple, Omaha. Fall Ceremonial. I gave the address at the banquet.

December 17—Deuel Chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons, and Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, Grand Island. Joint installation. I was installed as Senior Warden of my Commandery.

January 18, 1955—Aurora Chapter No. 93, O. E. S. Installation of officers. Mrs. Adams and I hold membership in this Chapter. The installing officer was Past Grand Matron Ruby E. Coggins of Aurora.

February 4—Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, Grand Island. Our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Herbert T. White, as Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery, made an official visit.

February 12—Royal Arch Educational Meeting, Grand Island.

February 19—Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, Twenty-third Annual Communication, Washington, D. C. Our friend and neighbor, Earl B. Delzell, Grand Secretary of Iowa, was installed as Sovereign Grand Master. Our own Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, was installed as Senior Grand Deacon.

February 22—The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

February 23 and 24—Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, Washington, D. C.

March 8—Shekinah Chapter No. 32, Royal Arch Masons. Official visit of R. E. Harry A. Spencer, Deputy Grand High Priest.

March 17—Lebanon Council No. 24, Royal and Select Masters, Central City. My home Council. The Royal and Select Masters degrees were conferred upon a large class of candidates.

March 27—The Scottish Rite Educational Welfare Association of Nebraska, Lincoln. Brother Joseph W. Seacrest of Lincoln, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Nebraska and Grand Sword Bearer of the Supreme Council, is Chairman of the Association.

April 7—Omaha Chapter of Rose Croix, Scottish Rite. Maundy Thursday observance.

April 18—Scottish Rite Bodies, Hastings. Spring Reunion. I was present during the conferral of the degrees in the Lodge of Perfection. My membership is in Hastings Consistory.

April 20—The Association of Past Commanders of Knights Templar of Nebraska, Omaha. Nineteenth annual banquet.

April 21—Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska, Omaha. Eighty-third Annual Conclave.

April 21—Sir Galahad Priory No. 7, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Omaha. Luncheon.

April 22—Scottish Rite Bodies, Lincoln. Spring Reunion.

May 10—Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska, Fremont. Eightieth Annual Session.

May 25—Sesostris Shrine Temple, Lincoln.

With the exceptions hereinafter noted, on each occasion, I was formally presented and accorded the honors due the office of Grand Master. These "exceptions" were my repeated visits to the bodies in which I hold membership. As to these, I insisted that one formal presentation and introduction was sufficient. My brethren in the affiliated bodies have been most courteous and considerate this past year. There is a growing awareness of the fact that, first and foremost, we are Master Masons. I commend Brother Frank S. Land, Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, for his efforts to further this spirit of cooperation, friendship and brotherly love among all of the various Masonic bodies. I sincerely trust that this great and good work which he has thus far advanced will be continued by his successors.

Unfortunately, I received many invitations to visit these affiliated bodies which I found it impossible to accept. I deeply appreciated all of these invitations and the sincerity of the brethren extending them. It has been my purpose, at all times, to lend the influence of the office of Grand Master to the ideal of unifying all of the orders of Masonry in Nebraska.

OTHER VISITATIONS

The Grand Guardian Council of Nebraska, International Order of Job's Daughters, Lincoln, June 11, 1954.

The Grand Assembly of Nebraska, Order of The Rainbow for Girls, Grand Island, June 19, 1954.

Naphis Temple, Daughters of the Nile, Lincoln, November 8, 1954. Banquet honoring Supreme Queen, Charlotte E. Nolte.

While the Grand Lodge of Nebraska is not in regular fraternal relations with these bodies, the invitation to visit them came to me by virtue of my office as Grand Master. I appreciated the hospitality and courtesies extended and I brought to each of them my personal greetings and best wishes as a Master Mason.

GRAND SECRETARY

Without the genial cooperation and well-reasoned advice of R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, the tasks encountered during the past year would have been, for me, insurmountable. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska is fortunate, indeed, to have a brother of his caliber in this most important office. Grand Masters come and Grand Masters go, but I hope that our Grand Secretary will continue serving our Grand Lodge for many years to come.

The office assistants, including M. W. John S. Hedelund, Miss Viola Guess, Mrs. Thelma McNeal and W. Robert M. Herre, have been most helpful and I express my appreciation to them for their faithful service.

Our Grand Secretary Emeritus, M. W. Lewis E. Smith, the eldest of our elder statesmen in Masonic years, is an unfailing source of wisdom and inspiration.

GRAND CUSTODIAN AND ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Despite problems of personal health, our Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, has carried on the important duties of his office in a most efficient manner. He is beloved by all Nebraska Masons and probably has a wider personal acquaintance with them than any other Grand Lodge officer. The number of certified lodges and individually certified brethren continues to increase and this is due in no small measure to Brother Cook's devotion to duty.

The members of his capable staff of Assistant Custodians have likewise rendered valuable and unselfish service to the Craft. On behalf of the Grand Lodge, I extend to them a sincere "Thank you."

OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

All of the elective and appointive officers of the Grand Lodge have been most cooperative and helpful and have discharged the duties of their respective offices with credit to themselves and to the benefit of the Craft. The health of our Grand Tyler, W. James H. Bryant, has been impaired and we have had to insist that he curtail some of his Masonic activities. To our dismay V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Grand Chaplain, and Protestant Chaplain of the Grand Island Veterans Administration Hospital at Grand Island, has been transferred to a similar facility at Denver. We shall miss him and his labors in behalf of all Nebraska Masons.

At my invitation, the Grand Lodge officers assembled for a conference in Aurora on July 25, 1954, and in Lincoln on January 16, 1955. Various matters involving the administration of the affairs of your Grand Lodge were carefully considered for the benefit of the Grand Master and of the "line officers" who are likely to assume that office in the next few years.

APPRECIATION

The officers and brethren of Aurora Lodge No. 68 have honored me and assisted me in a far greater degree than anyone could expect. On September 9, 1954, in conjunction with Aurora Chapter No. 93, O. E. S., a reception was held in my honor. It was a most memorable occasion and my appreciation exceeded my power of expression. On my visitations throughout the state, I could always count on having a traveling companion. These trips were much more pleasant and enjoyable than if I had been obliged to travel alone.

If the year has been somewhat difficult for the Grand Master, and it has been, how much more so has it been for his family! To my dear wife, Trudie, and my teen-age daughter, Ruthie, I express my heartfelt appreciation for their tolerance, their unflinching cheerfulness and their sympathetic understanding.

Finally, to the many brethren that have served the Grand Lodge as members of the various committees and on special assignments, undertaken at my request, I say "Thank you for a job well done!" This is particularly applicable to M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, as Chairman of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. His quiet and diligent labors in dispensing direct Masonic relief are worthy of special recognition.

DECISIONS

I have been called upon to render a number of decisions which simply involved pointing out the applicable provisions of our law which seemed too clear to require interpretation. These I shall not report. Other decisions, however, which I believe should be reported to you are as follows:

1. On balloting for a petition to receive the degrees, it appeared that fewer balls were cast than the number of members present and entitled to vote. The Master, being in doubt, announced that the ballot would be postponed to the next regular communication. Upon investigation I learned that the ballot had been dark in each of three instances when the vote had been taken on the same petition. I therefore reversed the ruling of the Master and decided that the petitioner had been rejected and that no further balloting could be had on that petition. In support of my ruling I cited Section 2-1004 of the Code and ruled that Section 2-1001 of the Code simply provided that no member could be "excused" from voting.

2. Upon inquiry from a group of Masons proposing to organize as a Masonic club at a military installation, I ruled that they could not form a degree team and confer degrees without the sponsorship of some subordinate lodge, citing Page 70 of the Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1953.

3. Upon inquiry from this same group, I ruled that the formal organization of such a Masonic club would contravene the provisions of Section 3-102 of the Code since it was not in existence at the time of the adoption of the amendment thereto in 1953.

4. Upon inquiry from a Lincoln lodge, I ruled that a petitioner who was engaged in operating a gasoline filling station was eligible to petition for the degrees of Masonry notwithstanding the fact that his father-in-law operated a restaurant and sold beer in the same building that housed the filling station office. I was assured that the petitioner was not employed in the restaurant and performed no duties whatsoever in connection with the operation thereof, although the entire set-up was such as to give the impression to some people that the filling station and the restaurant were under common management.

5. An Omaha lodge proposed to substitute a brother proficient in our esoteric work for an actual candidate in the conferral of the Master Mason degree and to withhold this fact from the brethren until after the conclusion of the work. The apparent motive was to inject an element of surprise at the end of the degree and to have the "candidate" comment upon and criticize the proficiency of the brethren who participated in the conferring of the degree. I ruled that such deception would not be in accordance with Masonic custom and usage and declined to give it my sanction.

6. I received several informal inquiries and one direct request for an official ruling on the question of whether or not a brother who had received a Master Mason degree under so-called military dispensation was bound by the provisions of Sections 2-402 and 2-403 of the Code pertaining to proficiency. Upon careful investigation throughout the jurisdiction, I found that such dispensations, over the years, had usually contained the phrase "proficiency requirement waived," or some similar phrase. I ruled that a brother receiving the degree of Master Mason under such dispensation was not required to pass an examination as to proficiency in the Master Mason degree in order to receive a demit, to

receive a diploma, to hold office in a lodge and to make application to or join other affiliated organizations. I called attention to the fact that the matter of joining other organizations was not incorporated into our law until 1951 and that it could not be retroactive. In support of my decision I called attention to the decision of this Grand Lodge in 1948 authorizing the issuance of a demit (1954 Cumulative Supplement, Page 13) and the decision in 1946 authorizing the issuance of a diploma (1954 Cumulative Supplement, Page 15).

7. Upon inquiry from a Lincoln lodge as to the eligibility of a petitioner who was a student at the University of Nebraska, so far as residence was concerned, I ruled that we should be guided by the provisions of civil law with reference to the emancipation of minors. The man in question had attained his majority less than twelve months prior to the date of the inquiry and was therefore a minor during part of the period of prescribed residence. I further ruled that unless he had become legally emancipated during his minority, his residence would be that of his parents, which was in a city other than Lincoln.

8. Upon request from the Grand Custodian, I ruled that it would be proper to issue a certificate of lodge proficiency to a lodge under dispensation, provided that the officers of such lodge could pass the required examination. In support of my ruling I cited the action of this Grand Lodge with reference to Cairo Lodge U. D. (1937 Proceedings, Page 590).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Section 2-502 of the Code deals with the change of location of a lodge. In my opinion, the wording of the section is somewhat vague in that it appears to apply to a change from one location to another in the same town as well as to a change from one town to another. It also requires the charter to be returned "in the event of a change of location." The requirements as to notice and the necessary vote to authorize a change are not as specific as they should be. Therefore, I recommend that Section 2-502 be amended to read as follows:

"2-502 (71) CHANGE OF LOCATION—Subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, a lodge may remove from one building to another in the same town by majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided that prior notice of the proposition of removal be given to all resident members at least one week prior thereto, and a lodge may remove from a building in one town to a building in another town by majority vote of all the members of such lodge at a regular meeting, provided that prior notice of the proposition of removal be given to all of the members at least two weeks prior thereto."

2. Despite the fact that our country is not presently involved in active warfare, many requests are received for dispensations to confer degrees without regard to time and for advancement without compliance

with our requirement as to proficiency in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees. It appears to be a policy of this Grand Lodge of many years' standing to grant such dispensations when the candidate is a member of the armed forces. Now that our country seems to be committed to a large and permanent military establishment, the situation has changed from what was formerly a temporary one to what is now a normal state of affairs. In my opinion, a candidate who has become a member of the armed forces in peace time is in essentially the same position Masonically as if he had entered private employment which would require him to travel to another state or country. I am persuaded that some candidates for Masonry have been advised to defer petitioning for the degrees until after they have volunteered or have been called to report for induction in order to avoid the requirements for proficiency. I therefore recommend that sub-paragraph 4 of Section 2-402 of the Code, which reads as follows:

"4—Provided, that in exceptional cases and for good cause shown, the Grand Master may waive the provisions of this section."

be construed by this Grand Lodge to mean that when our country is not at war, the mere fact that the petitioner is a member of the armed forces shall not constitute an "exceptional case" and shall not constitute "good cause."

3. Considerable confusion appears to exist as to the extent to which our dispensation to confer degrees without regard to time waives our requirements for proficiency in the Master Mason degree as set forth in Sections 2-302, 2-402, 2-403 and 2-914 of the Code. The form of dispensation currently in use merely recites "Proficiency Requirement Waived." As to waiver of the \$10.00 fee, see Section 2-1208. I recommend that henceforth such dispensations specifically provide that the requirements for proficiency are waived only so far as they pertain to advancement. Thus, the brother receiving the degrees would be bound by all other requirements of our law as to proficiency so that until he complied, he would not be entitled to a demit, to a diploma, to hold office nor to join any affiliated body, unless the Grand Master should, for good cause shown, specifically waive these requirements.

4. I recommend that the subordinate lodges be required to certify annually to the Grand Secretary the name of each Master Mason complying with our requirements as to proficiency and the date when he passed his examination therefor, and that the forms for the annual returns of the subordinate lodges contain an appropriate place for such information.

5. The matter of demits is causing numerous problems. Chapters XVIII and XIX of the Code provide that the only condition under which a brother is entitled to a demit is that he request the same in writing, stating that it is wanted for the purpose of joining another lodge. Notwithstanding this law, many lodges have issued demits without insisting upon such written request with such reason set forth therein.

Also, many brethren have obtained demits without any real intention of joining another lodge, although stating in their written request that they desired the demit for such purpose. Also, many brethren have failed to apply for membership in another lodge after receiving their demits. Section 2-602 of the Code also deals with the subject of demits and requires an affiliation fee of \$10.00 from a brother not in good standing as defined therein. When the brother petitioning for affiliation has carried his demit for more than three years, he is probably bound by the third decision cited under Section 2-1306 which says he must be considered the same as a suspended member. In my opinion, the entire situation can be greatly improved and most of the problems solved by requiring the use of a certificate of membership. In this way, every brother would remain a member in good standing of his lodge, unless suspended or expelled, until such time as he was elected to membership in another lodge and a demit issued upon notice of such election. I am convinced that such a change in our law will not work any hardship whatever on any brother who sincerely and honestly desires to change his membership from one lodge to another, and that it will correct many of the evils and abuses which have developed. Of course, we should retain the provision of our law which would give the subordinate lodge the power to refuse a demit, under the prescribed circumstances, even after the brother was elected to membership elsewhere.

I therefore recommend that henceforth no subordinate lodge shall issue a demit until after it has been officially notified of the election of the brother to membership in another lodge, and that all future requests for a demit prior to such election be considered as requests for a certificate of membership only.

6. The increasing activity of our subordinate lodges in erecting new Masonic Temples, in acquiring and remodeling existing structures for Lodge Halls and the interest in forming temple craft associations has disclosed some weaknesses in our existing law. Nowhere are the duties, powers and authority of the Temple Building Advisory Committee defined, although the subject is partially covered by Section 2-616 of the Code. The experience of this past year leads me to believe that it would be desirable to require the approval of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master of plans and specifications of new or remodeled buildings for Masonic Temples or Lodge Halls and articles of incorporation and by-laws of temple craft associations. All that our present law specifically requires is approval to incur indebtedness for building activities and the purchase or subscription of stock, shares or interests in a temple craft association. I further believe that such activities should be under the supervision of the Temple Building Advisory Committee and that all requests for approval of such matters be first submitted to this Committee for its recommendations. I therefore recommend that Section 1-301 (9) Subsection (16) be amended by the deletion of the following language:

"which committee shall consist of three members, each to serve for a period of three years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as to retire one member thereof annually"

so that said subsection shall read as follows:

"(16) Temple Building Advisory Committee,"

and that a new section to be identified as Section 1-321 be adopted as follows:

"1-321. TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Temple Building Advisory Committee shall consist of three members each to serve for a period of three years, and who shall be appointed for such terms as to retire one member thereof annually. It shall be the duty of said Committee to investigate all requests for approval of lodge building and financing activities as set forth in Section 2-616 and to advise the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master with reference thereto, and, upon request, to advise and assist all subordinate lodges in such activities."

7. In this same connection, I recommend that Section 2-616 be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2-616 (89. C)—No subordinate lodge shall purchase, construct or remodel any building to be used as a meeting place for such lodge, nor incur any indebtedness for such purpose, nor purchase or subscribe for any stock, shares or interests in any temple craft or other building association organized for the purpose of owning such a building, nor shall articles of incorporation or by-laws of any such temple craft or building association be adopted by any members of any subordinate lodge, without first obtaining the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master."

8. The Grand Secretary informs me that there are only about forty copies of the Nebraska Masonic Code, 1946, now on hand. I recommend that a new edition of our Code be printed, which will incorporate all of the changes and annotations now appearing in the Cumulative Pocket Parts Supplement, together with the changes that will be made at this Annual Communication. I further recommend that the Jurisprudence Committee formulate a foreword to be incorporated in the new edition informing the brethren as to the extent to which the annotated decisions of the Grand Lodge shall be considered as binding upon the Grand Lodge as a precedent.

9. It seems to me that we Masons of Nebraska have, for many years, completely ignored our obligations to our brethren and their near relatives who are confined for care and treatment in our hospitals, particularly our three Veterans Administration Hospitals in Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island. I recommend, until we join or support The Masonic Service Association, or some similar organization with a hospital visitation program, that we, as a Grand Lodge, undertake to perform

this service as a part of our program of Masonic charity. We have all obligated ourselves to help all of our distressed brethren. What greater distress can there be than that which they endure?

10. Numerous questions regarding Masonic etiquette and protocol have arisen during the past year. These include the proper floor work and procedure in introducing distinguished guests in subordinate lodges, the honors to which they are entitled and their order of precedence or rank. I believe that the officers and brethren of the subordinate lodges will be grateful for an officially sanctioned guide in these matters. Furthermore, our Grand Lodge will be host to distinguished guests from all over North America at our Centennial Communication in 1957, and we should be prepared to receive these distinguished visitors with proper Masonic honors and protocol. I therefore recommend that the Jurisprudence Committee prepare such rules and regulations as they deem appropriate in matters of Masonic etiquette and protocol.

11. With reference to our trial procedure in Masonic offenses, I am of the opinion that the time for appeal should not begin to run until after the Grand Secretary has transmitted the copies of the findings and judgment of the trial commission to the parties mentioned in Section 3-508 of the Code. As our law now stands, the time for appeal begins to run from the date of imposition of sentence. It is obvious that there may be a lapse of time between that date and the date when the information is transmitted by the Grand Secretary. I therefore recommend that Section 3-802 of the Code be amended to read as follows:

"All appeals from any chartered lodge shall be made in writing, and filed in duplicate, and shall contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decision of the lodge appealed from, and the grounds upon which the same are based. The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary not more than sixty days after the Grand Secretary shall have notified the Grand Master, the secretary of the subordinate lodge, the accused and the accuser by mail of the findings and judgment of the trial commission, as provided in Section 3-508. In the event of an appeal, the Grand Secretary shall forthwith transmit a copy thereof to the aforementioned parties except the party taking the appeal."

12. According to some of the annotated decisions in our Code, this Grand Lodge has indicated that membership on a board of directors of a corporation which, as an incidental activity to its principal business, sells liquor at wholesale, by the package, at retail or by the drink for consumption on the premises is guilty of a Masonic offense, whereas a stockholder of such corporation would not be guilty. Also that a chemist for a distillery would be guilty whereas a maintenance engineer, a janitor or a bookkeeper would not be guilty. It is a matter of common knowledge that our railroads serve liquors on dining cars. Some of our finest Masonic brethren are railroad men. It is also a matter of common

knowledge that many of our brethren serve without pay on boards of directors or boards of trustees of country clubs and other community or fraternal organizations maintaining club houses or club rooms where liquors are sold. With the exception of the bartenders and waiters and persons directly supervising such personnel, it would seem that a serious question exists as to whether or not a Mason thus associated with such an organization would be guilty of a Masonic offense. I have received numerous inquiries as to this and to each of them I have suggested that I would recommend a clarification of our Grand Lodge's position in the matter. I therefore recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a special committee to formulate regulations to construe and clarify Section 3-102 (d) of the Code to the end that the officers and members of the subordinate lodges and members of trial commissions may have some specific authority to guide them in their decisions.

13. I recommend that this Grand Lodge authorize the preparation, issuance and presentation of a suitable certificate to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of our subordinate lodges, the exact form, style and phraseology of these certificates to be approved by the Jurisprudence Committee. Each certificate shall be presented at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge nearest the one hundredth anniversary of the date of the charter of such lodge. Our first and oldest lodge is Nebraska Lodge No. 1, which was chartered on October 3, 1855. If this recommendation is approved, the first of these certificates will be presented to Nebraska Lodge No. 1 at this Annual Communication.

14. The laws of our Grand Lodge, as well as those of many other Grand Lodges, provide for the creation of committees to handle matters of "foreign" correspondence and "foreign" relations. The modern connotation of the word "foreign" seems to imply that our sister jurisdictions are imbued with certain peculiar and different characteristics that tend to set them apart from us. This is contrary to the spirit of Masonry wherein the universality of our fraternity is an objective toward which we aspire. For this reason, I recommend that the by-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by substituting the words "fraternal relations" for the words "foreign correspondence" in Sections 1-201, 1-301, 1-306 and 1-307 of the Code.

By making such changes, our Committee on "Foreign Correspondence" will henceforth be known as the Committee on "Fraternal Relations." The duties of this committee are set forth in detail in the above cited sections of the Code. In my opinion, the proposed new name for this committee will not only eliminate the use of the objectionable word "foreign," but it will also embody a more accurate description of the actual work of the committee.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

It has been my purpose to conduct the affairs of the office of Grand Master in such a manner that I might leave the affairs of Masonry in Nebraska just a little better than I found them. This has not been easy because I inherited no serious problems and none developed during the year. If the brethren of this Grand Lodge feel that my efforts have not been entirely in vain, I shall be amply rewarded.

The problems of our smaller lodges have been of some concern in this and in past years. These are usually aggravated by the fact that the smaller lodges are frequently located in communities with declining populations, resulting in an unusually high percentage of non-resident members. Thus the number of potential petitioners is likewise reduced. Nevertheless, we have some outstanding examples of what smaller lodges can do in the matter of healthy growth, acquisition of suitable lodge halls and the conferral of degrees in a most acceptable manner. Not infrequently some adverse happening such as the loss of its meeting place has sparked a reawakening of Masonic interest in such lodges. I am persuaded that there is a place for the small lodges in the small communities where Masonic fellowship remains more intimate and more personal and where the lodge can exert a greater influence for good in the community than in our more populous centers. To such lodges, we owe our full and sympathetic cooperation.

As a corollary, our extremely large lodges in Lincoln and Omaha have developed certain weaknesses. There, the difficulties of transportation from home to lodge and the attendant parking problems for motor vehicles are becoming more and more pronounced. In addition, the opportunities for active participation as a lodge officer are diminished as the size of the lodge increases resulting in some loss of interest in the rank and file of the membership. I am informed that the membership in Masonic lodges in the City of London seldom exceeds one hundred. While I do not propose that we should limit the size of our subordinate lodges, I do feel that the formation of additional lodges which will meet in the suburban areas of our metropolitan centers should be encouraged. Bellevue Lodge U. D. in Bellevue is an example of what can be done.

Statistically, the Grand Secretary's report reflects a small but gratifying increase in total membership. The report of the Temple Building Advisory Committee and my remarks on that subject in this report indicate an ever increasing investment in Masonic Temples and Lodge Halls. All in all, I feel that we have progressed this past year, not spectacularly, but appreciably.

CONCLUSION

With this, I close my report. Within a few short hours I shall surrender the gavel to my worthy successor and I bespeak for him the same measure of devoted cooperation that you have extended to me. I am convinced that the affairs of our Grand Lodge may be safely entrusted to his keeping. Let us hope that, under his wise leadership and under that of his fellow Grand Masters throughout the world, we may hasten the approach of the day when all contention may cease and when the people of the earth may live in harmony, peaceful and unafraid.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles F. Adams". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

This report brings to a close another very busy year. Again we have visited many lodges, attended four area meetings, eight Central Schools, numerous corner-stone and dedication ceremonies and lodge anniversaries. We enjoy our visits to the lodges and the fellowship with the brethren. Thanks to all of you for the many courtesies.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to accompany our genial Grand Master on many visitations this year.

This year we again record fifteen lodges that failed to receive petitions or confer degrees. These lodges are located in communities where the population is decreasing and as in previous years most of them had a net loss. The membership is from 28 to 82 with one-third or more being non-resident.

INVESTMENTS

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

RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from every lodge and all dues for the year 1954 have been paid in full. Our thanks and appreciation to the lodge secretaries for their splendid cooperation.

GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from the following lodges: Ionic No. 87, Wymore No. 104, Bee Hive No. 184 and Grand Island No. 318. 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 Charters should not be forfeited in accordance with action of Grand Lodge at its 97th Annual Communication: Table Rock No. 108, Crystal No. 191, Cable No. 225, Corner-Stone No. 247, and James A. Tully No. 267.

BELLEVUE LODGE U.D.

On the evening of March 5, 1955, the Grand Master instituted a lodge U.D. at Bellevue at the request of 91 brethren. They have complied with the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, conferred degrees and have been certified.

Eighty-five brethren have now petitioned the Grand Lodge for a Charter. All records of Bellevue Lodge U.D. together with demits signed by the individual brethren from thirty-eight lodges and seven juri-

dictions including Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Maine, Pennsylvania and California have been examined and found to be correct. These together with all records have been referred to the committee for their consideration.

FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

During the year ninety-seven buttons have been presented to brethren entitled to receive them. We have 543 brethren living who wear the fifty-year button. One hundred and seventy-seven of these brethren also wear the Bronze Jordan Medal.

JORDAN MEDALS

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

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES

It has been my privilege and pleasure this year to attend eight Central Schools of Instruction. At these schools, I have checked the records of 53 lodges, spent some time with the secretary and officers of each lodge. We have a fine group of Secretaries and Lodge Officers.

GRAND CUSTODIAN

Again, may we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, and his corps of Assistant Custodians for their fine cooperation.

MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA, U.D.

The brethren of this lodge are called upon several times each month to conduct the funeral service for a sojourning brother. They conduct a very beautiful service. To W. Ralph S. Tully, the officers and brethren of Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U.D., our sincere thanks.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

May 10, 1955

1954-1955

DEBIT

Received from 44,972 members at \$3.00 each	\$134,916.00
Received from 1,568 Initiations at \$10.00 each	15,680.00
Received from 7 Affiliations at \$10.00 each	70.00
Received from Surety Bond Premiums	626.20
Received from supplies sold to Lodges	4,045.13
Received from 1,424 members for George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at \$1.00 each	1,424.00
Received for Liability Insurance	4,946.89
Total	\$161,708.22

CREDIT

Transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 89,944.00
Transferred to Maintenance Fund	6,745.80
Transferred to Relief Fund	8,994.40
Transferred to General Fund	49,928.69
Transferred to Supply Account	4,671.33
Transferred to Permanent Reserve Fund	1,424.00
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Total	\$161,708.22

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND

May 10, 1955

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1954	\$ 47,485.48
Received from Special Dispensations	45.00
Received from Permanent Reserve Fund	12,100.00
Received from Pay-roll Account	1,835.30
Interest	309.51
Received from Special Account	49,928.69
Miscellaneous Items	355.46
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Total	\$112,059.44

CASH CREDIT

Pay-roll	\$ 10,353.80
Grand Lodge Dinner	708.75
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	357.60
Reporting Grand Lodge Proceedings	75.00
Grand Tyler	15.00
Grand Organist	10.00
Grand Chaplain	100.00
Committee on Masonic Education	1,800.00
Other Committees	100.00
Committee on Work	100.00
Grand Trustees	50.00
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00
Trial Commissions	100.00
Unassigned expense under direction of the Grand Master.....	1,187.50
Travel Expense, Grand Master	2,500.00
Travel Expense, Grand Secretary	1,250.00
Expense Grand Custodian and Assistants	4,800.00
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	6,500.00
Rent, Grand Lodge quarters to June, 1955	2,200.00

Audit of Books	225.00
Grand Secretary Office Expense	4,379.29
Jewel, Retiring Grand Master	154.00
Printing Proceedings and Advance Copies	2,863.98
Liability Insurance Premium	35.00
Dues, Masonic Relief Association	287.36
Bond Premium, liability insurance, all lodges	4,946.92
Social Security Tax	511.20
Surety Bond Premiums	313.20
Transportation, Grand Lodge to Plattsmouth	293.82
New Equipment	635.00
Compensation Insurance	40.60
Fifty-year buttons	269.50
Past Grand Masters Buttons	75.00
Refund to Raymond C. Cook	3.31
Cash on hand, May 10, 1955	52,618.61
Total	\$112,059.44

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1955

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand, May 10, 1954	\$ 4,279.02
Received from sale of supplies	4,054.13
Received from Lodges for Bond Premiums	626.20
Total	\$ 8,959.75

CASH CREDIT

Premiums on Secretaries and Treasurers Bonds	\$ 563.85
Postage	500.00
Paid for supplies	2,885.62
Cash on hand, May 10, 1955	5,010.28
Total	\$ 8,959.75

RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1955

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand, May 10, 1954	\$ 18,331.29
Received from Special Account	8,994.40
Total	\$ 27,325.69

CASH CREDIT

Paid to Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	\$ 3,000.00
U. S. Short Term Bond, 2½%	10,013.70
Cash on hand, May 10, 1955	14,311.99
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Total	\$ 27,325.69

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

May 10, 1955

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1954	\$ 2,667.83
Securities paid and sold	12,695.64
Profit on Sale of Securities	2,198.51
Received from Special Account, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association	1,424.00
Interest	1,264.48
Received from Children's Home Endowment Fund	5,000.00
Interest payment credited in error	125.00
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Total	\$ 25,375.46

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased	\$ 6,822.75
Transferred to Centennial Contingent Fund	1,500.00
Transferred to Grand Lodge General Fund	12,100.00
Interest payment, credited in error	125.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1955	4,827.71
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Total	\$ 25,375.46

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1955

No.	Name	Par	Cost
42—	U. S. Government 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
53—	Western Light & Telephone Company 5½% pfd.	2,500	2,812.75
57—	Shawmut Association, Common		2,295.00
58—	Indiana Gas & Water Co. Inc., Common		3,496.50
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	Total		\$ 32,410.25

(\$22,000 of this Fund is earmarked for the Centennial Celebration, 1957)

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

May 10, 1955

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1954	\$ 24,308.73
Interest	5,162.98
Securities paid and sold	43,330.91
Profit on sale of securities	4,217.53
Total	\$ 77,020.15

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased	\$ 45,013.75
Transferred to The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children..	5,000.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1955	27,006.40
Total	\$ 77,020.15

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1955

No.	Name	Par	Cost
84—	Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co., 5% pfd....	10,000	10,000.00
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, 2½%	10,000	10,000.00
91—	Fairmont Foods Co., 4% pfd.....	5,000	5,200.00
94—	Shell Union Oil Co., Bonds 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, Bonds, 3¼%.....	10,000	9,750.00
102—	Southern California Edison Co., 4.88% pfd...	10,000	10,500.00
116—	Province of Saskatchewan, Bonds	1,000	1,062.72
122—	Tennessee Gas Transmission, Pfd., 4.64%.....	10,000	9,922.50
127—	Western Light & Telephone Company 5½% pfd.	2,500	2,818.75
131—	Marshall Wells Co., Common		5,166.00
133—	Pacific Gas & Electric 4.50 pfd.	10,000	10,300.00
136—	Shawmut Association, Common		2,275.00
137—	American Viscose, Common		4,757.75
138—	General Public Utilities Corp., Common		3,624.32
139—	Iowa Public Service Co. 3.75% pfd.	5,000	4,500.00
Total			\$139,252.04

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND

May 10, 1955

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1954	\$ 33,511.51
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Securities paid and sold	101,164.44
Profit on sale of Securities	6,030.77
Interest	8,814.54
Total	\$149,521.26

CASH CREDIT

Transferred to Maintenance Fund	\$ 8,200.00
Securities purchased	106,946.59
Refund Interest, Loan No. 550	16.25
Cash on hand May 10, 1955	34,358.42
Total	\$149,521.26

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	\$288,442.12
Cash	\$ 34,358.42
Bills Receivable	254,083.70
Total	\$288,442.12 288,442.12

INVENTORY

Cash	\$ 34,358.42
Bills Receivable	254,083.70
Total	\$288,442.12

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1955

No.	Name	Par	Cost
375—	Province of Saskatchewan, Bonds, 4½%	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,827.50
410—	Province of Manitoba, Bonds, 4%	1,000	930.00
471½—	Western Light & Telephone Co., 5% pfd.....	6,775	6,871.50
478—	Province of Manitoba, Bonds, 4½%	1,000	960.00
489—	U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%....	20,000	20,000.00
495—	U. S. Government Bonds, Series "G", 2½%....	3,000	3,000.00
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, 2¼%.....	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.	2,750	2,812.22
548—Western Light & Telephone Co., 5% pfd.	2,975	3,072.43
550—American Tobacco Co., Bonds 3½,	10,000	8,938.82
561—Wisconsin Electric Power, 3.60% pfd.	2,500	2,165.31
562—Southwestern Investment Co., Bond, Series B.	10,000	10,000.00
568—City of Toronto, Bonds 3%		18,486.00
569—Shawmut Association, Common		4,600.00
570—Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 4.50 pfd.	15,000	14,850.00
571—El Paso Natural Gas Co., Common		9,868.14
572—Western Light and Telephone Co., Common ...		6,826.00
573—Texas Gas Transmission Corpn., Common		4,500.00
574—Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corp., Common		8,917.50
575—Central Electric & Gas Co., Common		7,525.00
576—Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co., Common ...		8,415.01
Total		\$252,583.70

CHILDRENS' HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

May 10, 1955

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1954	\$ 45,771.68
Securities paid and sold	61,367.78
Profit on sale of securities	6,071.01
Interest	5,048.01
Total	\$118,258.48

CASH CREDIT

Securities purchased	\$ 75,306.83
Transferred to Permanent Reserve Fund	5,000.00
Transferred to Maintenance Fund	8,000.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1955	29,951.65
Total	\$118,258.48

TRIAL BALANCE

Inventory	\$158,921.57	
Cash		29,951.65
Bills Receivable	\$178,546.82	
Bequests	10,326.40	
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Total	\$188,873.22	\$188,873.22

INVENTORY

Securities, Stocks and Bonds	\$152,321.57
Farm Mortgages	6,600.00
Cash	29,951.65
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Total	\$188,873.22

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
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Total				\$ 6,600.00

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND SECURITIES

May 10, 1955

No.	Name	Par	Cost
68—	Province of Manitoba, Bonds, 4½%	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,643.75
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, 2½%	10,000	10,000.00
111—	Missouri Power & Light Company, 3.90% pfd.	5,000	5,200.00
113—	American Potash & Chemical Corp., 4% pfd...	5,000	5,000.00
114—	E. I. Dupont De Nemours Company, 3½% pfd..	10,000	10,200.00
115—	Public Service of Indiana, 3½% pfd.....	5,000	4,775.00
116—	General Foods Corporation 3½% pfd.....	5,000	5,025.00
117—	Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, 4½% pfd	5,000	5,150.00
137—	Central Illinois Public Service, pfd. 4%	10,000	9,061.88
146—	Marshall-Wells Company, Common		5,196.75
151—	Consolidated Cigar Corp., \$5.00 pfd.	5,000	4,225.00
157—	Western Light & Telephone Co., Common		9,668.50
158—	Indianapolis Power & Light, 4% pfd.	15,000	15,164.19
159—	Shawmut Association, Common		2,300.00
160—	Consolidated Cigar Corp., \$5.00 pfd.	5,000	4,775.00
161—	Gas Industries Fund Inc., Common		10,664.00
162—	Rochester Telephone Corp., Common		5,263.50
163—	Indiana Gas & Water Co., Inc., Common		3,509.00
164—	Iowa Public Service Co., 3.75% pfd.	5,000	4,500.00
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Total			\$152,321.57

MAINTENANCE FUND

May 10, 1955

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1954	\$ 6,912.40
Received from Children's Home Endowment Fund.....	8,000.00
Received from Orphans' Educational Fund	8,200.00
Received from Building and Improvement Fund	5,000.00
Received from Grand Lodge Special Account	6,745.80
Total	\$ 34,858.20

CASH CREDIT

Maintenance Fund, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	\$ 28,000.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1955	6,858.20
Total	\$ 34,858.20

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND

May 10, 1955

CASH DEBIT

From Permanent Reserve Fund	\$ 1,500.00
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CASH CREDIT

Checks No. 1 to 5, Inclusive	\$ 391.45
Cash on hand, May 10, 1955	1,108.55
Total	\$ 1,500.00

TRIAL BALANCE

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 General Fund	52,618.61
Cash Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00
Cash Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00
Inventory	\$ 53,221.61
Total	\$ 53,221.61

RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS

General Fund Cash	\$ 52,618.61
Relief Fund Cash	14,311.99
Permanent Reserve Fund Securities	32,410.25

Permanent Reserve Fund Cash	4,827.71
Building and Improvement Fund Securities	139,252.04
Building and Improvement Fund Cash	27,006.40
Maintenance Fund Cash	6,858.20
Supply Account Cash	5,010.28
Orphans' Educational Fund Securities	254,083.70
Orphans' Educational Fund Cash	34,358.42
Childrens' Home Endowment Fund Securities ..	158,921.57
Childrens' Home Endowment Fund Cash	29,951.65
Grand Lodge Expense Account	400.00
Grand Lodge Exchange Account	200.00
Grand Officers Expense Account	349.83
Centennial Contingent Fund	1,108.55
Total	\$761,669.20

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

May 10, 1955

This Report Prepared by Buffett-Falk & Company—Stanley F. Kune1

Type of Investment	Total Par Value	Total Cost	Per- centage
United States Government Bonds	\$103,000.00	\$103,000.00	13.4%
Canadian Bonds	29,000.00	28,909.97	3.8%
Australian Bonds	10,000.00	9,750.00	1.4%
Industrial & Miscellaneous Bonds	59,000.00	59,038.82	7.8%
Public Utility Preferred Stocks	165,000.00	165,465.80	21.6%
Industrial & Misc. Preferred Stocks ..	100,000.00	101,535.00	13.3%
Industrial Common Stocks		26,590.50	3.5%
Public Utility Common Stocks		82,277.47	10.9%
(Sub-Totals) BONDS & STOCKS		(\$576,567.56)	
Mortgage Loans		8,100.00	1.1%
Cash		177,001.64	23.2%
Totals		\$761,669.20	100 %

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

Par Value		Cost
\$ 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% 1963	10,000.00
3,000.00	United States Treasury 2½% Series G 9/21/55	3,000.00
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 2½% 1963	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 2½% 1963	5,000.00
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\$103,000.00		\$103,000.00

CANADIAN BONDS

Par Value		Cost
\$ 5,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 4-16-57	\$ 4,643.75
1,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4s 9-1-55	1,062.72
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57	2,827.50
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4s 12-1-57	930.00
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56	960.00
18,000.00	City of Toronto 3% 5-15-59	18,486.00
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\$ 29,000.00		\$ 28,909.97

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

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

15,000.00	Ada County Grange Supply Co. of Meridian, Idaho 5% Nov. 1, 1954, 1955, 1956	15,000.00
\$ 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
9,000.00	American Tobacco Co. 3¼% 2-1-77	8,938.82
10,000.00	Southwestern Investment Co. 5¼% 12-1-63	10,000.00
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\$ 59,000.00		\$ 59,038.82

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	Western Light & Tel. 5½% Pfd.	2,818.75
2,500.00	Wisconsin Electric Power 3.60% Pfd.	2,165.31
15,000.00	Montana Dakota Utilities 4.50 Pfd.	14,850.00
10,000.00	Pacific Gas & Electric 4.50 Pfd.	10,300.00
5,000.00	Iowa Public Service 3.75% Pfd.	4,500.00
15,000.00	Indianapolis Power & Light 4% Pfd.	15,164.19
5,000.00	Iowa Public Service Co. 3.75 Pfd.	4,500.00
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\$165,000.00		\$165,465.80

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
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
10,000.00	Consolidated Cigar Corp. 5% Pfd.	9,000.00
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\$100,000.00		\$101,535.00

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS COMMON STOCK

40 shares	Marshall Wells & Company	\$ 10,362.75
500 shares	Shawmut Association Trust	11,470.00
100 shares	American Viscose Corporation	4,757.75
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		\$ 26,590.50

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMON STOCKS

200 shares	El Paso Natural Gas Company	\$ 9,868.14
228 shares	Western Light & Telephone Company	6,826.00
200 shares	Texas Gas Transmission Company	4,500.00
300 shares	Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company	8,917.50
500 shares	Central Electric & Gas Company	7,525.00
100 shares	Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company	8,415.01
200 shares	Indiana Gas & Water Company	3,496.50
100 shares	General Public Utilities Corporation	3,624.32
343 shares	Western Light & Telephone Company	9,668.50
400 shares	Gas Industries Fund	10,664.00
300 shares	Rochester Telephone Company	5,263.50
200 shares	Indiana Gas & Water Company	3,509.00
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		\$ 82,277.47

MORTGAGE LOANS

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

AN ANALYSIS OF BONDS & STOCKS
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 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. 2½% 1963	10,000.00	9,887.50	250.00
3,000.00	U. S. Tsy. 2½% Series G 9/21/55	3,000.00	3,000.00	75.00
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. 2½% 1963	10,000.00	9,887.50	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. 2½% 1963	5,000.00	4,943.75	125.00
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\$103,000.00		\$103,000.00	\$102,718.75	\$ 2,575.00
				Average Return 2.50%

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	1,010.00	40.00
3,000.00	Province of Saskatchewan 4½s 1-15-57 ..	2,827.50	3,142.50	135.00
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4's 12-1-57	930.00	1,047.50	40.00
1,000.00	Province of Manitoba 4½s 12-15-56	960.00	1,042.50	45.00
18,000.00	City of Toronto 3% 5/15-59	18,486.00	18,360.00	540.00
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\$ 29,000.00		\$ 28,909.97	\$ 29,852.50	\$ 1,025.00
				Average Return 3.58%

AUSTRALIAN BONDS

\$ 10,000.00	Commonwealth of Australia 3¼% 1956..	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 10,025.00	\$ 325.00
				Average Return 3.33%

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS BONDS

\$ 15,000.00	Ada County Grange Supply Co. of Meridian, Idaho 5% 11-1 1954, 1955, 1956....	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 750.00
\$ 15,000.00	Shell Union Oil Co. 2½% 4-1-71	15,225.00	14,250.00	375.00
10,000.00	Southern Pacific Ry. 2¼% 1-1-61	9,875.00	9,600.00	225.00
9,000.00	American Tobacco Co. 3¼% 2-1-77	8,938.82	9,067.50	325.00
10,000.00	Southwestern Investment Co.	10,000.00	10,000.00	550.00
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\$ 59,000.00		\$ 59,038.82	\$ 58,017.50	\$ 2,225.00
			Average Return 3.76%	

PUBLIC UTILITY PREFERRED STOCKS

\$ 5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...\$	5,200.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 195.00
5,000.00	Public Service of Indiana 3½% Pfd.....	4,775.00	4,350.00	175.00
5,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission Co. 4¼% Pfd	5,150.00	4,950.00	212.50
5,000.00	Missouri Power & Light Co. 3.90% Pfd...	5,200.00	4,500.00	195.00
20,000.00	Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas 5% Pfd....	20,576.40	\$ 20,900.00	\$ 1,000.00
10,000.00	Southern California Edison 4.88% Pfd....	10,500.00	11,300.00	488.00
12,500.00	Western Light & Telephone 5% Pfd.	12,756.15	12,750.00	625.00
10,000.00	Iowa Public Service Co. 3.90% Pfd.....	10,200.00	9,350.00	390.00
5,000.00	Scranton Spring Brook Water 4.10% Pfd..	5,125.00	4,700.00	205.00
10,000.00	El Paso Natural Gas 4.10% Pfd.	9,881.88	10,000.00	410.00
10,000.00	Central Ill. Public Ser. 4% Pfd.	9,061.88	9,500.00	400.00
10,000.00	Tennessee Gas Transmission 4.64% Pfd...	9,922.50	10,300.00	464.00
2,500.00	Western Light & Tel. 5½% Pfd.	2,818.75	2,950.00	137.50
2,500.00	Western Light & Tel. 5½% Pfd.	2,818.75	2,950.00	137.50
2,500.00	Wisconsin Electric Power 3.60% Pfd....	2,165.31	2,250.00	90.00
15,000.00	Montana Dakota Utilities 4.50% Pfd. ...	14,850.00	14,850.00	675.00
10,000.00	Pacific Gas & Elec. 4.50% Pfd.	10,300.00	10,800.00	450.00
5,000.00	Iowa Public Service 3.75% Pfd.	4,500.00	4,500.00	187.50
15,000.00	Indianapolis Power & Light 4% Pfd.	15,164.19	15,000.00	600.00
5,000.00	Iowa Public Service 3.75% Pfd.	4,500.00	4,500.00	187.50
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\$165,000.00		\$165,465.80	\$164,900.00	\$ 7,224.50
			Average Return 4.37%	

