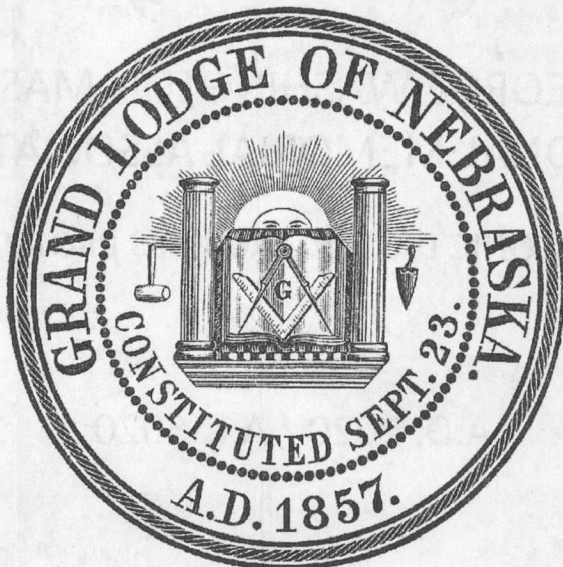


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THE Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska convened and assembled in its twenty-sixth annual communication in the Opera House, Beatrice, Nebraska, on Tuesday, June 19, A. S. L. S. 5883, A. D. 1883, at four o'clock in the afternoon, there being present:

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| M. S. W. S. | EDWIN F. WARREN | Grand Master. |
| R. S. W. S. | SAMUEL W. HAYES | Deputy Grand Master. |
| R. S. W. S. | JOHN J. WEMPLE | Grand Senior Warden. |
| W. S. | CHARLES K. COUTANT, <i>as</i> | Grand Junior Warden. |
| R. S. W. S. | CHRISTIAN HARTMAN | Grand Treasurer. |
| R. S. W. S. | WILLIAM R. BOWEN | Grand Secretary. |
| V. S. W. S. | GEORGE SCOTT | Grand Chaplain. |
| R. S. W. S. | LEE P. GILLETTE (P. S. D. S. G. S. M. S.) | Grand Lecturer. |
| M. S. W. S. | ALFRED G. HASTINGS, <i>as</i> | Grand Marshal. |
| W. S. | FRANCIS E. WHITE, <i>as</i> | Grand Senior Deacon. |
| W. S. | CALVIN B. WEBBER | Grand Junior Deacon. |
| Bro. S. | WILLIAM HEIKES, <i>as</i> | Grand Tiler. |

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form as required by the law of Freemasonry in Nebraska.

It being ascertained that a quorum of Lodges was present (sixty-two out of eighty-three chartered Lodges being represented), the Grand Lodge was declared open for the dispatch of business.

W.:Bro.: N. K. Griggs, for and on behalf of Beatrice Lodge, No. 26, welcomed the members of the Grand Lodge.

M.:W.: Edwin F. Warren, Grand Master, ordered that all Master Masons in good standing be admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge during its sessions.

The following committees, appointed May 24, 5883, were announced (vacancies being now filled) viz:*

On Visiting Brethren—Bros.: Gilbert L. Cole, 26; Abram Samuels, 85; Leonard W. Colby, 26; James A. Phelan, 17, and L— E. Goodell, 64.

On Credentials—Bros.: Charles F. Rice, 2; James Gilbert, 3; Emery Briggs, 27; Jacob Ritterbush, 77, and Julius L. Young, 90.

On Accounts—Bros.: Oliver M. Enlow, 26; John J. Mercer, 4; Newton R. Persinger, 36; L— W. Hubert, 54, and Joseph W. Dupin, 38. [This committee met on Monday, June 18.]

Charters and Dispensations—Bros.: George B. France, 56; James J. McIntosh, 75; Benjamin F. Rawalt, 84; John S. Bennett, 80, and John H. Cummins, 23. [This committee met on Monday, June 18.]

On By-Laws from Chartered Lodges—Bros.: William Adair, 5; James B. Bruner, 25; Tyler C. Hoyt, 13, and James H. Crabbs, 15.

On Ways and Means—Bros.: Manoah B. Reese, 59; T— J. Charles, 52; Pliny E. Dinsmore, 30, and John J. Mercer, 4.

On Charity—Bros.: David L. McElhinney, 50; Henry Newell, 21; John A. Raymer, 30; Blake B. Howard, 33, and George T. Kendall, 82.

On Grievances—Bros.: Charles K. Coutant, 11; Benjamin F. Baker, 35; George W. McKee, 57; James F. Thomas, 74. [This committee met on Monday, June 18.]

On Unfinished Business—Bros.: G— A. Acken, 40; William S. White, 45; Alfred Shipman, 70; Cyrus E. Hunter, 83, and Charles L. Lamb, 41.

On Pay Roll—Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; Edwin O. C. Miller, 19; A— M. McFarland, 41; William H. Streeter, 68, and George L. Lavee, 62.

On Jurisprudence—Past Grand Masters George W. Lininger, James A. Tulleys, Alfred G. Hastings, and Bros.: Manoah B. Reese, 59, and N. K. Griggs, 26.

On Returns—Bros.: Frank H. Young, 61; William France, 11; Jerome M. Coulter, 25; George M. Nattinger, 3, and J— C. Beswick, 46.

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

The committees on Visiting Brethren and on Credentials were congregated by the Grand Master and entered upon their labors.

The Grand Master now delivered his

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

In calling you from refreshment to labor for the purpose of considering the interests of our beloved fraternity and of legislating for its best interests, I cannot refrain from congratulating you upon the era of prosperity upon which we are entering. The twenty-sixth annual session of our Grand Lodge finds us with but seven of our ninety chartered Lodges extinct, and with twenty-four under dispensation, including those whose dispensations were at the last session renewed. It will be seen that the growth of Masonry in our jurisdiction has kept pace with the material prosperity of our young, vigorous and rapidly-growing state. Indeed, the main fear that I have had has been lest we were growing too rapidly for safety: but it is believed that the enormous increase of population that has been pouring into, and still continues in the northern and western portions of Nebraska, will fully sustain all the new Lodges, and demonstrate the wisdom of granting them letters of dispensation. I am well aware that it is better to be over cautious, and to refuse to establish new Lodges rather than found too many, and I trust your committee on charters and dispensations will scrutinize closely all petitions for charters, and recommend none that have not shown themselves capable of sustaining themselves, and of reflecting credit upon the fraternity and the jurisdiction. And this leads me to remark further that these annual sessions are legislative in their purpose, and that human experience has demonstrated that too much legislation is a serious evil. Too many changes in the law and a great multitude of "decisions" by your Grand Masters and your committees on jurisprudence, produce only confusion and uncertainty; and while I shall have some suggestions to make to you involving changes, it is well to caution you also that no changes in the law that do not seem imperatively demanded should be made. Move slowly and act wisely for the best interests of all.

PAST GRAND MASTER ORSAMUS H. IRISH.

On the 29th day of January, 1883, we received the sad news that death had claimed another of our Past Grand Masters; that Bro.: ORSAMUS H. IRISH had fallen at his post of labor in Washington, D. C. He was the fifth who held that exalted station by virtue of your suffrages, and presided over this Grand Lodge from June 21, 1867, to October 28, 1869. At the time of his decease he was Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, a position he had held for a number of years. He had also held other and important positions under the government, both in this and in foreign countries.

Of late years he had not met with us, owing to the fact that his field of labor was out of the state; hence, most of those who are now members of our Grand Lodge had no personal acquaintance with him. He was a man of warm attachments, strong personal magnetism, and of great ability. His social powers were well nigh irresistible, and he has left a large circle of friends and brethren to mourn his loss. I recommend that a memorial page be set aside for his name in the printed proceedings of this session.

LOGGES CONSTITUTED.

The four Lodges to which charters were granted last June have all been duly instituted, as follows:

Ionic Lodge, No. 87, at Niobrara, by D.:G.:M.: Samuel W. Hays, on the — day of —, 1882.

Star Lodge, No. 88, at Decatur, by P.:M.: Jesse T. Davis, on the — of —, 1883.

Cedar River Lodge, No. 89, at Fullerton, by G.:S.:W.: John J. Wemple, August —, 1883.

Elk Creek Lodge, No. 90, at Elk Creek, by P.:M.: Samuel P. Davidson, August —, 1883.

Inasmuch as I was called away to New York the last of July, I could not institute those Lodges in person. They are all, I believe, in a flourishing condition.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted the following dispensations for the formation of new Lodges:

1. June 28, 1882. To sixteen Master Masons at O'Neill City, in Holt county, to open and hold Garfield Lodge, with Bros.: N. T. Hoxie as Master, C. C. Willard, Senior Warden, and W. D. Mathews as Junior Warden. Their petition had been recommended by Trowel Lodge, No. 71, and had the indorsement and approval of Deputy Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes.

2. July 14, 1882. To twelve Master Masons to open and hold Utica Lodge, at Utica, Seward county, with Bros.: Joseph Jones as Master, Dr. E. J. Porter as Senior Warden, and Lyman Calder as Junior Warden. Petition recommended by Waco Lodge, No. 80, and indorsed and certified to by Bro.: John S. Bennett, Past Master of Waco Lodge, aforesaid.

3. July 21, 1882. To seventeen Master Masons to open and hold Weeping Water Lodge, at the village of Weeping Water, Cass county, with Bros.: Arlington O. Ashley as Master, J. M. Beardsley as Senior Warden, and Joseph Kalisky as Junior Warden. Recommended by Rock Bluffs Lodge, No. 20, and having the certificate and indorsement of Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian.

4. July 27, 1883. To ten Master Masons to open and hold Zeredatha Lodge, at Republican City, Harlan County, with Bros.: Edward Cornet as Master, Jerome B. Forbes as Senior Warden, and Oscar H. Maryatt as Junior Warden. Petition recommended by Melrose Lodge, No. 60, and having the indorsement and certificate of D. E. Baumgardner, Past Master of Melrose Lodge, aforesaid.

5. July 28, 1882. To fourteen Master Masons to open and hold Shelton Lodge, at Shelton, Buffalo county, with Bros.: George L. Gardner as Master, Rodney Beecher as Senior Warden, and Moses J. Phelps as Junior Warden. Their petition was recommended by Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, and had the indorsement and certificate of Bro.: Henry Gibbons, Past Master of Rob Morris Lodge aforesaid.

6. August 19, 1882. To eleven Master Masons to open and hold Creighton Lodge at Creighton, Knox county, with Bros.: Robert M. Peyton as Master, Jacob M. Miller as Senior Warden, and Horatio P. Smith as Junior Warden. This petition was recommended by Trowel Lodge, No. 71, and bore the indorsement and certificate of our R.:W.: Dep.: Grand Master, S. W. Hays.

7. September 1, 1882. To twenty-four Master Masons to open and hold Ponca Lodge at Ponca, Dixon county, with Bros.: John B. Barnes as Master, Thomas R. Williams as Senior Warden, and David H. Hesson as Junior Warden. Their petition duly recommended by Omadi Lodge, No. 5, and having the indorsement and certificate of our Deputy Grand Master Hayes thereon.

8. September 7, 1882. To sixteen Master Masons to open and hold Waterloo Lodge at Waterloo, Douglas county, with Bros.: Isaac A. Arnold as Master, William H. Clark as Senior Warden, and Charles Harrison as Junior Warden. The petition came duly recommended by Hiram Lodge, No. 52, and bearing the indorsement and certificate of Bro.: John Ham-mang, Past Master of Hiram Lodge aforesaid.

9. September 14, 1882. To sixteen Master Masons to open and hold Ord Lodge at Ord, Valley county, with Bros.: Aedwin D. Robinson as Master, Daniel S. Bartlett as Senior Warden, and Hollis G. Rogers as Junior Warden. Their petition was duly recommended by St. Paul Lodge, No. 82, and bore the indorsement and certificate of Bro.: George T. Kendall, Past Master of St. Paul Lodge aforesaid.

10. November 10, 1882. To twenty Master Masons at Wymore, to open and hold Wymore Lodge, Gage county, with Bros.: Elias C. Wilcox as Master, Jacob B. Linniger as Senior Warden, and Lewis L. Marble as Junior Warden. Their petition was duly recommended by Tyre Lodge, No. 85, and bore the indorsement and strong certificate of Bro.: Oliver N. Enlow, Past Master of Beatrice Lodge, No. 26.

This Lodge, as per agreement and understanding between themselves, Tyre Lodge, No. 85, and Grand Lodge at its last session, is to have concurrent jurisdiction with Tyre Lodge aforesaid, the said Lodges being located in two flourishing towns less than two miles apart. I strongly recommend that concurrent jurisdiction be given these two Lodges.

11. December 4, 1882. To eleven Master Masons to open and hold Stella Lodge, Richardson county, with Bros.: Milton F. Mahin as Master, John W. Shubert as Senior Warden, and Henry C. Conover as Junior Warden. Petition recommended by Hope Lodge, No. 29, and with the certificate and indorsement of Past Grand Master James R. Cain.

12. December 9, 1882. To nine Master Masons to open and hold Porter Lodge at Loup City, Sherman county, with Bros.: J. E. Blackman as

Master, William A. Wilson as Senior Warden, and M. H. Hartley as Junior Warden. Recommended by St. Paul Lodge, No. 82, and duly indorsed and certified by Bro.: George T. Kendall, Past Master of St. Paul Lodge aforesaid.

13. January 23, 1883. To nine Master Masons to open and hold Steele City Lodge at Steele City, Jefferson county, with Bros.: Morgan Crane as Master, John Gerardy as Senior Warden, and David B. Topham as Junior Warden. Their petition came duly recommended by Fairbury Lodge No. 35, and indorsed and certified by Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian.

14. January 24, 1883. To thirteen Master Masons to open and hold Table Rock Lodge at Table Rock, Pawnee county, with Bros.: James A. Carlock as Master, Chauncey H. Norris as Senior Warden, and James B. Phillips as Junior Warden. Their petition was recommended by Pawnee Lodge No. 23, and bore the indorsement and certificate of Geo. L. Edwards, Past Master of Pawnee Lodge aforesaid.

15. February 10, 1883. To nine Master Masons to open and hold Arapahoe Lodge at Arapahoe, in Furnas county, with Bros.: George J. Burgess as Master, Alcinous Y. Wright as Senior Warden, and John B. Chambers as Junior Warden. Their petition was duly recommended by Melrose Lodge No. 60, and bore the certificate and indorsement of Bro.: J. A. Randall, Past Master.

16. February 12, 1883. To eleven Master Masons to open and hold Wisner Lodge at Wisner, Cuming county, with Bros.: Clark C. McNish as Master, Charles M. Sutlief as Senior Warden, and Joseph N. Kay as Junior Warden. Their petition was duly recommended by Jordan Lodge No. 27, and was indorsed and certified to by our Deputy Grand Master Samuel W. Hayes.

17. February 13, 1883. To twenty-three Master Masons to open and hold Pomegranate Lodge at Ashland, Saunders county, with Bros.: Abel B. Fuller as Master, E. M. Park as Senior Warden, and John Simmington as Junior Warden. Their petition was duly recommended by Wahoo Lodge No. 59, and bore the certificate and indorsement of Bro.: Manoah B. Reese, Past Master of Wahoo Lodge aforesaid.

Of this Lodge, which is the successor of Ashland Lodge No. 18, I shall have occasion to speak more at length hereafter.

18. February 28, 1883. To thirteen Master Masons to open and hold DeWitt Lodge, at DeWitt, Saline county, with Bros.: Frank M. Suiter as Master, Laroy J. Cross as Senior Warden, and Enoch Hastings as Junior Warden. Their petition came duly recommended by Blue Valley Lodge No. 64, and bore the certificate and indorsement of Bro.: L. E. Goodell, Past Master of Blue Valley Lodge aforesaid.

19. March 30, 1883. To ten Master Masons to open and hold Springfield Lodge, at Springfield, Sarpy county, with Bros.: Jacob C. Miller as Master, H. H. Sage as Senior Warden, and Joseph H. Orley as Junior Warden. Their petition was duly recommended by Papillion Lodge No. 39, and was certified to and indorsed by Bro.: Robert C. Jordan, Past Grand Master.

These are all the dispensations to form new Lodges that I have issued. But I have also received a petition from thirteen Master Masons for permission and authority to open a Lodge at Alma, Harlan county. This petition was recommended by Melrose Lodge No. 60, and was indorsed by Bro.: Lee P. Gillette, Grand Custodian, but owing to the late date at which the preliminaries were settled (May 12, 1883), I declined to issue the same, preferring to leave that matter to my successor. I am of opinion, however, that a lodge there would be well sustained, though it might injure Melrose Lodge No. 60, whose territory has been greatly reduced by the formation of new Lodges.

For the same reason I declined, May 5, to issue a dispensation for a new Lodge at Brainard, Butler county, asked for by twelve Master Masons, recommended by Fidelity Lodge No. 51, and having the certificate of Bro.: Benj. F. Rawalt, Grand Custodian *ad interim*.

All Lodges under dispensation will, I am informed, apply at this session for charters, except that at Wisner.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations for special purposes have been granted by me at the dates mentioned for the purposes indicated:

June 28, 1882. To Blue River Lodge No. 64, to remove to and occupy their new Masonic Hall.

July 19, 1882. To Oakland Lodge, U.: D.:, to remove to a safer and more suitable hall in the same town.

July 22, 1882. To Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, to elect and instal a Senior Warden and Secretary, those previously elected and installed having permanently removed from the jurisdiction. I saw no impropriety in permitting the station of the Senior Warden to be filled by a new election, when that officer had *permanently removed* from the jurisdiction. The rule that the *Master's* authority and prerogatives pass to his lieutenants, and that, therefore, his station cannot be filled by a new election, I conceive has no application to the office of Warden, and it is certainly best that all stations be filled.

November 4, 1882. To Ashlar Lodge No. 33, to remove to and occupy their new hall.

November 13, 1882. To St. John's Lodge No. 25, to confer the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason on an Entered Apprentice without awaiting the lapse of time prescribed by the by-laws. Dispensation fee paid.

December 9, 1882. To St. Paul Lodge No. 82, to receive and act on the petition of Rev. George J. Imson, he not having resided within the jurisdiction one year.

January 12, 1883. To Peru Lodge No. 14, to instal officers after the required time.

January 13, 1883. To Fidelity Lodge No. 51, to instal Bro.: A. J. Evans as Master, he never having previously been elected and installed as Warden of any subordinate Lodge.

I granted this dispensation with hesitation, but it was represented to me

that there had been some trouble in the Lodge, something akin to "factional differences," which threatened to injure the Lodge and cripple its efficiency; that all parties were agreed upon Bro.: Evans, that his installation would harmonize all differences, and was unanimously desired. And so, believing the best interests of the Lodge would be subserved by granting the request, I authorized the conferring upon Bro.: Evans the Past Master degree, and thereafter his installation as Master of said Lodge. Sometimes cast-iron rules must be made to yield to the good of the Fraternity, and the Grand Master must exercise his discretion as to the proper occasions therefor.

January 16, 1883. To Western Star Lodge No. 2, to elect and instal a Secretary in place of one who declined to serve.

February 2, 1883. To Juniata Lodge No. 42, to confer the degrees without awaiting the prescribed lapse of time. Fee paid.

February 7, 1883. To Cedar River Lodge No. 89, to remove to and occupy a safer hall in the same town.

February 7, 1883. To Geneva Lodge No. 79, to confer a degree without awaiting its required lapse of time. Fee paid.

April 9, 1883. Permission granted Nemaha Valley Lodge No. 4, of Brownville, to solicit aid to build their Masonic hall.

April 11, 1883. To Tyre Lodge No. 85, to receive and refer the petition of a candidate who had been rejected by them, without waiting the expiration of six months. This was done because the brother who had cast the blackball had stated to the Master that his grounds of objection had been removed, and that he was willing to let the same be received.

April 20, 1883. To Western Star Lodge No. 2, to respread the ballot *instanter* upon three rejected petitions. After the rejection, and before any brother present had left the hall, an application was made to permit the ballot to be taken again. I could see no objection thereto.

May 12, 1883. To St. John's Lodge No. 25, to confer the degree without waiting the lapse of required time. Fee paid.

May 23, 1883. To Albion Lodge No. 78, to appear in public as a Lodge in the festivities incident to St. John's Day.

During the year I have approved of various amendments to the by-laws of chartered Lodges, the same having been in conformity to the rules and regulations; and I have also approved of the designs for seals submitted to me upon the certificate of the Grand Secretary that they were "distinctive."

OFFICIAL DECISIONS.

There seems to be an impression abroad among the craft in this jurisdiction, that the Grand Master is a fountain of light and wisdom, and that an application to him is all that is needed to cause the stream to flow. An examination of the voluminous correspondence will show that my opinion has been asked upon almost every conceivable question, and will show also that the spirit of inquiry is rife among officers and members, and that it is easier to ask questions than to search the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge. I have, however, answered promptly all queries to the best of my ability, believing that to be one of the duties pertaining to my high

office. Such questions only as seemed novel I report to you for your consideration:

1. A Master Mason, unaffiliated, but residing in Nebraska, desires to put his petition for affiliation into an Iowa Lodge. Is a waiver of jurisdiction required of the Nebraska Lodge?

No; a Mason can choose his own Masonic home.

2. In acting upon the request of a sister Lodge to waive jurisdiction over a candidate who had been rejected, does it require a secret and clear ballot, or a majority vote only?

The ballot must in all cases be secret.

A majority vote only is needed to grant a waiver of jurisdiction.

Rule 21 says: "And no rejected applicant shall be initiated in any other Lodge until the unanimous consent of the Lodge rejecting him be obtained," but my convictions are so strong upon this subject that I have not hesitated to overrule this provision, and I call your attention to my remarks upon "Perpetual Jurisdiction" *post*, in arriving at a conclusion on this matter.

3. A candidate, under all circumstances, is a member of the Lodge to which he petitions and which has *elected* him, no matter by what Lodge the degrees are conferred.

4. A Mason is charged with unmasonic conduct; pleads guilty to the charge, but dies before sentence is pronounced. Is he in good standing so as to entitle him to Masonic burial?

He is not. "Every one is presumed innocent until tried and convicted;" that is, one who denies his guilt is presumed innocent until his guilt is proven, but of course there can be no presumption of innocence when he pleads guilty. At the time of his decease, therefore, he was not in good repute, and hence not entitled to Masonic burial.

5. Can a petition for initiation be withdrawn after the committee of investigation have made their report, but before the ballot is spread?

Yes, if the petitioner so desires.

Again, my sense of justice and fair play, my conception of what I believe to be the spirit of the Fraternity, brings me in conflict with one of the rules—Rule 10, of this Grand Lodge, and, as before I have not hesitated to overthrow it, for the purpose of challenging your attention to its injustice and wrong.

