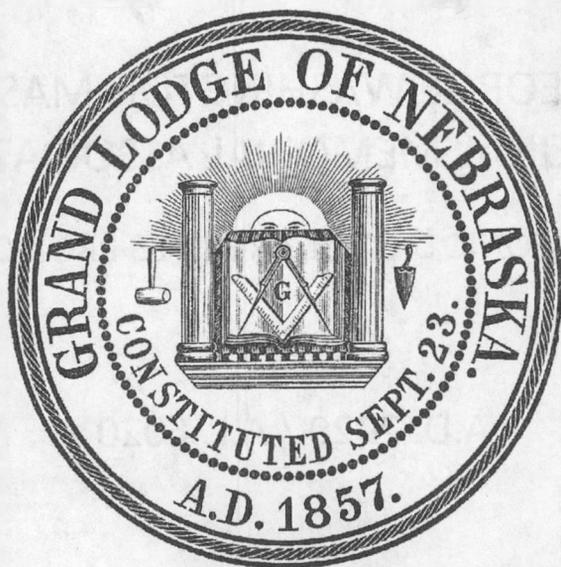


1965
PROCEEDINGS
of the
GRAND LODGE
of
Ancient Free & Accepted
MASONS
of the
STATE OF
NEBRASKA



A.D. 1965 / A.L. 5965

This volume digitized by



THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC
NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MASONIC DIGITAL ARCHIVES PROJECT



A.D. 2020 / A.L. 6020

PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Eighth Annual Communication of the

GRAND LODGE

of the

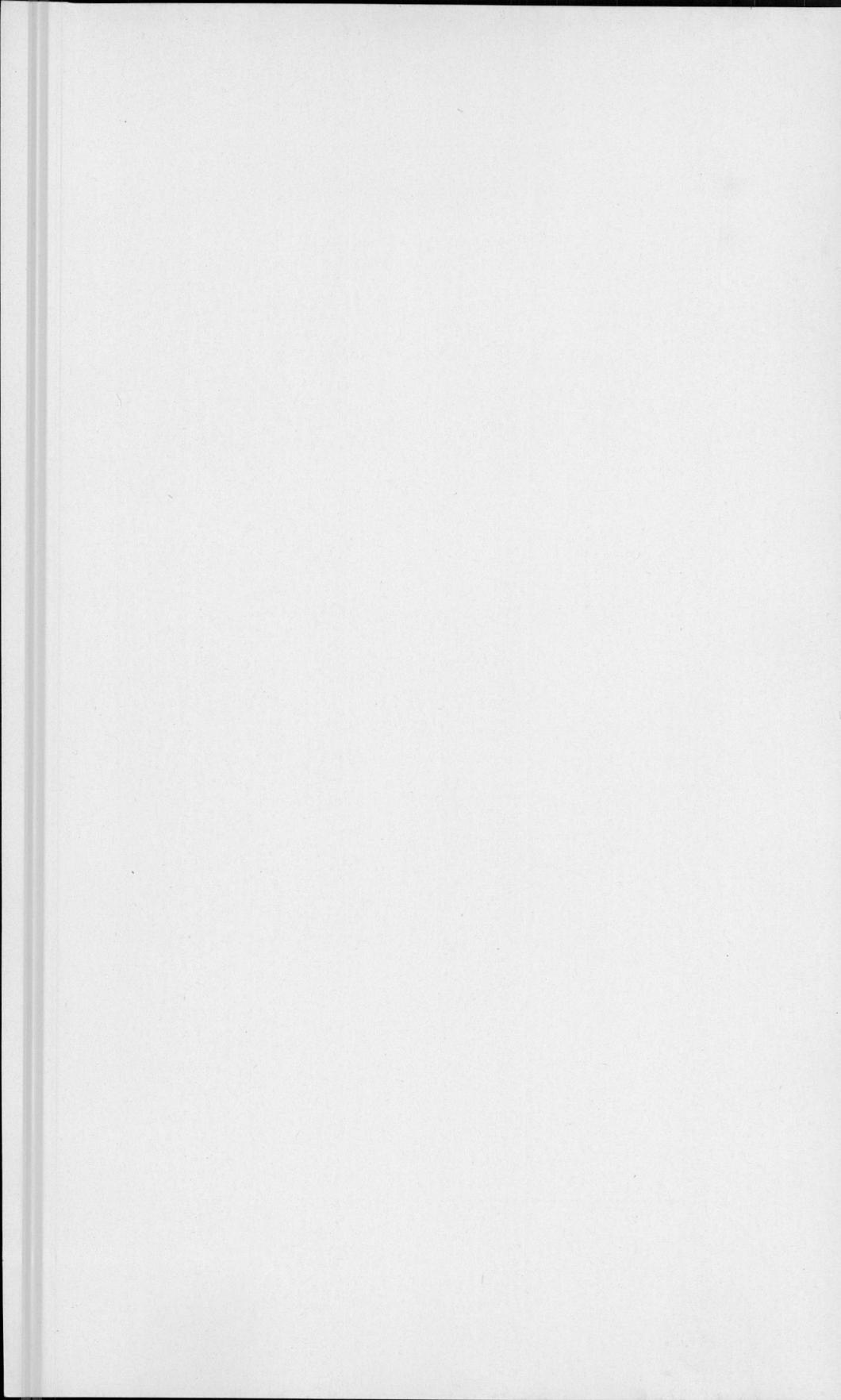
Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity
of Free and Accepted Masons
of Nebraska



*Pershing Municipal Auditorium, Lincoln
June 8 and 9, 1965*

Part I Volume 26

1965





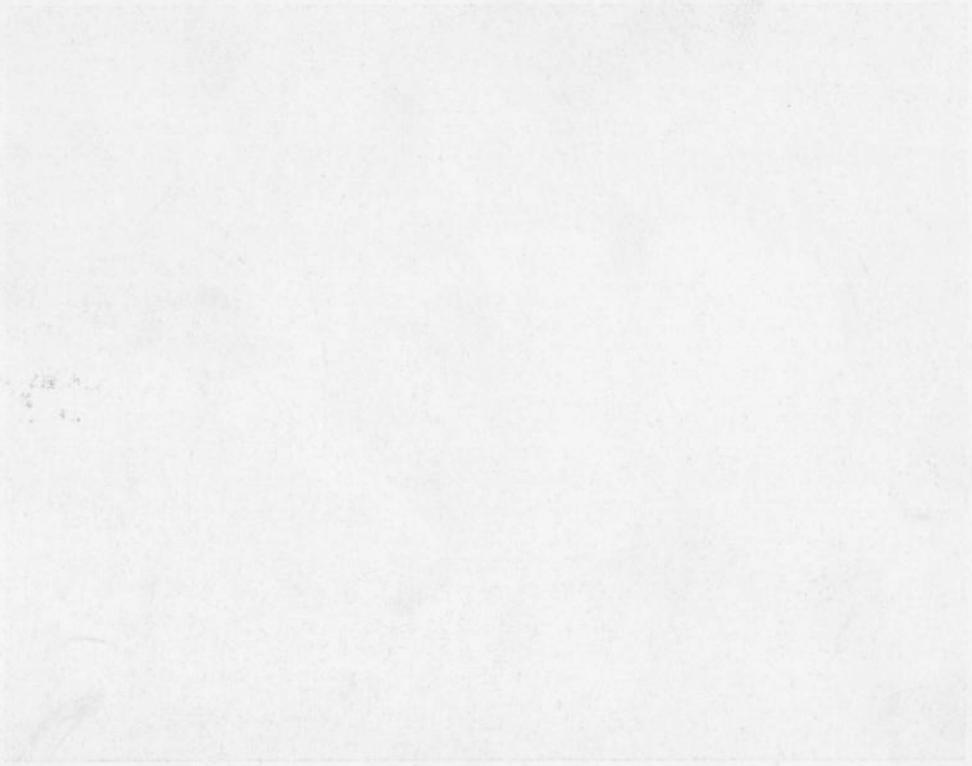
Harry A. Spencer

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1964 — 1965

PROPERTY OF THE U.S. NATIONAL GUARD
SERIAL - 200

Handwritten text, possibly a name or number, written vertically in cursive.



Biographical

Harry A. Spencer

Judge Harry A. Spencer was born September 16, 1903, at Bishops Waltham, England, the son of Richard and Mary Ellen Spencer. The family came to Omaha, Nebraska, when Harry was about four years old, and he attended the Omaha Public Schools. He took all of his college work at the University of Nebraska, where he was a member of the Acacia Fraternity and the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity. He graduated in June, 1930 with an A. B. degree and L. L. B. degree cum laude.

M. W. Brother Spencer was married to Leone Marie Eggenberg of Omaha, on June 28, 1925. They have six children, Pagean M. Carter, Clovis, California; Harry A., Jr., Waterford, Connecticut; Marlene D. Mansfield, Sunnyvale, California; Leone L., Omaha, Terry L. Kansas City, Kansas, and Victor R., Lincoln.

The Spencers are members of the First Methodist Church, Lincoln, where M. W. Brother Harry has been a member of the Board of Stewards, Chairman of the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees. He was President of the Lincoln Council of Churches in 1954.

Brother Spencer has been active in the Republican party having served as Delegate at two National Conventions.

M. W. Brother Spencer worked in the law Office of Burkett, Wilson, Brown & Wilson from June, 1926 to June, 1930, and immediately after his graduation opened his own office in the Stuart Building, Lincoln. In January, 1944, he was elected Lancaster County Judge serving until his appointment as District Judge on January 26, 1951, and subsequently elected. He was re-elected without opposition. For a number of years he was on the faculty of the University of

Nebraska Law School, teaching wills and probate administration. He was elected Supreme Court Justice and took office January, 1961. He is Past President of the Lincoln Bar Association, served on the Council of Nebraska State Bar Association from 1950 to 1960, serving as its Vice President in 1946. He is presently a member of the Committee on Resolutions of the American Bar Association and Regional membership chairman on the Section on Judicial Administration.

He is Past Chairman of the Lincoln Traffic Commission, one of the organizers of the Northeast Branch of the YMCA, Past President of the University Place Businessmen's Association and the Bethany Men's Club; Past District Governor of Nebraska-Iowa District of Kiwanis and was Chairman of the Resolutions Committee of Kiwanis International in 1961.

SYMBOLIC LODGE A. F. & A. M.

North Star Lodge No. 227

Initiated September 10, 1925
 Passed October 22, 1925
 Raised November 19, 1925
 In Bee Hive No. 184, Omaha, demitting to North Star
 Lodge No. 227, on May 6, 1931,
 W. Master 1938

GRAND LODGE

Appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M. W. Joseph C. Tye
 on June 10, 1959,
 Elected M. W. Grand Master June 10, 1964
 Grand Representative of New South Wales April 8, 1957
 Appointed by M. W. Merle M. Hale.

CAPITULAR MASONRY

Capstone No. 64, Lincoln

Advanced April 28, 1939; Passed May 2,
 Acknowledged June 9 and Royal Arch June 16.
 Order of High Priesthood December 5, 1945
 High Priest 1946

GRAND CHAPTER

Appointed Grand Master of the First Veil on
 December 5, 1946, by M. E. Curry W. Watson,
 Grand Representative of Wisconsin October 4, 1947
 Elected Grand High Priest December 8, 1955

CRYPTIC MASONRY

Lincoln Council No. 4

Cryptic Degrees December 7, 1943

CHIVALRIC MASONRY

Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, Lincoln

Orders of Knighthood 1948

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Appointed a member of the Board of Trustees on October 5, 1942, elected January 23, 1943, and is the present Chairman of the Committee on Admissions.

NEBRASKA VETERAN FREEMASONS ASSOCIATION

December 6, 1946

SCOTTISH RITE

Received the degrees including the 32nd, Valley of Lincoln 1944

Master of Kadosh 1963

Invested with the rank and decoration, Knight Commander

Court of Honour, October 16, 1951,

Corneted 33° Honorary December 7, 1963

Awarded Life Membership November 6, 1958

SHRINE

Sesostris Temple November 29, 1944

Appointed to Divan 1953

Potentate 1962

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

Member of Myrtle Chapter No. 94, Lincoln.

Worthy Patron in 1935.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS

One of the organizers of Bethel No. 27, and is Past Associate Grand Guardian of Nebraska.

DeMOLAY

Chapter Advisor, and Legion of Honor, and DeMolay Cross of Honor.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES

Sneh Bo' Aire Council No. 17, Omaha, December 4, 1946.

Sovereign Master 1956

This Jurisdiction has been most fortunate and has been greatly honored to have M. W. Brother Spencer as its Grand Master during the past year. He is a highly-trained attorney, having been a member of the bar of Nebraska for 36 years. After several years in the practice of law, he has dignified the bench of the County Court, District Court and Supreme Court of Nebraska. He presided during many difficult trials and earned and received the praise of his profession and of jurists alike. He is presently an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Nebraska and during the past year has carried his full share of the work of that Court while, at the same time, doing an unusual job as Grand Master. He has not only honored the Fraternity but the entire citizenry of Nebraska. His fearlessness, forthrightness, sincerity and honesty stand out in his every act, endeavor and decision as a bright and shining star in a black sky.

His leadership in Masonic education and the economics of the Fraternity have made a permanent impression and will live as long as Masonry lives in Nebraska.

He has shown devotion to and has given assistance and encouragement to every branch of the Masonic Fraternity as well as all allied and sponsored groups, the old and young alike. He has been the answer to Holland's prayer, "God give us men". He is a true Masonic man.

J. C. T.



Louis V. Sylvester

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA
1965 — 1966



PROCEEDINGS

of the

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

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Held in Lincoln, June 8 and 9, 1965



FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION

Tuesday, June 8, 1965

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication at the Pershing Municipal Auditorium, Lincoln, at 9 a. m. on Tuesday, June 8, A.D. 1965, A. .L. .5965.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. .W. .Harry A. Spencer, 227.....	Grand Master
R. .W. .Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....	Deputy Grand Master
R. .W. .Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.....	Grand Senior Warden
R. .W. .John A. Bottorf, 49.....	Grand Junior Warden
R. .W. .Carl R. Greisen, 32.....	Grand Secretary
V. .W. .Carl M. Davidson, 227.....	Grand Chaplain
W. .Alexander McKie, Jr., 25.....	Grand Orator
W. .George W. Rosenlof, 314.....	Grand Historian
W. .Raymond C. Cook, 6.....	Grand Custodian
W. .Philip H. Robinson, Sr., 155.....	Grand Marshal
W. .Norris W. Lallman, 72.....	Grand Senior Deacon
W. .Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W. .Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....	Grand Tyler

Prompt'y at 8:45 a. m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by R. .W. .Louis V. Sylvester, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V. .W. .Carl M. Davidson, Grand Chaplain.

M. W. Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master, was escorted to the East by M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 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 108th 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. Carl M. Davidson 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. Moriah Commandery No. 4 K. T. . .

RECEPTION AND WELCOME OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters, according to seniority:

Charles A. Chappell.....	(58th)	1923
Ralph O. Canaday.....	(68th)	1933
George A. Kurk.....	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner.....	(79th)	1943
Benjamin F. Eyre.....	(81st)	1946
Elmer E. Magee.....	(83rd)	1948
Thomas J. Aron.....	(86th)	1951
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
Herbert A. Ronin.....	(96th)	1961
Ernest O. Van Wey.....	(97th)	1962
Ralph M. Carhart.....	(98th)	1963

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

M. W. Ralph M. Carhart gave the response.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following: M. W. Martin B. Dickinson, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. George F. Morrison, Grand Master of Missouri; M. W. Claud L. Austin, Past Grand Master of Texas; R. W. William L. Mason, Senior Grand Warden and Personal Representative of M. W. Clarence P. Schwarz, Grand Master of Illinois; W. Carl Nelsen, Grand Marshal, Personal Representative of M. W. Hoyt Woody, Grand Master of Iowa; R. W. Joseph L. Seltzer, Senior Grand Warden, Personal Representative of M. W. Frank E. Edey, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Minnesota; M. W. Owen E. Hodgson, Grand Master; M. W. Charles S. McGinness, Grand Secretary; M. W. Arthur C. Hodgson, Past Grand Master of Kansas; M. W. John H. Wesch, Grand Master; M. W. Charles A. Mantz, Past Grand Master of Colorado; M. W. Carl S. Gilbert, Grand Master, R. W. Marcus R. Nichols, Grand Secretary, W. Clark Perry, Grand Lecturer of Wyoming.

Brother Jess Weyand, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska; Ill. Joseph W. Seacrest, Inspector General of Nebraska, Grand Almoner of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction; Brother William F. Patterson, President; Brother Raymond F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home; W. Bernard T. Pipher, President; Brother Cleo P. 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; Brother Frank B. Morrison, Governor of Nebraska.

M. E. August H. Boldt, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska; M. I. J. Adolf Wensien, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska; Sir Knight Wayne W. Reese, R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, K. T. of Nebraska.

M. W. Martin B. Dickinson, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. George F. Morrison, Grand Master of Missouri, responded to the cordial welcome of M. W. Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master, for and on behalf of the Distinguished Guests.

GREETINGS AND MESSAGES

Greetings were received from the Grand Lodges of Maine, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Israel, M. W. John S. Rowe, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Relief Association of the U. S. and Canada and M. W. Conrad H. Hahn, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association.

Brother Jess Weyand, Worthy Grand Patron, presented a beautiful basket of flowers for and on behalf of the Grand Chapter O.E.S. of Nebraska, with good wishes for a pleasant and profitable communication.

INTRODUCTION OF ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

M. .W. .Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master, introduced the Assistant Custodians and Assistant Custodians Emeriti.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. .W. .Harry A. Spencer, 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 Lodges they represent. All Grand Lodges that were in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska were present except Alberta, Ceara, Santa Catarina, Canada, Connecticut, Germany, Idaho, Illinois, Israel, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Netherlands, Nevada, New York, New Zealand, Oklahoma, Philippines, Prince Edward Island, Queensland, Rhode Island, South Australia, South Carolina, Tamaulipas, Tennessee, Victoria and Washington.

The Grand Secretary requested permission to present a certificate to M. .W. .Harry M. Atkinson, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Nevada, since June 19, 1911. Permission was granted.

M. .W. .Herbert T. White, 11, Grand Representative of California, gave the response.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

W. .O. Robert H. Beezley, 250, gave the Address of Welcome and W. .John A. Stevenson, 14, gave the response.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES

Application for Reinstatement: W. .Brothers Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman; Frank L. Frost, 290; Herbert Egerer, 303.

Appropriations: W. .Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 281 (1967) Chairman; R. W yne Wilson. 302. (1965); Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1966); Walter Truex, 55 (1968); Donald R. Swanson, 54 (1969).

Charters and Dispensations: W..Brothers Harry M. Green, 25, Chairman; Melvin J. Kissler, 325; George F. Schell, 32.

Codification of the Law: W..Brothers Wilber L. Johnson, 323, Chairman; Virgil R. Haggart, 268; William L. Walker, 314.

Credentials: W..Brothers Pearl C. Hillegass, 81, Chairman; Clyde H. Jones, 173; Gordon D. Frances, 293; Eugene R. Kinnison, 21; Paul M. Erdman, 180; Victor E. Junge, 56; Jack L. Bomar, 316; Curtis M. Maynard, 317; Dale L. Voller, 297; Leonard B. Woods, 103.

Doings of Grand Officers: W..Brothers Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; John A. Stevenson, 14; Robert L. Ferguson, 9.

Entertainment of Distinguished Guests: M..W..Brothers Joseph C. Tye, 46, Chairman; Charles F. Adams, 68; Herbert A. Ronin, 210.

Finance: W..Brothers Robert E. Lund, 323, (1969) Chairman; Elmo R. Clayton, 302 (1965); Phillip G. Johnson, 19 (1967); Ralph E. Carlson, 11 (1968); Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1969).

Fraternal Dead: W..Brothers Donald A. Keys, 300, Chairman; Levi B. Williams, 1; Carl H. Nolde, 49.

Fraternal Relations: R..W..Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M..W..William B. Wanner, 9; W..Louis J. Bishop, 184.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: W..Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; M..W..Charles F. Adams, 68; Brother Robert L. Page, 1.

Grand Lodge Offices: W..Brothers Herman G. Reinholz, 3, (1966) Chairman; Ernest E. James, 1 (1965); James M. Paxson, 302 (1965); M..W..Merle M. Hale, 54 (1966); W..William A. Pettingill, 25 (1967); W..Vernon H. Woods, 290 (1968).

Grand Trustees: M..W..John F. Futcher, 302 (1966), Chairman; W..Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1965); W..William E. Moor, 102 (1967); W..Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1968); W..Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1969).

Grievances: W..Brothers Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; Otto Kotouc, 40; Warren K. Urbom, 314.

Jurisprudence: M..W..Ralph M. Carhart, 120, Chairman, and all Past Grand Masters present.

Lodge Advisory: M..W..Brothers Joseph C. Tye, 46, Chairman; Ernest O. Van Wey, 249; Herbert A. Ronin, 210.

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

Masonic Education: W..Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1966) Chairman; R..W..Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1968); W..Roy W. Deal, 227 (1969); M..W..Ralph M. Carhart, 120 (1965); M..W..John E. Beaver, 253 (1969); W..Floyd C. Wisner, 265 (1965).

Nebraska Work: M..W..Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201 (1967) Chairman; Chancellor A. Phillips, 150 (1965); John E. Beaver, 253 (1966).

Public Relations: W..Joe H. Hartley, 54, Chairman; Brother John S. Savage, 11; Brother Clarence H. Cooper, 19.

Relief and Care of Orphans: W. Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1967) Chairman; W. John S. Burley, 300 (1968); M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1966); W. Otto W. Burkhardt, 55 (1969); W. Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1969).

Returns: W. Brothers August W. Edling, 314, Chairman; Harold K. Bond, 75; Dale R. Link, 289.

Temple Building Advisory: W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300 (1967) Chairman; Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1965); E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1966).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Retirement: W. E. Forrest Estes, 19, Chairman; W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19; Brother H. Hassel Taylor, 3.

Arrangements for the 108th Annual Communication: M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, Chairman; W. Brothers Donald R. Swanson, 54; Robert L. Zink, 19; O. Robert H. Beezley, 250; Robert Metcalf, 210; Ralph Harlan, 256; Brother Robert L. Gorham, 54.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

I approach this moment fully aware of the honor that has been bestowed upon me. With humility, yet with a feeling of pride and a genuine sense of pleasure, I sincerely welcome each of you to this, the 108th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

One year ago, when I took those challenging steps to this exalted position in the East, and you placed in my hands the government of this Grand Lodge, I pledged you all the time I could spare, all the limited ability I possessed, and all the enthusiasm I could muster to live up to the responsibilities inherent in this position of honor and challenge. I sincerely thank you for your confidence, and I hope that I have not fallen too far short of your expectations.

Unlike the peoples of other lands, we hold our destiny in our own hands. We belong to an institution which exists for the individual. It works for and believes in the individual. We live under a government formed to protect the rights of the individual. It is, therefore, pertinent that we recognize the right of assembly and participation by availing ourselves of them. It is necessary to do so if we are interested in their preservation and perpetuation. You, as the representatives of our subordinate Lodges, compose this Grand Lodge. This, therefore, is your communication. Many matters of importance will be presented during our deliberations. Because you will be expected to vote on them, your close attention and earnest consideration will be necessary. Your responsibility to your brethren requires no less. I remind you that we not only transact the business of the day but what we do today charts the course for the future.

To our distinguished guests, I tender a most sincere and hearty welcome. You honor us with your presence. We have been royally

received and entertained in most of your respective jurisdictions. We hope you enjoy your visit with us, and that your stay will be as interesting, as pleasant, and as profitable as we found ours in your respective jurisdictions.

The following is my report and the accounting of my administration this past year as your Grand Master. It has been a year of activity and challenge. I have had the opportunity to visit with and to speak to hundreds of my Masonic brethren as I have traveled across our beautiful state. Their spirit and their enthusiasm have been a source of inspiration for me. I am convinced that Masonry is becoming more meaningful in Nebraska and is gearing itself to meet the fact that more is expected of it than of any other like group in our society.

NECROLOGY

The Grand Master of us all in His wisdom has seen fit to terminate the earthly existence of our Honorary Past Grand Master, Doctor Roscoe Pound, in his ninety-third year. Most Worshipful Brother Pound was Worshipful Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 in 1906-07; Grand Orator of this Grand Lodge, 1906-08; and over the years was very active in many Masonic organizations. He became a noted authority on everything Masonic. His life was one of service to his fellowman. An outstanding scholar of worldwide renown, a man who became a legend among his contemporaries, he departed this life July 1, 1964, at Cambridge, Massachusetts. His counsel will be sorely missed, and his passing leaves a void that no one man will fill.

This Grand Lodge was saddened by the passing of Charlotte Ricketts, the wife of our Grand Senior Warden, Lewis R. Ricketts, on August 11, 1964. She was a person of indomitable courage, who in spite of her suffering had a smile on her lips and a cheery word for all.

The ranks of our Assistant Custodians were broken by the passing of W. Forest A. Lape, Assistant Custodian. This past summer, when Worshipful Brother Forest learned the nature of his infirmity, he resigned, effective January 1. We accepted his resignation, and made him Assistant Custodian Emeritus. It was not possible for me to attend his services, but our Grand Lodge was represented by M. W. Edward M. Knight, five Assistant Custodians, and two former Assistant Custodians.

Many of the brethren in our subordinate lodges went to their eternal home during the year. The Committee on Fraternal Dead, which will give its report later at this Annual Communication, will pay fitting tribute to the memory of our deceased brethren.

VISITATIONS

It was my privilege to attend the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of Wyoming, Iowa, Missouri, Colorado, and Kansas. In every instance, Mrs. Spencer and I were extended every courtesy, and were royally entertained. These visitations were enjoyable and instructive.

During the year, I accepted every invitation received from a subordinate lodge or from a Masonic-related organization which did not conflict with a previous commitment. If I did not visit your lodge, it was only because I was not invited or because you did not clear the date with me in sufficient time to permit me to work it into my schedule. I am not going to prolong this report with a detailed itemization or account of my visitations. They were many. Each of them was enjoyable and memorable. I do, however, make the following observations.

I was able to serve as installing Master for eight lodges, including my own. I participated in two 75-year, and two 50-year lodge anniversaries. I spoke at several guest nights and on all of my visitations. Included in my visitations were the presentation of one 55-year membership certificate; ten 50-year buttons; eleven 20-year personal proficiency certificates; two new proficiency certificates; and three lodge proficiency certificates.

After my election as Grand Master, two receptions were held for me. The first, the day following my installation, was by the Scottish Rite bodies of Lincoln. All of the Grand Lodge officers were in attendance. It was a very fine courtesy to the Grand Lodge by the Scottish Rite bodies of the Valley of Lincoln. The other reception was the one held by my own lodge, North Star No. 227, and again the Grand Lodge officers were in attendance. M. W. Joseph C. Tye, who gave me my appointment in Grand Lodge, was the speaker. It was a wonderful occasion and a night I shall remember as long as I live.

I was privileged to be present at the raising of a fifth-generation Mason in Aurora Lodge No. 68. I doubt if many of the lodges in this jurisdiction can show five generations of one family on their rolls. It indicates that the principles of our order have had meaning in that family.

On April 24, 1965, the DeMolay chapters of Nebraska honored your Grand Master at a special ceremony in Lincoln featuring the Grand Master's Class, composed of candidates from several of the chapters. It was an outstanding affair. To see the DeMolay work portrayed as it was on that occasion should be sufficient to inspire any Mason to actively support the Order of DeMolay.

On April 26, 1965, I helped Geneva Lodge No. 79 celebrate the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the raising of Brother William Manning, the holder of our Gold Jordan Medal. It was truly an inspiration to visit with and to listen to Brother Manning. Masonry has been very meaningful in his life. I sincerely hope he can be present at this Annual Communication so you too can profit from his words of wisdom.

Sesostris Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. dedicated its Spring Ceremonial on April 30, 1965, to your Grand Master. All Past Grand Masters and all presiding Worshipful Masters present were introduced and all Past Masters were recognized. It was a very fine occasion and I sincerely thank the Potentate, M. W. Merle M. Hale for his thoughtfulness.

One of the highlights of my year was the privilege of attending the meeting of the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education at St. Louis,

Missouri. It is noteworthy that W.'Howard J. Hunter and W.'Roy W. Deal of our Grand Lodge Educational Committee are leaders in that organization.

It was my privilege to attend Masonic Week and the Grand Masters' Conference at Washington, D. C., February 20 through February 25. This included three meetings: The Conference of Grand Masters; the Masonic Service Association; and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. These were truly inspirational meetings, and I am convinced that over the years they have made a real contribution to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

It was my pleasure to give a paper at the Grand Masters' Conference. I also served as a member of one of the committees of the Masonic Service Association. I am pleased to report that M.'W.'Herbert A. Ronin was elected as a representative from this area on the Executive Commission of the Masonic Service Association. I also report the fact that M.'W.'Charles F. Adams is serving as the second vice-president and one of the directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska, through these capable leaders, is making a distinct contribution to the work of those associations.

On June 2, 1965, I had the extreme privilege and pleasure of conferring the Master Mason degree on my youngest son, Victor R. Spencer. My three sons are now members of North Star Lodge No. 227.

Last summer I visited The Masonic Brotherhood Center at the New York World's Fair. The Grand Lodge F.'& A.'M.' of New York is to be commended on this wonderful project. It is a credit to Masonry, and a must for everyone visiting the World's Fair this year.

CORNER-STONES

I had the privilege of officiating at three Corner-stone ceremonies during the year. On July 25, 1964, we laid the Corner-stone for the new Masonic Temple at Blair. Our Grand Orator, W.'Alexander McKie, Jr., gave the address for the occasion. I congratulated the officers and members of Washington Lodge No. 21 on their initiative in meeting the need for a new lodge home.

On April 29, 1965, the Grand Lodge had the pleasure of laying the Corner-stone for the new Fine Arts Center at Peru State College, Peru. The immediate Past Grand Orator, W.'Freeman B. Decker, delivered the oration. W.'John H. Stevenson and the brethren of Peru Lodge No. 14 are to be commended for their part in this ceremony.

We were most happy on May 1, 1965, to lay the Corner-stone for the new John S. and Mary O. Herd building at The Omaha Home for Boys. Brother Roman L. Hruska, senior Senator from Nebraska, delivered the oration. Both he and your Grand Master were made Honorary Dads and presented with certificates signed by all of the boys. I thank Worshipful Master John S. Savage and the brethren of Covert Lodge No. 11 for their help on this occasion.

I am indebted to our Grand Marshal, W. Philip H. Robinson, Sr., who was responsible for the arrangements on each of these occasions. They were well planned and their success is a tribute to his industry and ability.

DEDICATIONS

I was privileged to participate in four dedicatory ceremonies during the year.

Again, our Grand Marshal, W. Philip H. Robinson, Sr., is entitled to commendation for the excellent manner in which he handled the many details involved in these ceremonies.

On October 12, 1964, we dedicated the Masonic Temple at Stromsburg. Our Grand Orator, W. Alexander McKie, Jr., delivered the dedicatory address. Much of the work on this Temple was done by the members of Stromsburg Lodge No. 126. This fine Temple is a tribute to their dedication to the Fraternity.

The Masonic Temple at O'Neill was dedicated on October 15, 1964. I was privileged to make the dedicatory address. This beautiful home of Garfield Lodge No. 95 is a credit to the community and is proof that if the brethren are really interested, it is possible to provide a beautiful lodge home.

On January 8, 1965, we had the privilege of dedicating the Masonic Temple at Blair, for which we laid the Corner-stone July 25, 1964. M. W. Herbert A. Ronin delivered the dedicatory address. This Temple is one of the most beautiful in the state. It is truly the work of master craftsmen.

We dedicated the Nolde Memorial Masonic Temple at Sutton, on March 24, 1965. This is the home lodge of our Grand Junior Warden. Brother Carl H. Nolde, whose generosity helped make this project possible, is to be commended for his interest in the welfare of his community and his brethren. M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, substituting for our Grand Chaplain who was ill, gave the dedicatory address.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

During the year, I approved new By-laws for one lodge, amendments to existing By-laws for 13 lodges, and disapproved one proposed amendment.

REINSTATEMENTS

I approved 38 applications for reinstatement during the year. In each instance I followed the recommendation of the committee, although in one instance I added a condition to the approval. This will be referred to under Decisions.

DISPENSATIONS

I approved 16 dispensations to confer degrees without regard to time. Fourteen of them involved brethren who were in or were being called

into the military service. The other two involved brethren who, after a lodge had acquired jurisdiction, moved out of the state. In each instance, I felt the situation justified the request.

I permitted one lodge to move its charter. Three lodges were granted dispensations to elect and install officers out of time, and three were granted permission to install officers who had been elected but who were not installed at the regular installation. Where illness or severe weather conditions were responsible for the request, I waived the fee. I approved 18 requests for permission to examine brethren for proficiency after the specified time had elapsed, and in one instance, where I found good cause to be shown, I waived the requirements of Section 2-402 for an aged Entered Apprentice.

MEMORIAL LODGE U. D. U.

Memorial Lodge U. D. U. in 1964, under the leadership of W. Robert D. Cresap as Master, conducted 12 Masonic funeral services for deceased brethren in the Omaha area who were members of lodges outside the area. Special appreciation is due to W. Brother Cresap and the brethren who helped him with this important work. This is true Masonic charity.

MASONIC HOMES

The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth is a project that has been close to my heart since 1942 when I was appointed to its board of trustees. I have seen the old Home grow to the modern Home and infirmary we have today. It is a Home in which we all may take just pride. If you have not visited it recently, I urge you to do so.

I attended the annual meeting and most of the board meetings during the year, and served as chairman of the admissions committee. The president of the board, Brother William F. Patterson, will give you a detailed report of the operation of the Home, pointing up many problems, with recommendations for their solution.

I was privileged to attend the annual meeting of the stockholders and the board of trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. It was my pleasure to nominate M. W. Herbert A. Ronin and W. Clyde D. Worrall as Masonic representatives on that board. The board of trustees is doing an excellent job with a staff that is not specially trained to cope with the problems inherent in the nature of the present operation of the Home. I shall cover this more fully in a recommendation I will make later in this address.

TRIAL COMMISSIONS

I am sorry to report that it was necessary to appoint five trial commissions during the year. One of them involved an embezzlement charge. The others involved the sale of intoxicating liquors.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

I commissioned Grand Representatives of Nebraska near other Jurisdictions, as follows: V. W. Ewalt Helmuth Langwieler, Rio Grande De Sul Brasil; M. W. James E. Roy, Massachusetts; W. Nicholas Mussallem, British Columbia; W. Gaylord Clark Wright, Saskatchewan.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

I recommended the following brethren to be Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions near Nebraska: W. Harlan W. Cane, 227, Wisconsin; W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150, North Dakota; W. O. Robert H. Beezley, 250, Austria; W. Ralph I. Berry, 256, Switzerland; W. Arthur S. Dye, 317, Panama; W. J. M. F. Heumann, 290, Germany; W. E. Forrest Estes, 19, Denmark; W. Philip H. Robinson, Sr., 155, Sweden; W. W. Upton Dawson, 135, Netherlands.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Custodian, I issued commissions to four new Assistant Custodians: W. W. Upton Dawson, McCook Lodge No. 135; W. Don R. Davis, Atkinson Lodge No. 164; W. Ralph I. Berry, Hickman Lodge No. 256; W. Carl Johnson, Alliance Lodge No. 183.

