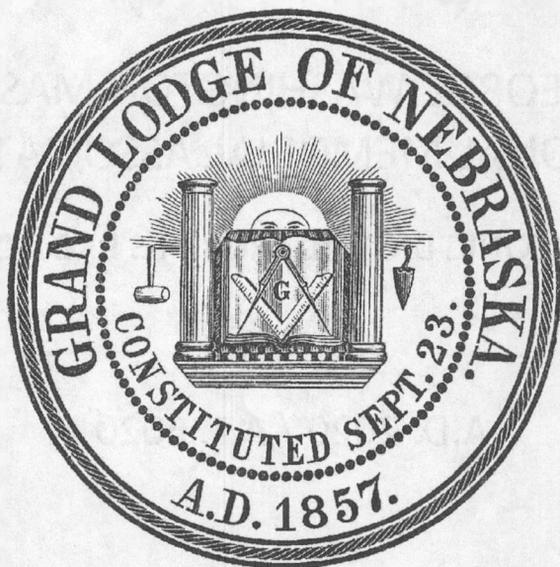


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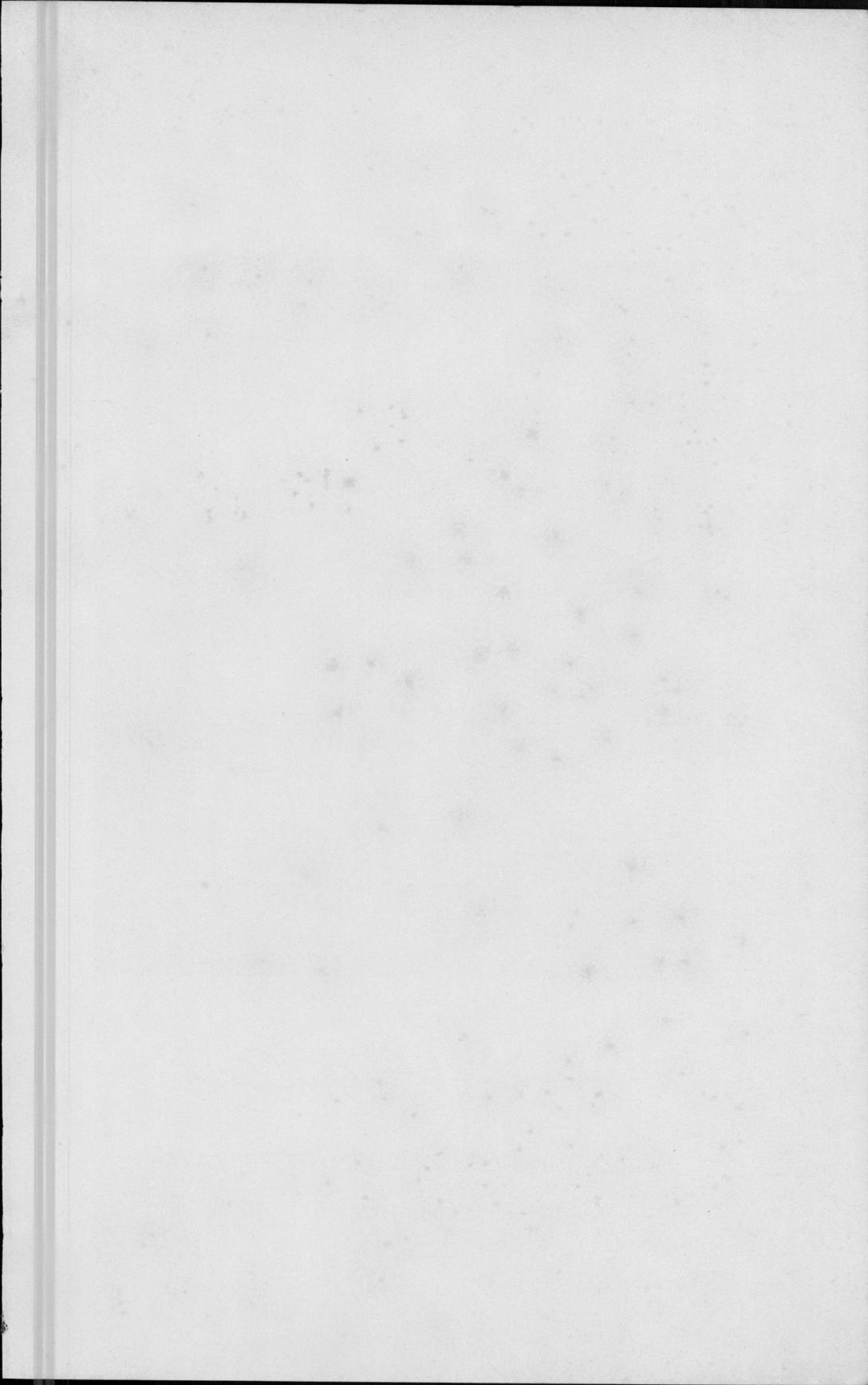
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*Hugh W Eisenloeb*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1969-1970



# Biographical

## Hugh W. Eisenhart

Hugh W. Eisenhart was born January 1, 1916, at Culbertson, Nebraska, the son of George and Marian Eisenhart. He was graduated from Culbertson High School in 1933. He attended Kearney State College from 1933 to 1934, where he was a member of Phi Tau Gamma Fraternity. From 1935 to 1939 he attended the University of Nebraska where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, of which he served as president in 1937-38. Brother Hugh was graduated from the College of Law at the University of Nebraska in 1939 with an LL.B. degree. Following his graduation he practiced law in Trenton, Nebraska, from 1939 to 1943, during all of which time he also served as Hitchcock County Attorney. From 1943 to 1946 he was in military service, as a member of the 17th Airborne Division. Since 1946 Brother Hugh has practiced law in Cambridge, Nebraska. In 1947 he became a law partner of B. F. Butler who died in 1952, and in 1966 he formed a law partnership with his son Eric following Eric's graduation from the University of Nebraska College of Law.

M. W. Brother Hugh was married to Claudine Burt in July 1940. They are the parents of two children, a son Eric, and a daughter Ellen. The Eisenharts are members of the Congregational Church in Cambridge, where he served as a Sunday School superintendent from 1955 to 1962, and of which he has been a Trustee and a Deacon.

Brother Hugh has been very active in civic affairs. He was a member of the City Council from 1948 to 1952 and was Mayor of the city of Cambridge from 1952 to 1956. He has been president of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, and of the Rotary Club; County Chairman for the American Red Cross; and since 1967 he has served as President of the Cambridge Telephone Company. He is a member of the Tri Trails Executive Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and is a Vice-President and Director of the First National Bank at Cambridge.

## MASONIC RECORD

LODGE: Initiated December 4, 1947, passed February 17, raised April 16, 1948 in Cambridge Lodge #150, and served as Worshipful Master in 1962.

## CAPITULAR

CAPITULAR: King Cyrus Chapter #35, RAM, December 2, 1960.

CRYPTIC: Oconoxee Council #16, January 26, 1960.

CHIVALRIC: St. John's Commandery #16, Knights Templar, McCook, Nebraska, March 22, 1961. Tehama Shrine Temple, Hastings, Nebraska, May 13, 1961. Hastings Consistory, Scottish Rite 32°, Hastings, Nebraska, April 25, 1969. DeMolay Legion of Honor, June 1, 1969. Coeur deLion Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Omaha, December 4, 1969. Nebraska Veteran Freemason Association, May, 1969. Appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota by M. W. Harry A. Spencer, April 28, 1965. Appointed Grand Junior Deacon by M. W. Harry A. Spencer, June 1964. Served as Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Senior Warden, and Deputy Grand Master. Elected and installed Grand Master, June 4, 1969.

We have been most fortunate and highly honored to have had M. W. Brother Eisenhart as our Grand Master during the past year. He is a very competent attorney, a capable businessman, a true executive, and a sincerely dedicated individual. During the period he has served in the Grand Lodge line, he has given unstintingly of his time and energy to the affairs of the Fraternity, often at great personal sacrifice. He has willingly accepted and conscientiously performed every responsibility entrusted to him. Only the members of his family realize the hundreds of miles he has traveled during the past 6 years in the interests of Masonry. He has a keen interest in Masonic education, and his work with the Masonic Education Committee has been outstanding. He has diligently promoted an interest in DeMolay in Nebraska, and has effectually presented the needs of our Masonic charity, The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. No one has traveled more extensively in our interest nor has served with more distinction or greater devotion to the principles of our order.

Brother Hugh has vitalized personal involvement with and dedication to the tenets of Masonry. Our Grand Lodge has been enriched by his service, and, God willing, we will continue to profit from his interest, wise counsel, and continued service for many years to come.

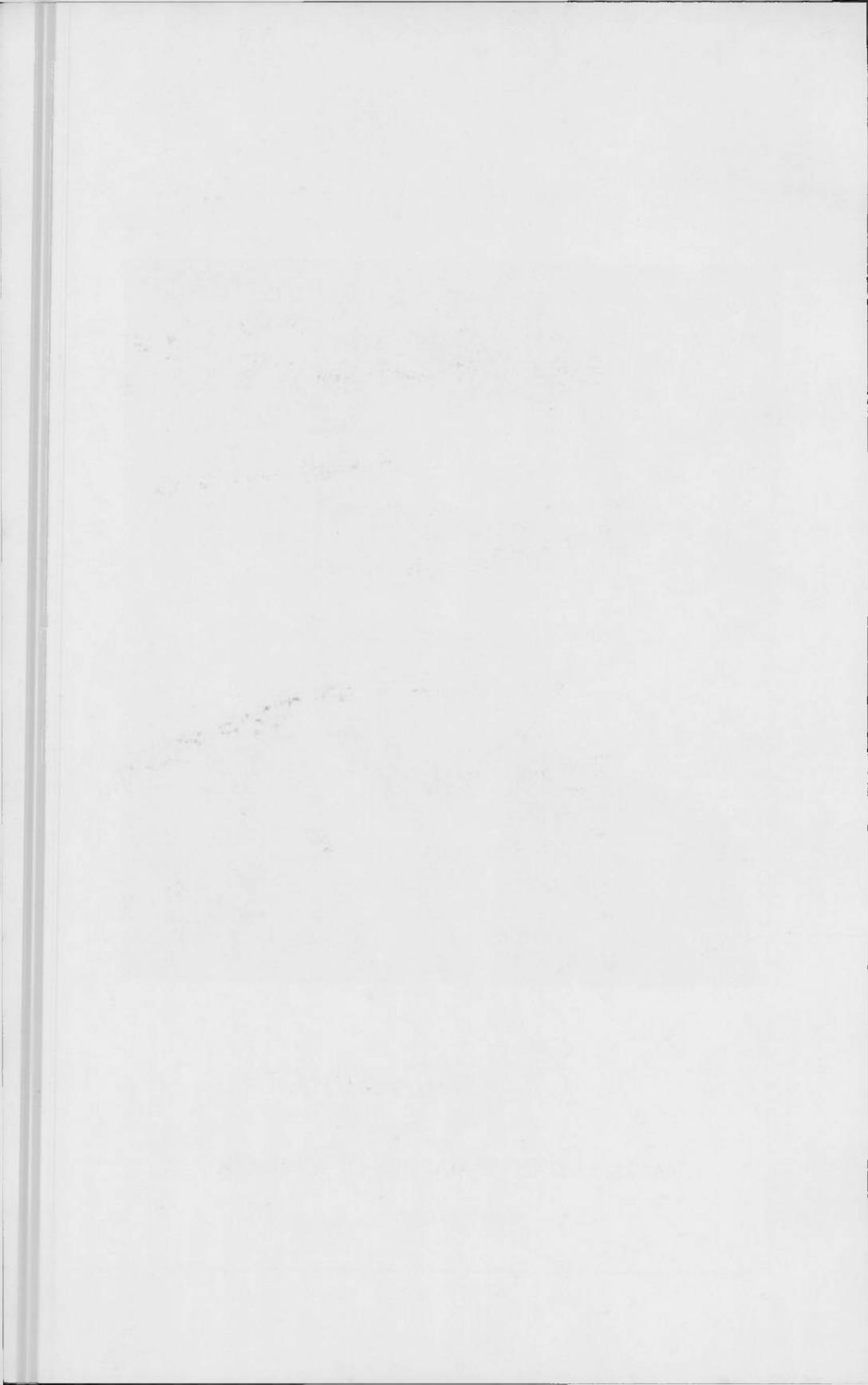
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*John H. Brown*

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF NEBRASKA

1970-1971



PROCEEDINGS

*of the*

Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable  
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of Nebraska

*ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH ANNUAL  
COMMUNICATION*

*Held in Lincoln, June 9 and 10, 1970*

*FIRST DAY — MORNING SESSION*

*Tuesday, June 9, 1970*

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in Annual Communication at the Pershing Auditorium, Lincoln at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9, A.D. 1970, A.L. 5970.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150..... Grand Master  
R.W. John H. Brown, 1..... Deputy Grand Master  
R.W. Warren K. Urbom, 314..... Grand Senior Warden  
R.W. Russell L. Fickes, 33..... Grand Junior Warden  
M.W. Norris W. Lallman, 72..... Grand Secretary  
V.W. Walter O. Samuelson, 326..... Grand Chaplain  
W. Jack H. Hendrix, 135..... Grand Orator  
W. George W. Rosenlof, 314..... Grand Historian  
W. Ralph W. Gerry, 281..... Grand Custodian  
W. T. Leo Stines, 36..... Grand Marshal  
W. Howard J. Hunter, 59..... Grand Senior Deacon  
W. Frank J. Mattoon, 75..... Grand Junior Deacon  
W. John W. McLane, 150..... Grand Tyler

Promptly at 8:30 a.m. a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by R.W. John H. Brown, Deputy Grand Master, the invocation being given by V.W. Walter O. Samuelson, Grand Chaplain.

M.W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master, was escorted to the East; by M.W. Harry A. Spencer, 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 113th 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. Walter O. Samuelson to the altar for the purpose of prayer.

#### PRESENTATION OF FLAG

Presentation of the Flag of the United States was made by Sir Knights of Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, K. T. .

Following the seating of the Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, The "Star Spangled Banner," was played by W. Edward H. Lockwood, 265.

R. W. Warren K. Urbom, Grand Senior Warden announced to the Brethren that he had been appointed to the position as United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska and that he would be unable to continue in the Grand Lodge line. He thanked M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts for his appointment in the Grand Lodge line and his profound regret that he would not be able to serve the Grand Lodge as a Grand Lodge Officer.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

"Thank you, Warren, for your expressions. We would first of all wish you well, of course. We must accept your withdrawing from the line with great reluctance because those of us who have had the privilege of working with you, know what a wonderful job you have done. So God speed to you."

W. Frank J. Mattoon, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following Past Grand Masters according to seniority.

#### PAST GRAND MASTERS

Charles A. Chappell . . . . .	(58th)	1923
George A. Kurk . . . . .	(78th)	1942
William B. Wanner . . . . .	(79th)	1943
William C. Schaper . . . . .	(80th)	1944 - 1945
Benjamin F. Eyre . . . . .	(81st)	1946
Elmer E. Magee . . . . .	(83rd)	1948

Thomas J. Aron . . . . .	(86th)	1951
Edward M. Knight . . . . .	(87th)	1952
Charles F. Adams . . . . .	(89th)	1954
Herbert T. White . . . . .	(90th)	1955
Merle M. Hale . . . . .	(91st)	1956
Roy I. Babbitt . . . . .	(92nd)	1957
Joseph C. Tye . . . . .	(94th)	1959
John F. Futcher . . . . .	(95th)	1960
Herbert A. Ronin . . . . .	(96th)	1961
Ernest O. Van Wey . . . . .	(97th)	1962
Harry A. Spencer . . . . .	(99th)	1964
Louis V. Sylvester . . . . .	(100th)	1965
Lewis R. Ricketts . . . . .	(101st)	1966
John A. Bottorf . . . . .	(102nd)	1967
Norris W. Lallman . . . . .	(103rd)	1968
Carl R. Greisen . . . . .	(Honorary)	1966

The Past Grand Masters were given a most cordial welcome, conducted to the East and given Grand Honors. The following Past Grand Masters were unable to be present because of illness or illness in their families: Ralph O. Canaday and Edward Huwaldt. M. W. Edward F. Carter was on a European tour and could not be present.

M. W. Harry A. Spencer gave the response for the Past Grand Masters.

#### RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The committee on Entertainment of Distinguished Guests introduced the following: M. W. Myron K. Lingle, Past Grand Master and Personal Representative of M. W. Clinton H. Lang, Grand Master of Illinois. M. W. Harold Phelps, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa. W. Norval P. Marks, Grand Marshal, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa. M. W. William W. Brubaker, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Iowa. W. Harry P. Larson, Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota. M. W. H. Jackson Staton, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas. M. W. Charles S. McGinness, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Kansas. R. W. Clark Perry, Senior Grand Warden, and Personal Representative of M. W. Harry E. Wimer, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Wyoming. M. W. Galen Swank, Grand Master, Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Colorado, Glenn L. Archer, Executive Director, American United for Separation of Church and State, Maryland. W. Robert A. Metcalf, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter, O.E.S. of Nebraska, W. Donald

A. Keys, Potentate, Sesotris Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. W. George C. Samson, Potentate, Tangier Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. W. Clarence Jacobson, Potentate, Tehama Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. W. Raymond L. Cedardahl, Secretary, Scottish Rite, Lincoln. M. E. Herbert T. White, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska. M. I. Louis V. Sylvester, Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S. M. in Nebraska. R. E. Peter C. Burt, Grand Commander, K. T. of Nebraska. Brother William F. Patterson, President, Board of Trustees, The Nebraska Masonic Home. Brother Raymond F. Evers, Superintendent, The Nebraska Masonic Home, Brother Fred Mulford, Superintendent, The Masonic, Eastern Star Home for Children. Brother Walter Miller, Executive Officer, Order of DeMolay in Nebraska. Joseph W. Seacrest, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Nebraska and Grand Almoner of the Supreme Council, 33° of the Southern Jurisdiction. R. E. Ralph R. Carleton, Grand Recorder, York Rite Bodies of Nebraska.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart welcomed the Distinguished Guests with fitting words and thanked them for honoring us with their presence.

M. W. Harold Phelps, Grand Master of Iowa gave the response for the Distinguished Guests.

#### GREETINGS AND MESSAGES

W. Brother Robert A. Metcalf, Worthy Grand Patron, presented a beautiful basket of flowers for and on behalf of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S. of Nebraska, and wished for us a successful and harmonious Communication. Brother Metcalf stated that the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Kathryn Brock has for her project The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. Brother "Bob" also presented a check to the Grand Master, from the Grand Chapter O. E. S. to be used at the Plattsmouth Home.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master, thanked Brother Metcalf for the basket of flowers and for the generous check which he presented to be used at The Nebraska Masonic Home.

INTRODUCTION OF ASSISTANT GRAND CUSTODIANS

M.:W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master introduced the Grand Custodian W.: Brother Ralph W. Gerry. He told of the excellent work that Ralph is doing in this Grand Jurisdiction and invited him to welcome and introduce his Assistant Grand Custodians and Assistant Grand Custodians Emerti.

M.:W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master, presented certificates of merit to several Brethren who have been certified for 20 years, 25 years, 35 years, and 40 years. A special presentation was made to W.: Brother Charles M. Frederick, a member of Parian Lodge No. 207, who is the oldest certified member in this Grand Jurisdiction. He was presented with a special 50 year certificate and received a standing ovation by the members of Grand Lodge.

ASSISTANT GRAND CUSTODIANS

Harold D. Weddel, 61	1937
Stephen W. Beck, 43	1940
LaVerne A. Walker, 55	1946
Paul D. Fleming, 93	1949
Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9	1955
Clifford D. Webster, 321	1956
Frank H. Smith, 301	1957
Harry N. Ahl, 112	1959
Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	1960
Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191	1960
T. Leo Stines, 36	1960
Stanley E. Brunton, 222	1961
Glenn W. Binder, 23	1961
Gordon Chard, 240	1962
Harold A. Tilton, 71	1962
Stuart A. Johnson, 169	1963
Aruthur S. Dye, 317	1964
W. Upton Dawson, 135	1964
Ralph I. Berry, 256	1965
Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	1965
Robert W. Boon, 33	1965
Alton S. Mote, 183	1965
Arnold F. Mains, 15	1965
Harold J. Oehlerking, 159	1966
Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	1966
Ward L. McGlashan, 180	1966

Curtis J. Griess, 49 .....	1966
Walter Brown, 1 .....	1967
John C. Nelson, 250 .....	1967
Mervin E. Ransom, 65 .....	1967
Donald A. Kychkelhahn, 210 .....	1967
Howard G. Whitmore, 161 .....	1967
Frank R. Harris, 77 .....	1967
Gerald V. Inslee, 158 .....	1968
John C. Sierks, 4 .....	1969
Paul D. Jacobsen, 171 .....	1969
David O. Kipling, 281 .....	1970
Herman O. Hansen, 3 .....	1970

#### ASSISTANT GRAND CUSTODIANS EMERITI

Frank M. Johnson, 188 .....	1920
Earl Barnette, 146 .....	1929
Austin F. Whitmire, 75 .....	1931
Henning C. Johnson, 171 .....	1932
Carroll C. Raymer, 164 .....	1932
Cecil C. Gates, 227 .....	1938
Clarence G. McNamee, 55 .....	1941
Louis V. Sylvester, 281 .....	1942
Lewis E. Baker, 135 .....	1943
George S. Schwab, 49 .....	1946
Harold M. Wilkerson, 54 .....	1947
Ernest E. James, 1 .....	1948
Charles M. Frederick, 136 .....	1949
Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314 .....	1954
Matthias E. Mauel, 173 .....	1956
Erwin J. Imig, 38 .....	1960
Richard L. Wait, 19 .....	1962
Sebert A. Stover, 281 .....	1970

## ADDRESS OF WELCOME AND RESPONSE

Brother Sam Schwartzkopf, a member of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 and Mayor of the City of Lincoln, gave the address of welcome.

W. . Brother Keith C. Miller, 174, gave the response. On behalf of the Brethren throughout the state, he thanked the city of Lincoln and the Mayor for giving us the opportunity to hold our Grand Lodge in Lincoln.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR  
THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

M. .W. . Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master, requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions.

M. .W. . Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master: My Brethren, you represent our communication with the rest of the Masonic world. If I could but ask a favor of each of you, to contact the Grand Lodge to which you are accredited and extend to them our most sincere and cordial fraternal greetings. Some people say that the lack of proper communication is the greatest problem in our world today. Let us not be guilty of adding to it. Most of all, as representatives of your Grand Jurisdiction, I extend to you the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and ask that you do communicate with the Grand Jurisdiction you represent.

M. .W. . Charles F. Adams, P.G.M. responded for the Grand Representatives: M. .W. . Grand Master, we who are assembled before you appreciate the recognition of Grand Representatives, and this cordial reception which you accorded us. I thank you for the privilege of responding for us. We are here to symbolize the fact that Masonry is indeed a universal brotherhood. One definition of Masonry is that it is the system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Those of us who are before, might be described as symbols of the universality of Masonry, representing as we do the many many Grand Jurisdictions throughout the world. We are here to symbolize the fact that Masonry is indeed a universal brotherhood. I would also commend to our members and our brethren present, the careful reading of the Fraternal Review by M. .W. . William B. Wanner, to give you some idea of the activities of Masonry in the world today and in the many Jurisdictions which we repre-

sent. Lastly, I should direct the remark to our Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Norris W. Lallman, for the appointment he gave me to represent the Mother Grand Lodge of the World. That is one of the finest honors that has ever come to me in Masonry, and I hope to be able to visit often with the Grand Lodge of England next summer. Thank you again for this reception.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEES

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

**Appropriations:** W. Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1971), Chairman; Thomas W. Tye, 46, (1972); E. Forrest Estes, 19, (1974); Alfred B. Saum, 46, (1970); Walter Truex, 55, (1973).

**Charters and Dispensations:** W. Mannie O. Hansen, 1, Chairman; Garvis E. Burrell, 15; Gary L. Powell, 19.

**Codification of the Law:** W. Bernard T. Pipher, 31, Chairman; John G. Massey, 135; Henry F. Lumsdell, 55.

**Credentials:** W. Clyde H. Jones, 173, Chairman; Glenn F. Sperry, 139; William M. Hisey, 210; Kenneth C. Kling, 314; William W. Steen, 280; Albert B. Osborn, 318; Homer C. Davey, 317.

**Doings of Grand Officers:** W. Byron C. Jenkins, 325, Chairman; Henry H. Hansen, 250; Alvis A. Simmons, 210.

**Entertainment of Distinguished Guests:** M. W. John A. Bottorf, 49, Chairman; M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19; M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281.

**Finance:** W. Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290, (1973), Chairman; Howard L. Patterson, 303, (1971); LeRoy C. Sutton, 1, (1972); Harold E. Day, Jr., 150, (1974); Ansel Toft, 232, (1970).

**Fraternal Dead:** W. Gail E. Burbridge, 11, Chairman; Harold B. Reeves, 32; Paul C. Peterson, 101.

**Fraternal Relations:** M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Edward J. Taylor, 150.

**George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association:** M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. Irwin Osterloh, 72; Cary W. Dresslar, 32.

**Grand Lodge Office:** W. Alfred E. Geschke, 25, (1971), Chairman; Harold C. Wurdeman, 323, (1972); William L. Hopson, 327, (1973); Thomas H. Blanchard, 21, (1974); M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54, (1970).

**Grand Trustees:** M. W. John F. Futcher, 302, (1971), Chairman; Robert A. Wekesser, 54, (1974); Harold E. Gabrielson, 302, (1973); Fred S. Kuethe, 1, (1972); Alfred E. Geschke, 25, (1970).

**Grievances:** W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; Robert Imig, 38; Robert R. Prouty, 95.

**Jurisprudence:** M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman and all Past Grand Masters present.

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

**Masonic Education:** W. Howard J. Hunter, 59, (1972), Chairman; James W. Fegley, 316, (1972); Alfred G. Wurst, 59, (1970); Edward H. Lockwood, 265, (1970); M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19, (1971); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1971).

**Nebraska Work:** M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201, (1970), M. W. Herbert T. White, 11, (1971); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, (1972).

**Public Relations:** W. Joe H. Hartley, 54, Chairman; John S. Savage, 11; Al Ray Brown, 50.

**Relief and Care of Orphans:** W. Paul L. Toombs, 290, (1972), Chairman; Earl W. Schultz, 75, (1974); Otto Burkhardt, 55, (1970); James A. Bradley, 1, (1971); John S. Burley, 300, (1973).

**Returns:** W. Sebert A. Stover, 281, Chairman; John L. W. Nelson, 1; Harvey A. Smith, 326.

**Temple Building Advisory:** W. Donald F. Sampson, 36, (1970), Chairman; Donald G. Hafer, 306, (1971); Robert E. Wolf, 1, (1972).

**Lodge Advisory:** M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46, (1970), Chairman; M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249, (1971); M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, (1972).

**Arrangement for 113th Annual Communication:** W. Donald R. Swanson, 54, Chairman; William M. Hisey, 210; Robert Zink, 19; and Masters and Wardens Club.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER  
TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL, THE GRAND LODGE, ANCIENT,  
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA:

My Brethren: It has been my privilege to have served as your Grand Master during the past year, and I am most appreciative of the honor. It is with a feeling of pride that I extend to each of you a most cordial and fraternal welcome to this 113th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

The purpose of this address is to review with you the activities of your Grand Master for the Grand Lodge with a report of my stewardship during this past year.

To our distinguished guests and friends, a most sincere wish that you will enjoy your visit with us, and that we may have an exchange of ideas that will be inspirational and mutually beneficial. All of us are interested in the welfare of our Fraternity and toward the development of plans that will make its mission to make good men better in their contributions to our society. During the past year I have presented the idea of our working together for the good of all concerned to develop leadership and the resulting progress that would occur by greater activity in our lodges.

We must not blind ourselves to think that when the general tone of moral standards is low that Free Masonry can remain untouched. Our churches and fraternal societies are suffering losses in membership, and we cannot escape the retribution to our Craft. We are living in times that call for a greater effort by each of us to counteract the attitude of lethargy and lack of interest in becoming involved and taking part in activities that will promote greater interest and resulting good to all concerned. We need to direct our attention to members that we have and to make every effort to set them to work at productive activities in our Craft.

Instead of defeatism let us reflect optimism. We should remind ourselves that we have but one purpose--to take a good man and make him better through the teachings of our Fraternity. We have the challenge, and let us respond by upholding the rights of the individual to his personal dignity and always reaffirming our trust in God.

Are we ambitious to see good men attracted to Free Masonry? If so, our work is to generate more interest among our brethren, to re-awaken in them the pride in our Craft that all of us should have. We do not need to be apologetic for Masonry--we are not a collection of second-rate citizens, and those of us who have positions of responsibility should always work to inspire brothers to leadership and action, which can only result by the personal efforts of each of us to apply ourselves as our talent and energy will allow.

## NECROLOGY

We were saddened by news of the death of W. Brother George A. Stevens of Chadron, an Assistant Grand Custodian Emeritus, who died December 8, 1969 at the age of 85. He was the Senior Assistant Grand Custodian, having been commissioned on July 14, 1916, and he carried a Certificate of Proficiency for over 54 years. This is the kind of loyalty and dedication that we respect and revere, and may the Grand Architect of the Universe say to Brother Stevens, "Well done, good and faithful servant." The Grand Architect blessed the Grand Lodge Family this year, as we have not lost any other members. For this we are most thankful and offer our most grateful supplication to our Creator.

Over 1,075 of our brethren in the subordinate lodges went to their eternal home during the year. The Committee on Fraternal Dead will offer a tribute to the memory of these deceased brethren during this Communication.

## ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS

Upon the recommendation of our Grand Custodian I was most pleased to issue commissions to three new Assistant Grand Custodians: W. Brother Paul Jacobsen of Merna Lodge No. 171; W. Brother John Sierks, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 at Brownville, and W. Brother David Kipling of Florence Lodge No. 281, and I reluctantly accepted the resignation of W. Brother Sebert A. Stover of Florence Lodge No. 281 as an Assistant Grand Custodian, and appointed him an Assistant Grand Custodian Emeritus.

I have referred to the passing of W. Brother George A. Stevens, Assistant Grand Custodian Emeritus, at Chadron. He had been an outstanding man in his section of the state for many years, and we salute him for his services.

I would be remiss if I did not again pay tribute and recognition to the Assistant Grand Custodians for their great service. They are loyal and dedicated and they give much of their time and energy to promoting the Craft. We thank them for this devotion.

## DISPENSATIONS

Eleven requests for special dispensation to permit conferring degrees without regard to time were received for brothers in the military service, and were granted.

Four lodges were granted permission to install officers after January because of unavoidable absences at the time of installation.

Five lodges were granted permission to move their charters during the year.

Three lodges were given permission to examine brothers for proficiency after the specified time had elapsed.

## CONSOLIDATIONS and MERGERS

During the year I approved the following consolidations:

1. Hope Lodge No. 29 consolidated into Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 on July 21, 1969.
2. Elmcreek Lodge No. 133 was consolidated into James A. Tulley's Lodge No. 267 at Overton on March 17, 1970.
3. Naphthali Lodge No. 206 at Diller was consolidated with Fairbury Lodge No. 35 on March 24th, 1970.

In each case the charters of the first-named lodges merging into the others were surrendered to the Grand Secretary.

We believe that these consolidations will prove to be advantageous in that the result will be stronger in each instance, and we hope for them success in the future.

## CORNERSTONES and DEDICATIONS

On November 15th we were privileged to take part in a combination ceremony of cornerstone laying in the afternoon and dedication in the evening. The Kimball Lodge is to be congratulated for its efforts in upgrading its facilities and having a temple of which it can be very proud.

On November 14th the Grand Lodge had the pleasure of dedicating a beautiful new temple at Chadron. Our Grand Orator, W. Brother Jack H. Hendrix, delivered the oration and, as he did on other occasions, gave a very informative and inspiring talk. The brethren at Chadron Lodge are to be commended for their new temple.

We were pleased to conduct dedicatory services in Wisner on December 6th and Curtis on December 13th, where the lodges have remodeled and provided more comfortable and pleasant accommodations for themselves.

We conducted dedications of the temples at Shelby on March 21st and Chester on April 25th. I am sure I speak the sentiments of all of us when I say the Grand Lodge welcomes these ceremonies because of the public recognition we can give to the brethren of a lodge that is improving its quarters, and in having public ceremonies where our ladies and guests can be invited so that they can have a greater understanding of the tenets of Free Masonry.

The Grand Lodge is indebted to our Grand Marshal, W. Brother T. Leo Stines, who was responsible for the arrangements for each of these occasions. We enjoyed harmonious relations with the subordinate lodges at all times, which were the result of the efforts of W. Brother Stines, as well as through the cooperation and support of the Grand Lodge officers who attended and participated in the ceremonies.

## VISITATIONS

During this past year I had the opportunity to visit Grand Lodge Communications of South Dakota in June; Ontario in July; Wyoming in August; Iowa and Missouri in September; Kentucky in October, of 1969, and Kansas in March of 1970. We were royally entertained at each Communication, and were extended every consideration, for which we are most appreciative. The visitations were enjoyable and, through the exchange of information and ideas, we believe of value.

I was invited to attend the Annual Meetings of the Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters, the reunions of the Scottish Rite Consistories at Lincoln, Omaha and Hastings, and the International meeting of the Shrine at Seattle in July as a guest of the three Shrine Temples in Nebraska. These were most pleasant experiences, and we appreciated the invitations.

I was honored by a reception in my own lodge on June 22nd, at which time most of the Grand Lodge Officers and several of the Past Grand Masters were in attendance, as well as many brothers from the nearby lodges. The thoughtfulness and expressions from my hosts of Cambridge Lodge No. 150, Mistletoe Chapter No. 187 of the Eastern Star, assisted by the girls of Rainbow Chapter No. 9, contributed to a very memorable occasion.

I was able to visit meetings of the Boards of Trustees of the Fremont and Plattsmouth Homes and appreciated the cordial reception. I was much impressed by the caliber of personnel on these boards and the devotion they give to management of these institutions. We can be proud of the services being performed at these two homes.

I attended the State Conclave of the DeMolay in August. The sponsorship by the Fraternity of DeMolay is a fine program and one all should support. I have encouraged greater participation in the activities of DeMolay throughout the state because I consider it a very important phase of Masonic activity. It is a most important potential source for future Masons, and I would encourage all brothers to offer their services as advisors to the DeMolay chapters as well as encouraging young men to take part in DeMolay activities.

In November the DeMolay chapters honored Masonry at special ceremonies in McCook and Omaha, featuring the Grand Master's class composed of candidates from various chapters throughout the state. I attended the initiation at McCook and R. W. Brother John H. Brown, Deputy Grand Master, represented the Craft at the initiation in Omaha. The ritualistic work portrayed was outstanding and very impressive, and any of you who have not had the opportunity to see such work, I urge you to do so.

In August I was a guest of the Shrine to visit the Crippled Childrens Hospital in St. Paul and a week later attended the football game in

Lincoln, during which times all courtesies were extended to the Grand Master of Nebraska, and we sincerely appreciated the recognition by the Shrine.

Throughout the year I attended York Rite meetings and the courtesy extended to the Grand Master was warm and sincere and goes a long way toward cementing a good relationship between the Fraternity and the appendant bodies.

During the year I participated in eleven Area Masonic Educational Meetings throughout the state. I had written personal letters to the Master of each lodge invited, and was pleased at the response because we started the year with a 100% meeting and also ended with such a representation, so we felt the effort was worthwhile. I am firmly convinced that Masonic Education offers the opportunity in developing leadership in our lodges, and am reminded of the popular quotation that can be paraphrased to our situation in that the Fraternity is throughout the world--and includes millions of men, but the average person will form his judgment of the Craft through his contact with one or two brothers. If they are kind and considerate the person considering membership will have a good impression, but if they act to the contrary they have destroyed an image that many have worked generations to establish. So it is incumbent upon us to communicate the teachings of the Craft to others who will in turn establish a mode of life that can be exemplary and convey by their actions an external reflection of the personality that they have been taught to develop by Masonic philosophy.

I was pleased to attend the Custodians Meeting in Grand Island in September, because it was a joy to have fellowship with such a group of loyal and devoted brethren and again be reminded of the appreciation that all of us should have for their services to the Fraternity.

In February we were privileged to attend the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington in company with the Deputy Grand Master and his wife, the Grand Secretary and his wife, and M.'W.'. Past Grand Masters Charles F. Adams, Herbert A. Ronin, Louis V. Sylvester and Carl R. Greisen. We were pleased and honored to have M.'W.'. Brother Ronin re-elected as Vice President of the Masonic Service Association for this area. The theme of the conference was, "Masonry in Action." It seemed to me the consensus of opinion from the discussion groups was that we need to place a greater emphasis on development of leadership in our lodges by a more expanded educational program, because we cannot have good lodges without training leaders who can in turn educate their brethren. The decision of the Conference to make plans to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of our Independence as a Nation, set for 1976, is an act of patriotism we should plan to participate in to show our loyalty to our Country. A Commission was created to plan and co-ordinate events with historical and documentary evidence of the part played by Free Masons in creating our Nation. I would recommend that we take part in the planning and promotion of appropriate events

to take place during that year. Those of us who do not have hospital visitation programs were encouraged to join in this great work in our jurisdictions.

I was able to serve as Installing Master for several lodges, including my own. I participated in a 75-year celebration at Ceresco, an 85-year one at Minden, and Centennials at Pawnee City, Tecumseh and Tekamah. These were very enjoyable occasions with open meetings at which there were guests, and I believe that more lodges should be encouraged to have such celebrations.

I was privileged to attend the meeting of the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education at Cedar Rapids, Iowa in May and was pleased that we had a fine representation of seven brothers from Nebraska. The papers and discussions were most informative and instructive, and we believe that you will be seeing the results by an expanded education program in Nebraska.

It has been my pleasure to present 50-year buttons to brethren in several meetings throughout the state. This is always a heart-warming occasion and we are happy that they are usually presented in open meetings with the wives and guests in attendance. Here is an opportunity for us to get wider public acceptance of our Fraternity that we should take every opportunity to use.

I also attended an open meeting at Clay Center with guests present when M.'W.'. Brother Sylvester gave a fine talk. I spoke at a Past Masters' recognition night at Sidney, when a public meeting was held, with guests in attendance.

I was a guest at the International Supreme Council of DeMolay in Omaha on April 6, 7 and 8, at which time there were present Masonic leaders as well as DeMolay representatives from the entire Country, which made for a very inspiring meeting. DeMolay is a fine organization and with some support by our personal efforts can become a very vital force in the lives of young men.

It was also my privilege to be invited to the Grand York Rite Annual meetings in Lincoln in April, and we can be most proud that M.'W.'. Brother Sylvester was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and M.'W.'. Brother White was installed as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons--thus making them the only two past grand masters to have followed M.'W.'. Brother Lewis E. Smith as having been honored in heading all three bodies of the Grand York Rite as well as having served as our Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. We salute them for their devotion and great service to Masonry. Claudine has traveled with me to all Masonic functions during the past six years, and we have enjoyed together the meetings and cultivation of the friendships with the brethren and their wives. She would want to join with me in extending to all of you our thanks for the kindness and consideration shown to both

of us wherever we visited, and particularly during this past year, as we have traveled over 35,000 miles in our visitations. We have looked forward eagerly to this fellowship, and are grateful to all of you.

#### TEMPLE BUILDING

During the past year I have been pleased to approve remodeling projects at four lodges: Overton, Broken Bow, Shelby, and Chester. The Temple Building Advisory Committee has performed a valuable service in counseling and advising the lodges on proposed projects. We commend them for their services and recommend to any of the lodges considering changes that they get in touch with the Committee, because you will gain much from their experience in the planning and financing.

#### BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

I reappointed Brother Robert A. Wekesser, of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, for another term on the Board.

The five members comprising the Board have done an outstanding job in managing and investing funds for the Grand Lodge and the home at Plattsmouth, and in behalf of the brethren I wish to extend to them this recognition and expression of gratitude for their services.

#### BY-LAWS APPROVED

Thirty-seven lodges were given approval of proposed amendments to by-laws, most of these were to raise dues and a few were to change the time of the regular meetings.

#### REINSTATEMENTS

Twenty-nine applications for reinstatement were approved and two were disapproved. I believe in all cases the recommendations of the Committee were followed.

#### TRIAL COMMISSIONS

I am sorry to report that it was necessary to appoint six trial commissions during the year. Four of them involved the sale of intoxicating liquors and two of them charges of immorality. All of the trials have been closed during the year.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

During the year I appointed Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodges of Finland, the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, South Australia, Dominican Republic, District of Columbia, Alabama and Iceland.

#### DECISIONS

I am including decisions requiring more than mere reference to the applicable sections of the Grand Lodge Law.

1. Midwest No. 317 requested a decision regarding an unaffiliated brother who was restored to membership by action of this Grand Lodge

June 3, 1969. He had been expelled from Blue Hill No. 129 in May of 1961 for violation of Section 3-102 (d), after which he had petitioned for restoration but no action was taken on the petition. Thereafter Blue Hill No. 129 consolidated with Midwest No. 317 and he then petitioned Midwest No. 317. The petition was read in lodge, referred to an investigating committee, which disapproved it because they found in 1967 that the petitioner had pleaded guilty to a criminal violation of procuring liquor for minors. The petitioner then appealed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Grievances and in the 1969 Communication, upon the recommendation of the Committee, the Grand Lodge approved restoration as an unaffiliated Mason.

I was asked if I would overrule the action of the Grand Lodge, and this I refused to do, and the question was posed as to whether the unaffiliated brother must petition a lodge having jurisdiction at his residence or may he petition any lodge in our Grand jurisdiction for affiliation?

I RULED that the unaffiliated brother could petition any lodge of his choice, under Sections 2-1304 and 1305.

2. Oasis No. 271 at Morrill posed a problem resulting from the consolidation with Pioneer No. 322 at Lyman in June, 1969, because 58 of the 69 members of Pioneer No. 322 had paid their dues of \$10 each to Pioneer No. 322 before it was consolidated with Oasis No. 271, which had a dues basis of \$8, and what action should the Secretary take because the different dues had been paid?

I RULED, under Section 2-601, that since the 58 brothers had paid the dues in effect in Pioneer No. 322 at the time they paid them, this was valid and that the Secretary of Oasis No. 271 should collect the dues from the transferred brothers who were now members of 271 on the basis of their by-laws, and that no refund was necessary to the former members of Pioneer No. 322, and that if the lodge wished to remit the difference it could do so under Section 2-603.

3. Mt. Zion No. 161, at Shelby, requested a ruling in a situation whether a petitioner who had lived at Shelby could be accepted, as the man was married, attending the University, and working part time in Lincoln and residing in student housing.

I RULED that, under Section 2-803, the petitioner had not established a permanent residence while a student and his petition could be accepted by Mt. Zion No. 161.

4. Lancaster No. 54 requested a ruling about the status of a brother who received his EA degree in October, 1964 and thereafter moved to Connecticut without receiving further degrees. Lancaster No. 54 received an inquiry from a Connecticut lodge asking if Lancaster No. 54 had jurisdiction over the brother as of July, 1969.

I RULED, under Section 2-1205, that the brother remains under the

jurisdiction of Lancaster No. 54 until he has received all degrees, because only a Master Mason can demit, and Lancaster No. 54 could not give a waiver to the Connecticut lodge. I also suggested that the brother could proceed to take the degrees in Connecticut as a courtesy to Lancaster No. 54, under Section 2-914, if done within a five-year period.

5. North Star No. 227, Lincoln, requested a ruling about fees from a candidate who was elected and because of illness was unable to receive the EA degree, and his recovery was in doubt.

I RULED, under Section 2-606, the lodge could in good conscience refund the fees to the candidate who had not, of his own volition, declined to receive the degree, and, in view of the serious illness suffered, the fees should be refunded without the candidate being required to request it.

6. I received a request for a ruling from a brother of Lyons No. 240 who had the opportunity to work part time in a steak house that had a bar, and he wondered if this would cause him to lose his Masonic membership.

I RULED, under Section 3-102 (d), that it is not a Masonic offense for an employee to work part time in a steak house which had a bar that was incidental to that business, and working at the steak house would not be the principal occupation or work of the employee.

7. Centennial No. 326, Omaha, requested a ruling about procedure to amend its by-laws when a resolution was presented to amend (as to dues), and then efforts were made by others through motions to change the resolution.

I RULED, under Section 2-512, a written proposal was required to be presented at a regular meeting and laid over to a regular meeting before adoption and be submitted for approval by the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge, and that any question of parliamentary procedure in adopting or amending a resolution would be within the discretion of the Worshipful Master in conducting his lodge, and that on further inquiry, as to remission of dues to a group, under Section 2-603, remission of dues should be on an individual basis.

8. DeWitt No. 111 requested a ruling about allowing non-related organizations to use the Masonic Hall for meetings.

I RULED, under Section 2-501 that the hall could be used by others so long as proper use was made of it under the restrictions set out and if the meetings were of a type that would not be considered unmasonic use of the hall.

9. Midwest No. 317, requested a ruling as to whether the Grand Master would grant a waiver of the time a petition must lay over.

I RULED, under Section 2-905, that the petition must lay over twenty-eight days, and I had no authority to waive that requirement.

10. Star No. 88, requested a ruling when a brother had paid his dues in advance and the lodge later raised its dues and the brother refuses to pay the difference.

I RULED, that under Section 2-601 by-laws set the amount of the dues which are payable annually, and that if a secretary accepts dues in advance he should do so with the understanding that if the amount is changed by the lodge there must be an adjustment accordingly with the brother. I recommended that the secretary apply the advance payments on dues as far as they would go to complete a year and then notify the brother that he would be subject to suspension for non-payment of dues if he did not make up the difference.

