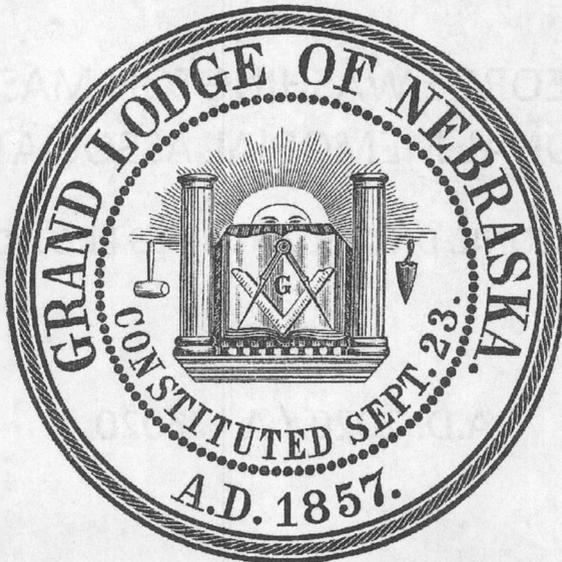


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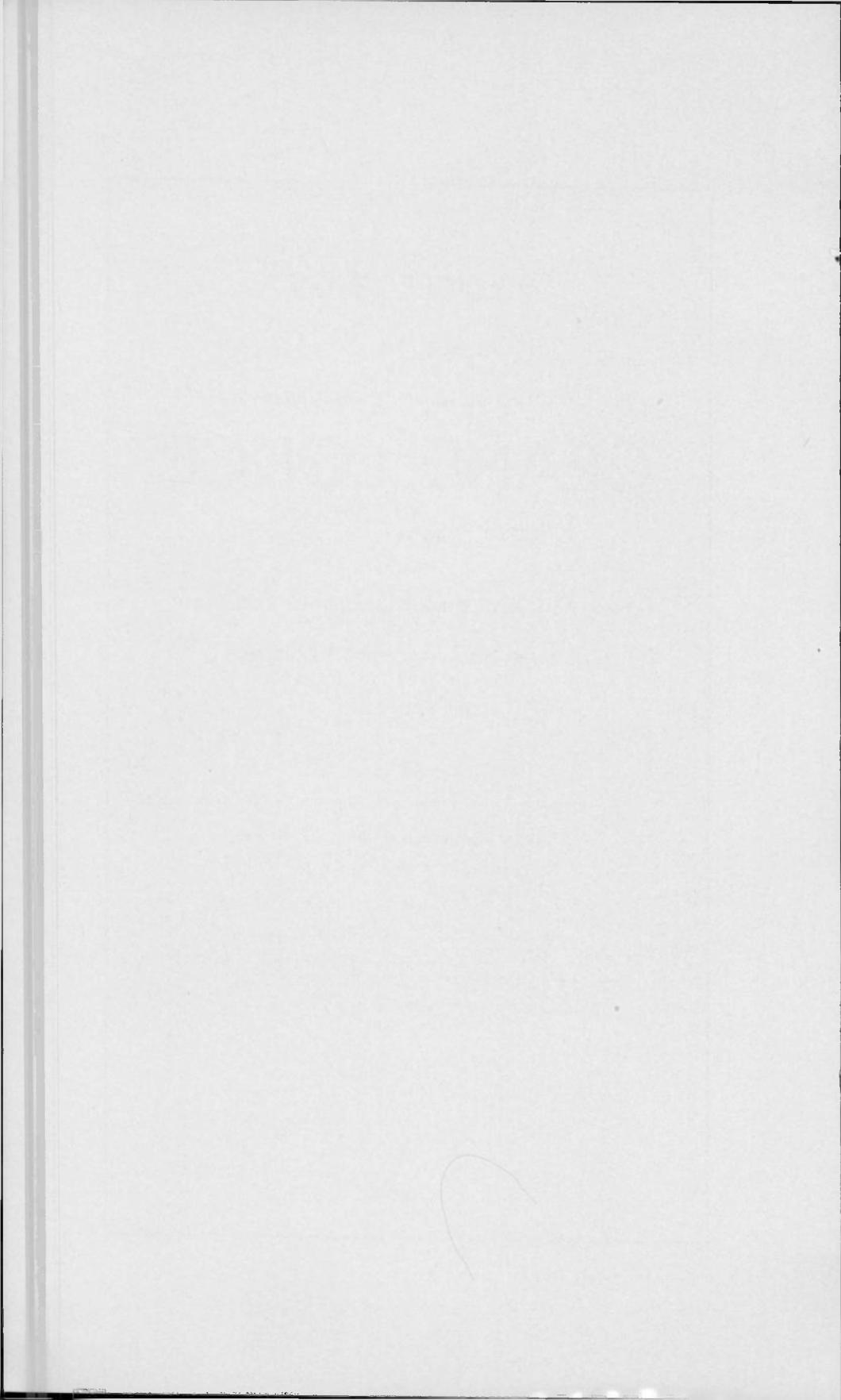
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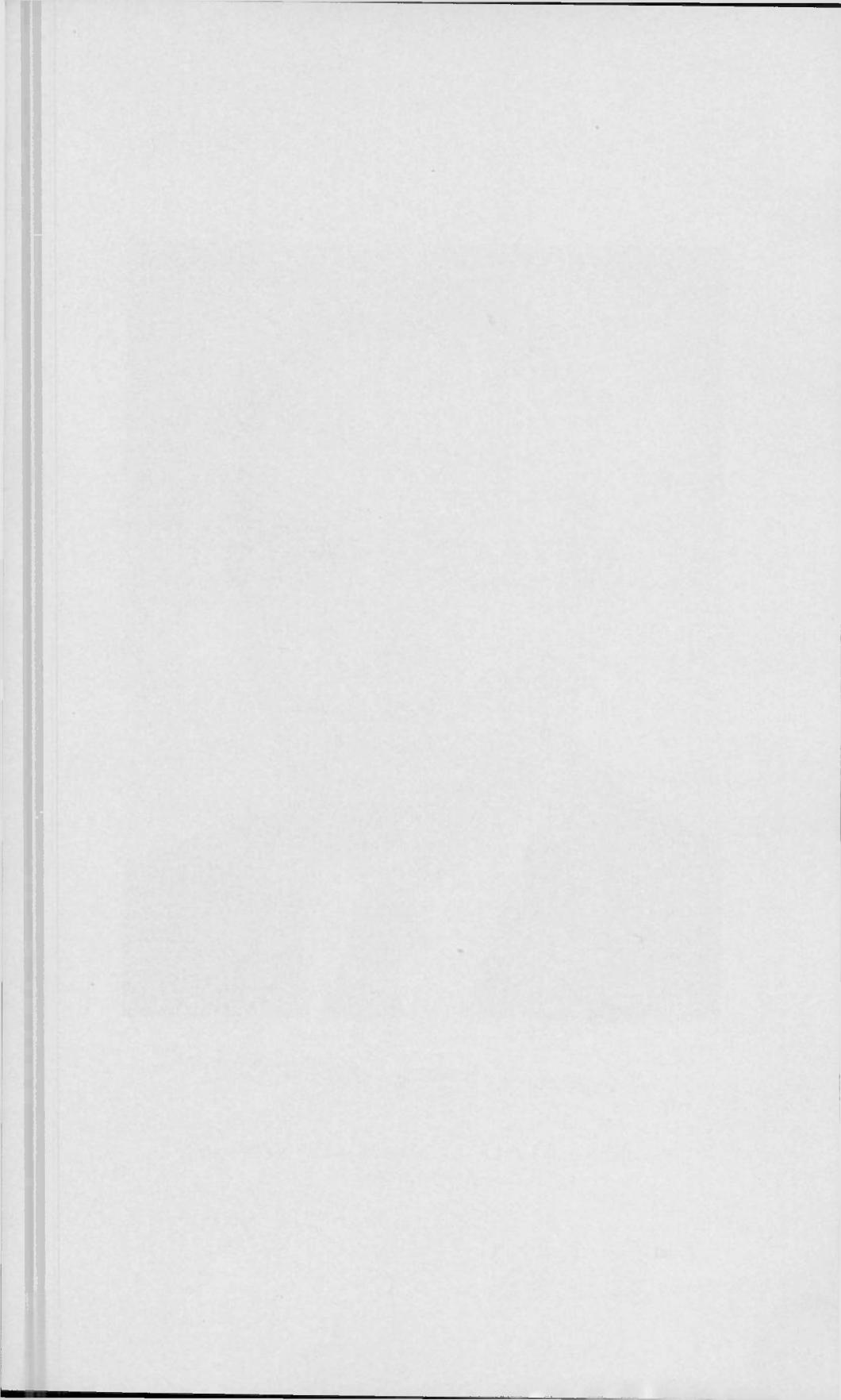
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Roy J. Babbitt

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1957 — 1958



Biographical



Roy I. Babbitt

Roy I. Babbitt, 92nd Grand Master, was born on a farm near La Grange, Wyoming, November 24, 1892. His parents, Thomas R. and Adella M. Babbitt, were early pioneer settlers in the state of Wyoming. He attended elementary schools in Wyoming and Mitchell, Nebraska, and then entered academy and college at Hastings, Nebraska, attending the latter institution two years. Following his work in college, he became deputy county treasurer of Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska. His political career was short-lived, as he soon left this field to enter the employ of the Great Western Sugar Co. in 1917, and has been thus engaged since that time. He served the sugar company at their factories in Gering, Mitchell, Minatare, Windsor, Colorado, and Scottsbluff, where he is now serving as chief chemist.

On December 30, 1914, at Wenona, Illinois, he was united in marriage to Mona Clifford. This union was blessed with two children, a son, Dr. Clifford Babbitt, and a daughter, Miss Elinor Babbitt.

MASONIC RECORD

Lodge: Initiated March 19, 1920; passed April 23, 1920; raised May 28, 1920, in Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering. May 22, 1934, he demitted to Minatare Lodge No. 295, and served as its Master in 1947.

Chapter: Mark Master July 28, 1949; Past Master and Most Excellent Master August 19, 1949; Royal Arch Mason September 19, 1949, in Oregon Trail Chapter No. 65, Gering. He served as Secretary 1952-1956.

Commandery: Red Cross, March 5, 1953; Malta, March 19, 1953; Order of the Temple April 30, 1953, in Bethlehem Commandery No. 18, Gering.

Council: Royal and Select Master January 31, 1950; Super Excellent February 13, 1950, in Temple Council No. 20, Scottsbluff.

GRAND BODIES

Grand Lodge: Appointed June 4, 1952 by M.·W.·Edward M. Knight. Elected and installed Grand Master June 6, 1957.

Grand Representative of Puerto Rico, appointed by M.·W.·Edward M. Knight August 23, 1952.

OTHER MASONIC BODIES

Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association, 1946.

Eastern Star, September 8, 1954.

Honorary Membership; Grand Lodge of South Dakota, June 12, 1957.

M.·W.·Brother Babbitt has given unstintingly of his time and energy in the promotion of church and civic affairs. At Windsor, Colorado, he belonged to the Lions Club and the Methodist church whose choir he directed. At Minatare he belonged to the Federated church, serving as its choir director. Both he and Mrs. Babbitt are now members of the Presbyterian church in Scottsbluff. During the time that he served as Deputy County Treasurer and during the early years with the sugar company, he and Mrs. Babbitt successfully proved up on a homestead in south eastern Wyoming. The determination and hard work in the early years of his married life are reflected in his Masonic successes culminating in his appointment in the Grand Lodge line, and later in his election and installation as Grand Master.

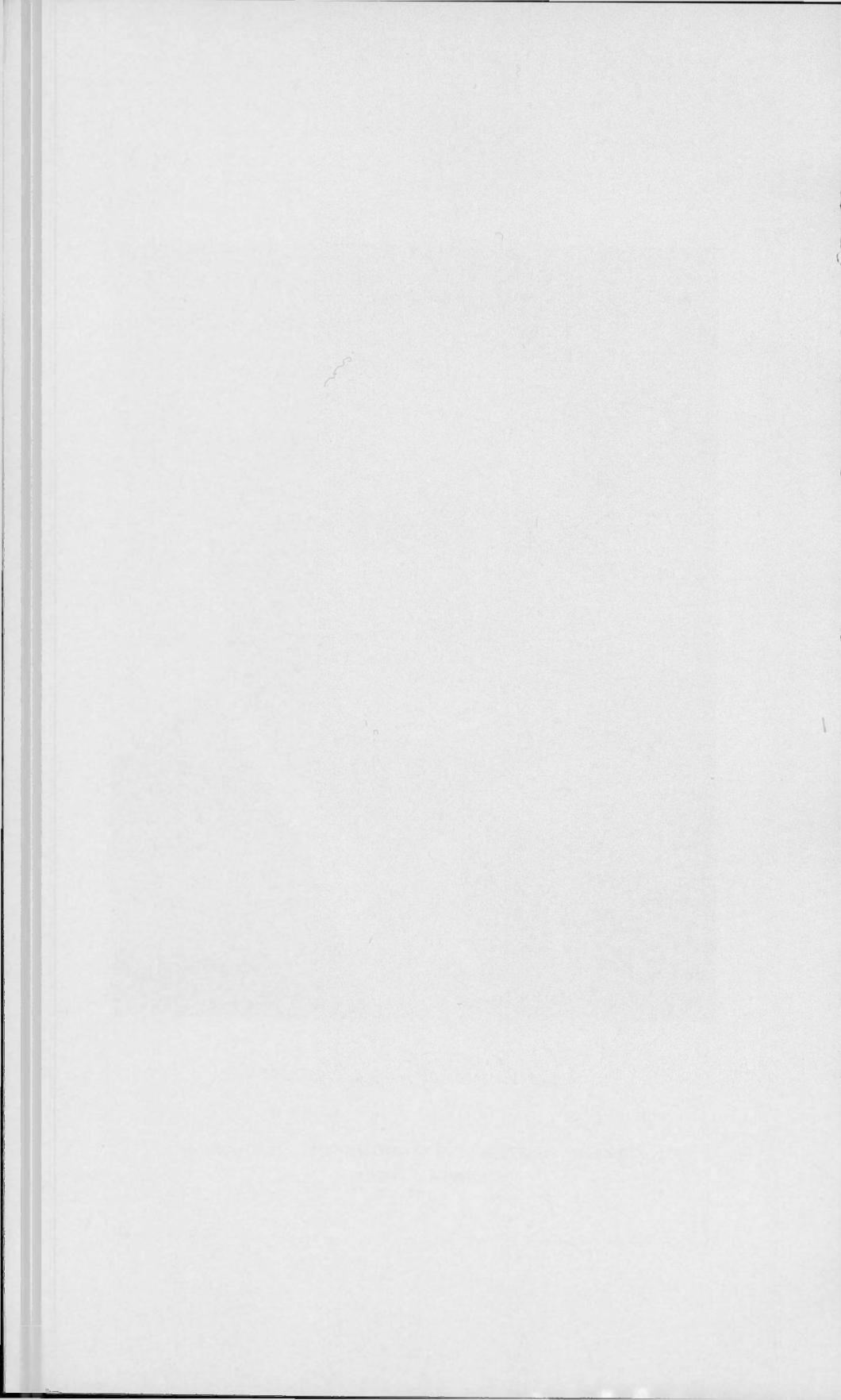
Few, if any, Grand Masters have ever worked harder for the good of Masonry than M.·W.·Brother Babbitt, nor has any Grand Master more conscientiously fulfilled the duties of that high office. Many weighty problems confronted him during his term of office, but every one was carefully and skillfully handled, and decided with dignity and honor to the craft. The brilliant record established by M.·W.·Brother Babbitt has earned for him the sincere respect and affection of the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction.

B. B. H.



John E. Beaver

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1958 — 1959



PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

ONE HUNDRED FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 3, 4 and 5, 1958



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 3, 1958

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, 19th and Douglas Streets, Omaha, at 9:00 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, June 3, A.D. 1958, A. L. 5958.

There were present the following:

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, 295.....	Grand Master
R. W. John E. Beaver, 253.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. John F. Fatcher, 302.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. William P. Reid, 281.....	Grand Chaplain
W. Elsworth F. Du Teau, 19.....	Grand Orator
W. Harold H. Thom, 1.....	Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....	Grand Marshal
W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....	Grand Tyler

Preceding the formal opening of the Grand Lodge, Brother Arthur N. Howe, 290, entertained the representatives and visitors 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. John E. Beaver, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V. W. William P. Reid, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. Edward M. Knight, 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 101st 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.

The Grand Master instructed the Grand Marshal to escort the Grand Chaplain, V. W. William P. Reid, to the altar for the purpose of Prayer.

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. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters according to seniority:

Lewis E. Smith.....	(56th)	1921
Charles A. Chappell.....	(58th)	1923
Ralph O. Canaday.....	(68th)	1933
Chancellor A. Phillips.....	(72nd)	1936
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
John S. Hedelund.....	(85th)	1950
Thomas J. Aron.....	(86th)	1951
Edward M. Knight.....	(87th)	1952
Fay Smith.....	(88th)	1953

Charles F. Adams.....	(89th)	1954
Herbert T. White.....	(90th)	1955
Merle M. Hale.....	(91st)	1956

The Past Grand Masters were given a most cordial welcome, conducted to the East and given the grand honors.

M. W. Edward M. Knight gave the Response.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following: M. W. Frank P. Briggs, Grand Master, M. W. Harold L. Reader, Grand Secretary, Missouri; R. W. Clarence P. Schwarz, Junior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of M. W. Harold R. Kopfman, Grand Master, Illinois; R. W. Earl B. Delzell, Grand Secretary of Iowa; R. W. Martin H. Voss, Senior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of M. W. J. Miles Martin, Grand Master, Minnesota; M. W. Earl R. Brown, Grand Master, M. W. Arthur H. Strickland, Grand Secretary, Kansas; M. W. Glenn B. Van Fleet, Grand Master, M. W. Charles A. Mantz, Past Grand Master, Colorado; M. W. Harold H. Saunders, Grand Master, Wyoming; M. W. Floyd D. Richards, Grand Master, R. W. Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary, South Dakota; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska; Brother William F. Patterson, President, W. William F. Evers, Superintendent, Brother Raymond F. Evers, Assistant Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; Brother Guy Olmsted, President, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children; M. E. Louis V. Sylvester, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; M. E. Robert E. Lund, General Grand Master of the Third Veil, General Grand Chapter, R. A. M.; M. I. Wilfred C. Boldt, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; R. E. William U. Hansen, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska.

Speaking for and on behalf of the Distinguished Guests, M. W. Harold H. Saunders, Grand Master of Wyoming, responded to the cordial welcome of M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master.

W. JAMES H. BRYANT

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master:

Brethren, at this time I would like to have W. William F. Evers, present W. James H. Bryant (Uncle Jimmie) former Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, and now a resident of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Uncle Jimmie is ninety-three years old and is the only living Mason in Nebraska that we know of who sat in Lodge with our first Grand Master, Robert Carrel Jordan. We are delighted and happy to have him with us this morning. (Long applause.)

INTRODUCTION OF GRAND CUSTODIAN AND ASSISTANTS

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master, introduced the Grand Custodian, his Assistants and Assistant Custodians Emeriti.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges. The Grand Master extended to them a hearty welcome and suggested that they convey his greetings to the Grand Lodge they represent. All Grand Lodges that are in fraternal relation with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska were represented except Arizona, Austria, Bahia, Ceara, Rio Grande do Sul, Egypt, Florida, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Israel, Maine, Manitoba, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Norway, Nuevo Leon, Panama, Philippines, Prince Edward Island, Rhode Island, Sweden, Switzerland, Tamaulipas, Tasmania, Vermont, Victoria.

W. Harold D. Weddel, 208, Grand Representative of New Mexico gave the response.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

W. Harold I. Clarke, Master, John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, gave the Address of Welcome and W. Marius Christensen, 75, gave the Response.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Brethren:

It has become my honor and privilege to welcome you to this, the 101st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. May you thoroughly enjoy the renewal of old friendships and the making of new ones. I trust you will receive from your experience here an inspiration that you will carry back to your Lodges, to be reflected in new zeal and enthusiasm for the principles of our Great Fraternity throughout the coming year.

One year ago I was elected to this exalted office, fully conscious of my own limitations and filled with the grave concern as to my ability to lead the Craft along these lofty lines of honor, duty and service as had been so capably done by my predecessors. This consciousness of my limitations has remained throughout the year. Whatever failure there may have been, I must acknowledge as mine; whatever progress we may record is due to the guidance of the Great Architect and Master and the most generous and wise counsel and support of those stalwart Craftsmen upon whom I have so frequently called.

Of all the things I am incapable of doing, perhaps the most outstanding is my lack of ability to sufficiently express my appreciation for the wonderful support and assistance I have had from the Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Assistant Custodians, Committee Members and all Masons in this great state.

I am almost impelled to name many of the Past Grand Masters, and others, whose ever-ready advice and assistance have been so invaluable to me. I feel, however, that this would hardly be fair. I am sure every Past Grand Master sincerely offered his help in any manner for which I might find need.

I do not believe there has ever been a time in the history of this Grand Lodge when the Grand Master was blessed with such a fine group of associates as was presented to me in the Grand Lodge Line of Officers. Their cooperation and support has been most outstanding. It is with much regret that, due to lack of time and distance for me to travel, I did not have any special meetings of the Officers. I know this is something which should have been done as it affords a wonderful opportunity for better acquaintance and a fuller understanding of the business and problems of the Grand Lodge. I did try to partly make up for this lack by keeping the Deputy Grand Master informed as much as possible and inviting him to work with and advise me on every possible occasion.

We realize that, in a few short hours, my tenure as Grand Master will become history and my successor will inherit all the responsibilities, even those in which I may have failed. I sincerely hope they will not be too burdensome.

My term has not been without its frustrations due to my being confined by my vocation, by which I have earned a livelihood for a great number of years. However much was accomplished during the year along the line of official duties which could be handled by correspondence. I was able to make quite a number of official visitations. During the time I have had a great many pleasant experiences and associations. The Great Western Sugar Company has been very gracious in allowing their chief chemist considerable time for duties connected with the Grand Lodge.

Now, by the time-honored custom, and by law, it is rendered incumbent upon me to lay before you a detailed account of my official acts, but before doing so, let us pause for a moment in remembrance of those

who, since our last Communication, have laid down their working tools and passed through the portals to the Great Beyond.

NECROLOGY

It is with extreme gratitude and humility that we give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe who, in His Infinite Wisdom, has prevented the Grim Reaper from thinning the ranks of our Grand Lodge Officers, both past and present. Many Grand Jurisdictions have not been so blessed and we wish to extend our sincerest sympathy to them.

Three of our Assistant Custodians Emeriti were removed from that small body of distinguished Masonic Servants. They were: W. Earl M. Bolen, Tuscan Lodge No. 130, who died at The Nebraska Masonic Home June 23, 1957, W. Osborne P. Simon, Culbertson Lodge No. 174, who died March 7, 1958 and W. Roy S. Planck who died May 3, 1958.

It would not be in accordance with the laws of nature, which are the laws of the Supreme Architect, if there were not a large number of the brethren being called upon to lay down their earthly Working Tools and join that Celestial Lodge Above. The records show that there were 803 of them who responded to this call.

JORDAN MEDALS AND FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

I am sure everyone is grateful that Brother Edward Cronau of Lotus Lodge No. 289, a resident of The Nebraska Masonic Home, continues to be the holder of our Gold Jordan Medal. Brother Cronau is now the seventh oldest living Freemason in the World. He was made a Master Mason August 4, 1882.

The Grand Secretary will comment on the Bronze Jordan Medals presented to various brethren of our subordinate lodges during the year. It was my pleasure to present this medal to the following Brethren: Carl M. Matson, McCook No. 135 and Arthur Soss, Oliver No. 38, Seward, at McCook on July 30, 1957; to W. Clark G. Nichols of my own Lodge, Minatare No. 295, Minatare, August 24, 1957; to LeRoy M. Gish, Frank Welch Lodge No. 75, Sidney, at our Area Meeting there on January 18, 1958.

The Grand Secretary will also include in his report a statement regarding brethren receiving Fifty-year Buttons. One of the highest honors coming to me was the opportunity to present M. W. Charles A. Chappell with his Fifty-year Button at Minden, January 30, 1958. I was unable to have the honor of presenting the Fifty-year Button to M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips on November 26, 1957, however at my request M. W. Fay Smith graciously acted in my place and made the presentation. Thus, two of our Past Grand Masters became eligible to receive the Fifty-year Button during my year.

I also had the honor of making the presentation to the following brethren: Dan R. Campbell and LeRoy M. Gish of Frank Welch No. 75; Alfred H. Hamilton, Robert W. Furnas No. 265; G. Frank Harvey,

and Earl R. Cherry Sr., Mitchell No. 263. Brother Cherry is the first Master Mason raised in Mitchell Lodge.

CORNER-STONES

On August 23, 1957, I laid the Corner-stone of the Banner County School at Harrisburg upon invitation of the Board of Education of the School District of Banner County and Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, Gering, with Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265, Kimball Lodge No. 294, Minatare Lodge No. 295 and Potter Lodge No. 313 as co-sponsors. The following Grand Officers were present and took part in the ceremony: R. W. John E. Beaver, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Junior Deacon; W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler; M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master; W. Jesse P. Entretien and W. Forrest A. Lape, Assistant Custodians. The Oration was given by Honorable Bruce Hagemeister, President of the Board of Education of State Normal Schools.

On August 31, 1957 I laid the Corner-stone for the new Temple of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, at Central City. The following Grand Officers were present and assisted in the ceremony: R. W. John E. Beaver, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; V. W. William P. Reid, Grand Chaplain; W. Elsworth F. DuTeau, Grand Orator; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Senior Deacon, W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Junior Deacon, W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler; W. Buren P. Wells, Assistant Custodian Emeritus; W. Howard J. Hunter, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education, and M. W. Walter R. Raecke and Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Masters. A fine Oration was given by our Grand Orator, Elsworth F. DuTeau.

On September 20, 1957, I laid the Corner-stone of the John D. Rice Memorial Building at the Wayne State Teachers College at Wayne, upon invitation of the Board of Education of State Normal Schools, in the person of the President of the Wayne State Teachers College, William A. Brandenburg, and Wayne Lodge No. 120.

The following Grand Officers were present and assisted in the Ceremony: R. W. John E. Beaver, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Senior Warden; V. W. William P. Reid, Grand Chaplain; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Junior Deacon; W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler; and M. W. John S. Hedelund, Past Grand Master.

W. Ralph M. Carhart, our Grand Marshal, being confined to the hospital in Wayne, his duties were capably handled by our Grand Junior Deacon and Past Grand Marshal, W. Ernest O. Van Wey.

The scheduled Orator was Reverend Monk Bryan, Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Due to the weather in Missouri, his flight was cancelled and we were without a speaker. Honorable Bruce Hagemeister, President of the Nebraska State Normal Board and a personal friend of mine, was present for the occasion and, at my suggestion, Dr. Brandenberg and I prevailed upon him at half past the eleventh hour, to deliver the oration and Bruce, with less than three hours, in which was included the time for the dinner, presented an out-standing Oration.

In each of these instances a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by the officers of the Lodge and I was formally received and introduced. After the introduction of the Grand Officers present an Occasional Communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

DEDICATIONS

On the evening of August 24, 1957, the day following the Laying of the Corner-stone of the Banner County School, I dedicated the Hall of my own Lodge, Minatare No. 295, at Minatare. This was for me a rare privilege and was perhaps the first occurrence of its kind in the history of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, it being the first dedication for the new Grand Master and for his own lodge.

Lodge was open at 4:00 p.m. at which time I was formally received. During recess a fine banquet was served by the ladies of Minatare Chapter No. 270, O.E.S., honoring me as Grand Master.

At 8:00 p.m. the dedication ceremony was held with the following Grand Officers present: R. W. John E. Beaver, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Junior Deacon; W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler; W. Jesse P. Entreken, Forest A. Lape and Clifford D. Webster, Assistant Custodians; and M. W. Past Grand Masters John S. Hedelund and Edward M. Knight. A very fine oration was delivered by our Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook.

March 19, 1958, I dedicated the hall of Lily Lodge No. 154 at Davenport. This is a Quonset-type building and certainly is a fine example of what can be done where there is a determination to accomplish something worth while and surely merits the just pride of the brethren of Lily Lodge.

Grand Lodge Officers present and assisting in the ceremonies were: R. W. John E. Beaver, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Junior Deacon. We were most happy to have M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master, present to assist in the ceremony. The Dedication address was delivered by W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian.

May 16, it was a special honor and privilege to dedicate the new Temple of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, at Central City, the home lodge of Past Grand Master M. W. Walter R. Raecke who, because of illness was not able to be present. One of the reasons for this dedication being a special privilege for me was the fact that I had previously laid the Corner-Stone for the temple on August 31, 1957.

This dedication will be particularly memorable for the reason that every Grand Officer, but one, was present and assisted in the ceremony and were as follows: R. W. John E. Beaver, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Joseph C. Tye, Grand Senior Warden; R. W. John F. Fitcher, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary; V. W. William P. Reid, Grand Chaplain; W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian; W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Marshal; W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Senior Deacon; W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Junior Deacon; W. Charles H. Ninegar, Grand Tyler. We were also honored by the presence of M. W. Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Master, who also assisted in the ceremony. The Dedication address was delivered by W. Fred Fouts, a member of Lone Tree Lodge.

This beautiful temple is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished when enthusiasm and determination, such as moved the Brethren of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, is allowed to exert its force.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND ORATOR

Due to the fact that the Brother appointed as Grand Orator was not present at the regular installation of the Grand Officers at the Grand Lodge Communication, it was my pleasure to regularly install W. Brother Elsworth F. DuTeau as Grand Orator previous to the Ceremony of laying the Corner-stone of the new temple of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36 at Central City.

CHARTER RELOCATIONS

Grace Lodge No. 226

On January 14, 1957, Grace Lodge No. 226 voted to surrender its charter. I happened to be in the vicinity, as Deputy Grand Master attending the Centennial Area Meeting at Holdrege on April 19, and accompanied R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, to Wilcox at which time we picked up the Charter, records and furniture of this lodge.

On May 20, the Grand Master, M. W. Merle M. Hale, received a petition signed by sixteen members of Grace Lodge, in which the majority asked for the return of their Charter. All the facts in this connection are set forth at length as part of the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, pages 374 and 375 of the 1957 Proceedings. Said Committee recommended the return of the Charter to Grace Lodge No. 226 as per the petition submitted by the members.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell, having expressed sincere interest in the problems of this lodge and being located near Wilcox, was prevailed

upon by me to act on my behalf. This he gladly consented to do. After considerable investigation and correspondence, I formally approved the request of the Brethren for the return of their Charter, records and furniture on August 17. As a consequence of this approval, one of their members received this property from the Grand Secretary and returned it to the Lodge.

On September 12, I issued a SPECIAL DISPENSATION to Grace Lodge to hold a Special election of officers at a time other than specified by law and to install such officers out of time. The customary fee was waived.

On the evening of September 23, Grace Lodge No. 226 met in a Special Communication and proceeded with the election and installation of its elected and appointed officers.

On December 17, I approved an amendment to the existing By-Laws of this Lodge.

During the period from the time of the election of officers to the present, Grace Lodge has had five petitions and three have received their Master Mason Degree. One suspended member has been reinstated. Nine original members were lost by demission and three by death since reorganization. There are now sixty-three members and the average attendance has been between ten and fifteen with only one meeting having been missed and that on account of adverse weather. I am informed that the Brethren are working hard to perfect themselves in the work.

I am convinced that Grace Lodge has made a very creditable showing and it is my pleasure to declare that all the necessary and stipulated requirements imposed as a condition to the return of their Charter, have been met and that they are now considered as one of the Regular Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.

On December 21, 1957, I authorized Lily Lodge No. 154, to move their Charter, records and furniture to their new Hall.

On March 31, 1958, I authorized Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, to remove its Charter, records and furniture from their temporary meeting place immediately after formal inspection and recommendation by M.'W.'. Walter R. Raecke that the new Temple was in readiness for occupancy.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

During my term as Grand Master, I approved amendments to twenty-one existing By-Laws.

BY-LAWS DISAPPROVED

I disapproved one proposed amendment to the existing By-Laws of a certain lodge due to the fact that it called for a change in lodge dues and was submitted on February 1, 1958. An approval at this time would involve collecting one amount from brethren who had already paid and a different amount from those paying later. This would be in conflict with Section 2-601 which states: "Such dues and assessments shall be uniform upon such members."

This by-law also contained a clause which stated as follows: "Dues of Charter Members of this Lodge or any Brother who has been a member of this Lodge for more than 40 years, shall be remitted and no dues shall be charged them."

This clause is, in effect, granting life membership to such brethren and is in violation of Section 2-405. This lodge was advised to revise this section of their by-laws when re-submitted at a later date.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

I granted twelve special dispensations to confer degrees without regard to time to brethren who were in, or were about to enter, our armed services, and to one who was home from a foreign country for a few days. In each of these cases I instructed that the requirement regarding proficiency was waived only temporarily. In five instances I refused dispensations to men who were leaving home to take a position in another part of our Country or for other valid reasons.

I granted the request from eleven lodges to examine fifteen brothers who had allowed more than the specified time to lapse. It appears that there has been a downward trend in the number of these requests over the past few years. If this is a reflection of a greater attempt on the part of the lodges to insist on compliance with Section 2-402, a real improvement is indicated in this part of our work.

DISPENSATIONS TO ELECT AND INSTALL

December 11, 1957, to Omaha Lodge No. 288, to elect a Junior Warden, the regularly elected Junior Warden having passed away. The fee was waived.

December 21, to Ogalalla Lodge No. 159, to elect a Secretary, the regularly elected Secretary having refused to accept the office. The fee was not waived.

January 1, 1958, to Tyrian Lodge No. 243, to hold an election out of time for the reason that a quorum was not present at the prescribed meeting. The fee was not waived.

January 8, to Morning Star Lodge No. 197, to elect a Junior Warden, the regularly elected Junior Warden having refused to be installed. The fee was not waived.

January 17, to Melrose Lodge No. 60, to elect and install the present Treasurer as Secretary and to elect and install a new Treasurer. This was occasioned by the regularly elected Secretary, Maurice Mintzmyer, becoming ill and unable to serve. The fee was waived.

February 18, to Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 57, to install a Senior Deacon, on account of his working hours making it impossible for him to be present for the regular installation. Feeling that the fee would be burdensome to this lodge, it was waived.

MIZPAH LODGE NO. 302

October 21, I approved the request of Mizpah Lodge No. 302 to visit Glenwood Lodge No. 58, at Glenwood, Iowa, and to confer the Master Mason Degree on a Nebraska Mason. This request was also approved by the Grand Master of Iowa.

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

During the past year there were referred to me seventy-nine Applications for Reinstatement. Upon recommendation of the Grand Lodge Committee on Reinstatements, sixty-seven were approved and twelve were disapproved for obvious reasons. I also approved six applications for admission on demits over three years old.

I wish to personally express my appreciation of the untiring and efficient efforts of this Committee of "old faithfuls", W. La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; W. Robert J. McDermott, 281, and W. Earl H. Furman, 290. The contribution of this Committee is of immense value to this Grand Lodge, and I can highly recommend them to the incoming Grand Master.

TEMPLE BUILDING AND FINANCING

On August 9, 1957, I gave my approval to the proposed Articles of Incorporation of Masonic Temple Craft Association of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 and Ashlar Lodge No. 33 of Grand Island. These Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State on October 17, 1957.

The Temple Building Advisory Committee was not burdened with too many matters coming under their Jurisdiction. The applications regarding Lodge financing were given very sincere and thorough consideration. I wish to personally thank W. Otto Nelsen and the other members of his committee for their untiring efforts in these matters. During my term, I approved five financing plans, all of which were recommended by the Committee.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

The following were recommended to the M. W. Grand Masters of the various jurisdictions to be the Grand Representatives near Nebraska: W. Brothers Robert M. Herre, 224, Alberta; Clifford D. Webster, 321, National Grand Lodge of Colombia; Paul O. Marti, 32, Alpina, Switzerland; Otto Nelsen, 300, Ohio; Ward V. Whittaker, 310, Ecuador; Richard L. Ely, 128, Ireland; Ralph S. Tully, 25, Kentucky; John A. Bottorf, 49, Louisiana; Alfred B. Saum, 46, Nevada; Arthur A. Gregory, 265, Oregon; La Verne J. Smith, 288, Wisconsin; Ralph R. Carleton, 306, Oklahoma; LaVerne A. Walker, 55, Peru; Frank H. Smith, 301, New Brunswick; Richard L. Wait, 19, Utah.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

The following on recommendation of the M. W. Grand Masters were commissioned as Grand Representatives of Nebraska near the various jurisdictions: W. Omre R. Smith, Mississippi; M. W. Guy H. Hummel, Saskatchewan; Franklin A. Zumaeta, Peru; Joao Bento, Paraiba; Andre Stavro, Alpina, Switzerland; Frank A. Smith, Arkansas; Willard Sauer, Michigan; Hj. August Lind, Sweden.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

As was the case with so many of our affairs I was unable to devote nearly as much time to our two Homes as was desired. The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, under such management as our President, William F. Patterson, and the fine Board of Trustees; Superintendent William F. Evers and Assistant Superintendent Raymond F. Evers, certainly leaves nothing to be desired. This Grand Master certainly lent his moral support to these fine Brethren in recognition of the unsurpassed devotion which they display. A Special Meeting of the Stockholders of The Nebraska Masonic Home was held at Plattsmouth on September 7, 1957. The purpose of this meeting was to consider a vote upon the new Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws as approved by the Grand Lodge at its 100th Annual Communication. After the adoption of these new Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, a Board of Trustees, consisting of fifteen members was elected, in accordance with the new Articles. I attended the annual meeting of the Stockholders on January 23, 1958. The President, William F. Patterson, will present a complete report later on in this session.

On June 27, 1957, I approved the request of the Grand Island Masonic Bodies to solicit other lodges within a radius of 100 miles for the Annual Thanksgiving Food Truck to The Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. October 8, I approved the request of the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha to solicit lodges for funds for Christmas Gifts for the residents of our Homes. This was in accordance with past practices. Mention should be made of the Food Car sent by the Builder's Club of Western Nebraska. It seems that no approval has ever been asked, or given, for this fine gesture on the part of the brethren from this part of the state. I am sure no one would hesitate to heartily approve their action.

THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

I found it possible to attend one meeting only of the Board of Trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, the annual meeting on January 23, 1958. I wish to personally congratulate the President, Guy A. Olmsted, for the fine and efficient manner in which he is conducting the affairs of this Home. He will present a detailed report later on during the session.

