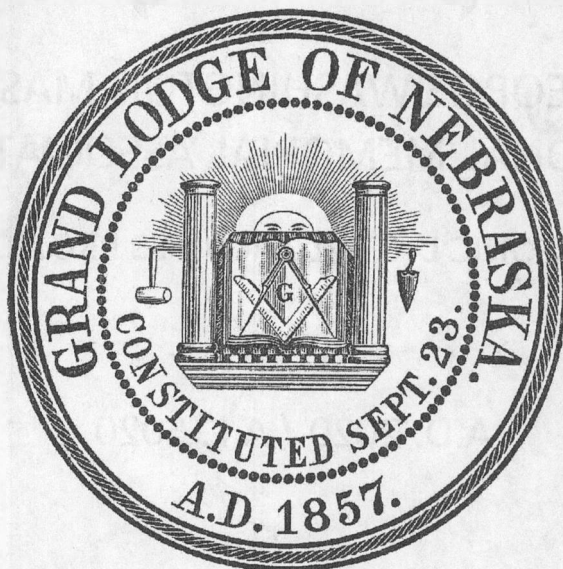


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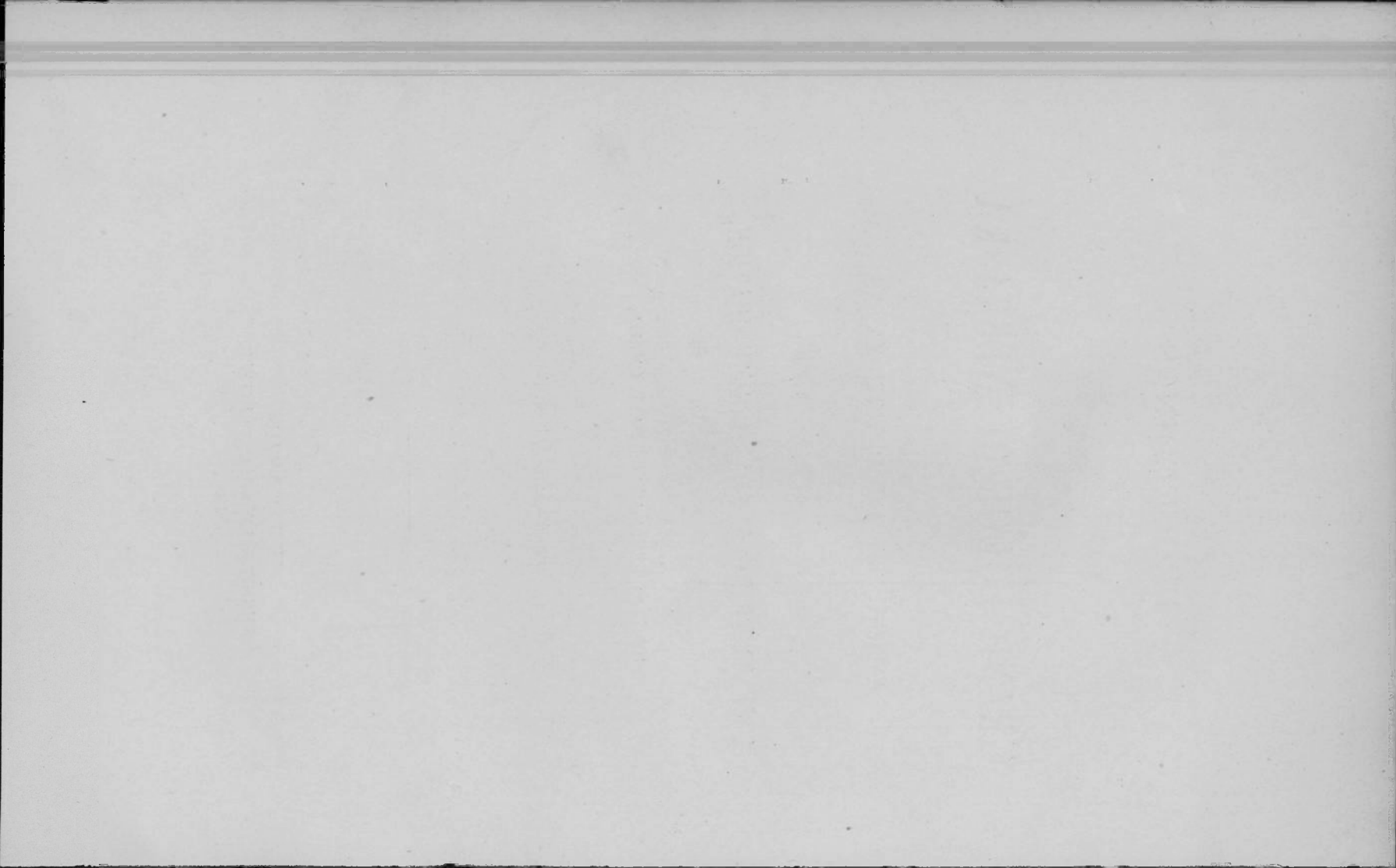
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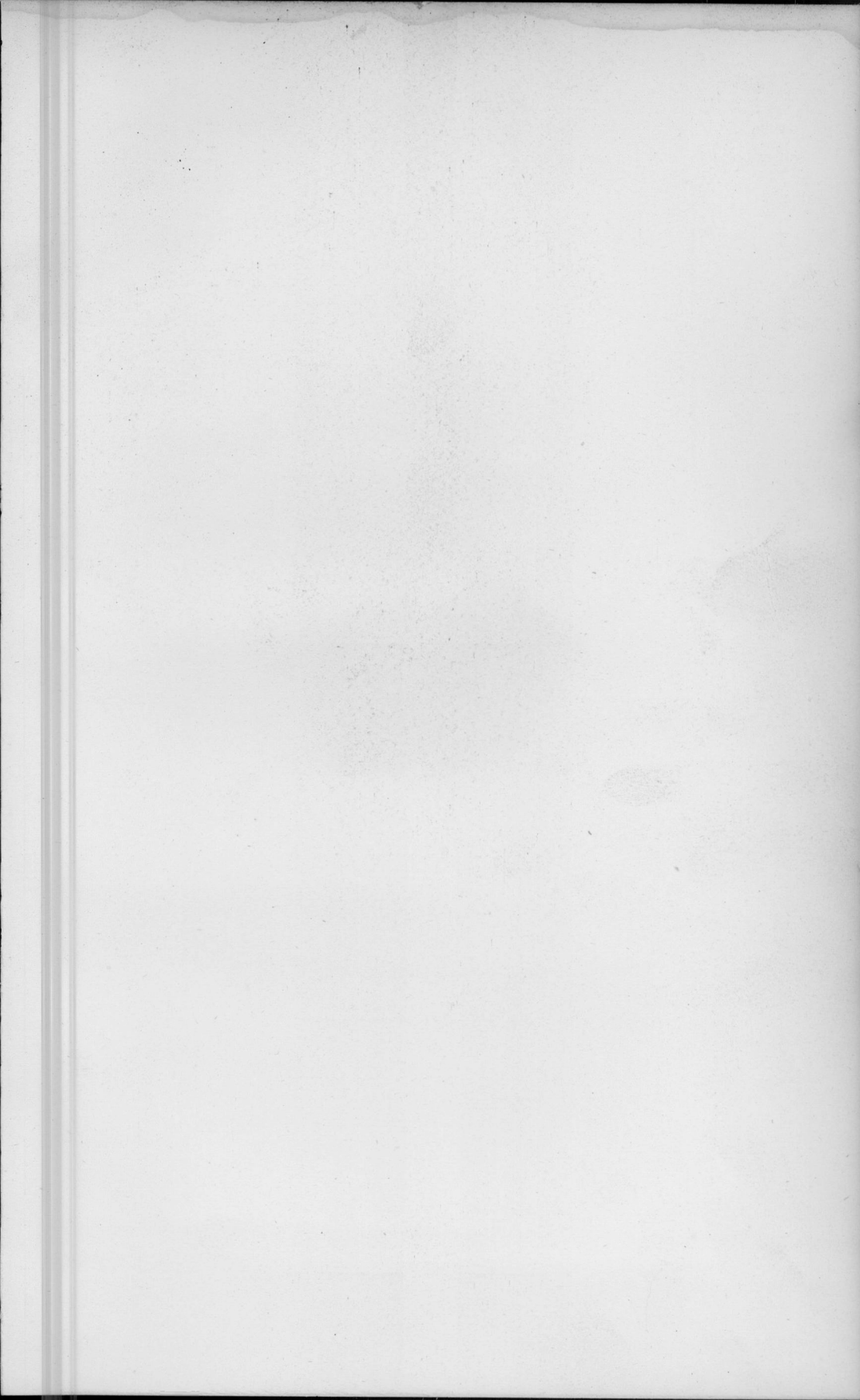




*Frank Welch.*

M. W. Grand Master, June 25th, 5874, to June 25th, 5875.

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT OMAHA, JUNE 22D AND 23D, 5880.

THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons convened and assembled in its twenty-third annual communication in Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, Nebraska, on Tuesday, June 22d, A. : L. : 5880, A. D. 1880, at four o'clock in the afternoon, there being present :

M. : W. :	ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Grand Master.
R. : W. :	JAMES R. CAIN .....	Grand Senior Warden.
	W. : SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON, <i>as</i> .....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. : W. :	WILLIAM R. BOWEN .....	Grand Secretary.
R. : W. :	HIRAM C. RIDER (P. : D. : G. : M. : ) .....	Grand Lecturer
	W. : GUSTAVUS STEVENSON .....	Grand Marshal.
	W. : HENRY E. PALMER .....	Grand Senior Deacon.
	W. : JOHN J. WEMPLE, <i>as</i> .....	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. :	WILLIAM J. MOUNT .....	Grand Tiler.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form as required by the Grand Lodge by-laws.

The Grand Secretary having ascertained and reported that there was present a quorum of the constituent Lodges, the Grand Lodge was declared open for the dispatch of business.

The following committees, heretofore appointed and published, were now proclaimed, viz:\*

*On Visiting Brethren*—Bros.: Stephen K. Jackson, 3; Edward J. Weaver, 64; David E. Bomgardner, 60; James M. Creamer, 54, and Robert L. Henderson, 9.

*On Credentials*—Bros.: Charles H. Willard, 21; John B. Dinsmore, 49, and Lewis Ley, 41.

*On Accounts*—Bros.: James S. France, 11; James Reed, 2; Newton R. Persinger, 36; John J. Wemple, 50, and George H. Peebles, 51.

*On Charters and Dispensations*—Bros.: Samuel W. Hayes, 55; William J. Turner, 44; James F. Burns, 72; Samuel P. Davidson, 17, and Robert H. Henry, 58.

*On By-Laws from Chartered Lodges*—Bros.: James H. Crabbs, 15; Newton Clark, 10; M. B. Reese, 59, and Theron W. Whitman, 34.

*On Foreign Correspondence*—Bros.: William R. Bowen, Gd. Sec.; Daniel H. Wheeler, P.: G.: M.:, and Edwin F. Warren, G.: J.: W.:.

*On Ways and Means*—Bros.: Henry E. Palmer, 6; George W. Sheppard, 76; Samuel J. Alexander, 74, and Samuel G. Owen, 19.

*On Charity*—Bros.: Horace A. Scott, 65; John H. McColl, 61, and Charles M. Turner, 30.

*On Grievances*—Bros.: Robert W. Furnas, P.: G.: M.:, Robert C. Jordan, 33; William M. Knapp, 56; Martin Ennis, 62, and George Scott, 27.

*On Unfinished Business*—Bros.: William H. Lowe, 55; Henry Gibbons, 46, and Stephen T. Thompson, 43.

*On Pay-roll*—Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; George H. Bascom, 18; William H. Marshall, 31, and Joseph H. McConnell, 32.

*On Jurisprudence*—The Past Grand Masters, with M.: W.: Bro.: Edward K. Valentine as chairman.

*On Returns*—Bros.: Eben K. Long, 11; James B. Bruner, 25; Frank E. Caldwell, 1; George Cross, 35, and John H. Helms, 68.

On motion of Past Grand Master Valentine, all Masons in good standing were invited to seats during the Grand Lodge sessions.

The Grand Master now delivered the following

#### ADDRESS.

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Another year, with its joys and sorrows, its hopes and disappointments, its toils and labors, has passed, and we are met here to-day to note the receding footsteps of another cycle, as well as to welcome the onward march of its successor. This is the proper time for a retrospective view, and to

\* NOTE.—The figures indicate the Lodge to which the Brother named belongs.

make memorandum notes in the diary of human experience, as the unrelenting *past* marches in review before us with its endless ranks of anticipations and disappointments. You are permitted, through the tender mercies of the Great Grand Master, to take your places to-day upon the platform of inspection, while we marshal before you, in grand review, division after division of our official acts, and we indulge the hope that the deeds of the past year will merit your favorable commendation. In greeting and welcoming you here to-day at the opening of this the twenty-third annual communication of this Most Worshipful Grand Body, you may be assured that the chief object during the past year has been the maintenance of the Masonic landmarks, the preservation and the inculcation of a higher standard of morals, the good of the common Masonic fraternity, and a strict obedience to by-laws, as well as the statutes, rules and regulations enacted by the wisdom of this body. And in the furtherance of these requirements no prerogative, inherent or constitutional, pertaining to this office, has been waived, surrendered or abridged.

#### FRATERNAL DEAD.

The icy hand of death has been laid upon but few of our immediate craftsmen during the past year.

On the 20th of July last, assisted by Lodges Nos. 19 and 54, we paid the last sad rites to Brother James F. Suddith, recently a member of the former Lodge.

We suggest that a memorial page or pages be published with the proceedings of this annual communication, giving names of all members of constituent Lodges who have died during the year. Prominent among them will be our esteemed friend and beloved brother, William H. H. Moore, Secretary of Lincoln Lodge, No. 19, who was buried with Masonic honors February 25th.

#### LODGES INSTITUTED.

August 15, accompanied by R. W. Hiram C. Rider, Grand Lecturer, and Brother S. J. Alexander, Secretary of State, we went to Friendville, and in the evening duly consecrated, dedicated and instituted Friend Lodge, No. 73, and after holding an election of officers proceeded to the Methodist church, where a public installation of officers was had, after which, according to previous arrangement, your Grand Master delivered an address, which was followed by an elaborate repast, much enjoyed by a large number of the fraternity and their invited guests.

On the 16th, accompanied by the same brethren, we proceeded to Alexandria, and duly consecrated, dedicated and instituted Alexandria Lodge, No. 74, where the same ceremonies were had as to election, public installation, oration, banquet, etc., had on the previous evening. Both occasions were very enjoyable, and will long be remembered by the Fraternity and by us.

On the same day W. Brother James H. Crabbs, of No. 15, acting as our proxy, duly consecrated, dedicated and instituted Hooper Lodge, No. 72, held an election of officers and installed the same.

August 18, accompanied by R. W. James A. Tulleys, Deputy Grand

Master, V. W.: Brother Frank E. Bullard, Grand Chaplain, R. W.: Hiram C. Rider, Grand Lecturer, and W.: Brother John B. Dinsmore, of No. 49, we left for Sidney, where we arrived in the morning of the 19th, and after devoting the day to social and fraternal greetings and exemplification of work, we consecrated, dedicated and instituted Frank Welch Lodge, No. 75. In the evening held an election of officers and installed the same, after which we devoted about thirty minutes to giving the brethren an outline of the aims and objects of Masonry, and about thirty minutes more in Lodge deportment and government, as well as caution and prudence in maintaining a Lodge, keeping it up to its full standard so far in the interior, both of which were received with marked attention and earnestness. We spent about three days there very pleasantly and profitably, exemplifying all the degrees fully; and are indebted to those noble specimens of the fraternity at Sidney for princely hospitality. Nebraska has no Lodge started under more favorable auspices or flattering prospects for a bright Masonic future than Frank Welch, No. 75.

A few days later, accompanied by R. W.: Brother James A. Tulleys, Deputy Grand Master, and several of the brethren from Red Cloud, we consecrated, dedicated and instituted Joppa Lodge, No. 76, at Bloomington, held an election, and installed their officers. From the character of its officers and quality of its members no doubt need be felt as to material and its ultimate success.

Thus it will be seen that all Lodges chartered at the last session were instituted by us in person, except Hooper. We had, however, the pleasure of visiting the brethren at Hooper in May, and can say from personal knowledge that these new Lodges are not only doing good work, but are wielding a strong influence in their respective vicinities, and have a firm determination to keep out undesirable material, and to discipline that which they now have when good cause exists, which many of our older Lodges neglect. In fact, it has been our observation, after a thorough investigation, that our youngest Lodges are generally more prosperous, better governed, collect delinquent dues closer and have a stronger determination to enforce our statutes, than the older ones.

#### MATTERS IN CONTROVERSY.

In the matter between Hastings Lodge, No. 50, and Juniata Lodge, No. 42, for violation of jurisdiction, referred to us at the last session, it was found that each lodge claimed a single violation, and each being satisfied to let one claim offset the other, it was settled upon that basis, as we believe, to the satisfaction of both.

In the matter in controversy between Cyrus Lodge, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois, and Capitol Lodge, No. 3, of this, on July 12th we addressed the following letter to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Illinois, to wit:

*Most Worshipful Brother :*

I am in receipt of your courteous communication of February 7th, to M. W.: E. K. Valentine, Grand Master, which was, in his absence at Washington, transmitted to the R. W.: Deputy Grand Master James A. Tulleys, by him to the Grand Lodge, and by it

to me, thence the delay in its acknowledgment. Regarding the matter in controversy between Cyrus Lodge, of your Most Worshipful Grand Jurisdiction, and Capitol No. 3, of this, would say: Our statutes recognize the claim of all lodges of other Grand Jurisdictions to their rejected material, and we believe this to be the only safe practice.

You will please accept our most fraternal assurances that it is a matter of regret to our brethren of Capitol Lodge, No. 3, that they have, through inadvertence, appropriated the rejected material of one of your constituent lodges.

The particular form of petition used by them at the time the application was received, did not contain the customary clause, to wit: "That he has never made application to, and been rejected by any lodge of A. F. and A. M."

Therefore the question did not arise, either in the lodge, in the minds of the brethren, or the applicant. Before petitioning he resided in the city of Omaha about five years, I am informed, was well known and esteemed as a just and upright man, and as a Mason he has confirmed all former good opinions. Believing this explanation will be satisfactory, and regretting its delay, please accept, M. W. Brother, assurances of a high personal regard.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

R. H. OAKLEY, *Grand Master.*

To THEODORE T. GURNEY, *Grand Master of Illinois*, 1025 W. Monroe street, Chicago.

August 29th we received the following reply, a copy of which was at once forwarded to Capitol Lodge, No 3, to wit:

CHICAGO, ILL., August 26, 1879.

MOST WORSHIPFUL ROLLAND H. OAKLEY, *Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska*:

*Dear Brother*: I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 12th of July last, in reply to a complaint against your Capitol Lodge, No. 3, and preferred by Cyrus Lodge of this jurisdiction. It affords me pleasure to say that your explanation of the case is eminently satisfactory. Please accept assurances of personal and fraternal consideration.

THEODORE T. GURNEY, *Grand Master.*

In the matter in controversy in Osceola Lodge, No. 65, between Brother Josiah Lock, a Master Mason, and Brother H. L. Bond, a Fellow Craft Mason, referred to us at the last session, the difference between the brethren was of so grievous a nature that no reconciliation could be effected, and Brother Bond stands a Fellow Craft Mason, with objections to his advancement.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

July 28th, agreeable to the recommendation of Hon. Bro.: J. S. Murrow, Grand Master of Indian Territory, we directed that a commission be issued to R.: W.: Bro.: John T. Adair, D.: D.: Gr.: Master, etc., near the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, which was issued July 29th.

October 9th, we reissued to W.: Bro.: Robert Ramsay a commission recreating him representative of this Grand Lodge near the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada, agreeable to the recommendation of P.: G.: M.: Robert C. Jordan.

#### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

August 8th. We approved an amendment to the by-laws of Hastings Lodge, No. 50.

November 21st. Approved amendment to by-laws of Tekamah Lodge, No. 31.

April 5th. An amendment to the by-laws of Blue River Lodge, No. 30.

May 24th. Approved an amendment to by-laws of Covert Lodge, No. 11.



June 1st. Approved an amendment to the by-laws of Blue River Lodge, No. 30.

OFFICIAL DECISIONS.

