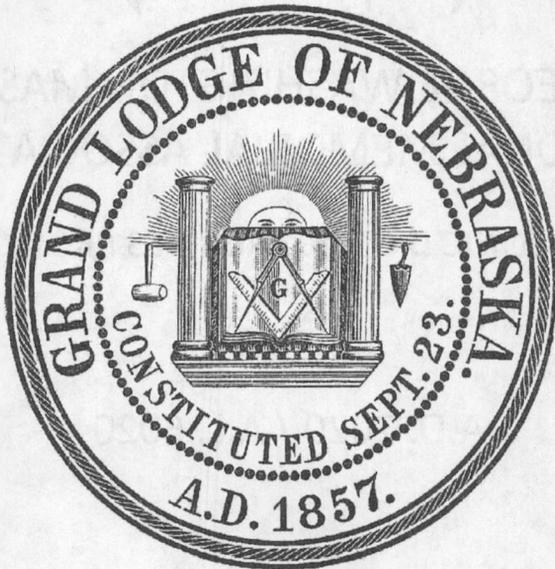


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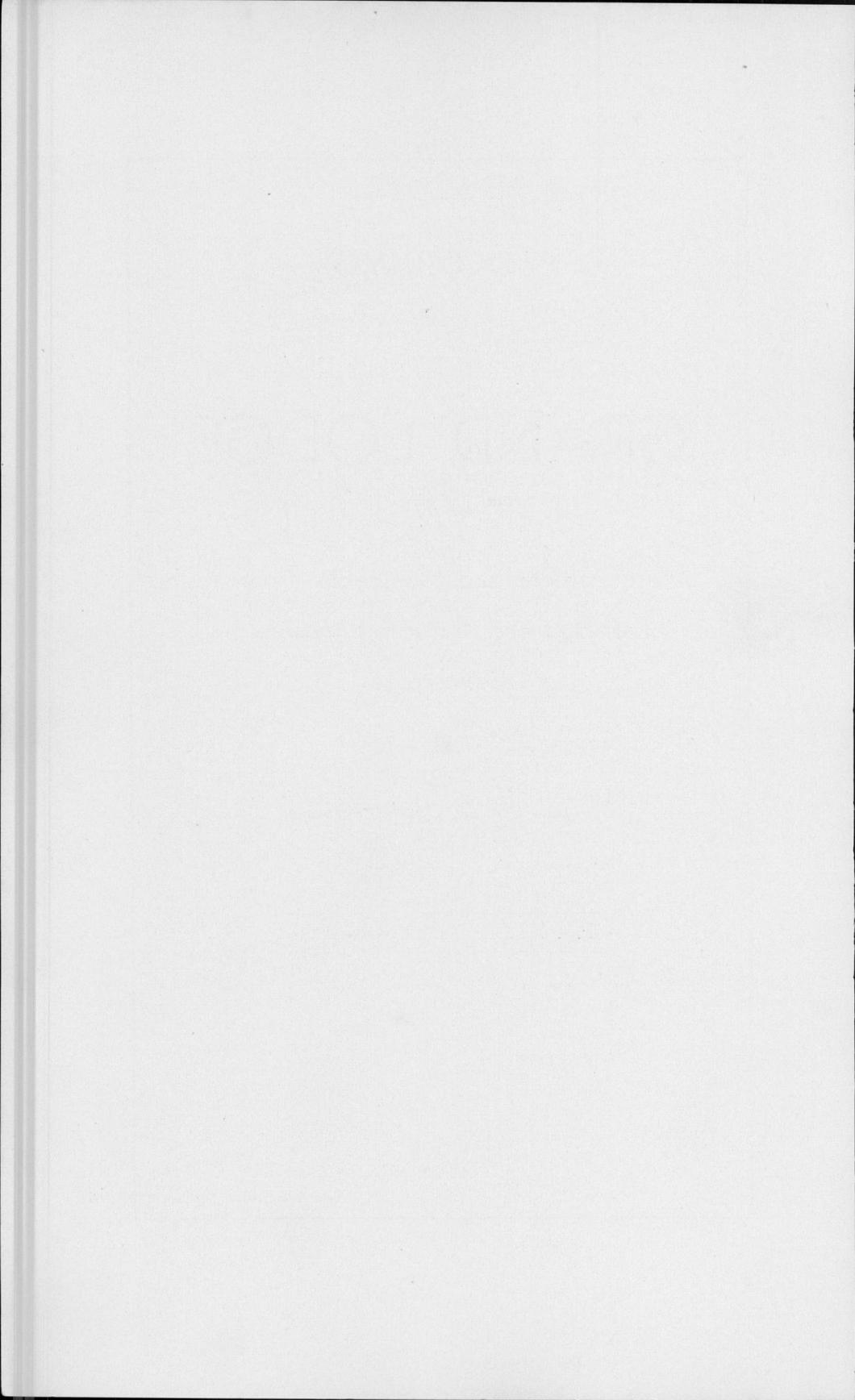
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Biographical

Herbert A. Ronin

Herbert A. Ronin, 96th Grand Master, was born June 10, 1910 at Aurora, Nebraska, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ronin. M. W. Brother Ronin graduated from the Aurora High School and received his A. B. and L. L. B. degrees from the University of Nebraska in 1932 and 1934 after which he practiced law in Lincoln until 1947.

He became Chief Deputy County Attorney of Lancaster County in 1947 and in 1952 was appointed and then subsequently elected Lancaster County Judge until 1960 when he was elected District Judge, the office he now serves.

On August 30, 1941, M. W. Brother Ronin and Ione Coffey were united in marriage. They have one lovely daughter, Joyce E., a student at the University of Nebraska. Joyce just finished her year as Grand Worthy Advisor, Order of Rainbow for Girls, for the State of Nebraska. The Ronins are members of the Second Presbyterian church where he is a member of the Committee on Foundation and a Past Trustee.

Active in professional, community and youth affairs, M. W. Brother Ronin was President of the Nebraska County Judges Association in 1956 and President of the Lancaster County Bar Association in 1952-1953. He is a member of the Nebraska Bar Association, American Bar Association and the Judicial Council.

He is the present Chairman of the Cornhusker County Government Day Committee of the American Legion, and the recipient of the American Legion Award for Distinguished Service in Citizenship. He is a director of Boys State and has received the Good Government Award from the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He is active in the Nebraska Committee for Youth, Salvation Army Advisory Board, Lincoln Foundation, Kiwanis, Boy Scouts,

Elks and is the present Vice President of Lancaster County Mental Health Association.

MASONIC RECORD

Ancient Craft: Raised in East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, April 21, 1938, serving as W.·Master in 1950.

Grand Lodge: Appointed Grand Orator in 1953 by M.·W.· Fay Smith; appointed in 1954 by M.·W.· Charles F. Adams as Grand Marshal, then again in 1955 by M.·W.· Herbert T. White. On June 6, 1956, M.·W.· Merle M. Hale appointed Brother Ronin Grand Junior Deacon and on June 6, 1961 he was elected and installed M.·W.· Grand Master. He was appointed Grand Representative of the District of Columbia by M.·W.· Fay Smith on May 13, 1954.

Capitular Masonry: Member of Capstone Chapter No. 64 since October 24, 1941.

Cryptic Masonry: Member of Lincoln Council No. 4 since October 30, 1946.

Chivalric Masonry: Member of Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4 since January 20, 1947.

Appendant Bodies: KCCH and Present Venerable Master, Lincoln Consistory, Scottish Rite. Chief Rabban, Sesostris Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. Member Lincoln Chapter No. 148, O.E.S., Past Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O.E.S. serving in 1958 - 1959. Past President, Board of Trustees, The Masonic - Eastern Star Home for Children, and presently Grand Trustee, O.E.S.

As an exemplary citizen, as a leader in many capacities, as a faithful and devout churchman, as a highly-trained lawyer and jurist, and as a devoted and dedicated Mason, M.·W.· Herbert A. Ronin has given to the Grand Lodge, A.·F.· & A.·M.· of Nebraska, and to Masonry everywhere a forward-looking, energetic, and challenging leadership.

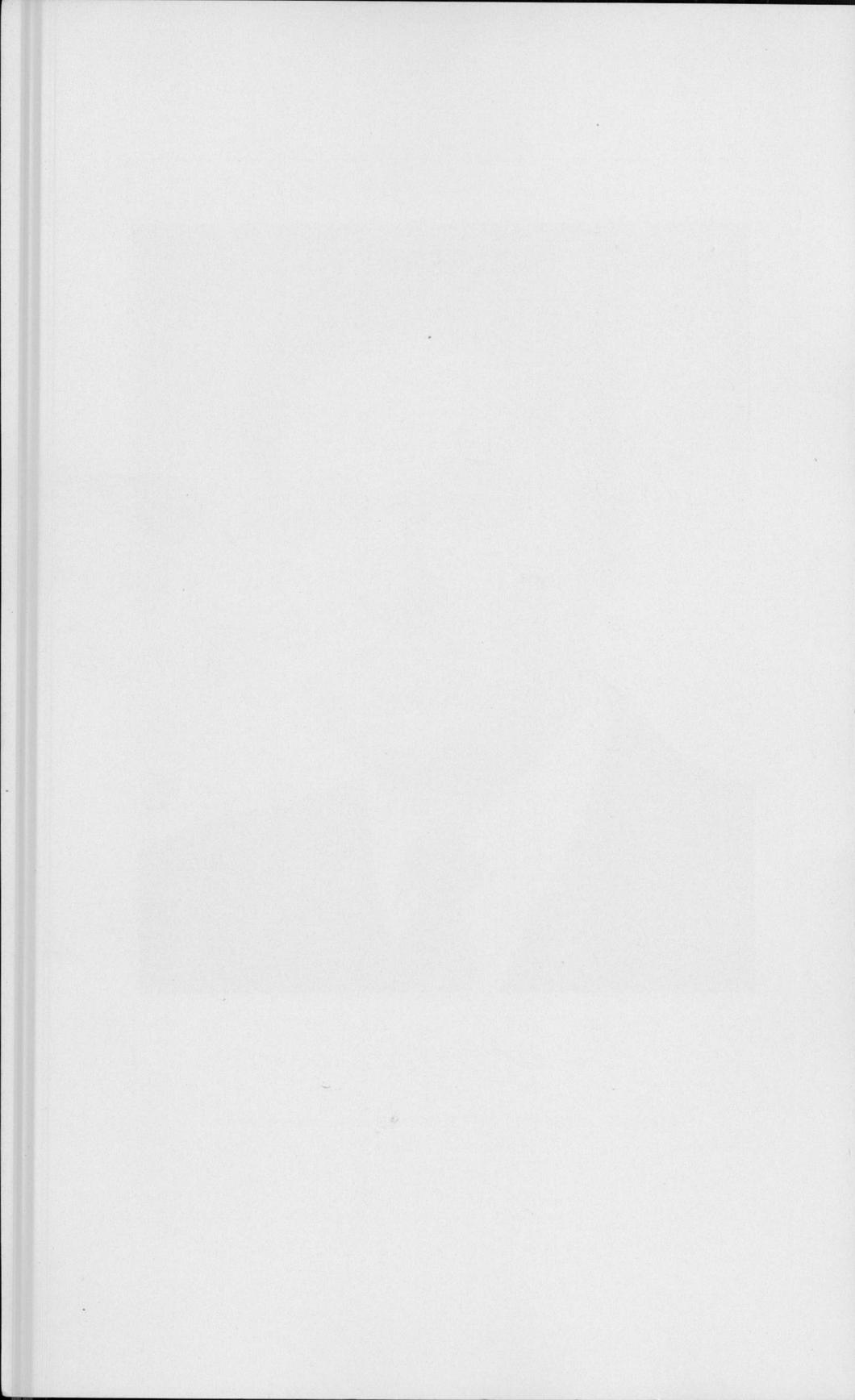
The State of Nebraska in general, and Masonry and its allied organizations in particular, will ever be indebted to him for his wise and faithful leadership.



Ernest O. Van Wey

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

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of the

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

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Omaha, June 5 and 6, 1962



FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 5, 1962

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 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, June 5, A.D. 1962, A. L. 5962.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210.....	Grand Master
R. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. W. Harry A. Spencer, 227.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. W. Frank A. Court, 19.....	Grand Chaplain
W. Earl L. Meyer, 183.....	Grand Orator
W. George W. Rosenlof, 314.....	Grand Historian
W. Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W. Alfred B. Saum, 46.....	Grand Marshal
W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....	Grand Tyler

Preceding the formal opening of the Grand Lodge W. Harold H. Thom, 1, entertained the representatives and visitors with an organ recital.

Promptly at 8:45 a. m. a lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by R. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V. W. Thomas A. Barton, Past Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. Merle M. Hale, 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 105th 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 V. W. Thomas A. Barton, to the altar for the purpose of Prayer.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS

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

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Louis V. Sylvester, 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
Edward F. Carter.....	(77th)	1941
George A. Kurk.....	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner.....	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper.....	(80th)	1944-1945
Benjamin F. Eyre.....	(81st)	1946
Edward Huwaldt.....	(82nd)	1947
Elmer E. Magee.....	(83rd)	1948
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
John F. Fletcher.....	(95th)	1960

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

M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips and Earl J. Lee were unable to be present.

M. W. Fay Smith gave the response.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following: R. W. William L. Mason, Grand Junior Warden and Personal Representative of M. W. Harold D. Ross, Grand Master, Illinois; M. W. Leslie C. Eddy, Grand Master, Iowa; R. W. Frank E. Edey, Junior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of M. W. Harvard B. Olson, Grand Master, Minnesota; M. W. Armand H. Bishop, Grand Master, Kansas.

W. Theodore J. Janing, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Nebraska; Brother William F. Patterson, President; Brother Raymond F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. Archie W. Campbell, President; Brother Cleo R. Schroeder, Superintendent, The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children; W. Robert E. Lund, Active Member, Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and Executive Officer in Nebraska; Ill. Joseph W. Seacrest, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska, and Grand Almoner, AASR; M. E. Earl H. Christiansen, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; M. I. Edward H. Lockwood, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; Sir Knight Edward M. Knight, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska; W. Hugh J. Tamisiea, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.; W. John D. Cunningham, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Association.

Speaking for and on behalf of the Distinguished Guests, M. W. Leslie C. Eddy, Grand Master of Iowa, responded to the cordial welcome of M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Master.

W. Theodore J. Janing, 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. Herbert A. Ronin, 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. Herbert A. Ronin, 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 Austria, Connecticut, Costa Rica, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Montana, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Carolina, Oregon, Philippines, Scotland, South Carolina, Sweden, Switzerland, Victoria.

W. Donald A. Keys, 300, Grand Representative of Texas, gave the response.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

W. C. Atwood Scott, Master, Covert No. 11, gave the Address of Welcome and W. Paul J. Grosshans, Master, Lone Tree No. 36, gave the Response.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES

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).

Charters and Dispensations: W. Brothers Homer C. Davey, 317, Chairman; Leonard Tomlyn, 2; George F. Schell, 32.

Codification of the Law: W. Brothers Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; Marvin M. Fink, 50; Hugh Eisenhart, 150.

Credentials: W. Brothers Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman; Clyde H. Jones, 173; Given Reber, 210; Fred R. Lamb, 39; Clarence W. Burch, 56.

Doings of Grand Officers: W. Brothers La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman; W. Ross Nalls, 210; William A. Bottom, 265.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: M. W. Brothers Merle M. Hale, 54, Chairman; Fay Smith, 198; Charles F. Adams, 68.

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. Brothers Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; Elmer P. Baruth, 323; Robert L. Page, 1.

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

Grand Lodge Office: W. Brothers Louis V. Sylvester, 281, Chairman; Donald A. Keys, 300; M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54.

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

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

Jurisprudence: M. W. John F. Futcher, 302, Chairman, and all Past Grand Masters present.

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. Brothers Roy W. Deal, 227, (1964); Phillip A. Robinson, 155, (1964).

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

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

Returns: W. Brothers Dean Taylor, 59, Chairman; Stanley P. Street, 11; Edward C. Yates, 124.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

We have again assembled here this morning to resume the labors and deliberations of our Grand Lodge. Our Grand Lodge comprises three representatives from each of our 275 subordinate lodges, our Past Grand Masters and the officers of the Grand Lodge. The sovereign authority of this Grand Lodge is vested and shared by all of us, and we are the representatives of our 46,000 members. Where there is authority, there is always accountability and responsibility. I, therefore, extend to each of you a most hearty welcome to our 105th Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge. I not only invite, but charge you to be most attentive to the matters which will be presented to our Assembly.

I am delighted with the presence of our distinguished guests. We hope that you will enjoy your visit with us and that your stay will be both pleasant and profitable. We are very glad you are here.

I shall now make my report and accounting of the record of the past year of service as your Grand Master. It has been an active one for many of our Grand Lodge committees and our Grand Lodge Officers. I believe that Masonry has progressed in our Grand Jurisdiction this year, and I am therefore both pleased and proud to review this record.

VISITATIONS

There is nothing more gratifying and delightful to a Grand Master than his visitations, and particularly to his own subordinate lodges. It has been my privilege to serve this Jurisdiction as a Grand Officer since 1953, and during this nine-year period I have become well-acquainted with the brethren, and have visited nearly all of our subordinate lodges. This year was especially meaningful for me and I thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful fellowship which is the crowning glory of our Craft. I was formally presented and accorded the honors due my office.

I shall not encumber this report and our proceedings with a detailed list of my visitations. I prepared detailed schedules of my visits and furnished them to our Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge officers so that they might have advance notice and could attend them as many did. I sincerely regret I had to decline a number of invitations because of previous commitments of a busy schedule.

I would be remiss if I did not refer to the Banquet, program and Reception for me by my own lodge, East Lincoln No. 210, on June 12, 1961. This was held at the Scottish Rite Temple at Lincoln, with over 700 present. It was a thrilling evening for my family as well as myself. I have appreciated the Gold watch which was given me on this occasion. One of my very best friends, W. Brother Lyle Van Arsdol, Assistant Custodian, gave a most impressive tribute in my honor and was critically stricken later that night, from which illness he died the following month

just after we had hopes that he was well on to recovery. Lyle's death was a great personal loss to me as well as to this Grand Jurisdiction. Both the Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies also held receptions for your Grand Master and the Grand Lodge officers which were well attended and appreciated by us.

I attended Communications of the Grand Lodges of Wyoming, Colorado and Iowa and in each instance I brought the fraternal greetings of our Grand Lodge. At the Centennial Session of the Grand Lodge of Colorado I was privileged to be one of the speakers. The Grand Lodges of Kansas and Nebraska are the two mother lodges of Colorado, and three of the five constituting lodges had received their charters from our Grand Lodge.

I have been active in many of the affiliated Bodies of Masonry and I accepted many invitations from them this year. I was guest speaker at the Scottish Rite Reunion at Hastings this fall and at Omaha this spring. As Venerable Master of Lincoln Consistory I actively participated in its Reunions and attended the Scottish Rite Educational and Welfare Association of Nebraska at Lincoln. I addressed York Rite Festivals at Omaha and Sidney and the Grand Chapter R.'.A.'.M.'. of Nebraska and Grand Council, R.'. and S.'.M.'. in Nebraska. I attended the Imperial Session of the A.A.O.N.M.S. at Miami, Florida, and visited the Potentate's Ball and Shrine Ceremonials of Tehama, Sesostris and Tangier Temples in Nebraska. I was royally received and granted many courtesies on these occasions.

I attended and was graciously received at Grand Chapter, O.E.S. at Lincoln, and visited a number of Eastern Star Chapters in Lincoln. I have appreciated the loyalty and support of our Eastern Star Chapters and its Grand Chapter officers this year and especially Margaret Worthman, W. G. M. and Merle M. Hale, W. G. P.

My lovely daughter Joyce was installed Grand Worthy Advisor, Order of Rainbow for Girls for Nebraska one week after my installation. I understand that this is a precedent for a Grand Master to have a daughter serving concurrently as the chief officer of the Rainbows. I am anticipating an official visit from her tomorrow and you will be able to see why I am so proud of her. I visited the Rainbow's Grand Assembly in Omaha, as well as a number of individual assemblies. I was privileged to attend and address the Grand Guardians Council of Nebraska, International Order of Job's Daughters, which met at Lincoln, and I attended several Bethel meetings. I admire the beauty and wholesomeness of the ritual work of these young ladies. I also addressed the State Conclave of De Molay and served as one of the Installing Officers.

It was my privilege to attend the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Washington, D. C. together with R.'.W.'. Ernest O. Van Wey, Deputy Grand Master, Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Senior Warden, Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary, M.'.W.'. Charles F. Adams, Past Grand

Master, and W. Robert E. Lund. This conference is a most important one and is well attended by Masonic leaders from all over the world. I was favored in being selected as one of the speakers and to conduct a discussion on the attendance problem in our Lodges. I also served on the nomination committee, and on the finance committee of Masonic Service Association. The exchange of ideas and the inspiration derived from this conference are most valuable and shall long be remembered by those of us who were able to attend.

I attended the Mid-West Conference on Masonic Education held at the Million Dollar Iowa Masonic Library on October 26 - 28, 1961. R. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Deputy Grand Master, accompanied me. This conference is comprised of twelve mid-west Grand Lodges, and it is most evident that the work of our Committee on Masonic Education under the leadership of W. Howard J. Hunter is exceptionally fine.

It was a real pleasure for me to attend the Masonic Relief Association of U. S. and Canada which was held at Omaha on September 28, and 29. Our Grand Secretary, R. W. Carl R. Greisen, presided as President of this Association and a most successful session was held, the details to be included in his report. I was privileged to give the banquet address.

CORNER - STONES

On July 1, 1961, I laid the corner-stone for the new Masonic Temple of College View Lodge No. 320 at Lincoln. Our Grand Historian, W. George W. Rosenlof, gave the address. The previous building occupied by College View Lodge was condemned by city authorities without notice and the lodge was confronted with a crisis. Under the leadership of their Secretary, W. J. Max Johnson, the task of planning and financing the new Temple was undertaken and completed. It has been my pleasure to be acquainted and advised as to the details of the progress of the construction of this fine Temple.

On October 16, with the assistance of the other Grand Lodge officers, I laid the Corner-stone of the new Student Center Building at Wayne State Teachers College at Wayne. It was a beautiful fall day and a large crowd was in attendance. Our Grand Orator, W. Earl L. Meyer, delivered a splendid message. Arrangements were made by Wayne No. 120, assisted by R. W. Ralph M. Carhart, together with our capable Grand Marshal, W. Alfred B. Saum.

DEDICATIONS

I was most pleased to be invited to dedicate seven new Temples this year. Each of these ceremonies was very well attended and demonstrate a renewed interest in Masonry in each community. Two of these Temples were in Lincoln, viz., Cotner No. 297 and College View No. 320. In addition, new Temples were dedicated at Wisner, Red Cloud, Tecumseh,

Superior and Wauneta. In the background of each of these new Temples is the usual generous and even sacrificial giving of many dedicated Masons, with assistance from the Eastern Star Chapters, and even our Youth organizations making their contributions. The largest attendance was at Tecumseh with some 350 persons present with the overflow crowd being seated in the basement listening to the loudspeaker. Our V. V. W. Grand Chaplain, Dr. Frank A. Court, gave the Dedicatory address.

Neither time nor space will permit me to relate the circumstances surrounding the building of these Temples. The events behind the dedication ceremony at Wauneta are most interesting. The corner-stone for the Wauneta Temple was laid by M. V. W. Charles F. Adams on April 28, 1955, at which time I served as Grand Marshal. The exterior of the Temple was completed but work was suspended on the completion of the interior until last fall. I consulted with the officers of the lodge several times. Under the leadership of W. V. Nelson Burham and Secretary Dr. C. Robert Carlson, the Temple was completed and dedicated on April 16, 1962. There are only 62 members of Wauneta Lodge No. 217 and the replacement cost of the Temple is in excess of \$35,000. Masonry has a real place in the hearts of the members of Wauneta Lodge and they are deserving of special commendation. I made the observation in my Dedicatory Address that both King Solomon's Temple and Wauneta's Temple took over seven years to build, and both are beautifully and artistically designed.

Our Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters were well represented at these ceremonies. I wish to specially commend our Grand Marshal, W. V. Alfred B. Saum, for his efficient and dependable service in supervision of the Grand Lodge ceremonies.

BY - LAWS APPROVED

During the past year I approved amendments to the By-laws of 18 lodges, and also approved new By-laws for 2 lodges.

DISPENSATIONS

Special dispensations were granted in 9 cases to permit the conferring of degrees without regard to time in cases where the brother was in or was being called into the Armed Forces of the United States. Four Lodges were granted permission to examine, nineteen to elect and/or install officers because of weather conditions and two to move their charters.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

Denmark, Val Peterson, 276; Italy, Lewis R. Ricketts, 19; Ecuador, Clarence M. Pierson, 19; Texas, Donald A. Keys, 19.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

Chile, Jorge A. Wacholtz, January 10, 1962; China, Tze Tsing Tuan, January 30, 1962; Costa Rica, Philip K. Strong, March 20, 1962; New York, George D. Preece, April 10, 1962; Vermont, David O. Smith, May 16, 1962; West Virginia, James R. Ferguson, September 28, 1961.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

This year it was necessary that I appoint five Trial Commissions as compared with eighteen appointed last year. The sale of intoxicating liquors was the traditional Masonic offense requiring most of the work of the Trial Commissions.

REINSTATEMENTS

During the past year I approved thirty-four applications for reinstatement and disapproved one. My action was taken after a full investigation and report from our Committee on Applications for Reinstatement.

NECROLOGY

The Great Architect of the Universe in His infinite wisdom saw fit to summon one of our Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brother John S. Hedelund. We shall miss his great devotion and interest in Masonry. We were also saddened at the loss of two of our fine Assistant Custodians of the Grand Lodge last summer, W. Lyle Van Arsdol of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, and W. Ward V. Whitaker of Valley. As this report was being printed we have word of the passing of W. William F. Flickinger, Assistant Custodian Emeritus. All of these brethren were well-known and very capable Assistant Custodians and their loss is keenly felt by us all. In all, there were 921 brethren of our subordinate lodges who have entered the Celestial Lodge above this past year. Our Committee on Fraternal Dead will later make its report and pay tribute to the memory of our deceased brethren.

GOLD JORDAN MEDAL AND FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

Brother William H. McDonald of North Platte, our Gold Jordan Medal-holder died in June, 1961. A search of our records revealed that Brother Forster G. Stilgebauer of Justice Lodge No. 180 at Benkelman was entitled to be the next recipient. Arrangements were made with the Officers of his Lodge for me to make the presentation in an open ceremony on August 31, 1961. One week prior thereto, Brother Stilgebauer suddenly passed away. I directed that his name be inscribed on the roll of our Gold Jordan Medal-holders. On September 7, 1961, in a well-attended open meeting, I presented the Gold Jordan Medal to Brother

William Manning of Geneva, who is the current holder of the medal. I wish to compliment the officers and members of Geneva Lodge for arranging a wonderful program.

It was my privilege to present eighteen Fifty-Year buttons this past year, six of them being members of my own lodge. Open meetings honoring the recipients were observed at Hartington, Fremont, Lodgepole, Lincoln, Orleans, and I was pleased to present W. Siegfried L. Jacks, Secretary, Purity No. 198 of Imperial, at the time of the dedication of the new Temple at Wauneta on April 16, 1962. I am certain these open meetings for presentment of the Fifty-year buttons meant much to the recipient, as their families and friends could attend. I am positive that the beauty of our ceremony and its significance strengthened Masonry in these communities and improved our public relations. This year I have endeavored to stress the importance of open meetings for the good of our fraternal order. We cannot afford to live in ivory towers, aloof from mankind. We need to invite non-members and our wives and families into our lodge rooms on proper occasions so that the purity and beauty of our beloved Masonry can in at least a limited way be shared by them.

DECISIONS

I shall make no report on those replies to questions which simply required pointing out applicable provision of our law. There were many of this type of inquiry and I shall not make reference to them in this report.

1. Two brethren were stockholders in an investment company engaged in building a shopping center. They each owned 25% of the stock. Inquiry was made as to whether they would be committing a Masonic offense if the corporation leased a portion of a building for a package liquor store. I ruled that there was no violation of our Masonic law Section 3-102 (d) as amended in 1958 excludes agents and Employees where the sale of intoxicating liquor is only incidental to the business of the principal. While not essential to my decision I further stated that it was my considered opinion that leasing a building to a liquor licensee is not engaging in the sale of intoxicating liquors. It is my opinion a previous ruling (1914-4 page 39) under the Masonic Code existing prior to its amendment in 1958, is no longer applicable. This opinion is based on the fact that the corporation is not a licensee of liquors, but is solely in the capacity of a lessor to such business.

2. Request was made as to my granting a dispensation to a Lodge to accept a petition for Masonry from a Missile base worker who has not stayed long enough in one community to establish a residence for one year. I ruled that Section 2-803 of our Code was jurisdictional and that a Grand Master has no power to make exceptions by way of issuance of dispensation, and that the lodge should not accept the petition.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Board of Grand Trustees has referred to me the difficulties and inconveniences of registering our securities in strictly complying with the 1957 Amendment to Section 1-401 of our By-Laws. The legal name of our Grand Lodge is "Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska." Section 1-401 (h) provides that all funds and securities shall be "carried in the name of the" legal title of our Grand Lodge. However many bequests and gifts have been given expressly to the Endowment and Bequest Fund of our Nebraska Masonic Home. These securities have always been carried in the name of "The Nebraska Masonic Home" and have not been intermingled with Grand Lodge funds. Likewise our funds and securities belonging to the Grand Lodge have been and are now designated "Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska."

Our Grand Trustees point out the practical difficulty in registering securities in the long legal title of our Grand Lodge. It would appear desirable that the securities of the Home should be designated differently from those investments held by Grand Lodge. I have advised our Grand Trustees not to incur the considerable work and expense of changing the registration of our securities until Grand Lodge could resolve the problem.

I, therefore, make the following recommendation:

That the last sentence of Section 1-401 (a) be amended to read as follows:

"It is the intent of this section that all funds, accounts, securities, mortgages, real estate and other property of The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be delivered to the Board of Grand Trustees for the purpose of management and investment."

That Section 1-401 (h) be amended to read as follows:

"All Funds, securities, real estate and other property held by this Grand Lodge for the benefit of The Nebraska Masonic Home shall be carried in the name of The Nebraska Masonic Home and all other funds, securities, real estate and other property of this Grand Lodge shall be carried in the name of Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. All deeds conveying real estate and all mortgages mortgaging real estate or personal property and releases or assignments thereof, or assignments or transfers of stock certificates or other securities or such other legal documents having to do with the sale, transfer, investment, reinvestment or management of said funds, securities or property, shall be executed by the Grand Master or the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Secretary upon authorizations of the Board of Grand Trustees."

2. Our Youth organizations are receiving more attention and assistance from the Masonic Fraternity in other Grand Jurisdictions. Past experience demonstrates that about 65% of our DeMolay boys later become members of the Fraternity, and the influence of the young ladies who have been Job's Daughters or Rainbow Girls has been for the good of our Fraternity as well as a character-building instrumentality in their lives. All our youth groups have most generously supported both our Homes through the years. One group requires blood relationship with a Mason for eligibility for membership, and in the other two there must be a recommendation from a Mason or a member of the Eastern Star. In 1959 we permitted our subordinate lodges to sponsor Order of De Molay only but not to the extent of using funds. Our lodges cannot even purchase flowers or do anything involving Lodge funds for these youth groups who do so much for us. It is desirable that this situation be corrected as soon as possible.

I recommend that this Grand Lodge permit lodges to sponsor Order of Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters as well as Order of De Molay for young men.

3. I further recommend that our lodges be authorized to assist these youth organizations financially if they wish to do so.

I, therefore, recommend as follows: "That Section 2-609 be amended to read as follows," Section 2-609—No Diversion. Lodge funds cannot be used for any other than strictly Masonic purposes, **provided however, that funds may be used for the support of Order of De Molay, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters.**" (Remainder of section is unchanged.)

4. Our Grand Historian has now completed his history of our Grand Lodge. In this history he has made reference to our Past Grand Masters but has not included many pertinent and interesting matters relating to them. We also have many splendid orations given at our Grand Lodge that should be made available to our membership. Our Grand Historian sincerely believes that both of these matters should be made available to our Lodges and our Brethren. There should be sufficient funds remaining in our Centennial Fund to publish these manuscripts.

I, therefore, recommend that the incoming Grand Historian be authorized to prepare a manuscript on our Past Grand Masters and another manuscript on our Grand Orations.

There should be a digest of all our Grand Orations and a few selected ones to be included in the latter manuscript.

