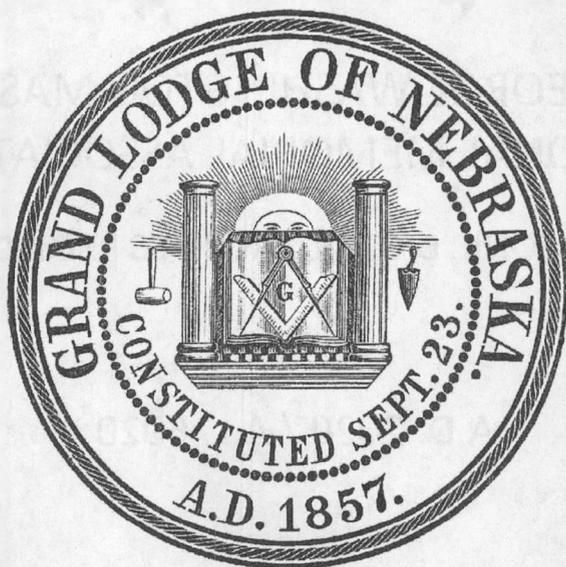


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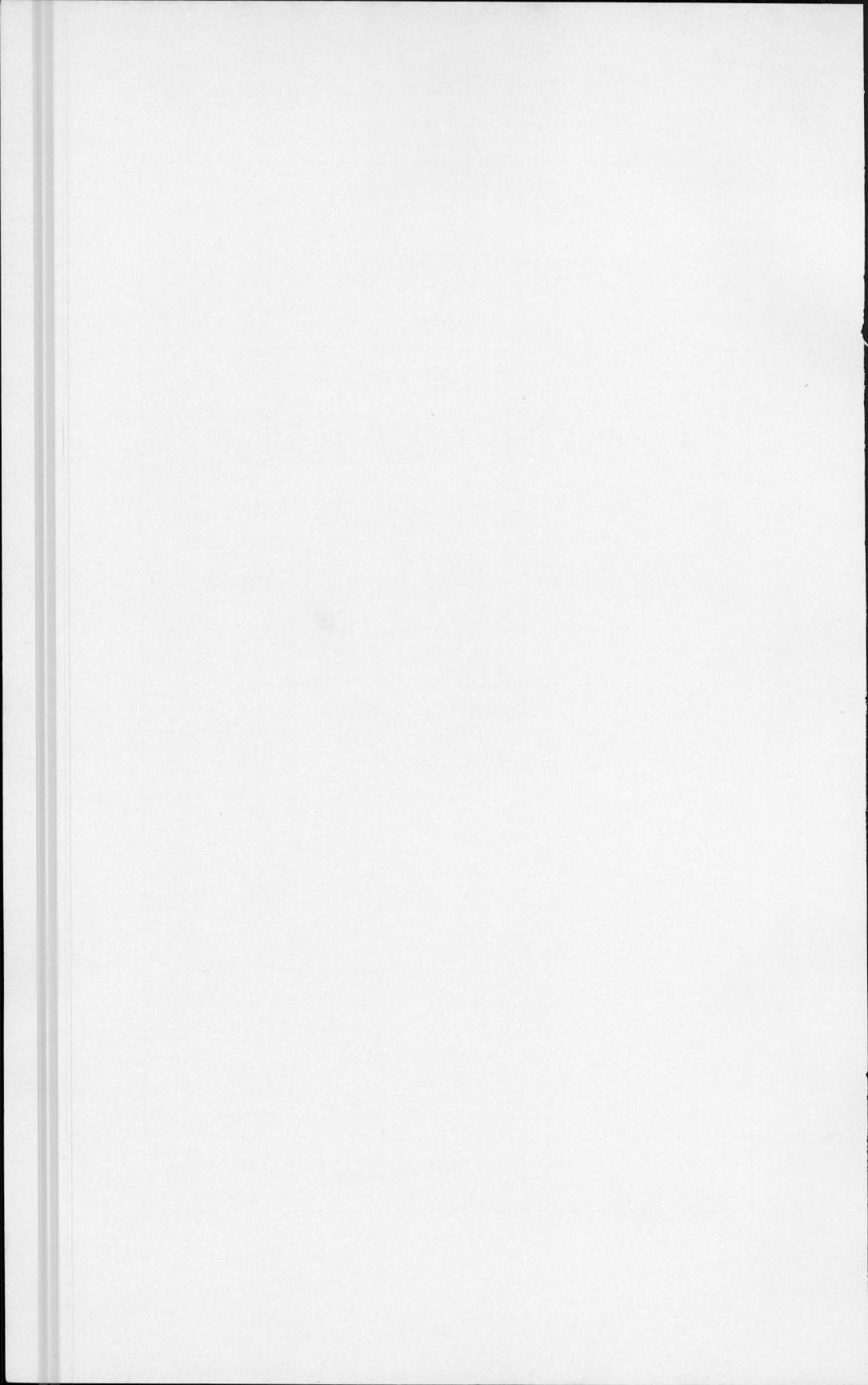


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John F. Litcher

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
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Biographical



John F. Futcher

John F. Futcher, 95th Grand Master, was born December 31, 1903 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the son of J. F. and Rose A. Futcher. At an early age the Futcher family moved to Chicago, Illinois, where John attended the Public Schools. He graduated from the University of Michigan and Omaha University.

On November 24, 1928 Brother Futcher and Leona Giger of Moline, Illinois were married and they have a son John F. Futcher, Jr., Los Angeles and a daughter Mrs. Rae D. Geier of Lincoln and several grand children.

The Futchers are members of Dundee Presbyterian church where M.·W.·Brother John has served on the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees. Brother Futcher has served as Chairman of the Boy Scout Troop, member of Community Chest, Council of Churches and Douglas County Tax Payers Association.

M.·W.·Brother Futcher is Vice-President and Investment Manager of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society. He is a Past Officer of the National Fraternal Investment Association, Member of Committee on Valuation of Securities of the National Fraternal Congress, Director of Corporations, Past Secretary of the University of Michigan Club of Omaha, member of the Board of Directors of the Omaha-Lincoln Financial Analysts Society, Law Department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company from 1928 to 1932. He entered private practice of Law in 1932 and then joined the Law Department of the Federal Land Bank. In 1934 he joined the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society Law Department.

MASONIC RECORD

Ancient Craft: Raised in Mizpah Lodge No. 302, Omaha, in 1945 and served as W·Master in 1953.

Grand Lodge: Appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M·W· Herbert T. White on June 9, 1955 and on June 8, 1960 installed as M·W· Grand Master. Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey near Nebraska on July 21, 1955 by M·W· Herbert T. White.

Capitular Masonry: Member of Delta Chapter No. 60, R·A·M, Omaha, since January 26, 1953.

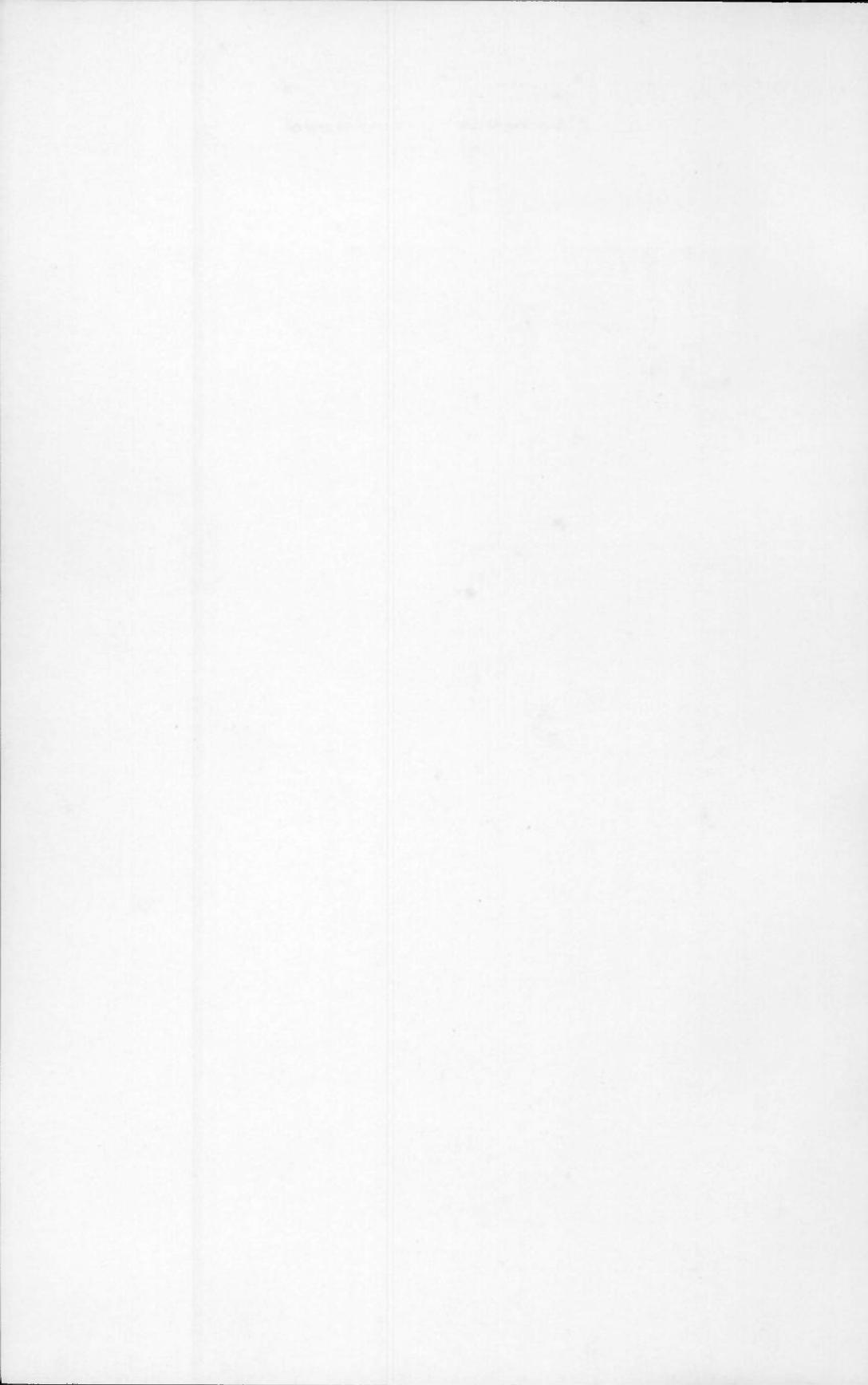
Cryptic Masonry: Received the Degrees in Omaha Council No. 1 on December 4, 1956.

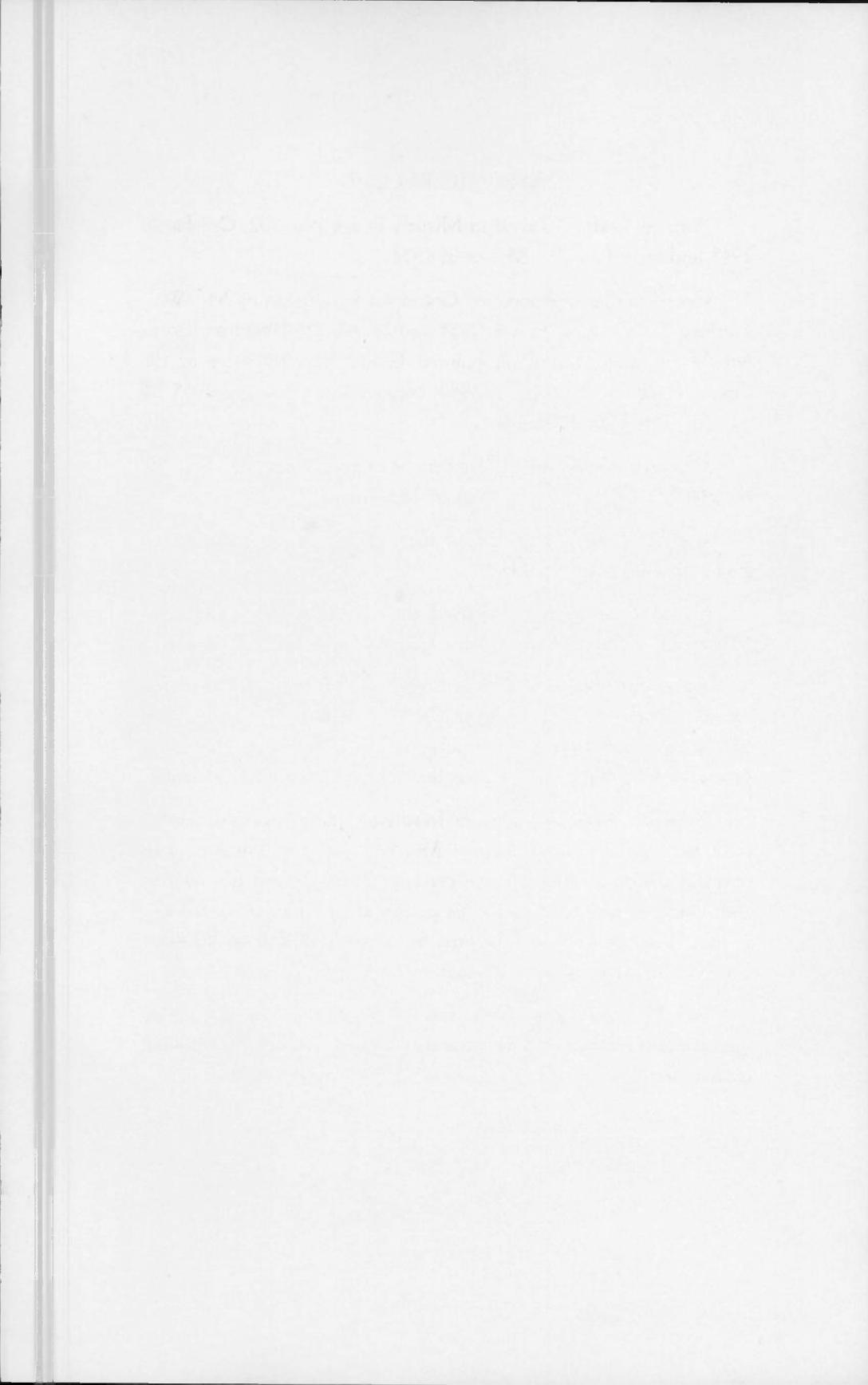
Chivalric Masonry: Received the Order of the Temple on March 23, 1956, in Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Omaha.

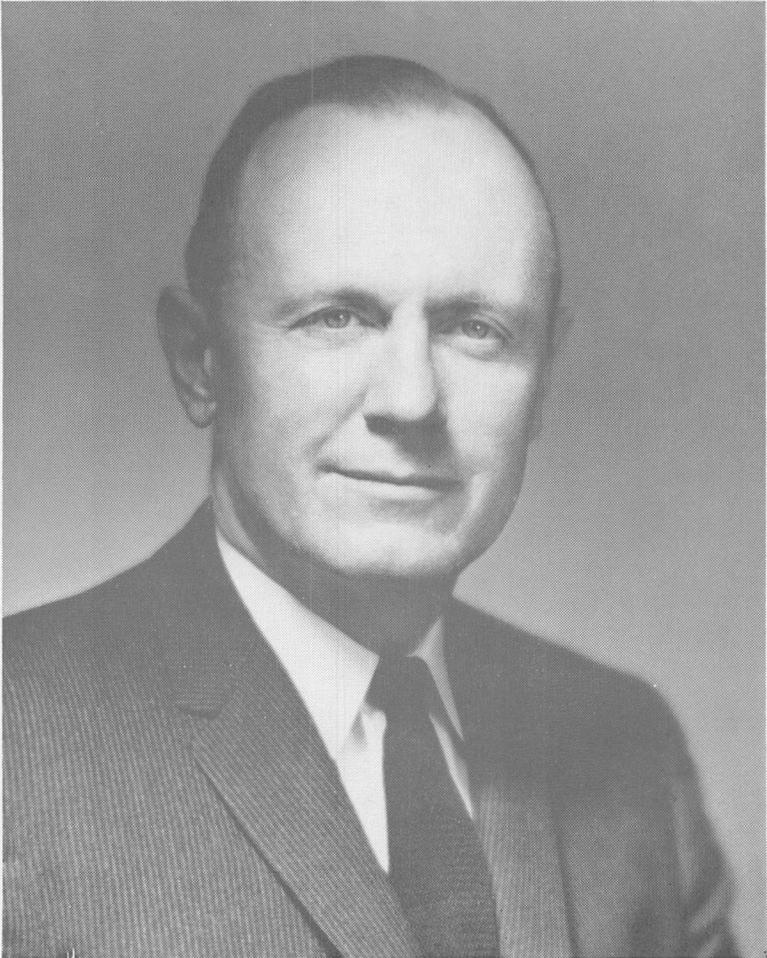
Appendant Bodies: Officer Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite, Omaha; Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Finance Committee of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children; Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay.

Nebraska Masonry has been fortunate indeed this past year to have had as its Grand Master M·W· John F. Futcher. His untiring efforts in behalf of the craft in all its aspects, not only in Nebraska but nationally, show his profound love for the institution. It also demonstrates that Masons, by deeds and actions, must set a worthy example to the citizenry everywhere.

M·W· Brother Futcher has demonstrated his leadership qualities and Nebraska Masonry is truly thankful for his outstanding contribution.



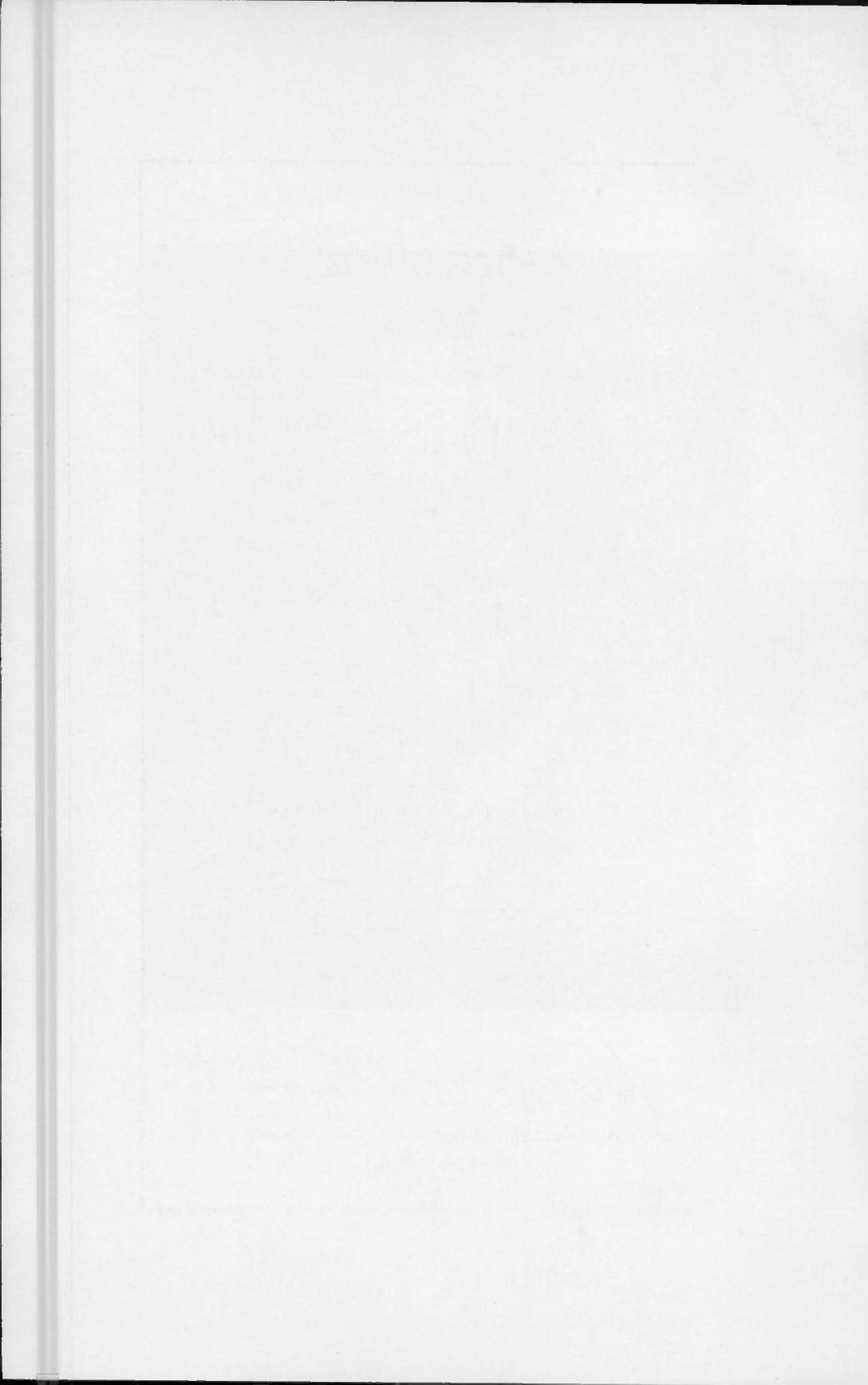




Herbert A. Bonin

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1961 — 1962



PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 6 and 7, 1961



FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 6, 1961

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 6, A.D. 1961, A. L. 5961.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. John F. Futcher, 302.....	Grand Master
R. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. William P. Reid, 281.....	Grand Chaplain
W. Harry A. Burke, 290.....	Grand Orator
W. Harold H. Thom, 1.....	Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W. Alfred B. Saum, 46.....	Grand Marshal
W. Harry A. Spencer, 227.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....	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 form by R. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V. W. William P. Reid, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. John F. Fatcher, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. Herbert T. White, 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 104th 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 directed 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.

Brother Jack Wright, 11, sang "Prayer Perfect" accompanied by W. Harold H. Thom, 1.

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Harry A. Spencer, 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
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
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
Roy I. Babbitt.....	(92nd)	1957
John E. Beaver.....	(93rd)	1958
Joseph C. Tye.....	(94th)	1959

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

M. W. Earl J. Lee and John S. Hedelund were unable to be present.

M. W. Merle M. Hale gave the response.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following: M. W. Conrad Hahn, Past Grand Master of Connecticut; M. W. Paul R. Stephens, Grand Master of Illinois; M. W. Earl B. Delzell, Grand Master; R. W. Charles A. Howard, Deputy Grand Master of Iowa; M. W. John H. Murray, Grand Master; M. W. Charles S. McGinness, Grand Secretary of Kansas; M. W. Leon H. Snyder, Grand Master; M. W. Charles W. Mantz, Past Grand Master of Colorado.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, OES of Nebraska; Ill. Joseph W. Seacrest, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Scottish Rite of Nebraska; W. Robert E. Lund, Active Member Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and Executive Officer in Nebraska; Brother William F. Patterson, President, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Brother Raymond F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. Jess W. Wade, President, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children; R. W. Carl R. Greisen, President, The Masonic Relief Association of The United States and Canada.

M. W. Earl W. Schultz, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; M. I. Eugene S. Whitney, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; R. P. Charles F. Adams, General Grand Marshal, General Grand Council, R. & S. M.; Sir Knight Herbert T. White, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska. Ill. Clayton Andrews, Past Imperial Potentate, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Speaking for and on behalf of the Distinguished Guests, M. W. Earl B. Delzell, Grand Master of Iowa, responded to the cordial welcome of M. W. John F. Fitcher, Grand Master.

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Worthy Grand Patron, presented a beautiful basket of flowers for and on behalf of the Grand

Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska, with their good wishes for a profitable communication.

INTRODUCTION OF GRAND CUSTODIAN AND ASSISTANTS

M. W. John F. Futeher, 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. John F. Futeher, 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 Denmark, Iceland, Israel, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Carolina, Sweden, Switzerland.

W. Alfred B. Saum, 46, Grand Representative of Nevada, gave the response.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF M. W. CHARLES A. CHAPPELL

M. W. John F. Futeher, Grand Master:

M. W. Brother Charles, today you are deserving of special recognition. An accomplishment to which very few of us will attain. We are all very appreciative of your vital interest in Masonry which is shown in many, many respects. We have a little surprise for you and a very special recognition.

Brethren, this is the fiftieth Annual consecutive Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, at which Brother Chappell has been present. It is a Certificate printed in blue and gold and has a large No. 50 at the top, and it reads as follows:

“The Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska at its 104th Annual Communication, presents this certificate to M. .W. .Brother Charles A. Chappell, in grateful recognition of his faithful service in attending 50 consecutive Annual Communications. Signed by M. .W. .Grand Master and R. .W. .Grand Secretary.”

Brother Charlie, this is another one of the firsts which I have had this year and I am very happy that you could provide it for me and we wish you many years more attendance at our Grand Lodge.

M. .W. .Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master :

M. .W. .Grand Master, Officers, Brethren of the Grand Lodge, Brother Masons who may be present who are not members of this great governing body of Masonry in Nebraska. There are surprises and again surprises. I had no intimation that this was to be presented to me nor had I taken thought of the fact of having been privileged to attend fifty consecutive Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge. Since it has been called to attention, I realize and I know that it is true, and, my brethren I do appreciate the thoughtfulness of the Officers and Brethren of this Grand Lodge. I do appreciate the thoughtfulness of our M. .W. .Grand Master in preparing and presenting this certificate. My brethren, it is my hope that out of this span of years which it has been my privilege to enjoy that there may have been some service rendered to the great cause of Masonry which will have contributed in some measure to the successful advance of Masonry in this Jurisdiction. May I, at this time, brethren, and you all realize that what is being said is off-hand without any opportunity whatever for thinking over what might be said, call your attention to that remarkable statement which our Grand Master included in his address as to dangers which may confront Masonry. We know, my brethren, not everyone is friendly to the great Masonic institution, and know that whatever hostilities there may be is a compliment to Masonry because of the great fundamentals for which Masonry stands. My brothers, let us as individuals, let us as an organization as a Grand Lodge, let us as our individual lodges see to it that our brethren do know and understand what Masonry is, what Masonry has meant to humanity in the past, what it means today and what it will mean in the future if we as individuals and members of our different organizations do our full duty. Let us stand together, brethren, and let us continue to go forward into the uncounted years of the future, discharging our responsibilities to Almighty God and to humanity. Again I thank you.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

W. Theodore A. Juffer, Master, Mizpah Lodge No. 302, gave the Address of Welcome and W. Stanley M. Brunton, Master of Landmark Lodge No. 222, gave the Response.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES

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

Appropriations: W. Fred D. Moshier, 288 (1962) Chairman; W. Ernest E. James, 1 (1961); W. Walter Truex, 55 (1963); W. Richard L. Wait, 19 (1964); W. R. Wayne Wilson, 302 (1965).

Charters and Dispensations: W. Homer C. Davey, 317, Chairman; W. Roy S. Wiggains, 83; W. George L. Storms, 290.

Codification of the Law: W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; W. H. Clinton Hughes, 88; Brother Paul J. Hickman, 302.

Credentials: W. Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman; W. James McClaren, 25; W. Clyde H. Jones, 173; W. Harlan W. Cane, 54; W. Kenneth N. Parke, 120.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; W. William A. Robinson, 302; W. Earl E. Meredith, 230.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: M. W. Herbert T. White, 11, Chairman; M. W. John E. Beaver, 253; M. W. Edward M. Knight, 183.

Finance: W. John A. Bortorf, 49 (1962), Chairman; W. Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1961); W. Welcome W. Naylor, 158 (1963); W. Robert E. Lund, 323 (1964); W. Elmo R. Clayton, 302 (1965).

Fraternal Dead: W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; W. Harley G. Lofton, Jr., 146; W. Kenneth P. Lott, 184.

Fraternal Relations: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Mark Mitchell, 138.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; W. Elmer P. Baruth, 323; Brother Robert L. Page, 1.

Grand Lodge Business Affairs: W. James M. Paxson, 302 (1965); W. Robert D. McNutt, 19 (1961); W. William A. Pettengill, 25 (1962); W. Harald V. Anderson, 3 (1963); W. John M. Douglas, 268 (1964).

Grand Lodge Office: W. Herman G. Reinholz, 3, Chairman; W. Vernon H. Wood, 290; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68.

Grand Trustees: W. William E. Moor, 102 (1962), Chairman; M. W. Edward Huwaldt, 318 (1961); Brother Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1963); W. Carl D. Ganz, 309 (1964); W. Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1965).

Grievances: W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; W. Elmer E. Smith, 326; W. Duane A. Koplin, 15.

Jurisprudence: M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46, Chairman, and all Past Grand Masters present.

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

Masonic Education: W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1963), Chairman; M. W. John E. Beaver, 253 (1961); W. Phillip A. Robinson, 155 (1961); W. Alfred B. Gorman, 54 (1962); W. Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1962); W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1963).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman; M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips, 150; M. W. Herbert T. White, 11.

Relief and Care of Orphans: W. Thomas D. Williams, 1, (1962), Chairman; W. Joseph M. Troxel, 184 (1961); W. John S. Burley, 300 (1963); W. Arthur A. Gregory, 265 (1964); W. Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1965).

Returns: W. Percy C. Brintnall, 302, Chairman; W. Kenneth O. Smith, 210; W. Dean H. Ehle, 101.

Temple Building Advisory: W. Otto Nelsen, 300 (1961); W. William H. Pittam, 183 (1962); W. E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1963).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To Co-ordinate Publications: M. W. John E. Beaver, 253, Chairman; W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281; Brother H. Hassel Taylor, 3; W. Curry D. Bryson, 314.

Public Relations: Brother John S. Savage, 11, Chairman; W. Alfred B. Gorman, 54; W. Floyd C. Wisner, 265.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Brethren:

We are privileged to assemble here as Masons for our 104th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska. On an occasion such as this, we should be ever mindful of the privileges which inure to us as Americans to freely meet in a free Society unhampered by government and adverse public opinion. We should also be grateful to those dedicated Masons who, 104 years ago, instituted and established this Grand Lodge which has brought immeasurable benefits to succeeding generations of Masons and to the people of this state in general.

To each and every representative of our subordinate lodges, I extend a very special greeting and a warm hand of fellowship. I repeat what I have expressed to you on my visitation to your lodges and at Area Meetings of the Committee on Masonic Education, that you are an important component part of this Honorable Grand Lodge. The decisions

which shall be made at this Annual Communication are your decisions and the expression of your opinion on all matters is of great importance to our Fraternity. I, therefore, charge you that it is your duty to understand the transactions which will take place at this Communication and to understand the significance of your decision. We hope at all times to give adequate time for a discussion of the matters presented here though you should understand that time is of the essence and on occasion it will undoubtedly be necessary to limit debate. Your duty, therefore, is a tremendous responsibility, but I have no fear that you will not discharge it admirably.

I also extend a cordial welcome and fraternal greetings to each and every one of our distinguished guests, expressing the hope that our cordiality and hospitality will be what we mean it to be and that your visit here will be pleasant and your memories of this occasion will linger for years to come.

To our Past Grand Masters for their dedication to Masonry and the assistance and cooperation which they invariably give to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge, I express for you and for myself a sincere and warm appreciation. Their presence here is most welcome and essential to the proper functioning of this Annual Communication.

I am indeed grateful to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction for the privilege of having been permitted to serve as your Grand Master this past year. The experience has been most gratifying and I trust that my actions will meet with your approval and that you will not be disappointed in my administration and the results of my efforts so that the confidence which you have reposed in me will not have been misplaced.

The proper functioning of our Grand Lodge requires the assistance of many brethren in individual capacities, as members of Committees and as Masons who have not been assigned to any particular task. It is, therefore, difficult to single out any group or individuals or committees for an expression of praise without omitting some who equally deserve recognition. I do want, however, to extend a special word of acknowledgment of the fine efforts and unlimited cooperation to the Board of Grand Trustees, the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs, the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, the Committee on Masonic Education and the Committee on Public Relations. These Committees have functioned continually throughout the year and without exception they have performed their tasks in a manner which is worthy of your commendation. Each of these Committees will have a formal report to present to you and each, in detail, will state the progress which it has made during the year.