A man concludes that he would like to become one of us, and sends in his petition to a Lodge. Before it is balloted upon he changes his mind because of something he hears or sees, and concludes that he does not desire to become a Mason. What possible objection can there be to allowing him to withdraw? But it may be his desire to withdraw is prompted through the fear of being rejected. So be it. Should a desire to black-ball him be encouraged? Is it *charitable* or honest to desire to brand a neighbor? Is such a course consonant with the spirit of Masonry? I cannot believe it. If the petitioner changes his mind, let him go, and dismiss him with a blessing, not a stigma.

6. Is a man who is so maimed that he can raise his right hand only as high as his breast eligible for the degrees?

Such cases depend on special circumstances. If the party can conform to the regulations, can give the signs, I would declare him eligible. If so crippled that he cannot assume proper position or conform to the lectures, he cannot be made a Mason. I am disposed to be liberal.

7. If a Master Mason in good standing accepts the position of bartender in a saloon is he liable to Masonic discipline?

He most certainly is so liable.

8. A and B have sat in Lodge together and can vouch for each other. B and C have likewise sat in Lodge together, but A and C have never thus met. Can B vouch for A to C—all three being present—so that C can vouch for A in Lodge?

He cannot. The reason is that for one Mason to "vouch" for others upon the street or anywhere outside a Lodge-room—unless appointed by the Master an examining committee—is no *avouchment*. No authority exists to "vouch" for another in any such way. An avouchment must always be in open Lodge, or else to a committee duly appointed for the purpose of examination.

9. A Lodge cannot by vote, upon motion to that effect, "quash" the charges and specifications preferred against a member. It is the duty of the *Master* to decide—subject to appeal—whether a Masonic offense is charged.

10. Section 3 Criminal Code relates exclusively to sojourning brethren, members of some Lodge in this State; therefore when an affiliated Mason holds his membership in a foreign jurisdiction, and is charged with a Masonic offense committed within the jurisdiction of the Lodge where he resides, such latter Lodge has authority to prefer charges against and try him.

To hold otherwise would often subject either the accused or the Lodge to great trouble and expense, and probably to injustice and hardship also.

11. If a member of a Lodge, when a visitor is announced at the door, object to the visitor being received, the objection must be respected and the visitor denied admission.

12. While to the secretary is intrusted the care and custody of the Lodge records and seal, the Master's control over them is supreme; he has the right to examine them at his pleasure and to carry a key to the place of their deposit. The Grand Lodge holds the *Master* responsible for his Lodge.

13. I had previously decided that a majority vote was all that is required to grant a waiver of jurisdiction over a rejected candidate. The announcement of the Master that the application is "rejected" is conclusive—he knowing what vote is required to reject—and cannot be questioned. If he announces falsely he is subject to discipline.

Upon a vote of this kind being announced, any brother has the right to know *how many* ballots of each kind appear, but has no right to inquire who has cast any particular kind.

14. When the answers of a candidate, or the report of an investigating committee, show to the Lodge that the petitioner has previously been rejected by another lodge, no further action can be taken. Lodge jurisdiction is ousted until a waiver has been obtained.

15. A person claiming to be a Master Mason in good standing demands the privilege of visiting a subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction. Upon taking the test-oath he qualifies the declaration that he is "not suspended or expelled" by admitting that he has been suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, but insists that by virtue of the regulation of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, from which jurisdiction he hails, he is nevertheless in good standing in the fraternity. The Master refused him admission as a visitor. Was that proper?

Yes, his exclusion was proper.

In Massachusetts, when a member does not pay his dues, upon being notified thereof by the secretary, he is "suspended from membership," but his general rights in the fraternity are declared to be unaffected. The distinction is made between lodge rights acquired by affiliation and general Masonic rights acquired by initiation, and it is the former only that are affected by such a suspension. He is thus suspended without formal trial, and can reinstate himself by paying arrearages. Upon the legality of the proceeding I do not think we are called upon to express an opinion. I do not understand that even there he is entitled to visit other lodges, or even his own while his delinquency continues, and it is clear to my mind that his record is tainted, clouded, and that he is nevertheless in bad standing. With us the term "suspension" has but one meaning, and a brother suspended for any cause from any of his Masonic rights as a punishment for neglect of duty cannot visit in any Lodge. Those owing allegiance to a foreign jurisdiction are not entitled to more rights or privileges than our own members have.

16. An accused has been convicted upon a charge of gross unmasonic conduct. Upon vote the Lodge refuses to expel or to suspend. It being late an adjournment was had. Can the vote on expulsion and suspension be reconsidered before the end of the trial? Yes, it is better to correct errors in Lodge than to have them corrected on appeal to Grand Lodge.

WYMORE LODGE U. D.:

At our last annual session the matter of the petition of certain brethren residing at Wymore, Gage county, for a dispensation, and the difficulty with the brethren of Tyre Lodge No. 85, which had refused to recommend their petition, was referred to me for settlement. July 10, 1882, I visited Blue Springs and Wymore, and examined into the cause of the difficulty, and, as I had supposed, found that the trouble was less real than seeming. A satisfactory basis was soon reached, the necessary recommendation was made by Tyre Lodge, a dispensation was issued, and I learn that both lodges have been very prosperous during the year. I recommend that a charter be granted to the brethren at Wymore, giving them concurrent jurisdiction with Tyre Lodge, No. 85.

ASHLAND LODGE NO. 18.

My predecessor, Past Grand Master Cain, reported to you his acts relative to the attempt to resuscitate the Lodge at Ashland, Saunders county, and the failure because the conditions he imposed would not be complied

with. In October last I received an appeal from certain of the brethren there asking my assistance in forming a new Lodge. Fully concurring as I did in the action of Bro.: Cain, I imposed the same conditions. There seemed to be great difficulty in explaining to the brethren of old No. 18 that those in arrears for dues thereto should pay them to the Grand Secretary, and procure from him certificates of good standing. In order to facilitate matters I agreed that as soon as the claim of Bro.: Israel Beetison upon the jewels and furniture belonging to No. 18 had been released, and the same turned over to me for the use of the Grand Lodge, I would grant them the use thereof until the next session of Grand Lodge.

With the petition for a dispensation to open and hold a Lodge there was forwarded to me a release by Bro.: Beetison of his claim upon the Lodge furniture and jewels. Upon granting the dispensation I sent an order to Bro.: Beetison to deliver said property to Bro.: Abel B. Fuller, as my representative, to be held subject to the further order of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

I would recommend that when a charter is granted the brethren at Ashland, this Grand Lodge donate said property to the new Lodge, the brethren there having once paid for it. I further recommend that out of the moneys in the hands of the Grand Lodge received for dues of former members of No. 18, provision be made to pay the debts of said Lodge, among which is the claim of Bro.: Beetison, amounting to some seventy-five dollars, including interest. The Grand Lodge is the "heir" of all defunct Lodges, and inherits all their property, but this of course, in law as well as in equity, comes into our hands subject to all just debts. I believe there is more than sufficient funds in the Grand Lodge treasury to liquidate all demands against Ashland Lodge, No. 18.

GRIEVANCES.

At the close of the last session charges were preferred against Bro.: John S. Bennett for official misconduct as Master of Waco Lodge, No. 80, by Bro.: William E. McCloud, a member of said Lodge. Bro.: Bennett demanded an immediate trial upon said charges, and I was disposed to accede to his request. Not knowing just when I could reach Waco, I instructed Bro.: Bennett to congregate his Lodge on the 12th or 13th day of July, and be ready for trial then, and at the same time I notified Bro.: McCloud to the same effect. My notification was in the alternative, because I was uncertain when I could get through at Wymore.

On the 12th of July I reached Waco, and found Bro.: Bennett ready for trial and his Lodge congregated. Bro.: McCloud did not appear, and the trial proceeded in his absence. On that occasion I had the valuable assistance and counsel of Bro.: N. S. Harding, Past Master of Western Star Lodge, No. 2. The charges and specifications were in the main indefinite, and related wholly to alleged misconduct of Bro.: Bennett occurring before his reelection and reinstallation as Master, in December, 1891; consequently I had no jurisdiction to hear, or power to punish had the charges been sustained; but Bro.: Bennett insisted that he did not desire to be saved by technicalities, and he waived every point.

After as full and patient an investigation as I could make in the absence of the prosecutor, Bro.: McCloud, I decided that the charges were wholly unsubstantiated, and dismissed them.

From this decision Bro.: McCloud has taken an appeal to Grand Lodge.

Upon reaching home I found a letter from Bro.: McCloud desiring me to postpone the trial for a week or more because he was too busy in his harvest field to attend to the matter then. Believing that an official notice from the Grand Master should have been attended to, I forwarded that letter to Bro.: Bennett, with instructions to investigate quietly the truth of the alleged excuse, and if untrue to prefer charges against Bro.: McCloud for disobeying the Grand Master's orders.

In due course of time I received notice that Bro.: McCloud had been tried upon several charges and specifications, among which was that of having disobeyed the Grand Master's summons; that he had been acquitted of all charges of unmasonic conduct toward the Lodge and its members, but convicted of the said disobedience, and indefinitely suspended.

Bro.: McCloud appealed therefrom to me, and was particularly urgent that I should either reverse the judgment or at least suspend the sentence pending his appeal.

Upon an examination of a transcript of the case I found absolutely *no proof whatever* to sustain the charge of disobedience, while Bro.: McCloud's uncontradicted evidence showed him not guilty of contempt, or of intentional disobedience. It having assumed a personal phase, I had no hesitation in setting aside the judgment and ordering a new trial upon the same or amended specifications.

Upon a second trial Bro.: McCloud was again acquitted of unmasonic conduct so far as the Lodge was concerned, and again convicted of disobedience, but, as before, the transcript clearly demonstrated his innocence of that charge. But the Lodge, by its vote, refused to either expel, suspend or reprimand. Ordinarily, when an accused is convicted, some punishment must be inflicted, but in this case I was unwilling to discipline the Lodge for refusing to do what I would not have done myself. So I let the matter rest.

The Lodge, however, appeals from my refusal to order them to punish Bro.: McCloud, or else from my refusal to discipline them, and I leave the matter in your hands.

There will also be a matter of appeal from the action of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, in its dealings with Bro.: E. C. O'Donnell.

The papers in these cases will be submitted to the proper committee for its report.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

We have received official notice of the formation of a new Grand Lodge in this country. On the 23d day of March, 1882, the representatives of the several Lodges in Arizona Territory met at Tucson, and thereupon organized a Grand Lodge, adopted a constitution and elected a full complement of office-bearers. The several constituent Lodges held charters from the Grand Lodges of California and New Mexico, and all have joined in forming the Grand Lodge of Arizona. Bro.: Alex. G. Abell, Grand Secretary

of the Grand Lodge of California, in a communication to Bro. John D. Vincil, of Missouri, states that he believes said Grand Lodge is regular and entitled to recognition. The papers will doubtless be before you, and should everything be found in form I trust that our welcome to the Grand Lodge of Arizona will be hearty and sincere.

Representatives have been exchanged between our Grand Lodge and that of New Mexico, and upon my recommendation R. W. Bro. John J. Wemple has been commissioned Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of California *vice* M. W. Orsamus H. Irish, deceased, while a commission has been tendered to and accepted by me as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, *vice* Henry O. Hanna deceased.

In March I received from our Grand Secretary documents from the Grand Orient of Peru, soliciting recognition, and asking that we would select one of three brethren named as our Grand Representative near that Grand Body, and would also nominate three of our own number from whom a similar selection could be made.

Desiring to establish fraternal intercourse with our sister Republics of South America, but being unable to extend recognition at the present time I replied thereto as follows:

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, ANC. FREE AND ACC. MASONS.

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE,

NEBRASKA CITY, NEB., le 9 Mars 5883.

DR. DON ANTONIO ARENAS, Grand Maître de la Grande Loge du Pérou:

T. R. Monsieur,—J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser la réception de votre lettre circulaire du 27 Décembre dernier, nous sollicitant l'échange des Grands Représentants entre la Grande Loge du Pérou et celle de Nébraska, "de sorte que nous puissions cultiver les relations d'Amitié, et la correspondance si nécessaire pour conserver la Pureté, l'Intégrité, le Progrès et la Gloire de la Fraternité."

Pour accomplir un tel résultat, pour lier en termes d'intimité les susdites Grandes Loges, pour faciliter les relations entre les membres individuels de la Fraternité chez nous, et dans les États de l'Amérique du Sud, me rendraient la plus vive satisfaction, et seraient pour mon administration officielle un honneur dont je serais très fier, et dont je me souviendrais au dernier jour de ma vie avec reconnaissance; et j'y ferai mon possible.

Depuis la réception des susdits documents, la Grande Loge de Nébraska n'a pas tenu une séance; la réunion annuelle aura lieu en Juin prochain, par conséquent les documents que vous nous avez fait parvenir n'ont pas encore été présentés; la Grande Loge de Nébraska n'a pas encore reconnu celle du Pérou, et jusqu'à présent c'est hors de mon pouvoir, et au delà de mon autorité de désigner un d'entre les trois très-illustres frères que vous nous avez nommés et recommandés d'être le Grand Représentant de la Grande Loge du Nébraska près celle de Pérou, et, à mon tour, de vous remettre une liste de trois de nos frères pour y choisir celui qui serait votre Représentant près de nous.

Mais à notre séance prochaine, j'espère bien que tous les obstacles d'un caractère technique se dissiperont, et que les relations cordiales et intimes seront établies entre les deux Grandes Loges.

Permettez-moi, mon T. R. Frère, de féliciter la Grande Loge du Pérou d'avoir au Grand Orient un homme si digne du pouvoir, de la responsabilité et de l'autorité qui appartiennent au Grand Maître dans un époque si pénible pour votre patrie; permettez-moi d'exprimer, aussi, le souhait qu'elle soit débarrassée bientôt de tous ses ennemis, et qu'elle se rétablisse dans toute sa puissance et dans toute sa gloire; car je suis bien persuadé qu'il appartient à notre Fraternité d'intervenir et d'exercer sa profonde influence à régler les différends qui surviennent entre les hommes.

Veillez, aussi, mon Frère, agréer l'expression de la plus haute considération avec laquelle j'ai le plaisir de me souscrire, dans les liens les plus fraternels.

Votre Frère,

E. F. WARREN,

Grand Maître de la G. L. de Nebraska.

PERPETUAL JURISDICTION.

The doctrine that when an applicant has petitioned for the degrees and been rejected, the Lodge rejecting him has "perpetual jurisdiction" over him, and that no Lodge, at any date, no matter how long an interval of time has elapsed, can accept him without first obtaining the consent of the rejecting Lodge, is very generally held, and our Grand Lodge has ruled that the "waiver of jurisdiction must be unanimous."

I do not believe this doctrine harmonizes with the teachings of Masonry, or that we ought to follow a rule that has nothing to commend it, unless it be a false notion of courtesy, but that has every consideration against it.

The case mentioned in my second reported decision was this: A young man, a mere boy, came out to Nebraska City some ten years ago. He was rather "wild," got into trouble that threatened seriously at one time. He applied for initiation, and was rejected. He shortly afterwards returned to his old home in Massachusetts, and after an interval of about ten years renewed his application. A waiver of jurisdiction was asked of the Nebraska Lodge. I decided that a majority vote was sufficient to grant it. The application was not to become a member here, but merely to take his chances of being accepted elsewhere. If he had been never so bad as a young man, he might have reformed and become in every way an exemplary citizen during the ten years that had elapsed since his rejection. Why not let those among whom he lived, where his character was formed, and who would have to associate with him, judge of his fitness for fellowship? Indeed, no reason, based on common sense, can be assigned why a "waiver" should be asked.

I recommend therefore some change in our existing laws on the subject, something like the following.

1. When an applicant for initiation discloses in his petition that he has been previously rejected, if the rejection was by a Lodge in another state, and was more than one year previous to the second application, let his petition be returned to him with permission to reapply after one year thereafter, at which time the fact of a previous rejection shall be no bar to receiving, referring and balloting thereon.

2. If the petition discloses that he was rejected by a Lodge in

Nebraska, let the petition be returned with permission to reapply after one year; provided such time be not less than three years from the date of the previous rejection.

3. Let it require but one-third of those voting to grant a "waiver of jurisdiction."

I present this matter in crude form, but I believe the principle worthy your serious consideration. The Grand Lodge of Iowa to-day does not recognize the doctrine. She claims that those among whom a man has lived for years are the best judges of his fitness for Masonic honors, and this is especially true in the West, whose populations are so constantly changing; and her Lodges have authority to receive petitions from any who have resided a sufficient length of time within her jurisdiction, irrespective of the fact that they may have been previously rejected. "There is a great deal of human nature in men," some one has remarked, and a rejection is not conclusive evidence of moral, mental, physical or social unfitness. I believe the Iowa rule is the better practice.

AFFILIATION.

Recently this Grand Lodge adopted a suggestion of mine and prohibited the charging of affiliation fees by subordinate Lodges. That was a step in the right direction, and in my judgment the time has come to make a further advance. We should remove all possible barriers in the way of affiliation, and encourage the unaffiliated to renew their membership. The ancient regulations declare that "every Mason ought to be a member of a Lodge," but we have always placed obstacles in the way, and then wondered why brethren would not join the Lodge. An unaffiliated has all the rights of the affiliate, excepting only Lodge *or membership* rights and privileges. He has already passed the ordeal of the secret ballot. If he is alleged to be unfit to associate with his brethren he is entitled to trial. I do not think he should be subjected a second time to the test of a unanimous ballot when he petitions for membership. Encourage him to join the lodge. I would recommend that *no ballot be required* when a non-affiliate presents his petition for affiliation; that upon depositing his demit with a Lodge, if the committee on investigation reports favorably, he shall thereupon become *ipso facto* a member thereof. But if you are not prepared to go to this length now, enact that it shall require a majority, more or less large, to reject such application.

At our last session you adopted the following as an amendment to the by-laws:

SECTION —. No Mason, member of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be demitted, except for the purpose of joining another Lodge or to assist in forming a new Lodge, *agreeable to the ancient landmarks and regulations.*

In this I think you made a mistake, and certain it is that the clause I have italicized is false as matter of history and of fact. I do not need to re-argue the question, but it must be evident that you cannot thus force membership. If you refuse to demit upon application you will soon be compelled to suspend for N. P. D., and how much better to dismiss with

a blessing than an anathema. One thus suspended will never resume his membership. I recommend that the same be repealed.

But if you will not repeal it and permit him who joins the Fraternity of his own free will and accord to withdraw with equal freedom, if you are determined to get all you can and hold all you have, then you should polish up and put your legislation in better shape. You should proceed further. Supposing a Mason, wishing to demit, says in his petition therefor, "I desire to join another Lodge;" the demit is granted and he puts it in his pocket, alleging that since he took it he has changed his mind. No self-respecting brother, who has the good of Masonry at heart, will so suddenly change his mind, and if he does he should be disciplined therefor! The provisions of your law are too loosely drawn. A Grand Lodge which lays down a *perfect rule of action* must not be thus easily balked by the first one who desires to evade its laws. You should provide that no demit shall be granted until the application for affiliation be actually filed with the second Lodge, and the applicant elected therein; that upon failure to elect to membership, his connection with the former is not severed. Either do this and permit the evils of dual membership, or repeal the provision now in force, for it is ineffectual.

INSURANCE.

We frequently have appeals made to us for aid either by our own or other Lodges, because of losses suffered by fire, when, had ordinary precautions been taken to guard against the same, no harm would have resulted. Generally what is everyone's business is nobody's affair, and destruction follows. Shortly after the disaster whereby Riverton Lodge No. 63 was almost annihilated, came the conflagration at St. Johns, N. B., and I issued the following *Edict*:

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, ANC. FREE AND ACC. MASONS.

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, NEBRASKA CITY, January 15, 5883.

To the Master and Wardens of each Subordinate Lodge, A. F. and A. M. in Nebraska:

GREETING.—Our attention has several times been directed to the fact that the property and jewels of our subordinate Lodges have been totally destroyed or greatly damaged by fires, resulting in seriously injuring them because no insurance had been effected thereon, and our attention has recently been called anew to the subject by the disaster at Riverton, Nebraska, whereby Riverton Lodge, No. 63, was well nigh wiped out of existence, and "no insurance" had been placed upon its property.

These disasters are the cause of the appeals for aid that from time to time make their appearance. It is very doubtful whether one who carelessly exposes himself to loss is entitled to much sympathy. There is no reason why the *business* interests of Masonry should not be attended to *in a business way*. The Grand Lodge of Nebraska has a direct interest in the effects of every subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction, and should take measures to see that its property interests are not needlessly imperilled or carelessly lost. Under the statutes of Nebraska each subordinate Lodge in the State is a corporation, authorized to take and hold property.

Now, therefore, we, EDWIN F. WARREN, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, do hereby order and direct.

1. That, as soon as practicable after the receipt of these presents, a suitable and reasonable amount of insurance against loss or damage by fire, be placed upon the insurable property of each Lodge under our jurisdiction, the cost thereof to be borne by the Lodge.

2. The Masters of the several Lodges are hereby especially directed and enjoined to see that this *edict* is forthwith obeyed.

3. The Secretaries of the several Lodges are hereby directed to report to our Grand Secretary the amount of insurance effected in pursuance of this edict, or otherwise carried by said Lodge, and the names of the company or companies issuing the policies.

Witness our hand and official seal at Nebraska City, this 15th day January, 5883.

ATTEST:

WM. R. BOWEN,
Grand Secretary,

E. F. WARREN,
Grand Master.

WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary:

R. W. Brother,—In accordance with the order of the M. W. Edwin F. Warren, Grand Master, I fraternally report that the amount of insurance against loss or damage by fire now placed on the insurable property of this Lodge, is as follows:

On real estate (buildings, etc.).....	\$.....
On personal property (jewels, tools, furniture, etc.).....	\$.....
Total.....	\$.....
The companies issuing the policies, are as follows:	
.....	\$.....
.....	\$.....
.....	\$.....
Total.....	\$.....

[SEAL] Fraternally, Secretary,
Date.....5883. Lodge, No.....

There has been a general compliance with terms thereof, the property of our subordinate Lodges being insured for about \$40,000.

I recommend that, by appropriate legislation, you make it obligatory upon every subordinate Lodge to effect and keep in force a suitable amount of insurance against loss by fire.

ORPHAN SCHOOL FUND.

If properly managed and preserved we have in this fund the foundation of a noble charity, that will hereafter redound to our honor, and furnish the means of doing much good to the orphans of our deceased brethren. It is intended to keep the funds loaned out, adding the annual interest, until such time as the principal shall yield a revenue adequate to support the beneficiaries. There are at present six loans, designated by numbers, of which the amounts, including interest to May 31, 1883, at eight per cent, are as follows:

Loan No. 1	\$1,621 88
“ No. 2	488 68
“ No. 3	6,062 25
“ No. 4	543 50
“ No. 5	2,437 86
“ No. 6	1,493 11
Money in Bank	919 80
Total	\$13,477 08

The foregoing is from the report of M. W. Bro. Robert W. Furnas, chairman of the board. From him I learn that “Loan No. 5” exists only on paper. It was made several years ago to B. F. Lushbaugh, whose estate is practically insolvent, though there are hopes of “another small dividend” from the administrator. The other loans are well secured.