It was my pleasure to present W. W. Upton Dawson's commission during the Grand Custodian's School at Grand Island. I had also expected to present W. Don R. Davis' commission at the same time, but when he could not be present, I asked M. W. Ralph M. Carhart to make the presentation at the Central School of Instruction at Atkinson. I was privileged to present W. Ralph I. Berry's commission at a special meeting of Hickman No. 256. W. Carl Johnson's commission has not been formerly presented to him, because after his appointment he left his employment at Alliance and enrolled at Chadron State College. I have asked M. W. Edward M. Knight to make the presentation at a time satisfactory to W. Brother Carl.

I have previously referred to the passing of W. Forest A. Lape, who received his appointment as an Assistant Custodian in 1951. He has been a tower of strength to the lodges in the northwest corner of the state. His passing leaves a void which will be hard to fill.

The Assistant Custodians have been a source of strength to me this year. I increased their already heavy burden, because I asked them to do particular things for me, but they have been fully cooperative and have been ever ready to be of assistance. More was demanded of them because of the condition of the health of our Grand Custodian, who in spite of his doctor's order, handled the detail and paper work in his office. The Assistant Custodians are a loyal and dedicated group. It is a refreshing experience in this day of selfishness to have brethren who give so liberally of their time and their talents to make Masonry more meaningful to their brethren. It was a real pleasure for me to spend two days with them at their own school of instruction at Grand Island.

SAINTS JOHN DAYS

Last year many of our lodges observed with appropriate ceremonies the festival day of St. John the Evangelist, December 27. With the permission of M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, as Deputy Grand Master I asked the brethren to observe the festival day of St. John the Baptist, June 24, as well as the festival day of St. John the Evangelist.

The response to this program has been very good. Many of the lodges observed one or both of these festival days. It was my suggestion that any planned program would be acceptable for that purpose. There was a wide variety of programs. One of most interest to me was the conducting of a table lodge by Wisner Lodge No. 114. This is a revival of an old custom in some of our older jurisdictions. I am sure that the officers of Wisner Lodge No. 114 would be glad to supply information on this ceremony for any interested brethren. Our Grand Lodge Education Committee can also supply the information as well as furnish material for other types of observances.

I join M. W. Ralph M. Carhart in urging my successors in office to continue the observance of both of these days. They can become outstanding events on our Masonic calendar. I recommend that the lodges be asked to furnish a report on the program they use to the chairman of our Grand Lodge Education Committee.

CONSOLIDATION AND SURRENDER OF CHARTERS

On December 23, 1964, I approved the consolidation of Delta Lodge No. 230, St. Edward, with Albion Lodge No. 78, Albion. This consolidation will give the former members of Delta Lodge a very excellent lodge home and will add further strength to a very good lodge.

On December 23, 1964, I also authorized the surrender of the charter of William E. Hill Lodge No. 307, Otoe. This will permit the members to join a neighboring lodge of their choice. This lodge had 29 members, only 12 of whom resided in the jurisdictional area.

On May 29, 1965 I authorized the surrender of the charter of Gauge No. 208, Arcadia. This will permit the members to join neighboring Lodges of their choice. This Lodge had 33 members, only 20 of whom reside in jurisdictional area, only 8 of whom were able to come to Lodge.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the amendment of our Code at the last session, I appointed M. W. Joseph C. Tye as chairman, and M. W. Herbert A. Ronin and M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey as members of the Lodge Advisory Committee. Each of them has given unstintingly of his time to advise and to work with several lodges during the year. Their activity is producing results that will be increasingly evident as times goes on. I am sure that their advice has already been helpful in correcting situations which could eventually have resulted in the loss of a lodge. I am certainly grateful to each of them for the wonderful help they have given throughout the year.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

We have amended our law to permit subordinate lodges to sponsor and to support three youth organizations: DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girls. One of these, the International Order of Job's Daughters, originated in Nebraska.

The hope of the future lies in the training of our youth. It has been rightly said:

"Sow a thought, you reap a deed;
Sow a deed, you reap a habit;
Sow a habit, you reap a character;
Sow a character, you reap a destiny."

As one who has spent several years working with two of these groups, I am appalled at the lack of interest I find among the brethren in their welfare. I urge each of you to examine your own conscience and to determine if you or your lodge are doing your part for the youth of your community.

TEMPLE BUILDING AND FINANCING

During the year, I approved several requests for permission to borrow funds for remodeling lodges. I also approved the purchase of a building occupied by a lodge, and authorized a loan from the Grand Lodge for the balance of the purchase price. In these actions, I followed the recommendation of the Temple Building Advisory Committee.

I hope that during the coming year some of you will consider the modernization of your Temples. The Temple Building Advisory Committee is at your service. It is ever ready to be of help and it can save you much time and effort if you consult it before your plans are finalized.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

It was my pleasure to appoint Brother Robert A. Wekesser, Lancaster Lodge No. 54, to fill a vacancy on the Board of Grand Trustees. This board is responsible for the investment program of our Grand Lodge. They are all men of exceptional ability, with special training in the investment field. I can report without reservation that our financial affairs are in very capable hands and that it would not be possible to find a more able group to handle our program for us.

CRESCENT LODGE NO. 143 — PRIMROSE

The tornado which leveled the town of Primrose did not spare the Masonic Hall. The Hall was completely airborne, so that the lots are now clear. The Hall was a two-story building. The upper floor was used for Lodge purposes, and the lower floor for dinner and recreation activities.

The brethren of Crescent Lodge No. 143 have determined to rebuild on their present lots. They are a really stout-hearted group, who have

taken this calamity in stride and want so much to keep their Lodge. To rebuild will be good for Masonry and certainly for the community.

I have authorized a contribution to Crescent Lodge No. 143 from our relief fund in the amount of \$3,000 to aid them in this project. We have in the past responded generously to like calamities in other jurisdictions. It is only right that we should go all out to help our own. I have also directed a letter to all of our lodges, mentioning the tragedy suffered by Crescent Lodge, and suggesting that if they would like to help the Lodge reestablish itself, it would be in order.

DECISIONS

I include herein only those decisions or replies to inquiries which required more than a mere reference to the applicable Code provisions.

1. The secretary of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 wrote that a petitioner who was elected on August 2, 1963, was transferred to Colorado before he could receive the Entered Apprentice degree. The secretary understood that arrangements would be made for courtesy work in Colorado when the petitioner was settled and ready to proceed. Nothing further was heard from the petitioner until the Lodge received a letter from the Secretary of a Colorado Lodge, dated October 20, 1964, stating that the petitioner would like to petition the Colorado Lodge, and inquiring whether the \$20.00 fee he had paid to them would be refunded to him in the event that he did so. The Secretary of the Colorado Lodge stated that his Lodge would like to give the petitioner his degree work, requested permission to do so, and asked for a decision relative to the fee. East Lincoln No. 210 requested my opinion as to whether they could consider the letter as a request for a waiver of jurisdiction, and whether the fee should be returned, based on the information contained in the letters. The pertinent portion of my reply is as follows:

"With reference to the return of the fee of \$20, this is governed by section 2-606 of our Code. Fees are required to be paid in advance, and become the property of the Lodge on a favorable ballot. As soon as favorable action was taken on Mr. Sumner's petition, the \$20 became the property of the Lodge. The Code further provides that if the petitioner is rejected, his fee is returned to him, but it is not returned to those who decline to submit to initiation. Where Mr. Sumner did not see fit to have your Lodge provide for a courtesy initiation, and permitted his application to lapse, you are strictly within your rights in refusing to return the fee.

"I would say, however, that Section 2-606 does not prohibit your Lodge from refunding the fee to Mr. Sumner where his failure to receive the degree work resulting from the fact that his duties took him to another state.

"From the letter of the secretary of the Ute Pass Lodge No. 188, I assume that Mr. Sumner left this jurisdiction before the date set for him to receive the Entered Apprentice degree. It is entirely possible that your Lodge may not have been too diligent in seeing that a courtesy

degree was conferred on Mr. Sumner, and this certainly should be considered on the question of returning his fee. It is apparent that Mr. Sumner has maintained his interest in belonging to the fraternity, and if your Lodge has not attempted to see that he did receive the work, I would say that in good conscience the fee should be returned to him. Section 2-804 of our Code provides that if a petitioner has a lawful Masonic residence at the time his petition is received, the lodge does not lose jurisdiction by a permanent removal previous to receiving the degrees. It may waive such jurisdiction over a petitioner who has permanently removed from the jurisdiction.

I interpret the letters enclosed with your letter as a request for a waiver of jurisdiction."

2. The secretary of Wahoo No. 59 requested a decision as to whether he could issue a certificate of good standing for a brother who had not been examined as to his proficiency in the Masters degree, so that his daughter could petition for membership in the International Order of Job's Daughters.

Because of the mandatory character of Section 2-402, and the provisions of Section 2-403, I ruled as follows:

"Inasmuch as the brother has never passed his proficiency examination, it is not possible to issue the certificate requested. Until a brother has completed his proficiency, his membership may not be used for eligibility for any of the youth organizations, or for the Order of Eastern Star. We apply the same rule in this respect as we apply to the York, Scottish Rite, and the Shrine."

3. My attention was called to the fact that a brother who had been a member of Wahoo No. 59 for several years but who had not been examined as to his proficiency in the Masters degree, was in the fall Scottish Rite class in the Omaha Consistory. I learned that those involved were laboring under the misapprehension that the proficiency requirement was one of recent origin. I advised the Lodge that the proficiency requirement covered by Section 2-403 of our Code had been a part of our Code at least since 1922 when the then Grand Master ruled: "A Master Mason must have complied with Section 66 as to proficiency before he is entitled to petition for the so-called higher degrees (1922 —1; Approved, p. 65)." I then directed that charges be filed against the brother unless he complied with the provisions of Section 2-402 within 10 days. Upon his compliance, I directed that no further action be taken.

4. At some of our area meetings inquiry was made as to whether it was permissible to use the former funeral oration where no one in the Lodge had learned the new one. On those occasions I ruled that it is not only not permissible but unlawful to do so. I further advised the W. Master that for him to permit the use of the old ceremony is a violation of his obligation as Master.

In explanation of my ruling, I call attention to the fact that the 105th Annual Communication directed the incoming Grand Master to set the date when the revised Monitor should go into effect. Pursuant

thereto, M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey on July 17, 1962, decreed that from and after December 31, 1962, it would be unlawful in this Grand Jurisdiction to use in whole or in part any form of ceremony other than that new provided for in the revised Monitor. A copy of this directive is found following the preface in the Monitor.

5. The secretary of Fairfield Lodge No. 84 requested a ruling as to whether or not their Masonic hall could be rented to the Rebecca lodge for meetings. I ruled as follows:

"There is no provision of our Code which would prevent your Lodge from renting your hall to the Rebeccas for their meeting. I would assume that their general purposes are not in conflict in any way with any of our teachings so that their activities would not in any way be unmasonic."

6. The Secretary of North Star No. 227 wrote for clarification where objection is filed to a petition before the report of the investigation committee is made a matter of record. I answered as follows:

"You ask two questions. First, what should be included in the minutes where an objection is filed previous to the report of the investigation committee. The answer to this question is found in subsection (h) of Section 2-1101 of our Code, which reads as follows:

"(h) The fact of objection shall be announced by the Master in open lodge at a regular communication and shall be noted in the minutes of the lodge and on the compendium."

"The second question you asked, what should the minutes contain concerning the report of the investigation committee, has been a troublesome one because there is a conflict in the provisions of our Code.

"Section 2-907, referring to investigation committee reports, states:

"The nature of the report of the committee shall not be made a matter of record in the minutes of the lodge."

"Section 2-311, specifying the duties of the secretary, provides:

"The Secretary shall include in his minutes the reports of committees on petitions."

"While all of the lodge records must be kept readily available, it has been my experience that it is the minute book which can always be easily produced. It seems to me to be good procedure to record in the minutes the fact that the report of the committee was favorable or unfavorable. While this information is listed on the petition which must be preserved, this notation in the minutes in future years could be important when another petition is presented.

"I therefore rule, in an attempt to resolve what appears to be a conflict in our Code, that the secretary should include in his minutes the information only as to whether the report of the committee was favorable or unfavorable, and that no reasons or explanations of any nature may be made a matter of record."

7. The W. Master of Hastings No. 50 sent me a suggested program for a Washington birthday celebration, and requested permission to reproduce a portion of the Lodge minutes of February 25, 1892. I replied as follows:

"I have read with interest the lodge minutes of February 25, 1892, and I see no objection to their reproduction for the benefit of the brethren. I do, however, have a very serious question relative to the printing of your program. I note that in the second section you give titles for the list of characters. I would rule that this is not permissible, and therefore should not be done. There is no objection to listing the names of the officers nor the names of the persons participating, but I do object to the listing of the title of the characters, and I am sorry but I must direct that it not be done.

"I trust that this will not be too much of an inconvenience for your ceremony, but I would rule that titles of the characters which are not listed in the monitor must be considered as esoteric and could give the wrong impression to non-Masons."

8. I was recently advised that Wisner No. 114, when requested by the family to do so, refused to conduct the Lodge funeral service for a deceased brother who was in good standing in Wisner lodge at the time of his death. I wrote the W. Master as follows:

"I have just been advised by our Grand Senior Deacon that the request of the family of Chris Jacobson, a late brother of your Lodge, for a Masonic funeral was refused for the reason that your lodge no longer conducted Masonic funeral rites.

"I call your attention to Section 2-510 of our Code, which contains the following:

"A deceased brother, who at the time of his death was in good standing, is entitled to Masonic funeral rites, if requested by him in his life time, or by his relatives after his death."

"This is one of the Masonic privileges which must be accorded to the family of a brother, and a lodge must comply with the request. It is not within your power, if the brother was in good standing, to determine whether or not the Lodge will honor the family's request. If there is no one in your Lodge who is capable of delivering the funeral oration, it is necessary that you make arrangements with some adjoining Lodge, with the Assistant Custodian, or some Past Grand Officer, for help in this respect.

"I direct that this letter be read at the next meeting of your Lodge, and that you notify me by an early mail that this misunderstanding has been corrected and that in the future Wisner lodge will meet its obligations to its brethren."

I have been advised that in the future, all requests for Masonic funerals will be honored.

9. The Secretary of Blue River No. 30 inquired as to the eligibility of a candidate who had lost the thumb on his right hand to receive the degrees. I wrote as follows:

"As I interpret Section 2-904, it is now permissible to initiate a candidate who has a physical deformity if he is able to comply with our peculiar rites and ceremonies. The decision as to whether or not he can do so is left to the discretion of the Master and the Lodge.

"I personally favor a liberal interpretation of this section to accomplish the purpose for which it was amended, and if a candidate can comply substantially with our rites and ceremonies, I would approve his admission."

10. I was informed that pending an application for reinstatement before the Grand Lodge Committee, a former member of John J. Mercer No. 290, whose petition for reinstatement had been approved by the lodge, completed his Scottish Rite work. The brother has never taken his proficiency examination in the Masters degree, and before his suspension for non-payment of dues, had received the Scottish Rite work through the 14th degree. I wrote the W. Master of John J. Mercer No. 290 in part as follows:

"There is a serious question as to whether this reinstatement should be approved. I have, however, decided to follow the recommendation of the committee, and am conditionally approving the reinstatement. You will note that I have reinstated the brother with directions to you to file charges against him if he has not passed a satisfactory examination in the Masters degree by the first meeting of your Lodge in June, which I understand will be June 1. I am directing you to notify me on June 2 as to whether the brother has passed his proficiency examination or whether charges were filed, as directed herein." I report that the brother passed a satisfactory examination.

11. I received a request from Lebanon Lodge No. 323 to rule on the validity of a deposit at interest to cover future payment of dues. My reply was as follows:

"You ask whether it would be possible for Lebanon No. 323 to accept a deposit of \$250. to be placed in a building and loan or a bank at interest, to cover the dues of a nephew of the brother making the deposit.

"It is my understanding that the interest rate on this \$250. is more than ample at the present time to pay the annual dues. Our Code prohibits a life membership, but I see no objection to the arrangement you suggest if there is a definite understanding that encroachments will be permitted on the principal if the return is not sufficient to pay the annual dues. It is my further understanding that the balance of the fund would become the property of the lodge should the nephew die.

"I would rule that the Lodge could enter into the arrangement if encroachment on principal is permitted."

12. The Secretary of Grand Island No. 318 wrote inquiring if it was a Masonic offense for a brother who owns a building to rent it for use as a liquor store. I replied as follows:

"Previous to the last amendment of subsection (d) of Section 3-102 of our Masonic Code, this had been interpreted to be an offense. In 1958 subsection (d) was amended as follows:

"(d) 1. Engaging in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors including wine and beer.

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

"In 1962, the then Grand Master ruled that it was his considered opinion that the leasing of a building to a liquor licensee is not engaging in the sale of intoxicating liquors, and that our previous ruling under the then existing code was no longer applicable. This decision was approved by the Grand Lodge.

"In 1963, the then Grand Master ruled that a brother who owns and rents a building with a liquor store in it was subject to Masonic charges. This ruling was disapproved by the Grand Lodge.

"I, therefore, rule that it is not a Masonic offense for a brother who owns a building to rent it to someone else for use as a liquor store."

13. The secretary of Palisade Lodge No. 216 forwarded a request for special dispensation to hold a special election for the office of Senior Warden because the present Senior Warden was moving to another location.

I replied as follows:

"I understand that a Senior Warden was elected at your regular election last December and was installed this past January, and that the reason for requesting the special election is to fill his spot because he is moving to Milford, Nebraska.

"I call your attention to Section 2-304 of our Code, covering vacancies. You will note that an installed officer cannot resign or demit. If he is absent, the Master fills the office by temporary appointment for each meeting. Under the circumstances I am not granting the special dispensation because it is not possible to hold a special election. Your present Senior Warden will be your Senior Warden for the remainder of his term."

RECOMMENDATIONS

GRAND CUSTODIAN

1. Our Grand Custodian, after many years of faithful service to this Grand Lodge, finds it necessary, for reasons of health, to retire from active duty.

Every active Mason in this jurisdiction is familiar with the varied contributions made to Masonry by this dedicated brother. He has not only brought the work of his office to a high level, but over the years he has served as speaker, installing officer, and confidant for many subordinate Lodge officers.

I recommend that this 108th Annual Communication designate W. Raymond C. Cook as Grand Custodian Emeritus for life in tribute for his many years of unselfish and dedicated service.

RETIREMENT

2. The retirement of our Grand Custodian has pointed up a problem which has been before us on other occasions, the fact that we do not have

a retirement plan for those who wear themselves out in our service at salaries below those paid for comparable service in the field of business. Realizing that we were facing this problem, and because the employment situation at our Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, was becoming increasingly critical, I decided that we could no longer procrastinate. I therefore appointed a special committee to present a retirement proposal for the Grand Lodge office and for The Nebraska Masonic Home at this Grand Lodge Communication. I selected as chairman of the committee E. Forrest Estes, a retired insurance actuary, who is thoroughly familiar with the problems involved. His report will be made later in this session. I can assure you that it is actuarially sound. I recommend the adoption of a retirement program at this session.

MASONIC TEMPLES

3. I have been distressed by the condition and appearance of many of our Lodge halls. Some are in buildings that are a disgrace to the organization, and, if not fire traps, at least border on questionable safety. Other Lodge halls are in need of both paint and repair. I find it difficult to believe that brethren would live in quarters they are satisfied to consider as their Lodge home.

If our Temples are shabby and neglected, what happens to our status in the public eye? Can we blame our neighbors for believing the worst about an organization which does not move its members to take sufficient pride in their surroundings to remedy the situation which exists? I do know that if the members have a desire to better their situation, it can be done. I recommend that the incoming Grand Master be authorized to direct the Assistant Custodians to make a report to him on the condition of the Temple of each Lodge assigned to them, for such action as the Grand Master deems appropriate.

In this same vein, I find many of our Lodge halls on second or third floors of buildings owned by the lodge, with no means of access except steep stairs. Many of our brethren, because of heart conditions or other infirmities, are finding it impossible to enjoy the benefit of their membership at a time when they are prepared to give more attention to the affairs of the fraternity. cursory investigation by me indicates that the cost of remedying the situation in most cases would be very modest. Robert W. Furnas No. 265, at a cost of less than \$800, installed a conveyance which remedied the situation for them. It seems to me that Masonic charity requires no less, and I recommend that every Lodge planning to remain on an upper floor for a period of time give serious thought to remedying this condition.

HISTORICAL OBJECTS AND PLACES

4. For several years, W. George W. Rosenlof has served as Grand Lodge Historian. He has spent a lot of time and effort to make us conscious of the wonderful Masonic heritage which is ours. His work would be much easier if our Lodges over the years had made efforts to preserve the past. As tourism becomes more popular in Nebraska sojourning Masons

will visit in our respective communities. There may be articles or places in your communities which are of historic interest to Nebraska Masons which would be of interest to others.

I recommend that each Lodge consider the advisability of appointing a Lodge historian to explore these possibilities and, if such exist, to consider the placement of suitable markers. In any event, I recommend the appointment of an historian to compile and keep current a lodge history which may be available for anniversaries of the future.

THE MASONIC - EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

5. For at least the last 2 years, there have been reports of difficulties at The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for children. These rumors reached the point where, for the good of all concerned, it became advisable to have an impartial investigation.

While a part of the difficulty has been one of inadequate public relations, the primary cause is the fact that the nature of the Home has changed and that today it is caring for emotionally disturbed children when it is not properly equipped or staffed to do so.

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for children was originally set up to care for orphans. A check of the population this spring disclosed that there were no orphaned children in the Home. The children then residing at the Home were from broken homes. Some of them had both parents living, and some had just one. Because of the unfavorable conditions experienced by these children prior to coming to the Home, many of them are emotionally disturbed. This means that the Home is expected to give these children what their parents were not able to give them, or at least did not give them. Consequently, adjustment to the rules and regulations of an institution with a population the size of our Masonic-Eastern Star Home for children is at the least very difficult if not impossible for some of them.

It is also apparent that the original requirement for Masonic or Eastern Star relationship has been materially diluted to admit some of the children who have been admitted to the Home. These changes have been effected without the approval or knowledge of either Grand Body. I doubt if many of us had any idea of the nature of the change which has taken place. Because the problem could become more acute, and because some of the physical properties at the Home are becoming obsolete, and, if they are to be replaced, money raising projects are in the offing, I recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a special committee of not less than three nor more than five Past Grand Masters to reevaluate the original purpose for the establishment of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for children, to determine if it is presently fulfilling its original intent, and, if not, to make recommendations to our next Grand Lodge as to whether or not we should continue to occupy the new field.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

6. The Committee on Masonic Education held 10 area meetings during the year. It was my privilege to be the speaker at the banquets which closed each of them.

We followed the same format used last year, but attempted to expand the program. I believe the meetings were the best we have had. Participation by those present was so active that at every meeting it was necessary to call time, with many questions unanswered. The attendance at the meetings was very good compared to previous years and most of the Lodges were represented. However, in spite of a personal letter from the Grand Master to each W. Master, there were some who did not make any effort to attend or to see that their Lodge was represented. The Grand Lodge is going to considerable effort and expense to bring this program to the subordinate Lodges. These area meetings are training schools for Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, and members of Education Committees. It is the ones who fail to attend who need it the most.

I recommend that the incoming Grand Master take steps to assure the attendance of those who should be present at the area meeting. It is my thought that if the meeting in the home area conflicts with other obligations, where 10 area meetings are being held it certainly should be possible to attend one in some other area.

I am deeply grateful to the chairman of our Education Committee, W. Howard J. Hunter, and to the other members of his Committee, for the exceptional job they have done during this Masonic year in bringing their program to the Nebraska Lodges. It may be of interest to the brethren to know that W. Brother Howard is one of the Officers of the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education.

OFFICE AND LIBRARY

7. The Grand Historian has called my attention to the need for Library and Museum facilities for this Grand Lodge. This will enable us to display current Masonic Literature as well as to display the Literature of the past and our Museum pieces. I have also been apprised of the need for additional office space. In order to have all of our facilities on one floor. I understand that the Grand Lodge Office Committee will recommend a move from the 4th to the 2nd floor of the Temple to accomplish this purpose. This will increase our rent, but I am informed by the Grand Trustees that funds are available and I recommend the move.

EXPENSES OF ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

8. I recommend that the expenses for the visit of an Assistant Custodian to a lodge with less than 50 members, as shown by the report for the preceding December 31st, be absorbed by the Grand Lodge. When we consider that \$4. must be paid to the Grand Lodge for every member on the rolls, it should be evident that a lodge with less than 50 members has very little left to cover necessary expenses.

APPRECIATION

To the Officers and Members of North Star Lodge No. 227: Thanks again to each and every one of you for the encouragement, support, and help you have given me through the years, and especially during my year as Grand Master.

To the Officers and Members of the Lincoln lodges, particularly those of you who have been working on this Grand Lodge session: I am grateful to each and all of you for the contributions you have made. Accept this as a personal thank you to each and every one of you.

To the Grand Lodge Officers: No Grand Master had a finer, more loyal, or more dedicated group of Grand Lodge officers than I. The appointed officers have more than justified the confidence I placed in them. They have discharged their duties with credit to themselves and this Grand Lodge. Our Grand Historian, Worshipful Brother George W. Rosenlof, has been especially busy, as his report will indicate. The advancing line officers attended every area meeting, every dedication, every Corner-stone ceremony, every planned reception, and some of them were present at many of my other visitations. You have listened to me so often that there can be no question you have taken more punishment than any of your predecessors. I can say without fear of contradiction that this Grand Lodge will be in excellent hands for at least the next 5 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed our association together. You gave your best, no one could ask for more.

To Joseph C. Tye: Who is responsible for starting me in line and making it possible for me to serve this year as Grand Master, and who has taken on responsibilities for me, I can only say what I have said before — I will be eternally grateful. I hope, Most Worshipful Joe, that I have lived up to your expectations.

To the Past Grand Masters: Besides substituting for me on occasions, you have assisted me in many ways. I appreciated your attendance at area meetings and at many of my visitations. Thanks for your help and your advice. It made the year much easier for me.

To R.'W.' Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary: I say what many of you have heard me say before: No Grand Lodge has a more efficient, a more able, a more helpful, or a more accommodating Grand Secretary than we have. I treasure the association we have had together.

I am grateful to an absent brother who has gone to his celestial home. He was my Masonic sponsor. I am a Mason today because of his interest in me and because I wanted to emulate his example. I refer to Harry O. Palmer, whom some of you knew. He and his brother, Arthur L. Palmer, have done much for Nebraska Masonry, and particularly for our Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. I sincerely regret that the condition of his health was such that Arthur L. Palmer could not be in attendance at this Grand Lodge session.

To you, my brethren, who have graciously received me in your lodges or area meetings, I thank you for your courtesies and kindnesses.

I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Grand Master. Surely no man could serve in this capacity without gaining more than he gave. I sincerely hope that the record we have written this year will justify the confidence you placed in me. For me, it has been a rich experience, a year of satisfaction, and will be one of the most memorable in my life. Thanks for the opportunity, and for making it so.

Finally, I thank the Grand Master of us all for blessing me so abundantly, and for the health, strength, and guidance which enabled me to carry on throughout the year.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Membershipwise, in spirit of the fact that this year we raised only 9 more than last year, and lost 5 less by death, our loss for the year is 212 less than last year. This indicates our Membership Committees are beginning to function on suspensions. We still had 567 suspensions in 1964, so there is room for improvement. These figures are for the year ending December 31, 1964. Indications so far for 1965 are that we will reverse the trend entirely by December 31, 1965, and again return to the plus column.

I am informed by our Grand Secretary that there are in excess of 1,000 brethren who have not completed their degree work. Some of these may have moved away. Some may be slow in proving up on their work. In any event, if your lodge has some of these, I urge you to make an effort to complete this work. The Grand Secretary's office will render whatever assistance is necessary in locating candidates who have moved to other jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions are most cooperative in doing courtesy work. Until the brother has completed his work, he has not received that for which he sought, and is of no use to Masonry.

Our smallest lodge has 29 members, our largest one has in excess of 1,700. The former is too small, the latter too large. Bigness is no virtue in Masonry. There is something wrong with a lodge with a membership of 1,000 or more and lodge facilities which cannot accommodate 250. That very fact points up the problem. When a lodge is too big to give the benefits to or hold the interest of its members, the formation of a new lodge is in order.

I sincerely believe that if the resident membership of any lodge is more than twice as large as its facilities can accommodate, that lodge is too large to serve the purposes of its members. An active lodge of 200 is much better for its members than a lodge of 1,000 with facilities for 200. Why am I concerned? My experience this year, with one exception, has convinced me that the poorest proportional attendance is in our larger lodges. They are rusting out because they are more interested in building bank accounts than a fraternal structure. It is time, brethren, that we did some serious soul searching on this phobia of bigness. It stands to reason that four smaller but active lodges do much more for us than one big lodge, a majority of whose members are dying on the vine of Masonry.

We have 14 lodges with a membership of less than 40, some of which are situated in dying communities. In some instances drastic action is necessary to prevent disintegration. Consolidation in some instances may weld two weak lodges into one strong one. In other instances, where there are prospects for future growth, help in other ways may solve the problem. In any event, I urge our smaller lodges to remember that the Lodge Advisory Committee is anxious to render any and all necessary assistance to a lodge willing to ask for help. The time to meet a problem is before it becomes too much of a problem. If your lodge is more or less dormant, or is fast becoming so, you need help now.

For sometime, I have had serious misgivings about the investigations, if any, made by some of our Investigating Committees. In the smaller communities this may not be a problem. In the larger communities it definitely can be. Investigating Committees should be carefully chosen and the members thereof should thoroughly understand their responsibilities. No committee member should report on a candidate he has not personally met, and no member of the committee should sign the report until after he has fully completed his investigation. In these busy days, we tend to become lax. If the influence of Masonry is declining, the answer may be found in the thought that we cheapen the order and dilute its influence when we admit those who never should be Masons. To meet this problem we have sent instructions for the guidance of the Investigating Committees to each lodge. See that these instructions are placed in the hands of each committee and that they are observed.

This year I have stressed the philosophy of Masonry. I did this because I am firmly convinced that for far too long in this jurisdiction we have proceeded on the theory that ritualistic work was all that was necessary to make our members Masons. The result, unfortunately, is that we have been adding members but making far too few Masons. Do not misunderstand me. We must have well-trained ritualists who can clearly and impressively portray our ceremonies. If, however, our candidates are to learn the story we have to tell, we need more than ritualists. We must also have those who will follow up our ritual by explaining the meaning of our words and symbols. I am convinced that this is necessary if we are to expect all our initiates to understand the objective of our degrees.

For me, I visualize this objective to be the making of a man conscious of his God and his destiny; the instilling into his heart of an ever-growing love of honor, justice, mercy, morality, and charity. It is my sincere conviction, brethren, that unless Masonry accomplishes these purposes, it is no more than a series of unmeaning rites. When a petitioner receives our degrees, he assumes certain obligations, but the lodge also assumes an obligation. This, brethren, is the important one. It is to see that our brother is fully indoctrinated in the philosophy of Masonry and that he is integrated into the lodge. This will determine whether he becomes a Mason or merely another member. It is our responsibility to see that every new member gets every opportunity to realize the utmost

from the step he has taken. For this purpose, I urge you to activate the Education Committees in your respective lodges. They have at their service a group of informed and dedicated Masons who are ever ready to provide information to bring new light to your members. I refer to the hardest-working committee in this Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education.

Brethren, I may have sounded brutally frank. I intended to do so. I would be less than honest with myself or with you if I were otherwise.

In conclusion, brethren, I am not one to be disturbed when interest in Masonry seems to be waning or there is a decline in membership, if we do our part to make certain that those who become Masons understand the nature of the fraternity. We have had periods of decline in the past. We have had periods when Masonry seemed to be vanishing entirely. Because there has never been anything wrong with Masonry except the human element, it always, although very slowly at times, has come back and in each instance it has become even stronger than before. I am convinced that as in the past, the trend of Masonry is ever onward and upward. If, however, we are to cope with a temporary period of decline, it is necessary that we put the human element in order.

Harry A. Spencer

Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

RETURNS

Complete returns have been received from 273 lodges and all dues and fees for the year 1964 have been paid in full.

SURRENDER OF CHARTERS

On December 31, 1962 with the approval of the Grand Master, William E. Hill 307, Otoe, surrendered its charter. The Lodge had 28 members, not enough members living in the vicinity to hold a meeting. All books and records are in the office.

Thursday, May 29, Gauge Lodge No. 208 at Arcadia, voted unanimously to surrender their Charter. Lodge meetings have not been held because they were unable to get a quorum present. Books and records are in the office.

The above with the approval of the Grand Master.

CONSOLIDATION

On December 31, 1964, Delta No. 230, St. Edwards, consolidated with Albion No. 78. Prior to December 31st, No. 230 had voted to consolidate and No. 78 voted to receive them. The above with the approval of the Grand Master.

PRIMROSE

Crescent Lodge No. 143

Saturday, May 8, late afternoon a tornado struck Primrose. All buildings on Main Street with the exception of five or six and eighteen homes were airborne along with the Masonic Hall. The records were in a safe and all are intact. The Grand Secretary was in touch with Secretary Bruce McDuffee as soon as phone service was restored. He also visited with the Secretary and a number of the Brethren on Saturday morning, May 22. Crescent Lodge has 39 members. The Brethren are real anxious to rebuild. They had insurance on the Hall which was paid in full and a small amount of cash.

We found that many people in the community were waiting to see what the Masons did. We think, as those stout-hearted brethren do, that they can rebuild.

NEW QUARTERS FOR GRAND LODGE

The Grand Lodge office Committee, together with the Grand Historian, W. Brother George W. Rosenlof, and the Committee on Masonic Education, W. Brother Howard J. Hunter, Chairman, agree that we need larger quarters to accommodate the Library and museum pieces we have stored

here and there, and make books we now have available to the Brethren for education. Such move would put all of our offices on one floor including the Seal Program. We heartily approve of the move and hope the Grand Lodge will grant the authority and appropriate such money as is necessary.

GRIEVANCES

One petition for restoration has been received and referred to the Committee on Grievances for consideration and report at the Annual Communication.

FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS

There were 225 fifty-year buttons presented this year. Most of our Lodges make a special event of the occasion. A number of these presentations were made in other Jurisdictions as a courtesy to Nebraska. Again our thanks to all and especially to California.

JORDAN MEDALS

Many special meetings and ceremonies were held this year for the presentation of the Robert Carrel Jordan Medal to the senior member of a Lodge in years of membership.

GOLD JORDAN MEDALS

Brother William Manning of Geneva No. 79 wears the Gold Jordan Medal. On the evening of April 26, Geneva Lodge celebrated Brother Manning's Seventy-five years as a Mason with a fine service and program in his honor.

MEETINGS OF LODGE SECRETARIES

In co-operation with the Committee on Masonic Education we have held ten Secretaries' meetings this year. They were well attended and we were happy to have so many new Secretaries present.

LOCAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Again may we express our thanks to the Brethren of the Omaha and Lincoln Relief Associations. They continue to assist the out-state Lodges in hospital calls, etc. as well as the sojourning Masons, their widows and orphans.

MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA, U. S. D.

Memorial Lodge of Omaha, U. S. D. is called upon many times during the year to conduct the funeral of a sojourning Brother. Our thanks and appreciation to W. Robert D. Cresap, his Officers and Brethren.