The foregoing is not to discount the value of the work which will be done by the Committees which function just prior to and during the session of this Annual Communication.

VISITATIONS

I accepted all of the invitations extended to me by our subordinate lodges which did not conflict with other such commitments or which did not conflict with my essential duties for my employer. I can say to you without qualification that on every occasion the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction extended to me as Grand Master true fraternal greetings and a cordiality of which all of you would be proud. The most gratifying experience of any Grand Master is the opportunity afforded him to visit the grass roots of Masonry and appreciate the dedication which the brethren as a whole have for their chosen Fraternity. I shall not burden this report with a list of my visitations, but have filed the same in the office of the Grand Secretary for those brethren to examine who may be interested.

I accepted invitations and attended the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado and Iowa. In each instance I brought to these Grand Bodies greetings of the Masons of Nebraska, and received that recognition to which your Grand Master is entitled in warm and fraternal fellowship.

Other invitations to other Grand Bodies were extended to me but I was not able to arrange to attend the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of North Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania, due to the press of other commitments and business. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri conflicted with other commitments, but I had the privilege of having R. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Deputy Grand Master, represent me on that occasion.

I was happy to join with McCook No. 135 on June 22, 1960, in the celebration of its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary. Likewise on the following day, in addition to dedication ceremonies, I joined with other Grand Lodge officers in celebrating the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Rawalt No. 138 of Oxford. On June 24th, we again had the happy privilege of celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of Ramah No. 275 at Bertrand. We also celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary on January 26, 1961 of Litchfield No. 278. Each and every one of these anniversary celebrations was well attended and excellently planned. Your Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers were very proud of the manner in which these meetings were conducted.

From January 3rd to January 14, 1961 inclusive, I was able to attend six lodges to witness the installation of their officers. It was my privilege to personally install the officers of Fremont No. 15, January 7, 1961.

On many occasions during the year it was my privilege to present a fifty-year button to a number of brethren, which I was most happy to do. I presented one Jordan Medal to Brother S. Ray Smith of Euclid Lodge No. 97, Weeping Water. Brother Smith also received his fifty-year button on this occasion. The Secretary's report will state the number of

fifty-year buttons and Jordan Medals that have been presented throughout this jurisdiction for the Masonic year.

Because I am firmly convinced that Freemasonry needs even a greater degree of unity, I made it a point to attend as many meetings of appendant bodies of Masonry as was possible. I attended the Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska, the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska, the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska on the occasion of their annual meetings. I also was privileged to attend the Imperial Session of the A. A. O. N. M. S. at Denver, Colorado, where our own Brother Clayton F. Andrews presided as Imperial Potentate. All of these visitations were happy ones for me and the fellowship which was extended to me will be long remembered.

As your Grand Master, I was privileged to attend the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Washington, D. C., in company with R. W. Herbert A Ronin, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, W. Louis V. Sylvester, Grand Junior Deacon, W. George O. Sizemore, W. Robert E. Lund, and M. W. Charles F. Adams, Past Grand Master. This Conference is of extreme importance to all Grand Masters and Grand Lodge officers as it is informative and provides an opportunity to discuss the problems which are common to all Grand Lodge Jurisdictions as well as problems which are confronting our brethren in foreign countries. This Conference and the associations there shall long remain as an outstanding event in my year as Grand Master.

BY - LAWS AND AMENDMENTS

During the year I approved amendments to the By-Laws of 115 Lodges, most amendments having to do with an increase in dues or fees. Also approved were new By-Laws for three lodges. It was necessary to disapprove an amendment to By-Laws of one lodge which had reference to dues because, in my opinion, the By-Laws did not apply equally to all the brethren of the Lodge.

DISPENSATIONS

Special Dispensations were granted in twenty cases to permit the conferring of degrees without regard to time in cases where the applicant or brother was in or was being called into the Armed Forces of the United States.

Several Special Dispensations were granted to permit the election and installation of officers of subordinate lodges, the election being necessary due to the death of an officer elected during the month of December, 1960.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

The following brethren were recommended to the M. W. Grand Masters of various jurisdictions to be the Grand Representatives near Nebraska:

Arizona, Erwin J. Imig, 38; Bahia, Alfred E. Geschke, 25; Rio Grande del Sol, Clarence G. McNamee, 55; Costa Rica, Asa J. Farnham, Jr., 106; Greece, Stephen W. Beck, 43; Iceland, George A. Stevens, 183; Idaho, James M. Paxson, 302; Maine, Robert W. Cook, 33; Manitoba, Harry N. Ahl, 112; Norway, Alfred B. Gorman, 54; Nova Scotia, Edmund D. Shaw, 254; Nuevo Leon, Winston C. Swanson, 120; Panama, Forest A. Lape, 183; South Carolina, Mark Mitchell, 138; Tamaulipas, Homer C. Davey, 317; Tasmania, Lloyd I. Edwards, 110; Texas, Frank H. Smith, 301; Victoria, Mathias E. Mauel, 173.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

On recommendation of the M. W. Grand Masters of various Grand Lodges the following were commissioned as Grand Representatives of Nebraska near our sister jurisdictions:

Orville A. Clark, Florida; George A. Spogenberg, Idaho; Philip O. McLaughlin, Louisiana; J. F. A. Gravenberch, Netherlands; Frederick George Hatcher, West Australia; Clifford S. Hubbard, Maryland.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

The most unpleasant duty of a Grand Master is to be required to appoint Trial Commissions to try our brethren for Masonic offenses. It was necessary for me to appoint eighteen Trial Commissions, all but four of which involved charges of engaging in the sale of intoxicating liquors. The other four involved criminal offenses under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

DEDICATIONS

It was my happy privilege together with other Grand Lodge officers to dedicate two new temples to be the Masonic home of Rawalt Lodge No. 138 of Oxford, and Porter Lodge No. 106, Loup City.

BUILDING LOANS APPROVED

On recommendation of the Temple Building Advisory Committee I authorized Mt. Moriah No. 57, Syracuse; College View No. 320 of Lincoln; Charity No. 53 of Red Cloud, and Tecumseh No. 17, to borrow money to repair or to complete the temples of these lodges. In each case I was satisfied from the information submitted to me that these respective lodges could repay the indebtedness authorized within the term of the proposed loans.

CHARTERS MOVED

On March 19, 1961, after an examination of a representative of the Temple Building Advisory Committee, I authorized Silver Cord No. 224 at Ainsworth, to move its charter to a new location. Likewise on January 17, 1961, upon like recommendation, I authorized the moving of the charter of Porter No. 106 of Loup City, to its new Masonic building.

REINSTATEMENTS

During the course of the year, I approved thirty-two applications for reinstatements and disapproved seven. Action was taken on these applications for reinstatement after a full report had been made to me by the Committee on Applications for Reinstatement.

NECROLOGY

It is with extreme gratitude that I am able to report to this Grand Lodge that during the year none of our Past Grand Masters or our Grand Lodge officers was called to the House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For this we should all be deeply grateful to the Supreme Architect of the universe for sparing to us our dedicated Masons. However, we could not expect that we would not lose from our lodges many of our brethren, so at an appropriate time the Committee on Fraternal Dead will report on our great loss.

MASONIC HOMES

Each and every one of us can accept with the most profound pride the fulfillment of our obligation to our brethren, their widows and orphans in the service provided at The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, and in conjunction with The Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Nebraska, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. The dedication to this service which the Boards of these respective Homes have exhibited during this past year could scarcely be surpassed. I know that each and every one of you will be gratified with the great task which has been accomplished as evidenced by the report which will be made by the Presidents of the respective Boards. In particular I urge you to listen attentively to the report as given by the President of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, particularly his reference to the need for money to finance the operation of this Home. Later in this report I shall have two recommendations with respect to this financial situation.

DECISIONS

1. Advice was requested by a brother affiliated with a New York lodge, but stationed at the Lincoln Air Force Base, relative to the formation of a Square and Compass Club for Masons employed at that institution.

RULING— I ruled that the formation of such a club would be in contravention to Section 3-102 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, as previously construed by the Grand Lodge, since said organization was not in existence at the time of the adoption of the amendment to said By-Law in 1953.

2. The Secretary of Low Twelve Club of Lincoln asked approval of the following plan: "Present each initiate as he is raised to Master Mason status with initial membership in the group, his Lodge paying his application fee and first assessment in the amount of \$2.00."

RULING — My decision was that such a plan would be in contravention of Section 2-609 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska which, in part, provides that lodge funds cannot be used for any other than strictly Masonic purposes.

3. A Lodge Secretary inquired whether or not a man whose two middle fingers on his left hand had been severed at the first joint was eligible to receive the Degrees of Masonry.

RULING — I ruled that the man does not have physical impairment sufficient to render him ineligible to become a Mason.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It has long been apparent that there is an urgent need for the Grand Lodge to adopt some plan to obtain or solicit funds for the benefit of the Endowment and Bequest Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. From reports of the Home Board, the Appropriations Committee and the Finance Committee members of the Grand Lodge have been informed of the ever-increasing cost in the operation of our Home. It is my opinion that if we sit idly by and do not develop a long-range plan for funding the operational expense of the Home, we will come to a point when it will be necessary to convert our securities, using the principal for operational expenses. The Grand Lodge is well aware of the reasons for needing additional funds to defray the expense of the Home.

1. I, therefore, make the following recommendations:

- a. That the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee of not less than three nor more than five members, whose sole duty shall be to formulate a long-range plan of soliciting money for the Endowment and Bequest Fund. This Committee shall have authority to effectuate a plan which it adopts, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.
- b. That before receiving the Master Mason Degree, each brother shall be required to contribute the sum of \$10.00 for the benefit of the Endowment and Bequest Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

During the year I have received a number of criticisms arising out of the operation of Masonic Benefit Clubs or Low Twelve Clubs relative to the payment of claims and other matters. Since these Clubs use the name Masonic or derive their membership from the members of a number of lodges residing in a particular city, any criticism as to their operations adversely reflects upon the Masonic Fraternity in general.

2. I, therefore, recommend the following:

- a. That each of said clubs or associations be required to file its By-Laws with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

- b. That each of said clubs or associations be required to file with the Grand Secretary an audited annual report showing its assets and liabilities, income and disbursements, claims or benefits paid, and claims or benefits the payment of which was refused.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, M. W. Joseph C. Tye recommended that our Grand Lodge apply for membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States as soon as funds are available with which to pay the membership fee. Our Grand Lodge and its officers and members have long benefited from the various services offered by this association. The benefits and value of belonging to the Masonic Service Association are common knowledge to the Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Masters. Since the increase in Grand Lodge dues will be available after January 1, 1962, funds will be at hand for the membership fee.

3. I, therefore, recommend that the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, apply for membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

4. In order that the records in the Grand Lodge office may accurately report the subordinate lodges and Master Masons who are complying with Section 2-402 with respect to proficiency, I make the recommendation that Section 2-411 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2-411 — DIPLOMA. There shall be issued a diploma to every Master Mason raised on or after June 8, 1961 by the lodge of which he is a member, on the form prescribed in this Grand Jurisdiction, provided he has first complied with the provisions of Section 2-402. Said diploma is to be granted without charge therefor and regardless of whether he became a member of said lodge by affiliation, or by taking the degrees therein. The form of diploma found on page 103, proceedings of 1913, is adopted for the use of all subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the issuance of any other is prohibited; such diploma shall be seven by eight inches in size.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

I am pleased to report, as I have already indicated, that I am convinced Masonry in Nebraska is vigorous and healthy and many of our members and officers of our lodges are enthusiastically dedicated to the furtherance of Masonry, its principles and tenets. While it is unfortunate that we experienced a small decline in membership during the calendar year 1960, our problem in that respect is insignificant compared to many of our sister Grand Jurisdictions. On all the occasions of my visitations

outside the State of Nebraska, in conversation with numbers of prominent Masons, the question paramount in their minds was the future of our Fraternity in the United States in the face of the reported declining membership and poor attendance at Masonic meetings. Many causes were assigned for the decline in Masonic membership and particularly the apparent lack of interest in the age groups between 21 and 39 years in affiliating with our Order. All of these reasons involved a competition in interest between Masonry and such things as radio, television, golf and bowling.

One of the reasons given for a lack of interest in the Masonic Fraternity, particularly in the younger age group, was that a great change had developed in the American family life and husband and wife preferred a greater "togetherness" so that young men have no time and no great desire for participation in a "Men Only" relationship.

Before we convince ourselves that any of these reasons, singly or collectively, is the cause of the continuing downward trend in membership, we should indulge in some self-analysis. First, we should make a greater effort to so conduct our lives toward our brethren and our fellowmen as to be an example of the true spirit of brotherhood which, I believe, would encourage men to affiliate in membership with Masons. We must demonstrate in our conduct the true significance embodied in the symbolisms of the trowel. We should not consider ourselves to be our brother's keeper and set ourselves up as a guardian in the ethics and morals of each and every member of the Fraternity. We cannot be hypocrites. We should not expect a higher degree of conduct from our brethren and our fellowmen than we ourselves are willing to demonstrate.

Each of us should extend greater effort to exhibit to the world a complete unity and harmony among all Masonic bodies, for in harmony there is strength.

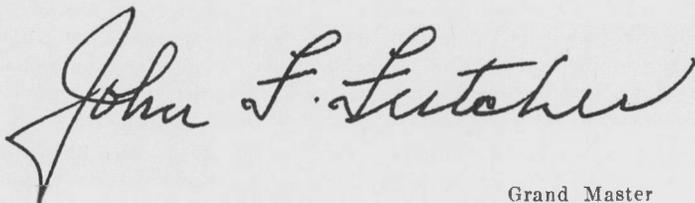
The Masonic Fraternity in the past has had to withstand persecution and it may become so involved in the future, for only recently the President of the United States is reported to have said, "the very word 'secrecy' is repugnant in a free and open society; and we are as a people inherently and historically opposed to secret societies, to secret oaths and to secret proceedings." Does this foreshadow an attempt by like-minded individuals and groups to commence a campaign of vituperation against Freemasonry? If it does, then you and I as Masons, must be more firmly united and must act more harmoniously than we have ever done in the past.

If we will follow this course we can be assured that our Fraternity will remain as it has in the past, an example of freedom of the individual, of dignity and of true brotherhood. Then and only then have we no concern that our membership will decline, but our beloved Fraternity will grow in strength and influence.

In a very few short hours I shall deliver the implements of authority of the Grand Master to my successor. I cannot refrain from assuring

you that the brother who will follow me in office is a dedicated Mason, and will fulfill the obligations of the Grand Master and of a Mason to your complete satisfaction and to the benefit of Masonry in Nebraska. Neither can I fail to note that this Grand Lodge is blessed with outstanding Masons as officers, each and every one being cognizant of the enormous task which he assumes, having a desire to improve the stature of our Fraternity and maintain its good influence before the world.

Faternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John F. Litcher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed title "Grand Master".

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

The micro-filing of card files and returns continues as time permits to give us much-needed space.

RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from 275 Lodges, all dues and fees for the year 1960 have been paid in full. We appreciate the promptness and the splendid co-operation of the Secretaries.

Under the heading of returns, we wish to state that for several years we have been giving some thought and study to monthly reports from the Lodges instead of annual reports. We believe monthly reports would be much more efficient and practical than the annual report at year end. The work load would be spread over twelve months instead of three and the records for mailing purposes would be up to date.

Proposed forms for monthly reports and year-end resume have been submitted at the Secretaries' meetings and individual Lodge meetings and we find the Secretaries in favor of such a change. The proposed change has been discussed at length with the Grand Lodge Office Committee who approve and will bring a recommendation to the Grand Lodge. If you approve, and I hope you do, we would like to make the change come January 1, 1962.

GRIEVANCES

An appeal from the findings of a trial commission and a Petition for Restoration have been received and referred to the Committee on Grievances for consideration and report at this Annual Communication.

FIFTY - YEAR BUTTONS

The records show that 206 fifty-year buttons were presented during the year. Many of these brethren live in other jurisdictions and through the Grand Lodge of a particular jurisdiction the local lodge has made the presentation for Nebraska. We express our thanks to these Jurisdictions for this courtesy.

JORDAN MEDALS

There were thirty-six special meetings and ceremonies held this year at which time the senior member of a Lodge was presented with the Robert Carrel Jordan Bronze medal.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Brother William H. McDonald of Platte Valley No. 32 at North Platte, is the senior Master Mason in Nebraska and wears the Gold Jordan Medal. Brother Bill has not been too well but says he is going to try and be around until June 14th at which time he will celebrate his 100th birth anniversary.

MEETINGS OF LODGE SECRETARIES

In co-operation with the Committee on Masonic Education we have held eight Secretaries' meetings this year. We meet for an hour and a half prior to the Area Meeting. The meetings have been well-attended. These meetings afford an opportunity for information and exchange of ideas. The secretaries have expressed a desire to have them again this coming year and we heartily approve.

LOCAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

To the Brethren of the Omaha and Lincoln Relief Associations we express our thanks and appreciation. These brethren work around the clock in assisting sojourning Masons, their widows and orphans. They are the right arm of the Grand Secretary in matters of relief.

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.

CHARTERED LODGES

The following Lodges have failed to be represented at the last two annual communications and have been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations: Nos. 34, 143, 157, 194, 313.

In our visitations around the state, the Officers and members of several Lodges whose membership is in the thirties have expressed the opinion that perhaps they should surrender their charters and affiliate with a Lodge of their choice in a nearby town or county seat. We have, when requested to do so, given the procedure. It is difficult for a Lodge with less than forty members and no candidates year after year to keep active.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
SPECIAL ACCOUNT**

May 10, 1961

Receipts

46,095 members @ \$3.00	\$138,285.00
1,299 initiations @ \$10.00	12,990.00
2 affiliations @ \$10.00	20.00
Surety bond premium	636.00
Supplies	2,918.81
Liability Insurance	4,151.19
For George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 1,197 Master Masons @ \$1.00	1,197.00
Interest on Securities	648.33
Penalty for late returns	7.65
Dues and fees in excess	155.27
Total	\$161,009.25

Disbursements

The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 92,190.00
Relief Fund	9,219.00
Orphans Educational Endowment Fund	54,693.17
Supply Account	3,554.81
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association ..	1,197.00
Refunds to Lodges	155.27
Total	\$161,009.25

GENERAL ACCOUNT

May 10, 1961

Receipts

Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1960	\$ 8,453.52
Received from Orphans Educational Endowment Fund	105,818.90
Total	\$114,272.42

Disbursements

Disbursements	\$109,450.64
Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1961	4,821.78
Total	\$114,272.42

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1961

Receipts

Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1960 ..\$	7,634.04
Supplies Sold	2,918.81
Bond Premium	636.00
Total	\$ 11,188.85

Disbursements

Bond Premium	\$ 575.91
Supplies	4,343.06
Securities purchased	4,917.50
Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1961 ...	1,352.38
Total	\$ 11,188.85

RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1961

Receipts

Cash, Stock Yards National Bank, May 10, 1960	\$ 15,150.48
From Special Account	9,219.00
Grand Lodge of Arkansas	38.00
Total	\$ 24,407.48

Disbursements

Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	\$ 3,000.00
Cash, Stock Yards National Bank, May 10, 1961	21,407.48
Total	\$ 24,407.48

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND

May 10, 1961

Receipts

Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1960 ..\$	394.93
Sale of Securities	8,500.00
Total	\$ 8,894.93

Disbursements

Securities Purchased	\$ 8,800.00
Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1961 ...	94.93
Total	\$ 8,894.93

RETURNS

Number of Chartered lodges last year.....		275
Number initiated.....	1,299	
Number passed.....	1,181	
Number raised.....	1,197	
Number affiliated.....	214	
Number dual members.....	18	
Number reinstated.....	279	
Number gained by other causes.....	29	
Total gross increase.....		1,737
Number demitted.....	303	
Number deceased.....	867	
Number suspended.....	579	
Number expelled.....	3	
Number lost by other causes.....	13	
Total loss.....		1,765
Net loss for year ending December 31, 1960.....		28
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1959.....		46,095
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1960.....		46,067

Fraternally submitted,

Frank R. Feisen

Grand Secretary

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E.A.A.		F.C.C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS													No. on Rolls December 31, 1960	No. of Lodge
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1960	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1960	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1960	No. on Rolls December 31, 1959	GAIN					Total	LOSS							
									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss		
Nebraska	1	24	7	24	3	0	7	1232	22	0	0	0	0	1254	3	41	0	0	0	44	1210	1
Western Star	2	14	15	10	4	6	15	286	7	1	0	9	0	303	4	7	6	0	0	17	286	2
Capitol	3	19	4	15	5	36	38	919	14	2	0	0	0	942	14	23	36	0	0	73	869	3
Nemaha Valley	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	1	2	0	0	3	50	4
Omaha	5	3	3	4	2	0	1	111	4	0	0	2	0	117	2	0	0	0	0	2	115	5
Plattsmouth	6	5	5	3	1	1	3	327	2	1	0	3	0	333	1	8	1	0	0	10	323	6
Falls City	9	6	9	7	2	4	10	272	5	1	0	1	0	279	0	4	4	0	0	8	271	9
Solomon	10	4	1	4	2	0	0	104	3	0	0	0	0	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	10
Covert	11	40	10	37	4	9	16	1641	41	3	0	1	0	1686	6	37	9	0	0	52	1634	11
Orient	13	0	0	0	3	4	0	51	2	0	0	1	0	54	0	0	3	0	0	3	51	13
Peru	14	0	0	3	2	5	8	98	3	1	0	5	0	107	1	1	5	0	0	7	100	14
Fremont	15	25	6	21	2	14	30	621	26	6	0	6	0	659	2	8	14	0	1	25	634	15
Tecumseh	17	4	1	3	0	2	9	173	4	0	0	3	0	180	3	4	2	0	1	10	170	17
Lincoln	19	31	16	32	10	4	22	995	23	1	0	1	0	1020	6	29	4	0	0	39	981	19
Washington	21	4	2	3	1	4	11	146	3	2	0	0	0	151	3	0	4	0	1	8	143	21
Pawnee	23	4	1	6	1	0	0	112	6	1	1	0	0	120	3	1	0	0	0	4	116	23
Saint John	25	25	8	23	3	3	11	997	21	1	0	5	0	1024	3	27	3	0	0	33	991	25
Beatrice	26	4	7	4	1	10	15	376	6	3	0	3	0	388	7	9	10	0	0	26	362	26
Jordan	27	1	0	1	1	0	0	77	0	2	0	1	0	80	1	3	0	0	0	4	76	27
Hope	29	2	0	2	2	0	1	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	2	0	0	0	2	43	29
Blue River	30	4	3	2	0	0	2	96	2	0	0	0	0	98	0	2	0	0	0	2	96	30
Tekamah	31	8	5	9	0	0	2	168	9	1	0	0	0	178	1	2	0	0	0	1	177	31
Platte Valley	32	27	23	24	11	6	7	561	21	6	0	5	0	593	5	10	6	0	0	21	572	32
Ashlar	33	13	9	7	4	15	21	647	8	3	0	4	0	662	6	13	15	0	0	34	628	33
Acacia	34	1	3	3	1	1	3	193	3	0	0	0	0	196	0	1	1	0	0	2	194	34
Fairbury	35	9	4	7	2	6	6	244	7	3	0	2	0	256	0	5	6	0	0	11	245	35
Lone Tree	36	10	5	11	0	6	11	210	13	2	0	1	0	226	2	5	6	0	0	13	213	36
Crete	37	1	5	4	0	19	24	187	6	1	0	10	0	204	2	9	19	0	0	30	174	37
Oliver	38	4	1	4	0	6	9	188	4	2	1	0	0	195	0	2	6	0	0	8	187	38
Papillion	39	7	6	15	0	1	3	192	15	2	0	0	0	209	1	1	1	0	0	3	206	39
Humboldt	40	0	2	2	0	3	7	119	1	0	0	0	0	120	2	3	3	0	0	8	112	40
Northern Light	41	0	2	0	0	2	3	86	0	1	0	1	0	88	1	1	2	0	0	4	84	41
Hebron	43	7	6	2	1	0	1	145	1	2	0	0	0	148	1	5	0	0	0	6	142	43
Harvard	44	4	1	3	2	1	1	80	4	0	0	0	0	84	0	1	1	0	0	2	82	44
Rob Morris	46	9	8	9	4	5	16	349	8	6	1	0	0	364	3	6	5	0	0	14	350	46
Fairmont	48	2	0	2	0	0	1	92	2	0	0	0	0	94	1	0	0	0	0	1	93	48
Evening Star	49	11	3	9	3	0	0	91	6	0	1	0	1	99	2	1	0	0	0	3	96	49
Hastings	50	15	20	16	8	6	26	515	14	5	0	11	0	545	5	13	6	0	1	25	520	50
Fidelity	51	0	1	0	1	3	4	153	0	1	0	5	0	159	2	3	3	0	0	8	151	51

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement		Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
Hiram	52	4	4	2	1	0	2	90	1	0	0	1	0	92	1	1	0	0	0	2	90	52
Charity	53	1	1	0	4	5	158	1	3	0	0	0	162	1	3	4	0	0	8	154	53	
Lancaster	54	27	11	25	4	4	899	23	5	0	0	0	927	6	30	4	0	0	40	887	54	
Mosaic	55	5	7	1	1	16	19	387	0	3	0	0	390	2	11	16	0	0	29	361	55	
York	56	4	4	4	2	1	3	279	4	5	0	1	0	289	3	3	1	0	1	8	281	56
Mt. Moriah	57	2	4	0	0	0	1	73	0	1	0	0	74	0	1	0	0	0	1	73	57	
Wahoo	59	6	1	6	2	0	3	279	4	1	0	1	0	285	2	5	0	0	7	278	59	
Melrose	60	1	1	2	0	0	0	81	2	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	60	
Thistle	61	5	9	2	0	2	3	225	2	2	0	0	0	229	3	1	2	0	6	223	61	
Keystone	62	0	2	1	1	1	2	47	2	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	1	0	1	48	62	
Blue Valley	64	0	1	3	1	1	3	95	3	0	0	1	0	99	0	1	0	0	1	97	64	
Osceola	65	1	1	0	0	1	1	89	0	1	0	0	0	90	1	2	0	0	3	87	65	
Edgar	67	2	0	2	1	1	1	100	1	0	0	0	0	101	1	1	1	0	3	98	67	
Aurora	68	5	3	6	1	3	3	163	8	1	0	0	0	172	2	3	3	0	8	164	68	
Sterling	70	1	0	1	0	0	1	53	1	1	1	0	0	56	0	1	0	0	1	55	70	
Trowel	71	3	1	2	0	0	0	103	2	2	0	0	0	107	0	2	0	0	2	105	71	
Hooper	72	1	3	1	1	0	1	101	1	0	1	0	0	103	0	4	0	0	4	99	72	
Friend	73	2	2	2	0	0	0	63	2	0	0	0	0	65	0	1	0	0	1	64	73	
Alexandria	74	0	3	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	1	1	0	0	2	34	74	
Frank Welch	75	3	2	5	0	9	12	297	5	2	0	2	0	306	7	3	9	0	19	287	75	
Nelson	77	2	3	1	1	0	2	93	1	0	0	2	0	96	0	2	0	0	2	94	77	
Albion	78	1	1	3	0	1	1	137	1	1	0	2	0	147	3	3	1	0	7	140	78	
Geneva	79	4	5	0	0	1	4	136	0	0	0	1	0	137	1	3	1	0	5	132	79	
Composite	81	6	5	1	0	1	2	56	2	0	0	0	0	58	1	0	1	0	2	56	81	
St. Paul	82	3	4	1	2	5	7	200	4	0	0	0	0	204	1	5	5	0	11	193	82	
Corinthian	83	2	1	3	0	1	3	75	3	0	0	0	0	78	1	1	1	0	3	75	83	
Fairfield	84	0	0	0	0	1	2	54	0	2	0	0	0	56	2	2	1	0	5	51	84	
Doniphan	86	1	1	0	0	0	1	39	1	0	0	1	0	41	0	2	0	0	2	38	86	
Ionic	87	1	3	1	0	3	3	111	2	0	0	0	0	113	0	1	3	0	4	109	87	
Star	88	1	0	2	0	2	9	114	2	0	0	2	0	118	0	3	2	0	5	113	88	
Cedar River	89	2	4	1	1	2	2	97	3	1	0	0	0	101	0	2	2	0	4	97	89	
Oakland	91	6	2	6	1	0	2	149	8	0	0	0	0	157	1	3	0	0	4	153	91	
Beaver City	93	0	1	0	0	2	4	75	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	3	2	0	5	70	93	
Bennett	94	0	0	0	0	1	3	57	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	1	0	1	56	94	
Garfield	95	2	0	2	0	2	5	90	2	0	0	1	0	93	0	1	2	0	3	90	95	
Utica	96	2	1	2	0	0	0	82	2	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	84	96	
Euclid	97	4	4	1	1	1	4	114	1	0	0	2	1	118	1	2	1	0	4	114	97	
Republican	98	0	2	0	0	1	3	51	1	0	0	0	0	52	0	4	1	0	5	47	98	
Shelton	99	2	2	0	1	2	3	76	2	0	0	0	2	80	1	1	2	0	4	76	99	

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Creighton	100	2	5	1	1	1	3	108	0	0	1	0	0	109	0	1	1	0	0	2	107	100
Ponca	101	1	0	1	0	2	4	91	1	4	0	1	0	97	0	2	2	0	0	4	93	101
Waterloo	102	3	3	2	0	11	12	170	2	0	0	0	0	172	0	2	11	0	0	13	159	102
Ord	103	2	2	1	0	0	1	158	1	2	0	0	0	161	0	3	0	0	0	3	158	103
Wymore	104	0	4	1	1	1	1	227	4	1	0	0	0	232	4	10	1	0	0	15	217	104
Stella	105	1	1	1	0	1	2	57	1	0	0	0	1	59	0	2	1	0	0	3	56	105
Porter	106	0	0	1	0	0	1	62	1	0	0	0	0	63	1	2	0	0	0	3	60	106
Table Rock	108	0	1	0	0	2	4	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	1	0	2	0	0	3	43	108
Pomegranate	110	4	4	3	1	0	1	237	4	0	1	0	0	242	1	4	0	0	0	5	237	110
DeWitt	111	4	3	2	0	1	1	50	2	0	0	2	0	54	1	3	1	0	1	6	48	111
Springfield	112	3	2	3	2	1	2	118	2	0	0	3	0	123	0	2	1	0	0	3	120	112
Globe	113	3	4	1	0	0	0	86	1	0	0	0	0	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	87	113
Wisner	114	3	3	3	2	3	6	116	1	0	0	0	0	117	1	2	3	0	0	6	111	114
Harlan	116	6	2	4	1	3	5	92	3	0	0	3	0	98	1	1	3	0	0	5	93	116
Hardy	117	1	1	4	1	0	0	51	3	0	0	0	0	54	0	2	0	0	0	2	52	117
North Bend	119	1	1	2	0	1	2	111	2	1	0	1	0	115	0	3	1	0	0	4	111	119
Wayne	120	2	2	5	0	0	1	199	5	0	0	1	0	205	2	1	0	0	0	3	202	120
Superior	121	2	0	3	1	0	3	192	3	1	0	1	0	197	3	3	0	0	0	6	191	121
Auburn	124	3	1	3	0	0	22	137	3	0	0	3	0	143	3	3	0	0	0	6	137	124
Mt. Nebo	125	3	4	0	0	0	2	104	0	0	0	0	0	104	0	3	0	0	0	3	101	125
Stromsburg	126	2	0	2	2	0	1	76	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	3	0	0	0	3	73	126
Minden	127	5	4	4	1	2	3	108	3	0	0	0	0	111	0	2	2	0	0	4	107	127
Guide Rock	128	1	1	1	0	0	2	65	3	0	0	2	0	70	1	0	0	0	0	1	69	128
Blue Hill	129	0	1	0	0	1	1	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	1	0	1	0	0	2	56	129
Tuscan	130	1	1	1	1	0	0	40	1	0	0	0	0	41	1	2	0	0	0	3	38	130
Scribner	132	4	1	4	0	1	1	50	4	0	0	0	0	54	1	1	1	0	0	3	51	132
Elm Creek	133	3	2	3	1	0	0	61	2	0	0	0	0	63	1	1	0	0	0	2	61	133
Solar	134	2	3	0	1	1	3	66	2	0	0	2	0	70	0	1	1	0	0	2	68	134
McCook	135	6	4	4	4	3	4	369	6	0	0	2	0	377	3	4	3	0	0	10	367	135
Long Pine	136	0	0	0	0	0	1	56	0	0	0	1	0	57	1	2	0	0	0	3	54	136
Upright	137	1	3	0	1	1	5	76	1	0	0	2	0	79	1	1	1	0	0	3	76	137
Rawalt	138	4	2	4	1	3	5	85	6	1	2	0	1	95	4	2	3	0	0	9	86	138
Clay Centre	139	2	3	4	0	0	0	57	4	0	0	0	0	61	1	0	0	0	0	1	60	139
Western	140	2	2	0	0	2	4	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	2	0	0	3	33	140
Crescent	143	1	1	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	4	0	0	0	4	46	143
Kenesaw	144	1	0	1	0	0	2	66	1	0	0	1	0	68	0	2	0	0	0	2	66	144
Bancroft	145	1	1	1	0	0	0	56	1	0	0	0	2	59	0	2	0	0	0	2	57	145
Jachin	146	7	8	8	1	2	4	200	7	4	1	0	0	212	0	1	2	0	0	3	209	146
Siloam	147	3	2	3	1	0	0	29	2	0	0	0	0	31	0	1	0	0	0	1	30	147
Emmet Crawford	148	6	5	4	1	9	13	208	4	1	0	9	0	222	0	2	9	0	0	11	211	148