11. Beaver City No. 93 asked for a ruling about a proposal to erect signs to be posted at the entrances to the town with the lodge name and designation on them, and whether or not the Square and Compass insignia could be used.

I RULED, under Sections 2-503 and 508, that I found no prohibitions against such signs and that they could be used.

12. Lancaster No. 54 requested a ruling about a man who had spent four years in the Navy and had resided in Lincoln for six months and inquired if they could waive the one-year residence requirement in order to take his petition.

I RULED that, under Section 2-803, the one-year residence requirement could not be waived and that the petitioner must have resided for twelve months in Lincoln before his petition could be accepted.

13. Minnekadusa No. 192 of Valentine requested a ruling as to whether or not a brother can demit or withdraw from membership when he goes into the liquor business and at some future time petition again, or can he affiliate with a South Dakota lodge since they allow their members to deal in liquor.

I RULED that our Code does not provide for such a demit or withdrawal and that the brother would be subject to charges when he entered into the liquor business. I also stated that any affiliation to a South Dakota lodge would be subject to their rules, and even though he did affiliate that as a resident of Nebraska he would be subject to the Masonic Code of Nebraska.

14. Fremont No. 15 asked for a ruling about having a pancake feed for members and the public in the temple to raise funds for Masonic purposes.

I RULED that I could find nothing in our Code prohibiting such activity for Masonic purposes, as we do invite the public to open meetings and other occasions in our temples.

15. Lebanon No. 323 at Columbus requested a ruling about a brother who was elected in February, 1967 and moved away before initiation

and now has returned, in March of 1970. Could the lodge proceed without waiting to act on the petition?

I RULED that the action of the lodge in February of 1967 had lapsed, under Section 2-913, since it was over one year since his election, and that a new petition must follow the course of an original petition, but that the candidate should not be required to pay a fee again, and that under Section 2-803 the petitioner must reside for twelve months in the jurisdiction of the lodge before his petition could be accepted and that I could not waive the requirement.

16. Acacia No. 34 at Schuyler asked if any business could be taken up at a special meeting under a notice reciting the purpose of it as, "regulations of the Masonic Temple."

I RULED, under Section 2-503, that no business may be taken up at a special meeting other than that provided for therein.

17. York Lodge No. 56 requested a ruling if the lodge could support or endorse a resolution passed by the City Council protesting inhumane treatment of prisoners in Viet Nam.

I RULED that under Section 2-508 it would not be proper Masonic activity to patriotically support or endorse any actions by a governmental body, as such activity is better left to the decision of the individual brother.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. At the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington in February, a Resolution was adopted creating a national committee to coordinate the efforts and direct programs toward the bi-centennial celebration of our independence in 1976, and it was recommended that each Grand Jurisdiction create a committee to work with the Grand Masters' Conference Committee in developing such plans.

I RECOMMEND--that the Grand Lodge authorize the creation of such a committee in order that we may participate in and encourage proper Masonic patriotic observances in Nebraska in 1976.

2. Our supply of bound volumes of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge having been exhausted, and it being thirteen years since the last edition was issued, in 1957, and it appearing there is a need to have our Code brought up to date.

I RECOMMEND--that the Grand Lodge authorize the issuance of a new bound volume of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge codified to date, including 1970 decisions and annotations, and that the incoming Grand Master be authorized to expedite such publication through the Codification of Law Committee and the Grand Secretary's office, in consultation with the Jurisprudence Committee.

3. As a result of my conversations with brethren throughout the

state, it is apparent that we have a need for more wide-spread interest and information about the activities of the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont, and I believe we have the need for committees in each of the subordinate lodges to promote such activity.

I RECOMMEND--that the Grand Lodge direct the Worshipful Master to appoint a committee in each subordinate lodge for the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home at Fremont, which shall have the responsibility of publicizing and promoting greater understanding and participation toward their activities resulting in greater Masonic charity in support of these institutions.

4. The Grand Lodge Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans has indicated to me that the title is not truly descriptive of the activities of the Committee and does not actually reflect the purpose thereof in meeting relief matters submitted to it from the subordinate lodges, and that a shorter and more descriptive title would be appropriate.

I RECOMMEND--that the name of the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans be changed to ....Committee on Masonic Relief.

5. I feel that our public schools are one of the most important assets of our Democratic Republic, and we need to be more involved in safeguarding the rights and promoting the welfare of our public schools in order to give the Brethren an opportunity to take part in such a worthwhile activity, and consider the possibility of awarding scholarships to worthy children of our Brethren.

I RECOMMEND--That the Grand Lodge consider the appointment of a Grand Lodge Public School Committee and one in each of the subordinate lodges through which the activities of the Brethren regarding public schools could be fostered and encouraged, and the advisability of a scholarship program to children of worthy Brethren could be considered.

6. Many of our lodges in this jurisdiction are rapidly approaching their Centennial and it would seem that they should be encouraged to develop a program in advance for a suitable celebration and public meetings at which the history and meaning of Masonry can be disseminated to the public, and that the Grand Lodge should offer its services and support for such activity.

I RECOMMEND--that the Grand Lodge encourage by resolution each lodge to plan an appropriate celebration of their centennial and that the Grand Lodge Office be authorized to assist and cooperate with its facilities to develop celebrations and public meetings to disseminate information about Masonry, and that the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a committee to develop such plans and serve in an advisory capacity to the subordinate lodges.

7. As a part of the Grand Lodge program this past year we have encouraged subordinate lodges to develop better communication with the Brethren, particularly with the older and non-resident members, with the hope that it would encourage a better feeling of fellowship and result in a reduction in the suspensions for non-payment of dues. We have asked each lodge to issue an informational bulletin to their members to carry out such a program on a continuing basis. Since the Masonic Home is now issuing a news bulletin at least twice a year with statewide coverage, it would seem that this activity could be co-ordinated with a Grand Lodge program to develop a bulletin to be issued quarterly incorporating both the activities of the Home, the Seal program and of the Grand Lodge to develop better communication.

I RECOMMEND---that the Grand Lodge authorize the issuance of a Nebraska Masonic Bulletin to be developed as a joint project with the Masonic Home Trustees for a quarterly bulletin to be sent to all members with a co-ordination of the activities of the Masonic Home and the Grand Lodge, and that a Grand Lodge Committee of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) be authorized to be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to carry out such a plan with the terms of the members of the Committee to be for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years to begin and then a new member to be appointed each succeeding year by a Grand Master to maintain a continuity of the Committee.

8. I feel that we should make every effort to encourage better attendance and representation of our subordinate lodges at the Grand Lodge Communications, and it would appear that with the changes in our society so that Saturday is no longer considered a working day for many people, we could use this time to advantage of developing better attendance. I have seen the results of a week end Grand Lodge over Friday and Saturday to result in better attendance in other Grand Jurisdictions.

I RECOMMEND---that Section 1-101 be amended to provide that the Grand Lodge Communication be held beginning on the 2nd Friday in June.

9. At the Grand Masters' Conference it was generally agreed that the Grand Jurisdictions be encouraged to make contributions toward the expense of landscaping the grounds for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that many of the Grand Masters were going to recommend to their Grand Lodges a contribution of one cent (\$.01) per member toward this project, and it would seem to be worthy of our consideration.

I RECOMMEND---that there be a discussion of the proposal and that the Grand Lodge consider paying of 1¢ per member toward the cost of landscaping the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Arlington, Va.

## HURRICANE "CAMILLE"

You will recall that last summer Hurricane Camille devastated a great area of the Gulf Coast of Louisiana and Mississippi. We were informed of the organization, through the Masonic Service Association, to handle the contributions toward assistance of the brethren affected, and pursuant to my request a \$500 contribution was made from our Relief Fund. I had some doubts as to the amount that I should request be sent, but wanted the figure to indicate that we were desirous of participating in the fund drive but did not think that I should ask for such amount that would strain our finances unduly. You can imagine my amazement when it was reported at the Grand Masters' Conference, in February, that the State of South Carolina had contributed \$50,000. toward this fund, representing nearly a \$1.00 for each member in the state. In that case the Grand Master made a personal request to each of the lodges that they make contributions, the extent of which turned out on such a tremendous scale.

I cite this example to show you what can be done under the proper plea when our brethren know that others are in need, and that we may be too hesitant sometimes in not being more spontaneous in acts of charity to others.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana refused any outside assistance and all of the funds were channeled into the State of Mississippi.

The Grand Master gave a stirring account of the destruction and the help that had been given to the brethren through contributions of over \$200,000. from other Grand Jurisdictions. They were most appreciative of the acts of kindness by others.

## STATE OF THE CRAFT

All of us are concerned over the losses in membership. I regretfully report to you that our net membership decreased by 947 as of December 31, 1969. The report by the Grand Secretary will show that our raisings, affiliations, reinstatements and other gains of 919 did not equal our deaths of 1,075.

Our membership is aging along with our lodges, and the only alternative to greater losses will be a concerted effort by all of us to participate in lodge activities, develop knowledge and faith in Masonic ideals so that we may communicate this spirit to others in such a way that they will want to join our Craft. I am informed we have many brothers who have not completed their degree work--here is a fertile field to which we should expend much labor, here is a place where our efforts through Masonic Education can be reflected in actual gains by a showing of greater activity and interest on the part of these brethren.

We have seen consolidations by three small lodges into larger lodges

this year, and I believe we will see more. I would hope that the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee will use its talents and energy to encourage mergers wherever they are appropriate. It is natural that the small lodges have pride, but most of them realize when they are not getting new members and are having trouble to obtain a quorum for meetings and a suitable corps for presenting the ritualistic work, they are fighting a losing battle. Usually, in these situations, we find old and poorly maintained temples that do not offer inducement to young men looking for a fraternal association of which they can be proud.

In my visitations this year I have stressed the need for greater Masonic education so that the teachers can be inspired and informed to the point that they have self-confidence and a spirit in what they are doing and, in turn, impart that feeling to the brethren. It has been said that the only thing more expensive than education is ignorance, and I feel this is very apt in our present situation--we must make greater efforts in this field.

I have talked about our Masonic Home at every opportunity, urging all who have not done so to visit it and become informed of the great service that we are performing for our guests. I wanted to instill in all a pride in our Home and the need for support if we are going to continue the quality of care that has been given in the past.

I have mentioned DeMolay in this address before and I want to again accentuate my belief that our support and participation in its work can very well gauge a great measure of the success that we will enjoy in the future. What better opportunity can we have to bring young men into our lodges for them to see our temples, the quality of our brothers, and learn something of the idealism and philosophy of Masonry. Their desire to petition when they reach the proper age we would hope would be a natural result if we but work at the job of selling our beliefs and the value of our Craft to them. Let us approach our problems with the ideas that new experiences are opportunities to test our abilities. The challenge is here, let us rise to the occasion to meet it to develop lodges of which we can all be proud.

It has been said that it takes two men and God to make a brother. This is a great truth that we should all try to understand. Brotherhood is a mutual responsibility to live according to moral and spiritual standards that we profess to believe in. We place our trust and faith in God, and when we practice this there follows the responsibility to treat our brother-to-brother union as a sacred trust. Certainly it is a consideration that cannot be attained without constant effort and application on the part of each of us.

Our future, then, depends on the ability of our leadership, under proper education and training, to develop responsive actions that will bring about a realization of our program. John Ruskin said, "The highest reward of our toil is not what we get for it but what we become by

it." The satisfaction of the rewards to each of us will be the growth and development of our lodges.

#### APPRECIATION

To the officers and members of Cambridge Lodge No. 150, my sincere thanks for the support you have given to me through the years, and especially for your attendance and presentation of the commemorative gavel at my installation, as well as for the fine reception in my home lodge. A subordinate lodge is the grass roots of Free Masonry, it is there we make Masonic Brotherhood become a reality, and I am happy to say that it is the result of the friendships developed in my home lodge that caused me to have a greater interest in Masonry and the desire to learn more about it.

To the Grand Lodge Officers, I can only say thanks to each of you for your fine spirit of cooperation and participation this year. We have had fine attendance at the Grand Lodge functions, and I know that the advancing officers will serve you well.

I have referred to us as a Grand Lodge Family on many occasions because of the congenial relationship that prevailed among us, and the reflection on the friendships arising will be the source of warm feelings in future years.

To the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Grand Lodge Communication, the Officers and Brethren of the Lincoln Lodges, I say thanks to each of you for your efforts to make this a successful Communication.

To the Past Grand Masters, who have been kind and considerate in your understanding and suggestions which have helped me in many situations, it was my pleasure to greet and introduce you throughout the state, and I assure you that your presence was appreciated.

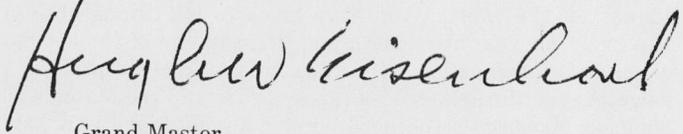
To M. W. Harry A. Spencer, who appointed me in the line six years ago and made it possible for me to serve as your Grand Master, it has been a real opportunity and honor to serve the Craft, and I hope my efforts will deserve your approbation.

To M. W. Brother Norris W. Lallman, the Grand Secretary, and W. Brother Ralph W. Gerry, the Grand Custodian, my thanks for your cooperative assistance in all matters that arose during the year. I could not have had finer cooperation, and I want you to know how much I appreciate your willingness to assist in any way possible in carrying out the duties in my office.

Finally, my Brethren, to all of you who have extended your hand of friendship in my travels throughout the state, I thank you for your hospitality and fellowship. Serving as your Grand Master has been a most rewarding experience, and I owe a debt of gratitude to all of you that can never be repaid. And most important of all, I express my thanks

to the Great Architect of the Universe for endowing me with the energy and appititude to have walked among you these many years as a brother, because that has been the greatest gift of all.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry Lewis Eisenhead". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Grand Master".

Grand Master

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary presents his report as follows:

Complete returns have been received from 262 Lodges and all dues and fees for the year 1969 have been paid in full.

## CONSOLIDATIONS

Hope No. 29, Nemaha voted to consolidate with Nemaha Valley No. 4, Brownville. Nemaha Valley No. 4, Brownville voted to accept Hope No. 29 in consolidation. This consolidation was approved by the Grand Master. The charter of Hope No. 29 is in the Grand Lodge Office. The date of the consolidation was September 9, 1969.

Elmcreek No. 133, Elmcreek, voted to consolidate with James A. Tulleys No. 267, Overton. James A. Tulleys No. 267, Overton voted to accept Elmcreek No. 133 in consolidation. The consolidation was approved by the Grand Master. The charter of Elmcreek No. 133 has been returned to the Grand Lodge office. The date of the consolidation was March 17, 1970.

Naphthali No. 206, Diller, voted to consolidate with Fairbury No. 35, Fairbury. Fairbury No. 35 voted to accept Naphthali No. 206, Diller. This consolidation was approved by the Grand Master. The Charter of Naphthali No. 206 has been returned to the Grand Lodge office. The date of consolidation was March 24, 1970.

## GRIEVANCES

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

## FIFTY YEAR BUTTONS

There were 447 Buttons presented this year. In most cases special meetings were held for the presentation ceremony.

## JORDAN MEDALS

We are happy to report that the Lodges are making a special effort for the presentation of the Bronze Jordan Medal to the senior member of their Lodge residing in Nebraska.

## GOLD JORDAN MEDAL

Brother William A. Ward is the wearer of the Gold Jordan Medal. This medal was presented to Brother Ward December 8, 1968, at The Nebraska Masonic Home. Brother Ward has been a resident of the Home since October 25, 1963. Brother Ward has been a member of Springfield Lodge No. 112 for 75 years and is 96 years of age.

## SECRETARIES MEETINGS

Eleven Secretaries meetings were held this year in conjunction with the Area Meetings on Masonic Education. They were well attended and many interesting discussions were held.

## LOCAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Again may we express our thanks to the Brethren of the Omaha and Lincoln Relief Associations. They assist out-state Lodges in making hospital calls as well as assisting sojourning Masons.

## MEMORIAL LODGE OF OMAHA U. D. U.

Our thanks and appreciation go to Memorial Lodge U. D. U. They are called upon many times during the year to conduct a funeral of a sojourning Brother. W. Brother Wade E. Sheppard and the officers and Brethren of Memorial Lodge deserve much credit for their efforts.

## CHARTERED LODGES

Table Rock Lodge No. 108; Pythagoras Lodge No. 156; Signet Lodge No. 193 and Highland Lodge No. 194 have failed to be represented at the last two Annual Communications and have been cited to appear before the Committee on Charters and Dispensations at this Communication.

## GRAND LODGE OFFICES

I am happy to report that the fine fellowship that has existed between the Grand Lodge Officers and the Officers of our Constituent Lodges continues. A large percentage of the Officers of the Lodges throughout the state are willing and anxious to do their duty conscientiously and well.

We hope to make more progress in developing our library during the coming year. I urge our Brethren to make use of our facilities.

W. Brother Alfred E. Geschke, chairman of the Grand Lodge Office Committee is to be especially complimented. This Brother spends countless hours working for the betterment of our Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary is most fortunate to have the utmost cooperation from the entire office force.

## FRATERNAL REVIEW

M. W. William B. Wanner has prepared for distribution at this Annual Communication an outstanding review, which should be read by every Master Mason in Nebraska. This review provides much information that would benefit the Educational Committees in the Lodges throughout the state. We urge you to secure a copy, read and use it.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund Receipts

Cash, U. S. National Bank, April 30, 1969.....	\$121,358.46
Per Capita Tax @ \$4.00 per member.....	170,228.00
Initiations @ \$10.00 per member.....	6,110.00
Surety Bond Premiums.....	630.00
Liability Insurance Premiums.....	2,978.21
Supplies.....	2,316.19
George Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Assoc. ....	531.00
Custodial Fees.....	780.00
Interest & Dividends on Investments.....	45,882.97
Matured Investments-Long & Short Term.....	47,931.25
Cancellation of previously issued checks.....	30.50
Withholding Taxes.....	44.88
	<u>\$398,821.46</u>

Disbursements

George Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Assoc. ....	470.00
Liability Insurance Premium.....	3,480.00
Supply Account.....	3,100.88
Relief Account.....	3,591.96
The Nebraska Masonic Home-General Fund.....	85,374.00
The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.....	26,787.00
1969-1970 General Budget.....	96,024.20
Securities Purchased-Long & Short Term.....	163,010.00
Cash, U. S. National Bank, April 30, 1970.....	16,983.42
	<u>\$398,821.46</u>

Retirement Fund

Receipts

Cash, U. S. National Bank, April 30, 1969.....	\$ 700.55
Interest and Dividends on Investments.....	7,551.15
Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. & The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	<u>24,357.00</u>
	\$ 32,608.70

Disbursements

Securities Purchased.....	27,980.16
Payments to retired Employees.....	471.48
Cash, U. S. National Bank, April 30, 1970.....	<u>4,157.06</u>
	\$ 32,608.70

## RETURNS

Number of Chartered Lodges last year.....		262
Charters Consolidated.....		<u>3</u>
Number of Chartered Lodges.....		259
Number Initiated.....	609	
Number Passed.....	455	
Number Raised.....	529	
Number Affiliated.....	202	
Number Dual Members.....	15	
Number reinstated.....	149	
Number gained by other causes.....	<u>24</u>	
	Total gross increase	<u>919</u>
Number demitted.....	190	
Number deceased.....	1,075	
Number suspended.....	533	
Number expelled.....	1	
Number lost by other causes.....	<u>67</u>	
	Total gross loss.....	<u>1,866</u>
	Net loss for year ending December 31, 1969.....	<u>947</u>
Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1968		42,687
Number of Master Masons on Rolls Dec. 31, 1969		41,740

I wish to express my personal appreciation to those who have been so cooperative during the past year. We have many fine Secretaries throughout the state. I especially wish to thank the employees who work in the Grand Lodge office; they have cooperated with me 100%.

Fraternally submitted,

*Norris W. Lallman*

Grand Secretary

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. F. C.					MASTER MASONS											No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1969	No. of Lodge		
	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated		No. Passed		No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1968	GAIN					TOTAL	LOSS						TOTAL LOSS	
		No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1969		By Raising	By Affiliation	By Dual Membership	By Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion				Other Causes			
Nebraska.....	1	4	7	14	0	1016	17	0	0	4	0	1037	6	40	4	0	0	50	987	1
Western Star	2	2	5	5	2	268	6	3	0	3	0	280	0	12	0	0	4	16	264	2
Capitol.....	3	7	6	4	2	667	6	0	0	5	0	678	2	25	18	0	0	45	633	3
Nemaha Valley	4	2	1	3	1	41	2	32	0	0	0	75	2	0	2	0	0	4	71	4
Omadi.....	5	3	4	1	0	102	1	0	0	0	0	103	0	1	1	0	0	2	101	5
Plattsmouth	6	4	4	5	2	332	4	0	0	1	0	337	1	6	3	1	0	11	326	6
Falls City...	9	2	3	2	1	221	2	0	0	0	0	223	0	4	3	0	0	7	216	9
Solomon.....	10	3	3	1	0	105	2	0	0	0	0	107	0	4	0	0	0	4	103	10
Covert.....	11	26	16	26	3	1588	26	0	0	1	0	1615	6	42	10	0	0	58	1557	11
Orient.....	13	0	3	0	0	48	0	1	0	1	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	13
Peru.....	14	1	1	1	0	97	1	0	0	0	0	98	0	1	0	0	0	1	97	14
Fremont.....	15	15	3	18	3	644	16	2	0	3	0	665	2	13	6	0	0	21	644	15
Tecumseh...	17	4	8	4	1	143	3	0	0	0	0	146	0	4	2	0	0	6	140	17
Lincoln.....	19	11	14	9	1	844	12	1	0	2	0	859	1	22	17	0	0	40	819	19
Washington	21	8	2	6	1	151	5	5	0	2	0	163	1	2	2	0	0	5	158	21
Pawnee.....	23	1	0	3	0	103	3	1	0	0	0	107	0	2	0	0	0	2	105	23
St. Johns....	25	12	9	10	0	873	9	0	0	0	0	882	1	30	2	0	0	33	849	25
Beatrice.....	26	9	7	8	2	358	9	3	0	1	0	371	0	8	5	0	0	13	358	26
Jordan.....	27	2	0	2	0	70	2	0	0	1	0	73	0	2	0	0	0	2	71	27
Hope .....	29	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	32	33	0	29
Blue River	30	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	83	1	2	0	0	0	3	80	30
Tekamah.....	31	5	0	7	1	186	8	0	0	0	0	194	0	4	0	0	0	4	190	31
Platte Valley	32	10	8	6	6	558	6	3	0	2	0	569	3	16	10	0	0	29	540	32
Ashlar .....	33	2	9	1	1	529	1	2	0	0	0	532	4	16	12	0	0	32	500	33
Acacia.....	34	1	3	1	4	164	0	0	0	1	0	165	0	3	0	0	0	3	162	34
Fairbury.....	35	1	1	2	3	206	1	0	0	1	0	208	1	8	1	0	0	10	198	35
Lone Tree	36	0	3	1	1	198	1	0	1	0	0	200	1	6	1	0	0	8	192	36
Crete.....	37	3	3	2	1	192	3	0	0	2	0	197	2	7	2	0	0	11	186	37
Oliver.....	38	0	0	0	0	156	0	0	0	1	0	157	0	4	6	0	0	10	147	38
Papillion....	39	12	4	11	5	278	13	3	0	0	0	294	0	4	2	0	0	6	288	39
Humboldt...	40	2	1	1	0	98	1	0	0	1	0	100	0	4	1	0	0	5	95	40
Northern Light	41	3	0	5	4	68	1	0	0	0	0	69	0	1	0	0	0	1	68	41
Hebron.....	43	0	0	0	0	112	1	1	0	0	0	114	1	7	0	0	0	8	106	43
Harvard.....	44	2	0	2	0	80	2	0	0	0	0	82	0	2	0	0	0	2	80	44
Rob Morris	46	2	6	5	3	358	6	1	0	1	0	366	1	10	7	0	0	18	348	46
Fairmont....	48	0	1	0	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	4	2	0	0	6	79	48
Evening Star	49	0	1	0	0	98	0	2	0	0	0	100	0	2	0	0	0	2	98	49
Hastings.....	50	2	13	6	7	493	5	0	1	3	0	502	2	12	4	0	2	20	482	50
Fidelity.....	51	2	5	0	2	135	2	0	0	0	3	140	0	3	2	0	0	5	135	51





NAME OF LODGE	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		MASTER MASONS											No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1969	No. of Lodge			
	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated	No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1969	No. Passed	No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1969	No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1968	GAIN					TOTAL	LOSS							
							By Raising	By Affiliation	By Dual Membership	By Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes	
																				TOTAL LOSS
Cambridge	150	0	0	1	1	98	1	3	0	0	1	103	0	2	2	0	0	4	99	150
Evergreen	153	0	4	1	0	63	1	0	0	0	0	64	0	1	1	1	4	6	58	153
Lily.....	154	2	0	2	0	60	3	0	0	0	0	63	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	154
Hartington	155	2	0	2	0	57	3	0	0	0	0	60	0	2	1	0	0	3	57	155
Pythagoras	156	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	1	0	0	0	1	29	156
Samaritan	158	5	2	5	0	235	6	1	0	2	0	244	1	11	0	0	0	12	232	158
Ogalalla	159	3	10	2	2	150	4	1	0	4	0	159	0	6	0	0	0	6	153	159
Zeredatha	160	1	3	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	1	40	1	2	0	0	0	3	37	160
Mt. Zion	161	2	1	1	1	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	2	0	0	0	2	50	161
Trestle Board	162	0	1	0	0	76	0	0	0	2	0	78	2	2	0	0	0	4	74	162
Unity.....	163	1	5	1	1	77	1	1	0	0	0	79	0	4	0	0	0	4	75	163
Atkinson	164	1	2	0	1	51	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	2	0	0	0	2	49	164
Barneston	165	1	0	2	1	47	2	0	0	0	0	49	0	5	0	0	0	5	44	165
Mystic Tie	166	0	0	1	0	43	1	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	1	2	42	166
Elwood	167	0	0	1	0	57	1	0	0	0	0	58	0	3	0	0	0	3	55	167
Curtis	168	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	0	0	0	79	0	1	0	0	0	1	78	168
Amity.....	169	1	2	0	1	92	0	0	0	0	0	92	1	2	2	0	0	5	87	169
Mason City	170	0	2	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	170
Merna.....	171	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	1	0	55	0	1	1	0	0	2	53	171
Robert Burns	173	1	2	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	1	76	0	3	0	0	0	3	73	173
Culbertson	174	3	5	1	3	65	1	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65	174
Temple.....	175	0	1	0	1	45	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	44	175
Gladstone	176	0	0	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	1	0	0	0	1	76	176
Hay Springs	177	3	2	0	2	115	0	0	0	0	0	115	0	3	0	0	0	3	112	177
Prudence	179	0	1	0	0	43	0	2	0	0	0	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	44	179
Justice...	180	2	2	1	1	136	1	0	0	0	0	137	0	1	2	0	0	3	134	180
Faith.....	181	0	0	0	0	96	0	1	0	1	0	98	1	3	3	0	0	7	91	181
Alliance	183	8	7	3	0	339	5	2	0	4	0	350	4	8	5	0	0	17	333	183
Bee Hive	184	13	1	12	1	1015	13	5	1	2	0	1036	8	18	30	0	0	56	980	184
Boaz.....	185	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	58	1	1	3	0	0	5	53	185
Meridian	188	0	1	0	0	145	0	0	0	0	0	145	0	3	1	0	0	4	141	188
Granite	189	1	1	0	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	69	0	0	1	0	0	1	68	189
Amethyst	190	0	1	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	190
Crystal....	191	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	79	1	2	1	0	0	4	75	191
Minnekadusa	192	4	8	6	3	171	3	2	0	0	0	176	2	1	4	0	0	7	169	192
Signet....	193	0	1	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	3	0	0	0	3	50	193
Highland	194	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	1	0	0	0	1	39	194
Arcana...	195	9	4	5	1	137	4	3	1	1	0	146	1	3	6	0	0	10	136	195
Purity....	198	2	4	0	1	137	0	0	1	0	0	138	0	6	1	0	0	7	131	198
Gavel.....	199	1	2	1	1	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	1	0	0	1	37	199

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		MASTER MASONS													No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1969	No. of Lodge
		1969		1969		GAIN					LOSS									
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls	No. Passed	No. on Rolls	By Raising	By Affiliation	By Dual Membership	By Reinstatement	Other Causes	TOTAL	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	TOTAL LOSS			
		Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,			
Blazing Star	200	0	0	0	1	81	0	0	0	0	81	2	1	0	0	0	3	78	200	
Scottsbluff	201	1	2	2	2	184	2	0	0	0	186	0	2	1	0	0	3	183	201	
Golden Sheaf	202	0	1	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	66	0	2	0	0	0	2	64	202	
Roman Eagle	203	0	4	0	3	70	0	0	0	0	70	0	2	2	0	0	4	66	203	
Plainview..	204	2	5	0	1	108	1	3	0	0	112	0	1	0	0	0	1	111	204	
Golden Fleece	205	5	2	3	1	160	3	0	0	0	163	0	3	0	0	0	3	160	205	
Napthali	206	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	49	1	2	0	0	0	3	46	206	
Parian....	207	2	1	1	0	49	1	0	0	0	51	0	4	0	0	0	4	47	207	
Canopy..	209	1	1	1	1	98	2	1	0	0	101	0	3	0	0	1	4	97	209	
East Lincoln	210	16	8	15	4	1183	12	1	0	3	1199	5	19	29	0	53	1146	210		
Cement	211	1	2	1	0	76	1	0	1	0	78	1	0	0	0	0	1	77	211	
Plumblin	214	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	1	33	1	1	0	0	0	2	31	214	
Occidental	215	1	3	0	0	65	0	0	1	0	66	1	1	0	0	0	2	64	215	
Palisade	216	0	0	0	0	105	1	0	0	0	106	1	4	0	0	0	5	101	216	
Wauwata	217	1	1	1	1	55	0	0	0	0	56	0	1	0	0	0	1	55	217	
Bloomfield	218	1	2	1	4	77	0	0	0	0	77	0	1	0	0	0	1	76	218	
Relief....	219	0	3	0	2	50	0	0	0	0	50	0	1	0	0	0	1	49	219	
Magnolia	220	0	4	0	1	49	0	0	0	0	49	0	3	0	0	0	3	46	220	
Wood Lake	221	4	2	3	1	78	2	0	0	0	80	1	4	0	0	0	5	75	221	
Landmark	222	1	1	1	0	93	1	0	0	1	95	0	1	0	0	0	1	94	222	
Eminence	223	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	4	0	0	4	57	223	
Silver Cord	224	0	4	1	2	135	2	0	0	0	137	1	2	5	0	0	8	129	224	
Cable.....	225	0	3	0	1	81	0	0	0	2	83	0	3	0	0	0	3	80	225	
Grace.....	226	0	2	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	57	1	2	0	0	0	3	54	226	
North Star	227	5	9	5	1	470	5	3	1	5	484	3	8	8	0	0	19	465	227	
Bartley	228	0	1	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	54	0	3	0	0	0	3	51	228	
Comet	229	3	6	2	2	120	2	0	0	0	122	0	2	1	0	0	3	119	229	
Mt. Herman	231	0	0	0	0	31	0	1	0	0	32	0	2	0	0	0	2	30	231	
John S. Bowan	232	1	3	0	0	72	3	0	0	0	75	0	1	1	0	0	2	73	232	
Gilead	233	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	1	0	0	1	44	233	
Zion	234	1	0	1	0	99	1	1	0	0	101	0	3	0	0	0	3	98	234	
Fraternity	235	0	1	0	1	62	0	0	0	0	62	0	1	0	0	0	1	61	235	
Golden Rule	236	0	3	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	58	1	2	0	0	0	3	55	236	
Cubit.....	237	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	1	0	0	2	37	237	
Friendship	239	3	3	1	0	61	1	0	0	4	66	0	1	0	0	0	1	65	239	
Pilot.....	240	3	5	1	0	113	1	0	0	0	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	240	
Geo. Armstrong	241	0	1	0	1	72	0	0	0	0	72	1	2	0	0	0	3	69	241	
Tyrian.....	243	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	24	0	1	0	0	0	1	23	243	
Hampton	245	1	1	1	3	45	3	0	0	0	48	0	1	0	0	0	1	47	245	
Nehawka	246	2	2	2	1	108	2	0	0	0	110	1	2	1	0	1	5	105	246	
Laurel	248	0	2	0	1	84	0	1	0	0	85	0	4	0	0	0	4	81	248	
Gothenburg	249	0	3	0	1	154	0	2	0	1	157	2	3	2	0	0	7	150	249	

NAME OF LODGE	MASTER MASONS														No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1969	No. of Lodge				
	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1968	GAIN					TOTAL	LOSS								
	No. of Lodge	No. Initiated	No. on Rolls Dec. 31, 1969	No. Passed		By Raising	By Affiliation	By Dual Membership	By Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes		
																			TOTAL LOSS	
Geo. Washington	250	4	9	2	0	330	2	2	0	0	0	334	3	5	4	0	0	12	322	250
Wausa....	251	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	2	0	0	0	2	44	251
Beemer...	253	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	2	0	0	0	3	38	253
Bassett	254	0	0	0	1	71	0	2	0	0	0	73	0	0	1	0	0	1	72	254
Hickman	256	12	9	6	4	60	2	2	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	256
Anselmo	258	0	2	0	0	86	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	1	0	0	0	1	85	258
Ornan....	261	0	2	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	1	64	0	3	0	0	0	3	61	261
Endeavor	262	1	0	0	1	84	1	0	0	2	0	87	0	1	3	0	1	5	82	262
Mitchell	263	1	2	2	1	150	2	3	0	0	0	155	1	4	1	0	0	6	149	263
Franklin	264	0	1	0	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	94	0	3	1	0	0	4	90	264
Robert W. Furnas	265	3	6	2	2	421	5	1	0	1	0	428	0	13	7	0	0	20	408	265
Silver.....	266	2	5	0	1	58	0	0	0	1	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	1	58	266
James A. Tulleys	267	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	4	0	0	0	4	48	267
Geo. W. Lininger	268	5	0	0	0	242	6	0	0	0	0	248	0	9	2	0	2	13	235	268
Oasis.....	271	1	5	1	1	195	1	2	0	1	0	199	1	5	0	0	0	6	193	271
Lee P. Gillette	272	0	1	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	272
Crofton.....	273	0	1	0	0	40	0	1	0	1	2	44	0	3	9	0	0	12	32	273
Olive Branch	274	3	3	1	1	53	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	4	3	0	0	7	46	274
Ramah....	275	0	2	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	1	43	275
Antelope	276	1	6	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	1	1	0	0	2	58	276
Sioux.....	277	1	3	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	1	0	0	0	1	38	277
Litchfield	278	0	4	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	1	0	0	0	1	34	278
Wallace...	279	1	3	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	279
Swastika..	280	4	4	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	80	3	0	0	0	0	3	77	280
Florence..	281	7	2	8	11	866	11	1	0	8	0	886	5	18	13	0	0	36	850	281
Mullen.....	282	0	2	3	0	56	3	0	0	0	0	59	0	1	0	0	0	1	58	282
Seneca....	284	1	3	0	2	64	1	0	0	2	0	67	1	1	2	0	3	7	60	284
Camp Clarke	285	0	0	1	1	144	1	0	0	0	0	145	1	2	0	0	0	3	142	285
Oshkosh.....	286	0	2	1	0	96	1	0	1	1	0	99	0	2	0	0	0	2	97	286
Union.....	287	0	1	0	0	57	0	0	0	0	0	57	0	1	0	0	0	1	56	287
Omaha.....	288	1	2	2	0	477	0	3	0	4	0	484	0	14	15	0	4	33	451	288
Lotus.....	289	4	3	3	3	158	1	0	0	0	1	160	2	6	0	0	0	8	152	289
John J. Mercer	290	27	14	28	7	1574	26	5	0	2	0	1607	6	27	11	0	1	45	1562	290
Diamond....	291	2	3	2	2	65	2	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	291
Wolbach....	292	0	1	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	2	0	0	0	2	36	292
Monument	293	1	2	0	2	64	0	0	0	1	0	65	0	5	0	0	0	5	60	293
Kimball....	294	4	7	1	1	182	1	1	0	6	0	190	3	1	0	0	0	4	186	294
Minatare	295	0	0	1	0	84	0	0	0	1	0	85	1	1	0	0	0	2	83	295
Cotner.....	297	10	5	8	3	283	9	1	0	2	0	295	1	4	4	0	0	9	286	297
Chester....	298	2	2	2	1	49	2	0	0	0	0	51	0	1	0	0	0	1	50	298
Sutherland	299	0	1	1	0	84	1	0	0	1	0	86	0	3	2	0	0	5	81	299

NAME OF LODGE	E. A. A.		F. C. C.		MASTER MASONS														No. of Rolls Dec. 31, 1969	No. of Lodge
	No. of Lodge	1969		1969		GAIN					TOTAL	LOSS								
		No. Initiated	No. on Rolls	No. Passed	No. on Rolls	By Raising	By Affiliation	By Dual Membership	By Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes				
		Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	1968	1968	1968	1968	1968		1968	1968	1968	1968	1968				
Liberty	300	6	2	6	0	443	7	0	0	5	0	455	1	2	7	0	0	16	439	300
Bayard.....	301	2	5	0	0	82	0	1	0	0	0	83	0	6	1	0	0	7	76	301
Mizpah.....	302	7	10	5	2	1104	5	3	0	4	0	1116	5	22	19	0	0	46	1070	302
Right Angle	303	2	3	2	0	521	3	1	0	0	10	535	2	12	27	0	0	47	488	303
Newman Grove	305	1	1	0	1	60	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	2	0	0	0	2	58	305
Golden Rod	306	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	5	0	0	0	5	80	306
Perkins.....	308	3	0	3	2	92	2	0	0	4	0	98	0	2	5	0	0	7	91	308
Winnebago	309	4	0	1	0	52	1	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	1	0	0	1	52	309
Victory....	310	3	4	2	0	204	3	2	0	0	0	209	0	6	2	0	0	8	201	310
Polk.....	311	1	1	1	0	67	1	1	0	0	0	69	0	1	0	0	0	1	68	311
Oak Leaf	312	1	0	1	1	46	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	312
Potter.....	313	0	3	1	1	96	1	0	0	0	0	97	0	3	0	0	0	3	94	313
Craftsmen..	314	3	1	5	0	581	5	1	0	0	0	587	0	7	9	0	0	16	571	314
Alpha.....	316	1	5	1	1	183	2	3	0	7	0	195	0	5	13	0	0	18	177	316
Mid West	317	12	22	6	2	646	8	6	0	0	0	660	1	15	5	1	22	638	317	
Grand Island	318	6	7	3	3	346	3	4	0	0	0	353	2	7	6	0	0	15	338	318
Bladen.....	319	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	3	0	39	0	1	3	0	0	4	35	319
College View	320	1	0	1	0	159	2	1	0	4	0	166	4	4	5	0	0	13	153	320
Harmony	321	0	0	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	55	2	1	3	0	0	6	49	321
Lebanon	323	4	15	3	3	224	3	1	0	0	0	228	2	8	6	0	0	16	212	323
Cairo.....	324	1	4	3	3	68	0	0	0	0	0	68	2	0	0	0	0	2	66	324
Bellevue...	325	15	8	12	2	431	15	3	1	1	0	451	5	4	9	0	1	19	432	325
Centennial	326	15	19	14	7	469	11	1	1	3	0	485	4	2	9	0	2	17	468	326
Shiloh.....	327	6	2	4	0	79	5	0	1	0	0	85	2	1	1	0	0	4	81	327
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>609</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>42,687</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>43,606</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1075</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1866</b>	<b>41,740</b>	

### VETERAN SECRETARIES

Who have served 25 years or more.

Roy T. Stiehl . . . . .	Hay Springs No. 177 . . . . .	35 years
William E. Edwards . . . . .	Alliance No. 183 . . . . .	32 years
Harve I. Lang . . . . .	Litchfield No. 278 . . . . .	32 years
Charles F. Eberline . . . . .	East Lincoln No. 210 . . . . .	31 years
Floyd Christy . . . . .	Trestle Board No. 162 . . . . .	30 years
Warren C. Hall . . . . .	Nelson No. 77 . . . . .	30 years
John V. Maddox . . . . .	Crystal No. 191 . . . . .	29 years
Donald D. Hill, Sr. . . . .	Scribner No. 132 . . . . .	28 years
August W. Teter . . . . .	Bartley No. 228 . . . . .	28 years
F. Otto Nelson . . . . .	Signet No. 193 . . . . .	27 years
Wayne Warden Loftis . . . . .	Landmark No. 222 . . . . .	27 years
Bernard Besse Harris . . . . .	Robert W. Furnas No. 265 . . . . .	27 years
Donald S. Hinman . . . . .	Antelope No. 276 . . . . .	27 years
Clyde H. Jones . . . . .	Robert Burns No. 173 . . . . .	26 years
Albert B. Osborn . . . . .	Grand Island No. 318 . . . . .	26 years

## REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA.

The Annual Report of the Grand Custodian is hereby fraternally submitted:

Upon completion of the second year as your Grand Custodian; I am happy to report a definite increase of interest, in the ritual of this Grand Jurisdiction throughout the entire state.

Although it is true we have lost some Certified men and a few Certified lodges, we shall not sacrifice quality for quantity.

## CENTRAL SCHOOLS

The Central Schools, this past year, have carried the established ritual to nearly every lodge throughout this Grand Jurisdiction; resulting in forty meetings. In most cases Central Schools were well attended; however I feel we must reduce the number of lodges assigned to each school and increase the number of schools; thereby relieving the brethren of long distances to travel.

I am pleased to report several Central Schools had 100% attendance of lodges assigned they are Humboldt, Nebraska City and O'Neill. My personal thanks to these fine brethren, for their genuine interest.

Not only were the Central Schools well attended; but many of the brethren came prepared with questions about the ritual. We sincerely hope all received satisfactory answers.

The Standard floor work as adopted by this Grand Lodge in 1967, is being accepted very well; however we still have some points in the 2nd Section of the Master Masons degree on which we need some improvement. On these particular points we shall concentrate in the future.

## LODGE CERTIFICATION

About 60% of the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction have certified this past year. Certifying for the first time, Stromsburg No. 126, Congratulations! We need more of our lodges certified, and this can only be done by encouragement from our devoted Assistant Grand Custodians and the officers of the lodge, who feel the great need of perpetuating a high standard of ritual in the lodge.

Masonry begins with our ritual and a man cannot hope to live up to what he does not understand. A clear understanding of our ritual is the foundation upon which to build a good mason. This ritual begins in the subordinate lodge; therefore it behooves all, who bear the proud title of a Master Mason, to lend his time and talents to perpetuate our ritual in that lodge.

## INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATION

Certifying for the first time, we welcome these fine brethren to this select group. O. Dean VanZandt, 300; John V. Maddox, 191; Joseph P. Damm, 300; Richard H. Swanson, 132; William O. Warren, 3; Walter E. Kinne, 75; Floyd R. McKenzie, 15; Forrest C. McGrew, 15; Eugene C. Sibley, 54; Robert W. Gettman, 19; Harold E. Knaus, 310; Delbert D. Lowell, 229; Ralph Olson, 229; Gerald R. Brodd, 229 and Zeno W. Jones, 229.

All certified brethren have the duty to bring the esoteric work of our ritual to the Officers and brethren of their respective lodges. In the past this duty has not always been performed. I would ask that all certified brethren take up their loads and carry on. Let us all do our fair share.

## CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Following are the certified brethren who have successfully passed examination for 20 successive years: Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314; Merlin R. Finley, 310; Alton S. Mote, 183; James A. Wetmore, 9; Theodore R. Haney, 59; Frank L. McKlem, 59; Henry R. Rood, 59; Robert W. Boon, 33; Stanley D. Kully, 33; Martin H. Gates, 56; Walter S. Cork, 75; Lloyd I. Edwards, 110; Gordon Chard, 240; Loren L. McNeil, 96. With each certificate goes the thanks and esteem of your Grand Lodge, my brethren.

It has been the hope of your Grand Custodian that some means of recognition might be afforded our certified men. Recently the Committee on Work has approved a special lapel pin, to be presented to those certified brethren with 10 years of service or more, as a gift from their own lodge. This has been accepted almost unanimously by the subordinate lodges. Soon we shall all be aware of this distinctive badge of a certified brother. Wear it with pride, my brethren.

## LODGE SCHOOLS

Your Assistant Grand Custodians are working very hard to try and bring a school to each non-certified lodge, each year. As yet we have not been able to find the time nor funds to accomplish this goal. We are working on it. Be assured, any lodge requesting a school, shall receive it.

## IN MEMORIAM

W. George A. Stevens, Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron, Nebraska. Commissioned Assistant Grand Custodian July 14, 1916; commissioned Assistant Grand Custodian Emeritus, June 1966, after a total of 54 years of continuous certification, passed from among us to continue his labors in that Celestial Lodge above on December 8, 1969. We can only say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

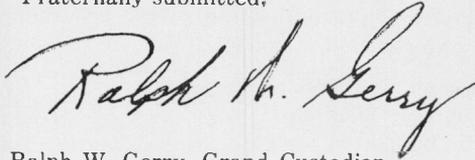
Your Grand Custodian is well pleased with the results of all labors performed this past year. All Assistant Grand Custodians have done their duties and completed all designs upon their trestle boards. Words are not adequate to express the deep feelings I have for these devoted masons, who travel at all hours of the night, in all kinds of weather, to bring assistance to the craft throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. The time will come and the wisest knows not how soon, when these brethren shall stand before that Great White Throne, and hear their records read from that Great Book of Life. Then shall they receive their rewards.

We are pleased to add to our staff this past year, John C. Sierks, 4; Paul D. Jacobsen, 171; and David O. Kipling, 281. These dedicated masons will serve the craft well and long. We ask the blessing of the Great Creator of the Universe, to watch over them in their travels.