CHARTERED LODGES

Omadi Lodge No. 5, Valley No. 157, Gauge No. 208, Olive Branch No. 274 and Alpha No. 316 have failed to be represented at the last two Annual Communications and have been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

THANK YOU

Another busy and fruitful year—many special meetings, corner-stones, anniversaries, Secretaries' meetings and dedications. We have enjoyed all, and especially the fine co-operation and fellowship.

FINANCIAL REPORT
SPECIAL ACCOUNT

May 10, 1965

RECEIPTS

45,170 Members at \$4.00.....	\$180,680.00
1,052 Initiations at \$10.00.....	10,520.00
3 Affiliations at \$10.00.....	30.00
Surety bond premium.....	666.90
Supplies	3,420.22
Liability Insurance.....	3,252.24
For George Washington Masonic National Association	
942 Master Masons at \$1.00.....	942.00
Contribution for George Washington Masonic National	
Memorial	1.00
Interest	1,385.34
Dues and fees in excess.....	219.48
	<hr/>
Total	\$201,117.18

DISBURSEMENTS

The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$ 90,340.00
Relief Fund	9,034.00
Orphans Educational Endowment Fund.....	96,493.58
Supply Account.....	4,087.12
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association...	943.00
Refunds	219.48
	<hr/>
Total	\$201,117.18

ORPHANS' EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

RECEIPTS

Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1964.....	\$131,860.54
Receipts	789,803.22
	<hr/>
Total	\$921,663.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements	\$868,450.55
Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1965.....	53,213.21
	<hr/>
Total	\$921,663.76

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1964.....	\$ 9,137.18
Supplies Sold.....	3,420.22
Bond Premium.....	666.90
Interest on Securities.....	182.50
Securities Sold.....	19,848.00
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 33,254.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Bond Premium.....	\$ 666.90
Supplies	6,754.63
Securities Purchased.....	19,802.73
Cash on hand, U. S. National Bank, May 10, 1964.....	6,030.54
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 33,254.80

RELIEF FUND

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Stock Yards National Bank, May 10, 1964.....	\$ 9,856.66
From Special Account.....	9,034.00
Securities Sold.....	49,232.30
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 68,122.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Committee on Relief & Care of Orphans.....	\$ 5,000.00
Securities Purchased.....	53,174.71
Cash, Stock Yards National Bank, May 10, 1965.....	9,948.25
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 68,122.96

CENTENNIAL CONTINGENT FUND

RECEIPTS

Cash, United States National Bank, May 10, 1964.....	\$ 1,330.95
Receipts	45.06
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 1,376.01

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements	\$ 686.68
Cash on hand, U. S. National Bank, May 10, 1965.....	689.33
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 1,376.01

RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges last year		273
Charters surrendered		2
		<hr/>
Number of Chartered Lodges		271
Number initiated	1,052	
Number passed	945	
Number raised		942
Number affiliated		225
Number dual members		12
Number reinstated		359
Number gained by other causes		13
		<hr/>
Total gross increase		1,551
Number demitted		251
Number deceased		978
Number suspended		567
Number expelled		4
Number lost by other causes		24
		<hr/>
Total loss		1,824
Net loss for year ending December 31, 1964		273
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1963		45,170
Number of Master Masons on rolls December 31, 1964		44,897

Fraternally submitted,

Frank R. Feisen
Grand Secretary

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		MASTER MASONS														
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964		No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964		GAIN					Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	No. of Lodge
			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1963	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission		By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss		
			No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1963														
Nebraska	1	18	6	17	0	1106	23	2	0	2	0	1133	3	31	9	0	0	43	1090	1
Western Star	2	3	6	6	3	288	5	0	0	7	0	300	1	8	9	0	0	18	282	2
Capitol	3	14	6	9	2	801	10	4	0	3	0	818	2	21	13	0	0	36	782	3
Nemaha Valley	4	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	1	2	48	4
Omadi	5	2	5	1	1	112	1	0	0	0	0	113	0	1	0	0	1	2	111	5
Plattsmouth	6	13	3	15	0	340	15	2	0	1	3	361	0	11	2	0	0	13	348	6
Falls City	9	2	3	1	4	252	1	2	0	0	0	255	4	8	4	0	0	16	239	9
Solomon	10	1	0	3	1	102	3	1	0	3	0	109	1	1	0	0	0	2	107	10
Covert	11	48	12	48	7	1694	49	3	0	2	0	1748	3	34	6	0	0	43	1705	11
Orient	13	1	1	1	0	51	1	0	0	2	0	54	0	1	2	0	0	3	51	13
Peru	14	1	0	1	0	91	1	0	0	9	0	101	1	1	18	0	0	20	81	14
Fremont	15	16	11	14	1	626	15	7	0	13	0	661	2	11	14	0	0	27	634	15
Tecumseh	17	2	6	4	0	156	4	0	0	3	0	163	1	6	1	0	0	8	155	17
Lincoln	19	20	23	17	6	923	19	2	0	3	0	947	4	22	6	0	1	33	914	19
Washington	21	11	1	11	0	134	11	0	0	7	0	152	0	2	5	0	0	7	145	21
Pawnee	23	0	0	1	1	104	1	0	0	2	0	107	0	2	2	0	1	5	102	23
Saint John	25	20	6	16	5	953	15	1	0	3	0	972	3	32	0	0	0	35	937	25
Beatrice	26	10	5	7	0	376	7	3	0	2	0	388	1	8	5	0	0	14	374	26
Jordan	27	2	1	2	0	72	2	1	0	0	0	75	0	1	0	0	0	1	74	27
Hope	29	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	1	2	0	0	3	40	29
Blue River	30	0	1	0	0	90	1	1	0	2	0	94	1	0	1	0	0	2	92	30
Tekamah	31	8	3	7	2	184	6	0	1	0	0	191	1	3	1	0	1	6	185	31
Platte Valley	32	19	23	15	4	585	14	5	0	1	0	605	0	12	6	0	0	18	587	32
Ashlar	33	7	11	5	3	589	6	1	0	14	0	610	2	23	5	0	0	30	580	33
Acacia	34	2	9	1	0	183	1	1	0	0	0	185	2	2	1	0	0	5	180	34
Fairbury	35	2	1	1	0	232	2	2	0	2	0	238	5	4	2	0	0	11	227	35
Lone Tree	36	7	7	8	0	208	8	3	0	1	0	220	1	2	5	0	0	8	212	36
Crete	37	3	3	5	0	174	5	1	0	22	0	202	0	6	2	0	0	8	194	37
Oliver	38	5	1	5	3	181	2	0	0	0	0	183	1	7	2	0	0	10	173	38
Papillion	39	19	15	12	0	243	13	6	0	0	0	262	1	3	1	0	0	5	257	39
Humboldt	40	2	3	2	1	111	1	1	0	0	0	113	0	5	5	0	0	10	103	40
Northern Light	41	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	1	0	0	1	72	41
Hebron	43	0	1	0	0	128	0	0	0	0	0	128	1	4	3	0	0	8	120	43
Harvard	44	0	1	2	0	80	2	0	0	0	0	82	1	4	1	0	0	6	76	44
Rob Morris	46	7	4	13	5	359	13	2	0	0	0	374	1	9	0	0	0	10	364	46
Fairmont	48	4	0	4	0	86	4	0	0	2	0	92	1	1	0	0	0	2	90	48
Evening Star	49	3	3	2	0	100	2	0	0	0	0	102	2	1	0	0	0	3	99	49
Hastings	50	9	19	10	4	538	10	3	0	0	0	551	2	16	9	0	4	31	520	50
Fidelity	51	1	1	5	2	149	4	1	0	0	0	154	1	6	2	0	0	9	145	51

NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS														No. on Rolls December 31, 1964	No. of Lodge				
	E. A. A.			F. C. C.			GAIN							LOSS						
	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	No. on Rolls December 31, 1963	GAIN					Total	LOSS							
							By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Members	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death			By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Hiram	52	2	4	1	0	88	1	2	0	0	0	91	1	1	0	0	0	2	89	52
Charity	53	0	0	1	0	148	2	0	0	0	0	150	2	3	5	0	0	10	140	53
Lancaster	54	42	13	37	7	898	39	1	0	9	0	947	3	25	12	0	0	40	907	54
Mosaic	55	3	6	1	2	339	4	1	0	5	0	349	0	7	6	0	0	13	336	55
York	56	3	4	2	0	281	2	3	0	1	0	287	2	8	4	0	0	14	273	56
Mt. Moriah	57	2	3	1	0	78	1	1	1	0	0	81	1	1	0	0	0	2	79	57
Wahoo	59	6	1	8	5	288	2	2	0	3	1	297	1	7	1	0	0	9	288	59
Melrose	60	2	0	3	0	70	5	0	0	0	0	75	0	1	0	0	0	1	74	60
Thistle	61	7	4	4	0	213	6	3	1	1	0	224	3	3	0	0	0	6	218	61
Keystone	62	1	2	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	62
Blue Valley	64	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	64
Osceola	65	1	4	0	0	90	0	1	0	0	0	91	0	3	1	0	0	4	87	65
Edgar	67	0	0	0	0	89	2	0	0	0	0	91	1	1	1	0	0	3	88	67
Aurora	68	7	5	4	1	150	3	0	0	3	0	156	1	7	4	0	1	13	143	68
Sterling	70	0	0	0	0	43	0	1	0	1	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	70
Trowel	71	0	0	0	0	106	0	0	0	0	0	106	2	1	1	0	0	4	102	71
Hooper	72	2	1	6	0	95	8	0	0	0	0	103	0	3	1	0	0	4	99	72
Friend	73	2	5	1	3	62	1	1	0	0	0	64	0	2	1	0	0	3	61	73
Alexandria	74	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	74
Frank Welch	75	2	1	2	4	266	4	3	0	5	0	278	2	7	6	0	0	15	263	75
Nelson	77	5	7	5	0	97	7	1	0	2	0	107	0	0	1	0	0	1	106	77
Albion	78	1	3	2	0	140	2	0	0	2	0	144	1	5	4	0	0	10	134	78
Geneva	79	4	0	6	4	134	3	0	0	3	0	140	1	4	1	0	0	6	134	79
Composite	81	0	3	1	0	92	1	0	0	0	0	93	0	0	2	0	0	2	91	81
St. Paul	82	5	6	7	1	179	7	1	0	0	0	187	0	7	1	0	0	8	179	82
Corinthian	83	4	1	3	2	78	1	1	0	0	0	80	0	5	0	0	0	5	75	83
Fairfield	84	2	0	2	0	50	2	0	0	0	0	52	1	1	3	0	0	5	47	84
Doniphan	86	1	5	1	0	34	1	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	1	34	86
Ionic	87	2	7	1	1	104	0	0	0	0	0	104	1	2	0	0	0	3	101	87
Star	88	3	0	3	0	101	3	1	0	2	0	107	0	1	2	0	0	3	104	88
Cedar River	89	10	11	3	1	93	2	0	0	5	1	101	2	2	0	0	0	4	97	89
Oakland	91	5	6	5	1	144	6	0	0	1	0	151	2	4	1	0	0	7	144	91
Beaver City	93	4	1	3	0	63	3	0	0	0	0	66	1	4	0	0	0	5	61	93
Bennett	94	5	1	4	1	56	3	0	0	0	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	1	58	94
Garfield	95	5	5	2	0	90	2	2	0	1	0	95	2	4	2	0	0	8	87	95
Utica	96	0	1	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	96
Euclid	97	6	6	2	0	112	2	0	0	3	0	117	1	4	5	0	0	10	107	97
Republican	98	3	2	2	1	43	1	0	0	0	3	47	0	1	1	0	0	2	45	98
Shelton	99	0	0	0	0	76	3	0	0	0	0	79	0	1	0	0	0	1	78	99

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E.A.A.:		F.C.C.:		MASTER MASONS													No. on Rolls December 31, 1964	No. of Lodge
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls December 31, 1964	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	No. on Rolls December 31, 1963	GAIN					Total	LOSS							
							By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes			
																		Total Loss		
Creighton	100	2	1	2	0	97	2	1	0	2	0	102	0	1	4	0	0	5	97	100
Ponca	101	3	4	1	2	94	1	0	0	0	0	95	0	3	3	0	0	6	89	101
Waterloo	102	6	3	4	0	151	5	1	0	5	0	162	0	1	2	0	1	4	158	102
Ord	103	2	1	2	1	155	1	0	0	0	0	156	1	2	0	0	0	3	153	103
Wymore	104	2	4	2	2	200	2	1	0	0	0	203	0	3	0	0	0	3	200	104
Stella	105	4	3	2	1	65	1	0	0	0	0	66	3	1	0	0	0	4	62	105
Porter	106	3	1	2	1	62	1	1	0	0	0	64	1	1	0	0	0	2	62	106
Table Rock	108	0	0	0	0	36	0	1	0	0	0	37	0	1	0	0	0	1	36	108
Pomegranate	110	4	9	2	1	220	1	0	0	1	0	222	2	5	5	0	0	12	210	110
DeWitt	111	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	1	1	0	0	2	44	111
Springfield	112	2	1	2	0	119	3	0	0	0	0	122	1	1	2	0	0	4	118	112
Globe	113	0	2	1	0	88	1	0	0	1	0	90	0	2	0	0	0	2	88	113
Wisner	114	0	0	0	1	106	0	0	0	2	0	108	0	4	3	0	0	7	101	114
Harlan	116	1	3	0	0	88	0	1	0	2	0	91	1	1	1	0	0	3	88	116
Hardy	117	1	1	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	4	0	1	6	45	117
North Bend	119	0	2	0	1	106	0	0	0	1	0	107	0	6	1	0	0	7	100	119
Wayne	120	4	5	3	3	202	7	0	0	0	0	209	0	5	1	0	0	6	203	120
Superior	121	8	4	5	2	178	7	1	0	0	0	186	2	2	2	0	0	6	180	121
Auburn	124	0	1	0	0	135	0	0	0	1	0	136	1	0	4	0	1	6	130	124
Mt. Nebo	125	0	5	0	1	99	1	0	0	1	0	101	1	3	1	0	0	5	96	125
Stromsburg	126	0	0	1	1	75	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	1	0	0	0	1	74	126
Minden	127	0	3	0	1	105	0	1	0	0	0	106	1	2	1	0	0	4	102	127
Guide Rock	128	3	4	1	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	72	1	0	0	0	0	1	71	128
Blue Hill	129	2	1	2	0	55	3	1	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	129
Scribner	132	2	0	2	0	51	2	1	0	0	0	54	0	0	1	0	0	1	53	132
Elm Creek	133	0	2	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	2	0	0	0	2	50	133
Solar	134	2	3	4	2	72	3	0	0	0	0	75	1	2	2	0	1	6	69	134
McCook	135	5	2	7	2	354	5	1	0	0	0	360	2	7	0	0	0	9	351	135
Long Pine	136	1	0	1	0	54	1	0	1	0	0	56	1	1	0	0	0	2	54	136
Upright	137	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	3	2	0	0	5	70	137
Rawalt	138	7	8	2	2	80	4	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	4	0	0	4	80	138
Clay Centre	139	1	1	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	139
Western	140	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	140
Crescent	143	2	1	1	1	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	1	1	0	0	0	2	37	143
Kenesaw	144	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	63	2	5	1	0	1	9	54	144
Baneroft	145	1	2	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	145
Jachin	146	4	6	2	0	197	2	0	0	0	0	199	1	4	1	0	0	6	193	146
Siloam	147	2	1	1	1	29	0	1	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	147
Emmet Crawford	148	0	5	2	2	204	3	0	0	3	0	210	2	4	6	0	0	12	198	148

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		MASTER MASONS											No. on Rolls December 31, 1964	No. of Lodge			
	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	No. on Rolls December 31, 1963	GAIN					Total	LOSS							
							By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Mem'ship	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes	
																				Total Loss
Jewel	149	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	2	0	0	0	2	45	149
Cambridge	150	0	3	0	0	109	0	0	0	5	0	114	1	3	1	0	0	5	109	150
Evergreen	153	1	1	1	0	67	1	1	0	0	0	69	0	3	3	0	1	7	62	153
Lily	154	1	2	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	1	0	0	0	1	63	154
Hartington	155	0	2	0	0	68	0	0	0	2	0	70	1	2	0	0	0	3	67	155
Pythagoras	156	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	1	1	0	0	2	32	156
Valley	157	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	1	0	50	1	3	1	0	0	5	45	157
Samaritan	158	4	8	2	1	267	1	3	0	4	0	275	0	8	3	0	0	11	264	158
Ogalalla	159	3	15	3	2	155	5	1	0	7	0	168	4	6	2	0	0	12	156	159
Zeredatha	160	0	1	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	1	0	0	0	2	39	160
Mount Zion	161	3	0	3	0	53	3	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	161
Trestle Board	162	4	0	4	0	74	4	0	0	5	0	83	1	0	5	0	0	6	77	162
Unity	163	3	8	3	1	83	4	1	0	0	0	88	1	1	0	0	0	2	86	163
Atkinson	164	0	5	1	4	52	1	1	0	0	0	54	0	4	0	0	0	4	50	164
Barneston	165	2	2	1	0	54	1	0	0	1	0	56	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	165
Mystic Tie	166	0	0	1	1	46	1	0	0	0	0	47	0	1	1	0	0	2	45	166
Elwood	167	3	2	2	0	53	2	0	0	0	0	55	2	0	1	0	0	3	52	167
Curtis	168	0	1	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	83	1	0	3	0	0	4	79	168
Amity	169	2	3	1	0	103	2	0	0	0	0	105	1	2	0	0	0	3	102	169
Mason City	170	1	0	1	0	31	1	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	170
Merna	171	1	0	1	0	61	1	0	0	0	0	62	0	2	0	0	0	2	60	171
Robert Burns	173	1	2	1	1	84	1	0	0	0	0	85	0	1	2	0	0	3	82	173
Culbertson	174	0	1	2	1	64	1	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	2	0	0	2	63	174
Temple	175	2	1	2	0	39	2	0	0	0	0	41	0	1	0	0	0	1	40	175
Gladstone	176	1	1	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	89	0	5	0	0	0	5	84	176
Hay Springs	177	1	3	1	0	118	1	0	0	2	0	121	1	1	1	0	0	3	118	177
Prudence	179	3	4	3	0	47	3	1	0	0	0	51	0	3	0	0	0	3	48	179
Justice	180	1	5	0	0	142	0	0	0	2	0	144	1	2	2	0	0	5	139	180
Faith	181	2	4	2	1	110	2	4	0	1	0	117	0	6	0	0	0	6	111	181
Alliance	183	13	10	6	2	370	10	4	0	6	0	390	3	5	6	0	0	14	376	183
Bee Hive	184	22	15	22	6	991	24	1	0	28	0	1044	7	15	37	0	0	59	985	184
Boaz	185	2	1	2	0	69	2	0	0	0	0	71	0	1	0	0	0	1	70	185
Meridian	188	6	3	5	2	144	3	1	0	1	0	149	0	1	2	0	0	3	146	188
Granite	189	0	2	0	0	77	0	0	0	2	0	79	0	3	0	0	0	3	76	189
Amethyst	190	1	1	1	2	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	2	0	0	0	2	47	190
Crystal	191	3	2	1	0	80	1	1	0	1	0	83	1	1	1	0	0	3	80	191

NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS														No. on Rolls December 31, 1964	No. of Lodge				
	E. A. A.			F. C. C.			GAIN						LOSS							
	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1963	By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death			By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
Zion	234	2	2	3	2	100	3	0	0	0	0	103	3	1	0	0	0	4	99	234
Fraternity	235	1	1	1	0	65	1	0	0	0	0	66	0	4	2	0	0	6	60	235
Golden Rule	236	2	1	2	2	68	1	0	0	0	0	69	1	0	0	0	0	1	68	236
Cubit	237	0	1	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	1	1	0	0	2	47	237
Friendship	239	1	7	1	3	82	1	1	0	8	0	92	1	2	7	0	0	10	82	239
Pilot	240	0	3	1	0	117	1	1	0	0	0	119	1	5	1	0	0	7	112	240
George Armstrong	241	1	3	1	1	80	0	1	0	0	0	81	0	3	1	0	0	4	77	241
Tyrian	243	0	0	1	0	24	1	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	243
Hampton	245	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	1	0	0	1	48	245
Nehawka	246	2	0	5	1	112	6	0	0	1	0	119	0	3	1	0	0	4	115	246
Corner-Stone	247	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	1	0	0	1	23	247
Laurel	248	0	5	0	1	91	0	2	0	0	0	93	1	3	0	0	0	4	89	248
Gothenburg	249	4	3	4	2	152	6	5	0	1	0	164	3	4	0	0	0	7	157	249
Geo. Washington	250	8	7	8	0	356	9	1	0	0	0	366	2	5	6	0	0	13	353	250
Wausa	251	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	1	0	50	0	2	0	0	0	2	48	251
Beemer	253	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	2	0	0	0	2	46	253
Bassett	254	1	2	2	1	82	0	2	0	3	0	87	2	2	4	0	0	8	79	254
Hickman	256	2	2	1	0	62	1	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	1	0	0	2	61	256
Anselmo	258	0	2	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	0	90	1	0	0	0	0	1	89	258
Ornan	261	1	1	1	0	83	2	0	0	1	0	86	0	2	4	0	0	6	80	261
Endeavor	262	1	0	3	3	93	0	1	0	1	0	95	0	2	4	0	0	6	89	262
Mitchell	263	3	6	1	0	153	2	2	1	3	0	161	2	3	0	0	0	5	156	263
Franklin	264	0	0	0	0	103	0	0	0	2	0	105	0	3	0	0	0	3	102	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	4	6	4	1	461	3	1	0	4	0	469	6	10	8	0	0	24	445	265
Silver	266	0	0	0	0	62	3	0	0	0	0	65	0	1	0	0	0	1	64	266
James A. Tulleys	267	1	2	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	7	1	6	0	261	6	0	0	2	0	269	1	4	0	0	0	5	264	268
Oasis	271	0	0	0	0	138	0	0	0	1	0	139	1	3	5	0	0	9	130	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	1	0	1	1	66	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	2	0	0	3	63	272
Crofton	273	0	0	0	0	48	0	1	0	1	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	1	49	273
Olive Branch	274	3	2	2	0	59	2	0	0	0	0	61	0	2	0	0	0	2	59	274
Ramah	275	2	3	0	1	62	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	1	61	275
Antelope	276	4	5	3	0	66	3	1	0	0	0	70	2	2	1	0	0	5	65	276
Stoux	277	1	2	1	0	47	1	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	277
Litchfield	278	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	1	0	39	1	2	1	0	0	4	35	278
Wallace	279	0	0	0	1	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	39	279
Swastika	280	2	1	1	0	86	1	0	0	0	0	87	0	1	0	0	0	1	86	280
Florence	281	25	9	21	2	975	25	7	0	6	0	1013	5	21	14	0	0	40	973	281
Mullen	282	0	0	0	0	72	0	1	0	0	0	73	0	3	0	0	0	3	70	282

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E.A.A.		F.C.C.		MASTER MASONS														No. on Rolls December 31, 1964	No. of Lodge			
		No. Initiated		No. Passed		No. on Rolls December 31, 1963																		
		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	GAIN							LOSS														
						By Raising	By Affiliation	Dual Membership	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss							
Seneca	284	2	2	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	72	284
Camp Clarke	285	8	1	3	1	159	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	164	0	5	9	0	0	0	14	150	285
Oshkosh	286	0	2	0	0	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	106	286
Union	287	1	1	1	0	67	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	1	2	2	0	0	0	5	63	287
Omaha	288	11	6	14	3	561	15	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	580	6	13	9	0	0	0	28	552	288
Lotus	289	3	6	0	0	169	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	169	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	165	289
John J. Mercer	290	42	17	45	9	1548	43	12	1	4	0	0	0	0	1608	9	27	18	0	0	0	54	1554	290
Diamond	291	0	1	1	0	71	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	74	5	2	2	0	0	0	9	65	291
Wolbach	292	0	2	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	43	292
Monument	293	0	1	0	1	67	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	69	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	66	293
Kimball	294	7	4	7	3	189	6	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	198	1	2	4	1	0	0	8	190	294
Minatare	295	2	3	1	1	96	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	99	1	2	3	0	0	0	6	93	295
Cotner	297	4	7	8	2	278	7	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	290	0	4	0	0	0	2	6	284	297
Chester	298	0	0	0	0	49	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	49	298
Sutherland	299	3	6	2	1	86	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	84	299
Liberty	300	13	4	17	1	470	18	3	0	11	0	0	0	0	502	1	8	6	0	0	0	15	487	300
Bayard	301	0	2	2	2	84	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	87	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	82	301
Mizpah	302	21	12	21	4	1207	20	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	1238	11	17	15	0	0	0	43	1195	302
Right Angle	303	8	3	9	1	610	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	618	3	20	1	0	1	25	593	303	
Ruskin	304	0	2	0	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	32	304
Newman Grove	305	2	2	3	3	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	63	305
Golden Rod	306	1	1	0	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	87	306
William E. Hill	307	1	0	1	0	28	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	30	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	28	307
Perkins	308	0	4	0	0	105	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	110	0	2	7	0	0	0	9	101	308
Winnebago	309	3	6	1	1	55	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	56	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	54	309
Victory	310	4	3	3	1	213	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	218	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	212	310
Polk	311	4	3	4	0	65	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	72	1	3	3	0	0	0	7	65	311
Oak Leaf	312	2	2	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	53	312
Potter	313	3	2	0	0	99	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	98	313
Craftsmen	314	14	7	14	3	618	12	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	634	4	6	2	0	0	0	12	622	314
Alpha	316	7	14	3	6	204	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	206	2	8	2	0	0	0	12	194	316
Mid-West	317	14	15	14	8	501	13	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	524	2	8	4	0	1	15	509	317	
Grand Island	318	2	8	5	2	359	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	367	2	7	6	1	0	16	351	318	
Bladen	319	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	42	319
College View	320	3	5	3	2	163	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	170	0	3	6	0	0	0	9	161	320
Harmony	321	1	2	1	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	71	321
Pioneer	322	1	1	1	0	74	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	74	322

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E.A.A.		F.C.C.		MASTER MASONS															
		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964		No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964		No. on Rolls December 31, 1963					GAIN				LOSS					No. on Rolls December 31, 1964	
		No. Initiated	No. Passed	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	No. on Rolls, December 31, 1964	No. on Rolls December 31, 1963	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, 1964		
Lebanon..	323	17	19	7	7	209	4	2	0	0	0	215	3	3	1	0	0	7	208	323	
Cairo . . .	324	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	79	2	1	0	0	0	3	76	324	
Bellevue . .	325	20	6	23	8	349	20	6	2	1	0	378	1	1	2	0	0	4	374	325	
Centennial	326	33	22	29	10	366	28	13	0	0	0	407	0	3	7	0	1	11	396	326	
Totals..		1052	908	945	300	45170	942	225	12	359	13	46721	251	978	567	4	24	1824	44897		

VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

Fred R. Haggart.....	St. Paul No. 82.....	44 years
Arvene C. Eisenhart.....	Culbertson No. 174.....	45 years
Fredolph C. Chalquist.....	Composite No. 81.....	36 years
C. Robert Carlson.....	Wauneta No. 217.....	36 years
Leon J. Cherny.....	North Bend No. 119.....	34 years
Raymond H. Ream.....	Omadi No. 5.....	33 years
Carl H. Hoge.....	Lebanon No. 323.....	33 years
Roy T. Stiehl.....	Hay Springs No. 177.....	30 years
Elmer H. Seyfang.....	Potter No. 313.....	28 years
Fred R. Lamb.....	Papillion No. 39.....	27 years
William E. Edwards.....	Alliance No. 183.....	27 years
Harve I. Lang.....	Litchfield No. 278.....	27 years
Frank F. McMullin.....	George Armstrong No. 241.....	27 years
Lewis L. Skiles.....	Valley No. 157.....	26 years
Charles F. Eberline.....	East Lincoln No. 210.....	26 years
Floyd Christy.....	Trestle Board No. 162.....	25 years
Warren C. Hall.....	Nelson No. 77.....	25 years

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

The Annual Report of the Grand Custodian is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

This is actually an account of the activities of the Assistant Custodians. The travel and movements of the Grand Custodian were drastically curtailed because of continuing and worsening health problems. For the same reason, and on the advise of my doctors, much of the time after the first of the year, the duties of my office were conducted from my home because it better met my health requirements. It was possible for me to have frequent times of rest and relaxation and to avoid the daily exposure to sudden atmospheric changes, extremes in temperature and wind velocity, always the bane of the victim of congestive heart failure. I hope it was possible under these conditions to give adequate direction to the program of promotion and promulgation worked out in August and part of September.

The Assistant Custodians, I am certain performed their duties with conscientious zeal and dedication. In the face of the severe storms of late winter and early spring they carried on always at a sacrifice and sometimes at the hazzard of their health and well being.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS

There were the usual twelve Central Schools assigned. All were held. Six schools were of the four evening session variety, all but one changing locations at every session. We tried a four session school at one location, Beatrice which produced splendid results. The other six were of the two-day and two-evening variety. All placed in locations where it is not practical to drive long distances for four evening sessions.

Of the twelve only one came close to a failure because of poor attendance and interest. The overall record of the rmaining schools was very good as to work, attendance and interest.

EXAMINATION SCHOOLS

This type of school makes it possible for the officers to be examined in the excellence of the wording and to learn the floor movements as well, since the officers exemplify the words and the floor movements of all three degrees for the examining Custodian. This type of school has become very popular with the lodges. There were 150 Examinations-Schools held this year.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

I feel sure that the Individual lodge school of Instruction will always be the back bone of the promulgation of our work. Where the work has advanced to the place when proficient work is the rule rather than the exception, the officers, year after year, make it a point to work for lodge certification. The Examination-School is made to order for this situation. But where proficient work is not established, where manpower

is spread mighty thin, the Individual Lodge school is still the best means of instruction. However, it should be an annual school instead of every other year. We know that the year that is skipped is the year in which the work slips away.

The number of Individual schools this year decreased rather abruptly. Most of the Lodges want to wait until the new officers are installed but this year with its storms and bad driving conditions there just wasn't enough time to cover the usual ground.

There were 72 Individual schools held.

LODGE CERTIFICATION

For the sixth consecutive year 50% or more of our Nebraska Lodges have been examined and found proficient. A total of 156 Lodge certificates of proficiency have been issued. Of this number six lodges have "doubled". The 1964 officers certified late in their year while the 1965 officers certified early in their year thus giving, legitimately, two certificates with the same Grand Master's signature. There is always one or two instances of this kind every year. This year for no obvious reasons, the number increased. This is the highest number of proficiency certificates ever to be issued in a Masonic Year.

Harvard No. 44 and Jordan No. 27 certified for the first time in the history of their respective Lodges while Charity No. 53, earned its first certification in more than twenty years. We congratulate the brethren of these three lodges and sincerely hope that they will evermore be found on our roll of certified Lodges.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

For two consecutive years before this one we have noted a small decline in the numbers of certified brethren. This year that trend continues. The loss is greater. It could be a straw in the wind, an indication of trouble ahead.

This year the number of first year proficiency men is also smaller. The normal increase is from 35 to 40 new men each year. This year this number decreased to 27. Three of these brethren are in their middle seventies. Do these combined circumstances suggest that our younger Masons are becoming so familiar with the easy living of today that they avoid the mental effort necessary for proficiency in Masonry? We finished our present Masonic year with a total of 710 certified individuals on our rolls a loss of 10 over last year.

TWENTY - YEAR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Since 1957, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has honored the Proficiency Brethren who have been certified for twenty consecutive years or more by issuing to them a Twenty-year Certificate of Merit. The 1945-1946 period must have been the beginning of the Golden Age of our proficiency program. This is the largest number to receive this honor in any one

year since its beginning. They are as follows: Samuel J. Person, 17; Lyle J. Bryant, 297; Ward L. Mosher, 181; Delbert C. Barnes, Oscar L. Condon, John C. Nelson, 250; Russell R. Rauch, Merle M. Hatch, 54; E. Forrest Estes, 19; Arthur F. Swarts, 72; Clarence E. Hagstrom, 59; Theodore Spahnle, Theodore J. Leacock, Raymond E. Waller, 314; Roy N. Brendle, 210; Everett M. Huffman, 294; Ralph M. Carhart, 120; Harry N. Ahl, 112; Clifford D. Webster, 321; Floyd C. Wisner, 265; Thomas O. McFarland, 265; Joseph M. Troxel, 184; Guy M. Ess, 135; Ray W. Andersen, 310, and Orion A. Kennedy, 303.

STATISTICS

The usual lists of the ten lodges having the largest number of certified men and the highest percentage of certified men in proportion to membership follows:

Largest Number	Highest Percentage
Lancaster, 54.....37	Cable, 225.....11.95%
East Lincoln, 210.....36	Merna, 171..... 9.83%
Bee Hive, 184.....26	Comet, 229..... 8.92%
Lincoln, 19.....25	Keystone, 62..... 8.15%
Craftsmen, 314.....21	Golden Rod, 306..... 7.96%
Robert W. Furnas, 265.....17	Sioux, 277..... 6.38%
Ashlar, 33.....16	Beaver City, 93..... 6.349%
Florence, 281.....14	Victory, 310..... 6.347%
Liberty, 300.....14	George Armstrong, 241.... 6.25%
Victory, 310.....13	Nelson, 77..... 5.15%
John J. Mercer, 290.....13	
Alliance, 183.....13	
Nebraska, 1.....12	
Papillion, 39.....12	

A comparison with the standings of the last three years with these will reveal that there is a rather static condition as to proficiency individuals. The gains are small, if there are gains. The loss is small, if there are losses. There is no upsurge of interest and certainly there is no sign of general collapse. What is needed is a deepening concern over the sober, stabilizing and spiritual forces of life. To be made a Mason properly, is a sober, stabilizing and spiritual experience. It should challenge Masons of all age to pass on to responsive brethren the beauties and truths of our superb ritual. Every proficient Mason is intended to be a living ritual by means of which our work is transmitted from mouth to ear as the ages pass. The growth of the numbers of proficient Individual Masons is vitally essential.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Last October, W. Forest A. Lape wrote me that because of a serious respiratory ailment, he would be compelled to retire as an Assistant

Custodian as of January 1, 1965. M. W. Harry A. Spencer designated him an Assistant Custodian Emeritus soon thereafter.

Brother Forest waged a valiant fight for life undergoing extensive surgery and prolonged and painful post surgery treatment. After many weeks of suffering, God in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our beloved Brother Home to His own Heaven on April 11, 1965.

Our department sustained a second serious casualty, not through death, but because of circumstances. W. Richard L. Wait has requested that he be retired as an Assistant Custodian at the close of this Communication of the Grand Lodge. We will seriously miss his devotion to his duties as an Assistant Custodian. We do, however, recognize that there comes a time when every man must determine for himself when his many Masonic duties become burdensome and interfere with our daily vocations and with other Masonic duties.