MASONIC MANOR

Two years ago this Grand Lodge approved the construction of a twenty-one story apartment house with 320 units, a corporation was formed to own and operate this important undertaking, providing that there be no financial responsibility for our Grand Lodge. All units

have now been purchased and the area at 52nd and Leavenworth is now being graded preliminary to construction. It is hoped that occupancy can be realized by Thanksgiving time in 1963. There is considerable interest among other Grand Jurisdictions in this program. Eligibility for tenancy is restricted to Master Masons, their widows, and members of Eastern Star.

HISTORY OF OUR GRAND LODGE

Our Grand Historian, W. George W. Rosenlof, previously served this Grand Lodge as Chairman of our Centennial Committee. I was pleased when he accepted the appointment of Grand Historian and to report that he has written the History of our Grand Lodge which will be distributed later. This was certainly a monumental task for him and my appreciation is expressed in the preface of this History. This is one of the major achievements this year.

COMMITTEE ON THE WORK

Under the guidance and leadership of M. W. Edward F. Carter, substantial progress has been made upon the tremendous task of revising our Monitor. I have attended several meetings of this Committee and have participated in their discussions. Their work should contribute to a greater and more meaningful interest in our ritual and ceremonies.

They deserve a very special commendation along with our Grand Custodian, W. Raymond C. Cook, for long labors in improving our monitor. I advise you to be attentive to the report of this Committee.

MASONIC HOMES

We can all be very proud of both of our Homes and the service that is rendered to our Brethren. The members of our Boards give much of their time to the operations of The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont. Both Homes have a special Endowment Fund and we need to build them so that they may eventually become self-sustaining. The Seal Program was started last fall for the Home at Plattsmouth to defray in part the great rise in costs. We are grateful to your response. May we ever be mindful of the needs of others, and that we should

“Be generous of the goods that He doth give you.

For to give for His honor's sake ne'er made anyone poor,
and thou shalt by thy generous giving greatly profit thy
body and soul.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

During this past year both Union No. 287, Palmyra, and Stromsburg No. 126, Stromsburg, had the misfortune to have disastrous fires resulting in total losses to their property. These Lodges are planning new temples and interest in Masonry is renewed.

Our Grand Lodge suffered a loss of 204 members in 1961. This should be of concern to all of us and while it is not as great as in some of our neighboring jurisdictions, it is serious and efforts should be renewed to reverse this trend. Our Committee on Masonic Education and all of our Grand Lodge Officers have united with me in exerting our efforts to stimulate and encourage progress in our Craft. I have stressed the need for more activities in our Lodges, such as Past Master's Nights, ladies and families nights, open installation, and meetings recognizing our fifty-year members as well as our Youth Organizations. To secure good attendance we must refrain from dragging out our meetings and we must give them what they are seeking which is Further Light in Masonry!

Many of our small Lodges are still faced with the problem of being situated in communities with losing populations. Some of these Lodges have again had no degree work this past year. It would be inaccurate to report all is favorable in our Craft. Many of our subordinate Lodges have the capacity for marked improvement and only need real leadership to forge ahead. Since January there has been a marked increase in activity in a number of our Lodges and we hope the trend of poor attendance and loss of membership has been stopped. We have regained all but 18 of the 204 lost in 1961.

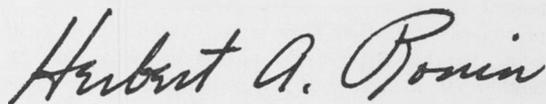
Our increase in Grand Lodge dues became effective this year. At this time I do not know exactly our financial situation, but with the payment of the Seal program and our increased budget the amount that we will be in the black will exceed \$100,000.00.

The record for the past year has been written and will be reflected in the reports of the Committees. In conclusion, I wish to state how much I have enjoyed the privilege of serving as your Grand Master this past year. I have had the unqualified and loyal support of our Grand Lodge Officers. On many occasions all our line Grand Lodge officers were present.

Our Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, has been very close and helpful to me this year. Tomorrow I shall with confidence yield the authority and responsibilities of this high office to a worthy successor.

I have been graciously received in my visitations and wish to thank you again for the courtesies and kindnesses that have been extended me. We have been fortunate not to have any major problems this year. The Supreme Architect of the Universe has truly blessed us, and may His Divine Guidance continue to lead us in paths of righteousness and in peace!

Fraternally submitted,



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:

RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from 275 Lodges. All dues and fees for the year 1961 have been paid in full.

Last year the Grand Lodge authorized monthly reports in lieu of the annual report at year end. The monthly reports were effective January 1, 1962, and we are pleased to report a most satisfactory change-over and full co-operation from the Lodge secretaries. We think it a great improvement over the annual system.

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 181 fifty-year buttons were presented during the year. Most of the Lodges have made a special event of the presentation and many of them a community affair. A number of these presentations were made in other Jurisdictions as a courtesy to Nebraska. We express our thanks to those jurisdictions.

JORDAN MEDALS

There were twenty-eight 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

Last June at the 104th Annual Communication we stated that Brother William H. McDonald of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 at North Platte was the proud possessor of the Gold Jordan Medal and that he was going to try and be around on his 100th birthday June 14, 1961. Bill McDonald passed away on his 100th birthday June 14th. The medal was then presented to Brother Forster G. Stilgebauer of Justice No. 180 at Benkelman. Brother Stilgebauer passed away August 21, 1961. Then on September 7th at a special Lodge and community meeting, Brother William Manning of Geneva No. 79 received the Medal, presented by M.'W.'. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Master.

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: Fairfield No. 84 and Naphtali No. 206.

We respectfully call your attention to the net loss of 204. We initiated more Entered Apprentice, passed more Fellow Craft than in 1960 and raised less Master Masons. Our deaths and suspensions were higher. Many of the brethren suspended are well along in years and live in other states. In many instances the only time these brethren hear from the Lodge during the year is the usual notice for dues. We truly believe that a monthly or quarterly bulletin, a thank you note or birthday card would cut the suspensions and pay dividends.

As a matter of information we list the Lodges in a given bracket with membership. We have one Lodge with 27 members, one with 28, 15 with a membership of 30 to 39; 18 with 40 to 49; 7 with 50; 68 with 51 to 74; 52 with 75 to 99; 37 with 101 to 149; 13 with 150 to 174; 13 with 175 to 199; 1 with 200; 9 with 201 to 249; 4 with 250 to 274; 6 with 275 to 299; 1 with 301 to 349; 7 with 350 to 374; 3 with 400 to 499; 5 with 500 to 599; 3 with 600 to 650; 2 with 800 to 899; 3 with 900 to 999; 1 with 1,000 to 1,050; 3 with 1,200 to 1,299; one with 1,500, and one with 1,600 to 1,699. Thus we find 225 Lodges with a membership of less than 200.

THIRTY-FOURTH BIENNIAL MEETING
OF MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

The Relief Association convened in Omaha September 28, 29 and 30, 1961. A full program of business and entertainment kept the delegates busy until the close of the meeting. Thursday, the 28th, was a bus tour through the Nebraska countryside with stops at the Omaha Home for Boys, The Masonic - Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, and The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

We express our thanks and appreciation to W. W. Harry Bruner, Executive Secretary of the Omaha Home for Boys for coffee and rolls and a tour of the cottages. To Brother Cleo Schroeder, Superintendent of The Masonic - Eastern Star Home for Children for a splendid lunch and visit to cottages and farm and to Superintendent Raymond F. Evers for a bountiful dinner and visit with the Residents. The divine service was held in the beautiful chapel with President William F. Patterson of The Nebraska Masonic Home, presiding. The sermon, "This is America's Hour" by our own V. W. Grand Chaplain, Dr. Frank A. Court.

The annual banquet was on Friday evening in the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel with our own M. W. Grand Master, Herbert A. Ronin, as speaker.

We were told it was one of the best Biennial meetings of this Association. The Grand Secretary is proud of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and wishes to thank them for entertaining the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. We express our thanks to the Masonic Relief Association of Omaha, W. Louis V. Sylvester, President; the Masonic Board of Relief, Lincoln, W. Howard E. Nesseler, Secretary-Treasurer, for their assistance. An extra thank you to W. Louis V. Sylvester, who was General Chairman.

FINANCIAL REPORT

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

May 10, 1962

RECEIPTS

46,067 members @ \$4.00	\$184,268.00
1,248 initiations @ \$10.00	12,480.00
3 affiliations @ \$10.00	30.00
Surety bond premium	640.50
Supplies	3,103.46
Liability Insurance	3,685.36
For George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 1,117 Master Masons @ \$1.00	1,117.00
Interest on Securities	988.72
Dues and fees in excess	162.60
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$206,475.64

DISBURSEMENTS

The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 92,134.00
Relief Fund	9,213.40
Orphans Educational Endowment Fund	100,104.68
Supply Account	3,743.96
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association ..	1,117.00
Refunds to Lodges	162.60
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Total	\$206,475.64

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

May 10, 1962

RECEIPTS

Cash, United States National Bank May 10, 1961	\$ 65,049.54
Receipts	228,790.52
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Total	\$293,840.06

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements	\$182,774.10
Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1962	111,065.96
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Total	\$293,840.06

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

May 10, 1962

RECEIPTS

Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1961 ..\$	9,360.56
Supplies Sold	13,184.21
Bond Premium	640.50
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Total	\$ 23,185.27

DISBURSEMENTS

Bond Premium	\$ 640.50
Supplies	13,791.41
Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1962 ..	8,753.36
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Total	\$ 23,185.27

RELIEF FUND

May 10, 1962

RECEIPTS

Cash, Stock Yards National Bank, May 10, 1961	\$ 21,407.48
From Special Account	9,213.40

Interest on Securities	270.30
Total	\$ 30,891.18

DISBURSEMENTS

Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans	\$ 5,000.00
Securities Purchased	14,901.90
Cash, Stock Yards National Bank, May 10, 1962	10,989.28
Total	\$ 30,891.18

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND

May 10, 1962

RECEIPTS

Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1961 .. \$	94.93
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No Receipts

DISBURSEMENTS

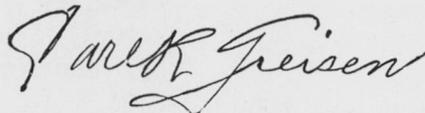
No Disbursements

Cash, United States National Bank of Omaha, May 10, 1962 .. \$	94.93
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RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges last year.....	275
Number initiated.....	1,401
Number passed.....	1,248
Number raised.....	1,117
Number affiliated.....	241
Number dual members.....	17
Number reinstated.....	325
Number gained by other causes.....	14
Total gross increase.....	1,714
Number demitted.....	297
Number deceased.....	921
Number suspended.....	670
Number expelled.....	3
Number lost by other causes.....	5
Total loss.....	1,896
Net loss for year ending December 31, 1961.....	204
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1960	46,067
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1961	45,863

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E.A.A.		F.C.C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS													No. of Lodge	
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls December 31, 1961	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1961	No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1961	No. on Rolls December 31, 1960	GAIN					Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls December 31, 1961		
									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			Total Loss
Nebraska	1	19	6	20	5	0	4	1210	19	4	0	5	0	1238	4	28	0	0	0	32	1206	1
Western Star	2	7	10	10	2	8	11	286	15	1	0	6	0	308	1	2	8	0	0	12	296	2
Capitol	3	11	2	13	4	15	45	869	14	1	0	3	0	887	4	23	15	0	0	42	845	3
Nemaha Valley	4	3	0	3	1	0	2	50	2	0	0	0	0	52	0	2	0	0	0	2	50	4
Omadi	5	6	7	2	2	3	3	115	2	0	0	0	0	117	0	0	3	0	0	3	114	5
Plattsmouth	6	14	8	11	1	6	9	323	11	0	0	0	0	334	2	5	6	0	0	13	321	6
Falls City	9	5	8	6	4	5	13	271	4	0	0	2	0	277	1	4	5	0	0	10	267	9
Solomon	10	0	0	1	0	2	2	107	3	1	0	0	0	111	1	1	2	0	0	4	107	10
Covert	11	71	21	61	25	13	24	1634	39	6	0	3	0	1682	7	28	13	0	0	48	1634	11
Orient	13	4	1	3	2	4	6	51	1	1	2	2	0	57	0	1	4	0	0	5	52	13
Peru	14	1	0	1	1	10	14	100	2	0	0	4	0	106	0	3	10	0	0	13	93	14
Fremont	15	18	9	2	1	6	18	634	15	1	0	10	0	660	2	16	6	1	0	25	635	15
Tecumseh	17	5	4	3	0	7	12	170	3	0	0	1	0	174	3	5	7	0	0	15	159	17
Lincoln	19	26	13	27	6	12	19	981	31	2	0	2	0	1016	8	28	12	0	0	48	968	19
Washington	21	3	1	4	0	1	7	143	5	2	0	2	0	152	0	5	1	0	0	6	146	21
Pawnee	23	1	1	1	0	7	7	116	1	1	1	0	0	119	0	1	7	0	0	8	111	23
Saint John	25	27	6	29	5	15	18	991	27	3	0	4	0	1025	3	34	15	0	0	52	973	25
Beatrice	26	13	9	9	1	5	14	362	9	2	0	3	0	376	2	8	5	0	0	15	361	26
Jordan	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	1	2	0	0	0	79	1	0	0	0	0	1	78	27
Hope	29	0	0	0	0	2	2	43	2	0	0	1	0	46	0	1	2	0	0	3	43	29
Blue River	30	2	2	3	0	3	5	96	3	0	0	0	0	99	1	1	3	0	0	5	94	30
Tekamah	31	6	6	5	1	4	4	177	4	1	0	0	0	182	1	1	4	0	0	6	176	31
Platte Valley	32	13	24	11	5	6	10	572	17	4	0	3	0	596	1	10	6	0	0	17	579	32
Ashlar	33	13	7	15	2	12	28	628	17	1	0	6	0	652	4	9	12	0	0	25	627	33
Acacia	34	8	5	4	5	3	3	194	0	0	0	0	0	194	4	7	3	0	0	14	180	34
Fairbury	35	1	3	2	2	1	6	245	1	1	0	1	0	248	2	7	1	0	0	10	238	35
Lone Tree	36	5	4	5	1	1	7	213	4	3	0	4	0	224	1	6	1	0	0	8	216	36
Crete	37	6	3	8	3	13	18	174	5	1	0	17	0	197	0	2	13	0	0	15	182	37
Oliver	38	0	1	0	0	2	5	186	1	0	0	3	0	190	3	5	2	0	1	11	179	38
Papillion	39	13	8	16	2	2	4	206	10	2	0	0	0	218	1	5	2	0	0	8	210	39
Humboldt	40	0	1	1	0	3	6	112	1	0	0	1	0	114	0	4	3	0	0	7	107	40
Northern Light	41	0	2	0	0	3	5	84	0	1	0	0	0	85	0	3	3	0	0	6	79	41
Hebron	43	1	2	4	2	0	0	139	3	0	0	0	0	142	0	4	0	0	0	4	138	43
Harvard	44	1	2	0	1	0	1	81	1	1	0	0	0	83	0	1	0	0	0	1	82	44
Rob Morris	46	10	8	10	7	3	10	348	7	2	1	2	0	360	3	4	3	0	0	10	350	46
Fairmont	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	1	0	0	0	94	0	2	0	0	0	2	92	48
Evening Star	49	3	4	2	0	1	1	96	5	0	0	0	1	102	1	2	1	0	0	4	98	49
Hastings	50	25	21	23	9	4	14	520	21	14	0	4	1	560	3	10	4	0	0	17	543	50
Fidelity	51	5	6	2	1	2	4	151	1	0	0	1	0	153	1	4	2	0	0	7	146	51

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. A.					F. C. C.		SUSP.		MASTER MASONS													No. of Lodge	
	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1961		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1961		No. Suspended	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1961		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1960		GAIN					LOSS					
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1961	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1961	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1961		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1961	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1961		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1960	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss		
																								No. on Rolls, December 31, 1960	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1960	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Hiram	52	2	5	1	1	0	2	90	1	0	0	0	0	91	0	1	0	0	0	1	90	52		
Charity	53	4	1	3	1	5	7	154	2	0	0	3	0	159	1	2	5	0	0	8	151	53		
Lancaster	54	30	13	27	1	6	12	887	30	1	0	3	0	921	5	14	6	0	0	25	896	54		
Mosaic	55	10	7	10	1	13	20	361	10	1	0	10	0	382	0	8	13	0	0	21	361	55		
York	56	4	4	3	1	2	4	282	2	3	1	0	1	289	0	4	2	0	0	6	283	56		
Mt. Moriah	57	1	3	1	1	1	1	75	0	1	0	1	0	77	1	2	1	0	0	4	73	57		
Wahoo	59	5	0	6	1	9	10	278	7	0	1	0	0	286	1	4	9	0	0	14	272	59		
Melrose	60	0	0	0	2	1	1	77	0	0	0	0	0	77	1	3	1	0	0	5	72	60		
Thistle	61	5	5	8	1	3	6	223	7	2	0	0	0	232	4	3	3	0	0	10	222	61		
Keystone	62	2	3	2	0	0	2	48	3	0	0	0	0	51	0	3	0	0	0	3	48	62		
Blue Valley	64	1	2	2	1	1	3	98	2	0	0	1	0	101	0	1	1	0	0	2	99	64		
Osceola	65	4	1	4	3	0	0	87	1	0	0	0	0	88	0	2	0	0	0	2	86	65		
Edgar	67	1	0	1	0	2	3	98	2	0	0	0	0	100	0	4	2	0	0	6	94	67		
Aurora	68	0	1	2	1	2	4	164	2	1	0	1	0	168	1	3	2	0	0	6	162	68		
Sterling	70	0	0	0	0	1	1	55	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	3	1	0	1	5	50	70		
Trowel	71	1	0	2	0	0	0	105	2	0	0	0	0	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	71		
Hooper	72	0	3	0	1	0	0	99	0	0	0	1	0	100	2	1	0	0	0	3	97	72		
Friend	73	4	6	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	2	0	0	0	2	62	73		
Alexandria	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	1	0	0	0	35	0	2	0	0	0	2	33	74		
Frank Welch	75	9	8	2	0	4	11	287	2	0	0	4	0	293	2	11	4	0	0	17	276	75		
Nelson	77	3	7	2	4	2	4	94	2	1	0	0	0	97	1	1	2	0	0	4	93	77		
Albion	78	7	2	6	1	0	1	140	5	1	0	0	0	146	0	2	0	0	0	2	144	78		
Geneva	79	6	3	8	1	2	2	132	7	2	1	1	0	143	1	3	2	0	0	6	137	79		
Composite	81	1	3	3	0	0	2	56	3	0	0	0	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	1	58	81		
St. Paul	82	2	5	1	1	0	4	193	2	0	0	2	0	197	4	6	0	0	0	10	187	82		
Corinthian	83	3	0	4	0	1	4	76	4	1	0	1	0	82	2	2	1	0	0	5	77	83		
Fairfield	84	0	0	0	0	2	2	51	0	0	0	1	0	52	0	2	2	0	0	4	48	84		
Doniphan	86	1	1	0	0	0	1	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	1	1	0	0	0	2	37	86		
Ionic	87	2	4	2	2	0	4	107	0	0	0	0	0	107	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	87		
Star	88	4	0	4	2	2	6	113	2	0	0	2	0	117	0	1	2	0	0	3	114	88		
Cedar River	89	4	2	4	4	6	6	96	1	0	0	2	0	99	0	4	6	0	0	10	89	89		
Oakland	91	1	2	1	1	0	1	153	1	2	0	0	0	156	1	2	0	0	0	3	153	91		
Beaver City	93	2	0	3	0	0	3	67	3	2	0	0	0	72	0	3	0	0	0	3	69	93		
Bennett	94	1	0	1	0	3	3	56	1	0	1	0	0	58	0	3	3	0	0	6	52	94		
Garfield	95	3	0	3	1	1	5	90	2	2	0	1	0	95	1	3	1	0	0	5	90	95		
Utica	96	0	1	0	0	2	2	84	0	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	2	0	0	2	82	96		
Euclid	97	0	2	1	0	1	2	114	2	0	0	2	0	118	0	2	1	0	0	3	115	97		
Republican	98	0	2	0	0	0	2	45	0	0	0	1	0	46	2	1	0	0	0	3	43	98		
Shelton	99	3	0	5	3	3	5	76	2	0	0	0	0	78	1	0	3	0	0	4	74	99		

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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						
Creighton	100	2	3	2	0	4	5	107	3	0	0	0	0	110	0	3	4	0	0	7	103	100	
Ponca	101	9	5	4	1	4	8	93	3	1	0	0	0	97	1	2	4	0	0	7	90	101	
Waterloo	102	6	3	4	0	2	6	159	4	0	0	8	0	171	1	3	2	0	0	6	165	102	
Ord	103	3	1	4	0	0	0	158	4	1	1	0	0	164	2	0	0	0	0	2	162	103	
Wymore	104	6	7	3	2	0	1	217	2	2	0	0	0	221	4	3	0	0	0	7	214	104	
Stella	105	2	1	1	0	0	1	56	1	0	0	1	0	58	2	0	0	0	0	2	56	105	
Porter	106	1	0	1	1	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	106	
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	0	3	43	0	0	0	1	0	44	1	3	0	0	0	4	40	108	
Pomegranate	110	4	6	2	1	6	6	237	2	0	0	0	0	239	3	4	6	0	0	13	226	110	
DeWitt	111	1	2	1	0	0	0	48	1	0	0	1	0	50	0	2	0	0	0	2	48	111	
Springfield	112	3	3	1	1	0	0	120	2	0	0	1	0	123	2	4	0	0	0	6	117	112	
Globe	113	1	0	2	0	0	0	87	2	0	0	0	0	89	1	0	0	0	0	1	88	113	
Wisner	114	1	1	2	1	2	5	111	3	0	0	2	0	116	0	5	2	0	0	7	109	114	
Harlan	116	2	2	3	2	1	2	93	2	0	0	1	0	96	2	0	1	0	0	3	93	116	
Hardy	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	1	0	0	0	1	51	117	
North Bend	119	4	3	1	0	0	2	111	1	3	0	1	0	116	1	1	0	0	0	2	114	119	
Wayne	120	11	2	10	7	11	11	206	3	2	0	0	0	211	1	1	11	0	0	13	198	120	
Superior	121	1	0	1	1	3	4	191	1	2	0	1	0	195	0	6	3	0	0	9	186	121	
Auburn	124	0	1	1	0	10	12	137	1	1	0	13	5	157	3	8	10	0	0	21	136	124	
Mt. Nebo	125	4	6	2	2	0	0	101	0	0	2	0	0	103	0	1	0	0	0	1	102	125	
Stromsburg	126	5	1	4	2	1	2	73	4	1	0	0	0	78	0	2	1	0	0	3	75	126	
Minden	127	3	4	3	1	3	6	107	3	1	0	0	0	111	0	1	3	0	0	4	107	127	
Guide Rock	128	2	1	2	0	0	2	69	2	1	0	0	0	72	0	3	0	0	0	3	69	128	
Blue Hill	129	1	1	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	1	0	57	0	1	0	1	0	2	55	129	
Tuscan	130	0	1	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	1	0	0	0	0	1	37	130	
Scribner	132	1	1	1	1	0	1	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	2	0	0	0	2	49	132	
Elm Creek	133	1	2	1	0	10	10	61	2	0	0	0	0	63	2	1	10	0	0	13	50	133	
Solar	134	6	5	4	0	0	2	68	5	0	0	1	0	74	0	1	0	0	0	1	73	134	
McCook	135	9	3	9	6	5	8	367	6	0	0	1	0	374	1	6	5	0	0	12	362	135	
Long Pine	136	5	2	4	0	0	0	54	4	0	0	1	0	59	0	3	0	0	0	3	56	136	
Upright	137	0	1	2	0	1	3	78	2	0	0	0	0	80	0	1	1	0	0	2	78	137	
Rawl	138	2	4	0	1	0	4	86	0	0	1	0	0	87	0	3	0	0	0	3	84	138	
Clay Centre	139	0	2	2	0	0	0	60	2	0	0	1	0	63	1	1	0	0	0	2	61	139	
Western	140	3	3	2	0	0	0	33	2	0	0	1	0	36	2	0	0	0	0	2	34	140	
Crescent	143	0	1	0	0	1	1	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	2	1	0	0	3	43	143	
Kenesaw	144	0	0	0	0	2	0	66	0	0	2	0	0	68	0	1	2	0	0	3	65	144	
Banoroft	145	4	1	4	2	2	2	58	3	0	0	0	0	61	1	0	2	0	0	3	58	145	
Jachin	146	5	5	6	2	1	5	209	5	1	0	0	0	215	4	7	1	0	0	12	203	146	
Siloam	147	1	3	0	0	0	0	30	1	1	0	0	0	32	0	1	0	0	0	1	31	147	
Emmet Crawford	148	1	3	2	1	1	5	210	3	3	2	8	0	226	2	4	1	0	0	7	219	148	

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Jewel	149	0	0	0	0	1	1	60	2	0	0	0	0	62	1	3	1	0	0	5	57	149
Cambridge	150	1	0	2	0	5	6	118	2	0	0	0	0	120	0	2	5	0	0	7	113	150
Square	151	1	1	0	0	0	1	57	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	1	56	151
Evergreen	153	3	2	1	0	2	2	69	1	0	0	0	0	70	1	0	2	0	0	3	67	153
Lily	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	3	0	0	0	3	72	154
Hartington	155	2	4	0	0	1	2	73	0	0	0	0	0	73	1	3	1	0	0	5	68	155
Pythagoras	156	1	2	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	3	0	0	0	3	35	156
Valley	157	0	0	1	0	0	1	51	2	0	0	2	0	55	2	1	0	0	0	3	52	157
Samaritan	158	9	6	4	1	3	9	286	5	0	1	2	0	294	1	5	3	0	0	9	285	158
Ogallala	159	7	13	4	2	3	6	172	3	0	0	0	0	175	0	3	3	0	0	6	169	159
Zeredatha	160	4	2	4	0	0	1	36	4	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	39	160
Mount Zion	161	1	0	1	1	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	3	0	0	0	3	53	161
Trestle Board	162	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	1	0	0	0	1	81	162
Unity	163	1	0	1	0	3	4	82	2	0	0	0	0	84	1	1	3	0	0	5	79	163
Atkinson	164	5	5	1	0	0	0	53	2	0	0	0	0	55	0	1	0	0	0	1	54	164
Barneston	165	0	1	0	0	3	4	58	0	0	0	4	0	62	0	1	3	0	0	0	58	165
Mystic Tie	166	1	1	1	1	0	1	51	1	0	0	0	0	52	3	2	0	0	0	5	47	166
Elwood	167	3	2	3	1	0	0	50	3	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	167
Curtis	168	1	2	3	0	3	5	89	3	2	0	1	0	95	0	3	3	0	0	6	89	168
Amity	169	1	0	1	0	4	5	100	2	2	0	2	0	106	1	0	4	0	0	5	101	169
Mason City	170	3	3	0	0	0	0	33	0	1	0	0	0	34	0	4	0	0	0	4	30	170
Merna	171	1	2	1	0	1	2	61	2	0	0	0	0	63	0	3	1	0	0	4	59	171
Robert Burns	173	3	3	2	1	3	7	89	1	1	0	0	0	91	1	1	3	0	0	5	86	173
Culbertson	174	1	1	2	1	3	4	67	1	0	0	1	0	69	0	0	3	0	0	0	66	174
Temple	175	1	0	1	0	0	0	41	1	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	175
Gladstone	176	0	0	0	0	0	3	94	1	0	0	0	0	95	1	0	0	0	0	1	94	176
Hay Springs	177	5	2	3	0	4	5	127	3	0	0	0	0	130	3	2	4	0	0	9	121	177
Prudence	179	1	2	0	0	0	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	4	0	0	0	4	48	179
Justice	180	1	2	3	1	0	2	143	2	1	0	0	0	146	5	0	0	0	0	5	141	180
Faith	181	2	3	2	0	3	3	121	2	2	0	1	0	126	1	5	3	0	0	9	117	181
Alliance	183	21	7	22	9	2	4	363	15	2	0	0	0	380	0	4	2	0	0	6	374	183
Bee Hive	184	47	14	44	10	20	41	1018	41	4	0	20	0	1083	7	24	20	0	0	51	1032	184
Boaz	185	1	0	1	0	0	2	69	1	0	0	1	0	71	0	3	0	0	0	3	68	185
Meridian	188	2	4	2	0	0	4	148	2	1	0	2	0	153	0	3	0	0	0	3	150	188
Granite	189	4	3	2	0	0	1	84	2	0	0	0	0	86	0	2	0	0	0	2	84	189
Amethyst	190	1	0	2	1	2	3	54	1	0	0	0	0	55	1	1	2	0	0	4	51	190
Crystal	191	1	0	1	1	0	1	79	0	1	0	1	0	81	1	0	0	0	0	1	80	191

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																						Other Causes
Minnekadusa	192	6	3	9	3	1	2	159	8	1	0	0	0	168	1	2	1	0	0	4	164	192
Signet	193	0	2	0	1	1	1	66	0	0	0	0	0	66	1	1	1	0	0	3	63	193
Highland	194	0	1	0	0	1	1	41	1	0	0	0	0	42	0	2	1	0	0	3	39	194
Arcana	195	0	2	1	1	0	2	155	1	2	0	0	0	158	1	2	0	0	0	3	155	195
Morning Star	197	2	0	2	0	1	2	67	2	0	0	0	0	69	0	1	1	0	0	2	67	197
Purity	198	1	1	2	1	1	2	142	2	0	0	2	0	146	1	3	1	0	0	5	141	198
Gavel	199	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	199
Blazing Star	200	3	4	0	0	2	3	92	1	1	0	1	0	95	1	1	2	0	0	4	91	200
Scotts Bluff	201	2	8	3	2	3	4	197	2	0	0	2	0	201	0	2	3	0	0	5	196	201
Golden Sheaf	202	1	3	2	1	2	4	92	2	1	0	0	0	95	1	2	2	0	0	5	90	202
Roman Eagle	203	3	4	2	1	0	0	67	2	1	0	0	0	70	1	2	0	0	0	3	67	203
Plainview	204	1	2	1	0	3	8	114	1	1	0	0	0	116	2	2	3	0	0	7	109	204
Golden Fleece	205	0	2	1	0	3	7	180	1	0	0	4	0	185	2	1	3	0	0	6	179	205
Naphtali	206	1	0	1	1	1	6	58	1	2	0	0	0	61	0	4	1	0	0	5	56	206
Parian	207	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	207
Gauge	208	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	208
Canopy	209	2	0	2	0	0	0	124	3	0	0	0	0	127	1	3	0	0	0	4	123	209
East Lincoln	210	35	25	33	8	17	40	1220	32	4	0	2	0	1258	7	16	17	0	0	40	1218	210
Cement	211	5	3	4	2	0	1	80	2	0	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	211
Compass & Square	212	0	0	0	1	0	3	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	1	2	0	0	0	3	47	212
Plumbline	214	0	2	1	0	1	1	40	1	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	1	0	0	2	39	214
Occidental	215	2	0	2	0	0	0	71	2	0	0	0	0	73	0	1	0	0	0	1	72	215
Palisade	216	2	0	3	1	1	2	100	3	2	0	0	0	105	1	0	1	0	0	2	103	216
Wauneta	217	0	2	0	1	0	1	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	1	0	0	0	1	60	217
Bloomfield	218	0	0	2	2	1	1	73	1	1	0	0	0	75	2	0	1	0	0	3	72	218
Relief	219	0	0	0	1	0	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	1	0	0	0	0	1	59	219
Magnolia	220	0	1	1	1	0	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	69	0	4	0	0	0	4	65	220
Wood Lake	221	3	0	4	0	1	1	74	4	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	1	0	0	1	77	221
Landmark	222	1	3	1	1	0	1	109	1	0	0	0	0	110	1	3	0	0	0	4	106	222
Eminence	223	2	3	1	0	1	1	67	1	0	0	1	0	69	0	2	1	0	0	3	66	223
Silver Cord	224	4	6	0	0	5	9	139	1	1	0	13	0	154	2	6	5	0	0	13	141	224
Cable	225	0	1	0	1	0	2	96	0	1	0	1	0	98	0	1	0	0	0	1	97	225
Grace	226	3	0	3	1	0	1	60	2	0	0	1	0	63	1	3	0	0	0	4	59	226
North Star	227	18	12	14	4	4	10	512	13	6	0	2	0	533	3	6	4	0	1	14	519	227
Bartley	228	2	2	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	2	0	0	0	2	60	228
Comet	229	3	1	4	1	1	3	91	5	0	0	2	0	98	0	0	1	0	0	1	97	229
Delta	230	1	2	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	3	0	0	0	3	33	230
Mt. Hermon	231	1	3	1	2	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	39	231
John S. Bowen	232	4	3	4	1	0	6	67	3	0	0	1	0	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	232
Gilead	233	0	0	0	0	1	2	64	0	9	0	0	0	64	1	3	1	0	0	5	59	233