I would recommend that an investigation of this loan be made, to the end that whatever is collectible may be secured, and we know exactly where we stand. It is useless to carry forward fictitious balances or claim assets that exist only in the imagination.

The bond required by the regulations to be given by the board of trustees, under recent arrangements, was to be given by the chairman of the board, who is to be made responsible for the safety of such funds as may from time to time come into his hands. There is no need that this bond should exceed in the penalty an amount sufficient to cover such sums as may be paid for interest, or any of the principal as it matures. I judge that \$7,500 will be ample. I invite your attention to the matter and your careful consideration.

GRAND CUSTODIAN.

You will notice in my report of dispensations for the formation of new Lodges that in the great majority of instances the required certificate has been made by some Past Master or by some present officer of Grand Lodge. I am greatly indebted to the several brethren who have thus assisted me, notably to our R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, Samuel W. Hayes, whose position, contrary to custom and usage in this jurisdiction, has not been wholly ornamental. I was compelled to call upon him and others because R.: W.: Bro.: Gillette, Grand Custodian, was prevented by imperative business engagements from giving to the duties of his office the attention they would otherwise have received. In the spring the call from subordinate Lodges for the Grand Custodian became so pressing that some relief must be had, and March 22 I appointed our W.: Bro.: Benjamin F. Rawalt, Master of Fairfield Lodge, No. 84, to be Grand Custodian, limiting his term to June 1 for obvious reasons. I did not intend thereby to supersede Bro.: Gillette, but to furnish the assistance so much needed by subordinates. I issued to Bro.: Rawalt the following letter of authority:

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA, ANC.: FREE.: AND ACC.: MASONS.

GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, NEBRASKA CITY, March 22, 5883.

To the Officers and Brethren of Subordinate Lodges in the State of Nebraska:

GREETING: For divers and sufficient reasons unto us appearing, and by virtue of the power and authority in us vested as Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, we have appointed, and by these presents do appoint, our W.: Bro.: Benjamin F. Rawalt, Past Master of Fairfield Lodge, No. 84, Custodian, until June 1, 5883, with full power and authority to open and hold "Schools of Instruction" in any subordinate Lodge in our jurisdiction, and to teach therein in the work.

The Masters of all subordinate Lodges will see that our Bro.: Benjamin F. Rawalt is respected and obeyed accordingly.

Witness our hand and private seal of office this 22d day of March, 5883.

E. F. WARREN, *Grand Master.*

I have received from time to time reports of Bro.: Rawalt's work, and know that he has been able to do much good to the Lodges. His detailed report, with that of Bro.: Gillette, is herewith submitted.

This jurisdiction has grown so large that some means must be devised to pay a sufficient salary to secure the services of a competent brother who shall be ready and able to attend to all the duties pertaining to the import-

ant office of Grand Custodian. The plan proposed last year, see page 221, or some other, should receive your serious consideration.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

No committee of the Grand Lodge has more onerous duties to perform than that on returns, and there is none whose duties are so little appreciated, or so valuable. The greatest care is required, and the labor of at least one competent man, assisted by the Grand Secretary, for one month, is required to put the returns of subordinate Lodges in proper shape.

Realizing this, I appointed Bro.: Frank H. Young, Master of Thistle Lodge No. 61, chairman. His work on this committee last year was highly commendable, and to insure his attendance, I guaranteed him at least fifty dollars as compensation for his labors this year.

I recommend that an appropriation of not less than fifty dollars be made to reimburse Bro.: Young, as far as money can.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

I cannot close this report without reference to the assistance I have received from Bro.: William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary. Only those who have filled the station I now occupy—the Executive of the Fraternity in the State—can appreciate the worth he is to the Grand Master. Alert, efficient, learned, willing and able to assist, with his office and his office work in complete order, and conducted with an almost perfect system, he has at all times been a most efficient help and invaluable in counsel. He works without confusion, and his work is thoroughly done. I have had occasion to visit the offices of several of the Grand Secretaries in the country, and in none of them have I seen as complete system and order. It is not too much to say that to his ideas concerning the printing and issuing of our proceedings, and in other matters pertaining to his office and to the craft at large, more than to all others, are we indebted for the high rank our Masonic work has taken in our neighboring jurisdictions and throughout the world. Long occupancy of the office has made him thoroughly familiar with all details, and he is known abroad, *even better than at home*, because we are so near him, as the *Grand Secretary par excellence*.

We now have, thanks to his efforts, a fire-proof vault attached to his office, where our records are safe from destruction. Some appropriations for binding etc., are needed, to which he will call your attention.

SPECIAL SESSIONS.

During the year I have deputized different brethren as my proxy to officiate at the laying of corner-stones, the most notable being those at Omaha and Lincoln. At the former place, M.: W.: Bro.: George W. Lininger placed the corner-stone of the new court house for Douglas county, on the 25th day of October, 1882, and at the latter, on May 1st, 1883, I, myself, laid the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple at Lincoln. Both these occasions were thoroughly enjoyable, and attended by large numbers of the craft, as well as the general public.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Last year M.: W.: Bro.: Tulleys and myself prepared and submitted a brief report on Foreign Correspondence. It was necessarily hurried, and

did not enter as much into details as was desirable, but as an introduction, after years of silence, it was hoped it would be received, and this year we fully expected to have an elaborate and creditable review. M. W. Bro. Robert W. Furnas was appointed upon that committee, with the hope that he would give us such a review as his abilities would lead us to expect, but he has been unexpectedly called to the Pacific coast, and writes as follows to the chairman, Bro. Bowen:

"No use talking. My duties to my own family and business will not permit the use of time to make review. I am working from four o'clock in the morning until twelve at night. So you see how it is.

I must be relieved from active work in the Order. Thirty-eight years in active work in the Fraternity is enough for one brother. Don't you think so? I have more labor to perform between this date and July 31 than I can alone do, and in addition my eyes are inflamed and weakened by desk work."

And so we had, perforce, to excuse him. After so many years' labor in the Fraternity that he has loved and that has loved to honor him, he has surely earned his rest. But to whom shall we turn for assistance?

CONCLUSION.

My brethren, for the past ten years I have attended every annual session of Grand Lodge, have contributed my mite, my voice, vote and influence to make it what it is, and I can well congratulate you upon the position the Grand Lodge of Nebraska occupies whenever her work has been reviewed. Younger in years than most of her sisters, she yet numbers among her members those whose names are well known in Masonic circles the country over. To have contributed to any extent toward this result is a source of pride and gratification to me personally. Although I have been honored beyond my deserts by your votes, and have held successively every elective office within your gift, save treasurer and secretary, I do not intend, now that by your partiality I have reached the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry, that my interest in the Order shall cease. I hope to be with you hereafter, as heretofore, to do what in me lies for our beloved Fraternity.

Our lives are best measured by our deeds, not by the years we number. Let no brother be content to rest in idleness, but rather aspire to do some act that shall cause his name to live in the annals of our Order after he himself shall have gone to his reward. Let him do his best. One talent well used and put to usury is better than ten talents suffered to rust and waste in idleness, and shall bring to its possessor more honor and credit, and a more abundant reward.

"Life counts not hours by joys or pangs,
But just by duties done.

And when I lie in the green kirk-yard
With the mould upon my breast,
Say not that 'he did well or ill,'
Only, 'he did his best.' "

E. F. WARREN,
Grand Master.

On motion of W. . Bro. . Davidson, 17, the address was referred to a special committee; the Grand Master appointed Bros. . Davidson, 17, Hastings, 19, Persinger, 36, Rawalt, 84, and Bruner, 25, as such committee.

To the committee on Accounts was referred the following :

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

OMAHA, NEB., June 19, 1883.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. . F. . and A. . M. . :

Herewith I submit my report of funds received and disbursed to date :

Dr.

June 20, 1882.	To balance on hand from last report.	\$7,215 30
	(Of which \$238.19 belongs to Charity Fund.)	
June 21, 1882.	Rec'd of W. R. Bowen, Gr. Sec'y....	208 32
May 28, 1883.	" " " "	1,000 00
"	" " " "	1,000 00
June 1, 1883.	" " " "	1,000 00
June 7, 1883.	" " " "	1,000 00
June 15, 1883.	" " " "	1,000 00
June 18, 1883.	" " " "	710 46
		\$13,134 08

Cr.

By paid Pay Roll, session 1882.....	\$804 68
By paid Warrant No. 188.....	38 58
No. 189.....	121 75
No. 190.....	10 00
No. 191.....	100 00
No. 192.....	50 00
No. 193.....	38 90
No. 194.....	5 25
No. 195.....	50 00
No. 196.....	85 00
No. 197.....	100 00
No. 198.....	85 00
No. 199.....	735 87
No. 200.....	85 00
No. 201.....	719 83
No. 202.....	15 85
No. 203.....	15 55
No. 204.....	85 00
No. 205.....	85 00
No. 206.....	100 00
No. 207.....	20 85
No. 208.....	85 00

No. 209	\$371 20	
No. 210	85 00	
No. 211	85 00	
No. 212	100 00	
No. 213	85 00	
No. 214	216 40	
No. 215	108 00	
No. 216	85 00	
No. 217	150 00	
No. 218	76 20	
No. 219	100 00	4,898 91

On hand..... \$8,235 17

On hand a Warrant drawn on Judgment Fund of Omaha City for \$207 42.

Respectfully submitted,

C. HARTMAN, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Grand Secretary made report as follows, which was referred to the special committee on the Grand Master's address:

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

IN GRAND LODGE, June 19, 1883.

To the Grand Lodge:

In submitting my report for the year, I present the following work for inspection: The proceedings of the last annual communication, the proceedings of our Quarter Centennial communication, the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska, the second edition of the Black Book, and reports on the "certain instructions which are not proper to be made part of this record" (see page 228, proceedings of 5882); these, in addition to the other labors of the office, have made a busy year, and as proof thereof I cite my postage account, amounting to \$165.42, not one penny of which is uncertain or questionable.

The proceedings of our annual communication of June 20 and 21, 1882, were mailed August 9, 1882, and I hold receipts therefor from each Nebraska lodge and each American Grand Lodge. Our Quarter Centennial proceedings are in type, and will be published with the proceedings of this annual communication; the Law and the Black Book were sent to each lodge last December, and I hold receipts for same from each Nebraska lodge save one; the "certain instructions" ($\frac{2}{5} \frac{2}{8} \frac{2}{8} \frac{2}{2}$) were sent by registered letter in December, and due report thereon has been made by each Nebraska lodge except twenty. That it may be corrected if erroneous, I here state my opinion that it is the plain duty of each recipient of documents from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to promptly *acknowledge their receipt*; my aim (I do not claim that it is attained) is to bring the transaction

of Masonic business in Nebraska to exactness and precision. It is the *duty* of the Grand Secretary to furnish certain documents to each Nebraska Lodge, and he can with certainty know that he has performed that duty only by obtaining receipts for such documents; I endeavor to facilitate this certitude by usually furnishing addressed postal cards with each document on which to *acknowledge its receipt*. This small matter is here presented for criticism by the Grand Lodge, because it seems to be deemed irksome by many to thus comply with the requests of this office, which requests are pronounced to be "red tape." I venture the remark that "red tape," like most sublunary things, is useful if not abused; "hence these tears."

During the year I have observed the toilsome efforts in other jurisdictions to obtain more or less promptly, or at all, the annual returns of chartered lodges. In some jurisdictions prizes are given to the "first best;" I congratulate the Grand Lodge of Nebraska that it has accomplished what older and stronger jurisdictions are now endeavoring to do. This accomplishment is due, first to the secretaries of our chartered lodges who may safely be matched against an equal number from any other jurisdiction, and second to the committee on Returns for the last twelve years. And while I do not desire to paint the lily, or add perfume to the rose, I *do* wish to perpetuate our excellent system, and (referring to my statement on page 115 and offer on page 143, proceedings of 5881) to that end offer the following change in our law.

Amend section IX of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge by adding as paragraph 3, that which is now Rule 28. "The Masonic fiscal year of this jurisdiction shall begin on the first day of May and end on the thirtieth day of April; and each chartered lodge shall make its annual return to the Grand Secretary within ten days thereafter; and all Grand Lodge dues and fees of chartered lodges shall be paid on or before the thirty-first day of May." Also add as paragraph 4, "On the recommendation of the committee on Returns, each chartered lodge, for each Master Mason in good standing on its rolls at the beginning of the year, shall be credited one cent for each day before June 1st both copies of its annual return, together with the appertaining funds, reach the Grand Secretary's office; provided that such credit shall in no case exceed twenty-five cents for each Master Mason in good standing at the beginning of the year. The committee on Returns shall not recommend the above stipulated credit unless the return is reasonably accurate and well-made."

The result of this law, if enacted, will be to put a premium on prompt accuracy in the rendition of returns; to induce the transmission of funds before the opening of the annual communications, thus making practicable a thorough auditing of accounts; and to reduce the annual Grand Lodge dues from seventy-five to fifty cents per capita, which is desirable, and I think feasible, without interfering with any of the present or proposed plans of the Grand Lodge. I will not continue my many exhortations on the subject of having the funds come in with the returns, except to quote from my report to the Grand Chapter of Nebraska last December, the views therein expressed being emphasized by subsequent events outside Nebraska.

“Recent occurrences in the Masonic world develop, as the cause of a certain large defalcation, that ‘this shortage appears to occur in almost every instance where Lodges had paid their dues during the session of the Grand Lodge.’ This conclusion is in accordance with my own views, frequently expressed in our Nebraska Grand Bodies, and proves the wisdom of the course that I have labored for—that of having our annual dues and fees paid some time before our Grand Chapter meets, thus enabling the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary to submit complete and closed accounts, and making it possible for the committee on Finance and Accounts to thoroughly do its work. The Grand Chapter should not so loosely audit its accounts that clerical errors are passed, to possibly be discovered in later years, when explanation or correction would be impossible, and naught remain but an imputation on the character of a faithful office-bearer.”

I have come to the conclusion that hereafter all circulars issued from the Grand Secretary’s office, even when wholly printed, should be sent in sealed envelopes at letter postage; an unsealed circular rarely receives much attention, I find.

And in this connection I wish to suggest to Masters and Secretaries of Lodges that when they leave home for days or weeks, they should arrange for some one to open their letters; last year the representatives from one of our most remote Lodges had to pay full fare to and from Grand Lodge because my letter transmitting railroad certificates was “returned to writer” just after Grand Lodge, the Secretary being absent.

Last autumn I induced the Quarter Centennial committee to furnish each Nebraska Lodge with *Recognition Badges*—a blue ribbon to be worn on the coat lapel at all masonic gatherings, and bearing the name, number and location of the wearer’s Lodge. If worn in Grand Lodge, these *Recognition Badges* would promote good fellowship and the transaction of business.

As authorized by the Grand Lodge, I have secured the use of a fire-proof vault at an annual rental to the Grand Lodge of \$50. It is only 6×6×9 feet, and holds but a small portion of the archives of this office. What the Grand Lodge ought to have—and I hope some day to see it—is an absolutely *fire-proof office-room*; and until that is obtained I do not deem it wise to spend much money in binding proceedings and other masonic periodicals. The expenditure would only increase the aggravation when the books were burned.

During the year I have visited a number of our Lodges as far west as Sidney and regret that office work has prevented other excursions among the Craft.

Herewith are submitted:

The following documents from lodges under dispensation, which were placed in hands of committee of Charters and Dispensations yesterday:

Name of Lodges U. D.:	Warrant.	Statement of Work.	Record Book.	Petition for Charter.	Demits.	Proposed By-Laws.	Proposed Seal.	Petition for Continuance.
Oakland	1	1	1	1	7	1	0	0
Valentine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hubbell	1	1	1	1	13	1	1	0
Beaver City	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	0
Bennett	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	0
Garfield	1	1	0	1	9	1	0	0
Utica	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	0
Weeping Water	1	1	1	1	19	1	1	0
Zeredatha	1	1	1	1	8	1	0	0
Shelton	1	1	1	1	9	1	0	0
Creighton	1	1	1	1	..	1	0	0
Ponca	1	1	1	1	15	0	0	0
Waterloo	1	1	1	1	9	1	0	0
Ord	1	1	1	1	5	1	0	0
Wymore	1	1	1	1	15	1	0	0
Stella	1	1	1	1	18	1	0	0
Porter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steele City	1	1	1	1	4	1	0	0
Table Rock	1	1	1	1	14	1	0	0
Arapahoe	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	0
Wisner	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pomegranate	1	1	1	1	15	1	1	0
De Witt	1	0	1	1	..	1	0	..
Springfield	1	0	1	..	..	1	0	1

The financial statements and accounts of this office, the same having been before the committee on Accounts since yesterday. Also the annual report of the chairman of the trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund.

The following documents, which the committee on Grievances have had since yesterday: The appeal of Bro.: E. C. O'Donnell, of Nevada Lodge, No. —, Iowa, from the sentence inflicted by Hastings Lodge, No. 50; an appeal from the action of Thistle Lodge, No. 61, in the case of Bro.: Charles J. Freese, of said Lodge; the appeal of twenty-six members of Waco Lodge, No. 80, from the action of said Lodge in not punishing Bro.: Wm. E. McCloud after conviction; the complaint of Bro.: Wm. E. McCloud, of Waco Lodge, No. 80, against the Master of said Lodge.

The petition of Corinthian Lodge, No. 83, for removal of said Lodge from La Porte to Wakefield.

The petition of Bro.: Samuel Zimmerman for reinstatement and demission from Eureka Lodge, No. 16, now extinct.

The requests of the Grand Lodges of Arizona, Mexico, Peru and Spain for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

Fraternally, WM. R. BOWEN, *Grand Secretary.*

Bro.: Rice, 2, chairman of the committee on Credentials, made report, which was adopted, subject to amendment during the session. The report as amended was as follows:

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

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

GRAND OFFICE-BEARERS.

- M. W. EDWIN F. WARREN.....Grand Master.
- R. W. SAMUEL W. HAYES.....Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. JOHN J. WEMPLE.....Grand Senior Warden.
- R. W. CHRISTIAN HARTMAN.....Grand Treasurer.
- R. W. WILLIAM R. BOWEN.....Grand Secretary.
- V. W. GEORGE SCOTT.....Grand Chaplain.
- W. MANOAH B. REESE.....Grand Orator.
- W. LEE P. GILLETTE.....Grand Lecturer.
- W. JOSEPH E. COBBEY.....Grand Marshal.
- W. CALVIN B. WEBBER.....Grand Junior Deacon.

PAST GRAND OFFICE-BEARERS.

- M. W. ALFRED G. HASTINGS.....Past Grand Master.
- M. W. GEORGE W. LININGER.....Past Grand Master.
- M. W. JAMES A. TULLEYS.....Past Grand Master.
- R. W. LEE P. GILLETTE.....Past Deputy Grand Master.
- R. W. ELIAS H. CLARK.....Past Deputy Grand Master.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Nebraska	1	Frank E. Caldwell..	Joseph N. Whitted..	.....
Western Star.	2	Charles F. Rice.....	Sylvester J. Faris..	Charles F. Rice*....
Capitol	3	James Gilbert.....	George W. Lininger*	George W. Lininger*
Nemaha Valley ...	4	John J. Mercer.....	.....	.....
Omaha	5	William Adair.....	.....	.....
Plattsmouth.....	6	Francis E. White*..	Francis E. White*..	W. F. Eaton*.....
Falls City.....	9	.....	.....	.....
Solomon.....	10	Elias H. Clark.....	.....	.....
Covert.....	11	Charles K. Coutant..	William France*..	William France.....
Nebraska City.....	12	.....	.....	.....
Orient.....	13	.....	.....	.....
Peru.....	14	.....	.....	.....
Fremont.....	15	.....	Asberry Townsend..	.....
Tecumseh	17	Samuel P. Davidson*	.....	.....
Ashland	18	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln	19	Lee P. Gillette.....	Sylvester S. Royce..	P. W. Pierce*.....
Rock Bluff.....	20	.....	.....	.....
Washington.....	21	Henry Newell.....	.....	.....
Pawnee	23	.....	.....	.....
St. Johns	25	James B. Bruner.....	.....	.....
Beatrice.....	26	Gilbert L. Cole.....	Joseph E. Cobbeey..	Edward H. Daniels..
Jordan.....	27	Emory Briggs.....	.....	.....
Hope.....	29	.....	.....	.....
Blue River.....	30	Pliny E. Dinsmore*..	George M. Couffer*..	.....
Tekamah.....	31	Jas. R. Sutherland*..	A. F. Conkling*..	James E. Sutherland
Platte Valley	32	.....	.....	.....
Ashlar	33	Blake C. Howard ..	.....	.....
Acacia	34	J. A. Hood*.....	.....	.....
Fairbury	35	Benjamin S. Baker ..	.....	.....
Lone Tree.....	36	Newton R. Persinger	.....	.....
Creta	37	Israel M. Wolf*.....	.....	.....
Oliver.....	38	Robert St. Clair*..	.....	.....
Papillion.....	39	.....	.....	.....
Humboldt.....	40	.....	.....	.....

LODGE.	No.	MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
Northern Light	41	A... M. McFarland	Charles L. Lamb	
Juniata	42		M. K. Hutchinson	
Hebron	43			
Harvard	44	Levi B. Munger*		
Palmyra	45			
Rob. Morris	46	J... C. Beswick		
Salem	47			
Fairmount	48			
Evening Star	49	J... C. Merrill		
Hastings	50		David L. McElhinney	Fred. J. Benedict*
Fidelity	51			Henry Spiker
Hiram	52	John Hammang*		
Charity	53		Manley B. McNitt	
Lancaster	54	L... M. Hupert		Charles M. Carter
Mosaic	55	D... R. Daniel		William Gereche
York	56	L. A. Brandhoefer*	George B. France*	George B. France*
Mt. Moriah	57			
Lebanon	58			
Wahoo	59	J... C. Polsley*		E... Pickett*
Mcrose	60	Lewis H. Kent		
Thistle	61	Frank H. Young*		
Keystone	62		Jonathan Foster	
Riverton	63	John D. Fulton		
Blue Valley	64	L... E. Goodell		
Osecola	65		Edwin L. King	
Livingstone	66			
Edgar	67	S... J. Whitten	A... R. Kidd*	Milton J. Hull*
Aurora	68	F... J. Engle*		
Fortitude	69	J... F. McCoy*		
Sterling	70			
Trowel	71			
Hooper	72		Samuel Kreader	
Friend	73		Robert Connell	
Alexandria	74	James F. Thomas	II... M. Hubbard*	
Frank Welch	75	James J. McIntosh		
Joppa	76	William T. Britton	James P. A. Black	Edward H. Marshall*
Nelson	77			
Albion	78	L... P. Judd*		
Geneva	79	Joseph M. Fisher	Sherwood Burr	J. W. Wintersteen*
Waco	80	John S. Bennett		
Composite	81		A... Roberts	
Saint Paul	82	Herman W. Merrill*		
Corinthian	83	Cyrus E. Hunter		
Fairfield	84	Benjamin F. Rawalt	William S. Randall	John C. Hedge
Tyre	85	Abram Samuels	M... A. Clute	
Doniphan	86	Martin Ennis		
Ionic	87		Solomon Draper	
Star	88	Milburn J. Kenyon		
Cedar River	89			
Elk Creek	90			Davis W. Randolph

* Proxy.