Four new Assistant Custodians have been appointed by M. W. Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master. All were recommended by the Grand Custodian and approved by the Committee on Nebraska Work. W. W. Upton Dawson, 135, was appointed to a new district of lodges designed to lighten the burden of two of our older Custodians who have had to serve more lodges than their present age and condition of health permitted. The appointment of Brother Ralph I. Berry, 256, will give opportunity for a better distribution of Lodges in the area adjacent to the city of Lincoln. Brother Donald R. Davis, 164 was appointed to take the place of W. Charles M. Frederick, Assistant Custodian Emeritus who was forced to retire last year because of impaired health. Each of these brethren have been performing the duties of his office with conscientious care. Brother Carl A. Johnson, 183, who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of W. Forest A. Lape, because of circumstances, has been unable to serve only in a very limited way.

ASSISTANT CUSTODIAN'S EXPENSE FUND

Because the law of the Grand Lodge designates the Grand Custodian to receive the \$15.00 payments from the Nebraska Lodges having the service of an Assistant Custodian without expenses, I now report the collection of \$705.00 and certify that this sum is available for appropriation by the Appropriation Committee of this Grand Lodge.

CONCLUSION

This is my concluding annual report to this Grand Lodge. Since December, 1948, I have served the Masons of Nebraska and this Grand Lodge as Grand Custodian to the best of my ability and to the limit of my health and strength. It has been a labor of love. I wish to thank you for the privilege of that service and for the opportunity to know and love hundreds of fine men and Masons with whom I have worked through the years. Each of them has made rich contribution to my life. The fellowship of each I will treasure as long as memory lasts. The

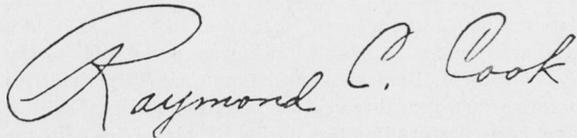
memory of those who have gone on before "into eternity, I shall cherish and revere. I say in all sincerity, "I received so much more than I gave".

The performance and accomplishments of the Assistant Custodians have been magnificent through the years. The personal relationship I have had with them has been, and is one of life's finest blessings. During the times of limited activity, especially the year just concluded, they have functioned superbly. However, I have no wish to impose on them further. A grand Custodian must give direction from the field. It is important that he has personal contacts throughout the jurisdiction. He cannot forever function from behind a desk or from the safety of his home.

There seems to be little hope that there can be substantial improvement in my condition. My doctors advise retirement at this time. I don't know what the future holds for me. But this I do know. My trust is in God and my faith is well founded.

I wish for my successor the same cooperation and loyalty that has been given to me. I pray that the work of this department of the Grand Lodge will continue to flourish and surge forward so that it may be equal to its tasks and that the work and ceremonies of Masonry continue without change or decay.

Fraternally Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond C. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the text "Fraternally Submitted,".

Grand Custodian



Raymond C. Cook

GRAND CUSTODIAN
DECEMBER 8, 1948 TO JUNE 9, 1965

RAYMOND C. COOK
Grand Custodian Emeritus

Brother Raymond C. Cook was first appointed an Assistant Custodian January 30, 1933. Upon the retirement of W. Lute M. Savage, Brother Cook was appointed Grand Custodian December 8, 1948, by M. W. Elmer E. Magee. In his address to the Grand Lodge, M. W. Elmer E. Magee had this to say concerning Brother Cook:

“It was indeed fortunate that this Grand Lodge had among its Assistant Custodians a brother who was willing to sacrifice his personal interests to carry on our work as acting Grand Custodian. We are deeply indebted to W. Brother Raymond C. Cook for this service to our Fraternity. When on December 8, 1948, the resignation of W. Brother Lute M. Savage was regretfully received, it was indeed a pleasure and honor to install into the office of Grand Custodian our Brother Ray. I am sure that no Grand Lodge appointment ever met with more universal approval. Our Custodian work has been carried on with great efficiency to the profit of Nebraska Masonry.”

Brother Cook served the Grand Lodge as Grand Custodian from December 8, 1948 until his retirement June 8, 1965.

MASONIC RECORD
LODGE

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 Master 1927
Grand Representative of Alabama

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Elected Member of the Board of Trustees of The Nebraska
Masonic Home January 23, 1944 and served until January 23, 1958.

CHAPTER

Nebraska No. 3, R. A. M.

Order of High Priesthood 1930
High Priest 1930
Grand Representative of New York
Appointed Grand Master First Veil, Grand Chapter
R.A.M. December 4, 1940
Installed Grand High Priest December 26, 1945
Upon the death of M. E. David C. Hilton.

COUNCIL

Adoniram No. 5, R.' & S.' M.'.

Illustrious Master 1949
Grand Representative District of Columbia

COMMANDERY

Mt. Zion No. 5, K.' T.'.

Commander 1933
Honorary December 5, 1953

Member Sir Galahad Priory No. 7 - K.Y.C.H.

Eminent Prior 1955

Sneh Bo' Aire Council No. 117

Allied Masonic Degrees and Master 1955

Member Nebraska Veteran Freemasons Association.

Member Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Omaha.

Invested with the Rank and Decoration Knight Commander.

Court of Honour December 3, 1949

Corneted 33°

Tangier Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Omaha

Home Chapter 189, O.E.S. Worthy Patron 1928, 1929, 1930

Handwritten signature

GRAND COUNCIL



Robert H. Cook

GRAND CUSTODIAN

Robert W. Cook was raised August 19, 1943 in Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island. He served as W. Master in 1948 and Secretary from 1951 until his appointment as Grand Custodian on June 9, 1965. He was appointed Assistant Custodian in 1949, serving until his appointment as Grand Custodian.

W. Brother Cook is a member of Deuel Chapter No. 11, Lebanon Council No. 24, Central City, and Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 6, Grand Island; Tangier Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Omaha, and Past Patron of Andrews Chapter No. 49 O.E.S., Grand Island.



ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

(TAKEN AT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION AT GRAND ISLAND, 1964)

TOP ROW, L TO R: W. UPTON DAWSON, STUART A. JOHNSON, ALFRED R. KENOYER, STANLEY E. BRUNTON, SEBERT A. STOVER, GLEN W. BINDER, M. W. RALPH M. CARHART. MIDDLE ROW, L TO R: HAROLD A. TILTON, HARRY N. AHL, LLOYD I. EDWARDS, GORDON CHARD, ERWIN J. IMIG, M. W. HARRY A. SPENCER, CLIFFORD D. WEBSTER, WILLARD I. LEWIS, JR., WINSTON C. SWANSON, ARTHUR S. DYE. BOTTOM ROW, L TO R: DELBERT H. PINKERTON, PAUL D. FLEMING, HAROLD D. WEDDEL, *FOREST A. LAPE, ERNEST E. JAMES, RAYMOND C. COOK, AUSTIN F. WHITMIRE, CECIL C. GATES, ROSS VAN SICKLE, LAVERNE A. WALKER, ROBERT W. COOK.

(*DECEASED SINCE PICTURE TAKEN. NOT ALL ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS WERE PRESENT TO BE IN THE PICTURE.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF
GRAND OFFICERS

The Committee respectfully submits as its report that the Address of M. W. Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master, be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The Section on Necrology.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The Sections on Decisions, By-laws Approved, Dispensations.

Recommendations Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

To the Committee on Nebraska Work jointly with the Committee on Finance:

Recommendation No. 8.

To the Grand Lodge:

Recommendations Nos. 2 and 7.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Section on Consolidation and Surrender of Charters.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Section on Trial Commissions.

The report gives evidence of the capable and devoted leadership that we have come to expect from the Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska. The Committee 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 designated portions of the report of the Grand Secretary be referred as follows:

To the Committee on Returns:

The Section on Returns.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The Section on Grievances.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The Section on Chartered Lodges.

The Section on Consolidation.

The Section on Surrender of Charter.

To the Committee on Finance:

All financial and report schedules, relating to funds.

Our Grand Secretary has, as in the past continued to display efficiency and dispatch in the discharge of his duties. The Committee recommends that all matters not herein specifically referred to Committees be approved and ratified.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend the entire report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work. It is with great sadness that we note that this will be the last official report of W. Raymond C. Cook. He has given unselfishly of himself far beyond the call of duty. All of the Brethren throughout Nebraska are indebted to him and his Assistants for keeping the ritualistic work proper and on a dignified basis.

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

Fraternally submitted,

W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman
W. John A. Stevenson, 14
W. Robert L. Ferguson, 9

At 12:25 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

M. W. Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master:

Brethren, I have the great pleasure of presenting to you Kathy Wiles who is representing the Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Girls.

Kathy Wiles:

On behalf of Grand Assembly of Nebraska it is my pleasure to present to you a check for \$125.00 for The Nebraska Masonic Home.

M. W. Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master:

On behalf of the Grand Lodge I do accept this gift and our sincere thanks and good wishes for the wonderful work that Rainbow for Girls are doing.

I am very happy now to receive Mrs. Lucille Barrett, Grand Guardian, International Order of Jobs Daughters, Connie Wiswell, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Beth Mallowney, Honored Queen, Bethel No. 5, Lincoln, and Betty Olander, Honored Queen of Bethel No. 27, Lincoln.

Mrs. Lucille Barrett, Grand Guardian:

M. W. Grand Master, It is our pleasure to present to you this check for \$200 from 5,600 Job's Daughters in Nebraska. We also extend to you an invitation to our Grand Council session at Chadron, on June 17, 18 and 19.

M. W. Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master:

Grand Guardian and Honored Queens, we are most happy to accept this wonderful gift from the 5,600 Job's Daughters in Nebraska. I assure you that it will serve a very worth-while cause.

I have introduced previously W. Robert E. Lund, Executive Officer of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, "Bob", do you have a word for us at this time?

W. Robert E. Lund, Executive Officer:

M. W. Grand Master, it is indeed a pleasure to introduce the State Master Councilor, Roger Hobbs. I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Grand Lodge.

Roger Hobbs, State Master Councilor:

M. W. Grand Master, Spencer, Distinguished and Honored Guests. It is my privilege to bring greetings from the Nebraska State Chapter Order of DeMolay to your convention here in Lincoln. As Grand Master Spencer told you, we had the Grand Master' class here a few weeks ago, and this is going to become an annual affair. The next Grand Master will also have a class in his honor. This is our means of showing our appreciation for what the Masons have done for DeMolay and Youth Groups of Nebraska.

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

M. W. Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master:

W. Ben Fussell, will you conduct Brother William Manning to the East.

Brethren, it is an extreme pleasure for me to present to this Grand Lodge Brother William Manning of Geneva No. 79, the wearer of our Gold Jordan Medal. Last April 26, I went down to Geneva to help them celebrate their 75th Anniversary of the raising of Brother "Bill" Manning. He was raised out in Deming, New Mexico as a courtesy to a Kansas Lodge. He has been a member of No. 79 now for 65 years. Brother "Bill" is almost 97, he doesn't look it, and he will be visiting with you in just a moment and you will be wondering about it yourself. He is an inspiration to anyone who hears his philosophy of life. I asked Brother "Bill" to come before us today and give us just a few words. Will you, at this time, give the holder of our Gold Jordan Medal a very hearty welcome.

Brother William Manning:

M. W. Sir and Brethren: I wish you brethren could place yourselves in my position. I am used to a small Lodge gathering with twenty or thirty but with all of these people I have a little difficulty talking. (Brother "Bill" continued to speak for about five minutes but he had difficulty in getting to the microphone and our recorder was unable to pick it up. However at the conclusion of his remarks, he was given a standing ovation.)

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE TO FALLS CITY NO. 9

M. .W. .Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master :

W. .Robert L. Ferguson, will you come to the East. Brethren, this is Brother Robert L. Ferguson, the present Master of Falls City No. 9. W. .Brother "Bob", it is my privilege on behalf of the Grand Lodge to present to you for Falls City Lodge No. 9 a Centennial Certificate. It reads:

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE
MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY
OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA
CENTENNIAL CERTIFICATE
PRESENTED TO FALLS CITY LODGE NO. 9 OF FALLS CITY

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

Done at this 108th Annual Communication in the City of Lincoln, this 8th day of June, 1965.

Signed by the Grand Master; Attest, Grand Secretary, and the Seal of the Grand Lodge.

W. .Brother "Bob", it is a pleasure for me to present to you this Certificate signifying that Falls City Lodge No. 9 is 100 years old. The history of your Lodge actually is the history of this Grand Lodge because it had only been in existence eight years when Falls City No. 9 came into existence, and we hope that you will carry our greetings to your Brethren and our congratulations.

W. .Robert L. Ferguson :

On behalf of the officers and Members of Falls City No. 9, I wish to thank the M. .W. .Grand Master and the Brethren of Nebraska.

REPORT OF MASONIC MANOR

M. .W. .John E. Beaver, 253, President, presented the report of Masonic Manor, which was accepted.

The Masonic Manor is now completed and functioning as it was intended. All plans and details have been inspected and final approval has been given by the F.H.A. and the Pennsylvania Teachers Retirement Association of Philadelphia, who provided the money for the building.

The grounds have been landscaped, the lawn has been sodded and the general appearance of the Manor has developed into one of the most beautiful Apartment houses in the entire area.

Brother Clifford C. McGee, the manager, is doing a marvelous job of supervising the many details connected with the functions of this latest

Masonic venture. The residents of the Manor are delighted with the arrangements and are the best advertisement for this type of living that can be found. At this time there are only a few apartments still to be occupied. Every week is bringing more residents and we anticipate a "full house" before too long.

At the next meeting of the Board of Directors the supervision of the Manor will be in the hands of four officers of the Grand Lodge and three residents of the Manor. The officers of the Grand Lodge who become Directors by virtue of their office are the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Junior Warden and the Grand Secretary.

This venture has been planned and constructed and is being operated on the basis of good business principles. You, as members of the Grand Lodge who have given your support, are to be complimented and the Board of Directors thank you for your support. You have brought credit to Masonry in Nebraska.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

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

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:

Serenissima Grande Loza Simbolici do Estado de Mato Grosso—Brazil.

The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Finland—Helsinki, Finland.

A letter was received from the former Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro announcing a change of name to the Grande Loza Do Estado da Guanabara. This is merely a change in name caused by the removal of the Capitol of Brazil to the manufactured town of Brazilia. By changing the capitol to Brazilia, the territory belonging to the former Federal District, including the City of Rio de Janeiro, became a state called Guanabara, with its capitol, the city of Rio de Janeiro. Since this is simply a change in name only and as we have already recognized this Grand Lodge, it requires no further action by us as to recognition or representatives, simply a change in printing listing.

A letter was also received from the Grand Lodge of Ecuador stating that they had concluded a treaty with the Scottish Rite in Ecuador, establishing the different fields of the two members concerned. In this connection it might be stated that it is less than a century since the first South American Grand Lodge has become independent of the Rite in their jurisdiction over the first three degrees. Other Grand Lodges, too,

have warranted lodges in South America; those started by Pennsylvania have however all been turned over to the state concerned. However England still has 32, Scotland, ten and Massachusetts, ten, scattered over the continent.

Various letters have been received from the Grand Lodge of Lebanon, whom we do not recognize, none of which have been of much importance to us.

Strife has again broken out in Venezuela and numerous letters and explanations from both sides have been received, but all of them are of little interest to this Grand Lodge.

The first lodge in Finland was founded in 1756 by Sweden. In 1809 it was dissolved by the Russians. Over a hundred years later this same lodge was revived at St. Quentin by Sweden again. In 1919, a group of Finns, who had been made members in New York State, petitioned for a lodge in Helsinki and Suomi No. 1 was established. Later others were chartered by New York and in 1924 a petition was drawn up for a Grand Lodge. There are now thirty lodges and about 1500 members. A Royal Arch Chapter was formed in 1961. In regard to Finland, the writer has wondered for some time why we were not requested to recognize them. This Grand Lodge is entirely regular. As stated above it was practically formed by the Grand Lodge of New York in 1924. Their Constitution and Ritual are identical copies of those of New York. There is no reason why Nebraska should not recognize and exchange Representatives with this small but highly courageous group of real Masons. I therefore move that recognition be given to the Grand Lodge of Finland.

Cuba remains a confusing headache. This Grand Lodge is still recognized by England and still goes through the form of regularity. They claim a good gain locally. They are functioning, although little is known as to HOW it is functioning! However communism is atheistic and genuine Masons are not atheists, so how long can oil and water mix? Communication is impossible and reports are conflicting. Five jurisdictions have broken relations with Cuba, but your Committee still maintains its "wait and see" attitude, as it costs nothing and may perhaps someday do some good.

The Lodges in Greece continue to expend large parts of their assets on charitable and educational projects. They provide affection and help to destitute and working children, manage and finance night schools and Trade Schools. Also scholarships are given for University students. All this has been done in spite of a rather heavy apparent loss in membership. It is difficult to become a Mason in this country and we are surprised at the loss, which is indicated, but not actually stated. They have a few over 5,000 members. England has one Lodge in Greece.

The Grand Secretary of New Brunswick made a trip to the British Constitutions last year and had some interesting comments. He attended an Irish lodge, which was a "Teetotal" Lodge, one of the few in this country. In the north of Ireland, Masonry thrives, but in South Ireland, they are a very small minority, only 2½%, but without interference from

anyone. Ireland has at least two "workings", the one most used is called "Munster", which is quite similar to the most used English "Emulation". Scotland has a membership of over 305,000, with over 1,000 lodges. These are in part of course, scattered throughout the world. All contributions are voluntary, but they are not "Scotch" in reality.

The National Grand Lodge of France, which we recognize, now has 68 lodges. There are 57 of these in France; seven in Persia or Iran; three, strange to say, in Spain and one in Morocco. Thirty-six Lodges work mostly in English; 25 in French. Seven others work either in French, English or Persian and in all they have about 4,300 members. In the past ten years they have added about 40 new lodges. Other Masonic unity seems to be further apart than ever in France.

The dispute between Japan and the Philippines over the territory of Okinawa has been resolved by the admission by both sides that the island is open territory and eventually will have to decide its own status. Japan has one lodge, the Philippines two on the Island.

Israel continues to prosper, notwithstanding the continual hostility of its neighbors, although in their lodges, Jews and Arabs exist in peace. The Temple of Peace, a "House of Prayer" for all peoples, which they hope to erect in Jerusalem, has not yet been started, but they hope to commence soon.

In the proceedings of Quebec, we find some explanation of the "American-Canadian Provincial Grand Lodge". The Grand Master of Germany issued the charter to approximately 4,000 American-Canadian Masons now stationed there, not only to facilitate their government, but also to enable them to use their own rituals, etc.

Switzerland had a loss in membership, two reports conflict over the size; one being slight, the other over 150. They have a few over 3,000 members. Lodge intervisitation is stressed here and they continue their even course to spread the "steady and benevolent influence of Masonry" throughout the year. One Lodge reports 75% of its members at each meeting. Quite a lot of charitable acts are done.

Belgium added one new Lodge to their list and have great hopes of another. This is very important to this small but vigorous group. A new building is being erected in Brussels, where the Grand Secretary's office is already fixed, which will furnish space for several Lodges to meet, which has been one of their handicaps.

Miscellaneous items. There are 19 State Grand Lodges in Mexico. In the 16 new countries formed in Africa lately that we have any record concerning, there are approximately 604 Lodges under the following jurisdictions: Italy, 3; Netherlands, 7; Ireland, 63; Scotland, 207; England, 324. The Grand Lodge of South Africa, recently created 93 lodges with 4,155 members, all formerly under the Netherlands. Austria has 16 lodges in their jurisdiction.

Hoping that this brief account of some other jurisdictions in the world is of some interest to the Brethren, your Committee now recom-

mends that all other and/or past applications for recognition be continued for further study, without prejudice until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

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

The Grand Historian will, in the interests of time, confine himself to a relatively short report on three items that have been his concern during the past twelve months.

First. The printing of the manuscript "Robert Carrel Jordan, Our First Grand Master" which was presented to M. W. Ralph M. Carhart one year ago in manuscript form, was completed and has been distributed through the representatives to all of the subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction and to our distinguished guests. The Lord willing, others of Past Grand Masters' biographies will be similarly written and eventually published, thus preserving to those who come after, historical accounts of those of our Brethren who have contributed significantly of those of our Brethren who have contributed significantly to the growth of Masonry in Nebraska.

For a deeper understanding and a greater appreciation of the problems that our pioneer Masonic Brethren faced and how they solved them, nothing could be better than for subordinate Lodges to devote an evening to a reading of this brochure and an open discussion of some of its implications for our present crises and difficulties. We need, as never before, to be stimulated by the faith and courage, the loyalty and devotion, the sacrificial service and the human endeavor of such men as Robert Carrel Jordan and those other pioneer Masons who labored with him and who trusting in God, went forward to build our Fraternity.

Second. Under the wise leadership of our M. W. Grand Master, Harry A. Spencer, our Standing Committee on Masonic Education has this year emphasized not only the importance but the necessity for all Masons to be better informed as to Masonic origins, ideals and purposes of Masonry, its philosophy and teachings, goals and objectives as well as its opportunities and obligations in these critical times. The area meetings in ten separate communities arranged by the Committee on Masonic Education under the guidance of its Chairman, W. Howard J. Hunter, have been at once a challenge and an inspiration to the many Masons of the 271 lodges in Nebraska. Our Grand Master was the major speaker at each of them.

With his blessing, your Grand Historian has put together a manuscript that includes twenty of the orations delivered between 1857 and 1882 at the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. So far as possible there has also been written a short biographical account of each of the Grand Orators. Those orations are examples of the very best efforts of highly competent brother Masons — most of them

members of the legal profession and the ministry. They were in every instance concerned with the History of Masonry, its philosophy, its teachings, its ideals and its demands upon those who believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man and the life eternal. They will be found most instructive and inspirational. It is our belief that these orations can be of inestimable value to our Committee on Masonic Education as a source of reference material and as a basis for organizing future area meetings and programs. They should also be found of great value to the local lodges in the development of their separate programs of Masonic education. From our own experience in reading and sometimes re-reading them, as I have done a number of times, they have afforded new understanding, deeper appreciation and much inspiration. My respect for Masonry has been greatly heightened. I am sure your pride in being a Mason will be greatly increased. We will all be better Masons for having become acquainted with what these Grand Orators contributed. I recommend that these orations be published by the authority of the Grand Lodge.

Third and finally, your Grand Historian strongly supports two recommendations made by our M. W. Grand Master. The first is the appointment of an historian in each of our subordinate Lodges to prepare a full and extensive history of the doings and achievements of these Lodges since the time of their chartering. As we approach the forthcoming Centennial Celebration as a state, we have the opportunity of making known to all of the citizens of our cities and towns what has been the contribution of Masonry to the growth and development of all these communities. To our posterity we have an obligation not only to preserve the records of our accomplishments but to instruct and inspire them as well. Ours has been an achievement of which none need be ashamed.

The second is the providing of a more suitable and attractive library and museum as a feature of our Grand Lodge quarters in Omaha.

The problem of bringing out of the basement the valuable collections of books and museum pieces found there and consolidating all of these with the scattered books and historical mementos accumulated through the years cannot be solved until his recommendation is given your favorable consideration. It is inconceivable that we should lose the value of these assets by permitting them to be so poorly cared for in such quarters as those in the basement. Indeed they are not being protected at all. They are deteriorating. We must do something about it.

In closing, may I express my appreciation to you as officers and members of this Grand Lodge for the high honor of serving as your Grand Historian. Thank you so very much. It has been a joy to serve.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

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

The Committee's work advanced at increased tempo this year with the vigorous guidance and approval of our Grand Master. We held ten Area Meetings on Masonic Education throughout the state and must report with admiration that every one of the Grand Lodge line officers and the Grand Secretary were present at every meeting. This shows the enthusiasm and cooperation we have and indicates the integrity and worth of these officers and their sincere interest in our great fraternity. This, coupled with the fine response most of our lodge officers and committeemen gave us, made these meetings well attended and I am pleased to report every one joined in our discussions and fellowship. The freely volunteered expressions by many of the Craft of the good they felt they derived from these meetings was most appreciated by your Committee. We feel this opportunity for local lodge officers and committeemen to meet with your Grand Lodge officers and the committee members is invaluable and especially to new wardens and committeemen. Many of the Masters become members of the Education Committee of their lodges when leaving the East and their up-to-date knowledge and experience is invaluable to the new Master and the new candidates.

This year we were especially pleased to have a fine address by our Grand Master, M. W. Harry A. Spencer, at the six o'clock dinner for Master Masons and their ladies following each of these meetings. A compilation of these addresses has been prepared so that each of the lodge committees can have a copy for its files as Service and Information Letter No. 14. In addition, because of the requests for this address, we have had additional copies made available at this communication for you.

Area Meetings were held last fall at Broken Bow, Kearney, Alliance, Ogallala and Lincoln. This spring the meetings were held at York, Norfolk, South Sioux City, Auburn and wound up the year with a fine meeting at Bellevue.

Your Committee especially thanks the host lodges. It is quite an honor to host an Area Meeting and it is good for a lodge and its officers but it does take some planning and cooperation and, believe me, it is easy to tell at each Area Meeting, if the Master's trestle board has been well drawn and if he has the active and interested cooperation of his lodge and the help of his Education Committee.

We can pretty well tell if a lodge is alive and needs either a shot in the arm or is in such an advanced state of decline that it needs a funeral by the lack of attendance of its officers and Education Committee at Grand Lodge Area Meetings held in their area. We are living in fast and troublesome times and a non-functioning lodge is more of a detriment to a community than to have none at all there. At least it would free a candidate to join an active, well kept-up lodge nearby to which he would be proud to belong. We must be proud of our Masonry and it is part of the Grand Lodge Committee's job to help the local committee and lodge officers with ideas, material and personal helps to make the local Masons fully cognizant of what Masonry is doing all over Nebraska and elsewhere. Our local lodges must spread "Light" in their local com-

munities and the Grand Lodge Committee will help them do it but cannot do it for them. We ask you to let us know of any way we can be of help, and we appreciate your helpful criticism. Please bear in mind our Committee serves without pay and to handle these Area Meetings requires the members and Grand Lodge officers to take off from their work about two weeks time. This is mentioned only because sometimes we hear an officer or committeeman complain that he would lose a day of work to attend a Grand Lodge Area Meeting. We feel it is part of the responsibility that goes with the honor of being an officer to attend Grand Lodge and especially Grand Lodge functions in your area brought there to help the local lodges.

Your Committee plans to continue this program which has been meeting with increased interest and attendance. We have further material in mind to go to the local lodge committees and hope in time to be able to give increased help to those lodges which desire it in smaller groups or even to individual lodges. Our Grand Historian, W. George W. Rosenlof, is bringing out some outstanding educational material such as the pamphlet on Robert Carrel Jordan, our first Grand Master, that will be invaluable to our local Committees.

We hope that space can be afforded for our Grand Lodge library in the Grand Secretary's office. We have some fine reference material, much of it stored in the cellar, that could be well used if indexed and made available with a reading room with table and chairs for the use of lodge committeemen and others interested whenever they visit the Grand Lodge offices. This need is becoming more and more apparent as local lodges become increasingly active in Masonic Education.

We are happy to report we are making substantial progress and, with this year's momentum, plan an interesting, fruitful year ahead with continued unity of purpose and action by the Craft.

REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

M. W. John F. Futcher, 302, Chairman, presented the report of Grand Trustees, which was adopted.

Your Board of Grand Trustees respectfully submits the following report for the year ended May 10, 1965.

The assets of the Grand Lodge during the year were increased by \$68,405.85, making a total of \$860,971.16. Income received on investments was \$30,657.75, on a book value of \$772,976.79. During the year there was a gain on the sale of securities of \$47,334.85, making total income from investments of \$77,992.60.

With respect to The Nebraska Masonic Home the assets at the year-end May 10, 1965, totaled \$2,147,310.10. This was a decline in over-all assets of the Home of \$234,869.67. This decline was due to an adjustment in surplus of approximately \$500,000, being funds disbursed for the addition to the Masonic Home.

Notwithstanding the decline in assets of the Home, the invested assets increased by \$400,524.46, the Home presently owning in bonds, stocks and mortgages a principal amount of \$2,038,559.55. The investments of the Home produced in interest and dividends \$77,438.31. During the year under examination the Board of Grand Trustees sold securities owned by the Home in an amount representing a profit of \$160,192.92. The income on the investments of the Home and the profit made during the year represented \$237,631.23.

During the year the members of your Board of Grand Trustees developed increasing concern for the continuing strength and direction of the economy. This concern was deepened by the knowledge of a 25-month long rise in the stock market. After a thorough discussion and consideration of the many aspects of the economy which seemed to be foreboding trouble, your Grand Trustees decided it was judicious to liquidate certain common stocks in the portfolio of the Grand Lodge and the Home. The action in the stock market in the last two weeks has justified this concern and may or may not in future weeks prove the validity of this judgment.

The profit shown above was derived from the sale of common stocks having a book value of \$424,350.82.

Several members of your Board of Grand Trustees were invited to attend a meeting of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office to discuss the advisability of consolidating the offices of the Grand Lodge on one floor of the Masonic Temple in Omaha and to provide adequate space for a Masonic library in which the members of this Grand Lodge could take pride. We have seen the recommendation of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, and we believe its adoption would produce greater efficiency in the operation of the Grand Secretary's and Grand Custodian's office, and certainly would provide a more acceptable Masonic library for the use of the Brethren of this Jurisdiction. The cost of such a move we suggest, if not budgeted may be defrayed through income from investments or from sale of specified securities.

Our Grand Master has submitted to the Board of Grand Trustees a copy of the proposed retirement plan for the employees of the Grand Lodge and of The Nebraska Masonic Home. Each member of the Board of Grand Trustees has studied the plan and most heartily recommends the adoption of the same, and the Board is pleased to offer its services in the management of the contributions to a pension fund if the Grand Lodge so desires.

We have observed in the audits which have been presented to us that the Seal Program of The Nebraska Masonic Home has been in operation approximately three years and that during that time the net receipts of this program have amounted to approximately \$100,000, which funds have been invested by your Grand Trustees for the Endowment and Bequest Fund.

The audit prepared by our Certified Public Accountant, containing statements of assets and liabilities and an analysis of the surplus and

fund balances reflecting the financial condition of both the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home, will be published in the annual proceedings as a part of this report.

Each member of the Board of Grand Trustees has requested that I express to this Grand Lodge his pleasure in the privilege of having served you in handling the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home, and the Board continues its previous pledge to use its best efforts and judgment in such a way as to produce the highest rate of return consistent with safety.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. of NEBRASKA
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

May 10, 1965

	Assets	Total
Cash on deposit with banks:		
General Account	\$ 8,910.89	
Exchange Account	215.00	
Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund	53,213.21	
Supply Account	6,030.36	
Relief Fund	9,948.25	
Centennial Contingent Fund	689.33	
		79,007.04
Bonds and Stocks	772,976.79	
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	8,984.33	
		\$860,971.16
Liabilities		
Due to The Nebraska Masonic Home — E & B Fund	\$ 657.88	
Balance of appropriations on 1964-1965 budget	2,150.00	
		\$860,971.16
Surplus or Fund Balances:		
Orphans' Educational Endowment Fund	791,807.72	
Less unexpended on 1964-65 budget	2,150.00	
		789,657.72
Balance	789,657.72	
Supply Account	24,906.37	
Relief Fund	42,909.86	
Centennial Contingent Fund	689.33	
		858,163.28
		\$860,971.16

COMPARATIVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS	May 10, 1964	May 10, 1965	Increase (Decrease)
Cash on deposit with banks	\$156,519.17	\$ 79,007.04	(\$ 77,512.13)
Bonds and stocks	624,047.74	772,976.79	148,929.05
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	11,995.40	8,984.33	(3,011.07)
	<u>\$792,565.31</u>	<u>\$860,971.16</u>	<u>\$ 68,405.85</u>
 LIABILITIES 			
Due to The Nebraska Masonic Home	\$ 976.63	\$ 657.88	(\$ 318.75)
Balance of appropriations on 1964-1965 budget		2,150.00	2,150.00
Surplus or Fund Balances	791,588.68	858,163.28	66,574.60
	<u>\$792,565.31</u>	<u>\$860,971.16</u>	<u>\$ 68,405.85</u>

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

May 10, 1965

Assets	Total
Cash on deposit:	
The Omaha National Bank:	
General Fund	\$ 19,230.03
General Investment Fund	60,054.95
Endowment and Bequest Fund	8,333.04
Plattsmouth State Bank, Plattsmouth, Nebraska	13,381.57
United States National Bank of Omaha	5,502.79
	<u>106,502.38</u>
Bonds and Stocks	1,994,859.53
Real estate mortgages and contracts	43,690.52
Buildings and grounds — Masonic Home	1.00
Furnishings — Masonic Home	1.00
Due from Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska	657.88
Accrued interest receivable	1,597.79
	<u>\$2,147,310.10</u>

Liabilities and Net Worth

Balance in Entertainment Fund	\$ 3,073.47
Balance in Memory Fund	19,798.28
Balance in Thanksgiving Fund	5,637.48
Balance in Perpetual Room Fund	775.00
Balance in Room Furnishings Fund	119.20
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund	284.00
Balance in Evers Memorial Fund	4,883.00
	<hr/>
	34,570.43
Balance of appropriations on 1964-1965 budget	35,478.36
Net Worth:	
Capital stock	1.00
Surplus or Fund Balances	363,397.36
Les unexpended on 1964-1965 budget	35,478.36
Balance	2,077,260.31
	<hr/>
	\$2,147,310.10

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

Comparative Assets and Liabilities

	ASSETS		May 10, 1964	May 10, 1965	(Decrease)
Cash on deposit:					
The Omaha National Bank, Omaha, Nebraska:					
General Fund	\$	22,359.92	\$	19,230.03	(\$ 3,129.89)
General Investment Fund		109,269.80		60,054.95	(49,214.85)
Endowment and Bequest Fund		94,251.46		8,333.04	(85,918.42)
Plattsmouth State Bank,					
Plattsmouth, Nebraska		12,833.36		13,381.57	548.21
United States National Bank of Omaha		3,032.73		5,502.79	2,470.06
		241,747.27		106,502.38	(135,244.89)
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
Bonds and Stocks		1,589,682.41		1,994,859.53	405,177.12
Real estate mortgages		48,343.18		43,690.52	(4,652.66)
Buildings and grounds — Masonic Home		1.00		1.00	
Furnishings — Masonic Home		1.00		1.00	
Building construction		501,428.28			(501,428.28)
Due from Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska		976.63		657.88	(318.75)
Accrued interest receivable				1,597.79	1,597.79
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
		\$2,382,179.77		\$2,147,310.10	(\$234,869.67)
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH					
Balance in Entertainment Fund	\$	2,140.08	\$	3,073.47	\$ 933.39
Balance in Memory Fund		17,911.90		19,798.28	1,886.38
Balance in Thanksgiving Fund		5,637.48		5,637.48	

Balance in Perpetual Room Fund	775.00	775.00	
Balance in Room Furnishings Fund	5,828.65	119.20	(5,709.45)
Balance in Edwards Memorial Fund	289.00	284.00	(5.00)
Balance in Evers Memorial Fund	785.00	4,883.00	4,098.00
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	33,367.11	34,570.43	1,203.32
Accrued Social Security and			
Withholding Taxes	35.76		(35.76)
Balance of appropriations on 1964-1965 budget .		35,478.36	35,478.36
Net Worth:			
Capital Stock	1.00	1.00	
Surplus or Fund Balances	2,348,775.90	2,077,260.31	(271,515.59)
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$2,382,179.77	\$2,147,310.10	(\$234,869.67)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

W. Herman G. Reinholz, 3, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office, which was adopted.

We hereby submit the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Office.