Under this head our correspondence has been almost unlimited, and we have carefully avoided making decisions where we could get along without it, and where custom, landmarks or our law would indicate a proper course. In a large number of cases we have had only to cite certain existing laws or regulations, and in many, very many, have written advisory letters, recognizing it as our duty to enforce, rather than make, the law. Our decisions are reported because they cover ground not otherwise covered so far as the laws of this jurisdiction is concerned, but are in accordance with the principles of masonic jurisprudence according to our understanding, and trust they may meet with your approval and become law.

*1st Query.* Has a lodge the right to confer the several degrees upon one who lived in its jurisdiction when his petition was received, but before taking any of the degrees, removed to another Grand Jurisdiction?

*Answer.* The petitioner having a lawful masonic residence within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he petitioned at the time the petition was received, the lodge *does not* lose jurisdiction by his removing to another.

*2d Query.* Can M. S., who is under sentence of indefinite suspension, sit in lodge while his application for reinstatement is being acted upon?

*Answer.* He cannot.

*3d Query.* A. B., a Master Mason, is expelled for unmasonic conduct, at which time he is in arrears \$6 for lodge dues; the Grand Lodge restores him to good standing in the fraternity, and he is ultimately admitted a member of his lodge upon petition. Can the lodge demand payment of the amount due at date of expulsion?

*Answer.* It cannot. Expulsion would cancel the claim, it being masonic death.

*4th Query.* When the Junior Warden prefers charges in his official capacity, should he retire from the lodge when the case is completed and goes to the lodge as a jury?

*Answer.* He should not. It is made one of the duties of his office to prefer charges upon receiving the necessary information. This he does officially and not personally. As a member of his lodge he has a right to be present at, and participate in, any action of his lodge where his personal interests are not involved; his personal rights cannot be abridged by his official acts.

GRAND LECTURER'S LODGES.

Lodges for instruction or Grand Lecturer's lodges were held January 21st, in Hastings, and February 23d, in Omaha. Upward of forty lodges were represented and about one hundred brethren present at both lodges. The ritualistic workings were under the personal and immediate supervision of R. W. Hiram C. Rider, Grand Lecturer. Three sessions were had each day for three days in each place. Your Grand Master was present at every session of each lodge and gave such instruction, advice and counsel as occasion required. These lodges were productive of much good to the general



craft in the practice of our ritual, as well as the diffusion of much masonic information. The usual confliction of authority as to details of ritual, etc. etc., which has frequently reduced the good results of these schools for instruction, was not shown in these in the least degree. Recognizing the fact that the Grand Lecturer is supreme authority as to ritual and its detail your Grand Master has held him responsible for the zealous and faithful performance of his duties, without circumscribing him in the least. By this course he has been enabled to accomplish more this year than has generally been done, and we are glad to say to you that a grand forward movement has been had all along the lines; no sentinel has slept upon his post, and no retreat has been sounded.

#### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

The following special dispensations have been issued:

August 29th, to Covert Lodge, No. 11, to examine, receive and ballot upon the application of Bro.: John M. France, a Fellow Craft Mason, to receive the degree of a Master Mason at a special meeting, after giving due notice.

September 25th, to Hastings Lodge, No. 50, to remove from its old to new, spacious and commodious lodge room.

September 25th, to Jordan Lodge, No. 27, to meet and work as a regularly organized lodge until such time as this dispensation shall be superseded by a duplicate charter, ordered to replace the original, burned in June, 1879.

October 18th, to Charity Lodge, No. 53, to receive and ballot upon the petition of Bro.: W. H. Whitson, a Fellow Craft Mason, to receive the degree of a Master Mason, after giving due notice at a special meeting, the necessary time having passed since the brother was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft Mason.

November 14th, to Friend Lodge, No. 73, to install Bro.: James D. Thompson Senior Warden.

November 18th, to Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, to remove from its old to new lodge room.

November 19th, to Blue River Lodge, No. 30, to receive the petition at a stated communication of Bros.: C. M. Turner, P. E. Dinsmore and J. B. Mitchell, for affiliation; to refer them to a committee, and upon receipt of the report of the committee, to at once and without the delay required by law, ballot upon each of the said three petitions.

November 21st, to Juniata Lodge, No. 43, to receive the petition of Mr. W. D. Sewell, a young man to us well and favorably known, who had not resided within its jurisdiction quite the length of time provided by law.

December 1st, to Melrose Lodge, No. 60, to have a public installation of officers.

December 31st, to Platte Valley Lodge, No. 32, upon the recommendation of your Grand Chaplain, to receive the petition of Rev. P. C. Johnson, pastor of the M. E. Church at North Platte, and if favorably considered and duly elected, to confer the degrees of E.:A.:., F.:C.:., and M.:M.:., regardless of the law making twelve months' residence necessary to petition for degrees.

December 15th, to Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4, to elect a secretary.

January 8th, to Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, to install its officers.

January 10th, to Rock Bluff Lodge, No. 20, to install its Master, Treasurer, Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Stewards.

January 10th, to Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, to elect and install all its officers after giving due notice.

January 20th, to Papillion Lodge, No. 39, to elect and install all its officers after giving due notice.

February 28th, to St. Johns Lodge, No. 25, to install its Senior Deacon.

March 15th, to St. Johns Lodge, No. 25, to receive the application for, to ballot upon, and if elected, to confer the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason upon Brother Isaac H. McIlhaney, an Apprentice of said Lodge, after giving due notice.

March 17th, to Ashler Lodge, No. 33, to examine Bros.: John H. Clark and Alfred O'Brien, Fellow Crafts, at a special meeting of said lodge called for that purpose.

March 23d, to Covert Lodge, No. 11, to install its Senior Deacon.

April 15th, to Tecumseh Lodge, No. 17, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees upon Bro.: Ernest Roberts, an Apprentice of said lodge, without the delay required by law, he expecting to remove from the state within a very short time.

We have surrounded these dispensations with all the safeguards, and issued them with caution and discretion, and only in such cases as a necessity seemed to exist have they been issued. In such cases as is covered by Rule 39, the required fee has been collected.

#### NEW LODGES.

We have granted letters of dispensation to form, open and hold new lodges, as follows:

August 1st, to twelve Master Masons at Albion, Boone County, to hold "Albion Lodge." The said dispensation was returnable June 1st, and issued to the following brethren:

Henry H. Gillett, Master; Luther Clark, S.: W.:; Manley B. Boardman, J.: W.:; Adelbert L. Nickerson, Loran Clark, Thomas N. Williamson, Fitz M. Sacket, Peter J. Fibes, Jacob Widaman, Henry Willott, William Willott, La Fayette B. Wamsley.

Upon the recommendation of Lebanon Lodge, No. 53, and under the certificate of Brother Mashall Smith, Custodian Third District at time application was filed.

November 24th. Upon the recommendation of Fairmount Lodge, No. 48, and under the certificate of the Grand Lecturer, we issued letters of dispensation, returnable June 1st, to fourteen Master Masons at Geneva, Fillmore County, to form, open and hold "Geneva Lodge," composed of the following brethren:

Julius E. Spears, Master; Josiah E. Cramer, S.: W.:; Sherwood Burr, J.: W.:; Joseph M. Fisher, George P. Wintenstein, Major D. Williams, Calvin B. Darrow, Hiram L. Smith, Benjamin F. Benedict, John Brazelton, Mark Butler, Charles A. Warner, Warren C. Messy, William H. Blain.

March 20th. Upon the recommendation of Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, and with Grand Lecturers' certificate, letters of dispensation were issued, returnable June 1st, to thirteen Master Masons at Rising, Butler County, to form, open and hold "Rising Lodge," composed of the following brethren:

Frederick E. Wilson, Master; Aurelius Roberts, S.: W.:; Joseph L. Cyphers, J.: W.:; Ambrose H. Jones, Samuel W. Rising, Arthur R. Quick, Luke L. Pearson, Jesse H. Rising, Henry W. Chase, John W. Rogers, Rolan Jones, Alexander Miller, James O. Hurd.

March 20th. Upon the recommendation of York Lodge, No. 56, and upon the certificate of the Grand Lecturer, letters of dispensation were issued to thirteen Master Masons, returnable June 1st, to form, open and hold "Waco Lodge," to be held in the town of Waco, York County. Said lodge composed of Brothers.

John S. Bennett, Master; John W. Strickler, S.: W.:; William Keeley, J.: W.:; John W. Bennett, Horace Wellington, Stephen A. Signor, James H. Stewart, Horace Pickerell, John J. Evans, Joseph W. Strickler, John C. Dewey, Ezekiel Evans, Ransford C. Swartz.

The above lodges have, as will be seen, been at work some time, and will, we think, present suitable specimens of their workmanship to warrant their receiving each a charter at your hands, which we recommend.

April 15th. Upon the recommendation of Ashlar Lodge, No. 33, and upon the certificate of the Grand Lecturer, we issued letters of dispensation to twelve Master Masons at St. Paul, Howard County, Neb., to form, open and hold "St. Paul Lodge," composed of brethren as follows:

Charles M. Carter, Master; Will M. Macomber, S.: W.:; Frank W. Scott, J.: W.:; James O. West, Henry C. Parker, Samuel F. Keeney, George F. Kendall, Benjamin F. Mannell, John Johnson, Charles F. Kenyon, Peter K. Watters, Robert C. Sloan.

April 22d. Upon the recommendation of Jordan Lodge, No. 27, and under the certificate of R.: W.: Brother S. W. Hayes, Custodian of the Second District, we issued letters of dispensation to nine Master Masons at La Porte, Wayne county, Neb., to form, open and hold "Corinthian Lodge," consisting of the following brethren:

Charles E. Hunter, Master; Joshua C. Wills, S.: W.:; Moses Herner, J.: W.:; Arthur P. Childs, Joseph Bockenbauer, John T. Bressler, Tunis Hardenburg, James Briton, John P. Muttler.

Much time was lost in perfecting the papers of these two lodges, and the brethren, we are informed, will ask for a continuance of their dispensations, which we recommend.

Great care has been taken in the establishment of new lodges, as to good representative men, competent officers, as well as to future prospects of the town in which they are located. We have declined several applications and discouraged others, and have, with two exceptions only, issued dispensations to proposed lodges at county seats, where they were geographically located in about the center of the counties, thereby having the present appearance of permanency, access to good material, and a reasonable amount of it.

March 1st, we issued the following instructions to all lodges:

WHEREAS, The by-laws of each constituent lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction provide for the payment of certain moneys as lodge dues, and whereas it is the duty of every affiliated Mason, who can do so without injustice to himself or those dependent upon him, to pay their dues without delay, according to the law made and provided therefor; *Now, therefore*, it is earnestly requested, expected, and hereby made the especial duty of the Master of each and every chartered lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction, to take such steps under the by-laws of his particular lodge as will insure the prompt payment or remission of all moneys due and payable, on or before the stated communication of his lodge held in December, 1879.

Each Master will cause this letter to be read in open lodge and entered at large upon the minutes of the first stated communication of his lodge after its reception; and on or before May 1, 1880, will see that the inclosed blank report is made out *with all blanks filled* and mailed to this office. The attention of all secretaries is called to the importance of keeping the lodge compendium written up to date.

I am fraternally, etc., yours,

[SEAL]

R. H. OAKLEY, *Grand Master*.

It has been intimated that this letter made quite a stir in some lodges, and met with some criticism. It was issued with a full understanding of its necessity, to meet the great delay in giving our lodges the moneyed support which they all so much need to enable them to fully discharge all their masonic duties. Debts must be paid and charities dispersed.

The first indication of apathy in our lodges is delinquency in dues; and so on through all the different stages of inactivity, confusion and indifference, this disease becomes more aggravated. It is something like fever—a bad disease of itself—and always to be found with every other ailment. When this letter was issued there was a delinquency in some lodges of from \$500 to \$1,200. Some lodges have failed to make a report, which would swell the totals hereafter to be given several hundred dollars. As an apology for this general circular we deem it unnecessary to say anything, except to report the results it obtained, which will be given in totals to economize space:

Total amount collected under this letter by all lodges.....	\$11,543 86
Total amount remitted under this letter by all lodges.....	527 80
Total amount of dues yet remaining unpaid by all lodges.....	9,651 12
Total outstanding indebtedness of all lodges.....	9,943 64
Total cash in treasury of all lodges May 1, 1880.....	7,237 94
Total amount of real estate and buildings owned by all lodges.....	43,830 00

March 15th we issued the following *edict* :

*To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Fortitude Lodge, No. 69, A. F. and A. M.,*

GREETING:

WHEREAS, It has been represented that Brother W. T. Shields, a member of your lodge, has been at sundry times and places intoxicated, and more particularly on or about March 2d, 1880, while attending the funeral and participating in paying the last sad rites to our late Brother William Bates, late a member of Oliver Lodge, No. 38, and returning therefrom, was intoxicated, to the great scandal and disgrace of the Order; *Now, therefore*, it is hereby ordered, that charges be preferred against the said Brother W. T. Shields, for this and any other unmasonic conduct known to the fraternity, and that if found guilty be dealt with according to law. And it is further ordered that charges be preferred against any other member of the said Fortitude Lodge, who persists in getting intoxicated.

Given under our hand and seal at the city of Lincoln, this 15th day of March, 1880.

[SEAL]

R. H. OAKLEY, *Grand Master*.

Later we were informed by the secretary of Fortitude Lodge, that, agreeable to our instructions, charges were preferred against Brother Shields, who confessed his guilt, and notwithstanding our mandatory order, the lodge refused to punish the brother. Whereupon, on the 14th day of April, we issued the following edict, to wit:

*To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Fortitude Lodge, No. 69, A. F. and A. M.:*

GREETING:

WHEREAS, On the 15th day of March, 1880, an order was issued by us, as Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, peremptorily instructing and requiring you, the said Lodge, to cause charges to be preferred against Brother W. T. Shields, for gross unmasonic conduct—that of being drunk at the burial of our late Brother Bates, of Oliver Lodge, No. 38, and at sundry other times and places—and if found guilty, it was ordered that he be dealt with according to masonic law; and whereas, notwithstanding the confession of guilt by the accused, you, the said Lodge, did not carry out the mandatory instructions of this office: *Now, therefore*, we, Rolland H. Oakley, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, do hereby issue this, our EDICT, SUSPENDING THE CHARTER under and by virtue of which your said lodge has been held, from and after the 15th day of April, 1880, until the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge can take such action in the premises as may be deemed advisable; and, as Grand Master, we further order, interdict, and forbid the opening or holding of the said Fortitude Lodge, No. 69, from and after the receipt of this EDICT, until such time as a hearing shall have been had in the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Given under our hand and seal at the city of Lincoln this 14th day of April, 1880.

[SEAL]

R. H. OAKLEY, *Grand Master.*

At the same time we wrote Brother Sumner Darnell, Master of said lodge, directing him at once and forthwith to forward the charter to R. W. Bro. Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary, by express, to take possession of all lodge property, and forward us a schedule of the same, both of which are now in the hands of the Grand Secretary, awaiting any action you may deem advisable.

As a matter of fact, quite a number of the members of this lodge have been in the habit of getting drunk, ever since its organization; some have continued the practice since the suspension of the charter. While this lodge is composed of a few good, exemplary men and zealous Masons, they are largely in the minority, and for the best interests of the fraternity we are of the opinion that this charter should be canceled.

Early in May our attention was called to the fact that charges had been preferred against a brother in Falls City Lodge, No. 9, for unmasonic conduct. The brother plead guilty of the charges and specifications. The lodge found a verdict of guilty, and afterward refused to inflict any punishment whatever. An appeal was taken and we were asked to visit the lodge at its next stated communication, May 29th, which we did. Previously, however, we directed the Master to summon each member present when the lodge found the brother guilty of unmasonic conduct and failed to inflict a penalty, to be present May 29th. We admonished those brethren who had set our laws at defiance, that this course did not meet the ends of justice, and would not be permitted. The brethren, seeing the error into which they had fallen, desired us to recall the appeal and annul the action of the lodge, so far as its failing to punish was concerned. We were informed that the accused expected some grade of punishment, and preferred

it to an appeal, and we therefore directed the Grand Secretary to return all papers relating to the appeal to the lodge, and issued the following *edict* :

*To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of Falls City Lodge, No. 9, A. F. and A. M., in Lodge assembled, this 29th day of May, 1880, Greeting :*

WHEREAS, at a stated communication of your lodge, held March 27th, 1880, charges were preferred against Brother A. B. for unmasonic conduct, and whereas, the said brother confessed that the charges were true by pleading guilty, and notwithstanding this, you, the said Falls City Lodge, No. 9, after having a due trial, and finding the brother guilty, failed, neglected and refused to inflict the punishment prescribed by the laws of your said lodge, as well as the statutes, rules and regulations of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. Now, therefore, it is hereby declared and adjudged that all actions and proceedings had in this case, after finding the brother guilty, are irregular, null and void. The Master of your said lodge is hereby ordered and required to summon the members of your said lodge to meet on Saturday evening, June 5th, 1880, in special communication, and take up the said case, immediately after the adjudication of guilty, and pass some grade or degree of punishment upon the said Brother A. B., according to the by-laws of your said lodge and according to the statutes, rules and regulations of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and herein fail not. It is further ordered that this Edict be spread at large upon the records of your said lodge with the minutes of this stated communication.

Given under our hand and seal, at Falls City, Nebraska, the day and year first above written.

[SEAL]

R. H. OAKLEY, *Grand Master.*

Whereupon the brother was reprimanded in open lodge. Lodges should be encouraged in taking disciplinary measures to purify themselves. We have sometimes thought that the masonic ship was carrying too much ballast. We have plenty of profitable and precious freight; let us cast the ballast overboard. An extended intercourse with the world will demonstrate that vice, even in its most attractive forms, cannot have a place in man's material, intellectual or moral development, and therefore has no place in Masonry. Licentiousness is a synonym of physical or moral decay and deformity. Therefore, as Masons, it is our foremost duty to choke out these evils, so that we may consistently be designated as Free and Accepted Masons, by "Virtue's ever blooming loveliness."

#### MANITOBA.

July 19th we received the following printed circular from M. W. Samuel P. Mathewson, Grand Master of Manitol

WINNEPEG, June 24th, 1879.

*To all whom these presents shall come, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba sends Greeting :*

Know ye, that an emergent communication held in the city of Winnepeg, on Thursday, the 19th day of June, 1879, called to receive the report of the M. W. Grand Master on settlement of masonic difficulties. The M. W. Grand Master reported the basis of settlement which had been arrived at, which report was duly adopted. The M. W. Grand Master also reported that all suspensions of lodges and brethren which had arisen out of said difficulties, had been removed.

[SEAL]

SAM. P. MATHEWSON, *Grand Master.*

Attest: WM. G. SCOTT, *Acting Grand Secretary.*

We regarded the circular as vague, indefinite and very sweeping, and thrice courteously asked the M. W. brother to explain the basis of settlement, etc. etc., but to no effect. We learn, however, from private sources,

that the terms agreed upon between the regular Grand Lodge and the clandestine or seceding Grand Lodge were exceedingly questionable; in fact, it is claimed by some that the terms were outrageous and a disgrace upon men calling themselves regular Masons,— in short, a surrender of masonic principle and dignity.

We trust their Grand Representative, who is here, may be able to give such information as will enable you to take such action in the matter as may be deemed advisable.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

July 11th, we approved bond of the Grand Treasurer.

Warrants have been approved, numbering from 130 to 142 inclusive, amounting to \$1,487.96.

November 25th, we closed the balance due this Grand Body from R. W. Brother Oliver M. Enlow, Past Grand Treasurer, amounting to \$730.20, being principal and interest to date, taking his promissory note, indorsed by Brothers Lamb and Webb, payable at the Omaha National Bank, June 1st, 1880. By the failure of the bank in which his funds as Grand Treasurer were deposited, as well as his entire private means, Brother Enlow lost nearly everything he had accumulated by hard work and prudent living for the past eight or ten years, and it is needless for us to say that the blow fell heavily upon him. Nevertheless, without a murmur, he anticipated his future earnings in order to meet and discharge this debt in full. Under a misapprehension of the facts connected with this case, we feel that an injustice was done him one year ago. In order to remove what the brother feels to be a reflection upon him as a man and a Mason, we suggest that some action be had at this time, expressing our fraternal sympathy for the loss sustained and our unshaken confidence in him as a man and a Mason.

There is a matter claiming attention at your hands which has been so well presented and so vividly portrayed by a letter received recently from P. G. M. Robert C. Jordan, that we take the liberty of presenting it in full, and to the subject-matter invite your careful deliberations.

GRAND ISLAND, NEB., June 1, 1880.