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Jewel	140	2	1	2	2	2	2	67	0	0	0	0	0	67	2	3	2	0	0	7	60	149
Cambridge	150	2	1	2	0	1	1	115	5	2	0	1	0	123	2	2	1	0	0	5	117	150
Square	151	1	0	1	0	1	2	56	3	0	0	0	2	61	0	3	1	0	0	4	57	151
Evergreen	153	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	153
Lily	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	1	1	0	0	0	79	1	3	0	0	0	4	75	154
Hartington	155	0	3	1	0	0	4	75	1	0	0	0	0	76	1	2	0	0	0	3	73	155
Pythagoras	156	1	1	0	0	0	3	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	156
Valley	157	0	0	1	1	3	3	56	0	0	0	0	0	56	1	1	3	0	0	5	51	157
Samaritan	158	5	1	7	2	3	8	287	6	1	1	3	0	298	1	8	3	0	0	12	286	158
Ogalalla	159	7	10	5	7	0	5	169	5	0	0	1	0	175	1	2	0	0	0	3	172	159
Zeredatha	160	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	1	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	160
Mount Zion	161	2	0	2	0	0	1	51	2	1	0	4	0	58	1	1	0	0	0	2	56	161
Trestle Board	162	2	0	2	0	1	4	83	2	0	0	0	0	85	0	2	1	0	0	3	82	162
Unity	163	5	0	5	1	0	0	80	4	0	0	0	0	84	1	1	0	0	0	2	82	163
Atkinson	164	2	1	2	1	0	0	53	1	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	0	0	0	1	53	164
Barneston	165	0	1	0	1	3	6	61	0	0	0	1	0	62	0	1	3	0	0	4	58	165
Mystic Tie	166	0	2	0	1	1	1	55	0	0	0	1	0	56	1	2	1	0	0	4	52	166
Elwood	167	3	2	1	1	0	0	51	1	0	0	0	0	52	0	2	0	0	0	2	50	167
Curtis	168	2	1	3	0	2	3	93	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	2	2	0	0	4	89	168
Amity	169	2	0	2	1	2	3	102	1	0	0	1	0	104	1	1	2	0	0	4	100	169
Mason City	170	0	0	0	0	1	1	36	0	0	0	1	0	37	1	2	1	0	0	4	33	170
Merna	171	4	2	3	1	1	2	58	4	1	0	0	0	63	0	1	1	0	0	2	61	171
Robert Burns	173	1	3	0	0	1	5	90	0	0	0	1	0	91	1	0	1	0	0	2	89	173
Culbertson	174	4	2	3	0	2	3	66	3	1	0	0	0	70	0	1	2	0	0	3	67	174
Temple	175	1	5	1	0	1	2	41	1	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	1	0	0	1	41	175
Gladstone	176	2	0	2	0	2	3	97	3	0	0	0	0	100	1	3	2	0	0	6	94	176
Hay Springs	177	0	0	1	0	1	2	125	4	0	0	0	0	129	0	1	1	0	0	2	127	177
Prudence	179	1	1	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	56	1	3	0	0	0	4	52	179
Justice	180	4	4	3	3	0	3	139	6	1	0	0	0	146	1	2	0	0	0	3	143	180
Faith	181	2	3	0	0	1	2	123	0	2	0	1	0	126	1	3	1	0	0	5	121	181
Alliance	183	30	7	28	2	0	3	328	30	6	0	3	0	367	2	2	0	0	0	4	363	183
Bee Hive	184	34	1	33	7	31	41	1016	33	2	0	17	0	1068	2	17	31	0	0	50	1018	184
Boaz	185	1	0	1	0	2	3	70	1	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	2	0	0	2	69	185
Meridian	188	5	4	3	0	1	3	142	5	5	1	1	0	154	1	3	1	0	1	6	148	188
Granite	189	1	1	2	0	1	1	81	2	2	0	1	1	87	1	1	1	0	0	3	84	189
Amethyst	190	1	1	1	0	0	1	55	1	0	0	0	0	56	1	1	0	0	0	2	54	190
Crystal	191	0	0	0	0	1	5	82	2	0	0	0	0	84	2	2	1	0	0	5	79	191

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Minnekadusa	192	5	6	7	2	0	2	155	8	0	0	1	0	164	2	3	0	0	0	5	159	192
Signet	193	0	3	0	1	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	67	0	1	0	0	0	1	66	193
Highland	194	0	2	3	1	0	0	40	2	0	0	0	0	42	0	1	0	0	0	1	41	194
Arcana	195	1	3	4	1	0	3	152	5	1	0	0	0	158	0	3	0	0	0	3	155	195
Morning Star	197	1	0	1	0	0	2	64	1	0	0	2	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	197
Purity	198	4	2	2	1	3	12	144	3	0	0	0	0	147	2	0	3	0	0	5	142	198
Gavel	199	0	1	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	2	0	0	0	2	50	199
Blazing Star	200	2	1	4	1	2	2	94	4	1	0	0	0	99	3	2	2	0	0	7	92	200
Scotts Bluff	201	5	10	2	1	3	4	200	2	1	0	0	1	204	1	3	3	0	0	7	197	201
Golden Sheaf	202	1	4	2	1	1	3	94	2	0	0	0	0	96	0	2	1	0	1	4	92	202
Roman Eagle	203	1	4	0	1	0	0	66	3	0	1	0	0	70	0	2	0	0	1	3	67	203
Plainview	204	8	2	6	2	4	5	117	6	0	0	0	1	124	5	1	4	0	0	10	114	204
Golden Fleece	205	4	3	2	0	4	9	183	2	0	0	2	0	187	2	1	4	0	0	7	180	205
Naphtali	206	0	0	0	1	2	5	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	2	0	0	2	59	206
Parian	207	1	1	0	0	0	0	64	0	1	0	0	0	65	0	2	0	0	0	2	63	207
Gauge	208	0	2	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	0	0	0	1	45	208
Canopy	209	2	2	2	1	0	1	127	1	0	0	0	0	128	1	3	0	0	0	4	124	209
East Lincoln	210	40	29	36	7	11	31	1216	37	2	0	6	0	1261	7	23	11	0	0	41	1220	210
Cement	211	2	3	1	0	0	3	84	1	0	0	0	0	85	1	4	0	0	0	5	80	211
Compass & Square	212	0	1	0	1	1	7	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	1	0	0	1	50	212
Plumline	214	0	2	0	0	2	1	47	0	0	0	0	0	47	2	3	2	0	0	7	40	214
Occidental	215	1	0	1	0	0	0	70	2	0	0	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	1	71	215
Palisade	216	2	1	1	1	1	2	105	1	0	0	0	0	106	3	1	1	0	1	6	100	216
Wauneta	217	0	2	0	1	0	1	59	3	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	217
Bloomfield	218	2	4	4	1	0	0	74	4	0	0	0	0	78	0	5	0	0	0	5	73	218
Relief	219	1	0	1	0	1	1	62	0	0	0	0	0	62	1	0	1	0	0	2	60	219
Magnolia	220	2	2	0	0	0	6	69	0	0	0	1	0	70	1	1	0	0	0	2	68	220
Wood Lake	221	0	1	2	0	0	0	72	2	1	0	0	0	75	0	1	0	0	0	1	74	221
Landmark	222	2	3	1	1	0	1	107	1	1	0	0	0	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	222
Eminence	223	0	2	0	0	0	0	65	1	0	0	1	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	223
Silver Cord	224	0	2	1	1	8	19	139	0	0	0	11	0	150	1	2	8	0	0	11	139	224
Cable	225	0	2	1	0	2	5	99	1	0	0	0	0	100	1	1	2	0	0	4	96	225
Grace	226	0	0	1	0	0	4	59	1	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	226
North Star	227	17	9	15	3	4	13	508	15	4	0	0	0	527	2	9	4	0	0	15	512	227
Bartley	228	2	0	2	0	0	0	60	4	0	0	0	0	64	1	1	0	0	0	2	62	228
Comet	229	6	2	4	2	4	4	92	3	0	0	2	0	97	0	4	4	0	0	8	89	229
Delta	230	0	2	0	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	3	0	0	0	3	36	230
Mt. Hermon	231	2	3	0	1	0	1	40	0	0	0	1	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	1	40	231
John S. Bowen	232	1	3	1	0	3	7	69	2	0	0	1	0	72	0	2	3	0	0	5	67	232
Gilead	233	0	0	0	0	1	1	65	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	1	0	0	1	64	233

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Zion	234	3	1	3	2	0	0	101	1	0	0	1	0	103	0	3	0	0	0	3	100	234
Fraternity	235	1	0	2	0	0	1	64	2	0	0	0	0	66	1	0	0	0	0	1	65	235
Golden Rule	236	6	3	7	1	2	4	63	6	0	0	1	0	70	2	2	2	0	0	6	64	236
Cubit	237	0	1	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	3	0	0	0	3	50	237
Friendship	239	1	4	1	0	7	15	85	2	0	0	2	4	93	1	1	7	0	0	9	84	239
Pilot	240	1	3	2	0	0	0	119	2	0	0	0	0	121	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	240
George Armstrong	241	0	1	0	0	2	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	2	2	0	0	4	85	241
Tyrian	243	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	243
Hampton	245	0	2	0	0	1	2	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	2	1	0	0	3	55	245
Nehawka	246	6	3	5	2	0	0	115	4	0	0	1	0	120	1	2	0	0	0	3	117	246
Corner Stone	247	2	1	1	0	0	0	30	1	0	0	0	0	31	0	1	0	0	0	1	30	247
Laurel	248	3	5	2	0	1	2	103	2	0	0	1	0	106	0	2	1	0	0	3	103	248
Gothenburg	249	5	7	1	2	0	0	159	2	0	0	2	0	163	0	6	0	0	0	6	157	249
Geo. Washington	250	8	12	7	1	1	6	358	10	3	0	1	0	372	1	3	1	0	0	5	367	250
Wausa	251	0	1	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	2	0	0	0	2	54	251
Beemer	253	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	1	1	0	0	2	52	253
Bassett	254	3	2	4	1	1	1	85	4	0	0	3	1	93	0	2	1	0	0	3	90	254
Hickman	256	0	2	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	1	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	256
Anselmo	258	4	2	4	0	0	3	103	4	0	0	0	0	107	2	2	0	0	0	4	103	258
Ornan	261	0	1	2	0	0	2	78	3	0	0	1	0	82	0	1	0	0	0	1	81	261
Endeavor	262	0	1	1	0	0	6	93	1	0	0	9	0	103	1	1	0	0	0	2	101	262
Mitchell	263	8	3	5	0	8	10	152	5	1	0	1	0	159	1	1	8	0	0	10	149	263
Franklin	264	3	4	1	0	0	1	102	1	0	0	0	0	103	1	5	0	0	0	6	97	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	6	5	7	0	1	8	458	8	4	0	0	0	470	1	8	1	0	0	10	460	265
Silver	266	1	0	1	2	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	1	0	0	0	1	68	266
James A. Tulleys	267	1	2	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	1	60	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	4	2	4	0	3	7	255	7	4	0	0	0	266	0	5	3	0	0	8	258	268
Oasis	271	1	1	0	1	0	2	137	0	0	0	1	0	138	1	0	0	0	0	1	137	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	0	0	0	0	0	3	66	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65	272
Crofton	273	2	1	1	1	0	0	58	0	1	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	273
Olive Branch	274	3	2	2	3	0	1	59	2	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	274
Ramah	275	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	2	0	0	0	2	69	275
Antelope	276	1	1	0	0	2	4	74	0	0	0	0	0	74	1	1	2	1	0	5	69	276
Sioux	277	2	3	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	2	0	0	0	2	47	277
Litchfield	278	0	0	1	0	0	0	39	1	0	0	0	0	40	1	1	0	0	0	2	38	278
Wallace	279	2	1	3	2	1	1	41	3	0	0	0	0	44	0	3	1	0	0	4	40	279
Swastika	280	3	2	3	4	1	1	89	2	0	0	0	0	91	2	1	2	0	0	5	86	280
Florence	281	44	12	42	4	10	20	940	44	3	1	7	0	995	4	15	10	0	0	29	966	281
Mullen	282	2	1	1	0	0	0	79	1	0	0	0	0	80	1	2	0	0	0	3	77	282

NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS																					
	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.			F. C. C.			SUSP.			GAIN					LOSS					No. on Rolls December 31, 1960	No. of Lodge
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1960	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1960	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1960	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1959	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Men'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss		
Seneca	284	2	0	3	0	0	1	72	4	1	0	2	0	79	0	2	0	0	0	2	77	284
Camp Clarke	285	3	5	2	0	13	13	184	6	0	0	1	0	191	0	2	13	0	2	17	174	285
Oshkosh	286	1	3	1	1	4	1	120	1	1	0	0	2	124	2	0	4	0	1	9	115	286
Union	287	0	1	0	0	1	1	67	0	1	0	0	0	68	0	0	1	0	0	1	67	287
Omaha	288	19	8	16	2	6	14	580	17	2	0	5	1	605	4	11	6	0	0	21	584	288
Lotus	289	9	6	6	5	1	2	174	5	1	0	0	0	180	0	2	1	0	0	3	177	289
John J. Mercer	290	44	11	43	9	8	23	1496	36	5	0	3	0	1540	5	17	8	0	0	30	1510	290
Diamond	291	1	1	0	0	2	3	75	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	1	2	0	0	3	72	291
Wolbach	292	1	1	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	1	0	0	0	0	1	42	292
Monument	293	2	3	2	3	0	0	70	1	0	0	0	0	71	0	2	0	0	0	2	69	293
Kimball	294	11	14	12	6	0	2	168	8	4	1	0	2	183	0	2	0	0	0	2	181	294
Minatare	295	3	3	1	0	4	7	96	2	2	0	4	0	104	0	3	4	0	0	7	97	295
Cotner	297	12	14	8	1	4	16	260	10	2	0	0	0	272	1	4	4	0	0	9	263	297
Chester	298	2	1	3	1	0	0	47	4	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	298
Sutherland	299	6	7	3	1	2	6	91	4	1	0	0	0	96	0	3	2	0	0	5	91	299
Liberty	300	21	8	19	3	11	20	492	20	2	0	3	0	517	3	9	11	0	0	23	494	300
Bayard	301	1	2	1	1	2	4	97	1	0	0	1	0	99	2	1	2	0	0	5	94	301
Mizpah	302	39	17	36	3	17	38	1263	37	1	0	2	0	1303	6	24	17	0	0	47	1256	302
Right Angle	303	16	4	14	3	11	28	628	14	1	0	4	0	647	2	15	11	0	0	28	619	303
Ruskin	304	0	0	0	0	0	1	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	1	0	0	0	0	1	37	304
Newman Grove	305	2	2	2	2	2	4	60	2	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	2	0	0	2	60	305
Golden Rod	306	1	0	1	0	0	1	84	4	0	0	1	0	89	1	0	0	0	0	1	88	306
William E. Hill	307	1	1	1	0	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	307
Perkins	308	4	5	2	1	1	12	95	2	0	0	6	0	103	1	1	1	0	0	3	100	308
Winnebago	309	1	1	0	0	1	2	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	1	1	1	0	0	3	57	309
Victory	310	4	1	3	0	0	8	221	3	1	0	1	0	226	1	2	0	1	0	4	222	310
Polk	311	1	1	4	2	0	0	62	2	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	311
Oak Leaf	312	3	2	2	2	1	2	53	0	0	0	0	2	55	0	0	1	0	0	1	54	312
Potter	313	12	5	8	1	1	1	90	8	0	0	0	0	98	0	0	1	0	0	1	97	313
Craftsmen	314	16	12	15	1	4	12	606	15	2	0	3	0	626	4	4	4	0	0	12	614	314
Alpha	316	8	11	10	4	2	5	200	8	2	0	0	0	210	0	6	2	0	0	8	202	316
Mid-West	317	12	14	9	4	4	12	482	13	2	0	0	0	499	3	7	4	0	0	14	485	317
Grand Island	318	14	11	11	5	1	6	335	9	5	0	0	0	349	4	4	1	0	0	9	340	318
Bladen	319	1	1	1	0	0	0	43	1	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	1	43	319
College View	320	6	7	2	1	1	4	168	3	0	0	1	0	172	0	2	1	0	0	3	169	320
Harmony	321	1	3	3	0	4	4	81	3	0	0	3	0	87	2	1	4	1	0	8	79	321
Pioneer	322	1	0	1	0	0	2	81	2	0	0	0	0	83	1	2	0	0	0	3	80	322

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Lebanon . . .	323	8	9	8	3	0	4	133	8	0	0	4	0	205	1	2	0	0	0	3	202
Cairo . . .	324	4	3	2	2	1	2	63	0	1	0	0	64	0	0	1	0	0	1	63	
Bellevue . . .	325	39	5	36	3	0	2	230	34	2	0	2	268	2	1	0	0	0	3	265	
Centennial	326	48	16	46	9	2	3	181	42	14	0	0	237	1	2	2	0	0	5	232	
Totals . . .	1299	875	1181	301	579	1208	4695	1197	214	18	279	29	4783	2303	867	579	313	1765	46067		

VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

Fred R. Haggart.....	St. Paul No. 82.....	42 years
Archie A. Meek.....	Lotus No. 289.....	41 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	Culbertson No. 174.....	40 years
Rudolph H. Jenny.....	Hartington No. 155.....	39 years
Siegfried L. Jacks.....	Purity No. 198.....	34 years
James A. Rose.....	Fairmont No. 48.....	34 years
Earl K. Husbands.....	Morning Star No. 197.....	31 years
Raymond H. Ream.....	Omadi No. 5.....	31 years
Fredolph C. Chalquist.....	Composite No. 81.....	31 years
Carl H. Hoge.....	Lebanon No. 323.....	31 years
C. Robert Carlson.....	Wauneta No. 217.....	30 years
Leon J. Cherny.....	North Bend No. 119.....	30 years
Marion Bloom.....	Charity No. 53.....	26 years
Fred R. Lamb.....	Papillion No. 39.....	25 years
Harry P. Hansen.....	Crescent No. 143.....	25 years
William E. Edwards.....	Alliance No. 183.....	25 years
Harve I. Lang.....	Litchfield No. 278.....	25 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 Annual Report of the Grand Custodian is hereby fraternally submitted.

This year marked the partial emergence of the Grand Custodian from the Coronary Cocoon in which he has been pretty firmly wrapped for many months. It is true that during January and February, 1961 my activities were restricted to Omaha in general and my office in particular, and that my usual activities in outstate Nebraska were brief and infrequent.

It was a great pleasure for me to fellowship with my Nebraska brethren even for brief visits. I assure you that I am looking forward with great anticipation for ever-increasing contacts.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Weatherwise, it would be hard to find a better season for Masonic Schools, although the Central School at Arnold was "chilled to the bone" by the first bad snow storm of the season. Both the Omaha and Lincoln Central Schools were hurt materially by icy and dangerous snow-packed streets.

Although the present trend toward poor attendance at all Masonic meetings can perhaps be discerned at Central Schools for the first time, it is certain that it is very slight. There were twelve Central Schools this year, a reduction of one from last year. We have continued the practice of using four evenings for Central Schools. It is proving popular as well as profitable in areas where our Lodges are numerous and geographically well-situated. In other areas where many miles separate Lodges it is of no value.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

After twelve years of evaluating, the Custodians and the Grand Custodian have developed some firm convictions regarding this type of school. It is the best means of teaching the work and ceremonies of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. However, a school every other year just won't get the job done. There is too much lost, too much effort wasted, too much forgotten. It's amazing the amount of backsliding that can happen in two years. In years gone by, there were a few lodges here and there around Nebraska which kept up their work for certification because they received the major share of attention from the Custodial staff. This was a natural reaction because handicapped by a lack of manpower and finances, this department could only give its time to Lodges responding to the program.

For the last forty years it has been the policy to assign individual schools when requested by the Lodges. The number of Lodges requesting

schools every year is growing each season. Our best working lodges today are those which have shown this interest. There were 120 Lodges assigned schools. Four officially requested to be excused. All four made the same excuses last year. Six Lodges did not refuse schools, but failed to offer any dates for school sessions to the Assistant Custodians. The bright spots were the twenty-eight lodges which requested schools where none were assigned. There were 137 schools held.

LODGE CERTIFICATION

We did it again. There were 140 certificates of proficiency issued to Nebraska Lodges, making more than 50% certification. Fraternity No. 235; Stella No. 105; Edgar No. 67 and Solar No. 134 earned the first certificate in the history of their respective lodges. It hasn't been easy for these four lodges to accomplish this feat. It has meant months, even years of real Masonic zeal and enthusiasm to come so far to reach such heights.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

There were 726 Nebraska Masons who became certified this year. This represents a small gain over last year. Again we can say that for the thirteenth consecutive year this gain has been maintained. Again we can proudly announce that this is the greatest number of individual Masons ever to be certified in the Nebraska jurisdiction in any one year. Thirty-eight of these individuals were certified for the first time.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

These certificates are considered by Masonic workers and ritualists, to be the highest honor a certified brother may receive. They are conveyed only to brethren who have been certified for twenty consecutive years or longer. Nebraska brethren who received their twenty year certificates of merit this Masonic year: Samuel R. Youds, 104; George B. Tonner, Herbert A. Ronin, Louis V. Jensen, Lindon S. Crain, Orrin C. Garton, 210; Francis A. Roberts, 102; Everett L. Packett, Otis W. Cave. Sr.. Francis L. Lehr, 250.

MIDDLE CHAMBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

This type of meeting is a part of the effort begun five years ago to make the Middle Chamber ceremony more meaningful and easier understood, not only by our initiates, but by the rank and file of our own membership. Believing it to be a ceremony of great beauty and profound meaning a group of Omaha brethren volunteered to give this ancient Masonic Ceremony research and study. This has progressed for five years and is still continuing. The Middle Chamber District meeting is designed to bring the results of that study and research to our Nebraska Masons everywhere.

Three of these meetings were held this year: Frank Welch No. 75; Samaritan No. 158; and Plattsmouth No. 6. All three meetings were extremely well attended. Our sister jurisdictions of Colorado and South Dakota were represented in the Western Nebraska meetings, indicating that interest in the Middle Chamber Ceremony is wide-spread. W. Brother David Menagh presented the results of research and study at each of these meetings. I am profoundly grateful to W. Brother Menagh and the other brethren who were a part of this effort. He devotes a prodigious amount of time and energy to this work.

STATISTICS

Certification can be exciting, especially when there is close rivalry between lodges. For a good many years, the Grand Custodian's Annual Report has shown the first ten lodges with the greatest number of certified brethren, also, the first ten lodges with the highest percentage of proficient men in proportion to membership. Great credit is reflected on the one lodge that appears in both lists:

Largest Number	Highest Percentage
East Lincoln 210 .....35	Cable 225 .....10%
Bee Hive 184 .....32	Golden Rod 306 .....9.52%
Lancaster 54 .....31	Keystone 62 .....8.5%
Lincoln 19 .....22	Sioux 277 .....8.1%
Ashlar 33 .....20	Victory 310 .....7.69%
Craftsmen 314 .....20	Square 151 .....7.1%
Robert W. Furnas 265 .....19	Comet 229 .....6.5%
Victory 310 .....17	Utica 96 .....6.09%
Liberty 300 .....16	Atkinson 164 .....5.6%
Covert 11 .....15	Nelson 77 .....5.37%
Nebraska 1 .....14	Minatare 295 .....5.2%

We are greatly pleased at the sensational comeback of Cable 225, in regaining first place in the percentage column. I believe this to be the highest percentage achieved since these columns first appeared in the Annual Report. You will notice that three new entries have taken their place in this column for the first time. Congratulations to the brethren of 62, 77 and 295.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Again, I must pay a special tribute to this group of wonderful Masonic fellows because they have borne so many of my burdens as well as carrying their own in grand style. We began the year with four new Custodians added to our ranks by M. W. Joseph C. Tye. All of these new men, W. Brothers A. R. Kenoyer, Lloyd Edwards, Leo Stines and Erwin Imig have performed like veterans. I am extremely proud and thankful that our work still attracts the "cream of the crop."

During the year two Assistant Custodians were appointed. Sebert A. Stover, 281 and Stanley E. Brunton, 222. These appointments had the approval of the Grand Lodge Committee on Work and were made by M. W. John F. Futcher, Grand Master.

We are grateful that there was no breach in the ranks of the Custodians caused by death. We give thanks to God for his merciful goodness.

ABUSE OF SECTION 2-402 OF THE LAW

There is a condition which has occurred from time to time and which does now again threaten the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. I refer to the practice of too many of our lodges and certainly too many of our Master Masons ignoring the requirements of Section 2-402 of the Code, which requires every Nebraska Master Mason to pass an examination in open lodge to prove his proficiency in the answers to the questions of the first section of the lecture. Our offending brethren take full advantage of the 90 day time extension; a few actually follow the law and request the six months extension from the Grand Master. The second extension is rarely requested, mostly because they have no "cause to show", and because they know by that time that the whole thing has been forgotten by all involved. If some brave soul dares to bring up the fact that refusing examination is a Masonic offense and that they are liable to charges, they make the pious and often heated answer that they aren't "refusing" they are just "postponing", with or without showing "just cause", of course.

Peculiarly enough, this affliction does not affect the strong city Lodges and the good rural lodge, large or small. It strikes where you would expect it to strike, the weaker lodges. Yet there are many conscientious and careful Officers in these lodges who are concerned and disturbed over this condition.

This is not a new condition, it is a worsening condition. We have made surveys of this condition in the past working through the Assistant Custodians. The surveys revealed that through the years a backlog of unexamined Master Masons had piled up. The Assistant Custodians and I spent much time in an educational effort to acquaint the Lodges with the law. The response was very encouraging and for a short time, the Lodges sent in the names of all Master Masons who proved up. However, a survey is worth nothing if it has no continuity of purpose beyond the initial effort.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

I am sure that Grand Master Futcher is on the right track in his recommendation to amend Section 2-411 of the law, and if adopted by this Grand Lodge, the amendment will assure every Master Mason receiving the regulation diploma just as soon as he has proven his proficiency in the first section of the Master Mason lecture. With Section 2-411 thus

amended, it will be easy to keep a constant check on every Master Mason raised, as to his proving up, since all diplomas issued pass through the hands of the Grand Secretary as do the Annual returns which give the names of all Master Masons raised during the year. The diploma could also be used as legal proof of proficiency in the Master degree when such proof becomes necessary.

CONDITION OF THE WORK

Like every jurisdiction, Nebraska has work ranging from excellent to good, to fair, to poor, to terrible! Like the battle between good and evil, it is a see-saw conflict. We gain some new Lodges each year only to see them drop by the wayside the following year while still other Lodges take their place. Thanks be to God it is not a losing battle.

There are a few Lodges that have permitted themselves to drift along with the current of modern easy living until their work and their future are definitely in jeopardy. The present Officers and present conditions would not warrant the giving of a charter to start this type of lodge. Certainly it does not fairly represent Masonry in that community. Schools of instruction are brushed off, if possible. If we insist on holding a school, only one or two of the regular Officers show any interest.

The rest of the Officers do not seem to know what to do or say and some do not even go to the trouble of showing that they are not bored with the proceedings.

These conditions can usually be found in the smaller Lodges in communities which are either shrinking or dying. There is no future for that Lodge because there is no candidate material; young people have long since departed because of the dearth of economic opportunities, just another example of an ambulant America restlessly moving toward the bright lights.

Masonic law requires the Grand Custodian to report such conditions instantly. We have been hopeful that this action could be avoided. I regret that it is necessary for me to cite six Lodges to the proper authority for failure to do the degree work and give all the lectures in an acceptable manner.

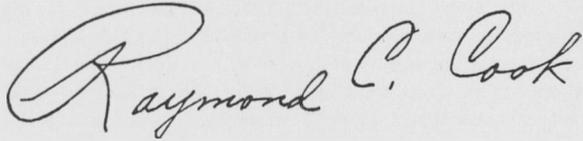
This much can be said to the credit of these Lodges, most of them have already, or are now seeking a solution to their problems. Many have voiced the opinion that it was time to "close up" and unite their efforts and talents with one or more neighboring Lodges. The real reason for this citation is to be helpful and to find ways and means to win these Lodges and their Officers and active members into a zealous activity, instead of the complacent hibernation we now have.

APPRECIATION

This has been a less difficult year for the Grand Custodian than the previous year. Yet, without the help of the Grand Master, M. W. John F. Futcher, the Grand Secretary and his office staff, the Committee on Work and each and every one of my brethren who have contributed to these accomplishments in any way, this report could not have been written.

Thank you sincerely.

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 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 recommends that the Address of M.'W.' John F. Fitcher, Grand Master, under its designated heads be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Paragraph on Necrology.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Paragraph on Charters Moved.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Paragraph on By-laws and Amendments.

The Paragraph on Dispensations.

The Paragraph on Decisions.

Recommendations Numbered one to four.

To the Committee on Temple Building Advisory:

The Paragraph on Building Loans Approved.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Paragraph on Trial Commissions.

The Committee congratulates M.'W.' Brother Fitcher for the clear, lucid and straightforward approach to problems displayed in this address. The evidences of a sincere and master craftsman are refreshing and should stimulate interest in our problems and success on the part of every member.

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

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

We recommend that the financial report be referred to the Committee on Finance; the paragraph on "Returns" to the Committee on Returns; and the paragraph on "Grievances" to the Committee on Grievances.

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

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend this report as follows:

To the Committee on Nebraska Work:

The entire report.

The Committee commends Brother Cook for his extensive report.

Fraternally submitted,
W.'La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman
W.'Earl E. Meredith, 230
W.'G. Harley Sullens, 221

PARLIMENTARIAN

M. W. Charles F. Adams was chosen as Parliementarian of the 104th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

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

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead which was adopted. Brother Lallman was assisted by Brother Jack Wright, 11, who sang, "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by W. Harold H. Thom, 1.

As we pause in this quiet hour of this 104th Annual Communication we join together in memory of our brothers who have passed through the sunset of this mortal life into the glorious sunrise of life eternal.