We are sorry for the resignation of W. Sebert A. Stover, 281, as an Assistant Grand Custodian, but we were pleased to see him commissioned Assistant Grand Custodian Emeritus, by our Grand Master, M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart on April 4, 1970.

To our Grand Master, M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, I say thanks for the honor of the appointment. To M. W. Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary, my gratitude for all of his assistance, and to the Committee on Work, M. W. Edward F. Carter, M. W. Herbert T. White and M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, my appreciation for their fraternal guidance.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ralph W. Gerry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Ralph W. Gerry, Grand Custodian

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

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

To the Committee on Fraternal Dead:

The section on Necrology.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The section on Trial Commissions.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The section on Consolidations and Mergers.

To the Committee on Jurisprudence:

The section on Decisions.

The section on By-Laws Approved.

The section on Dispensations.

Recommendations No. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Recommendation No. 2 jointly with the Committee on Codification of Law.

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

### REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The section on Consolidations.

The section on Chartered Lodges.

To the Committee on Grievances:

The section on Grievances.

To the Committee on Finance:

The section on financial report, all report schedules relating to funds, statistical tables and reports relating to membership.

To the Committee on Returns:

The section on returns.

Our review of the Report of the Grand Secretary indicates that he has attended to the duties of his office with diligence and benefit to the Craft.

## REVIEW OF THE REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN

We recommend that the entire report be referred to the Committee on Nebraska Work. The report of the Grand Custodian reflects the great amount of work that he and his assistants do for the Craft in the State but also on the manner in which the Brethren enjoy the visits of these fine and proficient workman.

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. . Henry H. Hansen 250

W. . Alvis A. Simmons 210

At 11:55 The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9  
FIRST DAY---AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 P. M. The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

W. Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290, Chairman, presented the report on Finance which was adopted:

Your Committee on Finance has examined the books and accounts of the Grand Lodge, together with vouchers of the Grand Secretary and all officers and committees to whom appropriations have been made. We also examined individual claims supported by such vouchers.

The Auditor's report includes the individual receipts and expenditures therefore we do not see the necessity of duplicating in this report.

Our examination disclosed that the following accounts were in excess of the amounts appropriated as at April 30th:

404-4	Social Security . . . . .	\$102.69
401-19	Printing Programs . . . . .	100.00
405-5	Grand Masters Jewel . . . . .	23.44
406-6	Comprehensive Liability Insurance . . . . .	10.00
406-7	Office contents Fire Insurance . . . . .	25.00

It will be noted that this is a considerable improvement over previous years and that several of these items were unavoidable and of minor nature.

Only three (3) accounts were unvouchered and on recommendation of the Finance Committee have since been prepared, approved and placed on file.

Exception was taken to an item for Mrs. Jennie Gray which was charged to Account No. 405-12 Retirement Fund Appropriation whereas this is a direct charge to the Retirement General Fund.

ANTICIPATED INCOME

No. of Master Masons on roll December 31, 1969,		
41740	at \$1.80 . . . . .	\$ 75,132.00
	Initiation Fees (611) at \$10.00 . . . . .	6,110.00
	Investment Income . . . . .	45,882.97
	Sub Total	\$127,124.97
	General Fund, Cash on Hand . . . . .	\$ 16,983.42
	Short Term Investments due May 29th . . . . .	130,010.00
Unexpended Funds Returned:		
	Committee on Relief & Care of Orphans . . . . .	50.00
	Committee on Masonic Education . . . . .	770.88
	Committee on Work, Grand Custodian . . . . .	50.00
	Committee on Masonic Eastern Star Student Fund . . . . .	400.00
	Assistant Custodian Travel Expense Collections . . . . .	780.00
	Sub Total	\$276,169.27
	Total Available for Budget . . . . .	\$276,169.27
Total request of appropriation Committee		

This Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Grand Secretary and his staff for their help and cooperation in preparing this report. From this report you can see that there has been a vast improvement over the previous year due to the diligent efforts of our Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian.

Your Finance Committee Chairman expresses sincere appreciation to: Howard L. Patterson, Ansel Toft, Harold E. Day, Jr., LeRoy Sutton, for their assistance in preparing this report.

## REPORT OF GRAND TRUSTEES

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

For those of you who are attending your first Grand Lodge Communication it may be well for you to know the function of the Board of Grand Trustees. The Board of Grand Trustees has full charge of the purchase and sale of all investments of every nature belonging to the Grand Lodge and the investment and reinvestment of all Grand Lodge funds. It administers the Retirement Plan of the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home. It is also authorized to establish its own investment policies and determine its limitations on classes of investments as it deems wise and prudent. It is directed to designate depositories for all funds and securities; to employ a Certified Public Accountant to make an annual audit of all accounts and make an annual written report at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

In reporting to you last year with respect to the money market and interest rates we made statements, which now appear quite conservative. We stated that new offerings of bonds had reached an historical high, that interest rates had spiraled upward to a level that the Market had not seen for 100 years. This process has continued to the present. During the month of May 1970 an A rated bond was offered to the public to yield 10% and an AAA bond at a 9.20 basis. The backlog of demand for loanable funds is at an all time high as corporations need money for expansion and Federal, State and Local governments require money for needed programs. Under such circumstances one can see no near-term relief for interest rates.

As for the Stock Market. You will recall, after the 1962 lows, stock prices had risen, as measured by the Dow-Jones Industrial Averages, until late January 1966 when the 994 level was reached. It was at this time when your Board of Grand Trustees elected to sell all the common stock held in all the Funds under its supervision. It was predicted at that time by analysts that the averages would go through the 1000 mark. However, the Market could never quite do this. Subsequently the highs of the Market failed to go through their previous highs but the lows continued to violate their previous lows. However, it was not until the second quarter of 1969 that most analysts really became convinced that we were in a Bear Market as indicated by the Dow Theory.

With this market situation existing over so long a period the reasonable course open to your Board of Grand Trustees was a defensive one--to preserve the asset value of the Funds in its charge. Since we no longer held any common stock in the General Funds of Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home our move was directed toward the common stock in the Endowment and Bequest Fund of The Home. While all common stock in this fund had been sold in 1966, acquisitions had been made in late 1967 and in 1968 by gifts from four estates and by purchases.

At a specially called meeting of the Grand Trustees held on June 24, 1969 it was unanimously voted to sell all the stock in the Fund amounting to 9872 shares of 28 leading corporations. The Book Value of this stock was \$471,809.60 for which we received \$505,719.76 showing a modest profit of \$33,910.16 over Book Value.

The proceeds from the sale of stock was invested by the purchase of \$505,000.00 principle amount of high grade corporate bonds.

To satisfy ourselves that this move was acceptable we checked the market of these same stocks on April 30, 1970, the end of our accounting year and found the market had declined by \$122,229.62.

To satisfy ourselves further that this sale and reinvestment in bonds had merit we computed the annual interest on bonds purchased at \$39,712.00 against the annual dividends on the stock sold at \$17,063.00. This showed an increase in income to the Fund of \$22,648.00 annually.

We have reported to you our policy of making short term investments of funds received until such time as they are needed to pay expenses. This year we made such investments by purchases of Commercial Paper in 43 separate transactions at rates of interest ranging from 7 1/2% to 8 1/4%. Interest received in this manner amounted to \$20,762.63.

#### RETIREMENT PLAN

In administering the Retirement Fund the Grand Trustees employed an independent actuary to determine if the reserves in Fund were presently adequate to meet our future liabilities under the Plan and the amount of appropriation to be made for the fiscal year 1970-1971. The actuary reported that the reserves for Grand Lodge employees was sufficient but that those for the Home were deficient. However, the Trustees of The Nebraska Masonic Home voted not to fund this deficiency until further study could be made.

Presently one former employee of the Home is receiving a monthly benefit and one is now eligible for retirement.

While we do not recommend any changes in eligibility or rates of benefit payments we do recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a Special Committee to review the Plan and make report at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. We have in mind particularly that an employee's benefit should become vested after a specified number of years of employment which the plan does not now provide.

#### INVESTMENTS

Long term investment was made in the General Fund of the Grand Lodge in the principal amount of \$33,000.00. These funds were derived through maturity on October 1, 1969 of U. S. Treasury Bonds. No other long term investments were made as the income from Securities held in this Fund was used to pay operating expenses of the Grand Lodge.

In the Grand Lodge Retirement Fund long term investments were made in the amount of \$34,964.36. This sum was derived through appropriation at the last Grand Lodge Communication with respect to Retirement benefits for employees of both the Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home and interest received from investments.

No long term investments were made in the General Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home as this Fund showed a deficit for the year. This is the operating Fund of the Home all interest, maturities and donations were converted into cash and used to help defray the expenses of the operation of the Home for the year.

Long term investments were made in the Endowment and Bequest Fund in the amount of \$668,000.00. These funds were received from the sale of common stock reported earlier in this report, moneys received through bequest and donations and the balance of the interest received during the year after transfer of \$80,000.00 to the General Fund used to during the year after transfer of \$80,000.00 to the General Fund of The Nebraska Masonic Home used to make up the deficit in the General Fund.

ASSETS OF GRAND LODGE

April 30, 1970

As has been explained to you before there are two Funds in the Grand Lodge. The General Fund which is the operating Fund out of which expenses of the Grand Lodge are paid, and the Retirement Fund.

Income to the General Fund is derived from the Per-capita Tax of \$4.00 per member, initiation fees, liability insurance premiums, sale of supplies, custodial service charges, and investment income. The total income from all these sources for the Accounting year ended April 30, 1970 amounted to \$230,137.61. The expenditures of the General Fund for the same period was \$218,283.02. Included in the expenditures were:

Expenses of the Operation of the Grand Lodge . . . . .	\$125,533.25
Transfer to the Nebraska Masonic Home . . . . .	85,374.00
Bond premiums and cost of supplies . . . . .	3,271.81
Payments by committee on Relief . . . . .	3,591.96
Other expense . . . . .	512.00
	<u>\$218,283.02</u>

The difference between the income and expenditures as \$11,899.59. Of this sum as required by our law \$4,893.44 was transferred to the Relief Account. There was therefore an operating balance for the year of \$7,006.15.

After these expenditures the Total Assests of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge were \$990,592.38. In these Assets are certain sums the use of which is restricted. We refer to the Relief Account amounting to \$73,438.70, which under our law can only be used by the Committee on Relief.

The other Fund of the Grand Lodge is the Retirement Fund which derives its income from an appropriation at the last Grand Lodge Com-

munication of \$4,257.00 for Grand Lodge Employees and \$20,000.00 for Home employees plus \$7,614.10 from Investment income. Expenditures of this Fund were \$471.48. The balance of income over expenditures of \$31,499.62 was invested to meet future liabilities of the Fund.

The balance in the Retirement Fund as of April 30, 1970 was \$149,963.37.

Your Board of Grand Trustees project income of the Grand Lodge for the year 1970-1971 will be \$98,199.00 for dues and fees and investment income of \$45,883.00 making a total of \$144,081.00 for operation of the Grand Lodge. Any appropriation in excess of this sum will incur a deficit.

#### ASSETS OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

April 30, 1970

The Nebraska Masonic Home has two Funds. The General Fund is the operating Fund of the Home. Its income is received from the Per-capita Tax of \$2.00 per member, cash received from residents, donations to the Fund, investment income of the Fund, and income from the Seal Program. For the year ended April 30, 1970 income received amounted to \$282,390.09. Expenses of operation of the Home amounted to \$359,201.42. The excess of expenses over income (deficit) was \$76,811.33. This deficit was covered by transfer of \$80,000.00 from the Endowment and Bequest Fund.

The total General Fund Assets as of April 30, 1970 were \$233,340.08. This includes cash and short term investment representing the Per-capita tax to be used to operate the Home for the year 1970-1971.

The remaining Fund of the Home is the Endowment and Bequest Fund. This Fund was created many years ago to receive moneys and securities through donations and gifts to provide funds to endow the Home and to pay costs of needed physical improvements. The Fund now totals \$2,816,841.12. The Fund on April 30, 1970 was composed as follows:

Endowments and Bequests received . . . . .	\$1,376,761.60
Capital contributed from General Fund . . . . .	99,950.00
Fund Surplus . . . . .	<u>1,340,129.52</u>
	\$2,816,841.12

For the year ended April 30, 1970 income received into the Fund was as follows:

Investment Income . . . . .	\$136,589.46
Gain on sale of investments . . . . .	33,910.16
Endowments received . . . . .	<u>90,205.63</u>
	\$260,705.25

#### OPERATION OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

It is not our obligation as a Board to argue in this report the pros and cons concerning the proposal for an increase in the per-capita tax. It is, however, our duty to give you the facts relating to financial matters. Here are the facts.

The Home has been operated at a deficit ever since the fiscal year ended May 1964. For the years 1965 and 1966 securities were sold and the proceeds used, together with the profits, to make up the deficiency in income in the General Fund. From May 1966 to the fiscal year 1970 annual deficits were as follows:

1967	\$60,922.27
1968	69,636.84
1969	59,940.19
1970	80,000.00

The funds to defray these deficits required the transfer of income of the Endowment and Bequest Fund in the total amount of \$270,499.30.

In anticipation of rising costs the Grand Lodge approved in 1961 the institution of the Seal Program. However, the Program has not produced the income expected of it.

The Home Board in its projected income and expenses for the year 1970-71\* expects a deficit of \$136,756. This exceeds the investment income received from the Endowment and Bequest Fund last year. Any increase in this deficit which may arise can very well make it necessary to sell securities in the General or Endowment and Bequest Funds. It may be added that on today's market such a sale will result in a substantial loss of principal.

There will be attached to this report the figures taken from the audit showing the assets and liabilities and an analysis of surplus and fund balances reflecting the financial condition of Grand Lodge and The Nebraska Masonic Home. It is requested the Grand Trustees be authorized these figures as a part of the annual proceedings.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NEBRASKA  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
APRIL 30, 1970 AND 1969

ASSETS  
GENERAL FUND

	1970	1969
CASH ON HAND AND ON DEPOSIT . . . . .	\$ 17,008.42	\$121,413.96
INVESTMENTS (at amortized cost - Pages 7 and 8):		
Bonds . . . . .	820,544.40	705,091.00
Stocks . . . . .	148,597.59	148,597.59
Total investments . . . . .	<u>969,141.99</u>	<u>853,688.59</u>
SUPPLY INVENTORY - At cost . . . . .	<u>4,438.97</u>	<u>3,946.90</u>
OTHER ASSETS:		
Due from the Nebraska Masonic Home . . . . .		15.29
Stock in Nebraska Masonic Home - 1,518 shares capital stock (at nominal value) . . . . .	1.00	1.00
Stock in Masonic-Eastern Star Home at nominal value . . . . .	1.00	1.00
Furniture and fixtures - at nominal value . . . . .	1.00	1.00
Total other assets . . . . .	<u>3.00</u>	<u>18.29</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND . . . . .	<u>\$990,592.38</u>	<u>\$979,067.74</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY  
GENERAL FUND

LIABILITIES - Accrued withholding taxes \$	44.88	\$ 374.83
GENERAL FUND EQUITY:		
General . . . . .	898,583.58	891,315.81
Supply account . . . . .	18,464.22	18,789.84
Relief account . . . . .	73,438.70	68,545.26
George Washington Memorial . . . . .	61.00	42.00
Total General Fund Equity . . . . .	<u>990,547.50</u>	<u>978,692.91</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND . . . . .	<u>\$990,592.38</u>	<u>\$979,067.74</u>

ASSETS  
RETIREMENT FUND

CASH:		
Checking account . . . . .	\$ 4,157.06	\$ 700.55
Certificate of deposit . . . . .	3,078.75	
Total cash . . . . .	<u>7,235.81</u>	<u>700.55</u>
INVESTMENTS (at amortized cost - Page 9):		
Bonds . . . . .	121,215.23	97,165.87
Stocks . . . . .	21,512.33	20,597.33
Total investments . . . . .	<u>142,727.56</u>	<u>117,763.20</u>
TOTAL RETIREMENT FUND . . . . .	<u>\$149,963.37</u>	<u>\$118,463.75</u>

RETIREMENT FUND EQUITY  
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY  
RETIREMENT FUND

RETIREMENT FUND EQUITY . . . . .	\$149,963.37	\$118,463.75
TOTAL RETIREMENT FUND . . . . .	<u>\$149,963.37</u>	<u>\$118,463.75</u>

THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
APRIL 30, 1970 AND 1969

ASSETS  
GENERAL FUND

	1970	1969
CASH ON DEPOSIT . . . . .	\$ 37,862.30	\$116,767.89
PAYROLL TAX DEPOSIT . . . . .	<u>1,750.00</u>	
INVESTMENTS (Note 4 and Page 6):		
Bonds . . . . .	<u>184,192.00</u>	<u>99,261.13</u>
Stocks . . . . .	9,532.88	9,533.88
Total investments . . . . .	<u>193,725.78</u>	<u>108,795.01</u>
PROPERTY (Note 2):		
Buildings and grounds -		
Masonic Home . . . . .	1.00	1.00
Furnishings - Masonic Home . . . . .	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
Total property . . . . .	2.00	2.00
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND . . . . .	 <u>\$233,340.08</u>	 <u>\$225,564.90</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY  
GENERAL FUND

LIABILITIES:

Due The Nebraska Masonic Home endowment and bequest fund . . . . .		\$ 147.88
Due The Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska . . . . .		<u>15.29</u>
Total liabilities . . . . .		<u>163.17</u>

GENERAL FUND EQUITY:

Capital stock - authorized 10,000 shares par value \$100 per share; issued and outstanding 2,230 shares (Note 3) . . . . .	1.00	<u>1.00</u>
Other equity accounts:		
General . . . . .	195,038.03	194,308.83
Entertainment account . . . . .		(2,459.47)
Memory account . . . . .	35,524.17	31,933.17
Room furnishings account . . . . .	1,114.20	1,014.20
Edwards memorial account . . . . .	267.68	284.00
Evers memorial account . . . . .	<u>1,395.00</u>	<u>320.00</u>
Total fund equity . . . . .	<u>233,339.08</u>	<u>225,400.73</u>
Total general fund equity . . . . .	<u>233,340.08</u>	<u>225,401.73</u>
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND . . . . .	 <u>\$233,340.08</u>	 <u>\$225,564.90</u>

ASSETS  
 ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND

CASH ON DEPOSIT.....	\$ 68,603.40	\$ 280,398.81
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - Due from The Nebraska Masonic Home General Fund.....		<u>147.88</u>
INVESTMENTS (Note 4 and Pages 7 to 12):		
Bonds.....	2,489,638.57	1,758,084.34
Stocks.....	202,327.82	657,001.54
Mortgages.....	<u>56,271.33</u>	<u>68,058.28</u>
Total investments.....	<u>2,748,237.72</u>	<u>2,483,144.16</u>
TOTAL ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND.....	<u>\$2,816,841.12</u>	<u>\$2,763,690.85</u>
ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND EQUITY:		
Endowments and bequests received . . .	\$1,376,761.60	\$1,286,555.97
Capital contributed from general fund . . .	99,950.00	99,950.00
Fund surplus.....	1,340,129.52	1,377,184.88
TOTAL ENDOWMENT AND BEQUEST FUND.....	<u>\$2,816,841.12</u>	<u>\$2,763,690.85</u>

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

Brethren, at this time we will discuss the proposed Amendments to our By-Laws. These were presented at the 112th annual Communication and were held over for action at this Communication.

RESOLUTION

An amendment to provide that Section 2-801 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge relating to territorial jurisdiction of subordinate lodges be changed to provide that all subordinate lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge have concurrent jurisdiction and to repeal said original Section 2-801 of the By-Laws.

Section I

Be it enacted that Section 2-801 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

Section 2-801 "How Determined:"

"All Lodges, either chartered or under dispensation, shall have concurrent Jurisdiction within the State of Nebraska."

Section II

That said original Section 2-801 of the By-Laws be and the same hereby is repealed.

Section III

This amendment shall become effective upon its passage and approval by this Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION

Resolved: That Sections, paragraph 3 of Section 2-601 and Section 1-407 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws be amended to read as follows: Section 2-601, the phrase "the sum of \$4.00" shall be amended to read "the sum of \$7.00." Section 1-407--The per capita tax of \$7.00 shall be divided as follows:

To The Nebraska Masonic Home . . . . .	\$5.00
To the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans . . . . .	.20
To the General Fund . . . . .	1.80

The initiation fee of \$10.00 and all affiliation fees shall be allocated to the General Fund. That Section 1-407 enacted in 1960 be repealed.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

Now, my Brethren, these resolutions are open for discussion before we vote. I am assuming that all of you were informed that these By-Laws were up for ballot at this time. If any Brother wishes to speak for or against these By-Laws he may do so at this time. After the discussion we will vote on the proposed amendments and also on the Election of Officers of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

M.:W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

I would like to appoint W.: Brother Harold D. Weddel and ten of his Assistant Grand Custodians to be judges and tellers. Please collect the ballots and tabulate them.

M.:W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

W.: Brother Melvin E. Johnson will give the preliminary report of the Appropriations Committee.

## PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

W. Melvin E. Johnson, Chairman, presented the preliminary report on Appropriations.

### A. EXPENSE OF ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

1. Transcribing Proceedings . . . . .	\$	100.00
2. Payroll 1969 Session . . . . .		8,000.00
3. Grand Master Dinner . . . . .		750.00
4. Printing Proceedings . . . . .		3,800.00
5. Grand Lodge Dinner for Delegates . . . . .		1,500.00
6. Entertainment of Distinguished Guests . . . . .		600.00
7. Preparing Fraternal Review . . . . .		300.00
8. Printing Fraternal Review . . . . .		400.00
9. Printing Secretary's Book . . . . .		700.00
10. Grand Lodge Dinner Speaker . . . . .		350.00
11. Auditorium Expense . . . . .		200.00
12. Printing Law Supplements . . . . .		450.00
13. Printing Programs, Recording and Inc. Ex. . . . .		500.00
		\$17,650.00

### B. EXPENSE OF GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

1. Masonic Education . . . . .	\$	4,250.00
2. Masonic Relief . . . . .		50.00
3. Trial Commission . . . . .		100.00
4. Appropriations . . . . .		25.00
5. Grand Trustees . . . . .		3,000.00
6. Grand Lodge Offices . . . . .		50.00
7. Finance . . . . .		150.00
8. Nebraska Work . . . . .		50.00
9. Masonic Eastern Star Student Fund . . . . .		875.00
10. Grand Historian . . . . .		100.00
11. Printing G. M. Orations . . . . .		200.00
12. Relief Fund . . . . .		8,348.00
		\$17,198.00

### C. TRAVEL EXPENSE

1. Grand Master . . . . .	\$	4,000.00
2. Grand Secretary . . . . .		1,500.00
3. Grand Custodian for Grand Lodge Functions . . . . .		700.00
4. Grand Custodian Department . . . . .		7,000.00
5. Grand Lodge Officers . . . . .		2,300.00
6. Deputy Grand Master to Grand Master Conference . . . . .		450.00
7. Grand Master & Sec's Conference . . . . .		400.00
		\$16,350.00

D. SALARIES

1. Grand Secretary . . . . .	\$10,200.00
2. Grand Custodian . . . . .	9,000.00
3. Grand Lodge Office Expense . . . . .	16,500.00
4. Social Security . . . . .	1,850.00
5. Federal & State Unemployment Insurance . . . . .	450.00
	<u>\$38,000.00</u>

E. FIXED EXPENSES

1. Rent . . . . .	\$ 8,100.00
2. Museum and Library . . . . .	100.00
Office Expense	
3. Office Expense (Stationary, Office Supples, etc.) . . . . .	6,200.00
4. Jewel, Apron, for Retiring Grand Master . . . . .	350.00
5. Grand Custodian's Office Expense . . . . .	400.00
6. Lodge Supplies . . . . .	4,000.00
7. Fifty Year Buttons . . . . .	1,800.00
8. Legal Fees, etc. . . . .	100.00
9. Retirement Benefit C.R.G. . . . .	4,646.40
10. Retirement Fund for Grand Lodge Employees . . . . .	<u>1,671.43</u>
	<u>\$27,367.83</u>

F. INSURANCE, ASSESMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Workmen's Compensation and Liability Inc. . . . .	\$ 50.00
2. Masonic Relief Association . . . . .	280.00
3. Surety Bond . . . . .	700.00
4. Automobile Insurance . . . . .	30.00
5. Comprehensive Liability Inc. . . . .	3,480.00
6. Grand Lodge Property Insurance . . . . .	100.00
7. Masonic Service Association . . . . .	1,193.28
8. George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association . . . . .	700.00
9. Nebraska DeMolay . . . . .	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>\$7,033.28</u>

G. GRAND LODGE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children . . . . .	\$ 26,616.00
2. Nebraska Masonic Home . . . . .	405,330.00
	<u>\$431,946.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL

\$555,695.11

This is the preliminary report of the Requests for Funds for the various committees and expenses for Grand Lodge year 1970 and 1971, as approved and recommended by the Committee on Appropriations.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart: We will now be favored with an oration that will be inspirational and informative to all of us. It is my pleasure to present W. Brother Jack H. Hendrix our Grand Orator.

W. Jack H. Hendrix, Grand Orator:

Upon my appointment as Grand Orator, Most Worshipful Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart mailed me a copy of the orations of the Grand Orators from 1857 to 1882 with the view of assisting me in my duties. At that time I realized that few masons would ever possess the splendid opportunity of having their words read one hundred years hence, and thereby be of benefit to Masonry throughout a century and beyond. As I thereafter entered upon my duties, I further came to realize that few Masons would ever have to assume the awesome responsibility of making pronouncements which might prove incorrect or frivolous to succeeding generations. From these realizations came a resolution to impart something that could possibly ignite a spark which would be of benefit to Masonry in the future. This resolution also included a promise to myself that the subject of my oration would be what, in my opinion, would be most beneficial to the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska in this year of 1970. I further promised myself that the difficulty of the subject would not deter me.

Being a new Grand Officer, I had an unfettered view of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, a view not affected or clouded by previous experiences. From my first travels to subordinate lodges, I had an unfettered view of those subordinate lodges, a view not affected or clouded by previous experiences.

What I beheld was a picture of a great, magnificent, thriving active organization that I have grown to love beyond my wildest expectations.

As for the principles of our fraternity, I found them maintained, nurtured and lovingly disseminated to the brethren. I found that although these great principles were important in all ages, they have never been so important as in 1970. A few examples will quickly point out our most extreme need for these guidelines to our conduct. Our need for brotherly love has increased many fold. In a day when the population explosion, urbanization, mechanization and dehumanization has almost rendered us numbers instead of names, we are in dire need of brothers and the love exchanged between brothers. In a day when one family in five moves each year, our ties to our brothers in every corner of the world make us one community, a community which in part replaces those communities which many of us have lost. Our need for the exercise of relief presses upon us as never before. In a day when the average life span is 70.1 years, rather than 47.3 years as it was in 1900, care for our brethren, like that supplied at our Masonic Home, becomes more necessary and rewarding. Because of our broadened horizons, we are more conscious of the distressed and the miserable all over the world and are more able to lend them a helping hand. Our need for truth, as

a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue, increases with the decline of morality. When we realize that since 1960 crime has risen 99% and that crimes of violence have risen 106%, we cannot help but see the need for truth as the basis for dealings with our fellow man. All the other principles of Masonry are much needed. Some examples would be: our need for temperance where drug use is common and arrests for narcotic drug law violations in our country were more than four times as great in 1968 as in 1960; our need for fortitude in a world where an undeclared war in Vietnam has drawn out for nine years; our need for prudence in a world where the dropping of one bomb might trigger events which would destroy us all; our need for justice in a world where defendants in a United States Federal Court can convince some of our citizens that a mockery has been made of the United States Judicial System; our need for love of country in a time when even our flag is not always respected; and our need for the belief in a Supreme Being, when it is in fashion to say that God is dead. One could go on, virtually ad infinitum, to show the great need for the teachings of Masonry. The world is crying out for such creeds.

I have found the leadership in Masonry, from the Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska to the Tyler in the smallest lodge in the state, to be of highest caliber. The men which compose this leadership are universally leaders in their professions, businesses, trades and occupations. They are leaders in churches, in schools, in government and in all phases of human endeavor. I am particularly impressed by the leadership given to us by our Past Masters and our Past Grand Masters. Having risen to the highest office in their lodge, or in their Grand Lodge, it would be only natural for them to rest on their laurels. If they do, however, we have virtually lost our very best. Applying our Masonic symbols, I find that at the time of their preferment they were the finest of the rough ashlers. Now, they are, by virtue of their further sojourns, speculative perfect ashlers. I have seen, during the past year, these great and good men laboring in the quarries of freemasonry, on committees and individually. They have reaped their masonic reward of esteem by their brethren, and yet they continue to help us. They typify one of our basic premises, that labor should be undertaken for the benefit of Masonry and all mankind, rather than for earthly wealth or honors. Our Grand Master was most proud to be able to honor the 22 Past Grand Masters present at this annual communication.

As for the brethren, I have found them universally to be a credit to the fraternity. Many contribute much more than their mere membership. But I have found that even the members who have failed to attend meetings, or to work in lodge, are loyal to its precepts and proud to be counted as brothers. If a man be a Mason, it is almost a certainty that he is an honorable person and a friend to all other Masons.

Now, you may ask in the vernacular, "With all this going for us, what more can we want?" If I may answer this question it will be with the thought that we need more good youth active in our lodges. Before

making the visitations to the Nebraska lodges as part of my duties as Grand Orator, I had a general, vague feeling that it would be desirable to have more young people active in lodge. After the visitations, I had a specific, driving conviction that it would be marvelous to have more young people active in our lodges. By that I do not mean less participation by the rest of us, but just more participation by young people.

I am mindful of the fact that the concepts of Masonry are not for the immature mind. Our ancient brethren were most wise in establishing the requirement that a man, to be made a Mason, must be of lawful age. Now that our state law has lowered the lawful age to 20, it is possible we may consider the same move. Nevertheless, while there is no magic in age 20, just as there is no magic in age 21, the fact remains that our teachings require the ability to grasp abstract ideas, and to practice speculative masonry requires the two basic ingredients of maturity--being able to wait for rewards, and being able to sacrifice for the good of others. Let us know, however, that maturity comes to some who are very young. Let us further know that maturity never comes to some, regardless of their numerical age. Let us also know that youth and maturity are mixed in us all. As Cicero has said:

"As I approve of a youth that has something of an old man in him, so I am no less pleased with an old man that has something of youth. He that follows this rule may be old in body, but can never be so in mind."

And, let us never, never forget that mature youth brings to our lodges enthusiasm, dedication, ambition, humor, originality and a love of life that we cannot long do without. There may be some feeling that we need youth only for the purpose of propagating ourselves. This purpose alone would be a sufficient reason for us to concern ourselves with youth in our lodges, and it is indeed true that masonry needs, just in a physical sense, young people to carry on when the working tools drop from our nerveless hands. But, it is also true that we need them *now*, to spark us in this day and age. We cannot say to ourselves that all we need to do is wait for another generation of young people, and that they will be just like we were when we were young. In the first place they probably won't, and in the second place we can't wait. Furthermore, they can't wait, for they need Masonry in this year of 1970 as never before.

In exploring youth in our lodges, we must make some generalizations, generalizations more specific than the one I usually hear which is, "Boy, they are something else again!", but generalizations nevertheless. This is dangerous, because generalities are never entirely true. I used to have a fine law professor, and a Mason, who remarked that judges are like neckties, they come in all colors. Our young people come in all colors too, and in all shades of all colors, physically and mentally, but in order to plan broad programs we must deal in broad concepts, and I will, in spite of my reservations, generalize.

A most basic idea of the young, and one that strikes at the very heart of our masonic community, as it does at the heart of all existing communities, is expressed in a quotation found in the 1970 University of Nebraska, "Cornhusker", as follows:

"To be impatient with hypocrisy,  
Wary of Expediency and critical of dogma  
These are not always taught,  
Yet without them no man is truly educated.

intimating that things that are old or traditional are to be looked upon with disfavor, and that things that are new or revolutionary are to be looked upon with favor. Now, except in degree, this is not really a new idea. To the best of my knowledge, youth has always been the group that wished more change and the older people have always been the group who wished less change. There is a difference in this day and age, however, expressed in the current fad word of, "polarization." I interpret this word to mean that the two groups become intransigent in two respects-first, each group is unwilling to examine the other's position, and second, each group is willing to destroy the institution involved rather than submit to a civilized settlement by means of such things as arbitration, courts or majority rule. Are the good youth really ready to cast all of our civilization aside? I think not. Are the older people ready to say that nothing should be changed? I think not. Although the fusion will be painful, dangerous and time consuming, it will come, it must come, as it always has come, and who knows, the world may be the better for it.

While there are some ideas of youth which we must oppose, some ideas of youth which make us sick at heart, and some ideas of youth which we cannot under any circumstances accept, there are many basic ideas of youth, as I know and understand them, which are things the older people can live with, many of them are ideas which we all espouse. I think of love which is favored by us all. Hypocrisy which is condemned by all. Peace which is favored by us all. And I think of the dignity of the individual which is favored by us all. I have often thought, however, that we tend to give weight to things that are not really matters of great principle at all, but which are merely outward signs of the rebellion towards each other. The thing that immediately comes to my mind is the length of hair currently in vogue for young men. Among the fathers in my community this is a most troublesome matter. I am confident that there is no great principle involved in the length of hair, but it has polarized into an emblem of rebellion. The fathers and the sons are adamant, the fathers fearful of the survival of their institutions, and the sons fearful of submitting to those institutions. And yet, the sons are by and large good sons without desire to overthrow civilization and with the same feelings as their fathers as to what makes a real good man.

All of which brings us to our specific programs in Masonry. If you believe with me that young people need Masonry and Masonry needs

young people, that good young people make good Masons, that good young people still have ideals which are compatible with Masonic ideals, that we have a problem in that many young people will have a low opinion of our ancient and honorable organization just because it is an ancient and honorable organization, and that we should exert every reasonable effort to create a favorable climate for Masonry among our young men, then I hope we will join hands and work toward that end. In no generation has Masonry been for all men, but it has been for many good men through all its generations. So it can be for the coming generation. The task, of course, will be most difficult, and you may recall I stated that my subject might present difficult matter. How difficult, can be very clearly illustrated by pointing out that social fraternities, schools, churches, local governments, state governments, national governments and the United Nations all have similar problems. Nevertheless, we cannot simply "write off" our young. It is imperative that we continue in our task making good men better.

We can help in many ways, some of which are known to us at this time. First, we know that all through the ages good men have come to Masonry because of their contact with Masons who were special kinds of men and who were proud of their Masonic affiliation. If those under thirty do not admire and respect Masons, merely because those Masons happen to be over thirty, our hope for vital Masonry will be thwarted. One of the answers is contact and association. If each group, "turns off" the other, we are bound to fail. If each group exchanges ideas with the other, we are bound to succeed. Let us go our half of the way in forming all kinds of friendships and associations with young people. Let us exchange ideas in community affairs, in business and on the golf course as well as in the lodge. Let us cement our relations with youth in all its stages and in all its climes. If we do not, there are others, with different beliefs, waiting in the wings to instill in our youth doctrines foreign to Masonic teachings.

We can help by promoting and supporting the Masonic Bodies designed for youth. DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girl's provide pleasure to our young people and satisfaction to ourselves. These organizations instill deep, fine impressions of Masonry to youth in their formative years. As our Grand Master has brought to the attention of many, over half of those in DeMolay become Master Masons.

We can help by respecting the views of our younger brethren. It is quite easy to put down a young brother on a point of Masonic tradition or even lodge tradition. But let us remember that the young brother brings into the lodge with him a vitality that we can gain no other way. That he has a fresh viewpoint which just might give us the right answer. We can start out with the idea that he is right rather than wrong, and remember that while we cannot countenance changes in the landmarks of Masonry, some things can be changed. And, where we must disagree with a younger brother, as we must do at times, and do with all our might where a principle is involved, let us do it in a manner which will permit

him to keep his dignity. I like to think what would happen if King Solomon were living in the modern day. Would he still erect the Temple agreeable to the great designs handed down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe? He would. Would he use the modern machinery and beautiful new building materials now available in the erection of the temple? He certainly would, and find no inconsistency. And so we too can take advantage of new ideas, new methods and new applications without sacrificing the basic tenets of Masonry.

We can help by promoting the Masonic Education program which was designed to inculcate Masonry in our younger brothers. This program is a standing program of our Grand Lodge and is well implemented. The committee for Masonic Education is doing a thrilling job. All they have asked of the brethren is attendance at the meetings, and this we should give them.

Our younger brothers can be of particular help. There is a certain affinity among people of the same relative age. This affinity has existed in all ages, as it exists today. What interests our contemporaries is most likely to interest us. In the field of youth, for example, it is likely to be age that determines whether we are interested in no children, small children, large children, grandchildren or maybe children who visit a retirement village. Although I have encouraged contact with youth for all of us, our younger brethren have a rapport with youth that we cannot hope to attain, even with our greatest efforts. In my own small lodge, for example, we have seven relatively new Masons under the age of thirty. They are not only Masons, but fine Masons. It is a rare occasion when there is not at least five of them present at a regular meeting. They love Masonry. One of them, Worshipful Brother Keith Miller was favored with the honor of giving the respose to the welcome this morning. As I look back I am quite sure that their enthusiasm commenced with admiration of one of our other young brothers and admiration for each other.

And finally, I know that with our fine brethren, our fine leadership, our unexcelled principles and the blessings of God that other and more effective means, unown and unimagined by us now, will assure that those basic truths which have been handed down to us from antiquity will be transmitted to those who follow us.

Thank you, W.'. Brother Jack, for that fine address. I am sure there are many many things there for us to think about. Now, I would like to call on our W.'. Brother George W. Rosenlof, Grand Historian for his report.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officers and Brethren:

Once again, we salute and congratulate those of our constituent lodges in this jurisdiction who are during this year of 1970 celebrating their one hundredth year since their chartering in 1870. These are:

1. Beatrice Lodge No. 26 at Beatrice
2. Jordan Lodge No. 27 at West Point
3. Blue River Lodge No. 30 at Milford
4. Tekamah Lodge No. 31 at Tekamah
5. Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 at North Platte.

Two other lodges chartered in June 1870 were Wyoming Lodge No. 28 located at what was then Pass City in the territory Wyoming and which in December 1874 transferred its allegiance to the newly established Grand Lodge of Wyoming and become Wyoming Lodge No. 2 located at Lander. The other was Hope Lodge No. 29 originally titled "Hillsdale" but which was consolidated with Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 located at Brownville, in September of 1969. It is significant to note that it was Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 that recommended Hope Lodge to receive a dispensation to form a new lodge.

It is anticipated and earnestly hoped that there will be an appropriate centennial celebration of the lodges at Beatrice, West Point, Milford, Tekamah and North Platte, each of which has enjoyed a record of one hundred years of active and uninterrupted service to the Brethren.

It would indeed be appropriate for Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4 to give some special recognition to Hope Lodge No. 29 which for more than 99 years carried on in Nemaha as an independent lodge in the Nebraska Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. Surely its history is of such significance and the community where it was originally located is also of such historical importance as to warrant special recognition during this year of 1970.

We have just been informed that Beatrice Lodge No. 26 will hold its Centennial Celebration on Saturday, June 20th beginning at 1:30 p.m.

As your Grand Historian has pointed out on previous occasions, it was our first Grand Master who in 1857 admonished each of our lodges to prepare a suitable history of events that had taken place and to make note of the outstanding achievements and recognize the brethren who had been serving as leaders. Many of our constituent lodges have preserved their furniture and the "tools" that once were so important and that today constitute the "antiques" of our Fraternity. Nothing is more important than calling to attention past achievements and stimulating our present membership in knowing about the happenings of the early pioneer days as these relate to Masonry.

One hundred years ago the Grand Masonic Lodge of Nebraska was convened for its Thirteenth Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall at Plattsmouth--Tuesday, June 21st through Thursday the 23rd, 1870. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Harry P. Deuel, "sat in the East." In his opening address he noted that "much prosperity attended our Order in this jurisdiction" and that we should "not forget to express our gratitude to the Giver for the blessings He has bestowed upon us--let us remember that it is to His divine providence that such prosperity exists, and to Him should our most heartfelt thanks be returned. Masons cannot be too often reminded that His all-seeing eye is ever upon us; that He is ever trying our actions by His unerring square, and that as they compare with the standard of virtue and morality that He has established, even so will His judgment be rendered. Then let the work which we design upon our Masonic trestle board be so planned that it may meet His divine approbation."

Upon such a high note of faith and dedication, one cannot fail to see or fail to understand why so much was accomplished by our Fraternity in so few years and under the impact of the extreme difficulties faced by our pioneering forbears.

During the year of 1870 the Grand Secretary Robert W. Furnas, reported receipts of almost \$1400.00 credited to the "Orphan School Fund" and a little more than \$1200.00 in Grand Lodge dues. Donations to the "Orphans School Fund" of \$114.50, representing certificates of mileage and per diem of twelve of the brethren in attendance, were also received.

Statistical information reveals that in 19 of 25 lodges reporting, the total membership of Master Masons was 937 in 1869 and 1056 in 22 of the lodges reporting in 1870.

In 5 lodges under dispensation there were reported to be 87 additional Master Masons.

In June, 1870, the total of chartered lodges numbered 31 with a total membership of 1143 Master Masons.

It was in June, 1870, that Grand Master Deuel reported on correspondence received from the Grand Secretary, Edson Kemp, and indicating that the Province of Quebec had newly organized the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Copies of the proceedings and the main address were enclosed. It was the desire of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska would grant fraternal recognition to this newly formed jurisdiction and establish fraternal communication with it.

The problem involved was that the Grand Lodge of Canada claimed full jurisdiction over the several lodges in the Province of Quebec and stood opposed to the efforts of these lodges in Quebec to create a new jurisdiction. Historically, the Province of Quebec had been fully occupied, masonically speaking, by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Like all matters presented by the Grand Master, this request was

referred to the Standing Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. After careful examination of the facts presented, this committee came to the conclusion that "the lodges existing in the territory comprising the Province of Quebec had the right to form for themselves a Grand Lodge." Its decision was based on the proposition that "Masonic boundaries are coterminous with political boundaries." Therefore, it held that it was the duty to recognize the right in this case and without delay to cordially extend the right hand of fellowship to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and hail her as one of the sisterhood of Grand Lodges.

It was furthermore the belief of the committee that in so doing, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was not influenced by any feelings of hostility to the Grand Lodge of Canada. On the contrary, our Grand Lodge was deeply interested in her prosperity and welfare and trusted that the same cordial relations and fraternal feelings that have heretofore existed between that Grand body and ourselves will continue to exist. It was the expressed confidence of the Nebraska Jurisdiction that at no distant day the Grand Lodge of Canada will also extend the right hand of fellowship to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska approved this report of its Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

It is not within our province to speak further on this matter. Suffice it to say that the struggle continued for some years before harmony prevailed. Today there are in Canada no less than nine Grand Lodges in nine separate provinces. All enjoy the happiest of fraternal relations with all the Grand Lodge Jurisdictions of the United States.

Historically minded or concerned Brethren might think of other matters about which inquiry should be undertaken by your Grand Historian and touching upon the activities of the Grand Lodge one hundred years ago in 1870.

Time being of the essence, we must briefly report to you one special historical undertaking to your Grand Historian during this past year.

The more I have delved into the history of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, the more I have come to appreciate the office of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. He has always been the *sine qua non* of the Masonic Fraternity. Upon him we depend for wise counsel, corageous and enlightened leadership, unselfish devotion to duty and dedicated service to the Brotherhood. Not only intellectually and morally, but spiritually, he represents the highest and best of character as a leader. Need I say more?

For one hundred and thirteen years this Masonic Fraternity has been blessed by the able qualities of some of our finest citizens. There has been in every instance careful preparation for this responsibility. The very manner in which their appointment originated, their sequence from station to station, their enlarged responsibilities and their election to the highest office have all represented in a real sense a "school of instruction." It has involved many years, in most instances, of training

and preparation, first in the subordinate or constituent lodges and then in the Grand Lodge. How else can one explain the why of their abilities? And so we pay high acclaim to these servants of Masonry.

In evidence of their masonic leadership, we can for one thing read and study their annual addresses to the brethren when assembled in their communication each year. This, your Grand Historian, has been doing during the past twelve months.

The document which I am handing to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master covers the period of the first twenty-five years from 1857 to 1882. It represents the leadership of sixteen Most Worshipful Grand Masters, all of them far-sighted, wise and truly dedicated Masons. As this document says, each in his term of office made a significant contribution to the establishment of Masonry as a major force in the whole-some growth of this Masonic Jurisdiction but also in the development of a sound and capable citizenship in Nebraska.

Not included herein is reference made individually to six of our Grand Masters. It must not be inferred that these six Brethren were less effective. Circumstances were obviously not always the same. The times being not always equally compelling, made for variances in the nature of the problems as well as opportunities to be dealt with by the Grand Masters.

It would be most unjust were we to assume that those six of whom we have not spoken were any the less effective in their leadership.

It still remains to review the "Annual Addresses of Grand Masters" covering the succeeding quarters (in time) and bring into focus the leadership evidences of these our most distinguished Grand Masters.

I am happy to have served you as Grand Historian during this past year. I regret, of course, my not being able to always be present at the numerous Grand Lodge celebrations that have occurred. My absences, I can assure you, were not because of any lack of interest or purpose.

Most Worshipful Sir, I present to you this document as the evidence of stewardship and trust it may be found an appropriate bit of history for publication in the "Proceedings of this Grand Lodge" or otherwise published as may be ordered by this Grand Body.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations respectfully reports that there has been no change in our Fraternal Relations with other Jurisdictions with which 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:

The Grand Lodge of Iran, Teheran, Iran  
Grande Loza de Brasilia, P. O. Box 1128; Brasilia, Federal District

We also received several letters of information and inquiry as follows: Under date of May 5, 1969, we received a letter of greeting and a request for submission of a subject to be discussed at some future date of the Inter-American Masonic Confederation, with offices in Mexico City.