M. W. R. H. OAKLEY, *Grand Master, etc., Lincoln, Neb.*

W. SIR AND BROTHER:—Business engagements will prevent me from attending the Grand Lodge at its next session, which I regret very much. I have wished for a year past to consult with some of the leading members relative to a matter which I regard as vital to the interests of Masonry, and if deemed for the best, to take such action as the Grand Lodge, after mature consideration, might see proper. The subject to which I refer is the affiliation of members of the fraternity with other secret societies. I lately saw a notice stating that the Grand Master of Kentucky had called the attention of the Grand Lodge of that State to the matter, but I am not informed as to what action was taken.

The right of any man in this free country to join any society he pleases, providing they see fit to receive him, is not to be questioned, and does not enter into the argument among the objects to be considered. For the past fifteen or twenty years the country has been flooded with secret societies; what their objects are I do not pretend to know; they may be laudable enough, and I find no fault with the organizations or originators, who no doubt aimed to get followers, and have probably succeeded beyond their expectation. What I claim is, that a Mason who is a member of a lodge, if he does his duty as such, has neither time nor money to spend for any outside imitation of his order. If he is a man of wealth, having command of his own time and means, he could find orphans to educate, the sick



We had a personal pride in being able to say to you to-day that during the year every Lodge had been visited by us or our immediate representative. Late in the year it became evident that this work must be divided in order to be accomplished, and we arranged with the Grand Lecturer that he should visit certain Lodges in the southern portion of the state, and we would visit those on the Union Pacific railroad and in the northern portion of the state. We completed our portion of the work late in May, and had it not been for some unforeseen obstacle rendering it impracticable, the Grand Lecturer would have performed his portion. However, nearly all the smaller Lodges — those farthest in the interior, or most remote — have been visited. Your Grand Master has met, personally, over two-thirds of the entire affiliated Masons in the jurisdiction during the year, and whatever energy we may have manifested during our term of office is largely due to the many acts of kindness and encouraging words received from the many kind brethren it has been our good fortune to meet.

The amount of money coming into our hands is \$120, as per itemized statement in hands of Grand Secretary.

The amount expended for postage, stationery, traveling expenses, express, telegraphing, etc., is \$225.85, as per itemized statement also in hands of Grand Secretary.

We are indebted to the Union Pacific and the Atchison & Nebraska railroads for compliments received at their hands, and take this opportunity of acknowledging the same.

Our official record of toil and anxiety is before you. Having tried earnestly and faithfully to guard the best interests of the general craft, without shrinking from what appeared to be duty in a single instance, and although these duties have been many and various, and often extremely unpleasant, we have never knowingly permitted the Masonic ship of state to leave its course. So far as you may find occasion to approve we shall feel that in part, at least, we have been enabled to meet the grave responsibilities and discharge the important duties devolving upon us as your representative. If, on the other hand, you find aught to condemn, we shall bow to your superior wisdom and better judgment.

Upon the eve of terminating our official connection with this Most Worshipful Grand Body, and surrendering the badge of authority placed in our hands one year ago, we desire to express our most grateful acknowledgments for the high honors which have been conferred, for the prompt and valuable assistance of our associate officers, and for the encouragement and uniform courtesy which we have received at the hands of every brother it has been our good fortune to meet throughout this great commonwealth. The gavel will be passed to our successor with the inward conviction that we have striven to promote the honor and interests of this Grand Lodge, to maintain the rights and privileges of every constituent Lodge and individual Mason, and to preserve pure and unimpaired the tenets of our profession.

R. H. OAKLEY, *Grand Master.*



The address was, on motion, referred to Past Grand Masters Valentine and Furnas and Grand Chaplain Bullard.

A telegram was at this time received by the Grand Secretary stating that Bros. . Edwin F. Warren, Samuel G. Owen and others were delayed *en route* by a railroad accident.

Past Master Edwin A. Allen, 3, presented an invitation from Capitol, Covert and Saint Johns Lodges, inviting the members of the Grand Lodge, with their ladies, to spend this evening in social intercourse, which invitation was, on motion, accepted.

Past Grand Master Wheeler offered the following, which was referred to the committee on Returns :

*Resolved*, That the form used by our Grand Secretary, upon which subordinate Lodges make their annual report as required by our laws, be amended in the following:

A separate report shall be made by the subordinate Lodges of those rejected on petitions for initiation, and those rejected on petitions for affiliation.

Also, that each subordinate Lodge shall report annually the amount of funds collected, as follows:

From initiations and degrees.....	_____
“ dues.....	_____
“ all other sources .....	_____
Also give the amount of money due for dues.....	_____
From other sources .....	_____

Also, amount of the indebtedness of the Lodge, and on what account the indebtedness was incurred.

And that the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare blanks for the purpose of securing the aforesaid information.

Bro. . Willard, chairman of the committee on Credentials, submitted a report from that committee, which was adopted, subject to amendment during the session. The following is the amended report :

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :*

Your committee on Credentials report that they find the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and Representatives of Lodges present, viz:

## GRAND OFFICE-BEARERS.

M.: W.: Bro.: ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....	Grand Master.
R.: W.: Bro.: JAMES R. CAIN.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R.: W.: Bro.: EDWIN F. WARREN.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R.: W.: Bro.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....	Grand Treasurer.
R.: W.: Bro.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....	Grand Secretary.
V.: W.: Bro.: FRANK E. BULLARD.....	Grand Chaplain.
W.: Bro.: HENRY S. KALEY.....	Grand Orator.
W.: Bro.: HIRAM C. RIDER.....	Grand Lecturer.
W.: Bro.: GUSTAVUS STEVENSON.....	Grand Marshal.
W.: Bro.: HENRY E. PALMER.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.: Bro.: BARNABAS E. SWIFT.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.: WILLIAM J. MOUNT.....	Grand Tiler.

## PAST GRAND OFFICE-BEARERS.

M.: W.: GEORGE ARMSTRONG.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: DANIEL H. WHEELER.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: ROBERT W. FURNAS.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: HARRY P. DEUEL.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: WILLIAM E. HILL.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: MARTIN DUNHAM.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: EDWARD K. VALENTINE.....	Past Grand Master.
R.: W.: HIRAM C. RIDER.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.

## CUSTODIANS.

Bro.: CHARLES H. WILLARD.....	First District.
Bro.: SAMUEL W. HAYES.....	Second District.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Nebraska	1	F. E. Caldwell	F. E. Caldwell †	F. E. Caldwell †
Western Star	2	W. E. Hill	James Reed †	James Reed †
Capitol	3	D. E. Hume †		P. M. Hartson.
Nemaha Valley	4	R. W. Furnas †	R. W. Furnas †	R. W. Furnas †
Omadi	5			
Plattsmouth	6	J. Finley Johnson	F. E. White †	F. E. White.
Falls City	9	Rob't L. Henderson.	W. M. Maddox	R. L. Henderson †
Solomon	10	Newton Clark.		
Covert	11	E. K. Long †	Gustave Anderson.	C. K. Contant.
Nebraska City	12	J. B. Northcutt.		
Orient	13	J. R. Reed †	J. R. Reed †	J. R. Reed †
Peru	14	J. H. Miller.		
Fremont	15	James H. Crabbs.		
Tecumseh	17	S. P. Davidson.		
Ashland	18			
Lincoln	19	A. G. Hastings.	S. G. Owen †	A. L. Palmer.
Rock Bluff	20			
Washington	21	C. H. Willard.		
Pawnee	23	Jos. L. Edwards	J. I. Byrne †	
St. Johns	25	James B. Bruner	Thos. Nolan	M. Coady.
Beatrice	26	Henry N. Blake †	H. N. Blake †	H. N. Blake †
Jordan	27	Geo. Scott	J. H. Mackett †	Geo. Scott †
Hope	29	J. W. Shubert †	J. W. Shubert †	J. W. Shubert †
Blue River	30	I. H. Culver †	Elisha Courtwright †	E. Courtwright †
Tekamah	31	W. H. Marshall	W. B. Robberts	W. L. Pierce †
Platte Valley	32	Jos. H. McConnell	F. E. Bullard	Wm. Woodhurst †
Ashlar	33	John H. Clark †	C. F. Rollins †	Chas. L. Howell.
Acacia	34	The. W. Whitman †	Geo. H. Wells	The. W. Whitman.
Fairbury	35	Geo. Cross.		
Lone Tree	36	N. R. Persinger.		
Crete	37	H. C. Rider.		
Oliver	38	P. J. Goodrich.		
Papillon	39			
Humboldt	40	W. W. Turk.		
Northern Light	41	Lewis Ley	C. L. Lamb †	C. L. Lamb †
Juniata	42	B. E. Swift	B. E. Swift †	B. E. Swift †
Hebron	43	W. J. Thompson †	W. J. Thompson	J. J. Malowney †
Harvard	44	Ezra Brown †	Ezra Brown †	Ezra Brown †
Palmyra	45	J. O. Moore.		
Rob. Morris	46	Henry Gibbons.		
Salem	47	Sam'l H. Bayne †	Sam'l H. Bayne.	
Fairmount	48	C. B. Weber.		
Evening Star	49	John B. Dinsmore.		
Hastings	50	J. J. Wemple.		
Fidelity	51	G. H. Peebles.		
Hiram	52	J. C. Blackburn.	John Hammang.	
Charity	53	R. L. Tinker.		
Lancaster	54	J. K. Marlay †	J. K. Marlay †	
Mosaic	55	Wm. H. Lowe	P. Schwenk †	
York	56	Wm. M. Knapp		L. F. Sallie.
Mt. Moriah	57			
Lebanon	58	R. H. Henry.		
Wahoo	59	Jos. Davis †	Joseph N. Davis	M. W. Stone †
Melrose	60	Lewis H. Kent †	Lewis H. Kent †	Lewis H. Kent †
Thistle	61	A. S. Baldwin †	A. S. Baldwin †	A. S. Baldwin.
Keystone	62	Martin Ennis †	Martin Ennis †	Martin Ennis †
Riverton	63	James Garvin.		
Blue Valley	64	E. J. Weaver	J. W. Wehn, Jr. †	W. H. Mann.
Osceola	65	H. A. Scott.		
Livingstone	66	L. R. Horrum †	L. R. Horrum.	
Edgar	67	S. T. Colwell †	S. T. Colwell	M. J. Hull †
Aurora	68			
Fortitude	69			
Sterling	70	A. Shipman.		
Trowel	71			
Hooper	72	James F. Burns.		
Friend	73	T. A. McGeath.		
Alexandria	74	C. F. McGrew †	Sam'l Alexander †	Peter Smith †
Frank Welch	75	Peter Smith	J. Neubauer	Porter B. Byer.
Joppa	76	G. W. Shephard	W. E. Hatch	

† Proxy.

Your committee also reports the presence of Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska from the following Grand Lodges:

Arkansas.....	SAMUEL W. HAYES.
Connecticut.....	ALFRED G. HASTINGS.
Dakota.....	GUSTAVUS STEVENSON.
Delaware.....	EDWIN A. ALLEN.
District of Columbia.....	CHARLES F. CATLIN.
Florida.....	HIRAM C. RIDER.
Indiana.....	HARRY P. DEUEL.
Indian Territory.....	BRADNER D. SLAUGHTER.
Iowa.....	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Manitoba.....	EDWIN F. WARREN.
Michigan.....	DANIEL H. WHEELER.
Montana.....	CHARLES F. GOODMAN.
Nevada.....	JAMES R. REED.
New Brunswick.....	EDWIN A. ALLEN.
New Jersey.....	JAMES R. CAIN.
New Mexico.....	HENRY E. PALMER.
North Carolina.....	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Nova Scotia.....	CHARLES F. CATLIN.
Ohio.....	ROBERT W. FURNAS.
Texas.....	MARTIN DUNHAM.
Vermont.....	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.
Virginia.....	WILLIAM E. HILL.
Wisconsin.....	ALEXANDER ATKINSON.
Wyoming.....	ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.

The Grand Lodge was now called to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 23, 5880.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at nine o'clock this morning, Grand Master Oakley presiding, and all the office-bearers of the Grand Lodge present except R. . W. . Bro. . James A. Tulleys, who was detained at home by the severe illness of his wife.

The following report from the Grand Secretary was referred to the committee on the Grand Master's address:

## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

IN GRAND LODGE, JUNE 23, 5880.

*To the Grand Lodge:*

Your Secretary regrets that a necessary absence during May, and a serious indisposition since his return, has prevented him from making the usual thorough preparations for this session; it is hoped no serious inconvenience will be the result.

During his absence in May your Secretary visited many of the eastern jurisdictions, and was fraternally received as a representative of the fraternity in Nebraska. Taking notes as he went, he congratulates the craft here on the many points in which we favorably compare, all things considered, with our older and wealthier Grand Lodges.

The serious attention of the Grand Lodge is solicited to the risk of fire in the present office of the secretary; he was authorized to pay an annual rental of fifty dollars for a fire-proof office room, but has been unable to procure one. Casual inspection will demonstrate what a quantity of valuable records, books, property, etc., has accumulated, and how irreparable would be its loss. The stereotype plates of the Grand Lodge proceedings are securely boxed and stored in a fire-proof building in Nebraska, as per mem<sup>o</sup> herewith.

A form of bond is again submitted for criticism and adoption.

It is suggested that the Grand Lodge, while in session, determine whether or not a review shall be prepared by the committee on Foreign Correspondence for publication with our proceedings of '81; uncertainty as to the wish of the Grand Lodge often prevents the preparation of a report, and the labor cannot well be performed in a few summer months.

The portrait of Past Grand Master Welch was not published with our last proceedings because the engravings could not be obtained, as expected; they can now be obtained at a cost of about forty dollars (\$40).

He submits the votes of the lodges on the proposed amendment to Article XIII of the constitution; but few of the lodges indicated in circular of June 7, '80, have been heard from since that date, leaving over twenty lodges not voting.

He submits the following documents from lodges under dispensation, viz:

*Nelson Lodge*—Its dispensation, statement of work, records, petition for charter, and proposed by-laws.

*Albion Lodge*—Its dispensation, statement of work, records, petition for charter, and proposed by-laws.

*Geneva Lodge*—Dispensation, statement of work, records, proposed by-laws, petition for charter, and ten demits.

*Rising Lodge*—Its dispensation, statement of work, and petition for continuance.

*Waco Lodge*—Its dispensation, statement of work, transcript of records, and proposed by-laws.

*St. Paul Lodge*—Its dispensation and request for continuance.

*Corinthian Lodge*—Its dispensation, statement of work, and petition for continuance.

His financial statements cannot be submitted at this time because funds are still being paid in.

Fraternally,

WM. R. BOWEN, *Grand Secretary*.

Past Grand Master Valentine submitted the following report :

*To the M. W., the Grand Lodge :*

The special committee to which was referred the Grand Master's address respectfully recommend that so much thereof as pertains to "Fraternal Dead" be referred to a special committee of three.

"Lodges Instituted" and "New Lodges," to committee on Charters and Dispensations.

"Matters in Controversy," "Official Decisions," "Jordan Letter," "Code Trials," "Signing By-laws," "Special Dispensations," and "Acts of Grand Master," to committee on Jurisprudence.

"Instructions to Subordinate Lodges, date of March 1st," "Grand Lecturer's Lodges," and "Black Book," to committee on Ways and Means.

Matters of Fortitude Lodge, No. 69, and Falls City Lodge, No. 9, and "Bro. Enlow," to committee on Grievances.

"Manitoba," to committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Amendments to By-laws, to committee on By-laws from Chartered Lodges.

E. K. VALENTINE,	} <i>Special Committee.</i>
F. E. BULLARD,	
R. W. FURNAS,	

The report was adopted, and Bros. . Scott, 27, Cross, 35, and Hull, 67, were appointed as the special committee on "The Fraternal dead."

The following report from the committee on Jurisprudence was agreed to :

*To the M. W., the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :*

Regarding the following query, propounded by Bro. S. H. Cummins, Master of Pawnee Lodge, No. 23, at the session of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, 1879, page 48, viz :

"A, a Master Mason holding a demit from Lodge B. Vermont, presents his demit, with petition, to Lodge C for membership, but is rejected: he afterward presents his petition to Lodge D for membership, and informs Lodge D that he has been rejected by Lodge C. Must Lodge D have permission from Lodge C, under seal, to act upon petition of Bro. A?"

*Answer.* No. Lodge D has no jurisdiction over "A."

The following report was adopted :

*To the M.:W.: Grand Lodge :*

The special committee to which was referred report of Grand Secretary respectfully recommend reference of that portion of same referring to "Fire-proof office," and portrait of P.:G.:M.: Frank Welch, to committee on Ways and Means.

"Votes of Lodges on proposed amendments to Article XIII of the constitution" and form of new bond, to committee on Credentials.

"Review of Foreign Affairs," to committee on Foreign Correspondence.

"Documents from Lodges under dispensation," to committee on Charters and Dispensations.

E. K. VALENTINE,	} <i>Special</i>
R. W. FURNAS,	
F. E. BULLARD,	

The Grand Orator, W.: Bro.: Henry S. Kaley, now delivered the following

#### ORATION.

*Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren :*

I am not unmindful of the fact that I stand in the presence of those who have for years been honored members of our fraternity, and whose genius and wealth of learning in Masonic literature has given character and wisdom to this Grand Jurisdiction, and that my own ignorance stands in strong contrast with many of those whom I have the honor on this occasion to address, and were it not that the lessons I have learned impel me to a cheerful performance of every Masonic duty, I should, with becoming modesty, yield this honorable task to more worthy hands.

But since, by the partiality of the M.:W.: Grand Master, I am permitted to occupy your time for a few moments during this recess of your labors, I shall not endeavor to take you back into the mysteries of the dead past and exhume the musty records from the ruins of antiquity, and trace from their time-stained pages the first gleaming light of Masonry, as revealed in the traditions and legends of dead centuries. This has already been ably done by those who have upon similar occasions addressed you. But I shall content myself by taking a casual glance backward into the history of the fraternity, and to note with what constant devotion the ancient landmarks have been observed by the craft since speculative Masonry has had an existence; how it has risen above all opposition, strengthened with the progress of time, led the vanguard toward a higher civilization, and to-day stands triumphant, without a peer. And yet in all this I fully realize that I have been anticipated by those brilliant minds who have heretofore addressed this Grand Lodge, and that the facts to which I shall refer, and the sublime truths to which I may call attention, will be but the reëchoing of that which is already familiar to every Masonic ear; but if I shall be so fortunate as to clothe a thought or picture a single truth in new light, that it may shine

with additional beauty to any soul, and thus inspire to higher aims and purposes in life, I shall deem myself fully compensated for being charged as a mere "copyist" in the re-creating of familiar truths.

Masonry, I need not say, had its birth in the very necessity of men's natures, giving vitality to the beating pulsations of a common humanity in its aspiration for a united brotherhood. Intrenching itself upon the broad principles of natural justice, becoming the uncompromising foe of tyranny and oppression, the implacable enemy of superstition and fanaticism, the champion of civilization and good order, she received into her ranks the noble, progressive hearts of every age, and led the advance in the onward march of human progress from the superstition of the dark ages in which it was born to the noonday splendor of the present civilization.

In its way of progress and humanity it sought not to vindicate its principles or enforce its views except by the potency of its example and the silent grandeur of its teachings. It wielded no sword in its defense, no warlike trapping marked its advocates, no knighted herald proclaimed its grandeur, and no military parade displayed its power; but pursuing the even tenor of its way it moved steadily on, with increasing speed and growing glory, gathering continually new accessions in its onward march.

But its pathway was often beset with many dangers, for its benign teachings were not in harmony with the despotic power of tyrants.

The jealous vengeance of monarchs was visited upon her.

The glittering sword, in its mission of death, has been wielded against her. Despotic hate and bigoted tyranny have frowned upon her, while ignorance and superstition, with all their malignant influences, have alike assailed her.

Her temples have been despoiled and leveled with the ground, while over their ruins her brave followers have suffered the tortures of the rack and the stake. The cold, clammy hand of a bigoted priesthood has been laid upon her brow; every agency which the malignant genius of men could invent has been employed to avert her in her majestic course.

Yet amid all these she continued unwavering in her devotion to the great principles upon which she was founded; "stood firm and unmoved amid the varying tides of malignant attack, like the rock far from land, that lifts its majestic head above the waves and remains unshaken by the storms that agitate the ocean."

Freemasonry has, by its quiet yet potent energy, survived the wreck of ages and the ravages of time. The centuries that have come and gone since its birth have written upon their bosom the mighty changes that have marked the pathway of human progress, and while they record the rise and fall of empire, the convulsion of human society, Masonry survives.

She has viewed from her high and lofty station the fading away of the patriarchal system and the establishment of an imperial dynasty. She has beheld monarchy, surrounded by her pomp and magnificence, swallowed up in the dark gloom of tyranny and oppression, when science was imprisoned in the dismal walls of monasteries by a bigoted priesthood, and social order and progress were fettered in the iron grasp of ecclesiastical bondage.