OMAHA HOME FOR BOYS

In spite of the fact that favorable reports have been made by the Grand Masters during the past five years regarding the Omaha Home for Boys, complaints from two other Grand Jurisdictions were received and investigation proved that the directives of the 1952 Communication had not been completely complied with. It appears that this discrepancy had been entirely missed by previous sessions and I am convinced that the officers of the Boys' Home were not completely aware of the circumstances. I called this to the attention of the officers and they took immediate steps to remedy the situation and I have sufficient evidence to bear out the statement that this has been done. I feel we can, in full confidence, rely on the assurances of these Brethren that they are making every effort to interpret and comply with the directives of the Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Immediately after the close of the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, I reappointed the Grand Lodge Business Affairs Committee in compliance with the action of the Grand Lodge, said Committee consisting of M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, Chairman; Benjamin F. Eyre, Edward Huwaldt, Elmer E. Magee and Thomas J. Aron.

Previous to the 1957 Communication of the Grand Lodge, the President of the Board of Trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, W. Louis V. Sylvester, submitted a recommendation that a committee from the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. and from the Grand Lodge be appointed to study the situation with regard to determining ways and means to make profitable use of the excess facilities at the Home. In compliance with this recommendation on July 9, 1957 I appointed R. W. John E. Beaver, Deputy Grand Master, Chairman, with M. W. Brothers Merle M. Hale and Elmer E. Magee.

In the Grand Master's Address at our last Grand Lodge Communication, his recommendation No. 3 called for the incoming Grand Master to appoint a committee to investigate the District Deputy System of other Grand Jurisdictions and report at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Agreeable to his recommendation, on January 27, 1958, I appointed the following to serve on this committee: M. W. Walter R. Raecke, Chairman; M. W. Brothers Fay Smith, William C. Schaper, John S. Hedelund and George A. Kurk.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS IN NORTH AMERICA

The annual meeting of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America was held in Washington D. C. on February 20 and 21, 1958. This is perhaps the most outstanding event which it is the privilege of Grand Masters to enjoy during their tenure of office. As has been pointed out many times, at this conference no decisions are made but many questions for discussion are presented and the pros and cons are given by very

capable Grand Masters. It is merely to afford the opportunity to exchange ideas on mutual problems.

Along with Mrs. Babbitt and me, the others and their ladies from Nebraska were as follows: M.'W.'Charles F. Adams, M.'W.'William B. Wanner, R.'W.'John E. Beaver, R.'W.'Carl R. Greisen, M.'E.'Robert E. Lund, M.'E.'Louis V. Sylvester, M.'I.'Wilfred C. Boldt and Ill. Brother, Joseph W. Seacrest. For the second year in succession, we were without the company of M.'W.'Lewis E. Smith and Mrs. Smith.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska is still honored in that M.'W.'Charles F. Adams continues to be a member of the Committee on Information and Recognition.

We were especially honored in having as our guests at the Grand Master's banquet, our members of Congress who are Masons, and their Ladies. These Guests were Senator and Mrs. Roman Hruska, Senator and Mrs. Carl T. Curtis, Congressman and Mrs. A. L. Miller, Congressman and Mrs. Phil Weaver and Congressman and Mrs. Robert Harrison. The banquet speaker was Brother The Honorable Christian A. Herter, Under Secretary of State.

As in the past, we were invited to attend the Frank Land Breakfast and the Wisconsin Breakfast. At the Frank Land Breakfast there were a great many of the President's Cabinet and Justices of the Supreme Court as well as many other distinguished guests. The speaker was our Vice President, Honorable Richard M. Nixon.

As always, the hospitality and fellowship of our Wisconsin brethren is most enjoyable.

One of the most enjoyable privileges of this Conference is the invitation to the House of The Temple as guests of Luther A. Smith, Illustrious Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction. Illustrious Brother Joseph W. Seacrest, our Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Nebraska, was one of the hosts.

On the final evening of the Conference, the Brethren of the Nebraska Delegation were the guests of our Grand Secretary, R.'W.'Carl R. Greisen, at the Grand Secretary's Banquet.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 22, we attended the Annual Meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at the Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. We continue to be honored in having M.'W.'Brother Charles F. Adams, a member of the Board of Directors of the Memorial Association.

With the Dedication of the Cryptic Room of Royal and Select Masters at this time, the Memorial is very near completion.

Your Grand Master was chosen a member of the Committee to place a wreath on the Tomb, at Mt. Vernon, of our first President and most distinguished Mason, George Washington.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

As with all Grand Masters, one of the unpleasant duties he is called upon to perform is the appointment of Trial Commissions. It became necessary for me to appoint eleven such Commissions; nine on account of engaging in the sale of liquor and two on account of moral turpitude. Trials have been held in nine cases, seven resulting in expulsion and two Indefinite Suspension. Two have not come to trial at this time.

FORMAL VISITATIONS TO OTHER BODIES IN NEBRASKA

June 26, 1957; Temple Council No. 20, R.& S.M., Scottsbluff.

September 21, Area Meeting of the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Sidney.

September 25, Attended the conferring of the Super Excellent Masters' degree on a class of candidates, by Temple Council No. 20. Received and introduced.

September 27, Dinner in honor of the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Mary Ecklund, and other Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S., with Dome Rock Chapter No. 215, Scottsbluff, and Scotts Bluff Chapter No. 133, Gering, as hosts.

September 28, Dinner as above at Mitchell, with Sunflower Chapter No. 214, Mitchell; Morrill Chapter No. 280, Morrill, and Pioneer Chapter No. 312, Lyman, as hosts.

January 15, 1958; Installation of the officers of Dome Rock Chapter No. 215, O.E.S. On this occasion R.'W.'.John F. Futeher, Grand Junior Warden, happened to be in town on business and attended as our guest.

March 20, the Omaha Consistory of Scottish Rite 135th Traditional Banquet.

March 23, the annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Relief Board and the Scottish Rite Educational and Welfare Association at Lincoln.

April 15, Sunflower Chapter No. 214, O.E.S. Celebrating their Semi-Centennial.

April 16, 17 and 18, attended Grand Commandery, K.'.T.'. at Lincoln.

May 7, Scotts Bluff Chapter No. 133, O.E.S. Guest Night, Received and introduced.

May 13, 14 and 15, Eighty-third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.

April 11, at the Annual Spring Reunion Banquet of the Lincoln Consistory, A.A.S.R., I was represented by W.'.Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Senior Deacon.

VISITATIONS TO SUBORDINATE LODGES, AREA MEETINGS
AND CENTRAL SCHOOLS

As was the case with most of my obligations, my visitations were not nearly as extensive as I might have wished. I was formally received at practically all of these visitations unless they were a repeat. On these occasions I asked that it be informal, and some of these are not recorded.

July 15, 1957—Robert W. Furnas Lodge No. 265.

July 16—Pioneer No. 322.

September 10—Bayard No. 301.

January 9, 1958—Oasis No. 271, installed the officers.

January 10—Pioneer No. 322, installed the officers.

January 13—Robert W. Furnas No. 265, installed the officers.

January 14—Bayard No. 301, installed the officers.

January 16—Mitchell No. 263, installed the officers.

January 17—Minatare No. 295, installed the officers.

January 18—Frank Welch No. 75, on the occasion of the Educational Committee's Area Meeting for that section.

January 24—Tecumseh No. 17. Attended the installation of their officers by W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian.

January 30—Minden No. 127. Dinner and informal meeting on the occasion of the presentation of the Fifty-year Button to M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master. Lodge was not opened, therefore I was not formally received. This was a particular honor for me. Other guests were M. W. Brothers Ralph O. Canaday, Walter R. Raecke, William C. Schaper and R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

February 5—Gothenburg No. 249, the home lodge of our Grand Junior Deacon, Ernest O. Van Wey. The following Grand Officers were Present: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, W. Elsworth F. Du Teau, Grand Orator, who delivered a fine address, and W. Ernest O. Van Wey.

March 6—Alliance No. 183. I was formally introduced by M. W. Edward M. Knight, who appointed me in the Grand Lodge Line.

March 10 and 11—Robert W. Furnas No. 265 on the occasion of the Central School for this area. I was again formally received and had the honor of presenting the Commissions of Grand Representative to W. Brothers Frank H. Smith, Assistant Custodian and Arthur A. Gregory, member of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans. W. Raymond C. Cook conducted the School.

March 12—Harmony No. 321. W. Raymond C. Cook spoke to this gathering.

March 14—Frank Welch No. 75, on the occasion of the Central School for that section. Potter Lodge No. 313 was host lodge. The School was conducted by W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian.

March 21—East Lincoln No. 210, Home Lodge of W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Senior Deacon.

March 22—Beatrice No. 26, at the time of the meeting of the Committee on Masonic Education for that Area.

March 27—Alliance No. 183. Master Mason Degree conferred by members of the Scottish Rite in formal dress.

March 29—Golden Rod Lodge No. 306. Spoke informally and the next morning, Sunday, March 30, enjoyed their annual Past Master's breakfast and delivered a short address.

April 1—Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, official visitation, gave short address.

April 7—Kimball No. 294, official visitation and gave short address.

May 12—Robert W. Furnas No. 265, on the occasion of the celebration of their Fiftieth Anniversary.

In addition to the visitations listed above, there were a large number at which the various Grand Officers attended and were officially received and introduced as my personal representative. I wish to personally thank these Grand Officers for so graciously assisting me in this manner.

In quite a number of instances it was my pleasure to present personal certificates and Lodge certificates of proficiency on behalf of W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian.

VISITATIONS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

These visitations were held to a minimum during the past year. Mrs. Babbitt and I personally visited as follows:

June 11-12, 1957, the Grand Lodge of South Dakota at Rapid City. R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and Mrs. Greisen were also present.

August 26-27, the Grand Lodge of Wyoming at Newcastle, with R. W. and Mrs. Greisen also in attendance.

January 28-29, The Grand Lodge of Colorado at Denver.

All of these visitations were very much enjoyed.

September 23, 1957, M. W. Herbert T. White, Past Grand Master, who was visiting in California, was the guest of that Grand Jurisdiction as my personal representative. I was most happy to have M. W. Brother White do this for me.

September 19-20-21, it was my pleasure to appoint R. W. John E. Beaver, Deputy Grand Master, as my personal representative to the Grand Lodge of Iowa. He and Mrs. Beaver reported a most enjoyable visit.

Again, on March 11-12, 1958, it was my pleasure to designate R. W. John E. and Mrs. Beaver to represent us at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas at Topeka. They reported another very

pleasant visit. R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, and Mrs. Greisen were also in attendance.

As a consequence of our Centennial Celebration at our last Annual Communication at which time we enjoyed the presence of so many distinguished guests from other jurisdictions, I received a great many invitations which I had to regret. These were: The Grand Lodges of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Minnesota, State of Israel, North Carolina, Florida and Indiana.

VISITATION INVITATIONS NOT ACCEPTED

During my year as Grand Master, I found it necessary to decline a vast number of invitations to our Subordinate Lodges and other Bodies. At the Lodges I did visit, I found a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction and I deem it one of the most disappointing factors in my term of office in not being able to visit all of the lodges from whom I received invitations. I believe that in making such visitations, the Grand Master is enabled to render maximum service to his brethren.

In regard to visitations to related bodies, I especially regret my inability to accept the following:

The Grand Guardian Council, International Order of Jobs Daughters, held at Alliance on June 11, 12 and 13, 1957. This occurred while I was attending the Grand Lodge of South Dakota. I was however much gratified in that M. W. Edward M. Knight, Past Grand Master, was present and very capably acted in the capacity of my personal representative.

The Annual Session of the Grand Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls of Nebraska on June 12, 13 and 14. This was particularly regretted on account of the fact that Carol Smith, daughter of Past Grand Master Fay Smith and Mrs. Smith, was the Grand Worthy Advisor.

The Nebraska State Chapter Order of De Molay Annual Conclave on August 2, 3 and 4.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska on December 3.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Nebraska on December 4 and 5.

May 17, 1958, Tehama Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Hastings, Spring Ceremonial.

THE GRAND SECRETARY

Knowing full well, by this time, the problems facing a new Grand Master suddenly assuming the duties of his office, it seems that his task would be unsurmountable were it not for the fact that he can rely on the vast store of knowledge, experience and acquaintance available to him by way of the Grand Secretary. R. W. Brother Carl's ever-ready

counsel, advice and knowledge is free for the asking and is completely devoid of any hint of an attempt to dictate a policy for the Grand Master to follow. I am going to miss our pleasant relationship as Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and I sincerely hope, in my new status, this relationship may long continue.

THE GRAND CUSTODIAN AND ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Except for the considerable period last fall when our Grand Custodian, W. Brother Raymond C. Cook, was laid low by the Asiatic Flu, he has carried on the important duties of his office with such a measure of devotion as would not be expected by any self-respecting Grand Lodge. I personally know he was in the harness under conditions such as would have most of the rest of us home in bed. It is a wonderful thing to be held in such high esteem as is Ray throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and to be in such demand as an Installing Officer and Speaker, all of which greatly add to the burdens of his regular duties. I would not know what to suggest but do know the pace he pursues is too great for any one man to follow. I know his is a labor of love and it is very difficult to talk anyone such as he into foregoing a part of this service to his brethren.

It has so happened that it will have been my lot to confer the title of Assistant Custodian Emeritus on three of our brethren: W. Jesse P. Entreken who was the Senior Assistant Custodian; W. Roy S. Planck and W. Lewis E. Baker, the first two for reasons of health and the latter on account of his leaving the State. To me, the conferring of this title carries with it one of the highest honors that can be given by this Grand Lodge. It is evidence of a great many years of devotion; sacrifice of time and wealth and duties to home and children; all this without fee or reward other than is gained from the satisfaction derived from the performance of a great service to the brethren of our Jurisdiction.

It was also my pleasure to commission five new Assistant Custodians. In order to not encroach too deeply upon the remarks forthcoming from the Grand Custodian, I will reserve any further comment I might make that will be covered in his annual report later on.

THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

I found it possible to attend only two of the fine area meetings conducted by the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education, W. Howard J. Hunter, and his fine committeemen. These meetings were at Sidney on January 18 and at Beatrice on March 22. These were attended by a number of Grand Lodge Officers and attracted a very good turnout of the neighboring brethren.

There is very much to be said about the fine work of this Committee and their great service to Masonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, however I am sure this will be very capably taken care of in the report of the Chairman.

DECISIONS

1. I advised Alexandria Lodge No. 74 that they had the authority to sell a portion of their lot which was not essential to their temple, provided that all members were informed as to the time action would be taken and a majority vote was in favor of such sale.

2. A lodge inquired regarding a petitioner who was living in a trailer home and working out of the jurisdiction of the lodge. He received his mail and paid taxes in the town of the lodge. He apparently did not own or rent a fixed residence. I ruled that the petitioner was not eligible under Section 2-803.

3. A lodge inquired regarding a petitioner who had an artificial limb to above the knee. I naturally ruled that the petitioner was not eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry.

4. A lodge inquired regarding the eligibility of a petitioner who had been stricken with polio a few years ago. I requested M. W. George A. Kurk to investigate the case and, upon his recommendation, I ruled that this man could not comply with our requirements.

5. A lodge inquired regarding the eligibility of a petitioner who is a victim of polio. This young man was reported to be able to conform to all of our requirements with the exception that he could not quite form a full 90 degree angle with his feet. In view of the fact that he can come nearer to complying in this respect than is observed among 90% of those who are able and that the exception was so slight, I ruled that this man was eligible. He was accordingly elected and received his degrees.

6. The Civil Defense Rules Committee of Omaha invited the Masonic Organization to unite in the organization of Group Participation Unit of Civil Defense Advisory Council. I ruled that, no matter how worthy the cause, Masonic Organizations, as such, could not participate in this program.

7. A lodge inquired regarding the petition of a service man who had returned and lived three months in the Jurisdiction of the lodge. He was then transferred to a station in Georgia. I held that they could not receive his petition, according to Section 2-803.

8. A Lincoln Lodge asked for a ruling concerning the petition of a service man who had married a Lincoln girl and had lived off the Air Base for over one year. He was not a registered voter. I ruled that being a registered voter is not a requirement for establishing residence and that, if the investigating committee had determined that the petitioner had actually resided within the jurisdiction of the lodge for the required time, it would be in order for them to receive his petition.

9. In answer to a request from a lodge to hold a "sort of smoker meeting for the lodge members and their Non-Masonic friends", I advised that I assumed this to be what is usually termed "Guest Night" and would be in order.

10. A member of a certain lodge appealed to me over the decisions rendered by three lodges in answer to charges filed against a brother from each of the three lodges. Upon investigation, it was determined that all charges were of a civil nature; that no civil court action had been instituted; that no Masonic offence had been committed and my ruling was in favor of the action of the three lodges involved.

11. A lodge made inquiry regarding the eligibility of a brother for reinstatement who had been suspended for non-payment of dues on December 31, 1956 and had since that time, lost his left hand above the wrist. I quoted from Sections 3-703 and 2-904 and ruled the brother was eligible for reinstatement. A refusal to do so would be equivalent to suspending a member in good standing who might have met with such an accident. It would be unthinkable for a lodge to take such action.

12. My attention was called to an announcement by a certain lodge, as evidenced by one of their tickets which read as follows; MASONIC STREET DANCE, PUBLIC INVITED, DONATION 50¢. It appeared mandatory that I take action in this case and immediately took up the matter with the Worshipful Master. My interference was not, at first, very favorably received, however, after everything was fully considered, a full understanding was established. The lodge withdrew all sponsorship of this social affair and gave their cooperation to my entire satisfaction.

13. A lodge asked for a ruling relative to a "Dedication Meeting of the Rainbow Girls Charter" on Sunday, and posing the question as to whether it would be permissible for the Rainbow Girls to hold their regular meetings on Sunday.

I advised that I found nothing in our law preventing the use of our halls on Sunday; that the Grand Lodge assumes no jurisdiction over such organizations as the Rainbow Girls, other than requiring that the hall be used according to our rules. As to the legality of their holding meetings on Sunday this would be strictly a matter for their Grand Officers to decide.

14. My attention was called to the fact that one of the Shrine Clubs had advertised, and sold tickets, for a Sunday Night Dance. Believing it improper for a Masonic Body to sponsor a commercial venture such as this which could easily result in a vast amount of adverse publicity to Masonry and certainly is not in conformity with our ideals and principles, I directed that this Shrine Club renounce all sponsorship of this affair and so advertise the fact. This directive was accordingly complied with and I wish to sincerely thank the brethren concerned for their cooperation.

15. Another Shrine Club requested my opinion regarding sponsoring a Shrine Circus on Sunday. I informed them that I could not personally sanction this affair, believing such events are not good advertising of Masonic Ideals. However since a precedent has been established and other Clubs have been sponsoring Sunday Shrine Circuses without interference, I would not formally object in this particular case. It is my opinion

that this Grand Lodge should give serious consideration to the adoption of regulations covering such cases as these.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. At the last annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, Section 1-304 of the By-Laws was amended to provide that the Jurisprudence Committee shall consist of the five Senior Past Grand Masters and the two immediate Junior Past Grand Masters, residing in Nebraska. Our former By-Law provided that all Past Grand Masters present should constitute the Committee on Jurisprudence. It has been traditional since the founding of this Grand Lodge that the Jurisprudence Committee should be so Constituted. There are times when an idea, which appears to have great merit, is actually put into effect, the resulting consequences prove to be something unforeseen. I find that the new By-Law has not been generally acceptable throughout the Jurisdiction. It has created a continuing dissatisfaction and a lack of harmony within our ranks. Many of our Past Grand Masters, with long records of faithful service to the fraternity, have seen their works rejected. The Grand Lodge has been deprived of their advice and counsel which have been of immense value throughout the years. Some of the five Senior Past Grand Masters have reached an age where their presence is not assured and some have other Masonic duties to perform which make such duties too burdensome under the present arrangement. Tradition has a strong hold upon the members of the Order, particularly those who have been members for long periods of time. I am personally convinced that we made a very serious mistake in adopting this By-Law in its present form. The work of this committee is of such importance that it is entitled to the collective experience and judgment of all the Past Grand Masters in attendance at a Grand Lodge session. Being sincerely of the opinion that the best interests of the Grand Lodge and the reestablishment of harmony among the brethren require a return to the former method, I recommend that Section 1-304, as now written, be repealed and that the former section in existence immediately prior to the 1957 Annual Communication be adopted in place thereof.

2. As a result of a Resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at its 1956 Communication, M. W. Merle M. Hale, Grand Master, appointed a Special Committee known as "Grand Lodge Business Affairs Committee." In spite of the vast accomplishment of this Committee, it appeared that there was a great amount of unfinished business remaining at the 1957 Communication and it was decided that this Special Committee be continued for another year. I accordingly reappointed the same Committee. It now appears that the functions of this committee make it highly desirable that it be continued indefinitely. I therefore submit the following recommendation: That Section 1-301, paragraph 2, as amended in 1957, be amended to include the "Grand Lodge Business Affairs Committee" as one of the Standing Committees, to be governed by the same regulations which apply to the present standing committees.

3. As I interpret our law in its present form, the only way for a member, holding a resident or dual membership in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction, to terminate such membership is to be suspended for non-payment of dues. Section 2-412, paragraph 10, page 63 of the new Code, provides as follows: "A member holding a resident or dual membership in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction may apply for and obtain a demit under the rules and regulations prescribed for regular members of Lodges holding a single membership."

Section 2-1401 provides that a demit shall be issued only upon receipt of that portion of the certificate of membership which officially certifies as to his election to another lodge. It is highly improbable that a dual member would desire to transfer this dual membership to another lodge and it is highly reasonable that such member would desire to terminate his dual membership upon removing from the jurisdiction of the lodge. I therefore recommend that Section 2-412, paragraph 10, be amended as follows: "A member holding resident or dual membership in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction may apply for and obtain a demit with the waiver of the provisions governing the granting of a demit to regular members of Lodges holding a single membership."

4. At the 1957 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master's recommendation No. 9 was as follows; "At the suggestion of the Grand Secretary I recommend that Chapter XXII, Section 3-403 of the By-laws be revised to permit the use of either registered or certified mail." This recommendation was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and was adopted. It is further recommended by the Grand Secretary that Chapter V, Section 3-508, last sentence, be also revised to permit the use of either registered or certified mail.

5. Section 3-706 of the By-laws states as follows: NOTICE TO THE GRAND SECRETARY—When a Mason shall have been expelled or suspended by a lodge, the Secretary shall notify such brother and the Grand Secretary of such action. It is recommended that Section 3-706 be voided as this is covered in Section 2-311, DUTIES OF THE SECRETARIES.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

While there is nothing spectacular to report, I believe Nebraska Masonry remains on a very solid foundation. Our net gain in membership was not nearly as large as in certain other years but nevertheless, we did show a gain when many other Grand Jurisdictions barely held their own or suffered distinct losses. No charters were arrested or surrendered. My attention was called to serious internal difficulties in but one lodge and I am pleased to report that this illness is being healed. It is gratifying to note that many small lodges have had a large increase in work and their enthusiasm is running high. Everything considered, I believe Nebraska Masonry has enjoyed a very successful year.

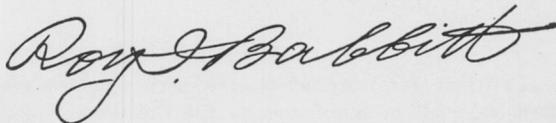
CONCLUSION

So now passeth another milestone in Nebraska Masonry's 101 years to become history. This history will not record any outstanding achievements or failures during this additional chapter but has furnished a normal, orderly progress for which we can all be truly grateful.

Many of the regulations recommended by the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs have been put into effect and more are to come, all done with the idea of gaining a more efficient conducting of the affairs of an institution with such a vast scope as ours. It all points to great things to come for this Grand Jurisdiction.

My appreciation for the vast amount of valuable support and sympathetic understanding which has been mine is beyond expression. The honor has been great and I am very proud to pass on this honor to my worthy successor who holds my highest esteem and respect. May he enjoy, as I have, the counsel, guidance and blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roy J. Babbitt". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

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:

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

GRAND LODGE RECORDS

During the year we have been able to micro-film more than a third of our card files. We hope to complete the card files this year and then start on the returns. The micro-filming of our records certainly gives us additional vault space.

RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from the 276 lodges, all dues and fees for the year 1957 have been paid in full. Our thanks to the Secretaries for their promptness and co-operation.

GRIEVANCES

Petitions for restoration have been received from five applicants. These have all been referred to the Committee on Grievances for consideration and report at this annual communication.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Jewel Lodge No. 149, Merna No. 171 and Gauge No. 208 have been cited to appear and show cause why their charter should not be forfeited in accordance with action taken by the Grand Lodge at its 100th Annual Communication.

On August 17, 1957, the Charter, books and records of Grace Lodge No. 226, Wilcox, were returned. This was authorized at the 100th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

The records show that 138 Fifty-year buttons were presented during the year. We now have 685 brethren in this distinguished group, as compared with 605 a year ago.

JORDAN MEDALS

Thirty-eight special meetings and ceremonies have been held this year at which time the senior member of the lodge was presented with the Robert Carrel Jordan Bronze Medal. It means, too, that thirty-eight brethren who were proud to wear the likeness of our first Grand Master, have laid down their working tools for the final time.

MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U.D.

To W. Ralph S. Tully, the Officers and Brethren of Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U.D., we express our thanks and appreciation. This lodge is called upon many times each year to conduct the funeral of a sojourning brother. It is a great service to the Grand Lodge.

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC CODE

The Centennial edition of the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska was mailed to each subordinate lodge. We notice in our visits to some of the lodges that the new edition of the law is not in evidence, and the 1924 or 1946 copy is the only one on hand. We suggest that the copies prior to the Centennial issue be disposed of.

FINANCIAL REPORT

On November 11, 1957, at 9:30 a.m. in the Trust Department of the United States National Bank of Omaha in the presence of Lewis E. Smith, Chairman, Grand Trustees; Leslie E. Martin, Vice-Chairman; Carl D. Ganz, William E. Moor, Grand Trustees; William F. Patterson, President of The Nebraska Masonic Home; Ellsworth Moser, President, United States National Bank of Omaha; Henry Pierpont, Vice President and Trust Officer; G. E. Winslade, Trust Officer, and Leonard A. Nelson, Certified Public Accountant for the Grand Trustees; Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Nebraska, and Secretary of The Nebraska Masonic Home, delivered to Mr. G. E. Winslade, Trust Officer of the United States National Bank, all securities belonging to and in the name of the Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Nebraska and The Nebraska Masonic Home.

All securities were accounted for and in order and R.W. Brother Greisen was given a receipt for same, signed by Mr. G. E. Winslade, Trust Officer.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

May 10, 1958

DEBIT

Received from 46,039 members at \$3.00 each.....	\$138,117.00
Received from 1,333 initiations at \$10.00 each.....	13,330.00
Received from 10 affiliations at \$10.00 each.....	100.00
Received from Surety Bond Premiums.....	641.90
Received from Supplies	3,485.10
Received from Liability Insurance.....	4,143.51
Received from 1,227 brethren for George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at \$1.00 each.....	1,227.00
Total.....	<u>\$161,044.51</u>

CREDIT

Transferred to The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$ 92,078.00
Transferred to Maintenance Fund.....	6,905.85
Transferred to Relief Fund.....	9,207.80
Transferred to General Fund.....	47,498.86
Transferred to Permanent Reserve Fund.....	1,227.00
Transferred to Supply Account.....	4,127.00
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Total.....	\$161,044.51

GENERAL FUND

May 10, 1958

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand, May 10, 1957.....	\$ 55,637.37
Received from Appropriations.....	835.15
Received from Special Dispensations.....	40.00
Grace Lodge No. 226.....	17.00
Miscellaneous.....	26.94
Sale of merchandise.....	36.00
Refund on telephone service.....	300.00
Special appropriations, Childrens Home Endowment Fund....	8,000.00
Special appropriations, Relief and Care of Orphans.....	7,000.00
Payroll account.....	1,293.40
Interest.....	574.03
Special Account.....	47,498.86
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Total.....	\$121,258.75

CASH CREDIT

Payroll.....	\$ 12,351.90
Reporting Grand Lodge proceedings.....	75.00
Grand Tyler.....	15.00
Grand Organist.....	10.00
Committee on Masonic Education.....	1,800.00
Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....	600.00
Unassigned expense, direction of Grand Master.....	876.00
Travel expense, Grand Master.....	2,500.00
Travel expense, Grand Secretary.....	1,500.00
Travel expense, Grand Custodian.....	5,600.00
Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian's salary.....	5,500.00
Grand Officers expense and Committee expense.....	1,050.00
Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary Emeritus.....	500.00
Grand Secretary's Clerical staff.....	7,440.00
Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary Salary.....	7,500.00
Rent, Grand Lodge quarters to June, 1958.....	2,200.00
Audit of books.....	350.00

Grand Secretary office expense.....	4,500.00
Past Grand Master's jewel.....	154.00
Proceedings and advanced copies.....	4,500.00
Liability insurance premium.....	22.60
Masonic Relief Association.....	292.82
Social Security tax.....	615.15
Bond premium Grand Lodge Officers.....	331.20
Compensation insurance.....	41.01
Grace Lodge, dues returned.....	22.50
Printing Grand Lodge By-Laws.....	4,800.00
Fifty-year buttons.....	594.00
Nebraska Lodge No. 1.....	430.00
Additional bond for Grand Trustees.....	378.00
Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs.....	1,999.50
Comprehensive Public Liability insurance.....	4,145.76
Cash on hand May 10, 1958.....	48,564.31
Total.....	\$121,258.75

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1958

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1957.....	\$ 6,881.35
Received from supplies.....	3,485.10
Received from Lodges for Bond Premium.....	641.90
Received from sale of Grand Lodge By-Laws.....	4.00
Total.....	\$ 11,012.35

CASH CREDIT

Premium on Secretaries and Treasurers bond.....	\$ 575.73
Supplies.....	2,258.31
Postage.....	650.00
Cash on hand May 10, 1958.....	7,528.31
Total.....	\$ 11,012.35

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND

May 10, 1958

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1957.....	\$ 25,579.86
Received from M.'W.'.Merle M. Hale on Banner.....	225.00
Refund from M.'W.'.William L. Wright, Thanksgiving Service Speaker, for expense.....	475.00

Received from sale of Centennial plates..... 169.25

Total.....\$ 26,449.11

CASH CREDIT

Warrants No. 52 to 119.....\$ 17,577.18

Cash on hand May 10, 1958..... 8,871.93

Total.....\$ 26,449.11

RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1958

CASH DEBIT

Cash on hand May 10, 1957.....\$ 12,977.68

Special Account..... 9,207.80

Total.....\$ 22,185.48

CASH CREDIT

Paid to Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.....\$ 3,000.00

Special appropriation to General Fund..... 7,000.00

Cash on hand May 10, 1958..... 12,185.48

Total.....\$ 22,185.48

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Nebraska Masonic Home

Assets and Liabilities

January 1, 1958

ASSETS	Totals	General Fund	Endowment and Bequest Fund	Permanent Building Fund (Pieper Fund)
Cash on deposit:				
The Omaha National				
Bank, Omaha	\$ 125,671.71	\$ 99,172.76	\$ 26,498.95	
Plattsmouth State				
Bank, Plattsmouth .	10,000.00	10,000.00		
National Bank of				
Commerce, Lincoln .	7,359.33			7,359.33
United States National				
of Omaha	3,486.78	3,486.78		
United States National				
of Omaha—Trust				
Dept.	18,229.77	1,303.64	3,969.44	12,956.69

Stock in Omaha Loan & Building Association ..	8,490.30	8,490.30		
Stock in Metropolitan Building & Loan Association	1,045.16	1,045.16		
Bonds and stocks	1,232,538.16	230,504.99	764,215.47	237,817.70
Real estate mortgages ..	33,927.22	350.15	33,577.07	
Buildings and grounds— Masonic Home	1.00	1.00		
Buildings and grounds— Infirmary	1.00	1.00		
Furnishings—Masonic Home	1.00	1.00		
Furnishings—Infirmary .	1.00	1.00		
	<u>\$1,440,752.43</u>	<u>\$354,357.78</u>	<u>\$828,260.93</u>	<u>\$258,133.72</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Balance in Entertainment Fund	\$ 1,880.01	1,880.01		
Balance in Memory Fund	9,924.32	9,924.32		
Balance in Thanksgiving Fund	5,028.98	5,028.98		
Balance in Perpetual Room Fund	775.00	775.00		
Balance in Room Furnishings Fund	3,486.78	3,486.78		
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund	360.00	360.00		
Balance in O.E.S. Lounge Fund	2,587.51	2,587.51		
	<u>24,042.60</u>	<u>24,042.60</u>		

NET WORTH:

Capital stock	1.00	1.00		
Surplus or Fund Balance	1,416,708.83	330,314.18	828,260.93	258,133.72
	<u>\$1,440,752.43</u>	<u>\$354,357.78</u>	<u>\$828,260.93</u>	<u>\$258,133.72</u>

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Comparative Assets and Liabilities

January 1, 1957 and January 1, 1958

ASSETS	Jan. 1, 1957	Jan. 1, 1958	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit:			
The Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska	\$ 35,766.31	\$ 125,671.71	\$89,905.40
Plattsmouth State Bank, Plattsmouth, Nebraska	5,500.00	10,000.00	4,500.00
National Bank of Commerce, Lincoln, Nebraska	6,748.37	7,359.33	610.96
United States National Bank of Omaha	3,211.78	3,486.78	275.00
United States National Bank of Omaha—Trust Department		18,229.77	18,229.77
Stock in Omaha Loan & Building Association	7,500.00	8,490.30	990.30
Stock in Metropolitan Building & Loan Association	1,000.00	1,045.16	45.16
Bonds and stocks	1,265,013.92	1,232,538.16	(32,475.76)
Real estate mortgages	23,882.23	33,927.22	10,044.99
Buildings and grounds—Masonic			
Home	1.00	1.00	
Buildings and grounds—Infirmary ..	1.00	1.00	
Furnishings—Masonic Home	1.00	1.00	
Furnishings—Infirmary	1.00	1.00	
	<u>\$1,348,626.61</u>	<u>\$1,440,752.43</u>	<u>\$92,125.82</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

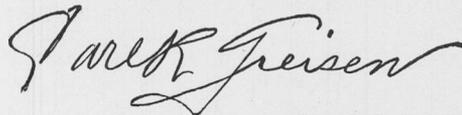
Balance in Entertainment Fund ...\$	1,790.59	\$ 1,880.01	\$ 89.42
Balance in Memory Fund	8,925.32	9,924.32	999.00
Balance in Thanksgiving Fund	4,358.48	5,028.98	670.50
Balance in Perpetual Room Fund ..	675.00	775.00	100.00
Balance in Room Furnishings Fund	3,211.78	3,486.78	275.00
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund		360.00	360.00
Balance in O.E.S. Lounge Fund		2,587.51	2,587.51
	<u>18,961.17</u>	<u>24,042.60</u>	<u>5,081.43</u>
NET WORTH:			
Capital stock	1.00	1.00	
Surplus or Fund Balance	1,329,664.44	1,416,708.83	87,044.39
	<u>\$1,348,626.61</u>	<u>\$1,440,752.43</u>	<u>\$92,125.82</u>

The Grand Trustees will report on the investment funds.