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Zion	234	6	5	2	1	0	0	101	3	0	0	0	0	104	0	2	0	0	0	2	102	234
Fraternity	235	3	1	3	0	0	0	65	3	0	0	0	0	68	0	1	0	0	0	1	67	235
Golden Rule	236	2	3	2	0	1	5	64	3	1	0	0	0	68	3	0	1	0	0	4	64	236
Cubit	237	2	1	1	0	0	0	50	1	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	1	50	237
Friendship	239	2	4	2	1	7	11	84	1	0	0	9	0	94	0	0	7	0	0	7	87	239
Pilot	240	4	4	2	1	0	0	121	1	0	0	0	0	122	1	4	0	0	0	5	117	240
George Armstrong	241	7	5	3	0	2	3	85	3	0	0	1	0	89	1	2	2	0	0	5	84	241
Tyrian	243	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	1	0	0	0	1	28	243
Hampton	245	2	2	1	1	1	2	55	0	0	0	0	0	55	1	2	1	0	0	4	51	245
Nehawka	246	1	1	3	4	0	0	116	1	0	0	0	0	117	0	1	0	0	0	1	116	246
Corner-Stone	247	0	1	0	0	2	2	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	1	2	0	0	3	27	247
Laurel	248	2	4	1	0	4	6	103	1	2	0	0	0	106	2	3	4	0	0	9	97	248
Gothenburg	249	2	2	5	4	0	1	157	2	0	0	1	0	160	1	4	0	0	0	5	155	249
Geo. Washington	250	8	12	6	1	4	8	367	6	0	0	1	0	374	6	7	4	0	0	17	357	250
Wausa	251	0	1	0	0	1	1	54	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	1	0	0	1	53	251
Beemer	253	0	1	0	0	1	2	52	1	0	0	0	0	53	0	2	1	0	0	3	50	253
Bassett	254	0	2	0	1	0	1	90	0	1	0	0	0	91	0	3	0	0	0	3	88	254
Hickman	256	3	2	2	1	0	0	63	1	1	0	0	0	65	0	1	0	0	0	1	64	256
Anselmo	258	2	2	0	1	0	4	103	1	0	0	0	0	104	0	2	3	0	0	5	99	258
Ornan	261	1	1	1	1	0	1	82	0	0	0	1	0	83	1	2	0	0	0	3	80	261
Endeavor	262	1	1	1	0	3	5	101	1	0	0	2	0	104	1	1	3	0	0	5	99	262
Mitchell	263	8	1	9	0	2	5	149	9	0	0	7	0	165	2	4	2	0	0	8	157	263
Franklin	264	0	3	0	0	2	2	97	1	0	0	0	0	98	0	0	2	0	0	2	96	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	9	4	8	0	2	1	460	8	5	0	5	0	478	1	8	2	0	0	11	467	265
Silver	266	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	2	0	0	0	0	70	0	2	0	0	0	2	68	266
James A. Tulleys	267	1	2	1	0	1	1	59	1	1	0	0	0	61	1	4	1	0	0	6	55	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	8	3	7	0	1	4	258	7	2	0	0	0	267	0	7	1	0	0	8	259	268
Oasis	271	1	0	2	1	6	6	137	2	0	0	0	0	139	0	3	6	0	0	9	130	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	1	1	0	0	0	3	65	0	0	0	1	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65	272
Crofton	273	0	1	0	0	0	0	59	1	0	0	0	0	60	0	3	0	0	0	3	57	273
Olive Branch	274	2	2	2	3	13	13	61	4	1	0	1	0	67	5	2	13	0	1	21	46	274
Ramah	275	0	0	0	0	1	1	69	0	0	0	0	0	69	1	0	1	0	0	2	67	275
Antelope	276	3	0	4	1	0	3	69	3	0	0	1	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	1	72	276
Sioux	277	0	2	1	0	0	0	47	1	0	0	0	1	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	277
Litchfield	278	2	0	2	1	0	0	38	1	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	1	38	278
Wallace	279	0	0	1	2	0	0	40	0	0	0	1	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	279
Swastika	280	3	2	3	2	3	3	86	4	3	0	2	0	95	1	2	3	0	0	6	89	280
Florence	281	36	10	36	3	6	16	966	38	6	0	4	0	1014	6	14	6	0	0	26	988	281
Mullen	282	2	2	1	0	0	0	78	1	1	0	0	0	80	0	3	0	0	0	3	77	282

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									By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			Total Loss
Seneca	284	1	0	1	0	5	4	77	1	0	0	0	0	78	1	1	5	0	0	7	71	284
Camp Clarke	285	0	3	2	0	10	14	174	2	0	0	5	0	181	0	3	10	0	0	13	168	285
Oshkosh	286	3	2	2	2	1	8	115	0	1	0	0	0	116	2	2	1	0	0	5	111	286
Union	287	1	1	1	0	1	1	67	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	1	0	0	0	1	66	287
Omaha	288	17	8	17	4	9	16	584	15	1	0	2	0	602	3	16	9	0	0	28	574	288
Lotus	289	2	5	2	0	3	4	177	3	0	0	1	0	181	1	7	3	0	0	11	170	289
John J. Mercer	290	63	14	60	6	20	32	1510	63	9	0	6	0	1588	13	23	20	1	0	57	1531	290
Diamond	291	2	1	2	1	0	1	72	1	0	0	1	0	74	0	1	0	0	0	1	73	291
Wolbach	292	0	1	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	292
Monument	293	2	3	0	2	4	4	69	1	1	0	0	0	71	1	1	4	0	0	6	65	293
Kimball	294	10	15	9	4	1	3	181	11	1	1	1	0	195	3	3	1	0	0	7	188	294
Minatare	295	5	5	3	0	7	10	96	3	0	0	3	0	102	0	0	7	0	0	7	95	295
Cotner	297	12	14	11	4	2	8	263	8	1	0	1	0	273	2	4	2	0	0	8	265	297
Chester	298	1	2	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	1	50	298
Sutherland	299	1	5	3	0	0	3	91	4	1	0	0	0	96	2	1	0	0	0	3	93	299
Liberty	300	6	9	6	1	10	18	494	8	2	0	5	0	509	6	11	10	0	0	27	482	300
Bayard	301	2	3	0	1	1	4	94	1	0	0	0	0	95	0	2	1	0	0	3	92	301
Mizpah	302	25	11	26	2	18	39	1256	26	4	0	6	0	1292	6	30	18	0	1	53	1237	302
Right Angle	303	12	4	12	2	17	32	619	12	0	0	4	0	635	4	16	17	0	0	37	598	303
Ruskin	304	4	4	0	0	1	2	37	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	1	0	0	1	36	304
Newman Grove	305	3	4	1	1	0	4	60	1	1	0	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	1	61	305
Golden Rod	306	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	1	0	0	0	0	89	1	2	0	0	0	3	86	306
William E. Hill	307	1	0	2	0	0	0	34	2	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	307
Perkins	308	3	5	2	0	1	5	99	2	0	0	1	5	107	0	1	1	0	0	2	105	308
Winnebago	309	3	1	3	1	3	5	56	2	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	3	0	0	3	55	309
Victory	310	6	3	4	1	4	7	222	3	0	0	1	0	226	2	8	4	0	0	14	212	310
Polk	311	3	3	1	1	0	0	64	2	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	311
Oak Leaf	312	2	1	3	1	2	3	54	4	1	0	1	0	60	1	0	2	0	0	3	57	312
Potter	313	3	6	2	0	2	3	97	3	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	2	0	0	2	98	313
Craftsmen	314	14	10	11	0	3	9	614	12	3	0	2	0	631	2	10	3	0	0	15	616	314
Alpha	316	5	7	7	8	1	4	202	5	1	0	0	0	206	3	2	1	0	0	6	200	316
Mid-West	317	15	16	14	3	4	7	484	15	1	0	2	0	502	5	8	4	0	0	17	485	317
Grand Island	318	13	10	11	3	7	10	340	13	8	0	0	0	361	0	3	7	0	0	10	351	318
Bladen	319	3	2	1	0	0	0	43	1	0	0	1	0	45	0	3	0	0	0	3	42	319
College View	320	3	6	3	1	7	11	169	3	1	0	0	0	173	0	2	7	0	0	9	164	320
Harmony	321	2	5	0	0	5	8	79	0	1	0	1	0	81	0	0	5	0	0	5	76	321
Pioneer	322	0	0	0	0	1	1	80	0	0	0	1	0	81	1	1	1	0	0	3	78	322

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Lebanon...	323	8	13	4	5	3	5	202	2	2	0	0	0	206	2	2	3	0	7	199	323
Cairo	324	5	1	7	0	0	1	63	7	1	0	0	71	0	1	1	0	0	1	70	324
Bellevue . . .	325	41	11	36	7	5	7	265	32	6	2	0	305	1	1	5	0	0	7	298	325
Centennial	326	40	21	34	6	0	3	232	37	27	0	0	296	2	2	0	0	0	4	292	326
Totals . . .	1401	901	1248	298	570	1295	46067	1117	241	17	325	14	47759	297	921	670	3	5	1896	45863	

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 respectfully and fraternally submitted.

Again, weather has played far more than a normal part in the total results of our department of the Grand Lodge. Our Nebraska winter began with the Thanksgiving holiday and extended itself to the fringe of the Easter Season. Never did a winter seem so long. Never did our Custodians cancel or postpone so many meetings. Never have we been so far back with the normal tasks of our department at the closing weeks of our Masonic year. It is inevitable that all these handicaps of weather will be reflected in this report.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

There were twelve Central Schools assigned this year. All were held. All sessions of the Benkelman Central School were held during a severe snow storm. Indeed, few schools escaped having one or more sessions stormed out. The Omaha sessions were very hard hit by ice, snow and freezing fog as were the sessions of the Lincoln Central School; just to show a few of our handicaps of last winter.

The following Central Schools were of the four sessions variety: with each session being held in four different lodges: The North Central Area; the Northeastern Area; Mid-Central Area; the Southeast Area, the Lincoln and Omaha Areas; a total of six Central Schools of this type. The four evening sessions of a Central School properly planned by each of the four host lodges can be ideal as was demonstrated by the four host lodges of the last Central School of the season. In spite of the weather handicaps of first, an ice and snow storm at Beemer No. 253; a thirty-inch snow in Northeast Nebraska, the day before the Fellow Craft session at Pilot No. 240, Lyons; a bitter cold evening at Golden Eagle No. 203, Pender; the resulting floods that followed on the fourth session at Tekamah No. 31; there were 317 brethren in attendance. Furthermore, the work done at these four sessions was of the highest quality.

There is no doubt that where the lodges are favorably located geographically, the four evening session school is proving definitely superior in accomplishing the ends desired.

On the other hand, the old faithful of yester-year; the conventional two-day and two-evening school located at a Central point, year after year, with Lodges of the area acting in turn as hosts, can also be very effective and popular. This was demonstrated by the very successful school held in Frank Welch No. 75, Sidney, with Golden Fleece No. 205, acting as host Lodge. This drew an attendance of 253. The work and

ceremonies were handled in expert fashion. This type of school meets the needs of western Nebraska, where lodges are widely separated.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

For the past four years, 50% or more of Nebraska lodges have annually certified. Most of these lodges are lodges which continue this certification with rather strict regularity.

These lodges have arrived at the point of proficiency where usually all that is needed to keep their work continually at a high level is the exemplification of the work of the three degrees, with the floor ceremonies, before the Custodian who is making the examination. These are called "Examination-schools" and save a special trip by the Custodian for the purpose of examination for proficiency and actually are a saving of the Grand Lodge funds. There were 125 such examination-schools held this year. In addition there were 55 Individual schools which were assigned in lodges that had little chance, if any, of certifying.

Again we strongly recommend an annual school in every Lodge which has a chance of living and doing better work, and of eventually becoming certified. Too much is lost in the "every other year" interval.

LODGE CERTIFICATION

Again we have 50% of our Nebraska lodges certified for this Masonic year; but only after a super-human effort in the last few weeks of the year.

We are grateful and proud that ten lodges not on the certified list last year are there this year. Of these, Hope No. 29, Nemaha, have never been certified before in their history. The same can be said of Hickman No. 256, except that it is a considerably younger lodge so they got it done sooner. Roman Eagle No. 203, Pender, and Diamond No. 291, Orchard, each have the first certificate in more than twenty years.

We are distressed and definitely worried to learn from the records that 14 lodges which were certified last year weren't interested enough in their Masonic work and record to make an effort to repeat. I must say truthfully that in some cases there were valid reasons or at least, extenuating circumstances. A few of these fourteen lodges, handicapped by the long winter and impossible road conditions, put off making preparation for examination until Spring came. Suddenly spring work was upon them. They have been busy ever since. These brethren will certify their lodges this fall before they retire from office, but it helps none at all now.

The chief failure has been in the appointment in the past of line officers who were not officer material. It is easy to carry this type of men in your Lodge line during the early years but when the time comes to accept responsibility, you learn you have a cheap phony who intends

to do nothing but to get a free ride through the Lodge line so he can receive the honors due a Past Master. Invariably, he will either stay away from lodge meetings to conceal his incompetence or attend and mangle the work in his own peculiar way.

If this type of officer material had executive or administrative talent and was only a poor ritualist, it would be vastly different. Your Grand Custodian is the first to admit that a man of executive or administrative talent is often much more valuable to a lodge than a ritualist. However, the type of officer material I am describing has neither executive, administrative nor ritualistic ability. He is only interested in the prestige, the honor and the titles. The real hard work of the responsible tasks of office, he wants no part of that. There are five lodges that will drop out from the certified list for the next few years because some unthinking Master appointed a personal friend instead of a potential Master of the lodge when he chose his appointee.

There are 140 lodges which have received certificates of proficiency in this Masonic year. Had these ten lodges remained steadfast, careful and constant in their efforts, think what a fine gain our Grand Lodge would have recorded!

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATIONS

Thirty-five have been certified for the first time this year. Losses by death among our certified brethren have been a little less than normal. The percentage of "fall outs" has been low. Consequently, we do have a nice gain in numbers of individual certifications. The records now show a total of 737 Nebraska Masons who are currently certified. Among the "first timers" are two brethren who deserve special mention: W. George H. Murphy, 54, Lincoln; W. A. "Pop" Robbins, 314, Lincoln.

After many years of active leadership in the York Rite Lincoln Bodies, culminating in his service as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska, Brother George determined to continue with his interests in Ancient Craft Masonry which had been interrupted by his activity in the York Rite many years before. At the spritely age of 84 Brother George earned his first certificate. "Pop" Robbins, affectionately known as the father of Craftsmen No. 314 received two distinct honors from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska through the hands of Grand Master Herbert A. Ronin. He was presented with a fifty-year button and a certificate of proficiency on the same occasion.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

These are awarded to Nebraska Masons who have maintained their proficiency for twenty consecutive years.

Brethren who have received this award during this Masonic year are: Doyle B. Mullikin, 298, now deceased; Orrin C. Garton, 210; Robert Thorson, 11; Ernest G. Barney, 210; William L. Walker, 314; Vernon W. Baker, 314; LaVerne A. Walker, 55; Everett L. Packett, 250.

STATISTICS

Seldom does anything appear in the Annual report of the Grand Custodian that creates as much attention as the race between the Lodges for the highest number of certified men and the contest which resolves the highest percentage of proficiency in proportion to membership, at least this is true among the lodges involved. This year, there are no new entries; just a rearrangement of lodges that appeared in the finish of the race last year. East Lincoln No. 210, is showing its heels to the three most dangerous challengers. Since this is Grand Master Ronin's own lodge, it is not difficult to realize the source of this entry's inspiration. The position of lodges at the close of both races is as follows:

Largest Number	Highest Percentage
East Lincoln, 210 .....38	Cable, 225 .....11.48%
Lancaster, 54 .....34	Sioux, 277 .....10.63%
Bee Hive, 184 .....32	Golden Rod, 306 9.06%
Lincoln, 19 .....22	Keystone, 62 8.33%
Ashlar, 33 .....20	Comet, 229 7.31%
Craftsmen, 314 .....20	Square, 151 7.01%
Robert W. Furnas, 265 .....19	Victory, 310 5.85%
Alliance, 183 .....15	Nelson, 77 5.31%
Liberty, 300 .....15	Minatare, 295 5.15%
Covert, 11 .....14	Atkinson, 164 5.06%

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

As my mind goes back in retrospect through the years when I worked with this group, first as an Assistant Custodian, and later as the Grand Custodian, I can see the faces of some of the finest men and the greatest Masons that it has been my privilege to know. This group of men epitomized all that was fine, and, yes, even holy in service that was unselfish, earnest and dedicated. The same can, most certainly, be said today. From that early day to the present, one can see the developing of a pattern of service which demands no rewards. While, in the span of years covered by my own service, five Past Grand Masters, now deceased, came from the ranks of the Custodians, as do two of the present Grand Lodge line officers, for the most part, this group has gone un-noticed and unrewarded, overworked and inadequately paid. Yet they are happy and content in doing the service which brings its own rich rewards in the affection and fellowship of the Masons with whom they work. This is my very sincere tribute to the very wonderful group of Masonic servants.

Two Assistant Custodians were appointed by M.'W.'.Herbert A. Ronin. Both had the approval of the Committee on Nebraska Work. They are: W.'.Brothers Glenn W. Binder, 23, and Richard L. Wait, 19.

Both of these brethren have been certified for many years and have had much experience in the promulgation of our work and ceremonies.

They are both giving a very good account of themselves as Assistant Custodians.

IN MEMORIAM

Sometimes, in His inscrutable wisdom, God plucks some of the most beautiful flowers from life's garden at unexpected times. We are never ready to give up the beauty and fragrance of their fellowship and their Masonic labors. We can only say with our Ancient Brethren at another time of tragedy for the Craft, "their deaths were untimely and their brethren mourn".

On the occasion of the reception of M. W. Brother Herbert A. Ronin in East Lincoln No. 210, it became apparent that Assistant Custodian Lyle A. Van Arsdol was restless and a bit ill. No alarm was felt by any of us as we listened to him give a masterful tribute to the Grand Master. Later that evening he suffered a severe coronary thrombosis. He fought valiantly but in spite of the finest of hospital and medical care and the loving devotion of his family, he passed from this life on July 25, 1961. He is sorely missed. He will never be forgotten.

While vacationing in Colorado last August, I was stunned to receive a message that Assistant Custodian Ward V. Whitaker had suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage which occurred a few hours earlier, and on August 10, passed to his reward. It was a crushing blow. Merry, fun loving "Whit" whom I knew for so many, many years, is no longer making the road smoother and the load lighter for so many of us.

Both these men were loved and trusted by the Masons of their respective districts. Both had a terrific potential because both were comparatively young and it was natural for us to expect that they had years of service to give to the Craft. Both gave without stint of themselves in the tasks of their offices. Their contribution in the cause of Masonry was substantial and important.

As these lines were being written, a telephone message brought further grief and sorrow to our hearts as we learned of the sudden passing of Assistant Custodian Emeritus, William F. Flickinger of Waco, Nebraska. He had resigned from his duties as an Assistant Custodian some time ago because of his own failing health but mostly to care for Mrs. Flickinger whose state of health was such that she needed constant care. Since his wife's death, he has grown noticeably and progressively more feeble and ill. He died in his sleep sometime during the night of May 15, 1962. We will miss his quiet presence, his serene personality, and his ever strengthening faith in the goodness and greatness of his God.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS EXPENSE FUND

At the 104th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Section 1-202 of the law was amended to provide a more equitable manner of sharing the mileage and expense of Assistant Custodian's schools of Instruction.

"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 Custodians 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."

This law establishes the Grand Custodian as the agent to receive these payments. Therefore, I now report that the Grand Custodian has received from each of the twenty-two lodges subject to this law, the total and correct amount of \$660.00. May I further report that all Lodges appeared to be well informed relative to the amended law. There was no hesitancy or objection of any nature from any of the lodges involved.

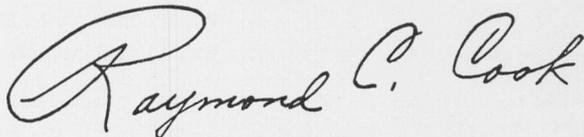
FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

Many thoughtful Masons are deeply concerned that our beloved fraternity is now passing through an evolutionary cycle which came as the result of the vast sociological revolution which has taken place in the world, and particularly America. This revolution has brought about significant changes in men's thinking, manner of living, acceptance of responsibility, judgment of values, attitudes toward their fellowmen and relationship with God.

In the midst of these new and revolutionary ideas, even Masons, are caught in the act of brainwashing themselves and others into the belief that Masonry which has lived for centuries is now an out-moded, senility-ridden organization, and that were it not for some of the more spectacular, semi-social, and entertaining clubs and bodies, Ancient Craft Masonry would have long since passed away from the diseases of old age. This type of Mason is continually urging the leaders of Grand Lodges to "wake up and bring Masonry up to date".

The principles on which Masonry is founded are not out of date and never will be. It is far more enduring than any of the clubs and appendages of Masonry or any of the trivial and inconsequential things we do nowadays instead of seeking the truths and an adequate understanding of Masonry's teachings. It is not Masonry that is out of date. It is men, the men who wear its emblems, yet fail to have the slightest understanding of its meaning and its teachings, its symbols and its ceremonies. In spite of men of this type, and not because of them, Masonry will continue to be a source of good in the world until time shall be no more.

Fraternally submitted,

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

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 the M.'W.'.Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Master, under its designated headings be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Paragraph on Necrology.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Paragraph on By-laws and Amendments.

The Paragraph on Dispensations.

The Paragraph on Decisions.

Recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Paragraph on Trial Commissions.

The Committee feels that M.'W.'.Brother Ronin has displayed courage and ability in the performance of his duties which merit the commendation of all Nebraska Masons.

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 portion of this report be referred to the Committee on Finance; and that the section on Chartered Lodges be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

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 that the entire report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work.

The Committee finds that Brother Cook has again presented a comprehensive summary of the activities of his department, and is again pleased to say well done, good and faithful servant.

Fraternally submitted,

W.'La Verne J. Smith, 288, Chairman

W.'W. Ross Nalls, 210

W.'William A. Bottom, 265

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL, STRIKING BLOCK AND CASE

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

M. W. Grand Master and Members of this Grand Lodge, I have a duty to perform this morning which is pleasant, yet overshadowed by the illness of the donor of this article. I represent here this morning in this presentation one who has been with us so much in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska that we really consider him a part of this Grand Lodge because he is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado and a former resident of Nebraska.

Some years ago when he was Grand Master of Colorado, his term of office coincided very closely with mine as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He has been afflicted with an incurable disease. This great Mason, M. W. Charles H. Mantz, is known in Colorado as "Mr. Mason". He was here a year ago and had hoped to be with us this year but because of the necessity for frequent confinement in the hospital and surgery, this great soul was unable to be here and has requested that I make this presentation for him. He is very fond of our Grand Master and he has sent along a letter which I would like to read at this time.

To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Greetings to you my dear Brethren:

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity", — With that true and faithful love and affection which is the foundation and cement and glory of this ancient fraternity and of you and me therein.

For many years you, and each of you, have extended to me that warm fraternal friendship, regard, and wonderfully fine courtesies and attentions for which you are so justly famous, and I am deeply grateful to you for the same, and filled with appreciation and reciprocating affection.

At this time, if you will be so kind as to permit me, I should like to present to this M. W. Grand Lodge this Masonic gavel, striking block, and case, for the use of M. W. Brother, the Honorable Herbert A. Ronin, reigning Grand Master, and his successors in office "ad infinitum", with the fond wish to them that it raps only in peace and accord and achievement and for the Glory of the Grand Lodge.

Desiring this gavel to be unusual and unique — a "one of its kind" I designed it myself and had it fashioned and carved by Brother Lorn Wallace, our foremost wood-carver in Denver. It is made of "cocobola" a rare, hard, vary-grained cabinet wood found in the central rain forests of the Amazon River in Brazil. The striking block is of a distinct type of rosewood, comes from Indo China, and because of its ringing qualities is used by the natives out there to make their marimba keys. The box

was fashioned by Brother Stephen Jones Smith, a Welsh cabinet maker. The silver plates were made platinum plated so they won't tarnish, and engraved by Brother Charles Glasman, a manufacturing jeweler. I forgot to say that the box is of old Colorado black walnut. A tree nearly extinct here.

Now for the gavel and its design. Its style was adapted from a wooden hammer I saw in the museum at Cairo, Egypt, and also depicted on an ancient Egyptian Fresco. Its shape is that which we use "to break off the corners of rough stones". The handle is curved and flattened at the end so that the gavel stands upright on its base, and the whole is carved with a grapevine, leaves and bunches of ripe grapes.

The left face of the gavel, as it stands upright on its base, depicts a scene from "that beautiful legend veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols and emblems". It is esoteric and its true interpretation is known only to you.

We stand on a hill west of Mount Moriah "where our weary brothers sat down to rest". In the background is Mt. Moriah upon which King Solomon's Temple was being built. Immediately at our feet is a long mound of earth and small rocks—"due East and West". In the background to the north are Laurel shrubs and an Olive tree. Against the south face of the mound, and at its west end lies an uprooted small Acacia tree, and farther to the east, or right, an hour-glass—"emblem of human life here, etc," with the sands run out. At the east end of the Mound stands a broken Ionic column with a plumb-jewel of the South, carved on its base. To the east of the broken column stands rampant the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah", with its right forepaw resting on and supporting the top of the column and its right rear foot planted against the base of the column. On the lion's head rests the crown of King Solomon as depicted on an old stone freize.

The right face of the gavel is monitorial and its emblems symbols and furniture are found therein. It depicts, among other things, a Lodge room from the Grand Master's station in the East. Immediately in front of you, and at the bottom of the face, are the three steps and across the floor towards the top are the two steps, thus bounding the room. In front of the three steps is delineated the Mosaic Pavement with the Blazing Star—an emblem of Divine Providence, in the center thereof. In the center of the Lodge stands the Altar with the Great Light open thereon and the Square and Compasses displayed—all as viewed by the Grand Master in the East. On the East face of the Altar is the rayed letter "G", and underneath at the base is the Master's Square, resting with anglepoint upward. About the Altar, in the proper positions, are the representatives of the three Lesser Lights. On either side of the Altar and in the West stand the two brazen pillars surmounted by the globes; the base of the pillar on the right bearing a letter "J" and the one on the left a letter "B"; also, the symbol of the level and of the plumb respectively. Above all, at the top of the gavel face is a rayed "All-seeing eye"; to the left thereof a Sun and to the right a Moon and

Stars; an ever-ready reminder of a Grand Master's position, his meaning, and his responsibilities.

On the front face of the gavel is a representation of a classical Past Grand Master's jewel. The compasses open on the quadrant of a circle, degreed. The square 'neath the compasses point downward and are resting on the quadrant. In the center between the sides of the square and the points of the compasses — a radiant sun. Surrounding all of this is a Wreath of wheat and laurel.

Surmounting the jewel as tho it were a crest is the "Trowel"—point downward. Herein lies the significance of this whole gift and what prompted it. "The Trowel is an implement, etc, etc,—; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection; etc, etc,—".

*—Read the inscriptions on the base of the gavel and on the box.

I sincerely hope that this gift pleases you and gives you some comprehension of the joy I have in making it. I most sincerely hope that you will cause your Grand Masters to make use of it at least a part of the time and not just lay it up in the archives of the Lodge as a Memorial. Then I will be with you in mind and spirit at all times. My affection and best wishes to you all.

Charles H. Mantz"

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

Brethren, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, I accept this beautifully and artistically carved gavel. It is full replete with symbolism, is the generous and thoughtful gift of a wonderful friend of this Grand Lodge, and a dedicated Mason, M. W. Brother Charles H. Mantz. M. W. Brother "Herb", I thank you for your gracious presentation. I know you are a close friend of Brother Charlie and he was present during your Grand Commandery session in April. Brethren, this will be one of the unique and precious treasures of our Grand Lodge.

I hope that our Grand Historian will make a record of this personal property of our Grand Lodge which should be cherished in its use by Grand Masters in years to come. We gratefully accept this from our distinguished Past Grand Master of Colorado who has visited us so many times. It is fitting that this Grand Lodge stand as a tribute to the donor who is physically unable to be here and I know his great heart and spirit is thinking about us and wishing that he could enjoy once more being with us and especially on this occasion. Thank you very much.

PARLIMENTARIAN

M. W. Charles F. Adams was chosen as Parliментарian of the 105th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

At 12:10 p. 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.

PRESENTATION BY BROTHER HARRY R. FOLLMER

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

Brother Harry R. Follmer who is just about a fifty-year Mason, has spent a great part of his life in the cause and interest of General John J. Pershing who was during his lifetime a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19. Brother Follmer knew Brother Pershing when he was in the University of Nebraska and his interest in this great American has continued throughout Harry's life and he has accumulated various articles and pictures concerning this great American. Brother Follmer headed up the Commission which is known as the "General John J. Pershing Commission". He has been the spark plug behind it all. Now Harry has reached that stage in life when he feels that he should dispose of his collection. He would like to see the right parties get the right things and he has given a great deal of thought to this. His items are precious, and of course, very dear to him. He has already given a large quantity of material on John Pershing to the Pershing Rifles at the University of Nebraska. At this time he has a presentment to make to this Grand Lodge.

Brother Harry R. Follmer, 77:

M. W. Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge, Brethren and honored guests, I have two articles that I will read. Article No. 1 reads as follows:

I present to you a "New Concept of A Pershing Memorial" also for The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont, Nebraska. This colorful portrait of George Washington is a copy of the famous Athenaeum painting by Gilbert Stuart. This famous portrait by Gilbert Stuart was a part of our International Historical Narrative being portrayed by art of adornment, sketches and oil paintings of famous artists and the White House Gallery of official portraits of our Presidents. Also over two hundred and seventy-five illustrations adorn the walls of a "New Concept of A Pershing Memorial".

Article II reads as follows:

NEW CONCEPT OF A PERSHING MEMORIAL
A LABOR OF LOVE
DEDICATED TO . .
THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF AMERICA
AND THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES
THE BULWARK OF LIBERTY

A philosopher once called our attention to the fact that many thousands of men and women breathe, move and live, depart this life and are never heard of again. We ponder as to why. He informed us that they did not take part in any good in this world, and none was benefited by their being here; others that had lived in their time could not point to them as the means of their redemption; there was not a sentence they had written, a word they had spoken, that could be remembered. So they perished and their light went out in darkness and they were remembered no more.

In our American way of living it is the inherent right of man to understand the fundamentals of self-government, to establish for himself the ideals that are so sacred to the human soul — FREEDOM THROUGH SELF - GOVERNMENT. Since the beginning of time, some men have striven to find and do God's will. Through a world of darkness and aeons of time, man has persistently labored to accomplish that end. Heroes have made history on the field of battle. Men have perished in the eternal struggle for supremacy, battered by the gods of fortune.

It is altogether fitting to again bring to your attention what this Nation has accomplished as a voluntary sacrifice is destined to reach international recognition as the World gains true perspective of the things GENERAL PERSHING stood for and fought for — FREEDOM THROUGH SELF - GOVERNMENT, the goal of the ages. "YET SHALL HIS NAME CONSPICUOUS AND SUBLIME, STAND IN THE SPACIOUS FIRMAMENT OF TIME, FIXED AS A STAR."

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

Brethren, here is the replica of a great painting by Gilbert Stuart of George Washington. It is beautifully done and I will accept it for and on behalf of the Grand Lodge and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. I will trust that it will be placed in the Memorial Building, together with this biography. I am going to place this painting and biography in charge of W. Clyde D. Worrall, member of the Board of Trustees, and request that it be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Now Brethren, these are wonderful items for our Home at Fremont, a wonderful contribution by our Brother Harry Follmer. Join with me in giving him the recognition that he richly deserves.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

M. W. William B. Wanner, 9, Chairman, 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 in our fraternal relations with other jurisdictions, with whom we are now exchanging Representatives, during the past Masonic year.

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

Gran Logia De BoliviaLa Paz, Bolivia
 Gran Logia De Honduras ..Tegucigalpa, Honduras, C. A.
 Grande Loja Do ParaBelem, Brazil

We have also had a renewed request from:

Gran Logia de la Republica de Venezuela ..Caracas, Venezuela

This was first submitted in 1953.