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS PREFERRED STOCKS

Par Value		Cost	Market Value	Annual Income
\$ 5,000	American Potash & Chemical \$4 A Pfd.....\$	5,000.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 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	4,900.00	175.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.	5,200.00	4,350.00	200.00
10,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.	10,400.00	8,700.00	400.00
5,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.	5,200.00	4,350.00	200.00
5,000.00	Dana Corporation 3¼% Pfd.	5,100.00	4,700.00	187.00
10,000.00	Westinghouse Elec. Corp. 3.80% Pfd. ...	10,050.00	10,000.00	380.00
15,000.00	Fairmont Foods Co. 4% Pfd.	15,600.00	13,050.00	600.00

10,000.00 Fruehauf Trailer Co. 4% Pfd.	10,450.00	9,000.00	400.00
10,000.00 Omar, Inc. 4½% Pfd.	10,310.00	9,500.00	450.00
10,000.00 Consolidated Cigar Corp. 5% Pfd.	9,000.00	9,300.00	500.00
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\$100,000.00	\$101,535.00	\$ 92,700.00	\$ 4,042.50
		Average Return 3.98%	

INDUSTRIAL & MISCELLANEOUS COMMON STOCKS

40 shares Marshal Wells Company	\$ 10,362.75	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 480.00
500 shares Shawmut Association Trust	11,470.00	12,000.00	500.00
100 shares American Viscose Corporation	4,757.75	4,750.00	200.00
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	\$ 26,590.50	\$ 29,150.00	\$ 1,180.00
		Average Return 4.44%	

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMON STOCKS

200 shares El Paso Natural Gas Co.	\$ 9,868.14	\$ 9,050.00	\$ 400.00
228 shares Western Light & Telephone Co.	6,826.00	6,683.00	364.00
200 shares Texas Gas Transmission Co.	4,500.00	4,250.00	200.00
300 shares Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Co.	8,917.50	9,150.00	420.00
500 shares Central Electric & Gas Co.	7,525.00	7,250.00	400.00
100 shares Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co.	8,415.91	8,025.00	250.00
200 shares Indiana Gas & Water Co.	3,496.50	3,550.00	160.00
100 shares General Public Utilities Corp.	3,624.32	3,600.00	170.00
343 shares Western Light & Telephone Co.	9,668.50	10,204.25	548.80
400 shares Gas Industries Fund	10,664.00	9,600.00	*264.00
*(plus capital gains distribution)			
300 shares Rochester Telephone Co.	5,263.50	5,550.00	240.00
200 shares Indiana Gas & Water Co.	3,509.00	3,550.00	160.00
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	\$ 82,277.47	\$ 80,462.25	\$ 3,577.60
		Average Return 4.34%	

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Certificate

No.	Brother	Date Raised	Lodge	Number
1727	—Joseph Z. Marks	April 9, 1904	Ord	103
1728	—Walter Coker	June 12, 1899	Arcadia	208
1729	—James H. Shaw	July 15, 1901	Fairfield	84
1730	—Fred M. Schmidt	Nov. 18, 1901	Wolbach	292
1731	—Robert Paddock	Apr. 18, 1904	Temple	175
1732	—Carl C. Cartney	May 7, 1904	Evening Star	149
1733	—Hugh A. Butler	May 28, 1904	St. Johns	25
1734	—William L. Shearer	June 23, 1904	St. Johns	25
1735	—Mitchell L. Franey	Mar. 17, 1904	Hickman	256
1736	—Harold A. Letson	June 3, 1904	Charity	53
1737	—Carl Gidley	June 25, 1904	Occidental	215
1738	—Warren E. Robinson	June 15, 1904	Wymore	104
1739	—Henry Korteem	July 12, 1904	Friendship	239
1739½	—James R. McCloud	May 20, 1904	York	56
1740	—Roy L. Case	Apr. 4, 1904	Euclid	97
1741	—Roy L. Murdock	Apr. 21, 1900	Platte Valley	32
1742	—Herbert Hawley	Apr. 7, 1903	Blue Hill	129
1743	—Roscoe Zink	Aug. 12, 1904	Table Rock	108
1744	—Arthur Soss	Aug. 1, 1904	Oliver	38
1745	—George W. Zapp	July 27, 1904	Winnebago	309
1746	—Frank N. Thielen	Aug. 13, 1904	Fremont	15
1747	—Clayton E. Babcock	May 6, 1904	Lancaster	54
1748	—William Grant	Feb. 20, 1903	Lancaster	54
1749	—Verne Hedge	Feb. 12, 1904	Lancaster	54
1750	—Frank H. Johnson	June 13, 1904	Lancaster	54
1751	—Frank E. Kokesch	May 27, 1904	Lancaster	54
1752	—John T. McGreer	July 22, 1904	Lancaster	54
1753	—Albert W. Miller, Sr.	Apr. 11, 1902	Lancaster	54
1754	—Fred M. Sanders	May 19, 1904	Lancaster	54
1755	—Charles Lucas	May 31, 1901	Shelton	99
1756	—Charles M. Craven	Sept. 12, 1904	Wayne	120
1757	—Lenny C. Hall	Sept. 17, 1904	Lone Tree	36
1758	—George Kahler	July 20, 1904	Wymore	104
1759	—Albert Phillipson	Apr. 30, 1904	Holbrook	257
1760	—Ora J. Mayborn	Nov. 24, 1903	Napthali	206
1761	—William A. Lallman	July 30, 1904	Hooper	72
1762	—William J. Bucholz	Nov. 22, 1904	Hooper	72
1763	—Harry W. Painter	Jan. 7, 1903	Magnolia	220
1764	—Frank M. Henderson	July 27, 1904	Magnolia	220
1765	—Nels P. Johnson	Aug. 24, 1904	Mosaic	55

1766—Florence H. McCarthy	Sept. 21, 1904	Nehawka	246
1767—Lute B. Koutoc	Oct. 8, 1904	Humboldt	40
1768—Elmer Layman	Mar. 8, 1904	Lancaster	54
1769—James H. Cardwell	Aug. 16, 1902	Minden	127
1770—D. Leon Jouvenat	Feb. 11, 1903	Atkinson	164
1771—Morton O. Trester	June 30, 1904	St. Johns	25
1772—Arza R. Beem	Sept. 6, 1904	Creighton	100
1773—Frank S. Marnell	Feb. 26, 1904	Western Star	2
1774—John H. Ball	Nov. 16, 1904	Friend	73
1775—Alonzo L. Beck	Mar. 12, 1900	Grace	226
1776—Fenn C. Kenower	Nov. 15, 1904	Harvard	44
1777—George Oeschger	Oct. 23, 1900	Square	151
1778—Charles H. Taylor	Mar. 28, 1904	Curtis	168
1779—Milton J. Bohrer	Aug. 3, 1904	Falls City	9
1780—Herman J. Kessler	Nov. 14, 1904	Waymore	104
1781—Elex A. Shanklin	July 25, 1904	Fairmont	48
1782—Lewis P. Rose	Oct. 16, 1903	Cable	225
1783—Nels T. Mortensen	July 1, 1903	Aurora	68
1784—James H. Musgrave	Dec. 1, 1904	Nebraska	1
1785—Ulys's S. Ellithorpe	Dec. 20, 1904	Bennett	94
1786—Alfred W. Franks	Jan. 18, 1905	Seneca	284
1787—Frederick W. Hall	Dec. 27, 1904	Lincoln	19
1788—John L. Zink	Jan. 16, 1905	Fremont	15
1789—John A. Scott	Apr. 11, 1902	Pomegranate	110
1790—John W. Laughlin	Aug. 19, 1904	Pomegranate	110
1791—Arthur E. Welch	Feb. 28, 1905	Osceola	65
1792—William E. Auchmuty	Dec. 22, 1904	Bee Hive	184
1793—Oscar R. Musick	Mar. 27, 1905	Palisade	216
1794—Ralph E. Bryant	Dec. 20, 1904	Mid-West	317
1795—Henry L. Schleiger	Mar. 11, 1905	Evening Star	49
1796—Norman H. Neumann	Nov. 11, 1904	Oakland	91
1797—Edgar L. Brother	Feb. 24, 1905	Beatrice	26
1798—Robert L. Isham	Feb. 28, 1905	Samaritan	158
1799—Emil J. Weyrich	Feb. 20, 1905	Plattsmouth	6
1800—Edwin R. Chace	Sept. 30, 1904	Northern Light	41
1801—A. Otis Hinson	June 26, 1899	Mid-West	317
1802—Lee M. Bovee	Nov. 1, 1904	George Armstrong	241
1803—Samuel C. Kendis	Dec. 9, 1904	Capitol	3
1804—Lynn W. Parry	Mar. 3, 1905	Nebraska	1
1805—Albert F. Kendle	Apr. 20, 1905	Mt. Moriah	57
1806—Milton Koutoc	Apr. 4, 1905	Humboldt	40
1807—Charles G. McCarthy	Apr. 28, 1904	Western Star	2
1808—Roy W. Atwell	Apr. 21, 1905	Western Star	2
1809—David J. Traill	June 14, 1905	Grand Island	318
1810—George T. Burt	June 19, 1905	Elwood	167
1811—Charles H. Roper	Apr. 21, 1905	Lancaster	54
1812—Charles E. Cook	Apr. 12, 1905	Edgar	67
1813—Ralph H. Jenne	Dec. 20, 1904	Falls City	9

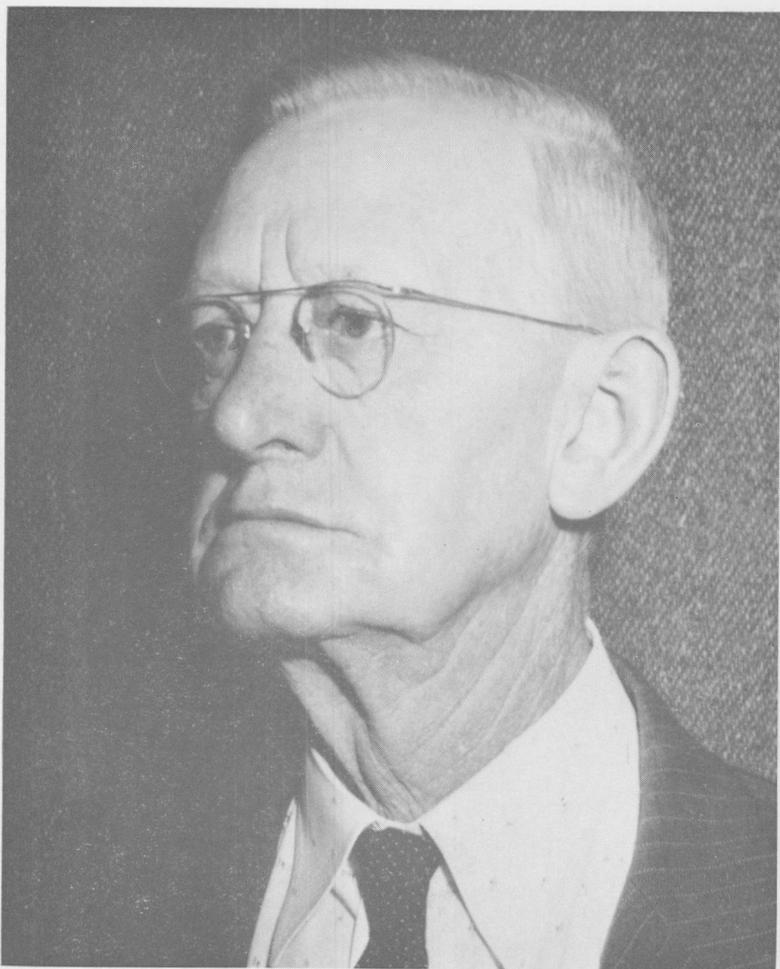
1814—Carl I. Oppen	Apr. 13, 1905....	Creighton	100
1815—John H. Steuteville	Aug. 28, 1901....	Nemaha Valley ...	4
1816—Emmett Rogers	Nov. 8, 1895....	Bladen	319
1817—Chris Nielsen	May 3, 1905....	Lone Tree	36
1818—William E. Brooks	May 10, 1905....	Trowel	71
1819—Frank A. Brewster	Feb. 22, 1905....	Jachin	146
1820—Leurtres J. Hoile	May 31, 1905....	Crofton	273
1821—Justin E. Porter	Apr. 13, 1905....	Faith	181
1822—Louis E. Adams	May 6, 1905....	George W. Lininger	263

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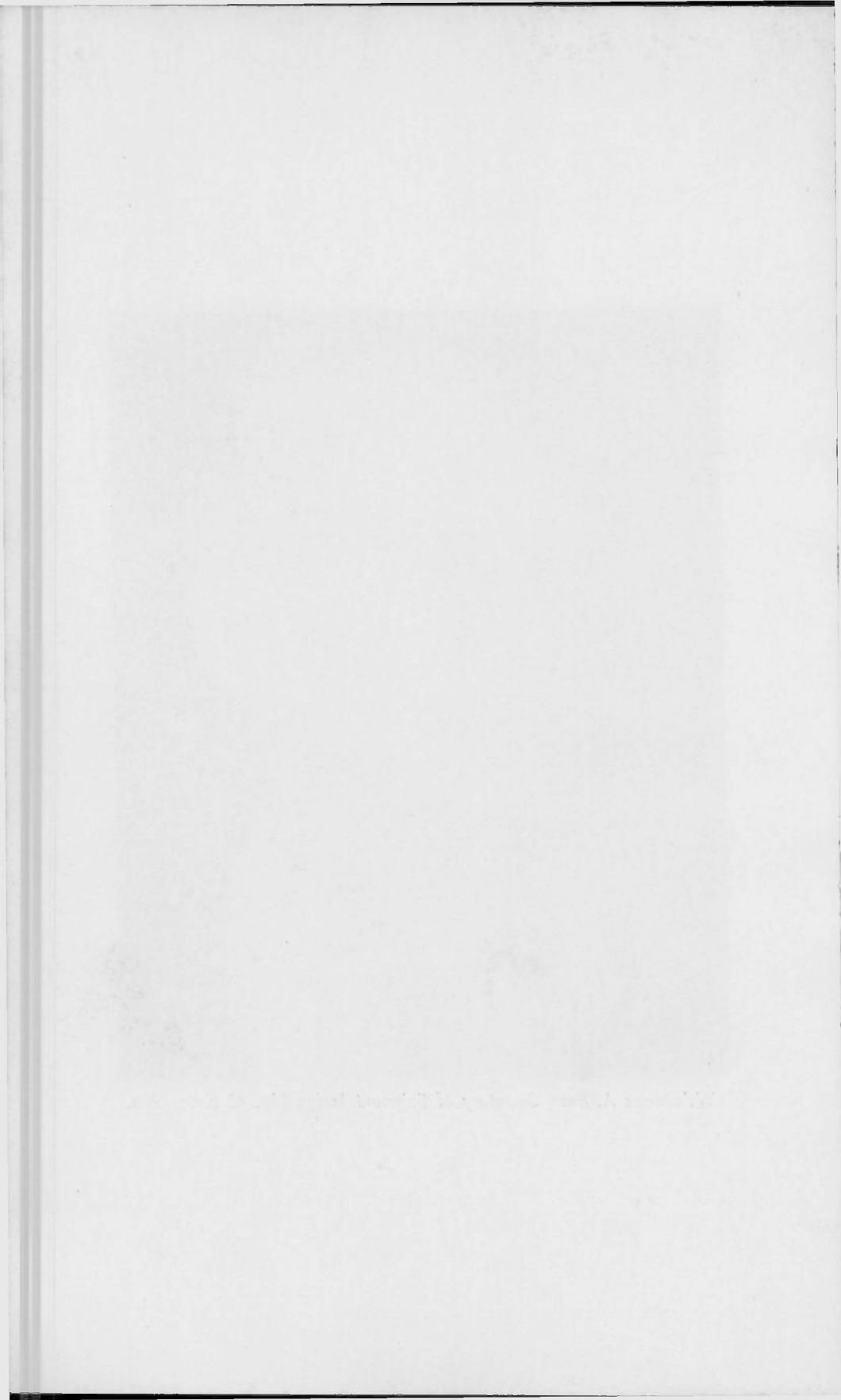
We have prepared a table indicating lodge membership totals and a list of the fourteen lodges with a membership of forty or less.

Lodge Membership, by groups

Membership	Total Lodges 1953		1954	
Under 30	4		3	
30 to 39	10		13	
40 to 49	16		14	
50 to 59	28		27	
60 to 69	32		34	
70 to 79	30		30	
80 to 89	16		13	
90 to 99	20		24	
100	2	158	2	160
	—		—	
101 to 149	43		41	
150 to 199	26		27	
200 to 299	18		17	
300 to 399	7		7	
400 to 499	6	100	5	97
	—		—	
500 to 599	4		4	
600 to 699	2		3	
800 to 899	2		1	
900 to 999	2	10	2	10
	—		—	
1,000 and over	2		3	
1,100 and over	1		1	
1,200 and over	1		1	
1,300 and over	2		2	
1,600 and over	1	7	1	8
		<u>275</u>		<u>275</u>

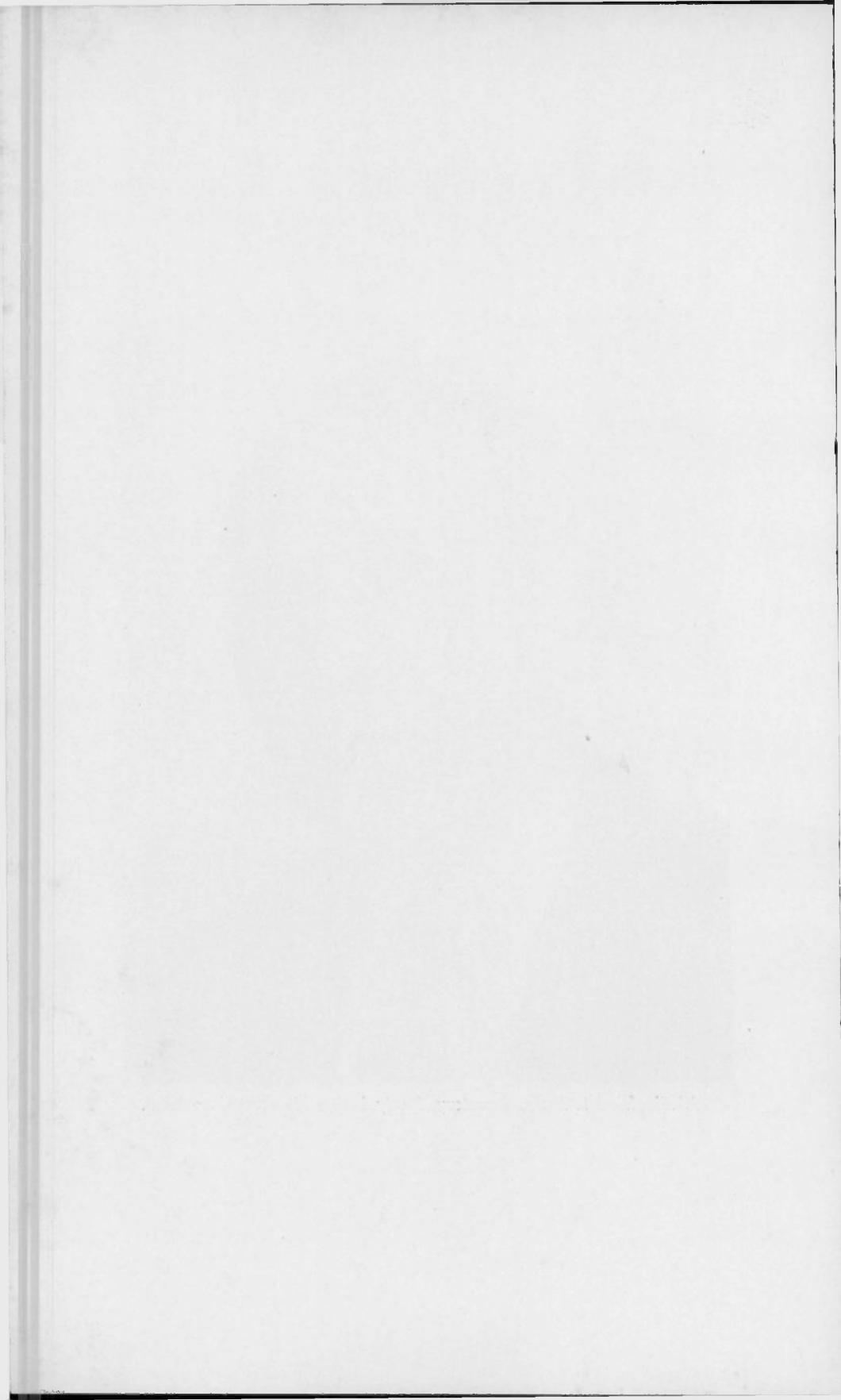


W. James A. Rose, Secretary of Fairmont Lodge No. 48 since 1928.





W. Siegfried L. Jacks, Secretary, Purity Lodge No. 198 since 1929.



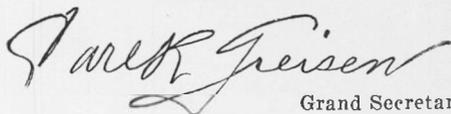
LIST OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE SIXTEEN LODGES
WITH MEMBERSHIP UNDER 40

No.	Name	Location	1954	1953	1951	1946	1941
74	Alexandria	Alexandria	36	36	34	31	34
130	Tuscan	Surprise	38	37	35	51	48
140	Western	Western	32	28	27	29	27
147	Siloam	Stuart	29	27	27	33	38
156	Pythagoras	Page	39	39	44	44	46
160	Zeredatha	Reynolds	36	37	38	38	35
175	Temple	Filley	38	37	36	39	43
187	Israel	Ulysses	28	28	30	26	28
231	Mt. Hermon	Cook	39	40	44	35	39
243	Tyrian	Oak	32	32	33	30	21
247	Corner-Stone	Osmond	33	32	35	38	30
278	Litchfield	Litchfield	38	37	44	41	31
257	Holbrook	Holbrook	28	28	27	24	26
279	Wallace	Wallace	39	43	41	39	30
304	Ruskin	Ruskin	36	37	37	34	32
307	William E. Hill	Otoe	35	34	34	32	32
Totals			556	552	566	564	540

RETURNS

Number of chartered Lodges last report		275
Number initiated during the year	1,568	
Number passed	1,446	
Number raised		1,424
Number affiliated		261
Number dual members		20
Number reinstated		322
Number gained by other causes		3
Total gross increase		2,030
Number demitted during the year	351	
Number deceased	781	
Number suspended	551	
Number expelled	18	
Number lost by other causes	6	
Total loss		1,707
Net gain for year ending December 31, 1954.....		323
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1953		44,972
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1954		45,295

Fraternally yours,



Grand Secretary

VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

George R. Porter	Covert No. 11	37 years
Fred R. Haggart	St. Paul No. 82.....	36 years
Archie A. Meek	Lotus No 289	35 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart	Culbertson No. 174	34 years
Rudolph H. Jenny	Hartington No. 155	32 years
Eldon B. Johnson	Fidelity No. 51	29 years
Victor Seymour	Lancaster No. 54	29 years
Siegfried L. Jacks	Purity No. 198	28 years
James A. Rose	Fairmont No. 48	28 years
Alexis R. Gustavson	Newman Grove No. 305	26 years
Earl K. Husbands	Morning Star No. 197	25 years
Paul I. Eaton	Pomegranate No. 110	25 years

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

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

The Grand Custodian fraternally submits his report for the Masonic year beginning June 10, 1954, and ending June 7, 1955.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

In certain areas of our Jurisdiction, the Central School is the most important Masonic meeting of the year, drawing attendance not only from the Officers and interested workers of lodges but from the rank and file of the membership. This is particularly the case in the northwestern area, the North Platte valley, the Panhandle area, and the southeast corner. This is the reason that Central Schools are always scheduled in these areas.

This year most of the other Central Schools were placed in lodges in areas where this type of school has not been held for some time, and in four lodges where none had ever been held. We feel that much good has resulted from this, and while the number of lodges involved was smaller than usual and the attendance therefore correspondingly less, we feel certain that it has been good for our Masonic work to acquaint the Brethren of these rather scattered and hard to reach lodges, with the fellowship and the advantages of the Central School.

The usual Central Schools at Omaha and Lincoln this year were especially fine, not only because the attendance was large, the interest excellent and the work almost flawless, but also because almost without exception, the current officers were chosen to exemplify the work and almost every officer, from the Worshipful Master to the Junior Steward of every lodge participating, was present at every session.

There were sixteen Central Schools held with a total registration of 3,380 from 190 invited lodges. Storms and bad roads were the usual handicaps.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

This type of school continues to be the very heart of the functioning of the work of this Department of the Grand Lodge. It is in the individual lodge schools that our Assistant Custodians are making the greatest advances in our program of promulgation, promotion and certification. The constituent lodges, for the most part, have entered into this program with enthusiasm.

As always, individual schools are assigned to lodges where the need is greatest or where certification will result or be continued. Generally, it is the intention to hold an individual school on alternate years in every lodge. However, where conditions demand it, schools are assigned every year. Many times lodges request schools when none have been assigned and whenever possible, these requests are granted.

One hundred thirty-five individual schools were assigned and an additional nine were requested by lodges where none had been scheduled. Because of an increase in the appropriation of this Department for the expanding work and the ever increasing requests for the services of the Grand Custodian and his Assistants, all requests for schools, examinations and other services have been granted so far as was humanly possible.

LODGE CERTIFICATION

There have been one hundred fifteen lodge certificates issued since the last report was made to this Grand Lodge. Of this number Solomon No. 10, Occidental No. 215, Square No. 151 and Winnebago No. 309, were certified for the first time in their history. Beemer No. 253 was certified for the first time in many years.

Every lodge in Douglas County, including the eleven Omaha lodges, has been certified, as have all the Lincoln lodges.

For the first time since 1948, we fail to show a gain in the number of certified lodges. The Masonic year covered in this report extends from June, 1954, to June, 1955, while the year of the Officers of lodges runs from installation to installation. The total number of lodge certificates issued from June to June, shown in these reports, is not always an accurate picture of the situation because it is possible for lodge officers installed in January 1955, to become certified after June 1955, even up to the time of the installation of their successors in January 1956. It is to be hoped that this will be the case in the majority of lodges missing from our present certified list.

It has been extremely disappointing and certainly discouraging to learn that there are at least ten lodges that were certified last year that will not be able to certify this year. In every case, it has been the failure of only one or two of the Officers who are refusing to accept their responsibilities. This type of Officer, who lets his lodge down because he is apparently uninterested, or unwilling to give the necessary time and effort to his Masonic duties, or who is, in some instances, too mentally lazy to learn his work, should be very ashamed and humiliated that he, and he alone, is responsible for the loss of lodge certification. It isn't fair to the other Officers who are loyal and competent. It isn't fair to the Officers who have gone before and who have treasured and fostered the distinction and the advantages of lodge certification. It would seem that a more careful choice in line appointments would eliminate this millstone around the neck of lodge progress.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

This continues to be one of the bright spots in our program and work. We are continually delighted and even a little awed at the number of new Masonic brethren, who each year, become certified for the first time, and also, the vastly greater number who, year after year with loyal zeal and devotion, continue to find pleasure in keeping their

certificates renewed and their work at a high degree of proficiency. They are an inspiration and a blessing to all Masons, setting a wonderful example to those younger brethren who are following in their footsteps. These "work horses" of Masonry certainly brighten the lives of the Grand Custodian and Assistant Custodians. God grant that their tribe will ever increase. Occasionally one of them gets weary and falls by the wayside but for the most part, only death can remove them from the roll of the certified men.

There are five hundred sixty-three Nebraska Masons who have been certified for individual proficiency this year. Forty-seven received their first certificates. Again, the grim reaper has taken heavy toll from the certified ranks, and again we were not quite able to examine all former certificate holders. As time goes on and the list grows, the task of examining every certified brother becomes more difficult. Yet it is one of the most pleasant and rewarding tasks of our Department.

STATISTICS

For the second year a list of the first ten lodges with the largest number of proficiency Brethren, and a list of the first ten lodges with the highest percentage of proficiency men per total membership is shown.

Largest number of proficiency men: East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, 28; Lancaster No. 54, 24; Bee Hive No. 184, 24; Robert W. Furnas No. 265, 24; Lincoln No. 19, 19; Craftsmen No. 314, 16; Alliance No. 183, 13; Victory No. 310, 13; Liberty No. 300, 13. Ashlar No. 33, 12.

Highest percentage per total membership: Sioux No. 277, 9.43%; Pioneer No. 322, 7.69%; Cable No. 225, 6.52%; Victory No. 310, 6.46%; Papillion No. 39, 5.84%; Robert W. Furnas No. 265, 5.72%; Alliance No. 183, 4.60%; Utica No. 96, 4.49%; Hooper No. 72, 3.88%; Bayard No. 301, 3.66%.

ORCHIDS TO THE ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

It is always difficult for the Grand Custodian to find the words to express, in these annual reports, the admiration and genuine appreciation that are due these fine Masons. I am constantly aware of the amount of time and effort that each Assistant Custodian devotes to our work. Each of them must also give adequate attention to his regular job, profession or business. There are not enough superlatives to describe the results these men obtain in their respective districts. Last year, it was noted in my report that all of the Lodges in W. Brother Jesse P. Entekin's District had been certified. The same was true of W. Brother Forrest A. Lape's District. Others missed in their particular Districts by one or two lodges.

This year, W. Brother Ross Van Sickle has accomplished what we thought was the impossible. All of the twelve lodges in his districts have been examined and have earned their proficiency with flying colors.

The thirteenth lodge, Bellevue Lodge U.D., has been assigned to him and has also been certified. In addition to the certification of his lodges, he has, this Masonic year, examined the eighty-first certified man in his district including seven first examinations. Congratulations, Brother Ross, and congratulations and a heartfelt "thanks" to all of our fine and loyal Assistant Custodians.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS APPOINTED

The Grand Lodge was extremely fortunate to obtain the services of two Assistant Custodians appointed by Grand Master Charles F. Adams. On June 9, 1954, Delbert H. Pinkerton, a Past Master of Craftsmen Lodge No. 314, Lincoln, was appointed to take the place of Assistant Custodian Sylvester Shumard, deceased.

W. Brother Harold Wilkerson, a former Assistant Custodian, who formerly lived in Lincoln, and who found it necessary to resign because of the strenuous duties of his regular work, is now living in Beatrice, the center of an area where there was no Assistant Custodian, thus necessitating the Custodians from Lincoln making long trips into that area. Brother Wilkerson was prevailed upon to accept the reappointment as the Assistant Custodian of a new district which will be more convenient to the lodges in this area and which will be less of a hardship for the Assistant Custodians involved. The Commission was presented to Brother Wilkerson by M. W. Brother Charles F. Adams in Brother Wilkerson's lodge, Lancaster No. 54, on September 24, 1954. Both appointments were approved by the Grand Lodge Committee on Nebraska Work.

THE PASSING OF TWO ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS EMERITUS

After many years of faithful and loyal service to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, as Assistant Custodians, W. Brother Wallace E. Linn and W. Brother Jesse Lowther were forced to tender their respective resignations because of ill health in 1947.

Both were placed on the list of Assistant Custodians Emeritus and officially reported to the Grand Lodge in 1948.

W. Brother Wallace E. Linn was first appointed Assistant Custodian on January 24, 1934. He passed from this life to eternal rest May 9, 1955.

W. Brother Jesse Lowther received his first appointment as Assistant Custodian on November 29, 1919. He passed into the heavenly lodge above on May 23, 1955.

The entire Craft, particularly our work of Masonry, has suffered a severe loss in the death of these two brethren who gave so much of their lives to Nebraska Masonry.

PROFICIENCY IN THE MASTER MASON DEGREE

For several years there has been a problem arising which has become increasingly important.

I refer to the failure of large numbers of Master Masons to learn and pass an examination on the first section of the lecture of the Master Mason degree. Most of them do not flatly refuse to become proficient, but take refuge in the shop-worn excuse that they are merely postponing it to a more convenient and future time. To most of these Brethren that time never comes and, as a result, almost all lodges have lists of varying length of Master Masons who have never passed proficiency in the Master Mason degree.

The blame for this common violation lies largely with the lodges. We have failed to follow the law requiring that an extension of time beyond the legal limit can only be given by the Grand Master for good cause shown. By ignoring this section of the law, we have indicated to the offending Brother that his compliance was not urgent or necessary. We, as officers of lodges, have extended the time of compliance instead of asking the proper authority, the Grand Master, to do it. At the expiration of the period of time that a Grand Master had granted, and if, in his opinion, there was no further cause for extension, it would be within the scope of his authority to take proper and definite action. When we fail to make the proper request of a Grand Master in every case, and simply take it upon ourselves to extend the time, nothing ever happens and these unexamined Master Masons just pile up, year after year.

This situation has become further aggravated by the practice of granting special dispensation to petitioners in the Armed Forces without regard to time and the waiving of proficiency requirements for advancement. As these Brethren have returned from service, many of them have construed the waiving of proficiency requirements and the granting of diplomas and demits, as giving them the right to hold office and to petition and receive the degrees of the York and Scottish Rites and the Shrine, without passing proficiency in the Master Mason degree. There is no doubt in my mind that the example set by these Brethren has had its effect on the failure of non-servicemen to comply with this section of our law. Generally, this problem is widespread. Conscientious officers and thoughtful Brethren of the Craft are genuinely concerned.

Grand Master Charles F. Adams has taken cognizance of this problem when he made it a part of the subject matter of the bulletin issued in February and ordered to be read in every lodge.

The Grand Custodian's Department is always vitally affected in any problem of a violation of law governing proficiency. At the request of M. W. Brother Adams, I am including this subject in the report of the Grand Custodian.

It is our opinion and it is the judgment of many Brethren who are informed on this matter, that there was never any intent to waive proficiency in the Master Mason degree when these dispensations to servicemen were granted. Because the degrees had to be conferred in a shortened time, the proficiency requirements for advancement had to be waived. However, these Brethren should not forget that in signing

a petition for the degrees of Masonry, they promised, over their own signature, that they would comply with the provisions of the law in section 2-402 and that they would not make application to the so-called higher bodies of Masonry as enumerated in section 3-102-n. They should not forget further, that they are not exempt from the penalties for the violation of section 2-402 as amended in 1951. They should be reminded that a favor was granted to them when the requests for dispensation to receive the degrees of Masonry without regard to time and proficiency requirements for advancements were granted. In return they should be more than willing to meet the requirements that are imposed on all other Nebraska Masons.

BELLEVUE LODGE U. D.

As required by Masonic Law, and after the examination of the officers and Brethren whose names appeared on the petition to the Grand Lodge to form Bellevue Lodge U. D., the Grand Custodian certified to the Grand Master that these Brethren were capable of conferring the degrees, giving all lectures, and doing all the esoteric and monitorial work required of them in a satisfactory and impressive manner.

This group of Officers and Brethren were given the status of Bellevue Lodge U. D. on March 5, 1955, by Grand Master Adams in the new Masonic hall at Bellevue, with appropriate ceremonies.

Bellevue Lodge U. D. was later examined for a certificate of proficiency by Assistant Custodian Ross Van Sickle and passed an excellent examination. The certificate of proficiency was issued on April 29, 1955. This certificate of proficiency is offered by the Grand Custodian's Department to this Grand Lodge as evidence of the ability of this lodge group to do all the work required of a lodge in suitable and impressive manner.

APPRECIATION

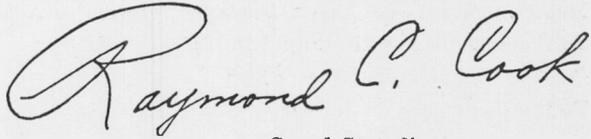
To the Grand Master, M. W. Brother Charles F. Adams, I extend sincere thanks for his fine cooperation in the work of our Department. As a proficiency man of several years standing, he has never failed to advance the quality of Masonic work and to recognize the value of the service which the Assistant Custodians render.

To all the Grand Lodge officers, we express our deep appreciation for their presence at our schools, their interest in our work, and the excellent manner in which they have given of themselves to make the work of this Department effective. Especially do we express our sincere appreciation to the Grand Secretary for his cooperation and assistance.

As usual, the Committee on Nebraska Work has been cooperative and helpful. May I say that I will always be grateful that their services, counsel and advice are available to the Grand Custodian.

To all the Brethren who have contributed to the advancement of our work, we say a fervent "thanks." It has been a good year. Our work has been pleasant to us and profitable to the Masonic Craft because of you and the zeal you have shown.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally on the page.

Grand Custodian

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS
To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of
Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:**

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers respectfully reports and recommends that the address of M. W. Charles F. Adams, 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 "By-Laws Approved."

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Elect and Install."

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Confer Degrees."

The Chapter on "Extension of Time for Proficiency."

The Chapter on "Decisions."

The Chapter on "Recommendations."

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapter on "Charter Relocations."

The Chapter on "Bellevue Lodge U.D."

The Chapter on "Delinquent Lodges."

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Trial Commissions."

To the Committee on Finance:

That part of Recommendation No. 8 with reference to the publication of Masonic Code.

Careful examination of the Grand Master's address certainly indicates that he has devoted a great deal of his time to fulfill the duties and obligations of his office in a most commendable manner.

We are especially fortunate to have had M. W. Charles F. Adams serve as our Grand Master and shall be ever grateful for his services and guidance.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

To the Committee on Finance:

The Section on "Investments."

All Financial Statements of Various Accounts.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Section on "Grievances."

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Section on "Charters and Dispensations."

The Section on "Bellevue Lodge U.D."

To the Committee on Returns:

The Section on "Returns."

The review of the Report of the Grand Secretary shows that the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge have been kept in excellent condition and that his duties have been performed in a most praiseworthy manner.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the Report of the Grand Custodian be referred to the Committee on Work with the exception of the paragraph entitled "Proficiency in the Master Mason Degree" which was respectfully refer to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

W. Raymond C. Cook and his Assistant Custodians have worked diligently to improve the ritualistic work in this Grand Jurisdiction. The gain in individual proficiency certificates issued attests to this.

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

Fraternally submitted.

W. David Spilman, 290, Chairman

W. Urlin G. McCartney, 285

W. Arnold F. Mains, 15

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

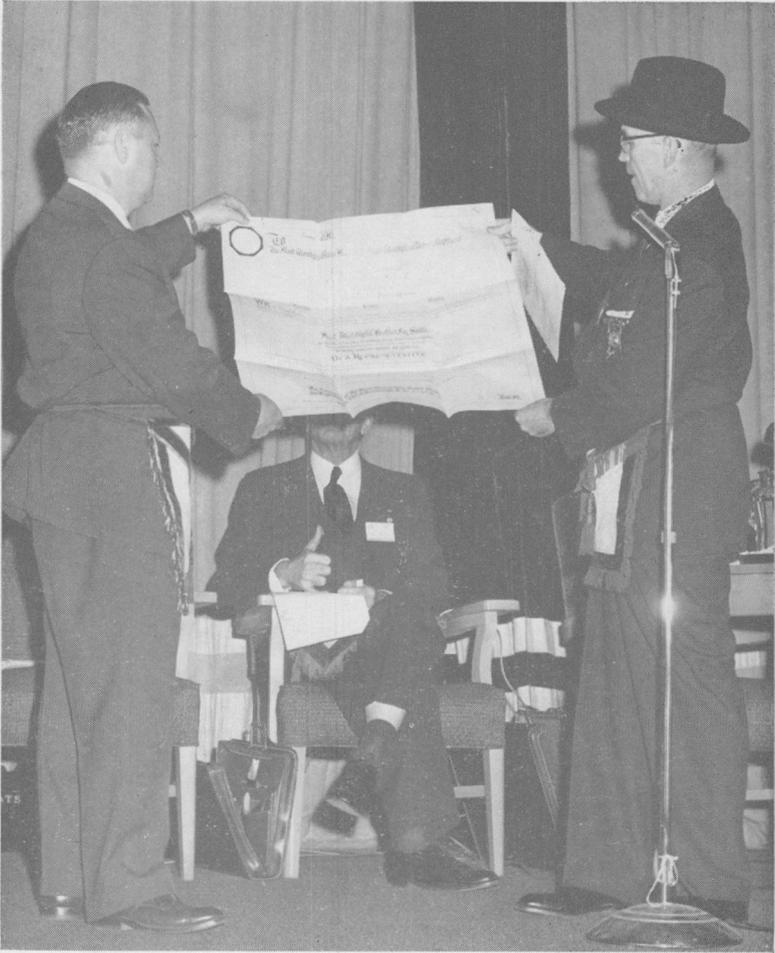
M. . W. . Brother Fay Smith, will you approach the center of the East here while I say something to you? M. . W. . Brother Smith, it was my pleasure to recommend you for the appointment as Grand Representative of the Mother Grand Lodge of the World, the United Grand Lodge of England, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. I came out to Imperial last fall and gave you the jewel of office, one of the few jewels given by Grand Lodges of other Jurisdictions to their representatives near Nebraska. We have been withholding the presentation of your commission until this morning. It is such a beautiful thing that I thought I would like to open it up and display it before the brethren. It is real parchment, it bears the seal of the United Grand Lodge of England and it creates "M. . W. . Fay Smith of Imperial and the State of Nebraska in the United States of America, Doctor of Medicine, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska." I would like to read it all to you, it is very beautifully done. It is signed by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. So it is my pleasure, M. . W. . Sir, to make this presentation at Grand Lodge. I hope that you enjoy your experience as Grand Representative and will report to us from time to time.