"The sun goes down in its glory,
And darkness descends on the land,
But dawn comes quickly to cheer us
For time is a swift running sand.
Why then, should man in his wisdom
Forget in his moments of gloom,
That night gives birth to the morning
That dawn will be coming—and soon?"

In this vast universe our lives are as a day with its morning, noon and eventide. In the morning we see the glory of the sunrise and go forth to meet the newborn day full of joy and happiness and eager anticipation. At noon tide we pause to reminisce and rest, to recall experiences of riches and success and devotion; and at evening stand to watch the deepening shadows gather. The setting sun, reflecting peace and contentment, slowly sinks in the west, giving promise that another day will dawn, and as a benediction the quiet hush of darkness falls. Many of our brothers reached the sunset hour this past year. They have finished their offering of service, and gracefully surrendered their mortal lives. With saddened hearts we acknowledge great loss, yet it is not unmingled sadness, because we know they have reached the goal of all their faithful years, and that after the sunset comes the dawn of a new day with life everlasting.

We pay special tribute to the forty-nine distinguished members of other Grand Jurisdictions who have joined the innumerable caravan to that eternal shore. Since last we met our Grand Secretary has received memorial cards from thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions, recording the passing of forty-two Past Grand Masters, one Deputy Grand Master, one Past Grand Senior Warden, one Past Grand Junior Warden, two Grand Secretaries, one Grand Lecturer and one Tyler.

We make special note of the passing of one of America's most eminent Masons, M. W. Ray V. Denslow, Past Grand Master of Missouri. About him one writer has said "A biography of Ray V. Denslow is a recital of unceasing Masonic labors from the day he attained manhood; and an enumeration of accomplishments as a worker in the ranks, in ritual, in literature, in historical research, and in executive stations of highest responsibility that entitle him to rank among the very greatest of those humanitarians, students, writers and interpreters of our art that Freemasonry has produced in all the centuries of its existence."

"A beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in the service of God and man,
Then a beautiful peace when the course is run,
And a beautiful light at the set of the sun."

We reverently thank the Grand Architect of the Universe for His watchful care over the Grand Lodge Officers, and give Him praise that not one link has been taken to bring sorrow to our hearts.

We humbly extend thanks to Him that the ranks of our Past Grand Masters remain intact.

It is with the deepest fraternal regret that we are called upon to report the passing of 867 members of subordinate Lodges. To the members who have been bereaved of loved ones, again we are reminded that life is but a prelude to the Eternal. As the shadows lengthen and beautiful rays of the setting sun are reflected across the sky, are we not reminded of the bright and glorious morning which will follow darkness? Thus it is with our earthly life. The day passes, the eventide comes, but just beyond we see the dawning of everlasting life.

No greater or firmer covenant was ever made than that spoken by the man of Galilee who said, "In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you, that where I am there ye may be also."

May there be solace for all in this great promise; all whose Faith is sufficient to meet the end of the way in triumph; and whose hope of life immortal associates them in fellowship and the affection of God.

“Dear Lord, I cannot see
 But this I know, although the road ascends
 And passes from my sight,
 That there will be no night;
 That you will take them gently by the hand
 and lead them on—
 Along the road of life that never ends,
 And they will find it is not Death, but Dawn.”

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. The Fraternal Review had been printed and distributed to those present and mailed to other Jurisdictions.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully reports that there has been no change during the past Masonic year in our fraternal relations with other jurisdictions with which we are now exchanging Representatives.

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

Grande Loge De Belgique Brussels, Belgium
 Grande Loge De Luxembourg Grand Duchy Luxembourg
 We have had also renewed applications from:
 Grande Loja De Santa Catarina Brazil
 Gran Logia Occidental de Colombia Colombia
 Grande Loja do Estado de Sao Paulo Brazil

The Grand Lodge of Luxembourg consists of only three lodges with about 150 members. They are, however, all old lodges. The first was formed in 1770; the second has had a continuous existence since 1803. To become completely regular, they have suspended relations with both the Grand Orients of France and Belgium. Some of their members did not like this and formed the new Grand Orient of Luxembourg.

In Colombia there are five Grand Lodges, with headquarters in different cities, but all five having concurrent jurisdiction. Each district or state is separated from the others by rough mountain ranges. The one asking recognition this year is rather small—it has five lodges. It is recognized by the other four and by their neighbors in Latin America. A study of Masonry in Colombia is now being made by the Grand Masters' Conference and more definite information will be available next year.

In Belgium, the Grand Lodge started with five lodges with about 1,000 members. They were constituted by the Grand Master of the Netherlands as a Grand Lodge on September 11, 1960. Almost 800 were

present for the event. They have almost doubled their membership since then, having now eleven lodges and 1,780 members. There are also three lodges U. D. There are six lodges, still members of the Grand Orient, who are regular, that is according to our standards of Belief in God and use of the Great Lights. It is hoped that these will also join the Grand Lodge soon. No members of the Grand Lodge are members of the Grand Orient. It is strictly forbidden to visit either the Grand Lodge of France or the Grand Orient of France, and vice versa, or any contact with them. The time required to become a Master Mason in Belgium is about 3½ years.

At first I was much inclined to put off recognition of this Grand Lodge until a show of further strength but I have changed my mind on this and now move that recognition and exchange of Representatives be made at this Communication. My attitude has changed on account of stories being circulated by the Grand Orient.

We have received during the year a large amount of material of all descriptions from the Grand Lodge of France. They have now broken off all visitation privileges with the Grand Orient by their members, as well as making their own internal reforms, and have put considerable teeth into their laws. They are trying hard but the great trouble is to get their members to abide by the new laws. Old habits are hard to break and since the French do not seem to be such a stable people in so many ways prohibition is not easy to accept.

There are two bright spots on the world scene this year. One, as Ill. Brother Joe Seacrest told you last year, is in Italy. The second is in Brazil, where the schism between the two rival organizations in the State of Sao Paulo has been healed. In Italy, largely through the intercession and intervention of the two Grand Commanders of the Scottish Rite in the United States, first the two rival Scottish Rite groups were welded and then the differing Lodge groups were consolidated under the name of the Grand Orient of Italy. The Italians did not get the title to their block-square office building returned. They did, however, get an easement of the demand formally made for back rent and interest and a new twenty-year lease for one million lire per year of adequate quarters in the building. This was felt to be all that could be done since the Italian Parliament is composed entirely of Roman Catholics and Communists, neither of whom are exactly our friends. The new Grand Master is Dr. Giorgio Tron, a nationally-known physician. My former personal objections to recognition of Italian Masonry on account of their sandy foundations still stand, but I also believe they should be encouraged as much as possible.

In Sao Paulo, the union was so complete that part of the agreement reads that the Grand Lodge of the State of Sao Paulo, which is the name of the united group, "will delete from its files and records, all and any condemnations registered and which are by this decree revoked. This deletion shall be made in such a manner as not to leave vestige or indication of names."

Since there now has been removed most of the objection against these two states, I now move that recognition be made and Representatives be exchanged with both the Grand Orient of Italy and the Grand Lodge of the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Masonry in the Scandanavian Countries continues its fairly even course. Our organization in these countries is of ancient origin. The first Lodge in Denmark was chartered in 1743. Finland chartered four new Lodges last year, bringing their total to twenty.

China raised seventy-nine last year. All United States Jurisdictions now recognize China except Maine and Mississippi. Their Grand Master urged translation of the ritual into Chinese, stating it was the most important thing to be done, although they still intend to use English in their work. A small library was started and more than \$10,000 was pledged to build a temple on land owned by the Grand Lodge. Money was also pledged to aid in the erection of a monument to General Chennault of Flying Tiger fame.

Greece showed a gain in members of 434. The Lodges on the Island of Cyprus resumed their labors. They now have ten night schools for the poor for which they furnish teachers, books, stationery and trade tools plus medical care. Their own education was not neglected as some 1,730 brethren took part in twenty excursions, where talks on archeology, nature studies, ancient mysteries and history were given. Only Pennsylvania and Maryland fail to recognize this jurisdiction. They have forty-nine lodges. Two Masonic clubs were started at American Air Bases for the benefit of American Brethren.

In Israel there are 42 lodges, with 1,743 members. They are divided as follows: 81 between age 21 and 30; 328 between 31 and 40; 603 between 41 and 50; 478 between 51 and 60; 220 between 61 and 70; with 3 over 80. Compares quite favorably with most. The Government has allotted a large plot of ground in the City of Jerusalem for the erection of a Temple of Peace.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1956 recognized the Grand Lodge of Germany. In 1957, the Grand Lodge of Germany recognized the Grand Lodge of France, under the impression or expectation of a speedy union of the French Bodies. Therefore last year, Ireland under the terms of their tri-party agreement (England, Scotland and Ireland — 1939) broke relations with Germany. However at the Communication of the United Grand Lodges of Germany, October 29, 1960 in the town-hall of Bremen, they affirmed their recognition of the National Grand Lodge of France and disassociated themselves from the Grand Lodge of France. So we presume that Ireland will soon again come into unity with the Grand Lodges of Germany, at least we hope so. Germany did not, at least for the present, recognize the United Grand Lodges in Italy. Germany supports both DeMolay and the Boy Scouts. They have 43 English speaking lodges: 35 American, 2 Canadian and 6 British. The first Lodge in Germany was chartered in 1737. Ireland this past year had two lodges presided over by Chinese Masters.

In Cuba, the Castro Government has seized the fine Masonic Temple in Havana. The regular elected officers of their Grand Lodge have been replaced by government approved ones. The regular Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary fled the country and are now residents of Florida. On the 6th of March, 1961, the Grand Master of Florida, J. Edwin Larson, issued a Proclamation to the Masonic World, setting up a Cuban Grand Lodge in exile to take such official action as is possible, but does not allow chartering of any lodge or any political activity whatever. Only time will tell just what the outcome of this tragic bit of history will be.

Conflicting reports come from Turkey, some good and some bad. Since the overthrow of the Menderes Government, the Grand Lodge has not been suppressed and has continued to hold meetings. We have never received any request for recognition.

In Japan, the future seems fairly clear. They had a gain of 137 for 1960. The new Grand Master is a Japanese national, who was born in this country, however. The onus of masonry being a "secret society" is being broken down gradually. They give the credit to General McArthur. One of the four Philippine lodges left in this country, uses the Tokyo Masonic Temple for their meeting place. California criticizes Japan for allowing these four Lodges to remain, stating this is colonization. But Massachusetts also has a Lodge in Japan and England, Scotland, Ireland and the Netherlands have world-wide Lodges. There is a Scottish Lodge in Manila and English Lodges in Nova Scotia and Quebec with perfectly good relations. The new Grand Master of Japan is quite a joiner: he is a Past District Governor of Rotary of Japan and is Chairman of Arrangements for the 1961 Tokyo Convention of Rotary International.

This Committee has consistently tried to be conservative in its actions. We are quite unable to subscribe to the theory of "Universal Masonry" if to do so means to accept on a wholesale basis everything that calls itself Masonic, as we view with alarm any such claim that can be true in name only. It is time to realize and emphasize that the matter of recognition must be left to each Grand Lodge; that recognition is definitely a Craft matter and that all authority in regard thereto is given exclusively to the Grand Lodges.

Hoping that this brief account of some other Jurisdictions is of some interest, your Committee now recommends that all past applications for recognition be continued for further study, without prejudice, until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

W. Herman G. Reinholz, 3, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, which was adopted section by section then as a whole.

1. Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office respectfully submits this report of its activities for the past year.

2. No changes were made in the methods or functions of the Grand Lodge office or its employees. We found all matters were performed in a very satisfactory and efficient manner and wish to compliment the employees for a job well done. However, there are some matters and recommendations which we will submit in this report which we believe will be of benefit to the business of the Grand Lodge office and the employees working therein.

3. The Committee inherited the task of developing a pension plan for the salaried employees of the Grand Lodge. It also had to meet an emergency when the Addressograph machine gave up the ghost after many years of service. A new machine was purchased. The usual and customary functions of the Committee were handled as they arose.

4. A matter of importance came to our attention which must be given due consideration. The Grand Lodge office has three very faithful and efficient employees who receive salaries which are far below those paid in the business world for work of the same nature. When comparing these salaries with those paid in the business world we find it difficult to understand how the Grand Lodge has been so successful in retaining them or securing new ones from time to time. Your Committee therefore recommends that each of these three female employees be granted an increase of \$37.50 per month. This recommendation has been made to the Committee on Appropriations.

5. Another item which needs consideration deals with the subject of traveling expenses. In our opinion the appropriation made for this item in the past is no longer realistic. All items connected with traveling have increased to a very marked degree — transportation expense, whether by automobile, train or air; lodging; meals. It is no longer possible to cover such expenses with an allotment of ten or fifteen dollars per day. Lodging alone will take up the bulk of these amounts and leave little or nothing for meals and incidental expenses. Your Committee recommends the appropriation of \$1,500.00 for the traveling expenses of the Grand Secretary. This recommendation has been made to the Committee on Appropriations.

6. It costs money to buy supplies and printing to run an office. Anyone connected with the purchases of such items realizes that the prices in existence today are considerably higher than they were even one year ago. And there is every reason to believe that further increases can be expected. Even though the membership of our Fraternity in Nebraska remained static we are still faced with higher costs. It is for this reason that this Committee recommends an increase in the appropriation for the Grand Secretary's Office Expense. The recommendation made to the Committee on Appropriations is for \$4,000.00 for the coming year.

7. During July, 1960, the Addressograph machine in the Grand Lodge office reached the point of no return. To repair it would cost between \$700 and \$800, with no assurance that it might not develop other aches and pains. After taking into consideration the cost of repairs and the value of the old machine as a trade-in, a special appropriation was secured and a new machine purchased for \$1,444.46.

8. Once each year the Secretaries of the subordinate Lodges in the state of Nebraska are required to make certain reports to the Grand Secretary. There are several things wrong with this method. The first of these is — our Grand Lodge records are up-to-date only once a year. The second is — an entire year's work is piled up during a two or three-month period. A proposal is before this body to change the By-Laws so that the reports will be prepared and submitted to the Grand Secretary each month. A copy of the proposal is attached to this report and marked Exhibit "A". It will correct the two objections made above to the present plan — records will be up-to-date at all times, and the work in the Grand Lodge office will spread over the year. This Committee recommends most highly that this important change be given your favorable consideration.

9. The major task before the Grand Lodge Office Committee, and the one on which the greatest amount of time was spent, was the development of a pension plan for the regular salaried employees of the Grand Lodge. The salaried employees referred to are the Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian, and the three female employees working in the Grand Lodge office.

10. The members of this Committee spent many hours reading the pension plans in force in the business world and in other Grand Lodge jurisdictions for the purpose of getting ideas and possibly finding a plan which was adaptable to needs of this Grand jurisdiction. All told, more than 100 plans were read. We also checked into the matter with the Travelers Insurance Company for the purpose of determining costs and coverage if an insurance company was used in connection with a pension plan.

11. We found that no two plans were alike in all respects. The only thing they had in common was — all pension plans cost money. These plans also had one other item in common — they were established to provide an income for loyal employees upon retirement, an income they had earned and could accept without the stigma of charity attached to it. Your Committee believes this last point is the most important point to consider in connection with a pension plan — to provide an income, not charity.

12. Pension plans have been in force for many years, but it has been during the past thirty or forty years that they have increased in number until now nearly every business firm of any consequence has a pension plan of some kind. Of the forty-nine Grand Lodge jurisdictions, sixteen have pension plans while three others are considering the matter. In some

of the jurisdictions where no formal plan exists, pension payments are made under a special arrangement.

13. Although we could outline at some length the pension plans in existence in the business world as well as in other Grand Lodge jurisdictions, we believe a short run-down of the plans in the sixteen jurisdictions will suffice because they reflect the same variations we found in the plans covering the business world. In both groups of plans we found the same thing — no two plans were exactly alike.

14. We found that most of the plans are non-contributory. In other words, the Grand Lodge footed the bill. Only one or two plans have a provision whereby the employees covered by the plan make a contribution to the pension fund.

15. Some of the pension plans cover only the employees of the Grand Lodge; other plans cover this same group and those employed in the Homes supported by the Fraternity.

16. Most of the plans provide coverage for employees with certain age and service limitations. Two of the plans make a provision for the widows of pensioners.

17. In the sixteen pension plans there are fourteen different methods used in arriving at the amount of the pension, although most of the plans have a pension based on a percentage of average annual earnings with certain minimums and maximums. One plan specifies a flat sum of money per month. The different provisions for pension payments are as follows:

Forty percent of the average annual salary for 10 or 15 years (depending on the age of the employee when entering the service of the Grand Lodge), plus two percent for each year of service over 10 or 15 years to a maximum of 70 percent of the average annual salary or \$150.00, which ever is the least.

One-twelfth of two percent of each year's salary plus one and one-half percent of the monthly salary received at the time the pension commenced; with certain variations.

One percent of the average yearly salary received during the last five years of service, times the total years of service.

One group of employees receive three percent, another group receive two percent, of the average annual salary received during the last ten years of service, times the total years of service, with a limit of fifty percent.

One-fourth of the average salary for the two years preceding retirement, with a limit of \$150.00 per month.

Fifty percent of the monthly salary received prior to retirement, less the amount of Social Security received by the employee.

Fifty percent of the average monthly earnings received during the five highest paid consecutive years of service.

Fifty percent of the average monthly salary received during the last five years of service.

Forty percent of the average salary received during the last five years of service, with some variations.

Forty percent of the highest annual salary received during any five year period.

Two percent for each year of service up to the age of 65, times the monthly salary at time of retirement.

Fifty percent of the salary received at the time of retirement with a limit of \$100.00 per month. This is subject to some variations.

One and one-half times the average monthly salary received during five continuous years, times the years of service. This means the highest average monthly salary during the five years. The plan also provides for certain minimums, and a maximum of \$300.00 pension per month.

Forty-five percent of the average annual basic pay for the ten years preceding retirement.

18. Pension payments under these plans are made from a number of different funds. Some of the plans studied do not indicate the source of the money. Those plans which spell out the source of the money have the following provisions:

Paid out of current funds.

Paid out of Grand Lodge funds.

The Grand Lodge makes a contribution to a Trust Fund to which is added employee contributions of three percent of each employee's salary.

Grand Lodge surplus funds are invested in a pension fund.

Grand Lodge appropriates four percent of the per capita assessment less ten percent of estimated allowable credits.

Ten percent of the per capita assessment used for retirement fund.

Paid out of Grand Lodge Emergency Relief Fund.

The latest jurisdiction to establish a pension plan is Kentucky. They have established a pension fund with \$20,000.00, to which they will add \$5,000.00 each year until the income from the fund is sufficient to provide the money to take care of their pension requirements. The plan also has a provision whereby members of the Fraternity are given an opportunity to make contributions to the fund by means of wills and bequests.

19. One item which appears in the pension plans of some business firms but which does not appear in any of the sixteen Grand jurisdictions is insurance coverage for pensioners. Where it does appear in the plans of some business firms the coverage is usually for a modest group life, health and accident insurance. We found that this type of insurance is generally quite costly.

20. Nearly every pension plan reviewed covering the business world had one thing in common — service credits for a pension did not begin until the employee reached age 21, and generally ceased when he reached age 65 even though he continued to work after reaching age 65. Furthermore, most plans have a maximum age after which an employee, who is beyond that age when hired, is not entitled to any pension rights. In some plans this is at age 55, or one month after reaching age 55.

21. Most plans in the business world make a provision whereby an employee who becomes permanently disabled before reaching age 65, or some other specified minimum pension age, may be granted a pension. Some business firms handle such pensions through a designated pension board which has the power to act outside the normal rules set down for granting pensions.

22. It was only after much study and a lot of discussion on all of the items given so far in this report and some on which we have not touched that this Committee decided on a plan which is workable.

23. In the Grand Lodge office we presently have five employees who should be considered as eligible for a pension at some future date. We have not included any of the employees at the Home in Plattsmouth, although we recommend that a plan be worked up for them separate and apart from this one. The proposed plan submitted at this time covers the Grand Lodge office employees only.

24. The proposed pension plan submitted at this time is based on the plan established by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, with some modifications. This plan is easy to understand and simple to administer. It insures the present and future employee of the Grand Lodge of an income when he is no longer able to work. It eliminates the stigma of charity which no one wants to accept.

25. Based on the ages of the present employees, and assuming that they, after retirement, are replaced by individuals who fall in the same age group as the present employees were when first employed, we can assume that pension payments per year will range from zero to \$8,500.00. The average per year for a fifty-year period is \$4,200.00. The pension to be paid is fifty percent of the employee's salary at time of retirement.

26. If the Grand Lodge of Nebraska adopted the Kentucky plan 100 percent, and invested the money at 3½ percent interest, the fund, at the end of twenty years would call for a total investment of \$120,000.00, with a total value, including interest, of \$176,200.00. This amount would give an annual return, at the end of twenty years, of approximately \$7,000.00. This would be sufficient to take care of pension requirements during most years. But in the meantime other provisions would be needed to take care of pensions during the twenty-year period. We estimate it will take approximately \$104,000.00 to cover pensions during that twenty-year period. Thus, the total investment in a pension fund, plus pension payments, amounts to \$224,000.00 over the twenty years.

27. This Committee has prepared a retirement plan which is part of this report and identified as Exhibit "B". It carries the heading, "Grand Lodge Retirement Plan." It reads as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

Sec. 1-413 — RETIREMENT PLAN — The Retirement Plan of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska is hereby created and shall be managed by a Retirement Committee composed of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden. Any male employee with ten years continuous service may be retired on the last day of the month in which his sixty-fifth birthday occurs. Any female employee with ten year continuous service may be retired on the last day of the month in which her sixty-second birthday occurs. Earlier retirement may be allowed by the Retirement Committee in its discretion. In such cases the retirement pay, as hereinafter defined, shall be reduced two percent per annum for each year of earlier retirement. In the event an employee shall become totally and permanently disabled before retirement age, and shall have been continuously employed for a period of ten years or more, and the Retirement Committee finds that total and permanent disability does in fact exist, retirement of such employee may be allowed by the Retirement Committee without reduction in retirement pay. No employee shall be compelled to retire at any age unless the Retirement Committee shall find that he or she is no longer able to efficiently perform his or her duties. However, no retirement benefits shall be paid to anyone who is not currently employed by the Grand Lodge at the time retirement benefits are applied for. The retirement pay shall be one-half of the average monthly salary of the employee for the five-year period immediately preceding the application for retirement benefits and such retirement pay shall begin on the first

day of the month following retirement and shall be paid in equal monthly payments on the first day of each month thereafter so long as the retired employee shall live. There shall be no diminution in this retirement pay by reason of any social security payments received by the employee, nor by reason of any other income, pension or retirement pay. The Grand Lodge shall create a Retirement Plan Fund with securities in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) which securities are hereby transferred to the Retirement Plan Fund from the Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund. To the Retirement Plan Fund shall be added the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) each year together with any additional amount that may be required to pay retirement plan payments for such year. If the requirement for retirement plan payments does not amount to said sum of \$5,000.00, the excess amount shall be added to the principal of said Retirement Plan Fund until the Retirement Plan Fund reaches an amount which is sufficient to supply the income needed to cover each year's retirement payments. The principal of the Retirement Plan Fund shall be invested by the Grand Trustees in such investments as are designated legal investment for fiduciaries by the Laws of the State of Nebraska. All income from the Retirement Plan Fund shall be reinvested until such time as the fund shall reach the amount which is sufficient to supply the income needed to cover each year's retirement payments, and thereafter the income of such fund shall be used for retirement payments. The Retirement Committee is hereby authorized and directed to solicit donations to the Retirement Plan Fund by lifetime gifts and by testamentary probations.

W. Herman G. Reinholz, 3, moved the adoption of the report and that the matters referred to in paragraph 8 and Exhibit "A" with reference to Duties of Secretaries, and paragraphs 9 to 27 and Exhibit "B" with reference to the Grand Lodge Retirement Plan, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. (Motion seconded and carried.)

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

W. William E. Moor, 102, Chairman, presented the report of the Grand Trustees, which was adopted.

Just a year ago, W. Carl D. Ganz reported to you on the work of your Grand Trustees. It will be my purpose at this time to briefly bring to you a report of our work during the past year. Before doing this, we believe you should be informed of some changes in our procedure, which you permitted to be done at the last Grand Lodge session.

1. We discontinued the advisory services of the Bank of New York for the simple reason that we had in our own membership two most capable men, W. Alfred E. Geschke and Brother Harold E. Gabrielson, whose life work has been in the investment field of two local well-known

life insurance companies. These men being members of the Board of Trustees gave most generously of their time and talents, bringing to us the essential facts on which the judgment of any advisory service would base their recommendations as to the quality and kind of investments necessary to safe-guard the funds which is our duty to administer. In addition to this, our Grand Master, at our request, was with us during most of our meetings, and as we would request gave freely of his time and talents. He likewise has spent many years of his life in this same field. To all three of these men we should be most grateful.

2. We discontinued the custodial service provided by the United States National Bank of Omaha for the obvious reason that it was necessary to maintain the same records and information in the office of the Grand Secretary, as was provided by this service.

3. During several periods of the year funds accumulated as cash balances in excess of current needs. Such funds were immediately invested in short-term United States Treasury Notes.

Changes numbers one and two, projected for a full year, saved approximately \$4,000.00, and the third plan brought in \$1,956.40 of additional earnings.

All of these securities with a book value of \$2,223,422.84 are in proper safe keeping in safe deposit box facilities in one of our three up-town banks, under recognized safe keeping procedures, in that any one of the Grand Trustees, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, may have access to these facilities for the purpose of removing matured bond coupons, or to remove or add to any securities which the full board of Grand Trustees have made proper authorization. In addition to this, your trustees are all under a substantial bond to further guarantee their fidelity.

How well I know that figures and statistics are indeed boring to most of us. I will refrain from quoting any lengthy sets of figures or statistical information. But will provide some essential facts and information that we are certain you should know.

The total market value of assets that represent money, being various bonds, common and preferred stocks is approximately on this date the sum of \$2,245,551.83. These securities represent investments in a varied field of our economy, and are geographically located in many parts of our country. It might be of passing interest for you to know that these securities have a current market value of \$222,128.99 in excess of their cost. This has no particular meaning, except, should we sell them. Such a procedure would require the investment in other securities costing much more than these, and the net result would be about the same. This we have declined to do.

You will find in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge Communication a full and complete report of the various funds and their earnings, taken from the Auditor's Report.

All investments earned the Masons of Nebraska the total sum of \$91,435.45 in the past year.

In conclusion, may I offer this observation. As we see our job, it is to safeguard the assets of the Grand Lodge, which belongs to you, to the best of our ability. This is our pledge.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. of NEBRASKA

BALANCE SHEET

May 10, 1961

Assets

Cash on deposit with banks:

General Account	\$ 4,821.78
Exchange Account	200.00
Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund	65,049.54
Supply Account	9,360.56
Relief Fund	21,407.48
Centennial Contingent Fund	94.93

100,934.29

Bonds and stocks	589,018.75
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home — nominal value	1.00
Stock in The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children — nominal value	1.00
Furniture and fixtures — nominal value	1.00
Supply inventory	3,655.05

\$693,611.09

Liabilities

Surplus or Fund Balances:

Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund	\$650,293.07
Supply Account	13,015.61
Relief Fund	21,407.48
Centennial Contingent Fund	8,894.93

\$693,611.09

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

May 10, 1960, and May 10, 1961

ASSETS	May 10, 1960	May 10, 1961	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit with banks	\$ 92,264.76	\$100,934.29	\$ 8,669.53
Principal cash in Agency Account .	51.19		(51.19)
Bonds and stocks	609,365.58	589,018.75	(20,346.83)
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic			
Home	1.00	1.00	
Stock in The Masonic-Eastern Star			
Home for Children	1.00	1.00	
Furniture and fixtures	1.00	1.00	
Supply inventory	5,166.73	3,655.05	(1,511.68)
	<u>\$706,851.26</u>	<u>\$693,611.09</u>	<u>(\$ 13,240.17)</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accrued Social Security taxes	\$ 176.00		(\$ 176.00)
Surplus or Fund Balances	706,675.26	693,611.09	(13,064.17)
	<u>\$706,851.26</u>	<u>\$693,611.09</u>	<u>(\$ 13,240.17)</u>

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS OR FUND BALANCES

May 10, 1960, to May 10, 1961

GENERAL FUND:

	Beginning Balance	Additions (Deductions)	Ending Balance
Balance — May 10, 1960	\$ 8,482.68		
Deduct:			
Balance transferred to Orphans Educational Endowment Fund		(\$ 8,482.68)	
Balance — May 10, 1961			

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND:

Balance — May 10, 1960	661,346.40		
Add:			
Balance transferred from General Fund		8,482.68	
Deduct:			
Excess of disbursements from fund over receipts		(19,536.01)	
Balance — May 10, 1961			650,293.07

SUPPLY ACCOUNT:

Balance — May 10, 1960	12,800.77	
Add:		
Excess of receipts over disbursements	214.84	
Balance — May 10, 1961		13,015.61

RELIEF FUND:

Balance — May 10, 1960	15,150.48	
Add:		
Excess of receipts over disbursements	6,257.00	
Balance — May 10, 1961		21,407.48

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND:

Balance — May 10, 1960	8,894.93	
Balance — May 10, 1961		8,894.93
Totals	<u>\$706,675.26</u>	<u>(\$ 13,064.17)</u> <u>\$693,611.09</u>

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Assets and Liabilities

May 10, 1961

ASSETS	Totals	General Fund	Endowment & Bequest Fund	Permanent Building Fund
Cash on deposit:				
The Omaha National Bank:				
General Fund	\$ 12,752.43	\$ 12,752.43		
General Investment Fund	95,554.14	95,554.14		
Endowment and Bequest Fund .	83,127.80		\$ 83,127.80	
Plattsmouth State Bank,				
Plattsmouth	13,883.57	13,883.57		
National Bank of Commerce,				
Lincoln	1,405.95			\$ 1,405.95
United States National Bank of				
Omaha	580.43	580.43		
Bonds and stocks	1,634,404.09	236,641.36	1,119,805.07	277,957.66
Real estate mortgages	27,053.95		27,053.95	
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>\$1,868,766.36</u>	<u>\$359,415.93</u>	<u>\$1,229,986.82</u>	<u>\$279,363.61</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Balance in Entertainment Fund ...\$	5,274.86	\$ 5,274.86		
Balance in Memory Fund	13,806.77	13,806.77		
Balance in Thanksgiving Fund	5,637.48	5,637.48		
Balance in Perpetual Room Fund ..	775.00	775.00		
Balance in Room Furnishings Fund .	4,556.23	4,556.23		
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund	319.00	319.00		
	<u>30,369.34</u>	<u>30,369.34</u>		

Net Worth:

Capital stock	1.00	1.00		
Surplus or Fund Balance	1,838,396.02	329,045.59	\$1,229,986.82	\$279,363.61
	<u>\$1,868,766.36</u>	<u>\$359,415.93</u>	<u>\$1,229,986.82</u>	<u>\$279,363.61</u>

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Comparative Assets and Liabilities

May 10, 1960, and May 10, 1961

ASSETS	May 10, 1960	May 10, 1961	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit:			
The Omaha National Bank, Omaha:			
General Fund	\$ 12,416.13	\$ 12,752.43	\$ 336.30
General Investment Fund	109,334.44	95,554.14	(13,780.30)
Endowment and Bequest Fund	17,342.97	83,127.80	65,784.83
Plattsmouth State Bank, Plattsmouth	14,422.80	13,883.57	(539.23)
National Bank of Commerce, Lincoln	476.96	1,405.95	928.99
United States National Bank of Omaha	1,948.97	580.43	(1,368.54)
United States National Bank of Omaha — Trust Department	456.64		(456.64)
Bonds and stocks	1,534,253.12	1,634,404.09	100,150.97
Real estate mortgages	29,492.20	27,053.95	(2,438.25)
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>\$1,720,148.23</u>	<u>\$1,868,766.36</u>	<u>\$148,618.13</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH			
Accrued Social Security taxes	\$ 422.80	\$	(\$ 422.80)
Balance in Entertainment Fund	5,363.13	5,274.86	(88.27)
Balance in Memory Fund	13,628.52	13,806.77	178.25
Balance in Thanksgiving Fund	5,552.98	5,637.48	84.50
Balance in Perpetual Room Fund	775.00	775.00	
Balance in Room Furnishings Fund	1,948.97	4,556.23	2,607.26
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund	334.00	319.00	(15.00)
	<u>28,025.40</u>	<u>30,369.34</u>	<u>2,343.94</u>
 Net Worth:			
Capital stock	1.00	1.00	
Surplus or Fund Balance	1,692,121.83	1,838,396.02	146,274.19
	<u>\$1,720,148.23</u>	<u>\$1,868,766.36</u>	<u>\$148,618.13</u>

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Analysis of Surplus or Fund Balances

May 10, 1960, to May 10, 1961

	Beginning Balance	Additions (Deductions)	Ending Balance
GENERAL FUND:			
Surplus:			
Balance — May 10, 1960	\$ 342,775.65		
Deduct:			
Excess of expenses over income		(\$ 13,730.06)	
Balance — May 10, 1961			\$ 329,045.59
	<u>342,775.65</u>	<u>(13,730.06)</u>	<u>329,045.59</u>
 ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND:			
Bequests:			
Balance — May 10, 1960	500,101.48		
Additional during year		105,010.93	
Balance — May 10, 1961			605,112.41
Mortgages previously transferred from General Fund	99,950.00		99,950.00
Surplus:			
Balance — May 10, 1960	477,978.23		
Add:			
Net income		46,946.18	
Balance — May 10, 1961			524,924.41
	<u>1,078,029.71</u>	<u>151,957.11</u>	<u>1,229,986.82</u>
 PERMANENT BUILDING FUND:			
Balance — May 10, 1960	271,316.47		
Add:			
Net income		8,047.14	
Balance — May 10, 1961			279,363.61
	<u>271,316.47</u>	<u>8,047.14</u>	<u>279,363.61</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,692,121.83</u>	<u>\$146,274.19</u>	<u>\$1,838,396.02</u>

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The following proposed amendment was presented to the 103rd Annual Communication and laid over until this Communication:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

That a portion of Sec. 2-904 be amended to read as follows:

" . . . nor one having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies, provided the substitution of artificial parts or limbs for portions of his natural person shall not disqualify a petitioner, provided such parts or limbs are under practical control of the petitioner. Deformities or blemishes of the natural person may or may not be disqualifications, depending upon the nature and the extent of same. Masters and Lodges will be held strictly accountable for the observance of the provisions of this law."