RETURNS

Number of Chartered lodges last year.....		277
Less extinction of Israel Lodge No. 187.....		1
Total Lodges.....		276
Number initiated.....	1,333	
Number passed.....	1,227	
Number raised.....		1,227
Number affiliated.....		232
Number dual members.....		16
Number reinstated.....		319
Number gained by other causes.....		5
Total gross increase.....		<u>1,799</u>
Number demitted.....		326
Number deceased.....		803
Number suspended.....		517
Number expelled.....		2
Number lost by other causes.....		2
Total loss.....		<u>1,650</u>
Net gain for year ending December 31, 1957.....		149
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1956		46,064
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1957		46,213

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary

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, 1957	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956	GAIN					Total	LOSS					Total Loss	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957		
									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes				
Nebraska.....	1	28	5	25	2	4	17	1282	26	1	0	2	0	1311	9	27	4	0	0	40	1271	1	
Western Star.....	2	21	9	16	7	0	3	273	16	1	0	1	0	291	2	6	0	0	0	8	283	2	
Capitol.....	3	22	9	24	4	3	14	945	21	2	0	0	4	0	972	8	22	3	0	0	33	939	3
Nemaha Valley..	4	2	0	2	1	0	3	50	1	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	4	
Omadi.....	5	2	2	4	2	0	0	3	114	4	1	0	1	0	120	0	4	0	0	0	4	116	5
Plattsmouth.....	6	4	3	6	3	2	4	317	6	1	0	2	0	326	1	7	2	0	0	10	316	6	
Falls City.....	9	11	6	11	2	3	3	281	10	3	1	0	0	295	2	12	3	0	0	17	278	9	
Solomon.....	10	3	1	3	4	1	2	93	3	0	0	0	0	96	1	0	1	0	0	2	94	10	
Covert.....	11	44	11	44	4	7	16	1620	49	4	0	0	0	1673	10	27	7	0	0	44	1629	11	
Orient.....	13	0	0	2	1	1	2	51	2	1	0	3	0	57	0	1	1	0	0	2	55	13	
Peru.....	14	2	3	3	2	15	15	100	1	3	0	6	0	110	0	2	15	0	0	17	93	14	
Fremont.....	15	19	2	23	1	8	12	644	24	10	2	4	0	684	10	14	7	0	0	31	653	15	
Tecumseh.....	17	1	1	2	1	3	4	191	2	1	0	2	0	196	3	3	3	0	0	9	187	17	
Lincoln.....	19	22	10	21	2	5	12	1003	23	1	0	4	0	1031	2	18	5	0	0	25	1006	19	
Washington.....	21	4	3	4	0	2	7	153	4	5	0	1	0	163	0	3	2	0	0	5	158	21	
Pawnee.....	23	4	1	4	1	2	6	111	4	1	0	1	0	117	2	3	2	0	0	7	110	23	
Saint John.....	25	21	5	23	3	4	10	1015	23	2	0	4	0	1044	4	19	4	0	0	27	1017	25	
Beatrice.....	26	16	11	14	2	17	17	374	15	3	0	0	0	392	5	7	17	0	0	29	363	26	
Jordan.....	27	0	1	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	79	1	1	0	0	0	2	77	27	
Hope.....	29	2	0	2	0	0	1	44	2	0	0	0	0	46	1	0	0	0	0	1	45	29	
Blue River.....	30	2	1	1	0	3	4	105	1	1	0	0	0	107	1	1	3	0	0	5	102	30	
Tekamah.....	31	11	4	8	0	0	1	156	12	0	0	0	0	168	3	4	0	0	0	7	161	31	
Platte Valley.....	32	15	14	17	8	6	7	556	16	5	0	0	0	577	6	11	7	0	0	24	553	32	
Ashlar.....	33	27	9	24	5	6	12	640	21	0	2	0	0	663	4	7	6	1	0	18	645	33	
Acacia.....	34	5	1	4	2	0	3	184	3	0	0	0	0	187	1	1	0	0	0	2	185	34	
Fairbury.....	35	5	5	2	2	3	12	246	3	1	0	1	0	251	0	2	3	0	0	5	246	35	
Lone Tree.....	36	2	2	1	2	4	4	214	3	0	0	2	0	219	1	5	4	0	0	10	209	36	
Crete.....	37	1	8	1	0	17	19	193	1	1	0	17	0	212	2	4	17	0	0	23	189	37	
Oliver.....	38	4	2	3	0	4	11	191	3	3	0	1	0	198	0	4	4	0	0	8	190	38	
Papillion.....	39	9	6	5	4	0	0	167	9	1	0	1	0	178	2	3	0	0	0	5	173	39	
Humboldt.....	40	2	4	1	1	1	1	128	2	1	0	1	0	132	1	2	1	0	0	4	128	40	
Northern Light..	41	0	3	0	1	0	1	91	0	0	0	3	0	94	0	1	0	0	0	1	93	41	
Hebron.....	43	2	1	2	1	1	0	146	5	2	0	0	0	153	2	4	1	0	0	7	146	43	
Harvard.....	44	8	0	9	4	1	1	77	5	0	0	0	0	82	0	1	1	0	0	2	80	44	
Rob Morris.....	46	9	7	11	6	2	12	343	9	3	0	1	0	356	1	8	2	1	0	12	344	46	
Fairmont.....	48	3	2	3	1	1	2	95	2	0	0	0	0	97	1	1	1	0	0	3	94	48	
Evening Star....	49	1	1	0	0	0	0	91	0	2	0	0	0	93	1	1	0	0	0	2	91	49	
Hastings.....	50	30	30	11	4	12	27	523	11	7	0	3	0	544	3	7	12	0	0	22	522	50	
Fidelity.....	51	0	2	3	2	0	2	152	4	0	0	3	0	159	1	5	0	0	0	6	153	51	

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS														No. on Rolls December 31, 1957	No. of Lodge
	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957	No. on Rolls December 31, 1956	GAIN					Total	LOSS							
									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'brshp	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss		
Hiram.....	52	1	3	0	0	0	0	98	0	0	0	0	0	98	1	3	0	0	0	4	94	52
Charity.....	53	3	3	3	1	0	4	159	3	0	0	2	0	164	0	3	0	0	0	3	161	53
Lancaster.....	54	17	7	16	2	5	13	924	20	1	0	1	0	946	5	24	5	0	0	34	912	54
Mosaic.....	55	10	6	13	3	3	15	389	12	2	0	6	0	409	6	5	3	0	0	14	395	55
York.....	56	7	6	8	3	1	4	269	8	0	0	0	0	277	3	2	1	0	0	6	271	56
Mt. Moriah.....	57	1	2	0	0	1	1	73	1	0	0	1	0	75	0	0	1	0	0	1	74	57
Wahoo.....	59	7	2	7	2	5	10	279	9	1	0	0	0	289	0	5	5	0	0	10	279	59
Melrose.....	60	4	2	3	0	0	0	72	3	0	0	0	0	75	1	1	0	0	0	2	73	60
Thistle.....	61	6	6	3	2	1	5	224	5	1	0	2	0	232	1	4	1	0	0	6	226	61
Keystone.....	62	4	0	4	0	0	2	46	5	0	1	0	0	52	0	2	0	0	0	2	50	62
Blue Valley.....	64	9	7	7	2	1	1	84	7	0	0	0	0	91	0	1	1	0	0	2	89	64
Osceola.....	65	0	0	1	0	0	0	91	1	1	0	0	0	93	0	1	0	0	0	1	92	65
Edgar.....	67	2	1	2	0	0	0	101	2	0	0	0	0	103	0	1	0	0	0	1	102	67
Aurora.....	68	3	4	3	0	0	0	164	3	1	0	2	0	170	1	2	0	0	0	3	167	68
Sterling.....	70	0	0	0	0	2	3	54	0	1	0	0	0	55	0	1	2	0	0	3	52	70
Trowel.....	71	2	1	2	0	1	1	94	2	1	0	2	0	99	0	1	1	0	0	2	97	71
Hooper.....	72	3	2	2	0	1	1	101	3	0	0	0	0	104	2	1	1	0	0	4	100	72
Friend.....	73	1	2	0	0	0	0	65	0	1	0	0	0	66	0	3	0	0	0	3	63	73
Alexandria.....	74	0	2	0	0	0	1	37	1	0	0	0	0	38	1	1	0	0	0	2	36	74
Frank Welch.....	75	8	4	7	2	7	8	312	6	0	0	3	0	321	5	9	7	0	0	21	300	75
Nelson.....	77	9	2	7	4	2	3	93	4	0	0	1	0	98	0	2	2	0	0	4	94	77
Albion.....	78	5	5	6	2	0	1	121	9	2	1	1	0	134	0	2	0	0	0	2	132	78
Geneva.....	79	3	3	2	0	4	4	141	5	0	0	1	0	147	2	2	4	0	0	8	139	79
Composite.....	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	1	0	0	0	0	57	1	0	0	0	0	1	56	81
St. Paul.....	82	2	6	0	0	2	3	212	0	0	0	1	0	213	2	3	2	0	0	7	206	82
Corinthian.....	83	1	4	0	0	0	1	78	0	0	0	0	0	78	1	1	0	0	0	2	76	83
Fairfield.....	84	1	1	0	0	0	1	58	1	0	0	0	0	59	0	3	0	0	0	3	56	84
Doniphan.....	86	1	0	1	2	1	1	45	1	0	0	0	0	46	0	3	1	0	0	4	42	86
Ionic.....	87	4	5	0	3	0	1	121	0	0	0	1	0	122	1	2	0	0	0	3	119	87
Star.....	88	0	0	0	0	6	8	121	0	0	0	1	0	122	0	1	6	0	0	7	115	88
Cedar River.....	89	1	2	2	0	1	3	93	2	2	0	0	0	97	1	0	1	0	0	2	95	89
Oakland.....	91	2	1	2	0	1	3	144	5	0	0	0	0	149	0	3	1	0	0	4	145	91
Beaver City.....	93	2	3	1	0	1	1	76	4	1	0	1	0	82	0	3	1	0	0	4	78	93
Bennett.....	94	1	0	3	0	1	1	56	4	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	1	0	0	1	59	94
Garfield.....	95	2	1	2	0	1	1	96	2	0	2	0	0	100	2	0	1	0	0	3	97	95
Utica.....	96	2	3	0	1	0	0	86	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	2	0	0	0	2	84	96
Euclid.....	97	3	2	4	2	3	4	110	3	0	0	0	0	113	0	2	3	0	0	5	108	97
Republican.....	98	1	3	0	2	0	2	55	1	0	0	1	0	57	1	0	0	0	0	1	56	98
Shelton.....	99	0	0	0	1	1	1	82	0	0	0	0	0	82	1	1	1	0	0	3	79	99

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			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1957																		
Creighton.....	100	3	4	4	1	3	4	114	3	1	0	0	0	0	118	0	0	3	0	0	3	115	100		
Ponca.....	101	0	0	0	1	0	4	95	0	0	1	0	0	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	101		
Waterloo.....	102	7	4	5	0	1	8	159	5	1	0	1	0	0	166	0	2	1	0	0	3	163	102		
Ord.....	103	2	2	1	0	1	4	154	1	2	0	1	0	0	158	0	2	1	0	0	3	155	103		
Wymore.....	104	5	4	4	3	0	1	235	1	3	0	0	0	0	239	0	3	0	0	0	3	236	104		
Stella.....	105	0	1	0	0	0	1	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	2	0	0	0	2	56	105		
Porter.....	106	0	0	0	0	2	2	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	1	1	2	0	0	4	57	106		
Table Rock.....	108	0	0	0	0	1	3	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	5	1	0	0	6	50	108		
Pomegranate.....	110	7	6	6	3	0	3	228	4	4	0	1	0	0	237	1	2	0	0	0	3	234	110		
DeWitt.....	111	1	1	2	1	3	3	55	1	1	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	3	0	0	3	54	111		
Springfield.....	112	3	4	2	0	3	4	121	2	0	0	2	0	0	125	0	2	3	0	0	5	120	112		
Globe.....	113	2	0	4	2	0	1	82	3	0	0	0	0	0	85	2	2	0	0	0	4	81	113		
Wisner.....	114	6	3	7	2	2	4	112	6	0	0	1	0	0	119	1	2	2	0	0	5	114	114		
Harlan.....	116	0	0	1	0	6	6	93	2	0	0	6	0	0	101	0	1	6	0	0	7	94	116		
Hardy.....	117	1	3	0	2	1	1	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	56	1	1	1	0	0	3	53	117		
North Bend.....	119	2	1	4	0	0	0	112	4	0	0	0	0	0	116	0	1	0	0	0	1	115	119		
Wayne.....	120	3	4	4	1	1	4	204	4	3	0	0	0	0	211	1	0	1	0	0	2	209	120		
Superior.....	121	5	3	4	1	0	1	198	4	1	0	1	0	0	204	4	1	0	0	0	5	199	121		
Auburn.....	124	1	4	0	0	0	5	168	0	0	0	0	0	0	168	2	5	0	0	0	7	161	124		
Mt. Nebo.....	125	4	5	3	1	1	3	106	3	0	0	3	0	0	112	0	2	1	0	0	3	109	125		
Stromsburg.....	126	1	1	0	0	0	0	74	1	1	0	1	0	0	77	0	1	0	0	0	1	76	126		
Minden.....	127	5	0	5	3	1	1	100	3	7	0	1	0	0	111	0	1	1	0	0	2	109	127		
Guide Rock.....	128	2	2	2	1	0	1	69	1	1	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	128		
Blue Hill.....	129	1	1	2	0	0	5	51	2	0	0	2	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	129		
Tuscan.....	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	2	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	1	38	130		
Scribner.....	132	1	0	1	0	0	0	55	1	0	0	1	0	0	57	0	2	0	0	0	2	55	132		
Elm Creek.....	133	0	1	0	1	1	6	58	0	0	0	2	0	0	60	1	1	1	0	0	3	57	133		
Solar.....	134	1	2	1	1	0	0	74	1	0	0	0	0	0	75	1	4	0	0	0	5	70	134		
McCook.....	135	2	6	2	2	4	11	388	1	2	0	2	0	0	393	3	10	4	0	0	17	376	135		
Long Pine.....	136	0	1	1	0	3	4	70	1	0	0	0	0	0	71	1	3	3	0	0	7	64	136		
Upright.....	137	1	1	2	0	0	0	83	4	0	0	1	0	0	88	0	3	0	0	0	3	85	137		
Rawalt.....	138	7	3	5	1	0	1	77	4	1	1	4	0	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	138		
Clay Centre.....	139	3	4	2	0	0	3	68	2	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	3	0	0	0	3	67	139		
Western.....	140	0	1	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	0	37	2	0	0	0	0	2	35	140		
Crescent.....	143	1	1	0	0	0	1	54	0	0	0	1	0	0	55	1	2	0	0	0	3	52	143		
Kenesaw.....	144	2	2	1	0	2	2	78	1	0	0	0	0	0	79	2	3	2	0	0	7	72	144		
Bancroft.....	145	1	1	1	1	0	1	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	3	0	0	0	3	64	145		
Jachin.....	146	6	8	7	0	0	1	192	9	3	0	0	0	0	204	0	5	0	0	0	5	199	146		
Siloam.....	147	2	2	1	0	0	0	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	31	2	0	0	0	0	2	29	147		
Emmet Crawford	148	3	1	6	4	7	9	221	5	0	1	2	0	0	229	1	2	7	0	0	10	219	148		

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								No. on Rolls, December 31, 1956	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem-ship	Reinstatement		Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes				
																				Total	Total Loss		
Jewel	149	0	1	2	1	0	0	69	1	0	0	1	0	71	1	1	0	0	0	2	69	149	
Cambridge	150	2	0	2	0	2	4	117	2	0	0	1	0	120	2	4	2	0	0	8	112	150	
Square	151	1	1	0	0	0	1	69	0	0	0	1	0	70	0	3	0	0	0	3	67	151	
Evergreen	153	1	0	4	0	0	1	62	5	4	0	1	1	73	2	1	0	0	0	3	70	153	
Lily	154	3	1	3	3	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	2	71	154	
Hartington	155	5	6	1	0	0	2	76	1	0	1	0	0	78	1	3	0	0	0	4	74	155	
Pythagoras	156	0	0	0	1	3	3	41	0	0	0	1	0	42	0	1	3	0	0	4	38	156	
Valley	157	1	2	1	3	0	1	54	3	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	157	
Samaritan	158	4	1	6	0	2	4	295	6	3	0	3	0	307	2	5	2	0	0	9	298	158	
Ogalalla	159	6	4	3	2	5	8	178	3	2	0	0	0	183	0	0	5	0	0	5	178	159	
Zeredatha	160	1	2	2	0	0	0	38	3	0	0	1	0	42	0	3	0	0	0	3	39	160	
Mount Zion	161	0	0	0	0	7	9	59	0	0	0	3	0	62	1	1	7	0	0	9	53	161	
Trestle Board	162	2	0	2	0	3	5	87	2	1	0	3	0	93	0	0	3	0	0	3	90	162	
Unity	163	4	2	5	1	0	1	76	4	0	0	0	0	80	0	2	0	0	0	2	78	163	
Atkinson	164	1	1	2	1	1	1	57	1	0	0	0	0	58	0	2	1	0	0	3	55	164	
Barneston	165	2	0	2	1	1	1	66	2	0	0	1	0	69	0	1	1	0	0	2	67	165	
Mystic Tie	166	5	1	5	1	1	2	55	4	0	0	0	0	59	1	2	1	0	0	4	55	166	
Elwood	167	0	0	2	1	0	0	53	1	1	0	0	0	55	2	1	0	0	0	3	52	167	
Curtis	168	4	2	2	1	2	1	96	1	2	0	0	0	99	2	4	1	0	0	7	92	168	
Amity	169	0	1	0	0	0	1	105	0	0	0	0	0	105	1	1	0	0	0	2	103	169	
Mason City	170	0	0	0	0	0	3	42	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	1	41	170	
Merna	171	5	4	1	0	0	1	55	1	0	0	1	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	171	
Robert Burns	173	0	1	0	0	0	0	99	0	0	0	0	0	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	99	173	
Culbertson	174	1	1	2	0	0	1	64	2	1	0	2	0	69	1	2	0	0	0	3	66	174	
Temple	175	0	0	1	0	0	0	42	1	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	175	
Gladstone	176	0	2	1	3	0	4	92	0	0	0	2	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	176	
Hav Springs	177	5	4	2	0	1	1	118	3	0	0	0	0	121	0	1	1	0	0	2	119	177	
Prudence	179	1	0	3	0	0	1	51	3	0	0	2	0	56	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	179	
Justice	180	3	5	1	0	4	10	137	1	0	0	1	0	139	1	3	4	0	1	9	130	180	
Faith	181	2	1	1	0	1	4	133	1	0	0	0	0	134	2	3	1	0	0	6	128	181	
Alliance	183	12	9	11	2	2	8	324	10	4	0	2	0	340	3	7	2	0	0	12	328	183	
Bee Hive	184	29	8	26	2	22	33	987	28	1	0	17	0	1033	4	16	22	0	0	42	991	184	
Boaz	185	0	0	0	0	0	1	79	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	3	0	0	0	3	76	185	
Israel	187	0	1	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	0	0	0	25	0	187	
Meridian	188	2	2	3	2	3	7	142	3	1	0	1	0	147	1	1	3	0	0	5	142	188	
Granite	189	1	1	0	1	5	9	77	0	0	0	2	0	79	1	0	5	0	0	6	73	189	
Amethyst	190	0	0	0	0	1	0	59	0	0	0	2	0	61	0	3	1	0	0	4	57	190	
Crystal	191	2	0	2	0	0	0	91	2	0	0	0	0	93	1	3	0	0	0	4	89	191	

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		Other Causes	Total Loss																			
Minnekadusa	192	3	5	3	1	2	6	164	4	2	0	0	0	170	1	1	2	0	0	4	166	192
Signet	193	2	7	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65	193
Highland	194	0	2	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	1	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	194
Arcana	195	5	2	5	2	3	4	149	6	0	0	0	0	155	0	4	3	0	0	7	148	195
Morning Star	197	0	0	0	0	1	3	68	0	0	0	1	0	69	1	1	1	0	0	3	66	197
Purity	198	3	0	4	4	6	8	146	1	0	0	1	0	148	1	1	6	0	0	8	140	198
Gavel	199	0	1	2	0	0	0	53	2	0	0	0	0	55	1	0	0	0	0	1	54	199
Blazing Star	200	1	0	3	0	0	1	96	3	0	0	0	0	99	1	4	0	0	0	5	94	200
Scotts Bluff	201	6	5	5	2	3	8	185	5	1	0	3	0	194	0	3	3	0	0	6	188	201
Golden Sheaf	202	10	3	8	1	0	0	87	10	1	0	1	0	99	2	0	0	0	0	2	97	202
Roman Eagle	203	5	6	3	6	0	7	61	1	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	203
Plainview	204	0	2	1	0	0	1	115	2	2	0	0	0	119	1	3	0	0	0	4	115	204
Golden Fleece	205	3	3	2	2	1	6	199	0	0	1	1	0	201	3	5	1	0	0	9	192	205
Napthali	206	0	2	0	0	0	2	63	1	1	0	0	0	65	1	0	0	0	0	1	64	206
Parian	207	0	2	0	0	1	1	67	1	0	0	3	0	71	0	3	1	0	0	4	67	207
Gauge	208	1	0	1	1	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	208
Canopy	209	1	2	3	0	0	3	134	3	0	0	0	0	137	1	7	0	0	0	8	129	209
East Lincoln	210	48	18	48	7	21	52	1199	46	7	0	5	0	1257	3	17	21	0	0	41	1216	210
Cement	211	1	4	1	3	1	2	88	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	2	1	0	0	3	85	211
Compass & Square	212	2	2	2	0	3	4	61	3	0	0	0	0	64	2	0	3	0	0	5	59	212
Plumbline	214	3	0	3	0	0	0	46	3	0	0	2	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	214
Occidental	215	1	0	2	0	0	1	72	2	0	0	1	0	75	0	2	0	0	0	2	73	215
Palisade	216	5	2	4	2	1	1	105	3	0	0	1	0	109	0	3	1	0	0	4	105	216
Wauneta	217	2	3	0	3	0	0	57	0	0	0	3	0	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	217
Bloomfield	218	0	2	1	0	0	0	77	1	0	0	0	0	78	0	4	0	0	0	4	74	218
Relief	219	1	0	1	0	0	0	59	1	1	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	219
Magnolia	220	1	1	2	0	0	1	74	2	1	0	0	0	77	0	2	0	0	0	2	75	220
Wood Lake	221	1	0	1	0	0	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	74	0	3	0	0	0	3	71	221
Landmark	222	5	5	3	1	0	0	111	2	1	0	1	0	115	0	3	0	0	0	3	112	222
Eminence	223	1	1	2	1	1	1	56	4	0	0	0	0	60	0	1	1	0	0	2	58	223
Silver Cord	224	6	2	4	1	1	2	155	3	0	1	6	0	165	0	1	1	0	0	2	163	224
Cable	225	3	1	3	0	4	4	90	4	1	0	8	0	103	1	0	4	0	0	5	98	225
Grace	226	5	5	0	0	1	4	70	0	0	0	2	0	72	9	2	1	0	0	12	60	226
North Star	227	24	6	26	4	5	10	498	26	3	0	1	0	528	2	5	5	0	0	12	516	227
Bartley	228	1	1	0	0	0	1	61	0	0	0	1	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	1	61	228
Comet	229	0	0	0	0	2	4	88	1	0	0	0	0	89	0	1	2	0	0	3	86	229
Delta	230	3	3	2	1	0	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	42	0	2	0	0	0	2	40	230
Mt. Hermon	231	0	0	1	1	3	3	43	1	1	0	2	0	47	1	1	3	0	0	5	42	231
John S. Bowen	232	3	3	2	1	0	0	71	1	0	0	2	0	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	232
Gilead	233	1	2	0	0	1	1	69	0	0	0	0	0	69	1	0	1	0	0	2	67	233

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Zion.....	234	2	1	4	0	0	2	96	4	1	0	1	0	102	0	2	0	0	0	2	100	234
Fraternity.....	235	3	4	2	0	0	2	63	2	1	0	0	0	66	2	3	0	0	0	5	61	235
Golden Rule.....	236	3	4	1	0	0	0	61	1	0	0	1	0	63	1	0	0	0	0	1	62	236
Cubit.....	237	1	1	1	1	0	2	57	0	0	0	0	0	57	1	1	0	0	0	2	55	237
Friendship.....	239	1	2	2	0	5	10	95	2	0	0	4	0	101	0	2	5	0	0	7	94	239
Pilot.....	240	2	4	0	0	3	4	124	1	1	0	0	0	126	1	1	3	0	0	5	121	240
George Armstrong.....	241	1	5	1	0	0	0	88	1	0	0	0	0	89	0	2	0	0	0	2	87	241
Tyrian.....	243	3	3	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	243
Hampton.....	245	1	4	1	0	2	4	64	1	0	0	0	0	65	1	0	2	0	0	3	62	245
Nehawka.....	246	5	2	3	1	0	1	113	3	0	0	0	0	116	0	1	0	0	0	1	115	246
Corner Stone.....	247	0	1	0	1	0	1	31	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	1	0	0	0	1	30	247
Laurel.....	248	3	5	2	0	1	6	101	3	1	0	0	0	105	0	0	1	0	0	1	104	248
Gothenburg.....	249	1	2	5	1	0	3	163	6	0	0	1	0	170	0	2	0	0	0	2	168	249
Geo. Washington.....	250	10	10	7	0	5	8	349	10	2	0	0	0	361	3	4	5	0	0	12	349	250
Wausa.....	251	2	0	2	2	0	3	58	0	0	0	2	0	60	1	1	0	0	0	2	58	251
Beemer.....	253	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	0	0	0	1	53	253
Bassett.....	254	2	3	0	0	6	11	89	0	0	0	3	0	92	0	0	6	0	0	6	86	254
Hickman.....	256	1	2	0	0	0	1	68	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	256
Holbrook.....	257	2	2	1	1	0	0	29	1	1	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	257
Anselmo.....	258	2	2	2	0	2	2	106	2	1	0	1	0	110	2	2	2	0	0	6	104	258
Ornan.....	261	1	2	1	0	0	2	82	2	0	0	3	0	87	0	5	0	0	0	5	82	261
Endeavor.....	262	1	1	1	0	4	4	105	1	0	0	0	0	106	0	1	4	0	0	5	101	262
Mitchell.....	263	3	2	3	0	6	10	157	3	1	0	0	0	161	0	5	6	0	0	11	150	263
Franklin.....	264	1	4	2	1	3	1	111	1	1	0	1	0	114	1	2	3	0	0	6	108	264
Robert W. Furnas.....	265	15	14	9	1	1	7	444	10	2	0	2	0	458	3	6	1	0	0	10	448	265
Silver.....	266	3	0	3	4	0	0	65	0	0	1	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	266
James A. Tulleys.....	267	3	3	3	1	0	0	60	2	0	0	0	0	62	0	2	0	0	0	2	60	267
Geo. W. Lininger.....	268	7	1	6	4	4	5	254	4	1	0	0	0	259	2	4	4	0	0	10	249	268
Oasis.....	271	3	0	3	0	1	1	142	3	1	0	4	0	150	1	4	1	0	0	6	144	271
Lee P. Gillette.....	272	2	1	2	0	0	0	70	2	1	0	2	0	75	1	1	0	0	0	2	73	272
Crofton.....	273	2	2	2	2	0	3	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	2	0	0	0	2	58	273
Olive Branch.....	274	3	3	2	2	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	274
Ramah.....	275	1	1	1	0	0	2	72	1	0	0	0	0	73	1	1	0	0	0	2	71	275
Antelope.....	276	0	1	1	0	0	1	69	1	0	0	1	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	276
Sioux.....	277	0	1	0	0	0	1	53	0	1	0	0	0	54	2	3	0	0	1	6	48	277
Litchfield.....	278	1	0	1	0	1	1	36	1	1	0	0	0	38	0	0	1	0	0	1	37	278
Wallace.....	279	0	2	0	2	1	1	41	0	0	0	2	0	43	0	1	1	0	0	2	41	279
Swastika.....	280	5	0	5	5	0	0	85	3	0	0	0	0	88	1	1	0	0	0	2	86	280
Florence.....	281	39	11	36	7	10	27	914	35	3	0	1	0	953	9	11	10	0	0	30	923	281
Mullen.....	282	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	1	0	0	0	0	84	1	0	0	0	0	1	83	282

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Men's ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			
Seneca.....	284	1	0	1	0	3	3	74	1	0	0	4	0	79	2	1	3	0	0	6	73	284
Camp Clarke.....	285	9	9	5	2	2	2	189	4	1	0	0	0	194	1	3	2	0	0	6	188	285
Oshkosh.....	286	3	6	4	0	1	3	115	4	0	0	4	0	123	1	3	1	0	0	5	118	286
Union.....	287	3	4	2	0	1	2	56	2	0	0	1	0	59	0	2	1	0	0	3	56	287
Omaha.....	288	18	4	19	0	8	19	583	20	0	0	1	0	604	4	17	8	0	0	29	575	288
Lotus.....	289	2	2	3	0	0	0	177	4	0	0	0	0	181	0	3	0	0	0	3	178	289
John J. Mercer.....	290	43	22	37	5	7	14	1423	44	6	0	3	0	1476	7	20	7	0	0	34	1442	290
Diamond.....	291	6	1	6	0	0	3	76	6	0	0	0	0	82	1	3	0	0	0	4	78	291
Wolbach.....	292	0	2	1	1	0	0	44	2	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	1	45	292
Monument.....	293	1	5	0	2	1	2	69	0	2	0	0	0	71	0	1	1	0	0	2	69	293
Kimball.....	294	17	19	9	0	4	5	155	9	2	1	0	0	167	0	1	4	0	0	5	162	294
Minatare.....	295	4	4	6	1	2	2	96	6	0	0	2	0	104	0	1	2	0	0	3	101	295
Cotner.....	297	10	8	6	1	5	12	247	6	1	0	4	0	258	0	4	5	0	0	9	249	297
Chester.....	298	3	2	1	0	0	0	41	1	0	0	1	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	298
Sutherland.....	299	2	2	1	1	0	1	97	0	1	0	1	0	99	0	3	0	0	0	3	96	299
Liberty.....	300	26	10	24	7	7	11	473	20	0	0	5	0	498	0	5	7	0	0	12	486	300
Bayard.....	301	2	5	1	1	1	3	106	0	0	0	0	2	108	1	0	1	0	0	2	106	301
Mizpah.....	302	35	19	31	6	12	44	1240	35	9	0	10	0	1294	11	19	12	0	0	42	1252	302
Right Angle.....	303	14	2	13	4	11	20	639	10	1	0	4	0	654	3	12	11	0	0	26	628	303
Ruskin.....	304	1	1	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	304
Newman Grove.....	305	1	3	1	0	0	1	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	305
Golden Rod.....	306	1	0	1	0	0	1	86	1	0	0	0	0	87	0	3	0	0	0	3	84	306
William E Hill.....	307	0	1	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	307
Perkins.....	308	6	1	6	4	2	6	99	4	2	0	4	0	109	0	1	2	0	0	3	106	308
Winnebago.....	309	0	1	3	0	0	0	62	4	0	0	0	0	66	0	3	0	0	0	3	63	309
Victory.....	310	10	1	12	0	6	7	218	12	3	0	2	0	235	2	2	6	0	0	10	225	310
Polk.....	311	7	2	5	0	1	1	62	5	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	1	0	0	2	65	311
Oak Leaf.....	312	1	2	1	0	2	4	51	1	0	0	0	0	52	0	2	2	0	0	4	48	312
Potter.....	313	1	1	2	0	3	6	89	2	1	0	1	0	93	1	1	3	0	0	5	88	313
Craftsmen.....	314	19	11	18	0	3	14	577	18	3	1	3	0	602	4	5	3	0	0	12	590	314
Alpha.....	316	8	5	8	1	0	7	196	7	0	0	0	0	203	1	4	0	0	0	5	198	316
Mid-West.....	317	26	17	22	6	5	11	462	20	5	0	2	0	489	5	4	5	0	0	14	475	317
Grand Island.....	318	9	11	11	0	1	8	311	11	3	0	1	0	326	2	7	1	0	0	10	316	318
Bladen.....	319	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	319
College View.....	320	3	7	4	1	4	12	160	4	0	0	7	0	171	0	1	4	0	0	5	166	320
Harmony.....	321	2	2	3	1	1	1	77	3	0	0	4	0	84	1	0	1	0	0	2	82	321
Pioneer.....	322	3	1	3	0	1	2	82	3	0	1	0	0	86	0	2	1	0	0	3	83	322

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Lebanon	323	8		7	5	6	8	193	3	1	0	2	0	199	1	4	6	0	0	11	188	323
Cairo	324	1	1	2	0	3	3	65	2	0	0	1	0	68	0	0	3	0	0	3	65	324
Bellevue	325	25	5	27	3	0	0	130	30	3	0	0	0	163	2	1	0	0	0	3	160	325
Centennial	326	22	5	20	4	0	0	60	18	9	0	0	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	326
Totals..		1333	856	1227	314	517	1121	46064	1227	232	16	319	5	47863	326	803	517	2	2	1650	46213	

VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

George R. Porter.....	Covert No. 11.....	40 years
Fred R. Haggart.....	St. Paul No. 82.....	39 years
Archie A. Meek.....	Lotus No. 289.....	38 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	Culbertson No. 174.....	37 years
Rudolph H. Jenny.....	Hartington No. 155.....	36 years
Eldon B. Johnson.....	Fidelity No. 51.....	31 years
Siegfried L. Jacks.....	Purity No. 198.....	31 years
James A. Rose.....	Fairmont No. 48.....	31 years
Alexis R. Gustavson.....	Newman Grove No. 305.....	30 years
Earl K. Husbands.....	Morning Star No. 197.....	28 years
Paul I. Eaton.....	Pomegranate No. 110.....	28 years
Fredolph C. Chalquist.....	Composite No. 81.....	28 years
Carl H. Hoge.....	Lebanon No. 323.....	28 years
C. Robert Carlson.....	Wauneta No. 217.....	27 years
Leon J. Cherny.....	North Bend No. 119.....	27 years

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

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

The Grand Custodian fraternally submits his report for the Masonic year beginning June 7, 1957 and ending June 5, 1958.

Nebraska weather is noted for its frequent changes and occasional severity. However, taken over the years since I have been Grand Custodian, it has not been a serious problem. This year was different. This year the weather-man threw at us all the foul weather he had in the book. It is the first time that "the weather" will figure prominently in this report. It had its effect on all phases of our work: Individual Schools, Central Schools, examinations of both individual brethren and Lodge groups.

One Assistant Custodian wrote in one report, "It was one of the most miserable nights I have ever had the misfortune to encounter. A knife wouldn't cut the fog, yet the moisture froze as it collected on the windshield. Traction, visibility, speed—all zero. Fortunately there was no competition for the road, as everyone else had enough sense to stay home, including all but two of the members of the lodge to which I traveled that night for their school."

Another Custodian wrote, "I went over to this lodge for the fifth night and for the fifth time the weather was beautiful, about the consistency of spoon bread. Coming back the weather worsened. Couldn't even see the edge of the highway, So, this report will confirm what you have always suspected and that is, that an Assistant Custodian must, of necessity, be slightly off his base to accept such a job. Also, the further off he is the longer he can take it."

Almost all of our Assistant Custodians report repeat sessions of schools to take the place of sessions "stormed out" or nearly so.

Many report driving many miles out of the normal way because of impassable highways, because of snow banks and spring thaws. This also affected the attendance of Lodge officers.

Central Schools were not quite so hard hit by the weather. It was a factor in several Central Schools this year, however. We felt the attendance was cut at the Kearney, Hay Springs and Lynch Central Schools because of severe snow and wind conditions. The Fairbury Central School had to be cancelled because of the extremely heavy snow fall in the third week of November.

The threat of Asian flu epidemic was also a factor in attendance at all Central Schools after mid-October.

The Asian flu had its inning with the Grand Custodian as well. Immediately after the Kearney Central Schools, this Mongolian pest took over. After a struggle, the Grand Custodian landed in the Clarkson Hospital where the results and complications of the Asian flu were

effectively dealt with, not, however, until the Grand Custodian had been demobilized for a period of six weeks.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

There were a total of sixteen Central Schools planned. Fifteen were held, and one cancelled because of impossible weather conditions. In spite of the handicaps of bad weather, worse road conditions and the Asian flu, the attendance we feel was as a whole, satisfactory.

There were 3,002 registrations in the fifteen schools. One hundred seventy lodges were invited to participate. Thirty-one, a larger percentage than is normal, failed to show up. Again, we know that most of these absences were caused by the weather. Seven of these schools had 100% participation by the invited lodges.

These schools were outstanding both from the standpoint of attendance and high quality of the work: Burchard, Hay Springs, North Platte, Omaha, Lincoln, Scottsbluff and Sidney. All fifteen of our Central Schools this year can be considered as satisfactory.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

Because of the handicap of bad weather and roads, there was great difficulty this year in holding Individual Schools of Instruction. There were postponements everywhere. Some sessions were postponed several times. A few schools, after several postponements, were cancelled when spring field work became pressing. These schools will be assigned next year. There were 130 Individual Schools held by Assistant Custodians and Grand Custodian. There are ever-increasing numbers of our Nebraska lodges that request schools when none are assigned. This is a healthy condition and should be gratifying to the Grand Lodge. This Department will continue to comply with these requests as long as it is humanly possible to do so.

LODGE CERTIFICATION

Earlier in this Masonic year, it appeared that it might be possible to reach the halfway point in the Certification of Nebraska Lodges, but because of the much-mentioned weather and road conditions, and the late spring, some of our most faithful lodges have found it necessary to ask for examinations later in the summer. Many more requested examinations just before the field work started this spring. It has taken all of the man power of this Department, working almost day and night to meet these requests. As a result, we have done better than anticipated. A total of 140 certificates have been issued to Nebraska Lodges, the highest number in our history. Certificates were earned by both 1957 and 1958 officers in nine lodges, in this Masonic year (June, 1957-June, 1958). This would make a total of 131 lodges in Nebraska certified as of this date. It is gratifying to note that the number of certified

lodges has not failed to substantially increase, annually, over the last ten years.

The following were certified for the first time in their history: Ornan No. 261, Wisner No. 114, Table Rock No. 108, Nemaha Valley No. 4. North Bend No. 119 has earned its first certificate after many years of proficiency drouth.

Last year's report failed to note that Blue River No. 30 had earned its first certificate in its history. Apologies and regrets are due this fine lodge. Just to show that there were no hard feelings and that the first certificate was no fluke, these brethren did it again this year.

NEMAHA VALLEY LODGE NO. 4

This is one of the lodges that was born to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska after its formation. It celebrates its Centennial Anniversary this year. Located at Brownville on the banks of the Missouri River, the fortunes of this lodge have followed those of the Community as they waxed and waned with the population. Today, there are approximately thirty resident members of this lodge. It took courage and zeal for this small group of fine men to determine that the first item on the agenda of their Centennial celebration was the earning of the first Certificate of Proficiency in one hundred years. With the help of Assistant Custodian Willard I. Lewis, Jr. and the cooperation of all resident members of this little group, their objective was attained in April of this year. Because of their outstanding industry, zeal and determination this group was asked to exemplify the Master Mason degree before the Grand Lodge on Monday evening, June 2.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

As has been said so often in these reports, the individually certified Brother is the key to the great advance in the quality of our Nebraska work and the satisfying increase in number of certified lodges. His is the instructive tongue that imparts to the attentive ear the secrets of Masonry so that they may be safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts. This process is repeated again and again so that, in reality, we have a perfect circle of promotion and promulgation of our Nebraska Work and Ceremonies. The greater the number of certified brethren, the greater the service is that they perform.

This year there have been 661 Nebraska Masons who have been certified. Of this number 46 have been certified for the first time. It is interesting to note that Brother Roger W. Dehning, a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, earned his first certificate of proficiency at the age of 22, just three months after he was raised. Our records indicate that he is the youngest Nebraska Mason ever to be certified in so short a time after taking his Master Mason degree.

Another interesting fact that emerges from the statistics of this report is the forward surge of individual certification in the Omaha

Lodges. Eighteen Omaha brethren have been certified for the first time this year.

STATISTICS

The usual list of the ten Nebraska Lodges with the greatest number of certified men is enlarged in this report because of several "ties" in the standings. The list follows: East Lincoln, 210, 31; Lancaster, 54, 30; Bee Hive, 184, 27; Lincoln, 19, 20; Robert W. Furnas, 265, 20; Craftsmen, 314, 17; Victory, 310, 17; Covert, 11, 17; Ashlar, 33, 15; Nebraska, 1, 14; Liberty, 300, 14; Mizpah, 302, 13; Alliance, 183, 13; Florence, 281, 10. Nos. 1, 11, 302 and 281, all Omaha lodges are newcomers to this list.

Following is a list of the ten lodges with the highest percentage of certified men in relation to lodge membership: Sioux No. 277, 10.41%; Victory No. 310, 7.55%; Square No. 51, 7.46%; Cable No. 225, 7.14%; Comet No. 229, 5.81%; Papillion No. 39, 5.20%; Pioneer No. 322, 4.80%; Centennial No. 326, 4.60%; George Armstrong No. 241, 4.59% and Landmark No. 222, 4.46%. Landmark No. 222 and Centennial No. 326 both appear on this list for the first time. Centennial No. 326 should have been on this list last year but was missed.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Twelve brethren are eligible to receive Certificates of Merit this year and have either been presented or will be presented with them. It is our feeling that Brethren who have been certified for twenty consecutive years and are still maintaining their certification are entitled to a special presentation either in their own lodge or in a Grand Lodge session. The following are the Brethren receiving this honor: Carl W. Rensch, 19; E. Dale Sampson, Sr., 96; Harold L. Wilkerson, 54; Charles W. West, Sr., 91; Charles C. Talbott, 148; Ernest E. Fye, 210; Lester W. Carlson, 188; Ernest O. Anderson, 249; Louis V. Sylvester, 281, and Buren P. Wells, 36.