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

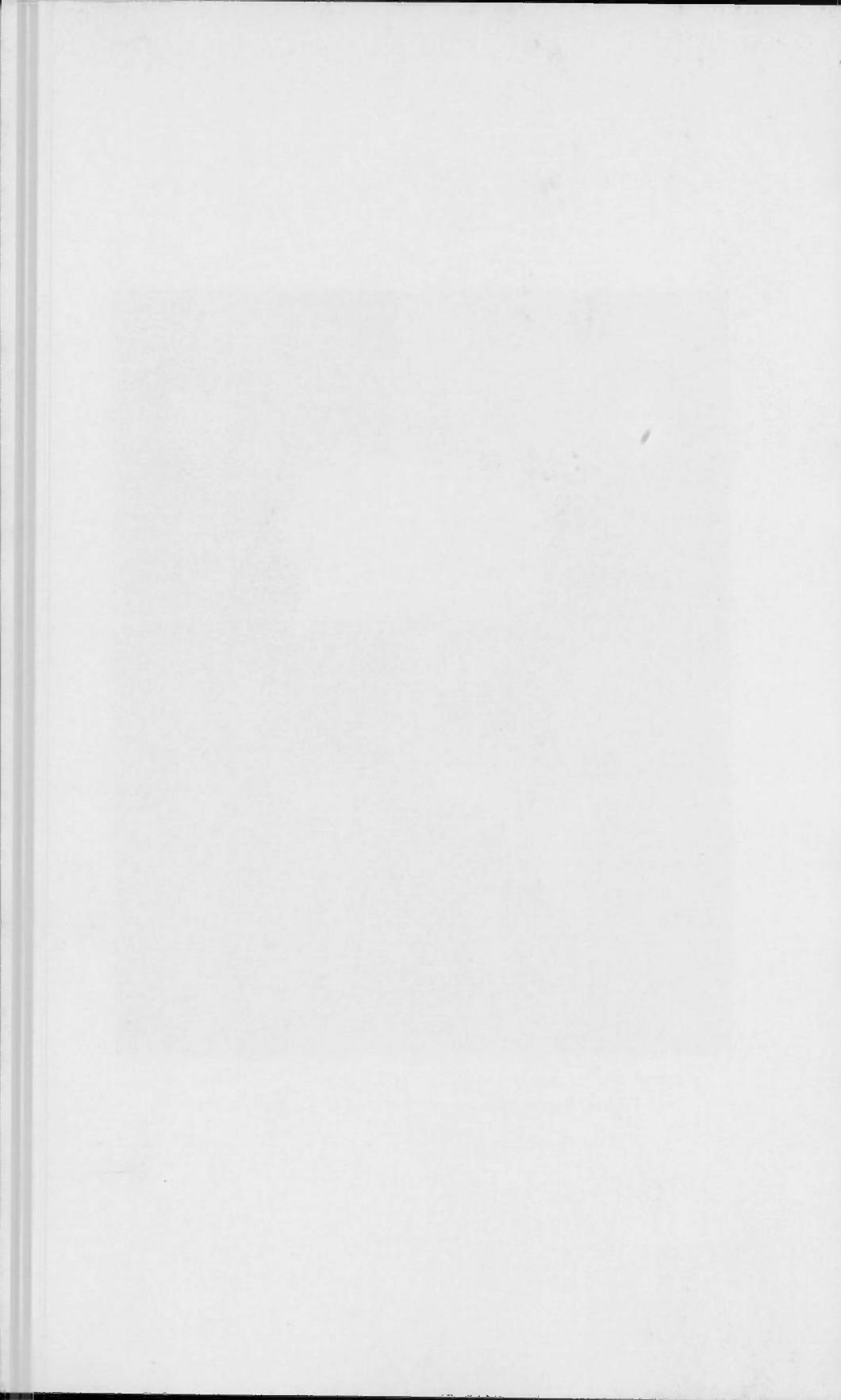
Thank you very much, M. . W. . Grand Master. It is an honor and I appreciate so very much this appointment. I have taken care of some rather large Mothers before but this is my largest assignment. Thank you very much.

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

M. . W. . Benjamin F. Eyre will you join me? M. . W. . Sir, you are a Past Master of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 and a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and it is my pleasure to present to you for your lodge this Centennial Certificate, in testimony of the fact that your lodge is the oldest lodge in our jurisdiction. It reads as follows:

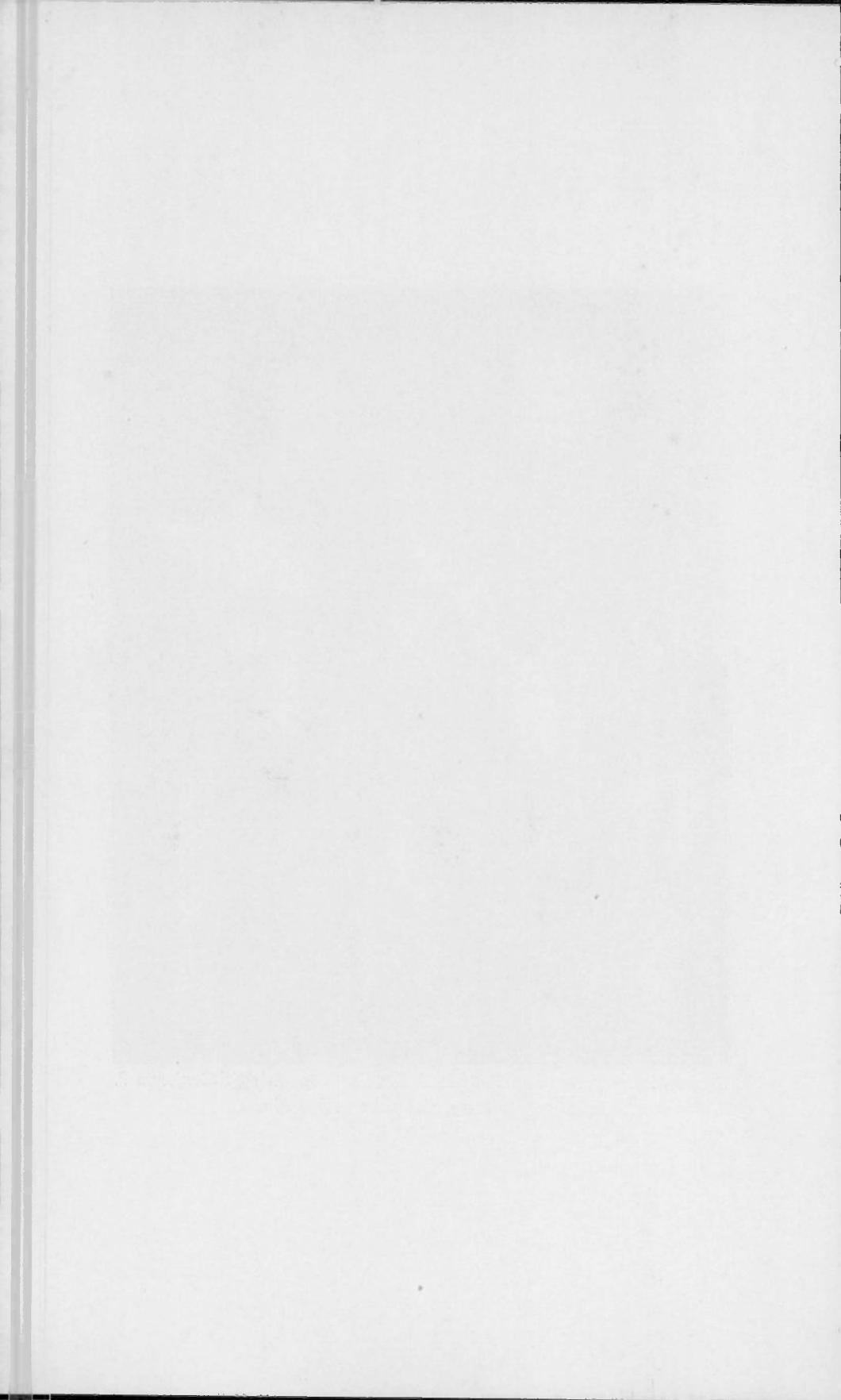


*Grand Master presenting Commission to M. W. Fay Smith,
Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge
of England.*



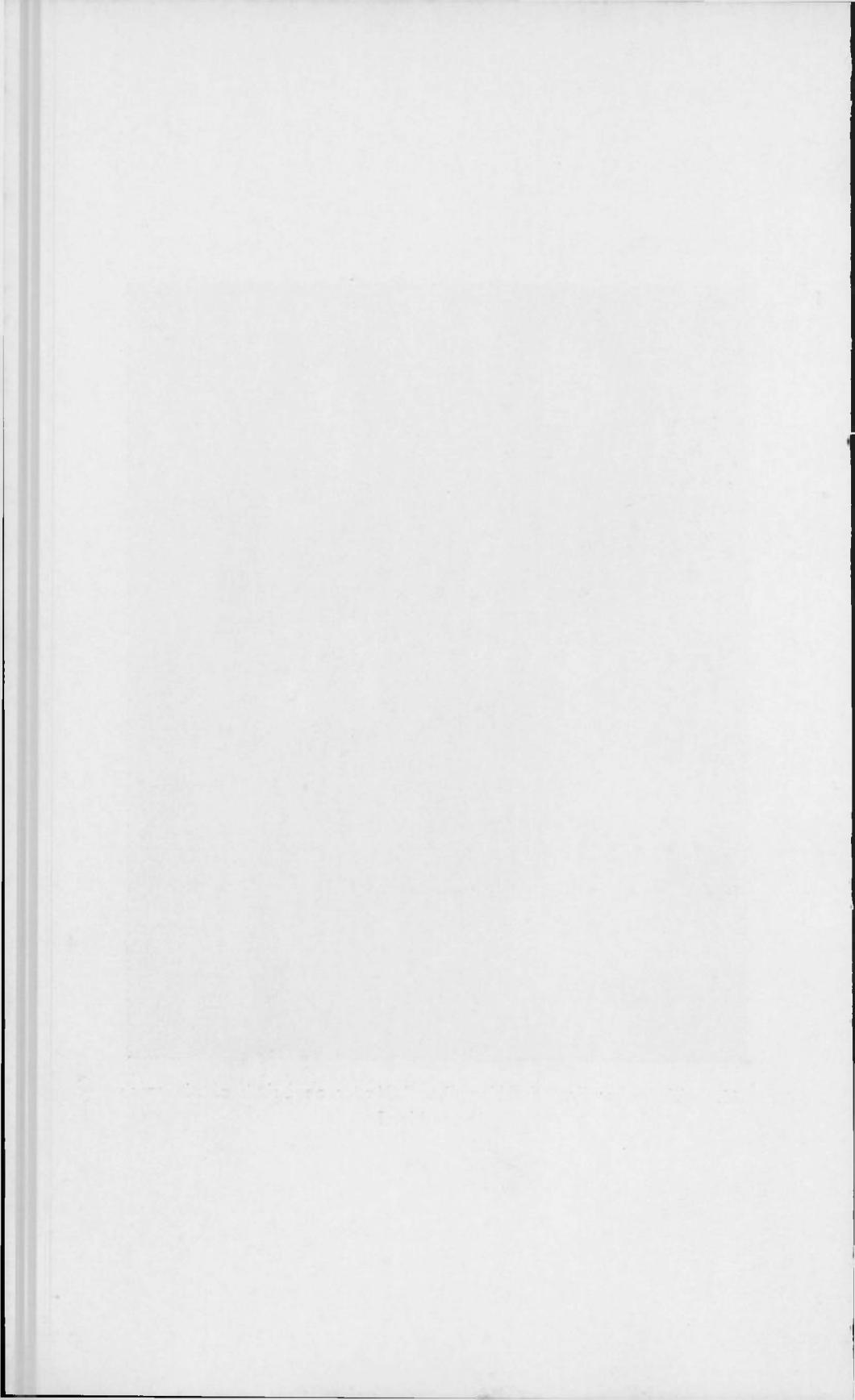


Grand Master presenting Centennial Certificate to M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, representing Nebraska Lodge No. 1





M. W. Brother Eyre thanking Grand Master on behalf of Nebraska Lodge No. 1



THE GRAND LODGE OF THE
MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY
OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA
CENTENNIAL CERTIFICATE
PRESENTED TO NEBRASKA LODGE NO. 1 OF OMAHA

In commemoration of its One Hundredth Anniversary and in token and appreciation of the contributions which it has made to the work of this GRAND LODGE during the past one hundred years, this certificate is gratefully presented.

Done at this 98th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION in the City of Omaha, this 7th day of June, 1955.

CHARLES F. ADAMS
Grand Master

CARL R. GREISEN
Grand Secretary

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

Thank you, M. .W. .Grand Master, for those kind words. In accepting this certificate which indicates that we have passed the century mark as an organized lodge here in this Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, we do so for various reasons. First, as a symbol of the genesis of Masonry in Nebraska, because it was at Bellevue that the first lodge was located, and our historians have referred to Bellevue as the genesis of Masonry in Nebraska. And in that sacred book on the altar there, the first few lines of the first chapter of that book, we read the lines which we repeat so many times and I am sure that the Almighty is the only one who could tell us the number of times they have been repeated in this Jurisdiction. "In the beginning." And so M. .W. .Sir, I accept this as a symbol of the beginning of Masonry in Nebraska. I thank you kindly.

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

Brethren, this was not on the program and the good brother at my left has not been advised of it, but M. .W. .Brother Eyre has something to say to M. .W. .Brother Carroll T. Hughes, Grand Master of Illinois.

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

M. W. Brother Hughes, if you will refer to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in the year of 1855, there is a short reference there to the dispensation that was issued in response to a petition that was forwarded supposedly to the Grand Master of Illinois, by brethren at Bellevue, Nebraska Territory. The record shows that for some reason or other this petition for dispensation was issued by the Deputy Grand Master of Illinois, and he authorized the institution of this lodge under dispensation.

And then when your Grand Lodge met that fall the Grand Master raised the question by reason of the fact that the request for dispensation had not been issued by him. But it is a matter of record that the Grand Lodge of Illinois recognized the authority of the Deputy Grand Master and issued the charter to Nebraska Lodge No. 184 in Bellevue.

In Nebraska we present a Jordan Medal to the oldest Master Mason in each lodge in point of Masonic years. This Medal bears the likeness of our first Grand Master, M. W. Robert Carrel Jordan. This decoration carries with it responsibility as well as honor. As the oldest Master Mason in his lodge, he will himself be the color bearer for Robert Carrel Jordan. It will be his privilege to keep the name of Robert Carrel Jordan and his achievements existent in the minds and hearts of the brethren.

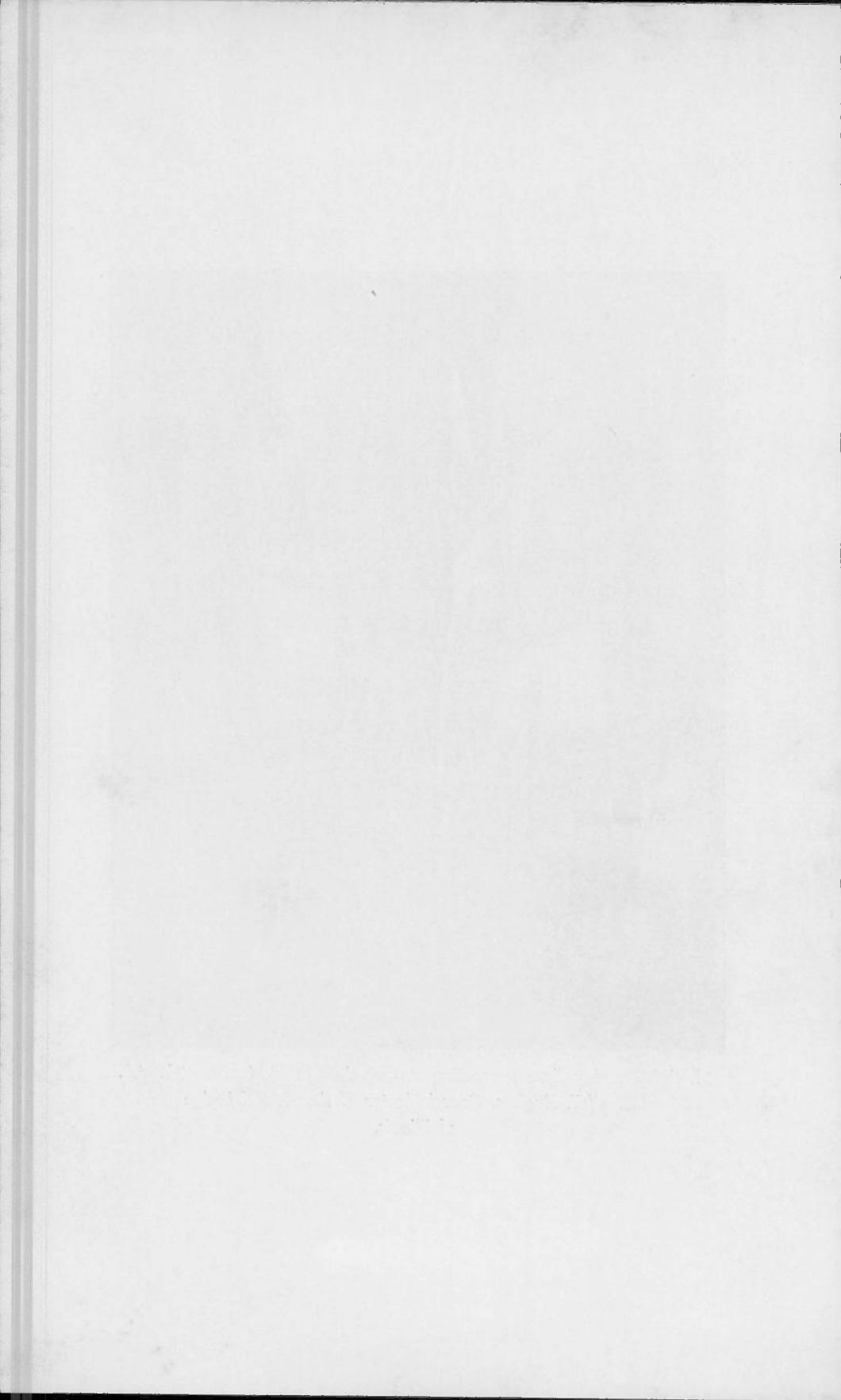
I am pleased to present to you this Bronze Jordan Medal, indicating the close relationship that has always existed between the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Nebraska. As a representative of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 which received the first charter, we are indeed grateful to the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

M. W. Carroll T. Hughes :

M. W. Brother Eyre, M. W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska: I am not exaggerating when I say that at this particular moment, I stand before you in a spirit of the deepest humility because you have conferred upon me an honor which rightly belongs to those who served Ancient Craft Masonry a century ago. I accept it M. W. Sir in the spirit in which it was given. I am deeply honored to have the privilege of representing my Grand Lodge at this Grand Lodge Communication at a time when you give recognition to the birth of Freemasonry in this great State of Nebraska.



M. W. Brother Eyre presenting Bronze Jordan Medal to M. W. Carroll T. Hughes, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.



The Grand Master announced that the buses will be in front of the Masonic Temple at 11:45 a. m. to convey the Grand Lodge to The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth for luncheon. Buses will leave the Home at Plattsmouth at 2:15 p. m. for The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, where Masons and their ladies will have an opportunity to visit the individual homes and children. Following light refreshments, buses will return to Omaha, arriving about 6 p. m.

At 12 o'clock noon, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 8, 1955

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

FRATERNAL REVIEW

M. W. William B. Wanner, 9, presented the Fraternal Review which appears in full following the list of Chartered Lodges.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

M. W. William B. Wanner, 9, Chairman, 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. The negotiations with the various jurisdictions with whom we either requested or granted recognition during the past several years, have all been completed, with the exception of Switzerland and Tasmania and we hope these will be completed in the near future.

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

Gran Logia De Estado Baja California
Tijuana, Mexico

Gran Logia Valle De Mexico
Mexico City, Mexico

We have had letters from several former applicants, requesting that their claims be granted at this Communication. The Grand Lodges above and those in our files from former years can rest assured that their claims are being studied with painstaking care, taking into consideration all available data.

The Grand Lodge of Bahia, Brazil, under date of June 7th 1954, changed their name to the Grande Loga Unida Da Bahia. This was occasioned by the reception of 16 independent or at least separated lodges into their Grand Lodge. This increased their number to 47 lodges, with approximately 10,000 members.

The Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Guatemala, the first of whom we recognize and the second we do not, have been having internal troubles this past year. Helpful information has been received from both the Committee on Information of the Grand Master's Conference and the Masonic Service Association on the situation and we recommend no change in our relations this year. The situation in Sao Paulo, Brazil, is about the same as last year. We hope that these and other trouble spots will "simmer down" before another year comes.

The Grand Lodge of Greece, which we recognized in 1952, issued a circular in August, 1954, supporting claims to the Island of Cyprus. They were properly called down by the Grand Lodge of Ireland at their December, 1954 meeting, where the Irish express "its regret and disappointment that the Grand Lodge of Greece has acted in the way in which it has done," and hints at more drastic action, should it be repeated.

Last year we called the attention of the Grand Lodge to omissions in our relations with certain European nations. This year we would present another such item, the Grand Lodge of Norway. We recognize Sweden, Denmark and Iceland, all of whom practice the same kind of Masonry that Norway does. Why the lapse? We believe it was on account of the fact that for many years there existed in Norway two grand lodges; the Grand Lodge of Norway and the Norwegian Grand Lodge "The Polar Star". However the two merged their activities in September, 1947, and since that time there has been only one Grand

Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Norway. We, therefore, move that recognition be given and an exchange of representatives made with the Grand Lodge of Norway.

Last year requests were received from the Grosse Loge Von Berlin and the Gran Logia De La Republica Filipina. From information at our command, we have determined these to be clandestine bodies, probably formed for the purpose of undermining the regular Grand Lodges in their respective territories and therefore move that these two requests be dismissed and denied.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands has changed their name to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Attention was called to the fact that their Constitution declares "The Philippines," not the Islands is a republican state, that the people control the government and that the new name indicates one compact nation and not simply a group of islands, that they are the Filipino People, united and free.

It is claimed that there are 150 recognized Masonic Grand Lodges existing on the face of the earth. Nebraska is in accord with only 93 of these. Commenting on this matter of recognition, we again quote at some length from M. W. Brother Pollard of Maine: "—Unfortunately, however, such is not the case. There are many bodies in the world today which are not descended from the British Grand Lodges but which derive their origin from European Grand Orients or from Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite; and it is no secret that certain of these bodies are something less than loyal to the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft.—Unfortunately, there is little uniformity in the practical application of these uniform standards. Some of our American Grand Lodges, animated by a desire to demonstrate the universality of Freemasonry, have adopted a most liberal interpretation of its own requirements, and are apparently willing to recognize almost anything that calls itself Masonic and which solicits recognition at their hands. Other Grand Lodges are consistently conservative, while still others, probably constituting a majority of the whole, are apparently without a truly-settled policy, being conservative at one time and liberal at another, and frequently reversing their own decisions. As each Grand Lodge is a law unto itself on this question, this diversity of action is only natural, and we do not see how anything else can be expected.

"Since World War II, there has been a marked increase in the number of applications for recognition received in this country. At the same time, there has been a general trend towards a more liberal attitude in dealing with these requests. A natural sympathy for bodies which have suffered persecution in the past, an increased interest in international affairs, a belief that Masonic action might assist American diplomacy, a desire to extend the 'good neighbor' policy to things Masonic, a belief that Masonic unity might further the cause of World Peace, and an **UTTERLY UNWARRANTED HOPE** (caps are ours)

that bodies of doubtful regularity might be reformed by a closer association with regular Grand Lodges, all contributed to this liberal trend.

"The result has been far from happy, and there are signs that a conservative reaction is already setting in. In the meantime, much damage has been done, many mistakes have been made, unworthy bodies have been recognized, and many of our Sister Grand Lodges have found themselves in highly embarrassing positions."

We further recommend that all other 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 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 of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Again we submit for your approbation and approval the report of your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. For almost a quarter of a century (23 years to be exact) your chairman has appeared on this platform and presented the report of this Committee to your Grand Lodge.

Over this span of years your Chairman has had the privilege of knowing very intimately many of the staunch Brethren, now departed, who contributed many years of service on this important Committee. Unstintingly and unselfishly they gave of their time to this service of Love. Such names as Benjamin F. Pitman, Millard M. Robertson, Edwin C. Yont, Dr. John B. Lichtenwallner, M. W. Ira C. Freet, Jonathan A. Frye and John R. Hughes. Truly they were "giants" in this vineyard of service, and the memories of their association on this Committee will never be forgotten.

This report like previous reports is similar in many respects. For obvious reasons we do not attempt to go into detail or case history on each individual case coming to our attention because time and space will not permit. People are different, but human nature seldom changes; and likewise, the variables constituting this report very seldom change. It is the same depressed or bewildered personality who appears before your Committee seeking aid, counsel, or advice and a word of encouragement to face the future. And sometimes, we are sorry to report, there are those who would take advantage of the broad mantle of Masonic Charity for their own selfish motives.

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

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

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

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

In our reports, we have, on several occasions, endeavored to acquaint you with the history of this Committee, and its relationship to our present Charitable organization setup which includes our Homes at Plattsmouth and at Fremont.

The initial step in this direction was taken during our Ninth Annual Communication held at Nebraska City, June 21-22-23, 1866. The following year 1867, at Omaha, first reference is made of the Committee on "Orphans School." The first group of Trustees for the "Orphans Educational Fund" was appointed in 1867 and the first monies received were donations in the amount of \$55.00. The prescribed plan for raising monies for this fund was on a per capita assessment basis through the various subordinate lodges. It was a long, hard pull and it was not until 1887 that the fund was reported at \$15,547.85. It was then that a resolution was adopted authorizing the appointment of a commission of seven members to ask proposals for the location of a Home. In the meantime the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans had been established, concurrently with the establishment of the Orphans Educational Fund, with the same group of appointed Trustees.

It is a matter of record that for many years certain designated Trustees of the newly established Home Board served in a dual capacity as Members of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. The last two members serving in this capacity until their death were Brother Millard M. Robertson and Benjamin F. Pitman.

This, Brethren, is the brief story of the establishment of our Charities in Nebraska. It is easy to understand the close relationship and ties that have existed between the Trustees of the Home and this Committee. By careful management and prudent investment means have been made available which have enabled us to care for all legitimate calls for assistance. Our heritage is rich and we owe a debt of gratitude to those early pioneers who made this heritage possible. The results of their vision and accomplishment is our sacred trust today, to carry on for generations yet to come. Truly we have a lasting monument to Masonry in Nebraska in our Nebraska Masonic Home which speaks louder for it than tongues of the most gifted orators, to which we can point with pride and say "That Home was built by the Masons of Nebraska".

The work of your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans is closely allied with the work of the Home Board, but each group functions separately and independent from each other. This is very necessary from an administration standpoint. Numerous requests have come to us, some by the individual through the subordinate lodge, while others have come through outside sources. Eventually we endeavor to route all requests through the local lodge, because we expect and require the subordinate lodge to assume a substantial portion of the relief and thereby maintain direct supervision over the case.

Our total expense this past year is \$5,136.08 or .114 cents per capita, or an increase of 0.2 cents over the previous year. We have maintained our expenses well within the budget established by your Finance Committee.

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

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 of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of 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:

Activities of this Committee have been unusually heavy, attesting to the fact that now is the time for new construction. Competition among contractors is actually keen.

At the outset, since there are Masters and Wardens attending Grand Lodge for the first time, may we 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."

For some years it has been the feeling of the members of this Committee that it would be a distinct service to Nebraska Masonry if a suitable set of basic designs would be made available to Nebraska lodges, who contemplate building. One of our good Masonic Brethren, a professional architect, has been working with us, without charge, giving freely of his time and counsel; as a result, we hope to complete this project within the near future.

We all know that the type of quarters in which Masonry is housed has a definite affect on its activities and community standing. The town that boasts a beautiful Masonic Temple respects its Masons. A shabby meeting place suggests a shabby fraternity. For this reason, it is strongly urged by your Temple Building Advisory Committee that the several constituent lodges give earnest consideration to their housing situation. A new Temple must not be permitted to become "run down"; older and less pretentious quarters require constant attention if they are to be a credit to Masonry. Plans for new construction proceed more smoothly if the money is on hand.

In order that such a sound and business-like approach may be maintained, each lodge should maintain a building fund, to be financed regularly from the annual dues paid by members. Handled in this way, it has additional psychological effect on each member of knowing that he, as an individual, is doing his full share. He is not asking a brother to assume a double load.

Your Committee reports, herewith, briefly on the following cases submitted for consideration:

On July 15, 1954, Relief Lodge No. 219, Coleridge, was granted permission to remodel rental quarters in another building in town, since the building previously occupied was being dismantled. No debt was incurred. Relief Lodge has a membership of 53.

On August 19, this Committee recommended approval to Hay Springs Lodge No. 177, Hay Springs, for construction of a new two-story Masonic Temple, 34' by 74', of masonry construction, estimated to cost \$22,000. No indebtedness to be incurred. The Lodge had a membership of 105 at that time.

On October 15, this Committee recommended approval to Bancroft Lodge No. 145, Bancroft, for the purchase of a nearly new theatre building at Baneroft, owned by a corporation. The building was sold at auction for \$2,550. It was estimated that \$2,500 would be required for remodeling. In this connection, the Lodge was granted permission to borrow \$2,500 at 4% interest. Membership of the Lodge is about 70.

On October 21, this Committee recommended approval to Fremont Lodge No. 15, Fremont, to proceed with the construction of a one-story modern structure 84' by 132', to be located on a parcel of ground purchased from The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. The building, with two lodge rooms, will be available to seven fraternal organizations. All facilities will be on ground level. The various contracts covering construction totaled \$168,000. The Lodge was granted permission to borrow \$20,000 in connection with this project. Fremont Lodge has a membership of 700. We are unable to report on their progress at this time.

October 26, Magnolia Lodge No. 220, located at Emerson, were joint owners of the lodge-business building in Emerson, 74% owned by the Lodge, and 26% belonging to the estate of two brothers, both former

members of the Masonic Lodge. In order that the estate portion would not fall into unfriendly hands, the Lodge was granted permission to purchase. No debt was incurred.

On November 6, Meridian Lodge No. 188, at Cozad, informed us that they had decided on a building plan for the construction of a new Masonic Temple and that said plan had been placed in the hands of an architect for final processing.

On November 11, this Committee recommended approval of the request of Minden Temple Craft to purchase the Seeley Hospital Building in Minden, to be remodeled for Masonic purposes, and commercial rental purposes. In connection with the latter, the Temple Craft was granted permission to borrow \$2,500. Minden Lodge has a membership of 92.

November 13. No annual report to the Grand Lodge would seem complete without some reference to Minnekadusa Lodge No. 192 at Valentine. On the above date we recommended approval of their request to borrow \$2,500 to clean up odds and ends, in connection with their new building. We are happy to report that the building is complete, fully dedicated, and in use, and the brethren of Valentine are to be congratulated for a splendid job, well done.

On November 13, this Committee recommended approval of the request of Tekamah Temple Craft, Tekamah, to borrow \$10,000 in connection with the construction of a new Masonic Temple, 40' by 74', to cost \$49,000. This has been a six-year grind for Tekamah to secure a new building, to replace a very old and inadequate building. Cornerstone laying ceremony was held on April 12; however construction had advanced beyond that stage.

On January 28, 1955, this Committee recommended approval of the request of the Masonic Temple Craft at Columbus, (which controls the lodge—business building, housing Lebanon Lodge No. 323, and other fraternal organizations), to borrow funds to make extensive additions and improvements to the building. Lebanon Lodge had a membership of 182 on December 31, 1953.

On February 21, we recommended approval of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of Cotner Temple Building Corporation. Cotner Lodge No. 297, Lincoln, is working on plans and a financing program to supply a much needed new Masonic Lodge Building.

On March 5, we recommended approval of the request of Keystone Lodge No. 62, Phillips, for the acceptance of a building purchased by individuals and donated to the Lodge, to be remodeled for lodge purposes; the remodeling expense to be handled by the Lodge, with no debt incurred.

On March 10, this Committee was notified that Upright Lodge No. 137, at Burchard, was nearing completion in their conversion of the United Presbyterian Church building for lodge purposes, the purchase having been made in March, 1954, and included in our last Grand Lodge report.

On March 15, this Committee recommended approval of the request of Palisade Lodge No. 216, Palisade, to purchase the Methodist Church building for \$3,000 to be remodeled for lodge purposes. Included in the purchase was the lot 60' by 140', building in good repair, new gas furnace valued at \$1,200, hot water heater, electric refrigerator, new electric stove, and other kitchen incidentals. Remodeling expense was estimated at \$600. No indebtedness was incurred. Palisade Lodge has a membership of 72.

On March 15, we recommended rejection of the request of Wallace Lodge No. 279, Wallace, to purchase the building they now occupy. The building, inspected by a well qualified committee, was found to be wholly unsuitable for Masonic purposes. The building was for sale, but the asking price made it prohibitive for Wallace Lodge, which has a membership of only 43 and only 22 members living in or near Wallace. Therefore, the purchase of this building or the construction of a new building seemed to be a very remote possibility.

On April 11, we approved the remodeling plans covering the school building purchased by Acacia Lodge No. 34, located at Schuyler.

With the approval of this Committee, Albion Lodge No. 78, Albion, has completed plans for a new Masonic Lodge Building, which is unique in design, but we believe will meet with great favor. The growing tendency is to eliminate stairways as much as possible. The building at Albion will be L-shaped, one-story, no basement, no steps, with lodge facilities in one wing, and social and dining facilities in the other wing. The building will be a flat roof type, but the lodge room will have a raised or canopy ceiling, with indirect lighting.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

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

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

During the fiscal year which ended on May 10, 1955, interest rates generally were lower than in the preceding year. Prices of stocks have quite generally been higher than in the previous year and as a result the yield on a percentage basis has been somewhat smaller. Under these conditions the total amount of interest and dividends received on bonds and stocks was \$2,215.73 less than in the year ended on May 10, 1954.

On the other hand the sale of stocks and bonds in the year ended on May 10, 1955, produced a profit of \$8,391.18 more than in the previous year. Thus the year just closed produced a total income of \$6,175.45 more than the year just prior.

The income for the year ended on May 10, 1955, was as follows:

Interest and dividends received on bonds and stocks	\$20,359.52
Profit on Securities sold	18,517.82
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Total	\$38,877.34

The total income of \$38,877.34 in the past year compares with the corresponding figure of \$32,701.89 in the year before and with \$29,411.54 in the year preceding it.

In our report a year ago it was stated that:

"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 same statement can be accurately repeated at this time for while the members of this Board are a unit in their desire to manage the funds so as to produce a substantial income, it is recognized it would be unwise and unsafe to take the inherent risk of losses which may reasonably be expected to occur through the purchase of bonds or stocks which might promise larger profits but which do not provide the degree of safety which it is so necessary to have for the preservation of the funds in this portfolio.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

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

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

M. W. Grand Master, Brethren of the Grand Lodge: Your Committee on Work has not filed a written report. We have deemed the report of the Grand Custodian adequate in so far as the report of this Committee is concerned. I do want to call your attention to the fact that for a great many years the work of this Grand Jurisdiction was handled almost exclusively by the Grand Custodian and a few Assistant Custodians.

I can say confidently that we have so organized our set-up that the prerogatives of the Grand Master have not been infringed upon. The prerogatives of the Grand Custodian have not been interfered with the Committee on the Work has carried forth as best it could its duty to preserve the letter of the work of this Grand Jurisdiction. We think we have accomplished that in a way that we need never fear in the future for any departure from the letter of the work as now established, unless it is deliberately done or as is sometimes done

through error. I want to say in this respect that we probably have the best situation in Nebraska that we have ever had in our history. The number of certified brethren are approaching the 600 mark and they have to be examined every year. We have twenty-four Assistant Custodians who devote their time, they are paid on a per diem basis but we all know that they are not adequately paid. They do get some expense money for travel but these Assistant Custodians put in a lot of time in carrying out their duties as such. And this Grand Lodge in addition to the small payment that they receive ought to be thankful that we have this class of men to carry on this work.

Now I would be remiss in my duty if I didn't say that our present Grand Custodian has organized that department in such a way that we are getting this job done and getting it done well. Our trouble as a Committee hasn't been to get Raymond C. Cook to work, our trouble has been to get him to quit doing a lot of things that are apt to impair his health because of the activity that he carries on over this state in promoting the esoteric work of this Grand Jurisdiction. And I want to say also, I think the Grand Lodge, while they have given him great praise for so doing, have been a little bit remiss otherwise in their duties. Brother Raymond C. Cook is working at a salary that hardly can be justified on the basis of just being fair and honest to a man who is giving his whole time and actually his whole life in the promulgation of the work of this Grand Jurisdiction. Unless we had such a man willing to do it on that basis, we have difficulty in filling the position. And now, M. W. Grand Master, I would like at this point to say that this concludes the report of the Committee on the Work.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

By M. W. Edward F. Carter

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 a section of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge as follows:

RESOLUTION

That Section 1-202 which now reads as follows:

"Sec. 1-202 (Grand Custodian) . . . He shall make a full and detailed report to the Grand Lodge of his official visits and acts, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$4,500.00 per year payable monthly together with all necessary expenses in and about such work."

be amended to read:

"Sec. 1-202 (Grand Custodian) . . . He shall make a full and detailed report to the Grand Lodge of his official visits and acts, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$5,500.00 per

year payable monthly, together with all necessary expenses in and about such work."

The resolution having been signed by the required number of members of the Grand Lodge, unanimous consent was given. Because it involved the expenditure of funds, it was referred by the Grand Master to the Finance Committee for its recommendation.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Charles F. Adams, 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 Herbert T. White, 11.....Grand Master
 Brother Merle M. Hale, 54.....Deputy Grand Master
 Brother Roy I. Babbitt, 295.....Grand Senior Warden
 Brother John E. Beaver, 253.....Grand Junior Warden
 Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Brother Mark D. McCallum, 268.....Grand Chaplain
 Brother Bayard H. Paine, Jr., 33.....Grand Orator
 Brother Harold H. Thom, 1.....Grand Historian
 Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6.....Grand Custodian
 Brother Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....Grand Marshal
 Brother Joseph C. Tye, 46.....Grand Senior Deacon
 Brother John F. Futeher, 302.....Grand Junior Deacon
 Brother Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES, 1955-56

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

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

Fraternal Relations: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Homer C. Davey, 317.

Fraternal Dead: W. Harry A. Spencer, 227, Chairman; James W. Fegley, 316; Ward L. Mosher, 181.

Grand Trustees: M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136, (1958), Chairman; W. C. Earl Fuhrer, 33, (1957); W. Carl D. Ganz, 209, (1956).

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

Grievances: W. Frank L. Burbridge, 11, Chairman; Brother Robert Lowry, 324, W. Stanley E. Jordan, 192.

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

Masonic Education: W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, (1957), Chairman; W. Silas A. Wilson, 46, (1958); W. Philip H. Robinson, 155, (1958); M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268, (1957); W. Floyd C. Wisner, 265, (1956); W. Stuart H. Kelley, 11, (1956).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, (1958), Chairman; M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, 150, (1956); M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, (1957).

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, (1957) Chairman; W. Alvin H. Miller, 19 (1958); W. Joseph N. Troxel, 184, (1956); W. Arthur A. Gregory, 265, (1959); W. Otto Burkhardt, 55, (1960).

Temple Building Advisory: W. Otto Nelsen, 300, (1958), Chairman; W. A. Victor Bryan, 263, (1956); W. E. Forest Estes, 19, (1957).

GRAND LODGE SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Centennial: W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Chairman; W. Harold H. Thom, 1; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32; M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268; M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183; M. W. Fay Smith, 198; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68; M. W. Herbert T. White, 11; R. W. Merle M. Hale, 54; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136; M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Paul R. Pierce, 50, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted. He was assisted by W. Raymond C. Cook, 6, who sang, "There Is No Death," accompanied by W. Hal J. Samuel, 25, at the organ.

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

We pause now to honor the men who have laid down their working tools, after having prepared the way for us to follow. We pause to recognize the debt we owe to them, to revere their memory, to praise their wisdom, their toil, given as Masons give, so freely and lovingly, to build and perpetuate a fraternity of free men.

We recognize that these Brethren never quite leave us, and that they shall complete their Spiritual Temple in the Celestial Lodge above. We turn our thoughts to the basic Christian and Masonic belief, that life is eternal, and that here we have made but a beginning. Thus, we reconcile our separation from our departed Brothers, which otherwise would be crushing in its cruelty, fearful in its finality and heartbreaking in its eternity.

The flood of recollections we have for these departed Brothers is an unspoken memorial to their lives and a tribute to their attainment in the Craft.

Our Grand Secretary has received memorial cards issued by thirty-one Grand Lodges of the death of Grand Lodge Officers. These have been carefully preserved to be properly noted at this time. Twenty-eight Past Grand Masters, one Deputy Grand Master, three Grand Secretaries, one Grand Junior Warden, one Deputy Historian have passed on this last year. Our sincerest sympathies go out to these sister jurisdictions whose loss has been great.

Our own Grand Lodge has not been spared. We record the deaths of two Assistant Custodians Emeritus.

W. Wallace E. Linn was born September 25th, 1892, at Omaha, Nebraska. His Masonic degrees were received in Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in 1918. He was Worshipful Master of his lodge from June 11,

1929 to June of 1930. Brother Linn was appointed Assistant Custodian on January 24, 1934. He retired in 1950 and was given the title of Assistant Custodian Emeritus. Brother Linn was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey since May 4, 1939. He was a member of the York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies. Brother Linn was Knighted and received the rank of Knight Commander Court of Honour in 1933, and in 1941 was Coroneted 33° Inspector General Honorary. He was Past Eminent Commander of the Omaha Council of Kadosh; and a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association of which he was president in 1953. He died May 9, 1955 at Omaha, Nebraska.

W. Jesse Lowther, Assistant Custodian Emeritus, was born January 15, 1876 at Carpenter, Ohio. Brother Lowther received his Masonic degrees in Relief Lodge No. 219 in 1913. He was Master of his lodge in 1917. He was appointed Assistant Custodian in 1919 and Emeritus in 1948. Brother Lowther has been a member of the Nebraska Veteran Freemason Association since 1941. He died May 23rd, 1955, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

The Constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction report 781 Brethren as having laid down their working tools during the year just past. As we express our heart-felt sympathy to their relatives and close friends, we also borrow the beautiful rewarding words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

The men whom we now honor have contributed with their hearts and their hands, that Masonry would be an active, vital and living force. Let us, in their memory, resolve to be worthy custodians of our heritage of Masonry.

M. W. Sir, we recommend that this report be spread on the record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and may we suggest that you have the Grand Lodge stand in tribute to them and that you request our soloist, W. Raymond C. Cook, to sing "The Lord's Prayer."

ORATION

W. Joe R. Kennedy, 290, Grand Orator, presented the Oration, entitled

THREE PILLARS

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

I want first to thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the trust and courtesies bestowed on me in the appointment as Grand Orator for the past year. It has truly been a blessed experience in my life to meet with and work with and speak with and to so many of our fine

Masonic brethren because of the authority of this office. Too, I want to speak a word of gratitude and praise for the expenditure of time, talent and friendliness of you, Most Worshipful Sir, and the other Grand Lodge Officers, as they have labored to improve Masonry in our state during this past year.

The teachings of Masonry have endured for many generations and centuries. The Philosophy of Masonry, applicable to all the ages, most certainly embodies fundamentals which warrant its existence in our own century. Those Masons who do not benefit from them do lose something which we can attain in no other way. There are some who would dare declare that Masonary is for its members alone. I believe, however, that the teachings of Masonry, its interpretations of knowledge which it seeks to disseminate, its teachings of morality, its philosophy and its usefulness to society, must be totally measured by the contribution which Masonry makes to the society of which it is a part. As the church, the home, or the school cannot be thought of as separate entities in themselves, but are a part of society, even as the society in which they exist is a part of them; so, the Masonic Lodge in a community, the Grand Lodge and its related fraternities in a state or nation, are a center from which radiation goes out to improve the totality of life around. Masonry and its teachings become the modern Aladdin lamp of radiation and illumination of truth.

It was fifty-three years ago that a swash-buckling President, Theodore Roosevelt, declared, "The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight."

Only a few heard him say it, those who had come by carriage and street-car and afoot. There was no radio to quickly spread its message or a television to give a "quick-look"; only the tap-tap-tap of Morse code clicking off the story to newspapers. The mechanics of living have been considerably simplified in the intervening years; men and women have been freed from drudgery; they have more time to read, to form opinions and act upon them. But the impelling, penetrating thought is that they must form opinions and they must act if our "way of life", our Democracy is continued for ourselves and posterity.

"Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings and Clowns that caper
in sawdust rings

And common people like you and me are builders for eternity;
To each is given a bag of tools, a shapeless mass and a book of
rules,

And each must make ere life be flown, a stumbling block or a
stepping stone."

Now, I want you to consider with me that a good Mason must too, pull his own weight. In his own lodge we take it as a matter of course. Beyond that, a good Mason must pull his own weight partici-

pating in community activities. So will his influence go out like concentric circles from his home lodge into the home, the school, the church and society at large. We are living under a system of government based on the dignity and freedom of the individual, which derives its powers from the bottom up, rather than from the top down. Whether you call it a Democracy or a Republic, whether you judge its benefits by the car in your garage or by freedom to worship at the church of your choice; by the food on your table or by your freedom to speak out in public without fear; our society, this government of ours, draws its sustaining power from the integrity of individual citizenry.

This system of living, which we cherish, has been achieved after generations of struggle against the doctrine that some men have the inherent right to rule others. It is based on the oldest written constitution in the world, still in force. It has been preserved through a zeal for great idealism, at great human sacrifice. Like the sun in the sky and the cream in your coffee, our way of life is too often taken for granted. Clearly we must work for Democracy as good citizens; if we want to make Democracy work. We must labor for the freedom that works for us. "Never ask for whom the bell tolls!", wrote the English poet, John Donne, "It tolls for thee."