(The proposed amendment was adopted by a two-thirds vote of those present.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The following proposed amendment was presented to the 103rd Annual Communication and laid over until this Communication:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

That Sec. 3-102 (d) be amended to read as follows:

"(d) Engaging in the manufacture, transportation, sale or possession of intoxicating liquors in violation of the laws of Nebraska, or of the United States."

(Proposed amendment was defeated by a two-thirds vote of those present.)

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.

As indicated in last year's report, your Committee felt that at least eight Area Meetings were needed each year and we are happy to report eight meetings were held this Masonic year and the lodge officers attending stated they were well worth while and of help to them. Meetings were held at Bassett and Alliance on September 16 and 17, 1960, Hastings and North Platte on November 4 and 5, 1960, Columbus and Bellevue on April 7 and 8, 1961, and Auburn and Lincoln on April 14 and 15, 1961.

The program this year was also extended and consisted of a preliminary meeting of Secretaries with the Grand Secretary followed by a general lodge meeting at which the Grand Master was received and the Committee's program presented.

Our Grand Master, M. W. John F. Fitcher, explained certain proposed changes in the law and other current problems and matters which would come up for determination at this Grand Lodge communication so that all representatives could discuss the issues and be ready to take action with a fuller understanding of these matters.

A paper prepared by M. W. John E. Beaver on "How Masonry Can Help the Public Schools" and a paper prepared by W. Floyd A. Wisner on "Theodore Roosevelt—Master Mason" were presented by them or by W. Philip A. Robinson, W. Louis V. Sylvester or W. Alfred B. Gorman, other members of the Committee attending that meeting. Grand Secretary R. W. Carl R. Greisen and W. Howard J. Hunter covered the subject of "Responsibility of Lodge Officers" and presented the new Senior Warden's and Secretary's manual "Looking Toward the East" to the groups. At several of the meetings, Masonic Charities were discussed by Brother William F. Patterson and we hope that he will be able to be with us at future meetings.

At each of these Area Meetings, a very fine representation of Grand Lodge Officers materially assisted in making these meetings a success and afforded the representatives from each community an opportunity to get better acquainted with their Grand Lodge Officers and the work they and the Committee on Masonic Education are striving to do. R. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Deputy Grand Master, was toastmaster at the banquets and the Grand Master was our principal speaker.

Considerable interest was displayed in the role of the Masonic Lodge and Masons individually in current affairs, particularly in relation to the public school system.

Your Committee was especially pleased to be able to bring out this year, with the assistance of the Grand Secretary, the new booklet, "Looking Toward the East" as this manual for Senior Wardens and Secretaries has been long needed and is in response to repeated and continual demand for help for the Senior Warden to prepare for his year as Master of his lodge. The Secretary's responsibilities and duties as a continuing officer is so important that it was decided to provide a portion of this booklet for him also so that the Master and Secretary would have mutual regard for each other's duties, and make a strong team.

We intend to bring out some additional service or publication each year to assist the lodges.

We have made much progress in recent years in bringing ideas and helps to the lodges desiring them and that is the duty of this Committee, but your Committee needs help in and from each lodge and this we feel can be supplied only by each lodge having an active Committee on Masonic Education to work with the Grand Lodge Committee and to assist each W. Master.

Your Committee recommends an additional section be added to Chapter V of the law governing subordinate lodges to provide that the by-laws of each subordinate lodge, as provided for by Section 2-512, shall contain a provision providing for a committee on Masonic Education to be appointed annually by the Master of such lodge. The Committee's duties shall be:

1. To assist the Master in programs for his lodge.
2. To meet with and instruct new candidates in accordance with purposes and duties outlined in Sec. 1-310.
3. To work with and assist the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE BUSINESS AFFAIRS

W. J. James M. Paxson, 302, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Business Affairs, which was adopted.

A year ago you received a detailed report from the Committee on Business Affairs. This year we have an entirely new Committee and our report will be brief.

We have endeavored to carry on where the former Committee left off. We have met on many occasions with no more than one member of the committee absent at each meeting. We have tried, to the best of our ability, to properly perform our duties.

We have investigated the general procedures of the office of the Grand Lodge and found them sound and in accordance with good accounting practice. We do feel that the procedure could be somewhat streamlined and further improved. The Committee will give this further attention during the forthcoming year.

The annual audit of the Grand Lodge books has been made by a Certified Public Accountant. We have examined it. We feel that this audit should be broader in scope and more extensive. The committee will take this up with the auditor next year.

We noted only minor, unintentional deviations from established business procedures. In our opinion, any business of this size is bound to have an unintentional error, or slip up, from time to time. We found none of consequence.

We find that an excellent atmosphere and spirit of cooperation exists between the chairmen of the various committees with which we are associated, and between them and the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian. We feel that this is of the utmost importance. Certainly more so than any restrictive regulations.

We believe that no new legislation concerning business affairs is required at this time.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

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

The duties of your Committee on Nebraska Work have followed the normal pattern except for the work being done on the matters hereinafter discussed in this report.

We have urged the Grand Custodian to make greater use of Assistant Custodians in central and local schools of instruction. It is the thought of your Committee that the Grand Custodian could properly devote his time in perfecting the work of the Assistant Custodians and in the administrative work of his office. The necessity that the Grand Custodian be relieved of excessive travel due to the condition of his health lends support to this method of operation.

We have a fine group of Assistant Custodians who are responding well to their responsibilities. They are dedicated Masons who spend much time in the promulgation of the work among the Masons of this Jurisdiction.

There have been vacancies among the Assistant Custodians due to one cause or another. We have approved the nominations of the Grand Custodian to fill these vacancies. The brethren approved are Sebert A. Stover, 281, Omaha, and Stanley A. Brunton, 222, Herman. They have received their commissions at the hand of the Grand Master and have assumed their responsibilities of the office.

We have examined and approved the report of the Grand Custodian to the Grand Lodge for 1961. We have taken special note of the fact that the Grand Custodian has found it necessary to cite six lodges to the Grand Master for inability to adequately confer degrees and for failure to meet regularly. It is the considered opinion of this Committee that these Lodges should be called, not summoned, before a proper committee of this Grand Lodge in an attempt at rehabilitation before action is taken by the Grand Master.

We have approved the proposed budget of the Grand Custodians and recommended its approval by the Committee on Appropriations.

We have been advised by the Grand Secretary that the Grand Lodge has run out of small monitors. We have a supply of the large monitors that should run us for at least five years. In view of the fact that a revision of the monitor cannot be available before the Annual Communication of 1962, plus the time necessary to print them after adoption, we recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase 1,000 copies of the small monitor. We recommend also that the Committee on Work be authorized to reduce the price of the large monitors during the ensuing year. There are 800 to 1,000 large monitors on hand. They will have no real value after a new monitor is printed. We should put the price at an attractive figure to induce their sale.

We have been asked to clarify the method of conferring the Middle Chamber work of the Fellow Craft degree as it relates to the use of

lanterns and charts. We determine the question as follows: The Middle Chamber work of the Fellow Craft degree is a ceremony and not a lecture. The two pillars and a representation of a flight of winding stairs must be used and in place. The Committee now rules that the use of lanterns and charts is an innovation in the ceremony of the Middle Chamber and their use is not to be permitted. The use of lanterns and charts in the giving of the lectures is not restricted.

Your Committee is confronted with the problem of the payment of expenses of Assistant Custodians. The matter of expenses of Assistant Custodians, particularly that of mileage, poses a difficult problem. Naturally our larger lodges are better able to pay the expenses of Assistant Custodians, but these lodges generally have a resident Assistant Custodian where mileage is not charged. On the other hand, the smaller lodges which are more scattered are faced with large mileage expenses in order to have the services of an Assistant Custodian. Your Committee, in order to get needed work done, has fixed a maximum of \$15 as a mileage charge against these Lodges and we have managed to absorb the excess. The inequitable position of these small Lodges who cannot afford these expenses when compared with the larger Lodges who get better service without paying anything is self-apparent. We have met with a Committee of Assistant Custodians and the Grand Custodian and discussed these problems in a mutual attempt to solve them. With reference to the problem of travel expenses, the Grand Lodge has by Regulation 4(d), adopted in 1958, fixed the rate to be paid for the use of an automobile at 8 cents per mile. The law provides that local lodges will pay this as it applies to Assistant Custodians. It is the opinion of your Committee and it recommends the following:

We recommend that each lodge which has an Assistant Custodian residing in such proximity to it that mileage and expenses are not incurred, shall pay into the expense fund for Assistant Custodians the sum of \$15.00 annually, in lieu of such mileage and expenses. The purpose of this recommendation is to equalize the expenses of Assistant Custodians between all the Lodges of the state by creating a fund from which mileage and expenses in excess of \$15 to any one lodge can be paid.

Your Committee has been proceeding with the revision of the monitor. Two sub-committee reports have been turned in to our Committee and we have been assured that the remaining two will be in our hands shortly. We anticipate having a final report on the revision of the monitor ready for the consideration of the Grand Lodge at its 1962 Annual Communication.

The report of the Grand Custodian properly reflects the condition of the esoteric and monitorial work in this jurisdiction. We think that it is in fine shape, and the Grand Custodian and his Assistant Custodians are to be commended for a job well done.

We move that the second paragraph of Section 1-102 as amended in 1960 shall be amended to read as follows: The Grand Master may appoint not more than 35 Assistant Custodians to assist the Grand Custodian in

supervising the work, lectures and ritual, and who shall receive the sum of five dollars per day, while conducting Schools of Instruction, and who, when attending Grand Lodge, shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited Representatives to the Grand Lodge, all of which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner. Local expense and mileage for Schools of Instruction shall be paid by the local lodge for which the school is held to the amount of and not exceeding \$15.00. Mileage and expenses in excess of \$15.00 shall be paid from the Assistant Custodian's Expense Fund of the Grand Custodian. Every lodge which has an Assistant Custodian in the city or town of its location, or where the Assistant Custodian resides in such proximity to the lodge that mileage and expenses are not incurred, shall pay into the Assistant Custodian's Expense Fund of the Grand Custodian the sum of \$15.00 annually, for the benefit of such fund and in lieu of any charges for mileage and expenses. M. W. Grand Master, I move the adoption of this report. (Motion seconded.)

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

In order to get this before the Grand Lodge and attempting to make clear my position, I will move as a substitute motion, that the report be adopted with the exception of that portion relating to the Middle Chamber Lecture and that action on that section be deferred for one year. (Motion seconded and lost)

M. W. John F. Futcher, Grand Master :

Brethren, we will now vote on the adoption of the report as submitted by M. W. Brother Carter. (Motion to adopt was Carried.)

M. W. Edward F. Carter :

M. W. Grand Master, I would like to ask unanimous consent of this Grand Lodge to have this Amendment considered at the present time.

M. W. John F. Futcher, Grand Master :

Brethren, this is an amendment to the By-laws and unanimous consent has been asked. Hearing no objection, the By-law may be considered at this Annual Communication.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The following proposed amendment to Section 1-202 of the By - Laws of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska was presented :

Section 1-202 — Grand Custodian — The Grand Master may appoint not more than 35 Assistant Custodians to assist the Grand Custodian in supervising the work, lectures, and ritual, and who shall receive the

sum of five dollars per day, while conducting Schools of Instruction, and who, when attending Grand Lodge, shall receive the same mileage and per diem as the duly accredited Representatives to the Grand Lodge, all of which shall be paid by warrants drawn in the regular manner. Local expense and mileage for Schools of Instruction shall be paid by the local Lodge for which the School is held to the amount of and not exceeding \$15.00. Mileage and expenses in excess of \$15.00 shall be paid from the Assistant Custodian's Expense Fund of the Grand Custodian. Every lodge which has an Assistant Custodian in the city or town of its location, or where the Assistant Custodian resides in such proximity to the lodge that mileage and expenses are not incurred, shall pay into the Assistant Custodian's Expense Fund of the Grand Custodian the sum of \$15.00 annually, for the benefit of such fund and in lieu of any charges for mileage and expenses.

(Motion to adopt the amendment was made by M. W. Brother Carter. Seconded and carried.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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

On February 22, 1961 Masonic Leaders in the United States and nine other Countries assembled for the 51st Annual Convention. Please take note that from the United Grand Lodges of Germany there came a delegation of eighty-six Brethren in a Clipper Plane which they baptized in Frankfort before leaving naming it, "Brother George Washington." We must give to these Brethren from outside the United States our right hand of brotherhood and with them and all together take our place in the solving of the world problem which is now before us. If we are to keep Masonry a Fraternity of Brotherhood, the time is now and the place of beginning is within ourselves.

This Committee regrets to tell you that we have little to report to you this year because more effort has been in the completion of the Memorial than in the promotion of the story it tells.

The placing of the Dioramas in the Assembly Room mark the completion of the Memorial.

These Dioramas will tell the story of George Washington to the youth of America. Thousands of school children visit the Memorial every year. What they have learned and studied in school about Washington can now be made real to them and will give them a lasting and a high and honorable feeling toward him and Masonry. Now all who visit "Our Shrine" can see in diorama form many things about the life of George Washington.

The colored slides are available to any Lodge who will use them. They tell a story that will thrill you. We ask that you make your request for their use to any member of this Committee.

Your Memorial now needs an Endowment Fund for the proper maintenance and operation. You can be very sure that this fund will be provided by the Masons of the United States. A financial worry will then be ended and we can sing the "Victors Song."

The minutes of the February 22nd meeting show contributions for—

The Endowment Fund	\$379,690.49
The Maintenance & Operation Fund	71,906.75
The Building Fund	11,860.00
Total	
	\$463,457.24

To the Maintenance & Operation Fund our Grand Lodge contributed \$1,000.00.

From these figures you can see that the Endowment Fund is on its way. You can also see that much more will be needed and when a plan for it is presented to you, accept it and help in its completion without delay.

There are in the United States 4,104,003 Masons. In Nebraska 46,095 and you who sit in this room, represent Masonry in Nebraska. You came here proud of that fact. That is an honorable trust. Let us consider how much it is worth to be a Mason. What does it mean to us and are we examples of Brotherly Love? Are we the builders of Christian Temples in the hearts of men? Do we remember the lessons of life that Masonry teaches? What is Masonry? It is an Institution of God, given to men of good moral character, to teach them how to live humbly with God and in love and peace with themselves and their neighbors. It is a search after the truth, and that truth is the unity of God and the immortality of the soul.

Please be reminded that Masonry is in God's hands, plus your hands and we must seek His counsel and guidance if we are to continue to be blessed by Him. Through the ages, the men who have carried the torch of Masonry, did it for the sole purpose of teaching future generations of good men, how to be humble, useful and obedient, and most of all how to be builders of character, for today, tomorrow and Eternity.

Let me quote you some words which I found in the Texas Grand Lodge Magazine, from an address given by Robert E. Cowan.

"Back of each of us is the heritage we have received from George Washington, the patriot and the Mason. Our heritage is a land dedicated to the free worship of God and political liberty. This heritage is not free; it is entailed. In a way, no man is ever free. We are born with obligations which will be ours until death.

"George Washington and all the other patriots who gave us this nation have much invested in us. We must — if we are not spiritual parasites, pay dividends on this investment. The dividends are to produce

more than we consume; to put into life more than we take from it; to increase and not decrease, the sum of justice, and honor, and truth, and understanding in the world.

"To be born into a democracy and not practice democratic principles is treason to the highest gifts with which we have been showered. Someone has said: If you would preserve a republic, enlighten it.

"As Masons, we have brought light and more light to many."

Brethren, let us find in Masonry a living soul that knows the call of human needs; that teaches one eternal goal and tells of love that hears and heeds, its faith a beacon through the night, a flaming torch to guide us on, its every aim "Let There Be Light", the voice of hope, the call of dawn.

THE TEMPLE ON SHOOTERS HILL

Like the man whose name it enshrines,
 The Temple is tall, stately and majestic.
 Tall, like the mountains of Zion,
 Stately, like the moral worth of Masonry,
 Majestic, like the soil upon which it rests.

The working tools of the Craft employed in
 Its building, have made it plumb, square and level.
 Plumb, like the standard of righteousness,
 Square, like the virtue found in its exact angle,
 Level, like the line of time that reaches to Eternity.

The hands of Brotherly Love laid the corner stone
 Of this earthly temple of man, built to commemorate
 In majesty and beauty, the life and deeds of a man,
 Whose name was GEORGE WASHINGTON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS

The Grand Secretary made a verbal report for the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans in the absence of the Chairman, W. Thomas D. Williams, 1. He stated that there were no emergencies during the year and that it was all routine and that the books and accounts had been audited. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

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

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Grand Officers are present. All Past Grand Masters are present except M. W. Earl J. Lee and John S. Hedelund. All lodges were represented except the following: 52, 84, 86, 93, 95, 111, 128, 130, 149, 154, 168, 175, 189, 199, 206, 228, 247, 268, 273, 279, 293, 308. Total number of lodges 275. Number not represented 22. Lodges not represented for the last two Annual Communications: 84, 206.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska ....No. 1	C. Erwin Paulsen..	*John H. Brown.....	*Theodore J. Janing.
Western Star.. " 2	*Francis W. Cole....	Clement M. Landis..	Robert G. Brown...
Capitol " 3	William C. Warren..	*Alban P. Smith.....	*Wm. Von Kroge, Jr.
Nemaha Valley " 4	J. Adolf Wensien...	.....	.....
Omadi " 5	*Oscar T. Olsen.....	.....	*George Paulsen.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	Fred W. Howland..	*Raymond F. Evers..	Dean Morrison.....
Falls City " 9	Robert W. Rowan...	.....	Ralph M. Clark....
Solomon " 10	Allen Rasmussen...	.....	Richard Burmeister.
Covert " 11	*George R. Porter...	C. Atwood Scott....	.....
Orient " 13	Elias M. Bachman..	.....	.....
Peru " 14	Herman W. Bath...	*William Thomas....	E. E. Heywood.....
Fremont " 15	Calvin T. Friesz....	Harold O. Milburn..	*Gerald A. Moller...
Tecumseh " 17	*Harry B. Richardson	*Dave Dunlap.....	*Ormal K. Richardson
Lincoln " 19	Robert L. Zink.....	Leslie V. Moore....	Henry D. Nickell...
Washington .. " 21	*Chris K. Bendorf...	*Mark H. Claridge...	.....
Pawnee " 23	Glenn L. Deweben..	.....	Vern R. Hunzeker..
Saint Johns .. " 25	Henry G. Jackson...	*James McClaren....	.....
Beatrice " 26	Joseph E. Manes...	.....	William R. Boyce..
Jordan " 27	James Lubker.....	Rosecoe B. Wood....	Allen G. Thorman...
Hope " 29	Robert I. Clarke....	*Dale Skeen.....	Kenneth Rhoades...
Blue River ... " 30	*C. C. Wertman.....	Leonard C. Rapp...	.....
Tekamah " 31	Gerald B. Speilman.	John E. Ray.....	.....
Platte Valley. " 32	G. N. Simpson.....	Phil B. Mossman...	John C. Tucker.....
Ashlar " 33	Marion J. Adkisson.	*Warren A. Hoover..	H. Lewis Coleman..
Acacia " 34	John H. Wolfe.....	Glenn B. Whitmore*	*Arthur W. Smith...
Fairbury " 35	.....	.....	Charles L. Shultz...
Lone Tree " 36	Robert E. Kyes....	.....	*Harold Parker.....
Crete " 37	Eugene R. Cookus..	.....	.....
Oliver " 38	Robert F. Yeager...	*Robert F. Yeager...	*Robert F. Yeager...
Papillion " 39	Eugene A. Giermann	.....	Wesley H. Turtcher
Humboldt " 40	Ira Mitchell.....	Melvin A. Hayes...	*Richard W. Nims...
Northern Light " 41	Wallace B. Barth...	*Richard J. Strahle..	*Kenneth L. Gutheil.
Hebron " 43	Harry V. Shields...	.....	.....
Harvard " 44	Ray E. Dudgeon....	*Robert E. Ormsby..	.....
Rob Morris .. " 46	C. Glen Matson....	*Alfred B. Saum....	Warren E. Stenback
Fairmont " 48	Victor A. Jensen...	Lewis B. Halsey...	*Victor A. Jensen...
Evening Star . " 49	Dwight L. Nuss....	Joe C. Nuss.....	Robert X. Reighter.
Hastings " 50	John D. Richardson.	Howard Myers.....	*H. F. Favinger.....
Fidelity " 51	Frank Straka.....	James L. Allen.....	Ivan E. Long.....
Hiram " 52	.....	.....	.....
Charity " 53	*Robert A. Watson..	*James Longan.....	Robert A. Watson..
Lancaster " 54	Roy O. York.....	L. W. Cleveland....	Donald R. Swanson.

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Mosaic .....No. 55	James F. Mason....	*LaVerne A. Walker.....	.....
York " 56	Rollie Wildman....	William F. Brannen.....	*Henry P. Manning..
Mount Moriah " 57	Bruce McCourtney..	.....	.....
Wahoo " 59	Ben E. Noerenberg.	Marvin R. Lillie....	*Edwin R. Levin....
Melrose " 60	Max Keim.....	.....	.....
Thistle " 61	H. Dale Kugler.....	.....	.....
Keystone " 62	Robert F. Peard....	P. Harold Beins....	*Victor D. Hunt.....
Blue Valley .. " 64	Lyle R. Altman.....	Ervin Braaf.....	.....
Osceola " 65	Vernon D. Johnson.	*Lowell D. Hanson..	.....
Edgar " 67	Robert A. Koontz..	*Harold W. Schnitker	Aubrey Wilson.....
Aurora " 68	Vernon J. Beat....	Bob G. Ranard.....	John H. Lord.....
Sterling " 70	John W. Anderson..	Charles Curtin.....	Landis A. Rulla....
Trowel " 71	Rohe W. Johnson..	.....	.....
Hooper " 72	Carl E. Samuelson..	Charles W. Reed....	*Norris W. Lallman.
Friend " 73	Melvin R. Cornell..	.....	.....
Alexandria .. " 74	*Donald L. Kerwood.	.....	.....
Frank Welch.. " 75	Neal W. Atkins....	Frank L. Balderson.	Charles H. Grigsby.
Nelson " 77	Floyd Rouse.....	.....	*Harry E. Weekly...
Albion " 78	*John S. Papez.....	.....	*Ralph Reid.....
Geneva " 79	Joe Turek.....	Guy A. Brown, Jr...	Everette L. Renken.
Composite " 81	*Leonard Davis....	*Wendell Ruth.....	*Oscar Schmid.....
Saint Paul ... " 82	.....	Ainer H. Nielsen...	.....
Corinthian ... " 83	Harold Stipp.....	*Maurice Rolston...	*V. H. Robert Hanson
Fairfield " 84	.....	.....	.....
Doniphan " 86	.....	.....	.....
Ionic " 87	H. W. Mayberry....	Toney C. Paesl....	.....
Star " 88	H. C. J. Hughes....	*H. Clinton Hughes..	*H. Clinton Hughes..
Cedar River .. " 89	Clinton J. Stone....	Roy R. Russell....	Wm. Cecil Cornwell.
Oakland " 91	Harold W. Anderson	.....	Windsor K. Uehling
Beaver City.. " 93	.....	.....	.....
Bennett " 94	*Henry A. Thaden...	*Henry A. Thaden...	*Arch H. Church....
Garfield " 95	.....	.....	.....
Utica " 96	Edward R. Stephens	.....	.....
Euclid " 97	Edgar T. Burgen...	.....	.....
Republican ... " 98	C. R. Harrison....	*Louis L. Kammerer.	*Louis L. Kammerer.
Shelton " 99	Charles H. Woten..	.....	.....
Creighton " 100	Bill W. Stafford....	*Bill W. Stafford...	*Harold Hawkins...
Ponca " 101	*Dean H. Ehle.....	.....	.....
Waterloo " 102	.....	.....	*Herbert L. Johnson.
Ord " 103	Otis W. Miller.....	.....	.....
Wymore " 104	Harry R. Chapman..
Stella " 105	Don R. Monnette...	Steve Fankhauser..	*C. Harold Edwards.

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
PorterNo. 106	*Fred J. Leschinsky.	*Fred J. Leschinsky.	*Fred J. Leschinsky.
Table Rock .. " 108	Lorain Bebensee....	.....	*Lloyd F. Vrtiska...
Pomegranate " 110	G. R. Buckmaster..	Jesse D. Fidler.....	*James C. Bryant...
De Witt " 111	.....	.....	.....
Springfield .. " 112	*Leonard J. Vaughn.	.....	John R. Fleck.....
Globe " 113	Oscar S. Holt.....	.....	.....
Wisner " 114	.....	M. R. Humphrey...	.....
Harlan " 116	.....	John L. Hardin.....	.....
Hardy " 117	*Dorman T. Clark...	.....	.....
North Bend .. " 119	.....	Harold Ristau.....	.....
Wayne " 120	William Mellor....	*William Mellor.....	*William Mellor.....
Superior " 121	Allen K. Striggow..	.....	.....
Auburn " 124	Lester Russell.....	*Harold Moody.....	.....
Mount Nebo .. " 125	*Clyde E. Pearson...	.....	.....
Stromsburg .. " 126	Philip Wallen.....	*Burdette Baker....	*Carl W. Anderson...
Minden " 127	R. E. Christensen..	.....	.....
Guide Rock .. " 128	.....	.....	.....
Blue Hill " 129	*Darrell D. Versaw..	.....	.....
Tuscan " 130	.....	.....	.....
Scribner " 132	*Alfred A. Ristow...	Ward Maynard.....	Harold Muekseh....
Elm Creek " 133	.....	Curtis Lindstrom...	.....
Solar " 134	William H. Kuhn...	Jack F. Wilson.....	Ronald D. Glasser..
McCook " 135	*Ernest Rutledge....	*Elmer P. Baruth....	Ernest Rutledge...
Long Pine " 136	*Lewis E. Smith.....	.....	.....
Upright " 137	*Joe Crosler.....	.....	.....
Rawalt " 138	*Mark Mitchell.....	.....	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	Arnold L. Livgren..	.....	.....
Western " 140	Cecil Compton.....	Samuel D. Bell.....	*William Krajnik...
Crescent " 143	*Thomas G. MacBride	.....	.....
Kenesaw " 144	*Lloyd Ernst.....	.....	.....
Bancroft " 145	Alfred D. Ahlers...	*Gerald Havekost...	.....
Jachin " 146	Arthur Anderson...	*Arthur Anderson...	*Arthur Anderson...
Siloam " 147	*Ora F. Yarges.....	*Ora F. Yarges.....	.....
Emmet Crawford " 148	R. F. McCloughan..	.....	.....
Jewel " 149	.....	.....	.....
Cambridge ... " 150	Clarence R. Liggett.	.....	.....
Square " 151	A. Larry Rogers....	.....	.....
Evergreen " 153	*Henry Kumpost....	.....	.....
Lily " 154	.....	.....	.....
Hartington .. " 155	*Wm. D. Chaloupka..	Wm. D. Chaloupka..	*Wm. D. Chaloupka..
Pythagoras ... " 156	Lloyd Fusselman...
Valley " 157	C. R. Anderson.....

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Samaritan ..No. 158	Glenn F. Sofer.....		*W. D. Lichty, Sr....
Ogalalla " 159	G. Herman Clark...		*G. Herman Clark...
Zeredatha " 160	*Lowell E. Van Cleef.....		*Fred Oerter.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	*Don Linton.....	*Willis McMeekin...	*Howard Whitmore..
Trestle Board. " 162	James C. Boellstorff	John G. Haberman..	Lawrence H. Rogge.
Unity " 163	*Elmer Mathis.....	John Seefair.....	
Atkinson " 164	Irven E. Forbes.....		
Barneston " 165	Earl A. Willey.....		*Vernon S. Hill.....
Mystic Tie ... " 166	*George O. Mills....	George O. Mills....	*George O. Mills....
Elwood " 167	*Winford Bossung...		
Curtis " 168			
Amity " 169	Russell F. Dewitt...		
Mason City .. " 170	Clarence A. Lamb..		
Merna " 171			*George Sells.....
Robert Burns . " 173	Valgene Foster.....	*Valgene Foster.....	*Valgene Foster.....
Culbertson ... " 174	Charles Yost.....	*Charles Yost.....	*Charles Yost.....
Temple " 175			
Gladstone " 176	*Floyd E. Junk.....		
Hay Springs .. " 177	Kenneth J. King...	Glen N. Belknap....	*Kenneth J. King...
Prudence " 179	Norval A. Crowder..		Ralph W. Crawford.
Justice " 180	George T. Robertson		
Faith " 181	*Ward L. Mosher....	*Ward L. Mosher....	*Ward L. Mosher....
Alliance " 183	Carl A. Johnson, Jr..	Wendell A. Merritt.	*Harry C. Knight....
Bee Hive " 184	James P. Nielsen...	Raymond E. Modlin	Norman L. Sorensen
Boaz " 185	Don C. Brown.....	*Don C. Brown.....	*Don C. Brown.....
Meridian " 188	Q. N. Beck.....		
Granite " 189			
Amethyst " 190	David L. Jones.....		
Crystal " 191	R. Gale Stine.....		*Clarence W. Buehler
Minnekadusa . " 192	Thomas L. Miller...		*U. Wesley Fox.....
Signet " 193	*F. Otto Nelson.....		
Highland " 194	Keith Balderson...	Carl Bonebright....	*Eric R. Moller.....
Arcana " 195	Guy A. Belsky.....		
Morning Star. " 197	John Schultz, Jr....	*Sheridan B. Marsden	
Purity " 198	Frank Clements....		
Gavel " 199			
Blazing Star.. " 200	Lyle P. Norland....	*Floyd C. Anderson..	
Scotts Bluff.. " 201	Harley G. Tanner...		*William H. Heiss...
Golden Sheaf. " 202	*Osborn H. Scott....		
Roman Eagle.. " 203	Claus O. Malmberg..		
Plainview " 204	Francis C. Stamant..		