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

Arkansas	SAMUEL W. HAYES.
British Columbia	WILLIAM ADAIR.
California	JOHN J. WEMPLE.
Connecticut	ALFRED G. HASTINGS.
Georgia	EDWIN F. WARREN.
Idaho	JAMES A. TULLEYS.
Manitoba	EDWIN F. WARREN.
Pennsylvania	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.
Vermont	WILLIAM R. BOWEN.

The Grand Lodge was now called to refreshment until eight o'clock this evening.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 5883.

At eight o'clock the Grand Lodge resumed labor, M.·W.· Edwin F. Warren being in the East.

W.·Bro.· France, 56, chairman of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report from that committee, which was adopted, except that, on motion, a charter was granted Utica Lodge. Later in the session charters were ordered for Porter and Springfield Lodges:

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

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations, to which was referred the records and by-laws of twenty-three lodges under dispensation, having carefully examined and considered the same, fraternally report, recommending:

1. The issuance of charters to the following-named lodges heretofore under dispensation, viz: Oakland, Hubbell, Beaver City, Bennett, Garfield, Weeping Water, Zeredatha, Shelton, Creighton, Ponca, Waterloo, Ord, Wymore, Stella, Steele City, Table Rock, Arapahoe, Pomegranate and DeWitt.
2. That the by-laws of these lodges, as amended, be approved by the Grand Lodge, excepting the by-laws of Beaver City Lodge, consisting of thirty-seven pages of manuscript, which we recommend be returned for revision.
3. That the following lodges be continued under dispensation, viz: Valentine, Utica, Wisner and Springfield.
4. That lodges under dispensation, on applying for charters, adopt substantially the code of by-laws prepared by the Grand Secretary, R.·W.· Bro.· William R. Bowen.
5. That Tyre Lodge, No. 85, and Wymore Lodge (when chartered), each have exclusive jurisdiction respectively in the towns of Blue Springs and Wymore, and concurrent jurisdiction outside the corporate limits of said town.
6. Your committee further reports that the records and proceedings of Porter Lodge, U.·D.·, have not been received.
7. Attention is invited to the accompanying detailed reports regarding each lodge above named.

W.·Bro.· Davidson, 17, presented the following report, which was adopted:

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

Your special committee to whom was referred the M.:W.: Grand Master's address, would respectfully report, recommending,—

1. That so much of the address as refers to the death of our Past Grand Master Orsamus H. Irish be referred to a special committee consisting of the Past Grand Masters present.

2. That so much of the address as refers to charters and dispensations for the formation of new lodges to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

3. That so much of the address as refers to the issuance of special dispensations, official decisions, affiliation, changes in by-laws, and Ashland Lodge, No. 18, to the committee on Jurisprudence.

4. That so much of the address as refers to grievances to the committee on Grievances.

5. That so much of the address as refers to foreign relations, and the formation of new Grand Lodges, to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

6. That so much of the address as refers to the Orphans' Educational Fund and insurance of subordinate lodges, to the committee on Ways and Means.

7. That so much of the address as refers to the Grand Custodian to a special committee of five. [Bros.: McElhinney, 50, Baker, 35, Draper, 87, Rice, 2, and Scott, 27, were appointed.]

Respectfully submitted.

S. P. DAVIDSON, *Chairman.*

A. G. HASTINGS.

B. F. RAWALT.

J. B. BRUNER.

N. R. PERSINGER.

The Grand Master appointed W.:Bro.: Manoah B. Reese, 59, and W.:Bro.: N. K. Griggs, 26, members of the committee on Jurisprudence, to fill the places of two Past Grand Masters appointed May 24, 5883, who were not present.

W.:Bro.: Coutant, 11, chairman, made the following report from the committee on Grievances, which was adopted :

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

Your committee on Grievances, to which was referred the appeal of the Junior Warden of Thistle Lodge, No. 61, from the action of said lodge in not sustaining the complaint preferred by him against Bro.: Charles J. Freese, a member thereof, fraternally recommend that the action of the lodge be sustained.

The following report from the same committee was referred to the committee on Jurisprudence as recommended:

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

Your committee on Grievances, to which was referred the appeal of Bro. E. C. O'Donnell from the action of the Grand Master in sustaining the decision of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, beg leave to report that the committee finds that the evidence adduced upon the trial fully justified the action of Hastings Lodge. But your committee finds an important and serious question in reconsidering a vote on a penalty to be inflicted, purely legal in its character, affecting the regularity of the final proceedings of the lodge, which your committee recommends be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

As a question of equity and right, your committee believes that substantial justice was done, and that the evidence justified the verdict and penalty inflicted.

R. W. Bro. Enlow, 26, presented the following report from the committee on Accounts, which was adopted:

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

Your committee on Accounts reports as follows on the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary:

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at last report	\$ 7,215 30
Amount received from Grand Secretary	5,918 78
	\$13,134 08
Amount disbursed by Grand Treasurer as per vouchers	4,898 91
Balance with Grand Treasurer	\$ 8,235 17

Of the above amount there is \$238.19 belonging to the Charity Fund. The Grand Treasurer, by order of the Grand Lodge, and under instruction of the Grand Master, has invested \$207.42 of the Charity Fund on approved security, leaving \$30.77 cash in that fund.

Lincoln was now chosen as the place for the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master appointed Bros. McElhinney, 50, Baker, 35, Draper, 87, Rice, 2 and Scott, 27, the special committee on so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to the Grand Custodian.

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

SECOND DAY — MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1883.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at half-past eight o'clock, M.:W.: Edwin F. Warren, Grand Master, in the East.

The Grand Secretary announced that, as the committee on Accounts had found the financial reports of the Grand Lodge correct, he would now receive funds; whereupon \$651.23 was paid in by sundry lodges.

The following reports from the committee on Grievances, presented by its chairman, W.: Bro.: Coutant, 11, were adopted:

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

Your committee on Grievances, to which was referred the appeal of W.: Bro.: John S. Bennett, Master of Waco Lodge, No. 80, and other brethren of that lodge, from the action of the Grand Master in sustaining the action of Waco Lodge in the complaint against Bro.: William E. McCloud, fraternally report recommending that the action of the Grand Master be sustained.

Your committee, having considered the appeal of Bro.: William E. McCloud from the decision of the Grand Master dismissing the charges preferred against Bro.: John S. Bennett, Master of Waco Lodge, No. 80, by Bro.: McCloud, fraternally report having examined the grounds of said appeal, and do recommend that the decision of the Grand Master therein be sustained.

On the recommendation of the committee on Accounts it was

Resolved, That sixty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay the account of Past Grand Master Edward K. Valentine for postage, stationery, etc., when presented to the incoming Grand Master.

W.: Bro.: Davidson, 17, chairman of special committee, made the following report:

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

Your committee, to which was referred the report of the Grand Secretary, beg leave to report:

1. We recommend that this Grand Lodge commend the faithfulness and efficiency of our Grand Secretary in the discharge of his official duties.
2. That in the matter of securing prompt and accurate returns from the constituent lodges of the jurisdiction the Grand Secretary is entitled to and should have the cordial indorsement of this Grand Lodge; and we recom-

mend that section IX of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge be amended by adding as paragraph 3 to that section that which is now rule 28, as suggested by the Grand Secretary.

3. We also recommend that his recommendation that section IX be further amended by adding thereto as paragraph 4 the matter mentioned in his report, be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted.

S. P. DAVIDSON,	} <i>Special</i>
B. F. RAWALT,	
N. R. PERSINGER,	
JAMES B. BRUNER,	

Committee.

The first and second recommendations of the special committee were adopted, and, unanimous consent being given, Article IX of the Grand Lodge by-laws was amended by adding thereto as paragraph 3 the substance of Rule 28 in words as recommended by the Grand Secretary. The third recommendation of the committee was not adopted, but Article IX of the Grand Lodge by-laws was amended as recommended in the Grand Secretary's report, adding as paragraph 4 the following words :

"On the recommendation of the committee on Returns, each chartered lodge, for each Master Mason in good standing on its rolls at the beginning of the year, shall be credited one cent for each day before June 1 both copies of its annual return, together with the appertaining funds, reach the Grand Secretary's office; provided that such credit shall in no case exceed twenty-five cents for each Master Mason in good standing at the beginning of the year. The committee on Returns shall not recommend the above stipulated credit unless the return is reasonably accurate and well made."

The records, warrant, statement of work, proposed by-laws and petition for charter of Porter Lodge, U. : D. : , were received at this time, and were referred to the committee on Returns and the committee on Charters and Dispersations.

An hour or more was now passed in considering a part of the report of the committee on Jurisprudence, which report will be found in full in the proceedings of this afternoon's session.

At High Twelve the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1883.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at two o'clock this afternoon.

The following report from the committee on Jurisprudence was presented by W. : Bro. : Griggs, 26, was considered by sections, and was adopted:

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

Your committee to whom was referred portions of the M. : W. : Grand Master's address, respectfully report as follows:

1. That in the opinion of your committee it is unnecessary for the Grand Master to issue special dispensations, authorizing a chartered lodge to remove from one building to another in the place where such lodge is located, as such lodge has the right to so remove without such special authority.
2. That in the opinion of your committee, no vacancies existed in the offices of Senior Warden and Secretary of Plattsmouth Lodge, No. 6, and hence no special dispensation authorizing the election of such officers, could be lawfully issued by the M. : W. : Grand Master.
3. That in the case of the special dispensation issued to Fidelity Lodge, No. 51, to install Bro. : A. J. Evans, as Master, your committee are of the opinion that the M. : W. : Grand Master was not warranted in granting such dispensation, for the reason that it is the law of this grand jurisdiction, based upon an ancient land-mark of our fraternity, that "no brother, except in cases of newly chartered lodges, shall be eligible to the mastership unless he has been elected and served in the station of warden in some regular chartered lodge."
4. That, as to the action of the M. : W. : Grand Master, in granting a special dispensation to Western Star Lodge, No. 2, to re-ballot upon the rejected petitions of certain persons for the degrees of Masonry, while your committee do not wish to limit the prerogatives of the M. : W. : Grand Master, we are of the opinion that the petitions having been *rejected*, such action was final under the law of this grand jurisdiction, and hence the ballot should not have been re-spread upon said petitions.
5. That, as to the decisions of the M. : W. : Grand Master, numbered 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15, your committee are of the opinion that they are in conformity with Masonic law and usage, and we, therefore, recommend that the same be approved by this Grand Lodge.
6. That, as to that portion of decision number 2, which relates to the ballot being secret, your committee are of the opinion that the same is in accordance with Masonic law and usage, and, therefore, recommend that the same be approved by this Grand Lodge; but that, as to that portion of said decision which holds that a majority vote only is necessary to waive jurisdiction over a rejected applicant, your committee are of the opinion that the same is in conflict with Masonic law and usage, as well as in conflict with the

law of this grand jurisdiction, and we, therefore, recommend that the same be not approved by this Grand Lodge.

7. That, as to decision No. 5 of the M. : W. : Grand Master, your committee are of the opinion that the same is in conflict with the laws of this grand jurisdiction, and we, therefore, recommend that the same be not approved by this Grand Lodge.

8. That, as to decision No. 8 of the M. : W. : Grand Master, your committee are of the opinion that the same is not in accordance with Masonic law and usage, and we, therefore, recommend that the same be not approved by this Grand Lodge.

9. That, as to decision No. 10 of the M. : W. : Grand Master, your committee are of the opinion that Section 3 of the Criminal Code applies to *all* affiliated Masons, whether they belong within or without the state; and that, "therefore, when an affiliated Mason holds his membership in a foreign jurisdiction, and is charged with a Masonic offense committed within the jurisdiction of the lodge where he resides, such latter lodge has authority to prefer charges against and try him," provided the notice of sixty days has been given, as required in said Section 3 before alluded to.

10. That the decision, No. 13, of the M. : W. : Grand Master, that "the announcement of the Master that the application is 'rejected' is conclusive, he knowing what vote is required to reject, and cannot be questioned. If he announces falsely, he is subject to discipline," in the opinion of your committee, is according to Masonic law and usage, and should be approved; but that, in the opinion of your committee, no brother has the right to know or to inquire how many ballots of each kind appear.

The following report was received from part of the committee on Jurisprudence, on the matter referred to that committee, on the recommendation of the committee on Grievances yesterday afternoon, which report was adopted:

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

Your committee to whom was referred decision No. 16 of the M. : W. : Grand Master respectfully report that, in the opinion of your committee, when a secret ballot has been once taken as to the expulsion of a brother found guilty of unmasonic conduct, and the result of the ballot duly announced by the Master, no motion can be made and entertained to reconsider such ballot. And your committee, therefore, recommend that the said decision No. 16 of the M. : W. : Grand Master be not approved by this Grand Lodge.

A. G. HASTINGS,	}	Majority
N. K. GRIGGS,		of
M. B. REESE,		Committee.

Whereupon the Grand Master ruled that as the adopted report of the committee on Grievances sustained the action of Hastings Lodge, No. 50, in expelling Bro. : Edward C.

O'Donnell, of Nevada Lodge, No. —, Iowa, he stood expelled, notwithstanding the foregoing report of the committee on Jurisprudence, which ruling was, on motion, confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

W. : Bro. : Rawalt, 84, presented a report from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, recommending the approval of the proposed by-laws of Porter and Springfield Lodges, U. : D. :, and the issuance of charters continuing these lodges, which report was adopted.

On the further recommendation of the same committee, it was ordered that a new charter be issued to Rob Morris Lodge, No. 46, at Kearney (formerly Gibbon Lodge, No. 46, at Gibbon), said lodge paying the expense thereof; that a new charter be issued, without fee, to Riverton Lodge, No. 63, the former charter having been destroyed by fire; and that permission be granted Corinthian Lodge, No. 83, to remove from La Porte to Wakefield, Nebraska, at its own expense.

The following reports from the Grand Custodian and the acting Grand Custodian were referred to the special committee of which Bro. : McElhinney, 50, is chairman:

E. F. WARREN, Grand Master of Masons:

M. : W. : Sir,—I fraternally report that for the past year I have visited but few lodges officially, business requiring my attention.

I have carefully looked over the subject of "uniformity of work" in this jurisdiction, and am of the opinion that the desired end can only be attained by the Grand Custodian visiting each lodge, and imparting the work to the officers and brethren in their Masonic homes. As we now have over one hundred lodges, this will require the entire time of the Custodian for three hundred days in the year.

To successfully accomplish this, sufficient salary should be paid the Grand Custodian to warrant him in giving all his time to the work.

I respectfully recommend that the official title of Grand Custodian be dropped, and that we "return to our first love," and call that officer Grand Lecturer.

I held a Grand Lecturer's lodge of instruction at Beatrice on the 18th and 19th instant, at which twenty-seven lodges were represented.

Fraternally yours, LEE P. GILLETTE, *Grand Custodian.*

To E. F. WARREN, M. W. G. M. of M. in Nebraska:

M. W. and DEAR BROTHER,—In obedience to your order of March 22, 1883, appointing me to the position of Custodian until June 1, 1883, I beg leave to report that March 24 I commenced visiting various lodges; first, the ones who had made special request that the Custodian visit them, then to others, and held schools of instruction in Table Rock Lodge U. D., in Acacia Lodge No. 34, in Fairfield Lodge No. 84, in Zeredatha Lodge U. D. at Republican City, in Arapahoe Lodge U. D. at Arapahoe, in Keystone Lodge No. 62 at St. Joe, Nebraska, in Fairbury Lodge No. 35, visiting Harvard Lodge No. 44, Hastings Lodge No. 50, Charity Lodge No. 53 at Red Cloud, and Hooper Lodge No. 72, exemplifying the work in the several degrees and assisting in conferring the work upon candidates where such were in readiness. I have to report to you that the brethren I met were all ready and anxious to receive the true lectures, and extended to me every courtesy and assistance in their power. I find from this visiting, the work in the various lodges demands active and constant work on the part of the Custodian, and if this is not attended to soon it will be impossible for one man to ever secure a uniform lecture in this jurisdiction, as the number of lodges is increasing rapidly, which only makes it still more difficult, if not impossible, to bring about a uniform lecture. A visit to the several lodges of the main railroad lines would convince any one that this work is absolutely needed. I think this work requires at this time the undivided time and attention of one man from the first day to the last day of the Masonic year, and will require that he withdraw his mind from *all* kinds of business excepting this *one*, of establishing a uniform lecture; then by *constant* and energetic work, *early and late*, he may lay the foundation on which such uniform lecture may be built, and eventually firmly established, and to this end I would recommend that a sufficient salary be paid the Custodian, that he may thus give his entire time and attention to this great work, for this reason: If a man must have his mind employed in procuring the wherewith to support those dependent upon him, it will so distract his mind from the work that his labors in many cases will be barren. The adoption of the resolution introduced by myself last year at Lincoln, either as it was introduced or in an amended form, I think would meet the requirements—"that the Custodian receive \$1,000 from the Grand Lodge treasury for his services, to be drawn monthly, and the lodges visited pay the railroad fare and hotel expenses"—would make it light upon each lodge, and in a short time all the lodges would be in good working order, and not have been expensive to them either. For example, if the Custodian visits Lodge A, 10 miles distant, Lodge A pay railroad fare to and from starting point, which would be a small amount; then next Lodge B, being 15 miles from Lodge A, Lodge B to pay the railroad fare from Lodge A and return, and so on from lodge to lodge. In this way I think every lodge in the jurisdiction could have the services of the Custodian once a year, and no one lodge be to more than \$10 expense per year, which would be reasonable. As it now is, if Lodge A is 100 miles from the home of the Custodian, we find it costs the lodge from \$10 to \$15 to secure a single visit of the Custodian, besides the hotel bill,

which makes it very expensive. I find the several lodges in good secure halls, and provided with ample furniture and property to confer the work in an impressive manner. Many of the lodges are in excellent working condition, and I would be glad to make special mention, but to do so would extend this report to such length as would be imposing upon your valuable time. To the lodges that have not already secured a building lot in their town or city, I would recommend that they secure at an early day such a lot that when able to build a hall the east may be in the east. I make this recommendation for this reason, that in most of the young towns lots can now be secured at from \$15 to \$25, where in a few years hence the same lots will be worth several hundred dollars; then again at this time in very many of the towns desirable lots can now be secured in what will in a few years be the heart of the business part of these towns. I find that most, if not all, the U. : D. : lodges will petition for perpetual charters. Those that I have visited I find have done good work. *One* encouraging fact not only of U. : D. :, but also of chartered lodges, is the accepting of nothing but the best material, and from my observations in this direction I think the grievance committee of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska will have but light work in years to come, which will be a comfort and pleasure to all. To the Grand Officers I owe much for valuable counsel and assistance in preparing for and executing this work, the remembrance of which will be a pleasant reflection as I travel along life's journey. Especially am I indebted to R. : W. : Bro. : L. P. Gillette for valuable instruction and assistance. I would earnestly recommend that the title of "Grand Custodian" be changed to "Grand Lecturer," as the title of Grand Lecturer is so well established in the hearts of all Masons that many feel the title of Grand Custodian is on the verge of an innovation; at least the name of Grand Lecturer harmonizes with old and established ideas of the position. Yours, fraternally,

B. F. RAWALT.

On the recommendation of the committee on Accounts, \$91.40 was appropriated to cover expenses incurred by Grand Master Warren; \$15 to the "Beatrice Express" for printing; \$4.90 to J. F. Price for stationery, and \$92.76 to the Grand Secretary for expenses incurred.

The following queries were referred to the committee on Jurisprudence :

1. By Bro. : ————. A Master Mason, from another Grand Jurisdiction, comes into and settles within the jurisdiction of a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, and engages in the retail liquor traffic. Query. Does the Master of a lodge, by his neglect or refusal to take cognizance of such an offence, render his lodge liable to discipline by this Grand Lodge? If so, whose duty is it to bring this offence to the notice of this Grand Lodge?

2. By W. : Bro. : James F. Thomas, 74. Can a member of a lodge refuse to be an office-bearer? If he does, what discipline should he receive?

3. By W. : Bro. : John S. Bennett, 80. Is a candidate eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry whose middle finger on the right hand is taken off at the third or fourth joint, or who is deaf in the right ear?

4. W. : Bro. : Pliny E. Dinsmore, 30. Crete Lodge, No. 37, asked Blue River Lodge, No. 30, to waive jurisdiction over a rejected petitioner for the degrees. Under the recent decision of the M. : W. : Grand Master, the waiver was granted by a *majority* vote. The Grand Lodge having reversed the decision of the Grand Master, does the waiver hold? And under the jurisdiction of which lodge does the rejected petitioner belong?

5. From W. : Bro. : Enoch B. Carter, 25. A lodge is so unfortunate as to be obliged to place one of its members on trial for un-masonic conduct. At the commencement of the trial (agreeable to Section 6, Article I, of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge relative to the penal powers of lodges), the lodge decides that visiting Brethren shall *not* be present during the trial. It then becomes known that the accused Brother is present with his attorney, who is a Mason in good standing of another lodge. Can the accused Brother (or the Brother on trial) reverse the action of the lodge and compel it to tolerate the presence of one or more visitors during the trial, because he sees fit to choose one or more members of other lodges as his attorneys? Can a visiting Brother or Brothers compel a lodge to admit him or them against the wishes of the lodge, or the objection of an individual member, because of the fact of being chosen attorney for the Brother on trial?

On behalf of Beatrice Lodge, No. 26, W. : Bro. : N. K. Griggs, 26, invited the members of the Grand Lodge to an entertainment this evening, which invitation was, on motion, accepted.

The following report, from the committee on Accounts, was adopted, and on motion the incoming Grand Master was requested to appoint a special committee of five to report upon "Loan No. 5" at the next annual communication.

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

Your committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same and find it correct.

Your committee calls attention to so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to "Loan No. 5," and urges that his recommendation as to an investigation of the same be adopted by the Grand Lodge.

ANNUAL REPORT ORPHAN SCHOOL FUND TO DATE, MAY 31, 1883.

Loan No. I—

Amount to date, May 31, 1882	\$1,501 74
Interest to date, May 31, 1883	120 14
Total	<u>\$1,621 88</u>

Loan No. II—	
Amount to date, May 31, 1882	\$452 48
Interest to date, May 31, 1883	36 20
Total	\$488 68
Loan No. III—	
Amount to date, May 31, 1882	\$6,039 03
Interest to date, May 31, 1883	483 12
	6,522 15
Less interest paid to February 1, 1883	459 90
	\$6,062 25
Loan No. IV—	
Amount to date, May 31, 1882	\$503 30
Interest to date, May 31, 1883	40 26
Total	\$543 56
Loan No. V—	
Amount to date, May 31, 1882	\$2,257 28
Interest to date, May 31, 1883	180 58
Total	\$2,437 86
Loan No. VI—	
Amount to date, May 31, 1882	\$1,299 18
Interest to date, May 31, 1883	103 93
Total	\$1,403 11

RECAPITULATION.