When the dark cloud of oppression, like the frowning mantle of the Almighty, brooded over mankind and seemed to shut out the last ray of hope throughout the world, she witnessed with thrilling emotions the first gleaming beams of civil liberty emerge from the darkness of human oppression, and the establishment of vigorous republics upon the ruins of despotic monarchies. She has, in the even progress of her course, observed all these changes, and to-day, in the noonday of the nineteenth century, she may survey, with exulting pride, the habitable globe, and realize that in every clime, under every sun, where civilization dwells, the altar of Masonry has been erected, and that men of every nationality worship at her shrine yet; that she is secure from the attack of any power; that the sword of no sovereign is raised against her; that popish opposition has been hushed into silence, and ignorant fanaticism is being dissolved by the dazzling beams of Masonic lights, and that the grand civilization which has so richly dawned upon the world has joined in closer bonds of fraternal fellowship the scattered millions of our order.

As we thus review the history of Freemasonry, note its antiquity, the fiery ordeal through which it has passed, the battles it has waged with error, superstition and bigotry, and its present proud position, we are not only struck with the present grandeur of its achievements, but are led to inquire what vital force does it possess that it should thus outlive all other institutions, thrive in the darkness of ignorance and oppression, and yet receive increased strength with the growth of civil liberty and the advancement of an enlightened civilization.

To what potency is its permanence due? It may, indeed, seem to those who have never crossed the threshold of the Masonic temple, and who are therefore ignorant of the full scope of its teachings, that its vigor lies in its forms and ceremonies so marked in its outward features. But these are but as sounding "brass and tinkling cymbals" in the light of the true genius of Masonry, as it reveals itself to those who stand within its portals and receive the scintillations of light from its altars. Nor can it be said that Masonry lives upon the energy of its own advancement. It never seeks aid outside the mystic circle of its members; makes no effort to convert to its numbers. It employs no herald to sound its praises; seeks not the encomium or applause of men, and courts not the favors of lord or prince, or even royalty itself. Nor does Masonry seek to wage a warfare with other institutions, however rivalrous or malignant they may be in their efforts to injure the order. It never stops in its quiet course to answer the charges of its adversaries, however villainous in their purposes or possibly injurious in their effects. It covers all these with the mantle of charity.

While other institutions have found it necessary to wage an unceasing warfare with mankind to convert them to their doctrines and theories, and employ every agency which the genius of men could invent, seeking members from every station in life, Masonry has sought none of these artificial aids, but has contented itself with its own quiet record, written in deeds well done, and has received none, knowingly, into its order who were not of good repute before the world, and who voluntarily offered themselves as candidates for

the mysteries of Masonry from a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, with a desire for knowledge and an abiding faith in the existence of a God as the creator of the universe. Nor has Masonry sought its advancement by following the dogmas of either church or state, or even yielding to the demands of haughty potentates.

It respects no man for his wealth or station in life, courts not the favor of the great or illustrious, and bends not the servile knee to royalty, but enforces obedience to its precepts alike from the king and peasant—from the lordly prince surrounded by royalty as from the humblest member in the order. All stand on the same level upon its checkered floor, greeting each other as brethren; bow before the same altar, pass through the same trying ordeal, and learn the same sublime lessons of truth, morality and brotherly love.

Upon what, then, depends its strength? What marvelous energy has enabled it to witness the rise and fall of other institutions and the monuments of genius, and survive them—not in the weakness of old age, but with still a freshness and youthful vigor as if but in the budding manhood of its existence?

To what source can be traced this living vitality which invigorates and vivifies her veins as though she had drank from the fountain of immortal youth?

The spontaneous answer is, because the natural impulses of the human soul, in its conception of moral obligation and of right and wrong, are the underlying principles upon which this magnificent structure stands.

It is responsive to the natural beatings of every heart in its aspiration for fraternal fellowship and the development of those higher impulses of man's higher nature, and as such impresses itself with irresistible force, by its symbolic teaching, upon the good of every age and of every clime.

This grand moral principle, or law, upon which Masonry stands, is not reduced to any code, but consists of those nobler impulses which preside in the breast of every man, and which lead into the higher atmosphere of virtuous conduct.

And while humanity may through the ages progress from its barbarous and savage state to an enlightened civilization, and their rude judgment change by development, yet the moral law, changeless as eternity, remains the same, and, as has been said by another, is coëxistent with that Divine Being who sees and rules both heaven and earth, and the principles which impel to right conduct sprung out of the nature of things and began to be law, not when it was first written, but when it originated.

It is the application and interpretation of this great moral law that Masonry seeks in her mission to answer, and she delights by her precepts, symbols and ceremonies to picture to her devotees the true nobility of human character, its relation to time and eternity, and the moral grandeur of a perfect life.

At the very threshold of her mystic temple her votaries are reminded of the existence and power of an overruling Providence, and their dependence upon that God in whom alone, in all trials and difficulties, is there an abiding trust.

Upon her altar he beholds the Holy Bible, God's best gift to man, which he is reminded is the great light of Masonry and the rule and guide to every faith. She gently leads him by her symbolic teachings and lessons of love to the ladder of faith, hope and charity, and admonishes him to have faith in God, hope in immortality and charity to all mankind, while he is also forcibly taught that the cardinal tenets of a Mason's professions are "brotherly love, relief and truth." In short, with a gentleness that inspires confidence, and a grandeur that challenges admiration, does she constantly seek to lead him into a higher plane of human action. Nor does Masonry stop in her mission of mercy and lessons of love within the closed recesses of her temple, but with a quietness that seeks no applause she stretches out her hand of benevolence to the needy, giving bread to the hungry and clothes to the naked. She seeks to raise up the downtrodden and oppressed of all climes; to tear asunder the oppressor's chains and paralyze the tyrant's power; to scatter the lighted faggot prepared for the unfortunate victim; dull the keen edge of the scalping knife; sheathe the glittering sword of contending armies, and seek to unite in one common brotherhood the nations of the earth.

Her mission is to extend a pitying care to the unfortunate orphan, to dry the widow's tears, and dispel the dark gloom of anguish and despair and light up the soul with joy and hope, to smoothe the pillow of the sick and wipe from the cold brow the clammy sweat of death, and to commit with tender, brotherly care the lifeless body to the silent tomb.

While the mission of Masonry is thus noble and God-like, she seeks not to supplant the church in her mission of mercy. Masonry claims no divine commission, and seeks not to unfold the hidden mysteries that lie beyond the grave, nor to suggest the plan of redemption that has been provided for fallen humanity, nor to point out the pathway that leads to the goal of eternal bliss.

It does not profess to be able to reconcile God with man, or change a human heart, or save a soul from death. Masonry leaves to the church the higher and more sacred mission of pointing to men the way of eternal life, and contents itself to aid religion in her divine work by teaching fraternal fellowship, opening up the fountains of men's souls to a higher realization of life and to a clearer conception of the divine teaching of love and the spirit of charity as taught upon the plains of Judea eighteen hundred years ago by the lowly Nazarene.

Thus it will be seen, my friends and brethren, that the mission of Masonry is noble and God-like, employing in its proper exercise the highest attributes of humanity and the noblest energies of the human soul; leading men to a higher conception of that divine character who in the early dawn said "Let there be light," and there was light.

It is because of its lofty character that the noblest and best of earth in all ages have been delighted to be numbered in its ranks, to engage in its ceremonies and labor as craftsmen in the order.

At its shrine have knelt those who have been a bright and shining light in the world, a guiding star to mankind, and whose genius has illuminated

the pages of history, while the proud warrior who has led his conquering legions to battle, the illustrious statesman upon whose genius has depended the fate of nations, have alike considered Masonry worthy of their patronage, and have contributed toward the stability and usefulness of the order, while it may be added that nobility, and even royalty itself, has mingled with its votaries.

In conclusion let me say, my brethren, we may not only feel a thrill of joyous pride in the reflection that our beloved order has held such a lofty rank in the affairs of men, and has wielded such a powerful influence for good, but that in the splendor of its present civilization its influence and power is greater than ever before.

These auspicious times, when science is so vividly unfolding the vast storehouse of nature's treasures, when the genial beams of an enlightened civilization is radiating into the remotest corners of the earth and lighting up the pathway of every oppressed household, when iron thrones are trembling beneath their oppressors' weight and golden crowns are being torn from the monarch's brow, when everywhere throughout the globe the watchword of the people is human equality and the brotherhood of our race, may we not fondly hope that Masonry has not yet reached the zenith of its grandeur and power, but that she may realize the full fruition of her lofty teaching and continue to illuminate the pathway of humanity, until the nations of the earth shall be bound together in the strong cords of fraternal fellowship, and the millions of our race receive the divine inspiration of our holy christianity.

The following queries were referred to the committee on Jurisprudence:

*Query.* Mr. A B petitions Keystone Lodge, No. 62, and is blackballed. He then removes to Iowa and there receives the Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees without consent of Keystone Lodge.

He returns to Nebraska and the jurisdiction of Keystone Lodge, and requests said lodge to make him a Master Mason, to which the Iowa lodge consents.

*Query 1st.* Was he lawfully entered and passed?

*Query 2d.* Should Keystone Lodge raise the Fellow Craft?

MARTIN ENNIS, *Master Keystone Lodge, No. 62.*

*Query.* In masonic parliamentary parlance is there a *table* in Masonry? Can a motion or resolution be "laid upon" and "taken from the table," as is common in parliamentary usage?

J. L. EDWARDS.

The Representative of Edgar Lodge, No. 67, presented the case of a Master Mason of Nelson Lodge, U. .D. ., who had recently sustained a serious loss of property by fire, and was thus deprived of means to meet his obligations and

thereby threatened with further loss. The matter was referred to the committee on Accounts, who recommended individual or lodge action, and relief was accordingly extended by the members of the Grand Lodge present.

Bro. Willard, chairman, submitted a report from the committee on Credentials showing that on the proposed amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge (page 48, proceedings of '79), twenty-eight (28) lodges had voted in the affirmative, twenty (20) lodges had voted in the negative, and twenty-two (22) had not reported. After discussion, the question of the adoption of the amendment was then put and was lost by a vote of twenty-nine (29) ayes to fifty-five (55) nays.

And the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until two o'clock this afternoon.

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## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 23, 5880.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour.

The following report from the committee on Returns was adopted:

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge:*

Your committee to which was referred the returns of Subordinate Lodges for the year ending April 30, 5880, would respectfully report that they have examined the same, and find that the reports are all substantially correct, except Omadi, No. 5, Ashland, No. 18, Papillion, No. 39, Hebron, No. 43, and Fortitude, No. 69, they not having been received at the time of making this report.



Oliver	38	1	3	3	3	3	1	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	54	2	3	5	1	1	2	57	40	50	15	50																						
Papillon	39	4	1	3	3	1	4	5	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	36	3	3	4	1	1	3	36	27	00	64	75																						
Humboldt	40	1	3	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	1	3	4	1	1	3	31	22	50	15	30																						
North'n Light	41	4	3	3	2	1	3	4	1	2	2	2	6	1	1	6	21	1	3	2	1	1	2	19	15	75	15	00																						
Juniata	42	5	7	7	2	2	10	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	44	1	1	2	1	1	2	44	33	00	35	00																							
Hebron	43	4	4	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	3	2	5	1	1	1	56	41	25	41	25																							
Harvard	44	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	32	3	2	5	1	1	1	35	24	00	25	00																							
Palmyra	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	4	4	6	5	4	4	22	13	50	13	50																							
Rob. Morris	46	7	8	8	5	1	6	9	5	5	2	2	3	2	4	4	43	2	4	6	5	4	9	42	32	25	40	00																						
Salem	47	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	31	2	2	4	1	1	1	33	23	25	10	00																							
Fairmont	48	8	4	4	2	2	10	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	54	2	4	8	9	1	20	29	40	50	20	00																							
Evening Star	49	2	2	1	3	3	3	2	3	1	4	4	4	4	4	57	4	1	5	2	1	3	59	42	75	10	00																							
Hastings	50	5	8	8	6	6	6	7	6	6	4	4	2	1	1	52	4	1	1	1	1	1	68	39	00	40	00																							
Fidelity	51	8	9	9	6	6	11	8	6	6	11	11	3	3	3	37	11	5	16	1	1	2	53	27	75	45	00																							
Hiram	52	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	27	2	2	2	1	1	1	27	20	25	20	25																							
Charity	53	4	6	6	6	6	6	4	1	6	6	3	3	4	4	56	3	10	13	1	1	1	59	35	25	30	00																							
Lancaster	54	2	5	5	3	3	3	4	1	3	3	4	4	4	4	47	4	7	11	2	1	1	44	42	00	25	00																							
Mosaic	55	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	30	2	1	4	2	2	2	32	22	50	5	00																							
York	56	10	2	2	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	38	5	5	5	2	2	2	41	28	50	10	00																							
Mt. Moriah	57	4	4	4	3	3	5	6	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	27	1	3	4	4	2	6	44	20	25	20	00																							
Lebanon	58	6	5	5	5	5	5	6	3	5	5	4	4	2	2	43	4	2	7	4	2	6	44	32	25	25	00																							
Wahoo	59	2	7	7	7	7	7	2	1	7	7	5	5	5	2	37	5	5	11	1	1	2	45	27	75	35	00																							
Melrose	60	6	3	3	3	3	3	6	2	3	3	3	3	2	1	24	3	7	10	1	1	3	33	18	00	15	00																							
Thistle	61	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	30	2	2	5	1	1	3	32	22	50	10	00																							
Keystone	62	3	4	4	2	2	5	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	23	3	1	4	3	3	3	34	17	25	20	00																							
Riverton	63	4	4	4	3	3	5	1	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	36	3	4	7	13	1	14	29	27	00	20	00																							
Blue Valley	64	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	23	2	1	3	3	1	2	26	17	25	5	00																							
Oscola	65	1	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	1	3	1	5	3	3	19	1	4	5	5	1	1	24	14	25	15	00																							
Livingstone	66	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	1	2	3	1	1	1	15	9	75	5	00																							
Edgar	67	3	2	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	1	4	5	2	2	2	42	29	25	10	00																							
Aurora	68	1	5	5	4	4	2	1	4	4	2	2	3	3	3	17	2	8	10	2	2	2	25	12	75	25	00																							
Fortitude	69															22							22	16	50	16	50																							
Sterling	70	1	6	6	5	5	2	2	5	5	6	6	1	1	1	21	6	1	7	1	1	3	25	15	75	30	00																							
Trowel	71	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	17	2	2	2	2	2	1	19	12	75	10	00																							
Hooper	72	1	9	9	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	5	13	18	18	18	18	18	19	45	00	45	00																							
Friend	73	2	1	1	2	4	4	2	4	4	5	5	1	1	1	5	26	31	31	1	1	1	30	5	00	5	00																							
Alexandria	74	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	20	25	25	25	25	25	25	20	00	20	00																							
Frank Welch	75	2	12	12	11	11	3	1	11	11	9	9	3	3	3	9	18	27	27	27	27	27	27	60	00	60	00																							
Joppa	76	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	10	00	10	00																							
Nelson	U D	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	00	20	00																							
Albion	U D	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	00	20	00																							
Geneva	U D	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	00	15	00																							
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Your committee have summarized the following from the returns of Subordinate Lodges:

Number initiated .....	245	
"    passed .....	189	
"    raised .....	171—	171
"    admitted .....		291
"    reinstated .....		20
"    by other causes .....		13
"    on rolls April 30, 5879 .....		3236
		<u>3731</u>
Number demitted .....	131	
"    died .....	24	
"    suspended .....	95	
"    expelled .....	5	
"    by other causes .....	7—	262
		<u>3469</u>
Number on rolls April 30, 5880 .....		3469
Gain of Master Masons .....	233	
Number of chartered Lodges .....	70	
Fees on initiations .....	\$1,225	00
Dues on members .....	2,427	00
Debits less credits .....	108	00
		<u>\$3,760</u> 00
Due Grand Lodge .....		\$3,760 00

The following report from the Grand Lecturer was read and ordered filed:

*To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

As Grand Lecturer of this jurisdiction I have the honor fraternally to report: That since our last annual communication I have visited as many of the Lodges within our state as I consistently could, and am pleased to say that the most of them are in a good healthy condition, and are striving to do the established work. I have attended two schools of instruction; one of them at Hastings, commencing February 12, 1880, and lasting four days; the other at Omaha, commencing February 23, 1880, and also lasting four days. At each of these schools there was a fair attendance of brethren, who showed a disposition to take hold and improve in the work. I have issued certificates recommending that dispensations be granted to brethren to start Lodges at the following named places: Geneva, Fillmore county; Rising, Butler county, Waco, York county; and St. Paul, Howard county.

HIRAM C. RIDER, *Grand Lecturer.*

The following statements of expense were referred to the committee on Accounts, and on the recommendation of that



committee it was agreed that orders be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts :

Grand Master Oakley .....	\$225 85
Grand Secretary Bowen .....	400 00
Grand Lecturer Rider.....	88 45
Grand Junior Warden Warren .....	14 75

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to wire to Past Grand Master Lininger, sojourning in London, the greetings of the Grand Lodge.

The following report from the committee on Grievances was submitted by Past Grand Master Furnas, and was adopted. The Grand Secretary was instructed to furnish R. . W. . Oliver M. Enlow with a copy of the resolution relative to his action as Grand Treasurer.

*To the M. . W. . the Grand Lodge of Nebraska :*

The committee on Grievances, to which was referred the action of the Grand Master relative to Fortitude Lodge, No. 69, and Falls City Lodge, No. 9, and his reference to Bro. Enlow, Past Grand Treasurer, have had the same under consideration, and report :

The committee approve heartily the action of the Grand Master in the matter of Fortitude and Falls City Lodges.

In the matter of Bro. Enlow the committee feel that the Grand Lodge, at its last session, perhaps not in possession of all the light and information it might have obtained, was unduly harsh in its action toward Bro. Enlow; that there was and is no cause to even suspicion that he had in any manner acted otherwise than strictly honest and Masonic.

To make legal record of foregoing expressions the following resolutions are offered for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the action of the M. . W. . Grand Master relating to Fortitude and Falls City Lodges, as by him reported in his annual address to the Grand Lodge, June, 1880, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved*, That the charter of Fortitude Lodge, No. 69, be and is hereby continued under suspension during the pleasure of the incoming M. . W. . Grand Master.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hereby disclaim any intention to cast suspicion on the integrity or character of ex Grand Treasurer Bro. Oliver M. Enlow, and that his whole course and action as an officer of this Grand Lodge has been honorable and praiseworthy.

The following report was submitted by Bro. . Scott, of 27,



1879.			
June 26—	By pay-roll for 1879 .....	\$880	90
— “	paid W. R. Bowen, No. 126 .....	575	00
— “	“ “ “ “ 127 .....	6	50
— “	“ Chas. F. Catlin, “ 128 .....	40	00
July 2—	“ W. R. Bowen, “ 130 .....	100	00
5—	“ “ “ “ 131 and 132 .....	66	40
9—	“ Knight & Leonard, “ 125 and 133 .....	500	71
28—	“ W. R. Bowen, “ 134 .....	70	00
Sept. 20—	“ “ “ “ 135 and 136 .....	140	00
Nov. 24—	“ “ “ “ 137 and 138 .....	140	00
Dec. 20—	“ “ “ “ 139 .....	344	98
1880.			
Jan. 27—	“ “ “ “ 140 .....	140	00
Feb. 13—	“ “ “ “ 142 .....	100	00
21—	“ R. W. Furnas, “ 141 .....	358	45
June 18—	“ George Cross, “ 143 .....	27	90
— “	Warrant No. 129, favor O. M. Enlow, placed in Charity Fund .....	10	00
		<u>3,500</u>	<u>84</u>
	By balance on hand .....	\$681	88

CHARITY FUND.

By amount turned in by O. M. Enlow, being amount of Warrant No. 129, drawn in his favor, and at his request placed in Charity Fund..... \$10 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. HARTMAN, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to elect the following office-bearers:

- Grand Master .....Bro.: JAMES A. TULLEYS, 53.
- Deputy Grand Master .....Bro.: JAMES R. CAIN, 9.
- Grand Senior Warden .....Bro.: EDWIN F. WARREN, 2.
- Grand Junior Warden .....Bro.: SAMUEL R. HAYES, 55.
- Grand Treasurer .....Bro.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, 11.
- Grand Secretary .....Bro.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3.

The Grand Secretary was, on motion, instructed to advise Bro.: James A. Tulleys by telegraph of his election, and extend to him the fraternal greeting of the Grand Lodge.