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Golden Fleece No. 205	J. Kenneth Grover..	*J. Kenneth Grover..	*J. Kenneth Grover..
Naphthali " 206	.....	.....	.....
Parian " 207	*Allston Asmus.....	*Allston Asmus.....	*Allston Asmus.....
Gauge " 208	.....	.....	Wm. H. Haywood..
Canopy " 209	Wayne Weyers.....	Eldon H. Oehlerking	Valjean Stall.....
East Lincoln.. " 210	E. J. Heckman.....	W. Ross Nalls.....	*William M. Hisey..
Cement " 211	Edward L. Batie... ..	.....	Lyle Fairbanks.....
Compass and Square " 212	Jim Bailey.....	.....	*Lee Quail.....
Plumblineline ... " 214	*Clarence G. Gottula.	.....	.....
Occidental ... " 215	*James R. Fleming..	.....	R. Vernon Janovec.
Palisade " 216	Victor J. Potter....	.....	.....
Wauneta " 217	Nelson C. Borham..	*Nelson C. Borham..	*Nelson C. Borham..
Bloomfield ... " 218	*John R. Clements..	.....	.....
Relief " 219	*Ed H. Collins.....	.....	.....
Magnolia " 220	Robert F. Risch... ..	.....	.....
Wood Lake ... " 221	Howard F. Tetherow	Richard Hanna.....	.....
Landmark " 222	Stanley E. Brunton.	William R. Hart....	C. C. Brodersen.....
Eminence " 223	Gerald H. Higgins..	.....	.....
Silver Cord ... " 224	Dale D. Masters... ..	.....	*Dale D. Masters...
Cable " 225	Louis I. Halstead... ..	.....	.....
Grace " 226	*Wayne Rodehorst... ..	.....	.....
North Star ... " 227	Robert N. Stevenson	Wm. H. Thompson..	.....
Bartley " 228	.....	.....	.....
Comet " 229	Paul C. Bulling....	Clayton V. Johnson.	*Carl T. Johnson....
Delta " 230	*Edward C. Hall....	*Roy L. Smith.....	*Roy L. Smith.....
Mount Herman " 231	.....	Warren Brown.....	.....
John S. Bowen " 232	Neils P. Christensen	.....	Enno Mueller.....
Gilead " 233	Edward G. Peppel..	.....	*Max O. Brown.....
Zion " 234	*W. L. Greathouse... ..	*W. L. Greathouse... ..	*W. L. Greathouse... ..
Fraternity ... " 235	Stanley J. Morris... ..	Gordon Davis.....	.....
Golden Rule... " 236	Edwin Fahrenholz..	Howard Wharton... ..	.....
Cubit " 237	Lloyd R. Brugman..	.....	.....
Friendship ... " 239	Gerald M. Gee.....	Fred J. Speed, Jr... ..	.....
Pilot " 240	*Lloyd V. Francis... ..	Lloyd V. Francis... ..	.....
George Arm- strong " 241	Donald C. Bonneau.	Lyle D. Curley.....	*Leonard Ericksen..
Tyrian " 243	Victor Meyer.....	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	William D. Gordon..	.....	.....
Nehawka " 246	Marion M. Rogers..	*Oliver Atteberry... ..	Frances Leiner.....
Corner-stone .. " 247
Laurel " 248	*Clarence Ross.....	Everard Burns.....	Harold E. Burns....

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gothenburg No. 249	Earl Van Steenberg.	*Earl Van Steenberg.	*Earl Van Steenberg.
George Wash- ington " 250	Newell G. Robison..	.....	.....
Wausa " 251	*Melvin Rosen.....	*Melvin Rosen.....	*Melvin Rosen.....
Beemer " 253	Russell Schweers...	.....	.....
Bassett " 254	Richard Lee Mauch.	Thomas J. Galleher.	*Edmund D. Shaw...
Hickman " 256	Dale E. Harlan.....	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	*J. C. Kellenbarger..	.....	.....
Ornan " 261	William C. Bentz...	V. LeRoy Nyquist..	.....
Endeavor " 262	*Walter C. Smith....	.....	.....
Mitchell " 263	Claude R. Wright...	*Claude R. Wright...	Raymond Strey.....
Franklin " 264	Jesse U. Maliek....	.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas " 265	Jerry E. Prokes....	*Allen B. Connell...	.....
Silver " 266	C. LaVerne Dake...	.....	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	*Russell M. Warren..	.....	.....
George W. Lin- inger " 268	.....	.....	.....
Oasis " 271	*Arthur W. Kaman..	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	I. F. Griysenstrob..	.....	Robert O. Weller...
Crofton " 273	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	*J. D. Langenberg..	.....	.....
Ramah " 275	*Robert L. Davis....	.....	.....
Antelope " 276	*Donald S. Hinman..	.....	*Donald S. Hinman..
Sioux " 277	R. Hilderbrand, Jr.	.....	Frank E. Cherry....
Litchfield " 278	Leslie E. Kramer...	.....	.....
Wallace " 279	.....	.....	.....
Swastika " 280	*John C. Green.....	William W. Steen...	.....
Florence " 281	I. Ralph Dingle....	*Cyrus A. Danhauer.	Winfield C. Oviatt..
Mullen " 282	Percy E. Miller....	*Percy E. Miller....	*Percy E. Miller....
Seneca " 284	*George W. Merz....	*George W. Merz....	*George W. Merz....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	Clarence H. Kisner.	.....	.....
Oshkosh " 286	Harold Moffat....	.....	.....
Union " 287	*Arthur J. Lamborn.	*Robert R. Miller....	*Arthur J. Lamborn.
Omaha " 288	Wm. J. Kamarasky.	*George E. Johnson..	*Jake Wine.....
Lotus " 289	Gerald R. Campbell.	.....	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	George L. Storms...	Daniel W. McBride.	.....
Diamond " 291	Eloit E. Blockmore.	Gordon Johnson....
Wolbach " 292	James Ross.....
Monument ... " 293

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
KimballNo. 294	*Donald Maxted.....	*Wm. F. Johnson....	Donald Maxted.....
Minatare " 295	Fred I. Otte.....	.....	.....
Cotner " 297	*Leslie M. Shaw.....	*Frank H. Kiplin....	Leslie M. Shaw.....
Chester " 298	*Willard L. Larkins. ....	.....	.....
Sutherland ... " 299	Roy S. Dancer.....	.....	.....
Liberty " 300	Vernon F. Kinner....	Ray E. Christiansen	Fred Legler.....
Bayard " 301	*Thomas A. Kidd....	Thomas A. Kidd....	*Thomas A. Kidd....
Mizpah " 302	Theodore A. Juffer.	Morris I. Loder....	Edwin G. Mortensen
Right Angle .. " 303	Arthur J. Nevins... ..	Howard L. Patterson	*Orion A. Kennedy..
Ruskin " 304	*Marvin L. Thayer.. ..	.....	.....
Newman Grove " 305	Donald F. Selander.	*C. Sherman Johnson	Kenneth L. Hansen.
Golden Rod .. " 306	Floyd A. Stoll.....	Don Wise.....	Russell M. Lindley.
William E. Hill " 307	*Carl D. Halvorsen.. ..	.....	.....
Perkins " 308	.....	.....	.....
Winnebago ... " 309	*Hans Jessen.....	.....	.....
Victory " 310	Homer Davis.....	D. Bayne Steele....	*Homer Davis.....
Polk " 311	Leslie Adelson.....	*Lowell Bills.....	*James B. Lindburg.
Oak Leaf " 312	*Wallace E. Moffett. ....	.....	.....
Potter " 313	Douglas Reetz.....	Leon V. Larson....	*Douglas Reetz.....
Craftsmen ... " 314	Warren K. Urbom... ..	Louis W. Epperson.	Roy J. Martin.....
Alpha " 316	Wilbur E. Allen....	.....	.....
Mid-West " 317	*Homer C. Davey....	*Robert E. Muich....	Carl M. Eggers.....
Grand Island. " 318	Robert L. Sievers... ..	Ronald E. Purdy... ..	Steadman D. Cox... ..
Bladen " 319	*Henry Erickson.....	.....	.....
College View.. " 320	*Forest B. Brown, Sr.	*J. Max Johnson....	.....
Harmony " 321	Harold A. Draper... ..	Jack W. McVicker.. ..	*Clifford D. Webster
Pioneer " 322	*Chester J. Cosand... ..	.....	.....
Lebanon " 323	Percy W. Elliott... ..	*Robert E. Lund....	Wilber L. Johnson..
Cairo " 324	Edward T. Swanson	Raymond E. Johnson	Harold J. Southard.
Bellevue " 325	H. Lewis Miller....	R. M. McLaughlin..	*Byron E. Jenkins... ..
Centennial ... " 326	Elmer E. Smith....	.....	*Harvey A. Smith... ..

*Proxy.

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.

The Committee was the recipient of fifty-one petitions for reinstatement and four demits issued more than three years prior to presentation to a Lodge. The actions of the Committee and an analysis of the age groups is presented for your information, as follows:

Age Group	Number of petitions:				1960	1961
	Received	Recommended	Rejected	Returned		
50 years or less	9	8	1		16%	17%
51-60 Years	15	11	3	1	28	27
61-70 Years	21	16	4	1	46	38
71-80 Years	10	7	3		10	18
Totals	55	42	11	2	100%	100%

Resident petitioners totaled 29 leaving 26 from other states. The petitions not recommended by the Committee were divided five within the state and six from other states. The high percentage (47%) of the petitions which originate in other states accentuates the necessity for very careful and extensive investigation. Generally the refused petitions showed about nine years in membership and nineteen years out, with four in the 61-70 age group and three in the 71-80 age group.

An increasing number of good investigation reports were presented to the Committee this year for which we thank all responsible parties.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY

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

Your Temple Building Advisory Committee submits herewith the following report of its activities for the past Grand Lodge year.

The activities of this Committee have been limited in numbers of cases, however, considerable time and effort was expended on several cases before a final solution. This was due in part on failure of lodges to heed suggestions of this Committee to get their "house in order", financially speaking, for the day when a Lodge must repair or even replace existing Lodge buildings. Deterioration of buildings, whether rented or owned, never ceases, and for this reason, local Lodges should lay the ground work for that building or rebuilding program that will inevitably come. Preliminary work, which costs nothing but the time

involved, and yet a vital part of any program, consists of such things as, building sites, building plans, and most important, an appraisal of income and expenses of the lodge for the purpose of establishment of a reserve fund for future building purposes.

In our annual report to Grand Lodge members, we try to impress upon local lodge officers, the establishment of annual dues sufficient to provide setting aside a portion of such dues for future building purposes. Lodges that have failed to provide such reserve fund have found themselves in very embarrassing positions when the need for repairs or new building arise. A building reserve fund is a requirement, as far as this Committee is concerned, to supplement borrowings for building purposes.

To brethren attending Grand Lodge for perhaps the first time, this report provides a brief sketch of the numerous activities of this Committee. Following are the recommendations made by this Committee and subsequently approved by the Grand Master.

On October 27, 1960, we recommended that Mt. Moriah No. 57, Syracuse, be granted permission to borrow, locally \$1,000 to supplement cash on hand to repair the outside wall of their Masonic building, and for minor inside repairs.

On March 10, 1961, we recommended that Charity No. 53, Red Cloud, be granted permission to borrow \$2,200 to supplement funds on hand, to be used in connection with the purchase, rebuilding, and restyling the vacated Methodist church purchased for the purpose of rebuilding for Masonic use. The building, constructed of concrete block is approximately 50' by 56', structurally sound and when completed for their use will be equal to any \$20,000 building, and will become a meeting place that all Masons can be proud of.

On March 25, we recommended, (1) that the building floor plan of Tecumseh 17, Tecumseh, be approved. (2) that the lodge be granted permission to borrow \$5,000 from a local Building & Loan Company, on a 10-year basis, to be repaid in monthly installments. The building, approximately 36' by 65' is a two-story structure, with lodge facilities on the upper level, and dining and recreation on the lower level. The building of reddish brick veneer construction is located on a plot of ground 156' by 210', which provides plenty of parking space. This building when completed will provide much-needed improved lodge facilities, and should boost Masonic activities in Tecumseh.

College View No. 320, Lincoln, prior to June 1, 1960, was a sub-renter of a hall occupied by several other fraternal organizations and owned by the City of Lincoln, housing department fire equipment. This building was condemned on very short notice from further use. This left the Lodge without a meeting place. The Lodge immediately went to work on building plans and finally adopted the plans prepared by this Committee and approved by the Grand Lodge in 1957, as being suitable for Masonic purposes. The ground, 100' by 100', was donated by a former member of College View Lodge who has since passed away. This plot

of ground has an appraised value of \$10,000. The building, contracted to cost \$23,000, is well on its way. Corner-stone laying ceremony is tentatively set for Saturday July 1st. Regarding financing: While the Lodge had a nice reserve fund, in order to qualify for a loan, it was necessary to further increase dues, and to receive donations from its members. Our Committee recommended College View Lodge be granted permission to borrow \$13,000 on a 20-year basis at 4½% interest, payable semi-annually. Incidentally, today June 6, is the 33rd birthday of the chartering of College View Lodge, and to our knowledge, this new Masonic Temple, when completed, will, for the first time in the history of the Lodge provide the necessary facilities to correctly dramatize each of the three degrees of Masonry.

Concluding our report, we wish to extend an invitation to brethren attending Grand Lodge, who have matters concerning Temple Building to look us up, we will be happy to visit with you.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC - EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

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

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

During the past year there were three students under the supervision of this Committee. One was a young lady attending her second year at Midland College.

The young man who had been at the Milford Trade School during the previous year decided to go to McCook Junior College this year. However, at the end of the first semester he decided to go in to the Navy and so did not finish his year.

Of the two young men who graduated from Fremont High School last year one decided not to go on to college and joined the Coast Guard. The other entered Wayne State Teachers College where he has spent his freshman year.

Since there was but one graduate from high school at the Home this year and she decided to go to work for the Telephone Company instead of going on to college, the Committee will have but one student under their supervision during the next year. This will be the young man who is attending Wayne State Teachers College.

The Committee is asking that the sum of \$450.00 be appropriated for the Committee's work this year and an equal sum will be received from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

We appreciate the opportunity of working with these young people and hope that we have carried on this work of the Grand Lodge in the way in which you would like to have it done.

At 4:45 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from Labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY — MORNING SESSION

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. Homer C. Davey, 317, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations submit the following report upon various matters referred to it. As directed, your Committee met with representatives of the following five Lodges: Acacia No. 34, Schuyler; Crescent No. 143, Primrose; Highland Lodge No. 194, Cortland; Potter No. 313, Potter, and Valley Lodge No. 157, Wilsonville.

Upon examinations of the failure of these various Lodges to be properly represented each was satisfactorily explained, we find each Lodge to be in good order and have been given assurance that they will be represented at future communications. We, therefore, recommend no forfeiture of any of the Charters of these so-cited Lodges.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

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

The year just ending has been a busy one and much has been accomplished by your Trustees.

Our home cannot be operated each day the same. Constantly there are problems. They must be solved. We must keep up our property; things wear out and break down; changes in care are indicated; one new resident may require something different and sometimes more costly to do the job as it requires.

You are entitled to know these things. I can only briefly report here. I wish each of you could sit with us often as we struggle with our problems so you could know better and more fully about the operation of your home — as you should know. It would amaze you but also thrill you and make you proud of the Giants who solve these problems in your name.

This year we have cleaned up our property. We removed the delapidated old barn and chicken house. We've cleaned out the old hedge that blocked the view of the home. All our beautiful trees came in for trimming and removal of dead wood. We sprayed them against elm disease. The lawn has received much needed care. Our front steps that were cracked and chipping off have been replaced, thereby removing an accident hazard.

Last year I told you of the study we were making over the worn out boiler plant, laundry and refrigeration equipment. That study has crystallized into plans for a new wing we hope soon to have to replace this old equipment and with it the renovation of the old wing by installation of some bath and toilet facilities.

The new wing we expect can also be utilized to provide housing for about 25 residents, something else now needed. We are dangerously close to being to capacity. With more and more applicants coming with critical conditions, we dare not ever again go to a waiting list.

We estimate the cost of the improvement to be in the neighborhood of \$300,000.00 and we, at this time, feel we may be able to get it done with funds in our building fund and not need to call on the brethren of Nebraska for added help.

We are proud to report to you that we were able to stay inside last year's budget and return a considerable sum. This was done even with added expenses not anticipated at the beginning of the year.

We face again this year the need of a larger budget. Continued rising costs of labor, food and medicine added to a constantly rising population make it necessary. I have told you before of the increased demand for bed care. It continues to prevail. Of the 90 residents at the home today there are not over 5 who do not require care or supervision of one degree or another.

We have explained that life is longer and those who come to us come late in life with a number of afflictions. Medical care and its cost today provide a major item in our budget. Years ago it was food and shelter. Today, care is dominant in nearly every case.

For several years we have watched these changes take place and have seen the need for more funds go up. We have talked long and seriously about what we could do to help this situation. We have finally reached a decision to send seals to our membership much the same as other successful organizations do. We were encouraged by our Grand Master to try this program and our board has voted unanimously to start it this Thanksgiving. Our budget carries an item for the cost of this program. You, for the first time in your life, will receive these seals and a letter of explanation sometime shortly before the traditional time to give thanks to our Creator for all the grand things He has seen fit to send us out of His love. I ask you to give. Keep the seals and send your check, however small, for our need is great. Importantly, I ask you to use the seals to tell all to whom you write that there is a Nebraska Masonic Home. I beg of you your support of the program. If each of

us put our money where our heart is it will be of great value to the care of our worthy brethren and sisters. I think you will buy somebody's seals this Holiday Season — you now can buy those of your Home.

I must note here the outstanding help given us by Worthy Grand Matron, of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska, Mrs. Edward M. Knight. She has carried to each and every Chapter the message of the Home. The results have been splendid and we thank her, Grand Chapter and the individual Chapters for remembering us.

Our Grand Master M. W. John F. Futeher has spent a great amount of his time and energy helping us with our problems. Besides his encouragement on our seal campaign and other financial matters, he has never failed to mention our program and our need to lodges and Area Meetings. We owe him a great debt of appreciation for work over and above the call of duty.

We are pleased to here express our affection for our wonderful Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen. Day or night he's always helping with his most capable advice and experience. His day has no ending.

Our Superintendent continues to care for our people as you would have him do and most efficiently.

Our most grateful thanks must go to all others. The Lodges, Chapters, Kensingtons, Masters and Wardens, the food truck committee and all of you and you for the Love you bear those whose load they cannot bear.

I'd like to thank the Trustees of this great institution. They are the Giants I mentioned before. It is hard to thank them. They are the hardest working, dedicated men I've ever lived with. Their pay is their opportunity to serve suffering humanity in your name.

At this time the Grand Master presented a check from the Grand Chapter, OES of Nebraska for \$3,000 for The Nebraska Masonic Home for the care of the Residents.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC - EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W. W. Jess W. Wade, 290, President, presented the report of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted.

It is a pleasure to bring to you this report of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. We have had a good year. The children are all in good health. At the present time we have thirty-eight children in the home. One of these graduates this spring. An application for two more children was approved by the Board at its last meeting. When these arrive our total will be thirty-nine. We have an application pending for two additional children and if it is approved we will have forty-one. While this number is not the capacity of the home, it is

somewhat greater than the average for the past four or five years. Two years ago we made our facilities at Fremont available to children with proper Masonic sponsorship from adjoining states on a per capita cost basis. While we have had some inquiry in this connection we have had no applications.

Every effort is being made at Fremont to create a normal homelike atmosphere for the children and grand-children of Masons and Eastern Stars, who have need for such a home. It is for this reason we maintain separate dwellings for Senior Girls, Senior Boys, Junior Girls and Junior Boys. Each group lives as a family unit. We feel this system gives the boy and girl an opportunity to freely participate in the responsibilities and pleasures of family living. To carry on this operation we have a devoted and dedicated staff, who not only care for the physical needs of the children but also for their cultural and spiritual development. To our Superintendent and to this staff we offer our sincere thanks for the splendid job they are doing.

The children attend the Public Schools at Fremont and attend the church of their choice. They are a part of the youth of the community, participating in Scouting, 4-H Programs, Job's Daughters, DeMolay and in school in Athletics, Band, Chorus and Glee Club. Over the years we have been proud of the accomplishments of some of our children in these activities as well as their scholastic achievements.

The Home is operated jointly by this Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska. The Board of Trustees is composed of representatives nominated from these Grand Bodies. The Grand Master and the Worthy Grand Matron are ex-officio members of the Board. At the meeting of the Stockholders of the Home last July, the number of trustees was reduced from twenty-four to fourteen. Each Trustee is active on at least one of the five standing committees. The number of Committees was reduced from nine to five this year to make for a more efficient operation.

One of our most serious problems at the Home is to secure and maintain proper qualified personnel. Caring for thirty-nine children ranging in age from four to nineteen years, is a responsible "round the Clock", day in and day out, job. It is very difficult to find people with the necessary qualifications to take on such responsibility. This past year we were fortunate to secure the services of a young man, with college background, to replace our farmer who resigned. Besides taking over the management of the farm and buildings, this man assumes the duties of Assistant to the Superintendent, directing the 4-H program and other assigned activities of the children. It is hoped as time goes on we will be able to secure people of like caliber to replace some of our older employees as they come to retirement age.

A year ago it was determined that the house in which our farmer lived would have to be replaced. To build a new house would have required an outlay of some \$12,000.00. Our Buildings, Grounds and Farm Committee recommended that the second floor of the annex to the Senior

Boys home be converted into an apartment. This was done at a cost of about one third of the cost of a new house. A nice two-bedroom apartment resulted. It is now occupied by the assistant to the superintendent and his wife. This arrangement has proven very valuable in another respect, because we now have an adult man in the same building with the Senior Boys, where he spends a great deal of time with them in their home life as their counselor.

The 4-H program is functioning very well. Thirteen children, both boys and girls, are participating this year. Last fall a number of calves were given to us by some good Masonic friends in Western Nebraska, to whom we are truly grateful. They were given with the idea that the boy or girl who raised the calf would receive the proceeds from the sale of it, when ready for market, less whatever costs there were except feed. These funds to be put into a trust to be applied toward college expense when the boy or girl should enroll. We feel this is an excellent program. Our farm land produces feed for the livestock in the 4-H program as well as for the beef and pork animals which supply the meat for our home use. It also gives us garden products for use in season and also for many months afterwards for those vegetables which lend themselves for cellar storage. A good many brethren and lodges have contributed feed, grains, potatoes and other products to supplement our own production. To them we say many thanks.

It was necessary to replace the boiler in the Junior Girls Home last year. We are now in the process of installing a new boiler in Senior Boys. These were both very old oil conversion furnaces, which just naturally gave out. We will now have gas burning boilers in all the buildings, which will effect a material savings in our heating costs. Our buildings, with the exception of the new Administration-Recreation building, range in age from thirty-five to forty-seven years. While they are structurally sound, such items as plumbing, plastering, storm-windows and screens, etc., are in constant need of repair and in a good many instances should be replaced. The driveway forming the circle on which the cottages are located is gravel only. In periods of excess moisture we have a problem of chuck holes and drainage. In periods of dryness we have a dry gravel road with resulting dust. The driveway should be regraded and paved. This would solve a drainage problem and would provide a neat clean drive. With our limited budget we can only hope to keep such items in operational repair until such time as funds may be available for replacements. However, regardless of this, our Home continues to meet the licensing requirements of the State Health Board and the State Fire Marshal.

A year ago our President reported a new sixteen page Brochure was then coming off the press. A copy of this beautiful booklet was mailed to every Masonic family in the state. Efforts were made to make copies of it available to every interested person. The response to the circulation of the Brochure has been very favorable and pleasing. Our publicity committee prepared and sent out a follow-up letter last Thanksgiving

and another was delivered this spring as a Mother's Day message. Besides giving information about the activities of the children and other news of the Home, the brochure and letters carry a message designed to create thoughtful thinking by those who are seeking sources for bequests and memorial and charitable giving. Our endowment fund a year ago amounted to \$104,000. It is now over \$160,000. It is hoped this fund will grow to a point where the income from endowment investments will care for the operation needs of the home. This is not too much to hope for. It only means that our good Masonic and Eastern-Star friends need to be informed of purposes and activities of the home, and how it fills the needs of our children for love, guidance and protection during the most critical years of their lives.

Many of you have visited the Home and have contributed liberally to it. However, it is astonishing to find so many Masons in Nebraska who have never seen the Home and therefore know little about it. I have found a few who did not know we had such a Home. However during the past year or so there has been a growing interest that has become noticeable. Just recently the Master of a Lodge I know has started to use a series of informative statements in the monthly printed bulletin of his Lodge to tell the membership about The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont and The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. This is indeed commendable and we hope that other lodges and Eastern Star Chapters in the state will adopt a similar program. Caring for our children at Fremont and our elder citizens at Plattsmouth is a practical application of a part of our Masonic obligation. It is caring for our own.

To the members of the Board of Trustees and to the Chairmen of the Committees, I wish to express my sincere thanks for their fine cooperation and loyalty. They travel many miles each year to attend Board meetings and committee meetings at Fremont. Their only compensation is the pleasure and satisfaction which is theirs in doing a job they feel to be most worth while, and to which they are truly dedicated. To our M. W. Grand Master, I wish to say thanks for your loyal support, your keen interest in the Home and your understanding of its problems. I also wish to express my appreciation to our Grand Secretary for his ever helpful assistance and fine cooperation.

REPORT OF MASONIC MANOR

M. W. Fay Smith, 198, President, presented the report of the Masonic Manor which was adopted.

The proposed Masonic Manor Apartment House that was voted to be sponsored by you last year with no financial obligation attached as far as the Grand Lodge was concerned is moving forward and I thought a short report on its status would be in order. A number of years ago about the time that I was Grand Master, we began talking about this Apartment House for Master Masons or their families or near relatives. We felt

that it was a good thing, it would be for those who could pay their own way. We were doing things for our destitute brethren but not for those who could pay their own way as far as living quarters were concerned. So this was talked up at that time and we consulted with a number who thought it might be a good idea, and M. W. John E. Beaver put the recommendation in his report and then it was acted upon last year.

It will be for Masons who are over 62 years of age and as I said for their wives, widows. They have joint survivorship so that the widow will continue to keep the apartment if the husband is gone. A non-profit corporation has been formed and the laws are such that the Grand Lodge and the Masons of Nebraska are perpetually in control.

At the time we made our preliminary report, we were planning to build on the Mercer site which was over toward Methodist Hospital. It was impossible to deal satisfactorily with the owner and we were forced to look for a different site, we chose the Harding site at 52nd and Leavenworth and after being forced to make the change, I am sure everyone who has looked at that site wouldn't trade for the original one. We are starting promotional activities to sell these apartments. Sixty have already been sold and I would like to call your attention to the fact that we have a model apartment set up in the rear of this room. It is locked now during the session and tonight as soon as we adjourn, it will be open and I urge you to go and look at it. This is exactly the size, the arrangement and all as it will be in the proposed apartment. It goes without saying that it takes the support of all the Masons and we beg your support. If you know of any one who is interested in an apartment of this type in their later years, we urge you to have them get in touch with the Grand Secretary. We have brochures which you have received, explaining it. An efficiency apartment will cost \$3,000, a bedroom apartment will cost \$4,500. which gives a perpetual lease on the apartment. The cost of living in it will be just under \$100 which makes a pretty economical way to live.

There is one thing that I think you younger men will be interested in and that is provision will be made that if you would like to have your name written on one of these apartments and you are not ready to live in it, you can still buy the apartment, it will be rented to someone else until you are ready to use it and during that time, you will receive 4% on your money. So I think it is sort of a —forgive the expression — an ace in the hole to have one. I just want once more to urge you to remember that we have this project under way, that we want your help and if you know of anyone that would be interested, please get them in touch with our Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

W. Alfred B. Gorman, 54, presented the report of the Committee on Public Relations, which was adopted.

The Public Relations Committee prepared and issued news stories

on various activities of the Grand Lodge. These were sent to newspapers, radio stations, television stations and to the news services.

Stories were written to publicize six area meetings held by the Committee on Masonic Education at Auburn, Bellevue, Columbus, Lincoln, Hastings, and North Platte. These stories were sent to all news media in the 48 counties represented in the meetings.

Stories were published on a number of schools of instruction, cornerstone laying, dedications and a series of stories with pictures were published in the Omaha World Herald concerning the Masonic Manor.

A story for state-wide release was prepared concerning the election and appointment of Grand Lodge officers for 1961. This will be released at an appropriate time in 241 newspapers, 37 radio stations and 10 television stations in Nebraska. A picture of Deputy Grand Master Herbert A. Ronin was also sent to 100 of the larger newspapers and to the television stations.

A story announcing this annual communication of the Grand Lodge was released last Sunday and stories have been or will be released concerning the proceedings of this communication that are of public interest.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. John F. Futeher, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers and appointed the following tellers: W. Henry G. Jackson, 25, Chairman; Calvin T. Friesz, 15; Fred S. Rutt, 135; Emanuel J. Heckman, 210; Granville N. Simpson, 32; Gerald R. Campbell, 289; Earl K. Van Steenberg, 249, and John D. Richardson, 50.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

- Brother Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....Grand Master
- Brother Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.....Deputy Grand Master
- Brother Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....Grand Senior Warden
- Brother Harry A. Spencer, 227.....Grand Junior Warden
- Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

- Brother Frank A. Court, 19.....Grand Chaplain
- Brother Earl L. Meyer, 183.....Grand Orator
- Brother George W. Rosenlof, 314.....Grand Historian
- Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6.....Grand Custodian
- Brother Alfred B. Saum, 46.....Grand Marshal
- Brother Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....Grand Senior Deacon
- Brother Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.....Grand Junior Deacon
- Brother Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES 1961 - 1962

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

Appropriations: W. Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 288 (1962) Chairman; Walter Truex, 55 (1963); Richard L. Wait, 19 (1964); R. Wayne Wilson, 302 (1965); Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1966).

Finance: W. Brothers John A. Bottorf, 49 (1962) Chairman; Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1963); Robert E. Lund, 323 (1964); Elmo R. Clayton, 302 (1965); Norris W. Lallman, 72 (1966).

Fraternal Dead: W. Brothers Clyde R. Worrall, 59, Chairman; Frank A. Court, 19; Jesse L. Williams, 210.

Fraternal Relations: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Mark Mitchell, 138.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; W. Elmer P. Baruth, 323; W. Robert L. Page, 1.

Grand Lodge Business Affairs: W. James M. Paxson, 302 (1965) Chairman; W. Brother William A. Pettengill, 25 (1962); Brother Harald V. Anderson, 3 (1963); W. Brother John M. Douglas, 268 (1964); M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54 (1966).

Grand Lodge Office: W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, Chairman; W. Donald A. Keys, 300; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68.

Grand Trustees: W. Brothers William E. Moor, 102 (1962); Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1963); Carl D. Ganz, 309 (1964); Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1965); M. W. John F. Futeher, 302 (1966).

Grievances: W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; W. Otto Kotouc, Jr., 40; W. J. Max Johnson, 320.