We congratulate these fine Brethren on the distinguished honor and express our grateful thanks for their loyalty and zeal.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Words are totally inadequate to express appreciation for the kind of service and devotion which these dedicated brethren give to Masonry. Each year as the number of certified lodges grows and the list of certified brethren lengthens, we realize the quality of the men who do this necessary and important work. They take foul weather, bad roads, the indifference of some officers, the failure of others to even show up once at a school; disappointments and discouragements, in stride. The difficult they do quickly and easily, the impossible just takes a little longer.

There is always a sadness of parting which comes when such fine and faithful men find it necessary to request the Assistant Custodian Emeritus designation. Jesse P. Entekin who, after the retirement of

W. Osborne P. Simon, became the dean of the Custodians and who served this Grand Lodge for twenty-five years, found it necessary to retire from both his regular employment and his Masonic activities because of failing health. M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master, gave an eloquent and touching tribute to Brother Entrekin in designating him as an Assistant Custodian Emeritus at the time of the dedication of the Temple of Minatare Lodge No. 295 in which lodge both men hold their membership.

W. Roy S. Planck who had been afflicted with failing health for a considerable time and who had continued to give generously of his failing strength and vigor, finally arrived at that point when he could no longer continue as an Assistant Custodian. He, too, was designated and honored with the appointment to the list of Emeritus Custodians.

W. Lewis E. Baker removed from the jurisdiction of Nebraska to a sunnier, larger and warmer location—the state of Texas. Because of his wife's health and because they have purchased a home close to their daughter's home in Waco, Texas, Brother Baker with considerable sorrow and reluctance requested to be retired from his Masonic duties in Nebraska. With equal reluctance we have accepted his retirement. At some point in these sessions of the Grand Lodge we hope that it will be possible to honor him before his Nebraska Brethren with the title and designation of Assistant Custodian Emeritus on which list he has been placed.

NEW ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

To fill the place made vacant by the retirement of W. Brother Jesse P. Entrekin, W. Brother Frank H. Smith of Bayard Lodge No. 301, was appointed by the Grand Master.

To fill the place made vacant by the retirement of Roy S. Planck, W. Brother Ward V. Whitaker of Victory Lodge No. 310 of Valley was appointed.

Since W. Brother Harold D. Weddel now lives at Lexington, moving there from his former home at Arcadia, we have been seeking to relieve him of the burden of the long trips to the lodges in the east half of his former district. The problem has been more than solved by the appointment of Asa J. Farnham of Porter Lodge No. 106 of Loup City, to preside as Assistant Custodian over a new district, created with the approval of the Committee on Work and the Grand Master. This new district is the twenty-fifth.

The retirement of W. Lewis E. Baker has brought about the necessity for the rearrangement of the lodges of Districts twenty and twenty-two, and the appointment of W. Richard L. Ely of Guide Rock Lodge No. 128, with whom Assistant Custodian Paul D. Fleming will share in directing the work among the new arrangement of lodges.

W. Robert B. Conrad of Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 125, Genoa, will fill the place made vacant by the retirement of W. Brother Buren P. Wells in 1956.

The Grand Custodian's recommendations of these five brethren bore the approval of the Committee on Nebraska Work and met with the same approval when presented to Grand Master Roy I. Babbitt.

We are most fortunate to secure the services of these fine Masonic workers. Although they are young men in years, they certainly are veterans in the promotion and promulgation of our Nebraska Work and Ceremonies. They have all had their baptism under fire as each has already started on his duties and are, on the whole, doing splendid, and in some cases, even brilliant work. We have great confidence that these men will have many effective and fruitful years to devote to the work of this Department and to Masonry in general.

IN MEMORIAM

On June 23, 1957, W. Earl M. Bolen, the senior of our Emeritus Assistant Custodians, and who had been in poor health for many years, entered into the rest of "that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." His contribution to Masonry during his lifetime was tremendous. His last months were spent in the peace and serenity of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

W. Osborne P. Simon passed to his reward on March 7, 1958. Although his health was delicate and his strength was limited, his death was unexpected. The brethren of Nebraska, particularly of this area, are grieved. He will be greatly missed because of his long tenure of service to the craft.

A glance at the date of Brother Simon's death and the date of Brother Roy Planck's passing should remind us all that although our time of service to the Craft may be long and arduous, our time of retirement may, indeed, be brief. W. Brother Roy finished the labors of this earthly lodge and entered into the rewards of the fellowship of the Perfect on May 3, 1958. "Behold! how swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close."

CONDITION OF THE WORK

The steady annual increase in the number of certified lodges and individuals is encouraging. The steady growth and spread of uniformity in our work; the evident desire to know and to put into practice the approved work and ceremonies of the Grand Lodge is tremendously reassuring.

The universal acceptance of the dignity and reverence which we teach should govern all sections and parts of our work, has brought an inward delight that pervades the soul of every earnest and sincere brother.

We have made great strides toward a better understanding and more intelligent presentation of the Middle Chamber Ceremony, although, there is much more to be done along this line.

The level of personal morality, and the type of man that is drawn to the Masonic Fraternity through the medium of an observation of our own conduct and way of living, have never been higher.

All this evidence of a healthy well being for our beloved fraternity is not conclusive because we are concerned at this one point—attendance. There seems to have been a further distribution of the time of our Masonic brethren to unimportant and definitely third-rate things. Our values are mixed. We major on the minor things of life. We give precedence to light, frothy and time-consuming things that won't raise the moral or spiritual or intellectual level of the world by one hair's breadth. All lodges are feeling, to some extent, this loss of attendance. It is a serious matter in the smaller, weaker lodges. It has suddenly become a tragic problem in the city lodges, when Emergent Communications are called to conduct Masonic Funeral Services and a quorum cannot be obtained. The meager number of Masons present at some of our Masonic funeral services is a disgraceful public exhibition of this thing about which all of us should be concerned.

APPRECIATION

I express for myself and all of our Assistant Custodians the pleasure and appreciation we have experienced as we have worked side by side with M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, our Grand Master. We appreciate his deep affection for the rank and file of Nebraska Masons and most of all his genuine concern and interest in Nebraska Lodges and their problems. Having held a certificate of proficiency for many years, his understanding of the objectives of this Department has been thorough and helpful.

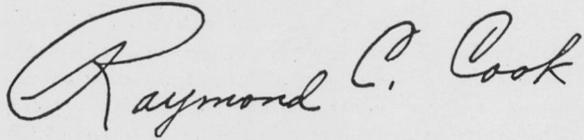
And again, to the Grand Secretary, I express for both myself and the Assistant Custodians the grateful thanks of us all for the cooperation and courtesies rendered by him and his excellent office force.

To the Committee on Masonic Education and through its chairman, W. Brother Howard J. Hunter, I express my sincere admiration and appreciation of the work this Committee is doing. It has been my privilege to be invited by them to share in a portion of the work and meetings. I am most grateful to them for their never-failing cooperation and consideration.

I am sure that the Grand Lodge officer who is responsible for the promulgation and the promotion of the work and ceremonies of his jurisdiction and who is not reinforced and undergirded by some Grand Lodge authority must be discouraged and a little disheartened from time to time. The Grand Lodge Committee on Nebraska Work has been an ever-present source of encouragement, advice and understanding. I do, most sincerely, express my thanks.

I say with complete certainty that the Masonic Brethren, as a whole, with whom we work are the finest in the universe. Our deep and very real thanks go to you from all of us in this year of the difficulties of some of Nebraska's worst road and weather conditions.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered 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:

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers respectfully reports and recommends that the address of M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, 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 "By-Laws Disapproved."

The Chapter on "Special Dispensations."

The Chapter on "Dispensations to Elect and Install."

The Chapter on "Decisions."

The Chapter on "Special Committee—Grand Lodge Business Affairs."

The Chapter on "Omaha Home for Boys."

The Chapter on "Recommendations". Including all items.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapter on "Charter Relocations."

The Chapter on "Grace Lodge No. 226."

To the Committee on Nebraska Work:

The Chapter on "Mizpah Lodge No. 302".

The report shows the activity of the Grand Master during the current year and reflects the amount of time devoted to affairs of the Grand Lodge for which he should be commended.

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 Chapter on "Financial Report."

All financial and report schedules, relating to funds, and also statistical tables and reports relating to membership.

To the Committee on Returns:

The Chapter on "Returns."

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Chapter on "Grievances."

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Chapter on "Charters and Dispensations."

The Grand Secretary has justification for being proud of this report. The form is such that a brief study of it will provide the member with a large amount of helpful information. The report ought to increase every member's pride in the accomplishments of the past year.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the entire report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work. The report shows triumph over adversity and W. Brother Cook can be proud of the loyalty of his very efficient crew of assistant custodians.

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

Fraternally submitted,

W. La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman

W. Kenneth O. Smith, 210

W. Virge W. Stebbins, 249

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

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Wednesday, June 4, 1958

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

PARLIMENTARIAN

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

At the One Hundredth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge M. . W. . Thomas J. Aron presented a resolution calling for the appointment of a parliamentarian at all communications of the Grand Lodge. I was selected to make the appointment and I now present M. . W. . Charles F. Adams who has been selected as the parliamentarian.

M. . W. . Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master :

Brother Grand Secretary, you will report the action of the subordinate lodges on the Resolution No. 1 and 2.

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

M. . W. . Grand Master and Brethren, on Resolution No. 1, changing the word "subordinate" to "constituent" 89 lodges voted in favor of the resolution, 184 lodges voted not in favor, and 3 lodges failed to vote.

M. . W. . Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master :

The proposed amendment to the constitution changing the word "subordinate" to "constituent" was not approved by a majority of the subordinate lodges. According to Article XIII of our Constitution it is my ruling that the proposed amendment No. 1 failed and that no further action will be taken by this Grand Lodge.

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

M. . W. . Grand Master and Brethren, on Resolution No. 2, changing the meeting place of the Grand Lodge to Lincoln every other year, 82 lodges voted in favor of the resolution, 191 voted not in favor, and 3 lodges failed to vote.

M. . W. . Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master :

The proposed amendment to the constitution changing the meeting place of the Grand Lodge to Lincoln every other year was not approved by a majority of the subordinate lodges. According to Article XIII of our Constitution it is my ruling that the proposed amendment No. 2 failed and that no further action will be taken by this Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTIONS

The Grand Secretary read the following Resolutions from Waterloo Lodge No. 102 and Victory Lodge No. 310 and moved that they be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Motion seconded and carried.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that Waterloo Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M. does favor and approve of concurrent jurisdiction with all the Lodges in western Douglas County, including all the lodges in the City of Omaha.

BE IT RESOLVED that Sec. 2-801 as shown on page 97 of the Nebraska Masonic Code, publication of 1957 be amended to read that Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 and Victory Lodge No. 310 along with Papillion Lodge No. 39 and all lodges in Omaha have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside within the territory now held by the above named lodges.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that Sec. 2-801 as shown on page 97 of the Nebraska Masonic Code, publication of 1957, be amended to read that Wahoo Lodge No. 59, Waterloo Lodge No. 102, Pomegranate Lodge No. 110 and Victory Lodge No. 310 along with Papillion Lodge No. 39 and all lodges in Omaha shall have concurrent jurisdiction over all petitioners who reside within the territory now held by the above named lodges.

RESOLUTION

The Grand Secretary read the following Resolution and moved that it be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence. Motion seconded and carried.

RESOLUTION AND
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

BE IT RESOLVED: That Section 1-502 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by inserting the phrase "and it shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary not later than 12 o'clock noon of the first day of its Annual Communication," so that said section when amended will read as follows:

Section 1-502—AMENDMENTS—These By-laws or any of them, may be amended or repealed by the Grand Lodge. Every proposed amendment shall be reduced to writing and seconded by five members and it shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary not later than 12 o'clock noon of the first day of its Annual Communication. It shall then be entered on the minutes and lie over until the next annual communication, and, if then adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present,

shall become a law; provided, that by unanimous consent any proposed amendment may be considered and acted upon at the communication at which it is introduced; and provided further, that By-laws proposed by the Committee on Codification of the Law, under Section 1-316 of this Code, need not be seconded or lie over, as hereinbefore provided.

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:

In this Masonic year this Committee held four area meetings located as follows: Red Cloud, south central area, November 14, 1957; Sidney, western area, January 18, 1958; Beatrice, southeast area, March 22, and Atkinson, north central area, April 10.

The meetings were well attended and it was particularly gratifying to note an increased attendance of Wardens this year. Since one of the principal designs of these meetings is to bring examples and helps to the Wardens and the local Education Committees in making their own lodge meetings more interesting and worth while, we can only succeed as these members attend to observe and use what they wish of what we have to offer. The Wardens of this year are the Worshipful Masters of the next year and the year to come and need time to plan for their year in office. The educational sessions are held in the afternoon during which the Grand Master or his personal representative is properly received and honored. This gives those attending an opportunity to get acquainted with their Grand Officers. We have had very fine attendance by Grand Officers this year. Our meetings close with a six o'clock dinner, greetings from the Grand Master and one speaker. Our Grand Historian, Harold H. Thom, was our speaker at Red Cloud and at Sidney; Louis V. Sylvester, present Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, was the speaker at Beatrice; Raymond C. Cook, our Grand Custodian, was speaker at Atkinson. The high quality of the messages unfolded to the brethren by these three hard workers from the quarries was a fitting capstone or climax to the days' activities, and we enjoyed numerous expressions of pleasure in attendance and in getting ideas and helps to use in the local lodges.

We feel we are making some progress in Nebraska in getting lodge officers to see the necessity of doing something besides degree work in their local lodges. It is planned to devote one subject in next year's area meetings to making our members conscious of the necessity of adopting a program of building up the Craft lodge, instead of looking entirely to appendant bodies. Most of our lodges are still charging the same initiation fees and dues they did during "the depression" and are trying to operate

on the same sized budget with the dollars that have shrunk over half in buying power and their properties and activities reflect this poverty. It is depressing to observe how many towns have lodges that their members are either too ashamed of, or so little concerned about, that they do not even have a lodge sign so the lodge can be found. Inquiry in these towns often requires several interviews before someone is located who knows the lodge location. Many lodges have been renting most of the lodge's lifetime and many could use paint or refurbishing. Is it surprising some of these lodges are weak?

In regard to the study of the Indiana Mentor Plan, our report at this time is that we are not ready to go into this plan; first because we feel our present plan is easier and better for our lodges to use at this time if they will do it, and second, because of the cost of putting it into effect and providing the salaried personnel to perfect its use. Educational programs must be adopted on a voluntary basis and our lodges must want educational programs to make them successful. We already have a great deal more to offer than many lodges will accept and put into practice. Nothing is to be gained in putting in a plan of this nature on a piecemeal basis or without an adequate organization.

Our distribution of the four Candidate booklets along with the Centennial edition of the "100 Questions about Freemasonry" has continued and more and more lodges are using them and having their own Education Committees go over the booklets with the new members. We are also continuing the Service and Information Letters to the lodges. The Committee is now tape recording some of our better talks and speeches and plans to make them available to the local lodges. Our recorder also is usable as a loud speaker for use at our Area Meetings so all speakers can be better heard.

We are enthusiastic about our prospects of being of more and more service to help the local lodges better their member interest, attendance and enthusiasm. We wish to hold at least six Area Meetings in the next year and perhaps with some individual lodges in addition. We are also studying the possibility of publishing a hand book for Wardens that will not only help prepare them for the year as "Master" but will continue to be a ready reference during that period. Many Masters tell us they feel they are not prepared adequately when they take office.

Your Committee expresses its appreciation of the fine cooperation of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge officers in making our Area Meetings and projects so successful and to the Craft throughout Nebraska for their response, their suggestions and ideas. There is nothing wrong in Nebraska lodges that cannot be cured by putting first things first and then doing them.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers and ap-

pointed the Assistant Custodians to act as tellers, W. Harold D. Weddel, 208, Chairman.

The Grand Master cautioned the voting delegates to be sure to save their blank ballots attached to the regular form because they would be needed later in the communication.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

- Brother John E. Beaver, 253.....Grand Master
- Brother Joseph C. Tye, 46.....Deputy Grand Master
- Brother John F. Fletcher, 302.....Grand Senior Warden
- Brother Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....Grand Junior Warden
- Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

- Brother William P. Reid, 281.....Grand Chaplain
- Brother Elsworth F. Du Teau, 19.....Grand Orator
- Brother Harold H. Thom, 1.....Grand Historian
- Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6.....Grand Custodian
- Brother Norris W. Lallman, 72.....Grand Marshal
- Brother Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.....Grand Senior Deacon
- Brother Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....Grand Junior Deacon
- Brother Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES 1958-1959

Appropriations: W. Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 281 (1962) Chairman; Ernest E. James, 1 (1961); Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1960); Richard L. Wait, 19 (1959); Walter Truex, 55 (1963).

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

Finance: W. Brothers John A. Bottorf, 49 (1962) Chairman; Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1961); Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1960); Robert E. Lund, 323 (1959) Welcome W. Naylor, 158 (1963).

Fraternal Dead: W. Brothers Harry A. Spencer, 227, Chairman; Frederick C. Buhk, 253; Asa K. Lane, 132.

Fraternal Relations: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Sydney G. Spurling, 132.

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

Grand Lodge Business Affairs: M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman; Edward Huwaldt, 318; Elmer E. Magee, 227; Thomas J. Aron, 37; Benjamin F. Eyre, 1.

Grand Lodge Office: M. W. Brothers Edward M. Knight, 183, Chairman; Walter R. Raecke, 36; George A. Kurk, 54.

Grand Trustees: W. Leslie E. Martin, 281 (1960) Chairman; M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136 (1963); W. Brothers Carl D. Ganz, 209 (1959); William E. Moor, 102 (1962); M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318 (1961).

Grievances W. Brothers Frank L. Burbridge, 11, Chairman; Clay W. Kennedy, 4; Richard J. Haggart, 82.

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

Masonic Education: W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1960) Chairman; M. W. John S. Hedelund, 268 (1960); W. Brothers Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1959); Alfred B. Gorman, 54 (1959); Phillip A. Robinson, 155 (1961); Silas A. Wilson, 46 (1961).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201 (1961), Chairman; Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1960); Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1959).

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman (1962); W. Brothers Arthur A. Gregory, 265 (1959); Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1960); Joseph M. Troxel, 184 (1961); Alvin H. Miller, 19 (1963).

Temple Building Advisory: W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300 (1961), Chairman; E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1960); A. Victor Bryan, 263 (1959).

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE BUSINESS AFFAIRS

M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs, which was adopted.

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

On June 7, 1956, a resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge which provided for the appointment of a committee of five to examine into the business affairs of the Grand Lodge and to make recommendations with reference thereto. On June 5, 1957, the committee made a comprehensive report to the Grand Lodge, which included numerous recommended changes in the law and many suggestions for the better handling of Grand Lodge finances. The report was approved, the proposed amendments were adopted, and the committee was continued for one year to put the recommendations into effect. We now report on the actions we have taken, the things remaining to be done, and the general state of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge. It will not be possible without unduly extending this report to enumerate the multitude of matters that have been handled by this committee. We shall review the general nature of our actions.

The Board of Grand Trustees has been increased to five members in accordance with the amendment to the law at our last annual communication. This Board now consists of M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136, Chairman; W. Brothers Carl D. Ganz, 209; William E. Moor, 102; Leslie

E. Martin, 281, and Edward Huwaldt, 318. These brethren are experienced businessmen who have been trained in financial matters. We think the management and control of our liquid assets are in the hands of a competent and experienced Board of Grand Trustees. In addition thereto they are dedicated Masons who have given freely of their time in handling our finances.

Prior to June 1957, the investment of the accumulated funds of the Grand Lodge was handled by the Board of Grand Trustees. The funds which had been set aside for the support of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth were invested and controlled by the Home Board. Pursuant to the recommendations approved last year, these investments and funds, with certain exceptions to be hereinafter explained, have been placed under the direct control and management of the Board of Grand Trustees. Pursuant to authority granted to the Board of Grand Trustees, that Board has entered into a contract or contracts with certain banking institutions for the proper handling of these Grand Lodge funds and securities, and for their proper safekeeping. The amount of funds and securities now under the control of the Board of Grand Trustees is in excess of \$2,020,000. As now established, the Board of Grand Trustees will have control of all the securities and money of the Grand Lodge, including current annual income. The money to operate the Grand Lodge, including The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, will be provided in accordance with appropriations made by the Grand Lodge. In other words, all expenditures will be by appropriations made by the Grand Lodge, excepting only emergency appropriations made pursuant to Section 1-326 of the By-Laws, as amended in 1957.

In transferring securities and funds of The Nebraska Masonic Home to the Board of Grand Trustees, we discovered a situation that required a temporary handling of funds which should be explained. The fiscal year of the Grand Lodge is from June 1 to May 31, inclusive. The fiscal year of The Nebraska Masonic Home is from January 1 to December 31, inclusive. This raised the problem as to the period for which The Nebraska Masonic Home should request its appropriation. The Home had in its possession cash funds in excess of that needed to operate the Home to July 1, 1958, under its own budget. An understanding was reached whereby the Home Board would retain this cash fund in its possession, operate the Home from this cash fund until July 1, 1958, at which time the balance would be transferred to the Board of Grand Trustees. The Home Board would make its budget request thereafter for the period from July 1 to June 30, inclusive. The understanding was, of course, that this use of funds was to be made for the operation of the Home and that any unusual expenditures would await the action of the Grand Lodge at this annual communication.

With reference to The Nebraska Masonic Home, the following recommendations have been placed in effect: The Nebraska Masonic Home at its annual meeting following the 1957 Grand Lodge Communication

adopted the new Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws approved by the Grand Lodge. Pursuant thereto the Home Board was reduced to fifteen members. Effect was given to the approved recommendation that employes of the Grand Lodge were not eligible for membership on the Board. From all that our Committee has learned, the present Board has cooperated fully, and the business of the Home has been conducted in a business-like manner. Our committee desires to commend the work of the Home Board.

We have established the general rule that every expenditure must be supported by a voucher approved by the proper committee of the Grand Lodge. We are not requiring that The Nebraska Masonic Home Board or the Board of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children comply with this rule. We simply require that all claims and expenditures of these two boards be approved by such boards and that the purposes and amounts of such expenditures be shown in the minutes of such boards. The nature of the operations of these two boards seems to require that their expenditures should be so handled. If the requirements are complied with, the Finance Committee can properly check the expenditures of these boards by an examination of their minutes. We have left the matter of records and bookkeeping of these two boards, other than the requirements of their minutes, to the boards themselves.

The Committee on Appropriations has been set up in accordance with last year's Grand Lodge action. The following committee was appointed by the Grand Master: W. Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 281, Chairman; Ernest E. James, 1; Melvin E. Johnson, 112; Richard L. Wait, 19, and Ralph M. Carhart, 120. The Grand Master advised all committees and boards requiring appropriations to file their budget requests with this committee on or before May 1, 1958. There was some difficulty in complying with this requirement this year. We are certain that the procedural problems of this committee will be ironed out during the coming year. The committee has made considerable study of Grand Lodge budgets. We feel that it has done a fine job and that this committee will soon have the work organized in such a manner as to bring great credit to its members. The report of the committee will bring before the Grand Lodge the amounts of money to be authorized for all Grand Lodge activities for the ensuing year.

The Finance Committee has been set up in accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge last year. W. Brother C. Ray Macy, 26, was renamed chairman of this committee. However, due to the injuries he and his wife received in an automobile accident last September, Brother Macy was compelled to resign from the committee after many years of faithful service to this Grand Lodge. We regret the loss of Brother Macy from this committee. He was a dedicated Mason who gave much of his time and talents to the work of the Order. Upon the resignation of Brother Macy, the Grand Master appointed W. John A. Bottorf, 49, as the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The other members of the committee are: Ralph R. Carleton, 306; Louis V. Sylvester, 281; Robert

E. Lund, 323; Welcome W. Naylor, 158. The function of the Committee on Finance this year is substantially different from what it has been in the past. It is presently charged with the duty of checking the expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the past year. It is the duty of this committee to examine the books and records of the Grand Lodge to ascertain that proper vouchers are on file for all expenditures, that all expenditures are within the scope of appropriations made, to examine the auditor's reports in connection with its findings, and to make recommendations regarding the disbursement of Grand Lodge funds. The work of this committee will be most difficult this year. We are confident of the ability of the Committee to organize its work, and by another year it will be materially simplified and expedited.

The Grand Lodge Office Committee has been revitalized in accordance with the recommendations of this Grand Lodge. The Committee consists of M. W. George A. Kurk, 54, Chairman; M. W. Walter R. Raecke, 36; M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183. Many problems have faced this committee. One of the most important is the problem of suitable quarters and adequate stenographic help for the Grand Custodian. The problem of reducing printing costs, particularly the cost of printing our Grand Lodge proceedings, is of great importance. The salary problem in the Grand Secretary's office is ever present. The matter of vacations for employees is closely connected with wage schedules and adds to the problem. The amount of necessary travel expense for the Grand Secretary and, as a corollary thereto, the time the Grand Secretary is out of the office on extra-curricular activities, are problems which are difficult of solution. We have given consideration to these matters and discussed them with the chairman of the Grand Lodge Office Committee. We feel, however, that these are matters which should be considered and reported to the Grand Lodge by that committee at the appropriate time.

It has become a custom for the Grand Master to give a dinner to officers and guests of the Grand Lodge, usually on the evening of the first day of Grand Lodge. This has been paid for with Grand Lodge funds. We do not find that funds have been heretofore appropriated for this purpose. Consistent with the views of this Committee that all funds should be appropriated by the Grand Lodge for the specific purposes for which they are to be used, we recommend Grand Lodge approval of the purposes of the Grand Master's Dinner and that a budget request be submitted for this purpose to the Committee on Appropriations, such cost to be charged to the expense of the annual communication.

In accordance with Grand Lodge action taken last year, all securities formerly held by The Nebraska Masonic Home have been placed under the control and management of the Board of Grand Trustees. It has not been possible, however, to transfer the title to all of them to the Grand Lodge. This requires the officers of the Home to sign stock transfers whenever sales are authorized by the Board of Grand Trustees. This places a hardship on the officers of the Home in that they are required to pass the title to these securities when they are "in the dark" as to the nature

of the transaction. We recommend that The Nebraska Masonic Home Board be requested by this Grand Lodge to give consideration to the execution of a suitable power of attorney to the Board of Grand Trustees, or to some person or corporation designated by it, to transfer or sell any and all securities remaining in the name of The Nebraska Masonic Home, when the occasion requires. This would relieve the officers of the Home of a duty with which they ought not in all fairness to be charged.

We shall make no attempt to detail the work and activities of boards, committees, or individuals in following out the recommendations of our committee as approved by the Grand Lodge. We shall leave to each of them the responsibility for reporting their activities.

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$3,500 for the use of this committee. We have expended the sum of \$1,999.50. Of this amount \$300 was expended for stenographic service rendered over the past two years. The balance, amounting to \$1,699.50, has been paid to L. A. Nelson, a certified public accountant, who was employed by this committee. Mr. Nelson has rendered us exceptional service for a reasonable charge. The reasonableness of his charges is due, in part, to the fact that he is a member of the Masonic Order.

The committee has prepared and circulated to a limited number of officers, committees, and brethren, a set of regulations concerning our financial affairs. We attach hereto a copy of these regulations as a part of this report. Consistent with our thinking that the Grand Lodge should be informed of and have an opportunity to approve or disapprove our actions, we submit them in connection herewith.

There remain many problems to be worked out, although the major ones are now solved. Our Grand Lodge is now engaged in big business, as is evidenced by the fact that we have securities and cash in excess of \$2,000,000. It takes time to change our records and procedure to meet new conditions; it is a case of making haste with deliberation.

The activities of your committee have been objective at all times. We have acted with due deliberation, but firmness. We have felt that nothing was to be gained by cutting off the dog's tail an inch at a time. We have undoubtedly injured the feelings of some of our good brethren in so doing. If this has been the case we are indeed sorry, because we were governed by no such motives or impulses. We have the high regard and respect for the brethren who may have been shifted about during this period of transition, which any Mason should have for another. The fact is, however, that it is most difficult in a project of this magnitude to avoid all situations which result in unpleasantness. We hope all will see that it was done for the good of Freemasonry in Nebraska, and with a sincere desire to avoid dissension and disagreement among our brethren.

The committee has been helped by the splendid cooperation of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, the President of the Home

Board, and the Chairmen of the Committees on Appropriations, Finance, and Grand Lodge Office, as well as many others. The progress your committee has made has been made possible by the splendid assistance of these brethren who are dedicated to the cause of Freemasonry. We gratefully acknowledge their support.

We desire to remind you that your committee attempts to confine its activities to the setting up of proper books and records, and the investing of boards and committees with certain duties and responsibilities within their respective fields. We refrain from infringing upon the duties assigned to others; such is not our function as we see it. We trust that our program will result in the dissemination of facts concerning our finances and operations to the members of the Grand Lodge, and a well-placed confidence in the management of its affairs. As a Grand Lodge we act in the capacity of a trustee of property which in reality belongs to all of the Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction. We sincerely trust that we have rendered some service which has been of benefit to the Order in administering its affairs in a businesslike manner, a service that will commend itself to those of you who are present here, and to those also who will follow us in the years to come.

REGULATIONS ON GRAND LODGE FINANCES

The Grand Lodge Special Committee on Business Affairs hereby directs that the finances of the Grand Lodge are to be handled in the manner hereinafter set forth. This is intended as a review of the changes authorized by the Grand Lodge at the June 1957 Annual Communication, which the Special Committee on Business Affairs is putting into effect, and the manner of doing so.

1. All cash and investments of the Grand Lodge of every kind and nature are to be under the care and custody of the Board of Grand Trustees; except, for good cause shown, the Board of Grand Trustees may make special arrangements on minor funds and accounts, reserving the requiring of any accounting of such funds at such times as the Grand Trustees may require. No funds of the Grand Lodge will be paid out by the Board of Grand Trustees unless the same have been regularly appropriated by the Grand Lodge, including emergent appropriations as authorized by Section 1-326 of the law as amended in 1957.

2. No appropriation will be honored by the Board of Grand Trustees unless (a) the amount of such appropriation has been fixed by the Committee on Appropriations and approved, or approved as amended, by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication, or (b) that an emergent appropriation has been made by the Committee on Appropriations with the approval of a majority of the four ranking officers of the Grand Lodge in the manner provided by Section 1-326 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, as amended by the Grand Lodge at its 1957 Annual Communication.

3. The Grand Secretary shall provide a suitable form of voucher to all persons or committees which must be used in making claims. Such vouchers shall be completed with reasonable detail. Every voucher must be signed by the person or persons making claim and be approved by the person or committee hereinafter provided. All travel, hotel and meal expenses shall be made upon a special voucher form to be provided by the Grand Secretary, which shall be filled out and attached to the general voucher.

4. Until further action by the Grand Lodge, expenses will be allowed for necessary travel in the interests of the Grand Lodge as follows:

- (a) Travel by airplane shall be paid for at actual cost.
- (b) Travel by railroad will be paid for at actual cost but not exceeding the first class rate. In case of overnight travel, Pullman accommodations will be paid for at actual cost but not exceeding the cost of a roomette. Receipts for transportation costs will be required in all cases. Meals on trains will be paid for at actual cost.
- (c) Meals, hotel accommodations, and incidental expenses away from home will be paid for at actual cost but not in excess of \$12.00 per day within the State of Nebraska, and not in excess of \$18.00 per day outside of the State of Nebraska. Receipts for hotel accommodations will be required. The cost of meals and incidental expenses must be itemized, but receipts will not be required.
- (d) Travel by automobile, except as otherwise provided by law, will be paid for on the basis of eight cents per mile necessarily traveled. Only the person providing the automobile will be paid such mileage.

5. Every person having a claim against the Grand Lodge must certify to the correctness of his claim and cause it to be approved by the proper person or committee before a disbursement therefor may be made.

6. Expenditures from the following appropriations must be approved by the following persons or committees:

- (a) Payroll—Committee on Payroll.
- (b) Reporting proceedings of Annual Communication—Committee on Finance.
- (c) Salary of Grand Tyler and Grand Organist—Committee on Finance.
- (d) Masonic Education—Committee on Masonic Education.
- (e) Relief and Care of Orphans—Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans.
- (f) Unassigned Incidental Expenses of Grand Master—Grand Master. (This account is not to be used to augment any account for which an appropriation has been made.)

- (g) Grand Master's Travel Expense. This account need not be vouchered or approved. It is to be used by the Grand Master in any manner he desires for the advancement of Freemasonry in Nebraska.
- (h) Grand Secretary's Travel Expense—Committee on Grand Lodge Office.
 - (i) Grand Custodian and Assistant—Committee on Work.
 - (j) Other Grand Officers and Committees under direction of Grand Master—Grand Master.
- (k) Grand Secretary Emeritus—Committee on Grand Lodge Office.
 - (l) Salary, Grand Secretary—(fixed by Grand Lodge law.)
- (m) Salaries and special services in Grand Secretary's Office—Committee on Grand Lodge Office.
- (n) Salary, Grand Custodian—(fixed by Grand Lodge law.)
- (o) Rent, Grand Lodge Quarters—Committee on Grand Lodge Office.
- (p) Auditing Grand Lodge books and securities—Board of Grand Trustees.
- (q) Grand Secretary's Office Expense—Committee on Grand Lodge Office.
- (r) Past Grand Master's Jewel—Committee on Finance.
- (s) Printing Grand Lodge proceedings—Committee on Grand Lodge Office.
- (t) Printing Nebraska Masonic Code—Committee on Grand Lodge Office.
- (u) Workmen's Compensation and Liability Insurance—Committee on Finance.
- (v) Dues, Masonic Relief Association—Committee on Finance.
- (w) Social Security Tax—Committee on Finance.
- (x) Surety Bonds, Officers and Employees—Committee on Finance.
- (y) Liability insurance, Grand Master's automobile and others'—Committee on Finance.
- (aa) Purchase of fifty-year buttons—Committee on Finance.
- (bb) Expense on Masonic Monument, Bellevue—Committee on Finance.
- (cc) Maintenance Fund, Masonic-Eastern Star Home—Masonic-Eastern Star Home Board.
- (dd) Masonic-Eastern Star Home Student Fund—Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund.
- (ee) Special appropriation, equipment Grand Lodge Office—Committee on Grand Lodge Office.
- (ff) Special Appropriation,—Grand Lodge Business Affairs Committee—Committee on Business Affairs.

- (gg) Appropriation, The Nebraska Masonic Home—The Nebraska Masonic Home Board.
(The Nebraska Masonic Home now operates under a Grand Lodge appropriation.)
- (hh) Any proper expenditure about which uncertainty exists as to the fund to which it shall be charged shall be referred to the Committee on Finance to make such determination.
- (ii) Where more than one signature is required upon a check upon Grand Lodge funds, or upon any evidence of indebtedness for which liability attaches to the Grand Lodge, the signing of such checks or evidence of indebtedness in blank by any officer, committee, or person authorized to sign for the Grand Lodge, is hereby condemned as an unsound business practice and will be considered a breach of duty.
- (jj) Where a claim is required to be approved by a committee, the approval of the chairman of such committee will be accepted.

7. The vouchers for claims paid by officers or committees must be filed with the Grand Secretary following the payment of the claims before further advancements of appropriated funds shall be made to such officer or committee.

8. The Grand Secretary shall make a financial report on September 15, December 15, March 15, and May 15 of each year. Such report shall cover each account for which an appropriation has been made. It shall show the amount appropriated, the amount unexpended at the time of the last previous report, the amount expended during the period covered by the report, and the balance of the appropriation remaining in the fund. Copies of such reports shall be sent to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Chairman of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, President of The Nebraska Masonic Home, President of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Chairman of the Committee on Business Affairs, and any other officer or committee of the Grand Lodge desiring a copy of the same. A copy of each such report will be filed and retained in the office of the Grand Secretary.

9. No person, officer or committee of the Grand Lodge authorized to pay claims against the Grand Lodge shall do so except after strict compliance with the foregoing. Any accounts against The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children shall be allowed by their respective boards and any accounts so paid shall be listed in the minutes of such Boards.

10. The funds appropriated to The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children shall be paid to them at the time and manner directed by the Board of Grand Trustees. The Grand Custodian shall draw his appropriation as needed but not exceeding \$1,000

at any one time. All other committees and officers draw their appropriations as needed, but not exceeding \$500 at any one time. All funds of the Grand Lodge in the hands of boards, officers, or committees shall be kept in a special bank account. The commingling of Grand Lodge funds with private funds will not be permitted.

11. It is the intention of your Committee on Business Affairs that there shall be vouchers on file showing the purposes for which all Grand Lodge funds are expended. This does not apply to The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, the action of their respective boards at a regularly called meeting being deemed sufficient. It is the intention also that such vouchers be filed with the Grand Secretary with reasonable promptness and that the Committee on Finance shall examine them all to see that such expenditures are in all respects proper and that they are within the purposes for which the appropriations were made.

12. All requests for appropriations of Grand Lodge funds must be made or approved by the officer, committee, or person charged with approving claims against such appropriation. Whenever possible, all requests for appropriations must be filed with the Committee on Appropriations on or before May 1 preceding the annual communication at which the request is to be considered.

13. The function of the Committee on Business Affairs is to set up a system of bookkeeping and reports which will provide adequate controls over the assets of the Grand Lodge and the necessary expenditures to be made therefrom. It is not the function of this committee to interfere in any way with the duties and functions of officers and committees once they are established. We think it would be wholly inadvisable for the Committee on Business Affairs to infringe upon the responsibilities of such officers and committees. In other words, we are attempting to clothe our officers and committees with authority to deal with the problems within their assigned fields—their responsibility being solely to the Grand Lodge. Any other method would lead to a divided responsibility, the very thing our Committee is attempting to avoid. In other words, we desire that every officer and committee perform its duties and functions in accordance with his or its best judgment.

14. The foregoing regulations are issued pursuant to the authority granted the Special Committee on Business Affairs at the 1957 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. If amendments or new regulations appear necessary to the proper handling of the business affairs of the Grand Lodge, we shall issue them when they appear necessary.