No. I	\$1,621 88
No. II	488 68
No. III	6,062 25
No. IV	543 56
No. V	2,437 86
No. VI	1,403 11
Amount on hand	919 80
Total Fund May 31, 1883	\$13,477 04

Investments and rate of interest remain same as last year.

ROBT. W. FURNAS, *Chairman Board Trustees.*

W. . Bro. . Davidson presented the following supplementary report on the annual report of the Grand Secretary, and action was ordered as recommended.

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

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary, beg leave to report, recommending that,—

1. So much of said report as refers to the petition of Corinthian Lodge, No. 83, for removal from La Porte to Wakefield, with all the papers in relation to that matter, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

2. So much thereof as refers to the petition of Bro. . Samuel Zimmerman for reinstatement, etc., be referred to the committee on Grievances.

So much thereof as refers to requests of certain Grand Lodges for recognition by this Grand Lodge be referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence. Respectfully submitted.

S. P. DAVIDSON,	} <i>Special Committee.</i>
A. G. HASTINGS,	
N. R. PERSINGER,	
B. F. RAWALT,	

W. .Bro. . McElhinney, chairman of the special committee on so much of the Grand Master's address as referred to the Grand Custodian, presented the report of that committee. On motion, consideration of the report was made the special order of business for nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Lodge now proceeded to the election of its office-bearers, W. .Bros. . Davidson, 17, and France, 56, acting as tellers. Choice was made of

- BRO. . SAMUEL W. HAYES, 55.....Grand Master.
- BRO. . JOHN J. WEMPLE, 50Deputy Grand Master.
- BRO. . MANOAH B. REESE, 59Grand Senior Warden.
- BRO. . CHARLES K. COUTANT, 11Grand Junior Warden.
- BRO. . CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, 11.....Grand Treasurer.
- BRO. . WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3.....Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master appointed Bros. . Persinger, 36, Hu-pert, 54, and Reese, 59, as the special committee on so much of his address as referred to Ashland Lodge, No. 18, extinct, and appointed Bro. . Draper, 87, to fill vacancy in the committee on Grievances caused by the absence of Bro. . McKee, 57.

W. .Bro. . Thomas, 74, asked and obtained unanimous consent for consideration of the following by-law, which he proposed to add to those now existing. On motion, the by-law was adopted :

Each chartered Lodge is required to carry a suitable insurance against loss by fire on its real and personal property. At the time of making other annual reports to the Grand Lodge, a report shall be made of—

1. The amount of insurance on real estate.
2. The amount of insurance on personal property.
3. The name or names of companies in which the insurance is carried, with the amount in each.
4. The date to which the premiums thereon are paid.

W. .Bro. . White, chairman of the committee on Pay Roll, submitted the following pay roll, which was adopted :

NAME.	RANK.	NO.	TOWN.	MILES.	MEILEGE.	DAYS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
E. F. Warren	G. M.		Nebraska City	105	6 30	2	4 00	10 30
S. W. Hayes	D. G. M.		Norfolk	174	10 45	2	4 00	14 45
J. J. Wemple	S. G. W.		Hastings	107	6 40	2	4 00	10 40
Chris Hartman	J. G. W.		Omaha	117				
Wm. R. Bowen	G. Treas.		"	117	7 00			7 00
George Scott	G. Secy.		"	117	7 00			7 00
O. M. Enlow	G. C.		Sutton	78	4 65	2	4 00	8 65
Grand Tiler	Com. on Act.					3	6 00	6 00
G. W. Lininger	Com. on Jurisprud.					2	4 00	4 00
A. G. Hastings	"					2	4 00	4 00
J. A. Tulleys	"					2	4 00	4 00
N. K. Griggs	"					2	4 00	4 00
G. B. France	Com. on Ch. and Dis.			102	6 10	3	6 00	12 10
Wm. France	Ast. G. Secy.					3	6 00	6 00
C. B. Webber	G. J. D.		Fairmont	65	3 90	2	4 00	7 90
NAME OF LODGE.								
E. R. Caldwell	Nebraska	1	Bellevue	109	6 55	2	4 00	10 55
C. F. Rice	Western Star	2	Nebraska City	105	6 30	2	4 00	10 30
James Gilbert	Capitol	3	Omaha	117	7 00	2	4 00	11 00
J. J. Mercer	Nemaha Valley	4	Brownville	102	6 10	3	6 00	12 10
Wm. Adair	Omadi	5	Dakota City	217	13 00	2	4 00	17 00
F. E. White	Plattsmouth	6	Plattsmouth	105	6 30	2	4 00	10 30
		9						
E. H. Clark	Solomon	10	Fort Calhoun	138	8 25	2	4 00	12 25
C. K. Coulant	Covert	11	Omaha	117	7 00	3	6 00	13 00
		12						
		13						
		14						
A. Townsend	Fremont	15	Fremont	121	7 25	2	4 00	11 25
S. P. Davison	Tecumseh	17	Tecumseh	35	2 10	2	4 00	6 10
L. P. Gillette	Lincoln	19	Lincoln	50	3 00	3	6 00	9 00
H. Newell	Washington	21	Blair	147	8 80	2	4 00	12 80
		23						
J. B. Bruner	St. Johns	25	Omaha	117	7 00	2	4 00	11 00
G. L. Cole	Beatrice	26	Beatrice			2	4 00	4 00
E. Briggs	Jordan	27	West Point	156	8 35	2	4 00	13 35
		29						
P. E. Dinsmore	Blue River	30	Milford	70	4 20	2	4 00	8 20
J. R. Sutherland	Tekamah	31	Tekamah	163	9 75	2	4 00	13 75
		32						
B. C. Howard	Ashlar	33	Grand Island	132	7 90	2	4 00	11 90
J. A. Hood	Acacia	34	Schuyler	150	9 00	2	4 00	13 00
B. S. Baker	Fairbury	35	Fairbury	44	2 65	3	6 00	8 65
N. R. Persinger	Lone Tree	36	Central City	143	8 60	2	4 00	12 60
J. M. Wolf	Crete	37	Crete	30	1 80	2	4 00	5 80
Robert St. Clair	Oliver	38	Seward	80	4 80	2	4 00	8 80
		39						
		40						
A. M. McFarland	Northern Light	41	Stanton	196	11 75	2	4 00	15 75
W. R. Hutchinson	Juniata	42	Juniata	113	6 80	2	4 00	10 80
		43						
L. B. Munger	Harvard	44	Harvard	89	5 35	2	4 00	9 35
		45						
J. C. Beswick	Rob. Morris	46	Kearney	145	8 70	2	4 00	12 70
		47						
V. A. Stuart	Fairmont	48	Fairmont	63	3 65	2	4 00	7 65
J. C. Merrill	Evening Star	49	Sutton	78	4 65	2	4 00	8 65
D. McElhinney	Hastings	50	Hastings	107	6 40	2	4 00	10 40
Henry Spiker	David City	51	David City	106	6 35	2	4 00	10 35
John Hammang	Hiram	52	Bell Creek	163	9 70	2	4 00	13 70
M. B. McNitt	Charity	53	Red Cloud	119	7 15	2	4 00	11 15
L. M. Hupert	Lancaster	54	Lincoln	50	3 00	2	4 00	7 00
D. B. Daniels	Mosaic	55	Norfolk	174	10 45	2	4 00	14 45
L. A. Brandhoefer	York	56	York	102	6 10	2	4 00	10 10
		57						
		58						
M. B. Reese	Wahoo	59	Wahoo	90	5 40	2	4 00	9 40
L. H. Kent	Melrose	60	Orleans	172	10 30	2	4 00	14 30
F. H. Young	Thistle	61	Plum Creek	199	11 95	2	4 00	16 95

NAME.	NAME OF LODGE.	NO.	TOWN.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	DAYS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
J. Foster	Keystone.....	62	St. Joe	134	8 05	2	4 00	12 05
J. D. Fulton	Riverton.....	63	Riverton	132	7 90	2	4 00	11 90
L. E. Goodell	Blue Valley.....	64	Wilber.....	19	1 15	2	4 00	5 15
E. L. King.....	Osceola.....	65	Osceola.....	123	7 40	2	4 00	11 40
S. J. Whitten	Edgar.....	67	Edgar	92	5 50	2	4 00	9 50
F. J. Engle	Aurora.....	68	Aurora.....	124	7 45	2	4 00	11 45
J. F. McCoy.....	Fortitude.....	69	Ulysses.....	92	5 50	2	4 00	9 50
.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. Kreader	Hooper	72	Hooper	133	7 95	2	4 00	11 95
R. Connell	Friend	73	Friend	47	2 80	2	4 00	6 80
J. F. Thomas	Alexandria.....	74	Alexandria.....	59	3 55	3	6 00	9 55
J. J. McIntosh	Frank Welch	75	Sidney	490	29 40	2	4 00	33 40
W. F. Britton.....	Joppa.....	76	Bloomington.....	148	8 90	2	4 00	12 90
L. B. Judd	Albion	78	Nelson	173	10 40	2	4 00	14 40
J. M. Fisher.....	Geneva	79	Geneva	71	4 25	2	4 00	8 25
J. S. Bennett	Waco	80	Waco	94	5 65	3	6 00	11 65
A. Roberts	Composite	81	Rising	100	6 00	2	4 00	10 00
H. Merrill.....	St. Paul.....	82	St. Paul.....	152	9 10	2	4 00	13 10
C. E. Hunter	Corinthian.....	83	La Porte	226	13 50	2	4 00	17 55
B. F. Rawalt.....	Fairfield.....	84	Fairfield.....	125	7 50	3	6 00	13 50
A. Samuels	Tyre	85	Blue Springs.....	12	7 50	2	4 00	4 75
M. Ennis.....	Doniphan.....	86	Doniphan.....	127	7 65	2	4 00	11 60
S. Draper	Ionic.....	87	Niobrara.....	244	14 65	2	4 00	18 65
M. J. Kenyon.....	Star.....	88	Decatur	177	10 75	2	4 00	14 75
D. W. Randolph	Cedar River.....	89	Fullerton.....	165	9 90	2	4 00	13 90
Total.....							\$886.85	

On the motion of Past Grand Master Hastings, the following resolutions were adopted, and it was ordered that in the printed proceedings of this communication a page be inscribed to the memory of our deceased Past Grand Master M. : W. : Orsamus H. Irish:

WHEREAS, The sudden and unexpected death of M. : W. : Bro. : Orsamus H. Irish, the fifth in the line of succession of our Grand Masters, has been reported to this Grand Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, The loss of one who was in former years so distinguished for his energy and zeal in the Fraternity, and for his prominence in the affairs of the nation, and of the state of his adoption, deserves more than ordinary notice, it is hereby

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. : Irish the Fraternity has lost a zealous member, and the state one of its most active citizens.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family.

On motion of W. : Bro. : Griggs, 26, it was agreed that the office-bearers of the Grand Lodge be installed this evening in the presence of Master Masons and their families, and that the oration be then delivered.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge was called to refreshment until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 20, 5883.

The members of the Grand Lodge, and a large number of Master Masons, with their families, met at the Opera House this evening. In their presence Past Grand Master Hastings, with the assistance of Past Grand Master Linger, installed the following office-bearers of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, the Grand Master elect having first announced his appointments:

M.:W.: SAMUEL W. HAYES, 55	Grand Master.
R.:W.: JOHN J. WEMPLE, 50	Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.: MANOAH B. REESE, 59	Grand Senior Warden.
R.:W.: CHARLES K. COUTANT, 11	Grand Junior Warden.
R.:W.: CHRISTIAN HARTMAN, 11	Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.: WILLIAM R. BOWEN, 3	Grand Secretary.
V.:W.: JACOB A. HOOD, 34	Grand Chaplain.
W.: BENJAMIN S. BAKER, 35	Grand Orator.
W.: BENJAMIN F. RAWALT, 84	Grand Custodian.
W.: JOHN HAMMANG, 52	Grand Marshal.
W.: MILTON J. HULL, 67	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.: ASBERRY TOWNSEND, 15	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.: ERNEST HUNGER 19	Grand Tiler.

R.:W.: Manoah B. Reese, 59, Grand Orator, delivered the following

ORATION.

“What is man?” was asked by the Hebrew poet and philosopher more than three thousand years ago.

This important interrogatory has not only attracted the attention and excited the curiosity of the ancient world, but has traveled with time from the first dawn of human intelligence to the present moment, keeping step with the march and progress of human events, and to-day, as then, we are standing face to face with it.

“Know thyself” is a Divine command, and while the history of mankind presents to us the one continued and never absent question, it also fully demonstrates to us the efforts of the human mind to fathom its depths, and extract from its remotest recesses a satisfactory answer.

Go where you will, it matters not under what combination of conditions and surroundings, the great index of King David, as well as of all humanity and things, stands pointing to this one great interrogation point, and at all such times, and under all such conditions and circumstances, you will always find the inquisitive, searching and ever-investigating human intelligence seeking to solve the problem, and exhibit to an inquiring world the one great solution.

The military chieftain of the present, as of past ages, who, prompted by ambition and a desire to erect for himself a name among men, or the accomplishment of what to him may seem an important purpose, rides through life amid the dangers of mortal strife, sacrificing his thousands of human lives, and upon his return from his harvest of death, dripping it may be with the innocent blood of his fellow men, receives the eulogies and expressions of empty admiration so fully bestowed by those who wish to profit by his temporary success. He becomes puffed up, his vanity is tickled, and his already exalted opinion of self is increased by the encomiums of men and the smiles of women. But he fails to reflect, until forced to do so by bitter experience, that they all, while ready to flatter and admire him so long as his star seems to be in the ascendancy, are equally willing to profit by his downfall, the only condition being the certainty and extent of that profit; and finally at the close, when by a single misstep of his own, or through the malice of a rival, the bubble is burst, and all the glory of military splendor will have passed away, then will his former doting friends and admiring followers turn from him and spurn him as unworthy, and lavish their admiration upon others who may be supposed to have outstripped him in his apparent upward flight. Then he awakes to realize the truth that so far as the accomplishment of any *good* is concerned, life has been a failure. The world is no better for his having lived; he involuntarily turns from it all, and in the depths of his own bitter disappointment he instinctively asks, What is man?

The politician and statesman too, who, prompted perhaps by the same motive and actuated by the same desires, as well as for the betterment of his own condition, spends the meridian of life in the construction of imaginary castles and temples in which to enshrine his name, at last finds that the protestations of friendship by others are but the insincere vaporings of those who, could it aid them in the accomplishment of their designs and purposes, would not hesitate to destroy the structure which has been built, and would rejoice in his downfall and utter destruction, and with him all the good, if any, which he has accomplished. And not only so, but would willingly blacken his name and record, and if possible hand him over to the blight and mildew of the tongue of the slanderer, the acknowledged hyena of the human race. And he, with a sad heart, full of the wreck of disappointed hopes and the reflections of a wasted life, turns to self, and in the darkness and silence of his own gloomy and despondent communings with his own soul, asks, What *is* man? And for his answer he hears the echo from the empty caverns of the temples which he has constructed, "Man."

The philanthropist, prompted by a higher and nobler motive, moved and instigated by a Divine impulse, by that Spirit which comes from above, who spends the morn, noon and evening of his life in trying to alleviate the

sufferings of others, to lift the fallen, support the weak, confirm the good, and build up and establish our poor humanity, elevating the scale of human excellence, and with the laudable purpose of making the world and his race the better by his having lived, and who in his devotion to the great principles of morality and virtue has lived a life of pleasant toil, supporting and elevating humanity wherever fallen — curbing the vices of the vicious, correcting the waywardness of the dissolute, sustaining the right and condemning the wrong, is also confronted with the question now before us and can perhaps the most nearly furnish the needed solution.

The first and second are usually brought into contact with mankind under circumstances which bring out and develop that line of conduct which is mainly produced by selfishness and hence is characterized by fraud, deception and treachery, while the last views his brother man in all the various phases of human degradation, or development; from the ignorant, besotted and beastly frequenters of all the dens of vice, misery and depravity to those of finished education, refinement and moral excellence; from the lowest dregs of poverty to the highest grade of affluence; from the lowest plane of mental imbecility to the highest level of wisdom and the loftiest attainments of intellectual development. And viewing humanity from his exalted standpoint, he sees man, as he is thus presented, in all these phases.

Out of this question has grown that wonderful and world-wide brotherhood called Free Masonry; an institution or band of brothers which has gradually yet surely developed and expanded from the association of a few builders thousands of years ago to be one of the greatest benefactors of the world.

Masonry deals with man only for the betterment of his condition intellectually, socially and morally, but more particularly morally. Its purpose and object is to aid in making him more nearly what he should be, to answer the interrogatory of King David by making its votaries wiser, better and consequently happier; for it is a principle of human action that such persons, when associated together will naturally seek each other's welfare equally with their own. And so it is with man's moral nature that Masonry has particularly to deal.

It is true that Masonry is an efficient and powerful factor in the development of the intellectual faculties, storing the mind with useful and valuable knowledge, expanding its capacity and power to retain the priceless pearls with which it is filled, and equally true it is that it is efficacious in bringing the craft together upon the great platform of equality and thereby promoting the purest, strongest and best social system which the world has known outside of the Christian Church; and indeed in many instances it has sent forth its ministering angels of love and mercy and established and built up friendships lasting and beneficial where Christianity was not permitted to openly enter, but which soon followed through the "gates left ajar" by the entrance of Masonic charity and fraternal concord; and where these are accomplished the intellectual and social Masonic results are realized.

But Masonry stops not with the intellectual nor social, but true to the purpose of its organization it exhorts the craft to be ever mindful of the

great change, when it may be the privilege of every one by the benefit of having lived a pure and blameless life, with a firm reliance on and an abiding trust in Divine Providence to be called from labor on earth to everlasting refreshment in the Paradise of God.

And thus the principles and tenets of Masonry take hold upon the moral nature of man and seek to make of him that which was intended by his Creator.

It stops not with its first or second step, but by its beautiful ceremonials and soul inspiring lectures bids him look forward to the great recompense of reward which has been prepared for all of the faithful.

Were Masonry an empty form, were its rituals no more than the machinery of language and action, and its precepts a moral code with no injunction to be influenced thereby—a sounding brass accompanied by the tinkling of cymbals—then would the charges of the profane of its want of inherent and intrinsic virtue be true, and you and I with all lovers of truth would renounce our allegiance to it, despoil its temples and remove the Great Lights from its altars. But we who have studied its purposes and to some extent have fathomed its depths, who have both felt and seen the influences which it exerts upon the passions and lives of men, while admitting with sorrow that all Masons do not walk uprightly, fear God and keep His commandments—yet we do not hesitate to declare that there is a power in our beloved brotherhood which tends to elevate the moral standard of our race and to cause its votaries to approach more nearly to the destiny to which they are called.

The fact that Masonic vows are broken by men who have taken them—that some who are taught to mention the name of Deity with uncovered head and bending body, will so far forget the teachings of the craft as to profane that Holy Name, is only proof that the person is living himself in disobedience of the moral precepts which he has promised to obey.

The fact that those who have sworn eternal fealty and allegiance to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and constant fidelity to His sacred law, will sometimes forget their allegiance, is no evidence of fault in the solemn engagements which he has made, but rather of the frailty of his nature, or possibly a mistake made in his admission to the sacred precincts of the inner chamber.

But recognizing all the elements of weakness in our natures—that we all are prone to do evil, let us for a moment look at man as he is or should be if governed in life by the teachings of the Mystic Order. Let us leave off the more unpleasant duty of proving our friendship by making known the faults, and turn to the more inviting field of estimating what man can be by grace. Let us look at the brighter side of the picture. Let us contemplate what man is when, by following the glorious teachings of the great School Master, he is fitted and prepared for a life of honor and purity in this world and a glorious immortality in the world to come. Let us learn of friendship, morality, virtue, charity and brotherly love.

Let us sit meekly at the feet of the great Law Giver, and from Him learn wisdom. Let us take His word for our rule and guide of faith and prac-

tice, and from the inestimable gift of God to man learn our whole duty, and after having learned these duties discharge them.

From the emblem of innocence let us learn to so walk in life as to prove the uprightness of our intentions, and to practice that purity of life and conduct which is so essentially necessary to our gaining admittance into the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe forever presides. And while following the path which leads to happiness, which is pointed out by holy writings, let us not forget to remember the emblem of mortality, and also that we are standing upon the mosaic pavement of human life, checkered with good and evil, and that while enjoying the good we are at all times within falling distance of the evil. But that if we are under the baleful influence of the evil, we are surrounded with good, and only have to make use of that volition which God has given us, by embracing it, in order to enjoy its fullest blessings, and receive the maximum of reward. By the exercise of brotherly love let us regard the whole human race as one family, the high and the low, the rich and the poor, who, as created by one Almighty Parent are to aid and support each other, for on this principle Masonry unites us all and conciliates and establishes true friendship. By the practice of charity in the sense of benevolence let us relieve the distressed, soothe the unhappy, sympathize with the unfortunate, and as much as lies within us restore peace to all troubled minds.

Let us cherish that divine attribute of virtue—truth. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry, and while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us. Sincerity and candor in all things will distinguish us, and the heart and tongue will join in promoting the welfare of others and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.

Let us practice the cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, ever remembering to exercise due restraint upon our passions, to avoid excess and vice, cultivating a noble and steady purpose of mind, and regulating our lives and actions agreeably to the dictates of reason and prudence in all things relative to our present as well as our future happiness, rendering to all their just dues without distinction, thereby being consistent with both divine and human laws, and above and over all rendering to Him, by and through whom we live, our best service with freedom, fervency and zeal.

From the plumb let us learn to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by the emblem of virtue, being constantly reminded that we are fast traveling upon the level of time to that distant country from whence none return.

Let us practice assiduously that speculative theory of acting upon the square, keeping a tongue of good report and exercising as well as practicing charity. Let order and system be our rule of life, supporting it with the columns of purity and adorning it with consistent Christian rectitude. Let us not forget that the glow of incense from a pure heart is always an acceptable sacrifice to God. So let our hearts glow with gratitude to the great and beneficent Author of our existence for all the blessings and comforts of life which we enjoy.

But while thus contemplating our privileges and the possibilities of man,

and dwelling upon the lofty plane upon which he and we may stand, let us not omit to revert to the hour glass of human life. Behold how swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close. We cannot, without astonishment, behold the little moments of time, how they pass away almost imperceptibly, and yet to our surprise when taking a retrospective view we have been carried well along the highway of life, and like the sands in the hour glass man wastes away. To-day he puts forth the tender leaves of hope, to-morrow blossoms and bears his blushing honors. The next day comes the frost of death, and when he thinks his greatness is still aspiring, he falls like the autumn leaves to enrich our mother earth. And from this decree there is no escape. If, by chance, we escape the numerous evils incident to childhood and youth, and with health and vigor arrive at the years of manhood, yet withal we must soon be cut down by the all-devouring scythe of time, and be gathered into the land where our fathers have gone before us.