Because of the efficiency of the Grand Secretary and his staff, and the cooperation we received from them, this Committee was assisted greatly in the performance of its duties. Records were kept up-to-date and expenses held to a minimum. Of the budget established for such expenses a year ago, there remains an unspent balance of more than \$100.00. We have submitted a budget for the same amount (\$4,000.00) for the coming year to the Committee on Appropriations.

In accordance with past practice, we have also submitted to the Committee on Appropriations, a budget statement covering salaries of the employees of the Grand Lodge and miscellaneous expenses in connection with other matters at this annual session of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Nebraska. Most of the items remain at the same figure shown for last year. However, some of the items have been increased. These increases are as follows:

1. The amount for the jewel, apron and card for the retiring Grand Master has been increased from \$240.00 to \$300.00 because of the increased cost of these three items.
2. The cost of recording and transcribing the 1965 proceedings has been increased from \$100.00 to \$225.00, as it is necessary for our Recorder to come to Lincoln with his equipment, and also paying the stage electrician and stage hands for services rendered.
3. The salaries of the Grand Lodge Office staff has been increased from \$12,300.00 to \$12,800.00. It is the opinion of this Committee that such increase is merited because of the caliber of the employees, and to keep such salaries in line with those paid to similar employees in the business world.

The equipment in the Grand Lodge Office is in fairly good shape, except for two typewriters. It is recommended that these two machines be replaced, one machine with a new L. C. Smith typewriter with a large carriage at a cost of \$292.00 plus the old machine, and the present IBM Executive typewriter (which is over ten years old) with a new IBM Accounting typewriter at a cost of \$574.00 plus the old machine. The latter machine will greatly facilitate the keeping of books and records.

One item on which this Committee has spent a lot of time, and on which it has received the assistance and counsel of members of the Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, Educational Committee, Temple Craft, and others, pertains to a proposal that the Grand Lodge offices be moved from the fourth floor of the Omaha Masonic Temple to the second floor. There are a number of reasons why this move should be made:

1. The activities of the present office take place in three different locations in the building on two different floors. These activities should take place in one location.

2. In connection with some activities we have too much room; in connection with other activities we do not have enough room.

3. The space now occupied by the Grand Lodge Office on the fourth floor should be made available to the eight lodges in the building for lounge purposes, etc.

4. The room presently used to take care of the Seal Program for The Nebraska Masonic Home was originally laid out as a hospitality room. This space is needed for use as a hospitality room.

5. The present Conference Room is small and not readily adapted to large groups.

6. The present storage vault is too small to properly store the thousands of records kept by the Grand Lodge.

7. There is no provision for a Museum and Library. Items which should be displayed and kept in such a room are presently stored in any available space which makes it impossible for the Brethren to take advantage of such items and records. Furthermore, because of the manner in which they are now kept, they undoubtedly are deteriorating and of no use to anyone. This is an important matter which must be corrected.

8. The present offices are not impressive, nor do they have the dignity which such an office should convey.

9. There is now available on the second floor of the Masonic Temple some very choice space which is large enough to take care of the needs of the Grand Lodge Office and to provide a large room for use as a Museum and Library. This area is air conditioned by a central unit — the present space requires the use of six units.

It is the firm opinion of this Committee as well as the Brethren and Grand Lodge officers with whom the matter was discussed that the move should be made.

Tentative plans have been prepared which give us the following information:

1. The total floor space is 5,397 square feet as compared with 4,759 square feet.

2. The space to be occupied by the Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian and stenographic employees will be 1,896 square feet as compared with 2,080 square feet.

3. The Conference Room will be 655 square feet as compared with 465 square feet.

4. The work and mailing room (which includes the space needed to handle the Seal Program) will be 1,341 square feet as compared with 1,828 square feet. Included in the 1,341 square feet is a storage room for supplies.

5. The storage vault takes up 504 square feet as compared with 280 square feet.

6. 901 square feet have been allotted to the Museum and Library.

The entire layout of the proposed office has been designed to impress upon the visitor the dignity and importance of Masonry. The entrance will be directly in front of the elevators. The Reception Room will give access to the work room, the Museum and Library, and the two secretaries' rooms through which visitors must pass to reach the Grand Secretary and the Grand Custodian. The Conference Room may be reached through one of the secretary's office or through the Grand Secretary's office.

All rooms except the Museum and Library, the work and mail room, and the vault will be carpeted. Furniture will be arranged in all offices in a manner to get the greatest efficiency possible out of the space occupied, and to please the eye at the same time. The machinery, tables and filing cabinets in the work and mail room will be arranged to get the greatest efficiency possible out of the space occupied. The same is true of the record files in the vault. No definite plans have been made regarding the arrangement of the cases, shelves and cabinets to be used in the Museum and Library. Some of this equipment is available at present.

The windows in the Museum, Conference Room and Grand Secretary's office and Grand Custodian's office will be hung with drapes.

As you undoubtedly have surmised, such a move will cost some money. On the basis of some educated estimates we have arrived at the following amounts:

1. Rent will be \$2.00 per square foot as compared with \$1.55 per square foot in the present locations. This amounts to a total of \$3,650.00 per year, fifteen percent of which will be charged to other benefiting Masonic bodies. We might add at this time that the rate of \$2.00 per square foot is considerably lower than is charged for similar space in other buildings in the territory surrounding the Masonic Temple.

2. It is estimated that the reconstruction necessary to build the rooms, etc., will total approximately \$27,000.00. Of this amount the Grand Lodge is to pay \$12,500.00, the balance to be paid by the Masonic Temple

Building. In case the total cost is less than \$25,000.00, the Grand Lodge is to pay only one-half such amount.

3. Carpets, equal in quality to those in the present offices which were laid twenty years ago, will cost \$4,100.00.

4. Drapes for the windows as outlined above will cost \$1,680.00. In this connection we wish to add that the drapes in the present offices must be replaced. If this is done the cost will be \$750.00.

5. In order to improve the appearance of the Conference Room, and the offices of the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian, it has been suggested that the steam radiators be covered with book cases on each side. If this is done, and we recommend it be, the cost will be \$1,800.00.

As stated earlier in this report, the Brethren of our great Fraternity with whom this matter was discussed all agreed that the move was a logical one that should be made. We were also informed that the expense would in no way cause any hardship. In other words, the money is readily available.

M. W. Grand Master, there are two parts of this report which are to be considered in the motion I will make. The first of these is that the part dealing with the expense of the Grand Lodge Office be referred to the Committee on Appropriations; and the second, that the part dealing with moving the Grand Lodge from the fourth floor to the second floor of the Masonic Temple, be referred to the Grand Lodge at this session.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

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

This is my final report on the new wing. Last year I told you it was finished. It is now fully occupied and has been for several months. I have progressively told you of this since we first found we had to add this needed extension to the Home. Early we promised you it could be done at no extra burden to the Brethren. It is built and furnished and is yours and the Home's for useful years ahead.

I wish you could see all this and many other changes in your Home. I hope in the near future Grand Lodge will again visit the Home as it did in past years. It will give those of you who haven't seen it a thrill you will never forget. You would take home a memory of Masonry alive and throbbing with the big heart that is a part of all of us.

The film, "Next to Paradise" has been updated to include many of these new things and until you can see for yourselves, I urge you order the film. It is now available.

For a number of years the wooden sign at the corner of our property has been worn out. Never a substantial thing, it finally was removed. We now have a new one of stone located where all can see. It is a beautiful marker and will last forever.

I reported to you last year that the Evers Memorial Fund was still open. We hoped to erect a Memorial to our beloved Superintendent Emeritus William F. Evers in the form of a marker to identify the 144 graves in the cemetery at Plattsmouth as ours. We offered an opportunity to aid in its cost of construction. The plans have been approved. The necessary funds have been contributed for a most beautiful marker. It will be erected soon. It should last until eternity in honor of him and of our dead and will reflect on our Fraternity who did not forget.

We continue to operate inside our budget. However, it steadily rises and will do so year after year just so long as labor, food, medicine and all other items that enter into it also rise. I see no foreseeable change in the future.

We do our best. I would, however, remind you that nearly 70% of our population are in bed and will remain there the rest of their lives. This is expensive care but most necessary and we would not wish to avoid it. You probably know all this. Many of you have budgets of your own and meet payrolls the same as we do. If so you know it is not an easy task. Your help has been the rewarding factor in our efforts.

It might interest you to know of a few things required each single day for our bed residents. Here is just an item or two: We give 700 tablets of medicine daily; 15 to 20 injections each day; many, many liquid tranquilizers; 600 pounds of diapers laundered each day; the laundry runs 7 days each week.

These are only a few of many things needed for constant care. The budget for medicine this year is over \$18,000.00 and not an extravagant dime in it.

Now to the Seal Program. You receive them each year at Thanksgiving and at Easter. Last year we reported our best year. We beat it this year. Since the beginning of this program we have paid for \$40,000.00 of equipment and at the May meeting your Board of Trustees transferred to Endowment the sum of \$40,000.00 making a total since the beginning about three years ago of \$100,000. we have received from this source of revenue.

Every year you have responded just a little more until now its success is guaranteed. When you are asked, you give and you have made this a valuable asset to the financial security of your Home. Nothing could be finer. Keep it up.

M. W. John E. Beaver, one of our fine Trustees, has asked me to give you his report on his visit with our beloved Brother Arthur L. Palmer. Again this year Brother John visited Brother Art. He brought to us Brother Palmer's greetings. He is one of our faithful champions and we of the Home Board of Trustees pray that his youthful spirit will keep him with us for many years to come.

Now as I did last year, I am going off the record. This report will be in the proceedings as to buildings, money, and medicine but I want to talk to you of people. The only real important thing at your Home. The rest is only tools to serve them.

Now back to the record and very, very seriously.

If you were in this room and listened, you heard our Grand Master's recommendation of a Group Annuity for both the employees of your Home and for the employees of Grand Lodge. I don't know if you realize how much work and talent has been poured into this by M.'W.'. Brother Spencer and his Committee. I can tell you that our Grand Master is a veteran member of your Home Board of Trustees. He long ago saw the need of this sort of program. In the interest of just fair play to those who give their best years to working for the Home and Grand Lodge this program should be adopted. In the May meeting of the Home Board we unanimously approved it for our employees, and I dearly hope you will confirm our approval and adopt this plan for the Home and Grand Lodge employees.

We pride ourselves in having a Great Heart. Those who work for you and me look to us to confirm it. It will help those faithful as they reach the autumn of their lives to know we have appreciated the long years of their service in which they have never been overpaid. In fact there has never been a time when those at the Home could not have made more money elsewhere. They are dedicated people, and must be, to do that kind of work. Nothing could be more thoughtful on your part to quickly approve this fine program of Our Grand Master. Every single one of the fifteen Trustees of your Home, through me, ask you to accept our unqualified recommendation of it.

Now we have talked about people. There's a lot of nice ones in this world and in particular in our world. Our Grand Master, with a heavy load as a Justice of our Supreme Court and burdened as we burden all our Grand Masters, still has functioned as a valuable Trustee of the Home. We needed him and we used him.

Our Secretary R.'W'. Carl R. Greisen as always was dedicated to a never-ending task.

Our Superintendent Raymond F. Evers continues his patient, tireless efforts on behalf of all of us and our residents.

We are grateful to them and to all others — Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, Masters and Wardens, Mobile Nobles, Lodges, Chapters of the Eastern Star and just people. Some of them not members of our Fraternity but it all goes together to make something really great.

The food trucks come, never failing us, and remembrances to the Entertainment Fund and most important the Endowment and Bequest Fund all flow to keep this great Home alive and growing.

Your Trustees say Thanks to all.

Now to the man who has knelt at the same altar as the rest of us, our Brother Mason. I've spoken to you of our people and for them. They all know I am here and that you are here. They know as a small child knows—trusting—that all they have and will have comes from you as their friend. Their loving friend and so on behalf of them here is a little prayer for each of you:

To the Lord of all peoples I pray;
That the sunshine may always be warm on your face,
and the wind of cool evening be refreshing to your back.

May you never thirst for water nor friendship.
I beg that both be clear, sweet and fresh as a mountain
spring and as abundant.

May every person you speak to be friend.
Not as men are so often called Friend,
but as firm as your faith in a hereafter and as everlasting
as the sands of time.

May you be nourished by the milk of human kindness,
stimulated by the music of good companionship,
and exalted by the faith of all whom you meet.

And when your day is ended, be it to wake again
on this Earth or with Him—my life is richer for
I am one of those who call you—Friend.

Thank you my Brethren.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT

W. E. Forrest Estes, 19, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Retirement, which was adopted.

Pursuant to the directions of the Grand Master this Committee has conducted a rather exhaustive study with respect to a retirement plan for the Grand Custodian, the Office of the Grand Secretary, and The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. After carefully reviewing the situation, including adequate consideration of the financial resources of the Grand Lodge and the Home, it is the considered opinion of this Committee that one plan, covering the entire employment area mentioned, would be feasible.

There is one extremely important factor that should be constantly kept in mind: that is the unusually high average age of this particular group of employees. Thus, of a total of some 50-plus employees, only 3 are now under age 40 which is in marked contrast with the usual employee groups found in commercial fields. To prepare a retirement plan that meets reasonable humanitarian standards, that will be a stabilizing influence for an employee group and an effective tool in recruiting desirable new employees, all safely within the financial capabilities of the Grand Lodge and the Home this presented your Committee with a very real challenge!

We feel we have met that challenge and are pleased to present a Retirement Plan that in our judgment is well-tailored to this particular

situation. The complete plan, together with proposals for its financing and administration, are attached to this Report and made a part of it; a brief summary follows.

One Overall Plan. The Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home are separate corporations, which raised the question as to the propriety of one overall retirement plan serving both corporations. It is the advice of competent legal authority that in view of the relationship between the two corporations there should be no legal difficulties in establishing a single plan to serve both corporations. Therefore the Plan presented is designed to cover the Grand Custodian, employees of the Grand Secretary's Office, and employees of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

Qualification With U. S. Treasury Department. It is highly desirable that any retirement plan be qualified with the U. S. Treasury Department. Your Committee has kept this in mind and we believe there should be little difficulty in securing such approval of the Plan as proposed. However, the Administrators of the Plan should be granted authority to make minor adjustments, if necessary.

Eligible Employees. Under present employment conditions The Nebraska Masonic Home has found it sometimes necessary to employ persons who, though serving on a full-time basis, cannot be realistically classified as permanent. On the other hand, our attention has been called to the fact that, along with other factors, the location of The Nebraska Masonic Home has made the employment of certain trained personnel, such as Registered Nurses, a real recruiting problem. Although a retirement plan basically is established to benefit the long-time loyal employee, and this fundamental aspect must not be lost sight of, it is true that your Committee has been faced with a rather sensitive "balancing program", which has been put in formula form under the definition of an "Eligible Employee" — that is, an employee eligible to participate in the benefits of the Plan. It will be seen that the area of participation requires not less than 10 years' service before retirement and a retirement age of not less than age 65 and not greater than age 72. In this connection the specific language of the plan is as follows:

" 'Eligible employees' refers to employees who are eligible to participate in the benefits provided by this Plan. With respect to those who are employees on the Effective Date of this Plan, eligible employees are (1) all Registered Nurses employed by the Home, (2) all other employees EXCEPT those who, having less than 10 years of continuous active service, have also attained the 56th birthday. With respect to persons who become employees after the Effective Date of this Plan, eligible employees are those who, at the date of employment, have not attained the 56th birthday."

Retirement Date. The Retirement Date is defined in the plan as follows:

"(1) For an Eligible Employee who, at the time of entry into this Plan, had not attained his 56th birthday, the Retirement Date is the first day of the month which next succeeds his 65th birthday. (2) For

other Eligible Employees the Retirement Date is the first day of the month which next succeeds the earlier of (a) the birthday which occurs more than 9 years but not to exceed 10 years after entry into the plan, or (b) the 72nd birthday."

It will be seen that generally speaking, as with most standard retirement plans, the retirement age is 65. However an awareness of some serious problems that would be created by the immediate retirement of all employees who are now 65 or older has emphasized the necessity for a reasonable degree of elasticity with respect to retirement age. Therefore, for the present we have two categories, (1) eligible employees who now are not over 55 years old — here retirement age is 65 — while (2) the employee now over age 55 must have at least 10 years' service at retirement, even though it requires him to stay in service to as high an age as 72.

Retirement Benefit. The monthly retirement income depends on length of service and salary level. Because Social Security is heavily weighted in favor of the lower-salaried employee, a plan such as this should be designed to provide a degree of off-setting differential for higher salary levels; for practical reasons there should of course be a clearly-defined maximum with respect to any salary level and term of service. Referring to the Retirement Benefit section of the Plan it will be seen that in Table A (which lists retirement percents) there are 3 sets of percents, one with respect to monthly salary levels up to \$400 (which is the present maximum bearing Social Security Tax), a second covering the excess over \$400 per month — for which there is no Social Security benefit — and the third set of percents which set the maximum possible retirement benefit under the Plan.

Total and Permanent Disability. The problem of a totally and permanently disabled employee has faced the Grand Lodge in the past; a similar problem faces it today; the same problem will doubtless face it in the future. Therefore, although your Committee has generally followed the principle of avoiding all "frills", inclusion of a provision covering untimely and very real total and permanent disability is, obviously, a "must". The Plan has a very simple provision — Total and Permanent Disability is recognized after 10 years' service, but the income benefit does not exceed half salary, and then only after 15 years' service.

Other Provisions. A review of the proposed Plan will point up a number of miscellaneous provisions designed to protect all parties concerned. Thus it includes the usual clause protecting against assignment of benefits, legal process, etc. . . . though in this plan, in line with admission requirements of The Nebraska Masonic Home, in case a retiree is admitted as a resident at the Home his retirement benefits would also revert to the Home.

Another important provision covers employment after Retirement Date where such employment is mutually advantageous and mutually desired. It will be noted, however, that a limiting age is established.

As a practical matter any organization not tax-supported should include in a retirement program some provision for amendment, and possibly

discontinuance, of the plan. This plan contains such a provision. The reason for this is of course quite obvious . . . while no one anticipates insolvency, that contingency should be covered.

In the Plan itself the provision covering administration and supervision of the Plan is purposely general, simply stating that such be under the direction of the Grand Lodge and the Home, jointly, or a Benefit Committee duly established for that purpose. In this report your Committee would offer the suggestion that such administration be the responsibility of a Benefit Committee, subject to approval of its acts by the Grand Lodge; and further, that the Benefit Committee have included in its membership the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, one or more members of the Grand Lodge Board of Trustees, one or more members of the Home Board, with the Grand Secretary and the Superintendent of the Home ex-officio members without vote.

Cost of The Plan. We now come to a very crucial question . . . the COST? The answer is not simple. It has been assumed that this cost will be financed from income and/or funds of the Grand Lodge and the Home; it is also apparent that there are two employees of the Grand Lodge with respect to whom it will be impractical to establish any sort of actuarial "reserve".

Considering these two employees first, we refer to the Grand Custodian and the Grand Secretary. As we all know, the Grand Custodian's health will doubtless qualify him for retirement under the Total and Permanent Disability provisions of the Plan; for very practical reasons, his disability income benefit would best be simply treated as a continuation of salary at the 50% level as provided by the Plan. There is no valid reason, under present conditions, for "reserving" his benefit.

With respect to our Grand Secretary, assuming his annual election to office he will continue to serve, under the terms of the proposed Plan, until December 31, 1968 which will be his Retirement Date under the Plan. With such a short service period for the future, again your Committee would not recommend "reserving" his retirement benefit, but rather treating it as simply a continuation of salary at the level of his retirement income.

The Home also has an employee, nearly 74 years of age, with over 10 years' past service, who would be retired immediately under the terms of the Plan; likewise your Committee would not suggest "reserving" this employee's Retirement Benefit, but rather treating it as continuation of salary.

In regard to the other Grand Lodge and Home employees, it must be remembered that ultimately the cost of any retirement plan is the amount of money paid in benefits plus the cost of administration. However the "cost" we have in mind here refers to the annual allocation of Grand Lodge and Home funds that properly should be made towards funding past and future service in anticipation of future retirements. It is the opinion of your Committee that any such funding should, insofar as possible, be on a uniform annual basis. Moreover, our studies have

strongly indicated that it would probably be more satisfactory in the long run to insure the plan with a life insurance company; our reasons for this opinion are two, viz., (1) a life insurance company that meets the specifications of this Committee is in a position to more economically and more effectively handle routine administrative needs, and (2) insuring the plan avoids, for us, the element of fluctuation and adverse longevity in the ultimate amount of annuity payments — two extremely important factors which the insurance company, by its very nature, can handle much more advantageously than can we.

The type of insurance company which this Committee would recommend would meet the following specifications: (1) the controlling management should be predominately in the hands of Masons, (2) the company should be organized and equipped to service the plan as a deposit administration group annuity, and (3) all other things being equal the company should be a Nebraska company.

It has been ascertained by your Committee that the proposed plan could be insured for a first-year cost of approximately \$23,000, of which slightly less than \$3,000 would apply to Grand Lodge employees and the balance to Home employees. The Chairman of this Committee, as an actuary, has tested these cost estimates and has concluded that they are reasonable and appropriate.

Your Retirement Committee therefore recommends as follows:

- (1) That the Retirement Plan proposed in this Report be adopted.
- (2) That the Benefit Committee (or other Administrative body, as selected) be authorized to insure the Retirement Plan with a life insurance company meeting the specifications hereinbefore set forth.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

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

Your Committee on Credentials report that all Lodges are represented except the following: No's. 17, 41, 48, 53, 83, 86, 95, 106, 113, 117, 126, 129, 137, 188, 190, 191, 200, 203, 212, 231, 233, 243, 251, 261, 276, 277, 285, 299, 304, 312. Total No. of Lodges 270, number not represented — 31. Lodges not represented for the last two annual communications — No's. 117, 137, 191, 200, 243, 312. Total 6.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
NebraskaNo. 1	James A. Bradley...	*Albin Bergstrom...	*Raymond E. Seaman
Western Star.. " 2	E. L. Wheatacraft...	*Mathew J. Thornton	.....
Capitol " 3	*Wm. Von Kroge, Jr.	Herman O. Hansen.	*Herman G. Reinholz
Nemaha Valley " 4	*J. Adolf Wensien...	*J. Adolph Wensien..	*J. Adolf Wensien...
Omadi " 5	*Oscar T. Olsen.....	*Oscar T. Olsen.....	.....
Plattsmouth .. " 6	*W. Earl Dyer.....	*Raymond F. Evers..	W. Earl Dyer.....
Falls City " 9	Robert L. Ferguson.	*Robert L. Ferguson.	.....
Solomon " 10	Clarence L. Doty...	*Clarence L. Doty...	H. W. Schneemeyer.
Covert " 11	John S. Savage.....	Joseph Doyle.....	*Michael Cohen....
Orient " 13	Chas. D. Voegel, Jr.	.....	*Orville H. Zoeller..
Peru " 14	John A. Stevenson..	.....	John L. Lewis.....
Fremont " 15	Rolland Olsen.....	*Gerald A. Moller...	*Ralph J. Hershey...
Tecumseh " 17	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln " 19	Otto H. Jonscher...	*Richard L. Wait....	Richard L. Loos....
Washington .. " 21	Peter Stricklett....	Robt. L. Holderness.	.....
Pawnee " 23	Ellis J. Poteet.....	.....	.....
Saint Johns .. " 25	Harold W. Langdon.	*Wm. F. Patterson..	Chas. A. MacDonald
Beatrice " 26	Clarence W. Knaak.	James D. Logan....	.....
Jordan " 27	*Wm. H. Hasebrock.	.....	.....
Hope " 29	*Dale Skeen.....	.....	.....
Blue River ... " 30	Alvin O. Anderson..	Herbert E. Simpson.	.....
Tekamah " 31	Robt. K. Weatherby	.....	.....
Platte Valley. " 32	Chas. J. Underwood	*Harold V. Reeves...	*Ben. M. Johnston...
Ashlar " 33	Floyd R. Dunham...	*Robert W. Boon....	Alex H. Dietrich...
Acacia " 34	Lambert Blazek....	Ernest J. Krejci...	.....
Fairbury " 35	*Douglas Pettigrew..	*Kenna W. Hanna...	F. Gaughenbaugh...
Lone Tree " 36	Donald R. Sampson.	Ben L. Stahl.....	*L. Harold Parker...
Crete " 37	Fred A. Guggernos..	*Joe Kovarik.....	Ed Vasatka.....
Oliver " 38	Jerry D. Daake.....	.....	.....
Papillion " 39	Wilbert W. Wittmuss	.....	.....
Humboldt " 40	Ralph Frey.....	.....	.....
Northern Light " 41	.....	.....	.....
Hebron " 43	*Dail B. Shearer.....	.....	.....
Harvard " 44	Ernest F. Johnson..	.....	*Ira F. Fishback....
Rob Morris .. " 46	*Joseph C. Tye.....	*Knud V. Lindholm..	Thomas W. Tye....
Fairmont " 48	.....	.....	.....
Evening Star . " 49	Art R. Scheierman..	Rich A. Schlercher..	Philip M. Lewis....
Hastings " 50	Ervin A. Siemonett.	*Ervin A. Siemonett.	*Ervin A. Siemonett.
Fidelity " 51	Charley H. Welker..	Arthur H. Morton..	.....
Hiram " 52	John W. Anderson..	*John W. Anderson..	*John W. Anderson..
Charity " 53	.....	.....	.....
Lancaster " 54	R. L. Middleswart..	Charles E. Connors.	.....

* Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Mosaic .....No. 55	Jesse B. Beaton....	Marvin Moats.....	.....
York " 56	Victor E. Junge....	*Martin H. Gates....	*Palmer Robson....
Mount Moriah " 57	*Walter Jahn.....	*Marion K. Schroeder .....	.....
Wahoo " 59	Charles Shane.....	*Howard J. Hunter..	Merle D. Meyers....
Melrose " 60	*Stanley A. Peak....	.....	.....
Thistle " 61	*G. Hanford Smith..	.....	Harold D. Weddel..
Keystone " 62	Dale D. Dake.....	James E. Dake.....	.....
Blue Valley .. " 64	Clarence M. Maca..	Jon J. Anthony.....	Verne V. Anthony..
Osceola " 65	.....	.....	Jimmy Majors....
Edgar " 67	James C. Emrich...	.....	.....
Aurora " 68	*Charles F. Adams...	.....	.....
Sterling " 70	Ivan A. Lamb.....	*Harry Revtter.....	.....
Trowel " 71	*Harold A. Tilton...	*Harold A. Tilton...	*Harold A. Tilton...
Hooper " 72	.....	*Norris W. Lallman..	*Norris W. Lallman..
Friend " 73	Warren Weber.....	Richard B. Hays....	Burton Murray....
Alexandria .. " 74	Loren M. Sinn.....	Hugo L. Broeder...	.....
Frank Welch.. " 75	Alva W. Peterson...	*Alva W. Peterson...	Robert D. Spearow..
Nelson " 77	Paul D. Hattan.....	.....	.....
Albion " 78	Jerry E. White.....	Elmer C. Hansen...	.....
Geneva " 79	Charles E. Barbur..	*Charles E. Barbur..	.....
Composite " 81	Lester Selden.....	*Leonard Davis.....	.....
Saint Paul .. " 82	Stanley J. Edwards..	*Stanley J. Edwards..	.....
Corinthian .. " 83	.....	.....	.....
Fairfield " 84	*Warren M. Wilson..	.....	.....
Doniphan " 86	.....	.....	.....
Ionic " 87	Rosco Groeling.....	Dale V. Jones.....	*Dale V. Jones.....
Star " 88	Russel E. Claussen..	Paul C. Phelps.....	Samuel Morton, Jr..
Cedar River .. " 89	*Lester Pierce.....	.....	.....
Oakland " 91	*Roger Maller.....	*Roger Maller.....	Eldred Anderson...
Beaver City.. " 93	*Paul D. Fleming....	*Paul D. Fleming....	*Paul D. Fleming....
Bennett " 94	Clarence M. Ritter..	Robert N. Stall....	*Arch H. Church....
Garfield " 95	.....	.....	.....
Utica " 96	Robert O. Rhodes...	Loren L. McNeil....	.....
Euelid " 97	.....	Robert L. Domingo..	*Eugene E. Domingo.
Republican .. " 98	H. Price Croley....	.....	.....
Shelton " 99	Fred M. Wiseman...	*Fred M. Wiseman...	*Fred M. Wiseman...
Creighton " 100	Harold L. Hawkins..	*Harold L. Hawkins..	*Harold L. Hawkins..
Ponca " 101	Tally K. Marvin....	.....	.....
Waterloo " 102	*Larry M. Smith....	Larry M. Smith....	Gerald F. Ulrich...
Ord " 103	Richard H. Prien...	E. D. Ahlschwede...	*Almond R. Brox....
Wymore " 104	Loren W. Thoman...	.....	James M. Chambers..
Stella " 105	Herbert A. Chism...	Chet Henninger....	*C. Harold Edwards..

* Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
PorterNo. 106	.....	.....	.....
Table Rock . . " 108	*Lloyd Vrtiska.....	*Floyd Vrtiska.....	.....
Pomegranate . " 110	Robert H. Berggren.	*Robert H. Berggren.	*Robert H. Berggren.
De Witt " 111	D. F. Geistlinger..	Oliver W. Kassing..	.....
Springfield . " 112	*Richard D. McCoy..	Richard D. McCoy..	*Harry N. Ahl.....
Globe " 113	.....	.....	.....
Wisner " 114	Dean T. Dinklage..	*Raymond Johnson..	*Judson M. Meier..
Harlan " 116	*Leonard J. Meredith	.....	.....
Hardy " 117	.....	.....	.....
North Bend . . " 119	Walter H. Johnson.	*Harold Ristau.....	.....
Wayne " 120	Lloyd W. McNatt,Jr.	Ronald Milliken..	*William Mellor....
Superior " 121	Irvin J. Ebsen.....	*Merle P. Hayes....	Al. D. Blankenship..
Auburn " 124	Melvin B. Keithley.	H. Dean Joy.....	.....
Mount Nebo . . " 125	Walter D. Yodley..	.....	Rolland Clark.....
Stromsburg . . " 126	.....	.....	.....
Minden " 127	*Charles A. Chappell.	*Charles A. Chappell.	.....
Guide Rock . . " 128	Milton Gleason.....	*Richard Ely.....	*Milton Gleason....
Blue Hill " 129	.....	.....	.....
Scribner " 132	.....	Alfred A. Ristow..	.....
Elm Creek . . . " 133	*James Carter.....	.....	.....
Solar " 134	Waldo L. Peterson..	Robt. H. Schlondorf	Robert J. Strickland
McCook " 135	*Robert M. McDonald	Robert M. McDonald	*Robert M. McDonald
Long Pine . . . " 136	*Paul R. Sellars....	*Paul R. Sellars....	Paul R. Sellars.....
Upright " 137	.....	.....	.....
Rawalt " 138	Darryl W. Wilson..	.....	.....
Clay Centre . . " 139	*Glenn F. Sperry....	*Glenn F. Sperry....	*Glenn F. Sperry....
Western " 140	.....	Ben Jiskra.....	*Ben Jiskra.....
Crescent " 143	*Thomas G. McBride.	William J. Spiech..	*DeForest Jones....
Kenesaw " 144	Sedric H. Jackson..	.....	*Lloyd Ernst.....
Bancroft " 145	Elton E. Bray.....	*August Zuhlk.....	*Charles Conn.....
Jachin " 146	Gerald R. Lindstrom	.....	.....
Siloam " 147	.....	Ralph C. Patterson.	.....
Emmet Crawford " 148	Elmer L. Collins....	*Elmer L. Collins....	*Elmer L. Collins....
Jewel " 149	.....	.....	*Harry H. Miller....
Cambridge . . . " 150	John W. McLane....	.....	.....
Evergreen . . . " 153	*Homer F. Birch....	.....	.....
Lily " 154	*Floyd W. Row.....	.....	.....
Hartington . . " 155	*Ralph E. Clements..	*Ralph E. Clements..	*Ralph E. Clements..
Pythagoras . . " 156	.....	.....	.....
Valley " 157	*C. E. Hendrix.....	*C. E. Hendrix.....	*C. E. Hendrix.....

* Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Samaritan ..No. 158	*George A. Stevens..	*George A. Stevens..	*George A. Stevens..
Ogalalla " 159	*John L. Douglass...*	*John L. Douglass...*	*John L. Douglass...*
Zeredatha " 160	Floyd McInay.....	.....	.....
Mount Zion .. " 161	*Don Linton.....	.....	*Willis H. Wills.....
Trestle Board. " 162	Marion F. Piper....	.....	William J. Bohlken.
Unity " 163	Mancel McGill.....	Kenneth Polenz....	.....
Atkinson " 164	*Carroll C. Raymer..	.....	*Carroll C. Raymer..
Barneston " 165	Burdette R. Bowhay	*Vernon S. Hill.....	Arthur K. Taylor...
Mystic Tie ... " 166	Clyde Horrocks....	*Dorian Wright.....	.....
Elwood " 167	*Winford Bossung...	.....	.....
Curtis " 168	*Donald Ringstmeyer	Donald Ringstmeyer	*Donald Ringstmeyer
Amity " 169	Robert M. Higgs...	*Robert M. Higgs...	*Stuart A. Johnson..
Mason City ... " 170	Louis Hagan.....	Wright Runyan....	*Francis D. Standage
Merna " 171	*Paul D. Jacobsen...	*Paul D. Jacobsen...	Paul D. Jacobsen...
Robert Burns . " 173	*Clyde H. Jones.....	*Clyde H. Jones.....	*Clyde H. Jones.....
Culbertson ... " 174	Wilbur H. Wagner..	*Wallace L. Trimpey.	.....
Temple " 175	.....	Henry B. Miller....	.....
Gladstone " 176	.....	Hubert Mills.....	.....
Hay Springs .. " 177	Philip S. Dotson....	*Philip S. Dotson....	*Philip S. Dotson....
Prudence " 179	Harvey G. Walden..	.....	.....
Justice " 180	Mason Jones.....	.....	.....
Faith " 181	Richard M. Groft...*	*Richard M. Groft...*	*Richard M. Groft...
Alliance " 183	H. W. Churchwell..	Vincent Rosenberger	*T. Foster Wambough
Bee Hive " 184	Robert O. Ihnen, Jr.	Dale L. Allison.....	.....
Boaz " 185	Robert A. Puela....	.....	.....
Meridian " 188	.....	.....	.....
Granite " 189	Mark E. McConnell.	*Mark E. McConnell.	.....
Amethyst " 190	.....	.....	.....
Crystal " 191	.....	.....	.....
Minnekadusa . " 192	George E. Lang....	.....	*U. Wesley Fox.....
Signet " 193	*F. Otto Nelson.....	*Merlin C. Phillips..	.....
Highland " 194	*Everett Suiter....	.....	*Eric R. Miller.....
Arcana " 195	E. Herschel Hanks..	*Edward L. Prentice.	*Leslie A. Evert.....
Morning Star. " 197	Tommie Gonnerman	Billy G. Beebe.....	Gail L. Gonnerman.
Purity " 198	Don F. Welch.....	.....	.....
Gavel " 199	*Milford K. Brinegar	.....	.....
Blazing Star.. " 200	.....	.....	.....
Scotts Bluff. " 201	Keith L. Hulbert...*	*Keith L. Hulbert...*	*Keith L. Hulbert...
Golden Sheaf. " 202	Osborn H. Scott....	.....	.....
Roman Eagle.. " 203	.....	.....	.....
Plainview " 204	Roger M. Kiecklen..	.....	.....

* Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Golden Fleece No. 205	Burton L. Carter...	*Burton L. Carter...	*Burton L. Carter...
Napthali " 206	*Arthur Veiths.....	*John Steiner.....	.....
Parian " 207	*Allston Asmus.....	*Allston Asmus.....	*Allston Asmus.....
**Gauge " 208	.....	.....	.....
Canopy " 209	Orel B. Lupardus...	W. J. B. McDonald.	Edward N. McGrory
East Lincoln.. " 210	Milton G. Hester...	Don A. Kyckelhalm.	*William M. Hisey..
Cement " 211	*Ed Batie.....	.....	.....
Compass and Square " 212	.....	.....	.....
Plumbline " 214	Henry C. Graefe.....	.....	.....
Occidental " 215	R. Vermon Janover.	.....	*Harold Dunker.....
Palisade " 216	Robert G. Keating..	*P. P. Harrington...	.....
Wauneta " 217	Harold L. Maris....	.....	.....
Bloomfield ... " 218	Everett F. Kahl....	.....	.....
Relief " 219	Marvin L. Ropte...	.....	.....
Magnolia " 220	*Paul G. Fuchser...	.....	.....
Wood Lake " 221	Ervin B. Ferguson..	Raymond Jones....	.....
Landmark " 222	Allan E. Iverson....	Jack M. West.....	.....
Eminence " 223	.....	Gerald D. Hunnicutt	*James C. Bierbower.
Silver Cord .. " 224	*Frazier Gilchrist...	.....	.....
Cable " 225	*Roy E. Blixt.....	.....	.....
Grace " 226	Irving W. Brooks...	.....	.....
North Star ... " 227	Max L. Lovejoy....	Russell F. Richmond	*Steve Brown.....
Bartley " 228	Gerald A. Hilton...	.....	.....
Comet " 229	Zeno W. Jones.....	William E. Bundy..	.....
Mount Herman " 231	.....	.....	.....
John S. Bowen " 232	*Clarence Paulsen...	Henry E. Sass.....	Richard L. Japp....
Gilead " 233	.....	.....	.....
Zion " 234	Bernard M. Klase..	.....	.....
Fraternity " 235	.....	.....	Gail Axen.....
Golden Rule... " 236	*Ken L. Linafelter..	.....	.....
Cubit " 237	Walter Hartman...	.....	*Sam Brownlee.....
Friendship ... " 239	Dale N. McMillan..	.....	.....
Pilot " 240	*Gordon Chard.....	*Gordon Chard.....	*Gordon Chard.....
George Arm- strong " 241	Lloyd C. Hurrell....	Wayne R. Sommerer	.....
Tyrian " 243	.....	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	Alvin L. Gordan....	*Alvin L. Gordan...	*Alvin L. Gordan....
Nehawka " 246	*Lewis W. Rogers...	.....	James B. Chriswisser
Corner-stone .. " 247	Ferd A. Blohm.....	.....	Charles O. Smith...
Laurel " 248	H. W. Detletsen....	*David Curtiss.....	*Everard Burns.....

* Proxy.

** Charter surrendered.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Gothenburg No. 249	Joseph F. Myers....	.....	.....
George Wash- ington " 250	O. Robt. H. Beezley.	Jerome E. Pool.....	.....
Wausa " 251	.....	.....	.....
Beemer " 253	Melvin Long.....	.....	.....
Bassett " 254	Raymond Kincanon.	.....	Harold D. Johns....
Hickman " 256	*Ralph Harlan.....	*Neal E. Harlan.....	*James A. Mulder...
Anselmo " 258	Lee Sinner.....	.....	.....
Ornan " 261	.....	.....	.....
Endeavor " 262	*Thayne Emrich....	*Thayne Emrich....	.....
Mitchell " 263	.....	William C. Strey...	.....
Franklin " 264	Albert C. McKee...	.....	.....
Robert W. Furnas " 265	Arthur L. Harris...	*Raymond C. Nagel..	Walter L. Slansky..
Silver " 266	Floyd Frizzell.....	William B. Wyman.	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	.....	.....	*Russell M. Warren..
George W. Lin- inger " 268	Virgil J. Haggart...	Everts S. Sibbernson	Richard E. Barnhart
Oasis " 271	Jay M. Parker.....	*Maynard A. Ost....	.....
Lee P. Gillette " 272	Raymond W. Roos..	.....	.....
Crofton " 273	*Joseph Buschkamp.	.....	.....
Olive Branch.. " 274	.....	.....	.....
Ramah " 275	*Robert L. Davis...	*Ernest R. Anderson.	*Robert L. Davis....
Antelope " 276	.....	.....	.....
Sioux " 277	.....	.....	.....
Litchfield " 278	.....	Jack R. Glidden...	.....
Wallace " 279	.....	Hobart D. Bancroft.	.....
Swastika " 280	*Glenn H. Myers....	.....	.....
Florence " 281	Ralph W. Gerry....	Robert D. Haas....	Charles W. Amiden.
Mullen " 282	Emil A. Schadwinkel	.....	.....
Seneca " 284	David A. Miller....	*David A. Miller....	*David A. Miller....
Camp Clarke.. " 285	.....	.....	.....
Oshkosh " 286	Ernest H. Fischer..	.....	.....
Union " 287	Les L. Weatherhogg	Robert H. Pegler...	*Robert R. Miller....
Omaha " 288	Vivian O. Chinn....	Richard H. Scheef..	John G. Vacha.....
Lotus " 289	*Dale R. Link.....	.....	.....
John J. Mercer " 290	William A. Blake...	*Earl H. Furman....	Herbert L. Graham.
Diamond " 291	H. Holbrook, Jr....	.....	*H. Holbrook, Jr....
Wolbach " 292	Frederick W. Frost.	.....	.....
Monument ... " 293	Gordon D. Francis..	*Gordon D. Francis..	*Gordon D. Francis..

* Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Kimball ....No. 294	Berton Linn.....	.....	.....
Minatare " 295	Albin S. Shuman...	Herman Juergens...	*Roy I. Babbit.....
Cotner " 297	Dale L. Voller.....	Harold Fuller.....	.....
Chester " 298	*William L. Larkins.	Ray Truss.....	Clarence E. Palmer.
Sutherland ... " 299	.....	.....	.....
Liberty " 300	Andrew Beltz, Jr..	Edward J. Nelson..	Orland D. Hulbert..
Bayard " 301	Edgar A. MacDonald	Walter L. Schaffer.	.....
Mizpah " 302	*Dan W. Campbell...	*R. Wayne Wilson...	*A. T. Stone.....
Right Angle .. " 303	Guy X. Beardsley..	Wade E. Sheppard..	Barton S. Boles....
Ruskin " 304	.....	.....	.....
Newman Grove " 305	*Kenneth Hansen...	.....	.....
Golden Rod .. " 306	*Leonard Bond.....	*Donald G. Hafer....	.....
**Wm. E. Hill " 307	.....	.....	.....
Perkins " 308	Walter E. White....	.....	.....
Winnebago ... " 309	.....	Lester M. Fischer...	Donald H. Wilke...
Victory " 310	Samuel A. Harrison.	.....	.....
Polk " 311	James B. Lindberg..	.....	Roger Gustafson....
Oak Leaf " 312	.....	.....	.....
Potter " 313	Daryl D. Dedie.....	.....	David Thies.....
Craftsmen ... " 314	August W. Edling..	.....	.....
Alpha " 316	Jack L. Bomar.....	*Geo. L. Hirschback.	Robert H. Hodges..
Mid-West " 317	Curtis M. Maynard.	Dick Q. Peyton.....	Chester E. Anderson
Grand Island.. " 318	Robert G. Freeman.	*Albert B. Osborn...	M. C. Spradling....
Bladen " 319	Harold D. Leitkemeir	*Henry Erickson...	.....
College View.. " 320	*R. George Meininger	D. E. Bomberger....	Lester H. Hunt.....
Harmony " 321	Richard Ladine....	.....	.....
Pioneer " 322	.....	Robert N. Preston..	.....
Lebanon " 323	.....	*Robert E. Lund....	.....
Cairo " 324	Harry I. Turner....	*J. Samuel Butler...	Bill Lindsay.....
Bellevue " 325	Melvin J. Kissler...	.....	Wallace T. Grossman
Centennial ... " 326	.....	Paul Sacks.....	.....

* Proxy.

** Charter surrendered.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Donald A. Keys, 300, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted.

We have been given this moment to honor those whom God has called. Many Masonic leaders have left us. Memorial cards have been received from 42 Grand Lodges recording the passing of Grand Lodge officers in other jurisdictions.

Our Grand Lodge has been spared this year, except for the loss of M. W. Roscoe Pound. His great mind and talents were tied to Law and Masonry. Roscoe Pound applied for the degrees of Masonry after the age of thirty. He became W. Master of Lancaster No. 54 in 1905. Dr. Pound's interest in Masonic history and research was evidenced by his many contributions. He was a student and authority on Masonic law. He became Dean of Harvard Law School in 1916 and retained the post until retirement in 1936. He continued to teach, counsel and lecture the remainder of his life.

Dr. Pound was elected honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska in 1949, the only man to be so honored. The world of Masonry has been enriched by this great Mason.

W. Forest A. Lape, Assistant Custodian Emeritus, passed away April 13, 1965. He had recently retired as Assistant Custodian.

The Three Great Lights will guide our steps
Through life's uncertain way.
And bring us safe at length to see
The bright eternal day.

The Holy Book our fathers read
With undimmed faith, today
Make clear our sight that we may know
Its precepts to obey.

Between the lines that represent
The longest and the shortest day,
Keep circumscribed by compasses
That we go not astray.

The Three Great Lights will guide our steps
Through life's uncertain way.
And bring us safe at length to see
The bright eternal day.

We have lost other devoted Masonic brethren during the past year. A report from the Office of the Grand Recorder lists 978 for this Masonic year on the date of May 7, 1965.

Beneath the Temple's bending dome
 We meet, O Architect Divine,
 Grand Emblem of that brooding care
 Which makes these human Temples Thine.

Safe, resting on thy mighty avon
 Guide us through all these earthly ways,
 And grant us in Thy heavenly Lodge
 To join in never ending praise.

From Masonic Service Assoc.

May we remember those brethren whose lives we shared, and who walk with us no longer. May we, with grateful remembrance, resolve that the influence and effect of their lives never leave our memory.

And ere we close our Lodge this night
 We thank Thee, God of Truth and Light
 In all our hearts thy work proclaim
 And praise and bless Thy Holy Name.

We urge that you ask those present at this Grand Lodge session to stand in tribute to our departed brethren, during the solo by W. Delbert H. Pinkerton, Assistant Custodian, and Past Master of Craftsman Lodge No. 314, and accompanied by Brother Jess Williams of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. W. Brother Pinkerton will sing, "In My Father's House Are Many Mansions".

ORATION

By W. Alexander McKie, Jr., 25, Grand Orator.

We know that Masonry in substantially its present form came formally into being in 1717 in England and that the founders of those original Lodges were men of high degree, and used the tools of architecture to teach moral and ethical concepts. But those moral and ethical concepts have lived in the hearts and minds of men for thousands of years, and those men also used the tools of the architect to teach their ideals. For those who are not acquainted with Masonry and perhaps for many Masons, it is interesting to note the similarity between Masonic symbols of today, the square, the compass, the level and the plumb line, and these symbols as they appear through recorded history. Long before our era we find these working tools of the Masons used as symbols of the very truths which they teach today.

In the famous Canonical work called "The Great Learning", which has been referred to the 5th Century B.C., we read:

"A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do to him; and this is called the principle of acting on the square."

In the writings of the great Chinese philosopher Mencius, it is taught that men should apply the square and compass morally to their lives, and the level and the marking line besides, if they would walk in the straight and even paths of wisdom and keep themselves within the bounds of honor and virtue. In the Sixth Book of his Philosophy we find these words:

“A Master Mason in teaching Apprentices makes use of the compass and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of wisdom must also make use of the compass and square.”

Certainly Freemasonry in some form existed prior to the date which all scholars recognize as the beginning of modern Freemasonry.

In Rome, as early as 715, there existed a College of Architects. They were artisans who followed the Roman Legions to remote places and supervised the building of cities, bridges and temples. They seemed to have enjoyed special privileges and exemptions owing to the value of their services to the state and while we do not find them called Freemasons, they were such in law and in fact, long before they wore that name. Here again we find the simple tools of the builder used as teachers of truth for life and hope in death. Upon a number of sarcophagi still extant, we find carved the square, the compass, the cube, the plummet, the circle and always the level.

With the decline of the Roman Empire, the art of the builder also declined until the Middle Ages — approximately 900 to 1300 A.D., the great cathedral building period. Here we find definite information of the existence of two Orders of Masons. One was the Guild Masons. The other was the Freemasons. Each Guild of Masons had a monopoly of the building in its particular city or town, but no member of a local guild could undertake work outside his town. Freemasons, however, were the artisans and architects who designed the great cathedrals of Europe and journeyed the length and breadth of the land wherever their labor called them. They were not only artists doing a difficult and finished kind of work, but an intellectual order, having a great tradition of ethical and moral principles which they symbolized with the tools of their craft, and it is from this order that the Masonry of today is descended.

It is not strange that men of note and learning, who were not architects or artisans, were attracted by the wealth of symbolism in Masonry and its teachings of freedom and equality and began at an early date to ask to be accepted as members of the Order — hence, Accepted Masons. Here is the best possible clue that Freemasonry had never been simply a Union of Architects building churches, but a moral and spiritual fellowship, the keeper of great symbols, and the teacher of truths that never die.

The first and oldest of the records indicating the existence of Freemasonry is known as the Regis Manuscript which experts date back to

the year 1390, and is now a treasured possession of the British Museum. To realize the age of Masonry as described in the Regis Manuscript, let us place it in its context in history. Taken from "Chicago Scottish Rite Magazine" — November, 1951.

ANTIQUITY OF MASONRY

He who cherishes Masonry for its antiquity need not rely upon similarities or myths or legends for the basis of his appreciation. Among the treasures of the British Museum are sixty-four ancient Masonic manuscripts, the oldest of which is the Regius or Hallowell Manuscript; sometimes called the former because it was found in the King's Library and sometimes called the latter in honor of its discoverer.

This ancient document is written by hand on vellum or parchment and in a script and language as foreign to the eye today as Greek itself, yet it is English, and from its form and phraseology those who have made a study of such things tell us it was written sometime between 1315 and 1390, and from the document itself we learn that even then Masonry was honored for its antiquity.

Each of you has made the computation and will agree with me that was 600 years ago. But can you visualize, can your mind conceive, the time that has elapsed since the hand of man penned or brushed its pages? Let us assume the year, 1315 then:

Two centuries before the Reformation.

Two hundred years before the word "Protestant" took on its present significance and Martin Luther was not to see the light of day for 175 years, nor would Columbus petition Queen Isabella for a like period.

One-third of all the land in England belonged to the Pope at Rome, and

The revenue of the Pope from England was greater than that received by England's King.

Edward II was King of England, and it was but a year after the Battle of Bannockburn, the greatest defeat ever suffered by the English arms.

The Hundred Years' War had not yet started.

Gunpowder had never been used in warfare.

Land transport was by foot and saddle, roads being mere trails and parties traveled from town to town under the protection of armed guards.

Roger Bacon was in prison because he had sought to teach a new philosophy which he had brought back from his travels in Egypt and India.

It is only fitting that we in this Grand Lodge recognize and honor the men who brought Masonry to Nebraska and made possible the creation of the Lodges which are assembled here today.

The men who came to this community were pioneers. They left the security of more civilized places to make a new life in new territory. They came in search of Opportunity — and there was equal opportunity for all. What they gained in this new life, they gained by individual effort and

ability. They were men of self-reliance, and success or failure depended alone upon each individual. They brought with them to this new community the great American concept of Democracy — and they found it applicable to the new conditions under which they were to live. It was only natural that they accepted, as one of the principles of their new life, the principle of individual liberty and the equality of man.

And they found those principles in Masonry. They gained admission into this new Lodge only upon the certification of a brother that they were "men, free-born". Throughout the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry they found this emphasis upon the equality of Man as an individual, with individual responsibilities not only to his fellow-men, but to his God. For individuality and equality are not economic or social principles — they are religious principles. As the President of Brown University declares in his recent book "Challenge to Freedom": "The idea of equality is essentially religious — that men are 'Sons of God'".

The founders of Masonry in Nebraska were primarily concerned with their own small community. They had little contact with the other states of the Union, let alone with the rest of the world. They were engaged in building a city. But they were not individualists to the extent of an utter disregard of their fellow-men. They knew that towns and cities and states are not built by one individual alone, but by the efforts of many individuals, working together in harmony and cooperation. They worked together to build their community — and they extended to each other the hand of assistance and brotherhood.

And they found that principle in Masonry. For as they approached the altar of Masonry as Entered Apprentice candidates, they heard the solemn warning of the Master of the Lodge: "We receive none knowinglyeach other's welfare and happiness equally with their own". They obligated themselves by solemn and irrevocable ties never to hesitate to go on foot and out of their way to aid and succour a needy brother, and ever to stretch forth their hands to aid and support a falling brother. But Masonic Charity encompasses more than mere financial assistance to the needy. They obligated themselves ever to remember a brother's welfare in all their applications to Deity, and ever to whisper good counsel in the ear of a brother and in the most tender manner remind him of his faults and endeavor to aid his reformation.

Nor was the spirit of brotherhood limited alone to those who knelt at the altar; it extended to the widows and orphans, yes, even to the world, for the three principal rounds of the theological ladder which Jacob saw ascending to Heaven are denominated Faith, Hope and Charity, which admonish us to have Faith in God, Hope of Immortality and Charity to all mankind.

Equality and Brotherhood. These were the beliefs which governed the lives of the men who brought Masonry to Nebraska. And these beliefs they found incorporated in the teachings of Masonry. But these alone were not enough. As they entered this Lodge as Entered Apprentice candidates, the first words of the Master which fell on their ears disclosed

the dependence of Masons on guidance from Above: "My friend, no man and attend prayer". And having attended prayer, they heard the first demand made of any candidate for admission to the Order: "My friend, in trust". And so has every Mason, throughout History, professed his belief in a living God as the Master of his destiny as a prerequisite to membership in our Order.

For in fact, Equality and Brotherhood are derived from God, and can never exist apart from a belief in Deity. For Equality derives its meaning from the belief that we are, equally, the sons of a Creator, and if there is no Creator, there is no individuality in man and we are indeed but cogs in an economic and social machine. But under God, the individuality and equality of Man becomes a living thing, and in the Brotherhood of such men, all things are possible.

Equality and Brotherhood under God. These were the principles motivating the lives of the men who founded Masonry in Nebraska, and these are the principles which found acceptance in the hearts of the thousands of men who have knelt at its Altar in Nebraska during more than 100 years. These are the principles which are as truly applicable today as they have ever been in Masonic History.

Times have changed and we are no longer a pioneer community. New concepts have sprung up concerning man's place in a changing world. In Russia, Germany and many other countries, and even in our own, we now hear the doctrine that man is but a cog in the machine of civilization — that he possesses no rights but those which the state has given and which the state may also take away; that he derives his right to life not from God, but from a mass of humanity collectively called the state, of which he is himself but an infinitesimal part; that the freedom of the individual and the immortality of the soul are both outworn concepts of a decadent civilization.

No Mason can accept this concept of man's place in the world, but yet we often fail actively to demonstrate our own concept of man's individual liberty and freedom. Too often we fail to actively combat the theories which prevail in the totalitarian countries and which are even now creeping into our beloved country.

But there is a greater danger facing our American way of life, the gradual and constant erosion of the constitutional principal of the separation of church and state. Every day some city, county, legislature, and even our Congress, is being petitioned to distribute tax funds for the support and maintenance of private secular institutions. In many cases, these pressures have been successful and many cities and school districts now furnish free bus transportation and free textbooks to secular institutions. In the education bills now pending in Congress there is a provision for the payment of tax funds to secular institutions for the construction of buildings for class rooms and laboratories so long as the same are not used for secular instruction. This is, however, an indirect subsidy since it frees funds of the institution to carry on its secular activities.

Masons must be made to fully understand the nature of this erosion of that constitutional principle which was written into the Constitution to avert any attempt by any religious order to obtain or be supported by public funds. Masons must actively support every attempt made to prevent the diversion of public funds in violation of that constitutional provision, and every organization which is organized for that purpose. I am informed by the Chairman of the Education Committee that there is now in the mail to the Education Committee of each Lodge, a copy of an address delivered to the Scottish Rite Bodies of Lincoln by Glenn Archer, Executive Director of Protestant's Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. The organization devotes its attention to the prevention of every attempt to evade or elude the great principles. I urge the Education Committee to make full use of this pamphlet and see that its contents are disseminated to all Masons. This Organization is largely supported by the Scottish Rite.

Lip service and ritualistic practice can never make Masonic principles effective for a better world. Only their reflection in the lives of Masons and a constant effort to secure their acceptance by others can give them force and vitality. And so, in our Masonic life, we are raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason and vow in all sincerity to make effective in our daily lives the principles so recently inculcated. But we forget as time goes by and our lives become less and less a living reflection of Masonic teaching until almost unnoticed we have come to render mere lip service to the principles we vowed should become living forces in our lives. And one great reason for this failure to make effective the principles of Masonry is our failure to attend the meetings of the Lodge. Masonry cannot be inculcated in the three nights required to confer the Degree. The teachings of Masonry are too esoteric to be observed by mere submission to the conferring of the Degrees. Our Grand Master has recognized this fact and has created a committee on education for the purpose of teaching and emphasizing the full duty of Masonry in all its aspects.

Let us today rededicate ourselves and our Lodges to these great tenets of Masonry. Let us resolve as Masons so to live that equality and brotherhood under God shall be extended to all mankind and shall be the foundation of a great new world where the thunders of war are forever stilled and the people of all nations shall live together in peace and contentment.

I close by quoting a poem written during World War II when German bombs were devastating the homes of England. I think it exemplifies the spirit of individual liberty and freedom which has characterized Masonry throughout its recorded History and which was in the hearts and minds of the many Masons who signed a Declaration in 1776, declaring: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." It is called the **British Children's Prayer**:

“Now I lay me down to sleep,
 I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
 If this night’s sleep should end in rest
 That is forever, keep me blest
 Within thy mercy.
 May I be child of thy kingdom,
 Safe and free.

“If I should wake within the night
 To see the sky all red with light
 And hear the rooftops of the town
 With our own walls come crashing down,
 Though there be death within the sky,
 May I not fear, O Lord, to die.

“If I should die before I wake
 I pray the Lord my soul to take.
 But should I live the long night through,
 When I arise my work to do,
 May I with courage seek to be,
 Not safe, O Lord, not safe,
 But FREE!

M. . W. . Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master :

R. . W. . Brother Grand Secretary, correct me if I am wrong, but it is my recollection that the question of the move of our office to the second floor and the establishment of a library and museum was referred to the floor.

R. . W. . Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary :
 Correct, M. . W. . Sir.

M. . W. . Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master :

I think that our last item of business will be the vote on the question of the move. It has been moved and seconded that in accordance with the recommendation made by the Committee on Grand Lodge Office and also the recommendation of the Grand Master, which was referred to the floor, that the Committee be authorized to contract for space on the second floor and to move our Grand Lodge Office, our Library and all of our Grand Lodge activities on the fourth floor of the Masonic Temple, Omaha, to the second floor of the Masonic Temple.

Is there any discussion on that motion? If not, Brethren, are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion as I have just stated it, signify by the usual sign of a Mason when voting, down hands, all opposed the same sign. I declare the motion carried. That, Brethren, concludes the business that we will take up this afternoon.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9
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 RELIEF AND
CARE OF ORPHANS

W. Paul L. Toombs, 290, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans, are pleased to report that we have had another active and eventful year. Our five Annuitants were reduced to four with the death of one Annuitant. We paid out \$2,800.00 to them during the year.

Following the recommendation of Past Grand Master Ralph M. Carhart, we sent a check to Wolbach No. 292 for \$100.00 to assist them after last year's tornado damage. Following the recent Tornado at Primrose, with such extensive damages resulting to the whole town, Lodge building a complete loss, etc., the Grand Master has directed us to send a check for \$3,000.00 for relief of the Brethren at Primrose.

Special Relief to Individuals and to assist Lodges, was in the amount of \$2,227.06. This finished up some pending from last year and took care of some new ones.

The total expenditures for Relief was \$5,127.06, and this, based upon January 1, 1965 membership of 44,397 amounts to \$.107, exactly the same as last year.

A copy of our detailed report, which was submitted and passed upon by our full Committee in meeting assembled June 7, 1965 at 2:00 P.M. in the Hotel Cornhusker, is attached for the record. We solicit suggestions and are fortunate that our Committee has members who have been assigned to it including a Past Grand Master. There is a healthy discussion of these cases and we are trying to carry out the wishes and the law as we see it.

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.

The Annual Meeting at the Memorial on February 22, 1965 marked the Fifty-fifth Annual Convention. At these meetings, only those items which refer to the Memorial and for the good of Masonry are given

consideration. All of us must truly remember that this Temple's erection shows proof of our belief in a World Brotherhood. We are showing to the people of the World that Masonry is a living, vital force, that its members have dedicated themselves to the sacred landmarks of Masonry that our great Fraternity under God shall continue so long as time shall last.

So we build a Temple to enshrine the name of him who became the "The Father Our Country". His name — George Washington — and we should keep in sacred memory, that it was his mind and life that gave to us our United States of America.

The building of the Temple began in June 1922. No debt has ever been incurred. Today the Temple is completed, the work on the Trestle-board is finished and we point with pride to the most beautiful Temple ever erected to honor a man who gave to the centuries a mighty America, warm and powerful, sacred to our hearts and full of love and compassion for the people of God's Good Earth.

WASHINGTON FAMILY MEMORABILIA

Two gracious ladies who attended the meeting of February 22, 1965, presented to the Memorial priceless and valued gifts. These two ladies were Miss Anne and Miss Patty Washington, fifth generation descendants of John Augustine Washington, brother of George Washington. Among the gifts presented was the Washington Family Bible, containing in the fly-leaf the signature of George Washington and on the pages between the Old and New Testaments the family record of births, marriages and deaths. Other gifts were a fine and valuable oil painting, approximately 6 x 9 feet in size, of Mrs. Jane C. Washington and family, and a desk from Mount Vernon, a table formerly belonging to President Madison; approximately 300 books from the Library at Mount Vernon. Some of these, but not all, were at Mount Vernon during Washington's lifetime. Their gifts also included an original land grant signed by Lady Fairfax, the land grant and map of Mount Vernon owned by John Augustine Washington, the route of General Harmer's Army, the Washington Family Coat of Arms, a set of music books owned by and signed by Anne Washington and a number of other articles too numerous to mention.

The Washington Family Bible will be put on permanent display in the Museum Room now being furnished by the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Contributions this year are as follows:

Building Fund	\$ 30,100.00
Endowment Fund	119,636.56
Maintenance and Operations Fund	30,023.60
Not Designated	30,636.70
	<hr/>
Total	\$210,396.86

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Officers and Directors of our Memorial Association are hoping for an Endowment Fund of Five Million Dollars. A fund of this amount would be sufficient to properly operate the Memorial without further solicitation for funds. This could be accomplished by applying one of several methods. A plan now being used in some of the Grand Lodges is one known as the Pennsylvania Plan. In brief, it is as follows: Each Grand Lodge in the United States undertake to raise a fund equal to \$1.00 per member plus \$10.00 from each individual Lodge. This they feel would supply the much-needed Endowment Fund.

So far as Nebraska is concerned, the total amount to be raised according to our last published statistics would be as follows:

45,170 members @ \$1.00 would be	\$ 45,170.00
273 Lodges @ \$10.00 would be	2,730.00
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 47,900.00

This plan should not be confused with the plan which we have been following for a number of years, of contributing to the Maintenance Fund, an amount equal to \$1.00 for each Master Mason raised during the year.

This Committee feels that the time has come for the study of a plan, perhaps the Pennsylvania Plan or one similar to it. We request that the matter be given study and consideration by all Nebraska Masons. We are anxious to promote the Memorial and in seeing it properly endowed and are willing to work under the direction and guidance of our Grand Lodge.

Nebraska continues to be recognized and honored by the re-election of M. W. Charles F. Adams as a Director of the Association. He is also serving as Second Vice-President and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

In a letter received from Marvin E. Fowler, Secretary-Treasurer of the Memorial Association, he calls attention to the status of the Endowment Fund, pointing out that for several years the Association has received about \$130,000.00 each year for this fund and at this rate, it would take another 20 years to reach the goal of 5 Million. We do not think that any Lodge or any Mason would want to wait that long for the Memorial to actually stand on its feet.

Let us think of "A Temple" as a dwelling place. There dwells in our "Temple" many of the sacred Treasures of Masonry. In it we find a love, a patriotism and the never-ending appreciation of all American Masons. This Temple, now complete, is an expression of Masonic gratitude for all people to see and feel. It is built for the Ages. Let us now endow it for future generations.

We, the American Masons, can and do daily give our thanks to God for the life of George Washington and for our America which he fixed so firmly for us. Think what it means to you, to be a Mason.

Remember God, George Washington, America and Masonry are all a part of each other. They are inseparable. Let us see to it, that the bonds of Brotherly Love, keep them always together.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

W. Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Reinstatement, which was adopted.

This year your Committee handled a total of 39 applications for Reinstatement.

In 37 of these we recommended the action of the Lodge be approved, one with the provision that the applicant must prove his proficiency in the Master Mason degree. Two were sent back to the Lodge for more information and have not been returned to the committee for final action.

The new blank has been used by practically all of the Secretaries, and we find it to be very informative and helpful. We urge that the Secretaries check very carefully to be sure it is filled in complete before it is submitted. Your co-operation in this will be very much appreciated.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

M. W. John E. Beaver, 253, presented the report of the Committee on Nebraska Work, which was adopted.

We have examined the report of the Grand Custodian to the Grand Lodge for 1965. This report reflects the fine manner in which the degree work is being promulgated in this Jurisdiction. While our Grand Custodian has been unable, because of his health, to attend central and individual schools to the extent he has done in the past, the Assistant Custodians have carried the additional load in a most commendable manner. We again compliment them on their dedication to Masonic duty and their willingness to assume additional labors under the circumstances.

Your Committee has recommended to the Grand Master the following Masons for appointment as Assistant Custodians during the Masonic year: W. Carl R. Johnson, 183; Ralph I. Berry, 256; W. Upton Dawson, 135; Arthur S. Dye, 317, and Donald R. Davis, 164.

We have filed our budget with the Committee on Appropriations for the operation of the office of Grand Custodian and a small amount for the Committee on Nebraska Work. While the Committee has expended no Grand Lodge funds during the current year, we feel that a small fund should be kept available for its use when and if needed.

We have had no serious problems regarding the esoteric or monitorial work of this Grand Jurisdiction. We have one undetermined matter before us which we hope to dispose of during our committee meeting at this Grand Lodge session.

At the 1964 communication of this Grand Lodge the Grand Lodge directed this Committee to establish the floor work as it is presently being taught in our degree work as the floor work henceforth to be used in Nebraska. To expedite this work, your committee designated a subcommittee to do the ground work on this task. The work is underway and when completed it will be submitted to the Grand Lodge for approval. The subcommittee consists of the following brethren: M.'W.'.Ralph M. Carhart, Chairman; W.'Raymond C. Cook, Grand Custodian; W.'Robert W. Cook, Assistant Custodian; W.'Delbert H. Pinkerton, Assistant Custodian; and R.'W.'.Louis V. Sylvester, Deputy Grand Master.

We have been advised by the Grand Custodian, W.'Raymond C. Cook, of his intention to retire at the conclusion of the current Masonic year. Your committee has enjoyed the finest cooperation with Brother Cook and regrets the necessity for his action because of poor health. He has served this Jurisdiction long and well, and his retirement will be a distinct loss to Freemasonry in Nebraska. As a Committee, and as individuals, we desire to pay our respects to him for the long service he has given the fraternity. He has given unstintingly of his time. He has been most patient in building the foundation for the excellent work that is being done in our lodges. His dedication to Freemasonry throughout the adult years of his life has been of inestimable value to us in the perpetuation and promulgation of our ritualistic work. The results of his untiring effort in reaching for the perfection that is beyond attainment will endear him to us for many years to come. Doubtless, also, it will be a great satisfaction to him in his later years to know that his dedication to the Fraternity is recognized and that he leaves the office of Grand Custodian with the admiration of all of us for a job well done. His many friends throughout this jurisdiction, and they are legion, will sincerely regret the necessity for his retirement. But his dedicated work in Freemasonry will not end when he assumes the title of Grand Custodian Emeritus. We sincerely trust that his contributions to Freemasonry may continue for many, many years and that he may enjoy to the fullest the friendships he has made and the peace and tranquility he has so justly earned. The mark of a dedicated Freemason is so unmistakably stamped upon him that it will not be washed away or even dimmed by the passing years.

Your committee has also been informed that M.'W.'.Chancellor A. Phillips desires to be relieved of his duties as a member of this Committee because of poor health and great age. Brother Phillips, our 72nd Grand Master, has served on this committee continuously since it was instituted by the Grand Lodge in 1946. He has been dedicated to this work since the committee was formed and has been faithful to his trust. His integrity has never been impugned and his first consideration has always been the best interests of Freemasonry in Nebraska and everywhere. For 19 years the Committee on Nebraska Work has been the beneficiary of his wisdom and experience. During all those years he never uttered an unkind word or indicated anything other than love and affection for all his brethren.

He has been a dedicated Mason, with an undying faith in the principles and philosophy of the Order. We regret that circumstances compel his retirement from this committee, which he served so well. But time takes its toll, and his mantle of excellence must fall upon the shoulders of a younger man. We who have served with him over the years have admired and respected him as a man, a Mason, and an all-around good fellow. We would feel deficient in our duty if we did not call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the passing of a great Mason from active participation in Masonic affairs into the status of retirement and the compensations of one who has been faithful to his trust. We sincerely wish for him an improvement in his health and that he may enjoy the happy reflections consequent on a well-spent life during his declining years.

M. W. Grand Master, I now move that the Grand Master's Recommendation No. 8 referred jointly to the Committees on Work and Finance be adopted. (Motion seconded and carried.)

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

M. W. Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master, announced that the hour had arrived for the election of Grand Officers and appointed as tellers the Assistant Custodians with W. Cecil C. Gates, 227, as Chairman.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Brother Louis V. Sylvester, 281.....	M. W. Grand Master
Brother Lewis R. Ricketts, 19.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Brother John A. Bottorf, 49.....	R. W. Grand Senior Warden
Brother Norris W. Lallman, 72.....	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 Walter O. Samuelson, 326.....	W. Grand Orator
Brother George W. Rosenlof, 314.....	W. Grand Historian
Brother Robert W. Cook, 33.....	W. Grand Custodian
Brother C. Harold Edwards, 105.....	W. Grand Marshal
Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150.....	W. Grand Senior Deacon
Brother John H. Brown, 1.....	W. Grand Junior Deacon
Brother Charles H. Ninegar, 301.....	W. Grand Tyler

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES 1965 - 1966

Application for Reinstatement: W. Brothers Earl H. Furman, 290, Chairman; Herbert Egerer, 303; Elmer E. Smith, 326.