The Temple of Solomon was full of symbolic manifestations, noteworthy among them being the pillars. These were not particularly foundation supports. All temples were surrounded by pillars in that age, each pillar being a microcosm or symbol of the Universe, having for roof or ceiling the starred vault of heaven. Twelve pillars surrounded Solomon's Temple, describing or symbolizing the belt of the Zodiac, but whatever the number of pillars in this or any temple, they were primarily symbolic rather than actual supporting columns. Masons likewise have used the pillar as symbolic of worthwhile virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity and broken columns or pillars, too, are symbolic and familiar in our rituals for the interpretation of Masonic truths.

Therefore, in true Masonic insight and symbolism, see with me three great pillars that must arise out of our Masonic interpretations of knowledge, our symbolism and our sacred vows. Pillars, that not only perpetuate the undying truths of Masonry, but also give guarantee that out of raw human experience will arise a way of life which we in America cherish. See with me three columns arising out of the mists of the past, defined by the knowledge of the present.

The first pillar is hallowed and pliable and seemingly soft, but do not mistake that softness for it is as durable as time. This pillar's name is "Home" and at its best always reflects good Masonry and true citizenship.

That second pillar changes in shape and form, as truth seems to change as laboratories of science and thoughts of men bring new revelations; as freckled-faced boys grow into square-jawed men and bronz-

ed; as young lassies in pig-tails grow into dignified women and fine; the name of this second pillar is "school," and identified with another word beside it, "freedom".

The third pillar likewise varies in outward form from the mode of life it symbolizes in the forest, to the rich overfed people of the city; from priceless stained glass, to humble curtains drawn across plain glass; but though changeable in form its rigidity is of the stuff which holds mountains of faith together. This pillar bears the name, "Church".

Brother Masons, examine these three pillars with me, Home, School, Church; and see if they should not be raised out of your total Masonic knowledge and influence into reality of high living.

CONSIDER THE HOME A PILLAR OF CITIZENSHIP, A TRUE
SYMBOL OF MASONRY AT ITS BEST.

No good Mason can disregard the erection and continual care necessary to maintain this pillar. No national or state society can long remain sound at heart unless its homes be strong. We want our children to cherish their heritage of Democracy and our sons the heritage of Masonry. We want the schools to teach it, the churches to preach it, the government to practice it. But the foundations of Democracy are laid in the home, and we parents are the chief builders.

If the individual, now undeniably bewildered and frustrated, is to retain his mental and physical balance, he must needs develop to the full, qualities of heart and mind and body. The traditional fountain from which we in America and every good society draw for wisdom and character, is the home—the center and inspiration of every Christian community.

The modern trend is to take the training of the citizen out of the home and make it a public responsibility. Much, of course, can be done by collective action by the State or the community—but, by no means all. We can build a house but a home must grow. We can supply schools and education but religion and morality are founded in parental love and care. We can perfect the law but obedience, self-discipline and leadership, derive most surely from the parent's authority. All home life is not good but beyond question the good home is a sure foundation of a good society. And good homes just don't happen. Edgar Guest has well said, "It takes a heap o' livin' in a house to make it home."

We have an illustration as fresh as this morning's dew or the date of the daily newspaper, in the release of the news this past month, of Mrs. Ramona Deitmeyer, a blue-eyed blonde Nebraska Sunday School teacher, PTA President and mother of five, a resident of Lincoln, Nebraska, who was named "Mrs. America" of 1955, at Ormond Beach, Florida. This marked the first time in the 17 years of the "Mrs. America" contest there was no bathing suit competition. It was all home-making. One of the first things this woman said to the press, her voice trembling with emotion, was: "I want the title to mean two

things: First, that the job of homemaking will be kept on a terrifically high plane, and next that my church can be a part of the title."

What a tremendous boost that life and that incident give to the pillar of home! We who have boasted of our modern architectural designs that have squeezed the living room down to a tiny dinette; modernized the kitchen and specialized in taking the family out for dinner; done away with the old fashioned cellar with its shelves of home-cooked jams and jellies, yes! and an old fashioned potato bin which guaranteed hospitality to family and friends 365 days of the year, have in its place built a large recreation, or as we too meaningfully at times call it for short, "The wreck room". The plain fact is, our homes are beautiful outside but may be empty shells, lacking care and concern on the inside. Our children may be delinquents but I remind you they were all right when we got them and we parents have had a lot to do with their changing.

Recently a famous judge found standing before his court the son of a close friend who had become famous as a writer of a recent best-seller. Said the judge, "Don't you realize, son, you have disgraced your famous father. How did this happen?" "Well", replied the delinquent son, "Many times I went to him for counsel and he replied, "Go away, son, can't you see I'm busy?, Well, Judge, he finished his book and became famous, and here I am."

Good parents will produce good children; stupid, careless parents will produce stupid careless children. Only parents who are concerned enough to give proper time to counsel, shape and mold thought will raise the pillar of home which all Masons can be proud to salute and our Democracy willing to acclaim as a sustaining power through every changing age. Edgar Guest with his beautiful talent for expressing high idealism in poetry, gives us help here again,

"It ain't home t' ye, though it be the palace of a king,
Until somehow yer soul is sort o' wrapped round everything.
Ye've got to love each brick and stone from cellar up t' dome;
It takes a heap o' livin' in a house to make it home."

II. CONSIDER THE FREE SCHOOL—A PILLAR OF MASONIC TRUTH—A WARRANT OF DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP.

Truly our forefathers, the Pilgrims, gave to the world a new, bold concept, not only a universal education but a free one. In his 10th Annual Report, Horace Mann wrote, "Two divine ideas filled their great hearts, their duty to God and to posterity. For the one they built a church, for the other they opened the school."

Our free public school system has ever had this dual idealism, to provide equal education for all, regardless of which side of the tracks a child was accidentally born on. Whether he came from the working family of a plantation or the restricted area in the country-club side of a new city edition, each had and have a right to know

and to learn. This of course has always implied that the State should provide a free education, a free opportunity to learn and to know.

The strength of our constitution, its guarantee of liberty, its promises of freedom, are not in a written instrument, nor in laws written which have been enacted to carry it into effect, but in the minds and hearts of the people of the country. Even as the music of the symphony is not in the written score but the ability of the musicians to understand and interpret on their own instruments the music; freedom under our constitution depends upon its principles being understood by our people and being applied by them to their several communities. Several dictatorships have constitutions similar to ours but they do not have the freedom of citizenship because they do not have a love for liberty in the hearts of their constituents nor do they practice the same in their own lives.

In our country, education is expected to make a substantial contribution to good citizenship. The need for a better citizenship and free schools therefore cannot be separated. The need for free schools, free libraries, has a clear sharp ring. The trip to the election polls is no mere routine in our Democracy and it is learned in the free school.

The free public school is not an accident either in the history or in the on-going process of the community life. It is made possible because of sacrifice of time and money and planning on the part of ordinary people. The Free Public School means ordinary citizens spending time in committees, with PTA's, on Boards of Education, plotting and planning—time that might be spent on bridge or viewing television or in just plain loafing. Schools are constantly in need of improvement and enlargement. We must get ready, say statisticians, for an enlargement of 40% in numbers of children between ages 11-17, by 1960. The Government or the Trustees may want to move forward but they must have a body of public opinion to support them. I would declare that the matter of improved facilities, better textbooks, finer teachers, are all the business of Masons in every community.

Our schools must ever be led by the enlightenment of truth as revealed in every generation. That means that we must be ever vigilant to keep this pillar from being bound and bent and warped and dissipated by those who say truth is once and for all revealed through decree, person or channel. Such interpreters of truth demand reverence and absolute obedience, capturing the school for a sect, a religious prejudice or a dictatorial fanatic. The free ballot, the ever-vigilant citizen keeping watch over public funds set aside for free public schools, will alone keep this pillar upright and strong.

This pillar of the Free School, is created of the stuff high ideals are made of and crystallized dreams of such schools by our fathers, are thus made a reality in this age.

"There is a destiny which makes us brothers; none goes his way alone;

All that we send into the lives of others, comes back into our own."

III. CONSIDER THE CHURCH—PILLAR OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD—SYMBOL OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE.

Masons believe in God. They are universal in their declaration that God and man have business together. Though a man may try to erect his designs without the help of a supernatural being, God just has a habit of butting in somehow to let man know He is God. It is in recognition of this universal admission, of the place of God in man's life, that our constitution has included as a corner-stone this phrase: "Every human being is endowed with a soul that is sacred in the eyes of a sovereign God, with the power to distinguish between right and wrong; that the judgment expressed by a majority of such divinely created human beings is likely to be closest to God's will for all of them; and that every mortal soul is endowed by its Creator with certain inalienable rights that no human agency whatever can justly invade."

The church is the fellowship of kindred souls on earth who believe the mortal soul does have rights which no human agency can invade; the church gives opportunity for the divine to invade the individual soul and conscience; the church is God's home in a community, if He has a home there.

The church therefore, like the school, must remain free but not so free that man has no obligation and no ties. Masons will do well to tie their faith to the fellowship of the church in their community and receive the inspiration of God through its worship. The big problem facing our test of citizenship today, is not whether men believe in God but rather, whether they will live as if He existed. Actually, there is little evidence that people really look to God for forgiveness of sins, for little more than 50% of America claim allegiance to the church, not over a fourth of her people admit that the standards of right and wrong root in Christian faith. America is thus a nation of religious illiterates, with good biblical knowledge on the elementary level—perhaps the fourth grade level educationally and comparatively speaking. There is a great gulf between what America believes religiously and what she practices; between her ideals and her realities; between what we think and what we do. We cannot save the world from Communism or any "ism" by war alone. Our greatest defense for our way of life today is not universal military training, as many politicians would declare; nor the atomic bomb, as many militarists would have us believe. Rather, it is in a resurgence of our spiritual foundations.

Masons could well help restore this faith. In doing so you would be better Masons. Let me suggest these areas in which Masonry can be influential in keeping the pillar of the church strong.

First, help restore the sacredness of the Lord's Day. Anyone with common discernment knows that rest, and worship, and a time apart, with God, helps to build character, individually and nationally. Leslie Weatherhead of England tells about a little park in the suburbs of London. There are lovely flowers, beautiful lawns, shade trees, and a little pool there. The Borough Council has put iron railings around it, and signs to keep off the grass. At night it is locked up. Sunday, says he, is like that little park in the noisy din of a hectic week. It is an oasis in the desert of monotony. Sunday must be protected and guarded or soon we have no Sunday; and then we lose the faith essential to our democratic way of life.

Second, I would suggest that through the church acting as a conscience upon law-makers and law-abiders, we make democracy work. The church exists for more than a dispensary of doctrine, it is a way of life. It is more than beautiful words—it is a matter of relationships. We assume that men live up to ethical standards simply because they endorse them. We judge ourselves by our knowledge of what we ought to do, rather than what we actually do. If there is anything that will weaken our democracy and our integrity as citizens, it is this tendency to commit suicide with our ideals.

Third, I would suggest that the church be a "thrust to its followers" to crusade for a better world. No one, I believe, can really have contact with God without being thrust into conflict between good and evil with the desire to put himself and others on the side of good. Comparatively speaking, Communists are far better missionaries for their cause than much of the free world, which includes America. A Communist student tells of being given a list of twenty-five prospects and pledges himself to win them to the faith and he is not timid or bashful about it. The church, though a fellowship of believers in God, yet interprets its power in a terrifying personal manner, if it speaks at all. They know, through worship, that they must speak for those who have no voices and work for those whose bodies are beneath white crosses. They become aware of being, "Endowed by God with certain inalienable rights", and they go forward in the firm reliance of protection of themselves and their own in the Divine Providence. Because they are God's sons, church men feel and act as if they were expendable. They are willing to give themselves that others may find life better. That is good Masonry and it is the art of good churchmanship.

There is a great deal of fear in our world and frustration and indecision and discord and strife. Many of us have lived through at least two world wars plus a Korean three-year fiasco that took the heart's blood of thousands; we've either been preparing for the next war, picking up the debris of the last or as now, figuring out drills

and evacuation routes from the possible infernos of total atomic war, which we know could be in the offing. Yet, we can live in hope. Even in the midst of the whirlwind, there can be a calm. There are three great pillars which can be raised out of our consecration to our Masonic vows and interpretations, realistically applied, of our faith in God. Pillars of Home and School and Church hold firm our hope.

And these pillars will surely arise out of our generation if we will it. Out of our hopes and dreams and lives they must arise. You see, to have and to live under Democracy you must want it very much; and to want it is to believe in it; and to believe in it you must believe in the integrity and essential decency of men—and when I say believe, I mean believe and act on that belief. Not just being kind, in a soft way, or tolerant, with a shrug of the shoulders. But a passionate, unshakable belief that in all men there is something that makes us men; something you should be proud to find, beyond doubt in yourself. This is essential to Democracy—this is what Masonry means—this is Masonry's defense. We cannot be lulled into softness and take victory for granted; that the ideals perpetuated by our fathers will automatically rise as new pillars in our day. We must believe in ourselves the principles and concepts of our order and we must not doubt the outcome. We must pull our own weight as individual Masons and responsible citizens. Out of that kind of dedicated living will be borne the stuff from which the pillars of Home and the Free School and the Free Church will rise.

"I'd like to think when life is done that I had filled a needed post,

That here and there I'd paid my fare, with more than idle talk and boast;

That I had taken gifts divine, the breath of life and manhood fine,

And tried to use them now and then, in service to my fellow-men."

At 12 o'clock noon the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY—Wednesday, June 8, 1955

M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Past Grand Master, presented Brother Guy Heilman of Cambridge Lodge No. 150 and his daughter, JoAnn Heilman, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Nebraska, The Order of Rainbow for Girls. Miss Heilman presented a check for \$125 for The Nebraska Masonic Home, explaining that the money had been raised by the Rainbow Girls of Nebraska. M. W. Charles F. Adams, Grand Master, accepted the check and expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 8, 1955

At 2:15 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

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

W. Brother Grand Senior Deacon, escort the Grand Tyler, W. Brother James H. Bryant to the East.

My brethren, I present to you our Grand Tyler, W. Brother James H. Bryant, Gavel Lodge No. 199, Carleton. I present him to you as the retiring Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge. He is now our guest at The Nebraska Masonic Home. He has served more than forty-seven consecutive years as Secretary of Gavel Lodge No. 199 at Carleton. We want to extend to him our deep sympathy in the loss of his dear wife a very few days ago, and will you with me not only extend that sympathy, but by show of applause, indicate to him our deep appreciation for his service as our Grand Tyler these past years and wishing him health and happiness in the years to come.

Brethren, I would like to remind you that to our knowledge he is the only living Master Mason who was personally acquainted and sat in Grand Lodge with our first Grand Master, Robert Carrel Jordan. (applause)

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

W. Brother Grand Senior Deacon, present Brother Piebe Dykstra to the East.

Brethren, I present to you Brother Piebe Dykstra, Florence Lodge No. 281, who has been recommended by your Grand Master and has been commissioned by the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands as the representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. In our proceedings of a year ago we adopted the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, which caused us to seek recognition of this Grand Lodge, they being older than Nebraska. We were accorded recognition. I have the pleasure now of presenting to Brother Dykstra personally his commission as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Will you extend congratulations as I present this to him? (applause)

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

Your Special Centennial Committee is pleased to report that plans

for the appropriate celebration of our 100th Anniversary in June, 1957, have gone forward and on schedule. The committee has held three meetings—June 10, and November 13, 1954 and April 23, 1955.

Your committee considered at length the proposal to hold a series of precentennial regional meetings during the fiscal year of 1956-1957. It approved the holding of twenty such meetings to begin in the Fall of 1956 and continuing into 1957 but prior to the Centennial celebration in June, 1957. The dates are to be arranged in such a manner as to insure the presence of the Grand Master and such officers of the Grand Lodge as can conveniently attend. It is proposed to hold these meetings at Omaha, Nebraska City, Falls City, Dakota City, Wayne, Norfolk, Fremont, York, Lincoln, Beatrice, Broken Bow, Hastings, Grand Island, Ainsworth, North Platte, McCook, Sidney, Alliance, Scottsbluff and Holdrege.

On February 15, 1955, your chairman caused to be sent to each of these host lodges a letter detailing the plans for these regional meetings and including a list of the lodges to be invited to participate in each of these twenty centers. Having received no unfavorable responses and no suggestions for changes in the lodge allocations your committee and your Grand Officers will, following this communication, proceed with the task of assisting the host lodges in the determination of dates and the making of arrangements for these pre-centennial celebrations.

At the same time, W. Brother Harold H. Thom sent a letter to the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of each of the constituent Lodges of Nebraska, reminding them of their obligation to authorize the appointment of a special committee to prepare a suitable history of its entire period of existence showing significant developments both within the Lodge and without. Complete copies of each of these histories is to be filed with the Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge, who will in turn, incorporate the most significant historical data and information within the Historical Account of the Grand Lodge to be published following our Centennial celebration. The deadline has been fixed for the receipt of this history, October 31, 1955. We urge each of you to return to your lodges and to take such action as may be necessary to expedite the completion of the task. A further important obligation of each lodge of which you will hear more later is the assembling of suitable exhibits of the most significant documents and objects in your possession for display not only at regional meetings but also at the Centennial Celebration in Omaha. It is not too early for each of you to take this matter back to your lodges and to stimulate the Brethren to take such immediate action as may be necessary to insure an outstanding display.

At its most recent meeting, April 23, 1955, your Centennial Committee gave its approval to the progress report of the Grand Historian, W. Brother Thom, in which he outlined the general outline of the chapters and divisions of our Historical Account. With some slight

modifications, it is our belief that the Brethren are going to be deeply impressed by the accomplishments of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Your committee has tentatively agreed to the holding of its next meeting late in the summer at which time it will authorize the selection of the personnel to serve on the various important committees necessary in carrying out all plans for the forthcoming Centennial celebration. Presently it has envisioned the appointment of personnel for these committees: Program, Hospitality, Invitations, Housing, Registration, Entertainment, Banquet, Decorations, Publicity, Auditorium, Music, Distinguished Guests, Local Arrangements, Ladies, Exhibits, Pre-centennial Celebrations. Others will be appointed as may be required. Some progress has already been made in this regard. Full announcement of all committee assignments will be made known to all constituent Lodges in due season.

It is the recommendation that the presently assigned Brethren on the Centennial Committee be continued for the next two years and be authorized to proceed as now planned to carry out the wishes and desires of the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. We bespeak your full co-operation and assistance to the end that this celebration may be indeed a truly significant occasion and one that will set goals for future growth and development.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

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

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

The Committee, Advisory to the Grand Master, on Applications for Reinstatement received for review and recommendation to the Grand Master a total of ninety petitions during the current year. The following table presents the actions of the Committee in tabular form:

Age Groups	Received	Recommended	Rejected	Returned
50 years of age or less	8	8		
51-60 years of age	29	26	1	2
61-70 years of age	37	28	6	3
71-80 years of age	15	9	6	
81 years of age or older	1		1	
Totals	90	71	14	5

The applications disclosed an average of 14.2 years in membership and 18.4 years under suspension. Petitions not recommended by the Committee indicated an average membership of 15.2 years and 21.1 years out of membership. Five petitions were returned because the information was so incomplete as to preclude us from making what we considered a fair appraisal of the applicant's case.

There has been a decided increase in the applications from the age group between 61 and 70 years of age.

May we again urge the investigating committees of the various Lodges to take their responsibility seriously in those cases where the member has not been a resident of the local area for long periods of time. Each Lodge assumes a substantial risk where the character and financial responsibility of the applicant is not well known, which cannot be shifted to the Grand Lodge.

The Committee will give adequate consideration to any information which the Lodge submits with any petition. It seems to us that we do not get adequate and complete descriptions of such things as property, insurance and pension rights, all of which enable some opinion to be formed as to the ability and intention of the applicant to take care of himself and family in a reasonable and probable manner. The foregoing analysis shows that 53 of the applicants this year were over 61 years of age. With the advances of medical science these people may be expected to live longer than their ancestors, therefore they should have better provisions for their old age in order that they may not be a charge on the Fraternity.

We recommend that the form of application be revised and strengthened to present a better picture of the petitioner's situation.

The members of the Committee wish to make a fair and just disposition of each case and it is the duty of any former member to supply such information as will give him all that he is entitled to expect.

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 of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity
of 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 your Committee has had no young people under its supervision. However there are three of our Masonic-Eastern Star Home youngsters who are graduating from high school and are eligible to go on to college under the supervision and with the financial help of this Committee.

Two of these graduates have decided to enter the Armed Forces, have passed their examinations and have been accepted. One, a boy, has been accepted by the Air Force; the other, a girl, has been accepted by the WACS.

The third graduate has had a fine scholastic record and demonstrated exceptional ability in music. It is his desire to take advanced training in instrumental music and become a teacher. A school of music in Chicago which specializes in that field has accepted him as a student and he will attend under the same rules as the Committee has established in the past. A very competent Chicago brother who is Chairman of the Board of the Illinois Masonic Children's Home, has agreed to supervise and counsel with this young man while he is attending this school.

To pay the necessary expenses of your Committee during the ensuing Masonic year we are asking that the Grand Lodge appropriate \$500.00 which will match a similar amount already appropriated by the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

We should all be proud of the fact that your Grand Lodge continues to take an active interest in our children even after they have left the Home and that we give each of them such a substantial start on a college career.

Your Committee appreciates the opportunity you have given them to serve the Grand Lodge and these deserving young people.

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all lodges are represented except the following: 2, 5, 27, 29, 70, 75, 86, 89, 94, 112, 116, 126, 137, 146, 165, 181, 187, 188, 197, 202, 205, 214, 231, 234, 236, 243, 257, 261, 268, 275, 279, 282, 283, 285, 291, 299, 305, 308 and 312.

Total number of lodges 275, number not represented 39. Lodges not represented for the last two annual communications are: Nos. 70, 74 and 248.

GRAND OFFICERS

M. W.	Charles F. Adams, 68.....	Grand Master
R. W.	Herbert T. White, 11.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W.	Merle M. Hale, 54.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W.	Roy I. Babbitt, 295.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W.	Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
W.	Harold H. Thom, 1, pro tem.....	Grand Chaplain
W.	Joe R. Kennedy, 290.....	Grand Orator
W.	Harold H. Thom, 1.....	Grand Historian
W.	Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W.	Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....	Grand Marshal
W.	John E. Beaver, 253.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W.	Joseph C. Tye, 46.....	Grand Junior Deacon

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, Edward Huwaldt, Elmer E. Magee, Ernest S. Schiefelbein, John S. Hedlund, Thomas J. Aron, Edward M. Knight and Fay Smith.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska .....No. 1	.....	Raymond E. Seaman	John E. Pinkerton.
Western Star.. " 2	.....	.....	.....
Capitol " 3	William E. Noah...	*William VonKroge Jr.	*Alban P. Smith....
Nemaha Valley " 4	*J. Adolf Wensien..	.....	.....
Omadi " 5	.....	.....	.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	(Maynard S. Range	John L. Beckman..	Donald H. Born...
Falls City..... " 9	Garth W. Poteet...	Lester R. Kister...	*Willard I. Lewis, Jr.
Solomon " 10	Richard C. Wilson.	James T. Knag....	Harold O. Swanson
Covert " 11	William L. Hopson.	Donald R. White...	Raymond C. Malmos
Orient " 13	.....	.....	*Charles J. Herschberger
Peru " 14	Everett E. Heywood	.....	John L. Lewis.....
Fremont " 15	Arnold F. Mains...	Wade F. Lueders..	*James M. Hansen..
Tecumseh " 17	*Alfred G. Aden....	*Jerry Dvorak.....	*David L. Dunlap...
Lincoln " 19	Clark T. Braymen..	Howard E. Nesseler	Clarence N. Pierson
Washington ... " 21	Eugene R. Kinnison	.....	.....
Pawnee " 23	Glenn W. Binder..	.....	*Ralph I. Berry....
Saint Johns... " 25	Alfred E. Geschke.	Jack Huntley.....	.....
Beatrice " 26	.....	.....	*Virgil R. Johnson..
Jordan " 27	.....	.....	.....
Hope " 29	.....	.....	.....
Blue River.... " 30	*Clarence C. Wertman	.....	*John A. Ficke....
Tekamah " 31	*Anton R. Kokes...	*E. Dudley Beck...	.....
Platte Valley.. " 32	*Nels H. Ostergaard	Donald W. Blaesi..	Virgil C. Kuhns...
Ashlar " 33	Jack E. Zlomke...	Lyman M. Campbell	Warren A. Hoover.
Acacia " 34	*Carroll K. Longacre	.....	.....
Fairbury " 35	Herman F. Hose....	George Dalke.....	.....
Lone Tree.... " 36	Billy O. Green.....	*Dean E. Eckhoff..	*Fred Fouts.....
Crete " 37	*Marion J. Miller...	Charles F. Bepalae	Charles F. Hroch..
Oliver " 38	*Howard N. Coleman	.....	.....
Papillion " 39	*William C. Plambeck	*Adam H. Gramlich.	.....
Humboldt ... " 40	*Wesley J. Stansbury	Coleman M. Gilliland	Henry J. Krouse...
Northern Light " 41	Robert E. Chilcoat.	.....	.....
Hebron " 43	J. William Cederholm .....	.....	*Francis O. Woodard
Harvard " 44	Kenneth G. Bieck..	Melvin E. Kitzinger	Robert H. Yost....
Rob Morris ... " 46	*Alfred B. Saum....	Oscar L. Thumberg	.....
Fairmont " 48	Lloyd Dawson.....	*Lloyd Dawson....	*Lloyd Dawson....
Evening Star . " 49	Wallace N. Bender.	*John A. Bottorf...
Hastings " 50	J. Edward Fisher..	Edwin E. Kimball.	Harold R. Williams

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
FidelityNo. 51	Charles E. Davis...	Glen R. Sargent...
Hiram " 52	W. Therlo Reck- meyer .....	.....	.....
Charity " 53	Jack E. Felton...	.....	.....
Lancaster " 54	Joseph H. Hartley.	*Alfred B. Gorman.	Collins L. Wilcox..
Mosaic " 55	James W. Gray....	.....	*Maurice P. Peder- son
York " 56	Lace L. Killman...	Raymond Pickrel..	.....
Mount Moriah " 57	Don W. Craig.....	.....	.....
Wahoo " 59	Merlin R. Hall....	*Edwin R. Levin...	Alfred G. Wurst...
Melrose " 60	*Harold G. Simmons	.....	.....
Thistle " 61	Robert L. Synder..	Gerald D. Young..	.....
Keystone " 62	Joseph W. Millsap.	Donald H. Olson...	.....
Blue Valley ... " 64	Francis R. Menke..	*Francis R. Menke..	*Francis R. Menke.
Osceola " 65	*Robert L. Mills....	.....	Robert L. Mills....
Edgar " 67	*Everette S. Shaw..	*Everette S. Shaw..	Everette S. Shaw..
Aurora " 68	Harold C. Dieck- man	*Wayne E. Nord- strom .....	.....
Sterling " 70	.....	.....	.....
Trowel " 71	Clarence E. Baker.	J. Gilbert Wiese...	.....
Hooper " 72	Sterling W. Brad- bury	*George F. Schmiet- enknop	*William A. Lallman
Friend " 73	George Kohout, Jr..	George S. Asmus...	*Amzie McBride....
Alexandria ... " 74	.....	.....	.....
Frank Welch .. " 75	Weldon P. Stewart	*Harold K. Bond...	.....
Nelson " 77	J. Duane Chamber- lain	Eiler Svendsen....	.....
Albion " 78	.....	*Raymond E. Hall..	*Albert N. Lamb...
Geneva " 79	.....	David A. Portwood	.....
Composite " 81	Edwin R. Keiser...	M. Dean Ruth.....	*Leonard C. Davis..
Saint Paul " 82	Raymond A. Forbes	.....	Aden A. Gibson...
Corinthian ... " 83	Roy S. Wiggains...	*V. H. Robert Han- son	*L. LaMoine Brown- lee
Doniphan " 86	.....	.....	.....
Ionic " 87	Fulton R. Olson...	.....	.....
Star " 88	Elwin Penny.....	.....	*Frank Conklin....
Cedar River... " 89	.....	.....	.....
Oakland " 91	James A. Sears....	Sherman L. Hult- quist .....	.....
Beaver City... " 93	.....	.....	*Paul D. Fleming...
Bennett " 94	.....	.....	.....
Garfield " 95	William W. McIn- tosh
Utica " 96	Paul W. Dickau...
Euclid " 97	Renos A. Anderson.	Eugene M. Smith..

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Republican . No. 98	C. Carl Hawley....	*Louie L. Kammerer
Shelton " 99	Harold D. Liggett.	John L. Johnson...	Gerald Stock.....
Creighton " 100	Charles S. Clark...	.....	.....
Ponca " 101	Byron J. Kruse....	.....	.....
Waterloo " 102	Richard W. Bull...	.....	.....
Ord " 103	*Almond R. Brox...	.....	.....
Wymore " 104	*Warren E. Robinson	.....	.....
Stella " 105	.....	.....	*James S. Kimsey..
Porter " 106	Raymond G. Pinck- ney	*Arnold L. Lorentz.	.....
Table Rock.... " 108	Floyd P. Vrticka..	*Louis E. Fencl....	Fred J. Jelinek....
Pomegranate .. " 110	Frank M. Thompson	Virgil Owen.....	James C. Bryant..
DeWitt " 111	Leonard K. Smith.	.....	.....
Springfield " 112	.....	.....	.....
Globe " 113	Edward R. Gibson.	*Edward R. Gibson.	*Guy Basse.....
Wisner " 114	Lloyd V. Doty....	*Judson M. Meier...	Milo G. Cheney....
Harlan " 116	.....	.....	.....
Hardy " 117	*Herbert O. Pedersen	.....	.....
North Bend.... " 119	Willis Walla.....	Morgan A. Werblow	Edward A. Walla..
Wayne " 120	Robert A. Merchant	Robert E. Harrison	*Archie L. Wert....
Superior " 121	George F. Day.....	.....	.....
Auburn " 124	Donald O. Brown..	.....	Harry E. Weekly..
Mount Nebo .. " 125	William R. Smoats.	.....	Robert B. Conrad..
Stromsburg ... " 126	.....	.....	.....
Minden " 127	J. E. Etzelmiller..	*Charles A. Chappell	.....
Guide Rock.... " 128	Lloyd R. Green- halgh .....	.....	.....
Blue Hill..... " 129	Otto Jicha.....	.....	.....
Tuscan " 130	Daren D. Riblett..	Charles W. Otto...	.....
Scribner " 132	Alfred A. Ristow..	Harold Mueksch...	*Homer C. Marlett.
Elm Creek " 133	*Ray C. Kline.....	.....	.....
Solar " 134	Warren Abel.....	*Herbert L. Wurtz..	.....
McCook " 135	James W. White....	.....	.....
Long Pine " 136	*Paul R. Sellars....	*Charles M. Freder- ick .....	.....
Upright " 137	.....	.....	.....
Rawalt " 138	Melvin Miller....	.....	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	Edward D. Forberg	Russell E. Swanson	*Lester W. Aspegren
Western " 140	Frederick Winter..	Rolland F. Winter.	*Arthur J. Henry...
Crescent " 143	Norman Young....	Alex Long.....	*Norman Young....
Kenesaw " 144	*Rezin G. Bennett..	.....	.....
Bancroft " 145	Frank A. Wood....	Carl E. Anderson..	*Myron W. Vogt...
Jachin " 146
Siloam " 147	Wilbur L. Moon...

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LODGE No.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Emmet Crawford 148	Paul H. Dean, Jr...	W. Glen Linder, Jr.
Jewel " 149	William J. Willeford	*Frank D. Haack...	.....
Cambridge ... " 150	Charles H. Klink-ebiel	*Charles H. Klink-ebiel	*Charles H. Kink-ebiel
Square " 151	Ivan N. Nord.....	.....	.....
Evergreen " 153	*Homer F. Birch....	.....	Homer F. Birch....
Lily " 154	Melvin M. Jennings Jr. ....	.....	.....
Hartington ... " 155	*Tryon M. Shepherd	*Tryon M. Shepherd	*Tryon M. Shepherd
Pythagoras ... " 156	.....	*William S. Simmons	.....
Valley " 157	*William C. Keaton.	.....	.....
Samaritan " 158	Ernest M. Johnson	*Ernest M. Johnson	*Ernest M. Johnson.
Ogalalla " 159	Burton J. Bracken.	.....	.....
Zeredatha " 160	Fredrick R. Oerter.	.....	.....
Mount Zion ... " 161	Mervin Ransom, Sr.	*Fred J. Seow.....	*Ernest E. Lees....
Trestle Board.. " 162	J. Ival Schmucker.	Charles W. Boellstorff	Lee R. Casey.....
Unity " 163	Gale H. Pollard....	.....	.....
Atkinson " 164	Robert D. Martens.	.....	.....
Barneston " 165	.....	.....	.....
Mystic Tie " 166	Roy R. Barkdoll..	*W. Ray Potts....	*Roy R. Barkdoll..
Elwood " 167	.....	.....	*Ludwig W. Gauger.
Curtis " 168	*Klyte D. Burt....	.....	.....
Amity " 169	Stuart A. Johnson.	*Clarence E. Benschoter	Paul B. Smith.....
Mason City .. " 170	*George J. Anderson	.....	.....
Merna " 171	*John H. Jacobsen..	.....	.....
Robert Burns.. " 173	*Clyde H. Jones....	*Clyde H. Jones....	*Clyde H. Jones....
Culbertson ... " 174	Jack Hendrix.....	*Osborne P. Simon..	*Osborne P. Simon..
Temple " 175	Donald B. Noakes.	.....	.....
Gladstone ... " 176	*Curtiss S. McCallister .....	.....	.....
Hay Springs... " 177	*Albert E. Johansen	.....	Donald R. Armstrong
Prudence " 179	Conrad F. Reckling	Norval H. Hansen.	Frank G. Hansen..
Justice " 180	Harley D. Howard.	E. Merle Given....	Carson Andrews...
Faith " 181	.....	.....	.....
Alliance " 183	Nicholas M. Dafney	*A. Victor Bryan...	*Harry B. Settles...
Bee Hive " 184	.....	Amos H. Campbell.	.....
Boaz " 185	Kenneth O. Zink..	*Clyde E. Weyeneth	*Kenneth O. Zink..
Israel " 187	.....	.....	.....
Meridian " 188	.....	.....	.....
Granite " 189	Fred C. Long.....
Amethyst " 190	Cecil C. Weems....	*Virgil K. Magnuson
Crystal " 191	*Louis Jensen.....

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Minnekadusa No. 192	Stanley E. Jordan.	Harry D. Babcock.
Signet " 193	*Alva Dykes.....	.....	.....
Highland " 194	Keith A. Balderson	.....	.....
Arcana " 195	.....	.....	Raleigh Swick.....
Morning Star.. " 197	.....	.....	.....
Purity " 198	Charles J. Klein...	.....	.....
Gavel " 199	*Herbert B. Witten- berger	*James H. Bryant..	.....
Blazing Star.. " 200	Ralph H. Douglas..	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff.. " 201	O. Wayne Thomp- son	*O. Wayne Thomp- son	*O. Wayne Thompson
Golden Sheaf.. " 202	.....	.....	.....
Roman Eagle . " 203	David Lee Cham- bers, Jr. ....	.....	.....
Plainview " 204	James T. Scott....	*C. W. Hanscom....	.....
Golden Fleece.. " 205	.....	.....	.....
Napthali " 206	James R. Hays....	H. H. Grabouski...	*Arthur C. Vieths..
Parian " 207	Ralph E. Empfield.	*Ralph E. Empfield.	*Ralph E. Empfield.
Gauge " 208	*Sophus V. Hansen.	.....	.....
Canopy " 209	Orris C. Richert...	George A. Borne- meier	Clifford G. Ander- son
East Lincoln.. " 210	George Maser.....	Lyle A. VanArnsdal	*Kenneth O. Smith.
Cement " 211	Clyde F. Batie....	Edward L. Batie..	.....
Compass and Square " 212	Delmar R. Dicker- son .....	.....	.....
Plumbline " 214	.....	.....	.....
Occidental " 215	Robert L. Wiegand	Curtis D. Fleming.	.....
Palisade " 216	Merle L. Sailors...	.....	.....
Wauneta " 217	Norman E. McDon- ald	Dwight E. Hoff... .....	.....
Bloomfield ... " 218	*John R. Clements .	.....	.....
Relief " 219	Edward H. Collins.	.....	.....
Magnolia " 220	Paul G. Fuchser...	*Edwin G. Anderson	.....
Wood Lake ... " 221	Elmo Gardiner....	.....	.....
Landmark " 222	Terrance E. Andrew	Allen O. Yowell...	*Wayne W. Loftis..
Eminence " 223	Harold H. Hum- phrey .....	.....	Oscar W. Torgenson
Silver Cord ... " 224	Donald H. Jackson.	.....	.....
Cable " 225	Raymond F. Kouvek	*L. Paul Hartman..	John I. Halstead..
Grace " 226	*Robert R. Caswell.	Robert Browning..	*Robert R. Caswell.
North Star.... " 227	Laurence H. Daft.	Elmer A. Olander..	*Roy W. Deal.....
Bartley " 228	Lester H. Harsh...	*Lester H. Harsh...	*Lester H. Harsh...
Comet " 229	Robert L. Johnson.	James F. Hunter..
Delta " 230	*James O. Duncan..

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Mount Hermon No. 231
John S. Bowen. " 232	C. Clarence Paulsen
Gilead " 233	William K. Hansen	William H. Allpress
Zion " 234	.....	.....	.....
Fraternity " 235	Harold Harmer....	.....	*Lemuel L. Jones...
Golden Rule... " 236	.....	.....	.....
Cubit " 237	Lloyd H. Miller...	Glen W. Brinkman.	*Lloyd B. Brugmann
Friendship " 239	*Andrew B. Knight.	.....	.....
Pilot " 240	Jess N. Anderson..	*Gordon Chard.....	Robert E. Wolf....
George Armstrong.. " 241	Clemens Williamsen	.....	.....
Tyrian " 243	.....	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	Fred H. Weber....	.....	.....
Nehawka " 246	John L. Alden....	*William A. Ost....	.....
Corner-Stone. " 247	*William H. Schulz.	Robert V. Craft...	*William H. Schulz.
Laurel " 248	.....	Ted Fauss.....	*Ralph Morten....
Gotherburg .. " 249	*Bernard A. Nors- worthy	Arch Trimble.....	Bernard A. Nors- worthy Jr.....
George Washington. " 250	Ira C. Lehr.....	Martin H. Gates...	Jerome E. Lyon...
Wausa " 251	*Melvin E. Rosen...	*Melvin E. Rosen...	*Melvin E. Rosen...
Beemer " 253	.....	Milo A. Konopik..	Lemuel L. Jones...
Bassett " 254	Eugene U. Reynolds	Lloyd C. Stolepart.	*Dallas R. Bennett..
Hickman " 256	Harvey C. Damrow	Leslie A. Ryman..	Arthur W. Hornung
Holbrook " 257	.....	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	*Lloyd Lindly.....	Fred H. Rodocker.	.....
Ornan " 261	.....	.....	.....
Endeavor " 262	Struve P. Hering..	*Walter C. Smith...	*Willis H. Staley...
Mitchell " 263	Paul G. Heil.....	.....	.....
Franklin " 264	*Jesse U. Malick...	.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas " 265	*E. J. Williamson...	*Jerry E. Prokes...	*Arthur A. Gregory.
Silver " 266	L. R. Meacham....	Merle L. Peterson..	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	*Russell M. Warren.	.....	.....
George W. Liningner " 268	.....	.....	.....
Oasis " 271	Roger J. Wickman.	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette. " 272	*Harry H. Moller...	*Oscar A. Weiler...	.....
Crofton " 273	Irvin W. Collinson.	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	Chauncy V. Dye...	.....	Lewis H. Dunn....
Ramah " 275	.....	.....	.....
Antelope " 276	*Arthur O. Auserod.
Sioux " 277	*Fred Hamaker....
Litchfield " 278	Lawrence J. Aspen
Wallace " 279

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Swastika .. No. 280	William L. McNeil.	Willard F. Abbott.
Florence " 281	William A. Chris- man
Mullen " 282	.....	.....	.....
Seneca " 284	Harley E. Nutter..	.....	.....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	.....	.....	.....
Oshkosh " 286	Marvin L. Clark...	.....	.....
Union " 287	David Rhoten.....	Merle Barker.....	.....
Omaha " 288	George E. Johnson..	*Harold P. Loveless..	*Jake Wine.....
Lotus " 289	Raymond I. Ride- nour .....	.....	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	David Spilman....	John C. Stolley....	Lewis F. Reepe....
Diamond " 291	.....	.....	.....
Wolbach " 292	*Alfred J. Larsen...	.....	.....
Monument " 293	Rodney T. Cox....	.....	.....
Kimball " 294	*Charles M. Fisher..	*Charles M. Fisher..	.....
Minatare " 295	*Charles H. Ninegar	*Roy I. Babbitt....	.....
Cotner " 297	Watson S. Coleman	*Lyle J. Bryant....	.....
Chester " 298	*Paul W. Dry.....	.....	.....
Sutherland " 299	.....	.....	.....
Liberty " 300	James P. Vance...	Floyd K. Himmel..	*James Tyler, Jr....
Bayard " 301	*Leonard H. Calvert	*Alva L. Sikes....	*Clyde D. Spangler.
Mizpah " 302	*George E. Mitchell.	.....	*John F. Futcher...
Right Angle.. " 303	Albert H. Allen...	.....	.....
Ruskin " 304	*Chauncey O. Hull..	.....	.....
Newman Grove " 305	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rod.... " 306	Wayne L. Campbell	Horace W. Quinn..	George T. Hillman.
William E. Hill " 307	Donald W. Rottman	*Harry D. Abker...	.....
Perkins " 308	.....	.....	.....
Winnebago " 309	Henry Matthews..	George S. Olson...	.....
Victory " 310	Henry F. Ohm.....	Ward Abraham....	Jack W. Flood....
Polk " 311	Harvey Wochner..	.....	*Harry J. Schultz..
Oak Leaf..... " 312	.....	.....	.....
Potter " 313	*Elmer H. Seyfang..	.....	.....
Craftsmen " 314	Howard I. Stewart.	Roy A. Carlson....	Thurman N. Anstine
Alpha " 316	James W. Fegler..	Howard M. Richards	Charles W. Scribner
Mid-West " 317	Willard E. Pettis..	Myron C. Harris..	John F. Vorpahl..
Grand Island.. " 318	Wayne R. Morris..	*Bob R. Anderson..	.....
Bladen " 319	*Henry Erickson...	.....	.....
College View.. " 320	Forest B. Brown...	*Silas R. Davenport	.....
Harmony " 321	Ross W. Gathman..	*Ross W. Gathman..	*Ross W. Gathman..
Pioneer " 322	C. W. McDonald..	*C. W. McDonald...	*C. W. McDonald...
Lebanon " 323	*Thomas D. Thomas	*Robert E. Lund...
Cairo " 324	*J. Samuel Butler..	*Clarence A. Lowry.

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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 of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of 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-eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge is.....\$12,126.80

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Brother William F. Patterson, 25, President, presented the report of The Nebraska Masonic Home, which was adopted.

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

By this time you have visited the Home. That magnificent structure speaks for itself without my adding in that respect except to tell you that yearly we look forward to these Grand Lodge visits. They always are an inspiration to all of us.

Your visit to the Home is a better report than I can give you here, yet there are two things I should like to call to your attention.

First of all, with the need for care of the helpless, we are under constant pressure to provide for every person eligible to admission.

As you have been told many times, we only have two sources of income. One is your per capita tax which gives you individually the opportunity to contribute to the maintenance of this Home. Our only other source is the income from our Endowment Fund. This fund fortunately continues to grow through your thoughtfulness and continued support.

Your per capita tax is pretty well fixed and does not vary greatly but through the Endowment Fund we can continue to grow if every one of us keeps fresh in our memory this beautiful opportunity to provide an everlasting memorial for the care of the needy and helpless.