The following report from the committee on Ways and Means, submitted by its chairman, Bro.: Palmer, was adopted:

*To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Your committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to the Black Book, which, under present regulations, contains only rejections, beg to report that after a careful consideration of the matter, and after consultation with the Right Wor-

shipful Grand Secretary, we report that we deem it of great importance that the book be issued to the lodges in this jurisdiction, one copy each, and to contain all expulsions and suspensions, as well as rejections, within a given time, if practicable, since the organization of this Grand Lodge; that blank space be left in this book to cover names of all expelled and suspended Masons and rejected material for ten years to come, reported from time to time by the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge on slips printed for that purpose, and by him duly recorded in the Black Book; that the sum of \$250, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for the purpose of paying the expenses of printing and distributing same.

In relation to so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to the serious risk of fire in the present office of the Grand Secretary, we report that the Grand Lodge of 1878 authorized our Grand Secretary to pay an annual rental of \$50 per year for a suitable fire-proof office for the safe deposit of valuable papers belonging to this Grand Lodge; that the Grand Secretary now reports that he has been unable to procure one; that only the stereotype plates of the Grand Lodge proceedings are deposited in a vault; that all the other documents, demit books, property, etc., the loss of which would be irreparable, are at any time subject to total destruction. This great danger to our Grand Lodge property warrants some decided action on the part of this Grand Lodge, which to-day assumes control of over seventy Subordinate Lodges, with a membership of about 3,500; yet, remembering that this Grand Lodge is only clear from debt, that we are without funds to invest in buildings, we deem the matter worthy serious reflection and careful consideration, and would therefore recommend that a committee of five, consisting of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, together with the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, be appointed as a committee, to report at the next Grand Lodge, a plan or proposition for the erection of a fire-proof vault or building, to be considered at our next Annual Convocation.

In the matter of publishing a portrait or steel plate engraving in our Grand Lodge proceedings of our late Most Worshipful Grand Master, Frank Welch, we recommend that an appropriation of \$40, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated for that purpose, and the Grand Secretary be instructed to publish same.

The petition of Charles C. Reed (recently expelled from Sterling Lodge, No. 70), for restoration, accompanied by the recommendation of Sterling Lodge, was referred to the committee on Grievances, and on the recommendation of that committee it was

*Resolved*, That Bro. Charles C. Reed be and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of the fraternity.

The committee on By-Laws from Chartered Lodges made the following report, which was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

*To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to rules and regulations, have had the same under consideration, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That rule 24, page 99, proceedings of 1878, be stricken out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, *in the regular way*.

The secretary of each Subordinate Lodge is *required* to procure the signature of each member of his Lodge to the constitution and by-laws of the same.

The following report from the committee on Jurisprudence was adopted, after consideration and striking out the last lines as italicized.

*To the M.:W.: the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the following subjects, would fraternally report that in the matter of the controversy in Osceola Lodge, No. 65, between Bro. Josiah Locke, a member of said Lodge, and Bro. H. L. Bond, a F.:C.: Mason in same Lodge, the conclusion of the M.:W.: Grand Master is correct and in accordance with standing resolution No. 34, and we approve the same.

We approve decision No. 1.

We approve decision No. 2.

The committee are at a loss to know how a suspended Mason could be present in a Lodge while under that sentence.

We disapprove decision No. 3. The Lodge can demand the amount of dues due at the time of his expulsion, and not because of the fact that he rejoined the Lodge which had expelled him, but because he owed the amount as a just debt, which your committee think ought to be paid, even though he had never been reinstated. But when reinstated his Masonic obligation at least requires that he should liquidate the claim to place himself clear upon the books of the Lodge.

We approve decision No. 4.

The committee, after duly considering the recommendation of the Grand Master in relation to change in the code of Masonic trials, recommend that Section 2, Article 6, be amended so as to read as follows:

"If any charge or specification shall be sustained the accused shall be then and there declared guilty, and the Master shall put the question as to the amount of punishment, beginning with the greatest, and, if not sustained, the next grade, and so on, ending with the least Masonic penalty,

in the order as hereinafter provided; the vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to decide the degree of punishment.

"Except in case of reprimand, when the Lodge shall fail to expel or suspend for a definite or indefinite period, the W. M. shall proceed to administer such reprimand as he may deem just and proper."

We would further recommend that the words "and when voted by two-thirds of the members present" be stricken out of Section 6, Article 7, of the code of Masonic trials.

Your committee, having considered the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master in reference to rule "24" of the rules and regulations for the government of Subordinate Lodges, would recommend that the words "or be considered a member of the Lodge" be stricken out.

The action of the Grand Master in granting special dispensations is approved, and while your committee believe that proper discretion has been shown in the dispensations granted, and have approved the same, they do not believe that the occasion often arises that should justify the Grand Master in granting special dispensations to receive a petition for either initiation or advancement in a time less than that prescribed by the laws of this Grand Lodge.

The committee on Pay-roll made report as follows; the pay-roll was adopted, and the recommendations of the committee were acted on later in the session:

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

We, your committee on Pay-roll, beg leave to report as follows: We find the total amount due the representatives and members of committees to be \$1,027.10. This is paying one representative from each of the chartered lodges excepting Nos. 5, 18, 20, 39, 55, 57, 68, 69, 71 (said Lodges not having any representative present), and the members of the various committees, excepting those who have received mileage and per diem, as Master of a subordinate lodge, and the Grand Tyler and Assistant Grand Secretary. Your committee further find that with the low rates of railroad fare obtainable by this grand body, the mileage paid by this Grand Lodge is in excess of the actual amount required to pay the fare to and from this Grand Lodge.

Your committee, in view of the above facts, would respectfully recommend either that the pay-roll be abolished, and the dues of subordinate lodges be reduced from seventy-five cents per member to fifty cents per member; or, that the dues remain as at present, and the mileage of representatives be reduced from ten cents per mile one way to six cents per mile one way. All of which is respectfully submitted.

NAME OF LODGE.	NO.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.	MILES.	DAYS.	TOTAL.
Nebraska .....	1	F. E. Caldwell.....	10	2	\$5 00
Western Star.....	2	W. E. Hill.....	50	2	9 00
Capitol.....	3	D. E. Hume, proxy.....		2	4 00
Nemaha Valley.....	4	R. W. Furnas, proxy.....	75	2	11 50
Omaha.....	5				
Plattsmouth.....	6	J. F. Johnson.....	20	2	6 00
Falls City.....	9	Robert L. Henderson.....	160	2	20 00
Carry forward.....					\$55 50

NAME OF LODGE.	NO.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.	MILES.	DAYS.	TOTAL.
Brought forward					\$55 50
Solomon	10	Newton Clark	15	2	5 50
Covert	11	E. K. Long, proxy		2	4 00
Nebraska City	12	J. B. Northcut	50	2	9 00
Orient	13	J. R. Reed, proxy	170	2	21 00
Peru	14	J. H. Miller	68	2	10 80
Fremont	15	James H. Crabbs	46	2	8 60
Tecumseh	17	S. P. Davidson	115	2	15 50
Ashland	18				
Lincoln	19	A. G. Hastings	68	3	12 80
Rock Bluff	20				
Washington	21	C. H. Willard	30	2	7 00
Fawnee	23	Joseph L. Edwards	138	2	17 80
St. Johns	25	James B. Bruner		2	4 00
Beatrice	26	Henry N. Blake, proxy	124	2	16 40
Jordan	27	George Scott	70	2	11 00
Hope	29	J. W. Shurbert	90	2	13 00
Blue River	30	J. H. Culver	95	2	13 50
Tekamah	31	W. H. Marshall	50	2	9 00
Platte Valley	32	J. H. McConnell	291	2	33 10
Ashlar	33	John H. Clark	155	2	19 50
Acacia	34	T. W. Whitman, proxy	72	2	11 20
Fairbury	35	George Cross	224	2	26 40
Lone Tree	36	N. R. Persinger	133	2	17 30
Crete	37	H. C. Rider	93	2	13 30
Oliver	38	P. J. Goodrich	94	2	13 40
Papillion	39				
Humboldt	40	W. W. Turk	138	2	17 80
Northern Light	41	Lewis Ley	120	2	16 00
Juniata	42	B. E. Swift	176	2	21 60
Hebron	43	W. J. Thompson, proxy	212	2	25 20
Harvard	44	Ezra Brown, proxy	154	2	19 40
Palmyra	45	J. O. Moore	80	2	13 00
Rob Morris	46	Henry Gibbons	195	2	23 50
Salem	47	Samuel H. Bayne, proxy	153	2	19 30
Fairmont	48	C. B. Webber	121	2	16 10
Evening Star	49	John B. Dinsmore	136	2	17 60
Hastings	50	J. J. Wemple	175	2	21 50
Fidelity	51	G. H. Peebles	90	2	13 00
Hiram	52	J. C. Blackburn	46	2	8 60
Charity	53	R. L. Tinker	210	2	25 00
Lancaster	54	J. K. Marley, proxy	68	2	10 80
Mosaic	55	Peter Schwenk	150	2	19 00
York	56	Wm. M. Knapp	140	2	18 00
Mt. Moriah	57				
Lebanon	58	R. H. Henry	92	2	13 20
Wahoo	59	James Davis, proxy	54	2	9 40
Melrose	60	Lewis H. Kent, proxy	257	2	29 70
Thistle	61	A. S. Baldwin, proxy	230	2	27 00
Keystone	62	Martin Eanis, proxy	171	2	21 10
Riverton	63	James Garvin	224	2	26 40
Blue Valley	64	E. J. Weaver	98	2	13 80
Osceola	65	H. A. Scott	121	2	16 10
Livingstone	66	L. R. Horrum	88	2	12 80
Edgar	67	S. T. Colwell, proxy	193	2	23 30
	68				
	69				
Sterling	70	A. Shipman	104	2	14 40
Trowel	71				
Hooper	72	James F. Burns	63	2	10 30
Saline	73	T. A. McGeath	106	2	14 60
Alexandria	74	G. P. McGrew, proxy	220	2	26 00
Frank Welch	75	Peter Smith	414	2	45 40
Joppa	76	G. W. Shepherd	231	2	27 10
C. Hartman		Grand Treasurer			10 00
E. K. Valentine		P. G. M., Com. on Jurisprudence		3	6 00
D. H. Wheeler		P. G. M., Com. on Jurisprudence		3	6 00
M. Dunham		P. G. M., Com. on Jurisprudence		3	6 00
R. Furnas		P. G. M., Com. on Jurisprudence		3	6 00
James Reed		Com. on Accounts		2	4 00
W. R. Bowen		Com. on Foreign Correspondence		2	4 00
E. T. Warren		Com. on Foreign Correspondence		2	4 00
Henry E. Palmer		Com. on Ways and Means		2	4 00
S. J. Alexander		Com. on Ways and Means		2	4 00
S. G. Owen		Com. on Ways and Means		2	4 00
Francis E. White		Com. on Pay-roll		2	4 00
C. T. Catlin		Assistant Grand Secretary		2	10 00
W. J. Mount		Grand Tiler		2	10 00
Total					\$1,086 50

A petition from Blue River Lodge, No. 30, seeking the remission of \$16.50 due the Grand Lodge, was referred to the committee on Accounts. On the recommendation of that committee, the claim was remitted.

The following report from the committee on Jurisprudence was adopted.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the query 1 of Keystone Lodge, No. 62, would answer, yes; but the Lodge conferring the degrees of E. A. and F. C., without having the Lodge first rejecting release its jurisdiction of A. B., committed an error. In answer to query 2, that is a matter optional with Keystone Lodge.

The same committee reported affirmatively on the queries from Pawnee Lodge, No. 23, relative to the application of parliamentary law to Freemasonry.

The Grand Lodge was now called to refreshment until half-past seven o'clock this evening.

## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 5880.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour.

The Grand Secretary's statement of funds received to date was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Past Grand Master Melvin L. Youngs, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, was now received and welcomed by the Grand Lodge, for which the M. W. Brother expressed his thanks and gratification.

Lincoln was chosen as the place for the next annual communication.

Bro. White, Chairman of the committee on Pay-roll, moved to amend the by-laws of the Grand Lodge (pages 79 to 83, proceedings of 5878) as follows:



Amend paragraph 2, section 1, by striking out the words "for which they shall receive *per diem* as if in Grand Lodge."

Amend section 9 by striking out all of paragraph 2.

Amend section 10 by inserting the figures "50" in place of "75."

The proposed amendments were seconded by Bros.: Wheeler, Palmer, Persinger, McConnell, Bullard, Marshall and Gibbons, and were laid over until the next annual communication. Bros.: Francis E. White (6), George Scott (27), and Alfred G. Hastings (19) were appointed a committee to consider the subject during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and to report thereon at the next annual communication.

Bro.: Warren submitted the following report from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was adopted:

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska :*

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence report as follows:

One subject is particularly worthy of mention by us, and of serious consideration by you, and it arises out of the dispute between the Grand Lodges of Minnesota and of Dakota, involving the "American doctrine" of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

It seems that before the organization of the Grand Lodge of Dakota the Grand Lodge of Minnesota had chartered two Lodges in the then unoccupied territory of Dakota, situate in the extreme northern portion thereof. Other Lodges were likewise chartered by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and perhaps some by other Grand Lodges, all in regular form. In 1875 a portion of the Lodges so chartered, *not* including those holding charters from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, met by their representatives, formed a convention, and thereafter organized a Grand Lodge in and for the territory of Dakota. The Minnesota Lodges having taken no part therein, and, as is claimed, not having been invited so to do, declined, for reasons satisfactory to themselves, to acknowledge allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Dakota, and insisted that they be permitted to continue under the protection of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. Upon the expressed wish of said Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota refused to compel her subordinates to acknowledge fealty to the Grand Lodge of Dakota, and continues her protection over the same,—or one of them,—despite the protest of Dakota. As we understand it, the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction as applied in this county, is this: 1. That upon the due formation of a Grand Lodge in any state or territory, no Grand Lodge of any state or county can lawfully issue a charter for a subordinate Lodge within the geographical limits of such state or county. 2. That any Grand Lodge can lawfully organize Lodges in any state or territory in which no Grand Lodge has been organized.

From these admitted principles the conclusion is attempted to be drawn that upon the formation of a Grand Lodge in any theretofore unoccupied territory, all Lodges within the geographical limits of such territory must perforce surrender their charters, and acknowledge allegiance to such newly organized Grand Lodge. To such a conclusion we cannot give our assent. A charter is granted to a Lodge in perpetuity. It can be deprived thereof only for cause, which is always understood to mean *malfeasance*. So long as a constitutional member resists it, a charter cannot be surrendered. There is no power anywhere in Masonry—unless it be despotic, and such would not be Masonic,—to compel a Lodge, guilty of no violation of the provisions of its charter or of Masonic law, to surrender its charter or change its allegiance, and we believe the action of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in sustaining her subordinate is strictly legal and proper.

Since the organization of the Grand Lodge of Dakota the Grand Lodge of Minnesota has declined to charter any new Lodges within that territory. Minnesota fully and emphatically endorses and agrees with the doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction. She only dissents from some of the conclusions attempted to be drawn therefrom. The Grand Lodge of Kansas took precisely the same position with regard to a Lodge chartered by her in the Indian Territory. The Grand Lodge of Missouri did likewise in relation to New Mexico.

It seems to your committee that when this question is properly presented and once understood, there can be no difference in opinion among American Freemasons, or in the application of the law to our whole country as a rule for the determination of the official rights of the several Grand Lodges. Assertion is not argument, nor will denunciation convince.

It seems to your committee that when the Grand Lodge of Minnesota recommended her subordinates at Bismarck and Fargo to transfer their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Dakota, and declined to organize new Lodges within that territory, she did all that Masonic law could require or courtesy suggest.

With regard to the alleged settlement of the schism in Manitoba, your committee is not in possession of sufficient authentic documentary evidence thereof to enable us to make an intelligent report thereon. From such information as we possess, we are constrained to believe, with our Grand Master, that there is at least room for grave suspicion that the so-called settlement was unmasonic and unconstitutional, if not fraudulent; but we are unwilling to make any recommendation in relation thereto at this session, and therefore ask for further time wherein to consider the same.

The Grand Secretary has received during the year the proceedings of all the American Grand Lodges, and numerous foreign Grand Bodies.

Owing to the fact that your committee—or the last two named thereon—were appointed but a few days since, no review thereof has been possible; but your committee are unanimously of opinion that there should be a review of the proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges prepared and printed in our own proceedings each year, for the benefit of our brethren, that they may know what is being done elsewhere. The cost thereof is immaterial, pro-

vided it is not extravagant, as the benefits to be derived therefrom far exceed the cost, and we know of no better way to use our funds than a judicious expenditure of a portion thereof in thus disseminating information to the Craft at home.

We further recommend that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, as an independent, sovereign Masonic Body, all proceedings connected with the formation and organization thereof appearing to be regular. That no such recognition be at this time extended to the Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba, the evidence before your committee failing to satisfy them that they are entitled to the same. We therefore ask further time upon this matter.

On motion, the committee on Pay-roll was instructed to include in its report the names of the representatives of Mosaic Lodge, No. 55, now present.

Bro.: Bruner presented the following report from the committee on Returns, which was concurred in.

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Nebraska:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered yesterday by Bro.: Wheeler, would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that that portion referring to the rejection of petitions for initiation and affiliation be adopted.

And that that part referring to annual reports from subordinate Lodges be so amended as to read: That each subordinate Lodge shall report annually the amount of funds collected for the year ending the 27th day of December.

Bro.: Peebles, Master of Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, presented the following queries, which were referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

1. "A member of a Lodge, having been indefinitely suspended for non-payment of dues, petitions for reinstatement and pays to the Secretary the sum necessary to balance the books: Should it be so applied? and if so, what should be done with the money? Should the Lodge refuse to reinstate the member?"
2. "A Lodge having indefinitely suspended a member for non-payment of dues (delinquent three years), receives by mail the next day the amount of delinquency: What should be done with the money? and can the Lodge grant a new trial?"
3. "Can a Lodge revoke its own dismission? and if so, what majority vote does it require? and where is the authority for such action in the rules and regulations governing subordinate Lodges?"
4. "Can a Lodge grant a new trial?"

Whereupon the following reports were made and adopted :

1. "Refund the money."
2. "The dues, so far as the Brother is concerned, were paid before his suspension, and the action of the Lodge should, in justice to the brother, be revoked, and the money retained."

On the third and fourth queries the committee on Jurisprudence asked and was granted further time.

On the motion of Bro. . Moffet (27), after consideration and by unanimous consent, Article X of the By-laws, relative to Masonic offenses (page 94, proceedings of 5878), was amended to read as follows :

Sec. 5. Any Mason, indefinitely suspended, seeking reinstatement, shall petition in writing to the Lodge having jurisdiction, and upon a favorable vote of two-thirds of the members present at a stated communication the petitioner may be restored to membership; provided, that if the Lodge from which a Mason shall have been suspended has ceased to exist, the petition for reinstatement may be made to the Lodge in whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides, or to the Grand Lodge, which may reinstate the petitioner to good standing in the Fraternity.

Sec. 7. The reinstatement of a suspended Mason for any cause other than non-payment of dues, by a chartered Lodge, shall be determined by a secret ballot.

Sec. 8. That whenever a brother suspended for non-payment of dues shall pay or cause the same to be paid, said suspension shall thereby be removed and the brother be restored to good standing without action of the Lodge, on the announcement thereof by the Master.

The committee on Accounts returned, as correct, the following statement of funds received by the Grand Secretary :

GRAND SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF FUNDS RECEIVED DURING YEAR  
ENDING JUNE 23, 1880.