Honduras is not a large jurisdiction, but its history has always been good. It has ten lodges and Masonry was started here in 1922. They are recognized by about half of our jurisdictions but more important to me, by four of the Canadian States, among them Ontario and Nova Scotia. I, therefore, move that recognition and exchange of Representatives be made with the Grand Lodge of Honduras.

Para is in the upper part of Brazil, close to where a great deal of unrest exists due to many factors, one of which is a great drouth which has plagued this section for several years. We do not have too much information about them.

In 1957, renewed again in 1961, we received a request for recognition from the Grande Loza DeSantas Catarina, Florianopolis, Brazil. It has been held up for more information. It is not a large body but seems to be doing well. It is now recognized by eighteen American Jurisdictions and I now move that recognition and exchange of Representatives be made with the Grand Lodge of Santa Catarina.

Since we met one year ago, there have been formed two entirely new Grand Lodges. The first of these was completed on the 18th of February, 1961. It is called the Grand Lodge of Southern Africa. It was formed from the Dutch or Netherlandic Lodges in this territory, some of whom have been in existence for almost 200 years, since Netherlandic Masonry was first started in this area in May, 1772. The Grand Master of this new Grand Lodge is Col. Colin Graham Botha, who has devoted some forty years of service to our fraternity in this area and who was nominated and elected without opposition. He was not installed until the 22nd of April, 1961 and then by a proxy for the Grand Master of Holland, since he was

not able to make the trip himself. There are 94 lodges involved and about 5,000 members. Headquarters will be in Cape Town.

In this area are also lodges of English, Scottish and Irish Constitutions and one of the first expressions of G.'M.'Botha was that the workings of these other lodges would not be disturbed in any way and that the complete harmony which has existed in the past would not be impaired or curtailed. All three of these Grand Bodies have recognized the new Grand Lodge. This harmony is so complete that in several instances the four Constitutions have a common relief fund.

The Grand Master of Scotland had this to say: "I think we all know Brethren, that at the moment South Africa is a very unhappy country. Grand Secretary and I saw quite a lot of the trouble out there. We, as Freemasons do not discuss politics within our lodges, but I am convinced that Freemasonry can do much to help settle the difficulties in South Africa by creating a spirit of goodwill, of tolerance, of friendship and brotherhood."

The second new Grand Lodge formed is the Grand Lodge of India, which came into being on November 24, 1961 after several years of study by the three English Constitutions represented there. A steering committee of eighteen men, based proportionately on the number of lodges each of the three had in India and composed of ethnic groups of which ten were Hindus, part of which were Brahmins and part non-Brahmins; four Parsees; two Christians; one Moslem and one Sikh was formed to advise them on the steps to be taken, has been in existence for several years.

Their Constitution will in general follow that of England, with special adaptations to suit peculiar conditions in India. The Grand Master will be elected by a representative group called the Electoral College. He will hold office for three years and can be reelected. His appointments of regional Grand Masters will also hold office for three years. The name of the first Grand Master is His Highness, the Nawab of Rampur. The headquarters will be in New Delhi and the quarterly Communications will be held in each district by rotation. If any lodge of their original affiliation wishes to remain with their Mother Grand Lodge, they can do so. There were in India before this 180 English Lodges; 75 Scottish Lodges and 14 Irish Lodges or a total of 269. Of these 143 voted to unite with the new Grand Lodge: 96 English; 41 Scottish and 6 Irish.

The Grand Master of Israel, Bro. Max Seligman was present for the ceremony of erection of this Grand Lodge and had these interesting remarks (in part) in his report to his Grand Lodge. "Unable to obtain hotel accommodations in New Delhi, he was entertained by the new Grand Master himself. He gave him and his wife, the Begum, a beautifully bound Bible from Jerusalem and a picture book of Israel. The Nawab of Rampur is one of the most important and influential Moslem leaders in India, he is highly respected and well liked by leaders of other Indian religious communities. He is also a great friend of Prime Minister Nehru.

The inauguration ceremonies took place on Friday in the presence of over 2,000 Masons from all parts of India as well as the Official Delegations from England, Scotland and Ireland. There was also a Past G. M. from Alberta, Canada. The local Masons included members of a large number of religious sects and together with the Bible and the Koran, there were five different Volumes of the Sacred Law on the Altar. The Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge is a Jew. I conferred on the Grand Master Honorary Membership in the G. L. of Israel." He also presented them with a gavel made of Cedar of Lebanon grown in Israel and the Order of Merit of Israel, which bears the symbols of three great faiths: the Crescent, the Cross and the Star of David. Neither of these two Grand Lodges has as yet requested recognition by our Grand Lodge. Both are of course, regular in all ways.

Belgium continues to gain recognition altho many states have passed it over until further time has elapsed. They do not seem to have grown as much as was hoped.

Cuba continues to be a question mark and a problem. The claim is made that the Castro Government has not interfered with the lodges and if this is true, the election of the Senior Warden as Grand Master in March, 1961 is legal and the Grand Lodge in Exile in Florida is not. However right now, who can really tell? I would not like to try and find out. We will just have to wait and see. Florida and the contributions made through the Masonic Service Association have done a wonderful job in caring for the refugees. As some evidence of no control over the lodges, a resolution in the Semi-Annual Communication of September, 1961, calling for support of the Castro Government by the Grand Lodge was defeated 180 to 2. A good deal of the information we have is quite questionable and a little hard to believe.

Denmark announces the union with the National Grand Lodge of Denmark of the Grand Lodge of Denmark of Old, Free and Accepted Masons. This second body is about thirty years old, has 23 lodges, nine in Copenhagen and a membership of some 1,200. There was however a dissatisfied splinter group who have organized a so-called Grand Lodge of Denmark. They make serious charges against the National Grand Lodge. They are not, however, in reality a Grand Lodge. Legal steps have been taken for their suppression.

Turkey continues to prosper. There are now 32 lodges; 18 in Istanbul, 8 in Ankora and 7 in the Port of Izmir, with a membership of about 3,000. These Lodges work in French, German, English and Greek besides Turkish. The officers are elected for three-year periods. No Grand Officer holds a Governmental or political appointment. The Junior P. G. M. is still in jail, not because he is a Mason but because he was a former secretary to the deposed Premier. A candidate is investigated for at least three months and his name is circulated to all 32 lodges. A year elapses between degrees and during this time he must attend lodge regularly as well as other requirements. It adheres to the Ancient Landmarks but so far has not asked us for recognition.

The situation in France remains as it was a year ago—world politics perhaps prevent a settlement of differences more than anything else.

Several jurisdictions report receiving requests for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Finland, but we have not been so honored. Masonry in Finland goes back to the year 1756 from Sweden. It was dissolved in 1809 by the Russian Emperor and revived in 1923 again from Sweden. In 1919 a group of Finns, who had been made Masons in New York, petitioned for a lodge and finally three lodges were chartered by New York. On August 9th, 1924, these three lodges establish a Grand Lodge with everything modeled after the Constitution and Landmarks of New York State. It is recognized by the British Constitutions and by Massachusetts, New York, Indiana, Michigan, etc. and is entirely regular.

These are troubled times with world tension mounting almost daily. Nations face each other with war-like gestures, with increased uncertainty and insecurity. In the past year alone seventeen new countries have arisen from colonialism to independent status. Forty have been born in the last twenty years. These new countries have more than 800 million people residing therein. What is going to be the answer to this great question? What can we do to help? should also be what we should be thinking about.

Our greatest area of concern seems to be with our neighbors on the South. In Mexico, the York Grand Lodge, which we recognize, seems to be flirting with serious trouble by chartering lodges who use the Spanish language. This is not in accordance with their agreement, since they have been tolerated because they use English. In South America, the contrast between great wealth and extreme poverty for most of the population, seem to favor the growth of some form of Castroism. We hope the influence of our Fraternity can in some measure stave off serious upheavals in this great continent.

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 Communciation of this Grand Lodge.

V. W. Frank A. Court, Grand Chaplain:

I know it isn't the start that counts—it is always the finish that matters, so last year when I agreed to be Grand Chaplain, I had no idea but what I would be in Nebraska the rest of my life. So I left Denver last night to come back at least to give these certificates or credentials of office back to the keeping of M. W. Brother Ronin and to at least apologize for not finishing out the term and year. Now I know that you will get along alright without my prayer because God doesn't recognize the person, He recognizes the sincerity and spirit of a prayer, so I didn't come back to make a prayer but I did come back to express my love and loyalty to Grand Master Ronin and the fine work that he is doing.

Quite frankly, I move not to a better town or a better church, I move primarily because of what I have discovered in Masonry. I mean that sincerely. Protestantism is losing out in every big city in America. I have the only Protestant downtown church in Denver. There are two great Catholic churches around. Catholicism never leaves the city, Catholicism reaches out and takes hold of the city. There isn't a single big city in America but what Catholicism is taking it over and it isn't going to do it tomorrow—it's doing it today. There isn't a big city in America where Masonry is growing. In every big city in America Masonry is fumbling the ball, losing people and there isn't a city in America but what needs this great spirit and power that Masonry can give. I have been all over the United States when I was Chaplain of the Shrine and as I have looked at Masonry across the nation, we aren't losing just because of what our Grand Custodian said this morning, we are losing because of the change in texture of cities in America. I have thought so much about what is happening in the cities, when this opportunity came to me to go to Denver, and it is a declining church.

Now the suburban churches in the city are growing, but they are a class church. The great suburban churches move out from the downtown, then they go out to the suburban areas where they become a class church. Your young people are coming along, they don't belong out there, so they are down in the heart of the city belonging to no church, they go no place and if they join, the only church they can join is the Roman Catholic church. Go out and look around and you will find the same pattern is happening here in Nebraska. Downtown churches have all moved out and they have all become class churches. I have done much talking because I think America is fundamentally losing because we are losing our faith in the heart of the city. Ten years from now 82% of the people in America will live in big cities, not in rural areas.

Masonry is not a church, we are not a denomination but we are a philosophy of people, we are people gathered around the philosophy of ideals, love of God, respect of person, belief in America and all these things, so when the chance came, even though it meant a decrease in salary, it meant hard work, meant going to a church that is having trouble, like every downtown church has because the leadership of my church has moved to suburban churches and they have taken the wealth out, so I thought I would give it a try and a chance. I don't want you to think I walked out on the Grand Chaplaincy because somebody offered me more money, offered me a better church. I think we are in a fight and we better recognize it, and the fight isn't on the farm, the fight is in the cities of America.

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

Thank you, Dr. Court, for that stirring message, and of course, you haven't run out on me. Tomorrow noon will be the end of your term anyway as Grand Chaplain and we are delighted that you are here and have graced this Annual Communication with your presence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Clyde R. Worrall, 59, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead which was adopted.

We pause to honor those members of our Order who have been called from Labor to Eternal Rest. Time, in its relentless march, has witnessed the passing of many of the Craft. The Great Architect of the Universe has summoned those who have labored long and well. We mourn their departure and cherish their memory in our hearts. We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

"He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much—who has gained the respect of intelligent men, and the love of little children; who has left the world better than he found it; who has always looked for the best in others, and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration, whose memory a benediction." —Anonymus.

Our Grand Secretary has received memorial cards and letters issued by fifty-one Grand Lodges of the death of Grand Lodge Officers. The information has been carefully preserved to be properly noted at this time. Forty-three Past Grand Masters, one R. W. Past Grand Master, one Past Grand Secretary and two Past Illustrious Grand Masters. Also worthy of note is the fact that official memorials were received from the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Canada, Argentina, and Monterrey, Mexico. A memorial card was also received from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, informing us that M. W. Brother James Cole, "Grand Master on the Throne", died January 11, 1962. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to these Sister Jurisdictions who have been visited by death. We read in our Masonic Literature that

"The final witness of a Mason, in his love of truth, his loyalty to the highest, and his willingness to go down into the night of death, fortifies our belief in the paradox that 'He who loses his life for the sake of truth, shall find it anew'".

Our own Grand Lodge has not been spared. We record the death of one Past Grand Master, two Assistant Grand Custodians and one Assistant Grand Custodian Emeritus.

M. W. Brother John S. Hedelund departed this life January 30, 1962, in Bellevue, Washington. His was a full life. He labored long and unselfishly for the Craft and for the building of a better world. Our Masonic history records that he was born February 2, 1882, in Jutland, Denmark. He answered the challenge of the new world and came to the United States as a young man. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason December 15, 1922, in George W. Lininger lodge No. 268. Because of his zeal for the Masonic way of life, he was proficient in its ritualistic work for twenty-six consecutive years. He was a member of Omaha Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., a member of Omaha Council No. 1,

R. & S. M. He was Knighted January 11, 1952, as a member of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1. He was a 32° Scottish Rite Mason and a Past President of the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association. Brother Hedelund was appointed in the official line of this Grand Jurisdiction by M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre in 1946. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1950. During his year as Grand Master, he devoted his entire time to the affairs of that office. He endeared himself to countless numbers of the Craft through his tireless travels over the Jurisdiction. By precept and example, he became to his brethren, teacher, counsellor and friend. He has left his mark upon the hearts and lives of Nebraska Masons and Masonry is the better for it.

“He is not dead, whose glorious mind
Lifts thine on high;
To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die.”

The record discloses that W. Lyle A. VanArsdol and W. Ward V. Whitaker, both Assistant Custodians, passed on about a month apart during this past year. Their unselfish service to Nebraska Masonry, and their zeal to be of help to subordinate Lodges, will long be remembered.

The death of W. William F. Flickinger, Assistant Custodian Emeritus, whose many years of service to the Masonic Fraternity, is also noted.

The Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska has suffered a great loss in the death of W. Harry Axel Burke, Past Grand Orator who passed away suddenly April 10, 1962, in Omaha. At the time of his death, Brother Burke was Superintendent of the Omaha Public Schools. In his sixteen years as Superintendent, he supervised an unparalleled expansion of the Omaha school system. He was a sound educator and took great pride in seeing to it that the taxpayers received a dollar's worth of value for every dollar spent. He had tremendous inner strength and believed in freedom and liberty in public education. Brother Burke was widely respected among other school administrators across the United States and was influential in the American Association of School Administrators.

W. Brother Burke was affiliated with John J. Mercer No. 290. He was a 32° Mason and received the investiture and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 22, 1957.

It can be truly said that Brother Burke was a dedicated Mason and gave each day the very best he had for the building of a better world.

It is likewise deemed proper to note the passing of W. James H. Bryant, who served our Grand Lodge as Grand Tyler in the past. It was he who portrayed the principal character in the educational Masonic film “Next To Paradise”, the story of our Masonic Home at Plattsmouth.

The Constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction report that during the past year 921 brethren have laid down their working tools and ceased their labors. We express our deepest sympathy to their families and friends. We know that great shall be their reward in Heaven. As I close, will you permit me to paraphrase the words of Henry Ward Beecher:

"Oh, tell me not that they are dead—that generous host listed in the Book of Brothers gone. They hover as a cloud of witnesses above our land. Are they dead that yet speak and act? Are they dead that yet move upon society and inspire the people with nobler and higher motives?"

"Every mountain and hill shall have its treasured name, every river shall keep more solemn title, every valley and every lake shall cherish its honored register; and 'til the mountains are worn out, and the rivers forget to flow—'til the clouds are weary of replenishing springs, and the springs forget to gush, and the rills to sing, shall their names be kept fresh on Time's memorial pages."

We will now be favored with a solo by Brother Harold Osborn, accompanied by W.'Jess Williams, both of Lincoln, after which we will be led in prayer by V.'W.'Frank A. Court, our Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

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

Before I read my report, I am reminded that each year you see only me as President of the Home. I read our report. I'm sure you know it isn't just my report but is on behalf of the Trustees and others responsible for the operation and maintenance of your Home. Let me tell you however a little of these fifteen Trustees. Every one of them is a Past Master. Most of them have been honored by other Masonic bodies. Many have held office in other Masonic bodies or do now. Three of them are Past Grand Masters. Three of them are now in Grand Lodge line. Two of them are lawyers. One is a Supreme Court Judge. Nine are business men. One is a doctor of dental surgery. One is a past speaker in the Nebraska legislature. All are hard working dedicated Masons.

They meet every month in the year with no summer let-up. During last winter's bad weather they still came. Some from quite a distance. Never did we fail to have a quorum.

Their pay? Not even travel expense. All on their own time and their own expense. Therefore, what I report to you is the result of their hard work, constant attention and with the terrific talent outlined earlier, you can see why your Home is well-managed.

It is with pride I associate myself with these men and with pleasure I read you now our annual report.

We have had a busy year Brethren. I am pleased to give you here a report of the most important things that have been done since last Grand Lodge.

First, a note of sadness. Our beloved Brother, W.'James Howard Bryant, Past Grand Tyler and holder of the Jordan Medal, went to his

eternal rest February 23, 1962 at the age of 95 years, 5 months and 5 days. We miss him.

"Jimmy" as we all called him, was the original star of our film "Next to Paradise." We brought the film up-to-date recently and, though failing in health, "Jimmy" is in it. He was proud of his part in the film. His quick smile and ready wit was with him to the end.

We have the satisfaction of knowing we made him comfortable and happy these last seven years of his life.

Two of our residents are celebrating their 100th birthdays this year. Mrs. Minnie B. Watts, through Omaha 288 and a member of Star Chapter 249, will be 100 years old July 11. Brother Willis C. Hartley of Beatrice No. 26 will celebrate his 100th birthday on August 8.

We plan to appropriately assist each of them to mark the day.

Back in 1959 we called to your attention the condition of our heating, laundry and refrigeration equipment. A study was started that year and I have reported to you each year its progress.

Now I can report that the plans are ready for a wing to house these units and there will be some space for our ever increasing population. It's none too soon. Our main boiler is fifty years old. The laundry equipment was second-hand when the Home started and the refrigeration equipment is ceasing to function.

I'm pleased to tell you that we expect to do the work on all this at no extra burden to the Brethren.

During the year we have replaced some small items of equipment, keeping our plant up-to-date to meet our needs.

We installed a craft shop. On a voluntary basis, our people may do painting in oil or water color, work on plastic bags and many other easily made objects to help pass the time of day and keep their fingers from stiffening from the ills of age. It's proven very popular and most all who can move about spend hours in each others' company with something to do besides just sit.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are big events to our residents. Visitors come, gifts pour in from Lodges, Chapters, groups and friends. The Shrine Chanters come and sing carols and it all helps to provide a real true home-like atmosphere. It is love of others at its finest. There is no real antidote for love and it finds fertile soil here.

I'm pleased to tell you that the Holiday Seal Program has exceeded our fondest hopes. As this report is written, our receipts are \$38,000.00 and money is still coming in from the Easter mailing. We had more expense than we anticipated and need approval now to take \$14,710.70 from the seal receipts to complete payment of those costs. This leaves us a fine profit and we are in business for the years ahead. I never doubted for one minute what your response would be. I salute you and thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause.

We finish this year with 94 residents. There are 74 women and 20 men. During the year we went over the one hundred mark and then it would drop. It's gradually increasing as you can see from our previous report.

I must tell you that yet the majority of our residents are bed cases. Of those ambulatory, most of them require attention all the time. They can do very little for themselves. This means nursing care, medical care and patient love. We have all that and you may be proud of your Home and its administration.

Annually we have the Masters and Wardens of the Omaha area to the Home for an evening. This year they brought their wives, touring the Home and having a good evening visiting with the residents. We wish more of you could come and hope this year you will make an extra effort to do so.

During the year we presented a plaque of appreciation to Miss Verna Leonard, retiring librarian at Plattsmouth. Miss Leonard has brought books weekly to the Home for forty years, never missing a single week. Miss Leonard is a niece of Francis E. White whose home became the first Nebraska Masonic Home.

Our gratitude goes to Grand Chapter, O. E. S. Yearly they generously hand us a check to buy needed items. This year they have been more than generous and thoughtful. The funds will be put to good use.

Those food trucks continue to roll. It's become an event and with food costs such as they are, the help you give is of material benefit.

To continue our thanks requires time not allotted us. I will be brief.

May we express our appreciation to our Grand Master who has been near on every occasion when help was needed. Our faithful Grand Secretary, always a tower of strength, understanding and faithfulness and our Superintendent who increases in stature for every need that arises.

To all others, Lodges, Chapters, Masters & Wardens, Masons all, we thank you for your love of your fellow creature in distress.

An accolade to the Officers and Trustees; hard working, dedicated men who expect no thanks, no recognition, yet they are the hard core around which and from which all these nice things come from.

As Thomas Jefferson said, they too would say, "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."

Thank you Brethren.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was presented to the 104th Annual Communication and laid over until this Communication:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

1. 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.

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

M. W. Grand Master, 195 Lodges voted for the amendment, 76 voted against it, two voted tie and two failed to vote. Total 275.

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

Brethren, in the amendment of our Constitution of the Grand Lodge, it not only requires a majority of the subordinate lodges favorable action, it also requires the majority vote of the representatives to the Grand Lodge session. The report given by the Grand Secretary states that the Constitutional amendment has received the favorable action of more than 50% of our subordinate lodges. I now declare, at this time, the order of business will be the action of this Grand Lodge on this constitutional amendment.

(The proposed amendment was adopted by a majority vote of those present.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

The following proposed amendment was presented to the 104th Annual Communication and laid over until this Communication:

1. 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.

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

Brethren, this is the amendment to the By-laws of the Grand Lodge which would conform to the amendment to the Constitution which you have just enacted. Is there any discussion?

(Following a thorough discussion the amendment was adopted by a two-thirds vote.)

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

We have another amendment to our By-laws which was introduced at our last Annual Communication and requires the action of this Communication. It was laid over. Brother Grand Secretary, will you read the proposed amendment?

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

"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."

(A vote was then taken on the amendment.)

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

The chair rules that the amendment did not receive the required two-thirds vote and that the amendment lost.

ORATION

W. Earl L. Meyer, 183, Grand Orator:

M. W. Grand Master, it has been a real privilege for me to be a member of your official family during this past year. This is my last

appearance and I realize how difficult it is to present with even a measure of justice the thoughts that should be presented on this occasion.

I have decided to talk to you about Masonry and the American Constitution, the bastion and bulwark of our liberties. In doing this, I shall not attempt to bring you anything new. Rather, borrowing and gathering from the past and to an extent disclaiming credit for originality, I hope only that we may update our thinking concerning certain fundamental principles which seem to me to deserve repetition even as we repeat the lessons of Masonry and those taught by the Sermon on the Mount over and over again.

Liberty such as we have enjoyed in this country under the Constitution is not the child of a day or of a generation. It represents the growth of the centuries and the sacrifice of the ages. It has been long sought and dearly bought. Since the beginning of time, there have been men and women of intelligence and spirit who have chafed under the chains of religious and political bondage. Who have rebelled against the guillotine, against confiscation of property by royalty, against taxation without representation. It was this spirit that called the Model Parliament and wrested the Magna Carta from King John in 1215. It was this spirit that caused our peerless forefathers to brave the dangers of a trackless sea in order to establish in a new country a better relationship between man and man and between man and his Creator. Allegorically speaking, it was this spirit that caused our brothers of those days, Washington, Marshall, Franklin and their contemporaries of equal faith to erect here the bastion of our liberties and the great suffering masses of mankind awoke and there were new designs upon the Trestle Board. Designs for the construction of a governmental temple resting upon the corner stone of liberty, equality and brotherhood. The keystone of the arch was freedom and the Master Architect said, let there be light and there was light and mankind was raised from the dead level of bondage and despair to a living perpendicular holding aloft the torch of human liberty. Yes, the world is old in years, the history of mankind runs back through the centuries, but only a little over 170 years ago was there established for the first time a great nation, founded upon the principle that every man who is fit to be free has the right to be free and that whenever a people are capable of governing themselves, they have the right to do so and they called this nation the United States of America. It has been truly said that the Declaration of Independence is a charter of our ideals. The Constitution, a charter of our liberties, and, brothers, we have reason to be proud that members of our organization had a large and a commendable part in establishing liberty in this country under these two documents. The Declaration of Independence, it seems to me, is an expression of that passion for liberty that God Almighty implanted in the human breast at the dawn of history, an expression that is echoed time and time again in the teachings of our Ancient Craft.

When the battle flags had been furled and the victory fires banked at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, and the thirteen colonies

victorious but impoverished came face to face with the many problems growing out of war's aftermath, it seemed for a time that all that had been gained by hard labor and bloody sacrifice would be lost because of dissension among the victors. There were disputes over western lands and boundary matters. The several states legislated against each other and the Articles of Confederation under which they were operating at the time were inadequate to meet the needs of a great Nation. Trade was paralyzed, money depreciated to 2½ cents or less on the dollar, and the debtor class was in open revolt. The mob drove our Congress from Philadelphia into New Jersey and shot up the courthouses in Massachusetts. Anarchy, bankruptcy, and confusion prevailed. The conditions were so bad in fact, that on October 7, 1785, Brother George Washington wrote to James Warren, "The Confederation appears to be little more than a shadow without substance. We are descending into the vale of confusion and darkness." On November 5, 1786, he wrote to James Madison, "No day was ever more clouded than the present. We are fast verging to anarchy and confusion. How melancholy is the reflection. What stronger evidence can be given of the want of energy in our Government than these disorders? A liberal and energetic Constitution, well guarded and closely watched to prevent encroachment might restore us."

Shortly thereafter, the delegates met in Philadelphia ostensibly to amend the Articles of Confederation, then behind tiled and locked doors wrote the Constitution of the United States. It required about four months to write it, nearly a year to have it ratified by the States and another year to set up the machinery of Government under it and almost immediately following its adoption, light came out of darkness and orderly progress out of chaos. In five years we had credit around the world and thoughtful men and women were asking what it was that these men had done to bring about such a remarkable change. A clear understanding of this fact is necessary, it seems to me, in order to give to the Constitution its rightful place of value and importance in its relation to our almost miraculous development in becoming the leading nation of the world. In order that there may be no doubt about the transformation that took place in this short time under the Constitution, let us again turn to excerpts from Washington's correspondence.

On June 3, 1790, a little over three years after he wrote the letter to Madison from which I quoted, conditions had so changed that he wrote to Lafayette in France, "You have doubtless been informed from time to time of the happy progress of our affairs. The principal difficulties seem in a great measure to have been surmounted. A good temper prevailed among our citizens, our government is now happily carried into operation. A funding system is one of the subjects which carries most anxiety and perplexity, yet our revenues have been considerably more productive than it was imagined they would be. I mention this to show the spirit of enterprise that prevails."

On July 20, 1791, he wrote to David Humphrey, "Tranquility reigns among the people with that disposition toward the general government which is likely to preserve it. Our public credit stands on that high ground which three years ago it would have been considered a species of madness to have foretold."

History records that the men who wrote the Constitution were probably the greatest group of men from the standpoint of character, ability, and special fitness for the job at hand that ever met together for human achievement. Their lives had been given over largely to study of government and in government service. Someone said that they were experts in the field of Government and politically minded in the same sense that Edison and Marconi were electrically minded and that Mozart and Mendelssohn were musically minded.

Prior to the time that the Constitution was written, it had been the custom of mankind throughout the ages to approach the problems of government in terms of protest against existing conditions and to indulge in superlative declarations of rights and privileges without doing very much about it. The men who wrote the Constitution approached the problem of Government in an analytical manner, in terms of plans, purposes, powers and restraints. They believed that if they could make a good plan, dedicate it to wise purposes, vest it with proper powers and curb those powers with well-balanced restraints, the results would be blessings of liberty and opportunity for a people living under a government so conceived. So we find in the Constitution, first a Preamble containing a statement of purpose followed by a plan for setting up and administering a Federal representative Government in harmony with those purposes.

Re-read that Preamble, if you will, remembering that it is now 175 years old and see if you can make one single change for improving it. There is no more significant language in that Preamble than those opening words: "We the people." It signified that ours was to be a government not for King or Prince or Potentate, not a government for any political party or for the majority, but a government for "We the People" and all of them, including the minority. You may search the libraries of the world and have access to everything that has ever been written by any man in this or any other country, prior to the time that the Preamble was written, and it is absolutely impossible to find a good, clear, concise, comprehensive statement of the purpose of government, let alone a good plan for setting up and maintaining a good government.

The weakness of the Articles of Confederation taught the colonists the need for a more highly centralized government and yet they were fearful of big government. To them it always meant tyranny. Also, they were unwilling to surrender state sovereignty and were unwilling to give to the national government any more authority than was necessary in order that it might function as a United States. This dilemma was resolved by the establishment of a federal Government in which governmental power was divided between the nation and the state. Pursuant

to this plan, the Federal Government was given certain delegated authority. Control of the great mass of governmental affairs, however, was left to the states and the people. The states in turn left to the towns and the local communities a large measure of local self-control. Present conditions and modern sentiment require a much more highly centralized government than was originally planned. But if we are to preserve our liberties, we must retain control over all local matters unless after careful consideration, we have decided there are reasons of overwhelming importance, why in the interest of all of the people, not of Nebraska or any particular state, but of all the people of the United States, we should surrender certain authority to the National Government.

The government established under the Constitution was not only federal in character but it was also a Republic. The men who wrote the Constitution were fearful of tyranny and anarchy alike. The Revolutionary War had been fought in order that they might escape from highly-centralized authority arbitrarily exercised. In the Declaration of Independence they had proclaimed the God-given right of man to govern himself. Yet as students of history they knew the evils of a true democracy and the danger that may arise from a decentralization that may readily result in mobocracy. Consequently, they established a Republic with a Federal scheme of government and guaranteed a Republican form of government to each of the states.

In a true democracy, the people speak and act directly. The will of the people for the moment prevails whether that will be the result of mature deliberation or of momentary passion and impulse. It has been said that it creates that kind of condition in the field of Government that would be created in the field of medicine if, in the event of your illness, you left to a popular vote what medicine you would take, and then took it regardless of the results and that, my brothers, is the type of government that the people of this generation have been trying to substitute for the type of government outlined under our Constitution, and every nation that has ever tried it has passed out as a result of the nostrums prescribed.

In the Republic, the people speak through duly-elected representatives who possess authority to act. It is not a perfect Government, but it creates enough local control, just enough participation by the people to bring about orderly progress and protect their interest, and that is the type of government that was provided by the Constitution under which type of government we made more progress in 100 years than any other nation had made in a similar period of time and developed more statesmen than have been developed in any other country since the beginning of time. For some reason, the phrase "representative government" seems to mean little to the people of this generation; however, upon a clear understanding of these two words by the people who wrote the Constitution hung much of the difference between orderly progress and hopeless chaos, and whatever the people of this generation decide to do about democracy, and we have already gone a long way down that road, they

ought to know that the people who wrote the Constitution were fearful of democracy and said so in language as strong as they were capable of using. Listen to what Madison, the great Democrat said about democracy, "Democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention. Have ever been found incompatible with personal security and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their death."

John Adams, the second President, said, "There never has been a democracy that did not commit suicide."

As a safeguard against tyranny, the men who wrote the Constitution divided Governmental power between three separate departments of government as had been done in some of the colonies prior to that time and they set up a system of checks and balances to protect against encroachment of one branch of government on the powers of another. And in the Bill of Rights, they enumerated the God-given inalienable rights of man referred to in the Declaration of Independence. More important, perhaps was the fact that the Constitution recognizes that it was not only the right of the courts but also their duty to declare an act of Congress, violative of any of these rights and any constitutional provision as unconstitutional and void. Without this right in the courts, wrote Alexander Hamilton, the enumeration of specific rights would amount to nothing. The Constitution also has built-in provisions for amendment to meet changing conditions. It is a masterpiece of concise statement. A contract between the people and their Government to be kept by both parties—The bastion of our liberties—A compact that recognizes that the only just government is that in which the offices are filled with the worthiest and the wisest, every man having such voice in public and private affairs as his virtues and capacities warrant, and where such restraints only are imposed upon liberty as are in the interest and for the benefit of all the people.

Here the Constitution is. The body of it printed on twenty $3\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ inch pages. It contains only 4,000 words, 89 sentences, 140 distinct provisions. Lord Bryce says that it may be read aloud in twenty-three minutes. Brothers, I urge you to pick up a copy of it, re-read it, study it, understand it and insist that it be obeyed.

For 175 years now, it has stood a mighty bulwark on the highway of human progress. A beaconlight for liberty-loving people everywhere, so will it ever stand so long as we continue to deserve it.