Appropriations: W. Brothers Fred D. Moshier, 281 (1967), Chairman; Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1966); Walter Truex, 55 (1968); Donald R. Swanson, 54 (1969); Alfred B. Saum, 46 (1970).

Finance: W. Brothers Robert E. Lund, 323, Chairman, (1969); Ralph E. Carlson, 11 (1966); Phillip G. Johnson, 19 (1967); Ralph R. Carleton, 306 (1968); Jess W. Wade, 290 (1970).

Fraternal Dead: W. Brothers Harvey A. Smith, 326, Chairman; William Von Kroge, Jr., 3; Jack H. Wright, 11.

Fraternal Relations: R. W. Carl R. Greisen, 32, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Edward J. Taylor, 150.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association: W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32, Chairman; M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68; Brother Robert L. Page, 1.

Grand Lodge Offices: W. Herman G. Reinholz, 3 (1966), Chairman; W. James M. Paxson, 302 (1969); M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54 (1966); W. William A. Pettingill, 25 (1967); W. Vernon H. Wood, 290 (1968).

Grand Trustees: M. W. John F. Futcher, 302 (1966); W. William E. Moor, 102 (1967); W. Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1968); W. Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1969); W. Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1970).

Grievances: W. Brothers Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; Otto Kotouc, 40; Jack M. West, 222.

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

Masonic Education: W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1966) Chairman; M. W. Harry A. Spencer, 227 (1966); M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, 120 (1968); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1968); W. Roy W. Deal, 227 (1967); M. W. John E. Beaver, 253 (1967).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Brothers Edward F. Carter, 201, Chairman, (1967); John E. Beaver, 253 (1966); Herbert T. White, 11 (1968).

Public Relations: W. Brothers Joe H. Hartley, 54, Chairman; John S. Savage, 11; Brother William O. Wiseman, 11.

Relief and Care of Orphans: W. Brothers Paul L. Toombs, 290, Chairman (1967); W. John S. Burley, 300 (1968); M. W. Benjamin F. Eyre, 1 (1966); W. Brothers Otto Burkhardt, 55 (1970); Earl W. Schultz, 75 (1969).

Temple Building Advisory: W. Brothers Otto Nelsen, 300 (1967) Chairman; Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1968); E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1966).

Lodge Advisory: M. W. Brothers Joseph C. Tye, 46 (1967), Chairman; Ernest O. Van Wey, 249 (1968); Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1966).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children: M. W. Brothers Thomas J. Aron, 37, Chairman; Edward Huwaldt, 318; John E. Beaver, 253.

Retirement: W. E. Forrest Estes, 19, Chairman; M. W. John F. Futcher, 302; Brother William F. Patterson, 25; M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227; W. Robert A. Wekesser, 54.

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 report of its activities during the past year.

This has been a year of great disappointment to this Committee. There is so much that could be done to improve the plight of Masonry. The downward trend in membership has been continuous since January 1, 1958. This must stop, and the turning point has to be at the local level. Improvement in the comforts of Lodge buildings is a must in these days of competition.

In March, 1965, this committee received a request from the secretary of Hiram No. 52, for permission to borrow funds for the purpose of making improvements to their commercial rental property, a part of their Lodge building. This lodge borrowed \$16,000 in June 1958, to do remodeling to accommodate a medical clinic. This loan with interest was recently paid in full and ahead of schedule, for which this lodge should be congratulated. Our committee recommended approval of their request, which in turn was accepted and approved by the Grand Master.

In May 1965, our Committee was contacted by a brother member of Hickman No. 256, with respect to the purchase by that Lodge of the building in which the Lodge has maintained its quarters for many years, and which the owners had expressed a wish to sell. The owners recently spent considerable money in renovating the first floor to accommodate several apartments. After this was completed the owners elected to sell, and at a price that did not seem out of line. In addition to funds on hand, Hickman Lodge requested permission to borrow \$9,000 additional funds with which to make the purchase. This, the Committee approved with the stipulation that all rental income, about \$1,800 per year be kept separate from other Lodge funds, to be used to amortize the loan and interest, and such expenses as taxes and insurance related to the rental portion of the building. Our recommendation was approved by the Grand Master on May 19, 1965.

On December 2, 1964, Osis No. 271, requested permission to borrow \$1,000 to go along with \$3,700 on hand, to remodel their rental space in the lodge building to accommodate a new store tenant. This much of the request was readily approved by our Committee, and the Grand Master was so informed. It later developed that when the job was completed, the total cost was \$7,458 instead of the early estimate of \$4,700. This necessitated a follow-up request direct to the Grand Master for an additional \$2,500. This was also granted. Here was a Lodge with two good tenants, namely a general store, and the post office paying a combined monthly rental of \$235 per month, or \$2,820 per year. The loan would be retired in full in less than two years.

On August 15, 1964, Scotts Bluff Lodge No. 201, asked permission to borrow \$2,000 in connection with a remodeling and repair job on their business-lodge building, estimated to cost \$3,700. They indicated a repayment of the \$2,000 at the rate of \$100 per month. Our committee recommended approval, and on September 21, 1964, was approved by the Grand Master. Our Committee, with the concurrence of the Grand Master did reserve the right to make further study of the affairs of this Lodge, and make further recommendations to this lodge through the Grand Master and his approval.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC - EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, President, presented the report of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted.

I bring you greetings from the fourteen members of the Board of Trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont and thank you for your invitation to visit this Grand Lodge Communication. It is always a pleasure for us to meet with you and have an opportunity to briefly tell you about the activities at your Home.

This is a particularly important year at your Children's Home, because late in the fall of 1965 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the Home. Special publicity letters will be mailed telling you about this forthcoming event. At our last meeting, the Board voted to add the message "50th Year" to the large and impressive sign at the southwest corner of the Home grounds. The alumni of the Home are planning a special reunion and 50th Year celebration with the date tentatively set for July 17 and 18. An able committee composed of some Fremont alumni are busy working up plans for this event.

We hope that all of you are receiving and giving attention to publicity letters mailed you from time to time from the Home. This is our way of keeping you informed of activities and happenings at Fremont and also in letting you know of our hopes and needs. Your response to our appeals for gifts and money has been most gratifying. There are always many projects of renovation and upkeep which require large expenditures and we are most anxious to replace and add to the equipment needed to assure happy, normal lives for the children at the Home. This year we completed the renovation of the kitchen in the Junior Girl's Home and recovered the linoleum floors in that Home.

The Board of Trustees is now giving thought and study to plans for the improvement of living conditions for our Junior Boys. The present Home is the oldest building on the circle and presents many problems, not the least of which is a bad problem of settling. A very substantial money gift has been given for building purposes and this will provide a fine start toward whatever plans are finally adopted for the Junior Boys Home.

There are presently 44 children residing at the Fremont Home, most of whom are of school age and attend school in the Public Schools of Fremont. Our Junior Boys continue to set the Home record, carrying a B average. Sam Couch has made all A's this year. In addition to their school work, the children at the Home participate fully in leisure time and extra-curricular activities. Many of the boys are interested in athletics. Ron Nutzman has been active in wrestling. A Christmas gift from the Masters and Wardens Club of Omaha provided for the purchase of outdoor play equipment for the children and this will be much used this spring and this summer. The children are also looking forward to hiking, camping and fishing.

Plans have been made for two of our graduating Seniors to go on for advanced education to prepare them for their place in life. Ron Nutzman will attend Barber School and Sandra Ferguson will take a year long course in Cosmetology. They will receive financial help from the education fund of the Grand Bodies.

A full 4-H Club program is carried out each year with a number of children participating. We very much appreciate the gifts of calves for this program, several being contributed each year by interested members of the Lodge and Chapter. Our children were guests this spring of the Tangier Temple of the Shrine in Omaha for the annual circus.

The Board of Trustees conducted an extensive study and survey of conditions at the Home, a great deal of the work being done by an interested man from Lincoln who interviewed children, employees and various interested persons in the Fremont area. The purpose of this study was to determine the most effective way to operate the Home for the welfare, health and development of the children residing there and to assist the Board in planning future development and programs at the Home. Our staff consists of a housemother in the Senior Girl's Home and house parents in the other three Homes, together with an assistant Superintendent and other assisting personnel. All of these employees are responsible to Mr. Cleo Schroeder, our superintendent. Various members of our Board also met with interested officers and members of the Masonic and Eastern Star Bodies in Fremont and with other interested persons in the Fremont area.

This survey revealed that of the 44 children currently residing at the Home there are no true, complete orphans. Seven of the children have only one parent living and the other 37 have both parents living but have been deserted or otherwise left to be cared for by the Masons and Eastern Stars of Nebraska. The fact that many of these children come from broken homes or are deserted by parents presents difficult psychological problems in the care and guidance of these children. You might be interested to know that on a dollars and cents basis our per day cost, figured from the total budget, is \$5.60 per child. This is amazingly low when you consider that these children are at the age when they require considerable dental care, have the usual childhood diseases, rapidly outgrow their clothes and need extras for school and play. Very

frequently the children are in need of expensive dental work when they are admitted to the Home. Our rate of dismissals from the Home is about 25% per year and has been running at this figure for the past five years. Only three of the children presently at the Home have remained there more than 15 years. One has been a resident for 10 years, five for 4 years and the other children have been in the Home for less than 4 years.

The members of the Board extend their thanks to the Grand Master, who with the Worthy Grand Matron, is an ex-officio member of the Board. The advice of these two persons is frequently sought and their attendance at Board meetings is greatly appreciated. The Board also thanks our Superintendent, Mr. Schroeder, his assistant Superintendent and all of the houseparents and employees. The great responsibility for the daily care and needs of the children at the Home falls on the shoulders of these people and we feel that they are not only equal to the task but are dedicated to the welfare of the children. We also extend a special thanks to Virginia, Mrs. Cleo Schroeder, who, although she is not an employee, gives countless hours and is devoted to helping with the children.

I personally wish to thank the employees, the members of the Board of Trustees and our faithful Secretary, Wilma Harms, for the help they have given me. The members of our Board are dedicated people whose only remuneration is the satisfaction of doing their job and who take much pleasure in attending meetings of the Board and functioning as members of the various committees which carry out the work of the Board.

We extend a sincere invitation to all of you to visit your Home at Fremont at any time. Mr. Schroeder will be happy to show you around, to answer your questions and to give you a better understanding of how your Home operates. We ask the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon the Superintendent, upon his staff, upon the members of the Board and all others engaged in the work of the Home and in caring for our children.

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 Crescent Lodge No. 25, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

The Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on March 6, 1961, on a complaint of Unmasonic conduct brought by Nebraska Lodge No. 1; that he petitioned for restoration in Nebraska Lodge No. 1; that the investigation committee reported favorably for restoration and on April 6, 1965, 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 Crescent Lodge No. 25, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. Harry M. Green, 25, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations submits the following report on the Lodges which failed to have representation at the 106th and 107th Grand Lodge Annual Communications.

Omadi No. 5 was represented by W. Oscar T. Olsen who acted as proxy for W. Master Earl E. Runge. This Lodge meets regularly and has been certified for the past twenty-five years. Satisfactory explanation was received.

Valley No. 157 was represented by W. Charles E. Hendrix who acted as proxy for W. Master Howard O. Ray. W. Brother Hendrix who will receive his fifty-year emblem in July explained that the 1963 W. Master died about the time of the Grand Lodge Communication which resulted in their failure of representation that year. Last year through misunderstanding no one was present. They own their own Lodge Building and have not missed a regular business communication. Satisfactory explanation given.

Corner-Stone No. 247 was represented by its W. Master Ferd A. Blohm and Junior Warden Charles O. Smith. The W. Master who had served for two years was supposed to have attended Grand Lodge which he failed to do. The present Master stated that the first he knew of it was when he received the citation to appear before our Committee. Assured us that it would not happen again. This year they have initiated two Entered Apprentices and passed one Fellow Craft with another to be passed. Satisfactory explanation given.

Alpha No. 316 was represented by its W. Master Jack L. Bomar, Junior Warden Robert Hodges and proxy for Senior Warden Brother George Hirschback. Stated that in 1963 W. Wilbur Allen who is past eighty was given the W. Master's Proxy to attend Grand Lodge. Swore that he had attended Grand Lodge and apparently failed to register. Last year because of work complications no one from the Lodge attended Grand Lodge. Hold their regular business communications and have considerable Lodge activity. Satisfactory explanation given.

It is the recommendation of this Committee that the above Lodges be given an opportunity to prove their sincere intentions and that no further action be taken against them at this time.

On May 27, 1965 Gauge No. 208 surrendered their Charter.

The following named Lodges have failed to be represented at the 107th and 108th Annual Grand Lodge Communications and should be cited to appear before this Committee at the 109th Annual Grand Lodge Communication to show cause why their Charters should not be arrested:

Hardy No. 117, Upright No. 137, Crystal No. 191, Blazing Star No. 200, Tyrian No. 243 and Oak Leaf No. 312.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

W. Joe H. Hartley, 54, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Public Relations, which was adopted.

During the current term of office, the Committee on Public Relations has prepared and released stories on various activities of the Grand Lodge and its officers to the news media of Nebraska.

Stories were released in advance of area meetings held by the Committee on Masonic Education at Alliance, Ogallala, Lincoln, York, Norfolk, South Sioux City, Auburn and Bellevue.

Appropriate coverage also was given to corner-stone layings by the Grand Lodge at Peru State College and The Omaha Home for Boys.

Local news releases were made of the attendance of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers at the Annual Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America at Washington, in February.

A news release announcing this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was made two weeks ago and has been given state-wide coverage by newspapers, radio and television stations.

Another story relating the outcome of the election and appointment of Grand Lodge officers for 1965-1966 will be released today. Printing mats of Deputy Grand Master Louis V. Sylvester are being furnished to all the state's newspapers and photographs mailed to television stations. In total, this story is being distributed to 218 newspapers, 41 radio stations, 14 television stations and to the wire services.

The Committee also issued news stories for the York Rite bodies announcing the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery and the Annual Meeting of York Rite Masons at Omaha.

The foregoing report, in aggregate, represents 1,084 separate mailings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Ralph M. Carhart, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted section by section then as a whole.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence now reports to you on all matters referred to it, as follows:

Referring to the Grand Master's Address.

1. We recommend that Decision No. 1, being the matter submitted to the Grand Master by East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, be approved as to the part holding the Lodge was strictly within its rights in refusing to return the fee. As to the part of the decision contained in the third paragraph of the decision, we recommend that it be amended to read as follows:

"I would say, however, that Section 2-606 does not prohibit your Lodge transmitting the fee to the Lodge conferring the degrees, where his failure to receive the degree work resulted from the fact that his duties took him to another state", and that as so amended it be approved. (Adopted).

2. We recommend that Decision No. 2, being the matter submitted to the Grand Master by Wahoo Lodge No. 59, be approved. (Adopted).

3. We recommend that Decision No. 3, being another matter submitted to the Grand Master by Wahoo Lodge No. 59, be approved. (Adopted).

4. We recommend that Decision No. 4, relating to the funeral oration be approved. (Adopted).

5. We recommend that Decision No. 5, being the matter submitted to the Grand Master by Fairfield Lodge No. 84 be approved, with the addition thereto that reference be made to Section 2-501 of the law. (Adopted).

6. Referring to Decision No. 6, being the matter submitted to the Grand Master by North Star Lodge No. 227, and by him divided into two questions.

(1.) We recommend that his answer to the first question, being procedure upon the filing of objection to a petitioner before report of investigating Committee is filed, be approved. (Adopted).

(2.) We recommend that his answer to the second question and his ruling thereon be disapproved; that Section 2-907 of the law, reading "And the character of their report, whether favorable or otherwise, as endorsed on the petition, should not be made a matter of record," as shown on page 11 of our Monitor and Ceremonies, Edition, 1962, and the form of lodge minutes under the heading of "Report of Committee on Petitions," shown on page 70 of our Monitor and Ceremonies, continue to govern.

See Address of Grand Master Thomas M. Davis, Fourth Recommendation, Proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1915, second Edition, page 375; action of Grand Lodge, page 427; report of Committee on Codification of the Law, page 443; its adoption page 442; all in proceedings of 1915.

See also Grand Lodge Monitor and Ceremonies, Edition of 1909, page 11. (Adopted).

7. We recommend that Decision No. 7, relating to the matter submitted to the Grand Master by Hastings Lodge No. 50, be approved. (Adopted).

8. We recommend that Decision No. 8, relating to the matter of Wisner Lodge No. 114 be approved. (Adopted).

9. We recommend that Decision No. 9, relating to the matter of Blue River Lodge No. 30, be approved. (Adopted).

10. We recommend that Decision No. 10, relating to the matter from John J. Mercer Lodge No. 290, be approved with the direction that the name of the reinstated brother be omitted from the address in the printed proceedings. (Adopted).

11. We recommend that Decision No. 11, relating to request of Lebanon Lodge No. 323, be approved. (Adopted).

12. We recommend that Decision No. 12, relating to inquiry from Grand Island Lodge No. 318, be approved. (Adopted).

13. We recommend that Decision No. 13, relating to request from Palisade Lodge No. 316, be approved. (Adopted).

14. We recommend approval of the paragraph from the Grand Master's Address under the heading of By-Laws be approved. (Adopted).

15. We recommend that the paragraph of the Grand Master's Address under the heading of Dispensations be approved. (Adopted).

16. With reference to the Recommendations by the Grand Master referred to this Committee:

We recommend that:

No. 1 be approved. (Adopted).

No. 3 be approved. (Adopted).

No. 4 be approved. (Adopted).

No. 5 be approved. (Adopted).

No. 6 be approved. (Adopted).

Special Committee.

The Special Committee appointed under Grand Lodge action last year (proceedings 1964, page 592.) reported, recommending that Section 2-403 of the law be amended as follows:

By striking the period (.) at the end of said section as now existing and inserting in lieu thereof a semi-colon(;) and by inserting thereafter the following language: Provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a brother whose only Lodge membership is in a Lodge in a Masonic Jurisdiction other than Nebraska.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommend that the report of the Special Committee be approved. (Adopted).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC - EASTERN STAR STUDENT FUND

W. Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, 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 make the following report:

During the 1964-65 school year we have sponsored and assisted financially two boys from the Children's Home in Fremont in their college education. One of the boys entered his second year at Midland College in Fremont but at the conclusion of the first semester he elected to withdraw from school and take employment, and this therefore terminated our responsibility to him.

The other boy has been attending Michigan State University at East Lansing, studying electrical engineering and electronics, and during his freshman year has done very well. We plan to sponsor him again in the coming school year.

In addition, two young people, a boy and a girl, have graduated from Fremont High School this spring, and while neither have felt that they were capable of college work, both desire further training in trade schools. The boy wishes to enroll in barber college and the girl desires to go to beauty school. Your committee agrees that this type of training is best for these two youngsters and is willing to sponsor them through the required nine or ten month training period.

To assist these three young people financially during the 1965-66 school year will require an estimated \$3,300.00 and the Grand Chapter O.E.S. has appropriated their one-half. We are requesting \$1,650.00 from the Grand Lodge to carry on this work during the coming year.

Finally, during this past year your committee has discussed fully its long standing policy of sponsoring young people from the Home through the first two years of their college education. It is our unanimous opinion that whatever reasoning established this policy many years ago has since become obsolete, because for those students who are capable of earning a college degree, we feel that in this day and age it is most necessary that they do so. We therefore recommend that your committee be granted the privilege of amending its policy to permit the sponsorship of any worthy and capable student from the Children's Home through college until attainment of his Bachelor's Degree.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. W. August W. Edling, 314, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Returns has examined the monthly and annual reports of the Subordinate Lodges for the year 1964 and most of them were found satisfactory and well prepared. There were many omissions and irregularities that could and should be avoided. Many of the monthly reports were not completed and some not received on schedule. Some of the Annual reports had inaccurate recapitulations, were unsigned by either the W. W. Master or the Secretary or both and a great number were not 'sealed'. In many cases there was no report as to the holder of the Jordan Medal. In some cases this is understandable, but no doubt there is an unnecessary delay in many cases in awarding and reporting this prized possession. Being a Secretary is no small assignment. Your Com-

mitte recommends that the Secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges give closer attention to their written instructions in order that the monthly reports and the annual returns be more accurately and promptly reported and received. Thus a more vivid picture of the state of our Grand Lodge will be reflected in these and the combined reports. Your committee wishes to commend the Grand Secretary and his staff for devising and maintaining the splendid system for reports and returns now in use in our Grand Lodge office. We also thank this office for the many courtesies and the cooperation extended to this committee.

At 12:10 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, June 9, 1965

At 2:10 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 FINANCE

W. Robert E. Lund, 323, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted.

Your Committee on Finance is pleased to make the following report:

We have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian and other Committees that have a part in the financial program of this Grand Lodge.

We wish to commend particularly the excellent records of expenditures kept by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian and the Chairman of the Educational Committee, all of whom are properly signed and vouchered.

We have also reviewed the Audit as submitted by Mr. L. A. Nelson, certified public accountant, and have discussed the scope of the Audit with him.

We submit the following information for those interested in the receipts and expenditures of this Grand Lodge and for the guidance of the Budget Committee in what amounts of income are available for the operation of this Grand Lodge without spending invested capital.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF GRAND LODGE FUNDS

RECEIPTS:	Orphans Educational		Centennial Contingent	
	Endowment Fund	Supply	Relief	Fund
Per Capita dues	\$ 81,306.00	\$	\$ 9,034.00	\$
Fees	10,520.00			
Affiliations	30.00			
Investment Income	29,212.65	182.50	1,262.60	
Liability Insurance	3,252.24			
Supplies and Bond Premium .		4,087.12		
George Washington Memorial	943.00			
All other Income	460.65			
Gain from Sales of Investments	47,334.85			45.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$173,059.39	\$ 4,269.62	\$10,296.60	\$ 45.06
DISBURSEMENTS:				
General Expenditures	76,925.26			
Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children	30,040.00			
Supplies		5,451.13		
Relief			5,000.00	
George Washington Masonic Memorial	943.00			
Centennial Contingent Fund ..				686.68
TOTAL				
EXPENDITURES:	\$107,808.25	\$ 5,451.13	\$ 5,000.00	\$686.68
Excess or (Deficit)	65,251.13	(1,181.51)	296.60	(641.62)
Overall Excess	68,724.60			
UNEXPENDED FUNDS				
AND REFUNDS:				
Orphans Educational Endowment Fund	65,251.13			
Committee on Relief Refund .	69.25			
Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions Refund	70.00			
Grand Custodian Office Expense Refund	213.19			
Assistant Custodian's Travel Expense Refund	335.66			
Assistant Custodian's Travel Expense Collections	705.00			
Sub Total	\$ 66,644.23			

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Per Capita Dues	80,814.60
Initiation and Fees	9,500.00
Investment Income	29,000.00

Sub Total 119,314.60

TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR

THE BUDGET\$185,978.83

TOTAL BUDGET

APPROPRIATIONS

REQUESTED\$114,311.84

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS:	General	Endowment & Bequest	Seals
Per Capita dues	\$ 90,340.00		
Cash from Residents	142,416.64		
Miscellaneous Income	4,265.60		
Investment Income	11,584.82	65,853.62	
Gain from Sales of Investments	39,484.82	120,708.10	
Other Sundry Receipts			49,516.49
Total Receipts	\$288,091.75	\$186,561.72	\$49,516.49

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Operation	256,474.23		14,185.21
Overall Excess or (Deficit)	\$ 22,617.52	\$186,561.72	\$35,331.28

UNEXPENDED BALANCES:

General Fund	\$ 10,989.56
General Investment	60,054.95
Purchasing Account	12,883.36

Sub Total\$ 83,927.87

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Per Capita dues	\$ 89,794.00
Investment Income	12,000.00
Miscellaneous	10,000.00
Cash from Residents	120,000.00

Sub Total\$231,794.00

TOTAL AVAILABLE

FOR BUDGET\$315,721.87

TOTAL BUDGET

APPROPRIATIONS

REQUESTED\$314,260.00

The following is a summary of the results of the Seal Fund Program.

SEAL FUND PROGRAM SUMMARY

Seal Fund, balance on hand May 10, 1964 \$10,052.31

Income during the year 49,516.49

Total Receipts\$59,568.80

Less Expense of operating Seal Fund ... 14,185.21

Excess of receipts over expenses\$45,383.59

Transferred from Seal Fund to Endowment

and Bequest Fund\$40,000.00

Cash on Hand in Seal Fund May 10, 1965\$ 5,383.59

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

W. Melvin E. Johnson, 112, presented the report of the Committee on Appropriations:

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, A. F. & A. M.
BUDGET FOR 1965 - 1966

a. Expense of Annual Communication

1. Payroll 1965 Session	\$ 9,500.00
2. Recording & Transcribing 1965 Session	200.00
3. Grand Tyler	25.00
4. Grand Organist	10.00
5. Grand Master's Dinner for Past Grand Masters and Guests, 1966	600.00
6. Printing Proceedings 1965 Communication	3,000.00
7. Grand Lodge Dinner for Delegates, 1966	1,200.00
8. Entertaining of Distinguished Guests, 1966	500.00
9. Printing Fraternal Reviews, 1965	350.00
10. Preparing Fraternal Review, 1965	300.00
11. Printing Secretary's Book, 1965	500.00
12. Grand Lodge Dinner Speaker, 1965	200.00
13. Bus Transportation to Home, 1966	400.00

\$ 16,785.00

b. Expense of Grand Lodge Committees

1. Masonic Education	\$ 4,000.00
2. Relief and Care of Orphans	400.00
3. Appropriations	75.00
4. Grand Lodge Office	75.00

5. Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund	1,650.00
6. Finance	75.00
7. Work	100.00
8. Grand Trustees	2,000.00
9. Grand Historian Research Expense	350.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 8,725.00
c. Traveling Expense	
1. Grand Master	\$ 3,000.00
2. Grand Secretary	1,000.00
3. Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions	300.00
4. Grand Custodian, Assistant Custodians and Annual Custodian's Meeting	6,000.00
5. Grand Lodge Officers and Committees under the direction of the Grand Master	750.00
6. Grand Secretary Emeritus, Lewis E. Smith	500.00
7. Deputy Grand Master to Grand Master's Conference ..	450.00
8. Grand Masters' Conference & Grand Secretaries' Conference, Dues and Miscellaneous expense	300.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 12,300.00
d. Salaries	
1. Grand Secretary	\$ 8,600.00
2. Grand Custodian	7,500.00
3. Grand Secretary's Clerical	12,800.00
4. Social Security	1,100.00
5. Grand Custodian Emeritus	3,750.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 33,750.00
e. Fixed Expense	
1. Rent, Grand Lodge Offices	\$ 7,214.00
2. Grand Secretary's Office Expense	4,000.00
3. Jewel, Apron, and Card for Retiring Grand Master ...	215.09
4. Grand Custodian's Office Expense	600.00
5. Fifty-year Buttons (300)	966.60
6. Two new typewriters	900.00
7. Carpet, drapes, bookcases and moving for Grand Lodge offices	8,080.00
8. Remodeling Grand Lodge Offices	12,500.00
9. Retirement Program, Grand Lodge Employees	3,100.00
	<hr/>
	\$ 37,575.69
f. Insurance, Assessments and Contributions	
1. Workmen's Compensation & Liability Insurance to June 18, 1966	\$ 33.20
2. Dues to Masonic Relief Association on 45,170 members to May 31, 1966	288.35

3. Surety Bonds for Grand Lodge Officers and Employees	519.13
4. Grand Masters Car Insurance & Employees Car Insurance	28.00
5. Masonic Service Association for 45,170 members	1,153.45
6. Comprehensive Liability Insurance on Subordinate Lodges Expiring June 17, 1966	3,287.02
7. Office Contents and Liability Insurance	47.00
	\$ 5,356.15
g. Grand Lodge Responsibilities	
1. Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children (Grand Lodge Portion 1965-66)	\$ 29,820.00
(To be matched by Grand Chapter O.E.S.) (Total Budget for 1965-1966 — \$92,440.00)	
2. The Nebraska Masonic Home	269,575.00
3. Nebraska Masonic Home Building Maintenance Repair and Equipment	6,185.00
4. Nebraska Masonic Home Seal Program	18,500.00
5. Nebraska Masonic Home Retirement Program	20,000.00
	\$344,080.00
Grand Total	\$458,571.84

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

W. Wilbur L. Johnson, 323, 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:

That Section 2-403 of the By-laws be amended to read as follows, and that the original Section 2-403 be repealed:

“Section 2-403 — REFUSING EXAMINATION — A brother refusing to qualify and pass an examination as provided by Section 2-402 renders himself liable to charges. No one hereafter made a Master Mason shall be entitled to a demit, to a diploma, to hold an office in a lodge, nor to make application to or join any lodge, society or institution enumerated in Section 3-102, Sub-section (n) of this Code, until he has complied with said Section 2-402; Provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a brother whose only Lodge membership is in a lodge in a Masonic Jurisdiction other than Nebraska.”

That the decisions of the Grand Master which have been approved by this Grand Lodge should be placed as annotations to the proper sections of the Grand Lodge By-laws.

This report is respectfully submitted by your Committee on Codification of the Law.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGE ADVISORY

M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Lodge Advisory, which was adopted.

The Lodge Advisory Committee is a new Committee constituted by the Grand Lodge at the 1964 Annual Communication. This Committee was appointed by the Grand Master and makes report of its work during the past Masonic year. The Committee consists of three Past Grand Masters and the Grand Master and Grand Custodian functioning as ex officio members. The Committee called upon M. W. Ralph M. Carhart to assist with the work since there were more visits necessary than the regular Committee members were able to make. Recognition of M. W. Carhart's assistance is therefore made.

It was the duty of this Committee to advise and work with any Lodge which appeared to be losing ground or experiencing difficulty in maintaining an active and progressive program. It was the duty of this Committee to process all applications to surrender Charters and no Charter could be surrendered except upon recommendation of this Committee.

The Lodges were referred to the Committee or requested the Committee's attention. Personal contact was made with sixteen of the nineteen Lodges. A regular meeting of the Lodge was attended by one of the Committee members or by M. W. Brother Carhart where possible, but in a few instances, it was only possible to visit with one or more of the officers or someone acquainted with the facts and circumstances.

Your Committee is pleased to report that no serious financial condition was encountered with any of the Lodges. The principal difficulty appears to be from a loss of membership in the smaller Lodges and from a loss of interested manpower to assume the duties and responsibilities incumbent upon the officers and those required to carry on the Degree work.

Two Charters have been surrendered by action of the respective Lodges and with the recommendations of this Committee and the approval of the Grand Master.

Consolidations have been discussed by several of the Lodges, but before any recommendation by your Committee, it has been desired that the Lodges involved take some voluntary action respecting any proposed consolidation.

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin suggested that the Grand Lodge might assume the expense of visits by an Assistant Custodian to Lodges having less than fifty members. This suggestion is included in the Grand Master's recommendations to you. M. W. Brother Ronin also suggested the possibility of the Scottish Rite or York Rite Bodies offering to assist with

programs, dinners and possibly some repairs for some of the Lodges. Such an interest, if shown by the Scottish Rite or York Rite, would be a stimulant for the respective Lodge and could very well bring about sufficient interest and activity to enable the Lodge to assume its rightful place in Masonry.

The members of your Committee, upon every occasion, endeavored to encourage the Lodges to carry on. The interest and support of your Grand Lodge was stressed and upon every occasion, the offer of a speaker or program was made. In most cases, the Lodges have not been carrying on an active program such as guest nights, public installation or public church attendance. These functions and activities are most important and all Lodges are urged to carry on such a program. Your Education Committee has been most active this year and is ready to assist with Masonic functions. Your Grand Master has been very active in the educational field and has afforded encouragement, advice and stimulus to active educational programs in our Lodges.

Your Committee is hopeful that your next Grand Master will counsel with the Grand Custodian and that the Assistant Custodians will be charged with the duty of making special investigation and inquiry with reference to the general activities of each Lodge. The Assistant Custodians are in a better position to be familiar with the facts and circumstances of each Lodge and it is the hope of your Committee that they will be urged to discuss these problems with the Lodge and endeavor to determine the desire of each Lodge relative to any possible consolidation or the possible surrendering of a Charter. We feel certain that the members of the constituent Lodges will feel free to discuss these problems with their respective Assistant Custodian and he in turn will be in a position to discuss any problems with the Grand Custodian.

It is the sincere desire of your Committee to assist in every way possible and particularly to bring about a strengthening of each and every Lodge wherever possible. We realize that many of our Lodges were constituted many years ago when our mode of travel was much more limited and restrictive than today and that with modern highways and vehicles, a few miles are of little importance. Because of this situation, it may be that some consolidation is advisable, but we do not want to lose a single Mason. The basic and fundamental principles of Masonry are needed today more than ever in the face of local, state, national and world trends. There is no form of organization, be it civil, religious or social, which surpasses Freemasonry. If the representative form of government established in this country is to be preserved, it must be by an application of the basic and fundamental principles of Freemasonry.

We are most grateful to the members of each of the Lodges we have visited for your courtesies and for the interest which you have shown in your Fraternity. We urge you to continue your interest and to freely discuss any problems or questions with your Assistant Custodian or to contact your Grand Master at any time. Your Grand Lodge is vitally interested in you, in every Mason in Nebraska, and in every subordinate Lodge. Your Grand Lodge needs you and you need your Grand Lodge.

M. W. Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master:

R. W. John A. Bortoff, will you please present Brother Carl E. Nolde to the East.

Brother, "Jack," I am very happy to receive you in this Grand Lodge. You will recall that I mentioned the wonderful things you are doing for Sutton and Evening Star Lodge No. 49. But this noon our Grand Senior Warden presented me a check for \$100, which he said you wanted given to Crescent Lodge No. 143. I thought, "Jack", that we should acknowledge this wonderful contribution here in Grand Lodge on behalf of the Brethren of Crescent No. 143. I am certain that they will appreciate your generosity.

MINUTES APPROVED

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

M. W. Grand Master, I move that the published proceeding of the 107th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska held June 9 and 10, 1964 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. George W. Rosenlof, 314, Grand Historian:

M. W. Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge, I move that this Grand Lodge goes on record as expressing its appreciation and gratitude to the Officers and Members of the Lincoln Lodges and the City of Lincoln for their many courtesies, arrangements and kindnesses that they have extended to us and our visitors in making this Communication not only successful, but most pleasant. (Seconded and carried.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

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

M. W. Grand Master, I have two proposed amendments to the By-laws of the Grand Lodge which has just been handed me:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

That Section 2-412 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge be amended to strike out the words beginning in the eighth line of the first paragraph, reading: "Provided that his parent and resident membership cannot be in Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction."

(This amendment was signed by six members of the Grand Lodge.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

RESOLVED that Section 3-102 be amended by adding a new paragraph to be known as Paragraph (p), to read as follows:

"Petitioning the Scottish Rite, York Rite or the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine before one year has elapsed since being made a Master Mason."

(This amendment was signed by 137 members of the Grand Lodge.)

M.'W.'Grand Master, Brethren, these amendments will lie over until the 109th Annual Communication in 1966.

OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M.'W.'Harry A. Spencer, Grand Master:

Brethren and Ladies, we are very happy to welcome you to this Installation of the Officers of the Grand Lodge for its new year. We felt that inasmuch as we do urge our subordinate Lodges to have open installations it might be a very good idea for the Grand Lodge to set a good example.