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:

The Committee on Work was established in 1946 at the direction of the Grand Lodge. In accordance with Grand Lodge action the committee was to be composed of three Past Grand Masters. The first committee appointed consisted of Edward F. Carter, Chairman, Chancellor A. Phillips, and John R. Tapster. No change in the membership has been made since the organization of the committee except that Benjamin F. Eyre was appointed to the vacancy created by the passing of M. W. John R. Tapster.

The primary purpose of the committee is to preserve the Nebraska Masonic Work. We have taken all steps possible to bring about this result, and the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction can rest assured that the Nebraska Work is being exemplified as it was approved by this Grand Lodge on June 7, 1950.

The committee has kept accurate minutes of its meetings and has carefully recorded therein every ruling of the committee relating to the Nebraska Work. The work of this committee is closely related to that of the Grand Custodian and a close cooperation has been maintained between the latter and this committee. We have been particularly careful not to encroach upon the Grand Custodian and his staff of assistants. To have it otherwise would not only create confusion, but the Grand Custodian would be deprived of the responsibility for the promulgation of the work with which his office is charged.

The number of decisions which the committee is called upon to make are surprisingly few. The Grand Custodian, of course, can answer all questions relating to the esoteric and monitorial work. The questions which come to us are of an entirely different character. They generally relate to the manner of putting on degrees, the propriety of customs that have grown up in some lodges, and similar matters. As an example, we cite two related rulings of the committee to show the nature of the committee's work, and for informational purposes at this time.

In 1946, the committee was asked to decide the following question: "Is the ceremony of the middle chamber in the Fellow Craft degree a lecture, or a part of the degree proper, and, if the latter, is it required to be given at the same communication at which the candidate is obligated? Our decision was: It is the decision of the committee that the ceremony of the middle chamber is a part of the Fellow Craft degree proper and not a lecture in the sense in which we ordinarily use the expression. This means, of course, that the middle chamber ceremony

must be given at the same communication at which the candidate is obligated. As the law now stands, the middle chamber ceremony may not be given to more than one at a time, as provided by Section 2-1202 of the law. The basic reasoning of the decision is that the very climax of the degree is the lessons taught upon arrival at the middle chamber. In addition thereto, the introduction to the lecture of itself indicates where the lecture begins. In this respect it is no different than the other two degrees."

In 1958 we were asked to decide the following related question: May a candidate for the Fellow Craft degree reenter the lodge room to witness the conferring of the first section before he has taken the middle chamber ceremony? Our decision was: We are of the opinion that such candidate may properly do so. While the language of the order given when the candidate retires after taking the first section is different than that in the Entered Apprentice and Master Mason degrees, it contemplates his compliance with that order when he continues the work of that degree. We fail to find a justifiable reason for any difference in any of the three degrees.

The committee does not report its decisions to the Grand Lodge ordinarily. We merely pass them on to the Grand Custodian who, along with his staff of assistants, proceeds to put them in effect. We handle them this way for the following reason: The Grand Lodge Law creating this committee provides in part: "This committee shall be advisory to the Grand Custodian and to the Grand Master on the esoteric and monitorial work, and on all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees, and shall study and determine all matters relating to the esoteric and monitorial work, and of all matters relating to the conferring of the degrees. The rulings of this committee shall be final, subject only to appeal to and determination by the Grand Lodge." It will be noted that the decisions of the committee are final unless appealed to the Grand Lodge. No appeals have been taken. Consequently, we do not ordinarily report our decisions to the Grand Lodge, but leave it to the Grand Custodian to obtain compliance.

The committee has divided the Grand Jurisdiction into twenty-five districts to each of which an assistant custodian is assigned. Nominations for assistant custodians are submitted by the Grand Custodian to the committee for approval before such nominations are forwarded to the Grand Master for appointment. We render every assistance possible to the Grand Custodian, and the relationship of this committee and the Grand Custodians department in this respect has been completely harmonious.

We have submitted to the Committee on Appropriations a proposed budget for the ensuing year, based on previous budgets and the apparent needs of the Grand Custodian and his assistant. We have expressed our recommendation to the Committee on Grand Lodge office that it provide more adequate quarters for the Grand Custodian. The reason for the

inadequacy of the present quarters has been explained to that committee and we are hopeful that it will make a suitable report to you on that matter.

Your committee has disposed of every matter that has been referred to it, and all the routine duties which the committee is charged to perform. We commend the Grand Custodian and his assistants for the manner in which the degree work is being promulgated. Lodges generally are proficient in conferring degrees, and the few which are not proficient are receiving the help that is possible to give them.

We have examined the report of the Grand Custodian. We commend it to you as properly reflecting the condition of the esoteric and monitorial work in the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master:

Brethren, the next item on the agenda is the resolution to amend Section 2-704. The Grand Secretary will read that resolution.

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

Brethren, the resolution to amend Section 2-704, submitted last year, was as follows: "The Grand Secretary or the subordinate lodges shall not furnish any person, who intends to use the same for business purposes or for soliciting or circularizing subordinate lodges or the members thereof with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge or a roster of the subordinate lodges or the members thereof. **Provided, that this section shall not apply to the lodges of Omaha furnishing a list of their members to the Omaha Home for Boys located at Omaha, Nebraska.**"

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master:

Brethren, this resolution will be submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee and will be given consideration in their report this afternoon.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

R. W. John E. Beaver, 253, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on 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:

Your committee had a series of meetings with a similar committee of the Order of the Eastern Star. We agreed that there were four items that we should consider and report to this Grand Lodge.

These four business items are:

1. Whether or not the operation of the farm at the Home should be continued.

2. Whether or not children from other Grand Jurisdictions might be received and the advisability of housing them at our Home on a per capita basis.

3. The advisability of closing one of the buildings of the Home because of curtailment of the number of children.

4. The advisability of leasing the southwest corner of the Home property to some commercial enterprise to supplement the revenue to the Home.

1: The first item concerns the desirability and economic advisability of operating the farm. The Committee is informed that the 4-H program is being well managed and that our children take an active part in it, and the assuming of this responsibility is good training. Most of the calves are donated, and the statistics furnished us disclose that the farm is self-supporting. This Committee recommends that as long as these factors exist the farm operations should continue. If in the future, however, the children are not taking an active part in the 4-H program and they are not receiving the full benefit of the same, or if the farm is not for all practical purposes self-supporting, then consideration should be given to leasing the farm and buildings and ceasing farm operations.

2: The Committee requested the Superintendent of the Home to transmit letters to the Grand Lodges of Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming, Kansas and Colorado to determine whether or not there is real interest in their sending children from their states to our Home on a per capita cost basis. Only the Grand Jurisdictions of Iowa and Colorado evidenced interest, the same would being conditioned on future references of children and approval of their Grand Lodges. The Committee further reports that at the time of this report there are forty children in our Home, which is an increase of approximately six children since the President of the Board made his report and recommendations to Grand Lodge a year ago. From the survey furnished this Committee, the availability of children from other Grand Jurisdictions is not very probable, and would have to be restricted as to number. The Committee believes that unless the number of children in our Home is materially reduced, no further effort should be made to take children from other Grand Jurisdictions. If such applications are received and ample room is available, your Committe recommends that the By-Laws of the Home be amended in respect to eligibility of admissions but that such admissions must have the approval of the Board of Trustees and the written approval of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Master of Masons.

3: With reference to the possibility of closing one of the buildings at the Home to save expense, the Committee finds that the increase in number of children in the Home at this time and the cottage type of

operation of our Homes does not warrant the closing of any buildings. The Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees should make a further and detailed study concerning the cost of operations of the Home with special reference to the possible consolidation of dining rooms and other facilities and the installation of certain labor-saving devices, which might effect a reduction of employees.

4: The Committee observes that the southwest corner of the Home property, which is bordered by two state highways, does have substantial commercial rental value. A previously proposed lease to an oil station would result in additional revenue to the Home in the sum of from \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year. The Committee is of the opinion that the rental of this corner could be handled in such a manner as not to impair the operations of the Home. The Committee recognizes that there are certain objections to the Home Board engaging in this operation and receiving revenue from private industry. The Committee recommends that other sources of income be realized before resorting to leasing the portion of the Home grounds for commercial purposes. In this connection, the Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees of the Home be instructed to use the income from the endowment fund for the operating budget of the Home. The Committee also recommends that this Grand Lodge give permission to the Board of Trustees of the Home to solicit individual members of the Masonic Fraternity for additional funds for the endowment and support of the Home. Not only would this procedure raise money, but it would create much needed state-wide interest in the Home. A similar proposal was approved at the last Grand Chapter session of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Committee recommends that if the approval of these two alternate sources of increased revenue is granted that the leasing of the grounds for commercial purposes be deferred, and to be considered only if the funds are absolutely needed by either of the Grand Bodies.

It is the judgment of the Committee that expenditures of large sums of money by the Home should be with the knowledge and approval of both the Worthy Grand Matron and the Grand Master.

Your Committee recommends that the By-Laws of the Home Corporation be amended to require that the expenditure of any sum in excess of \$1,500 for any single item or contract be specifically itemized in the budget of the Home which has been approved at the annual meeting of the stockholders, or that the written approval of the Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Master be first obtained.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

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

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully reports that there has been no change in our fraternal relations with other Jurisdictions with whom we are now exchanging Representatives during the past Masonic year; except that the overtures made to Tasmania and Switzerland have, at long last, been accepted by these Grand Lodges; for which we are most grateful.

During the past Masonic year your Committee has received only two applications for recognition and exchange of Representatives from the following Grand Lodges:

Gran Logia de Guatamala, 6th Ave. "A" -4-S1, Guatemala City.

Gran Logia Occidental de Columbia, Apartado Aereo #4020, Cali.

We have had several letters from applicants of previous years, asking action on their requests at this Communication.

Ever since 1951, this Committee has had under consideration, the request of the Grand Lodge of China, formed in 1949, for recognition. This Grand Lodge once had in China, six lodges with about 700 members. After the country was overcome by the Red element, they fled to Hong Kong. Finally in 1952, they moved to Taipei, on the Island of Formosa. At this time they had three lodges left. Now, unofficially, the number has risen to five. The present Grand Master is Dr. Joe Woon Lum, who has resided in New York City for several years, which is a disadvantage. I had a very interesting talk with this brother last February in Washington. One thing he told me was that all their work is conducted in English and that for seven years they have been trying to translate the ritual into Chinese. Perhaps the great difficulty lies in the fact that there is no universal Chinese language. There are numerous dialects; the two most important of which are Cantonese and Pekingese. However the fact remains that this language difficulty greatly limits the possibility of candidates to the highly educated national. What of the future? I might point out in passing, that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines translated their ritual into Japanese, a somewhat similar tongue, in less than two years.

This is a very small Grand Lodge and about half of their members are Americans stationed in this area. There is no doubt as to the legitimacy of this Grand Lodge. It was formed with the consent and assistance of the Philippines. Today forty-four out of forty-nine American Jurisdictions recognize China. The only reason we have held off so long is our hesitancy to recognize a Grand Lodge not in possession of their territory. I asked Brother Lum why they did not change their name to the Grand Lodge of Formosa, offering to bet him they would never again occupy China proper. The question seemed to arouse his ire, so I dropped the subject. We do not wish to be the last among the few who fail to help these struggling brethren and therefore recommend recognition and exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodge of China. It may be of help to some of our brethren who may be stationed in this area.

In June, 1949, we recognized the Grand Lodge of the State of Sao Paulo. Soon after, serious quarrels broke out and two Grand Lodges were formed in this State. The second Grand Lodge is called the Grand Lodge United of Sao Paulo. These dissensions have continued for about eight years now, with charges and counter-charges being hurled between them. We have done nothing, hoping the matter would settle itself, as it so often does. It seems to be a hopeless situation. The Grand Master's Conference Committee states the United group is the true group. Other authorities recommend that until the matter is settled locally, all recognition should be denied.

The Brazilian situation seems to be largely the result of a power struggle between various Scottish Rite groups in a fight for control. The Grand Orient of Brazil, recognized by England, has nearly 350 lodges and exists side by side with the various State Grand Lodges. It has many more members than all the others combined. This adds to the difficulties in this nation. The alliances made by the Grand Orient with other Grand Lodges in South America, also do not help the peace and fraternal relations existing between the various jurisdictions on this Continent. In reviewing the correspondence over the past eight years and finding it a hopeless puzzle, we therefore recommend that the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the State of Sao Paulo, given in June, 1949, be withdrawn as of this date.

The Grand Lodge of England has recognized both the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel and the United Grand Lodge of Germany. This will pave the way for universal recognition of these two Grand Lodges. England suffered a great loss in the recent death of Sir Sidney A. White, who had been Grand Secretary for a number of years. He was known throughout the Masonic World. He had in recent years made trips to Australia and the Canadian Provinces. His successor is James W. Stubbs.

A full synopsis of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Argentina held in June, 1957 has been received. In spite of some trouble, their affairs seem to be progressing nicely.

In Norway, work is proceeding normally. This Grand Lodge does not meet in regular annual communication, although the higher officers meet when necessary on call. The Masters of their lodges are elected by the lodge members, subject to confirmation by the Grand Master and from a list of eligibles submitted to them by the Grand Master. They serve for four years and may be re-elected. Masonry has existed in this country since 1749. Their charitable work is noteworthy.

Month before last, the Grand Lodge of the Philippines met in Annual Communication. The chief matter of business to us, of course, was their decision on the recognition of the newly-formed Grand Lodge of Japan. The Committee appointed at their Communication of last year had presented certain conditions to the Grand Lodge of Japan, which were accepted by that body. After the Committee had made its report, however, a new condition was presented to the effect that the Philippines Grand

Lodge owned part of the Masonic Temple in Tokyo. The Grand Lodge of Japan was not recognized by the Philippines. Their Grand Master was however empowered to do so, if and when he considered the condition above mentioned to be without foundation.

According to the Committee on Information of the Grand Masters Conference, the Grand Lodge of the Philippines has no equity in the Japanese Temple at all and as this is the only stumbling block, there would appear to be no reason why their Grand Master should not now recognize the Grand Lodge of Japan. The Grand Lodge of Japan was formed legally, perhaps not in accordance with present day custom, since no Grand Lodge has been organized in recent years without the consent and assistance of the parent. It was done so fast in fact, that not one of the lodges involved carried in their Monthly Bulletins the information that the lodge would take part in such an action. The fact remains that they are legitimate, legal and entitled to recognition. We therefore recommend recognition and exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Japan.

The explosive situation in Mexico between the York Grand Lodge and the Valle de Mexico seems to be settling itself and will smooth out before long.

Among the very interesting visitors to the Grand Masters Conference were several representatives of both the Grand Lodge of France, which we do not recognize and the National Grand Lodge of France, which we do. The principal thing holding back more general recognition of the Grand Lodge of France is their Intervisitation Agreement with the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Lodge of France was of great value and help to the stricken German Masons and their families during World War II. Their Lodge halls were open; food and clothing were given in large amounts. Were it not for the above-mentioned agreement, recognition would be more general. There is still another Grand Lodge in France, the Great Priory of Gaul, a small group of seven lodges, which work according to the Scandinavian Rite.

There are reports that a stable organization, independent of control by any Rite, and comprising and combining all the various small groups has been formed in Turkey. This is the Grand Lodge of Turkey. They have made no overtures to us as yet.

Hoping that this very brief account of some other Jurisdictions is of interest, your Committee now recommends that all 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.

(The Fraternal Review prepared by M.'W.'Brother Wanner, was printed separately and distributed to the brethren and a copy will be mailed to each Grand Lodge with whom we are in fraternal relations.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER SYSTEM

M. W. William C. Schaper, 148, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on District Deputy Grand Master System, which was adopted.

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

Your committee which was appointed to investigate the District Deputy Grand Master system of other Grand Jurisdictions and to present to this Annual Communication a District Deputy system or plan for our Nebraska jurisdiction beg leave to report:

This matter has had the individual thought of each member of this committee as well as that of the committee as a whole. We have considered such a plan from every angle, and we have reached the unanimous conclusion that the District Deputy Grand Master system is neither practical nor desirable for our Nebraska jurisdiction and would have far-reaching and damaging results to the basic concept of constitutional procedure and consitutional authority of the Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska.

Taken as a whole, the District Deputy Grand Master would perform many of the same functions and duties that are now ably performed by our Grand Lodge Officers and the Assistant Custodians.

The District Deputy Grand Master system as it exists in the various Grand Jurisdictions would take some of the authority now vested in our Grand Master and delegate it to the District Deputy Grand Masters, in such matters as investigations, interpretation of laws, etc.

In Nebraska our law gives these powers only to the Grand Master "during the interval between the communication of the Grand Lodge."

The argument in favor of a District Deputy Grand Master system seems to be that the District Deputy Grand Masters would relieve the Grand Master of some of his duties. In our Grand Lodge, the Grand Master can call, and in the past many times has called upon the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, the Grand Custodian, other Grand Lodge officers and the Assistant Custodians for assistance, and in every such case the officers have gladly, competently and satisfactorily performed the task assigned. Our law is specific in the point that such officers are charged with and obliged to give such assistance as requested by the Grand Master. This requires no surrender of authority by the constituted officers of the Grand Lodge. There is no over-lapping of authority, no additional expense, and no overlapping of meetings and official visitations.

The Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge officers and Assistant Custodians, through the attendance at Central School of

Instruction, area meetings, anniversaries, lodge celebrations, and other meetings, is able to, and does, contact a large proportion of the lodges each year.

We believe that the Grand Master, with his Grand Officers and Assistant Custodians, has available all the help he needs in the performance of the duties of that important office.

The Nebraska system of Assistant Custodians has proven satisfactory for these many years, each man working in his own district under the direction of the Grand Custodian and the Grand Custodian is in turn advised by the Grand Lodge Committee on Nebraska work, and all are subject to the wishes and directions of the Grand Master, whose authority cannot be shared or delegated to any additional persons except those provided for by our law.

We do not believe that there is any necessity to change, nor should we change, our present system and we do not favor adoption of the so-called District Deputy Grand Master system for our Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Grand Officers were present, all Past Grand Masters present except M. W. Walter R. Raecke and Ernest S. Schiefelbein. All Lodges are represented except the following: Nos. 2, 23, 44, 52, 84, 91, 116, 128, 134, 148, 151, 153, 155, 156, 159, 160, 168, 175, 176, 188, 189, 190, 202, 212, 219, 220, 229, 230, 235, 243, 257, 267, 273, 282, 297, 308, 322. Total number of lodges 276. Number not represented 38. Lodge not represented for the last two annual communications, No. 243.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska No. 1	Reuben C. Saul.....	*Alex T. Nelson.....	Theodore J. Janing.
Western Star.. " 2	.....	.....	.....
Capitol " 3	*Wallie W. Messick.	*Wallie W. Messick..	*Rudolph Melchior..
Nemaha Valley " 4	Clay W. Kennedy...	*J. Adolf Wensien...	*J. Adolf Wensien...
Omadi " 5	Walter M. Roberts..	*Oscar T. Olsen.....	*Charles H. Furston.
Plattsmouth .. " 6	Raymond Lancaster.	*William F. Evers...	*Emil J. Weyrich....
Falls City " 9	A. J. Weaver, Sr....	Donald O. Koso....	*A. J. Weaver, Sr....
Solomon " 10	Joe T. Nixon.....	Stanley E. Ohrt....	.....
Covert " 11	Donald W. Madsen.	*Frank L. Burbridge.	*William Cosh.....
Orient " 13	.....	.....	*Willard I. Lewis, Jr.
Peru " 14	Homer L. Craig.....	.....	.....
Fremont " 15	Frank J. Wilkins...	Donald S. Mack....	Duane A. Koplin...
Tecumseh " 17	Ormal K. Richardson	*Gerald Hardin.....	*H. B. Richardson...
Lincoln " 19	C. W. Krumtum....	Donald O. Bush....	*S. Hugh Dillon....
Washington .. " 21	*Chris K. Bendorf...	Robert A. Fleming..	*Eugene R. Kinnison
Pawnee " 23	.....	.....	.....
Saint Johns .. " 25	*William F. Patterson	*Alfred E. Geschke..	*A. McKie, Jr.....
Beatrice " 26	*Robert Williams...	*Asa E. Book.....	*Dwayne N. Gribble..
Jordan " 27	Wm. H. Hasebroeck	*George E. Hampton.	.....
Hope " 29	*Jay Burns.....	Frank Clark.....	.....
Blue River ... " 30	*C. C. Wertman....	*Fred H. Yost.....	.....
Tekamah " 31	.....	*Bernard T. Pipher..	.....
Platte Valley. " 32	R. D. Carpenter....	Russell S. Keep....	B. M. Johnson.....
Ashlar " 33	Carl J. Peterson...	*Robert W. Boon....	Irvin L. Congrove..
Acacia " 34	*Godfrey A. Machal.	.....	.....
Fairbury " 35	Roy F. Holloway...	.....	.....
Lone Tree " 36	T. Leo Stines.....	*Dean E. Eckhoff...	.....
Crete " 37	Lester L. Hein....	Lumir C. Havlicek..	*John J. Kubes, Jr...
Oliver " 38	*William C. Grots...	.....	.....
Papillion " 39	William H. Dohse..	*Fred R. Lamb.....	.....
Humboldt " 40	*Richard W. Nims...	*Richard W. Nims...	*Richard W. Nims...
Northern Light " 41	H. H. Robinson, Jr.	*Fred R. Waring....	.....
Hebron " 43	Paul M. Uphoff....	.....	.....
Harvard " 44	.....	.....	.....
Rob Morris .. " 46	E. Bernard Hansen.	*Alfred B. Saum....	.....
Fairmont " 48	.....	*Curtis S. Reed....	.....
Evening Star . " 49	Forrest H. Brown..	.....	*John A. Bottorf....
Hastings " 50	Phillip N. Anderson	Lisle C. Kirk.....	George E. Root.....
Fidelity " 51	H. W. Armagost....	Arthur W. Farnham	Norman E. Davis...
Hiram " 52	.....	.....	.....
Charity " 53	Hugh L. Copley....	*Hugh L. Copley....	*Hugh L. Copley....
Lancaster " 54	Alfred B. Gorman..	*Ross R. Robinson...	*Merle M. Hale.....

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Mosaic .....No. 55	*C. G. McNamee.....	*LaVerne A. Walker.....	.....
York " 56	Paul S. Waller.....	.....	.....
Mount Moriah " 57	William B. Brandt..	Elting France.....	.....
Wahoo " 59	Dean E. Taylor.....	*Edwin R. Levin....	Harold G. Carlson..
Melrose " 60	R. Nathan Johnson..	.....	.....
Thistle " 61	Ralph E. Batie.....	.....	.....
Keystone " 62	Robert C. Mabon...	Robert A. Cornelius ..	.....
Blue Valley .. " 64	Clarence J. Homolka	*Arnold A. Prince...	*Paul Novak.....
Osceola " 65	Charles W. Fischer..	*I. Donald Huston...	.....
Edgar " 67	*Everette Shaw.....	.....	.....
Aurora " 68	Lawrence W. Jones..	*Harold C. Dieckman	*Charles F. Adams..
Sterling " 70	Lynn H. Gaines....	Val D. Zink.....	Ivan A. Lamb.....
Trowel " 71	Ellis A. Stevens....	C. Wayne Olmsted..	*Harold A. Tilton...
Hooper " 72	Donald E. Morrow..	.....	*Norris W. Lallman..
Friend " 73	Floyd O. Blanchard..	.....	.....
Alexandria .. " 74	Hugo L. Broeder...	*Raymond Kerwood..	.....
Frank Welch.. " 75	Gordon E. Richards..	*Earl W. Schultz....	*Gordon E. Richards..
Nelson " 77	*Jesse Hamel.....	.....	.....
Albion " 78	.....	.....	*Albert W. Lamb....
Geneva " 79	Maurice A. Nichols..	.....	.....
Composite " 81	Charles Lnenicka...	Wendell Ruth.....	*Leonard Davis.....
Saint Paul .. " 82	Richard J. Haggart..	*Benjamin C. Brown..	*Edward F. Bartle...
Corinthian .. " 83	Vernon Fegley.....	Cecil Rhodes.....	Raymond Paulson..
Fairfield " 84	.....	.....	.....
Doniphan " 86	Harlo M. Treat.....	Blaine C. Brewer...	*Frank C. Markham..
Ionic " 87	Joe J. Jacot.....	*Vac Randa.....	.....
Star " 88	Earl C. Bucy, Jr....	Joe P. Neary.....	A. Russell Jensen...
Cedar River .. " 89	Everett L. Adams..	.....	K. E. Cunningham..
Oakland " 91	.....	.....	.....
Beaver City.. " 93	Ferril Dillin.....	*Paul D. Fleming.....	.....
Bennett " 94	Conrad Leader.....	*Conrad Leader.....	*Arch Church.....
Garfield " 95	Billie Marcellus....	.....	.....
Utica " 96	.....	Virgil E. Hyde.....	*Clair R. McNeil....
Euclid " 97	*Edgar T. Burgen...	Frederick B. Cherry ..	.....
Republican .. " 98	Louie L. Kammerer..	.....	.....
Shelton " 99	*Harold D. Liggett..	.....	.....
Creighton " 100	Chester O. Anderson	*Chester O. Anderson	*Chester O. Anderson
Ponca " 101	*Dean H. Ehle.....	.....	.....
Waterloo " 102	Clarence E. Timm...	Donald L. Bayly...	.....
Ord " 103	Henry F. Benda....	Merle R. VanZandt..	*Leonard B. Woods..
Wymore " 104	William J. Marple..	*Donald C. Cacek....
Stella " 105	*J. Steele Kimsey...

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Porter No. 106	Arnold L. Lorentz..	*Asa J. Farnham....
Table Rock .. " 108	Roger Sandusky....
Pomegranate .. " 110	*Richard Buckmaster	.....	.....
De Witt .. " 111	C. L. Kaufman.....	Perry T. Johns.....	.....
Springfield .. " 112	Earl E. Hurlbut....	Herman A. Schnack	Wilbur Hubbell....
Globe .. " 113	Harry L. Purdy....	Maurice D. Taylor..	.....
Wisner .. " 114	.....	*Judson M. Meier...	.....
Harlan .. " 116	.....	.....	.....
Hardy .. " 117	R. Keith Lance....	*Herbert O. Pedersen	*Norman Petersen...
North Bend .. " 119	David T. Hamilton.	.....	Ted Hovenden.....
Wayne .. " 120	Harold E. West....	*Archie L. Wert....	*Ralph M. Carhart...
Superior .. " 121	Dennis C. Latham..	.....	.....
Auburn .. " 124	Donald L. Bressler..	.....	.....
Mount Nebo .. " 125	V. R. Hagenbuck...	.....	Kenneth G. Hurner.
Stromsburg .. " 126	H. Beckman, Jr....	.....	L. Brooke Berggren.
Minden .. " 127	*Charles A. Chappell.	.....	.....
Guide Rock .. " 128	.....	.....	.....
Blue Hill .. " 129	*Charles F. Hootman.	.....	.....
Tuscan .. " 130	Harold M. Armagost	Read B. Otto.....	*Earl D. Smith.....
Scribner .. " 132	Sydney G. Spurling.	*Ralph Fuerst.....	*Ward Maynard....
Elm Creek .. " 133	Floyd R. Peterson..	.....	.....
Solar .. " 134	.....	.....	.....
McCook .. " 135	Kenneth R. Garver.	.....	Elmer P. Baruth....
Long Pine .. " 136	.....	.....	*C. M. Frederick....
Upright .. " 137	Joe M. Crosier....	.....	.....
Rawalt .. " 138	.....	*Alfred H. Nissen...	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	Glenn F. Sperry....	.....	.....
Western .. " 140	Joseph J. Headrick.	.....	.....
Crescent .. " 143	Herbert D. Wise....	.....	.....
Kenesaw .. " 144	Harold A. Weaver..	M. Craig Weeks....	.....
Bancroft .. " 145	*Frank A. Wood....	.....	.....
Jachin .. " 146	Morris A. Lindstrom	*Arthur Anderson...	.....
Siloam .. " 147	Robert O. Brayton..	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford	148	.....	.....
Jewel .. " 149	William J. Bamer..	.....	.....
Cambridge .. " 150	*C. A. Phillips.....	*C. A. Phillips.....	*C. A. Phillips.....
Square .. " 151	.....	.....	.....
Evergreen .. " 153	.....	.....	.....
Lily .. " 154	Gerald W. Voigt....
Hartington .. " 155
Pythagoras .. " 156
Valley .. " 157	Orville J. Skiles....

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Samaritan ..No. 158	Paul D. Carroll.....	John E. Dalton.....	*George A. Stevens..
Ogalalla " 159
Zeredatha " 160	.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	Mervin Ransom, Sr..	.....	.....
Trestle Board. " 162	Merlyn Osborn.....	Floyd Kennedy.....	*George H. Stanley..
Unity " 163	.....	John K. Grady.....	.....
Atkinson " 164	*Robert D. Martin...	.....	.....
Barneston " 165	*William A. Wildt...	*F. M. Gleeten.....	*E. Howard Goin....
Mystic Tie ... " 166	H. D. Blatchford...	.....	.....
Elwood " 167	*Ray A. Griffin.....	.....	.....
Curtis " 168	.....	.....	.....
Amity " 169	David C. Graunke..	*David C. Graunke..	*David C. Graunke..
Mason City .. " 170	*George J. Anderson.	*George J. Anderson.	*George J. Anderson.
Merna " 171	*Glenn E. Blakeman.	.....	.....
Robert Burns . " 173	Fred Hanson.....	E. Morton Grosse..	*Clyde H. Jones.....
Culbertson ... " 174	E. W. Eisenhart....	*E. W. Eisenhart....	*E. W. Eisenhart....
Temple " 175	.....	.....	.....
Gladstone " 176	.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs .. " 177	*L. T. Chamberlain..	*L. T. Chamberlain..	*Roy T. Stiehl.....
Prudence " 179	Frank B. Smetter..	Clarence H. Hansen.	Dale Carr.....
Justice " 180	Ray E. Davis.....	*C. L. Carpenter....	.....
Faith " 181	*Ward L. Mosher....	*Ward L. Mosher....	*Ward L. Mosher....
Alliance " 183	James W. Keebaugh	*Forest A. Lape....	*James W. Keebaugh
Bee Hive " 184	Gauer W. Salberg..	*Orville N. Yeager..	*Frank P. Martin...
Boaz " 185	W. E. Goodenberger	*Clyde Weyeneth...	*W. E. Goodenberger
Meridian " 188	.....	.....	.....
Granite " 189	.....	.....	.....
Amethyst " 190	.....	.....	.....
Crystal " 191	Ray L. Salter.....	*Jens N. K. Johansen	.....
Minnekadusa . " 192	John Joseph.....	.....	.....
Signet " 193	.....	.....	.....
Highland " 194	R. C. Hollenbeck...	.....	.....
Arcana " 195	Paul K. Metzger...	.....	*Paul K. Metzger...
Morning Star. " 197	J. P. Gonnerman...	.....	.....
Purity " 198	Frank Harris.....	.....	.....
Gavel " 199	Richard C. Smith...	*James H. Bryant...	*H. B. Wittenberger.
Blazing Star.. " 200	Jesse L. William...	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff.. " 201	L. Blair Rogers....	.....	J. Chris Peterson...
Golden Sheaf. " 202
Roman Eagle.. " 203	Loren J. Callahan..
Plainview " 204	*Duane M. Douglas..

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Golden Fleece No. 205	Wilber A. Criswell.	*Wilber A. Criswell..	*Wilber A. Criswell..
Napthali " 206	*John D. Steiner....	Arthur C. Vieths...	*Frank Cully.....
Parian " 207	Robert F. Axtell...	*Robert F. Axtell....	*Robert F. Axtell....
Gauge " 208	Melvin C. Swanson.	.....	.....
Canopy " 209	Wesley D. Cook....	.....	W. S. Hardaway....
East Lincoln.. " 210	Kenneth O. Smith..	*Herbert A. Ronin..	*William M. Hisey..
Cement " 211	P. A. Quisenberry..	*Robert M. Bishop..	Arthur M. Hauke..
Compass and Square " 212	.....	.....	.....
Plumblin " 214	*Clarence D. Gottula.	.....	.....
Occidental " 215	James R. Fleming..	E. Howard Thomsen	.....
Palisade " 216	Viron E. Baxter....	.....	.....
Wauneta " 217	Nelson E. Burham..	*Nelson E. Burham..	*Nelson E. Burham..
Bloomfield ... " 218	*John R. Clements...	.....	.....
Relief " 219	.....	.....	.....
Magnolia " 220	.....	.....	.....
Wood Lake ... " 221	Darrell E. Mundorf.	J. M. Drinkwalter.	.....
Landmark " 222	John E. Gregerson..	*Wayne W. Loftis...	Alton B. Jensen....
Eminence " 223	*James C. Bierbower.	.....	.....
Silver Cord .. " 224	Harry G. Titus....	*Robert M. Herre...	.....
Cable " 225	Mynor A. Smith....	.....	.....
Grace " 226	Morris A. Richman.	Carl K. Schurman..	.....
North Star ... " 227	Irving Feldman....	*Roy W. Deal.....	.....
Bartley " 228	*James R. Smith....	.....	*James R. Smith....
Comet " 229	.....	.....	.....
Delta " 230	.....	.....	.....
Mount Herman " 231	*Warren Brown....	.....	.....
John S. Bowen " 232	Walter C. Wrich...	Jack M. Sorensen...	.....
Gilead " 233	Harry R. Bennett..	.....	.....
Zion " 234	Lyle F. Wright....	Floyd Edelman....	.....
Fraternity ... " 235	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rule.. " 236	.....	K. I. Linafelter...	.....
Cubit " 237	Samuel H. Brownlee	.....	.....
Friendship ... " 239	Dale N. McMillan..	John L. May.....	.....
Pilot " 240	Robert L. Little....	.....	*John E. Buckley....
George Arm- strong " 241	Richard H. Lang...	Donald R. Cain....	*Frank F. McMullin.
Tyrian " 243	.....	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	Alvin L. Gordon....	.....	.....
Nehawka " 246	Harold J. Pollard..	Charles E. Morris..	*William A. Ost....
Corner-stone .. " 247	*Clifford J. Dennis..	Charles O. Smith...
Laurel " 248	Ray C. Thomas....	Melvin C. Smith....

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Gothenburg .No. 249	V. W. Stebbins, Jr..	*V. W. Stebbins, Jr..	*V. W. Stebbins, Jr..
George Wash- ington " 250	*Otis W. Cave.....	Joe Kreiner.....	Eddie N. Duckworth
Wausa " 251	*Melvin Rosen.....	*Melvin Rosen.....	*Melvin Rosen.....
Beemer " 253	Harry Z. Jackson...	*John E. Beaver.....	.....
Bassett " 254	John C. Panzer.....	Oscar R. Peacock...	.....
Hickman " 256	Albert G. Heuser...	.....	.....
Holbrook " 257	.....	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	*J. C. Kellenbarger..	.....	.....
Ornan " 261	Robert J. Dickey...	Russell Angus.....	.....
Endeavor " 262	.....	Howard D. Andrews	.....
Mitchell " 263	Harold H. Newton..	.....	*A. Victor Bryan....
Franklin " 264	*Jesse U. Malich....	.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas " 265	E. J. Williamson...	*Richard J. Berquist.	*Arthur A. Gregory..
Silver " 266	Guildford D. Bryan.	.....	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	.....	.....	.....
George W. Lin- inger " 268	Robert C. Byrne....	G. E. Lemen, Jr....	*John S. Hedelund..
Oasis " 271	*Carl Thomas.....	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	Donald G. Anderson	.....	R. W. Griepenstrah.
Crofton " 273	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	Gene C. Gaddis....	.....	Lewis H. Dunn.....
Ramah " 275	.....	Robert L. Davis....	.....
Antelope " 276	.....	*Arthur O. Auserod..	.....
Sioux " 277	*Rex Osborn.....	.....	.....
Litchfield " 278	Robert C. Sweenie..	.....	.....
Wallace " 279	*Don L. Melton....	.....	*Dwight C. Jameson.
Swastika " 280	Glen L. Buckbee....	.....	.....
Florence " 281	Francis W. Poast...	*Elmer E. Shively...	Dewey L. Deppe....
Mullen " 282	.....	.....	.....
Seneca " 284	Kenneth Simonson..	*Grover S. Giles....	*Nick J. Wirz.....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	J. M. Earlywine....	.....	*A. G. McCartney...
Oshkosh " 286	Edward C. Smith....	.....	.....
Union " 287	*Arthur Lamborn...	*Robert R. Miller...	*Arthur J. Lamborn.
Omaha " 288	George M. Bechtel..	Harold P. Loveless.	*LaVerne J. Smith..
Lotus " 289	*Roy M. Davis.....	Poy M. Davis.....	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	Harold I. Clarke....	Ervin J. Kaura.....	*Carl G. Bergman...
Diamond " 291	Raymond Stevens..	.....	.....
Wolbach " 292	*Alfred J. Larsen...
Monument ... " 293	*Daniel G. Packer...	Daniel G. Packer...

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KimballNo. 294	S. Gilbert Allen....	*Saron P. Andrews..	*Saron P. Andrews..
Minatare " 295	*Jesse P. Entrekinn..	*Carl DeBelly.....	*Carl DeBelly.....
Cotner " 297	.....	.....	.....
Chester " 298	Floyd C. Haifleigh..	.....	.....
Sutherland ... " 299	Harry Gene Stewart	.....	.....
Liberty " 300	Lyle L. Short.....	*John S. Burley.....	.....
Bayard " 301	Alexander Knaub..	.....	.....
Mizpah " 302	Irwin R. Beery.....	R. Wayne Wilson...	John W. Bower....
Right Angle .. " 303	Stanley E. Peterson.	R. U. Ravenscroft..	.....
Ruskin " 304	.....	*Chauncey O. Hull..	.....
Newman Grove " 305	Glenn C. Christensen	.....	.....
Golden Rod .. " 306	Donald G. Hafer...	.....	Forrest G. Tiemain.
William E. Hill " 307	Carl D. Halvorsen..	.....	.....
Perkins " 308	.....	.....	.....
Winnebago ... " 309	Carl O. Swanson....	.....	.....
Victory " 310	LeRoy H. Widman..	*Virland D. Hollins..	Arthur J. Matzen...
Polk " 311	Estor Lackey.....	.....	.....
Oak Leaf " 312	*Wallace E. Moffett.	.....	.....
Potter " 313	Lumir Studnicka...	.....	.....
Craftsmen ... " 314	Deane H. Pettett...	F. Floyd Bryan.....	*Curry D. Bryson....
Alpha " 316	*Clarence A. Stewart	*Clarence A. Stewart	*Clarence A. Stewart
Mid-West " 317	Leonard R. Campbell	.....	*William U. Hansen.
Grand Island.. " 318	Carl A. R. Bartelt..	J. H. Nitzel, Jr....	*Albert B. Osborn...
Bladen " 319	*George G. Crilly....	.....	.....
College View.. " 320	C. D. Hildebrand...	Jack C. McKinney..	Henry W. Edwards.
Harmony " 321	Kenneth M. Morgan	*Kenneth M. Morgan	*Clifford A. Webster
Pioneer " 322	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon " 323	*Robert E. Lund....	.....	.....
Cairo " 324	L. O. Rolofson.....	Robert C. Larson...	Charles F. Widman.
Bellevue " 325	H. M. Holscher.....	F. G. Schlosser.....	Durward G. DeBuse
Centennial ... " 326	Floyd L. Hurd.....	Lynn W. Cooman...	*Alfred F. Walter...