A circular from the Grand Lodge of Bolivia, which we recognize, giving a list of the Grand Officers, for the term of 1969 to 1972 inclusive.

A letter from the Grand Lodge of Piaui, Brazil, which we have never recognized, requested the address of their Grand Representative, as near as we can determine. We cannot quite understand just what is meant by this letter, due to "fractured English," as our good friend M. W. Brother Seignmartin of Sao Paulo would say.

Outside of this we have little to report concerning the past year's operation. Most of the above is routine correspondence. We are happy to report that all the difficulties among Grand Lodges, both local and foreign, have been resolved and whole Masonic World seems to be at peace, as this is written. More Grand Lodges have withdrawn recognition from the supposedly existing Grand Lodge of Egypt. They are now practically alone, if as above, they are still in existence.

The Grand Lodge of Israel continues to send greetings to all Grand Lodges on the occasion of their Annual Communication. Apparently they are still doing quite well considering the unsettled conditions existing in that area. They were recently recognized by Italy.

The Grand Lodge of Iran, of the country formally known as Persia, has 27 lodges, 11 of which are in Teheran, while 16 are in other cities. This Grand Lodge was consecrated on March 1, 1969, by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Donald Orr Ewing. The ceremony of Erection was carried out by the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodges of Germany, M. W. Brother D. Werner Romer. The G. M. of the National Grand Lodge of France, M. W. Brother Ernest Von Hecke, then installed the Grand Master of Iran, M. W. Brother J. Sharif Emami, into office. The Assistant Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, was also present. The reason for this triple delegation of authority is or

rather was, that all three of these Jurisdictions had lodges belonging to them in Iran. Fourteen of the 27 had been chartered by Scotland; 10 by France and 3 by Germany. The ceremonies were carried out in four different languages.

Freemasonry has existed here since 1918, when Scotland chartered Lodge Light No. 1191. During the past fifteen years there has been considerable Masonic progress in Iran. As a result of the Spirit of Nationalism, now sweeping most sections of our globe, there arose a demand for a Grand Lodge in Iran. The Shah of Iran let it be known that such a creation would meet with his Royal Favor. The Shah is NOT a Mason, but looks with favor on the organization. Not only that, he selected the Grand Master, from a list of eligibles, shall we say, submitted to him. His selection would seem to be a good one, Brother Jafar Sharif Enami, who is the President of the Senate of Iran. He was a member of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodges of Germany.

The Masonic membership of this country has always been of the very highest quality and includes the outstanding personalities of Iran. The Shah has always looked with great favor on Masonry. Since the ceremonies of Consecration, Erection, and Installation were done by the Heads of the three Jurisdictions concerned, there can be no doubt of the regularity of this Grand Lodge and your Committee recommends that Recognition and exchange of Representatives be approved. Incidentally Scotland contributed 500 pounds to the Iranian Earthquake Disaster Fund. The Representative of England said: "The thing that impressed me was, that Christian sat in open lodge with Moslem and Jew in perfect amity and three volumes of the Sacred Law reposed on the Altar. What a wonderful influence for world brotherhood is our beloved Craft."

There are 19 Grand Lodges in Brazil, 12 of which we have previously recognized. The Grand Lodge of Brazilia was formed in 1967 by direct charter from the Grand Lodge of Goias, as the territory it occupies was formally a part of that Jurisdiction. We have never been asked to recognize Goias. Brazilia has been recognized by all the other Grand Lodges in Brazil, it is composed of seven lodges. None of the State Grand Lodges of Brazil have been recognized by England, which is the cause of friction between the Grand Orient and the State Grand Lodges. Our Commission on Recognition of the Grand Masters Conference, state that all Grand Lodges in Brazil are equally worthy of being recognized. Your Committee feel that Brazilia is worthy of being Recognized and Grand Representatives exchanged and we so recommend.

The Grand Lodge of Switzerland (Alpine) has been troubled lately by another so-called Grand Lodge, hence I am including a short sketch of them for your benefit. They are a rather small group, as it is a small country for that matter, less than 20,000 square miles, and high too, up to 14,000 feet. They have 48 lodges, some are 200 years old, with slightly

less than 4,000 members. They are divided as to languages into German, French and Italian, according to the locality, although there are some who conduct their work in English too. The ritual also differs according to the language. They must meet twice a month, many meet four times. Their Grand Lodge is 125 years old, with the officers chosen, almost in rotation from the different regions for four year terms. They have no female organizations at all. They are very careful in selecting candidates, one year is required between degrees. The lodges are small, the average size is 70. You are certainly always welcome to visit at any time.

Cuba, as stated before, continues to be a puzzle. Evidently their Grand Lodge continues to operate, but just how well is the question. Indiana joined this year with the group that has broken off relations with them. There are reported to be 332 lodges with 25,824 members, as of March 1968. They are required by the government to drop from their lists all names of those who have fled the country or who are in prisons. Two hundred and twenty-six or over 60% of their lodges were at Grand Lodge. A report from Brother Pineiro, Past Grand Master, shows 1051 raisings; 2441 dropped; 1054 fled and dropped; 29 in jail dropped; 946 suspended and 407 died. This is in spite of hardship and oppressive governmental action. Their Grand Master resigned for health reasons. The new Grand Master is a young man, Roberto Ferrer Rodri-quez, of great courage (he would have to be) and a democratic spirit.

Castro has reinstated summary executions, some of them public. This was a method first used, but later discontinued. It is reported that, after eleven years Castro is becoming jittery. We read in recent papers of the landing of a force to oppose Castro, who have fled to the hills, where Castro originally started, to pursue the same tactics he used in his fight with Trujillo, the dictator. He has recently begun to lash out at Cuban students who have dared to protest the way things are going. We shall continue to recognize this Grand Lodge, who are certainly in need of encouragement in their struggle against great difficulty.

Freemasonry in South America has always been influenced by the dominant church in varying degree. The ferment of social unrest in the late 18th century attracted the young to both Freedom and Masonry. They adopted the motto of France: "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity." England, Scotland, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania all had lodges here. Pennsylvania turned theirs over to the Grand Lodges of the states and since 1832, have had none. England still has 30, Scotland has 10 and Massachusetts has 10. The quality of the individual member is very high, as it takes a man of great courage to be a mason in this church dominated place. Candidates are very carefully chosen. As an example of the difficulties they face, in Guadalajara, their No. 5 lodge, erected after 12 years of effort, a new hall. Protestantism in Mexico is permitted to exist by SANCTION, in spite of the fact that "right and freedom" are written into the Constitution. So having the land and the money, they would put up their building. Not Temple! But the facts of life were ex-

plained to them: First, forget about United States practices and codes. 2nd: You are gringos and in any dispute you will lose. 3rd: Masonry is an opposing "religious group" and does not occupy a place of honor. 4th: any property could not be owned by the lodge as a part of No. 3. 5th: be careful to strictly abide by the law while dealing with it. 6th: do not call the building a Temple, as it could be seized by the government, as a part of No. 3.

So they formed a "Mutual Charity & Cultural Society & Civic Association." The membership is referred to as a "York Blue Group" in the articles. Then it was chartered as a philanthropic group for fifty years. Then they were permitted to build. Since one donor's gift had enabled this to be done, they wanted to name it after him. No dice. So they called it a Memorial Building--but adorned it with the square, level and plumb--which of course had no meaning to the public at large. All organizations "rent" the building, paid as donations for the upkeep. So far as the Government is concerned, the lodge is simply a part time user, same as anybody. So, "A light under a bushel is better than no light at all."

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines reports a gain of 241 for the year of 1968. They had 846 raisings. They have 142 Lodges, scattered over a very wide territory, with 101 concentrated in Luzon. This makes quite a task for their Grand Officers. They have almost 13,000 members. After many years of proscription, they are not fraternizing with the priests and Knights of Columbus in various activities, but this is local in scope.

Japan is becoming more of an organization of Japanese, I am happy to say. Their ritual has now been completely translated into the native language, which should help with the nationals' problem. They are hoping for an increase of 150 Nationals this year, but their gain and loss figures are very close together. They are not recognized by 108 other jurisdictions.

For seven years now the Grand Lodge of India has shown a gain in both members and lodges. Also, two have been revived and are still doing well. The area of South India seems to do the best, while the Eastern quarter seems to lag. They now have about 10,000 members, which is of course only a drop of the millions in India. But they have had a steady 19% gain each year since they started. Many lodges have celebrated their 75th, 90th and 100th Anniversaries. Some 180 lodges have paid fees and dues in full. Their average size is in the 40-60 member group. They only have 4 lodges with more than 100, the biggest has 114. They are recognized by 104 jurisdictions. Canada in Ontario sent \$1500 to aid in famine areas. Other finances are satisfactory. Lodge 7712, English Constitution joined them this year, as they have a right to do.

The Grand Master Mason of Scotland and a small party visited Holland this year. A brief description of their working may be of interest. The two Wardens are seated beside the two Pillars in the west, the Senior by the south column and the Junior by the north. The Grand Master and the two Wardens come to the floor and light the candles and as they light them the Junior says "Wisdom"; the Senior says "Strength" and the Master says "Beauty". Then the Grand Master proceeds to the Altar, opens the Volume of the Sacred Law and reads aloud "The light shineth in the darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not". Then after lodge is opened the Grand Orator took up a position between the two pillars and delivered an oration on Freemasonry. The Master of their No. 5 lodge, which received their charter from Scotland in 1755 delivered a lecture on the Trestleboard of the First Degree. Both were in English. They also visited the Masonic Home where there are some 250 residents. It is necessary to make an application several years ahead to get in.

China finally got around to have rehearsals of the Chinese version of the first degree. After some ten sessions they found that many changes would have to be made before it can be put into general use. You must remember that China had no universal language, dialects of many kinds are spoken across the vast territory and of course, that applies also to Tiwan. They have started on the translation of the second degree. Their Grand Master reports small gains in their lodges, finances are in good shape.

Progress in universal recognition does continue, but slowly. Our teachings are fundamental and deal with precepts and virtues that are eternal. We must face, however, this new world of problems: dissident youth, the use of narcotics, civil rights great technical advance, regressive spiritual progress, War, War almost everywhere in some form. We need leadership as never before, wise, just, unselfish, and farseeing. The great mission of Freemasonry today is to find leaders, endowed with those virtues that cannot change.

Hoping that this brief account of some other Jurisdictions is of some interest to the Brethren of Nebraska, your Committee now recommends that all past applications be continued for further study, without prejudice, until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. Most Worshipful Sir, I move that this report be printed and spread in full on the minutes of this Communication and that its recommendations be adopted.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted,

William Ballou Wanner - 9

April 24, 1970

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Gail E. Burbridge, 11, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, which was adopted:  
TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEBRASKA:

Your Committee, on whom you conferred the honor of submitting the Annual Report on Fraternal Dead, respectfully submits the following:

It is customary in our Annual Communication to pause in our deliberations to pay homage of love and respect to the memory of our Brethren who, during the past year, have entered the Great Beyond. We know that Death is but a natural sequence of our earthly existence, and yet, while we look upon Birth, the beginning of the sequence of our earthly cycle, with rejoicing, we stand in the presence of Death with reverential awe and silence. As we pause this brief moment to contemplate the passing of those we have known and loved, our sympathies go out to those families left behind, and our hearts would be sad indeed were it not that as Masons we accept the assurance that Death is but the gateway to a glorious reunion of eternal duration.

Death is inevitable, but Death is not the end. Death is, in fact, but the beginning, and we who are yet living should take comfort and heed the fact that we have the privilege of preparing our selves; of so living that when Death calls it may be said of us, even as we say it now of each of our Brethren who have departed, "He was a good man." For some of our Brethren, passing into the Great Beyond was a welcome relief from the mortal afflictions of the flesh. Illness or the infirmities of age had transformed life from a great and challenging adventure into a mountainous burden. For them the transition into the larger life was a welcome relief. Their work was done, their lives were lived. Their passing seemed more of consummation than an end. It has been said for these Brethren and in memory of each one of them:

"Now the laborer's task is o'er, now the battle day is past,  
Now upon the farther shore lands the voyager at last,  
Father, in Thy gracious keeping leave we now Thy servant sleeping,  
There the tears of earth are dried, there its hidden things are  
There the tears of earth are dried, there its hidden things are clear,  
There the work of life is tried by a juster Judge than here,  
Father, in Thy gracious keeping leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

Among those who have journeyed into the Realm of life and live eternally was Worshipful Brother George A. Stevens, Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron. He was commissioned Assistant Grand Custodian July 14, 1916; commissioned Assistant Grand Custodian Emeritus June, 1966, after a total of 54 years of continuous certification, he passed away on December 8, 1969.

It is with genuine regret that we are called upon to record the passing of 26 Past Grand Masters of other Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, 9 Past Grand Masters in Grand Jurisdictions of Canada, 2 Past Grand Masters in the Grand Jurisdiction of Honduras, 1 Past Grand Master in the Grand Jurisdiction of Switzerland, 2 Past Grand Masters in the Grand Jurisdiction of England, and 1 Past Grand Master in the Grand Jurisdiction of Puerto Rico. It is further reported that the Grand Lodge of Maine suffered the loss of their Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Lodge of Texas their Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Lodges of Rhode Island and Wisconsin their Grand Secretaries.

Being called upon to serve as Grand Masters of their respective jurisdictions stamps them at once as men of ability and greatness.

In our own Grand Jurisdiction, we regret to record the passing of 1,075 Brethren. With these Brethren we have spent many hours together in the sanctuary of our Lodges and they have helped to mould and formulate our Masonic life. We all know the sorrow that is ours as we have laid away these beloved Brethren in the silence of the Earth. They are gone but their sweet friendship and the thoughts of those precious moments we have enjoyed together down through the pathway of life will ever be near and dear to us.

“There is a word of grief the sounding token  
There is word bejeweled with bright tears,  
The saddest word fond lips have ever spoken  
A little word that breaks the chain of years.  
Its utterance must ever bring emotion,  
The memories it crystals cannot die;  
‘Tis known on every land on every ocean,  
‘Tis called good-bye.”

Most Worshipful Sir, we recommend that this report be spread upon the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and included in the published report of the proceedings, and may we suggest that you have the Grand Lodge stand in tribute to our departed Brethren, while our Grand Chaplain offers a prayer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL  
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee, which was adopted:

The 60th Annual meeting of the Association was held in Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, February 23, 1970. Nebraskas in attendance included M. W. Brother Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master; R. W. Brother John H. Brown, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Brother Norris W. Lallman, Grand Secretary; M. W. Brothers Herbert A. Ronin, Louis V. Sylvester, Carl R. Greisen and Charles F. Adams, Second Vice President of the Association.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts loaned a special display of Washington memorabilia including a lock of Brother Washington's hair in a silver casket fashioned by Brother Paul Revere. Next year the Grand Lodge of New York will loan a similar display.

The new color brochure was distributed to all Grand Masters and copies were available for purchase at the Souvenir Stand. Orders for these beautiful pamphlets in quantity may be directed to the office of The Secretary of the Association. Considerable attention was given to a program for landscaping the grounds of the Memorial. Professional help has been secured to design the plantings and the first phase will be undertaken this year. It is planned to complete the project in approximately five years with additional plantings each year in accordance with the master plan. We are pleased to note the recommendation of our Grand Master regarding a contribution from this Grand Lodge for this important improvement to the Memorial.

The Endowment Fund has not yet reached \$3,000,000 although the ultimate goal is 5,000,000. While the contributions of Nebraska Masons to the cost of constructing and maintaining the Memorial compares favorably with many other Grand Jurisdictions, we have not fully discharged our obligation. This is an additional contribution to the Endowment Fund of a sum equal to one dollar per member and ten dollars per lodge. For us this is approximately \$45,000. Detailed plans for raising this money have not yet been formulated. However, your Committee is of the opinion that this should come from direct contributions from Nebraska brethren and other interested rather than from Grand Lodge funds. A lifetime contribution or a legacy in a will for this fund will be most welcome and appreciated.

## TO THE GRAND LODGE A. F. &amp; A. M. OF NEBRASKA:

Your Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund Committee respectfully submits the following report:

Since our report to Grand Lodge a year ago our committee has experienced the following: The boy we were sponsoring at the Nebraska Vocational Technical School elected not to return to school when the August, 1969 term commenced and we understand he is presently living and employed in Fremont. The young man that we sponsored in Computer Programming School in Lincoln completed his course of study in July, 1969 with very high grades and subsequently obtained employment in the Computer Department of a Lincoln bank. He is married and last month became the father of a new son.

This year there was one high school graduate among the residents of the Home who was considered by your Committee for advance education. He also exhibited interest in computer programming and has successfully passed the required aptitude test which is a necessary prerequisite to enrollment.

Inasmuch as no funds that were appropriated last year were used by our Committee, they have been returned to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

We anticipate a need of \$1,750.00 for the coming year, of which \$875.00 has been requested and granted from the Grand Chapter O.E.S. We respectfully request and appropriation from the Grand Lodge in an equal amount of \$875.00 to enable us to sponsor this young man from our Children's Home in Fremont thru an education which will hopefully equip him to adequately become a self-sustaining member of society and an ex-resident of our Children's Home in whom we can take pride.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart:

We have a fine speaker scheduled for tonight, W. Brother Glenn Archer, Executive Director of American United for Separation of Church and State. He is an outstanding speaker and I know he will have a fine message for us. I am hoping as many who can will attend the Grand Lodge dinner.

At 5:00 p.m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10  
SECOND DAY--MORNING SESSION

At 8:30 a.m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

I would like to report to you that we had a fine attendance at the Grand Lodge dinner last night and had representatives present from the Job's Daughters, Rainbow For Girls and DeMolay. We were very proud of these young people who appeared as representatives and the official representative of the Job's Daughters presented me a check for the Grand Lodge to be given to the Home, so I want to especially report to all of you at this time and I will hand it to the Grand Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

The work of this Committee has been directed toward providing news releases on Grand Lodge activities for public information.

These were written and distributed to selected outlets among the state's 230 newspapers, radio and television stations and the wire services.

Included among these releases were stories of dedication ceremonies for Masonic Temples at Chadron, Shelby and Chester; the corner-stone laying for the Temple at Kimball; and the 11 area meetings held by the Committee on Masonic Education during the fall and spring. We also gave assistance to the Grand York Rite of Nebraska in publicizing the annual meetings of its several bodies held at Lincoln in April.

The announcement of this Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was given state-wide coverage two weeks ago and the services of the Committee have been offered to local press and television news staff members to assist them in obtaining interviews, stories or picture coverage.

The story of the election and appointments of Grand Lodge officers is to be released today, with all the state's newspapers being furnished with a mat or proof picture of the Grand Master-elect, while the 14 Nebraska television stations are provided with 8" x 10" portrait photographs, suitable for newscast purposes.

The releases listed in this report represent 924 separate mailings from this Committee during the past twelve months.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE

W. J. Brother Alfred E. Geschke, 25, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge office, which was adopted:

This annual report concerns itself mainly with salaries and expenses. As you know, inflation is taking its heavy toll and these two items are constantly affected.

The members of this Committee met on April 14th at the Masonic Temple in Omaha to discuss these matters and to find an equitable solution to our problem.

After careful consideration, we voted unanimously to ask the Grand Lodge to approve salary increases for for our office staff of three totaling \$1,000.00 annually.

The last salary increases for our Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian were granted in 1967.

We recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased by \$1,100.00 to \$10,200.00 per annum.

We have received a letter from Most Worshipful Brother Edward F. Carter, Chairman of the Committee on Nebraska Work, which reads as follows:

"The Committee on Nebraska Work had a meeting yesterday (April 27th) regarding the affairs of the Committee. Among other things was the question of a salary increase for the Grand Custodian.

The Committee is unanimous in the belief that we have a fine Grand Custodian. He is dedicated to his work and he appears to have the confidence with the lodges and members with whom he works. In addition to this, inflation is still upon us and is particularly telling on one drawing the moderate salary he now draws.

After giving consideration to all these matters, we think the salary of the Grand Custodian should be increased from \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00. I personally feel that it would be unfair not to make this increase.

Signed E. F. Carter, Chairman.

Our Committee supports the recommendation of the Committee on Work and we ask you to approve the salary increase to the Grand Custodian of \$1,000.00 to \$9,000.00 per annum.

All increases to be effective May 1, 1970, the beginning of our fiscal year.

We also discussed the allowances for mileage to officers and committee members while traveling on Grand Lodge business, except to and from the Annual Communication. We are now paying at the rate of eight cents per mile and we agreed that this rate is adequate and recommend that no change be made.

Per diem allowed while traveling on Grand Lodge business. We are now paying \$15.00 per day while traveling in the State of Nebraska and \$20.00 per day while traveling out of state. These amounts are totally unrealistic and we recommend that actual expenses for lodging and meals be allowed upon proper vouchering.

Reimbursement for expenses incurred by officers, committee members and Masters of subordinate lodges or their representatives to the Grand Lodge Communication should remain at ten cents per mile one way and \$5.00 per day for per diem. We realize that the per diem allowance is grossly inadequate, however, we are unable to recommend any increase due to our financial situation.

On the suggestion of our auditors, Haskins and Sells, we are, from time to time, making changes in our accounting procedures which shall provide better methods and a clearer picture of our operations.

We had the Telephone Company remove one trunk line and three telephones from our equipment at the Grand Lodge office at a saving of about \$600.00 per year.

Our office equipment is in good condition and, at this time, we see no need for replacement during the fiscal year.

I want to express my personal appreciation to Most Worshipful Brother Norris W. Lallman and his office staff for their splendid cooperation and their constant cheerfulness. They are doing an excellent job and you can well be proud of them.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

W. Harold D. Weddel, Chairman of the Election Committee will now announce the results on the Election of Officers and also the result of the Proposed Amendment to the By-laws.

W. Harold D. Weddel, 61, Assistant Grand Custodian:

M. W. Grand Master, the tellers are ready to report.

On the proposed amendment to our by-laws Amendment 2-601, for 250; against 200. This amendment failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority and was not approved.

Amendment 2-801--CONCURRENT JURISDICTION. For 419, againsts 44. This amendment receiving the necessary majority is adoped. The following officers were elected to serve:

- Brother John H. Brown, 1 . . . . . M. W. Grand Master
- Brother Russell L. Fickes, 33. . . . . R. W. Deputy Grand Master
- Brother Howard J. Hunter, 59 . . . . . R. W. Grand Senior Warden
- Brother Frank J. Mattoon, 75. . . . . R. W. Grand Junior Warden
- Brother Norris W. Lallman, 72 . . . . . M. W. Grand Secretary

Later in the Communication appointment was made of:

- Brother Walter O. Samuelson, 326. . . . . V. W. Grand Chaplain
- Brother Jack H. Hendrix, 174 . . . . . W. Grand Orator
- Brother George W. Rosenlof, 314 . . . . . W. Grand Historian
- Brother Ralph W. Gerry, 281. . . . . W. Grand Custodian
- Brother T. Leo Stines, 36 . . . . . W. Grand Marshal
- Brother Donald R. Swanson, 54 . . . . . W. Grand Senior Deacon
- Brother Harold Hultman, 39 . . . . . W. Grand Junior Deacon
- Brother John H. Smith, 1 . . . . . Grand Tyler

## GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

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

Appropriations: W. Melvin E. Johnson, 112 (1971), Chairman; Thomas W. Tye, 46, (1972); Walter E. Truex, 55 (1973); E. Forrest Estes, 19 (1974); Alfred B. Saum, 46 (1975).

Finance: W. Fitzhugh L. Browne, 290 (1973) Chairman; Howard L. Patterson, 303 (1971) LeRoy C. Sutton, 1 (1972); Harold E. Day, Jr., 150 (1974); Ansel Toft, 232 (1975).

Fraternal Dead: W. Levi B. Williams, 1, Chairman; Robert L. Murphy, 32; Raymond Ruth, 121.

Fraternal Relations: M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman; M. W. William B. Wanner, 9; W. Edward J. Taylor, 150.

George Washington Masonic National Memorial: M. W. Charles F. Adams, 68, Chairman; W. Cary W. Dresslar, 32; W. Irwin Osterloh, 72.

Grand Lodge Office: W. Alfred E. Geschke, 25, (1971) Chairman; M. W. Merle M. Hale, 54 (1975); W. Harold D. Wurdeman, 323 (1972); W. William L. Hopson, 327 (1973).

Grand Trustees: M. W. John F. Futcher, 302 (1971), Chairman; W. Robert A. Wekesser, 54 (1974); Alfred E. Geschke, 25 (1975); Fred S. Kuethe, 1 (1972); Harold E. Gabrielson, 302 (1973).

Grievances: W. Clarence M. Pierson, 19, Chairman; Robert Imig, 38; Marshall N. Zalkin, 25.

Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund: W. Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314, Chairman; M. W. Elmer E. Magee, 227; W. Roy L. Smith, 78.

Masonic Education: R. W. Howard J. Hunter, 59 (1972), Chairman; W. James W. Fegley, 316 (1972); Alfred G. Wurst, 59 (1973); Edward H. Lockwood, 265 (1973); M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1971); M. W. Lewis R. Ricketts, 19 (1971).

Masonic Relief Committee: W. Paul L. Toombs, 290 (1972), Chairman; James A. Bradley, 1 (1971); John S. Burley, 300 (1973); Richard L. Newlun, 55 (1975).

Nebraska Work: M. W. Edward F. Carter, 201 (1973), Chairman; M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281 (1972); M. W. Herbert T. White, 11 (1971).

Public Relations: W. John S. Savage, 11, Chairman; Joe H. Hartley, 54; Al Ray Brown, 50.

Temple Building Advisory: W. Donald F. Sampson, 36 (1973), Chairman; Donald G. Hafer, 306 (1971); Robert E. Wolf, 1 (1972).

Lodge Advisory: M. W. Joseph C. Tye, 46 (1973), Chairman; M. W. Ernest O. Van Wey, 249 (1971); M. Herbert A. Ronin, 210 (1972).

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

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

This has been a gratifying year of service to the Craft, particularly due to the cooperation of both Grand Lodge officers and the officers and committeemen of the subordinate lodges.

Increased attendance and participation has been the goal of our Area meetings. We started out at Ord with 100% attendance of lodges and the next day at Atkinson with just a few missing. Atkinson had its new temple to be seen and enjoyed and was a fine host lodge. Ord made up for this lack of a new temple by especially well planned arrangements for the meeting and for the ladies in attendance with their husbands. The Master and his wife, with the assistance of the lodge officers and their wives, made the meeting very enjoyable. In October and November we journeyed to Grand Island, Alliance, Geneva and McCook for Area Meetings, all of which were well attended. In the spring we had an exceptionally well attended meeting at Norfolk and also at Columbus; then east to Auburn and Omaha and our eleventh meeting in April at Lincoln hosted by Lincoln Lodge #19 with 100% attendance by 29 lodges. The ladies of the host lodges arranged enjoyable informal gathering places for the attending ladies giving them all an opportunity to get acquainted.

Our meetings culminated with the evening dinner with our ladies, conducted by John H. Brown, Deputy Grand Master, as Master of Ceremonies. We have usually had some musical entertainment and a short film encouraging DeMolay and other youth group sponsorship by the lodges. An Address by our Grand Master Hugh W. Eisenhart, which was well received by all, concluded the meetings.

The fine attendance at our Area Meetings shows increased and continuing interest in the subject matter, freely discussed by all, in these sessions but is directly attributable to the fine leadership and to the personal letters by Hugh W. Eisenhart, our Grand Master, to the Masters and by John H. Brown, our Deputy Grand Master, to the Wardens of the attending lodges. Our Committee also wrote to the lodge Education Committees asking those brothers to be present and also to bring their wives if possible.

These Area Meetings are especially designed to help each lodge perfect its individual program to meet its particular need and to bring the Grand Lodge officers right out to their doorstep to assist with any ideas or helps they want. We are stressing the current need for careful selection of and training of lodge officers in administration and lodge programs, as well as in ritual and floor work. The use of the lodge Education Committee to assist the Master and Wardens to plan and implement

the trestle board for the year, as well as to meet with and instruct new members in Masonry, is the heart of our system. Better Communication between the members and the lodge and Grand Lodge is a must.

Any lodge not represented at an Area Meeting in its locality certainly shows weakness and lack of interest in Masonry and is a warning flag to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of possible or even probable danger ahead for the missing lodge, a weak link in the Grand Lodge.

We have had from six to eleven Grand Lodge officers, usually with their ladies, at each Area Meeting and we do thank them all for their interest and cooperation. This working interest accounts for the strength of Masonry in Nebraska. We are especially blessed by the contributions and inspiration furnished by our Grand Chaplain Walter O. Samuelson, our Grand Historian George W. Rosenlof, and the fine Fraternal Reviews of William B. Wanner, P. G. M. We were gratified to hear our Grand Orator Jack H. Hendrix at some meetings, and are looking forward to his oration at this Communication. Our Grand Secretary Norris W. Lallman, P. G. M., and Ralph W. Gerry, Grand Custodian, and his Assistant Grand Custodians, have been very faithful in attendance and these Area Meetings give them an extra opportunity to cover the state in order to coordinate their special functions.

Nebraska will be host to the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education next April. This Conference, comprising the twelve Grand Lodges in the northern middle west, is a pioneer group of Masonic educators and scholars in which the exchange of ideas and programs has proven very valuable to participating Grand Lodges. Nebraska has contributed to and received beneficial material from this association.

### REPORT OF TEMPLE BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

W. J. Donald G. Hafer, 306, presented the report of the Committee on Temple Building, which was adopted:

The Templecraft Board in Broken Bow was granted approval of the necessary financing to purchase the former Methodist Church and the purchase has been completed. This is very excellent, relatively new brick structure. While final plans for remodeling have not been submitted, preliminary plans and personal inspections show the possibility of one of the finest Masonic facilities in Central Nebraska.

DeWitt Lodge No. 111 is contemplating the erection of a new building using late model steel construction. We look forward to receiving their plans and financial statement.

Relief Lodge No. 219 at Coleridge has an option to purchase a former church building. An inspection was made recently and the lodge is now studying plans for financing and remodeling to be submitted for approval.

Curtis Lodge No. 168 received approval for the purchase of a former church and remodeling for lodge purposes. Both were accomplished without borrowing money, and this very attractive and satisfactory building was dedicated this past fall.

As reported last year, Humboldt Lodge No. 40 had purchased and paid for the lower floor of the building occupied by them for some years. Considerable correspondence was had regarding remodeling plans and some excellent preliminary plans were submitted. However, no final plan has been submitted, nor any communication since last December, so we do not know the present status.

A member of our committee made a personal inspection of the new facilities for Kimball Lodge No. 294. Approval was given last August.

A letter last November from Oakland Lodge No. 91 told of the purchase of three lots, and requested information as to the procedure to be followed for constructing a new lodge building. The information was furnished, but we have heard nothing further, so assume they are still in the planning stage.

Approval of the plan for a very fine new building for Centennial Lodge No. 326 in Omaha was given last December. No request has been made for approval of any financing, so we assume no construction has been started.

The purchase and plans for remodeling of the lower story of a two-story building by James A. Tulleys Lodge No. 267 at Overton were given in April. The lodge reported sufficient finances to cover all expenses, so we assume remodeling is proceeding as planned.

Mount Zion Lodge No. 161 at Shelby was given permission to purchase and remodel the former E. U. B. Church for lodge purposes. No financing was required and a very satisfactory and attractive lodge has been dedicated to the uses of Masonry.

Approval was granted for the necessary financing and remodeling of a building owned by Silver Lodge No. 266 at Silver Creek for post office purposes, but the postal authorities withdrew their plans.

Considerable work has been done with Wolbach Lodge No. 292 with regard to the purchase of an existing building for remodeling. Approval was given for the purchase of a theatre building at a tax sale and we understand the purchase was made for a very nominal amount. This is a basically sound building but will require extensive repairs and remodeling. We look forward to receiving their plans for repairing, remodeling and the necessary financing. Properly done, it should make an excellent facility.

It is interesting to note that of the twelve lodges mentioned, only three complete new buildings, five are for the remodeling of former commercial buildings, and four are former church buildings. In the last three years at least seven former church buildings have either been occupied or approved for lodge purposes. This practice was, at one time,

not looked upon with approval by Nebraska Masonry, but we believe it is in the best interests of the brotherhood. In every instance, it has furnished a vastly improved building for lodge purposes, and reports from those attending dedication ceremonies report some very attractive and satisfactory results. We can't all afford new Cadillacs, but a newly overhauled Chevrolet is better than a broken down Model T Ford.

The files and records of this Committee become more bulky than you might expect. We suggest that it would be desirable for the Grand Lodge to furnish a two-drawer, letter size, filing cabinet for committee records.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEBRASKA WORK

M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, 281, presented the report of the Committee on Work, which was adopted:

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

The report of the Grand Custodian for 1970 has been submitted to us. It reflects the method and manner in which the promulgation of the work has been carried on and indicates that it has been effectively done. We have examined the suggested budget of the Grand Custodian and his department. It contains no request for an increase of funds for the coming year. The requested budget, exclusive of the Grand Custodian's salary, is in the amount of \$8,100, the same as last year. We are fortunate to be able to keep it the same as last year in view of the inflationary trends facing us.

We have had very few questions, if any, as to the esoteric, monitorial, and floor work. The success that we have had in perpetuating and perfecting the Nebraska work has practically eliminated questions of correctness in portraying our degree work. This has been beneficial to all concerned and has eliminated the necessity for rulings on controversial matters that no longer exist.

The Grand Custodian has had our full cooperation and approval in the promulgation of the work. We think he has done a fine job with excellent results. The assistant custodians have carried on in their usual way and are to be commended for their dedicated service. We would not be frank if we did not say that we are very happy with the work of the Grand Custodian and his staff in the performance of the duties assigned to them.

On April 27, 1970, your committee amended the rules for procuring lodge certificates for subordinate lodges. We felt this was necessary in the cases of small lodges. The rules now are:

1. Degrees must be conferred by any combination of the three top officers of the lodge.

2. The Worshipful Master must be able to Open and Close the Masters Degree and Call Off and Call On.
3. The esoteric portion of all lectures must be given by some member or members of the lodge.
4. The officers of the lodge must also pass a satisfactory examination on the floor work. This is to include the use of rolds and gavels.
5. In case of necessity the examiner may authorize the substitution of any member of the lodge, for any Officer or Lecturer, except as stated above.

The Committee has recommended on request a proposed memorial service on the death of a Brother Mason. This was adopted with the understanding that its use is optional, is not required to be memorized, and is not part of the esoteric or monitorial work. It is not a substitute for a funeral service, but may be used as a suggested service where the lodge desires something of this nature. It is available on request to the Grand Custodian.

The committee gave final approval to the form of a lapel pin for certified brethren who have served in that capacity for 10 years or more. These pins are available to subordinate lodges at cost for presentation to members of their lodges who are entitled to wear them.

The committee recommended the appointment of the following brethren to be assistant custodians during the past year: John C. Sierks, Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville; Paul D. Jacobsen, Merna Lodge No. 171, Merna; David O. Kipling, Florence Lodge No. 281, Omaha; and Herman O. Hansen, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha.

The committee determined that the following brethren qualify as assistant custodians emeritus:

Lodge No.	Date of Commission
Frank M. Johnson, 188	1920
Earl Barnette, 146	1929
Austin F. Whitmire, 75	1931
Henning C. Johnson, 171	1932
Carroll C. Raymer, 164	1932
Cecil C. Gates, 227	1938
Clarence G. McNamee, 55	1941
Lewis E. Baker, 135	1943
Louis V. Sylvester, 281	1945
George S. Schwab, 49	1946
Harold M. Wilkerson, 54	1947
Ernest E. James, 1	1948
Charles M. Frederick, 136	1949
Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	1954
Mathias E. Mauel, 173	1956
Erwin J. Emig, 38	1960

Richard L. Wait, 19. . . . .	1962
Sebert A. Stover, 281. . . . .	1970

We gave consideration to the adequacy of the salary of the Grand Custodian. Due to present conditions and ravages of inflation, we recommended that his salary be raised from \$8,000 to \$9,000 per year. We feel this recommendation to be reasonable and just.

We feel that we have had a successful year. The promulgation of the work has moved forward smoothly, expeditiously, and efficiently. Harmony has prevailed and Freemasonry has gained by it.

### COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

W. Mannie O. Hansen, 1, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted:

Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations for the 113th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska.

The following Lodges of their own free will and accord voted for consolidation and were accepted as follows:

Napthali Lodge No. 206 of Diller, Nebraska voted for consolidation with Fairbury Lodge No. 35, Fairbury, Nebraska and was accepted.

Hope Lodge No. 29 of Nemaha, Nebraska voted for consolidation with Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, Brownville, Nebraska and was accepted.

Elm Creek Lodge No. 133 of Elm Creek, Nebraska voted for consolidation with James A. Tully Lodge No. 267 of Overton, Nebraska and was accepted.

We concur with the Grand Master in his approval of the consolidation, it being for the good of Masonry.

The following named Lodges were cited to appear before the committee for violations of Sec. 2-514 of the law having failed to be represented at two consecutive Annual Grand Lodge Communications, the 111th and 112th, appeared and were represented as follows:

Tale Rock Lodge No. 108, Tablerock, Nebraska was represented by . . . Lloyd Vrtiska, Secretary.

Signet Lodge No. 193, Leigh, Nebraska was represented by . . . F. Otto Nelson, Secretary.

Highland Lodge No. 194, Cortland, Nebraska was represented by . . . Eric R. Miller, Worshipful Master.

Satisfactory explanation was given by these three lodges and it is the recommendation of this Committee that no further action be taken against them.

Pythagoras Lodge No. 156 of Page, Nebraska failed to be represented for the third consecutive Annual Grand Lodge Communication. It is with deep regret the recommendation of this Committee for the forfeiture of its charter.

The following Lodges should be cited to appear before the Grand Lodge Committee on Charters and Dispensations at the 114th Annual Grand Lodge Communication to show cause why their charters should not be forfeited for violation of Section 2-514 of the Grand Lodge Law by failing to have been represented at the 112th and 113th Annual Grand Lodge Communications. Porter Lodge No. 106; Mount Nebo Lodge No. 125; Siloam Lodge No. 147; Grace Lodge No. 226; Tyrain Lodge No. 243; and Alpha Lodge No. 316.

It has been a pleasure to serve the 113th Annual Grand Lodge Communication as members of this Committee.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REINSTATEMENTS

M. W. Norris W. Lallman presented the report of the Committee on Reinstatements, which was adopted.

The Reinstatements Committee has remained quite busy this year and has handled a total of 31 petitions for reinstatement.

This Committee tries to look with favor on each application and to give every consideration possible to any former Mason who wishes to be reinstated to active membership in his lodge.

This year we recommended approval of 29 requests and only found it necessary to recommend rejection of 2 applications.

We are glad to report that in all instances the Grand Master saw fit to concur with us.

We thoroughly appreciate the help of the good Secretaries, in the preparation of the applications.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS

W. Sebert A. Stover, 281, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Returns, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Returns respectfully submits the following report:

The Committee has examined the Annual Returns of the 263 subordinate Lodges for year 1969 and find that in general, these reports are satisfactorily prepared.

While checking these Annual Returns, we find the following omission errors:

55 Lodges overlooked applying their Lodge Seal on the Returns.  
16 Lodges failed to show the name of their Jordan Medal Member and date of presentation.

13 Lodges neglected to show the Master's signature on their Returns nor the name of the Principal Officer on the financial statement portion of the report.

2 Lodges failed to meet the dead line of February 10th in filing their Annual Returns.

It is the suggestion of the Committee that Lodge Secretaries carefully review the instructions of the Grand Secretary in compiling these Annual Returns before mailing.

While it has been the intention of this Committee to be helpful by listing these omissions, we wish to commend the Lodge Secretaries for their diligence in compiling their Monthly and Annual Returns to the Grand Secretary's Office.

We also wish to commend the Grand Secretary and his efficient staff for the excellent manner in which these records are maintained and the courteous cooperation extended to the Committee while checking these Returns.

#### COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RELIEF

W. L. Paul L. Toombs, 290, Chairman, presented the report on Masonic Relief, which was adopted:

##### BRETHREN:

Your committee is happy to report that we expended \$3,391.42 for Relief and Fraternal Help to other Grand Jurisdictions during the year ending 5-1-70.

This includes \$500.00 requested by M. W. L. Hugh W. Eisenhart for assistance to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi for relief as a result of Hurricane Camille. Based on the number of Masons on the rolls as of 1-1-70 this amounts to a per capita amount of \$.08.

In discussion with our M. W. L. Grand Master Hugh W. Eisenhart, it was felt that the name of our Committee is not properly indicative of our work and in his Grand Master's Address he is recommending a change to drop reference to "Orphans", as we have not had any occasion to assist children for many years.

In assisting one local lodge this past year, we commend them and their officers for reducing a request for over \$500.00 down to an amount of about \$150.00, which we gladly shared. We mention this for the reason that it might be a suggestion to other lodges when faced with insurmountable medical bills etc., to do some negotiating as to their settlement.

## REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

My Brethren,

On behalf of my Brother Trustees, I am pleased to give you here our report for this Communication.

Our population remains between 75 and 80 rather constant and the average age between 82 and 83. That 83 is the ladies. They continue to outlive we men.

There is still a much greater number who will spend more of their life in bed, than ambulatory.

At this age there is a constant requirement for medicine and medical attention. Our task is to keep them as comfortable as possible and add as much zest for life as possible. We think we accomplish this and are proud of the results. It calls for dedicated nursing and a great amount of love on the part of everybody.

The average period of residence is just under 6 years per person.

At the end of the year 1969 the per-capita cost of maintaining a resident in the home rose to an all time high of \$4100.00.

We have compared this figure with another source quite comparable to us and their per-capita cost just matches this.

With an average of 6 years of life at the Home this means an average cost per resident of \$24,600. This is a figure to be reckoned with.

As I told you in the Easter Home News, we are living in a violent world. A world unlike in many respects what has ever gone before.

There is very little compassion for those less fortunate. Love of our fellow man is somehow passed by in our efforts to adjust to a hard life that gives no time to stop and sacrifice a little that someone else might find it easier. There are few good Samaritans abroad in this world.

Yet in the quiet of our Lodge we say the same words that have been handed down to us throughout the ages.

Your Home was built to carry out your obligations. That is its only bid for existence. Your Trustees have their obligation and that is to follow through with the duty we owe to each other. Should we ever quit doing that we would be dead.

I have repeatedly told you in the years past that our cost was constantly rising in spite of all our efforts. I see no relief ahead and with the inflated conditions we live under affecting nearly everything we must buy including salaries and services, this cost will without doubt continue to soar.

We told you of our problems last Grand Lodge session and asked your help. I hope this year your compassion for those who can't help

themselves and whom we must take care of will incline you to recognize these facts of life and come to the aid of your Trustees when it is presented to you again this year.

The affairs of your Home are not in the hands of a reckless spend-thrift group of uninformed men. Believe that. A quick rundown of the list of Trustees will show you they are men you have known in this Grand Lodge for years as conservative, knowledgeable men. Informed men as to economics and finance. We labor hard throughout the year to supply the needs of the Home but never with extravagance.

My report will probably be read to you after you have voted on the matter of an increase in the per-capita tax so my only chance is to here once more urge you, yes even beg you to listen to what is said about our needs and lastly to have faith in the integrity of the men speaking on that subject to you.

I full well realize this will probably mean in time a raise in your dues. I would ask you to look around you for most other organizations have already done so in order to survive.

The Scottish Rite Bodies in Omaha numbering over 5,000 have raised their dues from \$8.00 to \$12.00. I am informed that most, if not all, York Rite Bodies have increased their dues.

Every daily paper has in it something of news on this subject. This month the lowly pet dog is going to wear a tag that costs \$1.00 more in the Omaha area. The reason? The same thing we're talking about.

Our State university has just raised the salaries of its executive staff to an all time high.

This goes for your Lodge Hall rent and the bread we buy for our residents in the same proportion.

I've given you all the examples I feel I need to. I'm certain you know we can't operate on the old tax with costs constantly rising. It is all up to you and we need your help more than we ever have in the past. May God bless your decision.

Back to the Home. M. W. Norris W. Lallman was appointed and elected our Secretary right after he was elected Grand Secretary. He has served us a year now and has outdone himself in the work and concern he gives the Home. We knew he would.

Brother Bob W. Boon of Grand Island and vicinity and his group of Lodges as always came to the Home with a great amount of food as also did Brother J. C. Peterson of Scottsbluff and his group of Lodges. This always helps. The canned goods and fresh vegetables not only help in our budget cost but brings items of food all our residents greatly enjoy. They are a great group of men and year after year they come without request on our part. They do it for the love they have and they are loved in return. I can tell you that.

At Christmas the Omaha Masters and Wardens on behalf of all Masters and Wardens saw to it that the annual Christmas party was a success. Throughout the year our residents look forward to this event. There is always a Santa Claus and gifts and everybody for a short time can be a child again. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

The seal program continues to run about as in years before and is a help to our budget especially in these days. We hope you continue to receive it as you are doing.

There are so many people to whom we are indebted and would like to express our thanks. Space must limit our remarks.

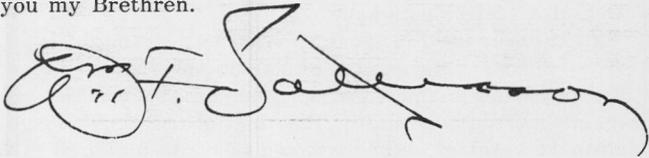
Our Grand Master, M.:W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart, has earned our gratitude many times. He has spoken for the Home, worked for the Home, and is truly our great friend. We owe him much.