1879.			
June	26.	Harvard Lodge, No. 44 .....	\$2 28
July	3.	Omadi Lodge, No. 5 .....	39 50
July	9.	Peru Lodge, No. 14 .....	20 00
1880.			
January	3.	Burnes, Macoy Lodge .....	10 00
March	2.	Lester, Lafayette Lodge .....	3 05
March	24.	Dunn, Lafayette Lodge .....	9 75
		Western Star Lodge, No. 2 .....	98 00
		Capitol Lodge, No. 3 .....	188 50
		Carry forward .....	\$371 08

Brought forward .....	\$371 08
Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4 .....	69 75
Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6 .....	71 75
Falls City Lodge, No. 9 .....	82 00
Solomon Lodge, No. 10 .....	22 50
Covert Lodge, No. 11 .....	137 50
Nebraska City Lodge, No. 12 .....	32 00
Orient Lodge, No. 13 .....	17 25
Peru Lodge, No. 14 .....	19 25
Fremont Lodge, No. 15 .....	102 25
Tecumseh Lodge, No. 17 .....	85 50
Lincoln Lodge, No. 19 .....	111 75
Washington Lodge, No. 21 .....	59 75
Pawnee Lodge, No. 23 .....	43 25
St. John Lodge, No. 25 .....	135 75
Beatrice Lodge, No. 26 .....	80 50
Jordan Lodge, No. 27 .....	29 25
Hope Lodge, No. 29 .....	54 50
Blue River Lodge, No. 30 .....	25 00
Tekamah Lodge, No. 31 .....	34 50
Platte Valley Lodge, No. 32 .....	84 50
Ashlar Lodge, No. 33 .....	122 50
Acacia Lodge, No. 34 .....	29 25
Fairbury Lodge, No. 35 .....	37 75
Lone Tree Lodge, No. 36 .....	56 50
Crete Lodge, No. 37 .....	51 00
Oliver Lodge, No. 38 .....	55 50
Humboldt Lodge, No. 40 .....	37 50
Northern Light Lodge, No. 41 .....	30 00
Juniata Lodge, No. 42 .....	68 00
Hebron Lodge, No. 43 .....	46 25
Harvard Lodge, No. 44 .....	49 00
Palmyra Lodge, No. 45 .....	13 50
Rob. Morris Lodge, No. 46 .....	72 25
Salem Lodge, No. 47 .....	33 25
Fairmont Lodge, No. 48 .....	60 50
Evening Star Lodge, No. 49 .....	52 75
Hastings Lodge, No. 50 .....	79 00
Fidelity Lodge, No. 51 .....	72 75
Hiram Lodge, No. 52 .....	20 25
Charity Lodge, No. 53 .....	65 25
Lancaster Lodge, No. 54 .....	66 25
Mosaic Lodge, No. 55 .....	27 50
York Lodge, No. 56 .....	38 50
Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 57 .....	39 25
Lebanon Lodge, No. 58 .....	57 25
Carry forward .....	\$2,951 08

Brought forward .....	\$2,951 08
Wahoo Lodge, No. 59 .....	62 75
Melrose Lodge, No. 60 .....	68 00
Thistle Lodge, No. 61 .....	32 50
Keystone Lodge, No. 62 .....	37 25
Riverton Lodge, No. 63 .....	47 00
Blue Valley Lodge, No. 64 .....	22 25
Osceola Lodge, No. 65 .....	23 00
Livingston Lodge, No. 66 .....	21 25
Edgar Lodge, No. 67 .....	39 25
Sterling Lodge, No. 70 .....	45 75
Hooper Lodge, No. 72 .....	54 75
Salem Lodge, No. 73 .....	5 00
Alexandria Lodge, No. 74 .....	20 00
Frank Welch Lodge, No. 75 .....	72 00
Albion Lodge, U. D. .....	64 75
Waco Lodge, U. D. .....	10 00
Grand Master Oakley .....	120 00
Nelson Lodge, U. D. .....	20 00
Joppa Lodge, No. 76 .....	10 00
Total .....	\$3,726 58

On motion of Bro. Bullard, thanks were voted Capitol, Covert and St. John's Lodges for the fraternal hospitality which has been enjoyed during the present session.

Past Grand Master Wheeler offered an amendment to Rule 30, imposing a fine upon Lodges failing to make the annual returns by the specified time. Bro. Kaley offered a substitute contemplating the withholding of mileage and per diem from the representatives of such Lodges. On motion of Bro. Warren, the matter was referred to a special committee for consideration, and report at the next annual communication. R. W. Bros. Warren, Bowen and Hartman were appointed such committee.

On motion of Bro. Dinsmore (49), the committee on Returns was instructed to investigate and adjust certain alleged errors in the returns of Evening Star and Edgar Lodges, reporting thereon at the next annual communication.

Bro.: Slaughter introduced the following, which were adopted :

WHEREAS, There has been manifest necessity among the craft for the careful personal supervision of the constituent Lodges; and

WHEREAS, M.:W.: Rolland H. Oakley, without any pledge or promise on his part, has personally visited almost all of the Lodges in this jurisdiction, giving much valuable time and labor in the performance of these official visitations; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to our Grand Master, Rolland H. Oakley, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office while Grand Master of Nebraska, and we most heartily indorse and commend the example of Bro.: Oakley to the careful consideration of all future Grand Masters of this jurisdiction.

The following appointments were announced and confirmed :

- Grand Chaplain .....Bro.: GEORGE SCOTT, 27.
- Grand Orator .....Bro.: SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON, 17.
- Grand Lecturer .....Bro.: HIRAM C. RIDER.
- Grand Marshal .....Bro.: CHARLES H. WILLARD, 21.
- Grand Senior Deacon .....Bro.: FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6.
- Grand Junior Deacon ... ..Bro.: JOHN J. WEMPLE, 50.
- Grand Tiler.....Bro.: JOHN McCLELLAND, 19.

Past Grand Master Wheeler, assisted by Past Grand Master Hastings, now obligated, instructed and installed the newly chosen office-bearers of the Grand Lodge, excepting the Grand Master and Grand Tiler, who were not present.

Resuming the gavel, M.:W.: Bro.: Oakley announced his intention of installing his successor, Bro.: James A. Tulleys, at the earliest moment convenient.

NOTE.—After his installation M.: W.: James A. Tulleys, Grand Master, appointed :

- Custodian First District.....Bro.: CHARLES H. WILLARD.
- “ Second “ .....Bro.: SAMUEL W. HAYES.
- “ Third “ .....Bro.: NEWTON R. PERSINGER.
- “ Fourth “ .....Bro.: JOSEPH W. McCONNELL.
- “ Fifth “ .....Bro.: GEORGE W. MOWERY.
- “ Sixth “ .....Bro.: EDWARD F. THORP.
- “ Seventh “ .....Bro.: CHARLES A. HOLMES.
- Trustee Orphan Ed'n'l Fund.....Bro.: SAMUEL W. HAYES.

The special committee (Bros.: Valentine, Bullard and Furnas) on the suggested reorganization of the present system relative to our work, asked and was granted further time.

The Grand Master appointed Bros.: Bowen, Warren and Wheeler as the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of Bro.: Thompson, 43, it was

*Resolved*, That we most cordially tender the thanks of this Grand Lodge to all the railroads of this state; also to the hotels of Omaha for favors extended; to the Lodges of Omaha, and their families especially, for their kind reception and courtesies to us as members of this Grand Lodge in connection with our present session.

Past Grand Master Furnas made the following report:

ANNUAL REPORT TRUSTEES ORPHAN SCHOOL FUND TO DATE,  
MAY 31, 1880.

The investments of the fund are the same as heretofore reported, except that due from the Grand Lodge. That was paid in full January 31, 1880, and at once reinvested.

The rate by interest on all loans, prior to January 31, 1880, was ten (10) per cent per annum, compounded when not paid at maturity. February 1, 1880, the rate of interest on all loans was reduced to eight per cent per annum; other stipulations as before.

In making reports heretofore, the original loans, with interest compounded, were shown and carried forward, making a total from date of loan to date of report, interest paid being kept and reported separate. The item in report June 1, 1879, of \$889.92 was accumulated interest paid, some on each of the loans outstanding. In this report the trustees adopt a different mode, and show the exact amount due on each loan to date of report as follows:

Amount due from Grand Lodge as per report June 1, 1879 .....	\$355 69
Interest on same to January 31, 1880, at ten per cent.....	23 76
Total to January 31, 1880 .....	\$379 45
This amount paid at that date, and reinvested at eight per cent.	
Interest on same to May 31, 1880 .....	8 50
Total to May 31, 1880.....	\$387 95
Amount loaned as per report June 1, 1879 .....	\$1,175 66
Interest on same to January 31, 1880, at ten per cent .....	78 40
Total to January 31, 1880 .....	\$1,254 06
Interest on same to May 31, 1880, eight per cent .....	33 44
Total to May 31, 1880.....	\$1,287 50



Loan made October 17, 1874, \$4,000, with balance unpaid, interest at ten per cent, to January 3, 1880.....	\$5,748 72
Interest on same to May 31, 1880, at eight per cent.....	153 84
Total to May 31, 1880.....	<u>\$5,902 56</u>
Amount loaned October 17, 1874, \$1,506.65, as shown per report 1879, with balance interest due added to date January 31, 1880, at ten per cent.....	\$1,876 17
Interest on same to May 31, 1880, at eight per cent.....	49 83
Total due to May 31, 1880.....	<u>\$1,926 00</u>
Amount loan as per report June 1, 1879 (loaned April 1, 1878)....	\$889 92
Interest on same to January 31, 1880, at ten per cent.....	195 00
Total to January 31, 1880.....	<u>\$1,084 92</u>
Interest on same to May 31, 1880, at eight per cent.....	28 93
Total to May 31, 1880.....	<u>\$1,113 85</u>

RECAPITULATION.

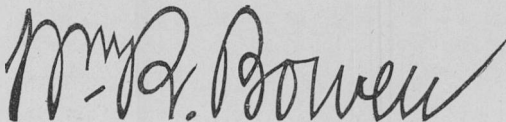
Loan No. 1 .....	\$387 95
“ “ 2 .....	1,287 50
“ “ 3 .....	5,902 56
“ “ 4 .....	1,926 00
“ “ 5 .....	1,113 85
Total fund May 31, 1880 .....	<u>\$10,597 80</u>
Fraternally submitted.	

ROBERT W. FURNAS, *Trustee.*

During the session each Lodge was, by the kindness of Past Grand Master Valentine, furnished with a copy of the “Congressional Memorial of Frank Welch, a representative from Nebraska” and our deceased Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge, with ample form, was now closed.

ROLLAND H. OAKLEY,  
*Grand Master.*



*Grand Secretary.*



PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA  
ANC. FREE AND ACC. MASONS,  
AT A  
SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT LINCOLN, JULY 7, A. L. 5880.

THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons convened in special communication at the call of the Grand Master, M. W. Rolland H. Oakley, in Masonic Hall, Lincoln, Nebraska, at eight o'clock in the evening of Wednesday, July 7, A. L. 5880, A. D. 1880, there being present:

M. W. ROLLAND H. OAKLEY.....Grand Master.  
M. W. DANIEL H. WHEELER *as*.....Grand Senior Warden.  
M. W. ALFRED G. HASTINGS *as*.....Grand Junior Warden.  
W. EBEN K. LONG *as*.....Grand Chaplain.  
R. W. CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....Grand Treasurer.  
R. W. WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....Grand Secretary.  
M. W. ROBERT W. FURNAS *as*.....Grand Marshal.  
W. JAMES M. CREAMER *as*.....Grand Senior Deacon.  
W. JOSEPH K. MARLAY *as*.....Grand Junior Deacon.  
BRO. JOHN McCLELLAND.....Grand Tiler.

And representatives from seven chartered Lodges.

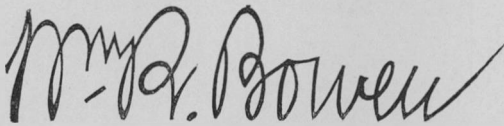
A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form.

The Grand Master stated that this communication had been ordered for the purpose of installing the Grand Master elect, Bro. James A. Tulleys, and declared the Grand Lodge open for that purpose.

It being learned that Bro.: Tulleys was in waiting, the Grand Marshal, as instructed, retired and returned with report that the Grand Master elect was ready for installation at the pleasure of the Grand Master; whereupon M.: W.: James A. Tulleys was obligated, installed and proclaimed Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska.

And the Grand Lodge was closed.

ROLLAND H. OAKLEY,  
*Grand Master.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm. R. Bowen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Grand Secretary.

*Grand Secretary.*

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA  
NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Alabama.....	Palmer J. Pillans.....	Mobile.....	May 31, 1870.
Arkansas.....	Luke E. Barber.....	Little Rock.....	March 21, 1878.
British Columbia.....	Robert P. Rithet.....		April 20, 1874.
California.....	William A. Davies.....	Stockton.....	June 2, 1873.
Canada.....	Robert Ramsay.....	Orillia.....	October 9, 1879.
Colorado.....	Henry M. Teller.....	Central City.....	April 20, 1874.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.....	April 9, 1877.
Dakota.....	George W. Kingsbury.....	Yankton.....	March 18, 1878.
Delaware.....	Daniel McClintock.....	Wilmington.....	December 11, 1869.
District of Columbia.....	John H. Russell.....	Washington.....	September 22, 1869.
Florida.....	William A. McLean.....	Jacksonville.....	February 12, 1877.
Georgia.....	Joseph E. Wells.....	Macon.....	September 22, 1869.
Idaho.....	Barton R. Hughes.....	Pioneerville.....	February 12, 1877.
Illinois.....	John M. Palmer.....	Springfield.....	
Indiana.....	Martin H. Rice.....	Indianapolis.....	
Indian Territory.....	John T. Adair.....		July 29, 1879.
Iowa.....	William E. Woodward.....	Burlington.....	March 20, 1872.
Kansas.....	Edward D. Hillyer.....	Grasshopper Falls.....	September 22, 1869.
Kentucky.....	L. D. Croninger.....	Covington.....	June 1, 1871.
Louisiana.....	Augustin B. Seger.....	New Orleans.....	March 29, 1870.
Maine.....	Edward P. Burnham.....	Saco.....	March 29, 1870.
Manitoba.....	Simon Duffin.....	Winnipeg.....	April 14, 1877.
Maryland.....	Edward J. Oppelt.....	Baltimore.....	February 12, 1877.
Michigan.....	Abraham T. Metcalf.....	Kalamazoo.....	January 17, 1874.
Minnesota.....	J. E. Finch.....	Hastings.....	
Missouri.....	Charles F. Vogel.....	St. Louis.....	June 3, 1877.
Montana.....	Henry M. Parchen.....	Helena.....	April 9, 1877.
Nevada.....	Charles E. Laughton.....	Carson.....	November 20, 1876.
New Brunswick.....	William Wedderburn.....	St. John.....	January 1, 1873.
New Hampshire.....	Alpheus W. Baker.....	Lebanon.....	March 18, 1878.
New Jersey.....	Charles Bechtel.....	Trenton.....	September 22, 1869.
New Mexico.....	Cornelius Cosgrove.....		April 7, 1879.
New York.....	Robert M. C. Graham.....	New York city.....	April 9, 1877.
North Carolina.....	James B. Batchelor.....	Raleigh.....	
Nova Scotia.....	George Frazier.....	Halifax.....	
Ohio.....	Robert Gwynn.....	Cincinnati.....	
Prince Edward's Isl'd.....	John Muirhead.....	Charlottetown.....	March 21, 1877.
Rhode Island.....	Edward L. Freeman.....	Providence.....	April 17, 1877.
Scotland.....	George McLean.....	Edinburgh.....	May 23, 1878.
South Carolina.....	Augustine T. Smythe.....	Charleston.....	March 20, 1877.
Tennessee.....	James O. Connor.....	Jackson.....	August 2, 1869.
Texas.....	Joseph D. Sayers.....	Bastrop (c. h.).....	March 20, 1877.
Utah.....	Thomas E. Clohecy.....	Salt Lake City.....	November 3, 1875.
Washington Territory.....	James Biles.....	Turnwater.....	June 3, 1873.
West Virginia.....	B. F. Martin.....	Pruntytown.....	
Wisconsin.....	Merrick P. Wing.....	La Crosse.....	April 9, 1877.
Wyoming.....	William G. Tonn.....	Evanston.....	March 20, 1877.

NOTE.—Information is desired wherewith to fill the blanks in the foregoing statement.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE  
GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

GRAND LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVE.	ADDRESS.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.
Alabama	James W. Chaddock	Nebraska City	September 22, 1869.
Arkansas	Samuel W. Hayes	Norfolk	March 6, 1878.
British Columbia	William Adair	Dakota City	May 12, 1874.
California	Orasmus H. Irish	Nebraska City	May 20, 1874.
Canada	Robert C. Jordan	Grand Island	August 1, 1878.
Colorado	Josiah B. Redfield	Omaha	May 11, 1874.
Connecticut	Alfred G. Hastings	Lincoln	February 20, 1877.
Dakota	Gustavus Stevenson	Omaha	February 25, 1878.
Delaware	Edwin A. Allen	Omaha	December 1, 1869.
District of Columbia	Charles F. Catlin	Omaha	September 18, 1869.
Florida	Hiram C. Rider	Crete	February 1, 1877.
France	Robert R. Livingston	Plattsmouth	September 30, 1869.
Georgia	H. O. Hanna	Falls City	September 15, 1869.
Idaho	James A. Tulleys	Red Cloud	February 1, 1877.
Illinois	George H. Thummel	Grand Island	September 2, 1872.
Indiana	Harry P. Deuel	Omaha	September 8, 1869.
Indian Territory	Bradner D. Slaughter	Fullerton	August 4, 1879.
Iowa	Robert W. Furnas	Brownville	March 15, 1872.
Kansas	Robert C. Jordan	Grand Island	
Kentucky	J. N. Wise	Plattsmouth	September 14, 1870.
Louisiana	J. N. Wise	Plattsmouth	October 25, 1869.
Maine	N. S. Harding	Nebraska City	December 1, 1869.
Manitoba	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	March 24, 1877.
Maryland	George Armstrong	Omaha	February 2, 1877.
Michigan	Daniel H. Wheeler	Plattsmouth	January 3, 1870.
Minnesota	Robert C. Jordan	Grand Island	
Missouri	J. N. Wise	Plattsmouth	August 17, 1869.
Mississippi	J. M. Burks	Nebraska City	December 31, 1869.
Montana	Charles F. Goodman	Omaha	August 14, 1878.
Nevada	James R. Reed	Tekamah	February 14, 1870.
New Brunswick	Edwin A. Allen	Omaha	September 22, 1869.
New Hampshire	Frank W. Hayes	Fremont	February 8, 1879.
New Jersey	James R. Cain	Falls City	September 24, 1878.
New Mexico	Henry E. Palmer	Plattsmouth	April 25, 1879.
New York	Robert R. Livingston	Plattsmouth	September 13, 1869.
North Carolina	Robert W. Furnas	Brownville	September 20, 1869.
Nova Scotia	Charles F. Catlin	Omaha	June 10, 1871.
Ohio	Robert W. Furnas	Brownville	September 10, 1869.
Oregon	Henry Brown	Nebraska City	
Prince Edward's Isl'd	William H. Platt	Grand Island	February 19, 1877.
Rhode Island	William M. Knapp	York	April 9, 1877.
Scotland			
South Carolina	George C. Betts	Omaha	October 22, 1869.
Tennessee	J. N. Wise	Plattsmouth	June 24, 1869.
Texas	Martin Dunham	Omaha	February 22, 1877.
Utah	George B. Graff	Omaha	December 5, 1872.
Vermont	William R. Bowen	Omaha	June 13, 1877.
Virginia	William E. Hill	Nebraska City	October 21, 1879.
Washington Territory	Charles A. Holmes	Tecumseh	February 15, 1877.
West Virginia	Henry T. Davis	Lincoln	October 12, 1866.
Wisconsin	Alexander Atkinson	Omaha	January 29, 1877.
Wyoming	Rolland H. Oakley	Lincoln	March 7, 1877.

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

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Luke E. Barber	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Edgar C. Baker	Victoria.
California	Alex. G. Abell	San Francisco.
Canada	John J. Mason	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmalee	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Elk Point.
Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	William R. Singleton	Washington.
England	Shadwell H. Clerke	London.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	J. Emmet Blackshear	Macon.
Idaho	L. F. Carter	Boise City.
Illinois	John F. Burrill	Springfield.
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	W. A. McBride	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Iowa City.
Ireland	Sam'l B. Oldham, Deputy Gr. Sec.	Dublin.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Millersburg.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Tracy P. Cheever	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	Azariah T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.
New Brunswick	William F. Bunting	St. John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico	David J. Miller	Santa Fe.
New York	James M. Austin	New York.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren	Halifax.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	Irving W. Pratt	Portland.
Pennsylvania	John Thomson	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward's Island	George W. Wakeford	Charlottetown.
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	George H. Bringham	Houston.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry Clark	Rutland.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	Odell S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	William G. Tonn	Evanson.