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

W. Elmer P. Baruth, 323, presented the report of the Committee on George Washington Masonic National Memorial, which was adopted.

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

To these Memorial meetings which are held annually on February 22nd come distinguished Masons from every State in the Union and from many foreign nations. It is interesting to know that these Masons from outside the United States who speak a language we do not understand have a Masonic language which is the same as ours. All Masons wherever they are speak the same universal language of Masonry which points to God wherever it is spoken.

This report is supposed to cover the Memorial activities but we are reluctant to say that this year we have been somewhat dormant. We need some new publicity tools. We are of the belief that publicity is the needed "tool" we should have if every American Mason is to know the story of the Memorial—why it was erected, why it is every Mason's Shrine to "Immortalize the name of Washington."

We feel that every one of you will familiarize yourself with the information contained in the History pamphlet which has been given to you. It has been written and published especially for you.

The completion of the Memorial is slow. The reason is MONEY. Much has been done and is being done and February 22, 1959 may be the "Time of Dedication." When this stately Masonic masterpiece is completed an endowment fund of four million dollars will be needed for its maintenance and operation. The endowment fund at the present is about \$779,000.

So operation and maintenance now and after the completion of the Memorial is the major problem before the Board of Directors.

So we build an "earthly temple" to the memory of our most revered brother. The stones have been carefully laid and bonded together with the tenets of our profession.

PRESENTATION OF CENTENNIAL CERTIFICATES

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master, requested the Masters of Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Omadi Lodge No. 5 and Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 to come to the East.

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master:

Brethren, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to present to you this

Centennial Certificate on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Congratulations to each of you.

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

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1958

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master:

Brethren, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Miss Jane Coleman, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska, and Miss Pat Shannon, Honored Queen of Bethel No. 1, International Order of Jobs Daughters.

Miss Coleman presented a check in the amount of \$145 and Miss Shannon presented a check in the amount of \$125 for The Nebraska Masonic Home. This money had been earned by the girls. M. W. Roy I. Babbitt accepted the checks and expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 4, 1958

At 2:00 p.m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

ORATION

W. Elsworth F. Du Teau, 19, Grand Orator, presented the Oration entitled,

THE TRUTHS OF THE CENTURIES

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

I would be remiss if I did not, in preface, express my appreciation for the rich and rewarding experience I have had during the past year as Grand Orator. I was honored by the selection and I am grateful to the Grand Master for his appointment and confidence. Above all, I have enjoyed the fellowship of the occasions in which I have participated.

The enunciation of the spirit, citizenship, and principles of Masonry, especially in the light and shadows of the world today is, in itself, an inspirational experience. In the very atmosphere of the language of

Masonry one knows he is standing in the midst of the wisdom and truths of the centuries. The over-all concept of the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man", of trust in Deity and ennobling fellowship, of making ourselves better that we may make the tomorrows better for those to follow, is today, as it has been for centuries, a resounding repudiation of the enemies of Truth and freedom and brotherhood. In more recent times, it has been a bulwark against the militant advocates of "Statism" and all those who would deprive man of his dignity, his freedom, his fair share of the fruits of his labors and his right, if worthy, to be the architect of his own future.

The lines of philosophy have, as the twentieth century has progressed, divided the people of the world generally into two diametrically opposed, intensely conflicting, ideologies. On the one hand, we have those who, like millions before them over the succession of the centuries, believe that God is the great father of the universe; that human freedom, dignity, justice, security and opportunity, ordained by the fatherhood of God and existing through the brotherhood of man, is the right way of life.

On the other hand, we have those who believe that the state is supreme, that the human being exists only to serve the state; that freedom, security, and opportunity shall be defined, parceled out, and dictated by the state as it sees fit. They proclaim that everything belongs to the state, even life itself. The paradox of their ideology is that their state is man-made and constituted by the few who are in power, who are the law, who interpret justice and the way of life by self-perpetuated rule and often by the sheer intimidation of those under their power. In our time, history has recorded that these men of state have denied the existence of God, scoffed at religion as an opiate for the masses, and dictated that the fruits and wages of man's labor are irrevocably the property of the state.

Further, on the one hand, we have temples of God and church bells. We have government of, by, and for the people. We have brotherhood, love, charity, justice, mercy, liberty, and equality in the sight of God and before the law. On the other hand, we have ominous halls of state, atheism, regimentation, intimidation through fear of the powerful few who constitute the state, and state-controlled living and opportunity.

And now, we have the cold, cold war with all the explosive elements of heat, threatening the peace of the world day by day, as men of the latter ideology insist on imposing their will and philosophy upon the world, insist on dominating men's minds everywhere. By such insistence they have become men of ill-will aiming their cold-war weapons at the free world and at men of goodwill everywhere. They apparently have no intention of learning how to live together with other nations except on their own terms.

As a result, science has become the note of the day in a sinister way through no fault of its own. The sinister note is added by men whose gospel is fear through intimidation. Science has become the battleground

of the cold war. Satellites now circle the earth exploring the outer spaces. This was a startling development, especially when you recall that just forty-nine years ago in 1909, Admiral Perry discovered the North Pole and only recently we have been doing research at the South Pole. The atomic and electronic age has electrified the world. Guided missiles provoke fear of the future, and Hydrogen bombs, fearful in their earth-shaking impact, fill us with dread wonderment of what could happen to humanity. Jet planes make major airports, and even the most remote corners of the earth, accessible in a matter of hours. The world has changed complexion since 1945. The world community is here whether or not we like it or care to accept it and when one great segment of its population wants to run the affairs of all its people, the problem of learning to live together becomes difficult indeed for those people who sincerely want to live together with all the people of the earth in a peaceful co-existence and economy.

It becomes apparent that now more than ever we need our faith in the great Father of the universe. Now, more than ever, we need faith in the eternity of freedom and the ultimate triumph of Truth and Justice. We need revitalized faith in the conviction that all men are entitled to "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." We need the inspiration that comes from reviewing and enunciating the teachings of Masonry. We need the good that comes from reflecting those teachings in word and in deed, the good that comes from being the standardbearers of the truths and the convictions we proclaim and espouse. We need to remind ourselves of the debt of gratitude we owe the great Father of the universe for the privilege of citizenship in the freest government on the face of the earth.

We should remind ourselves that the light of human liberty burned even through the dark ages; that emperors and dictators tried desperately to snuff it out only to find it bursting into greater flame, scorching and burning the enemies of freedom and human dignity.

We should remind ourselves that belief in Deity has marked man's higher civilization and progress and life from the days of ancient and remote history. The ancient Greeks had their Zeus, their mythological gods and their Mount Olympus; the Indian had his Great Spirit and his happy hunting ground. The Jew has his God and Torah (book of divine revelations); the Mohammedan, his Allah and Koran; the Christian, his God and Bible. Millions of believers in Deity over the centuries, from antiquity to today, testify to man's belief in a supreme architect of creation, a supreme intelligence behind the order of the universe. What Mecca and the annual pilgrimages mean to the Mohammedan, what Jerusalem, the Passover and Yom Kippur mean to the Jew, what the church and Christmas and Easter mean to the Christian, that is what God has meant to many millions of believers and their civilizations.

Brotherhood was a basic and vital concept in the philosophy and teachings of Jesus Christ. It was a basic concept in the philosophy of Buddha and other great teachers, many of them known as the masters

of the ages. This concept has dignified man, established his worth as a human being, given him the perspective of immortality, and promulgated the forces and qualities of love, charity, mercy, truth, and the universality of humanity.

Thus, by their origin in antiquity and by their relationship to eternity, we get a new evaluation of the teachings of Masonry as the wisdom of the masters, as the accumulated truths of the centuries. They are not the lip-service and enunciation of recent date and men. They belong to the ages just as they belong to the eternal future. Review them, read them, speak them in this light, and a whole new meaning of their message opens up to you.

Yes, they are truths and we sometimes wonder why the influence of truth should not hold dominance over all men and all dishonesty, greed, subterfuge, and selfishness. Yet, we would not know **cold** if there were no **heat**; we would not know **beauty** if there were no **ugliness**; we would not know **hate** if there were no **love**; we would not know **truth** if there were no **lie**. Truth has never had an easy time. There have always been men who wanted it destroyed because it stood between them and their greed or ambitions. There have always been men who hated it because they disagreed with it, didn't understand it, or refused to accept it or believe it because of prejudice or ignorance. Yet men like Socrates and Peter and Paul died for it rather than compromise with those who denounced it, ridiculed it, and made it an enemy of the people. So **Truth** has often been sanctified by the blood of martyrdom.

Some men have called this an age of **compromise**. They say that many of us today compromise with the challenge of principle, conviction and right, for the sake of expediency, comfort, and avoiding the unwelcome issue which requires us to stand up and be counted publicly for what we believe is undeniably right. We shrink, they say, from the conflict which would involve us and force us to take sides, which would endanger our comfort, our security, and our desire to follow the line of least resistance in the face of issue. The indictment may be truer than we would like to believe but it is unfair as a generality, for all of us are not equipped to lead. In that aspect our reticence is more understandable. Most of us like peace and leisure and happiness. Many of us feel inadequate to face the issue and we look for leadership that is articulate and equipped to define and face it. Men, thus equipped to lead, who turn their backs on the battle are failing in their moral responsibilities, and those of us who can follow, if not lead, but refuse to get in step with those on the side of truth are also guilty as charged. As Masons, especially, we should take sides with **right**.

This is a new age. We are exposed to the forces of electronic communication and automation from all sides. The pressure of traffic and schedule make leisure and quiet and the ability to retire within our own privacy, more and more difficult as the problems of community and the world community grow each day. National isolation is impossible. The

barriers of distance have disappeared with the speed of travel and striking force. The map of the world will now be drawn from the air and from the outer spaces. The challenge dwarfs the average human being and many of us suddenly feel very, very small in the great universe that seems almost to have confounded us. We have been catapulted from the "horse and buggy days" to the automobile, to the airplane, to the jet plane, to guided missiles and satellites and the atomic and electronic age almost overnight. We have seen the discoveries or inventions of radio and television during the first fifty years of the twentieth century, and during the same period we have been in two world wars. It is little wonder we ask, "What next?" "Where are we headed?"

And today, we have the sharpest contrast ever drawn between what we stand for in our democratic way of life and that which is antagonistic to and would destroy the concepts of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Perhaps each of us can do only a little by himself but we can stand up and be counted in great numbers and, working together, we can add up to a powerful and articulate voice in declaring our appreciation for our way of life. As articulate citizens, reaffirming our principles and convictions, we add strength to our nation which has given us, our children, and their children, a place in the sun enjoyed by no other free nation on the face of the earth.

The final paragraph of the book entitled "The Great Message" by J. E. Richardson and copyrighted in 1950 by the Great School of Natural Sciences, reads as follows:

"In these days of ours, as in those of the past, the world contains men whose selfishness, greed, vanity, egotism, ambition, ignorance, and lack of understanding, make them natural obstructions of progress, and consequently the dangerous enemies of Truth. But, though they killed the masters, they did not destroy the sublime truths for which the masters stood, and for which they have stood for all the years from that far-away time to the present. Truth will again succeed in running the Gauntlet prepared for its defeat and destruction, and it will not be killed or destroyed. Nay, verily, it will still pave the way for human progress, for the beneficent guidance of mankind through this vale of trials . . . even to the goal of Spiritual Knowledge, Spiritual Light and Spiritual Life."

This is a strong answer to "Statism" and all enemies of freedom; it carries a message of confidence and conviction for the triumph of Justice and Truth in the long-range perspective. Statism is making a strong bid for men's minds, offering security by the state to those who cannot provide it for themselves. They are trading such security for men's souls. The lure is not a far cry from the doctrine of Scientific Socialism enunciated by Karl Marx in 1869 and which is said to have been the fore-runner

of Communism. Marx propounded three basic arguments for his doctrine. They were:

1. Labor Creates all wealth
2. Labor gets less than a living wage
3. Capital gets all the plush and the profit

I offer no rebuttal here to the arguments. History in our country has answered far better than any words I could put together. Karl Marx also predicted that Capitalism would destroy itself by its own "inherent greed, ambition and weakness." He forecast for the workers of Europe a glorious day through scientific socialism. His doctrine did not go as far as the "Statism" or "Totalitarianism" of today in that it did not proclaim the absolute supremacy of the state, but it was a good start. That was eighty-nine years ago and as yet, the glorious day has not arrived in England, in Russia, in France, in Spain, in Poland, in Czecko-Slovakia—in Europe. Where did the glorious day find root and fruition? Where did the laborer find his highest dignity and his highest standards in the history of the world, his greatest freedom and opportunity to build his estate in life?

Yes, where did men find the opportunity to experience the fact that the largest room in the world is the room for improvement? Where did they find emphasis upon the fact that the greatest classroom ever devised by man is that in which he makes himself both student and teacher and master of himself; that a man who when left alone, finds himself in poor company is indeed to be pitied; that when a man elects to run away from his own society he flees the most interesting universe known to man—that universe that is bounded on the North by the hair of his head, on the South by the soles of his feet, and on the East and West by the outstretched tips of his fingers?

Yes, verily, that glorious day for the laborer and the day of greater opportunity for men and women were born in the United States of America through our Democratic way of life and through the system of Capitalism, combining to offer the greatest incentive ever known to individual resourcefulness, inventiveness, and enterprise. It was a new way of life in a new world that came with the founding of Plymouth in 1620. It was the founding of religious freedom; law based upon the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; free speech; free assembly; free press and opportunity; and the right of every man to be the architect of his own future. These things came to pass, often amidst struggle and hardship and pain but come to pass they did, from our pioneer, colonial and frontier days to the founding of the United States of America, because of the welding force of freedom.

Another additive entered the picture of the new world's philosophy—the concept that a man's liberties end where somebody else's rights begin! In other words, liberty with restraint.

For all these reasons, we have free government. The United States was achieved through devotion to common ideals, through belief in and worship of God, through learning to live together as a brotherhood of man. Contrast this with the editorial observation in the May issue of a news bulletin called "Trends". Referring to the Stalinist sympathizers' and Chinese Communists' repudiation of Tito's doctrine that "There are many roads to Socialism," the observation read:

"This appears to be an admission by most of the leaders of Communism that by its very nature, Communism cannot survive in a voluntary association but must be imposed by ironclad dictatorship!"

This is a significant commentary on those who would impose their will upon the world, who are interested in living together in peaceful co-existence only on their own terms. They cannot allow even the freedom of a voluntary association because it opens the door to the freedom of a difference of opinion.

Some say this ideology called Communism is just another chapter in the age-old conflict between **those who have** and **those who have not**; that the Have-nots neither trust each other nor have the common ideals and devotion to principles which enable men to live together in peace and mutual understanding. Certainly they do not subscribe to the philosophy that the greatest treasures of life are those which when shared, multiply; the least are those which when held, diminish.

One thing is certain today—we cannot take our birthright for granted. There are too many enemies of freedom ready to take it away from us. Today, as these enemies of freedom project the focus of the world on scientific achievement and striking force, it is easy to lose sight of the humanities. Yet, **we must not**, for no matter how discouraging the way may be, we must articulate the meaning and message of freedom. We must constantly strive for that approach, that understanding, and that meeting of the minds which will lead men to the means of integration by which all people of the world can live together in peace and justice for all. Surely, in the great drama of the **Today's** and **Tomorrow's**, man must prove himself worthy of the immortal tomorrow in the test of the **Today's**. Our sense of the eternal lies in our own understanding of and hopes for our tomorrows.

We should not underestimate the importance of science in the fight for survival, if that should come, but psychologically it is important that just as strongly as the adherents of "Statism" believe in the supremacy of the state and its right to crush freedom, **just that much stronger** must we believe in God, in Brotherhood, and in Democracy. If their spirit be strong, our spirit must be stronger. If they believe firmly in their ideology, just that much more firmly must we believe in ours.

In consideration of all this, it can be recommended that we can all review the teachings of Masonry in the light of their venerable background and heritage. In the shadows of the present day, they stand out

brightly as a code of ethics, as a way of life, as a guide to our immortal destiny. They can give us a new appreciation, a new conviction, a new understanding of our citizenship, of our brotherhood, and of the truths of the Masters as they apply even today, in this electronic and atomic age.

They, as legacies of the centuries that have been passed from age to age, and generation to generation, can revitalize and reinspire us. They belong to the ages, to antiquity and to eternity. The challenge of living up to them is like our relationship to Truth—we can ignore it, we can deny it, but we cannot destroy it. And, we can live it with purpose!

It is a challenge with a resonant voice when you really listen to it—a voice with the ring like that of the spirit of America, calling—

“Give me men to match my mountains,
Men to match my inland plains,
Men with tomorrows in their purposes,
Men with eras in their brains.

“Give me men to match my prairies,
Men to match my inland seas,
Men whose thoughts will pave a pathway
To greater destinies.”

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Harry A. Spencer, 227, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted. He was assisted by W. Raymond C. Cook, 6, who sang, “Face to Face”, accompanied by W. Harold H. Thom, 1.

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

There is a stream we all must cross,
The river of human years.
Now lying calm in summer light,
Now splashed with the rain of tears.
Out from the hill of God it flows,
And on to the shadowless sea,
Where the noontide sun no shadow throws
And time is eternity.

Tempus fugit—Memento Morti (time flies—remember death).

We pause once again to honor those for whom the sunshine of life has passed into the shadows which have closed about them like a benediction with the promise of eternal rewards and everlasting honors. When a hero dies, a monument of stone is built to recognize the passing of a personage. But for our departed brethren is there a nobler or a more lasting image than a memory held in a loving heart? We have

built an invisible monument in our hearts, so that remembrances of our absent brethren who have gone to God's eternity lives in all of us.

The Grand Architect has seen fit to call many Masonic leaders in our sister jurisdictions. The Grand Secretary has received memorial cards from thirty-six Grand Lodges, recording the death of Grand Lodge officers. These have been carefully preserved to be noted on this occasion. Forty-three Past Grand Masters, three Past Grand Senior Wardens, one Past Grand Junior Warden, one Past Grand Secretary, two Grand Secretaries, one Grand Junior Warden, and one Grand Tiler have journeyed down the High Road during this past year. We know that the influence of these brethren will live on to further the work in their respective jurisdictions. We sympathize with their brethren in the loss they have sustained.

Our own Grand Lodge has lost three stalwart workers who, as Assistant Custodians, gave unstintingly of their time over the years to preserve and perpetuate the work of our Order.

Earl M. Bolen, an Assistant Custodian Emeritus, died at The Nebraska Masonic Home, June 23, 1957. He was born February 12, 1878, at New Castle, Indiana. Worshipful Brother Bolen received his Masonic degrees in 1908 in Israel Lodge No. 187, Ulysses. He was a charter member of Ramah Lodge No. 275, Bertrand, from which he demitted to affiliate with Tuscan Lodge No. 130 at Surprise. Worshipful Brother Bolen was appointed as Assistant Custodian in 1914, and served until his appointment as Assistant Custodian Emeritus in 1948. Worshipful Brother Earl also served as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta from May 2, 1924, until his death.

"His passing leaves a void in our hearts
and in our ranks."

Osborne P. Simon, an Assistant Custodian Emeritus, died at McCook, Nebraska, March 7, 1958. Worshipful Brother Simon was born in Gosper County, March 16, 1885. His Masonic degrees were received in Culbertson Lodge No. 174, in 1913. He was appointed an Assistant Custodian, April 7, 1930, and actively served until 1956, when he was made Assistant Custodian Emeritus. He was active in the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association and was serving as First Vice-President when illness forced his retirement in 1957. Worshipful Brother Osborne was also an active York Rite Mason, and served as M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1948.

"A face we love has vanished in the
darkness of the night."

Roy S. Planck, an Assistant Custodian Emeritus, after an extended illness died at Fremont, Nebraska, May 3, 1958. Worshipful Brother Planck received his degrees in Kane Lodge No. 183, Elkhart, Indiana, in 1916, and affiliated December 7, 1920, with Fremont Lodge No. 15, which he served as Secretary for the past fourteen years. He was ap-

pointed Assistant Custodian in 1940, and served until his appointment as Assistant Custodian Emeritus in 1958. Worshipful Brother Planck served as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, from March 7, 1952, to the time of his death. Worshipful Brother Roy was also an active member of all of the York Rite bodies and served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in 1951. The chairman of this committee was one of his appointees in that Grand Chapter line.

"It is hard to tell of the death of a friend
Or portray the light of his smile;
But with all it implies, we can lovingly tell
He was a man, a brother, and a friend worthwhile."

All three of these brethren were sincerely and wholeheartedly devoted to Masonry, and their zeal will remain a cherished memory to the brethren whose privilege it was to know them. They ever sought to impress the younger generation who came under their influence with the sincere teachings of Masonry and the effect it could have upon its members. This Grand Lodge has lost three great supporters, three stalwart Masons.

"Sleep on, dear friends, such lives as thine
Have not been lived in vain,
But shed an influence, rare, divine,
On those who here remain."

The subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction report that 803 of our brethren have laid aside their working tools and have placed their tired hands in death's gentle grasp. It is hard to speak of the death of one greatly loved, because his departure suspends the passage of time. But unnoticed the sun and moon rises and sets. The unchanging pattern of the universe evolves in complicated rhythm. Days become weeks and weeks become months, and finally there comes a day when the sun has warmth again. The smell of the grass is sweet. The sights and sounds of life have meaning.

To those bereaved, the season of the year holds no significance. But the quickening signs of life in spring; the warm maturity of summer; the golden abundance of the autumn—yes, and the restoring rest of winter—all of the blendings of the seasons serve as signs of a power Whose wisdom decrees the loss we mourn and Whose mercy will grant the infinite peace we seek for those we love.

We know nothing of the life beyond, but we would not be Masons if we did not believe in immortality. We sorrow not as those who have no hope. We know that beyond the veil which we cannot penetrate there lies the promised land.

"A breath of joy, an hour of pain,
 Dark paths to tread, white heights to gain,
 A little joy, a little strife—
 And this is life.

"A little rest, a swift new birth,
 A snapping of the bonds of earth,
 A joyous stride, a tingling breath—
 And this is death.

"For life and death walk hand in hand
 With never a span between,
 And our paths lead to that other land
 Where sun-lit fields are green."

It is fitting and proper that we pause in our labors to honor our dead, for each of our departed brethren, according to his own ability and inclination, filled his unique niche in our Order and in his respective lodge and community. Each in his own way, whether actively in the lodge or otherwise contributed to the forward march of our beloved Order. Each was respected by his brethren and friends. The places made vacant by the passing of each will never be exactly filled. There is no common mold; each bore his separate spark of the infinite. Those who knew them will long recount the individual qualities which endeared them to their friends.

We repeat, therefore, that it is fitting and proper that we pause in our labors to honor our dead. But it is also fitting and proper that we return to our labors with the full realization that, like them, we have a trust to pass on to those who follows us, and that if we faithfully administer that trust by using their lives as a compass to chart our own, the time will come when those who follow will some day have occasion to meet here to pay their last respects to our memories.

"When we reach the end of the trail
 And unseen hands shall lift the veil,
 In fellowship renewed, complete.
 Brothers still, again we'll meet."

M. W. Sir, we recommend that this report be spread upon the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and include in the published report of the proceedings, and may we urge that you have this Grand Lodge stand in tribute to our departed brethren as our soloist, W. Raymond C. Cook, accompanied by W. Harold H. Thom pay our last respects to them.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS

M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, which was adopted.

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

Again we take the topic for our discussion from that Book of Books, that Holy Book which forever rests upon our Altar, I Corinthians 13: 1, 2: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

Brethren, that quotation is a serious challenge, a daily challenge if you please, to every member of the Masonic Fraternity, irrespective of what Lodge he may be a member, or in which Jurisdiction he may live. It also imposes upon the Officers of every subordinate lodge a deep sense of responsibility, a responsibility which should not be side-stepped or avoided. This is a rather blunt statement and to the point. We must not fall into the common error that charity is only that sentiment of commiseration which leads us to assist the poor with pecuniary donations. The word used by the Apostle is a word denoting that kindly state of mind which renders a person full of good will and affectionate regard towards others. It is the boast of our Institution that a Mason, destitute and worthy, may find in every clime a brother, and in every land a home.

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

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

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

The Brother Mason who reads the Rite of Destitution in this larger sense has seen through the form to the reality behind, and learned the inner significance of the symbol.

Beautiful words, beautiful philosophy. Do we accept them in their deeper, truer sense or do we merely give lip service to their application?

It is the experience of this Committee over a long period of years that generally speaking we do accept the challenge of the words indicated by

the Apostle, so that we become not as sounding brass. This is reflected in the many, many case histories reviewed and handled.

It is reflected in the spirit of cooperation indicated by most of the subordinate lodges. It is reflected in the support given through the various related Masonic groups. It is reflected and displayed to the world in our Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and The Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

But there is always that minority group of subordinate lodges or individuals who for one reason or another seem unable to grasp the true meaning of Masonic Charity. They think it to be something that should be done as long as they themselves are not required to pay for it or perform the service associated with the case. It is to this minority group that your Chairman would like to address a few extemporaneous remarks. . . .

We are pleased to report that we have maintained our expense for this work well within the budget established by law.

On the basis of 20c per capita member the amount due this Committee for our Relief work was \$9,242.60. Money-wise our overall expense was \$4,027.24, or .087 per capita. This is an all time low during the past 27 years compared to our peak in 1940 of 32 cents per member. It is anticipated that no material change will be made for the ensuing year.

Conversely however, the work involved in handling these cases has shown a terrific increase. The primary factor in this additional time consuming work has been the correspondence required in order to properly establish the case history and provide the information required for all parties concerned.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Earl J. Lee, 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 in the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers and matters referred to it by the Grand Lodge and submit the following report with its recommendations:

Grand Master's Address:

1. We recommend that the section entitled "By-Laws Approved" be approved.

Further, it is recommended that future Grand Masters submit to the Committee with the report a separate statement showing the name and number of the Lodge and the substance of the by-law approved, so as to enable the Committee to properly consider each.

2. We recommend that the section entitled "By-Laws Disapproved" be approved.

3. We recommend that the section entitled "Special Dispensations" be approved.

We make the same recommendation with reference to Special Dispensations as that made herein with reference to "By-Laws Approved."

4. We recommend that the section entitled "Dispensations to Elect and Install" be approved.

5. We recommend that Decision No. 1 be approved.

6. We recommend that Decision No. 2 be disapproved.

7. We recommend that Decision No. 3 be approved.

8. With regard to Decision No. 4, the Committee has investigated further and finds that polio has left the petitioner in such a physical condition that he is unable to conform to our peculiar rites and ceremonies. We recommend that this decision be approved.

9. We recommend that Decision No. 5 be approved.

10. We recommend that Decision No. 6 be approved.

11. We recommend that Decision No. 7 be not approved for the reason that absence on military duty does not change one's domicile and the petitioner had established residence requirements before moving to Georgia.

12. We recommend that Decision No. 8 be approved.

13. We recommend that Decision No. 9 be approved.

14. We recommend that Decision No. 10 be approved.

15. We recommend that Decision No. 11 be approved.

16. We recommend that Decision No. 12 be approved.

17. We recommend that Decision No. 13 be approved.

18. This Committee has reviewed Decisions No. 14 and 15, and believes these two decisions do not require Grand Lodge action, and therefore it is recommended that no action be taken with regard to same.

19. We recommend that Recommendation No. 1 in the Grand Master's address be approved, together with the addition hereinafter shown, and that Section 1-304 of the law as amended in 1957, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1-304.—JURISPRUDENCE—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of all the Past Grand Masters in attendance, with the Junior as Chairman. The Committee shall carefully examine and report upon all matters of Masonic law and controversy which may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master.

"The Committee on Jurisprudence may meet prior to the opening of Grand Lodge and shall consider the recommendations and decisions submitted to it. The meeting of the Committee may be called by either the Grand Master or the Chairman of the Committee."

This Committee further recommends that Section 1-304 as amended in 1957 be repealed.

20. We recommend that Recommendation No. 2 be approved.

21. We request and recommend that Recommendation No. 3 be retained by the Jurisprudence Committee for further consideration and for report at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

22. We recommend that Recommendation No. 4 be approved.

23. We recommend that Recommendation No. 5 be not approved for the reason that Section 3-706 is a matter independent from that covered by Section 2-311.

24. We request and recommend that Recommendation No. 4 by the Grand Master in 1957 report be held by this Committee for another year to permit further consideration.

25. We recommend that Resolution No. 1, presented by Waterloo Lodge No. 102, and Resolution No. 2, presented by Victory Lodge No. 310, both presented to this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, each requesting amendment to Section 2-801 of the law relating to concurrent jurisdiction, and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence, be retained by the Committee for further study.

26. We recommend that the proposed amendment to Section 1-502 of the law, relating to method of making amendments to the law, which has been referred to this Committee, be retained by the Committee for further study, and report to be made to the 1959 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Earl J. Lee, Chairman, presented the supplemental report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

1. The proposed amendment to Section 2-704 of the Law, shown on page 358, proceedings of 1957, has now been referred to this Committee by the Grand Master. To enable this Committee to properly consider this matter we request and recommend that the matter be held by the Committee and report be made to the 1959 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

M. W. Lewis E. Smith, 136, Chairman, presented the report of the Grand Trustees, which was adopted section by section, then as a whole.

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

As I start to make my report, which I want to say is going to be quite short, first I want to present the Grand Trustees of the Grand Lodge. (Grand Trustees introduced.)

Last year, after considerable work, there was a completely new set-up of the Grand Lodge finances. Tomorrow you will hear two or three Committees most of whom are new Committees to the Grand Lodge. These Committees are all under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees. At the time this change was made the Grand Lodge required the Grand Trustees to arrange with some trust company to handle the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge. This has been accomplished by arrangement with the United States National Bank of Omaha, who in turn have the Bank of New York handling the securities. All securities are in the hands and under the supervision of the United States National Bank.

Now brethren, to accomplish the things that have been done, we have had to make many changes and of necessity more will have to be made. We have at the present seventeen different accounts that we want to consolidate so that we will have but five accounts. The General Fund, the Relief Fund, the Supply Account and the Exchange Account remain as is; the Permanent Reserve Fund and securities, the Building and Improvement Fund and securities and the Children's Home Endowment Fund and securities are to be transferred to the Orphans Educational Endowment Fund. The Maintenance Fund, Grand Lodge Expense Account, Grand Officers Expense Account, Grand Secretary's Expense Account will be transferred to the General Fund.

There is one other account, the Centennial Fund, and that was set aside out of the Centennial money to pay for the History of the Grand Lodge which is in process of being printed, and as soon as the History is completed and paid for, the balance, if any, will be transferred to the General Fund. Now I will ask the Grand Secretary to read the resolutions and proposed amendments to the By-Laws.

RESOLUTION AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the objectives set out in the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs it is desirable to reduce the number of separate operating funds of this Grand Lodge by consolidation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Maintenance Fund, the Grand Lodge Expense Account, the Grand Officers' Expense Account and the Grand Secretary's Travel Expense Account be and they are hereby consolidated with the General Fund.

2. That Section 1-407 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

Section 1-407—ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—The per capita tax of \$3.00 shall be divided as follows:

To The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$2.00
To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans...	.20
To the General Fund.....	.80

The initiation fee of \$10.00 and all affiliation fees shall be allotted to the General Fund.

RESOLUTION AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish the objectives set out in the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs it is desirable to reduce the number of separate Reserve and Endowment Funds of this Grand Lodge by consolidation,

AND WHEREAS, it is desirable for historical and sentimental reasons to preserve the original name of the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Section 1-406 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge as amended, be amended by changing the name of the Fund therein described from the "Grand Lodge Endowment Fund" to the "Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund."

2. That the Permanent Reserve Fund, the Children's Home Endowment Fund and the Building and Improvement Fund be and they are hereby consolidated with the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund.

3. That Sections 1-408, 1-409 and 1-410 be repealed.

We ask the unanimous consent of this Grand Lodge to consider and act upon the amendments and the list of consolidations which have just been read.

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master:

Brethren, unanimous consent has been requested to consider these proposed amendments at this time. Is there any objection? Hearing none we will proceed with the vote.

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

M. W. Grand Master, I move the adoption of Resolution No. 1.
(Motion was seconded and carried by two-thirds majority.)

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master:

Brethren, unanimous consent has been requested to consider the proposed amendment at this time. Is there any objections? Hearing none, we will proceed with the vote.

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

M. W. Grand Master, I move the adoption of Resolution No. 2.
(Motion was seconded and carried by two-thirds majority.)

M. W. Lewis E. Smith:

In rearranging the finances of the Grand Lodge, there has been many problems and there will be more. I am not certain in my own mind that we have moved in the right direction. It is going to take at least another year to be sure whether we continue with the system we have, whether we will go back to the old system or whether we will do something else. My own personal opinion is that the cost of doing business with a trust company down at New York is going to be heavier than the Grand Lodge may want to pay.

I am attaching hereto a copy of the auditor's report. I should have made this report in writing but it is a hard matter to sit down and write out the things that mean so much to this Grand Lodge and to The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. It is all wonderful and I am happy that I have been able all these years to do what I could. I am retiring this Grand Lodge session from the Chairmanship of this Committee. I feel that it is a little too heavy for me and I want to stick around quite awhile yet and, being lazy, I don't want to work anyhow.

Board of Grand Trustees
Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Nebraska
Omaha, Nebraska

Gentlemen:

As requested, we have examined the financial records of the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Nebraska, for the period May 10, 1957, to May 10, 1958, and herewith submit our report.

The following statements are presented:

Exhibit	A	— Balance Sheet, May 10, 1958
Schedule	A-1	— Real Estate Mortgages, Children's Home Endowment Fund
Schedule	A-2	— Bonds and Stocks, Children's Home Endowment Fund
Schedule	A-3	— Stocks, Permanent Reserve Fund
Schedule	A-4	— Bonds and Stocks, Building & Improvement Fund
Schedule	A-5	— Bonds and Stocks, Grand Lodge Endowment Fund
Schedule	B-1	— Statement of Source and Application of Funds

- Exhibit B — Comparative Balance Sheet, May 10, 1957, and
May 10, 1958
- Exhibit C — Receipts and Disbursements, year ended May 10, 1958
- Schedule C-1 — General Fund Expenditures, year ended May 10, 1958

SCOPE OF AUDIT

The cash receipts were traced by us to the depositories, and the cancelled vouchers for cash disbursements were examined and compared with the cash book entries. Certificates of balances were obtained from the depositories and reconciled with the book balances. The records indicate payment by the subordinate lodges of all fees and dues, and no accounts receivable are carried at the close of the year. The records of the Grand Lodge are maintained on a cash basis.

Schedule A-1 is presented for the real estate mortgages owned by the Grand Lodge as of May 10, 1958. These securities were on hand at the Secretary's office. It was noted that the sum of \$4,301.50 was received on May 24, 1958, for the principal and interest on the Robert Levi mortgage.

Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4 and A-5 are presented for the bonds and stocks owned by the four investment funds of the Grand Lodge. In accordance with the provisions of Section 1-401(f) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, the Board of Grand Trustees entered into an agency account agreement with the United States National Bank of Omaha, Trust Department, for the custody and safekeeping of securities, and for the sale, purchase, investment, reinvestment, collection and remitting of securities or funds under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees. Delivery of the securities or other evidences of securities of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska was made to the above bank on November 11, 1957, with the exception of real estate mortgages, and \$15,000 face value Ada County Grange Supply Co. bonds, 5%, November 1, 1954/55/56, all of which were on hand at the Grand Secretary's office at the close of the year. The real estate mortgages were retained in the Grand Secretary's office to facilitate handling and collection of principal payments and interest, and the Ada County Grange Supply Co. bonds were retained for negotiation and settlement. With the above exception, the securities listed in Schedules A-2, A-3, A-4 and A-5 were confirmed to us as on hand with the United States National Bank, Trust Department, at the close of the year.

After delivery of the securities to the bank, an analysis or study of the various investments of the Grand Lodge was made by the Trust Department and its investment counselors, and lists were subsequently presented to the Board of Grand Trustees for suggested sales and purchases. In accordance with minutes of the meeting of the Board of Grand Trustees on December 11, 1957, these lists of suggested sales and purchases of securities were generally approved, and the sales and pur-

chases completed are reflected on the books and in this report. These changes were generally made in the interest of an improved investment position, and with the decline in market values of securities during the year reviewed, the sales made of the Grand Lodge securities reflect realized losses over the book values previously carried, although the proceeds of sales have been invested in other issues which were purchased under the same market conditions. Reference is also made to our report of examination of the financial records of The Nebraska Masonic Home as of January 1, 1958.

Except where acquired by exchange or gift, the book value of the securities is generally cost, including in some cases premium or accrued interest or dividends paid at time of purchase. No attempt was made by us to ascertain the present market values of the securities. Interest income and dividends are taken up on the books as income only when received, and the income received and credited for each security on hand at the close of the year is noted on the schedules.

Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home, stock in the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children, and the furniture and fixtures are carried in the accounts of the Grand Lodge at the nominal values of one dollar each.

A list of the supplies inventory in the total of \$4,537 was presented to us by the Grand Secretary, and accepted by us for the purposes of this report.

Exhibit B is presented as a comparative balance sheet as of May 10, 1957, and May 10, 1958, and Schedule B-1 is a statement of source and application of funds for the period reviewed. Exhibit C is presented as a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ended May 10, 1958, and Schedule C-1 is a statement of General Fund expenditures for the year.