We feel we have in Raymond F. Evers the finest Superintendant of any Home in this country. He works no set day. He is always somewhere on the grounds of in the building. Our residents, like we Trustees, love him for his devotion.

I have mentioned M.:W.: Brother Lallman. We are fortunate he agreed to serve as our Secretary. He gets no pay from the Home for this work so it truly is a labor of love on his part.

Finally a word about my Brother Trustees. They too work for no reward except their affection for the Home. In my lifetime I have had the privilege of walking with some great men, but never in my lifetime such as these.

Thank you my Brethren.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Raymond F. Evers". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

## REPORT OF MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

M. W. Herbert A. Ronin, 210, presented the report of the Masonic Service Association, which was adopted:

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

The Masonic Service Association served the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C. during the week of February 22, 1970, and then held its Annual Meeting which was attended by the Grand Masters whose jurisdictions are members of the Association. Our Grand Master, M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, served on the Education and Publication Committee whose report was adopted by the Association.

The monthly Short Talk Bulletins continued to receive appreciative comments from readers around the world. They have continued to be reprinted frequently in Masonic journals and are performing an educational service for the Craft. The Digest, including "Justices of the Supreme Court identified as Masons," "Master Masons who are Senators and Representatives," "Leadership," and "Foreign Grand Lodges Recognized by the Grand Lodges of the U. S.," were published last year as well as the 125 illustrated pages of the book entitled "Freemasonry's Servant, The Masonic Service Association of the U. S. "

Our Grand Jurisdiction is a member of the Masonic Service Association, there being 43 Grand Lodges who belong and share in the benefits and expenses of the Association on a per capita membership basis. Our Grand Lodge has never participated in the Masonic Service Hospital Service which had its inception in 1944 while World War II was still going on. We can be very proud of the tremendous love and devotion which have been committed to this benevolent activity of those American Grand Lodges who have participated.

In 1970 the need for your Association's Hospital Visitation Program in the various Veterans Hospitals has not diminished as the Vietnam War continues to increase the number of casualties. Masonic Field Agents are stationed in less than half of our V. A. Hospitals. Sick and infirm veterans of other wars are being hospitalized. There is an increasing need for your M. S. A. to extend its cable tow to these bedsides. It is hoped that Nebraska will join the majority of our Grand Jurisdictions in this program. Many Nebraska Masons are being serviced by Field Agents of the Association in V. A. Hospitals in other states. There is an increasing interest in and support for such a program in Nebraska. The Masonic Service Association office and field agents would be pleased to discuss the feasibility and details of initiating such a program in Nebraska.

There has been a substantial increase in the number of Masonic volunteers under the direction of the Field Agents. Many of these are DeMolays who are helping to make the record in the history of Masonic Service. The Veterans Administration accredits not only our Field Agents but these volunteers as well. They push wheel chairs and run errands and exemplify Masonry in action.

Last year the sum of \$350.00 was appropriated to study whether we should participate in the Hospital Service appropriation. None of this was spent, but I have recommended a similar sum be reappropriated and which can be expended only under the express approval of the Grand Master. This sum could be utilized to defray expenses in sending a brother to observe the service function of a Field Service Agent in a Veterans Administration Hospital.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MASONIC — EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

W.: Brother Clyde Worrall, 59, presented the report of the Board of Trustees of The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, which was adopted:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Distinguished Guests:

The poet Longfellow wrote these immortal words:

“Between the dark and the daylight  
When the night is beginning to lower  
Comes a pause in the day's occupations  
That is known as the Children's Hour.

In keeping with this line of thought, I ask you to pause for a few minutes of this hour, while in behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Our Children in Fremont, I submit the following report.

The past year at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children has been, for the Trustees of the Home, one of satisfactory progress. We can all be justly proud of the Home's 55 years of service. Our first concern of course, is for the spiritual, mental, moral and physical welfare of the children, for we endeavor to make it a real Home rather than an institution. Certainly we have had problems during the year, and there will always be some, as long as we are dealing with human beings. Our problems are the very same ones you have in your own homes with your own children.

At the present time we have 23 boys and 8 girls in our Home. At graduation time we will lose one boy and one girl.

The health of our children is good. Medical and Dental care is a primary concern, with records kept constantly on each child, to insure complete health information and protection.

The Board of Trustees believes that the buildings and grounds at the Home are being well cared for and maintained. Our Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's project has been named "Project Pride" this year. Since they have emphasized the beauty of the Earth, it is their desire to beautify the grounds of the Home, and redecorate where it is needed. We express our sincere appreciation to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their deep interest in the Home, and to you Sister Gertrude, for your faithful attendance at our meetings.

4-H Club activities have existed at the Home for over 20 years. For the past few years we have shown an average of 12 to 15 calves and 10 sheep at two fairs, the Fremont 4-H Fair and the Dodge County Fair. Under the able leadership of Mr. Robert F. Delp, 4-H Club Leader, an active program exists. Having to care for the animals and being able to actually see the fruits of their labors has proven to be a worthwhile program. All of the 4-H calves are donated to the children. They come

from Masonic Lodges, O. E. S. Chapters, Shrine Clubs and interested individuals. We owe a lot of gratitude to everyone who helps the 4-H Club. The 4-H Club holds an annual Chili Feed and the proceeds are used for their 4-H equipment and activities. The pride shown by these children in their animals is truly a heart-warming experience. You will note the word donated. May we suggest that it would be wonderful if more of our young people could participate in this project, and if any other groups or individuals here today wish to help, it would be greatly appreciated.

Your Board of Trustees is indeed pleased and grateful for the financial assistance which comes to the Home each year. Many of the parents and guardians of the children continue to support the care and keep of the children, as they have been in the past. The many contacts made by our Publicity Committee, in the form of letters at Christmas and on Mothers Day, have brought in a sum that has helped tremendously. Small gifts, in the form of memorials to deceased brothers and sisters, continue to add to our treasury.

Our Finance Committee has wisely invested our endowment funds, which, in turn, brings in income to meet operating expenses. We are pleased to report that under our present budget, our Home is about 20% endowed.

Of Course, we could not continue to operate successfully if we did not have the generous financial support we receive from the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. and the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Nebraska, all of which is sincerely appreciated.

I would be remiss if I did not express gratitude to our dedicated membership, for giving so generously at the "Harvest In-Gathering" and at all other times. The personal things mean so much also. May all of the nice things you do for our children, come back into your own lives and bless you.

Throughout the years the Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay have contributed much in giving us fine members, and in generously supporting our Home. We know they have worked diligently to make these gifts possible. Each year we are indebted to them for their generosity, and this year is no exception. They have made us happy because of their caring, and then they shared because they did care. Again we say, a very sincere "Thank-you."

In May a Mr. Wm. Bengé of Grant, Nebraska made possible another fine gift for Our Children. Mr. Bengé, a business man had decided to dispose with the toy department in his establishment and sent his entire stock of new toys, worth \$2,000. This gift seems more significant in that he is not a Mason. It is greatly appreciated.

In order that our members may be better informed about our Home, this Board of Trustees made a recommendation which our Worthy Grand Matron carried out. Each Chapter was asked to appoint a "Children's

Home Representative." On April 12th, all of these Representatives were invited to the Home in Fremont for a get acquainted and informational program and tea. This was a most successful afternoon, there were 123 Chapters represented with a total attendance of approximately 230. Several came as far as 400 miles. We feel that this close link between Chapters, individuals, and our Home residents and employees will prove beneficial to all concerned.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children were first printed in the 1928 Grand Chapter Proceedings. Since they had become obsolete, they were revised in 1966. The new revised copy follows this report in the 1970 Proceedings.

As President of the Board, I want to take this means of expressing my sincere thanks for the personal interest taken in the Home by Most Worshipful Grand Master, Hugh Eisenhart. We were glad to have him as a visitor at the September Board of Trustees Meeting.

To Fred and Kay: Fred, even though you are the superintendent of our Home, your wife deserves much credit too. We have had many phone calls, letters conferences, conversations, and consultations concerning the Home. We did not always agree, but first in our thoughts was - what is best for the Home? Thank you so much for the help you have given to me, and especially for your fine friendship.

To the Board of Trustees: I would like to say a "special thank-you" to the Grand Masters and to the Worthy Grand Matrons who appointed you to serve on this board. You are an excellent group! You are to be commended for serving so efficiently on your committees, and for all the extra hours to have given to the Home. You have made this year an easy and enjoyable one for me.

"Granite may crumble,  
Wind and wave destroy  
Urn, shaft or words may perish or decay.  
But this shall last forever and a day  
A living monument - a girl - a boy."

Will you help us with our living monument, our boys and girls - 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 Grand Island Lodge No. 318 and recommends that the Petition be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason.

Your Committee finds from its investigation that this former member was expelled from membership on December 14, 1964; that he petitioned for restoration in Grand Island Lodge #318 on March 3, 1970; that the investigating committee voted favorably for restoration and his Petition was granted and your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the petition of a former member of Grand Island Lodge No. 318 for restoration be granted and that he be restored to good standing as a Mason."

WHEREAS, that at the 112th Annual Communication held on June, 1969, your Committee reported that an investigation had been made on the merits of the Petition for Restoration of a former member of Blue Hill Lodge #129; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the merger of Blue Hill Lodge #129 with Midwest Lodge #317 your Committee was misinformed with respect to the qualifications of the applicant; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution was presented by your Committee and adopted by the Grand Lodge restoring the former member to good standing as a nonaffiliated Mason; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that the action taken was in error and should be corrected.

NOW THEREFORE, your Committee offers the following Resolution and moves its adoption:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the action taken at the 112th Annual Communication held on June 3, 1969 restoring a former member of Blue Hill Lodge #129 to good standing as a nonaffiliated Mason be, and it hereby is, rescinded, set aside and held for naught."

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

M. W. Norris W. Lallman, 72, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted section by section, then as a whole:

The jurisprudence committee has been assigned the duty of examining portions of the Grand Master's address. We have carefully studied these reports and submit, for your consideration, the following recommendations.

### AMENDMENTS TO BY LAWS

No special problems appear to have been presented by requests for approval of By-Law amendments. We recommend the approval of this section of the report.

### DISPENSATIONS

We recommend approval of this section as reported by the Grand Master.

### DECISIONS

Brethren: the decisions which will now be reported on commence on page 7 of the advance proceedings which have been distributed.

1. We recommend approval of Decision number 1.
2. We also recommend approval of Decision number 2.
3. We likewise recommend approval of Decision number 3.
4. As to Decision number 4, we recommend approval of that portion relating to the retention of jurisdiction over the Entered Apprentice. We recommend disapproval of that portion stating that jurisdiction in such instance could not be waived. Section 2-804 provides for waivers in such situations. We therefore recommend that the following portion of such decision be deleted "until he has received all degrees, because only a Master Mason can demit, and Lancaster No. 54 could not give a waiver to the Connecticut lodge," and that as modified, such Decision number 4 be approved.

In order to allow the delegates to reflect on each decision, we will continue to submit our recommendations as to Decisions number 5-6-7-8 and 9 individually. It may sound repetitious, but each of these has been a real problem to some lodges, and each has received mature consideration and, we believe, sound decision.

5. We recommend approval of Decision number 5.
6. We recommend approval of Decision number 6.
7. We recommend approval of Decision number 7.
8. We recommend approval of Decision number 8.
9. We recommend approval of Decision number 9.
10. While we recommend approval of Decision number 10, we call attention to the fact that lodge dues are not only payable annually, they are also assessed annually and are subject to change; that payment of dues "in advance" may only be accepted by the lodge secretary as a deposit to be credited toward the brother's dues which may be regularly as-

essed. To hold otherwise would make possible the purchase of a "life membership" or its equivalent, which would violate Section 2-405.

11. We recommend approval of Decision number 11.
12. We recommend approval of Decision number 12.
13. We recommend approval of Decision number 13.
14. We recommend approval of Decision number 14.
15. We recommend approval of Decision number 15.
16. We recommend approval of Decision number 16.

But that this decision not be annotated.

17. We recommend approval of Decision number 17 and that it not be annotated.

As individually recommended, amended and emphasized, we recommend the approval of the section of the Grand Master's address entitled "Decisions."

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The jurisprudence committee was unanimous in its findings and recommendations as to the By Law Amendments--Dispensations and Decisions of the Grand Master's address.

The remaining portions of this report are the majority report of the committee, all delegates, including members of this committee, have the right to their own opinion, and, within limits as established by the Grand Master, the right to voice such opinion.

Changes and innovations are always with us. We find, however, that these recommendations are not in conflict with the Ancient Landmarks and report our recommendations for your action.

1. We recommend the approval of Recommendation number 1.
3. We recommend approval of Recommendation number 3. All Masons should be made more aware of the activities of these two homes. The mere fact that such committee is required to be appointed is only the first step. How the Committee functions will be the duty of the Master and the benefit to the brother.
4. We recommend approval of Recommendation number 4.
5. We believe that recommendation number 5 will open a broad field for Nebraska Masonry; that such an important decision should be considered in detail, and with consideration of our other charities and activities. We therefore recommend that Recommendation number 5 not be implemented at this time; that the incoming Grand Master give this matter further consideration and take such action as he may deem necessary to present to the Grand Lodge a program which can be supported under our existing laws relating to the expenditure of lodge funds.
6. Most of us have found that the Grand Lodge office has always been ready to assist the subordinate lodges on request. A committee appointed to plan a centennial observance should be gratified to learn that special assistance is available. We believe Recommendation number 6 to be an excellent suggestion and recommend that you approve the same.

7. Recommendation number 7 would enlarge the present bulletins, issued by the Nebraska Masonic Home, to include general news to the Craft from the Grand Lodge and the activities and results of the Seal Program. As enlarged, the proposed publication would be issued quarterly.

While not specifically provided for by our Code, this Grand Lodge does have a committee of dedicated Masons who have the duty of preparing general news releases to the media.

We recommend approval of Recommendation number 7, as above considered, and with the suggestion that the present Public Relations Committee be legalized and that with the Grand Secretary as an additional, and permanent member thereof, this Committee be given the responsibility of coordinating all such publications with the provision that it lay over for a year. Publication would begin only after funds are made available by this Grand Lodge.

8. It should be a privilege, rather than a hardship, to attend Grand Lodge as a delegate. We believe that Recommendation number 8 should be adopted and that the change of dates for communication be given a fair trial. If we later should determine to revert back to Tuesday and Wednesday then this Grand Lodge certainly may do so.

9. Recommendation number 9 as made, merely provides for discussion by this Grand Lodge of a proposal that we pay one cent per member of all Nebraska Lodges, toward the expense of landscaping the ground surrounding the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. We recommend approval of this recommendation, and strongly urge its adoption, and that adequate time be allowed in our program for a complete discussion. As this is not presented as an Annual payment, any action which you may decide to take should also be considered by the Committee on Appropriations.

2. We believe Recommendation number 2 should be approved with certain concrete guide lines. In order to simplify the annual amendments or changes in our code, we recommend that the newly revised code be a "loose leaf," rather than "bound" volume. We also recommend that the Committee on Codification of the law be authorized and instructed to condense, as far as possible, the annotations to the several sections of the Code.

We further recognize that the COMPLETION of this task will require much time and expense in its preparation. That such expenses cannot be predicted with any degree of accuracy at this time. Therefore we recommend that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized, in the manner provided by law, to approve emergency appropriations during the coming Masonic year, to pay such expenses.

This recommendation has been submitted to and joined in approval by, the Committee on Codification of the Law.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW

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

Your Committee on Codification of the Law submits its report and recommends amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska as follows:

That Section 2-801 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:  
Sec. 2-801--HOW DETERMINED--

All lodges, either chartered or under dispensation, shall have concurrent jurisdiction within the State of Nebraska.

That said original Section 2-801 of the By-Laws be and same is hereby repealed.

That in order to conform the By-Laws to this change concerning jurisdiction, changes in related sections are made as follows:

That Section 2-802 of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the last sentence, which now reads: "Petitions for initiation must be presented to the lodge nearest the residence of the petitioner; in cities having more than one lodge, the petition may be presented to any one of them." Otherwise said section to remain unchanged.

That Section 2-803 of the By-Laws, paragraph one, be amended to read as follows.

Sec. 2-803--RESIDENCE REQUIRED--

(Paragraph one amended)

No lodge shall ballot upon a petition for initiation from any person who has not resided continuously within the State of Nebraska for the twelve months immediately preceding, except as provided in Section 2-807 of these By-Laws. This requirement shall not apply to applications for advancement, or to the petition of one who has been previously rejected. It is not necessary that a petitioner be a naturalized citizen. Any person in an occupation having no fixed domicile and moving from place to place, must first establish a Masonic residence in the state of Nebraska.

That the original paragraph one of said Section 2-803 of the By-Laws be and the same is hereby repealed.

That Section 2-805--WAIVER--be and the same is hereby repealed.

That Section 2-806--EFFECT OF WAIVER--be and the same is hereby repealed.

That Section 1-101 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1-101--ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS--The stated Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge shall be held at Omaha, Nebraska, or at such other place designated by the Grand Master with the approval of the Grand Lodge, beginning on the second Friday of June, at such

hour as the Grand Master may designate. A Master Mason's Lodge shall first be opened. If representatives of the constitutional number of seven lodges be found present, the Grand Lodge shall be declared open for the transaction of business, and the Grand Master shall announce all necessary appointments, and fill vacancies in the standing committees.

That the original of said Section 1-101 be and the same is hereby repealed.

That in order to provide for the change in name of one committee and to add one committee, Section 1-301, paragraph two, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1-301--ENUMERATION AND CLASSIFICATION--  
(Paragraph two amended)

The Standing Committees shall be the following: Jurisprudence, Fraternal Relations, Fraternal Dead, Masonic Relief, Temple Building Advisor, Masonic Education, Board of Grand Trustees, Masonic-Eastern Star Student Fund, Applications for Reinstatement, George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Nebraska Work, Finance, Appropriations, Grand Lodge Offices, Lodge Advisory and Public Relations. Except as otherwise provided by these By-Laws, all Standing Committees shall consist of not less than three nor more than five members and shall be appointed by the Grand Master within ten days after his installation.

That the original paragraph two of said Section 1-301 be and the same is hereby repealed.

That in order to conform the By-Laws to provide for the change in name of the committee to Committee on Masonic Relief, it is necessary to amend certain other sections as follows:

That Section 1-308 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1-308--MASONIC RELIEF--The Committee on Masonic Relief shall consist of five members, each to serve for a period of five years, and who shall be appointed by the Grand Master for such terms as shall retire one member thereof annually, provided that this change in name of this committee shall not disturb membership continuity. Said committee shall have entire charge, shall receive, consider and report upon all applications for relief from the Relief Fund of this Grand Lodge and appropriations from the Orphan's Educational Fund interest. It shall be the duty of this committee to make a thorough investigation of each and every application.

That said original Section 1-308 shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

That Section 1-411--APPLICATION FOR RELIEF--shall be amended by deleting the words "Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans" wherever the same now appears therein, and substituting the words "Committee on Masonic Relief" in place thereof, otherwise said section shall be unchanged.

That Section 1-407 of the By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1-407--ALLOCATION FUNDS--

The per capita tax of \$4.00 shall be divided as follows:

To the Nebraska Masonic Home	\$2.00
To the Committee on Masonic Relief	.20
To the General Fund	1.80

The Initiation Fee of \$10.00 and all affiliation fees shall be allocated to the General Fund.

That said original Section 1-407 be and the same is hereby repealed.

That Section 1-323 is a presently unused section number. That a new Section 1-323 be enacted and codified as follows:

Sec. 1-323--PUBLIC RELATIONS--The Committee on Public Relations shall consist of five members to be appointed by the Grand Master who shall be elected at the session of this Grand Lodge at which this By-Law is passed, one member for a term of one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years. Thereafter one member shall be appointed each year for a term of five years. The Grand Secretary shall also serve as an ex-officio member of this committee.

The duties of this committee shall be two-fold as follows:

To prepare and disseminate through recognized news media such news items concerning this Grand Lodge and its subordinate lodges as may be directed by the Grand Master.

Acting jointly with the Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, to prepare, edit, publish and distribute to all members of the subordinate lodges of Nebraska a quarterly Nebraska Masonic Bulletin, such bulletin to contain information and news of the Grand Lodge and its officers, the Nebraska Masonic Home and such other information and items as may be of general interest to Nebraska Masons.

That Section 2-513.02 be enacted and codified as a part of the By-Laws as follows:

Sec. 2-513.02--HOMES COMMITTEE--The By-Laws of each subordinate lodge, as provided for by Section 2-512, shall contain a provision for a Committee on Homes consisting of not less than three nor more than five members, to be appointed annually by the Master of each such lodge. The duties of such committee shall be to publicize and promote a greater understanding of the operation and affairs of the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children at Fremont.

The decisions of the Grand Master which have been approved or which have been amended and approved by this Grand Lodge should be placed as annotations to the proper sections of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, except those specifically excluded as annotations in the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

W.: Brother Bernard T. Pipher:

M.:W.: Grand Master, I move the adoption of this last section on annotations and the report as a whole. Adopted by more than two-thirds vote.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

W.: Clyde H. Jones, 173, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials which was adopted:

Your Committee on Credentials report that all lodges are represented except Nos. 14, 41, 83, 84, 91, 99, 106, 116, 125, 140, 147, 156, 160, 166, 185, 209, 211, 216, 226, 233, 241, 243, 263, 261, 262, 284, 286, 287, 292, 299, 305, 316, 319, 324.

Total number of lodges 259, number not represented 34. Lodges not represented for the last two Annual Communications: 106, 125, 147, 226, 243, 316. For three years not represented: 156.

All Grand Officers are present and all Past Grand Masters except M.:W.: Ralph O. Canaday, Edward F. Carter, Edward Huwaldt.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES

LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	1	James N. Emery	Joe N. Lindquist	Clyde J. Birch
Western Star	2	Matthew J. Thornton	William T. Brookley	*Henry E. Schemmel
Capitol	3	Donald E. Olson	Robert E. Noah	Ray G. Campbell
Nemaha Valley	4	J. Adolf Wensien	.....	.....
Omati	5	Rex E. Pearson	Leland George	Gene W. Robertson
Plattsmouth	6	Roger D. Hild	Roger R. Wehrbein	*Norman G. McCool
Falls City	9	William L. Hull	*Rodney Knaup	*William L. Hull
Solomon	10	Roland W. Husk	Ralph W. Steyer	Clarence L. Adams
Covert	11	Melvin M. Kent	*Joseph R. Doyle	*William May
Orient	13	John E. Scholl	*Willard I. Lewis, Jr.	.....
Peru	14	.....	.....	.....
Fremont	15	Garvis E. Burrell	*Gerald A. Moller	Floyd R. McKenzie
Tecumseh	17	Wayne C. McCoy	.....	*Wayne C. McCoy
Lincoln	19	Gary L. Powell	Marvin K. Morehead	*Neil S. Trabert, Jr.
Washington	21	James L. Long	.....	.....
Pawnee	23	Gerald C. Snyder	.....	.....
St. Johns	25	Marshall N. Zalkin	*Alfred E. Geschke	Vern S. Dirgo
Beatrice	26	Duaine R. Blaser	*Perley E. Bates, Jr.	.....
Jordan	27	Charles A. Kurtz	*Charles A. Kurtz	Franklin E. Johnson
Blue River	30	Lee R. Newton	.....	.....
Tekamah	31	Larry S. Jackson	Lewis McNear	R. I. Breckenridge
Platte Valley	32	John E. Bungler	Neal H. Powell	Merle K. Meyer
Ashlar	33	Otto A. Neiss	*Donald M. Petersen	*Robert W. Boon
Acacia	34	Joseph Hoffman	Alfred Tichacek	Marlyn Grubbs
Fairbury	35	Roy L. Stiles	John E. Metcalf	Keith Richardson
Lone Tree	36	Loris L. Neal	John F. Jefferson	Gerald Gleason
Crete	37	Franklin H. Mills	David A. Johnson	.....
Oliver	38	Alan G. Loftis	.....	*Erwin J. Imig
Papillion	39	Richard M. Paul	Dale E. Karloff	Clair W. Conrad
Humboldt	40	Rudolf Mueller	.....	.....
Northern Light	41	.....	.....	.....
Hebron	43	Herman E. Zuehlsdorf	*D. B. Shearer	*Herman E. Zuehlsdorf

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LODGE	NO.	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Harvard	44	*Clarence Farrand	*Carl H. VonSpreckelson	*Carl H. VonSpreckelson
Rob Morris	46	Raymond E. Hensley	Milton A. Meredith	Willis Robinson
Fairmont	48	Lewis E. McCreath	*Lewis E. McCreath	Max M. Beavers
Evening Star	49	Ken Barnell	*Ken Barnell	*Robert X. Reighter
Hastings	50	Stanley E. Alexander	*Arthur L. Miller	*Harold R. Williams
Fidelity	51	Wayland D. Den	.....	*Charles E. Baker
Hiram	52	Leo A. Buchardt	.....	.....
Charity	53	*Robert E. Sutter	Robert E. Sutter	*Robert E. Sutter
Lancaster	54	Lawrence R. Jones	Frank W. Brooks	Lester Way
Mosaic	55	Henry F. Lumsden	*Walter Truex	*L. A. Walker
York	56	Glen C. Pfenning	.....	.....
Mt. Moriah	57	.....	.....	*Russell M. Joyce
Wahoo	59	Donald H. Rood	Harold L. Miller	Rex A. Buchanan
Melrose	60	Donald O. White	Elva L. Simpson	Walter Havenridge, J
Thistle	61	*Philip E. Darby, Jr.	Philip E. Darby, Jr.	.....
Keystone	62	Donald H. Olson	*Donald Schuster	*Donald H. Olson
Blue Valley	64	Ted Bastian	*Frank Runtz	Frank Runtz
Osceola	65	Albert E. Rommers	.....	.....
Edgar	67	Everette S. Shaw	*Everette S. Shaw	*Everette S. Shaw
Aurora	68	Harris D. Ulmer	Kyle M. Lantz	.....
Sterling	70	Landis A. Rulla	.....	.....
Trowel	71	Roger V. Baker	Eugene J. Udey	George D. Strassler
Hooper	72	Delbert D. Larsen	*Herman L. Lallman	*Delbert D. Larsen
Friend	73	Homer T. Bender	*Homer T. Bender	*Orville Gogswell
Alexandria	74	Hugo L. Broeder	Loren M. Ginn	.....
Frank Welch	75	Kenneth G. Fleming	*Frank J. Mattoon	*Kenneth G. Fleming
Nelson	77	Kenneth B. Hamel	*Frank Harris	Ivan L. Schafer
Albion	78	*Roy L. Smith	Alan D. Smith	John S. Williams
Geneva	79	Ben D. Fussell	.....	.....
Composite	81	*Fred Forney	Fred Forney	Leo Aldrich
St. Paul	82	*Henry Kilpatrick	*Henry Kilpatrick	*Henry Kilpatrick
Corinthian	83	.....	.....	.....
Fairfield	84	.....	.....	.....
Ionic	87	Robert F. Drake	.....	.....
Star	88	Robert H. Christiansen	Clark K. Beck	Robert E. Baker
Cedar River	89	*Wayne H. Nicholls	*Wayne H. Nicholls	*Paul H. Ludington

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Oakland	91	.....	.....	.....
Beaver City	93	Robert J. Gardner	*Robert J. Gardner	*Robert J. Gardner
Bennett	94	Donald C. Carter	*Henry A. Thaden	Loren A. Lewis
Garfield	95	Rob R. Prouty	.....	.....
Utica	96	*E. D. Sampson	Harold K. Kruse	Glen Eberspacher
Euclid	97	Charles L. Spohr	James R. Owens	*Charles L. Spohr
Republican	98	Robert D. Lloyd	.....	.....
Shelton	99	.....	.....	.....
Creighton	100	Edward B. Smith	*Edward B. Smith	*Chester O. Anderson
Ponca	101	*Harry F. Stammer	*Harry F. Stammer	*Harry F. Stammer
Waterloo	102	Karl H. T. Klebe	Donald P. Feller	Leonard A. Neidermyer
Ord	103	Charles B. Zangger	Bud T. Brickner	*Charles B. Zangger
Wymore	104	Robert A. Norris	*Myron S. Connett	*Lacy L. Mittan
Stella	105	Richard Wheeler, Jr.	Glenn G. Gossman	Wendell Armstrong
Porter	106	.....	.....	.....
Table Rock	108	*Lloyd F. Vrtiska	*Lloyd F. Vrtiska	*Lloyd F. Vrtiska
Pomegranate	110	*Lloyd I. Edwards	George W. Hunt	Arthur W. Laughlin
DeWitt	111	George H. Norton	*Ralph E. DeVol, Sr.	*Dewey Geistlinger
Springfield	112	*Melvin E. Johnson	*Harry N. Ahl	.....
Globe	113	Morris M. Moyer	.....	.....
Wisner	114	Edmund H. Schlueter	*Judson M. Meier	.....
Harlan	116	.....	.....	.....
Hardy	117	Ezra Olsen	William A. Corman	Clyde Washington
North Bend	11	Herman C. Barnes	Paul R. Eveland	Henry Lechtenberger
Wayne	120	LeRoy W. Clark	*LeRoy W. Clark	*LeRoy W. Clark
Superior	121	*Wayne S. Megrue	.....	.....
Auburn	124	Wendell L. Fairbanks	*Gordon Watkins	*Wendell L. Fairbanks
Mount Nebo	125	.....	.....	.....
Stromsburg	126	Larry L. Cook	.....	.....
Minden	127	*Charles A. Chappell	.....	.....
Guide Rock	128	Donald M. Ohmstede	Jess H. Petsch	.....

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Scribner	132	Murray J. Hormel	*S. G. Spurling	*S. G. Spurling
Solar	134	Lealdes Huston	Earl W. Ferguson	Philip E. Foulk
McCook	135	John G. Massey	*Elmer P. Baruth	.....
Long Pine	136	Henry C. Henning	.....	.....
Upright	137	*William Yarpe	Leonard Steiner	*William Yarpe
Rawalt	138	Phillip Rhynalds	.....	.....
Clay Centre	139	*Glenn F. Sperry	*Glenn F. Sperry	*Glenn F. Sperry
Western	140	.....	.....	.....
Crescent	143	Thomas G. McBride	*Kenneth Smiley	.....
Bancroft	145	Curtis A. Graff	.....	.....
Jachin	146	Melvin W. Johnston	.....	*Arthur Anderson
Siloam	147	.....	.....	.....
Emmet Crawford	148	Duane C. Wright	*Harry Cusher	*Roy W. Davis
Cambridge	150	*Raleigh J. Clegg	Raleigh J. Clegg	*Raleigh J. Clegg
Evergreen	153	Paul V. Meierhenry	.....	.....
Lily	154	*Vivian Virchow	.....	.....
Hartington	155	*Louis G. Riibe	*Louis G. Riibe	*Louis G. Riibe
Pythagoras	156	.....	.....	.....
Samaritan	158	Lester Collons	*Paul D. Carrol	.....
Ogalalla	159	Howard L. Harrington	.....	*Harold L. Oehlerking
Zeredatha	160	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	161	Dean R. White	.....	*Howard G. Whitmore
Trestle Board	162	*C. W. Boellstorff	C. W. Boellstorff	*C. W. Boellstorff
Unity	163	.....	.....	Gordon H. Hansen
Atkinson	164	*Roy W. Aten	.....	.....
Barneston	165	*E. Howard Goin	Harold E. Monfelt	.....
Mystic Tie	166	.....	.....	.....
Elwood	167	Cloid G. Ringenberg	Robert Bartruff	*Cloid G. Ringenberg
Curtis	168	*Carl A. Yonkers	Carl A. Yonkers	*Carl A. Yonkers
Amity	169	Warren W. Sawyer	*Warren W. Sawyer	*Warren W. Sawyer
Mason City	170	Richard S. Martin	.....	.....
Merna	171	.....	John H. Jacobsen	.....
Robert Burns	173	Loren T. Hawkinson	*Loren T. Hawkinson	*Clyde H. Jones
Culbertson	174	C. Keith Miller	.....	.....
Temple	175	.....	.....	*Henry R. Miller
Gladstone	176	Anton J. Bubak	.....	.....

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Hay Springs	177	Joe G. Schneider, Sr.	*Joe G. Schneider, Sr.	*Joe G. Schneider, Sr.
Prudence	179	Robert D. Carr	.....	*Grant Hansen
Justice	180	Kenneth L. Frasier, Sr.	Harry P. Martin	Donovan A. Merklin
Faith	181	Floyd E. Ramsey	.....	.....
Alliance	183	Dean P. Meradith	*Ehm J. Sorensen	*LeRoy J. Trabert
Bee Hive	184	Joseph R. Grady	D. L. Williams	LeRoy N. Armstrong
Boaz	185	.....	.....	.....
Meridian	188	Rodney L. Carlson	*Rodney L. Carlson	Ralph McNulty
Granite	189	Warren Fitzgerald	.....	.....
Amethyst	190	.....	Alfred Ewoldt	.....
Crystal	191	Warren R. Malmstrom	.....	.....
Minnekadusa	192	William S. Powell	*U. Wesley Fox	.....
Signet	193	*F. Otto Nelson	*Henry Hunt	.....
Highland	194	Eric R. Miller	Leland I. Lawrence	.....
Arcana	195	Hudson N. Morey	*Hudson N. Morey	*Hudson N. Morey
Purity	198	Loral Johnson	.....	.....
Gavel	199	.....	.....	Richard C. Smith
Blazing Star	200	.....	L. F. DeLashmutt	.....
Scotts Bluff	201	*Albert E. Christy	Albert E. Christy	E. Carl Hofrock
Golden Sheaf	202	*M. Dean McGrew	.....	.....
Roman Eagle	203	*Loren J. Callahan	*V. E. Lovell	.....
Plainview	204	.....	Fred C. Gardner	.....
Golden Fleece	205	*Darrell Clark	Darrell Clark	*William R. Stegeman
Parian	207	*Charles M. Frederick	*Charles M. Frederick	*Charles M. Frederick
Canopy	209	.....	.....	.....
East Lincoln	210	Alvia A. Simmons	George R. Osborn	*Nelson Rittenburg
Cement	211	.....	.....	.....
Plumblin	214	Henry C. Graefe	.....	.....
Occidental	215	Raymond J. Pecena	*Raymond J. Pecena	*Raymond J. Pecena
Palisade	216	.....	.....	.....
Wauneta	217	Clyde G. Hoff	.....	.....
Bloomfield	218	Robert L. Kuhl	Robert T. Harm	*Albert Berner
Relief	219	.....	.....	*Chalmer Wilkerson
Magnolia	220	Wynn W. Carter	.....	.....
Wood Lake	221	Douglas R. Tetherow	.....	.....

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Landmark	222	Howard J. Laughlin	Charles C. Brodersen	.....
Eminence	223	Melvin H. Obermeier	*James C. Bierbower	.....
Silver Cord	224	Harry F. Sawle	*Max Crooker	*Richard L. Jones
Cable	225	Harlan K. Olin	.....	.....
Grace	226	.....	.....	.....
North Star	227	Keith L. Hatfield	Dale E. Wallin	C. Arlen Beam
Bartley	228	*Daniel L. Mitchell	*Daniel L. Mitchell	*Daniel L. Mitchell
Comet	229	Jack Lefler	*Ralph Olson	.....
Mt. Hermon	231	*Douglas D. Brown	.....	Robert J. Shasteen
John S. Bowen	232	William R. Harper, Jr.	*J. Ansel Toft	*Lillard S. Jensen
Gilead	233	.....	.....	.....
Zion	234	John D. Streiff	.....	.....
Fraternity	235	*Gail Axen	.....	.....
Golden Rule	236	.....	Howard S. Gillaspie	.....
Cubit	237	Samuel H. Brownlee	W. J. Hesson	*Lloyd Brugman
Friendship	239	Robert E. Comer	Osborne S. Ruben	.....
Pilot	240	*Floyd L. Hale	Floyd L. Hale	*Marion R. Lotz
George Armstrong	241	.....	.....	.....
Tyrian	243	.....	.....	.....
Hampton	245	Raymond J. Rech	*William Gordon	.....
Nehawka	246	F. S. Lindsey	R. A. Weickhorst	Robert R. Attebery
Laurel	248	Merlin D. Swanson	*Everett Burns	.....
Gothenburg	249	Richard Hecox	*Richard Hecox	*Richard Hecox
Geo. Washington	250	Henry H. Hansen	*Otis W. Cave	*Ardeane M. Davis
Wausa	251	*Melvin Rosen	*Melvin Rosen	*Melvin Rosen
Beemer	253	.....	.....	.....
Bassett	254	Richard L. Mauch	*Richard L. Mauch	Rauley W. Connell
Hickman	256	Rodger M. Damrow	John D. VerMaas	*John D. VerMaas
Anselmo	258	James L. Roseberry	.....	.....
Ornan	261	.....	.....	.....
Endeavor	262	.....	.....	.....
Mitchell	263	*Sidney H. Bliton	*Sidney H. Bliton	*Sidney H. Bliton
Franklin	264	William H. Smith	.....	*Jesse N. Malick
Robert W. Furnas	265	Sam F. Segrist	*Ernest W. Johnson	*Edward H. Lockwood
Silver	266	Robert L. Tooker	Bruce L. Frizzell	Chapin E. Peterson
James A. Tulleys	267	*Russell M. Warren	.....	.....

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Geo. W. Lininger	268	Gerald K. Hall	.....	*Edward C. Reynolds
Oasis	271	.....	*Bernard Walker	.....
Lee P. Gillette	272	R. W. Greipenstroh	.....	Irvin F. Griepenstroh
Crofton	273	Harold A. Gilson	.....	.....
Olive Branch	274	.....	*Lester Hrdy	*Lewis Dunn
Ramah	275	*Robert L. Davis	*Robert L. Davis	*Robert L. Davis
Antelope	276	*Donald S. Hinman	*Donald S. Hinman	.....
Sioux	277	Kenneth Watson	.....	.....
Litchfield	278	Floyd Holm	*L. C. Predmore	.....
Wallace	279	*Hobart Bancroft	.....	.....
Swastika	280	*William W. Steen	.....	*William W. Steen
Florence	281	Doyle E. Berg	Frank J. Velasco	Robert L. Tollander
Mullen	282	*Percy Miller	.....	.....
Seneca	284	.....	.....	.....
Camp Clarke	285	Donald G. VanOstrand	.....	.....
Oshkosh	286	.....	.....	.....
Union	287	.....	.....	.....
Omaha	288	Joseph A. Peterson	Jerry E. McGee	.....
Lotus	289	Benjamin L. Russell	Frank Mac Campbell	.....
John J. Mercer	290	D. Thomas Hill	*Robert D. McBride	Frank H. Koch
Diamond	291	Gordon R. Johnson	.....	.....
Wolbach	292	.....	.....	.....
Monument	293	.....	James D. McCoy	.....
Kimball	294	Patrick A. Dunegan	*P. A. Dunegan	*P. A. Dunegan
Minatare	295	.....	*Roy I. Babbitt	.....
Cotner	297	Donald E. Watson	Glen R. Foster	*James L. Quinn
Chester	298	Marlon G. Loftis	Don R. Duey	Richard A. George
Sutherland	299	.....	.....	.....
Liberty	300	Joseph P. Damm	Robert J. Reitz	O. Dean VanZandt
Bayard	301	Frank H. Smith	.....	.....
Mizpah	302	Raleigh A. Pilaster	Lanny F. Godsey	.....
Right Angle	303	*Wade E. Sheppard	Hollis E. Gwin	*Wendell W. George
Newman Grove	305	.....	.....	.....
Golden Rod	306	Wayne L. Campbell	Samuel F. Irwin	*George T. Hillman
Perkins	308	Perry L. Dudden	.....	.....
Winnebago	309	Neal Nelson	.....	.....
Victory	310	William P. Buckley	Harold E. Knaus	.....
Polk	311	Noel Kealiber	Donald G. Hudson	Vern Samuels
Oak Leaf	312	Harry D. Moffett	*Donald J. Johnson	*Harry D. Moffett
Potter	313	*Samuel Smith	*Samuel Smith	*Samuel Smith

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Craftsmen	314	Ernest H. Remmers	R. R. Hardekopf	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.
Alpha	316	.....	.....	.....
Mid-West	317	Ray E. Gaymon	D. L. Seingle	Alfred M. Harvey
Grand Island	318	Carl P. Urich	Mylus E. Robison	*Albert B. Osborn
Bladen	319	.....	.....	.....
College View	320	*Hendrickus Ottjes	*George Placek	*R. George Meininger
Harmony	321	*Clifford D. Webster	*C. D. Webster	*C. D. Webster
Lebanon	323	*Robert E. Lund	.....	Leland S. Pennington
Cairo	324	.....	.....	.....
Bellevue	325	Ronald L. Nelson	Charles W. Jacobs	Walter L. Zender
Centennial	326	Edward L. Davis	*Elmer E. Smith	*Harvey A. Smith
Shiloh	327	Sam K. Nielsen, Jr.	*William H. Covey	Darwyn V. Delehoy

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION

W. Alfred B. Saum, presented the final report of the Committee on Appropriations, which was adopted:

This budget covers the period of the Finance Committee and the Auditor's report which covers the period from May 1, 1970 to April 30, 1971.

At the close of fiscal year several small over expenditures for the year 1969-1970 were noted in the following accounts:

Social Security . . . . .	\$102.69
Grand Master's Jewel-Apron . . . . .	23.44
Contents Ins. Premium . . . . .	25.00
Printing programs and other	
Incidental expenses . . . . .	100.26
Total	<u>\$251.39</u>

We recognize the deficit in these accounts and recommend an appropriation in the amount of \$251.39 to clear these accounts.

Section A "Expense of Annual Communication." The preliminary report request for the Grand Lodge dinner for delegates in the amount of \$1500 is increased to the amount of \$1921.25. An addition of \$421.25. Changing the total of Annual Communication expense from \$17,650 to \$18,071.25.

Grand Master's Recommendation No. 2, that the Grand Lodge authorize the issuance of a new bound volume of the Constitution & By-laws of the Grand Lodge codified to date, including the 1970 decisions and annotations and we hereby recommend an appropriation for the year 1970-1971 in the amount of \$1,000 recognizing that the total cost of this project may exceed this figure.

By action of the Grand Lodge this item in the preliminary report in the amount of \$150.00 for "Masonic Services Association Training Program" is increased to \$350.00. This amount is recommended by the Appropriation Committee.

These changes to the preliminary report will change the total appropriation for \$555,695.11 to \$557,567.75.

We the Committee wish to thank the Grand Master and other Grand Officers and the Grand Lodge Committees for the promptness and their fine cooperation in arriving at this budget.

## MINUTES APPROVED

W.: Brother T. Leo Stines:

M.:W.: Grand Master, I move that the published proceedings of the 112th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Nebraska, held June 3 and 4, 1969 and all previous proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and distributed by the Grand Secretary, be ratified and approve. (carried)

M.:W.: Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

We have four Resolutions to be read before this Grand Lodge, for amendment to our By-laws.

## RESOLUTION

1. BE IT RESOLVED: We the undersigned Master Masons of Nebraska, do hereby, respectfully request that the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska give serious consideration to participating in the Masonic Service Association program regarding Masonic Hospital Visitors in the three Veterans Hosptials, located at Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island, Nebraska.

We feel that well-trained Masonic Hospital Visitors in these three Hospitals would fill a much needed gap and would be the means of presenting the proper Masonic image which is needed in our Grand Jurisdiction in Nebraska.

## RESOLUTION

2. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Brothers; Be it resolved that in compliance with Sec. 1-502 of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska that Section 2-901 entitled "No Religious Test" be ammended to read as follows:

No religious test shall be required of any petitioner for the degrees of masonry other than a steadfast belief in the existence and perfections of God, and no lodge shall receive any candidate without acknowledgment of such belief. A petitioner must be nineteen years old at the time of signing his petition. (The only change being the last sentence which has been changed from twenty-one to nineteen years old.)

## RESOLUTION

3. "We the undersigned members of the Grand Lodge, A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Nebraska, do hereby propose and second the following amendment

to Part III, Chapter I, Sec. 3-102 (d) of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska be amended as follows:

Sec. 3-102 Enumerated - the following are specifically declared to be Masonic offenses:

(d) Engaging in the manufacture, bottling, blending, selling, bartering, transporting, delivering, furnishing or possessing any alcoholic liquor for beverage purpose contrary to or in violation of the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Sec. 3-102 (d) and subsequent amendments thereto are repealed.

RESOLUTION

1. Be it resolved that Paragraph 3 of Section 2-601 and Section 1-407 of the Grand Lodge By-laws be amended to read as follows:

Section 2-601--Paragraph 3: The phrase "the sum of \$4.00" shall be amended to read "the sum of \$6.00."

Section 1-407--be amended to read:

"The percapita tax of \$6.00 shall be divided as follows:

To The Nebraska Masonic Home. . . . .	\$4.00
To the Committee on Masonic Relief. . . . .	20
To the General Fund . . . . .	1.80

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

2. That original Section 2-601, paragraph 3 and Section 1-407 enacted in 1969 be repealed.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

I would certainly be remiss if I did not thank our Committee on Arrangements for this Grand Lodge Communication. W. Brother Don Swanson, Bill Hisey, Brother Zink and the others who have served on the Committee so faithfully and well. We couldn't had finer cooperation and I know that you have done everything possible to help the matter go smoothly. We thank you again, but we wanted it made a matter of record, how much we appreciate your services and your efforts.

At 11:55 a.m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

SECOND DAY...AFTERNOON SESSION

W. Frank J. Mattoon, Grand Senior Deacon, presented the following representatives of the Order of Rainbow for Girls and Order of DeMolay.

Order of Rainbow for Girls was represented by Wendy Miller, Grand Worthy Advisor. Order of DeMolay was represented by Brother Walter Miller, Executive Officer, DeMolay in Nebraska.