At this time it is my pleasure to introduce the Installing Officers, M.'W.'John F. Fatcher, Installing Officer; M.'W.'Ralph M. Carhart, Installing Marshal; M.'W.'John E. Beaver, Installing Secretary.

M.'W.'Louis V. Sylvester, Grand Master:

But to few men comes the privilege and distinct honor of serving as Grand Master and none, I am sure, ever enter upon this great work without feeling a real sense of responsibility to the craft, and a deep feeling of humility. It is, therefore, in this spirit that I am pleased for the opportunity to greet my brethren and to wish you continued success in your endeavors to maintain the lofty ideals of our fraternity which are so evident in your Lodges.

I have become increasingly concerned over the oft-repeated question "What's wrong with Masonry?" When one stops to reflect, the answer can only be a resounding 'nothing'. Then, why is it our membership has declined in recent years, fewer members attend our meetings and interest wanes? I think the answer can be found within the innermost recesses of our heart, following a little soul-searching on the part of each of us as individual Masons. Masonry today is the same as it has been down through the ages. Its lessons are simple, but profound. It still teaches the great tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth and exhorts each of its members to greater exemplification of the cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. The great lessons of immortality are still evident as we rely in and acknowledge our belief in the Supreme Architect, does it not follow then that nothing is wrong with Masonry? We must look elsewhere for whatever shortcomings are evident. Where better to look than by turning the spotlight upon ourselves as individual Masons? How

do we measure up, in our own lives, to the great basic fundamentals of living as taught in our beautiful degree work.

Have we not become so involved in the material things of life and the pleasures of this old world, that we have lost sight of Jacob's dream where he saw the ladder ascending to heaven, the principal rung of which was charity or love, and thereby lost sight of the need to lead an exemplary life, which alone will attract men to our Fraternity?

Let each of us, in his own way, ask himself the question - how long has it been since we went out of our way to aid a needy brother - how long has it been since we knelt in prayer and remembered a brother's welfare? How long has it been since we extended our hand to a brother who obviously was in need of support and how long has it been since we whispered words of good council in a brother's ear?

These my brothers are the acts of charity or love, which make us stand out among men as Masons. When you have searched your heart for the answer to these questions, perhaps you will agree with me that there is nothing wrong with Masonry - the fault, if any, lies with us as individuals.

It shall be the effort of your Grand Lodge this year to intensify the great program of education being carried on, in the hope that the message will continue to grip our members to the extent that we will be making Masons instead of members.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL

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

It is the custom of this Jurisdiction that the Past Grand Master who appointed the outgoing Grand Master in line, present him with the Past Grand Master's Jewel.

M. W. Brother Harry, it is indeed a real pleasure for me to present to you on behalf of this Grand Lodge the Past Grand Master's Jewel. Although it does have considerable extrinsic value that is not the true value of this emblem which you will wear the rest of your life. This Jewel holds for you memories and values that you alone can measure. It shows that you have received the highest honor which may come to a Master Mason.

You and your devoted wife have given, during the past Masonic year, all of your talents, energies and abilities to the advancement of this, the greatest Fraternity in the world. I am more proud than I can say, particularly at this moment, of the appointment I was privileged to make five years ago. You have completely fulfilled and discharged every duty and function of a Grand Master, thereby making it appear that I had great wisdom in my selection. I was certain of my choice because of my knowledge of your character, personality, qualifications and abilities over the past thirty years but your record written in the archives of this Grand Lodge establishes the fact, beyond all question, that you now become one of Nebraska's all-time greats in Masonry.

On behalf of your Grand Lodge, I present you this Jewel, knowing that you will wear it with distinct pride to yourself and to the honor of this Jurisdiction. Thank you for a distinguished Masonic year.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S APRON

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

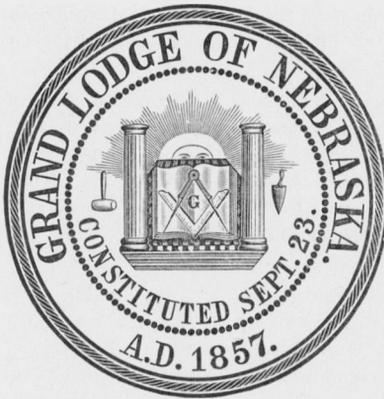
M. W. Brother Harry A. Spencer, the brethren of the Grand Lodge desire that you be properly clothed as the Junior Past Grand Master, and on their behalf, I present to you this beautiful Past Grand Master's apron. I know you will wear it with pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity. It has been a real pleasure to work with and for you.

(M. W. Harry A. Spence, in a few appropriate remarks, thanked M. W. Joseph C. Tye for presenting the Past Grand Master's Jewel and R. W. Carl R. Greisen for presenting the apron.)

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

Louis V. Sylvester

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 Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, held at Lincoln, Nebraska, June 8 and 9, 1965, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 8th day of July, 1965.

Carl R. Greisen

Grand Secretary

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

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
ROBERT C. JORDAN.....	Jan. 9th, 1899..	3..(1st)..	1857-58-59
GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Nov. 12th, 1896..	3. (2nd)..	1860-61-62
DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Nov. 27th, 1912..	6....(3rd)..	1863-64
ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	June 1st, 1905..	4....(4th)..	1865-66
ORSAMUS H. IRISH.....	Jan. 27th, 1883..	5....(5th)..	1867-68
HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Nov. 23rd, 1914..	11....(6th)..	1869-70
WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Dec. 29th, 1917..	2....(7th)..	1871-72
MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Feb. 18th, 1915..	3.....	(8th)..1873
FRANK WELCH	Sept. 4th, 1878..	27.....	(9th)..1874
ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	July 10th, 1894..	19.....	(10th)..1875
GEORGE H. THUMMEL.....	Feb. 5th, 1932..	33.....	(11th)..1876
GEORGE W. LININGER.....	June 8th, 1907..	3.....	(12th)..1877
EDWARD K. VALENTINE....	April 11th, 1916..	27.....	(13th)..1878
ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Feb. 2nd, 1904..	19.....	(14th)..1879
JAMES A. TULLEYS.....	Jan. 21st, 1901..	53.....	(15th)..1880
JAMES R. CAIN, SR.....	Nov. 24th, 1920..	9.....	(16th)..1881
EDWIN F. WARREN.....	July 9th, 1923..	2.....	(17th)..1882
SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Nov. 15th, 1913..	55.....	(18th)..1883
JOHN JAY WEMPLE.....	May 28th, 1943..	50.....	(19th)..1884
MANOAH B. REESE.....	Sept. 28th, 1917..	59.....	(20th)..1885
CHARLES K. COUTANT.....	Aug. 23rd, 1910..	11.....	(21st)..1886
MILTON J. HULL.....	Sept. 18th, 1923..	67.....	(22nd)..1887
GEORGE B. FRANCE.....	Aug. 16th, 1914..	56.....	(23rd)..1888
JOHN J. MERCER.....	Feb. 25th, 1915..	4.....	(24th)..1889
ROBERT E. FRENCH.....	Feb. 16th, 1927..	46.....	(25th)..1890
BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER..	May 8th, 1909..	89.....	(26th)..1891
SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON.....	Dec. 8th, 1928..	17.....	(27th)..1892
JAMES P. A. BLACK.....	Nov. 12th, 1918..	76.....	(28th)..1893
JOHN A. EHRHARDT	Nov. 1st, 1925..	41.....	(29th)..1894
HENRY H. WILSON.....	June 28th, 1941..	19.....	(30th)..1895
CHARLES J. PHELPS.....	Aug. 24th, 1915..	34.....	(31st)..1896
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

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
MICHAEL DOWLING.....	May 5th, 1921.	119.....	(44th)..1909
HARRY A. CHENEY.....	June 27th, 1948.	100.....	(45th)..1910
HENRY GIBBONS.....	Aug. 22nd, 1923.	.46.....	(46th)..1911
JAMES R. CAIN, JR.	Sept. 3rd, 1950.	105.....	(47th)..1912
ALPHA MORGAN	April 17th, 1924.	148.....	(48th)..1913
THOMAS M. DAVIS.....	Aug. 12th, 1919.	.93.....	(49th)..1914
SAMUEL S. WHITING.....	Aug. 11th, 1931.	.54.....	(50th)..1915
ANDREW H. VIELE.....	May 9th, 1941.	.55.....	(51st)..1916
FREDERIC L. TEMPLE.....	Aug. 13th, 1944.	.61.....	(52nd)..1917
AMBROSE C. EPPERSON....	Mar. 16th, 1944.	139.....	(53rd)..1918
JOHN J. TOOLEY.....	July 31st, 1934.	258.....	(54th)..1919
JOSEPH B. FRADENBURG....	June 14th, 1950..	3.....	(55th)..1920
EDWARD M. WELLMAN....	Aug. 31st, 1922..	1.....	(57th)..1922
ROBERT R. DICKSON.....	June 18th, 1941.	.95.....	(59th)..1924
JOHN WRIGHT.....	Oct. 29th, 1936.	.19.....	(60th)..1925
EDWIN D. CRITES	Nov. 7th, 1953.	158.....	(61st)..1926
ALBERT R. DAVIS.....	Mar. 7th, 1929.	120.....	(62nd)..1927
FRANK H. WOODLAND.....	Oct. 23rd, 1940.	.25.....	(63rd)..1928
IRA C. FREET.....	Oct. 13th, 1944.	.56.....	(64th)..1929
ORVILLE A. ANDREWS.....	Oct. 16th, 1936.	.19.....	(65th)..1930
JOHN R. TAPSTER.....	Mar. 21st, 1954.	119.....	(66th)..1931
EDWIN B. JOHNSTON.....	Feb. 11th, 1933.	.33.....	(67th)..1932
ARCHIE M. SMITH.....	May 8th, 1950.	203.....	(69th)..1933
VIRGIL R. JOHNSON.....	Aug. 7th, 1956.	.26.....	(70th)..1934
WILLIAM C. RAMSEY.....	May 19th, 1938.	268.....	(71st)..1935
WILLIAM A. ROBERTSON....	July 3rd, 1944..	6.....	(73rd)..1937
WALTER R. RAECKE.....	April 9th, 1960.	.36.....	(74th)..1938
WILLIAM J. BRECKENRIDGE	Nov. 16th, 1951.	317.....	(75th)..1939
EARL J. LEE.....	Dec. 15th, 1963.	.15.....	(76th)..1940
ROSCOE POUND.....	July 1st, 1964.	.54.....	(Honorary)..1949
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 68502		
CHARLES A. CHAPPELL	..... (58th) ..	1923
Minden 68959		
RALPH O. CANADAY	..... (68th) ..	1933
733 North Hastings St., Hastings 68901		
CHANCELLOR A. PHILLIPS	..... (72nd) ..	1936
Cambridge 69022		
EDWARD F. CARTER	..... (77th) ..	1941
State House, Lincoln 68509		
GEORGE A. KURK	..... (78th) ..	1942
4435 So. 45th, Lincoln 68516		
WILLIAM B. WANNER	..... (79th) ..	1943
2017 Stone St., Falls City 68355		
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER	..... (80th) ..	1944-1945
1009 South D St., Broken Bow 68822		
BENJAMIN F. EYRE	..... (81st) ..	1946
2001 Douglas Street, Omaha 68102		
EDWARD HUWALDT	..... (82nd) ..	1947
Commercial National Bank, Grand Island 68801		
ELMER E. MAGEE	..... (83rd) ..	1948
1201 O Street, Lincoln 68508		
THOMAS J. ARON	..... (86th) ..	1951
Crete State Bank, Crete 68333		
EDWARD M. KNIGHT	..... (87th) ..	1952
Alliance National Bank, Alliance 69301		
FAY SMITH	..... (88th) ..	1953
801 So. 52nd, Omaha 68106		
CHARLES F. ADAMS	..... (89th) ..	1954
Box 167, Aurora 68818		
HERBERT T. WHITE	..... (90th) ..	1955
522 Insurance Bldg., Omaha 68102		
MERLE M. HALE	..... (91st) ..	1956
1440 M St., Lincoln 68508		
ROY I. BABBITT	..... (92nd) ..	1957
609 Bluff Street, Scottsbluff 69361		
JOHN E. BEAVER	..... (93rd) ..	1958
2809 14th St., Columbus 68601		
JOSEPH C. TYE	..... (94th) ..	1959
Box 636, Kearney 68847		
JOHN F. FUTCHER	..... (95th) ..	1960
5224 Crown Point, Omaha 68104		
HERBERT A. RONIN	..... (96th) ..	1961
Court House, Lincoln 68508		
ERNEST O. VAN WEY	..... (97th) ..	1962
802 11th Street, Gothenburg 69138		
RALPH M. CARHART	..... (98th) ..	1963
822 Sherman, Wayne 68787		
HARRY A. SPENCER	..... (99th) ..	1964
State Capitol, Lincoln 68509		

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



LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama	Gordon L. Evatt	Box 6195, Montgomery 36106
Alberta	Edward H. Rivers	330-12 Avenue S. W. Calgary
Argentina	Carlos Wilson	Cangallo 1242 (R28), Buenos Aires
Arizona	Gerald I. Craig	Masonic Temple, 4th Ave. & Monroe, Phoenix
Arkansas	Leland L. McDaniel	Albert Pike Memorial Temple, Little Rock
Austria	Fritz Blum	Wien I. Dorotheergaase 12, Vienna
Belgium	Andre Saccasyn	265 Rue Royale, Brussels
Bolivia	Teofilo Aguilar Lopez	Obispo Cardenas, 1480 Casilla, Postal 564, La Paz
Brazil, United Grand Lodge of Bahia ..	Ivo Lopes da Silva	Masonic Temple Rua Carlos Gomes, N. 21, Salvador
Brazil, Ceara	Luis Nepomuceno de Mattos	Box 76, Fortaleza
Brazil, Minas Gerais ..	Sergio Alexandre Ivanenko	Avenida do Brasil, 478, Box 5, Belo Horizonte
Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Dr. Carlos Barcellos Fagundo	Box 683, Paraca Garibaldi 21, Porto Allegro
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Guanabaro ..	Dr. Sylla Ribeiro	Box 2215, Rio de Janeiro
Brazil, Santa Catarina ..	J. Luetiaul	Caixa Postal 536 Florianapolis Catarina, Brazil
Brazil, Sao Paulo ...	Erwin Seignemartin	Av Brigadeiro Luis Antonio 1195, Apt. 72, Sao Paulo,
Brazil, Grand Lodge of Paraiba	Napoleon Gripsem	Box 3, Paraiba
British Columbia	J. H. N. Morgan	Freemason's Hall, 692 Seymour St., Vancouver
California	Edward H. Siems	California Masonic Memorial Temple, 1111 California St. San Francisco
Canada	Ewart G. Dixon	Box 217, Hamilton, Ontario
Chile	Oscar Pereira H.	Casilla 2867, Santiago
China	Pu Ching Hu	Box 758, Taipei, Taiwan, Formosa
Colorado	Dean C. Settle, Acting ...	Suite 300, Masonic Temple, Denver
Colombia National Grand Lodge ...	Emerito de Lima	Apartadox Postal No. 333, Baranquilla
Connecticut	Earle K. Haling	201 Ann Street, Hartford
Costa Rica	James Granados Chacon ..	P. O. Box Y, San Jose
Cuba	Alfredo Aguilar Menendez ..	Apartado 72, La Habana, Fla.
Delaware	Chester R. Jones	818 Market Street, Wilmington
Denmark Nat'l Grand Lodge	A. Nyvang	Blegdamsvej, 23, Copenhagen
District of Columbia	Paul R. Mattix	Masonic Temple, 801 - 13th St., N. W. Washington
Ecuador	Dr. Luis W. Garcia Moreno ..	Box 932, Guayaquil
England	James W. Stubbs	Freemason's Hall, Great Queen St., London, W. C. 2
Finland	Martii V. Mustakallio	P. Esplanadikatu 35, E. Helsinki
Florida	William A. Whitcomb	220 Ocean St., Jacksonville, 32202
National Grand Lodge France	Jean P. Muet	65, Boulevard Bineau, Neuillyur, Seine Paris
Georgia	Daniel W. Locklin	811 Mulberry, Macon
Germany, United Grand Lodge ...	Carl Nuckells	P. O. Box 16288 A. M. Care of Chancellory, Frankfurt
Greece	Dr. Panayiotis Hadjipetros ..	33 Skoufa St., Athens
Honduras	Juan Rees	Apartado 336, Tegucigalapa
Iceland	Olafur Gislason	Freemasonry Hall, Borgartun 4, Reykjavik
Idaho	Herbert H. Eberle	Box 1677, Boise
Illinois	Paul R. Stephens	Box 110, Rushville
India	P. M. Sundaram	Freemasons Hall, Janpath, Post Box No. 631, New Delhi
Indiana	Dwight L. Smith	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis
Iowa	Ralph E. Whipple	815 1st Avenue S. E., Box 271 Cedar Rapids
Ireland	J. O. Harte	Freemasons Hall, Dublin
Israel	Shlomo Zarankin	P. O. B. 2080, Tel Aviv
Italy	Umberto Genova	Palazzo Giustiniani Via, Giustiniani 5, Rome
Japan	George B. Morgulis	Masonic Bldg., Sakae-Cho, Minatoku, Tokyo
Kansas	Charles S. McGinness	320 W. 8th, Topeka

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

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Kentucky	James W. Elam	1000 S. 4th Street, Louisville 3
Louisiana	D. Peter Laguens, Jr.	Masonic Temple, New Orleans
Maine	Earle D. Webster	415 Congress Street, Portland
Manitoba	Thomas C. Jackson	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg
Maryland	Gerald M. Pine	Masonic Temple, Baltimore
Massachusetts	Earl W. Taylor	Masonic Temple, Boston 16
Mexico (York Gr. Lg.)	Cantwell C. Brown	Hegel 416, Mexico 5, D. F.
Michigan	Charles T. Sherman	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids
Minnesota	David E. Palmer	Masonic Temple, St. Paul
Mississippi	Cecil A. Thorn	P. O. Box 1030, Meridian
Missouri	Elmer W. Wagner	3681 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis 8
Montana	Lyman E. Smith	Box 1158, Helena
Nebraska	Carl R. Greisen	401 Masonic Temple, Omaha 68102
Netherlands	Dr. P. J. Van Loo	22 Fluwelen Burgwal, The Hague
Nevada	Royal D. Crowell	Box 186, Gardnerville
New Brunswick	A. C. Lemmon	P. O. Box 430, Saint John
New Hampshire	Harold O. Cady	Box 299, Concord
New Jersey	Harvey E. Whildey	Masonic Hall, Trenton
New Mexico	Chandler C. Thomas	Box 535, Albuquerque
New South Wales	James S. Miller	The Masonic Hall, 279 Castle- reagh Street, Sydney
New York	Edward R. Carman	Masonic Hall 71 W. 23rd St., New York 10
New Zealand	F. G. Northern	Box 6439, Wellington, O. 2
Nicaragua	Greg A. Tapia	Box 102, Managua
North Carolina	Charles A. Harris	P. O. Box 6506, Raleigh
North Dakota	Clifford E. Miller	Box 1269, Fargo
Norway	Odd Lie Davidson	Freemasons Hall, Nedre Vold- gate 19, Oslo
Nova Scotia	Harold F. Sipprell	Freemasons Hall, Halifax
Nuevo Leon, Mexico	Lic Serges Meno Trevino	Apt. Num. 309, Monterrey
Ohio	Andrew J. White, Jr.	634 High St. P. O. Box 208, Worthington
Oklahoma	J. Fred Latham	Masonic Temple, Guthrie
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	1119 S. W. Park Ave., Portland 5
Panama	Julio A. Ramos	P. O. Box 84, Panama
Pennsylvania	Ashby B. Paul	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7
Peru	Jorge A. Butler M.	Box 567, Lima
Philippines	Esteban Munarriz	1440 San Marcelino, Manila
Prince Edward Island	Floyd Drake	Box 337, Charlottetown
Puerto Rico	Juan L. Matos-Cintrón	Box 8385, Ferndon's Juice Sta- tion, Santurce
Quebec	J. McL. Marshall	2295 St. Mark St., Montreal 25
Queensland	V. I. Carter	Box 675, Brisbane
Rhode Island	Arthur R. Cole	Freemasons Hall, 127 Dorrace St., Providence 3
Saskatchewan	T. M. Spencer	P. O. Box 246, Regina
Scotland	Alexander F. Buchan	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh
South Australia	F. J. Ellen	Freemasons Hall, North Terrace, Adelaide
South Carolina	Henry F. Collins	901 Palmetto State Life Bldg., Columbia
South Dakota	John S. Rowe	Box 468, Sioux Falls
Sweden	Sven Svedin	Frimurareorden Blasieholms- gatan 6, Stockholm
Switzerland	Ernst Hagmann	16 Leonard-Ragazweg Zurich 55
Tamaulipas	Ruben Marquez Romo	F. A. de Olmos No. 101 Nte. Altos, Tampico
Tasmania	H. A. Wilkinson	119 Macquarie St., Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Box 216, Nashville
Texas	Harvey C. Byrd	Box 446, Waco
Turkey	Nafiz Ekemen	Nuriziya Sak. No. 25, Istanbul.
Utah	Clarence M. Groshell	Masonic Temple 2, Salt Lake City
Vermont	D. Burleigh Smalley, Jr.	Masonic Temple, Box 443, Burlington
Victoria	C. W. Davis	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St. Melbourne, Australia
Virginia	Archer B. Gay	Masonic Temple, Richmond, 20
Washington	Daniel T. Simmons	Masonic Temple, Tacoma 3
Western Australia	N. J. Munro	Box D 177, Gen. P. O. Perth
West Virginia	Julian B. Hollingsworth	P. O. Box 2346, Charleston 28
Wisconsin	Paul W. Grossenbach	1123 N. Astor St., Milwaukee 2
Wyoming	Marcus R. Nichols	Box 459, Casper

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

Lewis E. Smith, 62 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- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63- 64
Charles A. Chappell, 54 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- 59-60-61-62-63-64-65
Chancellor A. Phillips, 47 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- 63
Benjamin F. Eyre, 43 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- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65
Raymond C. Cook, 43 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- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65
Carl R. Greisen, 42 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 56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65
George A. Stevens, 41 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- 51-54-55-57-58-59-60-63-65
William B. Wanner, 39 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 58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65
Ralph O. Canaday, 38 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- 60-61-62-63-64-65
Pearl C. Hillegass, 37 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- 61-62-63-64-65
Herbert T. White 35 Years	1931-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47- 48-49-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63- 64-65
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
George A. Kurk, 33 Years	1930-32-33-34-35-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48- 49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63- 65

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
Harold H. Thom, 31 Years	1925-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65
Otto Nelsen, 31 Years	1935-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65
Edward F. Carter, 30 Years	1932-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49- 50-51-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-61-62-63-64
Elmer E. Magee, 30 Years	1927-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-65
William C. Schaper, 28 Years	1929-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64
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
Merle M. Hale, 28 Years	1936-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-65
Robert E. Lund, 27 Years	1937-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65
Fay Smith, 26 Years	1936-37-38-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56- 57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65
Edward M. Knight, 25 Years	1938-39-40-41-42-43-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55- 56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63
Thomas J. Aron 25 Years	1930-31-32-33-39-40-42-44-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-65

(No Grand Lodge Communication in 1945, however Credit is given.)

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	Hastings	Dec. 15, 1959
Jose Gonzalez Leda		Jan. 10, 1964	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillgoss, 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	O. Robert H. Beezley, 250	Lincoln	April 21, 1965
Rene Desgain		Nov. 13, 1962	Belgium	Leonard B. Woods, 103	Ord	Nov. 6, 1962
			Bolivia	Harold A. Tilton, 71	Neligh	Dec. 23, 1964
Raul Ballaloi de Carvalho	Val. do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Brazil, Bahia, United	Alfred E. Geschke, 25	Omaha	Sept. 23, 1964
Romundo Nonata de Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	George O. Sizemore, 32	North Platte	Nov. 7, 1949
Jose Cesario Harla	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Guilherne WitPine	Rio de Janeiro	Dec. 2, 1944	Brazil, Guanabaro	Cecil C. Gates, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 19, 1941
Ewald Helmuth Langweiler	Rio Grande do Sul	Feb. 18, 1965	Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul	Clarence G. McNamee	Norfolk	Sept. 23, 1964
Joao Bento	Joao Pessoa	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
			Brazil, Santa Catarina	Wallace E. Moffett, 312	Lynch	Sept. 17, 1963
Dr. Walter Pinto	Sao Paulo	Nov. 14, 1951	Sao Paulo	Clyde D. Warratt, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 9, 1962
Nicholas Musselmen	Vancouver	April 13, 1965	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Maurice Coffey		Sept. 13, 1959	California	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
IzeTsing Tuan	Barranquilla	Sept. 14, 1962	China	Earl H. Furman, 290	Omaha	April 13, 1960
Jose Maria Serna		July 31, 1951	Colombia Nat'l Grand Lodge			
Thomas H. Cox	Clatho	Feb. 20, 1932	Colorado	Clifford D. Webster, 321	Sidney	July 30, 1957
George S. Hull	Clinton	Sept. 22, 1948	Connecticut	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 24, 1943
Cecilio Nieto Casobo	San Jose	Dec. 10, 1918	Costa Rica	Chancellor A. Phillips, 150	Cambridge	Jan. 2, 1929
V. H. Francisco Enrique Garcia		Nov. 5, 1952	Cuba	George W. Rosenlof, 314	Lincoln	Nov. 9, 1962
Fagan Simonton	Wilmington	July 27, 1954	Delaware	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
Mogens Milertzt		Nov. 19, 1956	Denmark	Ross Van Sickle, 184	Omaha	June 24, 1943
W. Marion Falls	Washington	Nov. 24, 1943	Dist. of Columbia	E. Forrest Estes, 19	Lincoln	April 23, 1965
Fernandos Gayangos Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	Ecuador	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
William R. S. Bathurst	Wiltshire	May 18, 1950	England	Clarence M. Pierson, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
			Finland	Fay Smith, 198	Imperial	June 17, 1954
Orville A. Clark	Jacksonville	Dec. 17, 1960	Florida			
Edward Jeannotod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	France	Harry Z. Jackson, 253	Beemer	Oct. 1, 1958
Otis E. Dixon	Macon	Jan. 15, 1957	Georgia	Ralph M. Carhart, 120	Wayne	Sept. 23, 1954
Heinz Ziemer	Frankfurt au Main	Dec. 26, 1963	Germany	Raymond F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Aug. 3, 1960
George Sakellariou	Athens	April 10, 1954	Greece	J. F. M. Heumann, 290	Omaha	July 28, 1965
Angel Gabriel Guzman		Aug. 13, 1963	Grecia	Stephen W. Beck, 43	Hebron	Sept. 3, 1960
Bjarne Bjornason	Helgafell	Jan. 7, 1953	Handuras	Gordon Chard, 240	Lyons	Nov. 3, 1962
George A. Spongenberg	Nampa	June 28, 1960	Iceland	George A. Stevens, 183	Chadron	Sept. 23, 1964
Harry L. Klins	Decatur	July 11, 1950	Idaho	James M. Paxson, 302	Omaha	Aug. 11, 1960
John P. Lippincott	South Bend	Feb. 26, 1949	Illinois	Warren W. Kelley, 290	Omaha	May 13, 1959
			Indiana	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Hooper	May 21, 1959
Thomas M. Gick	Dublin	June 17, 1963	India	Roy W. Deal, 227	Lincoln	Sept. 17, 1963
Israel Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept. 14, 1954	Ireland	Richard L. Ely, 128	Guide Rock	June 17, 1958
			Israel, State of	William Grodinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
Ronald E. Napier	Tachikawa	July 25, 1958	Italy	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
Richard K. Hart	Topeka	Jan. 6, 1964	Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
C. James Hyde	Louisville	Sept. 18, 1962	Kansas	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
Philip O. McLaughlin		Jan. 23, 1961	Kentucky	Ralph S. Tully, 25	Omaha	Jan. 23, 1958
James A. Sanker	Belfast	Sept. 14, 1948	Louisiana	John A. Bortorf, 49	Sutton	Feb. 24, 1958
Nathan Rothstein	Winnipeg	Mar. 22, 1951	Maine	Robert W. Cook, 33	Omaha	Aug. 1, 1960
Clifford S. Hubbard		Apr. 19, 1961	Manitoba	Harry Ahl, 112	Louisville	Sept. 14, 1962
James E. Roy	Worcester	Aug. 20, 1964	Maryland	George A. Kurk, 54	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
			Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937

JUNE, 1965]

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

129

REPRESENTATIVES NEAR AND FROM OTHER GRAND LODGES

REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Horace Dillon	Torrcon, Coah.	Mar. 17, 1944	Mexico	W. J. (Jack) Moeller, 290.	Omaha	May 26, 1964
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, 1953
Etsen E. Jackson	Springfield	July 23, 1963	Missouri	William F. Patterson, 25.	Omaha	June 3, 1964
I. R. P. Reineimer	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Montana	Welcome W. Nayco, 158.	Chaacran	Mar. 4, 1950
J. F. A. Gravenberch		Dec. 14, 1960	Netherlands	W. Upton Dawson, 135.	McCook	May 6, 1965
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. Siecker	Maplewood	Aug. 11, 1947	New Jersey	John F. Fletcher, 302.	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Howard M. Sleeper	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 208.	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
Frederick J. Hayward	Mosman	Mar. 10, 1950	New South Wales	Harry A. Spencer, 227.	Lincoln	Apr. 8, 1957
John H. Rehm		Aug. 31, 1965	New York	George R. Porter, 11.	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
T. W. Parrman		Dec. 4, 1956	New Zealand	Carl D. Ganz, 209.	Lincoln	Oct. 19, 1962
Nathaniel C. Dean	Mongaweka	July 26, 1965	Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93.	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
			North Carolina	Levi B. Williams, 1.	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Calvin E. Rustad	Grand Forks	Sept. 7, 1955	North Dakota	Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150.	Cambridge	April 28, 1965
Ole Kristofer Roed	Oslo	Feb. 8, 1956	Norway	Einar Hoel, 11.	Omaha	June 9, 1964
C. Fraser Lorimer	Stellarton	July 28, 1952	Nova Scotia	Edmund D. Shaw, 254.	Bassett	Sept. 2, 1960
Juan L. Aracha	Monterrey	Oct. 23, 1950	Nuevo Leon	Winston C. Swanson, 120.	Wayne	Aug. 10, 1960
Robert L. Troeschler	Youngstown	April 26, 1957	Ohio	Otto Nelsen, 300.	Lincoln	Feb. 17, 1958
Aubrey R. Erhart	Guyman	July 23, 1963	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306.	Sidney	Feb. 6, 1958
Norman W. Oliver	Burns	May 5, 1964	Oregon	Fred D. Moshier, 281.	Omaha	Sept. 4, 1963
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 12, 1953	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317.	Hastings	July 28, 1965
Franco A. Zumaoto	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	Puerto Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1.	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
A. G. Lightbourn	Fajards	May 3, 1945	Puerto Rico	Roy I. Babbitt, 295.	Scottsbluff	Aug. 23, 1952
G. Diamond		July 13, 1959	Quebec	John E. Beaver, 253.	Columbus	Jan. 8, 1954
W. R. Gailey		Feb. 29, 1960	Queensland	Edward Huwaldt, 318.	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Rhode Island	Edward A. Haugland, 25.	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Gaylard C. Wright	Regina	April 13, 1965	Saskatchewan	Robert E. Lund, 323.	Columbus	Sept. 17, 1962
William Sloss	Edinburgh	Aug. 30, 1963	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	Jan. 1, 1962
Robert F. Patterson	Vermillion	Feb. 3, 1955	South Dakota	Charles A. Chapnell, 127.	Minden	Aug. 26, 1918
Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	Sweden	Philip H. Robinson, Sr., 155.	Hartington	July 28, 1965
Andre Starvo	Berne	Jan. 14, 1958	Switzerland	Ralph I. Berry, 256.	Hickman	July 28, 1965
W. H. Samuel Rodriguez	Tampico	Sept. 8, 1946	Tamlaupias	Homer 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	Texas	William C. Schaper, 148.	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 28, 1952	Texas	Donald A. Keys, 300.	Lincoln	Dec. 20, 1961
Nebil Sargel, Istanbul	Istanbul	July 19, 1963	Turkey	Melvin E. Johnson, 112.	Relston	Aug. 27, 1963
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	Millwaukee	Mar. 23, 1946	Wisconsin	Harlan W. Cane, 227.	Lincoln	Dec. 30, 1964

MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.'.L.'.) "In the year of light."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A.'.I.'.) "In the year of the Discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A.'.Dep.'.) "In the year of the deposit."

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of the order, Anno Ordinis, (A.'.O.'.) "In the year of the Order."

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, Anno Beneficio, (A.'.Beo.'.) "In the year of the blessing."

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, Anno Mundi, (A.'.M.'.) "In the year of the world."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

Ancient Craft Masons—Add 4,000 years to the current year, thus: 1965 and 4,000—5965.

Royal Arch Masons—Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1965 and 530—2495.

Royal and Select Masters—Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1965 and 1,000—2965.

Knights Templar—From the Christian era take 1,118; thus 1,118 from 1965—847.

Order of High Priesthood—To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1965—3878.

Scottish Rite—Add 3,760 to the current year; thus 1965 and 3,760—5725.

Faint, illegible text at the top of the page, possibly a header or introductory paragraph.

Main body of faint, illegible text, appearing to be several lines of a letter or document.

Bottom section of faint, illegible text, possibly a signature or closing.

1 9 6 5

INDEX TO SUBJECTS

Abstract of returns	33
Accounts of Grand Secretary, audited	30
Address of the Grand Master	6
Assistant Custodians	4, 12, 51
By-laws approved	10
Committees appointed	4, 98
Cook, Raymond C.	47
Cook, Robert W.	50
Corner-stones	9
Decisions	15
Dedications	10
Distinguished Guests	3
Falls City No. 9	55
Grand Custodian, Report of	42
Grand Historian, Report of	59
Grand Officers, Appointed	98
Grand Officers, Elected	98
Grand Officers Installed	118
Grand Representatives, List of	125
Grand Representatives recommended and commissioned	12
Grand Secretaries, List of	125
Grand Secretaries (Nebraska)	124
Grand Secretary, Report of	28
Manning, William	54
Masonic Calendar	131
Masonic Homes	11
Masonic Manor	55
Minutes Approved	117
Neurology	7
Oration	86
Past Grand Masters, list of	121
Presentation of Past Grand Masters' Jewel and Apron	119
Presentation of the Flags	2
Proposed Amendments	117, 118
Reception of Grand Representatives	4
Reception of Past Grand Masters	2
Recommendations	20
Reports of Committees:	
Applications for Reinstatement	96
Appropriations	112
Charters and Dispensations	104
Codification of the Law	114

INDEX TO SUBJECTS

Credentials	77
Doings of Grand Officers	52
Finance	109
Fraternal Dead	85
Fraternal Relations	56
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association ...	93
Grand Lodge Office	67
Grand Trustees	62
Grievances	103
Jurisprudence	105
Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund	107
Masonic Education	60
Nebraska Work	96
Relief and Care of Orphans	93
Returns	108
Temple Building Advisory	100
Special Committees:	
Lodge Advisory	115
Public Relations	105
Retirement	73
Special Dispensations	10
The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, Report of	101
The Nebraska Masonic Home, Report of	70
Trial Commissions	11
Veteran Grand Lodge Attendants	127
Veteran Secretaries	41
Visits	7