THIS PAGE IS INSCRIBED TO THE MEMORY OF OUR  
BELOVED BRETHERN WHO ARE

*At Rest.*

NAME.	LODGE.	NO.	DATE OF DEATH.
W. B. ARDERY.....	Nebraska .....	1.....	March —, '80.
ENOS LOWE .....	Capitol .....	3.....	Feb. 12, '80.
SAMUEL S. HINKLE .....	Plattsmouth .....	6.....	July 4, '79.
JAMES CAMERON.....	Falls City.....	9.....	Oct. 22, '79.
IRA T. HASKELL.....	Covert.....	11.....	April 11, '80.
WYMAN KENT .....	Peru .....	14.....	Dec. 28, '79.
JUDSON P. LEGG .....	Fremont.....	15.....	Sept. 23, '79.
JOSEPH LAMBERTSON.....	Fremont.....	15.....	March 11, '80.
WILLIAM H. H. MOORE .....	Lincoln .....	19.....	Feb. 23, '80.
JOSEPH HUNTER .....	Lincoln .....	19.....	March 17, '80.
ROBERT STORY .....	Rock Bluff .....	20.....	—, '—.
JOHN A. GRAHAM.....	Washington .....	21.....	Nov. —, '79.
JOHN CARRIGAN .....	Washington .....	21.....	April 13, '80.
ORAN C. PECK .....	Beatrice .....	26.....	Dec. 27, '79.
PAUL HAILMAN.....	Beatrice .....	26.....	—, '—.
GEORGE ROSE .....	Lone Tree .....	36.....	March 16, '80.
WILLIAM H. BATES .....	Oliver .....	38.....	—, '—.
RUDOLPH VERTISKER.....	Humboldt .....	40.....	Dec. 31, '79.
WALTER McMILLEN .....	Juniata.....	42.....	—, '79.
ALEXANDER L. LAMONT.....	Evening Star .....	49.....	Ang. 13, '79.
ROBERT L. McCUNE.....	Charity .....	53.....	June 20, '79.
FRANK SCRIBNER.....	Lancaster .....	54.....	April —, '80.
JAMES L. REYNOLDS .....	Riverton .....	63.....	April 7, '80.



## ROLL OF LODGES,

APRIL 30, 5880.

### NEBRASKA LODGE, NO. 1, BELLEVUE, SARPY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or preceding the full moon each month.

SEAL — Master's apron, with square and compasses laid thereon.

#### OFFICERS.

Frank E. Caldwell, Master.	William F. Martin, Secretary.
Joseph M. Whitted, Senior Warden.	David Leach, Senior Deacon.
George Clifton, Junior Warden.	George Johnson, Junior Deacon.
William Robinson, Treasurer.	Silas B. Bachelder, Tiler.

### WESTERN STAR LODGE, NO. 2, NEBRASKA CITY, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday evening on or before the full moon.

#### OFFICERS.

William E. Hill, Master.	Edwin F. Warren, Secretary.
Charles F. Rice, Senior Warden.	Edward F. Thorpe, Senior Deacon.
Henry Brown, Junior Warden.	George Barley, Junior Deacon.
Sylvester J. Faris, Treasurer.	John S. Place, Tiler.

### CAPITOL LODGE, NO. 3, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Monday evening in each calendar month.

SEAL — The square and compasses, radiant, surrounding the letter "G," and surmounted by a small six-pointed star.

#### OFFICERS.

Stephen K. Jackson, Master.	Richard T. Hume, Senior Deacon.
Louis H. Korty, Senior Warden.	John Bamford, Junior Deacon.
Parley M. Hartson, Junior Warden.	John McBride, Senior Steward.
Myer Hellman, Treasurer.	Jacob Samler, Junior Steward.
William R. Bowen, Secretary.	Jacob King, Tiler.

### NEMAHA VALLEY LODGE, NO. 4, BROWNVILLE, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before the full of the moon.

SEAL — Square and compasses, with rays surrounded by the words Nemaha Valley Lodge, No. 4, and two stars.

#### OFFICERS.

John J. Mercer, Master.	Alfred G. Burnette, Senior Deacon.
Andrew R. Davison, Senior Warden.	Thomas Perry, Junior Deacon.
Benjamin F. Souder, Junior Warden.	Robert W. Furnas, Senior Steward.
Mathew A. Handley, Treasurer.	Jas. C. McNaughton, Junior Steward.
David Campbell, Secretary.	James Cochran, Tiler.

## OMADI LODGE, NO. 5, DAKOTA CITY, DAKOTA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before the full moon.

SEAL — Square and compasses, surrounded by Omadi Lodge, No. 5, Dakota, Nebraska.

## OFFICERS.

William Adair, Master.	A. H. Baker, Secretary.
W. C. McBeath, Senior Warden.	G. W. Wilkinson, Senior Deacon.
William Cheney, Junior Warden.	G. W. Packer, Junior Deacon.
T. L. Griffey, Treasurer.	S. Harder, Tiler.

## PLATTSMOUTH LODGE, NO. 6, PLATTSMOUTH, CASS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Monday evenings of each calendar month.

SEAL — Square and compasses.

## OFFICERS.

J. Finlay Johnson, Master.	Arlington O. Ashley, Senior Deacon.
Robert Ballance, Senior Warden.	Charles Marshall, Junior Deacon.
Albert D. Despain, Junior Warden.	Eugene H. Sage, Senior Steward.
John W. Marshall, Treasurer.	Julius Pepperberg, Junior Steward.
Daniel H. Wheeler, Secretary.	James Pailing, Tiler.

## SUMMIT LODGE, NO. 7, PARKVILLE, COLORADO.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado.)

## DECATUR LODGE, NO. 7, DECATUR.

(Charter surrendered.)

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE, NO. 8, GOLD HILL, COLORADO.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Colorado.)

## COLUMBUS LODGE, NO. 8, COLUMBUS.

(Charter surrendered.)

## FALLS CITY LODGE, NO. 9, FALLS CITY, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or after each full moon.

SEAL — An apron inscribed in a circle. The word "Chartered" above the apron. The words "Falls City Lodge" upon the bib. No. 9, A. F. &amp; A. M., Falls City, Nebraska, upon apron proper, etc.

## OFFICERS.

R. L. Henderson, Master.	Milton W. Musselman, Senior Deacon.
Wilson M. Maddox, Senior Warden.	A. J. Jones, Junior Deacon.
J. F. Hinton, Junior Warden.	Albert Dickerson, Senior Steward.
Levi N. Korner, Treasurer.	Barton C. Metz, Junior Steward.
W. H. Payne, Secretary.	John Fikes, Tiler.

SOLOMON LODGE, NO. 10, FORT CALHOUN, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each month.

SEAL—Square and compasses.

OFFICERS.

Newton Clark, Master.	John B. Kuony, Secretary.
E. N. Grenell, Senior Warden.	L. M. D. Vaughn, Senior Deacon.
Austin W. Beales, Junior Warden.	J. S. Riddler, Junior Deacon.
Lorenzo Crouse, Treasurer.	Henry Schutt, Tiler.

COVERT LODGE, NO. 11, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Wednesday evening of each month.

SEAL—Mosaic pavement.

OFFICERS.

James S. France, Master.	Laughlin F. Maginn, Senior Deacon.
Gustave Anderson, Senior Warden.	Daniel S. Benton, Junior Deacon.
Charles K. Coutant, Junior Warden.	Neils Seiro, Senior Steward.
James S. Gibson, Treasurer.	Alex. B. Rogers, Junior Steward.
W. Irving Baker, Secretary.	William J. Mount, Tiler.

NEBRASKA CITY LODGE, NO. 12, NEBRASKA CITY, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday evening on or before the full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

James B. Northcutt, Master.	Wm. F. N. Houser, Secretary.
Robert M. Hill, Senior Warden.	James W. Chaddock, Senior Deacon.
David R. Thompson, Junior Warden.	Charles B. Bickel, Junior Deacon.
George M. Brinker, Treasurer.	Casper Lauer, Tiler.

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 13, RULO, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Monday on or before the full moon.

OFFICERS.

Tyler C. Hoyt, Master.	D. Randolph, Secretary.
Z. J. Parsons, Senior Warden.	George Bowker, Senior Deacon.
Isaac H. Jones, Junior Warden.	Dudly Vanvolkenburg, Junior Deacon.
Jacob Shaff, Treasurer.	M. D. Simpson, Tiler.

## PERU LODGE, NO. 14, PERU, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

## OFFICERS.

John H. Miller, Master.	John H. F. Scott, Secretary.
Orsa P. Root, Senior Warden.	Daniel C. Cole, Senior Deacon.
Geo. W. Haywood, Junior Warden.	Thomas S. Horn, Junior Deacon.
Ben. W. Knott, Treasurer.	Jacob Zaring, Senior Steward.
John Pollistine, Tiler.	

## FREMONT LODGE, NO. 15, FREMONT, DODGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday of each month and December 27.

## OFFICERS.

James H. Crabbs, Master.	David M. Welty, Senior Deacon.
Wm. D. Thomas, Senior Warden.	Lucius D. Richards, Junior Deacon.
Minor H. Hinman, Junior Warden.	Arthur Gibson, Senior Steward.
Allen Marshall, Treasurer.	Thomas Frahm, Junior Steward.
G. W. D. Reynolds, Secretary.	Joel A. Green, Tiler.

## EUREKA LODGE, NO. 16, ARAGO, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

(Charter surrendered.)

## TECUMSEH LODGE, NO. 17, TECUMSEH, JOHNSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Saturday in each month.

SEAL—Square and compasses.

## OFFICERS.

Samuel P. Davidson, Master.	Edwin R. Wright, Senior Deacon.
Henry Muhlenbrook, Senior Warden.	Titus V. Hare, Junior Deacon.
Alfred Canfield, Junior Warden.	R. G. Work, Senior Steward.
Joseph W. Buffum, Treasurer.	C. R. Bryant, Junior Steward.
Wm. Louis Dunlap, Secretary.	John Auman, Tiler.

## ASHLAND LODGE, NO. 18, ASHLAND, SAUNDERS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Friday of each month.

(No return received.)

## LINCOLN LODGE, NO. 19, LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Alfred G. Hastings, Master.	Lucien B. Treeman, Secretary.
Thomas Sewell, Senior Warden.	Lee P. Gillette, Senior Deacon.
Alfred L. Palmer, Junior Warden.	Oliver W. Littler, Junior Deacon.
Charles M. Leighton, Treasurer.	John McClelland, Tiler.

ROCK BLUFF LODGE, NO. 20, ROCK BLUFFS, CASS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday evening, on or before the full moon, in each month.

SEAL — The open Book of Constitutions, square and compasses resting thereon.

OFFICERS.

S. C. Patterson, Master.	R. H. Fitch, Secretary.
Michael Archer, Senior Warden.	J. L. Trussell, Senior Deacon.
J. M. Cole, Junior Warden.	G. W. Shrades, Junior Deacon.
J. M. Patterson, Treasurer.	H. Allen, Tiler.

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 21, BLAIR, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Tuesday in each month.

SEAL — Letter "G," inclosed in square and compasses, the whole surrounded by Washington Lodge, No. 21, A.F. and A.M., chartered June 24, 1868, Blair, Nebraska.

OFFICERS.

Charles H. Willard, Master.	Richard Allberry, Senior Deacon.
Luther W. Norton, Senior Warden.	William L. Handy, Junior Deacon.
Berea M. Willsey, Junior Warden.	Sanford C. West, Senior Steward.
Silas H. Fawcett, Treasurer.	Julius Kegler, Junior Steward.
Edward C. Jackson, Secretary.	Henry Newell, Tiler.

MACOY LODGE, NO. 22, PLATTSMOUTH, CASS COUNTY.

(Charter surrendered.)

PAWNEE LODGE, NO. 23, PAWNEE CITY, PAWNEE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Tuesday on or before the full moon.

SEAL — Plain square and compasses, crossed, and locality of Lodge.

(Return contains no report of officers.)

LAFAYETTE LODGE, NO. 24, GRANT, NEMAHA COUNTY.

(Charter surrendered.)

ST. JOHNS LODGE, NO. 25, OMAHA, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Thursday in each month.

James B. Bruner, Master.	Isaac Tompsett, Senior Deacon.
Thomas Nolan, Senior Warden.	Gustav Andreen, Junior Deacon.
Michael Coady, Junior Warden.	Geo. E. Stratman, Senior Steward.
John G. Jacobs, Treasurer.	Francis A. Bradbury, Junior Steward.
John J. Points, Secretary.	Patrick Coyle, Tiler.

## BEATRICE LODGE, NO. 26, BEATRICE, GAGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Saturday in each month.

SEAL—In the center "G," surrounded by "Faith, Hope, Charity." A. F. and A. M. (outer circle). Beatrice Lodge, No. 26, Beatrice, Gage county, Nebraska.

## OFFICERS.

Delanzo A. Walden, Master.	Oliver M. Enlow, Senior Deacon.
William P. Fisher, Senior Warden.	Joseph Yohe, Junior Deacon.
Walter D. Hill, Junior Warden.	William H. Lamb, Senior Steward.
William Lamb, Treasurer.	William Heikes, Junior Steward.
Henry N. Blake, Secretary.	David Gudtner, Tiler.

## JORDAN LODGE, NO. 27, WEST POINT, NEBRASKA, CUMING COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

SEAL—Square, compasses and letter "G" in the center, encircled by "Jordan Lodge, No. 27, A. F. and A. M., West Point, Nebraska." Letters between in and outside circle not distinguishable, it having been in the fire.

## OFFICERS.

George W. Scott, Master.	Florando E. Krause, Secretary.
Jesse Nason, Senior Warden.	H. Wilgohs, Senior Deacon.
Wm. Bockenhouer, Junior Warden.	Arch. Robertson, Junior Deacon.
A. D. Beemer, Treasurer.	E. Briggs, Tiler.

## WYOMING LODGE, NO. 28, SOUTH PASS CITY, WYOMING TERRITORY.

(Transferred to Grand Lodge of Wyoming.)

## HOPE LODGE, NO. 29, NEMAHA CITY, NEMAHA COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before the full of the moon.

SEAL—Square and compass, with "G" in center, and name, number and location of Lodge on the margin.

## OFFICERS.

I. P. King, Master.	VanNess Griffin, Senior Deacon.
L. M. Weddel, Senior Warden.	H. C. Christie, Junior Deacon.
J. Bolyjack, Junior Warden.	A. L. P. Thompson, Senior Steward.
H. A. Brand, Treasurer.	Wm. Hawxly, Junior Steward.
J. W. Culp, Secretary.	J. C. Harless, Tiler.

BLUE RIVER LODGE, NO. 30, MILFORD, SEWARD COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Thursday on or before the full of the moon, monthly.

SEAL — Chain border with a slight raise inside ; then the words " Blue River Lodge, No. 30, A. F. . and A. M. ., Seward county, Nebraska ;" then a small chain ; then the word " Milford " over the square and compasses. In the centre is the letter " G."

OFFICERS.

Charles M. Turner, Master.	Hiram A. Brisben, Senior Deacon.
Pliny E. Dinsmore, Senior Warden.	Geo. W. Brandon, Junior Deacon.
Abram Courtright, Junior Warden.	Samuel H. Biggs, Senior Steward.
John A. Raymer, Treasurer.	Osian J. Gowey, Junior Steward.
Elisha Courtright, Secretary.	John F. Haverstock, Tiler.

TEKAMAH LODGE, NO. 31, TEKAMAH, BURT COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before full moon of each month.

SEAL — Round die, with " Tekamah Lodge, No. 31, Tekamah, Neb.," and square and compasses, with the letter " G " and " A. F. . and A. M. ."

OFFICERS.

William H. Marshall, Master.	Melville R. Hopewell, Senior Deacon.
William B. Roberts, Senior Warden.	Myron H. Morehouse, Junior Deacon.
James P. Latta, Junior Warden.	J. R. Reed, Senior Steward.
Austin Nelson, Treasurer.	William L. Pierce, Junior Steward.
James R. Sutherland, Secretary.	James E. Hildreth, Tiler.

PLATTE VALLEY LODGE, NO. 32, NORTH PLATTE, LINCOLN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Tuesday of each month.

SEAL — Square and compasses, with " G " in centre.

OFFICERS.

Joseph H. McConnell, Master.	Samuel Goozee, Secretary.
Frank E. Bullard, Senior Warden.	Edwin Todd, Junior Deacon.
Alexander Adams, Junior Warden.	Frederick H. Longley, Sr. Steward.
Charles McDonald, Treasurer,	Frederick N. Dick, Junior Steward.
	Albert Marsh, Tiler.

ASHLAR LODGE, NO. 33, GRAND ISLAND, HALL COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Thursday in each month.

SEAL — The letter " G."

OFFICERS.

Robert C. Jordan, Master.	Fred. A. Sears, Senior Deacon.
David Ackerman, Jr., Senior Warden.	J. Edward Meth, Junior Deacon.
Charles L. Howell, Junior Warden.	Joseph Kilian, Senior Steward.
Edward Hooper, Treasurer.	Patrick Dunphy, Junior Steward.
Dittmer H. Vieths, Secretary.	Benjamin Berry, Tiler.

## ACACIA LODGE, NO. 34, SCHUYLER, COLFAX COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Thursday in each month.

SEAL — A sprig of acacia.

## OFFICERS.

Homer Holcomb, Master.	Charles E. Sumner, Senior Deacon.
George H. Wells, Senior Warden.	Charles J. Phelps, Junior Deacon.
Theron W. Whitman, Jr. Warden.	Charles C. Cannon, Senior Steward.
William H. Sumner, Treasurer.	Charles A. Morian, Junior Steward.
Thomas B. Crewitt, Secretary.	Frank Faulkner, Tiler.

## FAIRBURY LODGE, NO. 35, FAIRBURY, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Monday evenings of each month.

SEAL — Virgin weeping over a broken column.

## OFFICERS.

George Cross, Master.	T. J. Kirk, Senior Deacon.
F. A. Morey, Senior Warden.	Alexander Bennedict, Junior Deacon.
Robert Christian, Junior Warden.	T. T. Berry, Senior Steward.
R. A. Kennedy, Treasurer.	Samuel G. Thomas, Junior Steward.
M. P. Fallis, Secretary.	Robert Brock, Tiler.

## LONE TREE LODGE, NO. 36, CENTRAL CITY, MERRICK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETINGS — First and third Saturdays in each month.

SEAL — Square and compasses suspended over a tree.

## OFFICERS.

Newton R. Persinger, Master.	Bell E. Berryman, Secretary.
Wesley J. Sparks, Senior Warden.	James G. Holden, Senior Deacon.
John J. Fisher, Junior Warden.	Absalom Fouts, Junior Deacon.
James Verigg, Treasurer.	Henry McCarn, Tiler.

## CRETE LODGE, NO. 37, CRETE, SALINE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Friday of each month.

SEAL — The All-Seeing Eye, radiant, above a lamb.

## OFFICERS.

Hiram C. Rider, Master.	Horace S. Fuller, Senior Deacon.
John L. Tidball, Senior Warden.	John Lanham, Junior Deacon.
Ithamar T. Benjamin, Jr. Warden.	R. L. Cornwell, Senior Steward.
William T. Buchanan, Treasurer.	James Gallaher, Junior Steward.
Edward Healey, Secretary.	C. L. Beers, Tiler.



OLIVER LODGE, NO. 38, SEWARD, SEWARD COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday evening on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL—All-Seeing Eye, radiant, above a slipper surrounded by a cable-tow.

OFFICERS.

Peter J. Goodrich, Master.	George W. Whiting, Senior Deacon.
Joseph W. Dupin, Senior Warden.	Albert J. Williams, Junior Deacon.
Levi D. Bates, Junior Warden.	Richard S. Norval, Senior Steward.
West B. Barrett, Treasurer.	Thomas E. Sander, Junior Steward.
James D. Edwards, Secretary.	Robert McCrosson, Tiler.

PAPILLION LODGE, NO. 39, PAPILLION, SARPY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday evening on or before each full moon.

SEAL—A level crossed by a square, center to center, erect.

(No return received.)

HUMBOLDT LODGE, NO. 40, HUMBOLDT, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Thursday on or before full moon of each month.

SEAL—Square and compasses, and letter "G" in the center.

OFFICERS.

William W. Turk, Master.	Henry A. Scott, Senior Deacon.
Charles E. Nims, Senior Warden.	Walter H. Chapman, Junior Deacon.
Gustavus A. Acken, Junior Warden.	Jacob A. McDougall, Senior Steward.
Spencer M. Hillebert, Treasurer.	George M. Filson, Junior Steward.
Edgar S. Norton, Secretary.	James Songer, Tiler.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE, NO. 41, STANTON, STANTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Wednesday in each month.

SEAL—The All-seeing Eye, radiant, above the Book of Constitution, guided by the Tiler's sword.

OFFICERS.