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. Brothers Howard J. Hunter, 43 (1963) Chairman; Alfred B. Gorman, 54 (1962); Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1962); Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1963); M. W. John E. Beaver, 253 (1964); W. Roy W. Deal, 227 (1964); W. Phillip A. Robinson, 155 (1964).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman; Chancellor A. Phillips, 150; Herbert T. White, 11.

Public Relations: W. Brother Alfred B. Gorman, 54, Chairman; Brother John S. Savage, 11; W. Floyd C. Wisner, 265.

Relief and Care of Orphans: M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1, (1966), Chairman; Brother Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1962); W. John S. Burley, 300 (1963); W. Arthur A. Gregory, 265 (1964); W. Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1965).

Temple Building Advisory: W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300 (1964) Chairman; William H. Pittam, 183 (1962); E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1963).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Percy C. Brintnall, 302, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Returns has checked the reports of the subordinate Lodges for the year 1960.

In general, we find the returns have been very satisfactory, and we commend the Secretaries for their diligence in making their reports.

We wish to congratulate the office of the Grand Secretary for its efficient work in compiling these reports and desire to thank the Office for its fine cooperation with the Committee.

Recommendations and suggestions:

We recommend that the reports be typewritten if possible. In some cases the figures and names in written reports have not been very legible. In instances where the first letter of a surname has not been legible, it has led to considerable confusion in the recording of the names in the files.

In a few cases the request that one given name in full and one initial be used has not been followed. This also leads to confusion in the filing of the names.

There are a few instances in which the seal of the lodge has not been affixed.

The name of the holder of the Jordan Medal has not always been indicated. It may happen that the man entitled to the Medal has not received it.

We support the recommendation of the Grand Secretary as to the submission of monthly reports by the subordinate lodges.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was adopted section by section then as a whole.

Your Committee on Grievances report that investigation has been made on the merits of the petition for restoration of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104 and recommends that the petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason. Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on January 7, 1948, that he petitioned for reinstatement in Wymore Lodge No. 104, that the investigating Committee reported favorably for a reinstatement and that on May 10, 1961, the petition for restoration was granted and your Committee offers the following resolution and moves its adoption. Be it resolved: that the petition of a former member of Wymore Lodge No. 104 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

Your Committee reports that a member of Crescent Lodge No. 25, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was expelled from membership on March 6, 1961, after a Trial held on January 23, 1961, on a complaint of un-masonic conduct brought by Nebraska Lodge No. 1, that an appeal was taken from the decision of the Trial Commission, that on the date of the complaint, May 3, 1960 that former member was engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors in violation of Section 3-102 (d).

2. That the findings of the Trial Commission and the penalty of expulsion are in all respect proper and should be affirmed and your Committee offers the following resolution and moves its adoption: Be it resolved, that the findings of the Trial Commission and the penalty of expulsion entered on March 6, 1961, be affirmed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Chairman, presented a partial report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted section by section, then as a whole.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has considered all matters referred to it and submits the following report with recommendations:

1. We recommend that the section on By-laws be approved.
(Adopted)

2. We recommend that the section on Dispensations be approved.
(Adopted)

3. We recommend that Decisions No. 1, 2 and 3 be approved.
(Adopted)

4. We recommend that Recommendation No. 1 (a) be approved.
(Adopted)

5. We recommend that Recommendation No. 1 (b) be approved, and that a new section, to be known as Section 2-606.01, be added to the Law of Freemasonry.

"Sec. 2-606.01 — CONTRIBUTION OF MASTER MASONS FOR ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND. — For the purpose of increasing the Endowment and Bequest Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home, there shall be collected from every Mason at the time he receives the degree of a Master Mason a contribution of ten dollars (\$10.00) in addition to the fees required by the By-laws of his subordinate Lodge; each Lodge shall give a separate receipt for such contribution which contribution shall be kept in a separate fund until remittance is made to the Grand Secretary. Said remittance shall be made at the time in the manner provided for the payment of fees in Section 2-601. This amendment to become effective on September 1, 1961. (Not Adopted)

6. We recommend that Recommendation No. 2 (a) be approved.
(Adopted)

7. We recommend that Recommendation No. 2 (b) be approved.
(Adopted)

8. We recommend that Recommendation No. 3 be approved.
(Adopted)

9. We recommend that Recommendation No. 4 be approved and that Section 2-411 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2-411 — DIPLOMA. There shall be issued a diploma to every Master Mason raised on or after June 8, 1961 by the lodge of which he is a member, on the form prescribed in this Grand Jurisdiction, provided he has first complied with the provisions of Section 2-402. Said diploma is to be granted without charge therefor and regardless of whether he became a member of said lodge by affiliation, or by taking the degrees therein. The form of diploma found on page 103, proceedings of 1913, is adopted for the use of all subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the issuance of any other is prohibited; such diploma shall be seven by eight inches in size. (Adopted)

10. At a previous Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge there was referred to this committee the question relating to mileage and per diem to members of certain committees of this Grand Lodge and said matter was then held for further consideration by this committee.

We now recommend that Section 1-105 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

Section 1-105 MILEAGE AND PER DIEM. The retiring Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and one representative from each chartered Lodge, according to official rank, if present, and each member of a Grand Lodge Committee, shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge 10 cents per mile for each mile traveled going to Grand Lodge, to be estimated by the most direct route, and five dollars per day for each day's attendance. In case the lodge is not represented by any of the first three officers, the proxy given by the highest ranking officer shall be entitled to mileage and per diem. Each member of a Grand Lodge Committee, convened in advance of the Annual Communication, shall receive per diem for such additional attendance, besides the mileage and per diem for Grand Lodge attendance. Each member of the Jurisprudence Committee shall receive mileage and per diem for attendance at the meeting of this Committee prior to the opening of Grand Lodge; provided that the total expense for such mileage and per diem shall not exceed \$500.00 in any one year for such special meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee. Provided that no member shall be paid for mileage traveled out of this state, nor for a greater distance than from the location of his lodge in this state. Nor shall any such officer or representative receive mileage or per diem for serving in more than one capacity. (Adopted)

RESOLUTION

The following resolution signed by the required number of members of the Grand Lodge was read and laid over until the 105th Annual Communication.

RESOLUTION AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. We move that Article III of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska be amended by adding the words: "or at such other place designated by the Grand Master, with approval of the Grand Lodge," so that the section as amended will read as follows:

"The Grand Lodge shall hold a regular communication annually in the city of Omaha or at such other place designated by the Grand Master, with approval of the Grand Lodge."

2. That the original Article III be repealed.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution signed by the required number of members of the Grand Lodge was read and laid over until the 105th Annual Communication.

RESOLUTION AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

1. We move that Section 1-101 of Part one, Chapter one of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, be amended by adding the words: "or at such other place designated by the Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge," after the word "Omaha," so that the section as amended will read as follows:

"ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS — The stated Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge shall be held at Omaha, or at such other place designated by the Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, on the first Tuesday after the second day of June, at such hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Mason's lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven lodges be found to be present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments, and fill vacancies in the standing committees."

2. That the original section 1-101 be repealed.

At 12:05 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY — WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION
JUNE 7, 1961

W. Dan W. Campbell, 290:

M. W. Grand Master and brethren, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Honored Queen Cindy Morrison, Senior Princess Mary Lee Jepsen and Junior Princess Judy Christiansen of Bethel No. 53, International Order of Job's Daughters, Papillion, who would like to make a presentation.

Miss Morrison presented a check in the amount of \$158 and a Polaroid 900 electric eye land camera with case and other accessories for The Nebraska Masonic Home. The money had been earned by the girls.

R. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Deputy Grand Master, presented Miss Karen Smith of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, who presented The Nebraska Masonic Home with a check for \$150.00.

M. W. John F. Fatcher, Grand Master, accepted the checks and the camera and expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home for their thoughtfulness and their gifts, and stated their gifts were most useful.

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. Harry A. Burke, 290, Grand Orator:

It is indeed a high honor for a school-master to address the Grand Lodge of Masons in Nebraska. It is also a privilege, on this occasion, to acknowledge that the Ancient and Honorable ideals of Masonry are completely compatible with the basic purposes and objectives of education in our Republic. It is always with a great deal of personal consolation that I read in the designated title of every Blue Lodge the use of the word "free." May I point out to you, too, that the most common adjectives used throughout our history to describe our public school system are words "free" and "common." We do so because public education is the prerogative of all in a nation where the powers of government reside in the people.

You will note, in these preliminary remarks, that three words are interrelated — "government," "schools," and "Masonry." Whatever influences one influences the other. Whatever threatens one has a detrimental effect on the other. Inevitably, then, my remarks will deal with

public education and its function in our nation. Obviously, this is the only logical topic for a school-master who is a Mason and who is increasingly concerned with the many impelling forces — political, social, and economic — which are modifying our original, historic concepts of public education.

At this moment we are in the midst of a spate of irresponsible criticism of public education. Debunking the public schools is a favorite sport. We are told that the schools are inefficient, pupils can't read, the schools cost too much, are ungodly, are communistic, and are not as effective as the educational systems in foreign countries. Irresponsible criticism, through the use of weasel words and half-truths, destroys the institution which it purports to help. There is no reference as to what is right with our schools. Responsible criticism never becomes so obsessed with the flaws of the schools that their achievements, cherished by our nation, are forgotten. But the matter of deepest concern is the apparent widespread apathy of our citizens. They are not aware of the significance of the attacks on the public school system which now amount to almost a conspiracy against the right of children to a free public education. It is a conspiracy, in my judgment, to create a school system which could be used to destroy our freedoms and our republican form of government.

Let us look at some of the characteristics of our common schools which we now take for granted and consider their significance which too often is forgotten. There was, for example, the mother of five children in St. Louis who, in explaining to a reporter why she voted against a bond issue, said that there would always be public education no matter what her vote might be, and that schools cost too much anyway. May I briefly review with you some of the characteristics she had forgotten and which in my judgment are of surpassing importance to all of us.

The common schools of this nation are old when compared to the age of the educational system of other nations. They antedate by almost three-quarters of a century the establishment of like schools in European countries. Our American high school was created in 1827, and it was not until well into the twentieth century that most European nations had provided a limited type of secondary school for their young people.

Our common schools were not copied after some European model. Our forefathers rejected the feudal, ecclesiastical Old World schools which were characteristic of Europe at the time of the founding of our Republic. May I also remind you that our school system was not created by a group of militant educators. Our schools were not structured on any predetermined ideology or pattern of organization. Our common schools are the grass-roots expression of a pioneering society to provide in a raw and harsh environment an agency for the education of their children. These schools, since our forefathers felt that all children should be educated, were free and open to all, and controlled by the local representatives of each community. This plan of local control of schools has

proven to be surprisingly effective and efficient even in the midst of the rapid development of urban communities, technological growth, and the great expansion of our population. Our public school system in its basic ideology is peculiarly American in its origin and in its purposes.

Not only are the common schools American and non-European in origin, they represent, as designed by our forefathers, a moral conception which was based on faith in the individual and faith in equal opportunities for all men. This does not mean that each child has equal capacities and endowments. It does mean that the American people were morally determined, as the founders of our schools expressed, time and again, that each child should have a real chance to make the most of his potentialities. This moral conception undergirding our public schools is basic to the understanding of our form of education.

The American common school is an instrumentality of democracy, an agency of the state to teach citizenship and to inculcate the principles of our republican form of government. An enlightened citizenry, our forefathers knew, was essential for the preservation of our individual liberties and our political freedom. They knew full well that our form of government makes more exacting demands upon the morality and intelligence of its people than any other form of government tried by any state in history.

Thus, our schools are open and available to all the children in the community. In this sense they are literally free. We tax all to support them, and we have rejected the idea that schools are for paupers only. May I say to you, also, that this common support of the schools is the basis of our free enterprise system which can only sustain itself by means of special skills and benefits which are derived from the education of all citizens.

Our educational system may be likened to an educational ladder for the rich, the poor, the bright, the dull, the vocation-bound, the college-bound; in short, a ladder on which every child may put his foot on the lower rung and climb as high as his capacity and interests will take him. In our high schools we have combined the practical subjects with the so-called culture subjects in our curricula.

Each young person in our comprehensive high school is not subject to classification or grouping apart from his peers because of the social status, the profession, or the work of his father, or because of the influences or desires of any organization or any officer of government. Our American schools literally are "classless," both in practice and theory. This cannot be said of any other school in any other nation.

The American school system is non-sectarian, open to all groups irrespective of their religious affiliation in the community. In fact, it is the only influence to be found in any community which mitigates and unifies the differences of all types inherent in our political and social structure today. Therefore, the American public school system is "secular," that is, it is under non-ecclesiastical control. This does not mean that the public schools are anti-religious. It does mean that the

common school is an institution of the whole community which recognizes all citizens as first class, irrespective of creed, race, or individual differences.

These, then, are the oft forgotten characteristics of our American public school system. Our schools are old in terms of history, they are locally controlled, they are based upon strong moral conceptions, they are free and open to all, they are classless, non-sectarian, and secular. They are peculiarly American. May I say to you that no other social institution invented by man has so completely succeeded in realizing the goals and objectives which our forefathers set for our public school system. May I point out to you some of the amazing achievements which may be credited to the American public school system.

After all, we did create a nation. Isn't it remarkable that the United States, among all its leaders, has not experienced the rule of a Nero, a Hitler, or a Stalin?

We have maintained the important political principles of separation of church and state. We have guaranteed tolerance for all creeds. With it all, our nation has maintained high moral standards and a spiritual life equalled nowhere else on earth. The above statement is made with the full realization that as a nation our citizens have been accused of being materialistic and non-spiritual.

To date this nation has successfully overcome the differences of sectionalism. We have avoided anarchy in times of crisis or during economic strife. We have succeeded in Americanizing a huge foreign population. We have held together as a people. We have not watered down our culture despite our emphasis on the practical values of education. We produce as many professional leaders, scientists, physicians, and scholars as any nation in the world. We produce as high a percentage of the total population for positions of leadership in our country as they do in Germany and Russia if you look at the data which are available. At the same time, we have probably produced the most literate population in the world.

We have preserved class mobility, that is, the avenues of economic, social, and political opportunity have been open to all irrespective of background, ancestry, or religion. It is still possible for the individual in this nation to achieve as much as his efforts and capabilities will permit him; it is still possible to marry the boss's daughter, or change one's social and economic status because mobility among the classes still exists primarily through the equalizing influences of the American public school system.

The American schools have never been the instrument of any political party for purposes of propaganda or indoctrination. We have some 25,000 school districts in our 50 states controlled locally by lay citizens. No federal authority speaks for all the schools in this nation.

No institution invented by any society in history has so completely realized the goals for which it was created. The American public school system has been an outstanding success no matter what the measure of

that success may be. To paraphrase Lincoln, the American public schools are "the most noble experiment devised by man."

But never before in their successful history have the common schools in the United States been in such serious difficulties. Every basic principle undergirding school organization and educators' practice is under attack. The schools' very existence in the historic form as we have known is now threatened for the first time. There are three basic areas of conflict and attack which should be the concern of every friend of public education.

The first of these which I would like to mention is the effect of the national conflict between the races now raging throughout the land. The schools find themselves in the center of this struggle. Despite the decisions of the Supreme Court and universal expressions of good will, the bitter conflicts arising from the sharp differences in the mores and the customs of various segments of our population are still unresolved. The result is that the public school system has been abandoned in several counties in Virginia, Georgia, and in other communities of the Deep South. Private schools have been functioning in Prince Edward County, Virginia, for three years. A large segment of both the white and negro children have attended no school for this length of time. The tragedy is that no efforts to date, either by parents of the children without education or by state or local officials, have succeeded in reinstating the common school system for all children. The fact remains that public schools have been discontinued legally for the first time in this country's history.

There is another type of segregation which is just as serious as that in the Deep South, namely, the type occurring in our large cities in every state. This new trend, exemplified by the creation of Negro ghettos, ultimately will also have far-reaching effects on education. Whole city school systems are becoming segregated because of an influx of Negro migrants from the Deep South and a corresponding movement of white elements in our cities to the suburbs. The Washington, D. C., city schools are now 85 per cent Negro. The enrollment of Negro children in Philadelphia is now 60 per cent of the total. In these and other cities and in several suburban areas around New York City the effort to train a vast influx of people who are largely illiterate and who live in segregated areas within our big cities is overwhelming the resources and the educational capacities of these communities. This phenomenon is aggravated by mass unemployment and increasing teen-age crime and delinquency in our cities. In one city in the East, Dr. James B. Conant, ex-president of Harvard University, reported in a recent survey that 59 per cent of the teen-agers 17 to 20 are now out of school and roaming the city streets. These newly created slum areas of the cities have become breeding places of communism and have developed to such an extent that they can now politically control our large cities which are our centers of communication in this country. The only agency available for help in this situation is the educational system. But the concomitant social and economic problems

are beyond their present resources. The appalling deterioration of education in the slum areas of our cities and the tacit abandonment of the standard educational program in some of these cities, together constitute the most serious challenge to the maintenance of free public schools and the very existence of the nation itself. In the unanswered problems posed by the segregation of the races, both legal and illegal, lie the seeds of national self-destruction unless the situation is corrected. Obviously segments of the community cannot run away from this problem by moving to the suburbs and refusing to give leadership and help in meeting the educational needs of an urban area or a total state. Certainly the situation is a challenge to the control of schools, because, beyond the shadow of a doubt, the federal government will be required to move into our cities unless the local communities, together with the aid of the state, take steps to meet this crisis.

A second crucial issue related to the first is the continuing struggle for public funds to support non-public schools. This drive is succeeding, as any close examination of state and federal spending for education will reveal. On the college level, student loans, grants for the building of chapels on college campuses, and appropriations for the training of teachers of theology are all examples of instances where federal funds follow the student into the college of his choice without regard for the nature of the courses for which a student may enroll. There is a tacit acceptance in an increasing number of states of the idea that local and state tax funds for education may be spent for such items as the transportation of pupils to non-public schools, the payment for textbooks for pupils no matter where enrolled, and for other activities of schools which may be classified as "welfare." The public is accepting these arrangements in order to avoid a political decision relative to this issue primarily as a result of the increasing costs of public education. There is also an unspoken acceptance of the idea that perhaps education should be left to private agencies only, and that perhaps the costs of educating all the children of all the people might be avoided.

Certainly this latter issue, in combination with that involving segregation in our schools, I must repeat, with all the pessimism at my command, is of such a critical nature that the very character and function of the American public school system is in the balance. Ultimately the dependence on private schools for the education of children would become an impossible financial burden, as demonstrated previously in our history and in Europe. And this approach, too, would result in a decreasing number of educated citizens with the concomitant lowering of the present high level of educational attainment of our people.

A third important challenge to American education is the increasing centralization of school controls especially as they relate to the curriculum, financial support, and the certification of teaching staffs by state, regional, or national agencies. Many of these pressures are non-political in their origin, but, as in the case of great foundations, they are successful in modifying the purposes of American schools in accordance with

their own goals. These challenges to the authority of local school boards are not primarily a matter of overt federal support of education. By default, the citizens of this country are accepting the idea that perhaps the United States Office of Health, Education, and Welfare should be governed by a national school board, advised by a national advisory committee of college professors and augmented by a nationwide educational television chain to permit teaching of the same materials and subjects simultaneously in every school in the nation. The efforts of national foundations to provide teaching materials for local schools, the formulation of rules and regulations by accrediting agencies and the recommendations by groups of professional educators, colleges, and other agencies for the guidance and so-called improvement of the local schools are illustrative of the danger of an increasing dependence of local schools on professional guidance by national and regional organizations. It is even suggested that teachers be certified by Washington and that the right of the states in this respect be taken over by a national bureau of professional educators.

It is also significant to recall that boards of education are specialized forms of local government with the function to set education apart or to separate the control of education from partisan political activities. This unique separation of education from politics is now being broken down through an increase of powers granted the governors and their cabinets over education and through the centralization of some educational controls in the office of city managers. Local boards of education are almost mandated to follow "standards" of agencies which are not politically responsible for the education of children. The cumulative effect of all these influences is to transfer the "grass roots" control of our common schools to agencies far removed from the people who must pay for the schools.

These three fundamental forces now challenging the American public school system are aggravated by the sudden population explosion, the corresponding increase in school enrollments, and the rising costs of education throughout the breadth of the land. To maintain the minimum program of education that we now have will, in the next ten years, require a doubling of present financial outlays for the support of our school systems. Much of the criticism of the schools is a by-product of increasing costs of education and the combined effects of the elemental forces mentioned previously. Add to this fear the rising cost of education, charges of inefficiency and claims that schools do not educate the "gifted"—all become grist in the mills of those who wish to discredit the public schools.

It has been my purpose this afternoon to call to your attention the basic principles upon which our American public school system were founded. I have attempted to stress the importance of education and its contribution to the development of our nation. I have attempted to review several of the impelling forces which are now modifying the structure of the American public school system and which threaten its very existence.

In conclusion, it would not be amiss to re-emphasize that our cultural heritage, our liberties and free enterprise system, and our very form of government, are all interwoven with the ultimate fate and destiny of our American public school system. Our schools at present express our national characteristics and the enduring values of our free citizens. Our basic documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, testify to our rights and personal liberties, our respect for the dignity of individuals. Our public schools have made a reality of these political philosophies and social ideals in the lives of our people.

Other nations have used their school systems for other purposes. Many nations have attempted to use them for national purposes other than the development of individual citizens. History shows they have failed. Ancient Israel refused to share its educational system with other people. The Greeks were not concerned with education except for the citizens of the city-states. Rome made its citizens the tools of dictatorship and its imperialistic program. And yet we have responsible citizens who today want us to copy the Russian system of education which makes pawns of men instead of teaching them to stand on their own feet as individuals and serve their nation voluntarily. We cannot accept eliteism in our schools as a way out. We must be concerned with the education of all children of all people because the strength of the nation lies not only in its leadership but in the contributions of all citizens at all times. Nor can we accept the arguments of the proponents of the education of the gifted and elite as a way out for national survival.

Our indigenous schools are the envy of the world. If you could ask any foreign leader what is the most important contribution that this country could make abroad, without hesitation he would answer a school system comparable in efficiency and effectiveness to those in America. Education today is our nation's most desired export. Foreign lands look upon our comprehensive form of education as the single most important instrument in the creation of opportunities for free people all over the globe. Foreign governments and people would rather have teachers come to their lands in preference to any other professional group in America.

Horace Mann, one of the great educational leaders of the last century, reminded us that our educational ideals as our forefathers saw them had not existed up to that moment in any other country.

It is significant to note that our forefathers turned to a school system upon which to build a great nation, upon which to buttress and perpetuate the ideals of a free people and, most importantly, to assure all their citizens the right to an individual life based upon their own capabilities and interest. The American nation has been literally nurtured in the classrooms of this nation.

Surely as Masons, in this day of crisis, we too should review our responsibilities, derive strength from our Masonic heritage, and renew our faith in the historic ideals of the American people. Surely, we too should make every effort to preserve the indigenous, basic purposes undergirding American education. Let us, like our forefathers, consult

our history, protect those institutions which have given form to our political ideals, and shun our fears in order that we too might continue to enjoy and perpetuate our timetested liberties and to guarantee our existence as a nation. "If we are not for ourselves, who will be for us!"

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. John A. Bortorf, 49, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance makes the following report :

GRAND LODGE FUNDS

RECEIPTS	General	Supply	Relief
Per Capita dues	\$ 36,876.00		\$9,219.00
Investments	25,882.48		
Fees and Insurance	18,358.19		
Supplies and bonds		3,554.81	
Other income and refunds	1,533.46	300.00	38.00
TOTALS	\$ 82,650.13	\$ 3,854.81	\$9,257.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Expense	\$ 75,686.14		
Masonic-Eastern Star Home	26,500.00		
Supplies, fees and Insurance		3,639.97	
Relief			3,000.00
TOTALS	\$102,186.14	\$ 3,639.97	\$3,000.00
Excess or (Deficit)	(\$ 19,536.01)	\$ 214.84	\$6,257.00
Overall deficit	(\$ 13,064.17)		

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Receipts	General	Endowment	Bldg. Fund
Per capita dues	\$ 92,190.00		
Cash from residents	62,324.36		
Investments	10,697.45	\$46,818.38	\$8,037.14
Other sundry income	5,566.30	127.80	10.00
TOTALS	\$170,778.11	\$46,946.18	\$8,047.14

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Operations	\$178,360.60		
Building appropriations	6,147.50		
TOTALS	\$184,508.17		
Excess or (deficit)	(\$ 13,730.06)	\$46,946.18	\$8,047.14
Overall excess	\$ 41,263.26		

UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES AND SPECIAL
APPROPRIATIONS

We found no specific instances where expenditures exceeded the appropriations.

There were five instances where the amount appropriated was found to be insufficient and proper application and approval was made to increase the appropriation. The five increases so approved increased the total appropriations an amount of \$2,011.60.

VOUCHERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

All appropriated Grand Lodge funds were properly vouchered and approved.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Education was examined and found correct. No balance on hand.

The report of the Grand Custodian was examined, found correct and the balance of \$649.95 was received.

The report of committee expenses by the Relief Committee was examined and one voucher in amount of \$35.00 was not accounted for. Committee expenses were not itemized and it is recommended that this Committee be required to submit complete reports annually, or that appropriations be withdrawn.

UNEXPENDED BALANCES AND REFUND

The following funds were on hand on May 10, 1961, as have been reported and refunded, and are available for support of the 1961 - 1962 budget:

GRAND LODGE:

General fund	\$ 4,821.78
Orphans Educational Endowment Fund	65,049.54
Refund Grand Custodian	649.95
Refund Masonic-Eastern Star	
Student Fund	642.02
Refund Committee on Relief	267.00
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TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR BUDGET	\$71,430.20

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME:

General Fund	\$ 12,752.43
General Investment Fund	95,554.14
Superintendent's Account	13,883.57
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TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR BUDGET	\$122,190.14

ANTICIPATED INCOME

For purpose of determination of availability of funds to support the budget, we anticipate the following receipts of income for 1961 - 1962:

	Grand Lodge	Home
Dues per capita	\$ 82,800.00	\$ 92,000.00
Initiations and fees	13,000.00	
Investments	26,000.00	65,000.00
Cash from Residents and Donations		60,000.00
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Sub total	\$121,800.00	\$217,000.00
Balance on hand	71,430.20	122,190.14
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Available for budget	\$193,230.20	\$339,190.14

ACTION REFERRED BY GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master referred a matter of dispute between a subordinate Lodge and the Grand Secretary. The question related to payments by the local lodge of per capita dues on an excessive number of members from 1920 to the present date. A claim for refund was submitted and referred to this Committee to determine if the same should and could be lawfully repaid.

The Committee compiled a list of members as shown by returns of this lodge for the past forty years. The results were verified with the Secretary of such local Lodge and show that the lodge had paid excess per capita dues, over such forty years period, for 28 member years. We determined that such errors were the result of incorrect annual returns of the local Lodge.

The matter of excessive payments of per capita dues and refunding of the same, together with collections of shortages as disclosed by subsequent returns, is not covered by the Masonic Code. There is no specific provision for repayment of excess per capita dues.

Our findings on such referral, then, are that the local lodge has paid more than their proper per capita share of Grand Lodge expenses, that aside from a special appropriation made by the Grand Lodge, there is no redress.

We, therefore, recommend that the matter of establishing a period of limitations, or time, within which a subordinate lodge shall be entitled to a refund of excess per capita dues, and repayments therefor, be submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence for consideration and submission to Grand Lodge for determination; that if such action by the Grand Lodge is approved, then a refund be made to Republican Lodge No. 98 for such established period, based upon the findings made this date.

I move the adoption of this report and, that the matter of refunding per capita dues and establishment of a period of limitations or time

within which the same may be recovered by a subordinate lodge, be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. (Motion seconded and carried.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

W. Fred D. Moshier, 281, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Appropriations, which was adopted section by section then as a whole as amended.

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, A. F. & A. M. BUDGET FOR 1961-1962

a. Expense of Annual Communication

1. Payroll for 1961 Session	\$ 10,316.90
2. Recording and transcribing proceedings of 1961 session	150.00
3. Grand Tyler	25.00
4. Grand Organist	10.00
5. Grand Master's Dinner for Past Grand Masters and guests, 1962	500.00
6. Printing Secretary's Desk Book, 1961	390.00
7. Printing Proceedings of 1961 Communication	3,000.00
8. Grand Lodge Dinner for Delegates, 1962	750.00
9. Preparation of Fraternal Review, 1962	300.00
10. Entertainment of Distinguished Guests, 1962	500.00
11. Printing Fraternal Review, 1961	325.00
12. Guest Speaker for Grand Lodge Dinner, 1961	300.00

b. Expense of Grand Lodge Committees

1. Masonic Education	2,400.00
2. Relief and Care of Orphans	600.00
3. Appropriations	75.00
4. Grand Lodge Office	75.00
5. Grand Lodge Business Affairs	75.00
6. Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund	450.00
7. Finance	75.00
8. Work	100.00

c. Traveling Expense

1. Grand Master	2,800.00
2. Grand Secretary	1,000.00
3. Grand Custodian (personal)	600.00
4. Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions	200.00
5. Assistant Custodians	3,900.00
6. Annual Assistant Custodians Meeting	500.00
7. Grand Officers and Other Grand Lodge Committees under direction of Grand Master	700.00*
8. Grand Secretary Emeritus Lewis E. Smith	500.00

9. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Master's Conference, etc.	450.00
10. Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Conference, Dues, Dinners, etc.	350.00
d. Salaries	
1. Grand Secretary	7,800.00
2. Grand Custodian	6,300.00
3. Grand Secretary's Clerical Staff	12,000.00
4. Social Security Tax	760.00
e. Fixed Expense	
1. Rent of Grand Lodge Quarters	3,000.00
2. Grand Secretary's Office Expense	3,600.00
3. Jewel, Apron and Card — Retiring Grand Master	200.00
4. Grand Custodian's Office	900.00
f. Insurance and Assessments	
1. Workmen's Compensation to June 1962	40.00
2. Dues to Masonic Relief Association of U. S. and Canada on 46,095 members to May 31, 1962	292.84
3. Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers, Committees and Employees	519.13
4. Liability Insurance on Grand Master's car and other employees of Grand Lodge	24.50
5. To cover one years premium for Comprehensive Liability Insurance on all subordinate lodges to June 17, 1962	3,686.20
6. Grand Trustees Expense	2,000.00
7. Insurance on Contents of Grand Lodge Personal Property (1962-1964)	30.70
g. Miscellaneous	
1. Fifty Year Buttons (200)	675.00
h. Grand Lodge Responsibilities	
1. Masonic-Eastern Star Home — Fremont. All surplus from 1960-1961 budget to be returned — to Grand Chapter O. E. S.	26,500.00
2. Nebraska Masonic Home	201,890.00**
3. Nebraska Masonic Home Building Maintenance — Special	13,247.00
4. Masonic Relief Association Convention, Sept. 1961	1,500.00
Grand Total	\$304,282.27

(* The original recommendation was for \$600 but motion made, seconded and carried that the amount be raised to \$700.) The Chairman stated that the Grand Lodge had approved the recommendation of Grand Master to become a member of the Masonic Service Association of the United States but the amount for this appropriation was not available at the moment

and that a special appropriation will be honored when the amount is determined.

(** Raised \$12,000 later in the session.)

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Chairman :

M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren. Since the regular report of this Committee was prepared, the following matters have been referred to this Committee:

1. The report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office relating to a proposed retirement plan has been considered. There is not sufficient time to properly consider the same at this Annual Communication. Therefore, the Jurisprudence Committee recommends to the Grand Lodge that this Committee be permitted to hold said matter until the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1962, for study and report and that this Committee be authorized to call the Finance Committee into conference with this Committee for study. (Adopted)

2. The Jurisprudence Committee also decided that in the event that paragraph one of the report should be adopted, a sub-committee of the Jurisprudence Committee should be appointed in order that they might go to work immediately to study this plan and call in the Finance Committee. I have therefore appointed M. W. Elmer E. Magee, M. W. Ralph O. Canaday and M. W. John F. Futeher as a sub-committee of the Jurisprudence Committee to go to work on this plan.