Wendy Miller, Grand Worthy Advisor:

M. W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Distinguished Guests: It is my privilege to be able to present to the Masons, a check for your project. The Rainbow Girls feel this one way they can express their gratitude for the support they have received from you in the past years. I hope your interest and enthusiasm for the youth of today will grow and never waiver and become stronger.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

Thank you, Wendy, we are very proud of the Organization you represent, you are most welcome here, we want you to know that we are happy to support your Organization and the things for which it stands. We are most proud of you and all of your girls, and for the Home, we thank you very much for this check.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

I regret that the State Master Counselor couldn't be here today, however, Brother Walter Miller, Executive Officer for DeMolay in Nebraska is present today. Walter has been doing a wonderful job for DeMolay and I should like to present him to you.

Brother Walter Miller:

Thank you, M. W. Grand Master, I want to express on behalf of the Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, our very deep thanks to you and to the Brethren of Nebraska for your concern and for your support of the Order of DeMolay this last year. I am happy to report that since our last Session, DeMolay has grown in the state of Nebraska and several new Chapters have been instituted.

## SECOND DAY...AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2:30 p.m. the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

### OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart, Grand Master:

Brethren and Ladies, we are very happy to welcome you to this installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge for the new year. It is my pleasure to introduce the Installing Officer, M. W. Louis V. Sylvester, he will introduce the rest of his Installing Officers.

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

It is my pleasure to present the other Installing Officers: Installing Grand Marshal, M. W. John F. Fitcher; Installing Grand Secretary, M. W. Herbert T. White; and Installing Grand Chaplain, V. W. Levi B. Williams.

## THE NEW GRAND MASTER M. W. JOHN H. BROWN, GRAND MASTER:

Brethren and Ladies, I want to thank you for your attendance at this installation on behalf of all the Grand Lodge Officers. I know there are some here who are very special to each of the individual officers. We truly appreciate your presence.

I also want to thank the Past Grand Masters who installed us, M. W. Louis V. Sylvester—Installing Officer, M. W. John F. Futch—Installing Marshal, M. W. Herbert T. White—Installing Secretary. As M. W. Brother Lou told you they are all part of my Masonic lineage. They are all very good long time friends. Thank you V. W. Brother, Reverend Levi B. Williams for serving as Installing Chaplain. Brother Levi is a very good friend, a member of my lodge and has served the Grand Lodge for many years as Grand Chaplain. W. Brother Edward H. Lockwood; thank you for being our Installing Organist. Brother Ed is another good friend, a Past Master of his lodge, Secretary of the Scottish Rite and Recorder for the Shrine at Hastings and a valued member of our Grand Lodge Educational Committee.

Now I want to express my appreciation to my very dear friend and his wife, Hugh W. Eisenhart who has just become Junior Past Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska and his wife Claudine. Here are two of the greatest people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. They have endeared themselves to all of us and, Hugh, I shall never forget your kindness and your wonderful leadership. It has been a real privilege for me to follow you through the line.

I am especially proud of my Grand Lodge Officers and will now present them and their wives. (Introduction of Grand Lodge Officers and wives).

M. W. Brother Lou touched on it during the installation ceremony, but I want to comment regarding a very fine Brother who found it necessary to withdraw from the Grand Lodge line at this Communication. R. W. Brother Warren K. Urbom, who had served this last year as our Grand Senior Warden was recently awarded the high honor of a District Federal Judgeship. His sincerity in feeling that he could not give his best to the Grand Lodge in the face of the heavy demands of the Judgeship is his reason for withdrawing. We regret losing him but extend him every good wish and are pleased that a man of his high calibre holds such an important office in the government of our state. The withdrawal of Brother Urbom, now our only Past Grand Senior Warden, provided me the privilege and responsibility of two appointments. These appointments were made with the same careful deliberation of my own acceptance of the high honor. I am happy they accepted and am very proud of them, W. Brother Donald Swanson, who was just installed Grand Senior Deacon and W. Brother Harold Hultman who was installed as Grand Junior Deacon. I don't think I could have made two better choices.

(Following was introductions of family, close friends visiting dignitaries, present and past officers of O.E.S., Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Master of Nebraska No. 1, James Emery and his wife. Acceptance of a Gavel, presented by Assistant Grand Custodian Walter Brown, a gift from Nebraska Lodge No. 1.)

## REMARKS

### Remarks

Brethren and ladies, I am not going to make a speech, but I have a few remarks I would like to give before we close.

It seems to me that we are going through an era of violent change. The world has always gone through eras of change but the one we are experiencing now is probably the most severe in the recorded history of mankind. I doubt if there has ever been a time when there has been so much disassociated thinking as there is right now and between so many factions. We are in a serious depression, my Brethren. It is not financial or even political particularly; it is a spiritual depression of great magnitude...Man is adrift from his God. Labor is not only fighting capital but it is fighting itself, our churches are still at disagreement as though there was no Prince of Peace and we get a lot of clammer and demand from too many who insist on being heard when they have made no preparation to be heard. It is time, now, that we as Masons do a lot of thinking and make up our minds on what Masonry is all about and what we are going to do as individuals to help solve the problem. We need to be reminded too, that unless we are helping solve the problem, we are part of it. Within the structure of the teachings of Masonry we have the answer to today's concerns which can be defined as "The Art Of Right Living." Masonry can claim to be the world's oldest laboratory in the art, it has had the most experience in the teaching of it and from generation to generation it has taught the truths which have always come to the forefront to bring man out of his dilemma, to help and guide him along his way to a more stable and higher civilization. The precepts which Masonry teaches and which can bring this world out of its downward slide to suicide are an understanding and application of; man's association with himself, man's association with his fellow man and man's association with God. We, in some way, must learn these precepts well enough, individually, so we can convey them to the world at large and to the young people in particular. Somehow, we must convince our youth that there is something worthwhile in the lessons of history and that it is true that those who will not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. We, as Masons, must also remember that the real contributions of our great institution are only incidentally collective. The real contribution is in the quality of the lives of the individual mason, living by the principle of example and precept. If we are to lead the younger generation into a higher and better life and vindicate some of the wrongs, we have seen done in our lifetime, we have got to be real Masons and we have got to live every day in everything we do, the life a real Mason. What power Masonry has for the good of the future can only be through

our youth, the everlasting fountain by which we can redeem ourselves. Let us, now, do everything we can to let them know why they are needed in the work we are attempting to do and why too they need us as an important guide to their future course. The Grand Lodge emphasized, during the last year, recognition of and working with our youth groups which have emanated from Masonry, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay for young men. In them we have a vast store house of spiritually oriented youth who have every potential for being our best citizens of tomorrow. I will continue this emphasis and I urge every lodge, if they are not now, to sponsor this activity in every manner open to them.

In closing, I want to thank the ladies of the Eastern Star throughout the State for the fine cooperation which is always evident at our Grand Lodge and local Lodge functions. Wherever we go, no matter the occasion, there will be evidence of the unselfish assistance of the Eastern Star. Mere words cannot express our true appreciation.

Finally, just a word regarding The Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth. This is Nebraska Masonry's one philanthropy, a shining light of the good of our order, a recognition of the responsibility of a Mason. Let me extend my sincerest thanks to all those who have any part in the administration of this haven of peace for our elderly, to those who contribute above and beyond, in time, effort, money and love.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL  
AND APRON

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

M. W. Brother Hugh, your work on the Education Committee during the past six years has been outstanding. During the past year you have worked in the interest of DeMolay and the other Youth groups, you have also worked in the interest of our main charity, our Nebraska Masonic Home. You have achieved a standard of excellence that should serve as an example to those who will come after you. Hugh, I believe that you have been so highly successful because you have been motivated by the thought that it is never too soon to do a kindness because you never know when it will be too late. I told you yesterday that you had been a personification of brotherly love and good will and that these are traits that are more valuable than any precious stone and certainly they are very rare in this day and age.

Harry Lauder, a Scotch singer and humorous of my youth was one to start his evenings of frolic and pleasure on a very serious note. He started off with the suggestion that life was very much a matter of work, of love, of poem and a friendly greeting over the garden gate. Now, Hugh, during the past year you have passed through many Masonic meetings to give and to receive inspiration. I have here a little memento a jewel encased in a very passionate cover, I don't know whether that has any significance or not, or whether the Grand Secretary thought you might want to carry this around with you, but this is a very fine jewel and this will be a constant reminder of those friendships and those wonderful occasions of your visitations throughout the state. I have one admonition however, you will note that it has a little word here, "past" now don't for a minute think that has the usual connotation in this respect. That means only, Hugh, that you have reached another milestone or passed another milestone in your Masonic career. Because you are certainly young enough to be able to give us many years of service. This reminds me of an instance that happened to me while I was serving as Grand Master. I was sitting along side of a brother, I think he was a Worshipful Master, and to make conversation I asked him if he had lived there all of his life, and he said, "not yet." That brought home to me a very important fact, and that is that we still have the future, the future is always before us, and Hugh, I know that the future for you, so long as you keep active, is for the good of the Fraternity. Now, Hugh, I know that you are not going to be wanting to carry this passionate pink, I am not very good on explaining colors, around with you, so there is a container that you will be able to use. I am certain that your good wife Claudine who has been I know a great help to you throughout these six years, will probably find some good use for this particular case. So, Brother Hugh, on behalf of your brethren, I present you with this jewel to indicate that you are now a Past Grand Master.

M. W. Brother Hugh, as I have suggested, we expect you to continue

working in the Craft. During the past year you have worn a very beautiful apron, but I know that you gave it up very reluctantly because it was a beautiful apron. Your brethren, however, have seen fit to give one that I think you are going to treasure even more as the years go on and, a beautiful white and blue color unsoiled in any respect. I know that you are situated out there in the western part of the state, that you are going to be called upon on many occasions to render a Masonic service, and we certainly hope that you will go there because you are now a permanent member of the Grand Lodge and this is a recognition of the fact that you represent the Grand Lodge when you go into these other Jurisdictions. So with M. W. John's help we will see that you are properly clothed. Hugh, without going to the charge you received when you first received a Masonic Apron, I will say that you were charged by the world, you have brought honor to that apron. I know that you will do likewise with this one.

M. W. Hugh W. Eisenhart:

M. W. Brother Harry, my brethren, our guests, friends, I have said "thank you" so many times to all of you, I don't know how to say it differently than I have before. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your Grand Master. Claudine and I thank all of you for the many kindnesses, consideration that has been shown to us, and while we are sitting by the fireside, we will have warm recollections of the many friends we have made and the friendships we have developed in the Grand Lodge family and throughout the state. We thank you for the opportunity of serving you and we will look forward to further relations with all of you. Thank you again.

One last remark, I am now returning Lou Sylvester's hat to him.

At 4:45 no further business appearing, after prayer by the V. V. W. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

*John H. Brown*

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 Thirtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, June 9 and 10, and printed under my direction.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska this 2nd day of July, 1970.



*John W. Lellmer*

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. 9, 1899	3	(1st) 1857-58-59
George Armstrong	Nov. 12, 1896	3	(2nd) 1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler	Nov. 27, 1912	6	(3rd) 1863-64
Robert W. Furnas	June 1, 1905	4	(4th) 1865-66
Orsamus H. Irish	Jan. 27, 1883	5	(5th) 1867-68
Harry P. Deuel	Nov. 23, 1914	11	(6th) 1869-70
William E. Hill	Dec. 29, 1917	2	(7th) 1871-72
Martin Dunham	Feb. 18, 1915	3	(8th) 1873
Frank Welch	Sept. 4, 1878	27	(9th) 1874
Alfred G. Hastings	July 10, 1894	19	(10th) 1875
George H. Thummel	Feb. 5, 1932	33	(11th) 1876
George W. Lininger	June 8, 1907	3	(12th) 1877
Edward K. Valentine	April 11, 1916	27	(13th) 1878
Rolland H. Oakley	Feb. 2, 1904	19	(14th) 1879
James A. Tulleys	Jan. 21, 1901	53	(15th) 1880
James R. Cain, Sr.	Nov. 24, 1920	9	(16th) 1881
Edwin F. Warren	July 9, 1923	2	(17th) 1882
Samuel W. Hayes	Nov. 15, 1913	55	(18th) 1883
John Jay Wemple	May 28, 1943	50	(19th) 1884
Manoah B. Reese	Sept. 18, 1917	59	(20th) 1885
Charles K. Coutant	Aug. 23, 1910	11	(21st) 1886
Milton J. Hull	Sept. 18, 1923	67	(22nd) 1887
George B. France	Aug. 16, 1914	56	(23rd) 1888
John J. Mercer	Feb. 25, 1915	4	(24th) 1889
Robert E. French	Feb. 16, 1927	46	(25th) 1890
Bradner D. Slaughter	May 8, 1909	89	(26th) 1891
Samuel P. Davidson	Dec. 8, 1928	17	(27th) 1892
James P. A. Black	Nov. 12, 1918	76	(28th) 1893
John A. Ehrhardt	Nov. 1, 1925	41	(29th) 1894
Henry H. Wilson	June 28, 1941	19	(30th) 1895
Charles J. Phelps	Aug. 24, 1915	34	(31st) 1896
John B. Dinsmore	Oct. 6, 1915	49	(32nd) 1897
Frank H. Young	Dec. 24, 1917	207	(33rd) 1898
William W. Keysor	Aug. 17, 1922	25	(34th) 1899
Albert W. Crites	Aug. 23, 1915	158	(35th) 1900
Robert E. Evans	July 8, 1925	5	(36th) 1901
Nathaniel M. Ayers	Nov. 19, 1913	93	(37th) 1902
Frank E. Bullard	Jan. 31, 1933	32	(38th) 1903
Charles E. Burnham	May 29, 1933	55	(39th) 1904
Melville R. Hopewell	May 2, 1911	31	(40th) 1905
Zuingle M. Baird	Dec. 17, 1916	155	(41st) 1906
Ornan J. King	Dec. 26, 1927	54	(42nd) 1907
William A. DeBord	May 17, 1916	3	(43rd) 1908

NAME	Died	Lodge	Year Served
Michael Dowling	May 5, 1921	119	(44th) 1909
Harry A. Cheney	June 27, 1948	100	(45th) 1910
Henry Gibbons	Aug. 22, 1923	46	(46th) 1911
James R. Cain, Jr.	Sept. 3, 1950	105	(47th) 1912
Alpha Morgan	April 17, 1924	148	(48th) 1913
Thomas M. Davis	Aug. 12, 1919	93	(49th) 1914
Samuel S. Whiting	Aug. 11, 1931	54	(50th) 1915
Andrew H. Viele	May 9, 1941	55	(51st) 1916
Frederic L. Temple	Aug. 13, 1944	61	(52nd) 1917
Ambrose C. Epperson	Mar. 16, 1944	139	(53rd) 1918
John J. Tooley	July 31, 1934	258	(54th) 1919
Joseph B. Fradenburg	June 14, 1950	3	(55th) 1920
Lewis E. Smith	July 10, 1965	136	(56th) 1921
Edward M. Wellman	Aug. 31, 1922	1	(57th) 1922
Robert R. Dickson	June 18, 1941	95	(59th) 1924
John Wright	Oct. 29, 1936	19	(60th) 1925
Edwin D. Crites	Nov. 7, 1953	158	(61st) 1926
Albert R. Davis	Mar. 7, 1929	120	(62nd) 1927
Frank H. Woodland	Oct. 23, 1940	25	(63rd) 1928
Ira C. Freet	Oct. 13, 1944	56	(64th) 1929
Orville A. Andrews	Oct. 16, 1936	19	(65th) 1930
John R. Tapster	Mar. 21, 1954	119	(66th) 1931
Edwin B. Johnston	Feb. 11, 1933	33	(67th) 1932
Archie M. Smith	May 8, 1950	203	(69th) 1933
Virgil R. Johnson	Aug. 7, 1956	26	(70th) 1934
William C. Ramsey	May 19, 1938	268	(71st) 1935
Chancellor A. Phillips	Sept. 12, 1968	150	(72nd) 1936
William A. Robertson	July 3, 1944	6	(73rd) 1937
Walter R. Raecke	April 9, 1960	36	(74th) 1938
William J. Breckenridge	Nov. 16, 1951	317	(75th) 1939
Earl J. Lee	Dec. 15, 1963	15	(76th) 1940
Roscoe Pound	July 1, 1964	54	(Honorary) 1949
Ernest S. Schiefelbein	April 20, 1959	59	(84th) 1949
John S. Hedelund	Jan. 30, 1962	268	(85th) 1950
Fay Smith	Oct. 2, 1968	198	(88th) 1953
John E. Beaver	Sept. 20, 1965	153	(93rd) 1958
Ralph M. Carhart	Nov. 10, 1965	120	(98th) 1963

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 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE  
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CHARLES A. CHAPPELL, 127.....	(58th) ..	1923
Box 269 Minden 68959		
RALPH O. CANADAY, 50.....	(68th) ..	1933
733 North Hastings St., Hastings 68901		
EDWARD F. CARTER, 201.....	(77th) ..	1941
State House, Lincoln 68509		
GEORGE A. KURK, 54.....	(78th) ..	1942
1085 Santa Cruz Ave., Apt. 1, Menlo Park, California 94025		
WILLIAM B. WANNER, 9.....	(79th) ..	1943
2017 Stone St., Falls City 68355		
WILLIAM C. SCHAPER, 148.....	(80th) ..	1944-1945
345 South 10th Avenue, Broken Bow 68822		
BENJAMIN F. EYRE, 1.....	(81st) ..	1946
3644 Grand, Omaha 68111		
EDWARD HUWALDT, 318.....	(82nd) ..	1947
1908 West Charles, Grand Island 68801		
ELMER E. MAGEE, 227.....	(83rd) ..	1948
1201 O Street, Lincoln 68508		
THOMAS J. ARON, 37.....	(86th) ..	1951
Crete State Bank, Crete 68333		
EDWARD M. KNIGHT, 183.....	(87th) ..	1952
Alliance National Bank, Alliance 69301		
CHARLES F. ADAMS, 68.....	(89th) ..	1954
Box 167, Aurora 68818		
HERBERT T. WHITE, 11.....	(90th) ..	1955
643 Omaha National Bank Bldg., Omaha 68102		
MERLE M. HALE, 54.....	(91st) ..	1956
1915 D, Lincoln 68502		
ROY I. BABBITT, 295.....	(92nd) ..	1957
609 Bluff Street, Scottsbluff 69361		
JOSEPH C. TYE, 46.....	(94th) ..	1959
Box 636, Kearney 68847		
JOHN F. FUTCHER, 302.....	(95th) ..	1960
5224 Crown Point, Omaha 68104		
HERBERT A. RONIN, 210.....	(96th) ..	1961
Court House, Lincoln 68508		
ERNEST O. VAN WEY, 249.....	(97th) ..	1962
802 11th Street, Gothenburg 69138		
HARRY A. SPENCER, 227.....	(99th) ..	1964
State Capitol, Lincoln 68509		
LOUIS V. SYLVESTER, 281.....	(100th) ..	1965
801 S. 52nd, #2105, Omaha 68106		
LEWIS R. RICKETTS, 19.....	(101st) ..	1966
600 South 11th, Lincoln 68508		

- JOHN A. BOTTORF, 49. . . . . (102nd) . . 1967  
 Sutton 68979
- NORRIS W. LALLMAN, 72. . . . . (103rd) . . 1968  
 201 Masonic Temple, Omaha 68102
- HUGH W. EISENHART, 150 . . . . . (104th) . . 1969  
 Box 250 Cambridge, 69022
- CARL R. GREISEN, 32 . . . . . (HONORARY) . . 1966

### 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 7, 1946, to June 6, 1968
- \*ROBERT W. COOK . . . . . June 6, 1968, to April 5, 1969
- NORRIS W. LALLMAN . . . . . June 4, 1969
- \*Deceased

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Ireland	J. O. Harte	Freemasons Hall, Dublin
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Oregon	W. Dexter Elliott	P. O. Box 96 Forrest Grove 97116
Panama	Juan E. Urriola	P. O. Box 84, Panama
Pennsylvania	Ashby B. Paul	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 19107
Peru	Eduardo Mendoza Silva	Box 587, Lima
Philippines	Esteban Munarriz	1440 San Marcelino, Manila
Prince Edward Island	Frank A. Van Iderstine	Box 337, Charlottetown
Puerto Rico	Juan L. Matos-Cintrón	Box 8385, Ferndon's Junce Station, Santurce
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Queensland	W. P. Walker	Box 675, Brisbane
Rhode Island	Albert W. Abramson	388 Hillard Ave., Warwick 02886
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Southern Africa	C. Graham Vos	608-613 Nataid House, 14 Plyein St., Johannesburg
South America	Victor M. Osorio	Apartado Aeres 6672 or de Bogota, Colombia
South America	Alfredo de La Cuesta	Apartado No. 209, Santa Do- mingo, Republic Dominicana
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South Carolina	H Dwight McAlister	1401 Senate St., Columbia 29209
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Tamaulipas	Armando Garcia Pena	F. A. de Olmos No. 101 Nte., Altos, Tampico
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Charles A. Chappell, 59 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- 59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70
Benjamin F. Eyre, 48 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- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69- 70
Carl R. Greisen, 47 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- 56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70
William B. Wanner, 44 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- 59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70
Ralph O. Canaday, 41 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- 60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68
Pearl C. Hillegass, 40 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- 61-62-63-64-65-66-67-70
Herbert T. White 40 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- 64-65-66-67-68-69-70
George A. Kurk, 36 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- 65-66-67-68-69-70
Elmer E. Magee, 35 Years	1927-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50- 51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-65-66- 67-68-69-70
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
Otto Nelsen, 34 Years	1935-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51- 52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66- 67-70
Harold H. Thom, 33 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- 66-67
Edward F. Carter, 33 Years	1932-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49- 50-51-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-61-62-63-64-66-67- 68

Merle M. Hale, 33 Years	1936-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-65-66-67-68- 69-70
William C. Schaper, 32 Years	1929-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-47-48-49-50-51-52- 53-54-55-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-67-68-69-70
Robert E. Lund, 32 Years	1937-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-46-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69- 70
Thomas J. Aron 31 Years	1930-31-32-33-39-40-42-44-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54- 55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-65-66-67-68-69-70
Edward M. Knight, 29 Years	1938-39-40-41-42-43-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55- 56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-66-67-69-70

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Nebraska	No. 1	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 1, 55...	Oct. 3, 55 *1
Western Star	" 2	Nebraska City.....	Otoe.....	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56 *2
Capitol	" 3	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 9, 57...	June 3, 57 *3
Nemaha Valley	" 4	Brownville.....	Nemaha.....	December 15, 57...	June 2, 58
Omadi	" 5	Dakota City.....	Dakota.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Plattsmouth	" 6	Plattsmouth.....	Cass.....	January 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Falls City	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson.....	October 4, 64...	June 23, 65
Solomon	" 10	Fort Calhoun.....	Washington.....	August 15, 65...	June 22, 66
Covert	" 11	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66
Orient	" 13	Rulo.....	Richardson.....	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67
Peru	" 14	Peru.....	Nemaha.....	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67
Fremont	" 15	Fremont.....	Dodge.....	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
Tecumseh	" 17	Tecumseh.....	Johnson.....	December 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 69
Lincoln	" 19	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
Washington	" 21	Blair.....	Washington.....	February 24, 68...	June 25, 68
Pawnee	" 23	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee.....	January 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
St. Johns	" 25	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice	" 26	Beatrice.....	Gage.....	March 23, 70...	June 22, 70
Jordan	" 27	West Point.....	Cuming.....	December 25, 69...	June 23, 70
Blue River	" 30	Milford.....	Seward.....	April 25, 70...	June 23, 70
Tekamah	" 31	Tekamah.....	Burt.....	August 19, 69...	June 23, 70
Platte Valley	" 32	North Platte.....	Lincoln.....	January 15, 70...	June 23, 70
Ashlar	" 33	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	August 11, 70...	June 22, 71
Acacia	" 34	Schuyler.....	Colfax.....	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
Fairbury	" 35	Fairbury.....	Jefferson.....	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72
Lone Tree	" 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	August 9, 71...	June 19, 72
Crete	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	January 8, 72...	June 19, 72
Oliver	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
Papillion	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	November 18, 72...	June 18, 73

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Humboldt	No. 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	December 16, 72...	June 18, 73
Northern Light	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	January 20, 73...	June 18, 73
Hebron	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	March 10, 73...	June 18, 73
Harvard	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	March 25, 73...	June 18, 73
Rob Morris	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	February 21, 73...	June 26, 74
Fairmont	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	December 4, 73...	June 26, 74
Evening Star	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	December 22, 73...	June 26, 74
Hastings	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 3, 74...	June 26, 74
Fidelity	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	January 19, 74...	June 26, 74
Hiram	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	February 26, 74...	June 26, 74
Charity	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	March 2, 74...	June 26, 74
Lancaster	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	April 20, 74...	June 26, 74
Mosaic	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
York	" 56	York.....	York.....	October 1, 74...	June 23, 75
Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	November 7, 74...	June 23, 75
Wahoo	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	January 20, 75...	June 23, 75
Melrose	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	March 10, 75...	June 24, 75
Thistle	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	May 8, 75...	June 21, 76
Keystone	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	January 1, 76...	June 21, 76
Blue Valley	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	October 6, 76...	June 20, 77
Osceola	" 65	Osceola.....	Polk.....	November 23, 76...	June 20, 77
Edgar	" 67	Edgar.....	Clay.....	February 27, 77...	June 20, 77
Aurora	" 68	Aurora.....	Hamilton.....	February 10, 76...	June 19, 78
Sterling	" 70	Sterling.....	Johnson.....	July 16, 77...	June 19, 78
Trowel	" 71	Neligh.....	Antelope.....	January 28, 78...	June 19, 78
Hooper	" 72	Hooper.....	Dodge.....	March 19, 78...	June 25, 79
Friend	" 73	Friend.....	Saline.....	May 4, 78...	June 25, 79
Alexandria	" 74	Alexandria.....	Thayer.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
Frank Welch	" 75	Sidney.....	Cheyenne.....	December 26, 78...	June 25, 79
Nelson	" 77	Nelson.....	Nuckolls.....	March 15, 79...	June 23, 80

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Albion	No. 78	Albion.....	Boone.....	August 1, 79...	June 23, 80
Geneva	" 79	Geneva.....	Fillmore.....	November 24, 79...	June 23, 80
Composite	" 81	Rising City.....	Butler.....	March 20, 80...	June 22, 81
Saint Paul	" 82	Saint Paul.....	Howard.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
Corinthian	" 83	Wakefield.....	Dixon.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
Fairfield	" 84	Fairfield.....	Clay.....	September 3, 80...	June 22, 81
Ionic	" 87	Niobrara.....	Knox.....	January 24, 81...	June 20, 82
Star	" 88	Decatur.....	Burt.....	September 17, 81...	June 20, 82
Cedar River	" 89	Fullerton.....	Nance.....	January 19, 82...	June 20, 82
Oakland	" 91	Oakland.....	Burt.....	February 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Beaver City	" 93	Beaver City.....	Furnas.....	May 3, 82...	June 19, 83
Bennett	" 94	Bennet.....	Lancaster.....	May 5, 82...	June 19, 83
Garfield	" 95	O'Neill.....	Holt.....	June 28, 82...	June 19, 83
Utica	" 96	Utica.....	Seward.....	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Euclid	" 97	Weeping Water.....	Cass.....	July 21, 82...	June 19, 83
Republican	" 98	Republican City.....	Harlan.....	July 27, 82...	June 19, 83
Shelton	" 99	Shelton.....	Buffalo.....	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83
Creighton	" 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	August 19, 82...	June 19, 83
Ponca	" 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	September 1, 82...	June 19, 83
Waterloo	" 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	September 7, 82...	June 19, 83
Ord	" 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	September 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Wymore	" 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	November 10, 82...	June 19, 83
Stella	" 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	December 4, 82...	June 19, 83
Porter	" 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	December 9, 82...	June 19, 83
Table Rock	" 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	January 24, 83...	June 19, 83
Pomegranate	" 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	February 13, 83...	June 19, 83
DeWitt	" 111	DeWitt.....	Saline.....	February 28, 83...	June 19, 83
Springfield	" 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	March 30, 83...	June 19, 83
Globe	" 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	February 16, 82...	June 24, 84

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Wisner	No. 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	February 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Harlan	" 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Hardy	" 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	July 18, 83...	June 24, 84
North Bend	" 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	September 5, 83...	June 24, 84
Wayne	" 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	September 26, 83...	June 24, 84
Superior	" 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	November 22, 83...	June 24, 84
Auburn	" 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	December 25, 83...	June 24, 84
Mount Nebo	" 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	January 1, 84...	June 24, 84
Stromsburg	" 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	January 16, 84...	June 24, 84
Minden	" 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	January 22, 84...	June 24, 84
Guide Rock	" 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	January 28, 84...	June 24, 84
Scribner	" 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85
Elm Creek	" 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
Solar	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	August 8, 84...	June 24, 85
McCook	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Long Pine	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	October 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Upright	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	November 14, 84...	June 24, 85
Rawalt	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	November 15, 84...	June 24, 85
Clay Centre	" 139	Clay Center.....	Clay.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Western	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	December 6, 84...	June 24, 85
Crescent	" 143	Primrose.....	Boone.....	January 24, 85...	June 24, 85
Baneroft	" 145	Baneroft.....	Cuming.....	April 30, 85...	June 24, 85
Jachin	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	July 13, 85...	June 17, 86
Siloam	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	August 15, 85...	June 17, 86
Emmet Crawford	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	August 10, 85...	June 17, 86
Cambridge	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	March 31, 85...	June 17, 86
Evergreen	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	November 27, 85...	June 17, 86

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Lily	No. 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	November 28, 85...	June 17, 86
Hartington	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	January 26, 86...	June 17, 86
Pythagoras	" 156	Page.....	Holt.....	October 24, 86...	June 16, 87
Samaritan	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	March 17, 86...	June 16, 87
Ogallala	" 159	Ogallala.....	Keith.....	August 14, 86...	June 16, 87
Zeredatha	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	August 21, 86...	June 16, 87
Mount Zion	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	August 25, 86...	June 16, 87
Trestle Board	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	October 9, 86...	June 16, 87
Unity	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	December 18, 86...	June 16, 87
Atkinson	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	August 19, 86...	June 21, 88
Barneston	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	August 20, 86...	June 21, 88
Mystic Tie	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	February 18, 87...	June 21, 88
Elwood	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
Curtis	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
Amity	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 88
Mason City	" 170	Mason City.....	Custer.....	August 1, 87...	June 21, 88
Merna	" 171	Merna.....	Custer.....	August 2, 87...	June 21, 88
Robert Burns	" 173	Stratton.....	Hitchcock.....	November 15, 87...	June 21, 88
Culbertson	" 174	Culbertson.....	Hitchcock.....	November 16, 87...	June 21, 88
Temple	" 175	Filley.....	Gage.....	December 9, 87...	June 21, 88
Gladstone	" 176	Ansley.....	Custer.....	February 18, 88...	June 21, 88
Hay Springs	" 177	Hay Springs.....	Sheridan.....	February 20, 88...	June 21, 88
Prudence	" 179	Beaver Crossing.....	Seward.....	August 24, 88...	June 20, 89
Justice	" 180	Benkelman.....	Dundy.....	October 8, 88...	June 20, 89
Faith	" 181	Crawford.....	Dawes.....	December 13, 88...	June 20, 89
Alliance	" 183	Alliance.....	Box Butte.....	January 18, 89...	June 20, 89
Bee Hive	" 184	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 22, 89...	June 20, 89
Boaz	" 185	Danbury.....	Red Willow.....	January 24, 89...	June 20, 89
Meridian	" 188	Cozad.....	Dawson.....	February 4, 89...	June 20, 89

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Granite	No. 189	Gibbon	Buffalo	February 18, 89...	June 20, 89
Amethyst	" 190	Stapleton	Logan	August 5, 89...	June 20, 90
Crystal	" 191	Scotia	Greeley	August 7, 89...	June 20, 90
Minnekadusa	" 192	Valentine	Cherry	August 15, 89...	June 20, 90
Signet	" 193	Leigh	Colfax	September 3, 89...	June 20, 90
Highland	" 194	Cortland	Gage	September 21, 89...	June 20, 90
Arcana	" 195	Gordon	Sheridan	October 17, 89...	June 20, 90
Purity	" 198	Imperial	Chase	December 24, 89...	June 20, 90
Gavel	" 199	Carleton	Thayer	July 20, 89...	June 18, 91
Blazing Star	" 200	Burwell	Garfield	August 5, 90...	June 18, 91
Scotts Bluff	" 201	Gering	Scotts Bluff	August 8, 90...	June 18, 91
Golden Sheaf	" 202	Randolph	Cedar	August 29, 90...	June 18, 91
Roman Eagle	" 203	Pender	Thurston	August 30, 90...	June 18, 91
Plainview	" 204	Plainview	Pierce	September 1, 90...	June 18, 91
Golden Fleece	" 205	Chappell	Deuel	September 2, 90...	June 18, 91
Parian	" 207	Callaway	Custer	January 31, 91...	June 18, 91
Canopy	" 209	Elmwood	Cass	September 4, 91...	June 16, 92
East Lincoln	" 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	November 5, 91...	June 16, 92
Cement	" 211	Wood River	Hall	November 27, 91...	June 16, 92
Plumline	" 214	Adams	Gage	November 17, 91...	June 15, 93
Occidental	" 215	Cedar Bluffs	Saunders	July 16, 92...	June 15, 93
Palisade	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	July 18, 92...	June 15, 93
Wauneta	" 217	Wauneta	Chase	December 7, 92...	June 15, 93
Bloomfield	" 218	Bloomfield	Knox	January 18, 93...	June 15, 93
Relief	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	January 19, 93...	June 15, 93
Magnolia	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	January 21, 93...	June 15, 93
Wood Lake	" 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	September 22, 92...	June 21, 94

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Landmark	No. 222	Herman.....	Washington.....	March 1, 93...	June 21, 94
Eminence	" 223	Giltner.....	Hamilton.....	September 26, 93...	June 21, 94
Silver Cord	" 224	Ainsworth.....	Brown.....	October 17, 93...	June 21, 94
Cable	" 225	Arnold.....	Custer.....	November 17, 93...	June 21, 94
Grace	" 226	Wilcox.....	Kearney.....	January 20, 93...	June 13, 95
North Star	" 227	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 28, 94...	June 13, 95
Bartley	" 228	Bartley.....	Red Willow.....	November 23, 94...	June 13, 95
Comet	" 229	Ceresco.....	Saunders.....	December 5, 94...	June 13, 95
Mount Hermon	" 231	Cook.....	Johnson.....	December 19, 94...	June 13, 95
John S. Bowen	" 232	Kennard.....	Washington.....	February 6, 95...	June 13, 95
Gilead	" 233	Butte.....	Boyd.....	November 22, 94...	June 10, 96
Zion	" 234	Hyannis.....	Grant.....	July 19, 95...	June 10, 96
Fraternity	" 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	August 2, 95...	June 10, 96
Golden Rule	" 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	August 3, 95...	June 10, 96
Cubit	" 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	August 9, 95...	June 10, 96
Friendship	" 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	October 7, 95...	June 10, 96
Pilot	" 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	November 29, 95...	June 10, 96
George Armstrong	" 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	August 1, 95...	June 17, 97
Tyrian	" 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls.....	August 24, 98...	June 8, 99
Hampton	" 245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	July 13, 99...	June 7, 00
Nehawka	" 246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	January 2, 00...	June 7, 00
Laurel	" 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	February 12, 00...	June 7, 00
Gothenburg	" 249	Gothenburg.....	Dawson.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
George Washington	" 250	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
Wausa	" 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	November 18, 00...	June 6, 01
Beemer	" 253	Beemer.....	Cuming.....	January 1, 02...	June 5, 02
Bassett	" 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	October 8, 02...	June 4, 03
Hickman	" 256	Hickman.....	Lancaster.....	December 7, 03...	June 9, 04
Anselmo	" 258	Anselmo.....	Custer.....	December 10, 04...	June 7, 05

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Ornan	No. 261	Spencer.....	Boyd.....	March 5, 06...	June 5, 07
Endeavor	" 262	Indianola.....	Red Willow.....	June 28, 06...	June 5, 07
Mitchell	" 263	Mitchell.....	Scotts Bluff.....	July 5, 06...	June 5, 07
Franklin	" 264	Franklin.....	Franklin.....	June 11, 07...	June 10, 08
Robert W. Furnas	" 265	Scottsbluff.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 21, 07...	June 10, 08
Silver	" 266	Silver Creek.....	Merrick.....	June 14, 07...	June 10, 08
James A. Tullevs	" 267	Overton.....	Dawson.....	December 26, 07...	June 10, 08
George W. Lininger	" 268	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	February 26, 08...	June 10, 08
Oasis	" 271	Morrill.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Lee P. Gillette	" 272	Dunbar.....	Otoe.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Crofton	" 273	Crofton.....	Knox.....	July 10, 09...	June 8, 10
Olive Branch	" 274	Walthill.....	Thurston.....	September 20, 09...	June 8, 10
Ramah	" 275	Bertrand.....	Phelps.....	November 8, 09...	June 8, 10
Antelope	" 276	Elgin.....	Antelope.....	January 12, 10...	June 8, 10
Sioux	" 277	Harrison.....	Sioux.....	June 19, 10...	June 6, 11
Litchfield	" 278	Litchfield.....	Sherman.....	December 19, 10...	June 6, 11
Wallace	" 279	Wallace.....	Lincoln.....	February 25, 11...	June 4, 12
Swastika	" 280	Sargent.....	Custer.....	October 18, 12...	June 4, 13
Florence	" 281	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	January 17, 13...	June 4, 13
Mullen	" 282	Mullen.....	Hooker.....	July 22, 13...	June 9, 14
Seneca	" 284	Theftord.....	Thomas.....	September 29, 13...	June 9, 14
Camp Clarke	" 285	Bridgeport.....	Morrill.....	October 16, 13...	June 9, 14
Oshkosh	" 286	Oshkosh.....	Garden.....	November 25, 13...	June 9, 14
Union	" 287	Palmyra.....	Otoe.....	December 15, 13...	June 8, 15
Omaha	" 288	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	March 24, 14...	June 8, 15
Lotus	" 289	Ravenna.....	Buffalo.....	June 11, 14...	June 8, 15
John J. Mercer	" 290	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 21, 14...	June 8, 15
Diamond	" 291	Orchard.....	Antelope.....	November 23, 14...	June 8, 15
Wolbach	" 292	Wolbach.....	Greeley.....	December 18, 14...	June 8, 15
Monument	" 293	Arapahoe.....	Furnas.....	December 18, 14...	June 8, 15

ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA LODGES, WITH LOCATIONS, DATES CREATED AND CHARTERED.

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED
Kimball	No. 294	Kimball.....	Kimball.....	June 10, 15	June 7, 16
Minatare	" 295	Minatare.....	Scotts Bluff.....	June 10, 15	June 7, 16
Cotner	" 297	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	June 15, 17	June 5, 18
Chester	" 298	Chester.....	Thayer.....	June 27, 17	June 5, 18
Sutherland	" 299	Sutherland.....	Lincoln.....	June 23, 17	June 5, 18
Liberty	" 300	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	January 10, 18	June 5, 18
Bayard	" 301	Bayard.....	Morrill.....	January 19, 18	June 5, 18
Mizpah	" 302	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 12, 18	June 4, 19
Right Angle	" 303	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 24, 19	June 9, 20
Newman Grove	" 305	Newman Grove.....	Madison.....	January 14, 20	June 9, 20
Golden Rod	" 306	Lodgepole.....	Chevenne.....	August 19, 20	June 8, 21
Perkins	" 308	Grant.....	Perkins.....	December 1, 20	June 8, 21
Winnebago	" 309	Winnebago.....	Thurston.....	December 6, 20	June 8, 21
Victory	" 310	Valley.....	Douglas.....	December 27, 20	June 8, 21
Polk	" 311	Polk.....	Polk.....	January 4, 21	June 8, 21
Oak Leaf	" 312	Lynch.....	Boyd.....	June 23, 21	June 7, 22
Potter	" 313	Potter.....	Chevenne.....	September 10, 21	June 7, 22
Craftsmen	" 314	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	March 22, 22	June 5, 23
Alpha	" 316	South Sioux City.....	Dakota.....	January 27, 25	June 10, 25
Mid-West	" 317	Hastings.....	Adams.....	January 8, 25	June 10, 25
Grand Island	" 318	Grand Island.....	Hall.....	April 1, 25	June 9, 26
Bladen	" 319	Bladen.....	Webster.....	January 11, 26	June 9, 26
College View	" 320	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	July 1, 27	June 6, 28
Harmony	" 321	Dalton.....	Chevenne.....	February 21, 28	June 5, 29
Lebanon	" 323	Columbus.....	Platte.....	November 14, 28	June 5, 29
Cairo	" 324	Cairo.....	Hall.....	January 16, 36	June 8, 37
Bellevue	" 325	Bellevue.....	Sarpy.....	March 5, 55	June 8, 55
Centennial	" 326	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	November 26, 55	June 6, 56
Shiloh	" 327	Omaha.....	Douglas.....	September 3, 65	June 10, 66

## LODGES ORGANIZED IN TERRITORY OTHER THAN NEBRASKA

Name of Lodge	Location
Summit No. 7	Parkville, Colorado . . Instituted May 6, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Rocky Mountain No. 8	- Gold Hill, Colorado . . Instituted May 21, 1861. Chartered June 5, 1861. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado, August 2, 1861.
Central City, U. .D. .	- Central City, Colorado . . Instituted 1860 or 1861.
Bannack City, U. .D. .	- Bannack City, Idaho . . Instituted April 1863, or June 21, 1863.
Monitor Lodge, U. .D. .	- United States Army . . Instituted July 30, 1863. Became extinct, prior to 1867.
Idaho Lodge, U. .D. .	- Nevada City, Idaho . . Instituted November 17, 1863. Became extinct June 23, 1864.
Wyoming Lodge No. 28	- South Pass City, Wyoming . . Instituted November 24, 1869. Chartered June 23, 1870. Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming, December 15, 1874.

## CONSOLIDATIONS

Joppa Lodge No. 76 with Franklin No. 264, Oct. 18, 1934.  
 Parallel Lodge No. 152 with Barneston No. 165, Jan. 2, 1940.  
 Tyre Lodge No. 85 with Wymore No. 104, July 7, 1941.  
 Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 with Hampton No. 245, May 21, 1942.  
 Level Lodge No. 196 with Cambridge No. 150, June 4, 1942.  
 Riverside Lodge No. 269 with Cedar River No. 89, June 5, 1942.  
 Juniata Lodge No. 42 with Kenesaw No. 144, July 15, 1942.  
 Palmer Lodge No. 315 with St. Paul No. 82, Oct. 6, 1942.  
 Riverton Lodge No. 63 with Franklin No. 264, May 16, 1945.  
 Elk Creek Lodge No. 90 with Tecumseh No. 17, Nov. 11, 1944.  
 Hildreth Lodge No. 252 with Grace No. 226, Oct. 11, 1945.  
 Hubbell Lodge No. 92 with Hebron No. 43, Feb. 8, 1946.  
 Incense Lodge No. 182 with Jewel No. 149, April 22, 1947.  
 Bee Lodge No. 259 with Oliver No. 38, June 13, 1947.  
 Tuscan Lodge No. 130 with Composite No. 81, Feb. 9, 1963.  
 Delta Lodge No. 230 with Albion No. 78, Jan. 1, 1965.  
 Jewel Lodge No. 149 with Geneva No. 79, Sept. 9, 1966.  
 Valley Lodge No. 157 with Beaver City No. 93, Mar. 8, 1966.  
 Ruskin Lodge No. 304 with Nelson No. 77, Sept. 23, 1966.  
 Morning Star Lodge No. 197 with Stromsburg No. 126, Dec. 9, 1967.  
 Cornerstone Lodge No. 247 with Plainview No. 205, Dec. 12, 1967.  
 Kenesaw Lodge No. 144 with Midwest No. 317, Jan. 13, 1968.  
 Blue Hill Lodge No. 129 with Midwest No. 317, Mar. 19, 1968.  
 Pioneer Lodge No. 322 with Oasis No. 271, Apr. 10, 1969.  
 Square & Compass No. 212 with Thistle No. 61, Apr. 20, 1969.  
 Hope No. 29 with Nemaha Valley No. 4, Sept. 9, 1969.  
 Elm Creek No. 133 with James A. Tulleys No. 267, Mar. 17, 1970.  
 Naphthali No. 206 with Fairbury No. 35, Mar. 24, 1970.