We wish to express our appreciation for the facilities and courtesies extended our representatives during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) L. A. Nelson
Certified Public Accountant

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Exhibit A

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Balance Sheet
May 10, 1958

ASSETS	Totals	General Fund	Children's Home Endowment	Permanent Reserve Fund	Building & Improvement Fund	Grand Lodge Endowment Fund	Home Maintenance Fund	Supply Account	Relief Fund	Centennial Contingent Fund
Cash on deposit with banks	\$161,915.11	\$50,344.69	\$ 16,720.55	\$ 3,824.24	\$ 30,181.35	\$ 24,989.71	\$7,268.85	\$ 7,528.31	\$12,185.48	\$8,871.93
Principal cash in Agency Account ..	116.76		11.14		70.73	34.89				
Real estate mortgages — Schedule A-1	5,600.00		5,600.00							
Bonds and stocks — Schedules A-2, A-3 A-4 and A-5, at book values	559,350.34		150,903.62	8,066.69	144,837.54	255,542.49				
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home— nominal value ...	1.00	1.00								
Stock in Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children — at nominal	1.00	1.00								
Furniture and fixtures — at nominal value	1.00	1.00								
Supply inventory ...	4,537.00							4,537.00		
	<u>\$731,522.21</u>	<u>\$50,347.69</u>	<u>\$173,235.31</u>	<u>\$11,890.93</u>	<u>\$175,089.62</u>	<u>\$280,567.09</u>	<u>\$7,268.85</u>	<u>\$12,065.31</u>	<u>\$12,185.48</u>	<u>\$8,871.93</u>
LIABILITIES										
Surplus or fund balances:										
Balances—May 10, 1957	\$787,976.40	\$56,510.67	\$187,411.01	\$10,262.82	\$179,797.21	\$298,720.45	\$6,863.00	\$ 9,853.70	\$12,977.68	\$25,579.86
Additions or (deductions) —										
Exhibit C	(56,454.19)	(6,162.98)	(14,175.70)	1,628.11	(4,707.59)	(18,153.36)	405.85	2,211.61	(792.20)	(16,707.93)
Balances—May 10, 1958	<u>\$731,522.21</u>	<u>\$50,347.69</u>	<u>\$173,235.31</u>	<u>\$11,890.93</u>	<u>\$175,089.62</u>	<u>\$280,567.09</u>	<u>\$7,268.85</u>	<u>\$12,065.31</u>	<u>\$12,185.48</u>	<u>\$ 8,871.93</u>

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY

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

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

Your Temple Building Advisory Committee submits the following report for the Grand Lodge year just terminating;

TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS:

Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City. Building activities of this Lodge were mentioned in our Report at the 1957 Grand Lodge Communication. We can now add that on August 31, 1957, the Cornerstone ceremony was held, on October 25 this Committee recommended to the Grand Master that he approve plans covering construction and financing of a brick building 40' by 110' to cost (according to the firm bid which was accepted) \$43,741 exclusive of floor covering, cabinet work, painting, kitchen fixtures and architects' fees; an indebtedness of approximately one-third of the total cost to be incurred. Approval was granted, and on May 16, 1958 final Dedication Ceremonies were held. The Brethren of Lone Tree Lodge now have a fine new Temple, and should be highly complimented for the way in which they handled this project.

Lily Lodge No. 154, Davenport. On October 25, 1957, we recommended that Lily Lodge No. 154 be granted permission to purchase a quonset-type, brick front building to be remodeled and enlarged for lodge purposes. On March 19, 1958, this new home of Lily Lodge was dedicated by a beautiful ceremony preceded by a wonderful banquet. Lily Lodge has a membership of 71 Master Masons; for quite some time their annual dues have been \$8.00, which enabled them to accumulate, in advance, sufficient funds to handle the total cost of this project (\$6,000) without incurring indebtedness.

On May 9, 1958, our Committee recommended that Camp Clarke Lodge No. 285, Bridgeport, be granted permission to construct an additional room to their present Temple, to be used for storage purposes, and at the same time install an emergency exit door as a safety measure. No debt to be incurred.

On May 8, we recommended that Alpha Lodge No. 316, South Sioux City, be granted permission to build an addition of 36' to the length of their present building and to make other minor changes, including extra rest room facilities, the over-all cost estimated at \$7,500, and to be financed through contributions from the membership. When completed, the building will be 34' by 102'.

Bellevue Lodge No. 325, received completed plans and specifications from the architects on May 24, 1958, which call for a 40' by 76' two-story

building of block construction with front of stone veneer. As soon as costs can be developed and financing arranged, the contractors will go to work.

Western Lodge No. 2, Nebraska City, own the two-story brick combined business-lodge building located on a prominent corner on the main street. The lodge lost their longtime tenant through retirement and because the business part of the building was long over-due for extensive remodeling, the lodge officers sought new tenants. They located a group of doctors desiring a medical clinic designed to meet their needs. An agreement was entered into with the doctors. The lodge officers called on our committee architects to prepare plans and specifications, which involved enlargement of the building and separate heating and air-conditioning units. The lower half of the building will have a new brick veneer covering. The total cost of the project is in excess of \$51,000. As soon as financing details are complete, the contractors will go to work. The total annual income from these rentals will exceed \$6,400 per year.

OTHER TEMPLE ITEMS:

On January 28, 1958, our Committee received a request from Wallace Lodge No. 279, for permission to bid on the Methodist Church building which might be offered at auction. Wallace Lodge has been in need of improved quarters for several years, and the possibility of this building being offered for sale and subsequently remodeled for lodge purposes gave renewed hope for the Masons of Wallace. No report yet on the final outcome.

On December 4, 1957, our Committee recommended that Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthill be granted permission to borrow \$2,800 for the purpose of purchasing a business building to be remodeled for lodge purposes. This Lodge is a good example of the situation a lodge can get into by not having sufficient dues. This Lodge, with dues of only \$6 per year failed to anticipate future needs, and, therefore failed to build up a sufficient fund for this building program.

On March 25, 1958, Utica Lodge No. 96, requested an opinion which involved granting the village of Utica permission to cut through the Lodge basement wall to bury a sewer pipe running through the basement of the Lodge (which is dirt) rather than tear up a cement floor in the village property located along side the lodge property. As a fee for this easement, the lodge requested free sewer use. This, the village refused. In the absence of anything in the Masonic Code covering such a situation, we advised Utica Lodge to make the best deal possible.

Stella Lodge No. 105, now own the upper one-half of the building they occupy. On March 22, 1958, this Committee granted verbal approval to the Lodge to buy if and when the other half of the building is offered for sale, which they anticipated might be soon. No debt is to be incurred since the Lodge has ample funds.

In our report of one year ago, we mentioned that Blazing Star Lodge No. 200, Burwell, had adopted the Masonic building plans as prepared by this Committee and architects. The final plans and specifications were submitted in early fall of 1957. At this writing nothing further has developed. Burwell Lodge has sufficient funds to promote this much-needed Temple, and we are hoping for an early renewal of activity. The plans call for a two-story building 34' by 72' of stone construction.

Rawalt Lodge No. 138, Oxford, and Justice Lodge No. 180, Benkelman, made inquiries regarding building plans and accordingly building plans as prepared by this committee were forwarded.

FUTURE CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION:

We would like to make this observation. Regardless of whether economic conditions are at top peak or not, deterioration of buildings, whether owned or rented, continues, and for this reason we would urge local lodges to appraise their own situation to the extent, at least, of determining whether dues are adequate for future building purposes. The days of successfully operating lodges on \$5 and \$6 per year dues are long past and any lodge still maintaining such dues is due for a grand awakening. We would recommend no less than \$7.50 per year for all smaller lodges, with dues of larger lodges proportionately higher.

TEMPLE BUILDING FUND:

At the last session of Grand Lodge, this Committee presented a recommendation having to do with the establishment of a "fund" to be known as "Grand Lodge Temple Building Loan Fund", the purpose of which is to render material assistance to subordinate lodges able to qualify under certain rules, and at the same time furnish investment outlets of Grand Lodge funds of the highest quality. In our report we made the following recommendations which were adopted:

"(1) That a Grand Lodge Temple Building Loan Fund be established by the Nebraska Grand Lodge, such fund to be initially set up by the allocation, from the Grand Lodge permanent funds, of such amount as may appear to be suitable;

"(2) That the purpose of such Loan Fund be to enable subordinate lodges to borrow therefrom at interest, to assist in the construction, renovation, and/or furnishing for such lodges as meets the approval of the Grand Master, Grand Trustees, and the Temple Building Advisory Committee;

"(3) That the administration of such Loan Fund be delegated to the Board of Grand Trustees as outlined under their duties contained in Sec. 1-401 (A) Nebraska Masonic Code. Such action, if any, by the Board of Trustees shall be upon recommendations of the Temple Building Advisory Committee through the Grand Master;

"(4) That the amount to be loaned to any individual lodge be ceased on its requirements and the lodge's ability to pay;

"(5) It is further recommended that additional rules for making and servicing of loans from the Grand Lodge Temple Building Loan Fund be initially set up by the Grand Lodge Trustees meeting with the Temple Building Advisory Committee."

Up to the present time this Committee has not been informed as to the amount which, in accordance with item (1), has been allocated to this Fund. Also, this Committee has held itself in readiness to meet with Grand Trustees for the purpose of establishing rules relative to making and servicing loans, in accordance with item (5), but as yet no call for such meeting has been received. Presumably this may be due to the fact that the aforesaid recommendations do not specify who shall call such meeting or meetings; and this Committee would therefore recommend that such call be extended by the Grand Master and that he serve as the presiding officer.

M. . W. . MATTHEW W. HILL, PAST GRAND MASTER,
WASHINGTON

M. . W. . Herbert T. White, Past Grand Master :

M. . W. . Grand Master, I have the honor and pleasure of introducing to you and to this Grand Lodge M. . W. . Matthew W. Hill, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. . & A. . M. . of Washington, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington.

M. . W. . Brother Hill was escorted to the East where he received a most cordial welcome from M. . W. . Brother Babbitt and was given the Grand Honors. M. . W. . Brother Hill is to be the principal speaker at the Grand Lodge dinner.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3-102 (d)

M. . W. . Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master :

Brethren, I will review briefly the Committee report of the 1956 Communication relative to an amendment to Section 3-102 (d) which was presented by M. . W. . Charles F. Adams and held over until the 1957 Communication, who moved the adoption of the amendment. M. . W. . Edward F. Carter offered a substitute motion, moving that Paragraph (d) of Section 3-102 of the By-laws be amended to read as follows: "1. Engaging in the manufacturing of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer.

"2. Engaging in the sale of such intoxicating liquors as a beverage, except where it is a part of one's duties as an agent or employee, and incidental only to the business of the principal or employer."

After considerable discussion, the Grand Master called for a secret ballot and upon the report of the tellers the Grand Master declared the substitute motion of M. . W. . Brother Carter adopted.

It was later noted that the Grand Master had failed to call for a vote on the original motion. In order for the substitute motion, which was adopted, to become effective, it was necessary that the original motion, as amended by the substitute motion, be submitted to a vote. Since so many of the delegates had gone home at the time this question was raised on the last day of the communication, the Grand Master ruled that the matter be held over and made a special order of business at the 1958 communication.

It is my opinion that this is a matter of unfinished business from last year and I will entertain a motion that this Grand Lodge give its approval at this time to the original amendment as proposed last year. Is there any discussion?

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

M. W. Grand Master, Brethren, a petition was handed to me a short time ago which reads as follows: "To the M. W. Grand Master and delegates assembled for the consideration of an amendment to Section 3-102 (d) of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, we the undersigned members of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. of Plattsmouth, Nebraska respectfully petition and request that said Section 3-102 (d) be not changed or amended and that the proposed amendments be denied."

This petition is signed by twenty-nine members of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 and certified to by the Secretary as follows: "I hereby certify that the twenty-nine signers above are Master Masons and are in good standing in Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. Plattsmouth. Signed Emil J. Weyrich, Secretary."

M. W. Edward F. Carter, Past Grand Master; Brother R. Wayne Wilson, Senior Warden, Mizpah No. 302; M. W. George A. Kurk, Past Grand Master; W. Glenn F. Sperry, Master Clay Centre No. 139; W. E. Bernard Hansen, Master Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, spoke in favor of the amendment.

W. Emil J. Weyrich, Past Master and Secretary, Plattsmouth No. 6, and proxy for the Junior Warden; Brother Daniel G. Paeker, Senior Warden, Monument No. 293; W. Wallace E. Moffitt, Past Master, Secretary and proxy for the W. Master of Oak Leaf No. 312; and M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master, spoke against the amendment.

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master:

Brethren, it is my order that we vote on this amendment by secret ballot. Now remember, a vote of "Yes" is to adopt the amendment as amended; and a vote "No" is to reject it. We will use ballot No. 2, the

tellers are the Assistant Custodians, they will collect the ballots, count them and make their report to the Grand Lodge in the morning.

At 5:30 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

Thursday, June 5, 1958

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

W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Senior Deacon:

M. W. Grand Master, I would like to introduce at this time a resolution and proposed amendment to the By-laws of the Grand Lodge. This amendment arises by reason of the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work, in which they ruled yesterday that the second section of the Fellow Craft degree, which we term the Middle Chamber, was a ceremony and not a lecture and for that reason it could only be given to one candidate at a time. This proposed amendment will change the law in that respect so that the work will be the same as it has been for many years. In other words, the substance of the proposed change of the law is to permit the Middle Chamber lecture to be given to more than one candidate at a time. I shall read the resolution and proposed amendment.

RESOLUTION AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

WHEREAS, for many years the Second Section of the Fellow Craft degree has been conferred on more than one candidate at the same time, and

WHEREAS, the Committee on the Work has ruled that such practice is prohibited by Section 2-1202 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Section 2-1202 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

Section 2-1202—NUMBER OF CANDIDATES.—No lodge shall enter, pass, or raise more than one candidate at the same time, but the lecture and charge may be given jointly to any number; **Provided however, nothing in this section shall limit the number of candidates for the second section of the Fellow Craft degree.**"

2. That Section 2-1202 be repealed.

We ask the unanimous consent of this Grand Lodge to consider

and act upon this Resolution at this Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master :

Brethren, you have heard the resolution. Are there any objections? Hearing none, the motion is on the adoption of the resolution and proposed amendment to the By-laws. (Motion seconded and carried.)

BALLOT ON THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3-102 (d)

W. Harold D. Weddel, 208, Chairman of the Tellers, reported as follows: 107 votes for the amendment, 53 votes against the amendment.

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master :

Brethren, you have by a two-thirds majority vote adopted the amendment to the By-laws. I declare the amendment adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Frank L. Burbridge, 11, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted section by section and then as a whole.

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

Your Committee on Grievances has had seven petitions for restoration. An investigation was made into the merits of the petitions and a just and impartial consideration given to the facts and the following report is offered:

1. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Anselmo Lodge No. 258, A. F. & A. M., Anselmo, 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 Anselmo Lodge No. 258, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.”

2. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha, for restoration be laid over without prejudice until the annual communication in 1959, and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

“Be it resolved that the petition of a former member of Florence Lodge No. 281, be laid over without prejudice until the annual communication of 1959.”

3. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Kimball Lodge No. 294, A. F. & A. M., Kimball, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing, and offers the following resolution and moves its adoption:

"Be it Resolved that the petition of a former member of Kimball Lodge No. 294, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

4. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, 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 St. Johns Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

5. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Auburn Lodge No. 124, A. F. & A. M., Auburn, 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 Auburn Lodge No. 124, A. F. & A. M. be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

6. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Lotus Lodge No. 289, A. F. & A. M., Ravenna, 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 Lotus Lodge No. 289, A. F. & A. M., be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

7. Your Committee recommends that the petition of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104, A. F. & A. M., Wymore, 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, A. F. & A. M., be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

M. W. George A. Kurk, 54, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office.

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

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office respectfully submits the following report: We have endeavored to fulfill the duties imposed upon

this committee by the Grand Lodge Masonic law and by the adopted report of the Committee on Business Affairs. We have investigated the adequacy of the space occupied by the Grand Lodge Office, and it is our opinion that no additional space will be needed for any purpose whatever in the foreseeable future.

A separate report by this committee will be made on the question of a new office for the Grand Custodian.

The investigation in 1956 by M. W. Brother Charles F. Adams and his committee of the office and vault needs, resulted in a very reasonable expenditure for draperies, carpets, etc., for the Grand Lodge offices, and gave them an adequate and needed presentable appearance for the Centennial. The investigation by this committee of vault space also resulted in the recommendation of the purchase of a micro-film machine, which had been placed in the office on an experimental trial. The purchase has been made and it is now definitely assured that it will eliminate the need for any additional vault space, and any additional fire-proof cabinets, for many years to come. M. W. Brother Adams and his committee are to be commended for their investigation and foresight.

The question of the number of employees required in the Grand Secretary's office was carefully considered by our committee. It is our opinion that the present number of three employees, plus Brother Herre, whose main bookkeeping duties are for The Nebraska Masonic Home and the Grand Secretary are needed for the efficient operation of the Grand Lodge.

We are also of the opinion that the present number of employees can handle the work of the office at all times of the year, and that no part-time employee is needed or should be hired at any time.

We gave careful consideration to the salaries paid to the present employees. We are of the opinion that they are somewhat lower than the scale prevailing in Omaha for comparable work. We, therefore, approved an increase of \$20.00 per month for Miss Guess, \$15.00 per month for Mrs. McNeal, and \$10.00 per month for M. W. Brother Hedelund, which amounts were suggested by the Grand Secretary. Even with the small amount each of these employees receive from the other three Grand Bodies, the total combined salary each receives probably is still somewhat lower than the prevailing scale in business organizations. However, the employees are given four weeks vacation, and this was given as at least partly the reason for the lower scale.

The policy of giving employees four weeks vacation dates back to the time even before M. W. Brother Lewis E. Smith became Grand Secretary, and has been continued all through the years. We do not recommend; in fact, we would oppose for morale reasons any change in that policy for any of the present employees. However, we recommend that if and when any new employee is hired, vacation should be limited to two weeks for such employee, which is the limit of practically all business concerns regardless of size. It is our opinion that salaries should

be paid on the basis of competency and efficiency, and that lengthy vacations should not be given in lieu of proper salary. The Committee on Business Affairs recommended that many of the items that have heretofore been included in the proceedings, be eliminated, but left the decisions to our committee. We gave careful consideration to each item. Because of being the proceedings for the Centennial, we approved the additional pictures suggested by the Grand Secretary. We concur in the recommendation made by the Committee on Business Affairs last year, that in the future the pictures be limited to those of the Grand Master and the incoming Grand Master.

The following items were eliminated from the 1957 proceedings:

- The welcoming address and response
- The address to the Assistant Custodians and response
- The address to the Foreign Representatives and response
- The list of Grand Lodges with names and addresses of Grand Secretaries

The following items were approved to be included only because the proceedings were for the Centennial. We recommend that they be eliminated in the future:

- Address to Past Grand Masters and response
- The Grand Orator's Address
- List of lodges alphabetically arranged
- List of lodges by counties
- List of extinct lodges
- List of Nebraska lodges organized in territory other than Nebraska
- List of consolidated lodges
- Roll of existing Nebraska lodges with location, dates of regular meetings, officers, etc.
- Roll of existing Nebraska lodges with location, dates created and chartered.

The majority of our committee thought that the list of representatives attending Grand Lodge should be retained in future proceedings. The Chairman disagrees with that thought because the Grand Lodge Office has the official list, and the knowledge is of no value to anyone in the proceedings. The items that we recommend eliminating require approximately forty-six pages without the list of seven pages of representatives.

We approved including the Fraternal Review in the 1957 proceedings, but recommend that it be eliminated from future proceedings, and that it be published as a separate pamphlet. We recommend that at least a thousand copies be printed, and that several copies be sent to each lodge with the suggestion that they be made available for loan to any interested member. The Fraternal Review is of interest and is informative to every

Mason, and the Committee on Masonic Education should find many interesting items in it for its use. M. W. Brother Wanner is to be commended for the excellent reviews he has compiled for many years.

It is the opinion of our committee that not over one percent of the Masons in Nebraska ever see a copy of the proceedings, and probably not over one-half of one percent ever read any of it. Why include many items that cannot be of any interest to any brother in this Grand Jurisdiction, or in any foreign Jurisdiction. The elimination of unnecessary items will save money for the Grand Lodge. To say that the proceedings are the history of the Grand Lodge is not exactly the case, because the original of every item recommended to be eliminated will still be in the Grand Secretary's office. Some saving can also be effected by reducing the number of advance proceedings purchased. The Grand Secretary informed the Committee that from 600 to 1,000 are purchased each year. The 1,000 was probably for the Centennial only. From the period of 1937 through 1956 the highest number of representatives registered was 493, and that was in 1956. In 1957, the Centennial, it was 567. Only for nine years since 1937 has the number exceeded 460. Every year many brothers represent by proxy two and sometimes three officers. Even in 1957, 14 brothers represented two officers by proxy and 11 represented all three officers.

We recommend that the following items be eliminated from the book entitled, "For Secretary's Desk":

- Roll of existing Nebraska lodges alphabetically arranged
- Location of existing Nebraska lodges by towns alphabetically arranged.
- Location of existing Nebraska lodges by counties alphabetically arranged.
- Roll of existing Nebraska lodges, with locations, dates created and chartered.

The "Roll of existing Nebraska lodges, with locations, dates of regular meetings, with name of current Master and Secretary," contains all the information of the other forms, except the dates created and chartered. We feel these two items are unnecessary.

Our committee has no reason to doubt that the Grand Lodge has been receiving proceedings of the highest quality and workmanship, and at a price commensurate with both. However, we believe it is only good business practice to secure competitive bids for any article costing as much as the proceedings. We, therefore, recommend that in the future the Grand Secretary submit specifications and the estimated maximum number of pages contemplated for the proceedings, to more than one qualified printing company, to secure bids, with the understanding that an allowance be made from the bid price for any pages less than the number estimated. In submitting the request for an appropriation for the items for which it is the duty of our committee to request an appropriation, we have eliminated a few of the items from the Grand Secre-

tary's proposed budget, and reduced a few others. The only increase was the approval of the increase in salaries for the office staff, which has already been explained in a previous paragraph.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, every dollar spent by the Grand Lodge comes from either the per capita assessment, or from the increment from investments, most of which originally came from the brethren. Our committee is charged with the responsibility of investigating and approving many of the expenditures of the Grand Lodge. We have endeavored to fulfill our obligation by being as economical as the efficient operation and general welfare of the Grand Lodge will permit.

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

M. W. Grand Master, I recommend the approval of that portion of our report. (Motion was regularly seconded and then followed discussion by M. W. Lewis E. Smith, M. W. Charles F. Adams and M. W. Charles A. Chappell, opposing the deletion of the items mentioned in the report.)

M. W. Lewis E. Smith:

I move that portion of the report deleting certain items be not approved and that they be laid over until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Grand Master:

Brethren, you have heard the motion amending the report and it has been seconded. (The Grand Master declared the amendment carried. The motion on the adoption of the report was seconded and carried.)

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

M. W. George A. Kurk, 54, Chairman, presented a supplement report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, which was adopted.

This separate report by the Committee on Grand Lodge Office is in regard to a different office for the Grand Custodian.

His present office on the 5th floor lacks privacy, has too little space, and there is no opportunity for adequate ventilation. Another defect is that anyone calling on the Grand Custodian must pass through a room of Eastern Star lockers, which are used by the Daughters of the Nile. On the days when these organizations meet, it makes an almost impossible situation.

The Grand Secretary's letter of April 23rd, in which he submitted an itemized office expense budget, for which to request an appropriation, stated that if the Grand Custodian's office was moved to the third floor, there would be remodeling expense for which to request an appropriation.

Upon inquiry our Committee was informed that the recommendation for a different office for the Grand Custodian would be made by either the Committee on Work or the Committee on Business Affairs, and that our committee had nothing to do with the matter at that time.

A letter from the Grand Custodian, dated May 21st, stated, in effect, that the decision was left to our Committee. That late date made it impossible for our Committee to thoroughly investigate the space available, the cost of remodeling and whether the cost would be paid by the Temple Craft Board or by the Grand Lodge, and the monthly rental.

One report given to our committee by a brother was that the remodeling cost would be paid by the Temple Craft Board. Another report was that the Grand Lodge would have to pay it. Also, one brother stated that space for a new office was available on the third floor at \$50.00 per month. Another brother said there was space on the fourth floor at \$67.50 per month. The reports were said to come to the brothers from a member of the Temple Craft Board.

Our Committee is of the opinion that it would be unwise to recommend any definite space or take final action without further investigation.

We, therefore, recommend that the Committee on Grand Lodge Office investigate the matter as soon as possible, and secure the propositions offered by the official action of the Temple Craft Board.

We further recommend that the Committee then request an emergency appropriation for the rent on an annual basis, and for the cost of remodeling, if the latter is to be at the expense of the Grand Lodge. Emergency appropriations after the Grand Lodge Communication, require the approval of the four top officers of the Grand Lodge. In effect, therefore, their action will either approve or disapprove the decision and recommendation of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, and may mean their own investigation. The requirement regarding emergency appropriations after an Annual Communication, is a wise precaution.

M. W. Charles F. Adams presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, at its 91st Annual Communication in 1948 this Grand Lodge adopted M. W. Grand Master Huwaldt's recommendation No. 5 to the effect that we complete our quota of \$1.70 per member for the Building Fund by paying the sum of \$21,918.90 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association out of the Permanent Reserve Fund of this Grand Lodge.

AND WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge has continued to collect the sum of \$1.00 from each newly raised Master Mason,

AND WHEREAS, all amounts so collected since December 31, 1948 have been paid into said Permanent Reserve Fund and that the total

sum of \$16,758.00 has now been collected and paid into said Permanent Reserve Fund since said December 31, 1948, leaving a balance of \$5,160.90 not repaid to said Permanent Reserve Fund,

AND WHEREAS, it was the original intent and purpose of said collections of \$1.00 from each newly raised Master Mason to use said money so collected for the expense of maintenance of the Memorial Building of said Association,

AND WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge has never contributed anything whatsoever to the expense of maintenance of said Memorial Building and has never contributed anything whatsoever for any purpose to the said George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association since said contribution authorized in 1948 as aforesaid,

AND WHEREAS, the Masons within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska have a moral obligation to support the most laudable undertaking of said Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—that all monies collected from Master Masons raised from and after December 31, 1957 be paid over to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association for the maintenance fund of said Association and that no further repayments to the Reserve Funds of this Grand Lodge be required.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. Urlin G. McCartney, 185, 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:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations submits the following report upon various matters referred to it:

1. We approve the chapter on Charter Relocations as set forth in the Grand Master's address.
 - a. We approve the action of the Grand Master on returning the Charter to Grace Lodge No. 226, Wilcox.
 - b. We approve the relocation of the charter of Lily Lodge No. 154, Davenport.
 - c. We approve the relocation of the Charter of Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Central City.
2. We approve the Grand Master's action on Special Dispensations.
3. The following lodges were cited to appear at the 101st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to show cause why their charters should not be forfeited for failure to be represented at the Grand Lodge for two years.

Jewel Lodge No. 149

Merna Lodge No. 171

Gauge Lodge No. 208

Your Committee met with the representatives of each of these cited lodges. In each instance the failure to be properly represented was satisfactorily explained. Each of these lodges is progressing in Masonic work and they have given assurance that their lodges will be represented in future communications. We recommend no forfeiture of charter in any so cited lodge.

4. We recommend that the incoming Grand Master through his representatives caution Holbrook Lodge No. 257 of the possibility of forfeiting the charter if not represented at the 102nd Grand Lodge Communication next year. This particular lodge has been cited twice since 1952 to report before this Committee for failure to have representatives at Grand Lodge.

5. This Committee also examined the report of the Committee on Credentials and find that the following lodge has not been represented for a period of two years:

Tyrian Lodge No. 243.

We, therefore, recommend that the above named lodge be cited to appear before this Committee at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge to show cause why their charter should not be forfeited.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

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

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

This Committee received for consideration and recommendation to the Grand Master, eighty-seven petitions of which six were demits held more than three years.. Eighty-one petitions were from former members who had been suspended for non-payment of dues for more than three years.

The number of petitions was about 25% less than last year and continued a noticeable downward trend which has existed for the last twelve years.

In reviewing these applications the Committee has made a serious effort to classify the reasons given for not paying dues, with the following result:

Declared Financial Inability, 47
Neglect by moving etc., 33
Other reasons (personal), 1

We are surprised at the number of cases where moving the residence resulted in suspension. The Lodge and Member seem to have been unaware of their mutual interest in the continuance of association. This matter could be profitably studied for a program which could keep contacts alive by a little effort. Possibly the notification of some Lodge near the members new prospective abode might be very desirable and helpful to the member in adjusting to a new residence. When making a permanent change of residence it might be desirable to encourage transfers of membership rather than to lose the member for a period of years.

The actions of the Committee are reflected by the following table:

Age Group	Received	Recommended	Rejected	Returned
50 years of age or less	16	15	1	
51-60 years of age	23	21	2	
61-70 years of age	31	28	2	1
71-80 years of age	14	8	5	1
81 years of age and over	3	1	2	
Totals	87	73	12	2

The information requested on our petition form is the minimum on which an intelligent decision can be made. We know that many petitions have been returned to obtain additional information. A large amount of waiting time and correspondence could be avoided if full information particularly relating to the following matters were fully supplied with the application:

1. Dates—Entering membership or affiliation or suspension:
 - Birth date of petitioner, particularly the year.
 - Ages of members of the family.
 - Application read in Lodge—Application passed by Lodge.
2. Complete description of property:
 - Real Estate, Location, size in acres or feet.
 - Use of property, home, rental, liquor dispensing.
 - Personal Property, kinds, automobiles, household goods
 - Stocks and Bonds, list names and amounts, values if unlisted.
 - Values of property and how established.
3. General Information:
 - Employment—where—how long—salary or other basis
 - Insurance on life of applicant and to whom payable
 - Pensions, annuities, etc. Give details of such items with details showing permanence of rights during lifetime of applicant and his dependents.
4. Applicants who do not now or have not resided close to the Lodge for long periods of time. It is desirable to obtain local information from people where they now live about their character, reputation and financial situation NOW.

We see some evidence of an increasing effort to make better investigation of applicant's petitions, but further and more extensive efforts will prevent unpleasant situations developing. It is a definite mark of distinction to be a Mason and the applicant is well aware of this fact. Let us make such careful investigation of reinstatement requests that we eliminate the unworthy and extend our charity to the deserving. We are entitled to know accurately and fully all reasonable information before any action is taken by a Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAYROLL

W. Harold H. Thom, 1, presented the report of the Committee on Payroll, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Payroll respectfully reports that the amount due for mileage and per diem for the 101st Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge is \$9,374.84.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC-EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

W. Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, 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:

During the past year four students have been under the supervision of this committee while attending college, two boys and two girls.

Both of the boys were at Hastings College. One is a second year student and is taking a pre-medical course. He has been doing very well in school and we are proud of his progress.

The second young man has had some difficulties in adjusting to college study and has not done as well as we would like. He may decide to enter military service this summer and, if so, we will provide his second year of college when he returns.

The two young ladies were both attending Midland College. One has completed the second year of a secretarial course and will now be on her own for any further college work.

The other young lady has completed her first year and will be under the supervision of this Committee next school year.

Both of these students have done well and show the results of good school habits during their residence in the Home.

Two young people are graduating from Fremont High School and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home this year. The young lady will be attending Midland College this next year while the young man wishes to take journalism at Northwestern University. Arrangements have been made with his father's estate to provide the extra costs of attending an out-of-state school.

Both will be working this summer to provide part of the funds for their education.

We are asking an appropriation of \$1,600.00 from the Grand Lodge to support the work of this Committee for the coming year. The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will provide an equal amount.

We appreciate the opportunity of working with these fine young people in the name of the Grand Lodge.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF:

The Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund which was approved.

For a number of years your Committee has been operating under rules which have been adopted by the committee as the need required. It is the feeling of your present committee that there should be occasional review of these rules and a presentation of them to the Grand Lodge for their approval.

We therefore present the following rules for the approval of the Grand Lodge. For your information these were approved by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, on May 15, 1958, at their Grand Chapter Session.

Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee

PURPOSE:

To administer the Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund and to assume responsibility for eligible students during their attendance at College within the limitations hereinafter set forth.

ORGANIZATION:

1. Membership of the Committee shall consist of a Chairman and two other members from the Masonic Order appointed each year by the Grand Master and three members of the O.E.S. appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron for three year rotating terms.
2. Officers of the Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Secretary shall be chosen by the Committee. The Grand Secretary of the O.E.S. shall act as permanent Treasurer of the Committee.
3. Meetings of the Committee shall be held on call of the Chairman.

DUTIES:

1. To interview each spring the graduating High School seniors who reside in The Masonic-Eastern Star Home in Fremont, to determine the advisability of sponsoring their advanced education.

2. To administer sponsorship of such students selected, under the rules given to them by the Committee. When deemed expedient, the Committee may choose an individual not a member of the Committee to sponsor a student. Such sponsors are authorized Committee representatives, but are responsible to the Committee and must abide by the rules and regulations of the Committee.
3. To report their activities annually to the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge, submitting in such report a request for appropriations from each body to finance the student education for the ensuing year.
4. To make such decisions on matters of policy not specifically covered in the student rules as are necessary to the best interests of the individual students and the Grand bodies.

LIMITS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

The financial assistance granted to eligible students shall be for a period not to exceed two school years and shall consist of the following:

1. Tuition, books, and necessary school supplies.
2. Such clothing as is approved by the sponsor or a member of the Committee.
3. Allowance and incidental expense money in an amount not to exceed \$25.00 per month during the nine months of the school term.
4. When dental care is needed or emergency medical expenses arise, the guardian, parent, or administrator of the estate shall be contacted first before this Committee accepts responsibility for this expense.

Expenditures made from the Student Fund pursuant to the rules of the Committee shall have the written approval of three members of the Committee.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Brother William F. Patterson, 25, President of The Nebraska Masonic Home, 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:

First, may I again tell you that we of The Nebraska Masonic Home sincerely hope that you enjoyed your visit on Tuesday as much as we enjoyed having you. This has become a traditional pilgrimage and one that not only the Trustees and staff look forward to but every one of our residents enjoy it equally as well.

We try to entertain you with the picnic part of this visit but actually underneath all this is a much more serious purpose. We want you to see the Home, see how it is operated and share with us the pride

of accomplishment by constant effort to maintain this fine home in a fashion that will make us always proud of what we are doing for our less fortunate brethren.

You will recall that the last communication of Grand Lodge there was read the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs by its chairman, M. W. Edward F. Carter. You may also recall that we endorsed all of the recommendations made by that committee and Grand Lodge unanimously adopted that very fine report on the improvement of the business affairs of the Grand Lodge, the Home at Plattsmouth and the Home at Fremont.

This report, so far as The Nebraska Masonic Home is concerned, recommended some very decided changes and at the first meeting of our trustees in September, we started complying with the recommendations. First, the new articles of incorporation were adopted as well as the new by-laws on September 7th. The total number of trustees were reduced from thirty to fifteen and we immediately passed resolutions authorizing the turning over to the trustees of Grand Lodge all the securities and funds as provided in the report. The securities were transferred to the Grand Trustees and placed in their custody on November 11, 1957, and the Grand Trustees now are handling the investment and accounting of our securities as provided in the law.

The Home is now operated on a budget required to be approved by our Trustees and Stockholders as well as the newly-created Appropriations Committee of Grand Lodge after which the Grand Trustees provide us with the proper funds as approved.

We have changed the preparation of our budget from a calendar basis to a fiscal basis so that each year in Grand Lodge the Appropriations Committee may read their approval of this budget for the next twelve months until Grand Lodge convenes the following year.

Further changes have been made in bookkeeping procedure and I am happy to report to you that all major recommendations have been completely complied with and we are just as enthusiastic about the improvement in our business affairs as we were a year ago in anticipation of them.

Our relations with the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs and the new Appropriations Committee are most pleasant and we have found both committees completely cooperative in the interest of assisting us in our work in carrying on the maintenance and operation of the Home.

Certain improvements have been made during the last twelve months. The house on the premises occupied by the assistant superintendent had reached a point where the cost to keep it in a liveable condition was excessive and a new residence has been constructed for the assistant superintendent and the old home structure is being disposed of. On the third floor of the Home, which you will recall is occupied entirely by bed patients, a new diet kitchen has been constructed where additional

space was needed for the handling of food for those bed patients. We hope you saw it on your visit to the Home.

There is one further improvement that your Board of Trustees very earnestly hope will meet with your unanimous approval. This improvement to be made must now fall in the proper order of business as laid out last year in the new changes. We have, therefore, submitted to the Appropriations Committee a request that we be allowed to use a sufficient amount of money to bring the old section of the Home up to the same level as the new in its appearance and in its usefulness. I will not dwell on this subject at this point since it will be reported to you by the Appropriations Committee in the proper fashion except that I would like to say that after long study and deliberation on the part of the Building Committee, the recommendation was submitted to our Board of Trustees and has been voted on and approved by them and we have been heard before the Appropriations Committee in our request for funds for this purpose.

I am confident that if you visited the Home you observed the difference in appearance of the old section, which was furnished thirty-five years ago, as compared to the new. We feel that both should be the same. We also badly need to make some of the changes that are involved in this for the comfort of our residents and for our ability to care for them in the old section as we do in the new.

If required, I will speak to you further about this when it is reported to you by the Appropriations Committee but I sincerely hope that our request will meet with your approval when it is submitted.

We have made certain important changes that we think will materially affect the health of our residents and which will keep us abreast of changing conditions in the care of the aged.

I must remind you that much of our work at the Home deals with people who are ill. With the span of life increasing, people come to the Home only after they have reached an advanced age and usually after infirmities have broken down their physical structure so that in the majority of cases they reach us by ambulance. The number of bed patients now outnumber those who are ambulatory and yet as these changes have gradually taken place, we too have stayed fluid in our thinking and have changed our approach in the matter of care. This, of course, has meant increased nursing help; new medicines and appliances and it is my thinking that this will continue to be our principal concern in the future.

A great measure of our ability to do the things that we do in your name and in your behalf as your servants is a result of your thoughtfulness in assisting us, without which this would be a sorry report indeed.

We gratefully acknowledge gifts such as the Eastern Star made in redecorating and completely refurnishing one of our lounges; food such as the western part of the State sends each year in a huge semi-trailer, coming from places like Grand Island, Scottsbluff, Platte Valley and

other areas. For the first time last year we received a substantial amount of beef from the Gordon area where thoughtful cattle men realized that old people can enjoy beef as much as younger folks. Many, many other such gifts assist materially in the carrying out of our efforts.

We are indeed most grateful for two wonderful gifts that came to us from Brother James Canedy, Assistant Administrator of Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital of this city as his contribution. First, Brother Canedy gave us the lifetime loan of a large size deodorizer for us to use in our wash room. About a month later, he gave us another gift of a large size sterilizer which was badly needed and we must indeed note here our gratitude for him for his great heart.