Lewis Ley, Master.	Adam C. Lomer, Senior Deacon.
John A. Ehrhardt, Senior Warden.	Sam'l S. Canfield, Junior Deacon.
Julius Poessnicker, Junior Warden.	Alex. M. McFarland, Senior Steward.
Henry C. Sharp, Treasurer.	James McKinsey, Junior Steward.
Steven B. Muchmore, Secretary.	Herbert Goldsmith, Tiler.

JUNIATA LODGE, NO. 42, JUNIATA, ADAMS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Monday evening on or before full of moon.

OFFICERS.

B. E. Swift, Jr., Master.	F. M. Thompson, Senior Deacon.
A. I. Adams, Senior Warden.	J. H. Spencer, Junior Deacon.
E. J. Hanchett, Junior Warden.	Pliny Allen, Senior Steward.
H. H. Guild, Treasurer.	George Laher, Junior Steward.
S. J. Shirley, Secretary.	G. S. Guild, Tiler.

## HEBRON LODGE, NO. 43, HEBRON, THAYER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturday evenings of each month.

SEAL—Compass and square, radiant, surmounted with inscription, "Chartered June 18th, 1873."

## OFFICERS.

Edward S. Past, Master.	James Dinsmore, Senior Deacon.
Walter J. Thompson, Senior Warden.	John J. Malowney, Junior Deacon.
J. M. Fitchpatrick, Junior Warden.	Wm. D. Church, Senior Steward.
Charles B. Coon, Treasurer.	Stephen Spokesfield, Junior Steward.
W. B. Hughes, Secretary.	John G. Rice, Tiler.

## HARVARD LODGE, NO. 44, HARVARD, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Tuesdays of each month.

SEAL—Circle within a circle, square and compasses, with letter "G" in center; Harvard Lodge, No. 44, A. F. &amp; A. M. outside of center circle.

## OFFICERS.

W. J. Turner, Master.	E. Brown, Senior Deacon.
Wilber Allen, Senior Warden.	J. B. Spotts, Junior Deacon.
S. W. Harney, Junior Warden.	S. C. Sloat, Senior Steward.
J. D. Bain, Treasurer.	C. D. Moore, Junior Steward.
L. B. Munger, Secretary.	E. P. Davison, Tiler.

## PALMYRA LODGE, NO. 45, PALMYRA, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday in every month, on or before full moon.

## OFFICERS.

J. Oscar Moore, Master.	W. Durant Page, Secretary.
Dwight Wait, Senior Warden.	William S. White, Senior Deacon.
John Noble, Junior Warden.	John Trammerhauser, Junior Deacon.
Isaac N. Foster, Treasurer.	Joseph Rudge, Tiler.

## ROB. MORRIS LODGE, NO. 46, KEARNEY, BUFFALO COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Wednesday of each month.

SEAL—A shield bearing an hour-glass, partly surrounded on right by a scythe; for a crest, a winged globe.

## OFFICERS.

Henry Gibbons, Master.	S. S. St. John, Senior Deacon.
Thomas Downing, Senior Warden.	Z. W. Taylor, Junior Deacon.
Reuben E. Barney, Junior Warden.	R. L. Downing, Senior Steward.
Simon C. Ayer, Treasurer.	J. M. Frantz, Junior Steward.
Wesley F. Marsh, Secretary.	Frank Pingre, Tiler.

SALEM LODGE, NO. 47, SALEM, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

SEAL—Square and compasses enclosing five-pointed star, with the raised letter "G."

OFFICERS.

Myron H. Felt, Master.	Cassius C. Kenny, Secretary.
Hezekiah B. Gist, Senior Warden.	Samuel H. Bayne, Senior Deacon.
Oliver W. Dunning, Junior Warden.	Hugh Q. Staver, Junior Deacon.
Geo. W. Baker, Treasurer.	Joshua Vandervort, Tiler.

FAIRMOUNT LODGE, NO. 48, FAIRMOUNT, FILLMORE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

SEAL—A certain point within a circle embroidered by two perpendicular parallel lines supporting the Book of Constitutions.

OFFICERS.

Calvin B. Webber, Master.	John Barsly, Senior Deacon.
Virgil A. Stuart, Senior Warden.	Chas. H. Kittridge, Junior Deacon.
S. H. Oldham, Junior Warden.	Henry Lee, Senior Steward.
Daniel A. Philips, Treasurer.	Joseph J. Bock, Junior Steward.
Albanus S. Powel, Secretary.	Ebenezer Milner, Tiler.

EVENING STAR LODGE, NO. 49, SUTTON, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Thursdays in each month.

SEAL—A five-pointed star, bearing the imprint of the letter "G."

OFFICERS.

John B. Dinsmore, Master.	Arthur Burlingame, Senior Deacon.
Robert G. Brown, Senior Warden.	Paul Braitsch, Junior Deacon.
Martin V. B. Clark, Junior Warden.	Kersey T. Jones, Senior Steward.
George Honey, Treasurer.	Russell G. Merrill, Junior Steward.
John E. Bayley, Secretary.	William T. Pawson, Tiler.

HASTINGS LODGE, NO. 50, HASTINGS, ADAMS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—The third Saturday evening in each month.

OFFICERS.

John J. Wemple, Master.	George W. Mowery, Senior Deacon.
Fred J. Benedict, Senior Warden.	William M. Cline, Junior Deacon.
John W. Ragan, Junior Warden.	Jacob S. Wolback, Senior Steward.
Charles K. Lawson, Treasurer.	Harry B. Borley, Junior Steward.
Emanuel Steinau, Secretary.	John C. M. Spencer, Tiler.

## FIDELITY LODGE, NO. 51, DAVID CITY, BUTLER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL — All-seeing Eye, radiant, above the square and compasses.

## OFFICERS.

G. Hial Peebles, Master.	Seth Raymond, Senior Deacon.
Benjamin F. Rolph, Senior Warden.	Charles B. Churchill, Junior Deacon.
Thornton B. Myers, Junior Warden.	John F. Myers, Senior Steward.
William G. Boston, Treasurer.	Morris J. Jones, Junior Steward.
Arthur J. Evans, Secretary.	John Merchant, Tiler.

## HIRAM LODGE, NO. 52, BELL CREEK, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL — The plumb.

## OFFICERS.

Joseph C. Blackburn, Master.	Thomas J. Charles, Senior Deacon.
John Hammang, Senior Warden.	Henri A. Crist, Junior Deacon.
Joseph Hammang, Junior Warden.	William R. Turner, Senior Steward.
John A. Unthank, Treasurer.	Samuel G. Glover, Junior Steward.
William V. Miller, Secretary.	Peter Hammang, Tiler.

## CHARITY LODGE, NO. 53, RED CLOUD, WEBSTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before full moon.

SEAL — An open hand.

## OFFICERS.

Richard L. Tinker, Master.	John P. Bayha, Secretary.
Jacob L. Miller, Senior Warden.	James Calvert, Senior Deacon.
John R. Wilcox, Junior Warden.	John G. Potter, Junior Deacon.
William N. Richardson, Treasurer.	George W. Ball, Tiler.

## LANCASTER LODGE, NO. 54, LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Friday in each month.

SEAL — Trowel crossed by a gavel.

## OFFICERS.

J. M. Creamer, Master.	W. H. H. Dunn, Secretary.
John McManigal, Senior Warden.	L. M. Hupert, Senior Deacon.
C. H. Willard, Junior Warden.	D. B. Howard, Junior Deacon.
T. S. Ganter, Treasurer.	John McClelland, Tiler.

MOSAIC LODGE, NO. 55, NORFOLK, MADISON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Tuesday evening in every calendar month.

SEAL — A heraldic shield, checker *argent*, *azure* bordered crest, bearing a sheaf of wheat or for a crest, figures 5875 alluding to date of charter.

OFFICERS.

William H. Lowe, Master.	Fred E. Hardy, Senior Deacon.
Wm. H. Wideman, Senior Warden.	Charles Eble, Junior Deacon.
John C. Ransdell, Junior Warden.	Alexander Bear, Senior Steward.
Andrew N. McGinnis, Treasurer.	George N. Beals, Junior Steward.
Wayman J. Crow, Secretary.	Horace B. Tyrrell, Tiler.

YORK LODGE, NO. 56, YORK, YORK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Friday of each month.

OFFICERS.

William M. Knapp, Master.	John E. Cartes, Senior Deacon.
David T. Moore, Senior Warden.	James H. Tyson, Junior Deacon.
James A. McKillip, Junior Warden.	Clinton C. Cobb, Senior Steward.
Charles Le Count, Treasurer.	Andrew Rowley, Junior Steward.
David E. Sayre, Secretary.	Samuel M. McConnaughey, Tiler.

MT. MORIAH LODGE, NO. 57, SYRACUSE, OTOE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Thursday on or before full of the moon.

OFFICERS.

J. M. Parry, Master.	F. E. Brown, Secretary.
L. E. Sinsabaugh, Senior Warden.	G. W. McKee, Senior Deacon.
C. B. Page, Junior Warden.	C. D. Waldo, Junior Deacon.
Josiah Rogers, Treasurer.	H. F. Price, Tiler.

LEBANON LODGE, NO. 58, COLUMBUS, PLATT COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Second Wednesday of each month.

SEAL — The three peaks represent the three members of the Masters, also the Mountains of Lebanon. The cedars represent name of our Lodge, also the evergreen with its peculiar significance.

OFFICERS.

R. H. Henry, Master.	H. P. Coolidge, Senior Deacon.
C. A. Spicer, Senior Warden.	I. J. Slattery, Junior Deacon.
J. D. Brewer, Junior Warden.	J. W. Early, Senior Steward.
J. P. Becker, Treasurer.	J. Rasmussen, Junior Steward.
Gus G. Becher, Secretary.	M. Weaver, Tiler.

## WAHOO LODGE, NO. 59, WAHOO, SAUNDERS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon and second Saturday thereafter.

## OFFICERS.

M. B. Ruse, Master.	J. C. Palsley, Senior Deacon.
J. N. Davis, Senior Warden.	B. F. Graham, Junior Deacon.
F. P. McCutchan, Junior Warden.	J. F. Hecht, Senior Steward.
E. Pickett, Treasurer.	John Gaskin, Junior Steward.
N. H. Bell, Secretary.	J. H. Miller, Tiler.

## MELROSE LODGE, NO. 60, ORLEANS, HARLAN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday evening on or before full moon.

SEAL—Altar with Holy Bible, square and compasses, with clasped hands above.

## OFFICERS.

David E. Bomgardner, Master.	A. C. Robbins, Senior Deacon.
Wickliff Newell, Senior Warden.	Judson A. Palmer, Junior Deacon.
T. H. Manning, Junior Warden.	A. K. Crawford, Senior Steward.
John H. Olson, Treasurer.	Rush Robinson, Junior Steward.
Lewis H. Kent, Secretary.	Calvin Bowman, Tiler.

## THISTLE LODGE, NO. 61, PLUM CREEK, DAWSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturdays of each month.

SEAL—On a shield *azure*, bordure *argent*, a bunch of three thistles *argent*. For crest, three plates in triangular form.

## OFFICERS.

John H. MacColl, Master.	Benjamin F. Krier, Secretary.
Robert B. Pierce, Senior Warden.	James W. Ayres, Senior Deacon.
Anson S. Baldwin, Junior Warden.	Denman Trott, Junior Deacon.
Moses H. Parr, Treasurer.	William H. Lengel, Tiler.

## KEYSTONE LODGE, NO. 62, ST. JOE, HAMILTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL—Square and compasses engraved on Keystone in center.

## OFFICERS.

Martin Ennis, Master.	Isaiah E. Ball, Senior Deacon.
Daniel E. Price, Senior Warden.	Alonzo W. Price, Junior Deacon.
Alfred C. Adams, Junior Warden.	George L. Lavee, Senior Steward.
Edward Dearing, Treasurer.	Joseph Skelton, Junior Steward.
O. B. Foster, Secretary.	Frank England, Tyler.

RIVERTON LODGE, NO. 63, RIVERTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday night on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL — On a shield *azure*, three squares interlaced, *argent*; bordure of the second. For crest, the Master's square, *argent*.

OFFICERS.

James Garvin, Master.	David Eastwood, Senior Deacon.
Robert B. Fulton, Senior Warden.	Alfred B. Stevens, Junior Deacon.
Frank M. Plum, Junior Warden.	McKee Creely, Senior Steward.
John S. Fulton, Treasurer.	Hans C. Lohff, Junior Steward.
John H. Lamborn, Secretary.	Samuel Patterson, Tiler.

BLUE VALLEY LODGE, NO. 64, WILBER, SALINE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon.

SEAL — An heraldic shield *azure*, bearing within a bordure *argent*, and a pot of incense *or*. For the crest three quarter-notes connected by a bar for M. M. Degree.

OFFICERS.

Edward J. Weaver, Master.	Ara Beecher, Senior Deacon.
James Harvey, Senior Warden.	John T. Ramey, Junior Deacon.
William H. Mann, Junior Warden.	George W. Ross, Senior Steward.
Henry Clark, Treasurer.	Paul V. Bartos, Junior Steward.
Irvin Thoman, Secretary.	Frank J. Sadleck, Tiler.

OSCEOLA LODGE, NO. 65, OSCEOLA, POLK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday evening on or before full moon.

SEAL — All-seeing Eye over a shield inscribed with the letters "L. U. X."

OFFICERS.

H. A. Scott, Master.	Lyman J. Blowers, Secretary.
Wm. F. Longer, Senior Warden.	Hopewell P. Shore, Senior Deacon.
George Ward, Junior Warden.	Samuel Snell, Junior Deacon.
Samuel G. Pheasant, Treasurer.	Ira G. Steever, Tiler.

LIVINGSTONE LODGE, NO. 66, FIRTH, LANCASTER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS.

N. J. Denniston, Master.	J. W. Schmidt, Secretary.
L. R. Herrum, Senior Warden.	Charles Bates, Senior Deacon.
O. Evans, Junior Warden.	Jac Groves, Junior Deacon.
C. Bailey, Treasurer.	I. M. Hill, Tiler.

## EDGAR LODGE, NO. 67, EDGAR, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturday nights of each month.

SEAL—A five-pointed star beneath a pen and sword, crossed, between two columns, resting on the Mosaic pavement; above all an eye, radiant.

## OFFICERS.

Ezra E. Howard, Master.	George M. Mordock, Senior Deacon.
Smith T. Caldwell, Senior Warden.	John G. Prosser, Junior Deacon.
Joseph R. Kidd, Junior Warden.	Marion Hart, Senior Steward.
John G. Glazier, Treasurer.	Johnson T. Heasley, Junior Steward.
Charles H. Treat, Secretary.	William A. Ditson, Tiler.

## AURORA LODGE, NO. 68, AURORA, HAMILTON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturdays of each month.

SEAL—Name and number of Lodge, and place of meeting. Design: Sheaf of wheat.

## OFFICERS.

John H. Helms, Master.	W. H. Streeter, Senior Deacon.
F. J. Engles, Senior Warden.	T. F. Tracy, Junior Deacon.
E. J. Hainer, Junior Warden.	J. S. Miller, Senior Steward.
T. H. Glover, Treasurer.	J. W. Loder, Junior Steward.
Delevan Bates, Secretary.	W. M. Sylvester, Tiler.

## FORTITUDE LODGE, NO. 69, ULYSSES, BUTLER COUNTY.

(Charter suspended.)

## STERLING LODGE, NO. 70, STERLING, JOHNSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday on or before full moon in each month.

SEAL—Double circle; outer circle, Sterling Lodge, No. 70, A. F. and A. M., Sterling, Nebraska; inner circle, a shield.

## OFFICERS.

Alfred Shipman, Master.	Charles S. Sprague, Senior Deacon.
Archibald J. Herdman, Senior Warden.	Valentine Zink, Junior Deacon.
William Kneeland, Junior Warden.	John W. Pratt, Senior Steward.
Albert B. Irwin, Treasurer.	Nelson E. Miller, Junior Steward.
William Chambers, Secretary.	Edward C. Lender, Tiler.

## TROWEL LODGE, NO. 71, NELIGH, ANTELOPE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday evening on or before each full moon.

## OFFICERS.

Albert M. Cool, Master.	John W. Getchell, Senior Deacon.
Francis H. Trowbridge, Senior Warden.	Israel Howell, Junior Deacon.
Robert Wilson, Junior Warden.	Leroy J. Snider, Senior Steward.
Gustavus A. Smith, Treasurer.	John Maybury, Junior Steward.
H. Milo Cox, Secretary.	Penrose D. S. Romig, Tiler.



HOOPER LODGE, NO. 72, HOOPER, DODGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before the full of the moon.

SEAL—Design submitted to Grand Lodge.

OFFICERS.

James F. Burns, Master.	Robert M. Pryton, Senior Deacon.
Samuel Kreader, Senior Warden.	James H. Caldwell, Junior Deacon.
Jerry Denslow, Junior Warden.	John Romberg, Senior Steward.
James F. Briggs, Treasurer.	Oswald Uhling, Junior Steward.
Wm. A. G. Cobb, Secretary.	Abner D. Harwood, Tiler.

FRIEND LODGE, NO. 73, FRIEND, SALINE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second Wednesday evening in each month.

SEAL—(Design adopted) the hour-glass, surrounded by two sprigs of acacia.

OFFICERS.

Tolemiah A. Megeath, Master.	Frank D. Morton, Senior Deacon.
Denvice C. Page, Senior Warden.	Wm. J. Williamson, Junior Deacon.
Joseph G. Boynton, Junior Warden.	Robert Connell, Senior Steward.
John V. Ainsworth, Treasurer.	Thomas C. Callahan, Junior Steward.
John O. Frantz, Secretary.	Hugh Seed, Tiler.

ALEXANDRIA LODGE, NO. 74, ALEXANDRIA, THAYER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Monday in each month.

SEAL—This Lodge has no seal at this date.

OFFICERS.

J. S. Brigham, Master.	H. W. Hubbard, Senior Deacon.
James F. Thomas, Senior Warden.	D. A. Sherwood, Junior Deacon.
Geo. H. Danforth, Junior Warden.	George Holes, Senior Steward.
Philip Jenkins, Treasurer.	J. F. Lippincott, Junior Steward.
G. W. Harding, Secretary.	M. A. Alexander, Tiler.

FRANK WELCH LODGE, NO. 75, SIDNEY, CHEYENNE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each month.

SEAL—A bust of Frank Welch, surrounded with the inscription, "Frank Welch Lodge, No. 75, A. F. and A. M., Nebraska."

OFFICERS.

Peter Smith, Master.	E. S. Eibbs, Senior Deacon.
Julius Neubauer, Senior Warden.	Asa C. Drake, Junior Deacon.
George W. Russell, Junior Warden.	John Glickauf, Senior Steward.
Norman F. Hazen, Treasurer.	James J. McIntosh, Junior Steward.
Robert C. Howard, Secretary.	Albert B. Persinger, Tiler.

## JOPPA LODGE, NO. 76, BLOOMINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Friday on or before full moon.

## OFFICERS.

George W. Sheppard, Master.	J. L. Kaley, Senior Deacon.
W. E. Hatch, Senior Warden.	J. Worth, Junior Deacon.
P. B. Byer, Junior Warden.	A. Patch, Senior Steward.
I. H. Malick, Treasurer.	W. T. Britton, Junior Steward.
B. R. Cowdery, Secretary.	Samuel Hisey, Tiler.

## NELSON LODGE, U. D., NELSON, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

## OFFICERS.

Martin L. Schermerhorn, Master.	William A. Scott, Senior Warden.
	Howard A. Stokes, Junior Warden.

## ALBION LODGE, U. D., ALBION, BOONE COUNTY.

## OFFICERS.

Henry H. Gillett, Master.	Luther Clark, Senior Warden.
	Manley B. Boardman, Junior Warden.

## GENEVA LODGE, U. D., GENEVA, FILLMORE COUNTY.

## OFFICERS.

Julius E. Spear, Master.	Josiah E. Creamer, Senior Warden.
	Sherwood Burr, Junior Warden.

## RISING LODGE, U. D., RISING, BUTLER COUNTY.

Frederick E. Wilson, Master.	Aurelius Roberts, Senior Warden.
	Joseph L. Cyphers, Junior Warden.

## WACO LODGE, U. D., WACO, YORK COUNTY.

John S. Bennett, Master.	John W. Strickler, Senior Warden.
	William Keely, Junior Warden.

## SAINT PAUL LODGE, U. D., SAINT PAUL, HOWARD COUNTY.

Charles M. Carter, Master.	Will M. Macomber, Senior Warden.
	Frank W. Scott, Junior Warden.

## CORINTHIAN LODGE, U. D., LA PORTE, WAYNE COUNTY.

Charles E. Hunter, Master.	Joshua C. Wills, Senior Warden.
	Moses Herner, Junior Warden.