NAME & LOCATION	DATE OF BECOMING EXTINCT
Decatur No. 7 - Decatur . . . . .	June 18, 1873
Columbus No. 8 - Columbus . . . . .	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City No. 12 - Nebraska City . . . . .	March 10, 1903
Eureka No. 16 - Arago . . . . .	December 23, 1875
Ashland No. 18 - Ashland . . . . .	August 17, 1881
Rock Bluff No. 20 - Rock Bluff . . . . .	July 16, 1884
Macoy No. 22 - Plattsmouth . . . . .	December 31, 1877
Lafayette No. 24 - Lafayette Pct. (later Grant) . . . . .	March 27, 1877
Palmyra No. 45 - Palmyra . . . . .	November 20, 1901
Salem No. 47 - Salem . . . . .	June 18, 1891
Lebanon No. 58 - Columbus . . . . .	June 6, 1928
Livingstone No. 66 - First . . . . .	June 5, 1907
Fortitude No. 69 - Ulysses . . . . .	July 14, 1887
Waco No. 80 - Waco . . . . .	January 31, 1885
Steele City No. 107 - Steele City . . . . .	August 13, 1902
Arapahoe No. 109 - Arapahoe . . . . .	June 8, 1904
Brainard No. 115 - Brainard . . . . .	September 5, 1903
Doric No. 118 - Dorchester . . . . .	June 4, 1930
Jasper No. 122 - Odell . . . . .	April 24, 1901
Indianola No. 123 - Indianola . . . . .	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor No. 131 - Ainsworth . . . . .	September 2, 1890
Summit No. 141 - Johnson . . . . .	February 5, 1900
Anchor No. 142 - North Loup . . . . .	June 5, 1901
Square No. 151 - Valparaiso . . . . .	October 9, 1962
Parallel No. 152 - Liberty . . . . .	January 2, 1940
Grafton No. 172 - Grafton . . . . .	December 31, 1948
Hesperia No. 178 - Shickley . . . . .	September 9, 1905
Plumb No. 186 - Grant . . . . .	November 15, 1897
Israel No. 187 - Ulysses . . . . .	December 18, 1956
Gauge No. 208 - Areadia . . . . .	May 29, 1965
Square & Compass No. 213 - Miller . . . . .	June 6, 1918
Ithmar No. 238 - Crab Orchard . . . . .	February 9, 1903
Orion No. 242 - Ravenna . . . . .	July 6, 1904
Sincerity No. 244 - Battle Creek . . . . .	June 6, 1928
Springview No. 260 - Springview . . . . .	August 6, 1920
Huntley No. 270 - Huntley . . . . .	June 7, 1939
Holbrook No. 257 - Holbrook . . . . .	June 11, 1959
Exeter No. 283 - Exeter . . . . .	December 16, 1952
Cowles No. 296 - Cowles . . . . .	December 31, 1946
William E. Hill No. 307 - Otoe . . . . .	December 15, 1964
Doniphan No. 86 - Doniphan . . . . .	May 12, 1966

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Hubert P. Key	Birmingham	Feb. 3, 1960	Alabama	John W. McLane, 150	Cambridge	Aug. 7, 1969
F. Whitfield	Edmonton	Mar. 7, 1944	Alberta	Edward H. Lockwood, 205	Hastings	Dec. 15, 1959
Jose Gonzalez Ledo	Prescott	Jan. 10, 1964	Argentina	Pearl C. Hillegass, 81	Rising City	Sept. 15, 1954
John Fletcher Sills, Jr.	Little Rock	Apr. 13, 1949	Arizona	Erwin J. Imig, 38	Seward	Aug. 6, 1960
Frank A. Smith	Vienna	Jan. 27, 1958	Arkansas	Elmer E. Magee, 227	Lincoln	Aug. 24, 1944
Hugo Barber		Mar. 22, 1951	Austria	O. Robert H. Beezley, 250	Lincoln	Apr. 21, 1965
Rene Desgain		Nov. 13, 1962	Belgium	Leonard B. Woods, 103	Ord	Nov. 6, 1962
			Bolivia	Harold A. Tilton, 71	Neligh	Dec. 1, 1963
			Brasilia			
Raul Ballalai de Carvalho	Val do Salvador	Sept. 19, 1936	Brazil, Bahia	Alfred E. Geschke, 25	Omaha	Sept. 23, 1964
Roumundo Nonata do Vale	Ceara	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Ceara	Stanley E. Brunton, 222	Herman	
			Brazil, Matto Grasso	Gwynne L. Neubauer, 258	Brewster	
Jose Cesario Horta	Minas Gerais	Sept. 21, 1949	Brazil, Minas Gerais	Ernest E. James, 1	Omaha	Jan. 7, 1950
Oscar de Paula Assis	Rio de Janeiro	Aug. 1, 1969	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, 55	Norfolk	Sept. 23, 1964
Jose Agular E. Silvia	Para	Oct. 10, 1968	Brazil, Para	Gerald A. Moller, 15	Fremont	Dec. 10, 1968
Joao Bento	Paraiba	Oct. 23, 1957	Brazil, Paraiba	Benjamin F. Eyre, 1	Omaha	Jan. 3, 1936
Habib-Chehade Jeha	Parana	Mar. 7, 1968	Brazil, Parana	Nelson W. Rittenburg, 210	Lincoln	Mar. 7, 1968
Francisco Venango Dias	Pernambuco	Oct. 22, 1969	Brazil, Pernambuco			
			Brazil, Santa Catarina	Wallace E. Moffett, 312	Lynch	Sept. 7, 1963
Walter Pinto	Sao Paulo	Nov. 14, 1951	Sao Paulo	Clyde D. Worrall, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 9, 1962
Nicholas Mussallem	Vancouver	Apr. 13, 1965	British Columbia	Thomas J. Aron, 37	Crete	July 10, 1947
Harold Loewenthal	Eureka	Apr. 23, 1969	California	Herbert T. White, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1958
F.W. Nance Kivell		Dec. 16, 1965	Canada	Edward F. Carter, 201	Lincoln	June 22, 1937
Jorge A. Wachholtz	Taiwan	Jan. 10, 1962	Chile	Ralph O. Canaday, 50	Hastings	Feb. 17, 1930
TzeTsing Tuan		Sept. 14, 1962	China	Earl H. Furman, 290	Omaha	Apr. 13, 1960
Jose Maria Serna	Barranquilla	July 31, 1951	Columbia Nat'l Grand Lodge	Clifford D. Webster, 321	Sidney	July 30, 1957
			Colorado	Carl R. Greisen, 32	Omaha	June 23, 1943
Thomas H. Cox	Olathe	Feb. 20, 1932	Connecticut	Arnold F. Mains, 15	Fremont	Dec. 13, 1968
Vincent Vernon	Collinsville	Mar. 18, 1969	Costa Rica	George W. Rosenlof, 314	Lincoln	Nov. 9, 1962
Carlos Miranda		Oct. 22, 1968	Cuba in Exile	Joseph C. Tye, 46	Kearney	June 25, 1954
V.H.F.E. Gracia		Nov. 5, 1952	Delaware	T. Leo Stines, 36	Central City	Feb. 18, 1967
Eagan Simonton	Wilmington	July 27, 1954	Denmark	Alton S. Mote, 183	Alliance	Dec. 2, 1968
			Dist. of Columbia	Herbert A. Ronin, 210	Lincoln	May 13, 1954
Godfrey L. Munter		May 6, 1969	Ecuador	Clarence M. Pierson, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
F.G. Araya	Guayaquil	June 17, 1953	England	Charles F. Adams, 68	Aurora	Dec. 2, 1968
W.R.S. Bathurst	Willshire	May 18, 1950	Finland	Sebert A. Stover, 281	Omaha	Feb. 9, 1968
Kalle Putkisto	Helsinki	Dec. 15, 1969	Florida	Byron C. Jenkins, 325	Bellevue	Aug. 8, 1966
Wm. C. Mitchell		June 23, 1970	France Nat'l Grand Lodge	Robert D. Cresap, 158	Omaha	Oct. 5, 1966
Edward Jeanmonod	Paris	Sept. 14, 1954	Georgia	Raymond F. Evers, 6	Plattsmouth	Aug. 3, 1960
			Germany	J.F.M. Heumann, 290	Omaha	July 28, 1965
John M. McClurd	Frankfurt	May 13, 1969	Greece	Stephen W. Beck, 43	Hebron	Sept. 3, 1960
Heinz Ziemer	Athens	Dec. 26, 1963	Honduras	Gordon Chard, 240	Lyons	Nov. 3, 1962
Geo. Sakelloriou		Apr. 10, 1954	Iceland	John Nelson	Lincoln	
Angel G. Guzman	Helgafell	Aug. 13, 1963	Idaho	James M. Paxson, 302	Omaha	Aug. 11, 1960
Bjarne Bjarnason	Kendrich	Jan. 7, 1953	Illinois	Warren W. Kelley, 290	Omaha	May 13, 1959
Eugene Taylor	Decatur	Nov. 9, 1966	Indiana	Norris W. Lallman, 72	Omaha	May 21, 1959
Harry L. Kline	South Bend	July 11, 1950	India	Warren K. Urbom, 314	Lincoln	Sept. 7, 1966
John P. Lippincott	Bombay	Feb. 26, 1949				
H.J. Engineer		Aug. 7, 1969	Iran	Richard L. Ely, 128	Guide Rock	June 17, 1958
			Israel, State of	William Grodinsky, 11	Omaha	July 26, 1954
James E. Weir	Dublin	June 19, 1970	Italy	Lewis R. Ricketts, 19	Lincoln	Sept. 14, 1962
Israel Levin	Tel Aviv	Sept. 14, 1965	Japan	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314	Lincoln	July 31, 1958
Maurizio Segre	Rome	Feb. 9, 1967	Kansas	Howard J. Hunter, 59	Wahoo	Jan. 13, 1950
Edward W. Knepper		Sept. 17, 1965	Kentucky	Ralph S. Tully, 25	Omaha	Jan. 23, 1958
Richard K. Hart	Topeka	Jan. 6, 1964	Louisiana	John A. Bottorf, 49	Sutton	Feb. 23, 1958
C. James Hyde	Louisville	Sept. 18, 1962	Luxembourg	Stuart A. Johnson, 169	Rushville	Mar. 21, 1968
Philip O. McLaughlin		Jan. 23, 1961				

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Clarence V. Antenburg	Winnipeg.	Mar. 22, 1951	Maine	Ralph W. Gerry, 281	Omaha	Aug. 7, 1969
Clifford S. Hubbard	Winnipeg.	Apr. 19, 1961	Manitoba	Harry N. Ahl, 112	Louisville	Sept. 12, 1962
James E. Roy	Worcester	Aug. 30, 1964	Maryland	W. O. Samuelson, 326	Omaha	Dec. 6, 1968
George Sanfor	Mexico City	Aug. 8, 1969	Massachusetts	William B. Wanner, 9	Falls City	June 22, 1937
Willard Sauer	Sparta	Feb. 14, 1958	Mexico York Rite	Russell L. Fickes, 33	Grand Island	Apr. 13, 1968
Herbert S. Ramberg	Ada	Jan. 16, 1953	Grand Lodge			
Orman R. Smith	Corinth	June 21, 1957	Michigan	John H. Brown, 1	Omaha	Nov. 1, 1965
Wm. R. Robbins	Springfield	July 23, 1963	Minnesota	Merle M. Hale, 54	Lincoln	Feb. 14, 1952
J.R.P. Reinemer	Circle	Feb. 3, 1953	Mississippi	Louis V. Sylvester, 281	Omaha	Sept. 8, 1953
J.F.A. Gravenberch	Eureka	Dec. 14, 1960	Missouri	William F. Patterson, 327	Omaha	June 3, 1964
Lee Griswold	St. John	Aug. 5, 1968	Montana	C. Harold Edwards, 105	Lincoln	Oct. 21, 1965
Kenneth R. Nelson	Littleton	Oct. 21, 1955	Netherlands	W. Upton Dawson, 135	McCook	May 6, 1965
Ellis W. Howard	Lebanon	June 14, 1962	Nevada	Alfred B. Saum, 46	Kearney	Jan. 30, 1958
John A. Stecker	Santa Fe	Apr. 9, 1953	New Brunswick	Frank H. Smith, 301	Bayard	Jan. 31, 1958
Howard M. Sleeper	Mosman	Mar. 10, 1950	New Hampshire	Clyde H. Jones, 173	Stratton	Sept. 27, 1956
Frederick J. Hayward	Mangaweka	Jan. 4, 1969	New Jersey	John F. Futcher, 302	Omaha	July 21, 1955
Mark R. Chaffee		Dec. 4, 1956	New Mexico	Harold D. Weddel, 61	Lexington	Oct. 18, 1943
T. W. Pairman			New South Wales	Harry A. Spencer, 227	Lincoln	Apr. 8, 1957
Nathaniel C. Dean	Grand Forks	July 26, 1965	New York	George R. Porter, 11	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1931
Calvin E. Rustad	Oslo	Sept. 7, 1955	New Zealand	Carl D. Ganz, 209	Lincoln	Oct. 19, 1962
Ole K. Roed	Stellarton	Feb. 8, 1956	Nicaragua	Paul D. Fleming, 93	Beaver City	Dec. 9, 1941
C. Fraser Lorimer	Monterray	July 28, 1952	North Carolina	Levi H. Williams, 1	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Juan L. Arocha		Oct. 23, 1950	North Dakota	Hugh W. Eisenhart, 150	Cambridge	Apr. 28, 1965
E. L. Galbreath		Apr. 23, 1969	Norway	Einar Hoel, 327	Omaha	June 9, 1964
Aubrey R. Erhart	Guymon	July 23, 1963	Nova Scotia	Curtis J. Griess, 49	Grand Island	Dec. 2, 1968
Norman W. Oliver	Burns	May 5, 1963	Nuevo Leon	Robert W. Boon, 33	Grand Island	Mar. 6, 1967
Elias S. Mizrachi	Panama	Jan. 13, 1953	Ohio	Otto Nelsen, 300	Lincoln	Feb. 17, 1958
F. A. Zumaeta	Lima	Oct. 23, 1957	Oklahoma	Ralph R. Carleton, 306	Omaha	Feb. 6, 1958
Aurelio B. Aquino	Manila	Jan. 23, 1966	Oregon	Frank J. Mattoon, 75	Sidney	Dec. 4, 1968
Daniel R. Morrison	Summerside	Mar. 7, 1968	Panama	Arthur S. Dye, 317	Hastings	July 28, 1965
A. D. Lighthourn	Fajards	Aug. 3, 1966	Peru	LaVerne A. Walker, 55	Norfolk	Feb. 8, 1958
T. H. Whitman		Aug. 3, 1966	Philippines	Donald A. Kyckelhahn, 210	Lincoln	Aug. 7, 1969
W. R. Gailey		Feb. 29, 1960	Prince Edward Island	Donald C. Smith, 1	Omaha	Jan. 17, 1945
Grafton H. Willey, Jr.	Cranston	Jan. 24, 1947	Puerto Rico	Ray I. Rabbitt, 295	Scottsbluff	Aug. 23, 1952
Gaylord C. Wright	Regina	Apr. 13, 1965	Quebec	Charles J. Black, 290	Omaha	Nov. 10, 1965
William Sloss	Edinburgh	Aug. 30, 1963	Queensland	Edward Huxwaldt, 318	Grand Island	Oct. 31, 1940
George C. Hobson		Dec. 3, 1968	Rhode Island	Edward A. Hoagland, 25	Omaha	July 3, 1942
Pafael F. Moreno	Bogota		Saskatchewan	Robert E. Lund, 323	Columbus	Sept. 17, 1962
M. D. J. C. Navarro		Aug. 25, 1969	Scotland	Harold H. Thom, 1	Omaha	Sept. 17, 1962
Cyril W. C. Peaks	Charleston	Sept. 9, 1959	Southern Africa	Gerald V. Insee, 148	Chadron	Dec. 2, 1968
Horace G. Adams	Ft. Mead	Aug. 15, 1969	South America	Jack H. Hendrix, 174	Trenton	Aug. 7, 1969
Hj. August Lind	Linkoping	Apr. 4, 1958	Dominicana			
Eric C. Monk	Zurich	Feb. 24, 1967	South Australia	Alfred R. Kenoyer, 191	Scotia	Aug. 7, 1969
German Barrera	Victoria	Aug. 27, 1970	South Carolina	Walter Brown, 1	Omaha	May 12, 1970
S. V. Tilley	Hobart	Mar. 27, 1957	South Dakota	Mark Mitchell, 138	Oxford	Jan. 1, 1962
J. Turner Williams	Nashville	Oct. 28, 1968	Sweden	Charles A. Chappell, 127	Minden	Aug. 26, 1918
Harold A. Bateman	Dallas	July 28, 1952	Switzerland	Lillard S. Jensen, 232	Omaha	Nov. 17, 1965
Nehil Sarpel	Istanbul	July 19, 1963	Tamlaupias	Ralph I. Berry, 256	Hickman	Nov. 5, 1965
John J. Greiner	Ozden	Sept. 10, 1959	Tasmania	Homor C. Davey, 317	Hastings	Aug. 3, 1960
David A. Smith	Shelburne	May 16, 1962	Tennessee	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110	Ashland	Sept. 8, 1960
Farrin Webb	Melbourne	Mar. 23, 1946	Texas	William C. Schaper, 148	Broken Bow	May 4, 1939
P. O. Shepherd, Jr.	S. Arlington	Jan. 2, 1952	Turkey	Donald A. Keys, 300	Lincoln	Dec. 20, 1961
Jesse A. Jackson	Seattle	Nov. 14, 1967	Utah	Edwines E. Johnson, 112	Lincoln	Aug. 27, 1963
		Dec. 17, 1960	Virginia	Richard L. Wait, 19	Oakdale	Jan. 23, 1958
			Washington	Cary W. Dresslar, 32	Lincoln	Aug. 29, 1958
			West Australia	Mathias E. Mauel, 173	North Platte	Nov. 14, 1956
				Ernest O. Van Wey, 249	Stratton	Aug. 2, 1960
				Edward M. Knight, 183	Gothenburg	Jan. 28, 1952
				Ward McGlashan, 180	Alliance	June 27, 1941

## 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."

Knight 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: 1970 and 4,000 — 5970.

Royal Arch Masons — Add 530 to the current year, thus: 1970 and 530 — 2499.

Royal and Select Masters — Add 1,000 years to current year, thus: 1970 and 1,000 — 2970.

Knights Templar — From the Christian era take 1,118; thus 1,118 from 1970 — 851.

Order of High Priesthood — To the Christian era add 1913, the year of the blessing, thus 1970 — 3880.

Scottish Rite — Add 3,760 to the current year; thus 1970 and 3,760 — 5729.

THE ROLL OF ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS AND  
DATE OF APPOINTMENT

The first reference providing for an "Assistant Custodian," was made in 1869.

In 1870 the "Committee on Work" recommended the establishment of five districts and the appointment of an equal number of brethren, these together with the Grand Lecturer to constitute a "Board of Custodians" to serve for five years. From that time until now, there have been appointed assistant custodians. It is the purpose here to list all that have at any time served the Grand Lodge. They are listed in terms of first appointment. The number following each name represents the lodge of which each was or is a member.

Daniel H. Wheeler, 6.....1870	L. S. Moe, 15.....1877
John Reed, 2.....1871	Roland H. Oakley, 19.....1877
Robert W. Furnas, 4.....1871	James R. Cain, 9.....1877
D. F. Powell, 3.....1871	Albert K. Marsh, 49.....1877
A. Atkinson, 3.....1871	Jess T. Davis, 21.....1877
H. O. Hanna, 9.....1872	Charles H. Willard, 21....1878
Milton E. Pinney, 2.....1873	Samuel W. Hayes, 55.....1879
William B. Wharton, 12...1875	Marshall Smith, 2.....1878
Edward K. Valentine, 27..1875	James McNaughton, 4....1879
Newton R. Persinger, 36...1876	Joseph H. McConnel, 32...1879
David K. Hume, 3.....1876	Edward F. Thorp, 2.....1879
Hiram C. Ryder, 37.....1876	George W. Mowrey, 50....1880
Frederick N. Dick, 32....1876	Charles A. Holmes, 17....1880
George W. Lininger, 3....1877	

Note: From 1880 until 1910, there were no recorded appointments of brethren to serve as assistants to the Grand Custodian. In 1910 Brother Robert E. French did hold special meetings to examine and instruct brethren who were willing to become "assistants" in the work. Thirteen brethren were nominated and approved for appointment as assistants. After 1917 these brethren were generally referred to as "assistant custodians". In 1925 the designation was "Deputy Custodians". The following brethren appeared in the records as "assistant custodians" or at times as "Deputy Custodians."

*Samuel S. Whiting, 54....1910	*Ira C. Freet, 56.....1913
*Walter W. Wells, 192....1910	*Benjamin Wood, 210.....1913
*Ensign J. Rix, 55.....1910	*Edward M. Wellman, 1....1913
*James D. Phillips, 93....1910	*Charles A. Eyre, 268.....1913
*Frederick L. Wolff, 135...1910	*Earl M. Bolen, 130.....1914
*Fred A. Howe, 119.....1910	*Frank L. Haycock, 207...1914
*Robert B. Walker, 170....1912	*George A. Stevens, 158...1914
*Frank W. Farrand, 36....1913	*Levi D. Phipps, 31.....1916

*Alfred G. Hunt, 33 . . . . .	1916	*Stanley B. Fryar, 139 . . . . .	1940
*Harry L. F. Proffitt, 50 . . . . .	1916	*Roy S. Planck, 15 . . . . .	1940
*Walter W. Wells, 192 . . . . .	1917	*Buren P. Wells, 315 . . . . .	1940
*Orville A. Andrews, 19 . . . . .	1917	Clarence G. McNamee, 55 . . . . .	1941
*Barclay M. Hickman, 38 . . . . .	1916	*F. Ray Dilts, 83 . . . . .	1942
*Andrew H. Viele, 55 . . . . .	1917	*Ernest C. Purdy, 195 . . . . .	1942
*Walter W. Wells . . . . .	1917	Lewis E. Baker, 135 . . . . .	1943
*Maro C. Shipherd, 15 . . . . .	1920	*Howard E. Bradstreet, 261 . . . . .	1943
*Vinsent S. Ramsey, 205 . . . . .	1920	George S. Schwab, 49 . . . . .	1946
*Jesse Lowther, 219 . . . . .	1920	Louis V. Sylvester, 281 . . . . .	1945
*Franklin C. Tym, 25 . . . . .	1920	*Irving S. Johnson, 148 . . . . .	1946
*Lute M. Savage, 3 . . . . .	1920	LaVerne A. Walker, 55 . . . . .	1946
Frank M. Johnson, 188 . . . . .	1920	Ernest E. James, 1 . . . . .	1948
*Lamont L. Stephens, 106 . . . . .	1922	*Frank A. Anderson, 17 . . . . .	1949
*Frances S. Robey, 19 . . . . .	1922	*Robert W. Cook, 33 . . . . .	1949
*John B. Lichtenwallner,		Paul D. Fleming, 93 . . . . .	1949
275 . . . . .	1923	Charles M. Frederick, 136 . . . . .	1949
*Harry R. Belville, 146 . . . . .	1923	*Sylvester Shumard, 227 . . . . .	1949
*George R. Patterson, 136 . . . . .	1923	*Ralph M. Carhart, 120 . . . . .	1950
*William J. Birkoffer, 249 . . . . .	1923	*Morris V. Balcom, 46 . . . . .	1950
*D. Horace Schall, 307 . . . . .	1923	*William F. Flicklinger, 56 . . . . .	1951
*Stanley P. Bostwick, 3 . . . . .	1924	*Forest A. Lape, 183 . . . . .	1951
*William D. Edson, 53 . . . . .	1926	Delbert H. Pinkerton, 314 . . . . .	1954
*Francis B. Rodwell, 224 . . . . .	1926	Harold M. Wilkerson, 54 . . . . .	1954
*Edwin H. Gerhart, 305 . . . . .	1926	Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 9 . . . . .	1955
*William McCormack, 268 . . . . .	1926	Clifford D. Webster, 321 . . . . .	1956
*Harry L. Mantor, 306 . . . . .	1927	Mathias E. Mael, 173 . . . . .	1956
*John R. Easley, 49 . . . . .	1927	Frank H. Smith, 301 . . . . .	1957
*I. Donald Huston, 65 . . . . .	1928	*Ward V. Whitaker, 310 . . . . .	1957
*Elmer Surber, 95 . . . . .	1928	Richard L. Ely, 128 . . . . .	1957
*John M. Bennett, 19 . . . . .	1928	Asa J. Farnham, 106 . . . . .	1958
Earl Barnett, 146 . . . . .	1929	Robert B. Conraf, 125 . . . . .	1958
*Jonathan Frye, 1 . . . . .	1929	Winston C. Swarson . . . . .	1958
*Ernest R. Reynolds, 124 . . . . .	1930	*Lyle A. Van Arsdol, 210 . . . . .	1959
*Osborne P. Simon, 174 . . . . .	1930	Edmun D. Shaw, 254 . . . . .	1959
*Doc L. Redfern, 300 . . . . .	1930	Harry N. Ahl, 112 . . . . .	1959
Austin F. Whitmire, 306 . . . . .	1931	Alfred R. Kenoyer, 148 . . . . .	1960
Henning C. Johnson, 171 . . . . .	1932	Lloyd I. Edwards, 110 . . . . .	1960
Carroll C. Raymer, 164 . . . . .	1932	T. Leo Stines, 36 . . . . .	1960
*Ward B. Schrack, 46 . . . . .	1933	Erwin J. Imig, 38 . . . . .	1960
*Byron S. Peterson, 25 . . . . .	1933	Sebert A. Stover, 281 . . . . .	1960
*Raymond C. Cook, 6 . . . . .	1933	Stanley E. Brunton, 222 . . . . .	1961
*Ray B. Bottorf, 33 . . . . .	1933	Glenn W. Binder, 23 . . . . .	1961
*Wallace E. Linn, 1 . . . . .	1934	Richard L. Wait, 19 . . . . .	1962
*Jesse P. Entriken, 295 . . . . .	1934	Gordon Chard, 240 . . . . .	1962
Harold D. Weddel, 208 . . . . .	1937	Harold A. Tilton, 71 . . . . .	1962
Cecil C. Gates, 227 . . . . .	1938	Stuart A. Johnson, 169 . . . . .	1964
*Fred G. Christensen, 33 . . . . .	1938	Arthur S. Dye, 317 . . . . .	1964
*Ross Van Sickle, 184 . . . . .	1938	W. Upton Dawson, 135 . . . . .	1964
S. William Beck, 43 . . . . .	1940	Donald R. Davis, 164 . . . . .	1964

Ralph L. Berry, 256 . . . . .	1965
Carl A. Johnson, 183 . . . . .	1965
Robert W. Boon, 33 . . . . .	1965
Augustus W. Clark, 318 . . . . .	1965
Alton A. Mote, 183 . . . . .	1965
Ralph W. Gerry, 281 . . . . .	1965
Arnold F. Mains, 15 . . . . .	1965
Nelson W. Rittenberg, 210 . . . . .	1965
Harold J. Oehlerking, 159 . . . . .	1966
Gwynne L. Neubaur . . . . .	1966
Ward L. McGlashan . . . . .	1966
Curtis J. Griess . . . . .	1966
Walter Brown . . . . .	1967
John C. Nelson . . . . .	1967
Mervin E. Ransom, Sr. . . . .	1967
Donald A. Kyckelhahn . . . . .	1967
Howard G. Whitmore . . . . .	1967
Frank R. Harris . . . . .	1967
Gerald V. Inslee . . . . .	1968
John C. Sierks . . . . .	1969
Paul D. Jacobsen . . . . .	1969
David O. Kipling . . . . .	1970
Herman O. Hansen . . . . .	1970

## THE GRAND MASTERS' ANNUAL ADDRESSES 1857-1882

Section V of the original By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska provides that:

"It shall be considered the duty of the M. W. Grand Master to communicate in writing, immediately after the appointment of the standing committees a statement of his official acts during the recess of the Grand Lodge, with such other matters as he may deem advantageous to the Craft; he shall also give to the Grand Lodge information upon subjects of Masonic interest, and recommend for its consideration any measures he shall deem expedient; which communication shall be referred to such appropriate committees as its various details require."

There is no evidence that Section V has been subject to amendment. To this day, it stands unchanged. It speaks well as to the wisdom of our Founders. From the time of our first Grand Master, Robert Carrel Jordan and continuing down through more than a century of continuous history, the Grand Master has presided over the affairs of The Grand Lodge and each in his time has delivered an annual address. It affords an important opportunity to review the principle accomplishments of his stewardship, to call attention to all major problems facing the Masonic Fraternity and make recommendations for the further strengthening of its activities.

It has ever been the duty, the right and privilege of the Grand Lodge, when assembled, to give due consideration to the recommendations of the Grand Master. Naturally, not always are the recommendations favorably acted upon. In the main, however, the positions taken by the Grand Master have been upheld. Debate has sometimes occurred but ultimately progress in one form or another has ensued.

This account does not pretend to deal exhaustively with every Grand Master's Address nor every proposal made during the years from 1857 to 1882. Only those of an unusual nature or significance are detailed herein.

It is concerned only with the first twenty-five years--these being the formative years of the Masonic Fraternity in this Jurisdiction and the years when all of the settlers were essentially pioneers, seeking new homes in a new land. It is left to another time and another historian to carry forward the necessary research and study of events that took place and to put in the records the story of Masonic achievement as initiated by succeeding Grand Masters in association with the officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge.

### THE FIRST DECADE--1857-1866

During the first decade there were but four Grand Masters. Robert Carrel Jordan served three years--1857 to 1859; George Armstrong,

three years, 1860 to 1862; David H. Wheeler, two years, 1863 to 1864; and Robert W. Furnas, two years, 1865 to 1866.

Any one conversant with American history is immediately reminded that these were the years of the pre-Civil War and the Civil War itself. These were the years also when Nebraska was still without statehood. Nebraska was thought of as an important part of the "Great American Desert." It was largely unsettled. These were the pioneering years. The settlements were sparse and widely separated. The nature of the land, the presence of the native Indian, and the untamed animal life were barriers and hardships to be overcome. But the pioneers were equal to the challenge. They had only recently come to this new land. Bellevue was the place to which the fur-trader and hunter had come in 1823. Presbyterian and Baptist ministers and their families came to work among the Indians some ten years later. Gradually, it was inevitable that among these early pioneers would be found those who had been initiated, passed, and raised to the "Sublime Degree of Master Masons." They, naturally, sought out their brothers and together they worked to erect their homes, build their schools, establish their churches, and finally, if not from the beginning, to construct a government wherein peace and harmony might prevail. As has been said on another occasion, "they were men of great and unerring faith, unquenchable hope and undying love."

ROBERT CARREL JORDAN (1857,1858,1859)

No attempt is made here to record any biographical material concerning the first Grand Master, Robert Carrel Jordan. There was published a fairly comprehensive sketch of the first Grand Master June 10, 1964 and distributed to all the constituent lodges in Nebraska at that time. Suffice it to say that our Most Worshipful Brother Robert C. Jordan was by every known criterion the "Father of Masonry" in Nebraska and the best informed person, dedicated and devoted to Masonry in their pioneer period. In a word, he was a civic leader, a devout churchman and a faithful student of Freemasonry.

How else can we explain the import of the first three of the Grand Master's addresses in 1857, 1858, and 1859? Robert Carrel Jordan in his first address urged upon the three charter lodges and the three newly created lodges the preservation of the ideals, purposes and traditions of Masonry. In conformity with earlier action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois he issued an edict forbidding any Nebraska lodge to "hold Masonic intercourse with any person or persons hailing from the Grand Lodge of New York without having in their possession a "certificate as to the legality of the lodge and the making or healing of the brother proposing to visit."

The Grand Master issued an edict forbidding any Nebraska lodge to hold Masonic intercourse with any such person or admit him as a visitor in the lodge without satisfying itself as to his legal certification.

Grand Master Jordan was an apostle of uniformity of the ritualistic work of the then designated subordinate lodges. Many of the brethren, it must be realized, had come from many jurisdictions--from almost every state in the Union at that time and there was the danger that the uniformity of the work would not be maintained. He proposed therefore that:

"An exhibit of the work of all the lodges be made at this session (1857), and a careful examination into the merits of the work so exhibited, corrections made, and a uniform mode adopted and made obligatory on all lodges then in existence and all future lodges were to adopt the same before permission is granted to assemble and confer degrees. By adopting this or some other judicious remedy, we may, and I trust will, avoid the difficulties the older Grand Lodges have had to encounter, and in instances have abandoned without hope at securing a permanent and uniform system of lectures."

Finally Grand Master Jordan called attention to the necessity of recognizing the Holy Bible as the only divine and authentic source of Masonic faith and belief--a fundamental requisite to the initiation of a candidate into the mysteries of Masonry. He was concerned that in his reading of Masonic periodicals and the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges that he discovered some instances of violent opposition being expressed. He proposed that the Nebraska Grand Lodge take positive action to forestall any such opposition being expressed by the Nebraska lodges. These are his words:

"We are all aware that mankind is naturally so constituted that differences of opinion in regard to most subjects of importance prevail. It is expected and looked for. But it is certainly a matter of wonder and regret, that any intelligent member of the Masonic institution can, for a moment, assume the position that some have, and denounce this wholesome requirement of some of the Grand Lodges as a new test, an innovation, and other harsh epithets, when the ritual of the Order is so entirely adverse to such teachings. We are almost led to believe that those taking such grounds have failed to duly appreciate the excellent rules and maxims therein inculcated, and are inexcusably ignorant of the work handed down to us from time immemorial; or that the system of Masonry is taught differently in some jurisdictions from what we had supposed."

Having thus spoken he proposed:

That we place it upon our records in unmistakable terms that we believe the Bible to be God's Holy Word, the Beacon of Light to guide us through the darkness and gloom we daily encounter in our pilgrimage to that undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns; and that we require a distinct avowal in such belief before initiation. If this Great and Good Book is of so much importance to a Masonic lodge that it cannot be legally opened for the transaction of business without it be present, then it may truly be said that it is the foundation stone upon which our beautiful structure rests."

Needless to say the action of the Select Committee on Bible recommended full acceptance of the proposal. The recommendation was adopted. The wording of its action is of such nature that it must be recorded here:

"Whereas that superstructure of Freemasonry rests upon the truths contained in those pages; it has been recognized for ages as the foundation stone of the Order, and from time immemorial has been one of the ancient landmarks, either in form of the Old or New Testament, or both; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that no man can disavow a belief in the principles therein contained, and it is also the sense of this Grand Lodge that the demand for such belief does not conflict with the universality of Freemasonry; but in every land and with every notion where Masonry exists, the Holy Writings are respected, and some form of belief in them required from candidates for admission to the mysteries of the Order.

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska will guard the ancient landmarks, and enforce respect for them by every means in her power."

As one looks back over the years since these three recommendations of the first Grand Master--Robert Carrel Jordan, were made he can have a fuller realization of the breadth and depth of his Masonic convictions and his understanding of the basic tenets of the Order. They, as nothing else, provided the assurance of a permanency of the Masonic Fraternity.

One thing more must be pointed out in concluding his first address to the Grand Lodge. Brother Jordan said:

"Much remains to be done to place it in the proud position it should some day occupy as a useful and influential corporation, protecting and caring for the widow and the orphan, soothing the unhappy, and dispensing charity to all the needy within its reach, thus fulfilling the instructions of our Heavenly Father, the Supreme Grand Master of that Grand Lodge where we all hope to arrive after completing our labors on earth."

Thus did he crystalize our Masonic concept of the "Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man and Immortality of the Soul." To this day these constitute a *sine qua non* of the existence of Masonry.

In his second annual address to the Grand Lodge, the reference was made to the "progressive age" of the outward world and to the "various improvements made in science and art within the memory of the youngest member of this Grand Lodge. "While viewing with "wonder and admiration" the "new and valuable inventions" that benefit mankind we must not lose sight of the fact that the Masonic Fraternity is "nearly perfection as a moral institution and "not susceptible of being improved upon as are many of the ephemeral productions of the present day. In this connection he cited new actions taken by the Grand Lodge of

Indiana which he thought were not altogether wise, especially when "taken in haste" or by reason of "confusion of mind." He urged upon every Master as provided in the installation ceremony, "not to suffer any innovations." He reminded the Grand Lodge members that:

"the foundations of the Masonic Order were laid deep and with much care in ages long since past, and by Master Workmen who are to the fullest extent entitled to the appellation; and they did not intend it should be subject to the change and experimentation of uneasy minds which are never satisfied to let alone that which was good."

One cannot help but wonder what might have been his counsel were he living today--in the midst of what has truly been a most dynamic thrust in consequence of the many inventions, discoveries and accomplishments of this truly scientific and technological age in which we now live.

A second matter of some concern was the proposal being made and rather seriously considered by some jurisdictions to organize the "General Grand Lodge of the United States." To this idea he was strongly opposed. He thought it well for the Grand Lodge to take up the matter and form an "expressed opinion" for presentation to the Grand Lodge in the event "steps are taken to establish a general head of the Order in the United States.

A special committee appointed to consider this subject of "General Grand Lodge" made a report saying that "it is inexpedient at the present time to organize a General Grand Lodge of the United States."

## II. GEORGE ARMSTRONG (1860-1862)

The second Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was a native of the State of Maryland, born in 1819. He was made a Mason in Scotia Lodge No. 6 in Chillicothe, Ohio, at the age of thirty years. He was a charter member of Capitol Lodge No. 3 in Omaha, Nebraska, chartered on June 3, 1857 by the Iowa Grand Lodge. In September of that same year he was appointed Grand Secretary of the newly organized Grand Lodge of Nebraska. His annual addresses as Grand Master (1860-1863) give evidence of his being a "good man and true." His addresses expressed the lofty sentiments of a citizen and patriot.

The Civil War between the states became an important factor in his life as well as that of the Masonic Fraternity. In 1862 he was commissioned a major in the Second Nebraska Cavalry. He assisted in recruiting and organizing an independent battalion of cavalry, becoming its commanding officer. This battalion merged with the First Nebraska Infantry and converted into a cavalry regiment of which he was the Senior Cavalry Regiment Officer until the close of the war.

The high esteem in which he was held was further revealed by the fact that George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, so named in his honor, was founded and placed under dispensation on August second, 1895. It was not chartered until June, 1897 and then renamed George Washington

Lodge No. 241. Most Worshipful Grand Master Armstrong had been laid to rest in Omaha, Nebraska, just about seven months earlier on November 12, 1896.

With this very brief biographical account of Brother Armstrong's career as a soldier and Mason one can more fully appreciate the quality of leadership he exerted in the formative years of Masonry in Nebraska.

George Armstrong, came into his office in what might be described as perilous times. No new lodges have been chartered beyond the first six. These were "still performing their labors faithfully and harmoniously." The Grand Master said:

"The slow progress of our Order is attributable (to) the unfavorable circumstances by which we were surrounded then, (and) continue to exist in a greater degree at this time; and those of you, my Brethren, who know and can appreciate the difficulties and obstructions which have beset the workmen, though earnestly desiring the dissemination of the tenets and principles of our time-honored Institution have the high satisfaction of being assured that it is occasioned by no lack of zeal, or want of harmony among the craft...The commercial distress which has affected the whole country for three years past, remains unmitigated in the sparse and scattered settlements of Nebraska, and remote as we are from the sectional and political influences which surround the populous communities of the states, even here the pure and ennobling principles of Masonry are chilled and sickened by the deplorable strifes and animosities of parties and sects which distract our beloved country, and which have at length culminated in a widespread rebellion against the government."

Furthermore, Brother Armstrong called attention to the fact that while the membership of the subordinate lodges had been increased during the year just closing, the lodges were "laboring under disadvantages resulting from the absence of many of the older Brethren who had abandoned their Lodges to toil among the leads and gulches of the new Eldorado or engage in the commerce of the plains." These were the result of the "tide of emigration attracted during the past few years towards the gold fields immediately west of our territory which had carried with it many of the Masonic Fraternity." They had left their homes and associates in the East, he said, to "seek their fortunes among the hills and valleys of that auriferous region."

As a result, Grand Master Armstrong had received a number of petitions for authority to pursue Masonic labors by these gold seekers in the new land of their adoption. For the first time as Grand Master of the Nebraska Grand Lodge he had granted dispensations for new lodges in the territory of Nebraska which the included area eventually was a part of Colorado. The first was Summit Lodge at Parkville; the second, Rocky Mountain Lodge at Gold City; and the third, Central City Lodge at Central City.

It was during his term of three years as Grand Master that the Grand Lodge Representative System was put into operation. The Grand Lodge

of Louisiana requested that he name some Brother, if agreeable to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, for appointment as representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska." The Grand Master of North Carolina had designated Bros. L. P. Gillette and the Grand Master of Illinois has selected P.G.M. Robert C. Jordan as the Representatives of the Grand Lodges of those states near this Grand Lodge. Grand Master Armstrong had described this "system" as a "kind of Masonic diplomacy" which had not heretofore been recognized in Nebraska and suggested that before the Representatives of other Grand Lodges can be accredited by us, this body should adopt measures of reciprocity with other Masonic jurisdictions, and give authority to the Grand Master to recognize the Representatives they may designate.

Grand Master Armstrong reminded the members of the state of open rebellion against the government then existent and raised the question of whether the Grand Lodge can fraternize with Masons who refuse to "cheerfully conform to the laws of the country" and who are "concerned in plots and conspiracies against government." To quote Brother Armstrong further he made these observations:

"The right of secession or the propriety of dividing the Union into separate confederacies, are questions not within the province of a body of Masons. But until these questions are determined, and the bloody and fratricidal contest which is now convulsing our beloved country is ended, we should be guarded in our affiliations with the Masonic organizations of those states who have lifted their bloody hands against the civil authorities, trampled in the dust the banner of the country to which they have pledged their allegiance, and have set on foot the most unnatural and unholy conflict that has ever disgraced a civilized nation. As when Jephtha, judge of Israel, with the men of Gilead, pursued the rebellious Ephraimites to the passes of the river Jordan, shall we not demand, if among the traitors and conspirators of these latter days there are any who cannot pronounce arright the word of recognition exacted by Brethren faithful to their Masonic obligation?"

Grand Master Armstrong in concluding the foregoing statement quoted from a circular letter received from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and signed by all of its officers and of other Masonic bodies and which commented upon "the sad and mournful spectacle presented in the unhappy condition of our country--state being arrayed against state, friend against friend, and even brother against brother." It appears that the Tennessee Brethren were appealing to all Masons in the land (500,000 of them) to "make their voice heard in one united demand for arresting some Brother, if agreeable to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, for appointment as representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska."

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Grand Master Armstrong responded in this manner:

"Although this effort of our Brethren to pour the oil of peace upon the troubled waters of civil war may prove futile, they are animated by a noble spirit of patriotic love of country, and are actuated by a keen appreciation of their Masonic obligations and fraternal ties. I doubt not their appeal will enlist your hearty sympathies and ready cooperation."

Brother Armstrong concluded his first address with an urgent appeal to the members that they continue their every effort to achieve a "uniformity in the work of the several lodges" and in so doing strengthen the hands of the Brethren in the East to effect this desirable result throughout all the states. He spoke especially of the "Webb Work" feeling that it supplied the link between the present generation and the past, representing genuine ancient craft masonry and "providing an unbroken chain by which it has descended to us from the early fathers through Webb, Gleason, Fowle, Barney and Wilson of Vermont." As an aid to this end he recommended as an auxiliary the securing of a uniform textbook.

### III. DANIEL HOTCHKISS WHEELER (1863-1864)

The third Grand Master, Daniel H. Wheeler, was born in Flowerfield, St. Joseph County, Michigan on November 26, 1834.

M. W. Wheeler was a most prominent citizen, a leading hardware dealer, a respected lawyer, probate judge and United States Agent for the Pawnee Indian Tribe. He held many responsible positions--Assistant Secretary of the Territorial Council, clerical officer in the Plattsmouth courts; secretary of the State Senate in 1873 and 1875; President of Plattsmouth Board of Trade, Mayor of the City of Plattsmouth; member of State Board of Agriculture for fifteen years. As a resident of Omaha from 1885 until his passing he was a member of the City Council and an officer of the Globe Loan and Trust Company which he assisted in organizing. He was a member of the Episcopal Church.

He was a charter member of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 and eventually elected to the office of Worshipful Master. He held a number of positions in the Grand Lodge from that of Grand Sword Bearer to that of Most Worshipful Grand Master, which office he held for three years. His interest in Masonry continued until the time of his death.

In his later years he was affected by paralysis and was forced into retirement. He was called to his eternal rest on November 27, 1912.

His body was removed to Plattsmouth and interred with Masonic honors in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Of him, it was said "He was a good man, an excellent citizen and possessed of many friends. Business and duty to his family required very much of his time, it is true, but he never shirked in his devotion to the Masonic Fraternity.

At the time of the Annual Communication in 1881, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, James R. Cain, paid this tribute to his memory in these words:

I briefly call attention to his active busy and useful life in our great Fraternity, which he loved so well, and which in turn seemed to delight to honor him, as well as to the splendid manner in which he discharged the responsibilities of citizenship. Honored by our brotherhood with nearly all the gifts of recognition a Freemason can receive, he was also the recipient of many civic honors which he wore with becoming dignity, and in which he rendered an honest, intelligent, and faithful service. His life was a most busy one as a brief resume will disclose, and as a Pioneer, Citizen, Official and Freemason, he was faithful to every trust--His memory will ever remain green in the hearts of those who knew him, and the name he has left to his family and friends is indeed a price-less heritage."

In the first of his annual addresses to the members of the Grand Lodge, in June, 1864 the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Wheeler, made reference to the still continuing Civil War. These were his words:

"We have been blessed beyond our most sanguine expectations." (He was here referring to the growth in interest and activity of the eight subordinate Masonic Lodges) "Although war with all its terrible reality in our young and beautiful territory. We must devoutly pray to the Grand Master of the Universe, that another anniversary of the Annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge comes upon us that this cruel and unjust rebellion may be effectually crushed and our people become again united under one common flag. In this connection I can justly refer you to the charge delivered to every Brother upon his initiation into our Order, viz: 'In the State you are to be a quiet and peaceable subject, true to your Government, and just to your country; you are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently submit to legal authority, and to conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which you live' and ask that the Brethren with one accord adopt it as their rule of action. I would at the same time refer all Brethren to the second chapter of the Ancient Constitutions, that they may not act unadvisably or unjustly toward any Brother."

One unusual request was presented to Grand Master Wheeler--a petition to grant a dispensation for the opening of "Monitor Lodge" in the First Nebraska Regiment Infantry located in the field and recommended by Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6.

The Grand Master was "at somewhat of a loss" whether to grant such a petition. He finally did so feeling that the interests of the Fraternity would never be allowed to suffer nor to be brought into dispute when confided to the care of such bright and trusty Brothers who had signed the petition and who had later requested the extension for a second year. Because of military duties the petitioners were unable to present their request in person. The Grand Master recommended that "Monitor Lodge" be granted a dispensation for another year. The Grand Lodge concurred.