3. The matter of overpayment of Republican Lodge No. 98 has been considered and this Committee recommends that since the Finance Committee has determined the amount to be \$81 a refund of said amount is hereby authorized. (Adopted)

4. In order to anticipate and provide for such a circumstance in the future we recommend that should a similar matter be presented in the future by some other lodge that no refund be made for any year back of three years prior to the date of the submission of the claim for refund. (Adopted)

5. The Committee on Grand Lodge Office has proposed an amendment to Section 2-311 of the By-laws and we recommend that the same be adopted. It reads as follows:

Section 2-311 — DUTIES OF SECRETARIES — The Secretary of each chartered lodge shall, in addition to the usual duties incident to such office, include in his minutes the reports of Committees on petitions and a record of the names of all persons rejected, suspended and expelled. He shall make all proper certificates of the standing of a Brother of his lodge upon proper request made by the Brother himself, or by any Chapter, Commandery, Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, or any

regular Masonic body. Upon receipt of a petition for membership in his lodge, he shall at once pass the fee accompanying the same into the funds of the lodge as provided in Section 2-606. He shall obtain regular vouchers for, and report to the Treasurer, all sums appropriated for his own compensation or incidental expenses, and shall not retain them from funds received by him.

The secretary shall also prepare monthly reports of statistical information of his lodge, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, and shall forward such reports to the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of each following month. The secretary shall also prepare an annual report giving additional information relative to his lodge on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such annual report on or before February 10th, each year. (Adopted)

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 section by section, then as a whole.

Your committee on Codification of the Law submits its report and recommends as follows:

1. That Section 2-904 — of the By-laws of Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows, and that the original of said section be repealed:

“Section 2-904—GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION—A lodge cannot initiate anyone who is engaged in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, including wine and beer, nor one who is engaged in the sale of such intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor one who cannot read or write, nor one having physical imperfections which impair his ability to support himself and family, or by reason of which he is unable to conform to all of our peculiar rites and ceremonies, provided the substitution of artificial parts or limbs for portions of his natural person shall not disqualify a petitioner, provided such parts or limbs are under practical control of the petitioner. Deformities or blemishes of the natural person may or may not be disqualifications, depending upon the nature and the extent of the same. Masters and Lodges will be held strictly accountable for the observance of the provisions of this law. Provided, however, the provisions last above named, referring to such physical imperfections, shall not apply to a candidate to be initiated in a lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, at the request of and for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of any other Grand Jurisdiction; the matter of the qualifications of such candidate. But a physical disability occurring after initiation, to any candidate, under this Grand Jurisdiction, will not prevent advancement.”

2. That Section 2-411 of the By-laws be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

"Section 2-411 — DIPLOMA — There shall be issued a diploma to every Master raised on or after June 8, 1961, by the lodge of which he is a member, on the form prescribed in this Grand Jurisdiction, provided he has first complied with the provisions of Section 2-402. Said diploma is to be granted without charge therefor and regardless of whether he became a member of said lodge by affiliation, or by taking the degrees therein.

The form of diploma found on page 103, proceedings of 1913, is adopted for the use of all subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the issuance of any other is prohibited; such diploma shall be seven by eight inches in size."

3. That Section 1-105 of the Grand Lodge By-laws be amended to read as follows, and that the original of said section be repealed:

"Section 1-105 — MILEAGE AND PER DIEM — The retiring Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and one representative from each chartered Lodge, according to official rank, if present, and each member of a Grand Lodge Committee, shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge ten cents (10¢) per mile for each mile traveled going to Grand Lodge, to be estimated by the most direct route, and five dollars (\$5.00) per day for each day's attendance. In case the lodge is not represented by any of the first three officers, the proxy given by the highest ranking officer shall be entitled to mileage and per diem. Each member of a Grand Lodge Committee, convened in advance of the Annual Communication, shall receive per diem for such additional attendance, besides the mileage and per diem for Grand Lodge attendance. Each member of the Jurisprudence Committee shall receive mileage and per diem for attendance at the meeting of this Committee prior to the opening of Grand Lodge; provided that the total expense for such mileage and per diem shall not exceed \$500.00 in any one year for such special meetings of the Jurisprudence Committee. Provided that no member shall be paid for mileage traveled out of this state, nor for a greater distance than from the location of his lodge in this state. Nor shall any such officer or representative receive mileage or per diem for serving in more than one capacity."

4. That Section 2-311 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows, and that original of said section be repealed:

"Section 2-311 — DUTIES OF SECRETARIES — The Secretary of each chartered lodge shall, in addition to the usual duties incident to such office, include in his minutes the reports of Committees on petitions and a record of the names of all persons rejected, suspended and expelled. He shall make all proper certificates of the standing of a Brother of his lodge upon proper request made by the Brother himself, or by any Chapter, Commandery, Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, or any regular Masonic body. Upon receipt of a petition for membership in his lodge, he shall at once pass the fee accompanying the same into the funds of the lodge as provided in Section 2-606. He shall obtain regular vouchers for, and report to the Treasurer, all sums appropriated for his own

compensation or incidental expenses, and shall not retain them from funds received by him.

The Secretary shall also prepare monthly reports of statistical information of his lodge, on forms provided by the Grand Secretary, and shall forward such reports to the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of each following month. The Secretary shall also prepare an annual report giving additional information relative to his lodge on forms provided by the Grand Secretary and shall forward such annual report on or before the 10th day of February following the close of each year."

5. The decisions of the Grand Master should be placed as annotations under the proper sections of the By-laws.

Brother William F. Patterson, 25, President of The Nebraska Masonic Home:

M. W. Grand Master, I have a question that troubles me. I refer to the Report of the Committee on Appropriations, I did not hear one item mentioned which had been approved by the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home and was so included in our budget submitted to the Appropriations Committee. The item referred to is an appropriation of \$12,000 for our Seal Program. Customarily if there are any questions about an item we are given an opportunity to discuss it and in this particular case the Appropriations Committee has not requested any information and so we expected our budget to be approved as was submitted by the Board.

I just contacted Brother Moshier, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and he tells me that this item was omitted from his report and passed to the Committee on Jurisprudence. I could not detect it in M. W. Brother Tye's report.

M. W. Charles A. Chappell, Past Grand Master:

The matter came to the Committee in a rather informal way and no formal action was taken.

Brother William F. Patterson, President, The Nebraska Masonic Home:

M. W. Sir, I move that the amount of \$12,000 be included in The Nebraska Masonic Home budget as recommended by the Board of Trustees.

M. W. John F. Futcher, Grand Master:

Brethren, you adopted the report of the President of the Home Board, he now makes a motion that an appropriation be made in the amount of \$12,000 to put into effect their seal program. It has been seconded. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the motion signify by the usual sign of a Mason when voting, down hands, contrary same sign.

The appropriation by the Grand Lodge is increased by \$12,000 for the purpose named.

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

I have just been handed a proposed amendment to the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, A. . F. . & A. . M. . of Nebraska, which reads as follows:

"That Section 1-304 be amended to read as follows and the original section be repealed. Section 1-304 — JURISPRUDENCE. The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, said members to be of those who have served as Masters of a Nebraska lodge. The first Committee so appointed shall provide for one member for one year; one member for two years; one member for three years; one member for four years and one member for five years. And thereafter, one member shall be appointed for a five year term by each succeeding Grand Master. They shall elect their own Chairman from their members. The Committee shall meet prior to the opening of Grand Lodge and shall consider the recommendations and decisions of the Grand Master and all matters of Masonic Law and controversy which may be referred to it by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master"

This is signed by six members of the Grand Lodge. According to our law, will lay over until next year. Am I right, M. . W. . Sir?

M. . W. . John F. Futeher, Grand Master :

You are right, the amendment will be laid over until the next Annual Communication.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

M. . W. . Grand Master, I move that the published proceedings of the 103rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. . F. . & A. . M. . of Nebraska, held in June, 1960 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. . Alfred B. Saum, 46, Grand Marshal :

M. . W. . Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge, I move that this Grand Lodge go on record as expressing its appreciation and gratitude to the officers and members of the twelve Omaha lodges, for the many courtesies, arrangements and kindnesses that they have extended to us and our visitors in making this session not only so successful, but most pleasant. (Seconded and carried)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. W. Merle M. Hale was Installing Officer and was assisted by M. W. Elmer E. Magee, Installing Marshal.

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Master:

Our Grand Installing Officers, members of this Grand Lodge and Brethren:

On this memorable occasion in my life, I assure you that mere words can not adequately depict or describe the fullness of my heart and what all is on my mind. I am most mindful of the awesome responsibilities that are invested on my shoulders in being installed to this high position of your Grand Master. I am well aware that the duties and the responsibilities of this office are numerous, weighty and exact. I am also most cognizant of the fact that it is truly a most difficult task to live up to the fine examples of our Distinguished Past Grand Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction, who have been such dedicated Masons through the years, but I shall endeavor to the very best of my ability to uphold these high traditions of our Grand Lodge.

Now a word of appreciation, and first to you, M. W. Brother Merle, in as much as you saw fit to give me my first line appointment, you will be held accountable this year, in a measure at least, for what I do or what I fail to do. In accordance with the tradition in the past, but more especially because I treasure your friendship so highly. I wanted you to serve as the Grand Installing Officer. You have presided with great dignity and dispatch and in such an impressive manner, and I truly thank you for so serving. Grand Installing Marshal, M. W. Elmer Magee, you too have been a close friend of mine through the years. You have given me encouragement all through my Masonic life and especially since I have been a Grand Lodge officer. I knew that you would fulfill your duties and functions as a Grand Installing Marshal with poise, dignity and efficiency. This you have done and I truly thank you.

To the other Grand Lodge officers, elected and appointed, I extend to each of you collectively and individually my hearty congratulations. Some of you have already verbally expressed your pledge to support me, I in turn tell you now, that I intend to use my Grand Lodge officers as a team and we shall work accordingly.

I shall advise you from time to time as to the status of affairs and of the craft of this Grand Lodge, and I shall call on you for the assistance to which you have pledged verbally and by reason of your obligation. I hope that you will have a most enjoyable, as well as profitable, Grand Lodge year. I see in this Grand Lodge, members from my own mother lodge, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. First I will ask my W. Master, Brother Emil Hickman to stand. I will now ask our Assistant Custodian from my lodge, W. Brother Lyle A. Van Arsdol to stand. Will the members of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 who are present now please stand? Brethren, I know that most of us are proud of our very own

lodge and I am extremely proud of mine. As I listen to the proceedings, I heard things which made me doubly proud. First we have in this great lodge, 35 individuals who hold proficiency certificates which is the greatest number in this Grand Jurisdiction and a record that we have held, I think seven times out of the last ten years. In addition to that, I examined the records and I found that last year that there were thirty-seven Master Masons raised in my own Lodge which was second highest in number of the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. In checking the increase in membership of our lodge, I find that we moved from the 5th to the 4th largest lodge in membership, we now having as of January 1, 1961 — 1,220 members. Brethren, when you have the loyal support of such a great lodge and an active lodge, then a Grand Master certainly has much to be thankful for, and I do thank you and each of you, the lodge itself and all its members for your fine support.

Now I see in this Grand Lodge, other members from the other Lincoln lodges. I know many of you have come to honor other Grand Lodge officers who are from Lincoln and many of you are close friends of mine. Will all members of the Lincoln lodges who are present also stand. On behalf of all the Grand Lodge officers and particularly those from Lincoln, we thank you for your support, your attendance here at this installation service. It adds much, I know to the inspiration of all of us. Will you approach the microphone, W.'.Brother Emil?

W.'.Emil Hickman, Master, East Lincoln No. 210:

M.'.W.'.Brother Herb, it is certainly a proud moment for East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 to have you as one of our members as Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska. On behalf of all of our members, officers and myself, I congratulate you on being our Grand Master.

M.'.W.'.Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Master:

Thank you, my W.'.Master. Now I have one other indebtedness that I would like verbally to pay and that is to M.'.W.'.John F. Futeher, and would you stand? Our Grand Lodge this year has been blessed another year under your able leadership. We have just concluded a very constructive and most well attended Grand Lodge session, and I know that your personality and your efforts personally have contributed much to it. It is good to review the note-worthy accomplishments and constructive events which are now in your record year. And I sincerely congratulate you on your success and your fine completion of your year, and I do wish to personally express to you, John, how much I have appreciated your taking me into your confidence and your helpfulness and extension of courtesy, both you and your good wife, Leona, to my wife as well as myself throughout this year. It has made my past year a most enjoyable one and I know that it has helped me greatly in preparing me for this year which now lies ahead. I do sincerely thank you for all those things that you have done.

We should now chart our course to the future. Perpetuation of the past is not sufficient in itself. We must ever remember that the past lies behind us as wonderful as it was. We only relive it in memory. So now, we must turn towards the days that lie ahead and the important challenges and opportunities that we have. Freemasonry has, at least here in Nebraska, that is what we know best, we have the necessary manpower and I believe that we have the necessary and adequate leadership. We have the necessary technique and we have the necessary tools and Freemasonry has that respect in Nebraska and that recognition of the public which all may stand from performance. We have nothing to be apologetic for and we have much to be grateful for in our great Fraternity. In my judgment, our present need is to revitalize that which we have and to appreciate it, by giving further dedicated service to it. Let us exert our best endeavors to reinduct our devotion to our Masonic doctrines and ideals. Our steadfast adherence to things that are right and good and to cheerfully fulfill our Masonic benevolences which we have talked a great deal about at this session and to seek out and have a greater understanding of our Masonic philosophy. And by so doing, my brethren, we shall reinvest in our beloved Masonry in this Jurisdiction, the dignity and the respect that made it the great Fraternity that it really has been and is now. So let us strive with all our might, not to make Masonry different, but to seek out its depth, its latent strength and to know and live in accordance with its great precepts. The real search of man is for further light and understanding of the great Architect of the Universe and for man himself, and Masonry furnishes a wonderful opportunity to help satisfy this basic desire in its philosophy and in its benevolences. So let us exemplify in and out of our lodge room, the obligations we have of continuing our search for further light in Masonry. We should have no reason to fear the competition of other Masonic bodies. We should have in our own Mother lodges, more to give our members than they have elsewhere. If we haven't, then it is up to us to correct the situation ourselves within our own lodges.

The critical and self-appraising question is whether we are doing this? Whether or not we are executing the true mission of Masonry—the making of good men, better men and the furtherance of the ideals of victorious living which have been so eloquently stated and repeated during this Grand Lodge Communication. All of us can and all of us should look back and give thanks, we should look forward and take courage, we should look around and serve and we should look up and rejoice. In conclusion, I hope, and it is my fervent prayer that when the record of the coming Masonic year is reviewed at the 105th Annual Communication, that we will have traveled another milestone from the west to the glorious east, and that we can all say, that we have received further light in Masonry and that Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction will have progressed and will have been strengthened to the ends that we can say with conviction and can truly state the scriptural injunction which we learned in the first degree and which was stated by David in the great

light of Masonry in the book of Psalms. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

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

M. W. Brother John, M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers and Brethren of this Grand Lodge.

You know there comes a time when all good things, no matter how fine, must come to what seems to be an end. Fortunately, in our way of nature, it has been provided that they are not necessarily at an end even then. They merely have taken a different course or changed direction.

M. W. Brother John, six years ago today it became my duty to appoint a man in the so-called advancing Grand Lodge Line. A Grand Junior Deacon in the normal course of the Grand Lodge affairs will always arrive at the position of Grand Master of Masons. It is a position of the greatest dignity and highest honor that can come to any Mason. I have watched you as you came up through the line and during the past year you have served with great honor and distinction. I am very proud of the record that you have compiled, and I think that the brethren of this Grand Lodge pretty generally agree with me that you have been an honor, a credit to Masonry in general and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in particular.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska for many many years has provided a very beautiful jewel of office known as the Past Grand Masters Jewel. It is my pleasure on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, to present you, M. W. Brother John, this Jewel signifying that you are now a Past Grand Master of this Jurisdiction. I know that you will wear it with pride and with credit to the great institution that you and I think so much of. In closing, let me say to you, we of the Grand Lodge thank you for your labors in our behalf and we ask that you continue those labors so long as you have the strength to do so and I am sure you will.

With this hand, my good friend and brother, we welcome you into that somewhat exclusive group of the Past Grand Masters of Nebraska.

M. W. John F. Fitcher, Past Grand Master:

M. W. Grand Master, M. W. Brother Herb White, I appreciate very much, Brother Herb, what you have said and when I feel that I am too deeply touched that my emotions rise, I console myself and temper my feelings by saying, well I must discount what he said because he is my friend.

But it has been a great pleasure for me to serve in the Grand Lodge line and to become the Grand Master of Nebraska. The last year, as our present Grand Master will soon find out, entailed a lot of work. But the friends which I have made and the acquaintances of brother Masons

throughout the state and the dedication and the assistance, encouragement of the Grand Lodge Officers, have made that effort very, very insignificant because that friendship is what I shall always remember, the work which I have done will be soon forgotten. Thank you very much, Brethren and Brother Herb. I shall, of course, be interested in Masonry and shall at any time that I am called upon try to lend what talents I have to any task which is assigned to me. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON

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

M. . W. . Brother Futcher, John, it has been a genuine pleasure for me to serve with you this year. Now that you have relinquished the apron of the Grand Master to your successor, the brethren of this Grand Lodge feel that you should be properly clothed and have provided for you a beautiful Past Grand Masters apron and have given me the privilege of presenting it to you, and I do now present it to you on their behalf.

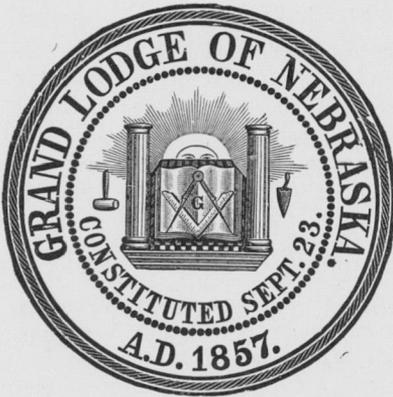
M. . W. . John F. Futcher, Past Grand Master :

Brother Carl, thank you. I have enjoyed very, very much having this year with you, in traveling with you and your wife Cathy. You have always been so gracious and accommodating. It has made this year one of the happy events that I have had and I thank the Brethren of the Grand Lodge for this Jewel and this Apron.

At 5:10 p.m., no further business appearing, after prayer by the V. V. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Herbert A. Bonin

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 Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Omaha, Nebraska, June 6 and 7, 1961, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 21st day of July, 1961.

Jack Feisen

Grand Secretary

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Lewis E. Smith, 59 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- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61
William Cosh, 54 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- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61
Charles A. Chappell, 50 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- 59-60-61
Chancellor A. Phillips, 46 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- 43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-53-56-57-58-59-60-61
William F. Evers, 40 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- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59
George A. Stevens, 39 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- 51-54-55-57-58-59-60
Benjamin F. Eyre, 39 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- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61
Raymond C. Cook, 39 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- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61
Carl R. Greisen, 38 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- 56-57-58-59-60-61
John S. Hedelund, 37 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- 55-56-57-58-59
William B. Wanner, 35 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- 58-59-60-61
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
Pearl C. Hillegass, 33 Years	1927-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44- 46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60- 61
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

Herbert T. White 31 Years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43- 44-46-47-48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60- 61
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
Robert E. Lund 21 Years	1937-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61

(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
ALPHA 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
WALTER R. RAECKE.....	April 10th, 1960.	.36.....	(74th)..1938
WILLIAM J. BRECKENRIDGE..	Nov. 16th, 1951.	317.....	(75th)..1939
ERNEST S. SCHIEFELBEIN...	April 20th, 1959.	.59.....	(84th)..1949

John S. Hedelund & Feb 2, 1962

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

LEWIS E. SMITH	1919 Otoe, Lincoln	(56th)	1921
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL	Minden	(58th)	1923
RALPH O. CANADAY	733 No. Hastings, Hastings	(68th)	1933
CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS	Cambridge	(72nd)	1936
EARL J. LEE	1035 No. H St., Fremont	(76th)	1940
EDWARD F. CARTER	State House, Lincoln	(77th)	1941
GEORGE A. KURK	1909 Ryons St., Lincoln	(78th)	1942
WILLIAM B. WANNER	2017 Stone St., Falls City	(79th)	1943
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER	1009 South D St., Broken Bow	(80th)	1944-1945
BENJAMIN F. EYRE	2001 Douglas Street, Omaha	(81st)	1946
EDWARD HUWALDT	Commercial National Bank, Grand Island	(82nd)	1947
ELMER E. MAGEE	1201 O Street, Lincoln	(83rd)	1948
*JOHN S. HEDELUND	808 No. 6th, Tacoma 3, Washington	(85th)	1950
THOMAS J. ARON	Crete State Bank, Crete	(86th)	1951
EDWARD M. KNIGHT	Alliance National Bank, Alliance	(87th)	1952
FAY SMITH	Box 7, Imperial	(88th)	1953
CHARLES F. ADAMS	Box 149, Aurora	(89th)	1954
HERBERT T. WHITE	522 Insurance Bldg., Omaha	(90th)	1955
MERLE M. HALE	1440 M St., Lincoln	(91st)	1956
ROY I. BABBITT	609 Bluff Street, Scottsbluff	(92nd)	1957
JOHN E. BEAVER	Beemer	(93rd)	1958
JOSEPH C. TYE	Pratt Building, Kearney	(94th)	1959
JOHN F. FUTCHER	5224 Crown Point, Omaha 4	(95th)	1960
ROSCOE POUND	Harvard Law School, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts	(Honorary)	1949

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- *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

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E. Jonah Shipp	Northport	Mar. 27, 1956	Alabama	Raymond C. Cook, 6	Omaha	May 4, 1939
F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta	Edward H. Lockwood, 265	Scottsbluff	Dec. 15, 1959
Dr. Eduardo Ayala	Buenos Aires	Sept. 23, 1954	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegoss, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fietcher Sills, Jr.	Prescott	April 13, 1949	Arizona	Erwin J. Imig, 38	Seward	Aug. 6, 1960
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 Ballalao de Carvalho	Val. do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Brazil, Bahia, United	Alfred E. Geschke, 25	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1949
Romundo Nonata do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Jose Cesaria Horta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Lincoln	Sept. 19, 1941
Guilherne Witfine	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 2, 1944	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Norfolk	
Abio Herve	Rio Grande do Sul	Oct. 10, 1949	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Clarence G. McNamee	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
Joao Bento	Joao Pessoa	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Lode of Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Crete	July 10, 1947
William Fraser	Creston	April 20, 1955	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aran, 37	Omaha	July 26, 1958
Maurice Coffey	Ottawa	Sept. 13, 1959	California	Herbert T. White, 11	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
C. M. Pitts	Estado 62, Santiago	April 15, 1944	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
Radolfo C. Oliveira	Koastung	Sept. 29, 1959	Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 50	Omaha	April 13, 1960
Y. C. Soo	Barranquilla	July 31, 1951	China	Earl H. Furman, 290	Sidney	July 30, 1957
Jose Maria Serna			Colombia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Clifford D. Webster, 321	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Thomas H. Cox	Olefin	Feb. 20, 1932	Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
George S. Hull	Clinton	Sept. 22, 1948	Connecticut	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Loup City	Aug. 15, 1960
Cecilio Nieto Casabo	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918	Costa Rica	Asa J. Farnam, Jr., 106	Kearney	June 25, 1954
V. H. Francisco Enrique Garcia		Nov. 5, 1952	Cuba	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Fagan Simonton	Wilmington	July 27, 1954	Delaware	Ross Van Sickle, 184	Omaha	Sept. 10, 1946
Mogens Milertz		Nov. 19, 1956	Denmark	John S. Hedelund, 268	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
John Linn McGrew	Washington	July 6, 1917	Dist. of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Valley	Feb. 23, 1958
Fernandos Gayangos Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Ecuador	Ward V. Whitaker, 310	Imperial	July 17, 1954
William R. S. Bnthurst	Wiltshire	May 18, 1950	England	Fay Smith, 198	Beemer	Oct. 1, 1958
Orville A. Clark	Jacksonville	Dec. 17, 1960	Florida	Harry Z. Jackson, 253	Wayne	Sept. 23, 1954
Edward Jeanmanod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	France	Ralph M. Carhart, 120	Plattsmouth	Aug. 3, 1960
Otis E. Dixon	Macon	Jan. 15, 1957	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	Wisner	July 31, 1959
Karl Roeder	Frankfurt	Sept. 20, 1955	Germany	Henry Becker, 114	Hebron	Sept. 3, 1960
George Sakellariou	Athens	April 10, 1954	Greece	Stephen W. Beck, 43	Chadron	
Bjarne Bjarnason	Helgafell	Jan. 7, 1953	Iceland	George A. Stevens, 183	Omaha	Aug. 11, 1960
George A. Spengenber	Nampa	June 28, 1960	Idaho	James M. Paxson, 302	Omaha	May 13, 1959
Harry L. Kline	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Illinois	Warren W. Kelly, 290	Haoper	May 21, 1959
John P. Lippincott	South Bend	Feb. 26, 1942	Indiana	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Guide Rock	June 17, 1958
John A. Wallace	Dublin	Jan. 7, 1953	Ireland	Richard L. Ely, 128	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Israel Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept. 14, 1954	Israel, State of	William Gradinsky, 11	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
Ronald E. Napier	Tachikawa	July 25, 1958	Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
Homer B. Osborn	Wichite	Sept. 28, 1944	Kansas	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Omaha	Jan. 23, 1958
C. E. Tyree, Sr.	Beattyville	April 20, 1945	Kentucky	Ralph S. Tully, 25	Sutton	Feb. 24, 1958
Philip O. McLaughlin		Jan. 23, 1961	Louisiana	John A. Boltort, 49	Grand Island	Aug. 1, 1960
James A. Sanker	Jelfast	Sept. 14, 1948	Maine	Robert W. Cook, 33	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Nathan Rothstein	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951	Manitoba	George A. Kurk, 54	Falls City	June 22, 1937
Clifford S. Hubbard		Apr. 19, 1961	Maryland	William B. Wenner, 9	Fremont	April 9, 1934
Roscoe Pound	Cambridge	May 1, 1920	Massachusetts	Earl J. Lee, 15	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1917
Horace Dillon	Torreon, Coah	Mar. 17, 1944	Mexico	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952
Willard Sauer	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	Michigan	Merle M. Hale, 54		
Herbert S. Ramberg	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota			

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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	F. Plummer Martin, 184	Omaha	Feb. 2, 1960
J. R. P. Reineimer	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Montana	Welcome W. Naylor, 158	Chadron	Mar. 4, 1950
J. F. A. Gravenberch	Reno	Dec. 14, 1960	Netherlands	Piëbe Dykstra, 281	Omaha	May 10, 1955
Harry H. Atkinson	St. John	June 19, 1911	Nevada	Alfred B. Saum, 46	Kearney	Jan. 30, 1958
Kenneth Roberts Nelson	Bristol	Oct. 21, 1955	New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 31, 1958
John O. Lovejoy	Maplewood	April 14, 1934	New Hampshire	Clyde H. Jones, 173	Stratton	Sept. 27, 1956
John A. Stecker	Santa Fe	Aug. 11, 1947	New Jersey	John F. Futcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Howard M. Sleeper	Masman	Apr. 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Frederick J. Hayward	Mangaweka	Mar. 10, 1950	New South Wales	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Apr. 8, 1957
Donald T. Vose		April 23, 1960	New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
T. W. Pairman		Dec. 4, 1956	New Zealand	James H. Bryant, 199	Plattsmouth	April 22, 1952
Arman E. Baggelt		Oct. 22, 1953	Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Albert H. Hood	Yarmouth	July 1, 1941	North Carolina	John J. Wilson, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Ole Kristafer Roed	Oslo	Feb. 8, 1956	North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire, 306	Sidney	Dec. 20, 1944
C. Fraser Lorimer	Stellarton	July 28, 1952	Norway	Alfred B. Gorman, 54	Lincoln	Sept. 2, 1960
Juan L. Arocha	Monterrey	Oct. 23, 1950	Nova Scotia	Edmund D. Shaw, 254	Bossett	Aug. 10, 1960
Robert L. Troascher	Youngstown	April 26, 1952	Nuevo Leon	Winston C. Swanson, 120	Wayne	Feb. 17, 1958
Manford S. Runyan	Oklahoma City	Feb. 7, 1941	Ohio	Otto Nelsen, 300	Lincoln	Feb. 6, 1958
Clarence D. Phillips	Portland	Sept. 4, 1937	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Lodgepole	Jan. 20, 1958
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 12, 1953	Oregon	Arthur H. Gregory, 265	Scottsbluff	Feb. 6, 1958
Franco A. Zumaeato	Lima	Oct. 23, 1957	Panama	Forest A. Lape, 183	Alliance	Feb. 8, 1958
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946	Peru	La Verne A. Walker, 55	Norfolk	Oct. 17, 1945
Chester R. Martin	Caledonia	May 1, 1959	Philippines	John C. Green, 280	Sargent	Jan. 17, 1945
A. G. Lightbourn	Fajards	May 3, 1945	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Aug. 23, 1952
G. Diamond		July 13, 1959	Puerto Rico	Roy I. Babbitt, 295	Scottsbluff	Jan. 8, 1954
W. R. Gailey		Feb. 29, 1960	Quebec	John E. Beaver, 253	Beemer	Oct. 31, 1940
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	July 3, 1942
Guy H. Hummel	Nakomis	July 1, 1957	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 10, 1947
Canon G. K. Sturrock Clarke	Edinburgh	Nov. 19, 1942	Saskatchewan	Harold H. Thom, 1	Omaha	Aug. 6, 1914
Cyril W. C. Peaks		Sept. 9, 1959	Scotland	William Cash, 11	Omaha	Aug. 6, 1947
Horace Greeley Adams	Charleston	Aug. 7, 1942	South Australia	Frank F. McMullin, 241	Craig	Jan. 2, 1957
Robert F. Patterson	Vermillion	Feb. 3, 1955	South Carolina	Mark Mitchell, 138	Oxford	Aug. 26, 1918
Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Minden	Sept. 10, 1953
Andre' Starvo	Berne	Jan. 14, 1958	Sweden	W. Alex Danielson, 116	Alma	Jan. 14, 1958
V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949	Switzerland	Paul O. Marti, 32	North Platte	Aug. 3, 1960
S. V. Tilley	Hobart	Mar. 27, 1957	Tamaulapuis	Homor C. Davey, 317	Hastings	Sept. 8, 1960
C. Cecil Broadwell	Jackar	Nov. 30, 1956	Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	Ashland	May 4, 1939
Harold A. Bateman	Hockart	July 28, 1957	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	Aug. 3, 1960
John J. Greiner	Dallas	Sept. 10, 1959	Texas	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 23, 1958
D. Burlleigh Smallley, Jr.	Ogden	Feb. 4, 1943	Utah	Richard L. Wait, 19	Lincoln	Nov. 14, 1956
Farrin Webb	Johnson	Mar. 23, 1946	Vermont	Cary W. Dresslar, 32	North Platte	Aug. 2, 1960
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	Melbourne	Jan. 2, 1952	Victoria	Mathias E. Mauel, 173	Gaithenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
Stewart E. Perry	S. Arlington	July 18, 1946	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Alliance	June 27, 1941
Frederick George Hatcher	Puyallup	Dec. 17, 1960	Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183	Aurora	July 10, 1947
Harry E. Hoffman		Feb. 12, 1947	West Australia	Charles F. Adams, 68	Falls City	Mar. 15, 1960
George J. Schreiber	Clarksburg	Mar. 23, 1946	West Virginia	Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9	Omaha	Jan. 30, 1958
	Milwaukee		Wisconsin	La Verne J. Smith, 288		

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