And now, my brethren, after having taken this brief review of what man *is* and what he *can* be, by conforming his life and conduct to the principles of Masonry, guided by the light of Holy Writ, we can only arrive at a solution of the problem before us by estimating what he may be by thus filling the measure of the Divine purpose in his creation. Intellectually he may shine as one of the stars of heaven; socially, he may be congenial to those with whom he associates, and by the warm sunshine of his friendship he may lighten the burdens and make glad the hearts of those around him. Morally, he may not only fill these measures of human excellence, but with God and the Bible for his master and guide, he may

So live that when his summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan that moves
To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
He goes not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach his grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

But is this the end? No; it is but the beginning. And now we reach the great distinctive glory of man. Masonry, as one of its leading principles and tenets, teaches the cherished doctrine of the immortality of the soul, basing this doctrine upon the positive declarations of its Great Light. It not only *teaches* it, but by beautiful forms and ceremonies it rivets and fastens it upon the mind, heart and consciousness of the craft, reminding them by the acacian sprig of the enduring and abiding confidence in the Celestial Lodge above, where, by the aid of the theological ladder which Jacob in his vision saw, we all hope finally to arrive. Looking forward to the time when the cold winter of death shall have passed and the bright summer morn of the resurrection appears, when the Son of Righteousness shall descend and send forth His angels to collect the ransomed dead, then, if found worthy, shall we receive a ready admittance to the home of the redeemed and glorified in the bright world above. Then shall man be known by man as he is known by his Creator. We now see through a glass darkly, but then face to

face. We now see and commingle with each other, burdened as we are with the cares of life, weighed down as we are with the sorrows of earth, and perhaps contending with the besetments which attend this mortal existence; but then shall we know the incorruptible and glorified. The imperishable part within us, which has been so dimly seen while covered with the veil of mortality, will then shine with all the brightness of the noon day's sun. And then, when all else created shall have passed away and been destroyed, when man shall stand forth as the only created being possessing the attribute of immortality, the only work of His hands which shall endure in its own individuality throughout the countless cycles of eternity, then will the question of the Hebrew bard have been answered, and man will be known as the grandest and noblest work of God.

Some hours were pleasantly passed in social recreation, with music, song, and refreshment for the inner man, the assemblage dispersing about midnight.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 5883.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at eight o'clock this morning, M. : W. : Samuel W. Hayes, Grand Master, in the East.

The Grand Master announced his appointment of W. : Bro. : Charles L. Lamb, 41, as Trustee of the Orphan Educational Fund.*

The following report was adopted :

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

Your special committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to Ashland Lodge, No. 18, respectfully recommend :

1. That the jewels and furniture formerly the property of Ashland Lodge, No. 18, now the property of this Grand Lodge, be donated to Pomegranate Lodge, No. —, of Ashland, Nebraska.

2. That any moneys which have been received, or may hereafter be received, by this Grand Lodge, as dues from the members of said Lodge, No. 18, and which may remain after satisfying the debts due this Grand Lodge, shall be applied to the payment of the claim of Bro. : Beetison, and thereafter to any other claim against said Lodge, upon the presentation of proper vouchers.

N. R. PERSINGER,) *Special*
L. M. HUPERT, } *Committee.*

* The Trustees of the Orphan Educational Fund are: Bro. : Rolland H. Oakley, 19, term expiring June, 5884; Bro. : Robert W. Furnas, 4, term expiring June, 5885; Bro. : Charles L. Lamb, 41, term expiring June, 5886.

R. . W. . Bro. . Clark, 10, proposed the following amendment to the by-laws, which, being seconded by five members of the Grand Lodge, was laid over for consideration at the next annual communication :

That Article 8 of the by-laws be amended by inserting the following sentence after the word "*attendance*," in line seven, "*to be computed from the time he necessarily leaves home to reach the Grand Lodge, to the time necessarily required to return.*"

On motion of Past Grand Master Hastings, it was, by a rising vote,

Resolved, That the sincere and hearty thanks of the Grand Lodge are tendered to our Past Grand Master, Edwin F. Warren, for the earnest, faithful and impartial discharge of the arduous duties of Grand Master during the past year.

The committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, by its chairman, W. . Bro. . Hunter, 83 :

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

Your committee on Unfinished Business, having had under consideration certain proposed amendments to our by-laws, fraternally recommend :

1. That the proposed amendment to Sec. 7, Art. II, of the by-laws [page 221, proceedings of 5882] be adopted:

2. That instead of the proposed amendment of Rule I [page 258, proceedings of 5882] the following substitute be adopted: "The first five officers above enumerated shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of all the votes cast, at the last regular meeting preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and be installed on or before the regular meeting in July next succeeding."

Consideration of the first part of the report [fixing the salary of the Grand Custodian at \$1,000, etc.] was postponed. The second recommendation of the committee [fixing time of election and installation of lodge officers] was adopted.

On motion of Past Grand Master Warren, it was

Ordered, That the election of officers of chartered lodges for the year ending June 24, 5884, be held at the second regular meeting after the close of the present session, and the installation be as soon thereafter as practicable.

W. . Bro. . McElhinney, 50, presented the following report from the special committee of which he was chairman. A

motion to postpone its consideration was lost ; and on a full vote the motion to adopt the report was not agreed to :

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

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject-matter of Custodian for this Grand Lodge, beg leave to make the following report: That we fully concur in the recommendations as made by the Grand Custodian, L. D. Gillett, and Bro. : Rawalt, in their reports, and we believe that the sooner the various lodges in this jurisdiction are required to conform to a uniform work, the better for the Fraternity.

We therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the amendment to Sec. 7, Art. 2, of the by-laws introduced at last session, and to be found upon page 221, be and the same is hereby adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Custodian be required to visit each and every lodge, and so arrange his routes of travel to make the expense of railroad fare as light as possible to the lodges visited.

D. M. McELHINNEY,	} <i>Special Committee.</i>
B. S. BAKER,	
C. F. RICE,	
S. DRAPER,	
GEORGE SCOTT,	

W. : Bro. : Young, 61, chairman of the committee on Returns, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

The committee on Returns of Lodges asks leave to submit the following report:

Summary of the work for the year ending April 30, 5883.

No. Initiated.....	529	
Passed	492	
Raised	464	464
Admitted.....		237
Reinstated.....		41
Gain by other causes.....		58
Number on rolls, April 30, 5882.....		3,959
		<u>4,759</u>
No. Demitted	161	
Deaths	27	
Suspended	55	
Expelled	3	
Loss by other causes.....	96	
		<u>342</u>
Number of Master Masons on rolls, April 30, 5883.....		4,417

AMOUNTS DUE GRAND LODGE.

Dues	\$2,969 75
Fees.....	2,645 00
Debits less credits	62 12
Carried forward.....	<u>\$5,676 87</u>

Brought forward	\$5,676 87
Ten per cent penalty:	
Orient, No. 13.....	\$1 70
Fairbury, No. 35.....	6 40
Riverton, No. 63.....	2 70
Geneva, No. 79.....	5 60
Waco, No. 80.....	4 10
Cedar River, No. 89.....	6 00
	26 50
	\$5,703 37

No. of chartered lodges.....	83
under dispensation.....	24
of rejections, candidates.....	116
of rejections, non-affiliates.....	6

The following returns were correct when received, to-wit. Nos. 2, 4, 9, 10, 14, 25, 27, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 50, 52, 53, 54, 57, 59, 67, 70, 71, 73, 75, 77, 78, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 86 — 37.

The following are the more important errors that are liable to be perpetuated in next year's returns:

Lodge No. 1. On page 15, reports now on rolls 3 — should be 4. The name of Geo. A. Oliver omitted since 5871. On page 23, pays dues on 33 — should be 34.

No. 3. On page 19, reports now on rolls 211 — should be 209.

No. 5. Page 11, omits names of Wm. Bouton and G. F. Wood. Page 19, reports now on rolls 47 — should be 49. Page 23, pays dues on 44 — should be 46.

No. 6. Page 19, reports now on rolls 111 — should be 109. See our report in 5882. Page 23, pays dues on 98 — should be 96.

No. 11. Page 4, omits names of Jno. N. Westberg and Fred E. Winning. Page 5, reports now on rolls 14 — should be 13.

No. 12. Page 15, omits name of Jonathan Stufft.

No. 13. Page 19, reports now on rolls, 20 — should be 21.

No. 15. Page 15, reports now on rolls, 16 — should be 15. Name of Robert Kittle should be omitted.

No. 17. Page 10, gives name of Peter Christincy — should be Peter S. Chrisenberg. Page 19, reports now on rolls 89 — should be 84.

No. 19. Page 12, omits names of W. E. Barkley and John H. Simpson. Page 19, reports now on rolls 164 — should be 166.

No. 20. Page 9, does not give names in alphabetical order. Page 10, omits names of A. S. Frink and Willis Horton. Page 19, reports now on rolls 23 — should be 22.

No. 21. Page 3, omits names of Jno. Cameron, Magnus Fryands, Wm. F. Warren and L. R. Wheeler. Page 5, omits names of Geo. H. Connor, Jno. Patrick and Elias L. Sharpneck. Page 12, should omit name of James H. Thompson. Omits names of Lucius S. Cook, Thos. B. Crewitt, Nathan Carter, Jno. A. Moore, Geo. C. Parker and Jno. G. Smith. Page 15, Leaves the page blank. Should be now on rolls 3, — Sutton C. English, William Miller and James P. Vanhorn. Page 23, pays dues on 76 — should be 79.

No. 23. Page 19, reports now on rolls 49 — should be 48.

No. 26. Page 3, reports now on rolls 16—should be 15. Omits names of Chas. Everett, Lemuel W. Shroeder and Frederick E. Vance. Should omit names of John F. Harpster, John Droyer and Elanthon Zook. Page 13, omits names of Milton Davis and Rowland Evans. Page 19, reports now on rolls, 93—should be 92. Page 23, pays dues on 82—should be 81.

No. 29. Page 5, omits name of Cyrus Spangler. Reports now on rolls 0—should be 2. Page 11, names of Benjamin F. Groff, William S. Hall and James H. Linn omitted, the first two since 5879. Page 15, reports now on rolls 0—should be 5. Omits names of Levi Bowman, John Chapman, Wm. Goolsby, J. C. Harless and Jno. Hoke. Page 19, reports now on rolls, 45—should be 46.

No. 30. Page 11, omits names of Joseph Adams, Ezra Pool and Frank W. Upton.

No. 31. 3, reports now on rolls 5—should be 2. Page 12, omits name of Austin Nelson. Page 23, Pays dues on 53—should be 54.

No. 35. Page 3, reports now on rolls 2—should be 10. Page 11, reports John Robins—should be John Robinson.

No. 36. Page 12, omits names of Thos. B. Butts, Ben F. Webb, J. N. Jones, Chas. Wooster, Wm. Persinger, Jno. Miller, Henry McCarn, W. R. Morse and R. Veno. Page 19, reports now on rolls 75—should be 77.

No. 45. Page 3, reports now on rolls 0—should be 1. Omits name of Wm. H. Earhart.

No. 46. Page 3, reports now on rolls 3—should be 12. Omits names of Jas. L. Hilton, James Van Sickle, James Ewing, A. B. Ross, James McComb, Alex Bailie, Geo. Bailie, N. C. Christenson and Wm. F. McClure. Page 5, reports now on rolls 2—should be 3. Omits name of Chas. H. French. Page 15, omits names of Coe Killgore, Martin V. Moody, Ed. J. Newland, Joshua Woods, Douglas Westervelt, Zack Taylor, Thos. S. Nightengale, James M. France, Alva White, Andrew J. Snowden, and A. H. Brindage. Page 23, pays on 64—should be 63.

No. 47. Page 5, should omit name of Adolph D. Mesler. Now on rolls 1. Page 10, omits names of L. D. Richey and Francis M. Williams. Page 23, pays on 36—should be 33.

No. 48. Page 3, reports now on rolls 6—should be 10. Omits names of Rufus P. Walker, Chas. C. Mills, George B. Mills and Wm. W. Spade. Should omit names of Frank L. Vincent, Alex Shepard and Joseph T. Dennis. Page 5, should omit names of Frank L. Vincent, Alex Shepard and Jos. L. Dennis. Page 19, reports now on rolls 41—should be 40. Page 23, pays on 35—should be 34.

No. 49. Page 19, reports now on rolls 67—should be 66. Page 23, pays on 62—should be 61.

No. 51. Page 15, omits name of Thos. B. Hill.

No. 55. Page 10, should omit name of Thos. J. Hunt. Page 19, reports now on hand 42—should be 41. Page 23, pays 60 cents per capita—should be 75.

No. 56. Page 19, reports now on rolls 48—should be 47.

No. 58. Page 15, reports now on rolls 1—should be 2. Omits name of Adam McPherson.

No. 60. Page 3, should omit name of Richard A. Lumley. Omits name of Amos C. Adams. Page 5, reports now on rolls 1—should be 2. Omits name of Chas. Anderson.

No. 61. Page 15, omits names of Anson M. Calkins, Robert S. Hogue and Christopher C. Kubler. Page 23, pays on 38—should be 39.

No. 62. Page 10, should omit names of Stephen T. Cowgill and Jas. A. Campbell. Page 19, now on rolls 27. Page 23, pays dues on 27—should be 28.

No. 63. Page 3, omits name of G. W. Hager. Page 9, should omit name of Hans C. Lohoff. Page 10, omits name of Rufus M. Stark.

No. 64. Page 5, reports now on rolls 1—should be 2. Omits name of John F. Bartos.

No. 65. Page 3, reports now on rolls 4—should be 6. Omits names of Levi L. Snyder and Henry J. Cook. Page 23, pays dues on 37—should be 36.

No. 66. Page 3, reports now on rolls 0—should be 1. Omits name of Herman H. Spellman.

No. 68. Page 23, pays dues on 39—should be 40.

No. 69. Page 5, reports now on rolls 3—should be 2. Should omit name of Geo. K. Downing. Page 19, reports now on rolls 35—should be 34. Page 23, pays dues on 26—should be 24.

No. 72. Page 5, reports now on rolls 5—should be 4.

No. 74. Page 15, omits name of Joel L. Brigham.

No. 76. Page 10, should omit name of Levi M. Moulton. Page 23, pays dues on 25—should be 26.

No. 80. Page 2, omits name of Geo. W. Shreck. Page 3, omits name of J. B. Neff. Now on rolls 3. Page 10, omits name of Wm. A. Byers. Page 23, pays dues on 34—should be 27. Pays fees on 3 apprentices—should be 4.

No. 85. Page 2, omits name of Geo. C. Conaut. Page 5, reports now on rolls 13—should be 12. Should omit name of James M. Pryse. Page 23, pays fees on 19 apprentices—should be 20.

No. 87. Page 9, should omit name of Derascus McKinney. Page 19, reports now on hand 16—should be 15.

No. 88. Page 5, reports now on hand 2—should be 3. Omits name of Chas. I. Stillman. Page 19, reports now on hand 0—should be 15. Page 23, pays dues on 10—should be 0.

No. 89. Page 3, should omit names of Thos. F. Miller, Henry Huff, Cyrus S. Barnes and Geo. W. Rogers. Omits name of Martin M. Huff. Page 5, reports now on rolls 1—should be 2. Omits name of John F. Bixby. Page 9, should omit name of Peter Meiklejohn. Page 10, omits names of Geo. W. Rogers, James G. Cayton, John Mead, Chas. E. Barker, Cyrus S. Barnes, Stephen Roberts and Wm. J. Wood. Page 19, reports now on hand 25—should be 30.

No. 90. Page 2, should omit name of J. N. Halverstadt. Page 9, omits name of David Olds. Page 19, reports now on hand 15—should be 16. Page 23, pays dues on 15—should be 0. Pays fees on 4 apprentices—should be 3.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF

LODGE.	No. of Lodge.	ENTERED APPRENTICES.							FELLOW CRAFTS.											
		Gain.			Loss.				Gain.			Loss.								
		By Initiation.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Passing.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	Other Causes.	Total.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1883.	By Passing.	Otherwise.	Total.	By Raising.	Adv. Elsewhere.	By Death.	Other Causes.	Total.	No. on Rolls April 30, 1883.	
		No. May 1, 1882.									No. May 1, 1882.									
Sterling.....	70	5	2	7	3			3	4		2	3	3					3	...	
Trowel.....	71	2	4	10	2	1		2	2	1	2	3	2					2	1	
Hooper.....	72	5	10	15	9			9	6	9	14	10						10	4	
Friend.....	73	3	4	1	8	6		6	2		6	6	2					3	3	
Alexandria.....	74																			
Frank Welsh.....	75			4	3			2	1		2	2	7	4	1			5	2	
Joppa.....	76	3	4	7	3			4	3		2	2	7	8				4	1	
Nelson.....	77	2	2	9	6	1		6	3	1	1	8	7					4	1	
Albion.....	78	5	6	11	6			6	5	3	6	1	10	8				8	2	
Geneva.....	79	3	7	10	8			8	2	2	2	10	8					8	2	
Waco.....	80	3	4	7	4			4	3	2	4	6	4					4	2	
Composite.....	81	2	6	4				4	2	1	4	4	3					3	3	
Saint Paul.....	82	4	11	16	13			13	2	1	15	12	2					12	2	
Corinthian.....	83	2	2	4	1			1	3	1	1	2	2					9	2	
Fairfield.....	84	5	3	1	9	6		6	3		6	1	7	6				6	1	
Tyre.....	85	6	20	1	27	20		22	5	2	20	22	10					10	12	
Doniphan.....	86	1	5	6	2			2	4	3	2	5	4					4	1	
Ionic.....	87		6	1	0	7		7	3		7	7	2					2	5	
Star.....	88		6	16	4			4	2	4	1	5	2					2	3	
Cedar River.....	89		12	5	7	10		10	7		10	11	9					9	2	
Elk Creek.....	90		3	1	4	2		2	2		2	2	2					2	...	
Oakland.....	U.D.		4	4	8	5		3	8		5	2	7	6				1	7	
Valentine.....																				
Tubbell.....			9	1	10	9		1	10		9	9	5					4	9	
Beaver City.....			10		10	9		1	10		9	9	9					9	9	
Bennett.....			6		6	3		3	6		3	3	2					1	3	
Garfield.....			4	1	5	3		2	5		3	3	3					3	3	
Utica.....			7		7	5		2	7		5	5	4					1	5	
Weeping Water.....			7		7	7		7			7	7	6					1	7	
Zeredatha.....			4		4	2		2	4		2	2	2					2	...	
Shelton.....			6		6	6		6	6		6	6	6					6	...	
Creighton.....			6		6	3		3	6		3	3	3					3	...	
Ponca.....			7		7	4		3	7		4	4	1					3	...	
Waterloo.....			8	1	9	7		2	9		7	7	7					7	...	
Ord.....			19		19	15		4	19		15	15	14					1	15	
Wymore.....			6		6	3		3	6		3	3	2					1	3	
Stella.....			6		6	6		3	9		6	6	6					6	...	
Porter.....			8		8	5		3	8		5	5	3					2	5	
Steele City.....			4		4	4		4			4	4	2					4	...	
Table Rock.....			8	1	9	7		2	9		7	7	6					1	7	
Arapahoe.....			4		4	2		2	4		2	2	2					2	...	
Wisner.....			6		6	4		2	6		4	4	1					3	...	
Pomegranate.....			3		3	2		1	2		1	1	1					1	...	
De Witt.....			3		3	2		1	3		2	2	2					2	...	
Springfield.....																			...	
Total.....		497	529	35	1061	492	11	1	47	551	510	163	492	9	664	461	1	21	483	181

On the recommendation of the committee on Returns it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary draw an order in favor of Riverton Lodge, No. 63, for \$29.45, the amount of its Grand Lodge dues, fees and penalty.

W. : Bro. : Gillert, 3, offered the following amendment to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, which was duly seconded and laid over for consideration at the next annual communication :

That Section 24 of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge be repealed.

The following report from the committee on Grievances was concurred in:

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

Your committee on Grievances, in the matter of Bro. : S. Zimmerman, of the late Eureka Lodge, No. 16, extinct, recommend that on payment of dues now owing by him the Grand Secretary, under direction of the Grand Master, be authorized to issue a demit to Bro. : Zimmerman.

M. : W. : Bro. : Tulleys presented 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 fraternally recommends that we welcome the Grand Lodge of Arizona into the brotherhood of American Grand Lodges, and would ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we extend fraternal greeting to this our youngest fellow Grand Lodge, with full recognition of its powers as a Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge of Nebraska will be pleased to interchange representatives with the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

As to the petitions for recognition from the Grand Lodges of Peru, Mexico and Spain, we recommend that time be taken for further consideration of their claims, and that action thereon be postponed until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Tulleys submitted the following report from the committee on Jurisprudence, which report the Grand Lodge adopted, excepting the last clause (6), consideration of which was postponed one year :

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

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report answers to queries submitted as follows:

1. The Master and not the lodge would be liable to discipline for such neglect or refusal, and it is the duty of any member of such lodge to report such refusal or neglect.

2. It is the duty of any Mason, when selected by his brethren to serve as an office-bearer, to accept the trust, provided his duties to himself or those dependent upon him will permit; but the one so chosen must be the judge whether, under his obligation as a Mason, and taking into consideration his own private business, he can so serve.

3. This and all similar questions fully answered by No. 6 of G. M. Warren's reported decisions, which has been approved by this Grand Lodge.

4. As the waiver by Blue Valley Lodge was made under the Grand Master's decision, which was law until reversed, the waiver holds, and the rejected petitioner is under the jurisdiction of Crete Lodge, No. 37.

5. In reply to query of W. Bro. E. B. Carter, your committee are of the opinion that visiting brothers should not be admitted during the trial of a brother under any circumstances whatever.

6. To Bro. Warren's query, presented at last session of this Grand Lodge, your committee are of the opinion that it is not competent for the Grand Master to hear and determine such appeals, and that the Grand Lodge only has such authority.

On the recommendation of the committee on Ways and Means the usual appropriation was made for office expenses, together with \$65 for a case for the Grand Secretary's office.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Beatrice Lodge, No. 26, for the excellent and unusually comfortable arrangements provided for the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and for the kind reception and entertainment of the members thereof.

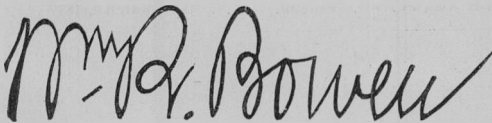
On motion of M. W. Bro. Warren it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated, under the direction of the Grand Master, to meet the per diem and expenses of the Grand Custodian.

The Grand Lodge was now closed in ample form.

SAMUEL W. HAYES,

Grand Master.



Grand Secretary.