Under no other form of government in all the world, have any people found more happiness, been able to work up for themselves a higher standard of civilization or made more progress. Yet it can not be denied that the liberties vouchsafed us under the Constitution are in danger today as never before. Both from within and from without. From without by former allies, godless, international gangsters who brazenly say that they will never be deterred until Constitutional government is destroyed, not only in America, but around the world. Thus far, they have been making far too much progress and our government — the leaders

of both parties seem neither to have the will or the program to stop them. From within our liberties are assailed not alone by card-carrying Communists whom we coddle and who have bored into our governmental structure, in our labor unions, in our churches, our schools, in every field of American activity, but by the anti-anti-communists and a lot of otherwise fine people who somehow seem to enjoy acting as an umbrella of protection over Communist activities. From within also, and now I am quoting from an editorial in a recent Masonic magazine, "Bureaucratic Expansion encroaching government controls and concentration of powers in Washington is making a shambles of our liberties and the Constitution."

Yes, shortcuts that violate the Constitution have become the fashion. Public servants are delegated arbitrary power, and the government which under the Constitution was meant to be a servant with strictly limited power has gathered unto itself unlimited powers and has become almost a master.

The difficulty lies in the apathy and indifference of our citizens, in our abated love for American principles, in the lack of understanding of the Constitution and in lack of constitutional morality. I will take time for one illustration. There has been talk recently that in some of the southern states the law should be changed as to the voting qualifications of the citizens. Some have agitated that the legislature should step in and take action. The Constitutionality of such procedure was raised and the other day in a great newspaper, the New York Times, it was stated, "It is time to put aside specious legal argument." Then the article goes on to say in effect that if a change should be made, let's make it regardless of constitutional provisions. My brothers, if we do that, we have no liberties, we have no Constitution. The valued separation of Church and State could be abolished, the Baptist church in which I was originally baptized or some other church could become the state religion. Masonry could be driven under-ground. Pardon a personal reference. I happen to be a honorary member of a Masonic lodge in Athens, Greece, made so shortly after the time when the lodge came from under-ground. Worse yet during the German occupation, the Germans had carried off their charter and paraphernalia. They had only been recovered a short time before and when I was there the Communists were in the hills close by. They killed one of the members of the cabinet with whom I had had a conference the week before. When at Lodge, I saw a number of the people that we had been working with; some, I had guessed were Masons, but none of them wore any insignia because they felt they did not dare.

As Americans, we should be concerned. Day after day, by pamphlet, in the forum, on the radio, in the press, the public is regaled with unsound and untried proposals for social and economic reform that, if adopted, would undermine our bulwarks which have been our greatest inheritance and which it has been our pride to maintain. We must strive honestly and always to meet changing conditions, but we must not destroy those things that have contributed to our progress or substitute the discards

from the political graveyards of bygone ages. No one claims that our form of government is perfect, but I do claim that there is the same difference between Constitutional government and Autocracy or Communism, between Representative Government and a true democracy, as there is between good and bad. Differences of opinion may honestly arise toward the solution of some of our internal problems, but I maintain that there can be no difference of opinion as to the advisability of perserving our fundamental law, nor the need to retain established checks and balances between the three departments of government as a safeguard against the exercise of arbitrary power or the desire to prevent regimentation and undue government control of private industry.

Masonry has always stood for liberty and government by the people and not the least of those outstanding men, who back in those early days fought for liberty's cause on the battlefields in the forum and in the convention hall, were members of our Ancient Craft. While we must not claim credit for them or contribution beyond their due, yet certainly we can unselfishly rejoice that the fruition of the efforts of these, our brothers, and their contemporaries of equal persuasion was the establishment of a governmental document that embraces and parallels in its accomplishments, the teachings, the hopes and the aspirations of our fraternity. Out of the distant past, some Masonic student has painted a beautiful and striking picture of the Mission of Masonry in the world. "Dispelling the darkness of ignorance and superstition. Diffusing light. Removing the blindfold of intolerance and bigotry from the eyes of men. Freeing their bodies, minds and souls from the cabletow of mental and spiritual capitivity. Exalting intelligence, education and liberty as the symbol of all that free men hold dear."

In Shakespeare's Hamlet, when Shakespeare's ghost stalked the night and Bernardo, Horatio and Marcellus looked on awe-stricken and in vain would learn its secret, I think it was Bernardo who said, "Speak to him, Horatio, thou art a scholar." And I say to you, my brothers, when the ghosts of Communism stalk this land, when the zealots and impractical idealists become impatient with the wise delays and cautions outlined in the Constitution for its amendment and would break down its barriers by hasty action, speak to them, my brothers, you have the understanding, you know the way. The degrees you have taken are eloquent with hope and aspiration, with faith that is not baffled and with courage that cannot be denied. Through them you learned the hard lessons of heroism and the measure of privation and devotion, which the great of the earth have paid for the blessings which we now enjoy.

Yes, if American Masonry means anything at all—if citizenship in this country means anything at all, it means adherence to the American ideal of liberty as set forth in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. It means adherence to the Constitution itself as the greatest governmental document of all time. It means adherence to the principle of representation—a Republic as distinguished from a true democracy. It means continued adherence

to those principles which foster and encourage the spirit of individual initiative and leads inevitably to greater progress and development. It means eternal hostility to all efforts that would tend to make this country a government of men and not of law. It consists of the hopes, the ideals, and the beliefs that grip our hearts and spur us on to righteous thinking and fearless action, beliefs that men live to uphold or willingly die that their children may inherit. It calls for a great love of our country's splendid traditions and a deep reverence for the work of the man who established it. It means a devotion to and a resolution to maintain what their devotion established. The mutual respect for the rights of every man as set forth in the compact of the Mayflower and the Constitution and defended with their lives at Lexington and Yorktown, at Gettysburg and Appomattox, at Chateau Thiery and the Marne, and by the men of our day on the beachheads of Europe, in the jungles of the Far East, in the tunnels of Corregidor, in the air over Midway and the boiling waters of the Coral sea. Somewhere with the vanished snows of Valley Forge and the withered flowers of years gone by, many wait beneath the creeping vines and grasses that have knit little coverlets for their graves to match the record of our fidelity with that of their all-given sacrifice.

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

W. Alfred E. Geschke, 25, Chairman, presented the report of the Grand Trustees, which was adopted.

For two years now, your Grand Trustees have pursued the investment policies which were established in the summer of 1960.

I am happy to report to you that the present procedures have worked out very well. Your Trustees have met in regular meeting once every other month. On several occasions, in addition to our regular meetings, we were in telephonic communication with each other for the purpose of reaching a decision.

Generally, funds were invested in permanent securities as cash on hand became available. Sometimes, when it was deemed inadvisable to invest permanently, we bought short-term United States Treasury Bills, which netted us about \$2,000.00 alone in interest during the year.

Net profit on securities sold or called for redemption amounted to \$3,978.82 in the Grand Lodge account and in the combined Nebraska Masonic Home accounts it was \$14,288.72.

Interest and dividend income in the Grand Lodge account was \$26,181.74 for a net return on our invested assets of 4.61%. The combined Nebraska Masonic Home accounts received \$72,278.68 for a net return of about 4.12%.

Total invested assets in the Grand Lodge account are \$567,939.24. These securities have a market value of \$646,498.75, an excess of \$78,559.51 over their cost. The combined invested assets of The Nebraska Masonic

Home are \$1,755,605.63. These have a market value of \$2,010,585.81; an excess of \$254,980.18 over their cost.

Grand Secretary Carl R. Greisen has installed some new investment records in his office. These are vital in the proper accounting of our securities. Also, all of our bond holdings are now on the scientific amortization basis. This means that tables of book values of these securities have been established on an annual basis and that interim values can easily be determined at any time during the fiscal year.

The statements of comparative assets and liabilities and the analysis of surplus or fund balances accurately reflect the financial condition of both the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home. These statements have been prepared by the Auditor and will be printed in the annual proceedings.

May I say that it has been a distinct pleasure to have served as a member of the Grand Trustees, and particularly as Chairman during the last year. I express my thanks and appreciation to each member of the Committee for their wholehearted support and cooperation. Their experience in investment matters is of inestimable value to this organization. I deeply value their counsel and friendship. Our meetings have been held in an atmosphere of harmony and unity of purpose, to preserve our assets and to invest the funds of our great fraternity as prudently and wisely as possible.

We continue to pledge all our efforts in this direction.

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

BALANCE SHEET

May 10, 1962

Assets

	Totals
Cash on deposit with banks:	
General Account	\$ 3,960.50
Exchange Account	200.00
Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund	111,065.96
Supply Account	8,753.36
Relief Fund	10,989.28
Centennial Contingent Fund	94.93
Special Account	418.57
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	135,482.60
Bonds and Stocks	589,736.36
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home — nominal value	1.00
Stock in Masonic-Eastern Star Home — nominal value	1.00
Furniture and fixtures — nominal value	1.00
Supply inventory	3,412.50
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	\$728,634.46

Liabilities

Surplus or Fund Balances:

Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund	\$681,263.92
Supply Account	12,584.43
Relief Fund	25,891.18
Centennial Contingent Fund	8,894.93
	\$728,634.46

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

May 10, 1961, and May 10, 1962

ASSETS	May 10, 1961	May 10, 1962	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit with banks	\$100,934.29	\$135,482.60	\$ 34,548.31
Bonds and stocks	589,018.75	589,736.36	717.61
Stock in The Nebraska Masonic Home	1.00	1.00	
Stock in Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	1.00	1.00	
Furniture and fixtures	1.00	1.00	
Supply inventory	3,655.05	3,412.50	(242.55)
	\$693,611.09	\$728,634.46	\$ 35,023.37

LIABILITIES

Surplus or Fund Balances	693,611.09	728,634.46	35,023.37
	\$693,611.09	\$728,634.46	\$ 35,023.37

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS OR FUND BALANCES

May 10, 1961, to May 10, 1962

	Beginning Balance	Additions (Deductions)	Ending Balance
ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND:			
Balance — May 10, 1961	\$650,293.07		
Add:			
Excess of receipts over disbursements		\$ 30,970.85	
Balance — May 10, 1962			\$681,263.92

SUPPLY ACCOUNT:

Balance — May 10, 1961	13,015.61		
Add:			
Excess of disbursements over receipts		(431.18)	
Balance — May 10, 1962			12,584.43

RELIEF FUND:

Balance — May 10, 1961	21,407.48		
Add:			
Excess of receipts and disbursements		4,483.70	
Balance — May 10, 1962			25,891.18

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND:

Balance — May 10, 1961.....	8,894.93		
Balance — May 10, 1962			8,894.93
Totals	\$693,611.09	\$ 35,023.37	\$728,634.46

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Assets and Liabilities

May 10, 1962

ASSETS	Totals
Cash on deposit:	
The Omaha National Bank:	
General Fund	\$ 10,989.82
General Investment Fund	95,857.45
Endowment and Bequest Fund	338.40
Plattsmouth State Bank, Plattsmouth, Nebraska	13,311.92
National Bank of Commerce, Lincoln, Nebraska	2,502.86
United States National Bank of Omaha	29,435.21
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	152,435.66
Bonds and Stocks	1,787,875.33
Real estate mortgages	43,299.22
Buildings and grounds — Masonic Home	1.00
Buildings and grounds — Infirmary	1.00
Furnishings — Masonic Home	1.00
Furnishings — Infirmary	1.00
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	\$1,983,614.21
LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	
Balance in Entertainment Fund	\$ 1,605.61
Balance in Memory Fund	14,952.15
Balance in Thanksgiving Fund	5,637.48
Balance in Perpetual Room Fund	775.00
Balance in Room Furnishings Fund	5,859.61
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund	309.00
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	29,138.85
Net Worth:	
Capital stock	1.00
Surplus or Fund Balance	1,954,474.36
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	\$1,983,614.21

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Comparative Assets and Liabilities

May 10, 1961, and May 10, 1962

ASSETS	May 10, 1961	May 10, 1962	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit:			
The Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska:			
General Fund	\$ 12,752.43	\$ 10,989.82	(\$ 1,762.61)
General Investment Fund	95,554.14	95,857.45	303.31
Endowment and Bequest Fund	83,127.80	338.40	(82,789.40)
Plattsmouth State Bank, Plattsmouth,			
Nebraska	13,883.57	13,311.92	(571.65)
National Bank of Commerce, Lincoln,			
Nebraska	1,405.95	2,502.86	1,096.91
United States National Bank of Omaha	580.43	29,435.21	28,854.78
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	207,304.32	152,435.66	(54,868.66)
Bonds and stocks	1,634,404.09	1,787,875.33	153,471.24
Real estate mortgages	27,053.95	43,299.22	16,245.27
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	
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	\$1,868,766.36	\$1,983,614.21	\$114,847.85
 LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH			
Balance in Entertainment Fund	\$ 5,274.86	\$ 1,605.61	(\$ 3,669.25)
Balance in Memory Fund	13,806.77	14,952.15	1,145.38
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	5,859.61	1,303.38
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund	319.00	309.00	(10.00)
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	30,369.34	29,138.85	(1,230.49)
Net Worth:			
Capital stock	1.00	1.00	
Surplus or Fund Balance	1,838,396.02	1,954,474.36	116,078.34
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	\$1,868,766.36	\$1,983,614.21	\$114,847.85

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
 Analysis of Surplus or Fund Balances
 May 10, 1961, and May 10, 1962

	Beginning Balance	Additions (Deductions)	Ending Balance
GENERAL FUND:			
Balance — May 10, 1961	\$ 329,045.59		
Deduct:			
Excess of disbursements over receipts .		(\$ 8,064.06)	
Income from temporary investments reflected in Room Furnishings			
Fund account		(98.12)	
Balance — May 10, 1962			\$ 320,883.41
	329,045.59	(8,162.18)	320,883.41
ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND:			
Requests:			
Balance — May 10, 1961	605,112.41		
Additions during year		35,857.92	
Balance — May 10, 1962.....			640,970.33
Mortgages previously transferred from General Fund	99,950.00		99,950.00
Surplus:			
Balance — May 10, 1961.....	524,924.41		
Add:			
Excess of receipts over disbursements .		51,371.56	
Balance — May 10, 1962.....			576,295.97
	1,229,986.82	87,229.48	1,317,216.30
PERMANENT BUILDING FUND:			
Balance — May 10, 1961	279,363.61		
Add:			
Receipts		9,463.32	
Balance — May 10, 1962.....			288,826.93
	279,363.61	9,463.32	288,826.93
SEAL FUND:			
Excess of receipts over disbursements		27,547.72	
Balance — May 10, 1962			27,547.72
		27,547.72	27,547.72
Totals	\$1,838,396.02	\$116,078.34	\$1,954,474.36

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

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

We have examined and approved the report of the Grand Custodian to the Grand Lodge for 1962. This report reflects the excellent manner in which degree work is being carried on in this Grand Jurisdiction. We again compliment the Assistant Custodians for the fine work they are doing and the contributions they make to Freemasonry in Nebraska.

Your committee has recommended the appointment of Richard L. Wait, 19, and Gordon Chard, 240, to be Assistant Custodians. The Grand Master has made or will make these appointments pursuant to our recommendations.

We have filed our budget with the Committee on Appropriations requesting \$6,725 for the cost of operating the Grand Custodian's department and \$150 for the expenses of the Committee on Work.

The Grand Custodian has collected \$15 from each of 44 Lodges, a total of \$660, pursuant to the 1961 amendment to Section 1-102 of the law. This money is on hand and subject to appropriation toward the expenses of Assistant Custodians this year. The contributing Lodges appear to have recognized the fairness of this amendment and have cheerfully made these payments.

Your Committee has occupied its time primarily with the revision of the monitor which was directed to be done by this Grand Lodge at the 1959 Annual Communication. The revision has been completed. In view of the difficulty in making known to you all the changes that have been made, I deem it appropriate to explain how the project was accomplished and generally the changes made.

We divided the old monitor into four sections and assigned each of these sections to a subcommittee to make detailed recommendations as to changes to be made. Pages 7 to 87 were assigned to three Assistant Custodians, Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, Chairman; Forest A. Lape, 183; and Ross Van Sickle, 184. Pages 88 to 123 were assigned to M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, Chairman; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68; and W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281. Pages 124 to 146 were assigned to R. W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120, Chairman; W. Norris W. Lallman, 72; and M. W. John E. Beaver, 253. Pages 147 to 182 were assigned to Brother Paul Seidel, 59, Chairman; W. Roy W. Deal, 227; W. Howard A. Nesseler, 19; W. Frank E. Pfoutz, 210; and M. W. George A. Kurk, 54. These committees performed their work well and made written reports to our committee. The subcommittees were invited to meet with the Committee on Work when it considered their respective reports. The subcommittees were always represented, at least by their chairmen.

The Grand Custodian, Brother Cook, acted as adviser to the Committee on Work and made a great contribution to the revision. The master copy of the revision was finally checked by Brother Cook, Grand

Custodian, W. Ross Van Sickle, Assistant Custodian, and myself. On May 14, 1962, the Committee on Work convened with the Grand Custodian and members of the subcommittees present, made final corrections, and approved the complete revision which we shall submit to you following this report. We feel that we will have an excellent monitor, consistent with Nebraska work in all respects.

We made very few changes in the language of the monitorial parts of the degree work. A few were made where the language was plainly out of context. Some changes in form were made, but we held changes in the degree work to the very minimum.

Most of the major changes were in the ceremonies. We think their revision has long been needed. They have been written, checked, and approved by those Masons who we feel have the most knowledge and experience in the respective fields.

The funeral service has been completely revised. The report of the subcommittee was adopted substantially as it was submitted. It has been materially reduced in length. The majority of your committee feels that it should be adopted as the exclusive funeral service to be used.

The funeral service has long been in need of revision. The weather in Nebraska is either too cold, too hot, or too windy to warrant a long service. The adoption of an alternative service a few years ago, and the passive attitude assumed by the Grand Lodge toward the service used, has resulted in the funeral service being given in substantially as many forms as there are individuals delivering it. This has not been good, but we have no one to blame except ourselves. It is the belief of your Committee that we should have but one uniform funeral service and we have proceeded on that theory. We think the best interests of Freemasonry demand that this be accepted.

We have added a glossary of words often mispronounced. The idea was originated by W. Richard L. Wait, 19, and the finished product attained through the valuable assistance of W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, our Grand Historian.

Many of the pictorial representations in the old monitor do not conform to the Nebraska work. These representations are to be corrected or removed from the revised monitor. We have been assured that corrections can be made at a minimum cost. We propose to retain all that can be made to conform to our Nebraska work.

Through the assistance of the brethren named and others, too, we have completed the revision which we will submit to you for approval.

Your committee recommends that we abandon the previous plan of printing a large and a small monitor. We recommend a medium-sized single monitor that will fit conveniently in a coat pocket, printed on a thinner and better grade of paper.

We think we should print from 5,000 to 10,000 monitors, depending on the cost of printing. It must be borne in mind that with the adoption of the revised monitor the old monitors become obsolete and the demand

for new monitors will be greatly accelerated. The cost will in time come back to us, but we do have to consider the cost of carrying any large quantity until their sale is accomplished.

Your Committee recommends that Section 2-508 of the law relating to public processions and services be amended. The proposed amendment is made to permit some lee-way in integrating the funeral service into the religious burial service.

Your committee also recommends that Section 2-301 of the law be amended to include the chaplain and stewards as officers of subordinate lodges. The amendment does not require these officers to be line officers as that term is used, but leaves that to the discretion of each subordinate lodge.

We are fortunate this year to have had no problems regarding the esoteric or monitorial work.

We realize, my brethren, that in a matter of such magnitude as the revision of the monitor, you will have to rely on the judgment of those who have done the work. For this reason I have listed those who have participated and advised regarding the changes made. We have considered everything that has been brought to our attention. We have encouraged participation by every Mason having an interest in the project. We can only say that we feel we have produced an excellent revised monitor and that it will be accepted by Masons generally as such.

(Following the report, the Committee gave the Funeral Oration and after discussion it was moved and seconded that the same be adopted and the motion carried.)

M. W. Edward F. Carter, 301, Chairman :

M. W. Grand Master, the Committee on Work desires to offer two amendments to the By-laws. I ask unanimous consent to consider an amendment to Sec. 2-508 of the By-laws at this Annual Communication.

"Sec. 2-508 — Public Processions and Services. — No lodge shall participate in promiscuous parades or processions. A lodge may take part in a funeral procession in which other organizations participate. The Masonic service must be given as a continuous and uninterrupted service. A lodge may hold memorial services to which profanes are admitted, but cannot, as a lodge, participate therein with non-Masonic organizations."

(Unanimous consent was granted and the amendment was adopted by a two-thirds vote.)

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

It is now time to call from labor to refreshment and we will continue the Report of the Committee on Nebraska Work as the first order of business tomorrow morning.

At 5:20 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY — MORNING SESSION

At 9 a. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor as at the preceding session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK (CONTINUED)

M. W. Edward F. Carter, 301, Chairman:

M. W. Grand Master, brethren, yesterday afternoon we completed the approval of the funeral service. I think this morning, we should start at the beginning of the monitor and this time take up the approval of the revised monitor as it deals with the monitorial work of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. Now I had a sub-committee of three Assistant Custodians, who did the preliminary work and reported to the Committee on Work. Great assistance was given by the Grand Custodian and I think the best way of handling it at this time is to have the Grand Custodian tell you substantially what we have done in the way of making revision.

(W. Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian, gave a detailed explanation of the contemplated changes.)

M. W. Edward F. Carter, 301, Chairman:

Do we have any questions or comments about this phase of the monitor? If not, M. W. Grand Master, I move that this section of the monitor that we are discussing be approved. (Motion seconded and carried.)

The next section of the monitor that I want to present deals with pages 88 to 123 of the large size monitor. The revision of this monitor was originally delegated to M. W. Herbert A. Ronin at a time before he was Grand Master, together with M. W. Charles F. Adams and W. Louis V. Sylvester. The changes that have been made in this section are those that were found to be necessary to comply with a better handling of the work. I just visited with the Grand Master and he doesn't think that the changes need any further explanation than that and I agree with him. M. W. Grand Master, I move the adoption of this portion of the report. (Motion seconded and carried.)

The next portion of the report deals with pages 124 to 146 of the old large monitor. This was assigned for preliminary work to R. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Chairman, W. Norris W. Lallman and M. W. John E. Beaver. I think it would be well that R. W. Brother Carhart tell you briefly what they attempted to do and what we have attempted to do in revising this portion of the monitor.

R. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Grand Senior Warden:

M. W. Grand Master, brethren, the two items included in this section were the dedication of Masonic Halls and the laying of cornerstones. The revisions were not very extensive on either of these.

M. W. Edward F. Carter, 301, Chairman:

Are there any questions? If not, I move the adoption of this section of the report. (Motion seconded and carried.)

Brethren, we have revised the form of Lodge minutes. They have been made with the complete approval of the Grand Secretary and the Committee. We are including the Masonic calendar, rules for Masonic dates, Tyler's Oath, and a glossary of words that are commonly mispronounced.

Are there any questions? If not, M. W. Grand Master, I move that this portion of the revised monitor be approved. (Motion seconded and carried.)

M. W. Grand Master, I move that the Committee on Work be authorized to print a suitable number of monitors to be determined by them for the use of the Grand Lodge. (Motion seconded and carried.)

M. W. Grand Master, I now move that the Grand Lodge provide at its expense for 325 copies of this monitor to be distributed in the following manner: One each to each subordinate lodge, total 275. One each to 29 Assistant Custodians. One each for the Committee on Work and the Grand Custodian and the balance of 17, be distributed to the line officers who have not received any of the former arrangements here, to the extent possible and not to exceed 17, making a total of 325 monitors. (Motion seconded and carried.)

Brethren, I have a second amendment which has nothing to do with the monitor or anything we have been talking about heretofore. I might say that the Committee on Nebraska Work consists, by law, of three Past Grand Masters. In addition to myself are M. W. Brothers Chancellor A. Phillips, and Herbert T. White. This amendment is considered by the Committee and it was supported by myself and M. W. Chancellor A. Phillips who unfortunately can not be here today because of ill health, and it was opposed by M. W. Herbert T. White. I am not going to say why because he will make his position known here.

I move that Section 2-301 of the by-laws be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2-301 — Election and Appointment. — The officers of a Lodge shall consist of a Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Stewards, and Tiler. The first five shall be elected by ballot by a majority vote at the first meeting in December of each year, and one so elected should, if possible, accept the office. An election cannot be reconsidered by the Lodge. All officers not elective shall be appointed by the Master."

I further move that unanimous consent be given to consider this amendment at this Annual Communication.

W. George R. Porter, Covert Lodge No. 11:

M. W. Grand Master, I am George R. Porter from Covert No. 11 and I have the proxy of our Senior Warden. I object to unanimous consent being granted to consider this amendment at this time or during this communication of the Grand Lodge.

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

Brethren, that is the end of it for this Communication. It will be laid over until the next Annual Communication for action.

M. W. Edward F. Carter, 301, Chairman:

I move that Sec. 2-1209 of the By-laws, which would change the year mentioned in the first sentence as 1909 to 1962, to bring the amendment up to date. The first sentence as amended would read as follows:

Section 2-1209—MONITOR—The Monitor adopted by the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction at its annual communication in the year 1962, is the adopted work of this Grand Jurisdiction. (Remainder of By-law to remain as it is.)

The original first sentence to be repealed.

(Unanimous consent was requested to amend Section 2-1209 to conform to the changes that have been adopted by the Grand Lodge in the Monitor. Unanimous consent was granted and the motion was made, seconded and carried by a two-thirds majority.)

M. W. Grand Master, at this time I would like to express my appreciation for your patience and the patience of the Grand Lodge itself. We felt it important enough to go into detail. I would like to move that the report of the Committee on Work, as a whole, be approved. (Motion seconded and carried.)

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

I wish to express my appreciation to this Committee on Nebraska Work for the invaluable work they have done. They have been working for the past three years on this and have wound it up this year following innumerable meetings. Brethren, join with me in expressing our appreciation to the Committee on Nebraska Work under the leadership of M. W. Brother Carter.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Grand Historian, presented his report which was adopted.

M. W. Grand Master, Herbert A. Ronin, brethren. What we wanted very much to do this morning, was to formally present to you a finished copy of the History of "Masonry in Nebraska," covering the period from 1857 to 1957. There was an action of the Centennial Committee, taken some years prior to 1957 that there be prepared and published a history of the first 100 years of the Grand Lodge, the same to be prepared for distribution approximately one year after the Centennial Celebration. This we were unable to accomplish. It was a famous poet who one time said, "the best laid plans of mice and men, gang aft agley". We had hoped that at this communication, the 105th, we would be able to present not only to you, but also to each of our constituent lodges, a copy of the history of Masonry in Nebraska, covering this 100 year period. Because of difficulties in the matter of binding it was impossible for us to do this.

We hold no brief, M. W. Grand Master, for the historianship of this document. We do not claim to be an historian in any true sense of that word. We have had one zealous desire in this whole effort and that is to provide a fairly complete story of the history of the Grand Lodge in such form that it will provide not only the actual proceedings from time to time, but as much of the human interest as we could find available to us. I trust, as you do read this document, you will find human interest stories that will be of significance to you.

This morning there was brought into this room the beautiful chair on which you are now sitting. In 1900 and 1901, M. W. George W. Lininger had been in Europe preceding the 40th Annual Communication and while he was sojourning in Europe, in Egypt, Persia and other places thereabouts, he became very much interested in throne chairs. And wherever he went in all of those countries, he sought out those places wherein there were throne chairs to be found. They could be found in the Palaces of the King and other great dignitaries. They could be found in every Grand Lodge. They could be found in many interesting castles, situated in various parts of Europe and the old world. He could not find an authentic throne chair. They were not to be had. He had to satisfy himself with a replica. This one which the Grand Master is now occupying was found in Europe. It is an exact copy of a throne chair which is now housed in the Berlin museum. Upon its back was the coat of arms of the Frescobaldi, a Florentine family of the sixteenth century.

This represents one of the human interest stories that we were able to bring together and include in this volume. This chair, may I say, has been in this Grand Lodge room since 1901 when it was formally presented to this Grand Lodge. It has not been used, however, during these years in spite of the fact that when it was presented and borne into this room on the shoulders of four able and stalwart men, brothers of the Grand Lodge, the brethren were admonished that the chair should ever be preserved by the Grand Lodge and that it should be occupied only by the Grand Master. History has it that in the case of the old throne chairs in the lodges of Europe, no one but the Grand Master was permitted to

sit in that particular chair. Whenever the Grand Master was not himself presiding, the throne chair was moved back a little and another chair was placed in front of it and upon that I suppose the Deputy Grand Master was permitted to sit when he presided in the place of the Grand Master.

I regret that there can be no formal presentation of the finished product in its exact character. The volume I now present to you is in its content exactly as planned. The binding is not. I sincerely hope it will be but a few days before we can distribute to all of our constituents true and exact copies for their libraries and that it will afford them much interesting and informative reading. We hope that as we have prepared this document, we have put into it some of the things that will make you love Masonry all the more and find in Masonry a true and fitting example of what man should be in all times, even now.

M. W. Grand Master, I take great pleasure in presenting to you this copy as a token of the work that we have thus completed. Our regret is that we cannot present to all of the brethren assembled copies to take home with them today. We thank you for the privilege, M. W. Sir, of having the honor to write this story of the History of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska from 1857 to 1957.

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

W. Brother George, the instantaneous applause from the brethren signifies more than I could tell you their appreciation for the wonderful work which you have done and you have completed your task. Brethren, it was my privilege to write the preface in this History of our Grand Lodge and a part of this preface reads as follows. "The main purpose of this preface is to endeavor to properly acknowledge the splendid work of Dr. George W. Rosenlof, who prepared and is the author of this history of 'Masonry in Nebraska', written since his appointment as Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge in June, 1961. An insight into his professional background is most desirable and necessary to understand how this assignment given him could possibly have been achieved in one year's time."

In that preface I set forth his wonderful work in the area of education. He has been an educator all his life and for 38 years Dr. Rosenlof was associated with the University of Nebraska in one capacity or another. In another paragraph I go on to say something of his Masonic work. He was our Grand Orator in 1943. He served with distinction as Chairman of the Centennial Committee of our Grand Lodge from 1947 to 1957. Now his cheerful acceptance, and I am again reading from the preface, of his duties as Grand Historian in writing this wonderful and much needed history of Masonry in Nebraska, is a real and tangible evidence of his love of Masonry, as well as his masterful style of writing. When you read this it doesn't read like a history book. This volume truly represents good, true and efficient work. I am most certain that it will preserve the priceless record of our Grand Lodge history for ages to come and we shall ever be indebted to W. Brother Rosenlof for

making this possible. This constitutes, in my considered judgment, the greatest single contribution to Masonry this past year and in the main the credit lies entirely with its author. And it is with that expression which I have placed in writing in the preface of this History, that I thank you, our Grand Historian, Dr. George W. Rosenlof.

Brethren, if we had hired this work done by a professional writer that Dr. Rosenlof has done in this history, it would have cost several thousand dollars, that is for sure.

W. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Grand Historian :

M. W. Grand Master, brethren, it was my thought after sitting down, it was probably in order to make a motion to authorize that upon receipt of these copies of the history of "Masonry in Nebraska" that we should authorize the Grand Secretary to send one copy to each of the subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, one copy to our distinguished guests, one copy to each of the jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, one copy to each of the Grand Officers of the current year just concluding and to the officers of the Grand Lodge for the year succeeding and such other copies as the Grand Master may deem it proper or appropriate to approve for distribution to other interested organizations or bodies. M. W. Grand Master, I move that this be done. (Motion seconded and carried.)

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 submits the following report: Meetings were held with the representatives of Fairfield Lodge No. 84 and Naphali Lodge No. 206.

Both lodges gave very satisfactory reasons why their lodges had not been represented at Grand Lodge sessions the past two years. We find each lodge to be in good order and have been assured by them that they will be represented at future Grand Lodge sessions.

We therefore recommend no action relative to the arresting of their charters.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers and appointed as tellers the Assistant Custodians with W. Harold D. Weddell, 61, as Chairman.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Brother Ernest O. Van Wey, 249.....M.'.W.'.Grand Master
 Brother Ralph M. Carhart, 120.....R.'.W.'.Deputy Grand Master
 Brother Harry A. Spencer, 227.....R.'.W.'.Grand Senior Warden
 Brother Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....R.'.W.'.Grand Junior Warden
 Brother Carl R. Greisen, 32.....R.'.W.'.Grand Secretary

Later in the session appointment was made of:

Brother Levi B. Williams, 1.....V.'.W.'.Grand Chaplain
 Brother Milo P. Bail, 268.....W.'.Grand Orator
 Brother George W. Rosenlof, 314.....W.'.Grand Historian
 Brother Raymond C. Cook, 6.....W.'.Grand Custodian
 Brother Alfred B. Saum, 46.....W.'.Grand Marshal
 Brother Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.....W.'.Grand Senior Deacon
 Brother John A. Bottorf, 49.....W.'.Grand Junior Deacon
 Brother Charles W. Ninegar, 301.....W.'.Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES 1962 - 1963

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

Appropriations: W.'.Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 288 (1967) Chairman; Walter Truex, 55 (1963); Richard L. Wait, 19 (1964); R. Wayne Wilson, 302 (1965); Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1966).