The thanks of the entire board and all those associated with the Home goes out to you today for the help you are now giving in this respect.

I want to remind you that every application to the Home is carefully considered by the board. Of necessity, we have had to confine admission to those applicants that are strictly needy and who cannot provide for themselves and who have no natural providers left to do so for them. In my mind, this is the spirit of our fraternity and we try to carry it out in the Home.

Those of you who, in your Lodge, see applications come up can assist us in bearing this thought in mind and where there are natural providers yet left, a word or suggestion from you might remind them of their obligation to their own.

Each year we try to say "Thank you" for the remembrances and gifts that come to the Home so generously. I should like to thank each one of you individually and our gratitude has no limitation for any of the organizations associated with our Craft, for during the last year they have again shown their love and generosity as they always have before.

Separately and collectively, on behalf of the Board, its Officers and Trustees, I give you our thanks not only for what you have done but for remembering to do it.

I should like to express my appreciation to our able Superintendent, W. William F. Evers and in equal measure to his assistant, his son Raymond; and to our M. W. Grand Master, Charles F. Adams, who has devoted much of his time to the Home, to the never-ending work of our devoted Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, and our valued Field Representative, Brother Robert M. Herre, and all the members of the Board and its officers.

These people are dedicated in your behalf and as your representatives. It is an inspiration to work with every one of these Brethren in this, our labor of love.

Thank you, Brethren.

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

It is a distinct personal privilege for me to again make the official report for the Board of Trustees of our Fremont Home. My report for the past year's activities is a very favorable one. The results and products of your generosity and continued provision for the happiness and well-being of our forty-four children are most evident.

All of our children have been in excellent health, and are not only busy, but are doing very well at school, in 4-H and the F. F. A. projects. Our Board has encouraged Superintendent Grassman to present over thirty childrens programs to Masonic and Eastern Star organizations over the state this past year. This includes pictures of our Home and entertainment by our talented children. We believe that this activity is an excellent means to acquaint our members with the great

work that is being done at Fremont, and the children have been very pleased at the hearty receptions that you have given them.

The published report of our January meeting of the stockholders contains a complete list of all who have given gifts to the Home; and an itemized financial statement of the receipts, expenditures, types of funds and our investments. This report has been distributed to all Lodges and Chapters, and I shall not repeat the contents of that comprehensive report, but make this reference to it in the event anyone wishes detailed information. (It is most reassuring to see so many fine, generous persons and organizations so liberally contributing to the happiness and well-being of the children of our Home.) It costs a great deal of money to rear and care for forty-four children, and we do count on your continued loyal support. The management of your Home depends on and needs your assistance, and we are grateful for it.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to our Grand Master, who has been extremely interested in the welfare of your children and in the good business management of the Home. Both he and our Grand Secretary have been most helpful and understanding in the problems that have arisen. Their considered judgment, advice and encouragement have greatly contributed to a fine year at the Home.

A real accomplishment of the Board this year was the revision and improvement of the financial structure of the Home. Various miscellaneous funds were consolidated and the records improved. (Our Finance Committee, with our capable Henry Roose as Chairman, has diligently invested surplus cash in interest bearing governments and has closely watched our budget.) We operated within a realistic budget of \$63,760.00 in 1954, and our Grand Lodge contributed a total of \$28,000.00, which was matched by the Grand Chapter. Our budget for 1955 has been reduced to \$63,085.00.

Long hours of earnest study have gone into the cost of the operation of the Home by your Board, and we believe our Home is economically managed and operated. The endowment fund was enhanced in a substantial amount this past year by reason of a number of legacies. We are grateful for any amount, however modest it may be; and we believe that the thoughtful remembrance of our Home in your wills is a worthy investment in the future lives of precious children.

The first home on our grounds was built in 1915, the last one being constructed in 1931. They were well built, but by reason of their age, the maintenance and modernization of them cost money. In this past year a new fire escape was installed in Junior Girls' Home, and the second floor stairways in all our buildings were encased with partitions and doors in compliance with the State Fire Marshal's orders. All homes have now been refurnished by the present and immediate preceding Grand Matrons, and the interiors have never been in better appearance and condition. Extensive improvements by way of new ceilings and the tile floors in Junior Boys' Home were accomplished. A new heat and water line was installed in Senior Girls' Home. A new

poultry house was built by the Superintendent and our boys. We trust that your visit to the Home confirms this report that the buildings are in good repair and beautifully furnished.

This past year the Board of Trustees investigated the eligibility of our Home to receive surplus food commodities. After securing permission from the Grand Master and Worthy Grand Matron, we have received several hundred dollars worth of surplus foods. This continuing program is materially saving our food expenditures.

Your Board is unanimously of the opinion that our Home is deficient in not having either adequate or suitable office facilities. There is no room anywhere large enough to accommodate the seating of all our children for any kind of a program. A special fund was established for the construction of a Memorial Administration and Recreation Building; and without solicitation, has grown to some \$36,000.00. Your Board employed the services of a fine architect to prepare temporary plans, which have been completed and approved unanimously by the Board.

The plans for this new building comprise a new office for the Superintendent, a combination library and lounge room suitable for Board meetings, and an all purpose recreation room for the children. A special committee of the Grand Lodge, appointed at its last session, has investigated the need for such a building, its proposed financing and type of building. This committee will make its detailed report and recommendation to this grand body, and the Home Board is awaiting the approval or rejection of this proposed project.

Truly it has been said that the attainment of the benevolent purpose of our beloved fraternity is best measured by what we do and how we live, rather than what we are instructed and admonished to do. The precious and magnificent achievements in the building of character and maintaining these children or grandchildren of members of the Masonic and Eastern Star Orders clearly demonstrate the importance of the realization of our high ideals in purposeful living.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Fay Smith, 198, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence which was adopted section by section and then as a whole.

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has considered those matters referred to it by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers and submits the following report with its recommendations:

1. We recommend that the section in the Grand Master's Address relating to "By-Laws Approved" be approved. (Adopted)

2. We recommend that the section on "Dispensations to Elect and Install" be approved. (Adopted)

3. We recommend that the first paragraph of the section on "Dispensations to Confer Degrees" be approved. (Adopted)

4. We recommend that the second paragraph of the section on "Dispensations to Confer Degrees" be approved. However, it is the judgment of the Committee that the requirement as to proficiency in the Fellow Craft Degree was only temporarily waived and that the brother should complete his proficiency in the Fellow Craft Degree to comply with Section 2-402 and 2-403 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. (Adopted)

5. We recommend that the third paragraph of the section on "Dispensations to Confer Degrees" be approved. (Adopted)

6. We recommend that the section relating to "Extension of Time for Proficiency" be approved. (Adopted)

7. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 1 in the Grand Master's Address except the last sentence of the decision which shall be stricken. (Adopted)

8. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 2. (Adopted)

9. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 3. (Adopted)

10. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 4, since the Grand Master's decision that the man was eligible to petition for the degrees is undoubtedly correct. We wish to point out, however, that in our judgment it is not in the best interests of Masonry, under the conditions stated, for a lodge to elect such a man to receive the degrees of Masonry. (Adopted)

11. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 5. (Adopted)

12. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 6. (Adopted)

In the light of the law and its interpretation, the Grand Master had no alternative but to make this decision. We believe, however, that a continuation of this practice is detrimental to Masonry and propose in a later portion of our report a change in the By-laws which should correct this problem.

13. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 7. (Adopted)

14. We recommend the approval of Decision No. 8. (Adopted)

15. We recommend that the Grand Lodge adopt the amendment to Section 2-502 as contained in Recommendation No. 1 of the Grand Master so that the amended Section 2-502 will read as follows:

"Section 2-502 (71) CHANGE OF LOCATION—Subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, a lodge may remove from one building to another in the same town by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided that prior notice of the proposition of removal be given to all resident members at least one week prior thereto, and a lodge may remove from a building in

one town to a building in another town by a majority vote of the members of such lodge present at a regular meeting, which majority shall be at least equal to a majority of the members residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the lodge, provided that prior notice of the proposition of removal be given to all members of the lodge at least two weeks prior thereto." (Adopted)

16. We heartily endorse the sentiments of the Grand Master as expressed in his Recommendation No. 2 and we urge the Grand Lodge to adopt the interpretation of sub-paragraph 4 of Section 2-402 of the Code in the manner recommended by the Grand Master.

R. W. Herbert T. White, Deputy Grand Master, moved to amend this section of the report as follows:

"That this construction shall not apply when the petitioner is being taken into the army involuntarily."

The motion was duly seconded but failed to carry.

The Chairman then moved adoption of the original section, which was seconded and carried.

17. We recommend the adoption of Recommendation No. 3 of the Grand Master, deleting that portion of the last sentence beginning with "unless".

To implement this recommendation, we request unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge to consider at this communication the adoption of an amendment to Section 2-403, which would delete all of the portion of the Section which begins with the word "provided" found in the 10th line of that section so that the amended Section will read as follows:

"Section 2-403 (66-A) REFUSING EXAMINATION—A Brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination as provided by Section 2-402 (66) renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a demit, to a diploma, to hold an office in a lodge, nor to make application to or join any lodge, society or institution enumerated in section 3-102, subsection "n" of this code until he has complied with said Section 2-402." (Adopted)

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

Since the Jurisprudence Committee has requested unanimous consent to the consideration of the proposed amendment at this Annual Communication, it is my ruling that the mere adoption by a majority vote of this section of the report does not, itself, constitute an amendment to the law. Unanimous consent having been requested, I now ask if there is any objection.

An objection was then made and the Grand Master ruled that the proposed amendment would be considered at the next Annual Communication.

18. We recommend disapproval of the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 4. We believe the cost and difficulty of changing the forms and files of the Grand Secretary's office would more than offset any value to be gained by such reports. Perhaps consideration might be given in the future of reporting the names of those who failed to pass their examination for proficiency in the Master Mason Degree. (Adopted)

19. The Jurisprudence Committee asks that it be allowed to make further study of Recommendation No. 5 and to report its findings at the next session of the Grand Lodge. (Adopted)

20. We recommend disapproval of the amendment of Section 1-301 (9) sub-section (16) proposed by the Grand Master in his Recommendation No. 6. (Adopted)

21. We recommend that the new section to be added to the By-Laws to be known as Section 1-322 and quoted in Recommendation No. 6 of the Grand Master be adopted except that the first sentence of the proposed section be stricken from the section and in place of the word "said" in the fourth line there be substituted the words "the Temple Building Advisory," so that the new section will read as follows:

"1-322, TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE—It shall be the duty of the Temple Building Advisory Committee to investigate all requests for approval of lodge building and financing activities as set forth in Section 2-616 and to advise the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master with reference thereto, and, upon request, to advise and assist all subordinate lodges in such activities." (Adopted)

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

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Thursday, June 9, 1955

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

CONTINUATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

By M. W. Fay Smith, Chairman.

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

The objection to the consideration of the proposed amendment to Section 2-403 of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge at this Annual Com-

munication has been withdrawn. Unless there is further objection, we will proceed with a consideration of the proposed amendment.

Thereupon M. W. Fay Smith, Past Grand Master, re-read the proposed amendment and on motion regularly seconded and carried the amendment was adopted.

M. W. Fay Smith, Past Grand Master:

22. We recommend disapproval of the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 7.

It is the judgment of the Committee that Section 2-616, as it now stands, gives adequate protection and should not be amended. (Adopted)

23. We recommend the approval of Recommendation No. 8. May we also request that any errors, typographical or otherwise, which are in the present Masonic Code, or its supplement, should be called to the attention of the Grand Secretary in order that these may be corrected in the new edition of the Code. (Adopted)

24. We recommend that action on Recommendation No. 9 be deferred until the next session of the Grand Lodge in order that further study of the proposal may be made by the Jurisprudence Committee and their recommendations reported at that time. (Adopted)

25. We recommend the approval of Recommendation No. 10. (Adopted)

26. The Committee approves the intent of the Grand Master in his Recommendation No. 11 but recommends the following substitute to Section 3-802 of the Code in lieu of the proposed amendment as quoted in his address:

"Section 3-802 (191) HOW TAKEN—All appeals from any chartered lodge shall be made in writing and filed in duplicate, and shall contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decision of the lodge appealed from, and the grounds upon which the same are based.

The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary not later than sixty days after the regular communication of the subordinate lodge next following the receipt of the findings and judgment from the Grand Secretary.

In the event of an appeal, the Grand Secretary shall forthwith transmit a copy thereof to the Grand Master, the Secretary of the subordinate lodge in which the charges were preferred, the accused and the accuser." (Adopted)

27. We recommend the disapproval of Recommendation No. 12.

The motion to approve this section of the report was duly made and seconded.

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master, I move that this section of the report of the Jurisprudence Committee be amended to read as follows: "We recommend the disapproval of Recommendation No. 12 as set forth in the Grand Master's Address, but we further recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a Special Committee of five to study the matter and formulate a complete amendment to Section 3-102 (d) of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge and report to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge."

The motion to amend was duly seconded and, after discussion, was adopted, and Section 27 of this report, as amended was adopted.

28. We recommend the approval of Recommendation No. 13. (Adopted)

29. We recommend the approval of Recommendation No. 14. (Adopted)

30. That section of the report of the Grand Custodian relative to proficiency in the Master Mason Degree which was referred to this Committee has been adequately covered in our actions on Recommendations No. 2 and 3 of the Grand Master.

31. Your Committee requests unanimous consent to the consideration of the following amendment to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

That Section 2-612 (88-A) be amended by deleting the last portion of that section beginning with the word "provided" in line 13, so that the said section shall read as follows:

"Section 2-612 (88-A). That hereafter no lodge or lodges shall establish a Masonic charitable institution or undertake a continuing Masonic charitable work or become obligated for continuing contribution for charitable purposes, nor shall any lodge or lodges or person or persons use the word "Masonic" or other terms indicating Masonic activities regarding any such institution or work which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of the Grand Lodge so to do."

Unanimous consent was given and on motion regularly seconded and carried the amendment was adopted.

M. W. Fay Smith, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master, this concludes our report. I move the adoption of the report as a whole, as amended. (Adopted)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. John F. Fitcher, 302, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted section by section and then as a whole.

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of 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 Wymore Lodge No. 104 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104 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 Ionic Lodge No. 87 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason, and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former member of Ionic Lodge No. 87 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 and moves its adoption:

"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 member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 for restoration be not granted and that he not be restored to good standing as a Mason and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 be not granted, and that he not be restored to good standing as a Mason."

No. 5 Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition of a former member of a Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 for restoration be not granted and that he not be restored to good standing as a Mason and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it resolved that the petition of a former member of Bee Hive Lodge No. 184 be not granted, and that he not be restored to good standing as a Mason."

Your Committee has had referred to it for review two cases wherein the respective Trial Commissions 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 be increased to expulsion. Careful consideration has been given these cases and your Committee makes the following recommendations:

No. 1. 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 the Tekamah Lodge No. 31 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 and moves its adoption:

"Be it resolved that the sentence imposed by the Trial Commission upon a former member of Tekamah Lodge No. 31 of indefinite suspension be increased to expulsion."

No. 2. The record of the Trial Commission fails to reveal any fact or circumstance which would recommend any less penalty than that of expulsion upon a former member of Corner-Stone Lodge No. 247 who 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 and moves its adoption:

"Be it resolved that the sentence imposed by the Trial Commission upon a former member of Corner-Stone Lodge No. 247 of indefinite suspension be increased to expulsion."

Your Committee has had before it an appeal of a former member of Wynn Lodge No. 221 of Jonesville, Virginia, from the judgment and penalty of expulsion imposed by the Trial Commission in Utica Lodge No. 96 in Nebraska.

This former member of Wynn Lodge No. 221 of Virginia was charged, convicted and sentenced in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, of contributing to the delinquency of a female under the age of 18 years.

A consideration of the record in the County Court, and before the Trial Commission reveals no fact or evidence which would warrant a reversal of the Trial Commission's judgment and penalty. Your Committee, therefore, offers the following resolution and move its adoption:

"Be it resolved that the decision and penalty of expulsion of the Trial Commission imposed upon a former member of Wynn Lodge No. 221 of Virginia, be in all things affirmed and the penalty of expulsion sustained."

Your Committee has had presented to it an appeal of a member of Faith Lodge No. 181 from the decision of the Master of Minatare Lodge No. 295 in refusing to accept charges filed by said member of Faith Lodge No. 181 against a member of Minatare Lodge No. 295. A consideration of the charges attempted to be filed and the evidence presented before your Committee fails to reveal any facts or circumstances sufficient to justify overruling the decision of the Master of Minatare Lodge No. 295.

Your Committee, therefore, offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

“Be it resolved that the decision of the Master of Minatare Lodge No. 295 in this matter be in all things sustained.”

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. Ralph R. Carleton, 301, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of 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. We approve the Chapter on Delinquent Lodges in the Grand Master's Address.
3. We approve the Chapter on Bellevue Lodge U.D. in the Grand Master's Address, and the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian.

Masonically speaking, Bellevue is the birthplace of Masonry in Nebraska. It was here at Bellevue, Nebraska Territory, that the first Masonic Lodge, Nebraska Lodge No. 184, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Illinois under date of October 3, 1855. When on September 23, 1857, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was organized and constituted, the Charter issued by the Grand Lodge of Illinois was superseded by the Charter issued by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to Nebraska No. 1.

Bellevue at that time was a very prosperous and important shipping point and trading center located on the west bank of the “muddy” Missouri River about eight miles south from Omaha. When the building of the Union Pacific Railroad was authorized west from Council Bluffs, Iowa, and later the Capitol of Nebraska removed to Lincoln, conditions at Bellevue began to change rapidly, and it was only a matter of a few years until the Village of Bellevue, was all but deserted and forgotten.

Nebraska Lodge No. 1 meanwhile continued to exist at Bellevue until 1888 when the Grand Lodge of Nebraska authorized the removal of its Charter to Omaha. Almost immediately the Lodge again began to prosper and since that time No. 1 has taken its proper place in the community and Masonic affairs of Omaha and Nebraska.

In the meantime the Village of Bellevue continued to "wither away" until the advent of World War II when economic conditions of a more favorable nature began to smile once more.

The Martin Bomber Plant was constructed on the old Fort Crook Reservation grounds, its employees worked "round the clock", and demands for adequate housing facilities grew by leaps and bounds. This plant was later taken over by the Armed Services, the buildings remodeled, and the Headquarters for the Strategic Air Command established at Offutt Air Base with another enormous influx of Military Personnel and civilian employees. The community of Bellevue met every challenge for new homes, new churches, new places of business and today is a flourishing city of 3,800 population and still growing. In addition a new steel bridge across the Missouri River links the States of Iowa and Nebraska in this closely knit community.

What a contrast in conditions from 1888 when the Charter of No. 1 was removed to Omaha to the present time in its long forward step of development! And once again history repeats itself. That same mutual feeling of close ties and relationship has again brought together many fine men and Masons from other States and communities. Again the desire for a Masonic Lodge was reborn. The same motivating spirit prevails in 1955 as it did with our early pioneers in 1855. Following a century of progress and development we have again rekindled the altar lights of Masonry at Bellevue; those lights that once burned brightly, then flickered, and went out completely in 1888.

We wholeheartedly approve of the work that the brethren of Bellevue have done thus far. They have become proficient in the degree work as evidenced by the Grand Custodian's report and they have shown a sincere desire to create and establish a Masonic Lodge at Bellevue as shown by the number of brethren who have petitioned the Grand Lodge for a charter. Inasmuch as they have complied with the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge it is therefore only fitting that on this, the 100th anniversary of the creation of the original lodge at Bellevue by the Grand Lodge of Illinois that we approve their petition.

We recommend that a charter be granted to Bellevue Lodge U.D. under the name and rank of Bellevue Lodge No. 325.

4. The following lodges were cited to appear before this Committee for not being represented at Grand Lodge for two successive years: Table Rock No. 108, Crystal No. 191, Cable No. 225, Corner-Stone No. 247 and James A. Tully No. 267. This Committee met with the representatives of each of these lodges. In each case there seemed

to be a definite lack of interest on the part of the Masters who with the Senior and Junior Wardens are responsible for their respective lodges being represented at the Grand Lodge Communications. The necessity of each subordinate lodge being represented at each Grand Lodge Communication was explained to the Representatives present and assurance was given that their respective lodges would be represented at all future Annual Communications.

This Committee also examined the report of the Committee on Credentials and find that the following lodges have not been represented for a period of two years: Sterling No. 70, Alexandria No. 74 and Laurel No. 248.

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.

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

Will the brethren of Bellevue Lodge, U.D., please stand. Brother Grand Senior Deacon, present the Worshipful Master Robert A. Chandler, his Officers and Brethren to the East facing west.

Brethren, join me in extending congratulations to the Officers and Brethren of Bellevue Lodge.

W.'.Robert A. Chandler:

M.'.W.'.Grand Master, it is indeed a pleasure for me to acknowledge your action here on our Charter and to express our gratitude for the fine co-operation you have given us. We want to especially mention the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian and Assistant Custodian, W.'.Ross Van Sickle, who have assisted us in the formation of Bellevue Lodge.

We also want to thank the Omaha lodges and the lodges at Papillion and Plattsmouth for their splendid co-operation.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W.'.John E. Beaver, 253, Chairman, presented the report of the Special Committee on The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted.

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

We, your Committee, were appointed by the M.'.W.'.Grand Master to determine whether a Memorial Administration-Recreation Building should be erected at The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

at Fremont. This Committee consists of W. John E. Beaver, Beemer, Chairman; Brother George K. A. Leschinsky, Grand Island and W. Norris W. Lallman, Hooper.

We met at the Home on April 3, 1955, with the following people present: Mrs. Mary Lou Bowersox of Fremont, a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Home; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Lincoln, President of the Board of Trustees of the Home and the three members of the Committee.

The background of the building project, which started in 1946, was given by Judge Ronin. After this discussion we found that the proposed building would cost, according to the architect's estimate, approximately \$80,000.00. As of this date, April 3, 1955, there was on hand in the building fund \$36,000.00 and an estimated \$14,000.00 which will be available when the building is approved. The Trustees have this amount of money without any solicitation from any organization or any individual, so it would seem that the matter of finance would not be a great problem. The architect's estimate of the cost of maintenance, which would include electricity, heat and labor, would be approximately \$1,000.00 a year.

The President of the Home Board felt that this would not be an exorbitant amount to add to their annual budget. The architect's estimate for electricity seems rather high and is probably purposely put in at a high figure. The labor bill can be worked out by a student from Midland College. The Board of Trustees has been very successful in furnishing board and room together with a small salary for a deserving and willing student.

The building will be used for administration, storage and recreation.

The Superintendent of the Home maintains an office in his own home, which your Committee feels is not very satisfactory. There is no central point at the Home for administration. The plans of this building provide for suitable office space together with a combination lounge and library room for visitors. There is a real need for a greater and better storage space at the present time for food supplies, which is provided for in the building plans. A work shop or a craft shop may be set up in the basement of the proposed building for the boys. The present one is inadequate. There will be an all-purpose room which will be used for recreational programs, for band practice and band concerts, for the showing of films which may be obtained from time to time and for a place in which to hold an annual Christmas party and for any Masonic function in connection with the Home. This seems to the Committee to be one of the important needs for a new building. There is no place large enough at the Home to accommodate all of the children at one time for their annual Christmas party or any of their affairs and we believe that this is one of the things that should be accomplished.

We approve of the architect's recommended location of the building. It is centrally located for administration and recreation purposes.

Your committee believes that there is a real need for an Administration-Recreation Building. We approve of the general plans of the type and location of the building. We further believe that with 50% of the estimated cost already raised, the balance will be readily obtained. We further believe that the operational expenses as planned are reasonable, and should be paid for in the same manner as the other buildings.

Your committee recommends to this Grand Lodge that the Board of Trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children be authorized to build the proposed Memorial Administration-Recreation Building.

We approve that portion of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence last year which states, "that no work can be started on the building without all funds for the construction of the building first being in hand. We recommend that no solicitation of lodges be made without permission of the Grand Master."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

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

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

This Committee feels it has had a very successful year, with progress to report in its first year with the new six-member committee.

Four Area Meetings were held, last fall at Hyannis and at McCook, and this spring at Hebron and at Wayne. These "host lodges" eagerly cooperated to make these meetings pleasant with fine refreshments and musical entertainment at the evening banquets to supplement the informational offerings of your Committee.

A special word must be added for the fine banquet held in the beautiful Wayne State Teachers College dining room where we were privileged to hear the fine Wayne State Teachers College Choir of some ninety highly-trained voices. Another highlight was the inspirational address of our Grand Orator, Joe Kennedy, who was also our dinner speaker at Hebron. At Hebron we enjoyed their new Hall, rebuilt after the tornado damage, and our hosts treated us to coffee at a break in the afternoon session. At the Hyannis meeting we enjoyed a special treat as our Grand Master, Charles F. Adams, was the evening speaker. Our Grand Marshal, Herbert A. Ronin, gave a stirring banquet address at the McCook meeting.

The afternoon sessions of these meetings were devoted to papers prepared and given by our Committee Members plus an informative, helpful talk on Lodge Administration by our Grand Secretary, Carl R. Greisen, who faithfully attended each meeting. Attendance ranged from 100-185.

The success of these meetings and the spirit of joy in attendance that was evident at each meeting had its inspiration in our Grand Master, Charles F. Adams, and his fine corps of Grand Lodge Officers. No Committee could have enjoyed more complete cooperation and attendance. Our Deputy Grand Master, Herbert T. White, in his whimsical, efficient manner, as Toastmaster of the banquets at the first three meetings, kept things going at a lively pace; and our Grand Senior Deacon, John E. Beaver, made a fine "pinch hitter" at Wayne, when R. W. Brother Herb was unexpectedly unable to attend.

A good deal of the value of these meetings lies in their ability to bring the brethren of a segment of our state to a central location to get better acquainted with their Grand Officers; and in having some stimulating, interesting material for the edification of the Craft at the same time. We have a glorious heritage, and through these meetings we keep some of it always before us as an inspiration for us all to make the present worth while.

In addition to these Area Meetings, your Committee has distributed well over 4,000 Educational Masonic pamphlets, primarily for new initiates, and has kept in touch with the work done by other jurisdictions through the Mid-West Conference on Masonic Education, which has been a very valuable joint enterprise of eleven Grand Jurisdictions. A copy of the 1954 Proceedings of this Conference is also being provided each lodge in our jurisdiction for the study of the members and their local Educational Committee. Your Grand Committee feels strongly, and happily our Grand Master concurs, that a strong Educational Committee in each constituent lodge working individually with each new initiate as he starts and progresses through the symbolic degrees is the foundation for effective Masonic education. We intend to furnish these local committees with the tools to do the work well, along with such assistance as they desire.

REPORT OF THE 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 of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

This Committee is very anxious to be of service to the Masons of

Nebraska, but it seems that this last year has been one in which the building of the Temple received more attention than did its publicity.

At the meeting held last February 22nd, Nebraska was honored. Our Grand Master, M. W. Charles F. Adams, was elected one of the directors. The duties of a director are not easy and surely one who assumes such duties must give much for the good of Masonry and such a servant deserves to know that we appreciate such service.

I have been asked:

1. Where did they get the idea to build this memorial?
2. Why build this Memorial?
3. What is it good for?

1. The inspiration to build this Memorial came from the brethren of Alexandria-Washington Lodge and on February 22nd, 1910, representatives from eighteen Lodges assembled to consider the subject in all its details. At that meeting the Memorial came into being.

2. Long before that meeting the name of Washington was much revered by Masons. No one else ever had or can have the same place in our history that Washington has. Humanly speaking, if it had not been for Washington, his faith, his wisdom, his character, our war for independence might have failed utterly. What Washington did in behalf of liberty and stability was made possible by what he was, his character.

3. As religion has its saints, so patriotism and Masonry have their heroes. As Masonry is builded upon great friendships, great ideals, shared suffering and sentiment, so should a nation be builded.

Love of Country like love of God is renewed and deepened by the examples of great men who embodied in fascinating form what else might have become vague. The character of mighty leaders enshrines our national faith.

Let us think of our great Constitution. It does not fade with age and its glory takes on new splendor with the passing of the Centuries.

Deep, very deep, within us are those spiritual Landmarks serving to guide us Home. We can name this Memorial a Landmark since the inspiration of it points to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

It has been my good fortune to have visited our National Capital and to pay my tribute at the Memorial and to then go on to Mount Vernon. It was truly a great American experience. As you enter the gate at Mount Vernon, you become possessed with a feeling of admiration, your pride, your humility, begins to grow. Then you come to the last resting place of Washington and silently and with reverence you stand by his tomb. Your feelings cannot be described, your soul seems to get to its knees. Silently you pray, "Lord, how worthy am I?"

Then in your deep silence you seem to hear a still, sweet voice whispering an eternal benediction. You wipe away the tears and know that you have been on hallowed ground.

This Republic, which Washington gave us and this, our United States of America, may they always be filled with the free, magnanimous spirit, crowned by the wisdom, blessed by the moderation, hovered over by the angel of Washington's example! May they be ever worthy in all things to be defended by the blood of the brave, who know the rights of man and shrink not from their assertion; may they be each a column, and all together, under the Constitution, a perpetual Temple of Peace, unshadowed by a Dictator's palace, at whose altar may freely commune all who seek the union of liberty and brotherhood!

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

I recognize W. Brother Otto Nelsen, Chairman of the Temple Building Advisory Committee. Brethren, this report will not require Grand Lodge action but it will give you some indication of the service which is available to the subordinate lodges by this fine Committee.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

W. Otto Nelsen, 300, Chairman, presented a special report of the Temple Building Advisory Committee.

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

In our annual report, presented yesterday, and prepared thirty days ago, we mentioned the possibility of announcing an additional service to Masonic Lodges, if a suitable set of basic Masonic Lodge plans we were then working upon could be completed by the time this Grand Lodge communication would convene. This service, by our Committee, together with lodge building plans, will be available to local lodges contemplating building.

If you will permit me to do so, I should like to review briefly what has brought this about. I was first appointed to serve on this Committee in June, 1937, and have served as its Chairman since July 1946, or eighteen years. Over that span of years, we have encountered numerous and varied problems of local lodges relating to construction and financing of new Masonic Temples. To some of their problems, we could only apply our best judgment, because there never has been an attempt to write building construction regulations into our Masonic Code, nor do I believe it advisable to do so.

It is that unwritten law pertaining to certain basic Masonic floor plans, and corresponding social requirements of Masonic buildings, that we have incorporated in a proposed Masonic building, that we want to introduce to you at this time.

The plan and elevation submitted here was drawn by an architect, who is a Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine, and therefore is well supplied with the requirements of a Masonic Lodge building. His services will be available to our Committee.

This plan, as you see it, is 40' x 76' outside dimension. It is 1½ story, with lodge room floor 4½' above ground level, the social hall, kitchen and heating facilities 4½' below ground level. The building, with 6,000 sq. ft. of floor space will accommodate a membership of 180 to 200 members. The lodge hall and social room are each 38' x 50'. The main lounge is 15' x 23'. The first floor also provides a cloak room, combined preparation and storage room 9' x 12', and, men's and ladies' rest rooms.

The down stairs provides, besides the large social room, a kitchen 15' x 16', large corridor, heater room 10' x 14', coat room, storage room, and a ladies' powder room 8' x 12'. It is estimated this building can be constructed at costs varying from \$42,000 to \$52,000 depending upon location and materials used, and correspondingly lower where some material and labor would be donated or furnished at cost, which is characteristic of local projects of this kind in smaller communities.

This plan also lends itself well to reduction in size to accommodate smaller memberships of 140 or less, providing 4,400 sq. ft. of floor space, estimated to cost \$31,000 to \$38,000, again depending upon location and materials used, not taking into account possible donated or discounted materials.

You will note we have chosen the flat-roof type, which not only is in keeping with the trend of the times, but also costs less in construction. We have provided alternate entrances, each of which is supported by symbolic pillars.

Also in our report of yesterday, we reported briefly on plans of the new Masonic building to be constructed at Albion. This building is unique in design, but we believe will meet with great favor. It will be an L-shaped building, one-story, no basement, no steps, with Lodge facilities in one wing, and social and dining facilities in the other wing. The building will also be the flat-roof type, but so constructed that the lodge room will have a raised or canopy ceiling, with indirect lighting. The plans, which are about to be placed in the hands of contractors, were prepared by the same architect who has been working with our committee. Brother Raymond E. Hall of Albion Lodge brought in the original idea of an L-shaped, one-story building. He has been working closely with our Committee and the architect.

Finally, here is our proposition. If you are even mildly interested in the construction of a new Masonic Temple for your lodge, give us the word. Send us a note or see us today. We will proceed to furnish you a sketch of what we think you will need to accommodate your lodge. You will then make any changes you desire, because you will have the last word. If you do not have the money, we know where and how you can get it. If we can't get together, there will be nothing lost.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. John A. Bottorf, 49, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was adopted.

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

The following report is respectfully submitted by your Committee on Returns:

Your Committee has checked the files and correspondence relative to the returns of the subordinate lodges for the year 1954, and is pleased to report that all lodges have submitted reports.

We especially wish to commend the Grand Secretary and his staff for their labors. The numerous requirements of checking and rechecking of the individual membership records have greatly added to the normal burdens of this office. A careful check of the returns clearly indicates that the work of this office has been efficiently handled during the past year.

We also noted, with full appreciation, the interest which the individual secretaries of the subordinate lodges have exhibited in attempting to remove the names of the deceased Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and suspended Master Masons from the rolls of their respective lodges. We believe that this interest should be encouraged.

Annual returns provide that the same shall be signed by both the Master and Secretary of the subordinate lodge and that the Seal of the lodge must be affixed thereto. Attention has been called to the laxity of proper completion of these returns almost annually, however. A spotcheck of the 1954 returns reveals that 15% are deficient in one or more of these requirements.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that each lodge analyze its needs and devise a method of maintaining its minutes in such manner that accurate annual returns may be made with a minimum of effort and error. We believe that no one system will apply to all lodges. Methods which have been recommended are the use of marginal paragraph headings in the minute records, or monthly work and progress sheets maintained by the individual secretaries.

2. We recommend that subordinate lodges install a system of individual card files of their membership, as is currently suggested by the Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF 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 of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits its report and recommends as follows:

1. That a new section to be identified as Section 1-322 be adopted as follows:

“Sec. 1-322 TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE—

It shall be the duty of the Temple Building Advisory Committee to investigate all requests for approval of lodge building and financing activities as set forth in Section 2-616 and to advise the Grand Lodge or Grand Master with reference thereto, and, upon request, to advise and assist all subordinate lodges in such activities.”

2. That Section 2-502 be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

“2-502 (71) CHANGE OF LOCATION.—Subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, a lodge may remove from one building to another in the same town by majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided that prior notice of the proposition of removal be given to all resident members at least one week prior thereto, and a lodge may remove from a building in one town to a building in another town by a majority vote of the members of such lodge present at a regular meeting, which majority shall be at least equal to a majority of the members residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the lodge, provided that prior notice of the proposition of removal be given to all members of the lodge at least two weeks prior thereto.”

3. That Section 2-403 be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

“Section 2-403 (66-A) REFUSING EXAMINATION.—A brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination as provided by Section 2-402 (66) renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a demit, to a diploma, to hold an office in a lodge, nor to make application to or join any lodge, society or institution enumerated in Section 3-102, Sub-section “n” of this Code, until he has complied with said Section 2-402.”

4. That Section 3-802 be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

"Section 3-802 (191) HOW TAKEN.—All appeals from any chartered lodge shall be made in writing and filed in duplicate, and shall contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decision of the lodge appealed from, and the grounds upon which the same are based.

The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary not later than sixty days after the regular communication of the subordinate lodge next following the receipt of the findings and judgment from the Grand Secretary.

In the event of an appeal, the Grand Secretary shall forthwith transmit a copy thereof to the Grand Master, the Secretary of the subordinate lodge in which the charges were preferred, the accused and the accuser."

5. That Section 2-612 be amended as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

"Section 2-612 (88-A)—That hereafter no lodge or lodges shall establish a Masonic charitable institution or undertake a continuing Masonic charitable work or become obligated for continuing contribution for charitable purposes, nor shall any lodge or lodges or person or persons use the word "Masonic" or other terms indicating Masonic activities regarding any such institution or work which has not been established or approved by the Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, without first having obtained the authority of the Grand Lodge so to do."

6. That Sections 1-201, 1-301, 1-306 and 1-307 be amended by substituting the words "fraternal relations" for the words "foreign correspondence."

7. That section 1-202 be amended by substituting the words "\$5,500.00 per year payable monthly" for the words "\$4,500.00 per year payable monthly."

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

Your Committee on Finance submits its report as follows:

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

We have carefully reviewed the audit, 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 1954 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

EXPENSE ANNUAL SESSION	Appropriated	Expended or With-drawn	Savings	Over-draft
Payrolls	\$10,353.80	\$10,353.80		
Grand Lodge Dinner	750.00	708.55	41.25	
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	850.00	357.60	492.40	
Reporting and Transcribing of 1954 Session	75.00	75.00		
Grand Tyler	15.00	15.00		
Grand Organist	10.00	10.00		
EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES				
Masonic Education	1,800.00	1,800.00		
Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00	600.00		
Trial Commissions	100.00	100.00		
Committee on Work	100.00	100.00		
Grand Chaplain	100.00	100.00		
Grand Trustees	50.00	50.00		
Other Committees	100.00	100.00		
Unassigned Incidental Expense un- der direction of Grand Master.	1,250.00	1,187.50	62.50	

TRAVELING EXPENSES

Grand Master	2,500.00	2,500.00 ✓	
Grand Secretary	1,250.00	1,250.00 ✓	
Grand Custodian and assistants ...	4,800.00	4,800.00 ✓	
Other Grand Lodge Officers under direction of the Grand Master.	600.00	600.00 ✓	
Grand Secretary Emeritus, Lewis E. Smith	500.00	500.00 ✓	

SALARIES

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

FIXED EXPENSES

Rent of Grand Lodge Quarters to June, 1955	2,200.00	2,200.00 ✓	
Audit of Grand Lodge Books and Securities	225.00	225.00 ✓	
Grand Secretary's Office Expense..	4,000.00	4,379.29 ✓	379.29
Jewel for Retiring Grand Master..	154.00	154.00 ✓	

PRINTING

Proceedings of 1954 Session includ- ing advance copies, etc.	2,900.00	2,863.98 ✓	36.02
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INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

Workmen's Compensation & Liabili- ty Insurance to 6/18/55	40.60	40.60 ✓	
Dues to Masonic Relief Assn. of U.S. & Canada, 44,972 members	287.36	287.36 ✓	
Social Security Tax	475.00	511.20 ✓	36.20
Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Offi- cials, Committees and employees	315.00	313.20 ✓	1.80
Liability Insurance to cover Liabili- ty on Grand Master's and other cars (blanket insurance)	22.00	22.00 ✓	
Owners, Landlords and Tenants Sched Liability Insurance	13.00	13.00 ✓	

MISCELLANEOUS

Cost of Transportation of Grand Lodge for visit to The Nebras- ka Masonic Home	232.61	293.82 ✓	61.21
New Equipment for Grand Secre- tary's office	635.00	635.00 ✓	
For purchase of 100 Fifty-year buttons at 2.45 ea. plus 10% tax	269.50	269.50 ✓	

For Purchase of 25 Past Grand Masters Association Lapel Buttons	75.00	75.00 ✓
Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian	3.31	3.31 ✓
To cover 1 years premium for Com- prehensive Public Liability In- surance, as per Grand Lodge action of today	4,946.92	4,946.92 ✓
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	\$59,598.10	\$59,440.83

The following list of unexpended balances from appropriations withdrawn have been or will be returned to the Grand Lodge General Fund:

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

The amount of \$1,800 was appropriated and withdrawn. The report of this Committee shows an expenditure of \$1,418.93, leaving a balance of \$381.07, which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVEL EXPENSE

The amount of \$2,500 was appropriated and withdrawn. The itemized expense report filed shows an expenditure of \$2,487.15, leaving a balance of \$12.85 which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS, LEWIS E. SMITH TRAVEL EXPENSE

The amount of \$500 was appropriated and withdrawn. The report filed shows an expenditure of \$290.39, leaving a balance of \$209.61, which has been returned to the Grand Lodge.

CENTENNIAL FUND

According to previous report of this Committee \$22,000 of the Permanent Reserve Fund is earmarked for the Centennial Fund.

In our report of last year we recommended that \$1,500 be appropriated from the Permanent Reserve Fund to the Centennial Fund for use of the Centennial Committee to defray expenses as they have been or would be incurred. The amount expended charged to this Contingent Fund to May 10, 1955 amounted to \$391.45, leaving a balance of \$1,108.55.

Our thinking is that during this coming year additional expenses will be incurred in larger amounts. We recommend that \$900.00 be appropriated from the Permanent Reserve Fund, which will make a total of approximately \$2,000 available for this Committee, and later in our report under Special Appropriations this will be provided for.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION NO. 8

Grand Master Adams recommends that a new edition of our Nebraska Masonic Code be printed which would incorporate all changes now appearing in the cumulative Pocket Parts Supplement together with changes that may be made at this Annual Communication.

This Committee approves this recommendation and will make necessary provision for this in our General Fund Budget.

The proposed amendment to Section 1-202 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge which was presented to the Grand Lodge at the Wednesday morning session has been referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

This amendment refers to the salary of the Grand Custodian and proposes an increase in salary of \$1,000.00 making the total \$5,500.00 per annum.

Our Committee is unanimous in feeling that work of the Grand Custodian and its value to this Grand Lodge is well worth the increased expenditure. If this proposed amendment is adopted we will make proper provision in the General Fund Budget to be presented.

GENERAL FUND

There is in cash in this fund the amount of \$52,618.61 on deposit in the United States National Bank as of May 10, 1955. There has been or will be returned to the General Fund unexpended balances from various committees \$603.53.

This will make a total of \$53,222.14 available for the 1955 General Fund Budget.

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GENERAL FUND BUDGET

EXPENSE OF ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Payroll, 1955	\$12,126.80
Grand Lodge dinner	750.00
Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	1,000.00
Reporting and transcribing of 1955 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	1,500.00
Grand Custodian and Assistants	5,000.00
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	7,040.00
Grand Custodian	5,500.00

FIXED EXPENSES

Rent of Grand Lodge Quarters to June, 1956	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 1955 Communication, including Advance copies, etc.	3,000.00
Printing Nebraska Masonic Code books, as per Grand Master Charles F. Adams' Recommendation No. 8	1,000.00

INSURANCE AND ASSESSMENTS

Workmen's Compensation and Liability Insurance to 6/18/56	39.27
Dues to Masonic Relief Association of U.S. and Canada 45,295 members	288.97
Social Security Tax	550.00
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)	30.00
Owners-Landlords and Tenants Schedule Liab. Ins.	13.00
Premium on two \$10,000 policies covering Grand Lodge Furniture and fixtures for three years, expiring June 10, 1958	95.55

MISCELLANEOUS

Cost of Transportation of Grand Lodge for visit to The Nebraska Masonic Home, and Children's Home at Fremont	456.16
New equipment for Grand Secretary's office	750.00
For purchase of 100 fifty year buttons at \$2.45 each plus 10% tax	294.80
To cover one year's premium for Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance as per Grand Lodge action	4,982.45

Total	<u>\$65,111.00</u>
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In the adoption of the above Budget, amounting to \$65,111.00, it will be necessary to amplify the General Fund by special appropriation from the Permanent Fund and the Relief Fund, which 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 the Eastern Star\$28,000.00
 As there is only \$6,858.20 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 at Fremont (From income and profit on sale of securities)\$ 8,000.00

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
 Special appropriation for The Masonic-Eastern Star Home Student Fund (to be matched by an equal amount from the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star)\$ 500.00

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 Contigent Fund\$ 900.00
 Special appropriation to amplify the General Fund to meet the Budget adopted for 1955 2,000.00

RELIEF FUND

Special appropriation to amplify the General Fund to meet the Budget adopted for 1955 10,200.00

CONCLUSION

We are pleased to advise you that the funds for all of the foregoing appropriations are available, and that all funds of the Grand Lodge are in order for the regular business of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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

An amendment to Section 1-202 of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge, increasing the salary of the Grand Custodian from \$4,500 to \$5,500 per year, was offered yesterday morning. It was duly seconded and unanimous consent was given to its consideration at this Annual Communication. I referred it to the Committee on Finance and it has now been approved by that committee and you have adopted the report of that committee. The Committee on Codification of the Law, before preparing its report, was advised of the action of the Committee on Finance and included this amendment in its report which you have also adopted. Nevertheless, I believe that we should now have a formal vote on the adoption of this amendment.