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	John J. Wemple	Hastings	March 24, 1883.
Canada	Robert C. Jordan	Omaha	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, 1877.
District of Columbia	Charles F. Catlin	Omaha	September 18, 1869.
England	George W. Lininger	Omaha	June 23, 1883.
Florida	Hiram C. Rlder	Crete	February 1, 1877.
France	Robert R. Livingston	Plattsmouth	September 30, 1869.
Georgia	Edwin F. Warren	Nebraska City	March 31, 1883.
Idaho	James A. Tulleys	Red Cloud	February 1, 1877.
Illinois	Harry P. Deuel	Omaha	September 8, 1869.
Indiana	George H. Thummel	Grand Island	September 2, 1872.
Indian Territory	Bradner D. Slaughter	Fullerton	August 4, 1879.
Iowa	Robert W. Furnas	Brownville	March 15, 1872.
Kansas	Robert C. Jordan	Omaha	
Kentucky	J. Newton Wise	Plattsmouth	September 14, 1870.
Louisiana	J. Newton 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	Omaha	
Missouri	J. Newton Wise	Plattsmouth	August 17, 1869.
Mississippi	John 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	
Pennsylvania	William R. Bowen	Omaha	May 5, 1882.
Prince Edward's Isl'd	William H. Platt	Grand Island	February 19, 1877.
Rhode Island	William M. Knapp	York	April 9, 1877.
South Carolina	Frank E. Bullard	North Platte	January 14, 1881.
Tennessee	J. Newton 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.

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.
England	Brackstone Baker	Lee, Kent	June 24, 1881.
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.
Italy	Nicola Sinimberghi	Rome	June 24, 1881.
Kansas	Edward D. Hillyer	Valley Falls	September 22, 1869.
Kentucky	L. D. Croninger	Covington	June 1, 1871.
Louisiana	A. L. Tissot	New Orleans	March 14, 1888.
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	
Mississippi	William French		May 24, 1882.
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	Willis E. Maynard	Socorro	March 14, 1883.
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	
Oregon	Thomas McF. Patton	Salmon	June 9, 1883.
Pennsylvania	James W. Robbins	Philadelphia	May 24, 1882.
Prince Edward's Isl'd	John Muirhead	Charlottetown	March 21, 1877.
Rhode Island	Edward L. Freeman	Providence	April 17, 1877.
Scotland	D. Murray Lyon	Edinburgh	June 24, 1881.
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.
Vermont	William H. Root	Burlington	October 3, 1881.
Virginia	James A. Scott		
Washington Territory	James Biles	Tumwater	June 3, 1873.
West Virginia	B. F. Martin	Pruntytown	
Wisconsin	Merrick P. Wing	La Crosse	April 9, 1877.
Wyoming	John H. Symons	Laramie City	May 5, 1882.

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

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

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Edgar Crow Baker	Victoria.
California	Alexander G. Abell	San Francisco.
Canada	J. . . J. Mason	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Edward C. Parmalee	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Bon Homme.
Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	William R. Singleton	Washington.
England	Shadwell Clerke	London.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	J. Emmet Blackshear	Macon.
Idaho	James H. Wickersham	Silver City.
Illinois	Loyal L. Munn	Freeport.
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	J. . . S. Murrow	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	Herbert D. P. LeCapellain	Winnepeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	Azariah T. C. Pierson	Saint Paul.
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	Saint Louis
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.
New Brunswick	Edwin J. Wetmore	Saint John
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico	David J. Miller	Santa Fe.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren	Halifax.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	Frelon J. Babcock	Salem.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbet	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. Bringhurst	Houston.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	William H. Root	Burlington.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	Odell S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laffin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	John H. Symons	Laramie.

In Memory of

ORSAMUS H. IRISH.

BORN, JULY 27, 1831.

DIED, JANUARY 27, 1883.

GRAND MASTER,

JUNE 21, 5867, TO OCTOBER 28, 5869.

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

At Rest.

NAME.	LODGE.	DATE OF DEATH.
HOSEA MILLER	Nebraska, No. 1.....	—, —
CHARLES L. POTTS.....	Western Star, “ 2....	Aug. 4, '82
R— H. MATTHEWS.....	“ “ “ 2....	Aug. 12, '82
ALBERT TUXBURY.....	“ “ “ 2....	Oct. 8, '82
ORSAMUS H. IRISH.....	“ “ “ 2....	Jan. 27, '83
FRANK CHADSEY.....	“ “ “ 2....	March 26, '83
JULIUS H. STEIN	Capitol, “ 3....	Dec. 3, '82
JAMES STOLL	Omadi, “ 5....	July 17, '82
J— P. ECKHART.....	“ “ “ 5....	Oct. 13, '82
VALENTINE RAUEN	Plattsmonth, “ 6....	July 17, '82
WILLIAM C. CUSTER.....	Falls City, “ 9....	Oct. 28, '82
NATHAN B. THOMAS	Fremont, “ 15....	March 9, '83
G— C. WILSON.....	Tecumseh, “ 17....	May 13, '79
E— R. WRIGHT.....	“ “ “ 17....	Sept. 15, '80
JERRY C. FORD.....	Lincoln, “ 19....	Aug. 10, '82
MICHAEL V. WILSON.....	Washington, “ 21....	Nov. 1, '82
SEAMAN L. DART	“ “ “ 21....	Feb. —, '83
W— B. SHOWALTER.....	Fairbury, “ 35....	May 28, '83
BENJAMIN COREY	Crete, “ 37....	Nov. —, '82
CHARLES J. HUTCHISON	Palmyra, “ 45....	May 28, '82
SAMUEL GARBER.....	Charity, “ 53....	Oct. 12, '82
PATRICK MORGAN	Mosaic, “ 55....	Nov. —, '82
JOHN E. CARTER.....	York, “ 56....	Nov. —, '82
RICHARD W. BIVINS	Wahoo, “ 59....	March 22, '83
JOHN H. HELMS.....	Aurora, “ 68....	June 7, '82
CHARLES P. WISWELL.....	Waco, “ 80....	March 13, '83
JAMES N. VANSICKLE	St. Paul, “ 82....	Oct. 18, '82
WARREN E. CURRY	Tyre, “ 85....	Sept. 24, '82

ROLL OF LODGES.

APRIL 30, 5883.

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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.

Frank E. Caldwell, Master.	William F. Martin, Secretary.
Joseph N. Whitted, Senior Warden.	S— B. Batchelder, Senior Deacon.
William Hogeboom, Junior Warden.	Joseph D. Luce, Junior Deacon.
James Sipp, Treasurer.	Lemuel H. Case, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL—A star (rayed) above the Book of Constitutions guarded by the Tiler's sword: motto, "*Lux esto.*"

Charles F. Rice, Master.	E— S. Oppenheimer, Secretary.
S— J. Faris, Senior Warden.	Lewis Dunn, Senior Deacon.
B— J. Ewing, Junior Warden.	Levi Zimmers, Junior Deacon.
W— A. Cotton, Treasurer.	G— H. Hail, 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.

James Gilbert, Master.	Seth T. Cole, Senior Deacon.
Lewis M. Rheem, Senior Warden.	Isaac W. Davis, Junior Deacon.
George M. Nattinger, Junior Warden.	David E. Hume, Senior Steward.
Myer Hellman, Treasurer.	Harlan P. Devalon, Junior Steward.
John Bamford, Secretary.	Richard Moore, 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.

John J. Mercer, Master.	James C. McNaughton, Secretary.
Benjamin F. Souder, Senior Warden.	Andrew R. Davison, Senior Deacon.
Alfred G. Burnett, Junior Warden.	Thomas F. Perry, Junior Deacon.
Matthew A. Handley, Treasurer.	A— D. Marsh, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before the full moon.

William Adair, Master.	A—— H. Baker, Secretary.
George T. Woods, Senior Warden.	T—— D. Curtis, Senior Deacon.
William Cheney, Junior Warden.	William Bouton, Junior Deacon.
D—— Armour, Treasurer.	J—— Osterling, Tiler.

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

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

Velosco V. Leonard, Master.	Ackland Salisbury, Senior Deacon.
J. Finley Johnson, Senior Warden.	Wellington W. Drummond, Jr. Deacon.
Alfred W. White, Junior Warden.	Justus G. Richey, Senior Steward.
Lloyd D. Bennett, Treasurer.	William R. Carter, Junior Steward.
Albert W. Crites, Secretary.	Thomas S. C. Dabb, 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. & A. M., Falls City, Nebraska, upon apron proper, etc.

B—— C. Metz, Master.	W—— R. Cain, Senior Deacon.
George H. Pearson, Senior Warden.	Thomas McLane, Junior Deacon.
J—— R. Wilhite, Junior Warden.	Robert A. Wherry, Senior Steward.
George W. Holland, Treasurer.	J—— L. Slocum, Junior Steward.
J—— C. Yutzy, Secretary.	John Fikes, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each month.

Elias H. Clark, Master.	J—— B. Kuony, Secretary.
Will Vaughn, Senior Warden.	Carl Myers, Senior Deacon.
A—— W. Beals, Junior Warden.	William Wulf, Junior Deacon.
Edwin N. Grenell, Treasurer.	Henry Shutt, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second Wednesday evening of each month.
SEAL—Mosaic pavement.

Charles K. Coutant, Master.	Simeon G. Pigman, Senior Deacon.
Laughlin F. Maginn, Senior Warden.	John N. Westburg, Junior Deacon.
William France, Junior Warden.	William Hodgetts, Senior Steward.
Frederick B. Lowe, Treasurer.	George Lee Hurst, Junior Steward.
Gustave Anderson, 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.

James W. Chadduck, Master.	William F. N. Houser, Secretary.
David R. Thompson, Senior Warden.	James B. Northcutt, Senior Deacon.
Oliver D. Waterman, Junior Warden.	Charles B. Bickel, Junior Deacon.
George M. Brinker, Treasurer.	Granville H. Hail, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Monday on or before the full moon.

Tyler C. Hoyt, Master.	George D. Kirk, Secretary.
Davis H. Graham, Senior Warden.	George Bowker, Senior Deacon.
Dudley Van Valkenburg, Jr. Warden.	Henry W. Walker, Junior Deacon.
Isaac H. Jones, Treasurer.	Z—— J. Parsons, Tiler.

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

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

D—— C. Cole, Master.	G—— W. Heywood, Secretary.
O—— P. Root, Senior Warden.	J—— H. F. Scott, Senior Deacon.
Jacob Zaring, Junior Warden.	George Ashley, Junior Deacon.
Benj. W. Knott, Treasurer.	———, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday of each month.

SEAL—Three columns, with the plumb, square and level at their base.

James H. Crabbs, Master.	I—— N. Goodspeed, Senior Deacon.
Asberry Townsend, Senior Warden.	Julius Beckman, Junior Deacon.
Arthur Gibson, Junior Warden.	C—— Driscoll, Senior Steward.
J—— V. N. Biles, Treasurer.	O—— Reynolds, Junior Steward.
George H. Bullock, Secretary.	Joel 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.

James A. Phelan, Master.	Charles A. Holmes, Senior Deacon.
Jacob S. Dew, Senior Warden.	Horace W. Branden, Junior Deacon.
Horatio Armstead, Junior Warden.	Robert G. Work, Senior Steward.
Cornelius Woodley, Treasurer.	Lycurgus S. Ellsworth, Jr. Steward.
John Auman, Secretary.	Peter Bumberger, Tiler.

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

(Charter revoked.)

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each month.

SEAL—The square and compasses between two columns; beneath them two right hands.

Lee P. Gillette, Master.	Irving L. Lyman, Secretary.
Sylvester S. Royce, Senior Warden.	Earl A. Cooley, Senior Deacon.
Edwin O. Miller, Junior Warden.	John Green, Junior Deacon.
Lucian B. Freeman, Treasurer.	Ernest Hunger, Tiler.

ROCK BLUFF LODGE, NO. 20, ROCK BLUFF, 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.

M— Archer, Master.	G— W. Shrader, Secretary.
J— M. Cole, Senior Warden.	S— C. Patterson, Senior Deacon.
H— Allen, Junior Warden.	A— M. Story, Junior Deacon.
J— M. Patterson, Treasurer.	R— H. Fitch, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second Tuesday in each month.

Henry Newell, Master.	Jesse T. Davis, Senior Deacon.
Felix R. Davis, Senior Warden.	Thomas E. Brooks, Junior Deacon.
Joshua J. Wood, Junior Warden.	Neil McMillin, Senior Steward.
Fred. W. Kenney, Treasurer.	Lucien J. Cook, Junior Steward.
Austin Rockwell, Secretary.	Nathan Carter, 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.

John H. Cummins, Master.	Augustus E. Hassler, Secretary.
Chas. E. Pierce, Senior Warden.	Joseph L. Edwards, Senior Deacon.
Chas. Gates, Junior Warden.	Wm. B. Raper, Junior Deacon.
Chas. E. Casey, Treasurer.	Thos. B. Ross, Tiler.

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

(Charter surrendered.)

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Thursday of each month.

SEAL—A quarterfoil, bearing 1st. an eagle; 2d, location of Lodge, with star; 3d, date of charter; 4th, a certain point within a circle and star, embordered with two parallel lines with the Book of Constitutions resting thereon; within all, the square and compasses.

James B. Bruner, Master.	George Ellett, Senior Deacon.
Harry R. Hathaway, Senior Warden.	James B. Kernahan, Junior Deacon.
Jerome K. Coulter, Junior Warden.	John Sievers, Senior Steward.
John G. Jacobs, Treasurer.	Wm. A. Templeton, Junior Steward.
John J. Points, Secretary.	Charles A. Hogle, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL—Letter "G." Motto: "Faith, Hope, Charity."

Gilbert L. Cole, Master.	Jesse Richards, Senior Deacon.
Joseph E. Cobbe, Senior Warden.	B— D. Harkrader, Junior Deacon.
Edw. H. Daniels, Junior Warden.	J— S. Grable, Senior Steward.
Wm. Lamb, Treasurer.	Geo. W. Loeber, Junior Steward.
W— P. Fisher, Secretary.	Wm. Heikes, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Emery Briggs, Master.	James Allen, Senior Deacon.
A— D. Beemer, Senior Warden.	Edwin J. Romig, Junior Deacon.
George Romberg, Junior Warden.	Wm. E. Krause, Senior Steward.
J— Vostrovsky, Treasurer.	Jeremiah D. Romig, Junior Steward.
F— E. Krause, Secretary.	Henry Lukins, 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—Friday on or before the full of the moon.

Joseph J. Bender, Master.	James H. Linn, Secretary.
James A. Titus, Senior Warden.	John B. Tarrant, Senior Deacon.
J— L. Melvin, Junior Warden.	John P. King, Junior Deacon.
H— A. Brand, Treasurer.	George W. Martin, Tiler.

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

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

John A. Raymer, Master.	Geo. M. Couffer, Senior Deacon.
John A. Cocklin, Senior Warden.	J. Fred. Haverstock, Junior Deacon.
Geo. E. Salladin, Junior Warden.	Saml. M. Johnson, Senior Steward.
Geo. W. Hamlin, Treasurer.	Vincent M. Cox, Junior Steward.
Fred. S. Hazelton, Secretary.	Robt. Selby, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First and Third Wednesday of each month.

Melville R. Hopewell, Master.	S— S. Skinner, Senior Deacon.
J— P. Latta, Senior Warden.	A— A. Thomas, Junior Deacon.
John Harrington, Junior Warden.	J— R. Reed, Senior Steward.
Austin Nelson, Treasurer.	E— P. Worcester, Junior Steward.
J— R. Sutherland, Secretary.	N— R. Folsom, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second Tuesday of each month.

Alexander Adams, Master.	Henry Phillips, Senior Deacon.
Arch. M. Mason, Senior Warden.	James I. Nesbitt, Junior Deacon.
James A. Edwards, Junior Warden.	Jos. H. McConnell, Senior Steward.
Charles McDonald, Treasurer.	Thaddeus J. Foley, Junior Steward.
Samuel Goozee, Secretary.	Albert Marsh, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second Thursday in each month.

SEAL—The letter "G."

Blake C. Howard, Master.	George D. Hetzel, Senior Deacon.
Michael Murphy, Senior Warden.	Alfred C. Lederman, Junior Deacon.
John W. West, Junior Warden.	Eli A. Barnes, Senior Steward.
Ed. Hooper, Treasurer.	Benjamin Berry, Junior Steward.
Nathan Platt, Secretary.	George H. Andrew, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Thursday of each month.

SEAL—A sprig of acacia.

Charles J. Phelps, Master.	Geo. H. Thomas, Senior Deacon.
J— B. Steward, Senior Warden.	Fred. Kropf, Junior Deacon.
J— P. Sprecher, Junior Warden.	J— A. Grimison, Senior Steward.
G— H. Wells, Treasurer.	A— E. Cady, Junior Steward.
Jacob A. Hood, Secretary.	Fred. Specht, 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; on the left a tree.

Benj. S. Baker, Master.	John Lauterbaugh, Senior Deacon.
M — Warren, Senior Warden.	John Gallatley, Junior Deacon.
R — H. Hanchett, Junior Warden.	J — L. Wiatt, Senior Steward.
R — A. Kenedy, Treasurer.	S — G. Thomas, Junior Steward.
C — G. Hedges, Secretary.	George Fornof, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Saturdays in each month.

SEAL — Square and compasses, with letter "G" in centre, over a tree growing.

Newton R. Persinger, Master.	Daniel Hopkins, Senior Deacon.
James G. Holden, Senior Warden.	George D. Boekes, Junior Deacon.
M — V. Scott, Junior Warden.	David Thomas, Senior Steward.
Jos. Dunnovan, Treasurer.	Jacob B. Templin, Junior Steward.
Bell E. Berryman, Secretary.	J — H. Berryman, Tiler.

CRETE LODGE, NO. 37, CRETE, SALINE CONNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First Friday of each month.

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

Ithamar T. Benjamin, Master.	Levi Oppenheimer, Senior Deacon.
Horace S. Fuller, Senior Warden.	Chas. E. Chowins, Junior Deacon.
George H. Hastings, Junior Warden.	A — N. Dodson, Senior Steward.
Wm. T. Buchanan, Treasurer.	E. Frank Root, Junior Steward.
Edward Healey, Secretary.	R — J. Tambling, 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.

J — W. Dupin, Master.	A — F. Johnson, Senior Deacon.
A — J. Williams, Senior Warden.	Wm. Rosborough, Junior Deacon.
L — D. Freeman, Junior Warden.	James Read, Senior Steward.
W — B. Barrett, Treasurer.	John Brown, Junior Steward.
L — A. Weldon, Secretary.	R — McCrosser, 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, centre to centre, erect.

W — C. McLean, Master.	S — B. Knapp, Senior Deacon.
J — W. Thompson, Senior Warden.	H — R. Platt, Junior Deacon.
John Parlier, Jr., Junior Warden.	De Witt V. Fisher, Senior Steward.
O — W. Royce, Treasurer.	Thos. D. Roberts, Junior Steward.
J — D. Patterson, Secretary.	G — F. Wolf, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Thursday of each month.

G— A. Acken, Master.	W— W. Turk, Senior Deacon.
Jos. Sarbach, Senior Warden.	C— E. Nims, Junior Deacon.
S— M. Philpot, Junior Warden.	H— A. Scott, Senior Steward.
Geo. Gird, Treasurer.	Wm. Barngrover, Junior Steward.
W— M. Patton, Secretary.	F— A. Loenig, 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 Constitutions, guarded by the Tiler's sword.

A— M. McFarland, Master.	F— McGiverin, Senior Deacon.
C— L. Lamb, Senior Warden.	H— W. Clark, Junior Deacon.
Karl Ley, Junior Warden.	W— D. Lovett, Senior Steward.
Julius Poessecker, Treasurer.	Lewis Ley, Junior Steward.
John A. Eberhardt, Secretary.	Samuel S. Canfield, Tiler.

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

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

Edwin M. Allen, Master.	Herbert E. Wells, Senior Deacon.
M— K. Hutchinson, Senior Warden.	C— Frank Hogg, Junior Deacon.
Luther B. Patridge, Junior Warden.	Wm. D. Sewell, Senior Steward.
Wm. M. Winter, Treasurer.	Samuel J. Shirley, Junior Steward.
Ira G. Dillon, Secretary.	Lorenzo F. Pickard, Tiler.

HEBRON LODGE, NO. 43, HEBRON, THAYER COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING—First Saturday evening of each month.

Henry Drum, Master.	John W. Hughes, Senior Deacon.
Adam Werner, Senior Warden.	Benjamin F. Berkey, Junior Deacon.
Alfred R. Wilson, Junior Warden.	J— A. Bowdle, Senior Steward.
William J. Green, Treasurer.	J— G. Lyford, Junior Steward.
Edward S. Past, Secretary.	John J. Malonney, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Tuesdays of each month.

G— H. Washburn, Master.	L— G. Hurd, Senior Deacon.
J— D. Hayes, Senior Warden.	N— H. Lewis, Junior Deacon.
Wm. Newton, Junior Warden.	O— J. Riley, Senior Steward.
J— D. Bain, Treasurer.	W— T. Shackleford, Junior Steward.
L— B. Munger, Secretary.	E— P. Davison, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL—A shield quarterly of four, bearing in first quarter a royal crown; in second quarter the cross and crescent; in third quarter a palm tree, and in fourth quarter the jewel of the Grand Master. For crest, the All-Seeing Eye, radiant.

W— S. White, Master.	Thos. P. Morgan, Secretary.
James C. White, Senior Warden.	J— O. Moore, Senior Deacon.
O— E. Fox, Junior Warden.	W— D. Page, Junior Deacon.
I— 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.

J— C. Beswick, Master.	Robert E. French, Senior Deacon.
Henry Williams, Senior Warden.	Peter Phillipar, Junior Deacon.
Cal. L. Williams, Junior Warden.	Hugh De Kerne, Senior Steward.
Sylvester S. St. John, Treasurer.	John Seymore, Junior Steward.
Wm. H. Green, Secretary.	John E. Morris, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

Joshua Vandervort, Master.	II— W. Kennon, Secretary.
C— C. Kinney, Senior Warden.	M— H. Felt, Senior Deacon.
H— L. Stover, Junior Warden.	II— H. Pierce, Junior Deacon.
O— W. Dunning, Treasurer.	W— M. Jordan, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

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

Virgil A. Stuart, Master.	Alex. S. Shepherd, Senior Deacon.
Julius O. Chase, Senior Warden.	Frank F. Vincent, Junior Deacon.
Henry Musselman, Junior Warden.	Henry Lee, Senior Steward.
Everette C. Sawyer, Treasurer.	Francis M. Anderson, Junior Steward.
Sanford N. Oldham, Secretary.	Joseph J. Bock, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Thursdays in each month.

SEAL—A five-pointed star, bearing in centre the letter "G," radiant.

J— C. Merrill, Master.	Henry Lehrner, Junior Warden.
F— M. Brown, Senior Warden.	John Honey, Treasurer.
J— W. Johnson, Secretary.	

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

REGULAR MEETING—Third Saturday evening in each month.