Finance: W.'.Brothers Norris W. Lallman, 72 (1966) Chairman; Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1963); Robert E. Lund, 323 (1964); Elmo R. Clayton, 302 (1965); Phillip G. Johnson, 19 (1967).

Fraternal Dead: W.'.Brothers Frank L. Balderson, 75, Chairman; Nelson C. Burham, 217; V.'.W.'.Levi B. Williams, 1.

Fraternal Relations: R.'.W.'.Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M.'.W.'.William B. Wanner, 9; W.'.J. Lee Douglass, 159.

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.'.William A. Pettengill, 25, (1967) Chairman; W.'.James M. Paxson, 302, (1965); W.'.John M. Douglas, 268, (1964); M.'.W.'.Merle M. Hale, 54, (1966); W.'.Vernon H. Wood, 290, (1963).

Grand Lodge Office: M.'.W.'.Herbert A. Ronin, 210, Chairman; W.'.Ernest E. James, 1; M.'.W.'.Thomas J. Aron, 37.

Grand Trustees: W.'.Brothers Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1963); Carl D. Ganz, 309 (1964); Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1965); M.'.W.'.John F. Fatcher, 302 (1966); W.'.William E. Moor, 102 (1967).

Grievances: W.'.Brothers Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; William A. Bottom, 265; 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. Howard J. Hunter, 59, (1963) Chairman; R. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1963); M. W. John E. Beaver, 253, (1964); W. Brothers Roy W. Deal, 227, (1964); Floyd C. Wisner, 265, (1965).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201, (1964), Chairman; Chancellor A. Phillips, 150, (1965); Herbert T. White, 11, (1963).

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; W. Brothers John S. Burley, 300, (1963); Arthur A. Gregory 265, (1964); Otto W. Burkhardt, 55, (1965); Brother Paul L. Toombs, 290, (1967).

Temple Building Advisory: W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300, (1964) Chairman; E. Forrest Estes, 19, (1963); Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1965).

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 during the past Grand Lodge year.

The activities of this Committee increased considerably over the preceding Masonic year, both in number of cases and time involved on each. Three cases were the result of fire, and as is often the case, none of the above fire victims were in a position to proceed with replacement without aid in financing. Fire, tornados, and condemned buildings have a way of creeping up without warning. It is for this very reason we encourage local lodge officers to increase annual dues to provide setting aside a portion of such dues for future building purposes. Lodges that have failed to provide such reserve funds have found themselves in a very embarrassing position when the need for repairs or new building arises. Deterioration is a continuous and hidden expense, and for this reason, local lodges should lay the ground work for a rebuilding program that will inevitably come often sooner than you think. Preliminary work costs nothing but the time involved, and yet is a vital part of any program: Keep in mind building sites, building plans; knowing lodge finances, particularly with reference to adequate margins for the future. Your Committee has become keenly aware that, generally, a lodge with dues below \$10 to \$12 per year are operating at a loss. Do something about it now.

To local lodge representatives attending Grand Lodge for the first time, this report provides a brief resume of the numerous activities of this

Committee. Following are reports of dedications and recommendations made by this Committee on new construction and subsequently approved by the Grand Master.

DEDICATIONS

The following new Masonic Temples have been dedicated since our report of one year ago. Recommendations on these lodges were included in prior reports.

Cotner No. 297, dedicated September 25, 1961

Charity No. 53, November 20

Wisner No. 114, March 16, 1962

Tecumseh No. 17, April 13

Wauneta No. 217, April 16

Superior No. 121, April 30

College View No. 320, May 26

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS

On November 1, 1961, we recommended that Pilot No. 240, Lyons, be granted permission to purchase an existing cement and brick building, 49 by 70 feet, one-story, to be remodeled for local lodge purposes, The estimated completed cost was \$7500, including remodeling. The Lodge and Eastern Star had available \$2100. Pilot Lodge has 119 members, with dues of \$10.

On April 6, 1962, approval was granted to Humboldt No. 40, to install a new heating and air-conditioning system, and other minor lodge improvements, estimated to cost \$2,000. The necessary funds were on hand.

On March 27, The Masonic Templecraft of Columbus, was granted permission to buy a one-half interest in the lower floor and basement of the building in which they already own all of the second floor. The building, is a well-located business building, 44 by 132 feet, which commands a sizeable monthly rental.

PROPOSED NEW CONSTRUCTION

Evening Star No. 49, Sutton. Ground has been purchased, architect's plans mostly completed for a new one-story Masonic Temple. Evening Star Lodge has 99 members. Drive for additional funds is now in progress. This should prove to be a beautiful Temple if completed in accordance with preliminary sketches and floor plan.

On or about March 10, 1962, Stromsburg No. 126 lost their Masonic Temple by fire. This was a complete loss. This case proves what this committee has been trying to sell Masonic lodges for many years. Let me quote a remark made by one of their members. "A short time back they had thought they should be establishing a building fund, and raised dues to \$10, but the fire came too soon." Before the fire, they had available for building purposes \$757. This was increased to \$5,500 by collection of

insurance following the fire. Now, 77 members will be doing in the next several months, what could have been accomplished over the past 10, 20 or even 30 years. They will now need to raise by donation 10 to \$15,000, depending on local building conditions and supplier co-operation.

On August 1, 1961, the Masonic hall of Union No. 287, at Palmyra was completely destroyed by fire. Union Lodge had no reserve funds, but fortunately carried \$9,000 insurance on their building and contents, which makes a good start toward a new building, now estimated to cost about \$16,000.

Garfield No. 95 was using lodge facilities owned by the Odd Fellows fraternity. During the month of December 1961, the hall was damaged by fire. This left the lodge without a meeting place in O'Neill, and had to move their meetings to Atkinson on a temporary basis. Garfield Lodge has 90 members, dues are \$9.00 but expect to increase to \$12.00. They have about \$12,000 and will need about \$8,000 more to cover the estimated cost of the proposed building as planned at \$20,000. This will be a two-story with dining, kitchen and heating equipment on the lower level.

Euclid No. 97, Weeping Water, has purchased ground and are working on plans, seeking donations for a new Masonic Temple, all phases to proceed without delay.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIEF AND CARE OF ORPHANS

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

Again your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans is called upon to provide a report of our activities during the interim of time this Grand Lodge has been at recess. It was not too many years ago that our report covered a wide range of activities. Today we are pleased to advise that our report is brief by reason of the lack of activities in this particular field of endeavor. During the past year there have been no new cases of a continuing nature added to our agenda. As a matter of record, no new case has been added during the past twenty-three months. There have been emergency and miscellaneous cases called to our attention which have been properly investigated and provided for. Likewise there have been cases handled which required no action whatsoever.

In addition to the emergent and miscellaneous items we have five continuing cases. The overall cost for the year \$3,733.70 or .081 cent per capita based on our present membership December 31, 1961. We have maintained a per capita cost record since 1930 and we are pleased to inform you that this amount .081 cents is the lowest we have on record. Let us hope the trend continues in this manner for the future. As a matter of general information the highest per capita cost was .32 cents in 1940.

Also included in our disbursements was an item of \$250 to the Masonic Service Association for Cuban Relief purposes.

Now let us take a look at the five continuing cases now on our books. Included in this group are three cases of annuitant payments for former salaried employees of this Grand Lodge, total cost \$2,400.00 per annum. It is the judgment of your Committee that in the event a pension plan is established for Grand Lodge employees that these three cases be transferred to and become beneficiaries of the Pension Plan.

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

REPORT OF MASONIC MANOR

M. W. John E. Beaver, 283, President, presented the report of Masonic Manor, which was accepted.

I appreciate the opportunity of making a report on the progress being made on the Masonic Manor. Progress has been somewhat slower than we had hoped, and we found that delays were caused by two things — First, additional detailed specifications were asked for and second, we encountered delays in the office of the architect. However, we are glad to report that progress is being made. The bids for the piling and structural steel were opened on Tuesday, May 29th, and the architects are analyzing those bids and will report their findings to the Board before 30 days. It might be of interest to you to know that some of the bids seem to be 10% below the estimate.

The plans and specifications, together with the estimates of cost are now complete, and the contractors are putting their final figures down on paper in preparation for the opening of the balance of the bids which will be held on Thursday, June 7th. When the bids have been opened, they will be analyzed by the architects and their recommendations submitted to the Board for final acceptance. Some changes may be required in the plans in order to come within the amount of finances available.

Some trees and shrubs have been removed and the side grading has been completed in preparation for the required excavation.

After these bids are received and the lowest and best bids selected we will then know the total cost of the Manor, after which the details of financing can be completed.

Following the approval of the loan we plan on conducting ground breaking ceremonies, and we want this to be an auspicious Masonic occasion to which all will be invited.

You will recall that a year ago it was reported that sixty apartments were spoken for and we were looking forward to having 150 to 175 units sold by Grand Lodge time this year. As of today 310 contracts out of a possible 320 have been signed and the required payments made. Of this

number there are three who are not members of the Masonic fraternity, and these three are from families with a Masonic background. The response during this past year has been better than we had anticipated and the enthusiasm has been high for this project. There are those who are anxious to lend a helping hand even though they will not be occupants, we have had offers of pianos, organs, libraries and other gifts which will beautify the Manor and help to make living more comfortable. For these offers we are most thankful.

We anticipate the total cost of the Manor will be approximately \$5,400,000. and at the present rate of progress the building should be completed by the Fall of 1963. I want to again remind you that our Grand Lodge will have no financial responsibility in this venture.

We thank you for the support you have given us and we ask for the continuation of that support. We are confident this project will be another one of which we as Masons will be proud to have had a part in sponsoring.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS.

W. Alfred B. Gorman, 54, Chairman, 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 and television stations, and to the press services.

Stories were written for eight area meetings held by the Committee on Masonic Education at Alliance, Valentine, Ogallala, McCook, Pender, Tecumseh, Grand Island and Superior. These stories were sent to all news media in the 73 counties represented in the meetings.

The Committee on Masonic Education recognized the importance of public relations by including a paper on this subject in its area meetings.

Stories were released for dedications of Temples at Tecumseh, Superior, Wauneta, Wisner and College View. Also released were stories for the cornerstone laying of the College View Temple and a number of central schools of instruction.

Printing mats of Deputy Grand Master Ernest O. Van Wey have been prepared and sent to all newspapers in the state and photographs were sent to television stations. A story of the outcome of the election and appointment of Grand Lodge officers will be released to news media today. Altogether the story will be released to 255 newspapers, 41 radio stations and eleven television stations, in addition to the press services.

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

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 Chancellor A. Phillips. All Lodges are represented except the following: Nos. 17, 41, 44, 78, 79, 106, 116, 151, 160, 165, 166, 167, 170, 171, 176, 179, 191, 192, 202, 204, 207, 212, 216, 225, 226, 234, 235, 243, 250, 261, 262, 274, 277, 282, 286, 292, 293, 305, 309, 310, 311, 322.

Total number of lodges 275. Number not represented 42. Lodges not represented for the last two annual communications No. 293.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska ...No. 1	*Ernest E. James...	*Harold H. Thom....	Le Roy C. Sutton...
Western Star.. " 2	Clement M. Landis.	.....	.....
Capitol " 3	*Wm. Von Kroge, Jr.	.....	*Rudolph H. Melchior
Nemaha Valley " 4	*J. Adolf Wensien...	.....	.....
Omadi " 5	E. James Haggart..	.....	.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	Chas. W. Armstrong	*Raymond F. Evers..	Ralph R. Hild.....
Falls City " 9	Ralph M. Clark.....	.....	.....
Solomon " 10	Wm. A. Kruse, Jr...	.....	Paul E. Kruger.....
Covert " 11	C. Atwood Scott....	*George R. Porter...	*Arthur C. Thomsen.
Orient " 13	.....	.....	Marvin E. Yoesel..
Peru " 14	.....	Darrel E. Wininger.	.....
Fremont " 15	Harold O. Milburn..	*Gerald A. Moller...	.....
Tecumseh " 17	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln " 19	Leslie V. Moore....	*Howard E. Nesseler.	*E. Forrest Estes...
Washington .. " 21	.....	Garland L. Runyon.	.....
Pawnee " 23	Glenn L. DeWeber..	Vern R. Hunzeker..	Dan R. Hopper.....
Saint Johns .. " 25	Richard J. Lavery..	*Alfred E. Geschke..	James F. Purney...
Beatrice " 26	.....	Olen A. Brake.....	James M. Verno....
Jordan " 27	Roscoe B. Wood....	Allen G. Thorman..	.....
Hope " 29	Dale Skeen.....	.....	.....
Blue River ... " 30	Leonard C. Rapp...	*Clarence C. Wertman	.....
Tekamah " 31	John E. Ray.....	.....	.....
Platte Valley. " 32	Phil B. Mossman...	John C. Tucker.....	Henry L. Hansen...
Ashlar " 33	Earle J. Carson.....	H. Lewis Coleman..	*Floyd R. Dunham...
Acacia " 34	.....	Marvin S. Faltys...	.....
Fairbury " 35	Luther T. Furrow..	.....	.....
Lone Tree " 36	Paul J. Grosshans...	.....	*Harold Parker.....
Crete " 37	Robert J. Kuncl...	Jerald J. Pomajzl...	.....
Oliver " 38	Harry E. Hoffman..	.....	.....
Papillion " 39	W. G. Luenenborg..	*Eugene A. Giermann	.....
Humboldt " 40	Melvin A. Hayes...	Homer H. Fishwood.	.....
Northern Light " 41	.....	.....	.....
Hebron " 43	Victor B. McClure..	.....	.....
Harvard " 44	.....	.....	.....
Rob Morris .. " 46	H. Don Hein.....	*H. Don Hein.....	*Alfred B. Saum....
Fairmont " 48	L. Badger Halsey..	.....	.....
Evening Star . " 49	Joe C. Nuss.....	*John A. Bottorf....	Curtis J. Griess....
Hastings " 50	E. Howard Myers...	.....	Vernon C. Burt.....
Fidelity " 51	James L. Allen.....	Ivan E. Long.....	Richard J. Bruner..
Hiram " 52	H. J. Edmondson...	.....	Jess E. Wagner.....
Charity " 53	Dale R. Walker.....
Lancaster " 54	Lloyd W. Cleveland.	Donald R. Swanson.	Ross R. Robinson...

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
MosaicNo. 55	Earl E. Haines.....	*Walter E. Truex....	*Otto W. Burkhardt.
York " 56	Wm. F. Brannen....	Robert R. Braasch..	Raymond E. Gray...
Mount Moriah " 57	Bruce McCourtney..	*Fred W. Kuhnhen..	*Willard Stong.....
Wahoo " 59	Marvin R. Lillie....	Douglas D. Duey...*	*Howard J. Hunter..
Melrose " 60	Kenneth S. Albright	Stan C. Peak.....	.....
Thistle " 61	*Dale F. Fagot.....	*Harold B. Williams.	.....
Keystone " 62	P. Harold Beins....	.....	Donald P. Schuster.
Blue Valley .. " 64	Ervin Braaf.....	*Lad J. Skocpol....	Kenneth Mariska...
Osceola " 65	Mervin Ransom, Sr..	*Lowell D. Hanson..	Carl R. Johnson....
Edgar " 67	.....	Aubrey Wilson.....	.....
Aurora " 68	Bob G. Ranard.....	John H. Lord.....	Reuben A. Johnson.
Sterling " 70	Charles Curtin.....	*Arnold W. Feistner	*Harry E. Ruetter...
Trowel " 71	.....	Eugene Wittrock...	.....
Hooper " 72	*Arthur F. Swartz...	.....	*Norris W. Lallman..
Friend " 73	Frank R. Stewart...	*George Kohout, Jr..	.....
Alexandria .. " 74	Paul O. Davidson...	.....	*John L. Pettit.....
Frank Welch.. " 75	Frank L. Balderson.	.....	*Frank L. Balderson.
Nelson " 77	Floyd Vires.....	*Harry E. Weekly...	*Frank R. Harris....
Albion " 78	.....	.....	.....
Geneva " 79	.....	.....	.....
Composite " 81	Wayne O. Ruth.....	F. Louis Wilch.....	*Oscar Schmid.....
Saint Paul ... " 82	Ainer H. Nielsen...	.....	John W. Rojewski..
Corinthian ... " 83	Maurice C. Rolston.	.....	.....
Fairfield " 84	Ray A. McReynolds.	*Howard L. Hansen.	Frank C. Fisher....
Doniphan " 86	Harold A. Johnson..	*Harlo M. Treat.....	.....
Ionic " 87	Tony C. Paesl.....	.....	.....
Star " 88	Richard B. Larson..	Clinton E. Blevins..	*Russell E. Claussen.
Cedar River .. " 89	Roy R. Russell.....	.....	.....
Oakland " 91	Carl L. Horton.....	Windsor H. Uehling.	.....
Beaver City .. " 93	Charles W. Harman.	.....	*Charles W. Harman.
Bennett " 94	*Henry A. Thaden...	*Henry A. Thaden...	*Henry A. Thaden...
Garfield " 95	Elwyn Robertson...	.....	.....
Utica " 96	Dale R. Jones.....	Millard L. Bjerrum.	.....
Euclid " 97	Byron A. Baker....	Eugene E. Domingo.	*Alvin C. Grosser...
Republican ... " 98	*Louis L. Kammerer.	.....	.....
Shelton " 99	Oliver Pierce.....	*F. M. Wiseman.....	.....
Creighton " 100	*Charles A. Kent....	*Charles A. Kent....	*Charles A. Kent....
Ponca " 101	Virgil Putman.....	.....	.....
Waterloo " 102	.....	Dean W. Sander....	.....
Ord " 103	*Leonard B. Woods..	.....	.....
Wymore " 104	Donald C. Cacek....	Myron E. Trout....
Stella " 105	Steve Fankhauser..	Joseph R. Edwards.	*James S. Kimsey...

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
PorterNo. 106
Table Rock .. " 108	*Fred J. Jelinek.....
Pomegranate .. " 110	Jesse D. Fidler.....	*Glen R. Buckmaster.	.....
De Witt " 111	H. F. Zwonechek...	C. Everett Wilkens.	.....
Springfield .. " 112	.....	*Walter Fred Lesan.	Leonard J. Vaughn.
Globe " 113	Donald L. Dover....	.....	.....
Wisner " 114	M. R. Humphrey...	J. Fred Mesmer, Jr..	.....
Harlan " 116	.....	.....	.....
Hardy " 117	Herbert O. Pedersen	.....	.....
North Bend .. " 119	Harold H. Ristau...	.....	.....
Wayne " 120	Norman L. Rockwell	*Norman L. Rockwell	*Norman L. Rockwell
Superior " 121	Floyd L. Bryan.....	.....	*Doane F. Kiechel...
Auburn " 124	Lester F. Russell...	Raymond Kiechel...	*Ed C. Yates.....
Mount Nebo .. " 125	V. R. Hagenbuck....	.....	.....
Stromsburg .. " 126	Ivan Hastings.....	Maurice Newcomer.	.....
Minden " 127	Marlin G. Beck.....	James S. McBride..	.....
Guide Rock .. " 128	Stanley M. Shuck...	*Fritz Ohmstede....	.....
Blue Hill " 129	.....	.....	*Harvey R. Jones....
Tuscan " 130	Loyd D. Smith.....	.....	*Harold M. Armagost
Scribner " 132	Ward W. Mayward.	Harold C. Mueksch.	Lowell M. Crow....
Elm Creek " 133	Curtis Lindstron...	.....	.....
Solar " 134	Jack Wilson.....	.....	Jay R. Burruss.....
McCook " 135	Gerald L. Moody...	Ernest A. Rutledge.	.....
Long Pine " 136	Charles M. Frederick	.....	.....
Upright " 137	*Joe M. Crosier.....	.....	*Clay E. Cox.....
Rawalt " 138	Dewaine Fisher.....	*Elmer A. Blincow...	.....
Clay Centre .. " 139	*Lester A. Aspegren.	.....	.....
Western " 140	Samuel D. Bell.....	Wm. J. Krajnik....	Joseph R. Krajnik..
Crescent " 143	*Waldron G. Heany..	Bruce McDuffee....	.....
Kenesaw " 144	*Edward E. Guilkey.	.....	.....
Bancroft " 145	Henry C. Brunton..	.....	Gerald J. Havekost.
Jachin " 146	*Wm. H. Greathouse.	Wm. H. Greathouse.	*Arthur Anderson...
Siloam " 147	*Ora R. Yarges.....	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford" 148	Criss B. Ash.....	.....	.....
Jewel " 149	*R. A. Willeford....	.....	.....
Cambridge ... " 150	Hugh W. Eisenhart.	*Hugh W. Eisenhart.	*Hugh W. Eisenhart.
Square " 151	.....	.....	.....
Evergreen " 153	*Homer F. Birch....	.....	.....
Lily " 154	Lyle E. Veal.....	*M. M. Jennings, Jr..	Valdean R. Mileger.
Hartington ... " 155	Wm. D. Chaloupka..
Pythagoras ... " 156	*Leland F. Knudsen.
Valley " 157	C. R. Anderson.....

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Samaritan ..No. 158	Gerald V. Inslee....	*Gerald V. Inslee....	*Gerald V. Inslee....
Ogalalla " 159	Lee Douglass.....	.....	.....
Zeredatha " 160	.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	Willis H. Wills.....	*H. G. Whitmore....	*Don Linton.....
Trestle Board. " 162	John G. Haberman..	Lawrence H. Rogge.	Robert C. Harkins..
Unity " 163	John Seefeld.....	Woodrow Fulmer...	.....
Atkinson " 164	L. J. Dobrovolny...	.....	.....
Barneston " 165	.....	.....	.....
Mystic Tie ... " 166	.....	.....	.....
Elwood " 167	.....	.....	.....
Curtis " 168	*George C. Wetzel...	.....	.....
Amity " 169	Richard L. McCall..	*Richard L. McCall..	*Richard L. McCall..
Mason City .. " 170	.....	.....	.....
Merna " 171	.....	.....	.....
Robert Burns . " 173	*Robert W. Nowling.	*Robert W. Nowling.	*Robert W. Nowling.
Culbertson ... " 174	Earl M. Buzzell....	*Wallace L. Trimpey	*Earl M. Buzzell....
Temple " 175	*Henry R. Miller....	.....	.....
Gladstone " 176	.....	.....	.....
Hay Springs .. " 177	Glen N. Belknap....	*Glen N. Belknap....	*Glen N. Belknap....
Prudence " 179	.....	.....	.....
Justice " 180	*Sam B. Jones.....	.....	.....
Faith " 181	Joseph H. McMeekin	.....	.....
Alliance " 183	Wendell A. Merritt.	*Lyle W. Zimmerman	Harry C. Knight....
Bee Hive " 184	Raymond E. Modlin.	.....	J. J. Aschenbrenner.
Boaz " 185	*Don C. Brown.....	*Don C. Brown.....	*Don C. Brown.....
Meridian " 188	*J. Harlen Peden....	.....	.....
Granite " 189	*William J. East....	.....	.....
Amethyst " 190	.....	Ivan Jones.....	.....
Crystal " 191	.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa . " 192	.....	.....	.....
Signet " 193	*Merlin C. Phillips..	.....	.....
Highland " 194	Carl P. Bonebright..	Erie R. Miller.....	.....
Arcana " 195	Leslie A. Evert....	Edward L. Prentice.	*E. Herschel Hanks..
Morning Star. " 197	*Earl K. Husbands..	.....	.....
Purity " 198	*Fay Smith.....	.....	.....
Gavel " 199	.....	Milford K. Brinegar	.....
Blazing Star.. " 200	William R. Beat....	B. W. Wagner, Jr...	*Floyd C. Anderson..
Scotts Bluff.. " 201	*J. LeRoy Corr.....	J. LeRoy Corr.....	Dale E. Justice....
Golden Sheaf. " 202
Roman Eagle.. " 203	Stan Diehl.....
Plainview " 204

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Golden Fleece No. 205	W. R. Stageman, Jr.		
Napthali " 206	Harold Grabouski..	*Arthur C. Vieths...	*John D. Steiner.....
Parian " 207	.....	.....	.....
Gauge " 208	.....	Wm. A. Haywood...	.....
Canopy " 209	E. H. Oehlerking...	Valjean Stall.....	.....
East Lincoln.. " 210	W. Ross Nalls.....	Francis O. Pike.....	N. W. Rittenburg..
Cement " 211	*Thomas E. J. Paulk.	.....	.....
Compass and Square " 212	.....	.....	.....
Plumbline ... " 214	G. Alwyn Young...	.....	.....
Occidental ... " 215	Marvin Gocken.....	R. Vernon Janovec..	*James R. Fleming..
Palisade " 216	.....	.....	.....
Wauneta " 217	Nelson C. Burham..	*Nelson C. Burham..	*Nelson C. Burham..
Bloomfield ... " 218	*John R. Clements...	.....	.....
Relief " 219	Earl Preston.....	.....	.....
Magnolia " 220	.....	*Paul G. Fuchser...	.....
Wood Lake ... " 221	Richard Hanna.....	Robert B. Ormsher.	.....
Landmark " 222	William R. Hart....	*Wayne W. Loftis...	.....
Eminence " 223	Wm. J. Robertshaw.	Donald E. Humphrey	.....
Silver Cord .. " 224	*Will Prentice.....	.....	.....
Cable " 225	.....	.....	.....
Grace " 226	.....	.....	.....
North Star ... " 227	Wm. H. Thompson..	*Roy W. Deal.....	S. R. Brown, Jr....
Bartley " 228	*Wayne D. Kerst....	*Wayne D. Kerst....	*Wayne D. Kerst....
Comet " 229	Clayton V. Johnson.	.....	Lorain W. Hunzeker
Delta " 230	*Roy L. Smith.....	*Roy L. Smith.....	*Roy L. Smith.....
Mount Herman " 231	*Warren O. Brown..	.....	.....
John S. Bowen " 232	Kenneth E. Hunter.	Enno Mueller.....	Robert F. Wilkins..
Gilead " 233	C. John Tienken...	.....	.....
Zion " 234	.....	.....	.....
Fraternity ... " 235	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rule... " 236	Howard J. Wharton.	Robert H. McCord..	.....
Cubit " 237	*Samuel H. Brownlee	Donald O. Brownlee.	.....
Friendship ... " 239	Fred J. Speed, Jr...	.....	Ernest O. Husman..
Pilot " 240	Lloyd V. Francis...	Garland O. Ramsey.	.....
George Arm- strong " 241	Lyle D. Curley.....	H. Phillip Eriksen..	Theodore D. Eriksen
Tyrian " 243	.....	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	*William D. Gordon..	.....	.....
Nehawka " 246	*Charles E. Morris..	*Loy J. Clarence.....	Oliver O. Attebery..
Corner-stone .. " 247	Charles O. Smith...
Laurel " 248	H. Everard Burns...

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gothenburg No. 249	George W. Bush....	Engaard E. Lynn...
George Wash- ington " 250	.....	.....	.....
Wausa " 251	*Melvin Rosen.....	*Melvin Rosen.....	*Melvin Rosen.....
Beemer " 253	Gerald H. Ehler....	.....	Melvin Long.....
Bassett " 254	Thomas J. Galleher..	*Edmund D. Shaw...	.....
Hickman " 256	Victor L. Schmutte..	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	John H. Simons....	*J. C. Kellenbarger..	.....
Ornan " 261	.....	.....	.....
Endeavor " 262	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell " 263	Everett Anderson...	.....	.....
Franklin " 264	.....	.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas " 265	William A. Bottom..	Reuben Coppom....	.....
Silver " 266	Gerald D. Bryan....	.....	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	*Russell M. Warren..	.....	.....
George W. Lin- inger " 268	H. David Neely....	Donovan D. Ketzler..	T. W. Thompson....
Oasis " 271	*Arthur W. Kaman..	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	Donald Haupt.....	.....	Leonard O. Ganzel..
Crofton " 273	*A. P. Buschelman..	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	.....	.....	.....
Ramah " 275	*Robert L. Davis....	*Robert L. Davis....	*Robert L. Davis....
Antelope " 276	Roscoe Kasselder..	.....	.....
Sioux " 277	.....	.....	.....
Litchfield ... " 278	Albert E. Barnett..	.....	.....
Wallace " 279	Dwight C. Jameson..	.....	.....
Swastika " 280	William W. Steen..	.....	*P. L. Christiansen..
Florence " 281	James E. Leach....	Winfield C. Oviatt..	David O. Kipling...
Mullen " 282	.....	.....	.....
Seneca " 284	*James R. Pound....	*W. Paul Pound.....	*James R. Pound....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	Carl H. Blome.....	.....	.....
Oshkosh " 286	.....	.....	.....
Union " 287	*Arthur J. Lamborn..	*Robert R. Miller...	*Arthur J. Lamborn..
Omaha " 288	Thomas H. Loveless..	George W. Douglas..	Edmund L. Petterson
Lotus " 289	*Robert R. Svanda..	.....	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	Daniel W. McBride..	Edward L. Straka..	Donald E. Peterson..
Diamond " 291	Gordon R. Johnson..	Duard O. Dempster..	H. Holbrook, Jr....
Wolbach " 292	.....	Fred W. Frost.....	.....
Monument ... " 293	.....	.....	.....

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Kimball ....No. 294	Teddy W. Mundell..	Donald D. Maxted..	.....
Minatare " 295	Perley Wyatt.....	*Perley Wyatt.....	*Perley Wyatt.....
Cotner " 297	Elmer T. Hobbs....	.....	Roy O. Wilson.....
Chester " 298	*Donald G. Hurst....	*Donald G. Hurst....	Donald G. Hurst....
Sutherland ... " 299	Morris E. Beel....	.....	Walter J. Coker....
Liberty " 300	Ray E. Christiansen.	*Donald A. Keys....	*Otto Nelsen.....
Bayard " 301	*Charles H. Ninegar.	*Frank H. Smith....	.....
Mizpah " 302	Morris I. Loder....	Edwin G. Mortensen	*John W. Bower....
Right Angle .. " 303	Howard L. Patterson	Byron F. Bergman..	*Wendell W. George.
Ruskin " 304	*Marvin L. Thayer..	.....	.....
Newman Grove " 305	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rod .. " 306	*Ralph R. Carleton..	Russell M. Lindley..	*Donald G. Hafer....
William E. Hill " 307	*Carl D. Halvarsen..	.....	.....
Perkins " 308	Wayne L. Aten....	.....	.....
Winnebago ... " 309	.....	.....	.....
Victory " 310	.....	.....	.....
Polk " 311	.....	.....	.....
Oak Leaf " 312	*Wallace E. Moffett.	*Donald D. Johnson..	*Harry D. Moffett..
Potter " 313	Leon V. Larson....	*Leon V. Larson....	*Leon V. Larson....
Craftsmen ... " 314	Louis W. Epperson.	Roy J. Martin.....	Robert R. Johnson..
Alpha " 316	.....	.....	*Wilbur E. Allen....
Mid-West ... " 317	Milton F. Nelson...	Carl M. Eggerss....	Arthur S. Dye.....
Grand Island.. " 318	Ronald E. Purdy...	Steadman D. Cox...	Augustus W. Clark.
Bladen " 319	Orville L. Nissen...*	Henry Erickson....	.....
College View.. " 320	Forest B. Brown....	William C. Baker...	Oliver E. Heater....
Harmony " 321	Jack W. McVicker..	.....	.....
Pioneer " 322	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon " 323	Wayne W. Foster...	Wilbur L. Johnson..	*Robert E. Lund....
Cairo " 324	Raymond E. Johnson	Harold J. Southard.	Rollin S. Rolofson..
Bellevue " 325	R. M. McLaughlin..	Byron C. Jenkins...	Lee A. Bellair.....
Centennial ... " 326	*Harvey A. Smith...	.....	.....

*Proxy.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC - EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W. Archie W. Campbell, 281, President, presented the report of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted.

It is a pleasure for me as President of the Board of Trustees to make this official report of the operation of our Home at Fremont. The Board of Trustees consists of 14 members with 5 committees. It is through the excellent work of these Committees with the cooperation of the Superintendent of the Home and all of its staff members that the Home can operate for the best interest of all of the children who reside there. The members of the Board are loyal and dedicated people genuinely interested in the Home and the children.