Thereupon the motion to adopt the resolution amending Section 1-202 of the by-laws was put to a vote and the amendment was adopted.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

M. W. Grand Master, I move that the published proceedings of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, held on June 8 and 9, 1954, and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and distributed by the Grand Secretary be ratified and approved. (Seconded and carried.)

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

Will the Grand Master permit the Deputy Grand Master to preside for a moment?

I think the delegates will agree with me that we have had one of the finest sessions of this Grand Lodge that we have had for quite some time.

I would like to move that we express our appreciation to our Grand Master, M. W. Brother Charles F. Adams, by a rising vote of thanks for the uniform courtesy and kindly manner in presiding over this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Herbert T. White, Deputy Grand Master:

M. W. Brother Charles, I think you should feel very proud because if you will notice the brethren arose before I even had a chance to put the motion. So that certainly speaks well for their gratitude toward the fine way you have conducted this Grand Lodge. I now present to you your emblem of authority.





W. James H. Bryant, 199, Retiring Grand Tyler.

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

My brethren, I do appreciate that. I have tried to proceed on the theory that this is your Grand Lodge and you are entitled to know what is going on.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

W. .Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Marshal:

M. .W. .Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge, I move that this Grand Lodge go on record as expressing its earnest appreciation and gratitude to the officers and members of the eleven Omaha lodges for the many courtesies, arrangements and kindnesses that they have extended us and our visitors, in making this session not only so successful but most pleasant. (Seconded and unanimously carried.)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. .W. .John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master, was Installing Officer, assisted by M. .W. .Lewis E. Smith, Past Grand Master, Installing Marshal.

A TRIBUTE TO WORSHIPFUL BROTHER JAMES H. BRYANT, RETIRING GRAND TYLER

By Most Worshipful Brother John S. Hedelund.

Brother Bryant was, by special request brought into the Grand Lodge, conducted to the East, and seated on the rostrum. M. .W. .Brother Hedelund then paid the following tribute to him:

When I was elected Grand Master, it became necessary for me to find a new Grand Tyler, since the previous incumbent had indicated that he could no longer accept that office. Pursuant to personal investigation and consultations with the Grand Secretary and Most Worshipful Brother Lewis E. Smith; choice was made of Worshipful Brother James H. Bryant, the oldest living Secretary in point of actual service within this Grand Jurisdiction; a regular attendant at Grand Lodge sessions for many years, and the only living Mason who personally knew, and sat in Grand Lodge when our first Grand Master, M. .W. .Robert Carrel Jordan, was present.

Brother Bryant honored me by acceptance of the appointment, and he was regularly installed with me in 1950; and by succeeding Grand Masters up to this day. I had hoped that it might be my privi-

lege to install him this year, but a Higher authority than either of us prevents that, and he retires at his own request by reason of physical infirmity.

In these years of service he was most faithful, and performed his Grand Lodge duties with pride and excellence. He has become a symbol of good will in Masonry, an ambassador whose personality with his friendly smile and gentle nature has endeared him to every Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction. I regret to see him step out, but I know Masonry today is better because of the service he has given, and I know his star shines as an example of what one man can do for the cementing of brotherly love and friendship in our great Fraternity. Our memories of him are happy ones, and I am sure his own work will be memorable and happy one for you.

God Bless you, Brother Jim, and may you have many satisfactory years still given to you.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master:

M. W. Brothers Hedelund and Smith, it would be a personal pleasure to me if you would find a seat right here in the East until I finish the few concluding matters that we have.

M. W. Sirs, I find myself now in the situation to which I have long looked forward. No one can assume the position that the Masonic Fraternity has seen fit to honor me with, without being deeply appreciative of the fact that it is the greatest honor that Masonry can bestow upon anyone.

In this day becoming the 90th Master Mason to occupy the chair that I now occupy, and having looked back over the past records of this Grand Lodge and noted the many distinguished Masons and men who have occupied this position before me, I could not feel other than very humble. Before one gets to this station, he may feel that, but I want you to know that I am fully aware of the responsibility that goes with this office. And I want you to know I have appreciated your indulgence in leading me through this Grand Lodge line, from the time I was appointed by M. W. Brother John S. Hedelund as his Grand Junior Deacon, five years ago.

Masonry, brethren, to me is one of the most important things in our lives today. Masonry while not a religion has a deeply religious theme. Masonry while in no way political has a deep vein of interest in all matters pertaining to Government, and has from the foundation of this Great Country of ours. Masonry had a great deal to do with the formation of the State of Nebraska, its territorial formation and its emergence as a State. Masonry even today exerts a tremendous influence in all of our daily lives and the lives of those in the communities in which we live.

I come to this office with no preconceived idea of greatness and I want to assure you that at all times I will be as fully aware as I am here at this moment that the Grand Master meets on the level with the Master Mason, and though elevated for a short time he is elevated by these brothers and to them in a short time he must return. I can assure you that will be my philosophy during the year I preside over this Grand Lodge. I do have abiding interest and an abiding faith in what Masonry can accomplish. I have no great program to promulgate but I do want to advance Masonry and I ask the help of every Master Mason in Nebraska to make Masonry a first in every community.

Because I do believe that in these troubled days that we are passing through, that we have been enduring for now more than 20 years, that if we are to ever emerge from them without the loss of our sacred liberties earned by so much blood and tears of our brothers before us, that we can go a great ways toward accomplishing that purpose. If we will live in our daily lives the teachings of our Masonry and not confine it to our lodge halls but take it into the market place, take it into the halls of justice, take it into our schools, take it wherever we go, and endeavor to so live our lives and so conduct our lodges that the world at large will know, when some one says that you or I am a Mason, that he will know that here is one to whom the burdened may pour out their troubles, and who will endeavor at all times to see that he receives his just due regardless of what the forum may be.

I want to thank you also for the fine set of elective officers that you have provided to serve with me. They are a grand group of Masons, and I know that I will need to lean heavily on them. I want to thank my appointive officers for accepting their offices because I think we have a very splendid group of men who are continuing to serve and starting to serve this Grand Lodge. I am most happy that I could be installed by M.'.W.'.John S. Hedelund, who has been a very, very close friend of mine for many, many years. I probably listen to M.'.W.'.Brother John with about as much heed as any man of my stubborn and obstinate mind can do.

I was also particularly happy, M.'.W.'.Brother Lew, to be conducted to the seat in the East of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by you. Some 25 years ago I first met you. I went through those tough years of the thirties when I was an officer in my lodge and you were Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and no one man did as much to hold Masonry together during those tough years as M.'.W.'.Brother Lewis E. Smith. I tried in a small way wherever I could to lend him a hand. And so it is a climax to me, M.'.W.'.Brother Lew, that when I did arrive at the greatest honor that Masonry can bestow upon anyone, that you had me by the arm and I thank you. And I thank the Supreme Architect of the Universe for having spared you, that you might do this.

Now brethren, you have heard enough of me. You are going to hear just a little more later but I am going to try to hurry this along, but you know a very fine gentleman just moved out of this chair. I served with him for five years. I want to say that particularly during this last year when he was Grand Master and I was his Deputy, no one could have been treated with more courtesy, consideration and counsel than M. W. Charles Adams exhibited to me at all times. I have told your family that, M. W. Brother Charles, and you can tell them again for me. And now we have a little duty to perform, so as to ease you out a little more gradually and sort of palliate the severence as it were from this seat that you have occupied with so much honor. W. Brother Grand Marshal, you will present M. W. Brother Adams and M. W. Brother Ernest Schiefelbein. Then I'll tell M. W. Brother Schiefelbein to just get right on with his work.

Congratulatory messages to M. W. Herbert T. White were received from the following brethren: Charles E. Merrill, Past Potentate, Moslem Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Detroit, Michigan; Bayard H. Paine, Jr., Member, Committee on Masonic Education; Carl T. Curtis, United States Senator; Jackson B. Chase, Member of Congress; Victor E. Anderson, Governor of Nebraska.

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

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren. In 1949 I was elected by this Grand Lodge as Grand Master and I immediately proceeded to appoint Brother Charles F. Adams as Grand Junior Deacon.

M. W. Brother Adams, it now becomes my pleasure to present to you the Jewel of a Past Grand Master. I hope that you will wear it with a great deal of pleasure to yourself, and credit to the great Masonic Fraternity. I now welcome you into the Association of Past Grand Masters.

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

I want to thank M. W. Brother Schiefelbein for this beautiful Past Grand Master's Jewel, his presentation of it and the Grand Lodge for it. My sadness of a year ago when illness prevented M. W. Brother Schiefelbein from installing me as Grand Master has been erased today by the fact that he is personally present to present me with this Past Grand Master's Jewel. I am indeed very happy.

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

M. W. Grand Master and my brethren, it seems to be tradition for the Grand Secretary to present to the retiring Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, a beautiful Past Grand Mast-

er's Apron. May I say to you brethren, thank you for the privilege of allowing me to present an apron to our Past Grand Master. There is a relationship, a companionship, a fellowship that exists between the Grand Secretary and these fine brethren who serve you as Grand Master, that is very lasting.

M.'W.'.Brother Adams, on behalf of the Grand Lodge I present you with this beautiful Past Grand Master's Apron and I know that you will wear it with pleasure to yourself and honor to the fraternity.

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

Thank you very much, R.'W.'.Brother Greisen, for this beautiful apron. I shall certainly wear it with pride and I shall never forget the fact that you presented it to me.

W.'.William L. Hopson, Master, Covert Lodge No. 11:

M.'W.'.Brother Herb, I wonder if we could have you stand beside us please.

It is with a great deal of pleasure, M.'W.'.Brother White, and with deep affection on behalf of Covert Lodge that we present to you these two gifts. We would like for you to wear these gifts and each time you do wear them that you will be reminded of your lodge. I know you are going to do a lot of traveling this year and you will be away from us much of the time and we will miss you. So while you are gone, M.'W.'.Brother White, be reminded of us with these two tokens of our affection.

M.'W.'.Herbert T. White, Grand Master:

W.'.Brother Hopson and brethren of Covert Lodge, you don't know how much those kind words mean to me and to have these tangible evidences of your kindness and good will towards me, it means a lot. I have tried to be regular in attendance at Covert Lodge. By the way, brethren, I have served Covert Lodge ever since I went out as Master, as their Treasurer. Unfortunately duties will, W.'.Brother Hopson, deprive me of the opportunity of spending many hours in Covert Lodge this coming year. Now, I wonder if in saying, "Thank you," to you and to the officers and members of Covert Lodge, if I could ask the brethren who are here from Covert Lodge to stand. I would just like to have the rest of the Grand Lodge know what a grand group of fellows these brethren are. I want you to know how much I appreciate all of you. God bless you, boys. You don't know how much this means to me. Thank you.

M.'W.'.Herbert T. White, Grand Master:

Yesterday before a Charter was granted to Bellevue Lodge, it was mentioned that the last lodge chartered was in my home town, Cairo, known as Cairo Lodge No. 324. They received their dispensation

in 1936, and their charter in 1937, when I was Master of Covert Lodge No. 11. Several of the brethren from that lodge are down here this morning to see me installed as Grand Master. I am going to ask these brethren to stand that you may see who they are. (Applause)

Included in this group is my brother-in-law who has been the finest brother any man could have over some thirty-five years, Clarence (Bud) Lowry, and his son Robert who is my favorite nephew. Robert is now Senior Warden of his lodge. I am so grateful to all of you for coming down for my installation. Thank you.

Brother J. Samuel Butler, 324:

M. W. Brother White, I would like to have the pleasure on behalf of myself of presenting you with this India ebony wood gavel.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master:

Thank you, Sam, for this beautiful gavel made of India ebony wood. I shall prize it very highly and I will try never to use it in an arbitrary manner.

Brother Clarence Lowry, 324:

M. W. Grand Master, it is with great pleasure on behalf of your sister and myself that we present with love this token with best wishes for a successful Masonic year not only for yourself, but for the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges of Nebraska.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master:

Thank you, Brother Bud, and I mean that brother in more ways than just Masonic brother.

This, brethren, is a beautiful box for my Grand Master's hat. I want you all to come up here afterwards and see these fine gifts as they are really beautiful. My sincere thanks to you and Sis.

M. W. Herbert T. White, Grand Master:

Brother Grand Senior Deacon, you will conduct W. Brother Willard I. Lewis to the East.

Brother Lewis, one of my first official acts is one that I am very happy to do because I have always been and always will be very much interested in the proper promulgation of the work. W. Raymond C. Cook, our Grand Custodian, has seen fit to recommend you as Assistant Custodian. This recommendation has been approved by the Committee on Work and by myself and I am indeed happy to present your certificate as Assistant Custodian.

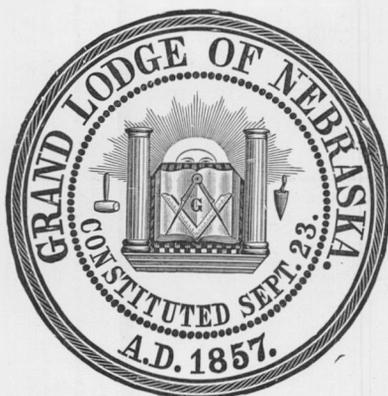
W. Willard I. Lewis, Jr.:

M. W. Grand Master, I am greatly honored by this appointment. I shall do my best to merit the confidence you have reposed in me. Thank you, W. Brother Cook, and M. W. Brother White.

At 12 o'clock noon, no further business appearing, after prayer by V. W. Mark D. McCallum, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Herbert J. White

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-eighth 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 7, 8 and 9, 1955, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, this 22nd day of June, 1955.

Mark D. McCallum

Grand Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

This page is fraternally and affectionately
dedicated to the memory of
Seven Hundred Eighty-one
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, 53 Years	1901-02-04-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17- 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- 50-51-52-53-54-55
William Cosh, 48 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- 55
Charles A. Chappell, 43 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- 44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55
Chancellor A. Phillips, 40 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, 36 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- 52-53-54-55
George A. Stevens, 35 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- 51-54-55
Earl M. Bolen, 34 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
Benjamin F. Eyre, 33 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- 55
John S. Hedelund, 33 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- 55
Raymond C. Cook, 33 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- 51-52-53-54-55
Carl R. Greisen, 32 Years	1922-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55
C. Ray Macy, 32 Years	1924-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39- 40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55
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
William C. Smith, 28 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 28 Years	1928-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55

Pearl C. Hillegass, 27 Years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55
Walter R. Raecke 27 Years	1924-25-26-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54-55
James H. Bryant, 25 Years	1893-94-97-99-1902-04-05-08-17-20-21-27-29-30-34 42-43-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-55
Herbert T. White 25 Years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55

(No Grand Lodge Communication in 1945, however Credit is given.)

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

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Jan. 9th, 1899..	3..(1st)..	1857-58-59
GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Nov. 12th, 1896..	3. (2nd)..	1860-61-62
DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Nov. 27th, 1912..	6....(3rd)..	1863-64
ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	June 1st, 1905..	4....(4th)..	1865-66
ORSAMUS H. IRISH.....	Jan. 27th, 1883..	5....(5th)..	1867-68
HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Nov. 23rd, 1914..	11....(6th)..	1869-70
WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Dec. 29th, 1917..	2....(7th)..	1871-72
MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Feb. 18th, 1915..	3.....(8th)..	1873
FRANK WELCH	Sept. 4th, 1878..	27.....(9th)..	1874
ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	July 10th, 1894..	19.....(10th)..	1875
GEORGE H. THUMMEL.....	Feb. 5th, 1932..	33.....(11th)..	1876
GEORGE W. LININGER.....	June 8th, 1907..	3.....(12th)..	1877
EDWARD K. VALENTINE....	April 11th, 1916..	27.....(13th)..	1878
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Feb. 2nd, 1904..	19.....(14th)..	1879
JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Jan. 21st, 1901..	53.....(15th)..	1880
JAMES R. CAIN, SR.....	Nov. 24th, 1920..	9.....(16th)..	1881
EDWIN F. WARREN.....	July 9th, 1923..	2.....(17th)..	1882
SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Nov. 15th, 1913..	55.....(18th)..	1883
JOHN JAY WEMPLE.....	May 28th, 1943..	50.....(19th)..	1884
MANOAH B. REESE.....	Sept. 28th, 1917..	59.....(20th)..	1885
CHARLES K. COUTANT.....	Aug. 23rd, 1910..	11.....(21st)..	1886
MILTON J. HULL.....	Sept. 18th, 1923..	67.....(22nd)..	1887
GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	Aug. 16th, 1914..	56.....(23rd)..	1888
JOHN J. MERCER.....	Feb. 25th, 1915..	4.....(24th)..	1889
ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Feb. 16th, 1927..	46.....(25th)..	1890
BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER..	May 8th, 1909..	89.....(26th)..	1891
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON.....	Dec. 8th, 1928..	17.....(27th)..	1892
JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Nov. 12th, 1918..	76.....(28th)..	1893
JOHN A. EHRHARDT	Nov. 1st, 1925..	41.....(29th)..	1894
HENRY H. WILSON.....	June 28th, 1941..	19.....(30th)..	1895

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Aug. 24th, 1915..	34.....	(31st)..1896
JOHN B. DINSMORE	Oct. 6th, 1915..	49.....	(32nd)..1897
FRANK H. YOUNG.....	Dec. 24th, 1917..	207.....	(33rd)..1898
WILLIAM W. KEYSOR.....	Aug. 17th, 1922..	25.....	(34th)..1899
ALBERT W. CRITES.....	Aug. 23rd, 1915..	158.....	(35th)..1900
ROBERT E. EVANS.....	July 8th, 1925..	5.....	(36th)..1901
NATHANIEL M. AYERS.....	Nov. 19th, 1913..	93.....	(37th)..1902
FRANK E. BULLARD.....	Jan. 31st, 1933..	32.....	(38th)..1903
CHARLES E. BURNHAM.....	May 29th, 1933..	55.....	(39th)..1904
MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL...	May 2nd, 1911..	31.....	(40th)..1905
ZUINGLE M. BAIRD	Dec. 17th, 1916..	155.....	(41st)..1906
ORNAN J. KING.....	Dec. 26th, 1927..	54.....	(42nd)..1907
WILLIAM A. DE BORD.....	May 17th, 1916..	3.....	(43rd)..1908
MICHAEL DOWLING.....	May 5th, 1921..	119.....	(44th)..1909
HARRY A. CHENEY.....	June 27th, 1948..	100.....	(45th)..1910
HENRY GIBBONS.....	Aug. 22nd, 1923..	46.....	(46th)..1911
JAMES R. CAIN, JR.	Sept. 3rd, 1950..	105.....	(47th)..1912
APLHA MORGAN	April 17th, 1924..	148.....	(48th)..1913
THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Aug. 12th, 1919..	93.....	(49th)..1914
SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	Aug. 11th, 1931..	54.....	(50th)..1915
ANDREW H. VIELE.....	May 9th, 1941..	55.....	(51st)..1916
FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....	Aug. 13th, 1944..	61.....	(52nd)..1917
AMBROSE C. EPPERSON.....	Mar. 16th, 1944..	139.....	(53rd)..1918
JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	July 31st, 1934..	258.....	(54th)..1919
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG....	June 14th, 1950..	3.....	(55th)..1920
EDWARD M. WELLMAN.....	Aug. 31st, 1922..	1.....	(57th)..1922
ROBERT R. DICKSON.....	June 18th, 1941..	95.....	(59th)..1924
JOHN WRIGHT.....	Oct. 29th, 1936..	19.....	(60th)..1925
EDWIN D. CRITES	Nov. 7th, 1953..	158.....	(61st)..1926
ALBERT R. DAVIS.....	Mar. 7th, 1929..	120.....	(62nd)..1927
FRANK H. WOODLAND.....	Oct. 23rd, 1940..	25.....	(63rd)..1928
IRA C. FREET.....	Oct. 13th, 1944..	56.....	(64th)..1929
ORVILLE A. ANDREWS.....	Oct. 16th, 1936..	19.....	(65th)..1930
JOHN R. TAPSTER.....	Mar. 21st, 1954..	119.....	(66th)..1931
EDWIN B. JOHNSTON.....	Feb. 11th, 1933..	33.....	(67th)..1932
ARCHIE M. SMITH.....	May 8th, 1950..	203.....	(69th)..1933
WILLIAM C. RAMSEY.....	May 19th, 1938..	268.....	(71st)..1935
WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON....	July 3rd, 1944..	6.....	(73rd)..1937
WILLIAM J. BRECKENRIDGE	Nov. 16th, 1951..	317.....	(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, Lincoln		
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		
CHARLES F. ADAMS	(89th) ..	1954
Aurora		
NATHAN ROSCOE POUND	(Honorary) ..	1949
304 School Street, Watertown, Massachusetts		

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- *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

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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
Colombia National Grand Lodge...	Emerito de Lima.....	Apartadox Postal No. 333, Baranquilla
Connecticut.....	Earle K. Haling.....	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	Enrique, Chaves B.....	Apartadox 1052, Baranquilla
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Nat'l Grand Lodge District of Columbia.	Raymond N. Babcock.....	Masonic Temple, Washington
Ecuador.....	Jose Aurelio Vallejo y Caza	Masonic Temple, Guayaquil.
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Massachusetts.....	Earl W. Taylor.....	Apt. 1986, Mexico City.
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Pennsylvania	George A. Avery	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia
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Virginia	James N. Hillman	Masonic Temple, Richmond.
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REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Arthur T. Wood, Sr.	Adamsville	Dec. 2, 1948	Alabama	Raymond C. Cook, 6	Plattsburgh	May 4, 1939
F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta	Earl M. Bolen, 130	Ulysses	May 2, 1924
Dr. 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
Hugo Borber	Vienna	Mar. 22, 1951	Austria	Louis J. Lepinski, 184	Omaha	Aug. 12, 1955
Raul Ballalá de Carvalho	Val do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Brazil, Bahia, United	Mainard E. Crosby, 32	North Platte	Sept. 19, 1936
Roumundo Nonata do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1946
Jose Cesario Horta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Guilherme Witt'ine	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. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
Walter Pinto	Sao Paulo	Nov. 14, 1951	Brazil, Sao Paulo	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	Dec. 10, 1954
William Fraser	Creston	April 20, 1955	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	Estada 62, Santiago	Mar. 18, 1930	Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 50	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
Jose Maria Serna	Barraquilla	July 31, 1951	Colombia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Fred G. Christensen, 33	Grand Island	July 2, 1938
Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932	Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 24, 1943
George S. Hull	Clinton	Sept. 22, 1948	Connecticut	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
Cecilio Nieto Casabo	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918	Costa Rica	Frank A. Anderson, 17	Tecumseh	Jan. 5, 1952
V. H. Francisco Enrique	Garcia	Nov. 5, 1952	Cuba	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
Fagan Simontan	Wilmington	July 27, 1954	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. Ronin, 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. Vierig, 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
Edward Jeanmonod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	France	Ralph M. Carhart, 120	Wayne	Sept. 23, 1954
Frank G. Birdsong	LaGrange	April 24, 1951	Georgia	William F. Evers, 6	Plattsburgh	Jan. 23, 1941
Richard Bock	Braunschweig	Aug. 2, 1954	Germany	Carl H. Freese, 114	Wisner	July 13, 1954
George Sakelloriou	Athens	April 10, 1954	Greece	Steve G. Poulos, 318	Grand Island	Nov. 20, 1953
Bjorne Bjarnason	Helgafell	Jan. 7, 1953	Iceland	Nels Ostergaard, 32	North Platte	June 26, 1953
Everett W. Rising	Nampa	April 30, 1932	Idaho	David C. Spangler, 41	Stanton	Dec. 7, 1925
Harry L. Kline	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Illinois	Ernest S. Schiefelbein, 59	Wahoo	Dec. 20, 1944
John P. Lippincott	South Bend	Feb. 26, 1949	Indiana	Roy S. Planck, 15	Fremont	Mar. 7, 1952
John A. Wallace	Dublin	Jan. 7, 1953	Ireland	Thomas T. Varney, 176	Ansley	Dec. 20, 1944
Israel Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept. 14, 1954	Israel, State of	William Grodinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Homer B. Osborn	Wichita	Sept. 28, 1944	Kansas	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
C. E. Tyree, Sr.	Beattyville	April 20, 1945	Kentucky	Barton H. Kuhns, 268	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
Charles F. Ratcliffe	Baton Rouge	Sept. 18, 1936	Louisiana	Norris Chadderdon, 146	Holdrege	June 22, 1937
James A. Sanker	Belfast	Sept. 14, 1948	Maine	Carlos E. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 26, 1950
Nathan Rothstein	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951	Manitoba	Ernest C. Purdy, 195	Garden City	June 24, 1943
Ernest L. Poyner		Dec. 8, 1953	Maryland	George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Roscoe Pound	Cambridge	May 1, 1929	Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937
Horace Dillon	Torreon, Coah	Mar. 17, 1944	Mexico	Earl J. Lee, 15	Fremont	April 9, 1934
Frank W. Richey	Dowagiac	Feb. 23, 1907	Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1917
Herbert S. Ramberg	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952

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Buford Welker	Picayune	May 28, 1951	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
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
W. R. Wansink	Rotterdam	May 10, 1955	Netherlands	Piebe Dykstra, 281	Omaha	May 10, 1955
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	John F. Fletcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
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	Lincoln	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. Entreklin, 295	Gering	July 10, 1941
Juan L. Arocha	Monterrey	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Morris V. Balcom, 46	Kearney	May 7, 1954
Robert L. Troescher	Youngstown	April 26, 1952	Ohio	Eldridge G. Reed, 46	Kearney	April 2, 1945
Manford S. Runyan	Oklahoma City	Feb. 7, 1941	Oklahoma	Lewis E. Baker, 135	McCook	Apr. 28, 1953
Clarence D. Phillips	Portland	Sept. 4, 1937	Oregon	Varro E. Tyler, 2	Nebraska City	Dec. 9, 1941
Elias S. Mizrahi	Panama	Jan. 12, 1953	Panama	Walter R. Roecke, 36	Central City	April 8, 1935
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946	Philippines	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	Oct. 31, 1940
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Rhode Island	Edward A. Haogland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Mark Musk	Prince Albert	July 1, 1936	Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom, 1	Omaha	Aug. 6, 1914
Canon G. K. Sturrock Clarke	Edinburgh	Nov. 19, 1942	Scotland	William Cash, 11	Omaha	Aug. 30, 1950
Frank Ernest Hoddrick	Adelaide	June 9, 1910	South Australia	Thomas A. Barton, 210	Grand Island	Feb. 1, 1951
Horace Greeley Adams	Charleston	Aug. 7, 1942	South Carolina	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	Aug. 26, 1918
Robert F. Patterson	Vermilion	Feb. 3, 1955	South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Minden	Sept. 10, 1953
G. A. E. Lagerfelt	Linkoping, Sweden	Oct. 6, 1939	Sweden	W. Alex Danielson, 116	Alma	Aug. 8, 1949
V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949	Tamaulipas	Robert D. Wilson, 268	Omaha	Sept. 23, 1954
P. D. Kersh	Jackson	Sept. 14, 1948	Tasmania	C. Roy Macy, 26	Beatrice	May 4, 1939
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 28, 1952	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	June 27, 1941
George F. Meissner	Ogden	Feb. 3, 1944	Texas	Albert S. Johnston, 19	Lincoln	Mar. 10, 1945
D. Burleigh Smolley, Jr.	Johnson	Feb. 4, 1943	Utah	William A. Kammers, 234	Hyannis	Jan. 29, 1951
Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Vermont	Clarence T. Spier, 268	Omaha	May 4, 1939
P. O. Shepher, Jr.	S. Burlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Victoria	Charles H. Marley, 1	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
Stewart E. Perry	Puyallup	July 18, 1946	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Alliance	June 27, 1941
R. H. G. Clark	Perth	Apr. 22, 1941	Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183	Aurora	July 10, 1947
Harry E. Hoffman	Clarksburg	Feb. 12, 1947	West Australia	Charles F. Adams, 68	Lincoln	May 4, 1939
George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946	West Virginia	Alvin H. Miller, 19	Culbertson	June 24, 1943
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- Adams, U. D., (ext.)
 Adoniram, 159, (ext.)
 Ainsworth, U. D., (191),
 (ext.)
 Allen, U. D., (236)
 Anchor, 142, (ext.)
 Arapahoe, 109, (ext.)
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)
 Armada, U. D., (ext.)
 Ashland, 18, (ext.)
 Bannack City, U. D.,
 (ext.)
 Battle Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Beaver, U. D., (179).
 Beaver Valley, U. D.,
 (230)
 Bee, 259, (consolidated)
 Belgrade, U. D., (269)
 Bell Creek, U. D., (241).
 Benkelman, U. D., (180).
 Benson, U. D., (290).
 Blue Springs, U. D., (85).
 *Bradshaw, 255.
 Brainard, 115, (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D., (223).
 Burchard, U. D., (137).
 Burnett, U. D., (166).
 Butte, U. D., (233).
 Carleton, U. D., (199).
 Cedar, U. D., (19).
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D., (215).
 Cedar Rapids, U. D.,
 (143).
 Central City, U. D., (ext.)
 Ceresco, U. D., (229).
 Chadron, U. D., (158).
 Chapman, U. D., (239).
 Columbus, U. D., (ext.)
 Columbus, U. D., (58).
 Columbus, 8, (ext.)
 Cowles, 296, (ext.)
 Crab Orchard, U. D.,
 (238), ext.
 Crawford, U. D., (181).
 Cuming City, U. D., (21).
 Custer, U. D., (148).
 Dakota, (5).
 Danbury, U. D., (185).
 Davenport, U. D., (154).
 Decatur, 7, (ext.)
 Doric, 118, (ext.)
 Douglas, U. D., (237).
 Elk Creek, 90
 Eureka, 16, (ext.)
 Ewing, U. D., (156).
 Exeter, U. D., (ext.)
 Exeter, 283 (ext.)
 *Consolidated.
 Firth, U. D., 66 (ext.)
 Fortitude, 69, (ext.)
 Genoa, U. D., (125).
 Gibbon, (see 46).
 Gibbon, U. D., (189).
 Giddings, (2).
 Grafton, 172, (ext.)
 Grant, U. D., (34).
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 Greenwood, U. D., (163).
 Gresham, U. D., (197).
 Hamilton, U. D., (68).
 Harmony, U. D., (ext.)
 Hermon, U. D., (231).
 Hesperia, 178, (ext.)
 Hildreth, 252
 Hillsdale, U. D., (29).
 Holdrege, U. D., (146)
 Hubbell, 92
 Hyannis, U. D., (284).
 Huntley, 270, (extinct).
 Idaho, U. D., (ext.)
 Imperial, U. D., (198).
 Incense, 182
 Indianola, 123, (ext.)
 Ithmar, 238, (ext.)
 Jasper, 122, (ext.)
 Jephtha, U. D., (264).
 Johnson U. D., 141, (ext.)
 *Joppa, 76
 *Juniata, 42
 Lafayette, 24, (ext.)
 Lebanon, 58, (ext.)
 Leigh, U. D., (193).
 *Level, 196
 Liberty, U. D., (152)
 Livingstone, 66, (ext.)
 Loup Fork, U. D., 8, (ext.)
 Mackey, U. D., (242).
 Macoy, 22, (ext.)
 Magic City, U. D., (194).
 Miller, 213, (ext.)
 Monitor, U. D., (ext.)
 Morrill, U. D., (271).
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 Norfolk, U. D., (55).
 North Loup, U. D., (142),
 (ext.)
 Odell, U. D., 122, (ext.)
 Ohlawa, U. D., (182).
 Orion, 242, (ext.)
 Overton, U. D., (267).
 Oxford, U. D., (138).
 Pacific, U. D., (810).
 *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).
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 (ext.)
 *Riverside, 269,
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 Riverton, 63, (consolidated)
 Rock Bluff, 20, (ext.)
 Rocky Mountain, 8,
 (transferred).
 Salem, 47, (ext.)
 Saline, U. D., (73).
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 Saline, U. D., (118).
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 (287).
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 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.
Bannaek City, U.'D.'.....	Bannaek City, Idaho.. Instituted April —, 1863, or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U.'D.'....	United States Army.. Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct, prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U.'D.'.....	Nevada City, Idaho.... Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28....	South Pass City, Wyoming.... Instituted No- vember 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874.

CONSOLIDATIONS

- Joppa Lodge No. 76 with Franklin No. 264, Oct. 18, 1934.
- Parallel Lodge No. 152 with Barneston No. 165, Jan. 2, 1940.
- Tyre Lodge No. 85 with Wymore No. 104, July 7, 1941.
- Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 with Hampton No. 245, May 21, 1942.
- Level Lodge No. 196 with Cambridge No. 150, June 4, 1942.
- Riverside Lodge No. 269 with Cedar River No. 89, June 5, 1942.
- Juniata Lodge No. 42 with Kenesaw No. 144, July 15, 1942.
- Palmer Lodge No. 315 with St. Paul No. 82, Oct. 6, 1942.
- Riverton Lodge No. 63 with Franklin No. 264, May 16, 1945.
- Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 with Tecumseh No. 17, Nov. 11, 1944.
- Hildreth Lodge No. 252 with Grace No. 226, Oct. 11, 1945.
- Hubbell Lodge No. 92 with Hebron No. 43, Feb. 8, 1946.
- Incense Lodge No. 182 with Jewel No. 149, April 22, 1947.
- Bee Lodge No. 259 with Oliver No. 38, June 13, 1947.

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NAME	LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7	Decatur	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8	Columbus	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12	Nebraska City	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16	Arago	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18	Ashland	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20	Rock Bluff	July 16, 1884
Macy No. 22	Plattsmouth	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24	Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45	Palmyra	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47	Salem	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58	Columbus	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66	Firth	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69	Ulysses	July 14, 1887
Waco No. 80	Waco	January 31, 1885
Steele City No. 107	Steele City	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109	Arapahoe	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115	Brainard	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118	Dorchester	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122	Odell	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123	Indianola	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131	Ainsworth	September 26, 1890
Summit No. 141	Johnson	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142	North Loup	June 5, 1901
Parallel No. 152	Liberty	Jan. 2, 1940
Grafton No. 172	Grafton	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178	Shickley	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186	Grant	November 15, 1897
Square & Compass No. 213	Miller	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238	Crab Orchard	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242	Ravenna	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244	Battle Creek	June 6, 1928
Springview No. 260	Springview	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270	Huntley	June 7, 1939
Cowles No. 296	Cowles	December 31, 1946
Exeter No. 283	Exeter	December 16, 1952

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, with Locations, Dates of Regular Meetings, Officers, Etc.

LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Nebraska	1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Charles A. Faudt	Walter Dinkel
Western Star	2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Third Friday	William M. Gray	William R. Nixon
Capitol	3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	William E. Noah	Wallie W. Messick
Nemaha Valley	4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before ○	Oland Jones	Abe Lawrence
5 Omadi	5	Dakota City	Dakota	Second Tuesday	Kenneth Rohde	Raymond H. Ream
Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First Monday	Maynard S. Ramge	Emil J. Weyrich
Falls City	9	Falls City	Richardson	Second Thursday	Garth W. Potaeft	George W. Goldsmith
Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before ○	Richard C. Wilson	Edward H. Lorenzen
Covert	11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	William L. Hopson	George R. Porter
10 Orient	13	Rulo	Richardson	Second Tuesdays	William F. Oldfield	Robert E. Kreutzer
Peru	14	Peru	Nemaha	Second Monday	Everett E. Heywood	Wallace W. Barnes
Fremont	15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	Arnold F. Mains	Roy S. Planck
Tecumseh	17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Wednesdays	Gerald Hardin	Dale R. Bush
Lincoln	19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Clark T. Braymen	Richard L. Wait
15 Washington	21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Eugene R. Kinnison	Chris K. Bendorf
Pawnee	23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Glenn W. Binder	David D. Dusenbery
St. Johns	25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Alfred E. Geschke	Harry M. Green
Beatrice	26	Beatrice	Gage	Second Monday	Glenn H. Ault	F. Warner Smith, Jr.
Jordan	27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Norbert H. Meyer	John A. Wagner
20 Hope	29	Nemaha	Nemaha	Friday on or before ○	Benjamin J. Long	Jay Burns
Blue River	30	Milford	Seward	First Thursday	Earl C. Rector	Clarence C. Wertman
Tekamah	31	Tekamah	Burt	Second Wednesday	Rex W. Kates	Anton R. Kokes
Platte Valley	32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Carroll E. Wilson	Edward W. Cross
Ashlar	33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Jack E. Zlomka	Robert W. Cook
25 Acacia	34	Schuyler	Colfax	Third Tuesday	Richard E. Oonrad	Carroll K. Longacre
Fairbury	35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	Herman F. Hose	Walter E. Scott
Lone Tree	36	Central City	Merrick	First and third Wednesdays	Billy O. Green	Dean E. Eckhoff
Crete	37	Crete	Saline	First Thursday	Alvin W. Steiner	Everett M. Wood
Oliver	38	Seward	Seward	Third Thursday	Milton Zillig	Walter E. Beck
30 Papillion	39	Papillion	Sarpy	Second Wednesday	Richard C. Dyer	Fred R. Lamb
Humboldt	40	Humboldt	Richardson	Second and fourth Thursdays	Crissie J. Rist	Wesley J. Stansbury
Northern Light	41	Stanton	Stanton	Second Thursday	Robert E. Chilcoat	Fred R. Waring
Hebron	43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	J. William Cederholm	Harlan S. Gordon
Harvard	44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays	Kenneth G. Bieck	Ira F. Fishback
85 Rob Morris	46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday	Verne L. Fields	Alfred B. Saum

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Fairmont	48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Second Tuesday	Lloyd Dawson	James A. Rose
Evening Star	49	Sutton	Clay	Second Thursday	Wallace N. Bender	John A. Bottorf
Hastings	50	Hastings	Adams	First Thursday	J. Edward Fisher	Curtis L. Walters
Fidelity	51	David City	Butler	First Tuesday	Charles E. Davis	Roy D. Welte
40 Hiram	52	Arlington	Washington	Second Thursday	W. Therlo Reckmeyer	John R. Peterson
Charity	53	Red Cloud	Webster	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Jack E. Felton	Marion Bloom
Lancaster	54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Joseph H. Hartley	Victor Seymour
Mosaic	55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	James W. Gray	Clarence G. McNamee
York	56	York	York	Last Friday	Lacille E. Killman	Frank E. Wood
45 Mt. Moriah	57	Syracuse	Otoe	Second Thursday	Donald W. Craig	Donald E. Slosson
Wahoo	59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	Merlin R. Hall	Edwin R. Levin
Melrose	60	Orleans	Harlan	Second & fourth Wednesdays	Lawrence D. Walker	M. H. Mintzmeyer
Thistle	61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	Robert L. Snyder	G. Hanford Smith
Keystone	62	Phillips	Hamilton	Second Monday	Joe W. Millsap	Harold L. Chambers
50 Blue Valley	64	Wilber	Saline	First and Third Tuesdays	Francis R. Menke	Otto Novak
Osceola	65	Osceola	Polk	Second Thursday	Morris O. Dunn	I. Donald Huston
Edgar	67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays	Wendell G. Lee	Robert E. Mikkelsen
Aurora	68	Aurora	Hamilton	First Tuesday	Harold C. Dieckman	Claude A. Rennau
Sterling	70	Sterling	Johnson	Second Monday	James L. Chiles	Arnold W. Feistner
55 Trowel	71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays	Clarence E. Baker	Lee R. Fleming
Hooper	72	Hooper	Dodge	First Friday	Sterling Bradbury	Norris W. Lallman
Friend	73	Friend	Saline	First and third Wednesdays	George Kohout, Jr.	Alva N. Murray
Alexandria	74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Tuesday	Gerald W. Joe	Guy B. Averill
Frank Welch	75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Weldon P. Stewart	Harold K. Bond
60 Nelson	77	Nelson	Nuckolls	First Thursday	J. Duane Chamberlain	Warren C. Hall
Albion	78	Albion	Boone	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Herrold A. Millen	John E. Williard
Geneva	79	Geneva	Fillmore	First Tuesday	Joseph Bixby, Jr.	Gerald B. Walton
Composite	81	Rising City	Butler	First Tuesday	Edwin R. Keiser	Fredolph C. Chalquist
St. Paul	82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday	Raymond A. Forbes	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	86	Doniphan	Hall	First Friday	Harold A. Johnson	Harlo M. Treat
Ionic	87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before ☉	Fulton R. Olson	John R. Wagner
Star	88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday	Elwin Penny	Walter W. Small
70 Cedar River	89	Fullerton	Nance	First and third Mondays	LeRoy B. Copple	Edward F. Schulte

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ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, with Locations, Dates of Regular Meetings, Officers, Etc.—Continued.