SEAL—A shield, bearing a chevron (for the square). In chief, a sun; in centre base, a crescent. For a crest, the symbol of a M. M.

Geo. W. Mowry, Master.	A— Williams, Senior Deacon.
David L. McElhinney, Senior Warden.	H— S. Campbell, Junior Deacon.
Chas. K. Lawson, Junior Warden.	H— Borley, Senior Steward.
Geo. H. Pratt, Treasurer.	E— C. Webster, Junior Steward.
C— Frahm, Secretary.	J— H. Van De Mark, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL—A shield, with chevron, bearing the compasses; for crest, the All-Seeing Eye.

Arthur J. Evans, Master.	James Evans, Senior Deacon.
Win. G. Boston, Senior Warden.	W— B. Thorpe, Junior Deacon.
Henry Spiker, Junior Warden.	T— B. Myers, Senior Steward.
John T. Myers, Treasurer.	Abel Hill, Junior Steward.
Thos. E. Evans, Secretary.	Orn W. Boston, Tiler.

HIRAM LODGE, NO. 52, ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

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

SEAL—The plumb.

T— J. Charles, Master.	S— J. Hadley, Senior Deacon.
W— R. Downs, Senior Warden.	W— J. Harris, Junior Deacon.
Bernhard Conway, Junior Warden.	Omer Whitney, Senior Steward.
John A. Unthank, Treasurer.	Wm. Schultz, Junior Steward.
L— C. Weber, Secretary.	John Hammang, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before full moon.

SEAL—An open hand.

Richard D. Jones, Master.	John P. Bayha, Secretary.
Manley B. McNitt, Senior Warden.	John R. Willecox, Senior Deacon.
William H. Strohm, Junior Warden.	Eiakim C. Van Auken, Junior Deacon.
William N. Richardson, Treasurer.	William Parkes, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Friday in each month.

SEAL—A shield bearing a trowel crossed with a gavel; for crest, three lengths of a cable tow and three points.

L— M. Hupert, Master.	Charles A. Pierce, Secretary.
W— L. Fairbrother, Senior Warden.	D— B. Howard, Senior Deacon.
Charles M. Carter, Junior Warden.	Thomas Draper, Junior Deacon.
R— B. Graham, Treasurer.	John C. Stire, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday evening in each calendar month.

SEAL—A shield, checker, bordered, bearing a sheaf of wheat. Crest, figures 5875.

D— R. Daniel, Master.	George N. Beels, Senior Deacon.
F— E. Hardy, Senior Warden.	Morris Mayer, Junior Deacon.
William Gerecke, Junior Warden.	Alex. Bear, Senior Steward.
Daniel Desmond, Treasurer.	William H. Lowe, Junior Steward.
Augustus Sattler, Secretary.	L— M. Gaylord, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday evening in each month.

SEAL—A shield, bearing a tau cross; beneath, a pair of compasses extended over three points in pyramid, and between a dagger and one point and a square between two points. For crest, letter "G" between 58 and 75.

D— E. Sayre, Master.	Robert Armstrong, Senior Deacon.
L— F. Sallee, Senior Warden.	E— Dorr, Junior Deacon.
John Zeigler, Junior Warden.	James A. McKillip, Senior Steward.
Elon Granger, Treasurer.	F— C. Power, Junior Steward.
George S. Cook, Secretary.	Andrew Rowley, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL—The square and compasses interlaced with letter "G."

George W. McKee, Master.	W— E. Page, Secretary.
G— H. Thorpe, Senior Warden.	J— K. Griffith, Senior Deacon.
C— B. Page, Junior Warden.	T— D. Slosson, Junior Deacon.
Josiah Rogers, Treasurer.	John A. Siple, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second Wednesday of each month.

SEAL—A shield quarterly of four, bearing 1st and 4th, three mountains; 2d and 3d, a cedar of Lebanon. For crest, Grand Master's jewel between figures 58 and 75.

Robert H. Henry, Master.	H— P. Coolidge, Secretary.
John D. Brewer, Senior Warden.	John W. Earley, Senior Deacon.
I— J. Slattery, Junior Warden.	F— Reimer, Junior Deacon.
John P. Becker, Treasurer.	Robert Uhlig, Tiler.

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

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

Manoah B. Reese, Master.	Jerome Barnell, Senior Deacon.
Joseph N. Davis, Senior Warden.	Ebenezer Pickett, Junior Deacon.
Frank P. McCutchan, Jr. Warden.	Mason L. Ellsworth, Senior Steward.
Charles Perky, Treasurer.	Edward J. Hall, Junior Steward.
Henry Anderson, Secretary.	Clarendon A. Starks, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday evening on or before full moon.

SEAL — Altar with Book of Constitutions, square and compasses; for supports, crossed pens and crossed swords. Crest, two clasped hands.

Lewis H. Kent, Master.	John Ellis, Secretary.
Henry T. Ferguson, Senior Warden.	Henry C. Williams, Senior Deacon.
Judson A. Palmer, Junior Warden.	Calvin Bowman, Junior Deacon.
John H. Olson, Treasurer.	Henry Wenholtz, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING — The Tuesday on or immediately before the full moon.

SEAL — On a shield, bordure, a bunch of three thistles; for crest, three plates in triangular form.

J — W. Ayers, Master.	George Gillespie, Secretary.
Geo. Little, Senior Warden.	John Kutz, Senior Deacon.
Benj. F. Krier, Junior Warden.	James P. Carr, Junior Deacon.
M — H. Parr, Treasurer.	W — T. H. Tucker, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL — A Keystone bearing the square and compasses.

George L. Lavee, Master.	R — P. McCutchan, Secretary.
Jonathan Foster, Senior Warden.	Alonzo Price, Senior Deacon.
John Brock, Junior Warden.	Ben. Wilson, Junior Deacon.
M — J. Clark, Treasurer.	O — B. Foster, Tiler.

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

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

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

John D. Fulton, Master.	Willis P. Fulton, Senior Deacon.
Joel G. Childs, Senior Warden.	R — D. Davis, Junior Deacon.
Albert B. Stevens, Junior Warden.	David Eastwood, Senior Steward.
Clyde B. Carlile, Treasurer.	Hugh Crilly, Junior Steward.
Sidney S. Elder, Secretary.	McKee Crilly, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL — A shield, bearing within a bordure, a pot of incense. For crest, three quarter-notes connected by a bar for M. M. degree.

L — E. Goodell, Master.	J — W. Wehn, Jr., Senior Deacon.
W — G. Hastings, Senior Warden.	J — S. Shackelton, Junior Deacon.
James A. Paddock, Junior Warden.	F — C. Morse, Senior Steward.
S — J. Herman, Treasurer.	J — F. Ramey, Junior Steward.
J — N. Van Duyn, Secretary.	J — B. Berkley, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before full moon.

SEAL — A shield, bearing within a bordure, lightning emanating from the word LUX.
For crest, the All-Seeing Eye, radiant.

Robert Wheeler, Master.	Alexander N. Jay, Secretary.
Edwin L. King, Senior Warden.	Frederick Youman, Senior Deacon.
Milton A. Mills, Junior Warden.	Josiah Locke, Junior Deacon.
Samuel G. Pheasant, Treasurer.	James Matthews, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING — First Wednesday on or before the full moon.

L — R. Horrurn, Master.	J — W. Schmidt, Secretary.
D — Littlejohn, Senior Warden.	I — N. Denniston, Senior Deacon.
Joseph Dorning, Junior Warden.	Val. Johnson, Junior Deacon.
C — Baily, Treasurer.	Jac. Groves, Senior Steward.
I — M. Hill, Junior Steward.	

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

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Mondays from September to May; first Monday in June, July and August.

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

S — J. Whitten, Master.	O — B. Canfield, Senior Deacon.
Geo. M. Mordock, Senior Warden.	O — E. Reynolds, Junior Deacon.
C — H. Treat, Junior Warden.	John Whitten, Senior Steward.
J — G. Glazier, Treasurer.	I — V. Howard, Junior Steward.
W — B. Fuller, Secretary.	Charles Barrington, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING — The first and third Saturdays of each month.

SEAL — Sheaf of wheat.

Wm. H. Streeter, Master.	Fred J. Bricker, Senior Deacon.
John W. Thierry, Senior Warden.	S — S. Hayden, Junior Deacon.
Wm. I. Farley, Junior Warden.	Wm. A. Johnson, Senior Steward.
Wm. C. Wentz, Treasurer.	Mart M. Haggarity, Junior Steward.
Delevan Bates, Secretary.	A — D. Travis, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL — A shield quarterly of four, bearing first and fourth the letter "G;" second and third, right angles, horizontals and perpendiculars.

George Miller, Master.	James McCoy, Senior Deacon.
Sumner Darnell, Senior Warden.	I — W. Potts, Junior Deacon.
Alexander C. Barrett, Jr. Warden.	George W. Barrett, Senior Steward.
David Reed, Treasurer.	Henry C. Byam, Junior Steward.
R — M. Rankin, Secretary.	Hiram S. Craig, Tiler.

STERLING LODGE, NO 70, STERLING, JOHNSON COUNTY.

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

SEAL—A shield with emblems of each degree.

Alfred Shipman, Master.	Nathaniel F. Hitchcock, Sr. Deacon.
William Kneeland, Senior Warden.	John W. Pratt, Junior Deacon.
Dunkin D. McIntyre, Junior Warden.	Valentine Zink, Senior Steward.
William W. Borland, Treasurer.	William B. Ward, Junior Steward.
Nelson E. Miller, Secretary.	Samuel D. Hays, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL—A shield with trowel, bearing the square and compasses; crest, three lodges.

F—H. Trowbridge, Master.	G—A. Smith, Senior Deacon.
Judson Graves, Senior Warden.	John J. Roache, Junior Deacon.
I—Howell, Junior Warden.	P—D. S. Rornig, Senior Steward.
J—W. Getchell, Treasurer.	H—M. Cox, Junior Steward.
J—M. Coleman, Secretary.	Levern A. Young, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL—An anchor.

Henry Schwab, Master.	William Waldorf, Senior Deacon.
Samuel Kreader, Senior Warden.	E—Van Buren, Junior Deacon.
James Caldwell, Junior Warden.	Jacob Schwab, Senior Steward.
J—E. Dorsey, Treasurer.	Carl Kroeger, Junior Steward.
Henry H. Looschen, Secretary.	Herman Wilcox, Tiler.

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

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

SEAL—A winged hour-glass, surrounded by two sprigs of acacia.

John O. Frantz, Master.	H—F. Morton, Senior Deacon.
Robert Connell, Senior Warden.	M—R. Stanley, Junior Deacon.
William Burke, Junior Warden.	J—G. Boynton, Senior Steward.
William Porter, Treasurer.	A—Mead, Junior Steward.
Mathew McDougall, Secretary.	R—Dine, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Second and fourth Monday in each month.

SEAL—A rough ashlar, bearing the letter "G" and a gavel, with a cable-tow.

J—F. Thomas, Master.	D—A. Sherwood, Senior Deacon.
C—F. McGrew, Senior Warden.	Geo. Holes, Junior Deacon.
J—G. Burness, Junior Warden.	J—C. Martin, Senior Steward.
Philip Jenkins, Treasurer.	L—B. Thomas, Junior Steward.
M—M. Padden, Secretary.	Heman Hubbard, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each month.

SEAL—A bust of Frank Welch.

James J. McIntosh, Master.	Julius Neubauer, Senior Deacon.
Peter Smith, Senior Warden.	Chris Johnson, Junior Deacon.
Robert Shuman, Junior Warden.	Leroy F. Shelton, Senior Steward.
John Anderson, Treasurer.	August Granneman, Junior Steward.
Samuel O. Fowler, Secretary.	John B. Walker, Tiler.

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

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before full moon.

SEAL—A shield, bearing the square, plumb and level.

William T. Britton, Master.	Edward H. Marshall, Senior Deacon.
James P. A. Black, Senior Warden.	Thomas Ashby, Junior Deacon.
Samuel Hisey, Junior Warden.	Simon W. Switzer, Senior Steward.
George W. Sheppard, Treasurer.	Seth S. Pickering, Junior Steward.
Henry O. Sittler, Secretary.	Charles W. Morrow, Tiler.

NELSON LODGE, NO. 77, NELSON, NUCKOLLS COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before full moon.

SEAL—The level.

Jacob Ritterbush, Master.	Eli W. Imler, Senior Deacon.
Robert Hollingworth, Senior Warden.	O— B. Tinkham, Junior Deacon.
E— H. Dowland, Junior Warden.	D— W. Barker, Senior Steward.
Joseph Van Valin, Treasurer.	George W. Archer, Junior Steward.
Howard A. Stokes, Secretary.	John C. Miner, Tiler.

ALBION LODGE, NO. 78, ALBION, BOONE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—The first and third Saturday in each month.

SEAL—A square crossed by a twenty-four inch gauge.

H— H. Gillett, Master.	John C. Mann, Senior Deacon.
Luther Clark, Senior Warden.	J— Widaman, Junior Deacon.
Samuel Fox, Junior Warden.	A— W. Ladd, Senior Steward.
E— W. Gunther, Treasurer.	C— M. Bailey, Junior Steward.
L— P. Judd, Secretary.	A— Pringle, Tiler.

GENEVA LODGE, NO. 79, GENEVA, FILLMORE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Friday on or before the full of the moon and a fortnight thereafter.

Joseph M. Fisher, Master.	James H. Dempster, Senior Deacon.
Sherwood Burr, Senior Warden.	Benjamin F. Benedict, Junior Deacon.
Alonzo J. Jones, Junior Warden.	George Selby, Senior Steward.
Hiram L. Smith, Treasurer.	Theodore L. Williams, Jr. Steward.
David H. Conant, Secretary.	Major D. Williams, Tiler.

WACO LODGE, NO. 80, WACO, YORK COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before the full moon.

SEAL — Virgin weeping over a broken column.

John S. Bennett, Master.	John W. Bennett, Senior Deacon.
John W. Strickler, Senior Warden.	Aaron N. Clark, Junior Deacon.
William Keeley, Junior Warden.	Charles P. Wiswell, Senior Steward.
John J. Evans, Treasurer.	Lewis Inbody, Junior Steward.
Joseph W. Strickler, Secretary.	Charles H. Barnes, Tiler.

COMPOSITE LODGE, NO. 81, RISING, BUTLER COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — The first Saturday after each full moon.

SEAL — The rising sun within the square and compasses.

Frederick E. Wilson, Master.	J — W. Combs, Senior Deacon.
A — Roberts, Senior Warden.	J — H. Rising, Junior Deacon.
J — L. Cyphers, Junior Warden.	K — C. Bartlett, Senior Steward.
L — L. Pearson, Treasurer.	J — W. Hart, Junior Steward.
L — A. Warren, Secretary.	A — R. Quick, Tiler.

SAINT PAUL LODGE, NO. 82, SAINT PAUL, HOWARD COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Thursday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — A shield, bearing square and dagger; for crest, three "Gs."

George T. Kendall, Master.	William W. Kendall, Senior Deacon.
Colin E. Forbes, Senior Warden.	Zachary T. Leftwich, Junior Deacon.
Ramsford Wilcox, Junior Warden.	Thomas Darnell, Senior Steward.
Stilman A. Pease, Treasurer.	Frank W. Scott, Junior Steward.
Hermann W. Merrill, Secretary.	Daniel D. Anderson, Tiler.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, NO. 83, WAKEFIELD, WAYNE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Saturday on or before each full moon and a fortnight thereafter.

SEAL — A Corinthian column.

Cyrus E. Hunter, Master.	Enoch Hunter, Secretary.
Joshua C. Wills, Senior Warden.	Luther T. Reed, Senior Deacon.
Moses Herner, Junior Warden.	Chris Hooalt, Junior Deacon.
Joseph Bockenhaul, Treasurer.	Wm. P. Agler, Tiler.

FAIRFIELD LODGE, NO. 84, FAIRFIELD, CLAY COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — First and third Mondays in each month.

SEAL — A perfect ashlar.

Benjamin F. Rawalt, Master.	George W. Noble, Senior Deacon.
Wm. S. Randall, Senior Warden.	George W. Howe, Junior Deacon.
John C. Hedge, Junior Warden.	John C. Howe, Senior Steward.
James W. Small, Treasurer.	James M. Farley, Junior Steward.
Albert A. Randall, Secretary.	Edward Jenkins, Tiler.

TYRE LODGE, NO. 85, BLUE SPRINGS, GAGE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Saturdays in each month.

A—Samuels, Master.	J—H. Clopp, Senior Deacon.
M—A. Clute, Senior Warden.	M—N. Spellman, Junior Deacon.
M—B. Walsh, Junior Warden.	J—C. Williams, Senior Steward.
J—M. Rumbaugh, Treasurer.	C—E. Wiggins, Junior Steward.
D—B. Davis, Secretary.	R—Evans, Tiler.

DONIPHAN LODGE, NO. 86, DONIPHAN, HALL COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

Martin Ennis, Master.	Joseph E. Nelson, Senior Deacon.
Geo. H. La Monte, Senior Warden.	John Raypole, Junior Deacon.
Samuel Beidelman, Junior Warden.	W—H. McCulloch, Senior Steward.
Ezra Chesebro, Treasurer.	Charles S. Haines, Junior Steward.
Irving M. Cole, Secretary.	Thomas B. Robb, Tiler.

IONIC LODGE, NO. 87, NIOBRARA, KNOX COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—Saturday on or before each full moon.

Benjamin F. Chambers, Master.	Emmet Barber, Senior Deacon.
Solomon Draper, Senior Warden.	Sylvanus Harden, Junior Deacon.
Albert L. Towle, Junior Warden.	James A. Cooley, Senior Steward.
Isaiah B. Miller, Treasurer.	George W. Douglas, Junior Steward.
Vac Randa, Secretary.	William Saunders, Tiler.

STAR LODGE, NO. 88, DECATUR, BURT COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First Tuesday in each month.

Milburn J. Kenyon, Master.	James Ashley, Senior Deacon.
Wm. J. Outhwaite, Senior Warden.	H—C. McHiron, Junior Deacon.
Rufus W. Reynolds, Junior Warden.	Geo. E. Atwater, Senior Steward.
Robt. G. Langley, Treasurer.	John Roe, Junior Steward.
Lyman D. Hoppock, Secretary.	Merton N. Snyder, Tiler.

CEDAR RIVER LODGE, NO. 89, FULLERTON, NANCE COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING—First and third Munday in each month.

SEAL—A river with cedars growing.

Brad. D. Slaughter, Master.	Geo. D. Meiklejohn, Senior Deacon.
———, Senior Warden.	James W. Zibbell, Junior Deacon.
Davis W. Randolph, Junior Warden.	Olof Netsell, Senior Steward.
Clay M. Wheeler, Treasurer.	James Zinc, Junior Steward.
Irving R. Fuller, Secretary.	John Mead, Tiler.

ELK CREEK LODGE, NO. 90, ELK CREEK, JOHNSON COUNTY.

REGULAR MEETING — Wednesday on or before each full moon.

SEAL — A shield bearing two crowns and a gavel.

Julius L. Young, Master.	II — N. Libby, Senior Deacon.
G — W. Woolsey, Senior Warden.	John Kinkade, Junior Deacon.
D — H. McClure, Junior Warden.	M — Peery, Senior Steward.
Thos. McClure, Treasurer.	W — H. Phelen, Junior Steward.
S — G. Wright, Secretary.	P — M. Humphrey, Tiler.

OAKLAND LODGE, U. : D. : , OAKLAND, BURT COUNTY.

John G. Preston, Master.	Henry Newman, Senior Warden.
	William W. Hopkins, Junior Warden.

VALENTINE LODGE, U. : D. : , MADISON, MADISON COUNTY.

William T. Searles, Master.	Sylvester J. Bridenstine, Sr. Warden.
	Louis R. Bickley, Junior Warden.

HUBBELL LODGE, U. : D. : , HUBBELL, THAYER COUNTY.

George A. Burnham, Master.	William H. Conklin, Senior Warden.
	Joseph Pickering, Junior Warden.

BEAVER CITY LODGE, U. : D. : , BEAVER CITY, FURNAS COUNTY.

Robert P. High, Master.	Nathaniel M. Ayres, Senior Warden.
	Adam F. Rexroad, Junior Warden.

BENNETT LODGE, U. : D. : , BENNETT, LANCASTER COUNTY.

Job J. King, Master.	John J. Smith, Senior Warden.
	Daniel H. Harris, Junior Warden.

GARFIELD LODGE, U. : D. : , O'NEIL, HOLT COUNTY.

Neri T. Hoxie, Master.	C — C. Willard, Senior Warden.
	W — D. Mathews, Junior Warden.

UTICA LODGE, U. : D. : , UTICA, SEWARD COUNTY.

Joseph Jones, Master.	E — J. Porter, Senior Warden.
	Lyman Calder, Junior Warden.

WEEPING WATER LODGE, U. : D. : , WEEPING WATER, CASS COUNTY.

Arlington O. Ashley, Master.	J — W. Beardsley, Senior Warden.
	Joseph Kalisky, Junior Warden.

ZEREDATHA LODGE, U. D., REPUBLICAN CITY, HARLAN COUNTY.

Edward Cornet, Master. Jerome B. Forbes, Senior Warden.
Oscar H. Maryatt, Junior Warden.

SHELTON LODGE, U. D., SHELTON, BUFFALO COUNTY.

George L. Gardner, Master. Rodney Beecher, Senior Warden.
Moses L. Phelps, Junior Warden.

CREIGHTON LODGE, U. D., CREIGHTON, KNOX COUNTY.

Robert M. Peyton, Master. Jacob M. Miller, Senior Warden.
Horatio P. Smith, Junior Warden.

PONCA LODGE, U. D., PONCA, DIXON COUNTY.

John B. Barnes, Master. Thos. R. Williams, Senior Warden.
David H. Hasson, Junior Warden.

WATERLOO LODGE, U. D., WATERLOO, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Isaac A. Arnold, Master. William H. Clark, Senior Warden.
Charles Harrison, Junior Warden.

ORD LODGE, U. D., ORD, VALLEY COUNTY.

Aidwin D. Robinson, Master. Daniel S. Bartlett, Senior Warden.
Hollis G. Rogers, Junior Warden.

WYMORE LODGE, U. D., WYMORE, GAGE COUNTY.

Elias C. Wilcox, Master. Jacob B. Lininger, Senior Warden.
Lewis L. Marble, Junior Warden.

STELLA LODGE, U. D., STELLA, RICHARDSON COUNTY.

Milton F. Mahin, Master. John W. Shubert, Senior Warden.
Henry O. Conover, Junior Warden.

PORTER LODGE, U. D., LOUP CITY, SHERMAN COUNTY.

J— E. Blackman, Master. William A. Wilson, Senior Warden.
M— H. Hartley, Junior Warden.

STEELE CITY LODGE, U. D., STEELE CITY, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Morgan Crane, Master. John Gerardy, Senior Warden.
David B. Topham, Junior Warden.