It is well to note at this point that in June 1866 Grand Master Furnas reported to the Grand Lodge that no report had ever been received from "Monitor Lodge." During the year of 1865-1866 many who had been members of that Lodge were making requests for special dispensation to allow their petitions to be received and acted upon by lodges within the Nebraska jurisdiction. "While the simple non-existence of that lodge, from whatever cause, would restore members formerly belonging to other lodges, to their original status in their old lodges, some provision should be made for those who were made masons in Monitor Lodge U. D." The Grand Master so recommended.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented a resolution recommending that when the Treasurer of Monitor Lodge shall have paid to the Grand Treasurer the amount due from Monitor Lodge and return their "Dispensation" to the Grand Master, then "all brethren of said lodge affiliated elsewhere shall at once be considered subject to and in membership with the lodge with which they were connected at the time they enter the service." Further, "all who were made Masons by said (Monitor) lodge while it was in existence, shall receive certificates as may be necessary from this Grand Lodge, that they affiliate with the lodge in whose jurisdiction they may hereafter reside. This recommendation was adopted.

At an earlier time there was a motion made to use the funds or assets of Monitor Lodge for the purchase of a set of jewels for the use of the Grand Lodge. This motion was tabled.

A statistical report showed this amount to be approximately one hundred and six dollars (106). A total of fourteen members had been raised. Originally 23 had been initiated.\*

In his next Annual Address before the Grand Lodge--the Eighth Communication, June 22-24, 1865, meeting in Bellevue, Territory of Nebraska he made reference to the Civil War. Of that tragic conflict he said:

\*Note: The Grand Historian has just recently found in the State Historical Society in Lincoln an account of Monitor Lodge, U. D. prepared by Frances E. White, Grand Secretary, 1849-1925. A more comprehensive review of this would be a most appropriate undertaking for some future Grand Historian.

"The Fraternity in Nebraska have (sic) been blessed beyond the expectations of the most sanguine. While in many of the states our brethren have suffered the dread horrors of war, we have enjoyed comparative peace, and from the throne of the Grand Master of all, we have reason to believe, blessed answers have been sent to petitions offered from our altar one year ago; the darkness of war's night is fast passing away, and the angels of mercy and peace are descending upon our nation. God grant that their mission be speedily accomplished, and order one more established over all the land.

It was during Brother Wheeler's administration that a society of "Conservators" was formed in four or five other grand jurisdictions. In the proceedings of these jurisdictions had spoken in a deprecating manner of their formation. It was the purpose of these "societies" to introduce the ancient Webb-Preston work which the Grand Lodge of Nebraska had twice formally and solemnly expressed and affirmed its faith in that work as "the only ritual extant which corresponds with that used by our Masonic fathers." Grand Master Wheeler maintained that it was:

"unnecessary for me to allude further to this subject further than to say that any measure proposing to extend and strengthen the establishment of that ritual deserves your favorable consideration. We do not find that Grand Lodges generally have business upon their 'Trestle Boards' at all comparing in importance with that of uniformity of the work, and why any should make it their business to interfere with their members to combine in societies for a good purpose surpasses my comprehension. I cannot but think that some motive less pure and noble than that which Masonry inculcates lies at the bottom of these attacks upon conservators."

The Grand Master alluding particularly to the Jurisdictions of Grand Lodges in the States of Illinois, Missouri, Michigan and New Jersey. He could not leave the subject without making one further observation:

"When the subject has been discussed and resolutions adopted prohibiting Masons from joining a society, which I am credibly informed consists of more than three thousand members including many Grand and Past Grand Masters, will the candid unprejudiced student of Masonic history attribute such legislation to entirely disinterested motives? Will he not rather draw the conclusion that the re-election of certain officers, or the maintenance of certain parties in power is the main-spring of it? I candidly confess that such is the conclusion irresistably forced upon my mind--one fact tends to confirm it, viz.: That while the entire Masonic press have (sic) published and teemed with their attacks upon the "Conservators' Association," only one Masonic paper has copied our resolutions of 1863, approving the "Webb-Preston work." Fortunately, it is not a matter of the least importance to the maintenance of the "Webb-Preston work" whether the Conservators' Association lives or not. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska will, I am sure, not feel impelled

to build or cast down any Brother's reputation by taking part in this unfortunate and unnecessary quarrel."\*

In Grand Master Wheeler's Third Annual address to the Eighth Annual Communication in June, 1865 brief reference is made to the Civil War drawing to an end. These are his words:

"The darkness of war's night is fast passing away and the angels of mercy and peace are descending upon our nation."

Even though it was a time of fratricidal war, the Grand Master was happy to inform the Brethren that during the past Masonic year the Order had steadily increased and that among the initiates were some of the best men in the territory. Moreover, he was happy to say that at no period in the history of Freemasonry in Nebraska had the prospects of the Order been more cheering.

It was at the Eighth Annual Communication meeting in Brownville in June of 1865 that the Grand Master suggested that Article VII of the Constitution be changed to provide that the Deputy Grand Master be appointed by the Grand Master rather than be elected as provided by the Constitution. Brother Wheeler felt that the existing provision was both irregular and unmasonic. Masonic custom and law teach that the deputy is the representative of the Grand Master and that "for his acts the Grand Master is responsible." The Grand Master asked: "Would it not, then, be much better to follow the usual and regular custom, and permit the Grand Master to appoint his own Deputy?"

No action was taken by the Grand Lodge to make the change as recommended. The statement of Article VII remains today as originally adopted in 1857.

#### IV. ROBERT W. FURNAS (1865-1866)

Robert Wilkinson Furnas was born in Troy, Miami County, Ohio, on May 5, 1824. He passed to his eternal home on June 1, 1905.

Illustrious Brother Furnas was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Franklin Lodge No. 14 at Troy, Ohio on April 13, 1852. From that time his career as a Mason was marked to an enviable degree. In succession he was made a Royal and Select Mason in October, 1854; dubbed and created a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta of Columbia Commandery No. 2, in Washington, D. C. in March, 1865; a Scottish Rite Mason in Washington, D. C. in 1867; coronetted a 33° in Omaha, Nebraska in 1870. He held many offices in the various Masonic bodies--Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Nebraska, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Temp-

\*Note: For a more complete "Report" of the Webb-Preston Work" the reader is referred to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Volume One, pages 365-368, Seventh Annual Communication, June 23-24, 1864.

lar, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. He was a prominent leader in the early organization of the several Masonic Bodies. He always bore these honors with grace and dignity and filled every station to which he was called with efficiency and marked ability.

Books could be written of all his achievements as a useful, devoted, and loyal citizen. He was a leader in the development of the "Magnificent Commonwealth of Nebraska." By presidential decree he became a Colonel of the Regular Army and did valiant service for his country. Culminating his many achievements was his election to the Office of Governor, serving from 1873-1875. The influence of this "great and good man" on the life and progress of the State of Nebraska has been and still is a part of our heritage. For practically fifty years his was a life of high endeavor and noble achievement in his adopted State of Nebraska.

Robert W. Furnas in his first Annual Address was reflecting upon his experiences as an officer of the Union Army in the Civil War as well as upon his long and varied experiences of leadership in the Masonic Fraternity. In his address he said this:

"We meet today under auspicious circumstances. Never since the introduction of Masonry in this jurisdiction, has the Order advanced so rapidly and satisfactorily as within the past year. As an institution, no internal order has distracted the harmony of our councils. The Brotherhood has preserved the tenets of our profession, and maintained its fame for acts of charity and benevolence.

"War and revolution have placed our Order and us, as individual Masons, in a more unpleasant attitude toward each other, than ever before known in the world's history. The times demand the exertions of men, banded as we are, to maintain in the name and faith of our Order, the high sense of honor and disinterested zeal in defense of the helpless and universal benevolence, which have ever been the distinguishing characteristics of our Order. Let us take care, that while we perform all our duties as citizens, we do not lose sight of those which the cherished profession of our Order impose upon us; never forget the duties of mercy and charity. In this nature, the acts of our Order peculiarly shine, forth, and by the spirit, which dictates them, semi-alienation may be restored and war divested of much of its ancient barbarism. Let us ever be ready to welcome the return of erring ones; ready to forget the past and to bury all dissensions in the joy of re-established fraternity."

An unusual question came before the Grand Master during his first year. It was this: "Is it lawful for a lodge of Masons to convene for 'work' on the Sabbath day?" His reply was very positive and we quote: "It is as much a violation of the 'law of the land' as for an individual brother to resort to his usual avocation on that day. The charges of a Freemason, extracted from the ancient records, and which were held in the highest veneration by the Fraternity, as embodying the most important points of ancient written law say on this point: All Masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the

time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed."

The grand historian wonders what might be the answer to this question were it to be asked in 1970. Could the same argument be set forth as was then the case?

The Committee on Jurisprudence, it should be pointed out, was in agreement with the decision of the Grand Master as to the legality of a subordinate lodge being convened for "work" on the Sabbath day.

The second Annual Address of Grand Master Furnas was equally as positive and forthright with respect to the "rupture in our Government" and its effects upon Masonry. It would be most difficult if not impossible to find a more lucid and pertinent statement of Masonic responsibility, not to say Masonic idealism and purpose than the address of our Most Worshipful Grand Master R. W. Furnas, delivered to the Grand Lodge on June 19, 1867. These were his words:

"The unfortunate rupture in our Government, it is true did not fail in its withering influence for a time upon the Institution. War, to a greater or less extent, blasts all within its reach; and while divisions and heart-burnings may have arisen between Masons in the two sections of (our) country for a time hostile, and which may never be healed, yet during a war so bitterly waged, Freemasonry, like God's angel of mercy, hovered over many battlefields, ministered its loving charities, relieved suffering, preserved the sacred ashes of honored dead; its principles of brotherly love did stand the fiery trial; the obligations to which all swear fealty who bow the naked knee at the consecrated altar, exhibited a binding force strong as links of steel, and in many ways and instances the majestic character and regal worth of the great institution was proven.

"Whatever may have been, or may yet be, the extent of estrangement, let no healing efforts be spared. By acts of kindness, relief and brotherly love 'quench the smoking lax.' Our brethren whose homes have been desolated by war, ask of us bread for themselves and families. Let Freemasons of the North, whose store-houses, through the smiles of Providence, are well filled, contribute liberally, and as becomes the great emergency.

"I have official information from some of the southern jurisdictions, that there has been among our own brotherhood absolute famishing and death from want of food.--I know of nothing Nebraska Masons have done, outside of individual contributions, for the relief of distressed Masons in the South. I most earnestly urge both the Grand Lodge and subordinates to fail not in discharging an important duty which circumstances have devolved upon them."

The second matter about which Grand Master Furnas was very greatly concerned was that of founding an institution for the education of orphans of deceased Masons.

The proposal to establish such an institution was first offered by Orsamus H. Irish, then acting as Deputy Grand Master. It was in the form of a resolution providing that a standing committee consisting of one member of each "subordinate lodge" and of which the Grand Master would be the chairman. This committee was authorized to receive proposals from the lodges as to the location of such a school and the matter of financing the same. This committee was to make its report in detail at the next annual communication. The Grand Treasurer was authorized to receive such donations as may be made in the meantime and credited to the Orphan Educational Fund.

Grand Master Furnas in his capacity as such and in his privilege as chairman of the committee made the report for the committee. He said in part:

"As chairman of the committee, I now present this matter to the brotherhood of Nebraska, hoping and believing it will receive that zealous and undivided attention and consideration its importance demands.

"When the question was presented to the Grand Lodge, it met with unanimous and enthusiastic approval. Many very liberal contributions were offered on the spot. To so intelligent a body of men as the Masonic Fraternity of Nebraska, I do not deem it necessary to enter into an argument as to the necessity and importance of the subject presented. The only question, I am quite sure, will be 'how it is to be accomplished.' Let each lodge take the matter into consideration; decide upon its plan of founding an institution; present its proposal to have it located at its own point, if desirable, and send its member of the committee up to the next Grand Lodge, clothed with full power to act in the premises.

"Do not fail to remember brethren of Nebraska, that this is the most important measure ever yet presented for the consideration as an order, or that, perhaps, ever will be, and that now is the time to commence this great work, which is to show forth to the world one of the cherished principles of Masonry."

M. W. Furnas stated also that "we have reason to flatter ourselves with the idea that at no distant day we may see the contemplated institution in successful operation."

With such fervor as he displayed there could be no doubt as to the eventual success of the effort. Succeeding records will reveal the imminence of this undertaking.

There remains but two other matters, these in the area of "cautions" about which Brother Furnas had indicated some concern. These may be referred to as attempts to up-date Freemasonry and the vigorous efforts being exerted to increase membership of our Masonic lodges.

Of the first of these we discover the Grand Master saying something on "modernizing the institution of Freemasonry":

"There is a growing disposition, or rather tendency, not only in this jurisdiction, but in many others, to modernize—if I may be permitted

to use that expression—the institution of Freemasonry. This is done in many ways. The ignoring or non-compliance with ancient landmarks, laws, usages, and customs; the substitution of phraseology in the work, changing the manner of transacting business, etc. This is painful to old Masons, and will, if not checked, eventually do more to retard the growth and progress of the Order than all other causes combined. We boast that while ‘the lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance and the devastations of war have laid waste and destroyed many valuable monuments of antiquity on which the utmost exertions of human genius have been employed, ‘that Freemasonry survived the unsparing ravages of barbarous force’ and ‘the attentive ear still receives the sound from the instructive tongue.’ Why? Simply because of an adherence to what we denominate its ‘Ancient Landmarks.’ Because the Craft has continued to use ‘tools and implements, symbols and emblems most expressive, to imprint on the mind wise and serious truths, and thus—and thus only—through a succession of ages are transmitted unimpaired the most excellent tenets of our institution.’

“Too many seem to think that a knowledge of what we are pleased to term the ‘work’ of the Order, constitutes a ‘bright Mason.’ ‘Tis a great mistake, and the idea is performing a serious mission. The ‘bright Mason’ is as familiar with the principles of Masonry, its landmarks, regulations, local and general, as with the opening and closing ceremonies of his lodge.”

Finally his remarks on the subject of “increasing membership” should be noted:

“The great desire is to increase the numbers of our membership. There is a proneness to think and act as if all ‘good clever people,’ and especially all ‘our neighbors and friends,’ must be taken into the Order. The fact that there are certain indispensable requisites to qualify a man to be made a Mason is too often forgotten, or rather disregarded. The mere possession of degrees or of wearing Masonic clothing; a man may have all of these, may have passed from the lowest to the highest round on the ladder, and yet not be a Mason; may not exercise charity; may not possess a single characteristic necessary to adorn and exemplify the cherished principles of our beloved Order. No man should be permitted to pass our threshold who would not devote himself to the institution; who would not practice its teachings; who would not be a constant, living, moving exemplification of friendship, morality and brotherly love. Remember, my brethren, that it is much easier to keep out imperfect or unworthy material, than to get it out when once in.”

And so we bring to an end a consideration of the annual addresses of our first four Most Worshipful Grand Masters covering in point of time the first decade in the history of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. None can question either the timeliness or the importance of the emphasis given to and by Freemasonry through its Grand Masters. All will agree that the wise and beneficent leadership of these Grand Masters

was a vital and important--yes very necessary--factor in the building of the firm foundations of the Masonic Order in Nebraska. The influence they exerted can still be felt in all our current deliberations and decisions to build ever stronger in days to come.

### THE SECOND DECADE (1867-1876)

#### I. ORSAMUS H. IRISH (1867, 1869)

Our fifth Most Worshipful Grand Master, Orsamus H. Irish, was born July 27, 1831, migrating to Nebraska as one of its earliest pioneers and settling down in Burt County, near Decatur. In 1861 the Most Worshipful Grand Master, George Armstrong, issued a dispensation for the formation of a lodge at Decatur. This lodge was chartered in June, 1862 as Decatur Lodge No. 7. Its first master was Orsamus H. Irish. In 1863, according to our best information he was appointed acting Deputy Grand Master and in 1868 elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, serving in that office short of two years having been appointed (October, 1869) by the President of the United States to the office of U. S. Consul at Dresden in Saxony. He became so interested in his new assignment that he determined to make a career for himself in government service, holding a number of important government positions both in the U. S. and in foreign countries, probably the most important of which was that of Chief of the U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing. He passed away in 1883.

Suffice it to say he never lost interest nor wavered in loyalty and devotion to Freemasonry.

A matter of deep concern to Grand Master Irish was that of preserving the quality of the degree work. By way of explanation, he stated that he had during the year "received a number of applications for dispensations, in reference to the conferring of degrees none of which has been granted." It was his firm belief that:

"the occasions ought to be very rare, indeed, when the power of the Grand Master should be invoked for the speedy making of Masons, the tendency being towards their production in the usual manner, to an extent injurious, precipitate and hasty, time being the ordinary measure of delay between the degrees, instead of known and determined proficiency in the knowledge of the earlier, the only criterion for the fitness of the applicant for the later degree. I should rejoice in the establishment of more stringent rules in that respect."

Brother Irish was equally concerned about the care that should be exercised in determining the Masonic fitness of all applicants for admission to take degrees in Masonry. He said:

"Let every applicant's character be thoroughly canvassed, and admit no one who is not well known and well recommended for intelligence and moral worth. Numbers alone never yet gave strength. Real sterling

and moral worth only elevate Masonry and give it that high stand among men to which it is entitled. Never permit anyone to enter into our sacred precincts merely because you know nothing against him. Unless applicants have traits of character well known to qualify them for participation in our privileges, it will add to our strength and happiness to let them remain where they are. A good rule to follow would be to admit no one into the lodge that we would not be pleased to receive into our families on terms of confidence. And when, for any reason, we find that unworthy persons have gained admission to our lodges, there should be no hesitation in suspending or expelling them, for such members bring reproach upon us, arm our opponents with weapons against us, and are the means of keeping out of the institution men who would honor their profession. Such corrupt branches should at once be lopped off, that the parent stem and healthy branches may not suffer through their unworthiness."

Finally, Grand Master Irish, reminded the Grand Lodge of its responsibility to establish and maintain the Orphans' School Fund as proposed by him, while he was Deputy Grand Master. As noted earlier it was he who sponsored a resolution (June, 1866) to found an institution for the education of orphans of deceased Masons.

In his annual message to the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Irish made an urgent appeal to support the project. He said:

"Whether it is ultimately determined to build an institution devoted to this purpose, or to use the funds accumulated in educating the orphans of deceased Masons, in schools already established, the object to be attained in either case is one so worthy as must enlist the active sympathy and earnest cooperation of every worthy Mason, one that will exemplify our principles by deeds or practicable usefulness and benevolence. It is true Masonic work to care for the children, who in the providence of God, are committed to the charge of our Order. Let us then as faithful craftsmen labor to build up this noble charity, giving to it willingly all of the assistance in our power, remembering that even as we do it unto the least of these children, we do it unto Him who is the Father of us all. So shall our work be accepted."

The brochure, *The Nebraska Masonic Home* published in the *Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1968* and later issued as a special bulletin and the *Centennial History of the Grand Lodge*, published in 1962 provide much information to which the reader's attention is called.

## II. HARRY P. DEUEL (1869-1870)

The sixth Grand Master, Harry Porter Deuel was no less a pioneer than those who preceded him. He was, indeed, a "sturdy pioneer." Born in New York State, December 11, 1836, he moved first to Illinois in the company of his parents where he received most of his education, first in Farmington Academy and later at Lombard University in Galesburg. He was married in 1858 and came to Omaha in 1859, coming by foot

from St. Joseph, Missouri to Falls City and then to Omaha. It is recorded that he lived continuously in the same house for 35 years or until his death in 1914.

He was identified with the transportation business for 40 years, first the steamboat lines and later with the railroads. He was a prime mover in the early development of Omaha and known for his many contributions as a civic leader in many responsible positions.

It was said that he sold the first ticket of transportation ever bought out of Omaha. It has also been remarked that he was the "best-dressed man on the Missouri River." He wore a "regulation sailor cap" and a "blue broadcloth suit trimmed with brass buttons" when on the job.

Of his early Masonic activities little can be said. We do know that he was affiliated with Covert Lodge No. 11, chartered in 1866 and was at that time Senior Warden. He was Deputy Grand Master in 1869 and Grand Master in 1870 and 1871. Moreover he was a devoted York Rite as well as Scottish Rite Mason holding offices of Grand High Priest and Grand Commander in the York Rite Bodies. He was also coronetted as a 33° Honorary Scottish Rite Mason.

With such a background it is only natural that he could be so eminently respected for his contributions to Masonry.

Grand Master Deuel was not the first of our early Grand Masters to call attention to the importance of "uniformity of the work." Both Grand Masters Jordon and Armstrong had taken a strong position on this matter as has been noted earlier. (See pages ) Deuel's concern for uniformity was unquestioned. In his first annual address he said:

"There is a subject which I suggest be brought before this Grand Lodge which I think is of great importance to the Craft. It is in reference to procuring a uniformity of work throughout the State. Scarcely two lodges work alike in the details, and I earnestly suggest that the Grand Lodge remedy this evil."

In this connection he refers to action already taken by the Grand Lodge of Iowa where provision had been made for the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, and several assistants or "Custodians of the Work" who receive instructions from the Grand Lecturer as to the "uniform work" to be established. It was proposed that the state would be divided into districts and a custodian appointed in each district.

The suggestion of the Grand Master was favorably acted upon by the Grand Lodge and an amendment was received relating to the "Duties of the Grand Lecturer." It was laid over and acted upon at the next succeeding Annual Communication in 1870.

At this Thirteenth Annual Communication in June, 1870, Grand Master Deuel gave especial attention to what are the opportunities and obligations of the Grand Lodge when assembled, to consider the many "questions continually arising in reference to the government of the Craft and the welfare of the Order." These were his words:

"For Masonry, while its fundamental principles and landmarks remain unchanged, and while it is our duty to preserve those principles as they have been handed to us from our fathers, it is still so far progressive, that as society advances in wisdom and knowledge, it must necessarily adapt itself, in reference to its local management, to the requirements which such progression renders necessary. It is, in fact, one of the essential duties of Grand Lodge to regulate the government of the subordinate lodges in harmony with those ancient landmarks, and guard most carefully against innovations on its time-honored customs. Subordinate lodges look to the Grand Lodge for that light which is to guide them in their labors, and to the decisions of this tribunal do they refer when questions of like nature arise in their own lodges. How important, then, that our deliberations be attended with the care that their importance merits. Unbiased by prejudice, let us weigh carefully our every action, so that the brotherhood may turn to our record, confident that they will there find that instruction which will assist them in their efforts to advance the interests of the Craft."

Now, one hundred years later, these words can well be pondered as to their bearing upon the governmental and regulatory considerations of the Craft when it faces the new circumstances, both within and without its lodges and that have and are arising to challenge our activities as the ancient landmarks we have so long continued to defend. Ultimately, these decisions will provide the strength needed to perpetuate the purposes, principles and ideals for which Masonry has stood. Historically, Masonry has stood the test and met the challenges in positive and constructive action.

Upon one other matter the Grand Master Mr. Deuel, speaks. He clearly reveals what is the province of Masonry, on the one hand, and the great importance that attaches to the office of the Worshipful Master. These words are no less timely than spoken in 1870. Note what he says:

"A few words to the Masters of lodges and I have done. Do you, my brethren, realize the importance of the position you occupy? Do you realize that to the Entered Apprentice, just stepping upon the threshold of our mystic temple, the Master in the East is highest light, and that it is to him he looks for that advice and information which is to advance him in the pursuit of Masonic knowledge? How necessary, then, that you should thoroughly instruct yourselves in the teachings of our mystic symbolism, and be always ready to impart that instruction which is so much needed by the seeker after masonic light!

For Masonry is a beautiful, noble science, twin sister of religion; hand in hand do they travel together, scattering broadcast the seeds of morality, love relief and consolation, binding up the wounds of the afflicted, alleviating the sorrows of the broken-hearted, and pointing with steadfast finger, towards the Almighty as the only staff in the hour of adversity. This, my brethren, is the true province of Masonry, and it is to this end that every zealous Mason should labor. Teach them not to confine their duties merely to the lodge room. Let their actions in the

world be in accordance with the teachings that they there receive, and they will truly merit that proudest appellation, 'A just and upright Mason' true to their God, faithful to their trusts, and charitable to all mankind. Then will they be truly 'fitted as living stones for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens'."

### III. WILLIAM E. HILL (1871-1872)

We now turn to the seventh of the Most Worshipful Grand Masters, William E. Hill, another of the equally successful pioneers and recognized leaders in early Masonic history in Nebraska. Brother Hill was like Mr. Deuel born in New York State (Chautauqua County) in December, 1826 who with his parents migrated to nearby Cleveland and Oberlin, eventually coming to Nebraska City in 1856. He had taken up the trade of carpentry which he followed with considerable success. In Nebraska City he became a manufacturer of furniture. He was one of the movers in the building of "gas works" in that city and later became the superintendent of that new enterprise. His interests were extended into the area of agriculture, particularly that of horticulture. He invested of his means in farm lands and took up farming in his own right. When J. Sterling Morton became Secretary of Agriculture he gave an important appointment to Mr. Hill as a cattle inspector in California to which state he removed and where he passed away in 1917.

It is well to point out that he was commissioned to rebuild the Nebraska Hospital for the Insane at Lincoln. All of the foregoing speaks well of his many talents as an outstanding builder of institutions, physically speaking.

Masonically, Brother Hill was made a Mason in Western Star Lodge No. 2 in 1859 and served officially in many capacities dating from 1860, eventually becoming Senior Warden in 1863-1864 and Worshipful Master 1864-1865. He was appointed Grand Lecturer in 1866, Grand Senior Warden in 1867 and Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1871-1872.

Briefly it was said of him that he was a "devoted Mason" and a "recognized authority on all Masonic questions." He served with distinction as an officer in York Rite Masonry. He was often referred to as "one of the boys of Western Star Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M."

Fifteen years after the formation of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, we find the Most Worshipful Grand Master, William E. Hill, making a special appeal to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge for the observance of "morality" and the practice of certain moral practices by the brethren in the subordinate lodges. This subject was brought to attention by reason of inquiries of the brethren as to whether there was "anything unmasonic in a lodge engaging in or endorsing a real estate gift enterprise, more properly called a lottery, for the purpose of building a lodge room." This was the question put to the Grand Master and to this he made reply not limiting his answer just to one phase, that of the rightness of a lottery project but also to the general theme of "im-

moral practices." Not only do we include his reply to the Masonic lodge making the inquiry but we also reproduce in its entirety the basic considerations involved. Seldom has a Grand Master been more vocal or forthright than was Brother Hill in defending his position. These are his words:

#### IMMORAL PRACTICES

I have been importuned by brethren to know if there was anything unmasonic in a lodge engaging in, or endorsing a real estate gift enterprise, more properly called a lottery, for the purpose of building a lodge room, and if I, as Grand Master, would give my consent for a Masonic lodge to endorse such an enterprise. I replied as follows:

"The purposes for which you wish to raise money, is truly commendable, but the manner is, in my judgment, highly improper and unmasonic. I could not give my consent for a Masonic lodge to become engaged in such demoralizing speculations, however commendable might be its object, without doing violence to my own feelings, and to the feelings of many good brethren who have done much to bring our Order to its present high moral standard. A lodge of Masons should never engage in any enterprise, the moral effect of which would be to prevent any of the Fraternity from participating therein. I do object to the Masonic Order bearing the odium of a lottery scheme for any purpose."

"Brethren, shall the lodge that teaches and enforces morality, sanction the pursuit of immoral practices? I think not. A purpose for good cannot sanctify the pursuit of evil. Masonry descends from her position in the practice of moral virtues when she tolerates practices inconsistent with her teachings. Lotteries and gift enterprises are akin to the gambling room, and should not be tolerated by any Grand Lodge. I therefore hope this Grand Lodge will take such action as will forever prevent lodges in this jurisdiction from engaging in such demoralizing speculations.

"And while upon this subject, permit me to call your attention to other immoral practices and vices, such as saloon-keeping, gambling, swearing, drunkenness and their kindred vices. Brethren, let us not forget our high mission, but, rather, let us as Masons endeavor both by precept and example to impress the moral principles of our Order upon all with whom we associate. Obedience to the moral law is what Masonry requires, and every man who takes upon himself the solemn obligations of Masonry, professes to take this as a rule and guide of his faith through life. Then, how can we, consistent with the teachings we have received, profane the name of that God in who we have said we put our trust, or how can we engage in a traffic, the tendency of which is demoralizing in its effects and brings reproach upon our Order. Are men Masons, in truth and in spirit, who engage in the sale of ardent spirits and thereby bring men to a drunkard's grave, disgrace and beggar their wives and children, and bring reproach upon an Order whose cardinal virtues are Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice? I think not. They may

see forms of beauty, but fail to discover the inner shadow for the substance; the true principles of the Order they know nothing of. Brethren, let us look beyond the shadow for the living principle, the great vital truths which cast their shadows; let us practice the beautiful lessons taught in the presentation of the lamb skin, and exemplify it through life.

"Let us elevate the moral standard of Masonry in this jurisdiction by advancing a step higher, and admit none into our ranks who are not moral and upright before God, and who take the great light, the Holy Bible, as the rule and guide of faith. I am afraid that the qualifications required by a portion of our lodges, if not all, for admission into our Order, have been altogether too low. It has been said that it was much easier to get into some of our lodges than others; if this is true, I am sorry for it Brethren, we should not receive an applicant into our Order, because we know nothing against him, but rather let us ask ourselves the question, do we know any good reason why he should be made a Mason; is he temperate, virtuous, honest, and intelligent; could we take him by the hand as a brother without feeling ourselves lowered in our own estimation; will he cheerfully conform to all the requirements of our Order; will he add wisdom, strength and beauty to the temple. If we cannot answer these questions in the affirmative, then the applicant ought not to be received; the introduction of unworthy men into our Order drives away the good and true.

"We have no use for the gambler, the profaner, the violator of the holy Sabbath, the intemperate, and especially those who keep drinking saloons, where men become intoxicated and degrade themselves. I trust this Grand Lodge, at its present session, will adopt such laws as will relieve the Fraternity of the odium which such members of the Order attach to the lodges where they reside.

"Brethren, our lodges will advance in members and usefulness as they advance in morality, and their strength and influence depends more upon their moral character than their numbers. Have we not often seen members, who, judging from their actions, have not appreciated or improved upon the moral teachings of our Order; one reason for this is, they have not been properly instructed; the degrees have been conferred in haste, and perhaps, without the solemnity that the occasion requires.

"Another, and by far the most lamentable, reason for this evil is the frivolous conduct, and the careless example of older members of the Order out of the lodgeroom, through which the newly-made brother is wrongly impressed at the beginning of his Masonic experience; the binding force of his obligation to be a good man and true fails to become a realization in his mind and heart, or soon discovering the feeble hold these sacred lessons has upon many of his brethren, he also relapses into the same state of insensibility and indifference of the real purpose and spirit of the Order.

"Masonry, my brethren, is not a beautiful allegory invented for man, but rather a system of morals veiled in allegory, which, if properly understood, appreciated and observed, would elevate, strengthen and beautify our manhood with the noblest of human virtues; fitting, squaring and polishing the rough ashlar of nature for its proper place in the Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The special committee to which was referred the foregoing matter, sustained the position taken by M. W. Hill, and recommended that "any attempt on the part of the lodges to give the aid of Masonry in organized or individual form as gift enterprises whatsoever; and the purchase, sale or drawing of lottery tickets is unmasonic, deserving reproof and discipline."

Furthermore, this committee held that the "sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is a gross violation of Masonic obligations and should in all cases subject the offender to reprimand--and even if persisted in to expulsion from the Fraternity."

The Grand Lodge was exhorted to "guard the landmarks of Masonry--belief in God, recognition of Divine Providence, and a profound respect for the Book of Law, which declares 'thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain' and bids us remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

The Grand Lodge approved these resolutions.

By way of recapitulation, it would appear that the years from 1857 to 1862 were very largely formative years in the life of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska--a time of strengthening the foundations of Masonry. By the same token it was a period of "holding the line" against the forces of civil war and the westward migration that depleted the pioneer population in the Nebraska Territory. From 1867 through 1882, the records of Grand Lodge activity in Nebraska indicate a "consolidation of the strengths" together with much activity in formation of new lodges and ever increasing membership. In June of 1882 there were seventy-nine chartered lodges and more new lodges under dispensation. Total membership had increased to almost 4,000 master masons. In September of 1882 there were 90 chartered lodges together with fourteen new lodges under dispensation. Total membership had increased to more than 4000.

For very obvious reasons, the several Grand Masters faced greatly increased responsibilities. Beginning with the year of 1868 Orsamus H. Irish, the Grand Master, was called upon to make no less than sixteen separate decisions governing the work of the subordinate lodges. Two years later, in 1870, the Grand Master, William E. Hill, was requested to issue two dispensations to lodges in Wyoming.

Prior to 1870-71, it should be noted that the Grand Lodge had faced many difficult times. Its fiscal responsibilities were such as to leave the Grand Lodge heavily indebted. More often than not it was not living within its income and was borrowing money at an interest rate of ten percent to twelve percent for money belonging to the Orphans' Edu-

cational Fund. Beginning in 1870 conditions had improved. Grand Master Hill in June of 1872, made reference to the financial situation that had prevailed and in his Annual Address he said:

"The evils resulting from an embarrassed treasury are pressing and increasing; it deprives the Grand Lodge from paying the money borrowed from the Orphans Fund; it cripples the usefulness of the Grand Lecturer and Custodians in the discharge of their duties, and is one of the causes why they have not more efficiently discharged the duties imposed upon them."

As the result of this statement of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge took the necessary steps to improve the "financial system."

With the passing of the fifteen years known as the "formative period," there came the time of consolidating the gains made; of improving the "uniformity of work," of stabilizing the economic affairs, and of "going modern." However there was always the safe-guard of strong officers who were more matured in their actions and who safely steered the Fraternity through the "rapids" and kept it on an even keel. The ancient landmarks were not set aside. There was ample time for careful deliberation. Central in all of this was the ever present, wise and considerate leadership of the Grand Masters, Orsamus H. Irish, Harry P. Deuel, William E. Hill, Martin Dunham and Frank Welch.

#### IV. MARTIN DUNHAM, 1873-1874.

Again we are reminded that "pioneers" were still at the helm so far as "Grand Masters" are concerned in the Nebraska jurisdiction. Martin Dunham, the eighth Grand Master was born in Clarke Mercer County, Pennsylvania in 1836. Like so many others he came with his parents first to Jackson County in Iowa and later (in 1863) to the "settlement" of Omaha. His earlier years were spent in farming but in Omaha he set up a "harness and saddle business" on the site where in more recent years the Paxton Hotel stood.

When hardly settled in his new place of business he volunteered his services to his government as a Second Lieutenant of the First Nebraska Volunteer Militia. He also took a deep interest in politics and was a member of the Territorial Legislature.

Masonically Brother Dunham was a member of Capitol Lodge No. 3. Records indicate that he was Junior Warden in 1867, Senior Warden in 1868 and Worshipful Master in 1870.

Aside from the formal delineation of duties customarily performed, Grand Master Dunham concluded his address to the Grand Lodge emphasizing the serious responsibility that its membership must accept and the manner in which it must perform its duties. It is not discernable that there were any specific events that could have occasioned the admonition. There might have been. It is more likely that the Grand Master was seeking to "set a tone" for the deliberations of the Grand Lodge just being called into session. The words speak for themselves:

"Brethren, in closing, permit me to call your attention to the serious responsibility that rests upon you; for it is to your action that our lodges look for guidance. Bear in mind that the laws and regulations which you adopt will not be confined to any particular locality, but will extend over our whole jurisdiction, and that a regulation which would benefit one locality might result in serious injury to another. Let me earnestly recommend to you harmony in the prosecution of your labors. We are called together for no selfish purpose. Our duty and I trust our pleasure, is not only to labor for the general good of the fraternity, but also to build up and perfect (as much as possible) in our young jurisdiction, an institution that will endure for the ages--that when we shall be sleeping 'neath the sods of the valley' our children and our children's children may be the recipients of the benefits to be derived therefrom. If we disagree as to measures, let us differ as brothers should--with neither heartburnings, jealousies, nor strife. If there be emulation, let it be without contention. In short, my brethren let us engage in our labors with a determination that when our work is done, we may be pronounced 'good and faithful servants.' "

#### V. ALFRED G. HASTINGS 1875-1876

Alfred G. Hastings, the tenth Grand Master, was born in Suffield, Connecticut, January 29, 1831 and passed away in Lincoln, Nebraska, on July 10, 1894. He, like all his predecessors, was truly a pioneer. He first migrated to Buchanan County, Iowa and later to Waterloo in Blackhawk County, finally settling in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1869. By trade he was a carpenter and builder.

In 1862 he joined the army, enlisting in Company C, Thirty-first Regiment of Iowa Volunteers. In 1863 he became a member of General Hurlbut's Staff of the Regular U. S. Army stationed in Memphis, Tennessee. After serving in the Civil War, as indicated above he removed to Lincoln, Nebraska, where for seventeen years he was town marshal and a Deputy United States Marshal. He served in the Nebraska State Legislature for a time having been elected in 1875.

Masonically, he was highly honored. He was made a Mason in Waterloo Lodge No. 105 in Waterloo, Iowa. He demitted to Lincoln Lodge No. 19 in 1870. While in the Army at Memphis, he became a member of Penn Chapter No. 22, in Memphis, also demitting to the Lincoln Chapter in 1870. He held many high offices in York Rite bodies and was the first member knighted in Mt. Moriah Commandery in 1871. He was also a member of Sesostri's Temple of Scottish Rite Masonry and of the Shrine.

He was three times elected Worshipful Master of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, in 1871, 1873, and 1880. He was honored by election to the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master in June, 1875.

Of Brother Hastings it has been said that he was a most faithful churchman, a renowned citizen of Lincoln and of Nebraska, prominent in political, social and Masonic circles--a man of generous nature, genial

and sympathetic understanding, possessed of a noble heart and the "milk of human kindness."

Indicative of the times during which the Grand Master, M. W. Alfred G. Hastings was in office, he was led to say:

"Borne on the swift wings of time, another year has passed and gone forever. Its pleasures and pains, its joys and sorrows, its hopes and fears, have passed away...We have assembled around this consecrated altar in the capital of our state, encouraged and animated by the one great desire to advance the interests of our time-honored institution...

"The Angel of Death has laid his icy hand but slightly upon our beloved Craft in this jurisdiction during the past year, though some of our Lodges have been called to stand around the open graves of departed brothers, and some of the faces we have met in Grand Lodge will meet us no more. It is a remarkable fact that nine eminent Masons who have filled this Grand East as Grand Masters, are all in our midst today, in the pride and strength of manhood, to aid and assist us with their counsel and advice. And may the distant future alone answer the question whose name will be the first to be stricken from the roll of our membership, to be recorded in the records among the archives kept by the Supreme Architect of the Universe..."

"Under an ever kind and watchful Providence, we as a State and a Nation have enjoyed a good degree of peace and prosperity. Within our own borders have the labors of the husbandman been amply rewarded; and truly may we say that the earth ever kind and subservient to our wishes, never refuses her accustomed yield. For here, around us, are these solitary prairies, so recently the home of the Indian and buffalo, and which so lately slept in the repose of nature, have been made to blossom and bear fruit. Masonry has kept pace with our increasing population. Besides many initiations, our numbers are being constantly augmented by many Masons from the older States, and judging from an extended visitation to the Lodges, and from facts elicited by an extensive correspondence throughout the State, it affords me great pleasure to say that, with few exceptions, harmony, peace and prosperity prevail in the several subordinated Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.... Masonry has established for itself a high standard of morality throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and justly challenges the respect and admiration of our citizens."

After having delineated the many official duties of the Grand Master and relating to new badges, schools of instruction, visits of the Grand Master, to lodges under dispensation and chartered, special dispensations, charters surrendered, official decisions and irregularities, the Grand Master made some very candid observations on the theme of "colored lodges."

So far as it has been possible to discover, this is the first time that a Grand Master has given any attention to this particular subject. This is what he said and we quote it in full:

## COLORED LODGES

"It is well known to us all that there are in this country, and even within our own borders, organizations of colored men, claiming to be just and lawfully constituted Lodges of Masons, who have at different times asked for recognition from several of our sister Grand Lodges, and they have even knocked at our own door for admission. This recognition has heretofore been uniformly refused. But with reference to late events which have transpired, this question seems to demand some attention at your hands. The importance of the subject having attracted the attention, not only of several of our sister Grand Lodges in this country, but in Europe, and the further fact that some of the European Lodges, with whom we are in friendly communication, have adopted some positive position upon this embarrassing question, would suggest that it be referred to a special committee to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge. Indeed I am of the opinion that this committee should report before the opening of the next Grand Lodge, and their report to be published for the use of the members, so that the brethren may be in possession of all the facts and history connected with this matter, and may then act wisely, and for the best interests of the Craft.

And now, my brethren, my work as your Grand Master is nearly finished. This hastily prepared record and work, imperfect though it may be, is before you for your criticism and approval. About to retire from the exalted position to which your partiality and kindness had assigned me, and soon to pass the emblem of authority you so generously gave to wiser and better, though perhaps, to younger hands, I cannot let this occasion pass without expressing to you, one and all, my heartfelt and sincere gratitude for the many and undeserved honors which it has been your pleasure to bestow upon me. My associations with you have been very pleasant indeed, and from all of you (except one or two), I have been the recipient of every kindness and courtesy you could bestow. I desire to particularly acknowledge the very valuable assistance of Past Deputy Grand Master Brother Lee P. Gillette, and to all the officers of the Grand Lodge who have been associated with me during the past year, for their many acts of kindness and forbearance; and especially to our Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, to whose valuable labors this Grand Lodge owes much for its high position which it now occupies with its sister Grand Lodges. And, brethren, if I have secured your confidence and esteem, then I can well and truly say my ambition is satisfied. And whether my days and years on earth be few or many, I shall always cherish the days and years spent with you as among the brightest and best of my life.

## VI. GEORGE WASHINGTON LININGER (1877-1878)

A somewhat complete but brief biographical statement of Grand Master George W. Lininger is included in the writer's "Masonry in Nebraska," published eight years ago, (1962). We would merely point out

that while Past Grand Master Furnas was the "Father of the Orphans' Educational Fund, Past Grand Master Lininger was the Father of the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth." Probably, it is true to say that no man took to heart more certainly the tenets of Masonry than did Brother Lininger. He possessed, to a marked degree, commercial integrity and civic responsibility. He was a patron of the fine arts, a philanthropist, a world traveler and a Christian gentleman. Possessed of such personal characteristics, it is small wonder that he was so highly praised and remembered for all that he had accomplished.

In his Annual Address to the Grand Lodge on June 18, 1878 there is much that could be recorded. We can touch only upon the "high lights."

First of all he greeted all those who were present at the twenty-first annual communication and then briefly characterized the circumstances of the times in these words:

"Let us give praise and thanksgiving to the Grand Architect of the Universe for the health, peace and prosperity that has prevailed throughout our jurisdiction; the cheering prospect of an abundant harvest; the stream of immigration that is pouring into this state to make glad the waste places, and the evidences on every hand that assure us of continual prosperity within our borders. For these and all other blessings, both spiritual and temporal, let us praise and bless the Giver of all good.

"We have all felt somewhat the great financial depression which has existed, causing so many bankruptcies, defalcations, failures and suicides—producing a feeling of distrust. Not only (in) the commercial world, but every class of society has felt its demoralizing influence."

He recognized that as Masons, not everything was done that might have been done. On this matter he said:

"We regret that we, individually and collectively, as Masons are not doing all in our power to aid and assist each other in every laudable undertaking. We regret that 'we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and have done those things which we ought not to have done'; that we have not been as charitable in every instance as we should have been; that the destitute widow and helpless orphan have not received due attention and assistance at our hands."

Listed as other regrets, Grand Master Lininger noted the following:

(1) "We regret that so many Masons belong to other secret societies, not but what the objects of these societies are good and praiseworthy, but because we believe that a conscientious man who is a Freemason, risks something when he joins another secret society. How can he assume new duties until he knows they will not conflict with those he has already obligated himself to perform? Again, many innovations of the fundamental laws of Masonry are introduced by these liberal minded men who hold membership in various societies. They are not safeguards for the ancient landmarks of the Order.

(2) "We regret that our lodges are not properly tiled; too many secrets get outside of the Lodge room.

(3) "We regret that members of our beloved institution are known to indulge in the use of intoxicating drinks, profanity, gambling, quarrelling, back-biting, cheating and defrauding--vices which deprave and brutalize a man.

(4) "We regret that many of our members, who are actuated by the true spirit of our Society, and who practice its teachings, are withholding their presence and support because of the evils we speak of.

(5) "We regret that Lodges are slow to notice and bring to discipline those who thus offend."

Surely, we can conclude that during the first twenty-five years in the history of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Masonry had been most fortunate in having had the leadership of no less than sixteen able, far-sighted and truly dedicated Grand Masters. Each in his term of office made a significant contribution to the establishment of Masonry as a major force in the wholesome growth of this Masonic Jurisdiction in Nebraska. Not only was Masonry so firmly established but so also was Nebraska mightily strengthened thereby. Today some 43,000 Masons can take a justified pride in all that was accomplished under the leadership of these sixteen Most Worshipful Grand Masters.

We have not dealt with each one of the Grand Masters separately. Not included herein is there any reference made to six of these leaders--Frank Welch, George H. Thummel, Edward K. Valentine, Roland Oakley, James A. Tulleys and James R. Cain. The reader must not infer from this that these six Brethren were any less effective. Each in his own way, governed by circumstances prevailing, did make his own contribution in terms of his various duties and responsibilities. Naturally, not everyone of the Grand Masters would be confronted by problems called for extended consideration.

The Grand Historian can only record what appears in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge. This has been the only source of information available to him. It is hoped that the material herein reported will be of interest to all the Brethren of the Fraternity and that they will find something by way of inspiration to become better Masons.

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