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GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

LODGE	No.	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	MASTER	SECRETARY
Oakland	91	Oakland	Burt	First Thursday	James A. Sears	Charles W. West, Sr.
Beaver City	93	Beaver City	Furnas	Second Monday	Richard A. Schleicher	Dewey S. Heidloff
Bennett	94	Bennet	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Bernard Bethune	Harry W. Burt
Garfield	95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays	Edwin M. Trennephol	Lloyd G. Gillespie
75 Utica	96	Utica	Seward	Second Thursday	Paul W. Dickau	Clair R. McNeil
Euclid	97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday	Renos A. Anderson	Alvin C. Groesser
Republican	98	Republican City	Harlan	Second Wednesday	C. Carl Hawley	Lennie E. Workman
Shelton	99	Shelton	Buffalo	Third Tuesday	Harold D. Liggett	Frederic M. Wiseman
Creighton	100	Creighton	Knox	First Tuesday	Charles S. Clark	Carl I. Oppen
80 Ponca	101	Ponca	Dixon	Third Thursday	Byron J. Kruse	Dean H. Ehle
Waterloo	102	Waterloo	Douglas	First Tuesday	Richard W. Bull	Herbert L. Johnson
Ord	103	Ord	Valley	First Wednesday	Richard F. Rowbal	Louis E. Walford
Wymore	104	Wymore	Gage	Second and fourth Wednesdays	George K. Floyd	O. Wayne Miller
Stella	105	Stella	Richardson	First Thursday	Vernon C. Strole	Eimer R. Ham
85 Porter	106	Loup City	Sherman	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Raymond G. Pinckney	Frederick J. Leschinsky
Table Rock	108	Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Floyd P. Vrtiska	Orval O. Johnson
Pomegranate	110	Ashland	Saunders	First Friday	Frank M. Thompson	Paul I. Eaton
DeWitt	111	DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before	Leonard K. Smith	Everett E. Dunn
Springfield	112	Springfield	Sarpy	Second Tues. and fourth Sat.	Francis Price	William A. Ward
90 Globe	113	Madison	Madison	First Tuesday	Edward R. Gibson	Vern O. Peterson
Wisner	114	Wisner	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Lloyd V. Doty	Judson M. Meier
Harlan	116	Harlan	Alma	First and third Tuesdays	Hubert Furse	Thomas C. Rogers
Hardy	117	Hardy	Nuckolls	First Thursday	George Hansen	Jerome J. Kohl
North Bend	119	North Bend	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Willis Walla	Leon J. Cherny
95 Wayne	120	Wayne	Wayne	Second and fourth Thursdays	Robert A. Merchant	Archie L. Wert
Superior	121	Superior	Nuckolls	Second Tuesday	George F. Day	Merle P. Hayes
Auburn	124	Auburn	Nemaha	First Tuesday	Donald O. Brown	William N. Boyd
Mount Nebo	125	Genoa	Nance	Second Tuesday	William R. Smoats	Dorris L. Cuddeford
Stromsburg	126	Stromsburg	Polk	Second Tuesday	Donald E. Nordberg	Dorrard Boyd
100 Minden	127	Minden	Kearney	Second Monday	John E. Etzelmiller	Jack White
Guide Rock	128	Guide Rock	Webster	Second Thursday	Lloyd Greenhalgh	William J. Dillin
Blue Hill	129	Blue Hill	Webster	Second and fourth Mondays	Otto Jicka	Oliver H. Martin
Tuscan	130	Surprise	Butler	Second Thursday	Daren D. Riblett	Arthur Kunzman
Scribner	132	Scribner	Dodge	First Tuesday	Alfred A. Ristow	Donald D. Hill, Sr.
105 Elm Creek	133	Elm Creek	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Earl B. Harrelson	Cooper H. Butt

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Solar	134	Clarks	Merrick	Second Tuesday	Warren Abel	Willard L. Copeland
McCook	135	McCook	Red Willow	First and third Tuesdays	James W. White	Leo C. Horton
Long Pine	136	Long Pine	Brown	Third Tuesday	J. Hall Dillon	Benjamin C. Dewell
Upright	137	Burchard	Pawnee	First and third Wednesdays	Leonard J. W. Steiner	William Yarpe
110 Rawalt	138	Oxford	Furnas	Third Thursday	Melvin Miller	Alfred H. Nissen
Clay Centre	139	Clay Center	Clay	Second Tuesday	Edward D. Forsberg	George M. Porter
Western	140	Western	Saline	Second Monday	Frederick Winter	Glenn C. Wieggers
Crescent	143	Primrose	Boone	Second Thursday	Norman Young	Harry P. Hansen
Kenesaw	144	Kenesaw	Adams	Second Thursday	Edwin Kent	Edward E. Gnilkey
115 Bancroft	145	Bancroft	Cuming	Second and fourth Mondays	Frank A. Wood	Donald A. Hansen
Jachin	146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Everett B. Behren	Elmer G. Brunzell
Siloam	147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or before	Wilbur L. Moon	Harry L. Cowles
Emmet Crawford	148	Broken Bow	Custer	Third Wednesday	Paul H. Dean, Jr.	Carlos C. Schaper
Jewel	149	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesdays	William J. Willeford	John L. Pfingston
120 Cambridge	150	Cambridge	Furnas	First and third Tuesdays	Charles H. Klinkebiel	Harley I. Simon
Square	151	Valparaiso	Saunders	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Ivan Nels Nord	Herman J. Schmidt
Evergreen	153	Pierce	Pierce	Second Tuesday	Harry R. Greenlee	Archie R. Lederer
Lily	154	Davenport	Thayer	Third Thursday	Melvin M. Jennings, Jr.	Harry H. Virchow
Hartington	155	Hartington	Cedar	First Thursday	David M. Johnson	Rudolph H. Jenny
125 Pythagoras	156	Page	Holt	First Friday	Wilbur P. Bennett	LuVern Van Conett
Valley	157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Second Tuesday	Curtis R. Kasson	Lewis L. Skiles
Samaritan	158	Chadron	Dawes	First and third Thursdays	Ernest M. Johnson	George A. Stevens
Ogallala	159	Ogallala	Keith	First Tuesday	Burton J. Bracken	Howard F. Payne
Zeredatha	160	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Thursdays	Fred R. Oerter	Joseph T. Thaller
130 Mount Zion	161	Shelby	Polk	Second Monday	Mervin Ransom, Sr.	Ernest E. Lees
Trestle Board	162	Brock	Nemaha	First Tuesday	J. Ival Schmucker	Floyd Christy
Unity	163	Greenwood	Cass	First and third Tuesdays	Gale H. Pollard	Wayne E. Landon
Atkinson	164	Atkinson	Holt	First and third Wednesdays	Robert D. Martens	Carroll C. Raymer
Barneston	165	Barneston	Gage	First Tuesday	Vernon R. Straub	E. Howard Goin
135 Mystic Tie	166	Tilden	Madison	Third Thursday	Roy R. Barkdoll	Fred A. Lindahl
Elwood	167	Elwood	Gosper	Second Monday	Homer R. Gadeke	Aubrey O. Mitchem
Curtis	168	Curtis	Frontier	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Donald P. Wilkinson	Klyte D. Burt
Amity	169	Rushville	Sheridan	First and third Tuesdays	Stuart A. Johnson	Michael J. Kacere
Mason City	170	Mason City	Custer	Second Tuesday	Richard S. Martin	Henry O. Knudson
140 Merna	171	Merna	Custer	First Thursday	Paul D. Ragsdale	Samuel W. Lyon

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Robert Burns	173	Stratton	Hitchcock	Second and fourth Mondays.	George Morrison Sutton	Clyde H. Jones
Culbertson	174	Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays.	Jack Hendrix	Arvene C. Eisenhart
Temple	175	Pilley	Gage	Third Tuesday.	Donald B. Noakes	Marcus N. Andersen
Gladstone	176	Ansel	Custer	Third Thursday	A. Guy Henshew	Curtis S. McCallister
145 Hay Springs	177	Hay Springs	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays.	Joseph A. Olson	Roy T. Stiehl
Prudence	179	Beaver Crossing	Seward	First Tuesday.	Conrad F. Reckling	Grant E. Hansen
Justice	180	Benkelman	Dundy	Second and fourth Mondays.	Harley D. Howard	Warren B. Jackson
Faith	181	Crawford	Dawes	Second and fourth Thursdays	Willis B. Furman, Jr.	Ward L. Mosher
Alliance	183	Alliance	Box Butte	Second Thursday	Nicholas M. Dafney	William E. Edwards
150 Bee Hive	184	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Robert J. Getrost	Louis J. Bishop
Boaz	185	Danbury	Red Willow	First Wednesday.	Kenneth O. Zink	Clyde E. Weyeneth
Israel	187	Ulysses	Butler	Third Tuesday	Carl E. Diers	Allen W. Withers
Meridian	188	Cozad	Dawson	Third Tuesday	Alfred Koch	Max R. Bourn
Granite	189	Gibbon	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Frederick O. Long	Calvin A. Gordon
155 Amethyst	190	Stapleton	Logan	First and third Wednesdays	Cecil C. Weems	Virgil K. Magnuson
Crystal	191	Scotia	Greeley	Second Thursday	Karl S. Ashley	Edgar E. Stillman
Minnekadusa	192	Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	Stanley E. Jordan	Arthur P. Starkjohane
Signet	193	Leigh	Coffey	Friday on or before O.	James R. Harper	F. Otto Nelson
Highland	194	Cortland	Gage	Second Tuesday	Keith Balderson	Eldon E. DeVries
160 Arcana	195	Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays	William G. Moss	Aage H. Christensen
Morning Star	197	Gresham	York	First Friday	Lylle W. Cockle	Earl K. Husbands
Purity	198	Chase	Chase	First Friday	Charles J. Klein	Siegfried L. Jacks
Gavel	199	Carleton	Thayer	First Tuesday	Ralph E. Croft	Herbert Wittenberger
Blazing Star	200	Burwell	Garfield	Second Thursday	Ralph H. Douglas	John Beynon
165 Scotts Bluff	201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	Second & fourth Wednesdays	O. Wayne Thompson	Maurice Scriven
Golden Sheaf	202	Randolph	Cedar	Second Monday	Keith Johnson	Anton B. Helms
Roman Eagle	203	Peuder	Thurston	First and Third Tuesdays	David Lee Chambers	Gerald R. McGath
Plainview	204	Plainview	Pierce	First Tuesday	James T. Scott	Leslie G. Weber
Golden Fleece	205	Chappell	Deuel	First Thursday	Irven F. Clark	Alfred G. Taylor
170 Naphthali	206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Thursdays	James R. Hays	Robert L. Upson
Parian	207	Callaway	Custer	First Thursday	Ralph E. Empfield	Allston S. Asmus
Gauge	208	Arcadia	Valley	First and third Tuesdays	Lloyd H. Bulger	Arnold N. Tuning
Canopy	209	Elmwood	Cass	Second Saturday	Orris C. Richert	Bergil E. Sumner
East Lincoln	210	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Thursday	George Maser	Charles F. Eberline
175 Cement	211	Wood River	Hall	Third Thursday	Clyde F. Batie	John J. Carter
†South Side Station.						

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Compass & Square	212	Sumner	Dawson	Second Monday	Delmar R. Dickerson	Lee E. Quail
Plumblin	214	Adams	Gage	Second Monday	Roy N. Adams	Clarence D. Gottula
Occidental	215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	First Thursday	Bob L. Wiegand	August Wiegand
Palisade	216	Palisade	Hitchcock	First Tuesday	Merle L. Sailors	Roy V. Miller
180 Wauneta	217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays	Norman E. McDonald	C. Robert Carlson
Bloomfield	218	Bloomfield	Knox	First Tuesday	Wayne B. Carpenter	John R. Clements
Relief	219	Colebridge	Cedar	Second Thursday	Edward H. Collins	Laverne B. Yost
Magnolia	220	Emerson	Dixon	Third Tuesday	Paul G. Fuchser	Renrick E. Dobbs
Wood Lake	221	Wood Lake	Cherry	Fourth Tuesday	Elmo Gardiner	Harry H. Kirkman
185 Landmark	222	Herman	Washington	Third Tuesday	Terrance E. Andrew	Wayne W. Loftis
Eminence	223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Harold H. Humphrey	James C. Bierbover
Silver Cord	224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Tuesday	Donald H. Jackson	Harold E. Hooker
Cable	225	Arnold	Custer	First Tuesday	Raymond F. Koubek	L. Paul Hartman
Grace	226	Wilcox	Kearney	Second and fourth Mondays	L. Roger Wendell	Robert R. Carswell
190 North Star	227	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Wednesday	Laurence H. Daft	Roy W. Deal
Bartley	228	Bartley	Red Willow	Second Wednesday	Lester H. Harsh	August W. Teter
Comet	229	Ceresco	Saunders	First Thursday	Robert L. Johnson	Otis Beaman
Delta	230	Saint Edward	Boone	Second and 4th Wednesdays	Frank E. Barber	Kenneth R. Weed
Mt. Hermon	231	Cook	Johnson	Second Tuesday	Paul H. Naeve	Fred Gittinger
195 John S. Bowen	232	Kennard	Washington	Third Thursday	Clarence Paulsen	Nic Friedrichsen
Gilead	233	Butte	Boyd	Second, 4th and 5th Mondays	William K. Hansen	William P. Wills
Zion	234	Hyannis	Grant	Second Wednesday	William L. Perrett	Merlyn D. Shepherd
Fraternity	235	Winside	Wayne	Fourth Thursday	Harold Harmer	Irving F. Gaebler
Golden Rule	236	Allen	Dixon	First and third Tuesdays	Vernie A. Larson	Marvin R. Burgess
200 Cubit	237	Douglas	Otoe	First Thursday	Lloyd Miller	Marcus Roberts
Friendship	239	Chapman	Merrick	Second Friday	Clyde E. Rains	Andrew B. Knight
Pilot	240	Lyons	Burt	Third Thursday	Jess N. Anderson	Edwin A. Loppnow
George Armstrong	241	Craig	Burt	First Tuesday	Clemens Williamsen	Frank F. McMullin
Tyrian	243	Oak	Nemaha	First Monday	Arthur Swanstrom	Leonard K. Scroggin
205 Hampton	245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays	Fred H. Weber	Fred W. Christiansen
Nehawka	246	Nehawka	Cass	Second Wednesday	John L. Alden	George H. Riecke
Corner-Stone	247	Osmond	Pierce	Second Friday	Clifford J. Dennis	Henry A. Thomsen
Laurel	248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and fourth Thursdays	Earl L. Iler	Ralph W. Morten
Gothenburg	249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Second Wednesday	William E. Clark	Ernest O. Van Wey
210 George Washington	250	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	Ira C. Lehr	Otis W. Cave, Sr.
‡Havelock Station.		‡University Place	Station.			

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Wausa	251	Wausa	Knox	First Thursday	Floyd R. Dawson	Melvin E. Rosen
Beemer	253	Beemer	Cuming	First Tuesday	William E. Galbraith	Russell Schweers
Bassett	254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday	Eugene E. Reynolds	Roy L. Johns
Hickman	256	Hickman	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Harvey C. Damrow	Marvin G. Walvoord
215 Holbrook	257	Holbrook	Furnas	Second and fourth Mondays	Harold L. Frack	Roy L. Gilmot
Anselmo	258	Anselmo	Custer	Second Tuesday	William M. Smith	Miles M. Kepler
Ornan	261	Spencer	Boyd	First and Third Mondays	Olin Major, Jr.	Gayle E. Couch
Endeavor	262	Indianola	Red Willow	First and Third Thursdays	Struve P. Hering	Merritt V. Allen
Mitchell	263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second Monday	Paul G. Heil	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	Robert H. McCaffree	Bernard B. Harris
Silver	266	Silver Creek	Merrick	Second Thursday	Lawrence R. Meacham	Paul V. Hobert
James A. Tulleys	267	Overton	Dawson	Second Monday	John A. Gardner, Jr.	Russell M. Warren
George W. Lininger	268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday	Clark W. Carnaby, Jr.	John S. Hedelund
225 Oasis	271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	Second Thursday	Roger I. Wickman	Carl Thomas
Lee P. Gillette	272	Dunbar	Otoe	First Monday	Ralph K. Hobbie	Harry H. Moller
Crofton	273	Crofton	Knox	First Tuesday	C. Lender Ellasson	Ellis Q. McShannon
Olive Branch	274	Walthill	Thurston	Second Monday	Chauncy V. Dye	George H. Gregory
Ramah	275	Bertrand	Phelps	First Thursday	Lawrence Carlson	Donald G. Mintun
230 Antelope	276	Antelope	Antelope	2nd and 4th Tuesdays	Richard K. Draper, Jr.	Donald S. Hinman
Sioux	277	Harrison	Sioux	Second Monday	Luther L. Koch	Clarence A. Schnurr
Litchfield	278	Litchfield	Sherman	Second Thursday	Chester A. Adams	Harve I. Lang
Wallace	279	Wallace	Lincoln	First Tuesday	Marvin E. Jameson	Kenneth L. Shafer
Swastika	280	Sargent	Custer	First Wednesday	William I. McNeil	John C. Green
235 Florence	281	Omaha †	Douglas	First Monday	Gordon E. Brown	Elmer E. Shively
Mullen	282	Mullen	Hooker	Second Tuesday	Oscar A. York	John A. Burnett
Seneca	284	Seneca	Thomas	Second Wednesday	Harley E. Nutter	James G. Miller
Camp Clarke	285	Bridgeport	Morrill	First Tuesday	Urlin G. McCartney	Edward K. Milmine
Oshkosh	286	Oshkosh	Garden	First Monday	Marvin L. Clark	John T. Sager
240 Union	287	Palmyra	Otoe	First Friday	David Rhoten	Robert R. Miller
Omaha	288	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	George E. Johnson	Frederick J. Bolshaw
Lotus	289	Ravenna	Buffalo	Second Tuesday	Raymond I. Ridenour	Archie A. Meek
John J. Mercer	290	Omaha †	Douglas	First Tuesday	David Spilman	George J. Storms
Diamond	291	Orchard	Antelope	Second Thursday	Forrest E. Maple	Howard E. Bradstreet
245 Wolbach	292	Wolbach	Greeley	First and third Wednesdays	Fredrick W. Frost	Edwin L. Johnson
†Benson Station.		†Florence Station.				

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Monument	293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	Second and fourth Mondays..	Rodney T. Cox.....	Miles E. Lewis
Kimball	294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	First Monday.....	Theodore P. Nimie....	Charles M. Fisher
Minatare	295	Minatare.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Friday.....	Fred F. Hanich.....	J. Clive Mull
Cotner	297	Lincoln §.....	Lancaster.....	First Monday.....	Watson C. Coleman....	Harry B. Hall
250 Chester	298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	First and third Mondays..	Walter J. Topping....	James E. Woodward
Sutherland	299	Sutherland...	Lincoln.....	First Wednesday.....	E. Adelbert Crosby..	John F. Fleak
Liberty	300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Thursday.....	James P. Vance.....	John S. Burley
Bayard	301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	Earnest R. Burden....	Charles H. Ninegar
Mizpah	302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Friday.....	George B. Pribyl.....	Elmo R. Clayton
255 Right Angle	303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	First Thursday.....	Albert H. Allen.....	Cloyd L. Hawley
Ruskin	304	Ruskin.....	Nuckolls.....	Second and fourth Thursdays	Ernest C. Nelson.....	Erik H. Topping
Newman Grove	305	Newman Grove	Madison.....	Second Monday.....	John W. Glock.....	Alexis R. Gustavson
Golden Rod	306	Lodgepole.....	Cheyenne.....	Second Tuesday.....	Wayne L. Campbell....	Ralph R. Carleton
William E. Hill	307	Otoe.....	Otoe.....	Third Tuesday.....	Donald W. Rattman....	Herbert Goad
260 Perkins	308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	First Monday.....	F. Willard Jackman...	Otto E. Gauger
Winnebago	309	Winnebago...	Thurston.....	First Thursday.....	Harry Matthews.....	Floyd A. Taylor
Victory	310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	Second Thursday.....	Henry F. Ohm.....	Francis A. Roberts
Polk	311	Polk.....	Polk.....	Second Monday.....	Harvey Wochner.....	Everett W. Green
Oak Leaf	312	Lynch.....	Bord.....	Second Tuesday.....	Orvill N. Gallop.....	Wallace E. Moffett
265 Potter	313	Potter.....	Cheyenne.....	Second Tuesday.....	Bennie Herboldsheimer	Elmer H. Seyfang
Craftsmen	314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday.....	Howard I. Stewart....	Curry D. Bryson
Alpha	316	SouthSiouxCity	Dakota.....	Second Thursday.....	James W. Fegley.....	Clarence A. Stewart
Mid-West	317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Wednesday.....	Willard E. Pettis....	Homer C. Davey
Grand Island	318	Grand Island..	Hall.....	First Tuesday.....	Wayne R. Morris.....	Albert B. Osborn
270 Bladen	319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	Second Tuesday.....	William H. Van Kirk..	Howard R. James
College View	320	Lincoln §.....	Lancaster.....	First Wednesday.....	Forest B. Brown.....	Silas R. Davenport
Harmony	321	Dalton.....	Cheyenne.....	Second Wednesday.....	Ross W. Gathman.....	Clifford O. Webster
Pioneer	322	Lyman.....	Scotts Bluff...	Second Tuesday.....	Charley W. McDonald.	George R. Peterson
Lebanon	323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Goodson N. Lee.....	Carl H. Hoge
275 Cairo	324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	Second Monday.....	Glenwood H. Hargens..	J. Samuel Butler
Bellevue	325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy.....	First Wednesday.....	Robert A. Chandler...	Martin W. Moser

§Bethany Station.

†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, 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, Box 96, McCook	1943
Louis V. Sylvester, 281, 2572 Vane, Omaha	1946
LaVerne A. Walker, 55, Norfolk	1946
Ernest E. James, 1, 1202 So. 55th, Omaha	1948
Frank Anderson, 17, Box 703, Tecumseh	1949
Robert W. Cook, 33, Box 524, Grand Island	1949
Charles M. Frederick, 136, Ainsworth	1949
Paul D. Fleming, 93, Beaver City	1949
Ralph M. Carhart, 120, Wayne	1950
William F. Flickinger, 56, Waco	1951
Forest A. Lape, 183, 607 Box Butte Ave., Alliance.....	1951
Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, 2741 South St., Lincoln.....	1954
Harold M. Wilkerson, 54, Beatrice	1954
Willard I. Lewis, 9, Rulo	1955

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS EMERITUS

Elmer Surber, 210, 2433 Titus, Omaha	1929
Fred G. Christensen, 33, Grand Island	1938
Earl M. Bolen, 130, Ulysses	1914
Ward B. Schrack, 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 23, 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 23, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
Jordan	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
20 Hope	" 29	Nemaha.....	Nemaha.....	November 8, 69...	June 23, 70
Blue River	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
25 Acacia	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
Lone Tree	" 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	August 9, 71...	June 19, 72
Crete	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8, 72...	June 19, 72
Oliver	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
30 Papillion	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	November 18, 72...	June 18, 73

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16, 72...	June 18, 73
Northern Light	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	January 20, 73...	June 18, 73
Hebron	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10, 73...	June 18, 73
Harvard	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25, 73...	June 18, 73
35 Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	February 21, 73...	June 26, 74
Fairmont	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	December 4, 73...	June 26, 74
Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22, 73...	June 26, 74
Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 3, 74...	June 26, 74
Fidelity	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	January 19, 74...	June 26, 74
40 Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	February 26, 74...	June 26, 74
Charity	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	March 2, 74...	June 26, 74
Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	April 20, 74...	June 26, 74
Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
York	" 56	York.....	York.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
45 Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	November 7, 74...	June 23, 75
Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20, 75...	June 23, 75
Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	March 10, 75...	June 24, 75
Thistle	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8, 75...	June 21, 76
Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1, 76...	June 21, 76
50 Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	October 6, 76...	June 20, 77
Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23, 76...	June 20, 77
Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	February 27, 77...	June 20, 77
Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	February 10, 76...	June 19, 78
Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	July 16, 77...	June 19, 78
55 Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	January 28, 78...	June 19, 78
Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 78...	June 25, 79
Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 78...	June 25, 79
Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
60 Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 79...	June 23, 80

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 79...	June 23, 80
	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 79...	June 23, 80
	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 80...	June 22, 81
	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
65	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	September 3, 80...	June 22, 81
	" 86	Doniphan.....	Hall.....	January 7, 81...	June 22, 81
	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	January 24, 81...	June 20, 82
	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	September 17, 81...	June 20, 82
70	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	January 19, 82...	June 20, 82
	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	February 7, 82...	June 19, 83
	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	May 3, 82...	June 19, 83
	" 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster.....	May 5, 82...	June 19, 83
	" 95	Garfield.....	Holt.....	June 28, 82...	June 19, 83
75	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83
	" 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	July 21, 82...	June 19, 83
	" 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	July 27, 82...	June 19, 83
	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83
	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	August 19, 82...	June 19, 83
80	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	September 1, 82...	June 19, 83
	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	September 7, 82...	June 19, 83
	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	September 14, 82...	June 19, 83
	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	November 10, 82...	June 19, 83
	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	December 4, 82...	June 19, 83
85	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	December 9, 82...	June 19, 83
	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	January 24, 83...	June 19, 83
	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13, 83...	June 19, 83
	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February 28, 83...	June 19, 83
	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	March 30, 83...	June 19, 83
90	" 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
	Tusean " 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	Baneroft " 145	Baneroft.....	Cuming.....	February 25, 85...	June 24, 85
	Jachin " 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	March 31, 85...	June 17, 86
	Siloam " 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	April 30, 85...	June 17, 86
	Emmet Crawford " 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	July 13, 85...	June 17, 86
	Jewel " 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	August 15, 85...	June 17, 86
120	Cambridge " 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	August 10, 85...	June 17, 86

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
	Square	No. 151	Valparaiso.....	Saunders.....	September 7, 85... June 17, 86
	Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	November 27, 85... June 17, 86
	Lily	" 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28, 85... June 17, 86
	Hartington	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	January 26, 86... June 17, 86
125	Pythagoras	" 156	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
Bellevue	" 325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy.....	March 5, 55...	June 8, 55

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS														No. of Lodge
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1954	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1954	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1954	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1953	GAIN					Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls, December 31, 1954		
									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes		Total Loss	
Nebraska.....	1	22	171	26	13	3	462	1318	28	4	0	6	0	1356	8	30	3	1	0	42	1314	1
Western Star....	2	9	39	9	8	7	96	260	9	1	0	6	0	276	4	11	7	0	0	22	254	2
Capitol.....	3	28	63	29	20	6	307	953	30	1	0	1	0	985	7	28	6	0	0	41	944	3
Nemaha Valley..	4	0	3	0	1	0	24	52	2	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	4
Omadi.....	5	4	27	3	3	0	41	116	3	0	0	0	0	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	5
Plattsmouth....	6	8	17	8	5	7	38	301	7	1	0	2	0	311	0	3	7	0	0	10	301	6
Falls City.....	9	8	27	6	3	0	82	286	9	0	0	0	0	295	2	5	0	0	0	7	288	9
Solomon.....	10	4	4	4	2	3	15	89	4	1	0	1	0	95	1	1	3	0	0	5	90	10
Covert.....	11	60	52	55	27	3	214	1596	51	2	0	2	0	1651	5	35	3	0	0	43	1608	11
Orient.....	13	3	7	2	4	3	21	47	2	0	0	1	0	50	1	0	3	0	0	4	46	13
Peru.....	14	7	8	7	1	1	25	100	8	0	0	2	0	110	0	2	1	0	0	3	107	14
Fremont.....	15	29	19	30	7	0	113	594	31	9	1	1	0	636	5	19	0	3	0	27	609	15
Tecumseh.....	17	5	16	6	5	1	53	191	9	0	2	0	0	202	2	4	1	0	0	7	195	17
Lincoln.....	19	25	91	25	16	21	380	1017	25	6	0	4	0	1052	8	23	21	0	0	52	1000	19
Washington.....	21	8	8	8	5	0	28	163	5	1	0	0	0	169	2	2	0	0	0	4	165	21
Pawnee.....	23	5	11	3	5	2	48	115	3	1	1	6	0	126	2	3	2	0	0	7	119	23
Saint John.....	25	38	76	35	20	2	351	993	34	5	0	5	0	1037	7	26	2	0	0	35	1002	25
Beatrice.....	26	9	33	7	27	10	154	372	4	4	0	2	0	382	3	8	10	0	0	21	361	26
Jordan.....	27	2	4	3	1	0	24	82	2	0	0	0	0	84	1	2	0	0	0	3	81	27
Hope.....	29	0	3	0	0	1	14	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	1	1	0	0	2	47	29
Blue River.....	30	4	8	6	1	0	33	91	7	3	0	0	0	101	1	1	0	0	0	2	99	30
Tekamah.....	31	9	9	5	2	1	39	148	5	0	1	1	0	155	1	4	1	0	0	6	149	31
Platte Valley...	32	42	56	37	23	4	210	473	35	8	0	0	0	516	3	9	4	0	0	16	500	32
Ashlar.....	33	17	29	21	16	2	186	609	17	3	0	3	0	632	5	11	2	0	0	18	614	33
Acacia.....	34	6	13	6	2	3	50	174	7	1	0	2	0	184	3	2	3	0	0	8	176	34
Fairbury.....	35	3	29	6	7	3	40	258	5	2	0	0	0	265	3	6	3	0	0	12	253	35
Lone Tree.....	36	9	8	7	3	4	28	213	9	2	0	2	0	226	2	3	4	0	0	9	217	36
Crete.....	37	6	15	5	4	13	64	191	5	0	0	8	0	204	0	2	13	0	0	15	189	37
Oliver.....	38	5	8	3	0	3	64	187	4	2	0	5	0	198	5	2	3	0	0	10	188	38
Papillion.....	39	15	11	11	2	0	27	144	11	2	0	0	0	157	0	3	0	0	0	3	154	39
Humboldt.....	40	5	11	2	2	2	22	126	2	0	0	2	0	130	0	1	2	2	0	5	125	40
Northern Light..	41	3	12	4	2	0	18	98	3	1	0	0	0	102	2	4	0	0	0	6	96	41
Hebron.....	43	7	18	5	8	1	46	137	5	3	0	0	0	145	1	2	1	0	0	4	141	43
Harvard.....	44	1	10	3	3	0	29	77	1	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	44
Rob Morris.....	46	13	36	10	5	8	154	347	11	1	0	11	0	370	8	8	8	0	0	24	346	46
Fairmont.....	48	4	2	3	2	0	26	94	2	8	0	0	0	104	0	3	0	0	0	3	101	48
Evening Star....	49	1	2	0	2	2	20	104	0	0	0	0	0	104	2	3	2	0	0	7	97	49
Hastings.....	50	21	32	22	4	13	169	510	19	6	0	6	0	541	4	7	13	0	0	24	517	50
Fidelity.....	51	2	9	1	1	1	53	156	2	0	0	0	0	158	2	2	1	0	0	5	153	51

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Hiram.....	52	3	7	4	7	0	11	93	3	1	0	0	0	97	0	1	0	0	0	1	96	52				
Charity.....	53	5	22	3	7	3	24	163	2	0	0	1	0	166	1	0	3	0	0	4	162	53				
Lancaster.....	54	39	75	32	15	14	274	897	32	3	0	7	0	939	8	17	14	0	0	39	900	54				
Mosaic.....	55	15	44	11	8	8	108	402	9	1	0	5	0	417	3	5	8	0	0	16	401	55				
York.....	56	7	11	6	4	1	69	271	6	2	1	0	0	280	3	7	1	0	0	11	269	56				
Mt. Moriah.....	57	3	4	2	1	2	48	71	3	0	0	1	0	75	0	1	2	0	0	3	72	57				
Wahoo.....	59	12	10	14	6	5	64	265	11	0	1	1	0	278	1	4	5	0	0	10	268	59				
Melrose.....	60	2	13	2	0	0	36	70	2	2	0	1	0	75	0	2	0	0	0	2	73	60				
Thistle.....	61	11	13	10	5	2	56	207	12	3	0	1	0	223	1	1	2	0	0	4	219	61				
Keystone.....	62	4	5	3	2	1	18	42	3	0	0	1	0	46	0	0	1	0	0	1	45	62				
Blue Valley.....	64	5	5	6	5	0	16	75	6	0	0	1	0	82	3	0	0	0	0	3	79	64				
Osceola.....	65	2	3	2	4	0	17	89	3	1	0	1	0	94	0	3	0	0	0	3	91	65				
Edgar.....	67	1	0	1	1	0	22	103	1	0	0	1	0	105	1	4	0	0	0	5	100	67				
Aurora.....	68	4	14	2	5	1	37	158	2	2	0	0	0	162	2	2	1	0	0	5	157	68				
Sterling.....	70	2	9	2	5	1	31	53	0	1	0	0	0	54	0	2	1	0	0	3	51	70				
Trowel.....	71	3	9	3	5	1	47	90	2	1	0	0	0	93	0	3	1	0	0	4	89	71				
Hooper.....	72	1	6	1	0	0	19	101	2	0	0	0	0	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	72				
Friend.....	73	3	4	0	1	0	9	66	2	0	0	0	0	68	1	1	0	0	0	2	66	73				
Alexandria.....	74	1	13	0	1	0	22	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	74				
Frank Welch.....	75	10	18	9	9	1	90	283	9	4	1	3	0	300	2	3	1	0	0	6	294	75				
Nelson.....	77	8	11	6	6	2	41	78	5	0	0	2	0	85	0	1	2	1	0	4	81	77				
Albion.....	78	7	27	5	5	7	36	112	4	3	0	3	0	122	2	2	7	0	0	11	111	78				
Geneva.....	79	1	8	1	0	1	25	142	3	3	0	1	0	149	1	1	1	0	0	3	146	79				
Composite.....	81	0	0	2	1	0	27	57	3	0	0	0	0	60	1	1	0	0	0	2	58	81				
St. Paul.....	82	3	18	6	5	2	30	211	6	0	0	1	0	218	3	3	2	0	0	8	210	82				
Corinthian.....	83	3	4	3	1	0	19	73	4	1	0	0	0	78	0	1	0	0	0	1	77	83				
Fairfield.....	84	1	6	1	3	0	24	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	1	0	0	0	2	59	84				
Doniphan.....	86	0	7	3	2	0	16	45	3	0	0	0	0	48	0	2	0	0	0	2	46	86				
Ionic.....	87	4	26	2	7	0	43	108	3	1	0	0	0	112	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	87				
Star.....	88	2	13	3	2	3	21	122	4	0	0	2	0	128	0	1	3	0	0	4	124	88				
Cedar River.....	89	1	11	2	2	3	86	105	2	1	0	2	0	110	2	3	3	0	0	8	102	89				
Oakland.....	91	1	10	1	1	0	35	151	1	3	0	0	0	155	2	1	0	0	0	3	152	91				
Beaver City.....	93	1	7	0	2	0	28	77	0	0	0	1	0	78	1	0	0	0	0	1	77	93				
Bennett.....	94	2	10	2	1	0	33	58	2	0	0	0	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	94				
Garfield.....	95	4	11	5	1	0	17	87	4	1	0	0	0	92	0	1	0	0	0	1	91	95				
Utica.....	96	1	5	0	1	0	29	86	2	1	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	96				
Euclid.....	97	4	14	3	0	0	45	103	4	0	0	0	0	107	2	3	0	0	0	5	102	97				
Republican.....	98	4	6	3	4	1	23	56	2	0	0	1	0	59	0	2	1	0	0	3	56	98				
Shelton.....	99	2	5	0	0	0	23	78	0	1	0	1	0	80	1	2	0	0	0	3	77	99				

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Creighton.....	100	1	14	1	1	0	35	114	1	1	1	0	0	117	5	0	0	0	0	5	112	100
Ponca.....	101	3	3	3	9	4	20	92	1	0	0	0	0	93	0	0	4	0	0	4	89	101
Waterloo.....	102	3	11	3	0	0	38	162	3	0	0	0	0	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	165	102
Ord.....	103	1	15	1	3	0	42	151	1	0	0	0	0	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	103
Wymore.....	104	8	18	6	3	1	54	230	5	3	0	0	0	238	0	6	0	1	0	7	231	104
Stella.....	105	2	8	1	2	0	19	64	1	0	0	0	0	65	0	3	0	0	0	3	62	105
Porter.....	106	0	5	1	1	0	13	57	2	1	0	0	0	60	0	2	0	0	0	2	58	106
Table Rock.....	108	4	1	3	0	1	25	51	3	0	0	4	0	58	0	1	1	0	0	2	56	108
Pomegranate.....	110	12	14	15	5	0	38	217	14	0	0	2	0	233	2	2	0	0	0	4	229	110
DeWitt.....	111	0	12	0	2	4	41	58	0	1	0	0	0	59	0	1	4	0	0	5	54	111
Springfield.....	112	4	18	5	5	3	32	120	3	0	0	1	0	124	2	1	3	0	0	6	118	112
Globe.....	113	0	17	0	3	1	3	85	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	2	1	0	0	3	82	113
Wisner.....	114	3	12	3	2	1	21	111	3	0	0	1	0	115	1	2	1	1	0	5	110	114
Harlan.....	116	6	12	4	3	0	13	94	4	2	0	1	0	101	3	3	0	0	0	6	95	116
Hardy.....	117	4	9	2	0	0	13	45	2	0	0	0	0	47	0	1	0	0	0	1	46	117
North Bend.....	119	0	2	0	1	0	15	115	0	3	0	2	0	120	1	3	0	0	0	4	116	119
Wayne.....	120	7	7	6	5	3	37	200	5	2	0	2	0	209	4	4	3	0	0	11	198	120
Superior.....	121	6	15	5	2	0	41	189	6	4	0	0	0	199	2	2	0	0	0	4	195	121
Auburn.....	124	7	10	8	0	0	41	171	8	2	0	0	0	181	2	3	0	0	0	5	176	124
Mt. Nebo.....	125	4	16	3	6	5	42	107	3	0	0	1	0	111	0	1	5	0	0	6	105	125
Stromsburg.....	126	3	4	3	1	0	32	75	3	0	0	0	0	78	0	2	0	0	0	2	76	126
Minden.....	127	1	8	1	4	2	20	92	1	1	0	2	0	96	1	3	3	0	0	6	90	127
Guide Rock.....	128	1	3	1	1	1	12	64	0	0	0	0	0	64	1	0	1	0	0	2	62	128
Blue Hill.....	129	2	8	0	0	0	29	54	0	0	0	1	0	55	0	2	0	0	0	2	53	129
Tuscan.....	130	0	1	1	2	0	18	37	1	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	130
Scribner.....	132	2	7	1	2	0	26	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	0	0	0	1	52	132
Elm Creek.....	133	5	12	3	6	2	39	63	3	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	2	0	0	3	63	133
Solar.....	134	6	5	2	2	2	33	78	1	1	0	0	0	80	0	1	2	0	0	3	77	134
McCook.....	135	8	39	11	3	1	59	386	11	3	0	5	0	405	3	13	1	1	0	18	387	135
Long Pine.....	136	3	12	0	0	0	19	73	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	2	71	136
Upright.....	137	2	7	2	1	0	12	84	2	0	0	1	0	87	0	2	0	0	0	2	85	137
Rawalt.....	138	0	2	1	1	4	31	81	0	0	0	2	0	83	1	1	4	0	0	6	77	138
Clay Centre.....	139	1	9	3	7	0	32	75	3	1	0	0	0	79	1	1	0	0	0	2	77	139
Western.....	140	5	6	4	1	0	36	28	4	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	140
Crescent.....	143	0	6	1	3	1	34	61	1	0	0	0	0	62	2	0	1	0	0	3	59	143
Kenesaw.....	144	1	13	1	4	1	59	76	1	0	0	1	0	78	0	2	1	0	0	3	75	144
Bancroft.....	145	1	13	0	5	0	20	64	2	0	0	2	0	68	0	0	0	0	2	2	66	145
Jachin.....	146	2	9	3	3	0	43	183	2	5	0	2	0	192	2	6	1	0	0	9	183	146
Siloam.....	147	2	3	1	0	0	16	27	1	0	0	1	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	147
Emmet Crawford	148	2	18	7	3	10	42	212	5	2	1	2	0	222	2	1	10	0	0	13	209	148

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Jewel	149	3	10	1	2	0	30	74	1	0	0	0	0	75	1	2	0	0	0	3	72	149	
Cambridge	150	7	6	8	1	4	44	124	7	0	0	1	0	132	1	1	4	0	0	6	126	150	
Square	151	0	16	0	4	0	38	73	0	1	0	0	0	74	3	2	0	0	0	5	69	151	
Evergreen	153	0	5	1	1	2	20	65	1	1	0	0	0	67	0	0	2	0	0	2	65	153	
Lily	154	2	7	3	2	0	20	72	3	0	0	0	0	75	2	3	0	0	0	5	70	154	
Hartington	155	3	19	2	4	0	32	80	2	0	1	0	0	83	2	2	0	0	0	4	79	155	
Pythagoras	156	1	19	0	3	0	36	39	0	2	0	1	0	42	0	3	0	0	0	3	39	156	
Valley	157	4	5	1	2	2	25	53	0	0	0	1	0	54	0	0	2	0	0	2	52	157	
Samaritan	158	3	14	4	5	1	26	307	5	3	1	0	0	316	1	9	1	0	0	11	305	158	
Ogallala	159	7	21	6	6	1	57	165	10	2	0	1	0	178	3	2	1	0	0	6	172	159	
Zeredatha	160	0	2	0	1	0	5	37	0	0	0	0	0	37	1	0	0	0	0	1	36	160	
Mount Zion	161	4	5	5	2	2	30	55	4	0	0	4	0	63	0	0	2	0	0	2	61	161	
Trestle Board	162	1	4	2	2	0	24	93	1	0	1	0	1	96	0	3	0	0	0	3	93	162	
Unity	163	9	10	11	5	0	34	58	10	3	0	0	0	71	0	1	0	0	0	1	70	163	
Atkinson	164	2	2	1	1	0	9	56	1	1	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	164	
Barneston	165	3	5	1	1	1	36	65	2	2	0	2	0	71	0	3	1	0	0	4	67	165	
Mystic Tie	166	3	12	0	0	1	31	43	3	3	0	0	0	49	0	1	1	0	0	2	47	166	
Elwood	167	2	6	2	3	0	30	50	3	2	0	0	0	55	0	1	0	0	0	1	54	167	
Curtis	168	3	14	2	1	1	21	95	3	0	0	2	0	100	1	0	1	0	0	2	98	168	
Amity	169	1	10	1	1	1	35	112	1	2	0	0	0	115	1	4	1	0	0	6	109	169	
Mason City	170	0	4	1	1	3	25	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	2	3	0	0	5	44	170	
Merna	171	1	15	1	4	0	31	55	1	0	0	1	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	171	
Robert Burns	173	3	8	2	3	1	15	102	0	1	0	0	0	103	2	0	1	0	0	3	100	173	
Culbertson	174	3	9	1	7	1	17	63	1	1	0	1	0	66	0	1	1	0	0	2	64	174	
Temple	175	4	14	3	3	0	33	37	2	0	0	0	0	39	1	0	0	0	0	1	38	175	
Gladstone	176	3	4	3	3	2	46	85	6	1	0	6	0	98	1	2	2	0	0	5	93	176	
Hay Springs	177	3	4	4	1	0	22	103	4	1	0	0	0	108	1	2	0	0	0	3	105	177	
Prudence	179	0	15	0	10	0	36	51	1	1	1	1	0	55	0	2	0	0	0	2	53	179	
Justice	180	5	15	2	0	6	40	142	3	0	0	1	0	146	0	2	6	0	0	8	138	180	
Faith	181	4	9	3	6	7	89	142	3	1	0	2	0	148	0	5	7	0	0	12	136	181	
Alliance	183	9	31	4	7	3	127	331	6	1	1	2	0	341	2	8	3	0	0	13	328	183	
Bee Hive	184	36	39	41	11	15	189	1016	38	2	0	7	0	1063	8	14	15	0	0	37	1026	184	
Boaz	185	3	4	2	3	0	9	79	2	0	0	0	0	81	2	0	0	0	0	2	79	185	
Israel	187	0	6	0	1	0	29	28	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	187	
Meridian	188	2	19	1	1	11	62	136	2	0	0	9	0	147	0	0	11	0	0	11	136	188	
Granite	189	1	7	1	2	0	35	72	1	0	0	2	0	75	1	1	0	0	0	2	73	189	
Amethyst	190	0	7	0	1	4	21	60	0	1	0	0	0	61	1	1	4	0	0	6	55	190	
Crystal	191	6	20	1	1	1	28	86	2	1	0	0	0	89	1	0	1	0	0	2	87	191	

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Minnekadusa	192	6	19	9	7	0	39	155	8	2	0	0	0	165	3	3	0	0	0	6	159	192
Signet	193	2	7	3	0	0	16	64	3	0	0	2	0	69	1	2	0	0	0	3	66	193
Highland	194	1	6	1	1	0	23	44	1	1	0	0	0	46	2	0	0	0	1	3	43	194
Arcana	195	8	15	8	5	3	46	139	5	0	0	3	0	147	0	1	3	0	0	4	143	195
Morning Star	197	3	3	2	0	0	12	71	2	0	0	1	0	74	0	3	0	0	0	3	71	197
Purity	198	5	18	6	7	2	30	141	5	1	0	1	0	148	1	0	2	0	0	3	145	198
Gavel	199	4	2	3	1	0	8	53	2	0	0	0	0	55	0	3	0	0	0	3	52	199
Blazing Star	200	3	10	2	2	1	34	100	1	0	0	0	0	101	0	3	1	0	0	4	97	200
Scotts Bluff	201	7	15	7	3	10	52	184	8	1	0	8	0	201	3	2	10	0	0	15	186	201
Golden Sheaf	202	4	18	2	6	0	47	81	0	0	0	1	0	82	0	1	0	0	0	1	81	202
Roman Eagle	203	3	10	1	5	2	16	67	4	0	0	0	0	71	1	0	2	0	0	3	68	203
Plainview	204	3	10	1	6	0	38	119	2	0	0	0	0	121	1	4	0	0	0	5	116	204
Golden Fleece	205	7	6	9	1	1	25	200	12	0	0	0	0	212	2	4	1	0	0	7	205	205
Napthali	206	3	5	2	1	2	35	58	1	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	2	0	0	2	57	206
Parian	207	0	10	2	2	2	41	67	2	0	0	1	0	70	1	1	2	0	0	4	66	207
Gauge	208	0	8	0	4	0	19	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	44	208
Canopy	209	3	12	7	5	0	57	132	7	2	0	0	0	141	0	6	0	0	0	6	135	209
East Lincoln	210	61	78	60	18	14	290	1114	55	3	0	4	0	1176	2	13	14	0	0	29	1147	210
Cement	211	0	4	1	1	0	7	93	0	1	0	0	0	94	0	1	0	0	0	1	93	211
Compass & Square	212	2	6	2	1	0	41	64	1	0	0	0	0	65	0	1	0	0	0	1	64	212
Plumblin	214	1	3	1	1	1	40	46	0	0	0	1	0	47	0	2	1	0	0	3	44	214
Occidental	215	0	4	0	1	0	34	79	0	0	0	1	0	80	0	4	0	1	0	5	75	215
Palisade	216	2	9	2	5	2	36	106	3	0	0	2	0	111	3	3	2	0	0	8	103	216
Wauneta	217	3	9	2	2	0	35	61	4	0	0	0	0	65	0	1	0	0	0	1	64	217
Bloomfield	218	2	14	2	2	0	46	75	3	2	0	1	0	81	1	3	0	0	0	4	77	218
Relief	219	1	6	1	1	0	13	56	1	0	0	0	0	57	1	3	0	0	0	4	53	219
Magnolia	220	3	8	1	1	2	14	74	1	0	0	0	0	75	0	2	2	0	0	4	71	220
Wood Lake	221	4	11	2	3	0	11	71	2	0	0	0	0	73	1	1	0	0	0	2	71	221
Landmark	222	9	5	7	1	0	23	108	6	0	0	1	0	115	1	1	0	0	0	2	113	222
Eminence	233	3	7	3	2	0	16	60	2	0	0	0	0	62	1	0	0	0	0	1	61	223
Silver Cord	224	5	14	4	4	7	27	155	4	2	0	2	0	163	2	4	7	0	0	13	150	224
Cable	225	1	9	3	7	9	41	96	1	0	0	5	0	102	0	1	9	0	0	10	92	225
Grace	226	0	9	0	2	0	37	85	0	0	0	0	0	85	1	2	0	0	0	3	82	226
North Star	227	22	36	18	8	4	79	471	20	3	1	2	0	497	8	3	4	0	0	15	482	227
Bartley	228	0	2	0	0	1	15	65	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	1	1	0	0	2	63	228
Comet	229	1	6	1	2	1	35	91	2	0	0	0	0	93	0	1	1	0	0	2	91	229
Delta	230	0	11	1	1	1	20	44	2	0	0	0	0	46	0	4	1	0	0	5	41	230
Mt. Hermon	231	3	5	2	5	0	37	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	39	231
John S. Bowen	232	5	5	3	4	1	18	65	1	0	0	0	0	66	0	2	1	0	0	3	63	232
Gilead	233	9	16	7	0	0	9	58	8	0	1	0	0	67	2	1	0	0	0	3	64	233