The major improvements the past year include, 1. A new heating plant installed in the Senior Boys' Home, the last one to be replaced. All buildings are now heated with gas. 2. Combination storm windows and screens were installed in the Junior Girls' and part of the Senior Girls' Homes. We hope to finish this work on the other homes as the budget will allow. We want to remember that the buildings are from 35 to 50 years old and many repairs are needed to meet the requirements of the State Fire Marshal. 3. An alarm system connecting the Home with the Fremont Fire Department was established in order to supply adequate fire protection, 4. The ground work is being laid for the drainage and paving of the access road to the Home and the Circle Drive. This is to be done with the legacy money bequeathed for Home improvements. We are very happy about this since the graveled street has been deteriorating rapidly. 5. At present there is no housing for the equipment and machinery. We hope to build this storage building this summer. There is a continuing program of upkeep such as painting etc.

All of these improvements make the work of the staff easier and is reflected in the lives of the 42 children who live in the Home. There are 22 boys and 20 girls — ages 5 to 18 years. They receive love and excellent care from the Superintendent, his assistant and the 4 House Mothers. We appreciate greatly their services. The Employees Committee works closely with the Superintendent in keeping a qualified and properly-trained balance of staff members. The children have had a fine year health-wise with no major problem having befallen any one of them. Their activities are as many and as varied as you find in any average home today. They participate in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownie Scouts, Girl Scouts, Band, Football, Basket Ball, Wrestling, Ballet, DeMolay, Track, 4-H Club, Y-Teens, Job's Daughters, Hi-Y, Choir, Glee Clubs, Youth Fellowships, and Youth Canteen — besides public school and church activities. It sounds like a full program for them and the staff, doesn't it?

We are noting, especially in the older residents, a better pattern of conduct in school and the grades seem to improve accordingly. We have 15 children taking part in the 4-H projects under supervision of Earl Lipp, the Assistant to the Superintendent. He is the 4-H leader. They had 11 lambs and 11 calves given to them this year to raise, and had phenomenal success with the project, having a champion breeding ewe in Dodge County Fair, 4th purple in the fat lamb division of the Fremont Fair, and top blue lamb in the Ak-sar-ben Fat Lamb Show. We have made arrangements to purchase six new lambs this spring. The boys and girls are very grateful as they receive the value of their calves at sale time minus only the protein and veterinary fees. There will be a 4-H Achievement Day in August at the Home and all persons who have contributed to this project will be invited. The older boys are now operating all of our equipment and do a major part of the farm and grounds work.

We now have house-parents for the children in both the Junior Boys' and Girls' Homes. There are 12 little boys and 8 little girls in these two homes. Five boys are in the DeMolay Order with Pat Sutton holding the office of Chaplain for his chapter. Janet Nutzman, our graduating senior, was nominated as a candidate for DeMolay Sweetheart and "F" Club Queen this year. She was not chosen, but was a fine candidate.

All of the children attend their Church Camp or a week at the "Y" Camp, if their church did not provide such activity. The parents of two of our children have re-married and we are most happy over the possible return of these children to their mother and father.

Great appreciation is due the Publicity Committee of the Board for the letters sent to all members of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Bodies telling the story of the Home and its needs. There has been a good response to these letters and we want to thank the Masons over the state for the support given the Home. We are very grateful for your interest.

I want to express my sincere thanks to all members of the Board of Trustees for their fine cooperation and loyalty in attending Board meetings at Fremont. To our M. W. Grand Master, I wish to say thanks for your support, your keen interest and your understanding of our problems. Also, I wish to express my appreciation of our Grand Secretary for his assistance and fine cooperation in getting out letters to all Masons and members of the Eastern Star.

In closing this report, we wish to extend a hearty and persistent invitation to all of you to visit The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at any time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. John F. Futcher, 302, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

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

Referring to the Grand Master's Address:

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 Decision No. 1 be approved, the Grand Master having changed the last sentence thereof to read: "This opinion is based on the fact that the corporation is not a licensee of liquors, but is solely in the capacity of a lessor to such business." (Adopted)

4. We recommend that decision No. 2 be approved. (Adopted)

5. We recommend that Recommendation No. 1 be approved, and that the last sentence of Section 1-401 (a) of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"It is the intent of this section that all funds, accounts, securities, mortgages, real estate and other property of The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be delivered to the Board of Grand Trustees for the purpose of management and investment."

and that Section 1-401 (h) of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"All Funds, securities, real estate and other property held by this Grand Lodge for the benefit of The Nebraska Masonic Home shall be carried in the name of The Nebraska Masonic Home and all other funds, securities, real estate and other property of this Grand Lodge shall be carried in the name of Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. All deeds conveying real estate and all mortgages mortgaging real estate or personal property and releases or assignments thereof, or assignments or transfers of stock certificates or other securities or such other legal documents having to do with the sale, transfer, investment, reinvestment or management of said funds, securities or property, shall be executed by the Grand Master or the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Secretary upon authorizations of the Board of Grand Trustees." (Adopted)

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

7. We recommend that Recommendation No. 3 be disapproved.

(A substitute motion by M. W. Joseph C. Tye was presented as follows:)

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, Past Grand Master:

I wish to offer a substitute motion. I move to adopt the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 3 to amend Section 2-609 of our By-laws. Following discussion on the substitute motion, M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Grand Master, requested the Deputy Grand Master to preside that he might speak to the motion.

R. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Deputy Grand Master:

The chair believes that we have had ample discussion and I believe that we should proceed and vote on the substitute motion. You have all heard the motion and if this substitute motion is adopted, it will sustain the Grand Masters' recommendation. (The Deputy Grand Master declared the substitute motion carried.)

M. W. John F. Futeher, 302, moved that Section 2-609 be amended as follows and requested unanimous consent to act at this Communication. Unanimous consent was granted, the motion was seconded and carried by a two-thirds vote.

"Sec. 2-609 — No Diversion — Lodge funds cannot be used for any other than strictly Masonic purposes, provided however, that funds may be used for the support of Order of De Molay, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters. Neither the Board of Trustees nor a Committee of the lodge can expend lodge funds or incur indebtedness on behalf of the lodge, except for the payment of fixed obligations, and for relief when previously provided for and authorized by by-laws or resolution of the lodge."

At 12:10 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, Grand Junior Deacon:

M. W. Grand Master and brethren I have the pleasure of introducing to you Candy Parks, Senior Princess of the Grand Bethel, and Judy Trumble, Senior Princess, and Judy Christiansen of Bethel No. 53, International Order of Job's Daughters, Papillion, and Bonnie Childress, who would like to make a presentation.

Candy Parks, Senior Princess:

On behalf of Mrs. Alice Meister, Grand Bethel Guardian, and the Job's Daughters, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to you this check in the amount of \$42.50 for the Plattsmouth Home for their Hobby Shop and also a check in the amount of \$350.00 for The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children for the purchase of bathing suits. This contribution comes from the members of the seventy-one active Bethels of the state of Nebraska. We Job's Daughters are proud of our affiliation with this great Order and hope that we may continue to work together for future success.

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

Thank you, Candy, and we are just as proud of you as you are proud of us.

M. . W. . Merle M. Hale, Past Grand Master :

M. . W. . Grand Master and brethren, I take great pleasure in presenting Joyce Ronin, Grand Worthy Advisor to the Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

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

Brethren, this is a proud father speaking. It is a real personal delight for me to be privileged to introduce to you the Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow for Girls of the state of Nebraska, Miss Joyce Ronin from Lincoln who has just recently been appointed Supreme Chaplain of the International Order of Rainbow Girls, with 350,000 members.

Joyce Ronin, Grand Worthy Advisor :

M. . W. . Grand Master, it is my great pleasure to present to you this check for \$166.60 on behalf of the Order of Rainbow for Girls and because I am your daughter. This money has been obtained from the special project of twenty-six Rainbow assemblies in conjunction with our theme for the year, "Loving service to others". Loving service is a very special kind of service. It is a natural outgrowth of unselfish love with no hope of gain. It is service rendered from a happy and over-flowing heart. We appreciate the backing of the Masons in our Order. I hope your Session, Daddy, is going just fine, and I am very proud of you, and I would also like to invite all the Master Masons of the state to attend our Grand Assembly session which will be held in Lincoln on June 15 through 17.

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

Joyce, on behalf of our Grand Lodge I do accept this very generous check and it will be put to good use and would you please convey to the Grand Assembly our grateful appreciation for this contribution which you have given here today.

At this time I would like to introduce Mrs. Rose Gamerl, Chairman of the State Assembly of the Rainbow for Girls of Nebraska, and my lovely wife Ione who is here today.

W. . Robert E. Lund, 323, Executive Officer of De Molay in Nebraska :

M. . W. . Grand Master, brethren, I am very much pleased at this time to present Gary Stumbo, State Master Councilor and Rod Walker, Master Councilor of Lincoln Chapter and State Scribe, Order of De Molay of Nebraska.

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

Brethren, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Gary Stumbo, State Master Councilor, and Rod Walker, Master Councilor of Lincoln Chapter and State Scribe of the State Chapter, Order of De Molay, of

the State of Nebraska. Brethren, will you join with me in giving these high officers in our State De Molay a most hearty welcome.

Gary Stumbo, State Master Councilor:

M. W. Grand Master Ronin, it is my pleasure to present to you on behalf of the Nebraska State Chapter of De Molay, this check in the amount of \$100.00.

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

Gary, I do accept this on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and this is a generous gift from you young men and we do wish to express our appreciation.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

(Continued)

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

At this time I will recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence to resume his report.

M. W. John F. Futcher, Chairman:

8. We recommend that Recommendation No. 4 be approved as to the preparation of a manuscript. We will not at this time approve the publication of such a manuscript.

(At this time the Grand Master relinquished the Chair to the Deputy Grand Master and offered a substitute motion that the manuscript be prepared and published in similar manner as the History of our Grand Lodge. Substitute motion was seconded and carried.)

At the 1961 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge the proposed amendment to the By-laws proposing a Retirement Plan of the Grand Lodge, as shown on pages 175 and 176 of the 1961 proceedings, was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. This Committee appointed a sub-committee to make study of the subject and to report. This sub-committee made report in which they have recommended a new draft of the proposed amendment to the By-laws which was submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee and approved by it and recommended its adoption by the Grand Lodge. The recommended by-law is attached hereto, marked Exhibit A, and is hereby made a part of this report.

Now I have been informed that it is necessary because this involves a by-law that this entire plan must be read to the Grand Lodge, and so we have had these plans distributed to you and I am going to ask M. W. Elmer E. Magee to read this proposed by-law.

RETIREMENT PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES
of the GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M. of NEBRASKA

The Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska does here-by create and adopt the Retirement Pension Plan for Grand Lodge Employees (referred to herein as "Pension Plan") that is hereinafter set forth:

Section I

Definitions: Wherever used herein, unless the context shall indicate a different meaning, the following terms shall mean:

Personal pronouns: The Masculine pronoun, when referring to an employee or employees shall be construed to mean persons of either sex.

Employee: A person who is regularly and continuously employed by the Grand Lodge at full time employment and is paid a regular fixed salary by the Grand Lodge for his services from its funds as a part of its operating costs is an employee.

Regular, continuous and full time employment shall mean employment without interruption for the number of hours per day and the number of days per week required generally of employees in similar positions in business and industry, unless the Grand Lodge prescribes other hours per day and days per week. Time taken off for earned vacations, sick leave, attendance at funerals and such time taken off for service on juries, attendance in court as a witness, service on election boards and the performance of such other civic duties as shall be required of the employee shall not be considered an interruption of the employees full and continuous employment.

Full Pension: The maximum pension that will be paid an employee upon his retirement is referred to herein as "Full Pension".

Reduced Pension: The pension that an employee will be entitled to receive after retirement who has met the minimum requirements for a pension but has not met the requirements for a Full Pension is referred to herein as "Reduced Pension".

Life Expectancy: An employee's Life Expectancy, used in making estimates and computations required herein shall be the expectancy shown in the "Life Expectancy 1941 Commissioners' Table", published on page 681, 1956 Reissue of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska for 1943, or such other expectancy table as the Grand Lodge may hereafter designate.

Section II

Retirement Pension Fund Committee: The Board of Grand Trustees shall act as the Retirement Pension Fund Committee (referred to herein as "Pension Committee"). This Committee shall have general supervision of the administration of the Pension Plan including the investment of all money in the Pension Fund as hereinafter defined. The Grand Secretary shall act as the Secretary of this Committee. The Pension Committee shall keep a record of its meetings and other activities and shall make a report to the Grand Lodge at each regular annual communication. In

this report it shall make such recommendations for amendments to the Pension Plan, as, in its opinion, will improve the Plans operation.

Section III

Financing Payment of Pensions: In order that funds be available at the time pension payments are due there is hereby created the "Grand Lodge Employee's Retirement Pension Fund" (referred to herein as "Pension Fund"), to which transfers from any other Grand Lodge Fund in which there is money available for the purpose may be made as provided in this Section III.

Commencing on the first day of the calendar month succeeding the fortieth anniversary of an employee's birth or the date of his employment whichever is the later there shall be transferred to the Pension Fund an amount equivalent to a percent of the employee's salary for the preceeding month which transfers, if continued each month for a period of twenty-five years thereafter, together with the earnings thereon, and credited to the employee will provide a total credit in his behalf sufficient to pay the employee a Full Pension for a period equivalent to the Life Expectancy of an employee at age 65 without any further transfers from Grand Lodge Funds.

In arriving at the per cent of the employee's salary to be used to determine the amount of the monthly transfers to be made to the Pension Fund in an employees behalf, until such time as the Grand Lodge, upon recommendation of Pension Committee shall determine otherwise, it is assumed that Life Expectancy at age 65 is 11.55 years (1941 Commissioners Table) and it is also assumed that the money in the Pension Fund will be invested so as to bring a return of 3½% compounded. Under these assumptions, until the Grand Lodge decides otherwise, the per cent of employees salary to be used will be 11.6%. No transfers of Grand Lodge Funds to the Pension Fund to the credit of an employee shall be made if, in the opinion of the Pension Committee, the money credited to him with earnings on the same thereafter shall be adequate to make the pension payments he will be entitled to if he meets the requirements for a Full Pension. The money in the Pension Fund shall belong to and be considered as a part of, Grand Lodge Funds and shall be subject to disposal by it except that after an employee retires money credited to him in the Pension Fund shall be used for no other purpose than the payment of his pension during his life-time. On his death, any money credited to him that is left in the Pension Fund shall be available for such other use as the Grand Lodge may determine.

In event the money credited to an employee shall be inadequate to pay his pension during his life time, the Grand Lodge shall make all pension payments coming due after the employee's credit in the Pension Fund is exhausted, from such other funds as it has available. This provision shall apply to the pensions due for past services of present employees for which no credits have been accumulated in the Pension Fund.

The Pension Committee shall advise the Grand Trustees of the amount of payments that it anticipates will become due during the succeeding year and the Grand Trustees shall, in making investments, provide for a sufficient amount of liquid funds to meet such payments.

Section IV

Amount of Pension-How Determined when Payable: An employee who has been fully and continuously employed by the Grand Lodge for a term of twenty-five years subsequent to the fortieth anniversary of his birth, upon retirement will be paid a Full Pension each month during the remainder of his life, the amount of which shall be equal to either (1) one-half of the average monthly salary he has received during such term or (2) the sum of two hundred (\$200.00) per month, which ever sum is the lesser. The first of such pension payments will be due and payable on the first day of the calendar month subsequent to the date of his retirement and on the first day of each calendar month thereafter during his life-time. An employee who has attained the fifty-fifth anniversary of his birth and who has been fully and continuously employed for ten years or more prior thereto may retire at any time thereafter and shall be paid a Reduced Pension in the amount and at the times hereinafter provided.

If the employee is not totally and permanently disabled at the time of his retirement the amount of his monthly Reduced Pension shall be determined as follows:

- (a) The Pension Committee shall determine the amount of monthly pension that would be paid the employee had he continued his employment until he was entitled to a Full Pension. In making this determination, the Pension Committee shall assume that the employee would continue to be paid the same monthly salary that he was receiving immediately prior to his actual retirement.
- (b) The Pension Committee shall then determine the amount of credit in the Pension Fund the employee would accumulate if he should continue his employment until he was entitled to a Full Pension as set forth in (a) above.
- (c) The Pension Committee shall then determine the amount that the employee's actual credit in the Pension Fund of the date he will be entitled to his first Reduced Pension Payment as hereinafter set forth.
- (d) The Pension Committee shall then multiply the amount of the Full Pension as determined in (a) above by a fraction the denominator of which is the amount of credit that would accumulate as determined in (b) above and the numerator of which is the actual credit determined as in (c) above. The product of this multiplication will be the amount of the Employees Reduced Pension. The first payment of a Reduced Pension shall be due on the sixty-fifth anniversary of his birth or the date of his actual retirement which ever is the later.

If an employee who is less than sixty-five years old and is entitled to a Reduced Pension, is totally and permanently disabled retires he may elect to receive his Reduced Pension payments as set forth above or he may elect to have such payments start immediately after his retirement. If he elects to have his payments start immediately, the amount of such monthly payments will be determined by determining the amount the employee would receive had he elected to have payments start after the sixty-fifth anniversary of his birth. This amount will then be multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is 11.55 (Life Expectancy at age 65) and the denominator of which will be the employee's actual Life Expectancy at the date of his retirement.

The present employees of the Grand Lodge shall receive the same amount of pension that they would have received if the Pension Plan had been in effect during their entire term of employment and deposits in the Pension Fund credited to them in accordance herewith. Nothing in this Pension Plan shall be construed as requiring an employee's services to be terminated at any particular age, nor shall it be construed as giving the employer a right to continue his employment for any definite length of time or preventing his discharge for any reason.

Brethren, I failed to mention that M.'W.'Brother Magee was the Chairman of the Committee which prepared this plan. M.'W.'Ralph O. Canaday who did yeoman service was on the Committee. I was on the Committee in name. Before I would move that this recommendation be adopted, I have been presented with a minority report which I would like to read at this time after which I will move that the Jurisprudence Committee's recommendation be adopted. This is the minority report on this subject on this recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

MINORITY REPORT

On the question of the adoption of a retirement plan for office employees which the majority of the Jurisprudence Committee has recommended, the minority feel that they should report their views to this Grand Lodge. Until the last increase in per capita dues a year ago, the Grand Lodge was operating at a loss. We are sure that another raise in per capita dues will not be approved by the representatives of the subordinate lodges. We are now operating with a declining membership which means less income on which to operate. We have a costly Home which we must maintain. It will be a greater financial burden as years go by. We submit that this is no time to increase our fixed obligations, obligations which we can not escape, if present conditions accelerate as it now appears they will do. We are of the firm opinion that it would be extremely poor judgment to assume the added obligation until our finances straighten out and our future becomes more stabilized.

This minority report is signed by M.'W.'Brothers William B. Wanner; Edward F. Carter; Fay Smith; Edward Huwaldt; George A. Kurk; and Edward M. Knight.

M. W. Grand Master, I move the adoption of the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee together with the adoption of this plan as a by-law to Grand Lodge law.

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

Brethren, the motion has been seconded and now open for discussion.

(Following discussion M. W. Edward F. Carter made a substitute motion concerning retirement for Grand Lodge employes be indefinitely postponed. Motion seconded and carried.)

M. W. John F. Fatcher, Chairman, Committee on Jurisprudence:

M. W. Grand Master, I move the adoption of the report of the Jurisprudence Committee as a whole, as amended by the action of this Grand Lodge. (Motion seconded and carried.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

W. John A. Bottorf, 49, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Finance submits the following report of Grand Lodge funds, receipts and expenditures:

GRAND LODGE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:	General	Supply	Relief
Per Capita dues	\$ 82,920.60	\$	\$9,213.40
Investment Income*	25,410.69	59.40	270.30
Fees and Insurance	17,332.36		
Supplies and bonds		4,243.28	
Other Income and Refunds	1,823.29		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$127,486.84	\$ 4,302.68	\$9,483.70

DISBURSEMENTS:

General	73,997.31		
Masonic-Eastern Star Home	26,500.00		
Supplies, fees & Insurance		4,733.86	
Relief			5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$100,497.31	\$ 4,733.86	\$5,000.00
Excess or (Deficit)	26,989.53	(431.18)	4,483.70
Overall Excess	31,042.05		

UNEXPENDED FUNDS AND REFUNDS:

General Fund	3,960.50
Orphans Educational and Endowment fund	111,065.96

Committee on Relief Refund	496.00
Committee on Masonic-Eastern	
Star Student Fund, Refund ...	169.40
Grand Custodian Travel Refund ..	11.06
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Sub Total	\$115,702.92

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Per Capita Dues	82,000.00
Initiations & Fees	12,000.00
Investment Income *	22,000.00
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TOTAL AVAILABLE

FOR BUDGET	\$231,702.92
TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTED ..	\$110,255.29

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

RECEIPTS:	General	Seals	Endowment	Bldg. Fund
Per Capita Dues	\$ 92,134.00			
Cash from Resident ...	71,189.55			
Investment Income* ..	11,111.49	145.58	\$55,622.04	\$9,422.07
Other Sundry Receipts .	5,184.10	37,217.20		10.00
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Total Receipts	\$179,619.14	\$37,362.78	\$55,622.04	\$9,432.07

DISBURSEMENTS:

General operation	\$187,44.97			
Bldg. Program	6,636.20			
Seal Program		\$21,966.29		
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Total Expense	\$194,081.17	\$21,966.29	—0—	—0—
Excess or (Deficit) ...	(\$ 14,462.03)	\$15,396.49	\$55,622.04	\$9,432.07
Overall Excess	\$ 65,988.57			

UNEXPENDED FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR BUDGET:

General Fund	\$ 10,989.82
General Investment	95,857.45
Supt. Account	13,311.92
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Sub-Total	\$120,159.19

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Per Capita Dues	92,000.00
Investment Income	70,000.00
Cash from Residents	
and donations	70,000.00
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TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR

BUDGET	\$352,159.19
BUDGET REQUESTED ..	\$272,941.70

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Following Grand Lodge Communications last year, there have been approved the following special appropriations:

Increase of insurance premiums	\$ 30.70
Western Star Lodge No. 2 — Architect fee	650.00
Home Seal Program	4,925.00

Total Special Appropriations	\$5,605.70
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UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES

The Nebraska Masonic Home Board exceeded appropriated funds in the purchase of equipment and operating expenses of the Holiday Seal Program. The excess was the sum of \$14,710.70, which, by your action of yesterday was ratified and the excess ordered paid from the proceeds of the seal program.

VOUCHERED FUNDS

We examined all vouchers and committee expenditures and found such accounts correct and the unexpended balances fully accounted for. We called the attention of the Home Board to the fact that there were transfers from the Entertainment Fund and the Home News Fund into the Seal Program Fund, without corresponding authority being shown on the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

SUMMARY

The total income for the year exceeded expenditures for all Grand Lodge Responsibilities, including The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home, by \$82,319.92. This includes the receipts from the Seal Program, less the additional expenditure which you approved yesterday. In addition to this amount we realized a profit on sales of investments in the amount of \$18,311.29 for a total increase to investment funds of \$100,631.21.

Your Finance Committee recognizes that this gain is the result of continued excellent guidance in investments by the Grand Trustees, plus the increased per capita dues and benevolence through the Seal program. The gain this year should be viewed as a turning point to commence replacement of past deficits and a start toward full endowment for our many obligations.

We therefore feel that such balances should be an addition to investment accounts, rather than a surplus sugar bowl from which to draw for additional requests.

The Building Program for the Home anticipates an additional expenditure of slightly more than one-half million dollars which will be reflected in an annual reduction of income of some \$22,000.00.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances which was adopted.

Your Committee on Grievances reports that an investigation was made into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Thistle No. 61 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 August 7, 1958; that he petitioned for restoration in Thistle No. 61; that the investigation committee reported favorably for restoration and that on February 13, 1962, his 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 Thistle No. 61 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason".

Your Committee reports that an investigation into the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Bee Hive No. 184 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 March 18, 1947; that he petitioned for restoration in Bee Hive Lodge No. 184; that the investigating Committee reported favorably for restoration and that on April 5, 1962, his 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 Bee Hive No. 184 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason".

Your Committee reports that a member of John J. Mercer No. 290 was suspended from membership on August 5, 1961 for a period of six months after a trial held on said date on a complaint of un-Masonic conduct; that an appeal was taken from the decision of the Trial Commission by John J. Mercer No. 290; that on the date of the complaint, to-wit, on April 22, 1960, said member had violated Section 3-102, sub-Paragraph A having been found guilty by the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska on a charge of fraud and was sentenced to imprisonment for a term of fourteen months; that the findings of the Trial Commission of suspension for six months is not commensurate with the severity of the crime committed and should be modified and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the findings of the Trial Commission be modified and that the former member of John J. Mercer No. 290 be expelled".

Your Committee reports that a member of John J. Mercer No. 290 was suspended for a period of six months on August 5, 1961, after a trial held on said date on a complaint of un-Masonic conduct brought by John J. Mercer No. 290; that an appeal was taken from the decision of the Trial Commission by John J. Mercer No. 290; that on the date of the complaint, to-wit, on June 10, 1960, said former member was sentenced to the Nebraska State Reformatory for an indeterminate period of not less than one year nor more than three years on a plea of guilty to a charge of embezzlement in the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska; that the findings of the Trial Commission fixing the penalty of suspension for a period of six months is not commensurate with the severity of the crime committed and should be modified and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the findings of the Trial Commission fixing a penalty of suspension for a period of six months be modified and that said former member be expelled".

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 submit the following report:

This year your Committee had but one young person under our care; a young man who was attending Wayne State Teachers College but he was unable to complete his year. As a result, our Committee returned most of our appropriation to the Grand Lodge.

This coming school year we will have three young people under our supervision. One young lady will attend Midland College. Another will take a course in a beauty college as part of her distributive education course in her senior year in high school. A young man will take a course in auto mechanics at the Nebraska Vocational Technical School at Milford.

We are requesting an appropriation of \$1,100 from the Grand Lodge, matching a similar amount already appropriated by the Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

The Committee wishes to thank R. W. Ralph M. Carhart for serving as the sponsor of our young man at Wayne College.

Our thanks go to the Grand Lodge for the privilege of working with our young people through this Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

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

These annual meetings of the Memorial Association bring to mind the consecrated effort and Masonic devotion of the Officers and Directors who are charged with its operation, its continuance and the influence the Temple shall have upon the people of all nations.

Did you know that there have been 52 annual meetings, that the corner-stone was laid in 1923, that its structure is of solid granite, that it is 333 feet tall, that no indebtedness has ever been placed upon it, that every cent paid toward the Memorial goes into it? The Free Will of Masons have erected it.

The 12 Dioramas have been placed in the Assembly Room. Their purpose is to tell the story of George Washington to the youth. We much want them to know about his greatness and that it was he who gave us much of the America we know today. It has been said that "Greatness was in him and he dedicated it to his Country's Cause".

The Library is now complete in all respects. No detail has been omitted. Our good brother and author, Harry R. Follmer, has placed in it a set of books on the life of General John J. Pershing. The best of books are found in it.

The Endowment Fund is well on its way and there is now in that fund \$409,599.47. This amount came from many Grand Lodges and individuals and the amounts given begin at \$1.00. A gift from any Nebraska lodge or any individual will be received with gratitude. If any are desirous to give — see any member of this Committee or send it to the Grand Secretary's office.

The colored slides have been used but very little this year. They are beautiful and will fascinate any who will use them. This Committee has a set and will be glad to send them to you. We believe that we are soon to receive the necessary tools with which to promote more interest and to keep fresh in your minds the Masonic principles for which it stands and why it must be promoted and kept alive in the hearts and minds of all Americans.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

W. Robert L. McDermott, 281, presented the report of the Committee on Applications for Reinstatements which was adopted.

Fifty-two petitions were submitted to the committee with one demit issued more than three years before being submitted to a Lodge. The actions of the Committee are summarized and analyzed for your information.

Number of Petitions and Demits

Age Group	Received	Recommended	Rejected	Returned	1961	1962
50 Years or Less	4	4			17%	7%
51-60 Years	9	8		1	27	17
61-70 Years	23	17	3	3	38	44
71-80 Years	15	13	1	1	18	28
81 and Over	2	1	1		-0-	4
Totals	53	43	5	5	100%	100%

Twenty-six petitioners lived in other states and twenty-seven were residents of Nebraska. A Lodge has an investigation problem where the applicant has not resided near it in recent times. However, nearby Lodges and the Masonic Relief Association are generally very helpful.

Petitioners not recommended showed an average of ten years in membership and twenty-eight years out of membership.

Some excellent investigation reports were received. Full and complete information enables the Committee to make the best decision possible.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office which was adopted.

Your Grand Lodge Office Committee is pleased to submit the following report:

No matters of a very serious nature have been brought to our attention, and we are pleased to note and advise that the Grand Lodge office continues to function smoothly and efficiently. No one can serve on this Committee without being forcibly impressed by the great volume of work done, and the many varied services this office is called upon to perform.

We are fortunate indeed to have a devoted and dedicated staff of employees, whose principal aim in life, through their particular endeavors, seems to be to promote and enhance Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. It is well to note that this office is the "show case" of Masonry in Nebraska, as by far the majority of contacts with other Grand jurisdictions, and our subordinate lodges, flow through this medium.

Of recent date it was necessary to employ a new typist to replace the youngest member of the staff, who resigned to further her schooling. No other employee problems have arisen during the year.

The office operated within its allotted appropriation of \$3,600.00. Taking into consideration the fact that the telephone bill alone averages \$100.00 per month, we can only conclude that conservatism has been the watchword in this office. We note that in the past two years the appropriation for the Grand Lodge office has increased by only \$175.00. In view of the tremendous increased cost of doing business we do not feel that the present appropriation is either realistic or adequate. To meet the increase in the cost of printing, stationery, supplies and what we believe certainly will be an increase in postal rates this next year, we do not feel it is out of line to request a small increase of \$400.00 or a total appropriation of \$4,000.00 for the ensuing year. Such request has been made to the Committee on Appropriations and we trust this Committee will look favorably upon such request.

A number of small items of a pressing nature, all of which require small special appropriations and which principally concern the comfort and safety of our employees, has been noted by the Committee. These matters have been referred to the Committee on Appropriations and we trust these also will be given favorable consideration.

No recommendations as such are made herewith.

A year ago the Grand Lodge Office Committee brought to the attention of this Grand Lodge the need for a pension plan for our employees. This matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for comprehensive study and a recommendation at this communication. We feel that this remains a matter of paramount importance and we trust the Committee on Jurisprudence will report favorably at this time.

To sum up, your committee, by personal observation, believes that the Grand Lodge office has been operated efficiently and conscientiously. That monies have been spent conservatively and in the best interests of Grand Lodge. We commend R. W. Brother Carl R. Greisen, our Grand Secretary, and his staff of employees, for a fine business administration during the past year.

MOTION

R. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Deputy Grand Master presented the following motion, which was seconded and carried:

By your approval of the amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution, Article III, and Section 1-101 of our By-Laws you have afforded me the opportunity of requesting that our next Annual Communication be moved from Omaha. I have received an invitation from the Masters and Wardens Club of Lincoln to hold our next Annual Communication in the air conditioned Pershing Memorial Auditorium. It is with no ill feelings toward the Masons of Omaha, or the City of Omaha, that I make this request. I am making this request because I feel that it will be good for Masonry in Nebraska to make this change in our meeting place for the next Annual Communication.

I, therefore, move that we accept the invitation to hold the 106th Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska in Lincoln.

RESOLUTION

R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Grand Secretary, presented the following resolution:

We, the undersigned members of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska propose the following amendment to the by-laws of said Grand Lodge.

"That the first sentence of Sec. 1-304 as amended be repealed and the following language adopted in lieu thereof:

"The Committee on Jurisprudence shall consist of the four living immediate Past Grand Masters, with the senior thereof as Chairman and one other Past Grand Master to be selected by the said four Past Grand Masters.

"All living Past Grand Masters shall constitute an advisory committee to the Jurisprudence Committee, to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge. Such advisory committee shall be subject to call by the Grand Master or the Jurisprudence Committee."

Dated At Omaha, Nebraska, this 6th day of June, 1962.

The Resolution is signed by W. Brothers Frank L. Balderson, 75; Leslie V. Moore, 19; James L. Allen, 51; Phil B. Mossman, 32; Gordon R. Johnson, 291; Raymond E. Modlin, 184, and Brother Russell M. Lindley, 306.

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

This resolution will lie over until the next Annual Communication.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE BUSINESS AFFAIRS

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

Your committee on Business Affairs has met and considered many matters. Some of these matters concern other Committees. Some of the matters are purely procedural but desire further attention.

A vacancy exists on the Committee as a result of one of our members moving from the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. Another Committee member term expires with this session.