Then, of course, the most important gift of all is the endowments and bequests that continue to flow, in both living gifts and in the wills of thoughtful persons who leave to the Home a part of their substance and which it is my hope will some day in the distant future see this Home completely endowed.

I can't individually call off the names of the wonderful people to whom we owe so much in thanks and appreciation but certainly there are a few whom I must mention and first, there is our Grand Master, M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, for the very valuable help, encouragement and inspiration he has given us throughout the year. He is a man whom we shall love in great degree in the years ahead.

There is also our Superintendent, W. Brother William F. Evers and his Assistant Superintendent, Brother Raymond F. Evers. They literally live their work as I am sure you know and this past year has been no exception.

To our Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, we again say "Thank You." His shoulders, we have said before, are broad but we would hesitate trying to measure them for the load is never too heavy nor the burden too severe for him to help us.

Our thanks also to our Assistant Secretary, W. Robert M. Herre for his ever willing and grateful help.

And last, to that group of dedicated men, the Board of Trustees, for their faithful and never-ceasing efforts in the solution of our problems and in the doing of the work involved in the operation of our Home. Everything you hear about the progress of this Home first comes before these men and usually has been prepared by a committee of them. They really are beyond my ability to praise them or to honor them for their work is work for the sheer love of their fellow brethren. Don't, please, ever forget them.

To all the others, the lodges, our Masonic organizations, Masters and Wardens, Star Chapters, individuals and groups and every individual one of you, we say "thank you" and God Bless You for your continued support and help in the vital and important work in the ultimate fulfillment of our obligation to each other.

This concludes my report but in closing may I remind you of what some great person once said, "What better way to love thy brother than to heal him."

REPORT OF THE MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Brother Guy H. Olmstead, 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:

Following is the annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

Most of you, I am sure, have visited the home and know what a fine physical plant you have there, but there may be some who have not or who are not acquainted with what we have, what the purposes are and the plan of operation. The Home was organized and is operated to care for the children of Masons or Eastern Stars who by death or other calamity are unable to care for them. There is no greater work in which Lodges and individuals may engage than that of nurturing these young people and training them for responsible citizenship. To feed them, clothe them and surround them with the most homelike atmosphere possible is our continuing responsibility. A staff of dedicated Christian people are giving their best thought and effort to this end.

The Board of Trustees functions through committees who take their assignments seriously and the manner in which they discharge their responsibilities makes the office of President a comparatively easy one. My thanks to all of them, to the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, your committee on appropriations and all others who have taken such an active interest in this most important Masonic endeavor.

Some problems have arisen during the year and there will always be some as long as we are dealing with human beings. We regret that it was necessary to dismiss three young people from the home because of incompatibility. Our prayers follow them and we sincerely hope they will find their place in an environment where they can grow and become good citizens. Those at the Home now seem to be well adjusted and happy. Some have distinguished themselves in a remarkable way. We could spend much time enumerating their qualities and achievements scholastically and otherwise. One in particular, we feel merits special commendation. The Home furnished the Governor of Boy's State last year in the person of Jim Matschullat, who naturally has been a leader in activities in the Home and school, as well as the entire community. A speech delivered by him at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, showed a depth of thought and comprehension

of world problems facing the youth of today which would have been commendable in a man of much more mature years. Many of the young people are engaged in 4-H work and they rated well in competition last year. The program is in full swing again. Our thanks go especially to those generous people who donated calves for these projects.

The buildings and grounds are in good shape. The Home is now a properly licensed one to care for up to seventy-five children. This is a goal sought for many years. The present population is 38 children. The Memorial-Recreation-Administration building has been fully completed and furnished and is being used and enjoyed by the children, the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent and his secretary and many groups. In fact the young people of the city like it so well that the Superintendent has many requests for its use, but of course its use is limited to activities in which the children at the home take part. Due to the generosity of the good Eastern Stars and Masons in Nebraska more than enough money was given to complete the building and furnish it. A balance of \$5,851.45 remained after paying all of the bills which your Board of Trustees propose to use through the coming years to improve and maintain this and other buildings on the grounds.

Our good friends continue to remember us in their wills and our endowment fund has increased over \$4,300 during the year. We will also share in a trust fund set up by one of our Masonic brethren, which should give to the Home approximately \$3,500 per year for the next twenty years.

It has been a pleasure to work with the joint committee appointed by the Grand Master and Worthy Grand Matron seeking to find ways to reduce expenses or discover other avenues of revenue so as to relieve the Grand Bodies of some of the burden. Correspondence has been had with Grand Bodies adjacent to Nebraska where no Childrens' Homes exist with a view of taking children from those states on some mutually satisfactory basis, but the response has indicated little interest.

Regarding the budget for the coming year, which incidentally has been changed from a calendar year to a fiscal year beginning July first and ending June thirtieth, with careful management and possibly some other sources of revenue, we are asking the Grand Bodies for no more than we did last year, although because of constantly increasing prices of goods and services, the budget adopted by your Board of Trustees is approximately \$2,000 higher.

In closing this report I want to pay tribute to Superintendent Hugh W. Hansen. He took over administration of the Home just before Grand Lodge last year. The work was, of course, new to him and it seems there has been more than the normal run of problems to be solved. He has his feet on the ground and is respected by all of the young people as well as the staff. We hope he will be with us for many years. Let us keep up the good work.

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

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Thursday, June 5, 1958

At 1:00 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, officers and members being present as at the preceding session.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Harry N. Ahl, 112, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was approved.

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 1957, and is pleased to report that the lodges have submitted satisfactory reports.

We especially commend the Grand Secretary and his staff for their labor and efficient handling of the work in his office during the past year.

We also wish to commend the secretaries of the subordinate lodges for their efforts and labors during the past year and solicit their greater effort and further care in completing and remitting their annual reports to the Grand Secretary. Ten per cent of the lodges erred in their remittances which required refunds by the Grand Secretary. Errors of this type only tend to burden the work in the Grand Secretary's office.

The Committee wishes to call to the attention of the secretaries of the subordinate lodges that the annual returns must have the Seal of the lodge affixed thereto.

We wish to call attention to the secretaries of the subordinate lodges in reporting the fees for affiliation of membership on petitioners presenting demits which are less than twelve months old.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The annual reports to be typewritten if possible, and handwritten reports to be more legible.
2. To be certain the Seal of the lodge is affixed.
3. The annual return form to be revised to show a separation in the reporting of affiliations showing those for which the lodges are to pay a fee and those for which no fee is charged.

4. Secretaries to use one given name in full of members on all reports and correspondence to the Grand Secretary's office.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

W. Fred D. Moshier, 281, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Appropriations, which was adopted.

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

Your Committee on Appropriations presents the following budget for the year 1958-1959:

a. Expense of Annual Communication

1. Payroll for 1958 Session	\$ 9,452.97
2. Recording and transcribing proceedings of 1958 Session	75.00
3. Grand Tyler	15.00
4. Grand Organist	10.00
5. Grand Master's Dinner for Past Grand Masters and guests	450.00
6. Proceedings of 1958 Communication	3,000.00
7. Grand Lodge Dinner for Delegates	750.00
8. Entertainment of Distinguished Guests	500.00
9. Bus Transportation of Grand Lodge to visit The Nebraska Masonic Home	315.00
10. Entertainment Expense, 1958 Session not appropriated in 1957 Budget	1,200.00
11. Printing Fraternal Review, 1958	296.50

b. Expense of Grand Lodge Committees

1. Masonic Education	1,500.00
2. Unassigned incidental expense under direction of Grand Master	900.00
3. Relief Committee on Relief & Care of Orphans	600.00
4. Trial Commissions	100.00
5. Grand Chaplain	100.00
6. Appropriations Committee	75.00
7. Committee on Grand Lodge Office	100.00
8. Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs	500.00
9. Committee on Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund ...	1,600.00

c. Traveling Expense

1. Grand Master	2,500.00
2. Grand Secretary	750.00
3. Grand Custodian	2,000.00
4. Assistant Custodians	2,850.00
5. Grand Officers and other Grand Lodge Committees under direction of Grand Master	600.00

6. Grand Secretary Emeritus		
M. W. Lewis E. Smith	500.00	
d. Salaries		
1. Grand Secretary	7,500.00	
2. Grand Custodian	5,500.00	
3. Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff	7,260.00	
e. Fixed Expenses		
1. Rent-Grand Lodge Quarters)	2,200.00	
2. Rent-Grand Custodian)		
3. Audit Grand Lodge Book and Securities	350.00	
4. Grand Secretary's Office Expense	3,425.00	
5. Jewel for retiring Grand Master	154.00	
6. Grand Custodian Office	750.00	
f. Insurance and Assessments		
1. Workmans Compensation and Liability		
Insurance to June 18, 1959	41.01	
2. Dues to Masonic Relief Association of		
U. S. and Canada, 46,213 Members	293.50	
3. Social Security Tax	360.00	
4. Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers, Committees		
and Employees	1,800.00	
5. Liability Insurance on G. M.'s Car and other		
members or employees of Grand Lodge		
(Blanket Policy)	22.60	
6. To cover one year's premium for Comprehensive		
Liability Insurance on all subordinate Lodges		
expiring June 17, 1959	4,159.17	
7. Grand Lodge Personal Property (three years		
\$20,000)	105.00	
g. Miscellaneous		
1. Fifty-year buttons	288.00	
Total	\$ 64,947.81	
h. Grand Lodge Responsibilities		
1. The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children		
(Fremont) (To be matched by Grand Chapter,		
O. E. S.)	27,500.00	
2. The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth		
(Per budget submitted by Trustees of Masonic		
Home.)	145,095.00	
3. Special Appropriation of Masonic Home at		
Plattsmouth for modernization	30,000.00	
1-A. Floor Tile	3,500.00	
2-A. Furniture	17,500.00	
3-A. Draperies & Spreads	3,000.00	

4-A. Nurses Room	350.00
5-A. Painting	2,650.00
6-A. Electrical	3,000.00
Total	\$267,542.81

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. John A. Bottorf, 49, 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:

As a result of the changes approved by the Grand Lodge on June 5, 1957, the duties and responsibilities of the Finance Committee in reporting to this session will be substantially different than those of prior years. We have attempted to comply with the approved changes, as they have been interpreted by the Committee on Business Affairs.

Perhaps the outstanding change, or the one most immediately noticeable as a result of the recommendations of the Committee on Business Affairs, is that of accounting by proper vouchers of all appropriated funds. We have been directed by you to examine the books and vouchers of all officers and committees for whom appropriations have been made, excepting only those of The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. These two exceptions are made as it is considered that their respective boards, in accepting their financial reports, have adequately inspected the same and found them complete and regular.

I VOUCHERS

On May 1, 1958, the Committee on Business Affairs have published instructions as to the uniform preparation and filing of vouchers for the various funds. These are to be used by all persons or committees in making claims. The voucher is to be signed by the person making the claim, approved by the designated person or committee in charge of such fund and shall state the purpose for which the claim is made. Secondary vouchers, in the case of travel, hotel and meal expenses, are to be accompanied by receipts for rail, bus or plane travel costs and for hotel accommodations, which shall be attached to the regular voucher.

Realizing that such information and proper forms had not been completely disseminated to all persons and committees in charge of such funds at a date early enough so that all funds expended in the past fiscal year could be so vouchered, we have accepted accounting for certain expenditures, which, under a proper application of the rule, would not be acceptable as an accounting to this Grand Lodge.

We call attention to instances of the following funds where expenditures have been audited without benefit of complete or proper vouchers.

CENTENNIAL FUND: Claims Nos. 67-68-70-71-72-105 and 106 did not appear to be supported by any statement of the purpose for which the money was to be used. With the help of the Grand Secretary we believe that we have allocated such to the proper expense item.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE EXPENSE: Claims Nos. 417-422-445-484-486-487 and 529 did not appear to be supported by statement of the purpose for which the same was expended. Vouchers of this fund were, for the most part, fully informative of the purpose of the claim. The accounting procedure of this fund is undergoing change by the Grand Secretary and we feel that subsequent reports will find this fund fully and completely vouchered and itemized.

GRAND LODGE SUPPLY ACCOUNT: We found vouchers on file for all expenditures from this fund. While this fund is a revolving one and not subject to appropriations, it indicates close attention to detail and should be complimented on its accounting.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL EXPENSE: This fund made payments and transfers for appropriated funds, and funds established by the By-laws, without the same being vouchered. As in the case of the Grand Secretary's Office Expense fund, above, the accounting procedure is currently undergoing changes and we know that subsequent returns for this fund will be properly vouchered. The committee finds that such unvouchered expenditures were for Grand Secretary clerical staff, Custodian salary, Custodian Departmental expense, Grand Secretary salary, unassigned Grand Master expenses, Grand Master travel expense, Grand Secretary travel expense and transfers of the specially appropriated funds. While lacking a complete voucher, the funds were accounted for as receipts by the fund or committee for which appropriated.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION: The expenditures of this committee were fully explained by accompanying receipts and written claims, letters and statements. A formal voucher was not used. We feel that such, when used, will facilitate a proper and complete accounting.

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND: The special appropriations of this fund for the purchase of equipment for the Grand Lodge Office were fully vouchered; however, the transfer to the Maintenance Fund and two payments therefrom for purchase of securities and into the Exchange Account were without support by voucher. The Exchange fund transfer was accounted for by deposit records thereto. The purchase of securities was unaccounted for.

GRAND LODGE MAINTENANCE FUND: More properly entitled Maintenance Fund for The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, is principally for the collection and holding of funds for distribution to the Home as appropriated. Proper vouchers are on file for the full amount appropriated by you last year.

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND: Three expenditures from this fund were made during the year. Two were transfers to the Maintenance Fund for The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children and to the General Fund. The third was determined to have been for the purchase of securities, however the same is unsupported by identification.

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND: Now properly entitled Grand Lodge Endowment Fund, is properly vouchered with respect to the amounts expended for the Student Fund. The payment of appropriations transferred into the Maintenance Fund were completely traceable through deposits of that fund. The purchase of securities by this fund is unsupported by identification.

RELIEF FUND: The report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans was examined by this Committee. The Relief Fund itself had two expenditures during the year, one for the sum appropriated to use of the General Fund and the other to the Committee for its use in committee affairs. Due to the confidential nature of the committee expenditures, we feel that an audit and subsequent complete report and publication thereof, might tend to cause deserving recipients or applicants to hesitate applying for or using such funds. We therefore will later recommend that such committee expenses be accountable in some manner other than through the routine Finance Committee reports.

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND: This fund apparently is subject to payments only as appropriated by the Grand Lodge to special projects and funds. The expenditures of this fund for the year were for the purchase of securities and a transfer to the Exchange Account. The purpose of such expenditure is unsupported by vouchers.

GRAND SECRETARY TRAVEL EXPENSE: The expenditures of this fund were completely vouchered. In most instances receipts accompanied the claim. Upon receipt of the standard general and travel vouchers, now being prepared, we anticipate this fund will be a model for other committees utilizing travel expenses.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS TRAVEL EXPENSE: All expenditures of this fund were vouchered and accounted for. The present requirements that receipts for hotel, air, rail and bus travel expenditures were not anticipated or complied with.

II

EXPENDITURES NOT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF APPROPRIATIONS:

As anticipated, we determined no expenditures which were considered to be outside the scope of the appropriations as made. To a certain degree this must be determined by the various persons and committees charged with such expenditures, who are most qualified to determine the actual necessities for the accomplishment of the job you have given them.

We have above reported certain unvouchered expenditures for purchase of securities or transfers to the exchange account. As these relate to cash and investments and are under jurisdiction of the Board of

Grand Trustees, who are currently rearranging the same, we do not find that such are without the scope of the appropriation, even though no special appropriation was made therefor.

III

UNEXPENDED BALANCES

The unexpended balances of funds examined and refunds from appropriations have been determined and are as reported on schedule D.

IV

CONDITION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

We hereby certify that we have carefully examined the funds as reported on Exhibits A-B and C attached hereto, and have compared the same with the audit prepared by Mr. L. A. Nelson, Certified Public Accountant, to the Board of Grand Trustees.

We call attention to the following misapplications of expenditures and appropriations as are shown thereon:

1. Business Affairs Committee as shown at Exhibit A are charged with an expenditure of \$378.00 which is actually an added insurance premium or bond requested by the Grand Trustees relating to their expanded responsibility for invested funds and cash. This item should have been charged to the Insurance and Assessment section of the General Fund, there having been no appropriation and fund set up for the Grand Trustees. This would result in an actual expenditure by the Committee on Business Affairs in the total amount of \$1,999.50.

2. The last session of Grand Lodge appropriated the sum of \$3,500.00 to be paid from the Building and Improvement Fund for the purpose of sustaining the expenses of the Committee on Business Affairs. Such amount was not transferred, nor were the expenses of this Committee paid from this fund. All expenses of the Committee on Business Affairs were paid from the General Fund.

3. The Centennial Fund retains a balance of \$8,871.93. When this committee was discharged there remained a projected plan for printing of a history of The Nebraska Masonic Lodges during their first hundred years. To date no expenditure has been made therefor. We will recommend that the fund be retained for this purpose and that the Committee on Grand Lodge Office be substituted as the approving committee.

4. Annually we have approved the appropriation for the payroll of certain person attending Grand Lodge. Section 1-105 of our Masonic Code provides for the payment to certain retiring or Past Grand Officers and for one representative of each lodge as well as members of the Standing Committees. At no place in our law is there provision made for reimbursement of members of Regular Committees and current Grand Officers. While it appears perfectly proper that these payments be made upon your approval of the appropriation, we will make recommendation that an

amendment be prepared and presented which will establish the correctness and legality of such payments.

With the foregoing comments we approve the chapter in the Grand Secretary's report on Finances.

We have examined the minutes of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home, for the period covered by the 1957 budget. We find that the expenditures have been fully accounted for and approved by such Board.

V

BUDGET

The budget as proposed by the Appropriations Committee can be supported by the use of cash balances on hand, anticipated revenues and special appropriations as follows:

CHILDREN'S HOME ENDOWMENT FUND:

Special appropriation to amplify the amount in the Maintenance Fund of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont the sum of \$21,000.00.

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND:

Special appropriation to amplify the amount in the General Fund 1958 Budget \$14,000.00.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Applying a strict interpretation to the regulations covering the expenditures of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, it would be necessary that each application for such relief be completely vouchered. It would further be proper that such vouchers be audited by this Committee and reported in the same manner as other funds.

The function of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans being one of confidence in carrying out one of our most cherished purposes, we feel that a strict or literal application of the regulations in effect might handicap or limit the effectiveness of that committee. For instance, the applicant for such relief might be required to sign the voucher for such claim, when in actual practice it might be more desirable that the participation of the Grand Lodge in such relief be not disclosed.

We therefore recommend that such portion of the Relief Fund as may be delivered to the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans and expanded for the relief of persons found entitled thereto, shall not be required to be signed by the recipient of such relief or claim.

2. As heretofore stated, the Centennial Fund has been retained while the Committee in charge of its expenditures has been discharged. There remains uncompleted the publication of the history of the Nebraska Masonic Lodges as planned by that Committee in conjunction with the Grand Historian. There remains an unexpended balance of \$8,871.93 in this fund which should be adequate to sustain this expense.

For purposes of defining responsibility for this fund we recommend that the Centennial Fund be retained under the jurisdiction and responsibility of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office until the completion of such history and payment of such item of expense, when the fund shall be closed and the unexpended balance thereof shall be transferred into the General Fund of the Grand Lodge, and the Committee relieved from responsibility therefor upon delivery to the Grand Secretary of the necessary vouchers for such expenditures and transfer.

3. We recommend that a study of the present Section 1-105 of the Nebraska Masonic Code be made by the Committee on Jurisprudence and Codification of the Law to determine whether the provisions for mileage and per diem should be extended to cover members of regular committees and present Grand Officers attending Grand Lodge, and to submit amendments therein, if any, to the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

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

To the Grand Lodge 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 Section 1-301, paragraph 2, as amended in 1957, be amended to read as follows and that said paragraph 2 of said Section 1-301, as amended in 1957, be repealed:

"The Standing Committees shall be the following: Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Relief and Care of Orphans, Temple Building Advisory, Masonic Education, Grand Trustees, Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, Applications for Reinstatement, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Office, and Grand Lodge Business Affairs. Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, all standing committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation."

2. That Section 1-304 be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section as amended in 1957 be repealed:

"Section 1-304—JURISPRUDENCE—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of all the Past Grand Masters in attendance, with the Junior as Chairman. The Committee shall carefully examine and report upon all matters of Masonic law and controversy which may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master.

“The Committee on Jurisprudence may meet prior to the opening of Grand Lodge and shall consider the recommendations and decisions submitted to it. The meeting of the Committee may be called by either the Grand Master or the Chairman of the Committee.”

3. That Section 1-406, as amended in 1957, be amended to read as follows, and that original Section 1-406, as amended in 1957, and original Sections 1-408, 1-409 and 1-410 be repealed:

“Section 1-406 — ORPHANS’ EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND — The name of the Grand Lodge Endowment Fund is hereby changed to the Orphans’ Educational Endowment Fund. This endowment fund, with its net annual increase, shall, by the Board of Grand Trustees, be invested and kept separate and distinct from all other funds. So much of the current net annual income therefrom as may be needed may be allocated by the Board of Grand Trustees to The Nebraska Masonic Home, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, and the General Fund of the Grand Lodge.

“That the Permanent Reserve Fund, The Children’s Home Endowment Fund and the Building and Improvement Fund be and they are hereby consolidated with the Orphans’ Educational Endowment Fund.”

4. That Section 1-407 be amended to read as follows, and that original Section 1-407 be repealed:

“Section 1-407—ALLOCATION OF FUNDS—The per capita tax of \$3.00 shall be divided as follows:

To The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$2.00
To The Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	.20
To the General Fund .....	.80

The Initiation Fee of \$10.00 and all affiliation fees shall be allotted to the General Fund.”

5. That Section 2-1202 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows and the original Section 2-1202 be repealed:

“Section 2-1202—NUMBER OF CANDIDATES—No lodge shall enter, pass or raise more than one candidate at the same time, but the lecture and charge may be given jointly to any number; provided, however, nothing in this section shall limit the number of candidates for the second section of the Fellow Craft Degree.”

6. That Paragraph (d) of Section 3-102 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows and that the original Paragraph (d) of said Section 3-102 be repealed:

- “(d) 1. Engaging in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors including wine and beer.
- 2. Engaging in the sale of such intoxicating liquors as a beverage, except where it is a part of one’s duties as an agent or employee, and incidental only to the business of the principal or employer.”

7. That Section 3-508 of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the ninth sentence thereof and substituting the following words:

"If the accused shall have been adjudged guilty, the Grand Secretary shall, by either registered or certified mail, with request for return receipt, notify him of his right to appeal to the Grand Lodge, and fully advise him of the manner and time within which he may file the same."

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.

MINUTES APPROVED

W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian:

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 4, 5 and 6, 1957, and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and distributed by the Grand Secretary be ratified and approved. (Seconded and carried.)

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

W. Harold H. Thom, Grand Historian:

M. W. Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge, I move that this Grand Lodge go on record as expressing its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the officers and members of the twelve 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 OFFICERS

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

M. W. John E. Beaver, Grand Master:

M. W. Brother Fay, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren: In being elected and installed as your Grand Master for the ensuing year you have paid me a great honor and I accept this position and this honor with a great deal of humility. Not only do I ask God's help during the coming year but the help of every Mason in Nebraska.

I want to thank M. W. Fay Smith for appointing me in my first office in the Grand Lodge line and now installing me as Grand Master. Also I wish to express my thanks to M. W. Lewis E. Smith as the Installing Marshal. Today I am certainly most proud to be a product, or perhaps a by-product of the "Smith Brothers."

I realize that promoting the work of Masonry in a manner that has been done by my predecessors will not be easy. But I assure you that I will do my best to carry on the traditions and the teachings of our Fraternity.

There are some branches of the work that I want to enlarge or expand, but these I will speak more about during the year. Brethren, you have been very kind and very generous in electing me as your Grand Master, and I hope that I may in some way repay you by service, service to your lodges and to all of the brethren.

Brethren, I would like to introduce the brethren here from Cumming county and Scribner Lodge No. 132. Please stand. I appreciate very much your attendance here at Grand Lodge.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

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

M. W. Brother Roy, this is a most pleasant experience. You know, I don't believe there has ever been a Grand Master yet who has appointed a junior deacon who could foresee the pitfalls ahead. Last year when you were installed as Grand Master I could see that the Grand Lodge had problems and it has been a pleasure, M. W. Brother Roy, to see that you have met these problems headon. You haven't by-passed any of them and I think all in all you have had a year of which you can be very proud. I want to congratulate you on the service that you have rendered to this Grand Lodge and of course we want to welcome you as a Past Grand Master and expect more service from you in the future. One of the pleasant duties is to present the Junior Past Grand Master with his jewel. It is a beautiful jewel. It has real intrinsic value as well as a sentimental value. I know you will wear it with pleasure and honor to the Fraternity.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON

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

M. W. Brother Roy, you have had a fine year and it has been a real pleasure for me to work with you. The Grand Lodge is desirous that you be clothed with the proper emblem of your office and it is my pleasure now to present you with this beautiful Past Grand Master's apron.

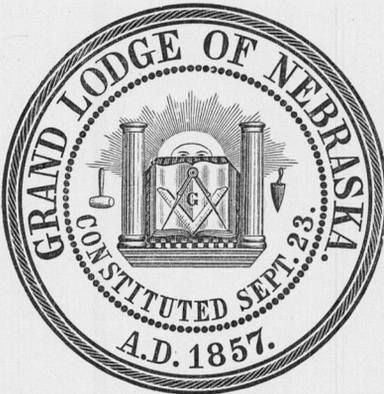
M. W. Roy I. Babbitt, Past Grand Master :

Brethren, I know it is late and I should not take time but I wore the jewel and the apron of Grand Master for a year and they took it away from me. They have given me something now that is equally as valuable and I hope they will have no occasion to take it away from me. I thank you, M. W. Brother Ed, R. W. Brother Carl, M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge.

At 2:30 p. m., no further business appearing, after prayer by the V. V. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

John E. Beaver

Grand Master



Attest:

It is hereby certified that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred First 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 3, 4 and 5, 1958, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 25th day of July, 1958.

Jack Feisen

Grand Secretary

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Lewis E. Smith, 56 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- 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58
William Cosh, 51 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- 55-56-57-58
Charles A. Chappell, 47 Years	1912-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27- 28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58
Chancellor A. Phillips, 43 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- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-53-56-57-58
William F. Evers, 39 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- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58
George A. Stevens, 37 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- 51-54-55-57-58
Benjamin F. Eyre, 36 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- 55-56-57-58
John S. Hedelund, 36 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- 55-56-57-58
Raymond C. Cook, 36 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- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58
Carl R. Greisen, 35 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- 56-57-58
C. Ray Macy, 34 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- 56-57
William B. Wanner, 32 Years	1926-27-28-29-30-31-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41- 42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57- 58
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
Pearl C. Hillegass, 30 Years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58

Walter R. Raecke, 29 Years	1924-25-26-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56-57
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
James H. Bryant, 28 Years	1893-94-97-99-1902-04-05-08-17-20-21-27-29-30-34 42-43-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-55-56-57-58
Herbert T. White 28 Years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58

(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
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Aug. 24th, 1915..	34.....	(31st)..1896

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
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
VIRGIL R. JOHNSON.....	Aug. 7th, 1956.	26.....	(70th)..1934
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
- CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS(72nd)..1936
 Cambridge
- WALTER R. RAECKE(74th)..1938
 Central City
- EARL J. LEE(76th)..1940
 1035 No. H St., 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
- HERBERT T. WHITE(90th)..1955
 522 Insurance Bldg., Omaha
- MERLE M. HALE(91st)..1956
 1342 M St., Lincoln
- ROY I. BABBITT(92nd)..1957
 609 Bluff Street, Scottsbluff
- NATHAN ROSCOE POUND(Honorary)..1949
 304 School Street, Watertown, Massachusetts

GRAND SECRETARIES

*GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Sept. 23, 1857 to June 2, 1858
*ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	June 2, 1858 to June 4, 1862
*ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	June 4, 1862 to June 24, 1863
*STEPHEN D BANGS.....	June 24, 1863, to June 24, 1865
*J. NEWTON WISE.....	June 24, 1865, to Oct. 27, 1869
*ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	Oct. 27, 1869, to June 21, 1872
*WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	June 21, 1872, to May 6, 1899
*FRANCIS E. WHITE.....	June 9, 1899, to June 11, 1925
LEWIS E. SMITH.....	June 11, 1925, to June 6, 1946
CARL R. GREISEN.....	June 6, 1946

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

LEWIS E. SMITH
321 Trust Building
Lincoln, Nebraska

REPRESENTATIVES NEAR AND FROM OTHER GRAND LODGES

REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
E. Jonah Shipp	Northport	Mar. 27, 1956	Alabama	Raymond C. Cook, 6	Omaha	May 4, 1939
F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta	Robert M. Herre, 224	Omaha	May 20, 1957
Dr. Eduardo Ayala	Buenos Aires	Sept. 23, 1954	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillgass, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fletcher Sills, Jr.	Prescott	April 13, 1949	Arizona	Morace F. Smith, 265	Scotsbluff	Mar. 18, 1950
Frank A. Smith	Little Rock	Jan. 27, 1958	Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee, 227	Lincoln	Aug. 24, 1944
Hugo Barber	Vienna	Mar. 22, 1951	Austria	Louis J. Lepinski, 184	Omaha	Aug. 12, 1955
Raul Ballalai 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, 1949
Jose Cesario Horta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Guilherme Wittine	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 2, 1944	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 19, 1941
Abio Herve	Rio Grande do Sul	Oct. 10, 1949	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	John J. Helzer, 158	Chadron	Nov. 15, 1949
Joao Bento	Joao Pessoa	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Lodge of Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
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	Estado 62, Santiago	Mar. 18, 1930	Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 50	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
Jose Maria Serna	Barranquilla	July 31, 1951	China			
			Colombia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Clifford D. Webster, 321	Sidney	July 30, 1957
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 Casoba	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1911	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 Simonton	Wilmington	July 27, 1954	Delaware	Ross Van Sickle, 184	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Mogens Milertz		Nov. 19, 1956	Denmark	John S. Hedelund, 268	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
John Linn McGrew	Washington	July 6, 1917	Dist. of Columbia	Herbert A. Ranin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Fernandos Gayangos Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Ecuador	Ward V. Whitaker, 310	Valley	Feb. 23, 1958
Ibrahim F. K. Pacha	Alexandria	Oct. 10, 1933	Egypt	Emil H. Vierigg, 33	Grand Island	July 23, 1947
William R. S. Bathurst	Wiltshire	May 18, 1950	England	Fay Smith, 198	Imperial	June 17, 1954
Leon E. Forbes	Jacksonville	April 15, 1944	Florida	Harry Z. Jackson, 253	Beemer	Oct. 1, 1958
Edward Jeanmonod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	France	Ralph M. Carhart, 120	Wayne	Sept. 23, 1954
Otis E. Dixon	Macao	Jan. 15, 1957	Georgia	William F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Jan. 23, 1941
Karl Roeder	Frankfurt	Sept. 20, 1955	Germany	Carl H. Freese, 114	Wisner	July 13, 1954
George Sakellariou	Athens	April 10, 1954	Greece	Steve G. Paulos, 318	Grand Island	Nov. 20, 1953
Bjarne Bjarnason	Helgafell	Jan. 7, 1953	Iceland	Nels Ostergaard, 32	North Platte	June 26, 1953
Everett W. Rising	Nampa	April 30, 1931	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, 1946	Indiana			
John A. Wallace	Dublin	Jan. 7, 1953	Ireland	Richard L. Ely, 128	Guide Rock	June 17, 1958
Israel Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept. 14, 1954	Israel, State of	William Gradinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Ronald E. Napur	Tachikawa	July 25, 1958	Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
Hamor B. Osborn	Wichita	Sept. 28, 1944	Kansas	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
C. E. Tyree, Sr.	Beattyville	April 20, 1945	Kentucky	Ralph S. Tully, 284	Omaha	Jan. 23, 1958
Charles F. Ratcliffe	Baton Rouge	Sept. 18, 1936	Louisiana	John A. Bottorf, 49	Sutton	Feb. 24, 1958
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	Gordon	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	Torrone, Coah	Mar. 17, 1944	Mexico	Earl J. Lee, 15	Fremont	April 9, 1934
Willard Sauer	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	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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Orman Rinehart Smith	Cornith	June 21, 1957	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
J. Renick Jones	Independence	July 3, 1956	Missouri	Edward E. Carr, 32	North Platte	July 2, 1938
J. R. P. Reinemar	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	Alfred B. Saum, 46	Kearney	Jan. 30, 1958
Kenneth Roberts Nelson	St. John	Oct. 21, 1955	New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	Ryanrd	Jan. 31, 1958
John O. Lovejoy	Bristol	April 14, 1934	New Hampshire	Clyde H. Jones, 173	Stratton	Sept. 27, 1956
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 South Wales	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Apr. 8, 1957
Floyd O. Robinson	New York City	Jan. 12, 1957	New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
T. W. Pairman	Mangaweka	Dec. 4, 1956	New Zealand	James H. Bryant, 199	Plattsmouth	April 22, 1952
			Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Armon E. Boggett		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
Ole Kristofer Reed	Oslo	Feb. 8, 1956	Norway	Nels Hammar, 56	York	Feb. 21, 1956
C. Fraser Lorimer	Stellarion	July 28, 1952	Nova Scotia	Jesse P. Entrekin, 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	Otto Nelsen, 300	Lincoln	Feb. 17, 1958
Manford S. Runyan	Oklahoma City	Feb. 7, 1941	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Lodgepole	Feb. 6, 1958
Clarence D. Phillips	Portland	Sept. 4, 1937	Oregon	Arthur H. Gregory, 265	Scottsbluff	Jan. 20, 1958
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 12, 1953	Panama	Walter R. Raecke, 36	Central City	April 8, 1935
Franco A. Zumaeto	Lima	Oct. 23, 1957	Peru	La Verne A. Walker, 55	Norfolk	Feb. 8, 1958
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. Bobbitt, 295	Scottsbluff	Aug. 23, 1952
Alex Night	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. Hoogland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Guy H. Hummel	Nokomis	July 1, 1957	Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom, 1	Omaha	July 10, 1947
Canon G. K. Shurrock Clarke	Edinburgh	Nov. 19, 1942	Scotland	William Cash, 11	Omaha	Aug. 6, 1914
Frank Ernest Haddrick	Adelaide	Nov. 9, 1910	South Australia	Frank F. McMullin, 241	Craig	Jan. 2, 1957
Horace Crealey Adams	Charleston	Aug. 7, 1942	South Carolina	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	Feb. 1, 1951
Robert F. Patterson	Vermillion	Feb. 3, 1955	South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Minden	Aug. 26, 1918
Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	Sweden	W. Alex Danielson, 116	Alma	Sept. 10, 1953
Andre Starvo	Berne	Jan. 14, 1958	Switzerland	Paul O. Marti, 32	North Platte	Jan. 14, 1958
V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949	Tamaulipas	Robert D. Wilson, 268	Omaha	Aug. 8, 1949
S. V. Tilley	Hobart	Mar. 27, 1957	Tasmania	C. Roy Macy, 26	Beatrice	Apr. 3, 1957
C. Cecil Broadwell	Jackson	Nov. 30, 1956	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 28, 1952	Texas	Albert S. Johnston, 19	Lincoln	June 27, 1941
George F. Meissner	Ogden	Feb. 3, 1944	Utah	Richard L. Wail, 19	Lincoln	Jan. 23, 1958
D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr.	Johnson	Feb. 4, 1943	Vermont	Cary W. Dresslar, 32	North Platte	Nov. 14, 1956
Parrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Victoria	Charles H. Marley, 1	Omaha	May 4, 1939
F. O. Shepherd, Jr.	S. Arlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
Stewart E. Parry	Puyallup	July 18, 1946	Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183	Alliance	June 27, 1941
R. H. G. Clark	Perth	Apr. 25, 1941	West Australia	Charles F. Adams, 68	Aurora	July 10, 1947
Harry E. Hoffman	Clarksburg	Feb. 12, 1947	West Virginia	Alvin H. Miller, 19	Lincoln	May 4, 1939
George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946	Wisconsin	La Verne J. Smith, 288	Omaha	Jan. 30, 1958

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Name	Appointed
Harold D. Weddel, 208, 1305 No. Grant, Lexington	1937
Cecil C. Gates, 227, 4820 Huntington Ave., Lincoln	1938
Ross Van Sickle, 184, 2515 So. 35th, Omaha	1938
Steven W. Beck, 43, Hebron	1940
Clarence G. McNamee, 55, 605 So. 8th, Norfolk	1941
Louis V. Sylvester, 281, 2572 Vane, Omaha	1946
LaVerne A. Walker, 55, A-5 13th Place Circle, Norfolk ...	1946
Ernest E. James, 1, 1202 So. 55th, Omaha	1948
Robert W. Cook, 33, Box 524, Grand Island	1949
Charles M. Frederick, 136, Ainsworth	1949
Paul D. Fleming, 93, Beaver City	1949
Morris V. Balcom, 46, 2210 12th Ave., Kearney	1950
William F. Flickinger, 56, Waco	1951
Forest A. Lape, 183, 607 Box Butte Ave., Alliance	1951
Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, 4400 A, Lincoln	1954
Harold M. Wilkerson, 54, 1904 E. Court St., Beatrice ...	1954
Willard I. Lewis, 9, Route 1, Rulo	1955
Mathias E. Mauel, 173, Stratton	1956
Clifford D. Webster, 321, 2634 El Rancho Road, Sidney ..	1956
Frank H. Smith, 301, Box 644, Bayard	1957
Ward V. Whitaker, 310, Valley	1957
Richard L. Ely, 128, Guide Rock	1957
Asa J. Farnham, Jr., 106, Loup City	1958
Robert B. Conrad, 125, Genoa	1958
Winston C. Swanson, 120, Wayne	1958

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Ward B. Schrack, 46, 255 So. Chase, Denver, Colo.	1933
I. Donald Huston, 65, Box 253, Osceola	1928
Buren P. Wells, 36, Archer	1940
Frank A. Anderson, 17, Box 703, Tecumseh	1949
Austin F. Whitmire, 75, 1057 6th Ave., Sidney	1931
Jesse P. Entrekkin, 295, 1404 R St., Gering	1934
Lewis E. Baker, 135, 2321 Baylor Ave., Waco, Texas	1943

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