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Zion	234	1	0	3	4	1	42	92	2	2	0	0	0	96	1	0	1	0	1	3	93	234
Fraternity	235	10	7	7	1	0	23	59	6	0	0	0	0	65	1	1	0	0	0	2	63	235
Golden Rule	236	6	7	6	5	0	11	56	6	0	0	1	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	236
Cubit	237	0	4	0	1	0	16	63	1	0	0	0	0	64	1	2	0	0	0	3	61	237
Friendship	239	4	7	4	5	7	31	99	5	1	0	2	0	107	0	2	7	0	1	10	97	239
Pilot	240	1	6	2	3	0	25	127	1	1	0	0	0	129	2	3	0	0	0	5	124	240
George Armstrong	241	1	11	2	0	0	18	91	2	0	0	0	0	93	0	3	0	0	0	3	90	241
Tyrian	243	0	5	0	0	0	13	32	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	243
Hampson	245	1	20	1	1	0	38	69	1	0	0	1	0	71	0	1	0	0	0	1	70	245
Nehawka	246	1	4	1	2	0	20	118	2	1	0	0	0	121	0	5	0	0	0	5	116	246
Corner Stone	247	2	16	2	2	1	52	32	3	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	1	0	0	2	33	247
Laurel	248	2	21	3	5	1	61	109	2	0	0	0	0	111	0	3	1	0	0	4	107	248
Gothenburg	249	2	12	2	1	2	25	161	4	1	0	0	0	166	1	3	2	1	0	7	159	249
Geo. Washington	250	10	25	12	25	4	112	340	13	2	0	1	0	356	4	3	4	1	0	12	344	250
Wausa	251	1	1	1	0	0	25	64	1	0	0	1	0	66	3	1	0	0	0	4	62	251
Beemer	253	2	2	2	0	0	15	51	2	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	253
Bassett	254	3	16	3	1	5	40	95	3	0	0	2	0	100	1	1	5	0	0	7	93	254
Hickman	256	1	2	1	0	0	24	64	1	1	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65	256
Holbrook	257	1	7	0	0	0	23	28	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	257
Anselmo	258	2	11	1	4	3	37	102	3	0	0	5	0	110	4	2	3	1	1	11	99	258
Ornan	261	2	3	2	0	4	39	84	2	0	0	1	0	87	0	1	4	0	0	5	82	261
Endeavor	262	4	1	4	4	3	12	102	2	1	0	0	0	105	0	0	3	0	0	3	102	262
Mitchell	263	3	9	2	2	4	45	159	3	2	0	4	0	168	3	0	4	0	0	7	161	263
Franklin	264	2	13	1	4	2	110	108	1	0	0	2	0	111	1	3	2	0	0	6	105	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	14	25	13	5	6	79	415	14	1	0	2	0	432	2	5	6	0	0	13	419	265
Silver	266	1	4	2	4	1	15	63	0	0	0	1	0	64	0	2	1	0	0	3	61	266
James A. Tulleys	267	2	4	0	1	0	17	58	1	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	8	10	4	3	0	58	250	4	2	0	0	0	256	1	5	0	0	0	6	250	268
Oasis	271	2	4	2	2	0	42	137	2	0	0	0	0	139	0	4	0	0	0	4	135	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	1	4	0	0	2	22	75	0	0	0	0	0	75	1	3	2	0	0	6	69	272
Crofton	273	3	2	3	0	0	22	63	3	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65	273
Olive Branch	274	0	15	0	7	0	37	63	1	0	0	0	0	64	1	1	0	0	0	2	62	274
Ramah	275	0	0	1	0	0	9	73	1	1	0	0	0	75	0	2	0	0	0	2	73	275
Antelope	276	8	9	6	5	0	14	63	6	0	1	0	0	70	0	1	0	0	0	1	69	276
Sioux	277	3	5	1	1	1	6	53	1	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	1	0	0	1	53	277
Litchfield	278	3	4	2	1	0	28	37	2	0	0	0	0	39	1	0	0	0	0	1	38	278
Wallace	279	4	11	2	2	0	22	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	3	1	0	0	0	4	39	279
Swastika	280	3	12	3	2	0	19	73	2	0	1	1	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	280
Florence	281	40	72	37	10	4	121	830	36	11	0	7	0	884	5	9	4	1	0	19	865	281
Mullen	282	3	4	3	0	0	27	78	3	2	0	0	0	83	0	4	0	0	0	4	79	282

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			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1954											No. on Rolls, December 31, 1954										
Seneca	284	3	11	4	3	1	35	84	4	0	0	2	0	90	0	3	1	0	0	4	86	284		
Camp Clarke	285	10	21	9	5	7	37	182	11	1	0	1	0	195	0	4	7	0	0	11	184	285		
Oshkosh	286	2	17	3	5	0	44	116	2	0	0	5	0	123	0	3	0	0	0	3	120	286		
Union	287	3	5	3	0	3	16	60	5	0	0	0	0	65	1	2	3	0	0	6	59	287		
Omaha	288	21	36	18	2	18	201	585	24	0	0	4	0	613	2	14	18	0	0	34	579	288		
Lotus	289	4	7	5	1	0	28	172	9	1	0	0	0	182	2	6	0	0	0	8	174	289		
John J. Mercer	290	56	48	57	6	6	173	1301	58	4	0	5	0	1368	9	12	6	0	0	27	1341	290		
Diamond	291	3	10	1	2	0	27	76	0	1	0	1	0	78	2	2	0	0	0	4	74	291		
Wolbach	292	1	8	0	1	0	29	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	1	43	292		
Monument	293	4	7	4	5	0	18	67	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	0	0	0	1	66	293		
Kimball	294	1	7	2	0	1	35	142	2	4	0	0	0	148	0	0	1	0	0	1	147	294		
Minatare	295	6	8	5	1	4	30	95	5	0	0	4	0	104	2	2	4	0	0	8	96	295		
Cotner	297	8	15	8	2	4	56	229	8	1	0	1	0	239	4	3	3	0	0	10	229	297		
Chester	298	1	2	1	1	0	10	43	0	2	0	0	0	45	0	2	0	0	0	2	43	298		
Sutherland	299	0	8	1	2	1	15	99	0	1	0	0	0	100	0	1	1	0	0	2	98	299		
Liberty	300	16	25	17	9	11	142	455	14	0	0	2	0	471	8	5	11	0	0	24	447	300		
Bayard	301	5	10	3	3	2	30	109	3	1	0	3	0	116	2	1	2	0	0	5	111	301		
Mizpah	302	53	60	46	21	22	245	1207	46	2	0	9	1	1265	6	13	22	0	0	41	1224	302		
Right Angle	303	17	17	18	9	1	118	650	19	1	0	1	2	673	7	6	1	0	0	14	659	303		
Ruskin	304	0	4	0	2	0	18	37	0	0	0	1	0	38	0	2	0	0	0	2	36	304		
Newman Grove	305	0	3	1	2	0	25	60	1	0	0	0	0	61	2	0	0	0	0	2	59	305		
Golden Rod	306	3	2	3	1	0	9	80	3	0	1	2	0	86	1	0	0	0	0	1	85	306		
William E. Hill	307	1	9	2	2	0	30	34	2	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	1	35	307		
Perkins	308	3	5	5	4	3	33	106	2	1	0	1	0	110	1	1	3	0	0	5	105	308		
Winnebago	309	2	6	1	1	2	15	60	2	0	0	1	0	63	0	1	2	0	0	3	60	309		
Victory	310	5	7	3	8	0	45	204	1	1	0	0	0	206	2	3	0	0	0	5	201	310		
Polk	311	1	9	1	0	1	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	1	61	311		
Oak Leaf	312	2	11	0	0	1	8	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	1	1	0	2	50	312		
Potter	313	1	5	2	0	4	25	97	2	1	0	0	0	100	0	2	4	0	0	6	94	313		
Craftsmen	314	19	27	13	6	8	73	579	11	1	0	2	0	593	2	3	8	1	0	14	579	314		
Alpha	316	6	28	4	8	2	12	178	4	0	0	0	0	182	1	2	2	0	0	5	177	316		
Mid-West	317	23	49	21	13	3	51	419	22	3	0	6	0	450	4	3	3	0	0	10	440	317		
Grand Island	318	17	10	16	1	4	44	278	17	6	0	0	0	301	2	1	4	0	0	7	294	318		
Bladen	319	0	5	0	0	1	20	46	0	0	0	1	0	47	0	1	1	0	0	2	45	319		
College View	320	8	15	5	0	9	34	167	5	0	0	5	0	177	1	2	9	0	0	12	165	320		
Harmony	321	2	6	2	2	7	13	74	0	0	0	1	0	75	1	0	7	0	0	8	67	321		
Pioneer	322	4	5	3	1	0	11	78	3	0	0	0	0	81	1	1	0	1	0	3	78	322		

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Lebanon	323	8	13	7	5	4	36	182	6	2	2	0	192	1	2	4	0	7	188	323
Cairo	324	1	1	2	2	0	0	59	0	1	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	324
Totals		1568	3701	1446	990	551	1686	44972	1424	261	20	322	347002	351	781	551	18	6	1707	45295

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FRATERNAL REVIEW

By M. W. William B. Wanner

Again we present our work for inspection and hope it meets with your approval. For the first time in many years, the Fraternal Report is being published in advance, for the purpose of making it available to more brethren, who perhaps might not be able to read it later. In the past the report has been read to the delegates, but that impression is but fleeting, and few have the habit of reading proceedings, even when they are available. In the hope that this method will enable the representative to make a better report to his lodge and perhaps even stimulate some to form the habit of reading, this topical report is presented. The writer can never forget the thrill he received on reading in 1926, on his first attendance at Grand Lodge, the review at that time; little thinking that he would be writing an abbreviated one some day. One can gain a Masonic education in this way in about as short a time as any—why not try it?

This type of review is hard to write. Such reviews can fall into two categories. One merely quotes from addresses of Grand Masters, Orators and other speeches. The second tries to get as many topics as possible presented with the hope that curiosity will be aroused to the point that the individual will try to find out more about a subject than is here presented.

All proceedings received have been carefully read and we trust that none of the Brethren of the Round Table will have reason to complain because his territory was omitted. For space reasons alone much must be left out. The writer would far rather write the individual review, but the powers that be say no, so we do the best we can with their requirements in mind. The task is necessarily a solitary one, but the rewards are great. To our Brethren of the Round Table, our sincere greetings and thankful appreciation.

Many jurisdictions, in view of the modern demand for Masonic unity, deplore the name "Foreign Correspondence," and quite a few have changed to "Fraternal." England and Ireland have changed to "External Relations Committee" and Scotland to "Overseas and External Affairs." After all, this is pertinent, since there can be no foreignness among brethren imbued with the same principles.

Gains continue but in most cases smaller. The largest are principally in the Southern United States, South Carolina, Kentucky, New Mexico, Florida, Louisiana, and Tennessee, all about 4%. New York, our largest, only gained 6/10 of 1%, and Vermont, 2/10. Some contrasts: New York has 1,046 lodges, Nevada has 27. New York has 303,000 members, Nevada has 4,861. Texas gained 5,885 members net and California 5,807 while Vermont only 36. British Columbia showed a net gain of 16% but the overall average is about 2%. England has added 1,279 lodges in the past ten years, they now have 6,599. Nearly five

million Masons are on the rolls of the World; what a force for good this could and should be!

GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILLIPPINES

We have commented almost every year since writing these reviews concerning this Grand Lodge. This year we cannot refrain from making it a main topic. This Grand Lodge, from the character of its proceedings and the utterance of its leaders, is rapidly becoming one of the foremost of the World. Of course, as those who attended the Washington Conferences last year can testify, M. W. Brother Mauro Baradi is an outstanding individual, but he is also surrounded by a corps of officers and members who seem to be united in the same interests and causes as himself. The Grand Lodge was addressed by a non-Mason, one of their outstanding citizens, Dr. Jorge Bocobo, who delivered an oration on "Freedom of the Mind." We wish we could print it all, here are two short extracts: "When we speak of freedom of the mind, we include freedom of worship, freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of science, freedom of philosophy and freedom of the State from Church domination. We are thus defending the most basic freedom, the undermining of which would cause the whole temple of democracy to topple over."

"And this is only fair and just, for the salvation of the soul is a matter of individual and exclusive responsibility. When the shadows of life have lengthened to the grave, and we stand before the Judgment Seat of God, all the priests and preachers living or dead in the world cannot help us. We shall either be rewarded or condemned exactly as each of us has thought and acted."

They are trying to get a flag from every jurisdiction with which they are in accord. Five new ones were added this year. Their first Grand Master, Harry E. Stafford, tortured by the Japanese during the invasion, died at the age of 85. They now have eleven lodges in Japan with 1,620 members, with two more contemplated. A district Grand Lodge has been organized and the ritual is being translated into Japanese, a slow process. Dispensations have been issued for lodges in Korea and Guam. Charity also has its place. Fire victims, flood sufferers in Japan, crippled children and widows and orphans all had attention. Besides 15,000 pesos were given to the government to assist in sinking artesian wells, a necessity since many sources of water are impure, resulting in disease and ill health. The address of the Grand Master is one of the finest and most unique documents we have ever read, covering sixty pages of type with appendices of fourteen more pages. It covers every field of endeavor and should be read by every Mason. A pilgrimage was made to the monument erected to Dr. Jose Rizal, one of the great patriots of all times. There the Grand Orator addressed them on the subject "Today's Challenge to Freemasons." All in all, this volume is really an education and a revelation of what Masonry can and should do in this world of ours. It is inspiring reading. We will be glad to lend it to anyone. As we said in the beginning of this report, if just a few brethren will gain from it the habit of reading, of

independent research, this Committee will feel amply repaid for their work. The Filipinos have a colossal burden of ignorance, superstition and ecclesiastical opposition to overcome. They certainly seem to have guarded the portals well, as they have a select group within their membership.

"THE OTHER SEVEN"

Is Masonry changing in some respects? In reading the many proceedings this year, we are struck with the number of instances where Grand Lodges are departing from a strictly Masonic way of doing things, shall we say a broader viewpoint. In speaking before the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, our own Grand Master Charles F. Adams, after commenting that about one man in Nebraska out of eight was a Mason, said: "The question is, what is our obligation to the other seven? We meet them on the street, we see them in church and work with them in civic organizations. We associate with them in political affairs. What is our obligation to those other seven? Brethren, I submit to you that the Master Masons who went to the Boston Tea Party and didn't go to lodge that night were not doing it just for the benefit of the Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. They had a firm and undying conviction that they had an obligation to the other seven and to the widows, orphans, families, children and the wives of these other seven. In these turbulent times, it behooves us as Masons to realize that our responsibilities are not confined solely to the members of our Craft, but rather as Masons, who have had the opportunity of Masonic teachings, have had the opportunity to learn of the part that Masonry has played in the history of our great nation, in past years, still have an obligation and an opportunity to serve our community, our state and our nation, that not only we as Masons and our immediate families may profit by a better community, state and nation in which to live, but that it will be a benefit to all mankind. One of the most significant parts of the whole program of course, is our public school system. It is only one, so if I would leave a thought with you, my brethren, you and I have an obligation to the other seven. It is a real challenge and a real opportunity for the Masons at this hour."

California and Texas especially spend considerable time and money to promote more attention to their public school systems. Arkansas provided \$5,000 for the purchase of 'wonder drugs' for the State Sanatorium at Booneville, when state funds ran out. They are also helping to build an Occupational Therapy building at the Children's Hospital. South Carolina, since 1878, has operated an Orphanage for all the children in the state needing care. Only a handful come from Masonic homes. The state appropriates money and it is a part of the state school system. In Australia, substantial sums are paid toward the support of hospitals, etc. In New York especially, nearly \$200,000 is spent toward the solution of such diseases as Rheumatic Fever, Arthritis, Cancer, Heart, etc. In Illinois, Cook County, a hospital is maintained on a pay-as-you-can basis, open to all, regardless of race or creed. The Northern Scottish Rite has for years

spent \$50,000 to try to find the solution for a form of insanity. Rhode Island, Saskatchewan and other states spend considerable sums for Youth Programs and the encouragement of sports in general among their members. Many other instances will be noted in the Gleanings section of this report. A great many states have donated to Red Cross, Salvation Army and similar organizations at the Grand Lodge level.

The subordinate lodge is barred from similar contributions everywhere and there we are told the individual should work and contribute his efforts to these causes, getting inspiration from his lodge teachings. Just what does all this Grand Lodge trend mean? Is it a good thing or should we tend more to our own business? There is much to be said on both sides, of course. Masonry is not changing in its fundamentals in the lodge, but is the above trend a change from our traditional aloofness; getting to be more like a great number of other organizations—not Masonic? We wonder. The Grand Master of Connecticut said: "As it is, entirely too many of our members join our Lodges only with the objective of hastening to become enrolled in other organizations that require membership in Masonry as a prerequisite to membership in theirs. In common with a growing number of Grand Masters, I clearly see that these eighty or more organizations, including fifteen for female relatives of Masons, are bleeding Masonry white, and almost without exception, hold and inculcate doctrines which are opposed to the tenets of Masonry. The Temple our predecessors laid the foundation of and planned so well is being neglected and left to the destructive elements, while it is being surrounded by nondescript structures built on stones taken from our Masonic Foundations, but not built on the plans laid down on our Masonic Trestle Board! In some jurisdictions, many even of the recognized 'appendant' bodies are either avowedly, or in practice, Sectarian and even denominational, and we see and hear thousands of Masons led astray with utterly un-Masonic doctrines. The answer to all this sort of disrupting procedures is, of course, the dissemination of the right KIND of Masonic information or education." This committee does not for a moment claim the items listed in the above paragraphs are wrong, we are merely calling them to your attention, that more discussion may perhaps bring more light and truth.

CHAPTER REFERENCES

Our Grand Master is to be commended for the many visits he has made over the country. He, with quite a delegation, attended the Washington Conferences, where he presented a paper on Italian Masonry as part of the work of the Committee on Information. It was well received. We recommend the practice of sending the Deputy Grand Master to the Conference be continued. We approve of his appointment of Grand Representatives. We found our representative present in thirty instances this year. It should be more. We urge you to correspond with the Jurisdiction you represent, especially those in foreign lands. We cannot appreciate the constant pressure that many Grand Lodges and their members are subjected to, not only in their lodges, but also in their

homes and schools. We can make their burden a little lighter, if they know someone stands behind them with a word of encouragement. In the great Episcopal Cathedral in Washington, there is cut into one of the walls words uttered by one of our Masonic Presidents, "The gospel of understanding alone can produce a tranquil world." You can help.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Insurance against loss from suits for damages from various causes is one of the items that is discussed in almost every jurisdiction. In other countries beside the United States, aroused Grand Lodges are taking action. M. W. Brother Lloyd E. Wilson of California can claim this as his monument if all else fails, since it was he who first called the attention of the Masonic World to this new trend in public and private reaction in the past few years. In Connecticut, a brother filed suit for \$100,000 against the Grand Lodge, an individual lodge, a Temple Association and several individuals for injuries allegedly received during initiation. The bank accounts of all were attached and the Grand Lodge was forced to make heavy bond to relieve the tie-up. Many states bought insurance for the Grand Lodge and urged the subordinate lodge to do so. A few made it compulsory, but most pointed out the dangers involved and asked the lodge to protect themselves with the company of their choice. Ohio's Committee gives the rate as follows: 100 members, premium \$24.75 per year; 200, \$37.13; 300, \$49.50; 500, \$74.25; 1000, \$117.55; over 1000, .0618 each. This covers \$1,000,000 limit for bodily injury to one person; in addition \$10,000 limit for property damage, activities away from lodge room, products liability, use of members' cars, use of hired cars, damage by aircraft, leakage or overflow of water or steam, etc.

MASONIC PUBLICATIONS

Until one reads the proceedings of California, Washington, Missouri and others, he cannot realize how little some individuals have received from their initiation. All of these states have been annoyed with members who publish so-called Masonic papers. The great trouble with these journals is that all too often the prime object was to sell, by any means, some approaching blackmail, advertising in said publication to the benefit of the publisher. California's committee has done a great job by sending out questionnaires to the advertiser to try to find out if he really got any benefit from the ad or whether he considered it more of a donation or sop to the fraternity and warning him of their disapproval of such tactics. In Washington, to terminate an aggravated case, the matter had to be taken to the courts, where after considerable litigation, it was finally disposed of. Some persist, after charges, turning things over to their wives, etc. California has continued their fine quarterly for another year. Nothing but praise was given this magazine. Pennsylvania issued a small four-page pamphlet of information to the craft, while Missouri comes out with an elaborate 32-page Bulletin.

Home News and items of interest over the state as well as selected articles from Masonic leaders will appear. Demand for state publications seems to be heavy. There are a number of jurisdictions that are now turning out magazines that are really fine papers, that should receive the support of their members. Some are printed in their trade schools. Grand Lodge Bulletins can be deadly dull or if the editor is alive, they can be the opposite.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL

M. W. Brother Clifford D. Jory addressed the Grand Lodge of Iowa on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association of which he is the President. Since many of our newer members are not familiar with this project in detail, we think it proper to print part of his address as follows: "The corporation was organized. They thought of building a small fire-proof building right next to Christ's Church in Alexandria, which was Washington's home church and then as the magnitude of the thing and the possibility for greatness had developed in their minds and in their thinking, they saw that a small location down in town would never do. So they purchased and have added to what is known as Shooter's Hill 107 feet above sea-level. In addition to that it was land that at one time belonged to George Washington. It is in the City of Alexandria which was Washington's home town. He had his banking connections there; he had his office there; and he served as a selectman or what would now be known as a town councilman there. And so on that plot of ground . . . we are erecting this terrific memorial to George Washington, the Mason — the greatest memorial ever erected anywhere to one individual. I asked the architect where he got his idea for it, and his reply is interesting. He based his original plans on the ancient lighthouses of the Romans. In those days they did not have the scaffolding that we have today, and so they built a story and then the next story was inset so they would work on the roof of the first story built and that is the style of architecture which has been adopted in the erection of this building."

The pipe organ, gift of New Jersey, now has an automatic playing attachment. The organ company gave them 200 rolls of classical, religious and martial music and so when the more than 100,000 tourists move through the building, there will be music filling the building with harmony greatly increasing the effectiveness.

GLEANINGS

The Grand Master of Georgia declined to make any new recommendations to the craft, stating they should use the tools they already had; especially the Masonic Manual and Code and their paper, The Messenger. This is almost revolutionary, for if the advice is followed, real education and progress would result with great benefit to the craft everywhere.

In Tasmania, one of the modern, so-called luncheon clubs financed a cottage at their Masonic home. The club had no connection with Masonry.

On April 12, 1954, the Grand Officers of North Dakota and South Dakota met at Mitchell, South Dakota, to unveil and place the Bronze Plaque commemorating the forming of the Grand Lodges of North and South Dakota.

Many Grand Lodges are devoting some thought at least to the size of lodges, but little is done about it. Pennsylvania became a pioneer in this field a few years ago when they adopted legislation limiting the number of petitions a lodge could receive in a month. The larger the lodge, the fewer petitions they could have. It has not been too successful. California, Arizona and Montana have tried to find some solution, but nothing definite has been decided. One individual lodge has attacked the problem at its root, seems to us, by adopting the following by-laws: "Section I-Members. The members of this lodge shall not exceed one hundred thirty-five in number, from which there shall be elected such officers as may be required by the Grand Constitution." This was in Rhode Island. We can see some difficulty here, but think this is a good start on the problem. In Arizona, the Grand Master recommended that lodges over 350 in size become research lodges only, until natural causes reduced them to 300, then they would become regular lodges again, but he was voted down. We suspect that large lodges are a part of cheap Masonry. The bigger the lodge, the less dues required, but the need of the individual is lost sight of, with resulting lack of interest and attendance.

In spite of all that has been said during the past few years, chain letters still bother many jurisdictions. Seems silly, but then some folks never grow up, regardless of their age in years.

In Rhode Island, the visiting Grand Masters were called upon to act as Tellers. That is one way of getting your entertainment money back.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan raised nearly \$11,000 to pay for the furnishings of the Lounge Room in the Memorial Union Building at their university. California has for years subsidized two student club houses on the grounds of their two state universities.

Canada in Ontario presents a Medal for fifty years a past master in addition to the usual fifty-year badge for members. This year eighteen Worshipful Brethren received this honor, a very nice gesture.

In North Dakota, we always turn with interest to the report of the Librarian-in-Charge, Clara Alida Richards. This lady admits with candor that she has worked for the Grand Lodge for forty years and this year submits her last report. She has remained under protest the

past few years to see the library through a rebuilding program. Whoever North Dakota replaces her with, they will never find a person who can make a clearer, better or more forward looking report than Clara Richards, in spite of her claim that someone younger should have this in charge.

In Louisiana, Centennial Plaques are presented to those lodges which have attained this distinction. Impressive ceremonies accompany this gift for 100 years of service to the Grand Lodge. Five were presented this year. In Arkansas, it was adopted to present a suitable 100th Anniversary Certificate, suitable for framing to be presented with ceremony appropriate to the occasion. This would be a good idea for Nebraska to adopt as a number of our lodges will soon gain this distinction.

In the history of Corner-Stone Lodge, chartered in 1801 in Massachusetts, we find a remarkable item. During the Morgan Episode in the U. S., a great many lodges surrendered their charters and ceased operations. So did this lodge, but the brethren formed a Corner-Stone Charitable Association and on July 27, 1834, just twenty-two days after the charter was given up, they held their first meeting. The total funds available were \$473.67. For ten years this group functioned and much charity was dispensed, while the fund had grown to \$602.92. They petitioned the Grand Lodge for a return of the charter which was granted on January 5, 1845. The teachings of Freemasonry have never had a more perfect demonstration than was given by these few men who faithfully kept its ideals and followed its time-honored principles through Masonry's darkest hour. They served well their generation and preserved for their sons the respect and confidence of their neighbors. Among their cherished possessions are their seal and jewels, made by Paul Revere; the tiler's sword, a relic of the Revolution; a gavel from the Gettysburg battlefield with a minie ball in the head; and an old mirror with a hand carved frame with many Masonic symbols.

The Grand Lodge of Victoria carried out a beautiful, solemn and impressive ceremony, a Masonic Coronation Service for their new Queen Elizabeth. Their more than 100,000 members pledged their renewed loyalty and affection for their new sovereign.

The distinguished honor of Massachusetts, the Henry Price Medal, one of which was presented to our own M. W. Brother Thomas J. Aron by M. W. Brother Thomas S. Roy, then Grand Master of Massachusetts, was started by M. W. Brother Melvin M. Johnson forty years ago. By some peculiar omission Brother Johnson never received one himself. The Grand Master presented him one, unique in that it was made of solid gold, representing the affection they hold for a man sixty years a Mason, fifty years a past master and for nearly fifty years an officer of their Grand Lodge. It represented the opulence of his gifts, not only to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, but to other organizations as well.

In a memorial service for M. W. Brother Lanham of South Carolina who was twice their Grand Master, is told this tale. He was first elected in 1919. During his first term he laid the corner-stone of the newly-begun Citadel Building —the West Point of the South. It has been said that in this ceremony not an "i" was undotted, not a "t" uncrossed. The Wardens were in line with their blue rods and the Stewards in their places with their white rods. The Treasurer was in place with his green bag. It has been said that this was one corner-stone that was laid with proper Masonic usage. Grand Master Lanham used the LaFayette Trowel. This trowel, made of Mexican Silver Dollars, with an ivory handle, was used by Marquis LaFayette in laying the corner-stone of Baron DeKalb's monument in Camden, South Carolina. This historic trowel is a prized possession of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

Oklahoma adopted the monthly report plan which is used by several jurisdictions. It reads as follows: "Each chartered and lodge under dispensation shall make monthly reports on suitable forms furnished by the Grand Lodge, such reports shall be forwarded so as to reach the Grand Secretary on or before the 10th of the following month, and in addition an annual report as provided by section 6 of these By-laws. The degree fees and the E. A. contributions to the Endowment Fund shall accompany these monthly reports." At first glance this seems to make more work for the Secretary, but in practice it really lessens the work. It makes for more efficient operation for all concerned. It is a forward step.

The Grand Commander of Arizona, speaking in New Mexico, told this interesting story. "My wife's grandfather, Dr. Charles Bowmer, was born and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in England and when after some 55 years, he came to America, an apron which had been worn by his father was given to him. He practiced medicine in New York and at the outbreak of the war decided to enlist in the American Army. He was sent to Fort Union as an Army surgeon. While there he was the instigator of a Blue Lodge at Fort Union. Many of you may know that in those days the soldiers stationed at old Fort Union slaughtered the lambs from which their Masonic aprons were made. They also fashioned crude silver into jewels for the officers of the lodge. I saw these aprons and jewels in Watrous Lodge some 25 years ago. I lost track of them until yesterday when someone told me they had been moved to Wagon Mound. Now this apron which Dr. Bowmer brought to America was worn by him for 53 years. Just prior to his death in Watrous, he turned it over to me and I carried it for eighteen years. Having no descendants, I turned the apron together with all its history over to a grandson of Dr. Bowmer, who had gone through the chairs in a lodge in San Francisco."

The report of Dr. Vogel of the United Grand Lodge of Germany shows an extremely busy year for this elderly gentleman. It is pathetic in

many instances, where the conflict between the extremes in age groups shows up due to the war conditions, but generally speaking he is strongly hopeful, full of optimism for the future of his country. They now have 10,500 members.

M. W. James W. Speer is the Senior Past Grand Master of Montana, having presided in 1911. This year an elaborate ceremony honoring him was presented by the Heads of the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, The Masonic Home Board, the Supreme Court and his local community. It was a complete surprise to him.

Pennsylvania lodges are held to strict accountability for all their acts. For instance, a couple of brethren were suspended from all rights because they used an unauthorized gavel in the reception of candidates. This year the Grand Master issued a blanket excuse for all lodges who had cancelled meetings due to the onslaught of hurricane "Hazel" on October 15, 1954.

As stated before, the Grand Lodge of California is about to build a Memorial Temple in San Francisco. The Grand Lodge of Nevada appropriated \$100 to help in this effort. California is experiencing some difficulty in raising the necessary funds, since they found like Nebraska a few years ago, that planning and education are essential before the brethren will subscribe, but we know California will come through and the "Temple Will be Built."

The Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario is celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year. They are inviting two guests from each lodge all over the world to attend, from Britain, South Africa, Australia and the United States. It is to be held in July and they expect thousands to attend.

One of the papers given to the Arkansas Lodge of Research was quite a discussion of one story lodge halls. It traces their legality and then divides the more than forty lodges in the state using such halls, into classes of expenditure, with a description of each class with a picture of the hall. The advantages are considerable; less maintenance, no stairs, lower ground cost and especially greater parking facilities. Many states are now allowing one-story Temples.

About 90% of a Grand Master's headaches are caused by residence or territorial jurisdiction problems. They cause many trials and disciplinary actions. Although New Jersey is what we regard as rather a small state, they have solved this problem by having concurrent jurisdiction throughout the state. It seems to work out in a fine way. It does with us, too, in the so-called 'higher' bodies.

The Superintendent of the Oklahoma Masonic Home has this to say: "I would recommend that this Grand Lodge and future Boards of Control give careful consideration to a study to be made of the Home by professionals in the field of 'geriatrics'. We should not leave to guess the effects of medicine smells, suffering and death, or the effects of a screaming hospital patient upon the psychological stability of an ambulatory member. The effect of advanced senility upon the emotional stability of those not affected should be investigated. I would recommend that the possibility of installing an occupational therapy program in our Home be investigated. Science has provided the answers to problems which have been relegated to the field of guessing for so many years. Providing physical needs alone will not answer their total needs. We must also supply the answer for the mental, spiritual and emotional problems. Deaths caused by mental or emotional frustrations and by deterioration of the brain have reached alarming proportions. Kindness, patience and hard work alone will not provide the answer, and we should now turn to the science of geriatrics for the answer." Occupational therapy and Handicraft Shops have been tried in a number of homes and seem to provide quite a little help along this direction. The science of geriatrics will, however, become increasingly important as well as the medicinal care of the aged, not only in our homes, but throughout the country as so large a proportion of our population becomes older than they used to be before the final curtain falls.

In Georgia, we find two lodges with the number 1, Solomon's and Social. Can you give us the reason, Georgia? To distinguish the two, the first is abbreviated as Sol. 1.

Last year we commented on Virginia's start on a Masonic Home. The outstanding event before this year's Grand Lodge was the payment for the same. Originally supposed to cost \$125,000, the final bill was, through somebody's error or indiscretion, \$318,000. They paid the bill, but many bitter words were said. As one Grand Master put it, it was like the darkie's definition of "status quo" when he said it was "latin for the mess we is in."

The Grand Master of West Virginia gave a little history of their organization at the start of his address. He said: "The first communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was held May 10, 1865, and the following resolution was adopted: that a committee be appointed to prepare an address to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, advising them of the formation of this Grand Lodge and inviting their fraternal recognition." Their membership in 1867 was 1061, now they have 45,000. Of the nine lodges at this first communication, all were in the northern part of the state. The remainder of the lodges continued to hold membership in the Grand Lodge of Virginia and did so for several years after. He paid tribute to their early pioneer members who so well laid their foundations.

The first proceedings of Ireland ever to reach our desk arrived this year. From it we cull a few interesting facts. Their veteran Grand Secretary, R. W. Henry C. Shellard, resigned this past year after fifty-seven years of service to their Grand Lodge, thirty-three years as Secretary and before that as Deputy. He was made a Past Junior Grand Warden. In the report of the Charities, in the Boys' School account, is listed a donation from Miss Annie Magrene of 1,000 pounds. For fifty years she had taught the elements of the 3 Rs to the very small boys of the school, without **one day lost**. When the street cars failed in Dublin, she would come on foot. She stinted herself to save the money. What a record! The Irish Constitution is divided into 18 districts; 13 of them in Ireland, the other five over the globe, with a provincial Grand Lodge in charge of each province. Things Masonic seem to be going quite well with the Irish.

Two veteran Grand Secretaries: Harry Johnson of Ohio and "Woody" Thomas of Arkansas presented as part of their reports this year very interesting accounts of the changes in their Grand Lodges in the past twenty or more years. Great progress has been made in both states. There is a sharp contrast between the two in their way of doing business, their Homes and other items; which spotlights the fact that though the several jurisdictions may differ widely in some respects, in the essentials they are one and the same.

Arizona held an Occasional Communication of their Grand Lodge to commemorate the "Early Masonic Pioneers who brought Masonry into the Territory of Arizona." It was held on the rim and IN the Grand Canyon. At 5:45 A.M. they descended into the canyon to a place called the "Big Shade" where the 1st and 2nd degrees were conferred. The next day at the Old Hearst Ranch the 3rd degree was given in due and ancient form. A barbecue dinner was served. Twenty-two lodges were represented. Three brothers were present who were there forty years ago and one walked down into the canyon this time, the first time he also walked back.

Kentuckians are very happy and they have a right to be, over the completion of their new office building. It is the first time they have ever owned their own building and after fifty years of worry lest fire destroy their records, they are now safe and secure. It is debt-free. It is situated opposite a park, in which is the City Auditorium of Louisville, with whom they have an agreement concerning their Grand Lodge Communications.

Grand Historians continue to present papers on various items of interest to their Grand Lodges, many of which are as interesting to read as a novel. Some of their subjects this year are:

Connecticut—Freemasonry in Connecticut before the Revolutionary War.

Manitoba—The Selkirk Settlers.

Utah—Mormonism and Masonry.

Washington—Early Freemasonry in Whitman County.

Vermont—Brother John Barney—Itinerant Teacher of Masonic Ritual.

Georgia—Battle of Brier Creek—March 9, 1779.

Ohio '53—Sesquicentennial of Old Erie Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M.

Ohio '54—Sesquicentennial of New England Lodge No. 4, F. & A. M.

Ohio also made photostatic copies of the early records of American Union Lodge No. 1, that are now owned by other jurisdictions.

In Florida, a Funeral or 'Low Twelve' lodge was set up in each of the Grand Lodge Districts, each bearing that number as a U.D. lodge. They shall do no work except to open and close, install their officers and conduct funerals. They can assess such dues as they require. A funeral lodge was instituted in Ohio of thirty-two members, their rolls being open to any who wished to join and now nearly 1,300 belong. They have several teams, who have drilled until they can now present a beautiful Masonic funeral ritual. They have purchased suitable equipment, which can be carried in a suitcase, which is in the custody of the Tiler and easily delivered to the place where the funeral is to be conducted. They are ready to go at a moment's notice. Between May and August they conducted eleven funerals.

Past Grand Master John Henry Cowles, Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, died June 18, 1954. He was buried in the House of the Temple, Washington, by permission of the Congress of the United States. For years, ever since 1929, he had sent contributions to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. By the time he died, the Cowles Benevolent Fund had reached the market value sum of \$84,253. He was a great Mason and the whole Masonic World will miss him and his wise counsel.

Ordinarily regular meetings of a lodge cannot be changed by any means when they fall on holidays, elections, etc. Manitoba passed a law that reads as follows: "The day and hour of the regular meeting of a lodge shall be stated in its By-laws, provided that, the Grand Master may for reason deemed sufficient, grant a dispensation to alter temporarily, the day, hour and/or place of such regular meeting."

New Jersey held a special communication of their Grand Lodge to participate in the celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth, with a ceremony of relaying the corner-stone of the Battle Monument. The same trowel was used on June 28, 1878. The Battle of Monmouth was one of the decisive engagements of the Revolution.

In January of this year, fire destroyed part of the Sanitarium for the Aged near Macon, Georgia, but all of the sixty-six elderly and infirm patients were safely removed. Thank Heaven, that can never happen here.

Simon Bolivar, father of independence in several South American countries, was honored in August of last year by a gigantic portrait, 100 feet high, erected in El Silencio Square in Caracas, Venezuela. On his chest is depicted a medal or medallion of George Washington, a man Brother Bolivar greatly admired and imitated.

In Providence, Rhode Island, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Team exemplified a Masonic degree according to the Canadian Ritual before an audience of 6,500 brethren. The Grand Master stated: "I can assure you that no greater thrill can come to any Grand Master than to be received into a tiled lodge with over sixty-five hundred brethren present."

The Grand Master of New York introduced the Worshipful Master of New London Lodge No. 420 who has been totally blind since he was eleven years old. He is a church officer, active in scout work, walks to work $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles a day and built his own house, including the digging of the cellar. He is able to conduct all the work of the lodge.

Fourteen out of fifteen brethren, convicted by a special tribunal for the suppression of Masonry in Spain, who had been sentenced to sixteen years imprisonment, were conditionally released after two months in jail in Madrid. It is impossible to tell just how many brethren still are in Spanish prisons, just because they belong to the Masonic fraternity. It has been illegal since 1940 to belong and the law is really enforced due to conditions you know about.

In laying a corner-stone in the District of Columbia, the Grand Master said: "Ladies, gentlemen and brethren, be it known unto you that we are lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations to aid in the erection of public buildings by placing in position the chief corner-stone whenever called upon to do so by those having charge of the same. These ceremonies which you have witnessed have come down to us from time immemorial, and are in themselves invaluable to us as purely symbolic of that spiritual building which each of us is engaged in erecting during our natural life; and as in this temporal building about to be erected, we have proved the chief corner-stone to be well formed, true, and trusty, let each of us be sure that in the spiritual building our chief corner-stone be likewise well formed, true and trusty.

"This historical gavel used in the laying of the corner-stone of this edifice this afternoon is the valued possession of Potomac Lodge No. 5, F.'A.'A.'M.' of the District of Columbia, and we are proud to be privileged to use it. This gavel was used by our illustrious Brother George Washington on September 18, 1793, in laying the corner-stone of the United States Capitol, and it is known as the George Washington Gavel.

It was used by President James K. Polk in laying the corner-stone of the Smithsonian Institution in 1847, and has been used by many of the Presidents. It was used in laying the corner-stone of the Washington Monument, and many other of Washington's finest buildings, among them: the Scottish Rite House of the Temple, Memorial Continental Hall, Constitution Hall and the Washington Cathedral at Mount St. Albans."

The Grand Master of Missouri told of the activity of Linn Creek Lodge No. 152, who with the help of other lodges in Missouri, erected a new house and furnished it completely for the wife and six children of their Worshipful Master who died suddenly, leaving the family in rather poor financial condition.

The ceremony used in the presentation of the two flags in Saskatchewan is interesting. Worshipful Brother Cpl. S. J. Leach, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, presented the Union Jack and Brother Constable E. Willes the Stars and Stripes at the altar with the following words:

"I now present our flag—the Union Jack—the emblem of freedom and Democracy. As its component crosses were successively combined to symbolize the voluntary unions of free peoples, so may it continue to typify the greater unities of our wider Commonwealth. May the red, the colour of the sacrificial blood of the martyrs, the white like the snowy lambskin of Masonry, and the blue of the changeless vault of the sky, symbolically depicting COURAGE, PURITY, and TRUTH, blend together wherever it floats the wide world round to blazon forth a sure pledge of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity for all peoples everywhere. Long may it wave! NATIONAL ANTHEM.

"I now present the flag of the United States of America—the Stars and Stripes. As its stripes represent the original thirteen states and its stars represent the original thirteen and thirty-five other states which have been added successively to the great Republic, so may it continue to grow in the respect of other nations and in its powerful support of freedom the wide world over. The flag which I now present is a Ceremonial Flag, the gift of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Montana, and expresses not only their patriotism, but also their regard and affection for the Brethren of Saskatchewan. I join with my brother flag-bearer and borrow his words. Wherever the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes float, may they with one voice, blazon forth a sure pledge of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity for all peoples, everywhere. In the unity of that pledge, long may they wave. So mote it be. GOD BLESS AMERICA."

We close this report with the cry of the negro preacher and may we all be like him in our enthusiasm for our fraternity. "O Lord, give thy servant the eyes of the eagle and the wisdom of the owl. Connect his soul with the gospel telephone from the central skies, illuminate his brow with the love of his people, turpentine his imagination, grease his lips with

possum oil, loose his tongue with the sledgehammer of Thy power, electrify his brain with the lightning of Thy word, put perpetual motion into his arms, fill him plumb full with the dynamite of Thy glory, anoint him with the kerosene of Thy salvation and set him on fire." The late Joseph Fort Newton, one of our greatest Masonic authors once said in one of his books: "Today man can make things by wholesale in mass production, but great souls, faithful and generous hearts are made one by one."

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