The Committee feels that under the circumstances, additional meetings should be held as soon as possible after this Grand Lodge session, preferably within the next month or six weeks, at which time new Committee members can be briefed on the matters under consideration and then the matters can be further pursued.

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.

Your Committee on Masonic Education held eight Area Meetings during the Masonic year of Grand Master Herbert A. Ronin and we are happy to report that they were exceptionally well attended, both by Grand Lodge Officers and by the membership at large. We started out the year with meetings in the ranch country at Valentine and at Alliance in October, followed by meetings at Ogallala and McCook in November. Then this spring in April, we held Area Meetings at Pender, Grand Island, Tecumseh and Superior. The meetings at Tecumseh and Superior were out of the ordinary in that dedication of a new temple was held in the evening of the day of the Area Meeting at each place. Good crowds were in attendance for both afternoon and evening meetings at all eight Area Meetings and the dedications ran smoothly under the guiding hand of our Grand Marshal, W. Alfred B. Saum.

Our meetings started this year at 1:00 P.M. with three separate informal discussion groups consisting of the masters, the wardens and the secretaries of the attending lodges. Grand Lodge Officers and Committee members handled these separate groups to give each individual a chance to express himself and have questions answered on administrative procedure, attendance, programs for the lodge, expenses, etc., and all attending an opportunity to take part and listen. Comments from those attending seemed to indicate an enthusiastic demand for this type of gathering and considerable interest was shown in each area. The need of a local Committee on Masonic Education in each lodge to assist the W. Master in the programming of his lodge and the education of new members became quite evident to those in the discussion groups.

At 2:00 o'clock sharp in each case lodge was opened by the host lodge and the Grand Master and his Officers received, after which our Grand Master brought the group up-to-date on current legislation that would be taken up at our annual Grand Lodge Communication. The Education Committee presented three fine papers, including one on "Masonic Activities During the Civil War" by our Grand Senior Deacon and Committeeman W. Louis V. Sylvester, "America and the Public Schools" by Committeeman W. Roy W. Deal, and "Let's Talk More About Masonry" by Committeeman W. Alfred B. Gorman. The Masonic Homes at Plattsmouth and

at Fremont were covered by our Grand Senior Warden R. W. Ralph M. Carhart and our Grand Secretary R. W. Carl R. Greisen. R. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Deputy Grand Master, was our master of ceremonies at the dinners and usually conducted one of our discussion groups, as did R. W. Ralph M. Carhart. Chairman Howard J. Hunter discussed the Senior Wardens and Secretaries manual, "Looking toward the East" and "The Responsibility of Lodge Officers" at each of the meetings. Our Grand Master was the featured speaker at the dinner at four meetings and Grand Orator W. Earl L. Meyer at two Area Meeting dinners, there being no dinner speakers at Tecumseh or Superior because of the dedication ceremonies. M. W. John E. Beaver, P. G. M., Committeeman, and R. W. Ralph M. Carhart were particularly helpful to the Committee in pinch-hitting for committeemen unable to attend at some meetings.

Your Committee wishes to thank the host lodges and attending lodges for the fine attendance and consideration they have given the Committee. The attendance of the wardens is particularly appreciated and desired because we feel it gives them the opportunity to meet with the Grand Lodge Officers and with other wardens and masters so they can be better prepared to cope with the problems they will surely face as masters of their individual lodges.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Dean E. Taylor, 59, 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 of 1961. 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:

Legibility of the returns was quite good, however, more attention should be paid to making corrections in a more legible manner. Wherever possible, we recommend that the reports be typewritten.

We commend the Secretaries on the use of the full names and initials of the members. This avoids confusion in the reports. This a very important item and is appreciated by the Grand Secretary's Office.

We noted the following omissions:

Four lodge reports were not properly signed.

Ten lodges made no reference to the holders of Jordan Medals. This is a requirement of the Grand Lodge.

Twelve lodges did not affix their seal. Several seals were hardly discernable and we recommend repair or replacement of the seals.

Thirteen lodges did not list the amount of their fees and dues.

In all other respects we find the returns to be very satisfactory and we commend the Secretaries for their diligence in making their reports.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

W. Fred D. Moshier, 281, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Appropriations which was adopted.

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, A. F. & A. M. BUDGET FOR 1962 - 1963

a. Expense of Annual Communication

1. Payroll for 1962 Session	\$ 12,000.00
2. Recording and Transcribing 1962 Session	150.00
3. Grand Tyler	25.00
4. Grand Organist	10.00
5. Grand Master's Dinner for Past Grand Masters and Guests, 1963	500.00
6. Proceedings, 1962 Communication	3,000.00
7. Grand Lodge Dinner for Delegates, 1963	750.00
8. Entertainment of Distinguished Guests, 1963	500.00
9. Printing Fraternal Review, 1963	300.00
10. Preparing Fraternal Review, 1963	300.00
11. Printing Secretary's Book, 1963	390.00
12. Grand Lodge Dinner Speaker, 1962	100.00
13. Printing of new Monitor	2,000.00

b. Expense of Grand Lodge Committees

1. Masonic Education	2,400.00
2. Relief and Care of Orphans	400.00
3. Appropriations	75.00
4. Grand Lodge Office	75.00
5. Grand Lodge Business Affairs	75.00
6. Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund	1,100.00
7. Finance	75.00
8. Work	150.00
9. Grand Trustees Expense	1,500.00

c. Traveling Expense

1. Grand Master	2,800.00
2. Grand Secretary	1,000.00
3. Grand Custodian (Personal)	600.00
4. Assistant Custodians	4,400.00
5. Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge functions	100.00
6. Grand Lodge Officers and Committees under Direction of Grand Master	950.00
7. Grand Secretary Emeritus, Lewis E. Smith	500.00
8. Annual Custodians Meeting	775.00
9. Deputy Grand Master to Grand Masters Conference ...	450.00
10. Grand Master and Grand Secretary Conference, Dues, dinners, etc.	300.00

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	800.00

e. Fixed Expenses

1. Rent Grand Lodge and Grand Custodian Quarters	3,000.00
2. Grand Secretary's Office Expense	4,000.00
3. Jewel, Apron and Card for Retiring Grand Master	200.00
4. Grand Custodian's Office Expense	900.00
5. New equipment, cleaning drapes Grand Lodge Office, and cleaning vault	600.00

f. Insurance and Assessments

1. Workmen's Compensation and Liability Insurance June 18, 1963	35.80
2. Dues to Masonic Relief Association on 45,863 Members to May 31, 1963	300.00
3. Surety Bond for Grand Lodge Officers and Employees	525.00
4. Grand Master's Car and (Ins.) Employees of Grand Lodge	24.50
5. Comprehensive Liability Insurance on Subordinate Lodges expiring June 17, 1963	3,669.04
6. Fifty-Year Buttons	650.95
7. Masonic Service Association for 45,863 members	1,200.00

Total\$ 79,755.29

g. Grand Lodge Responsibilities

1. Masonic-Eastern Star Home, Fremont (to be matched by Grand Chapter, OES.)	\$ 30,500.00
2. Masonic-Eastern Star Home, Fremont, Special appropriation for sewer, and circle drive, money on hand in Endowment Fund of Masonic-Eastern Star Home	23,000.00
3. Masonic-Eastern Star Home, Fremont, Special Appropriation for new tool and equipment building, money on hand in Endowment Fund of Masonic-Eastern Star Home	2,000.00
4. Nebraska Masonic Home	205,650.00
5. Nebraska Masonic Home Building Maintenance and repair	26,331.00
6. Nebraska Masonic Home, new construction	503,082.00
7. Authority to pay balance of bills for expenses and equipment for Seal Program, from Seal Funds on hand as of April 30, 1962, Per May 1st, meeting	14,710.70

8. Authority to use Seal Funds for expenses to conduct Seal Funds to April 30, 1963	26,250.00 ^o
Total	\$831,523.70^o
Grand Total	\$911,278.99^o

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

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

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

1. That the last sentence of Section 1-401 (a) of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows and that otherwise said Section and subsection shall remain unchanged:

"It is the intent of this section that all funds, accounts, securities, mortgages, real estate and other property of The Nebraska Masonic Home and The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be delivered to the Board of Grand Trustees for the purpose of management and investment."

2. That Section 1-401 (h) of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"All funds, securities, real estate and other property held by this Grand Lodge for the benefit of The Nebraska Masonic Home shall be carried in the name of The Nebraska Masonic Home and all other funds, securities, real estate and other property of this Grand Lodge shall be carried in the name of Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska. All deeds conveying real estate and all mortgages mortgaging real estate or personal property and releases or assignments thereof, or assignments or transfers of stock certificates or other securities or such other legal documents having to do with the sale, transfer, investment, reinvestment or management of said funds, securities or property, shall be executed by the Grand Master or the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Secretary upon authorizations of the Board of Grand Trustees."

That the original of Section 1-401 (h) be repealed.

3. That Sec. 2-508 of the By-laws be amended to permit lee-way in integrating the funeral service into the religious burial service.

Sec. 2-508 — PUBLIC PROCESSIONS AND SERVICES. — No lodge shall participate in promiscuous parades or processions. A lodge may take part in a funeral procession in which other organizations participate. The Masonic service must be given as a continuous and uninterrupted service. A lodge may hold memorial services to which profanes are admitted, but cannot, as a lodge, participate therein with non-Masonic organizations.

That the original of Sec. 2-508 be repealed.

4. That Article III of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska be amended to read as follows, and that the original Article III be repealed:

“ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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.”

5. That Section 1-101 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows and that the original of said section be repealed:

“Sec. 1-101 — 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.”

6. That Section 2-609 of the By-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows, and that the original of said section be repealed:

“Sec. 2-609 — NO DIVERSION. — Lodge funds cannot be used for any other than strictly Masonic purposes, provided however, that funds may be used for the support of Order of De Molay, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Job’s Daughters. Neither the Board of Trustees nor a Committee of the lodge can expend lodge funds or incur indebtedness on behalf of the lodge, except for the payment of fixed obligations, and for relief when previously provided for and authorized by by-laws or resolution of the lodge.

“When the treasurer deposits funds of the lodge in a bank, he shall deposit them in the name of the lodge.”

7. In order to bring Sec. 2-1209 up to date, it is amended to change the date of 1902 to 1962.

SEC. 2-1209 — MONITOR. — The Monitor adopted by the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction at its annual communication in the year 1962, is the adopted work of this Grand Jurisdiction. Nothing outside of our esoteric work as authorized and our monitorial work as published by this Grand Lodge shall be given or be permitted to be given in the conferring of degrees, at funerals, or in any work of the lodge:

Provided, that with approval in writing of the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction and of the Grand Master of any Grand Jurisdiction with which this Grand Jurisdiction is in fraternal relations, any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction may invite members of such other Grand Jurisdiction to confer either or any of the degrees of Entered Apprentice Mason, Fellow Craft Mason or Master Mason upon a candidate of such

other Grand Jurisdiction and to use the work of such other Grand Jurisdiction in such degree or degrees.

All of the work of the lodge, including opening and closing, shall be conducted in the English language.

That the Original Sec. 2-1209 be repealed.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

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

M. W. Grand Master, I move that the published proceedings of the 104th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, held June 6 and 7, 1961 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. Roy I. Babbitt was Installing Officer and was assisted by M. W. Thomas J. Aron, Installing Marshal.

M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, Grand Master:

Grand Installing Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Members of this Grand Lodge.

It is with much emotion and humility that I stand before you as your Grand Master. Being installed Grand Master of this Grand Lodge is indeed one of the highest honors that the Masons of Nebraska can give to a Master Mason. I fully realize the great responsibility and task before me. Once again I am reminded of a saying that an Officer told us when I was taking basic training. "No matter how steep the hill may seem, it levels out as you come to it". My brethren from where I stand right now, this hill looks mighty steep. It would seem like an almost unsurmountable task, if it were not for the fact that we have such a fine corps of Grand Lodge Officers. I know too that this Grand Lodge is not a one-man organization, it takes the full cooperation of the Grand Lodge Officers and all the brethren of the subordinate lodges.

I want to thank the Installing Officers for the impressive manner in which they have given this Installation Ceremony. I want to thank you, M. W. Brother Aron, for my first appointment as Grand Marshal, and to you M. W. Brother Babbitt, I sincerely thank you for my appointment in line, as Grand Junior Deacon in 1957, the Centennial year of our Grand Lodge.

To you M. W. Brother Ronin, I want to express the thanks and appreciation of this Grand Lodge for such a wonderful year of outstanding leadership. It has been a personal pleasure and privilege for me to have had you serve as Grand Master just ahead of me. I think of the old fable of the old man who traveled a long, dusty road, and at the end of the day built the bridge to cross the chasm that was vast, deep and wide. When asked why he stopped to build the bridge when he would not again pass that way, he replied, "There followed me today a fair-haired youth, this chasm which has been naught for me, might to him a pitfall be. He too must cross in the twilight dim, I am building this bridge for him". I know that you have built many 'bridges' during your year as our Grand Master, and that Masonry in Nebraska has gained much in Masonic wisdom and knowledge. I know that you will be held in high esteem by all the Masons and friends of Masonry that you have visited and talked to this past year.

My brethren, I have already tried to tell you how humble I am in this high honor that you have given me. My hope and prayer is that I may perform the duties of this high Office so that Masonry will continue to grow in Nebraska. Our Grand Jurisdiction has some of the same problems that our sister Jurisdictions are having. I feel that through the fine program that our Committee on Masonic Education is giving us, and the high point of perfection in our degree work that we are getting through the work of our Grand Custodian's department, we will soon be overcoming some of our problems such as poor attendance and loss in membership. I feel very strongly that we Masons are going to have to take the teachings and lessons of our Masonry out of our Lodge rooms into our every-day lives and our occupations. By doing this we will be showing as examples the teachings and high principles of our fraternity. Masons will be looked up to in their communities for their good characters and higher moral standards I think one of the great challenges that we as Masons have today is to preserve the heritage that we are taking for granted. We don't seem to realize that there are forces in the world today that will take our Masonry away from us. We seem to think that what has happened in Cuba and many other countries, can't happen to us. My brethren, the Masons in Cuba didn't think it could happen there, but it did. I think the time is here when we Masons are going to have to stand up for what is right and good. I am sure that God didn't intend that we sit down at the bottom of the mountain and pray to be put on top of it. He surely intended that we put forth some of our own efforts, then with His help we will accomplish great things.

If there were a charge that I could give to each of you as you return to your own Lodges and communities it would be part of the Charge given to each Master at his installation. "Forcibly impress upon your members the dignity and high importance of Masonry, and admonish them never to disgrace it. Charge them to practice out of the Lodge room those duties and teachings they have been taught in it".

If we will do this, Masonry will always be a strong influence in our communities for everything that is good.

In looking over those in attendance, I see quite a number from Gothenburg No. 249 and I do want to recognize them at this time. I would like to ask our W. Master, George W. Bush, to please stand. Now I would like all the members from my own Lodge to stand. My brethren, I want you to know how pleased I am that each of you has taken of your time to make this trip to Omaha, today to add to the honor that has been given me. I want to thank you for your individual and collective help and encouragement you have given me in the past and I know that you will be ready to give more in this coming year. There are others here today that have made special efforts to be here and to each of you I want to say, "I appreciate it deeply".

In closing I have one more thought I would like to leave with you--

Your Task—to build a better world, God said.

I answered, "how?"

This world is such a large, vast place,
so complicated now!

And I, so small and useless am —

There's nothing I can do!

Then, God, in all his wisdom, said,

"Just build a better YOU!"

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

M. W. Merle M. Hale, Past Grand Master:

Brethren, in 1956 when I was installed as Grand Master, I consider the most important contribution which I made to this Grand Lodge, was the appointment of Herbert A. Ronin as our Grand Junior Deacon. He has certainly contributed very greatly to our Grand Lodge during his many years of service in Grand Lodge offices, and particularly this past year as our Grand Master.

He has been tireless in the time in which he has devoted to our Grand Lodge. While we did suffer a loss in membership as of the date of the records on December 31, I believe sincerely that it is through his great work and the energy and the many talks that he made in regard to Masonry throughout the state that the trend has changed since the

first of the year and that we now have a very modest loss and I think that by the end of this year, with the work that he has done and the work that will be continued by the new Grand Master and Officers, that we have reversed this trend, and I think we can give a great deal of credit for that to our Junior Past Grand Master. So it is a great privilege and honor for me to bestow on Brother Herb, whom I consider to be one of my closest personal friends, this badge of distinction and to welcome him into the Past Grand Masters Association.

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

M. W. Grand Master, M. W. Brother Merle, I wish to thank you for presenting this beautiful Past Grand Master's Jewel to me and to thank you for those gracious words of commendation. If I merit them in your judgment, I really am gratified. God has been good to me and so have my brethren. May I simply say that what is on the credit side of the ledger is due to teamwork and the strength of the brethren.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON

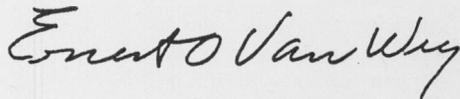
R. W. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary :

M. W. Brother Ronin, the brethren of the Grand Lodge would like to have you properly clothed as the Junior Past Grand Master of this Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, and for and on behalf of the brethren of the Grand Lodge, it is my pleasure, M. W. Sir, to present to you this beautiful Past Grand Masters apron. M. W. Sir, it has been a real pleasure serving as your Grand Secretary.

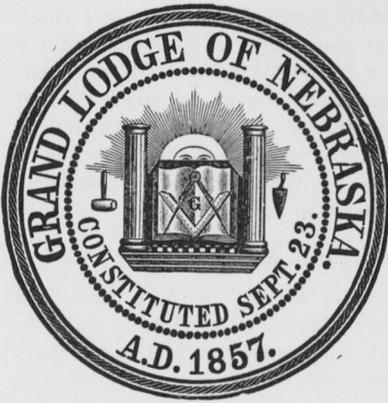
M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, Past Grand Master :

Thank you, R. W. Brother Carl, for presenting and dressing me here with this beautiful apron. Brethren, it is a beautiful apron and I shall enjoy wearing it in my new capacity as a Past Grand Master.

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



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 Fifth 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 5 and 6, 1962, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 20th day of July, 1962.

Jack Feisen
Grand Secretary

VETERAN GRAND LODGE ATTENDANTS

WHO HAVE ATTENDED GRAND LODGE 21 YEARS OR MORE.

Lewis E. Smith, 60 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- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62
Charles A. Chappell, 51 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- 59-60-61-62
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
Benjamin F. Eyre, 40 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- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62
Raymond C. Cook, 40 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- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62
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
Carl R. Greisen, 39 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 56-57-58-59-60-61-62
William B. Wanner, 36 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 58-59-60-61-62
Ralph O. Canaday, 35 Years	1922-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-39-40- 41-42-43-44-46-47-48-51-52-53-54-55-57-58-59- 60-61-62
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, 34 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- 61-62
Herbert T. White 32 Years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47- 48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62
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

George A. Kurk, 31 Years	1930-32-33-34-35-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62
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
Edward F. Carter 28 Years	1932-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49- 50-51-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-61-62
Harold H. Thom 28 Years	1925-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62
Elmer E. Magee 28 Years	1927-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62
Merle M. Hale 27 Years	1936-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62
William C. Schaper 26 Years	1929-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-57-58-59-60-61-62
Thomas J. Aron 24 Years	1930-31-32-33-39-40-42-44-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62
Edward M. Knight 24 Years	1938-39-40-41-42-43-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55- 56-57-58-59-60-61-62
Fay Smith 23 Years	1936-37-38-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56- 57-58-59-60-61-62
Robert E. Lund 22 Years	1937-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62

(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

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
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
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

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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. BRECKENBIDGE	Nov. 16th, 1951.	317.....	(75th)..1939
ERNEST S. SCHIEFELBEIN...	April 20th, 1959.	59.....	(84th)..1949
JOHN S. HEDELUND.....	Jan. 30th, 1962.	268.....	(85th)..1950

PAST GRAND MASTERS
PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE

A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska

LEWIS E. SMITH	..... (56th) ..	1921
1919 Otoe, Lincoln		
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL	..... (58th) ..	1923
Minden		
RALPH O. CANADAY	..... (68th) ..	1933
733 North Hastings St., Hastings		
CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS	..... (72nd) ..	1936
Cambridge		
EARL J. LEE	..... (76th) ..	1940
1035 No. H St., Fremont		
EDWARD F. CARTER	..... (77th) ..	1941
State House, Lincoln		
GEORGE A. KURK	..... (78th) ..	1942
1909 Ryons St., Lincoln		
WILLIAM B. WANNER	..... (79th) ..	1943
2017 Stone St., Falls City		
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER	..... (80th) ..	1944-1945
1009 South D St., Broken Bow		
BENJAMIN F. EYRE	..... (81st) ..	1946
2001 Douglas Street, Omaha		
EDWARD HUWALDT	..... (82nd) ..	1947
Commercial National Bank, Grand Island		
ELMER E. MAGEE	..... (83rd) ..	1948
1201 O Street, Lincoln		
THOMAS J. ARON	..... (86th) ..	1951
Crete State Bank, Crete		
EDWARD M. KNIGHT	..... (87th) ..	1952
Alliance National Bank, Alliance		
FAY SMITH	..... (88th) ..	1953
Box 7, Imperial		
CHARLES F. ADAMS	..... (89th) ..	1954
Box 149, Aurora		
HERBERT T. WHITE	..... (90th) ..	1955
522 Insurance Bldg., Omaha		
MERLE M. HALE	..... (91st) ..	1956
1440 M St., Lincoln		
ROY I. BABBITT	..... (92nd) ..	1957
609 Bluff Street, Scottsbluff		
JOHN E. BEAVER	..... (93rd) ..	1958
% Whitmoyer Apts., Columbus		
JOSEPH C. TYE	..... (94th) ..	1959
Pratt Building, Kearney		
JOHN F. FUTCHER	..... (95th) ..	1960
5224 Crown Point, Omaha 4		
HERBERT A. RONIN	..... (96th) ..	1961
Court House, Lincoln 8		
ROSCOE POUND	..... (Honorary) ..	1949
Harvard Law School, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts		

GRAND SECRETARIES

- *GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....Sept. 23, 1857 to June 2, 1858
 *ROBERT W. FURNAS.....June 2, 1858 to June 4, 1862
 *ROBERT C. JORDAN.....June 4, 1862 to June 24, 1863
 *STEPHEN D. BANGS.....June 24, 1863, to June 24, 1865
 *J. NEWTON WISE.....June 24, 1865, to Oct. 27, 1869
 *ROBERT W. FURNAS.....Oct. 27, 1869, to June 21, 1872
 *WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....June 21, 1872, to May 6, 1899
 *FRANCIS E. WHITE.....June 9, 1899, to June 11, 1925
 LEWIS E. SMITH.....June 11, 1925, to June 6, 1946
 CARL R. GREISEN.....June 6, 1946

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

LEWIS E. SMITH

1919 Otoe

Lincoln, Nebraska



REPRESENTATIVES NEAR AND FROM OTHER GRAND LODGES

REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
E. Jonah Shipp	Northport	Mar. 27, 1956	Alabama	Raymond C. Cook, 6	Omaha	May 4, 1939
F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta	Edward H. Lockwood, 265	Scottsbluff	Dec. 15, 1959
Dr. Eduardo Ayala	Buenos Aires	Sept. 23, 1954	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fletcher Sills, Jr.	Prescott	April 13, 1949	Arizona	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 Ballalai de Carvalho	Val. do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Belgium	Alfred E. Geschke, 25	Omaha	.....
Romundo Nonato do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Bahia, United	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1949
Jose Cesaria Harta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	Ernest E. James, 1	Lincoln	Jan. 7, 1950
Guilherme Wittine	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 2, 1944	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 19, 1941
Abio Herve	Rio Grande do Sul	Oct. 10, 1949	Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Clarence G. McNamee	Norfolk	.....
Joao Bento	Joao Pessoa	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
William Fraser	Creston	April 20, 1955	Brazil, Santa Catarina	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Maurice Coffey	Ottawa	Sept. 13, 1959	British Columbia	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1958
C. M. Pitts	Ottawa	April 15, 1944	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Jorge A. Wachholtz	Taiwan	Jan. 10, 1962	Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 50	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
TzeTsing Tuan	Baranquilla	Sept. 14, 1962	China	Earl H. Furman, 290	Omaha	April 13, 1960
Jose Maria Serna	Baranquilla	July 31, 1951	Colombia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Clifford D. Webster, 321	Sidney	July 30, 1957
Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932	Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 24, 1943
George S. Hull	Clinton	Sept. 22, 1948	Connecticut	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
Cecilio Nieto Casobo	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918	Costa Rica	George W. Rosenlof, 314	Lincoln	Sept. 17, 1962
V. H. Francisco Enrique Garcia	Wilmington	Nov. 5, 1952	Cuba	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
Fagan Simonton	Wilmington	July 27, 1954	Delaware	Ross Van Sickle, 184	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Mogens Millertz	Washington	Nov. 19, 1956	Denmark	Val Peterson, 276	Hastings	April 23, 1962
John Linn McGrew	Washington	July 6, 1917	Dist. of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Fernandos Gayangos Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Ecuador	Clarence M. Pierson, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
William R. S. Bathurst	Wiltshire	May 18, 1950	England	Foy Smith, 198	Imperial	June 17, 1954
Orville A. Clark	Jacksonville	Dec. 17, 1960	Florida	Harry Z. Jackson, 253	Beemer	Oct. 1, 1958
Edward Jeanmonod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	France	Ralph M. Carhart, 120	Wayne	Sept. 23, 1954
Otis E. Dixon	Macon	Jan. 15, 1957	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Aug. 3, 1960
Karl Roeder	Frankfurt	Sept. 20, 1955	Germany	Henry Becker, 114	Wisner	July 31, 1959
George Sakellariou	Athens	April 10, 1954	Greece	Stephen W. Beck, 43	Hebron	Sept. 3, 1960
Bjarne Bjarnason	Helgafell	Jan. 7, 1953	Honduras	Gordon Chard, 240	Lyons	Sept. 17, 1962
George A. Spongenberg	Nampa	June 28, 1960	Iceland	George A. Stevens, 183	Chadron	.....
Harry L. Kline	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Idaho	James M. Paxson, 302	Omaha	Aug. 11, 1960
John P. Lippincott	South Bend	Feb. 26, 1940	Illinois	Warren W. Kelly, 290	Omaha	May 13, 1959
John A. Wallace	Dublin	Jan. 7, 1953	Indiana	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Hooper	May 21, 1959
Israel Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept. 14, 1954	Ireland	Richard L. Ely, 128	Guide Rock	June 17, 1958
Ronald E. Napier	Tachikawa	July 25, 1958	Israel, State of	William Grodinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Homer B. Osborn	Wichita	Sept. 28, 1944	Italy	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
C. James Hyde	Louisville	Sept. 18, 1962	Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
Phillip O. McLaughlin	Louisville	Jan. 23, 1961	Kansas	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
James A. Sanker	Belfast	Sept. 14, 1948	Kentucky	Ralph S. Tully, 25	Omaha	Jan. 23, 1958
Nathan Rothstein	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951	Louisiana	John A. Batorff, 49	Sutton	Feb. 24, 1958
Clifford S. Hubbard	Winnipeg	Apr. 19, 1961	Maine	Robert W. Cook, 33	Grand Island	Aug. 1, 1960
Roscoe Pound	Cambridge	May 1, 1929	Manitoba	Harry Ahl, 112	Louisville	Sept. 14, 1962
Horace Dillon	Torreon, Coah	Mar. 17, 1944	Maryland	George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
			Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937
			Mexico	Earl J. Lee, 15	Fremont	April 9, 1934

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REPRESENTATIVES NEAR AND FROM OTHER GRAND LODGES

REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Willard Sauer	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	Michigan	Lewis E. Smith, 136	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1917
Herbert S. Ramberg	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952
Orman Rinehart Smith	Corinth	June 21, 1957	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1958
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		Dec. 14, 1960	Netherlands	Piebe Dykstra, 281	Omaha	May 10, 1955
Harry H. Atkinson	Reno	June 19, 1911	Nevada	Alfred B. Saum, 46	Kearney	Jan. 30, 1958
Kenneth Roberts Nelson	St. John	Oct. 21, 1955	New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 31, 1958
John O. Lovejoy	Littleton	June 14, 1962	New Hampshire	Clyde H. Jones, 173	Stratton	Sept. 27, 1956
John A. Stecker	Maplewood	Aug. 11, 1947	New Jersey	John F. Futcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Frederick J. Hayward	Mosman	Mar. 10, 1950	New South Wales	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Apr. 8, 1957
George D. Preece		April 10, 1962	New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
T. W. Fairman	Mangaweka	Dec. 4, 1956	New Zealand	Carl D. Ganz, 209	Lincoln	Sept. 17, 1962
			Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
Armon E. Baggett		Oct. 22, 1953	North Carolina	Levi B. Williams, 1	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Albert H. Hood	Yarmouth	July 1, 1941	North Dakota	Austin F. Whitmire, 306	Sidney	Dec. 20, 1944
Ole Kristofer Reed	Oslo	Feb. 8, 1956	Norway	Alfred B. Gorman, 54	Lincoln	
C. Fraser Larimer	Stellarton	July 28, 1952	Nova Scotia	Edmund D. Shaw, 254	Basset	Sept. 2, 1960
Juan L. Arocha	Monterrey	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Winston C. Swanson, 120	Wayne	Aug. 10, 1960
Robert L. Trooscher	Youngstown	April 26, 1952	Ohio	Otto Nelsen, 300	Lincoln	Feb. 17, 1958
Manford S. Runyan	Oklahoma City	Feb. 7, 1941	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Lodgepole	Feb. 6, 1958
Clarence D. Phillips	Portland	Sept. 4, 1937	Oregon	Arthur H. Gregory, 265	Scottsbluff	Jan. 20, 1958
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 12, 1953	Panama	Forest A. Lape, 183	Alliance	
Franco A. Zumato	Lima	Oct. 23, 1957	Peru	La Verne A. Walker, 55	Norfolk	Feb. 8, 1958
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1946	Philippines	John C. Green, 280	Sargent	Oct. 17, 1945
Chester R. Martin	Caledonia	May 1, 1959	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
A. G. Lightbourn	Fajards	May 3, 1945	Puerto Rico	Roy I. Bobbitt, 295	Scottsbluff	Aug. 23, 1957
G. Diamond		July 13, 1959	Quebec	John E. Beaver, 253	Beemer	Jan. 8, 1954
W. R. Gailey		Feb. 29, 1960	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Graffon H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Guy H. Hummel	Nokomis	July 1, 1957	Saskatchewan	Robert E. Lund, 323	Columbus	Sept. 17, 1962
Canon G. K. Shurrock Clarke	Edinburgh	Nov. 19, 1942	Scotland	Harold H. Thom, 1	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Cyril W. C. Peaks		Sept. 9, 1959	South Australia	Frank F. McMullin, 241	Craig	Jan. 2, 1957
Horace Greeley Adams	Charleston	Aug. 7, 1942	South Carolina	Mark Mitchell, 138	Oxford	
Robert F. Patterson	Vermillion	Feb. 3, 1955	South Dakota	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Minden	Aug. 26, 1918
Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	Sweden	W. Alex Danielson, 116	Alma	Sept. 10, 1953
Andre' Starvo	Berne	Jan. 14, 1958	Switzerland	Paul O. Marti, 32	North Platte	Jan. 14, 1958
V. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1949	Tamleupias	Homey C. Davey, 317	Hastings	Aug. 3, 1960
S. V. Tilley	Hobart	Mar. 27, 1957	Tasmania	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	Ashland	Sept. 8, 1960
C. Cecil Broadwell	Jackson	Nov. 30, 1956	Tennessee	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 28, 1957	Texas	Donald A. Keys, 300	Lincoln	Dec. 20, 1961
John J. Greiner	Ogden	Sept. 10, 1959	Utah	Richard L. Wait, 19	Lincoln	Jan. 23, 1958
David A. Smith	Shelburne	May 16, 1962	Vermont	Cary W. Dresslar, 32	North Platte	Nov. 14, 1956
Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Victoria	Mathias E. Mauel, 173	Stratton	Aug. 2, 1960
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	S. Arlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Virginia	Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
Stewart E. Perry	Puyallup	July 18, 1946	Washington	Edward M. Knight, 183	Alliance	June 27, 1941
Frederick George Hatcher		Dec. 17, 1960	West Australia	Charles F. Adams, 68	Aurora	July 10, 1947
James K. Ferguson		Sept. 28, 1961	West Virginia	Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9	Falls City	Mar. 15, 1960
George J. Schreiber	Milwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946	Wisconsin	La Verne J. Smith, 288	Omaha	Jan. 30, 1958

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